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# Genesis

## The Beginning of the World

**1** God created the sky and earth. At first, the earth was completely empty. There was nothing on earth. Darkness covered the ocean, and God's Spirit moved over the water.

### The First Day—Light

**3** Then God said, "Let there be light." And light began to shine. <sup>II</sup>4 He saw the light, and he knew that it was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God named the light "day," and he named the darkness "night."

I **MOVED** Over The Hebrew word means "to fly over" or "to swoop down," like a bird flying over its nest to protect its babies. II Or "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. While <sup>2</sup> \* the earth had no special shape, and darkness covered the ocean, and God's Spirit hovered over the water, <sup>3</sup> \* God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." Or "When God began to create the sky and the earth, <sup>2</sup> \* while the earth was completely empty, and darkness covered the ocean, and a powerful wind blew over the water, <sup>3</sup> \* God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

There was evening, and then there was morning. This was the first day.

### The Second Day—Sky

**6** Then God said, "Let there be a space to separate the water into two parts!" **7** So God made the space and separated the water. Some of the water was above it, and some of the water was below it. **8** God named the space "sky." There was evening, and then there was morning. This was the second day.

### The Third Day—Dry Land and Plants

**9** Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered together so that

III **SPACE** Or "firmament." The Hebrew word can refer to a piece of metal that has been hammered into the shape of a bowl.

the|strong="H0559" dry|strong="H3004" land|strong="H3004" will|strong="H0430" appear|strong="H7200"." And|strong="H0430" it|strong="H3651" happened|strong="H1961". 10 God|strong="H0430" named|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3588" dry|strong="H3004" land|strong="H0776"" earth|strong="H0776"," and|strong="H0430" he|strong="H3588" named|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3588" water|strong="H4325" that|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0776" gathered|strong="H3588" together|strong="H3220"" seas|strong="H3220"." And|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0776" good|strong="H2896".

11 Then|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " Let|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776" grow grass|strong="H1877", plants|strong="H6212" that|strong="H0834" make|strong="H6213" grain|strong="H2233", and|strong="H0430" fruit|strong="H6529" trees|strong="H6086". The|strong="H0559" fruit|strong="H6529" trees|strong="H6086" will|strong="H0430" make|strong="H6213" fruit|strong="H6529" with|strong="H5921" seeds|strong="H2233" in|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". And|strong="H0430" each plant|strong="H2232" will|strong="H0430" make|strong="H6213" its|strong="H5921" own|strong="H1961" kind|strong="H4327" of|strong="H0776" seed|strong="H2233". Let|strong="H1961" these|strong="H0834" plants|strong="H6212" grow on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776"." And|strong="H0430" it|strong="H5921" happened|strong="H1961". 12 The|strong="H0834" earth|strong="H0776" grew grass|strong="H1877" and|strong="H0430" plants|strong="H6212" that|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" grain|strong="H2233". And|strong="H0430" it|strong="H3588" grew trees|strong="H6086" that|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" fruit|strong="H6529" with|strong="H0430" seeds|strong="H2233" in|strong="H0430" it|strong="H3588". Every plant|strong="H2232" made|strong="H6213" its|strong="H3588" own kind|strong="H4327" of|strong="H0776" seeds|strong="H2233". And|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2896".

13 There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" evening|strong="H6153", and|strong="H3117" then|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" morning|strong="H1242". This|strong="H3117" was|strong="H1961"

the|strong="H3117" third|strong="H7992" day|strong="H3117".

### The|strong="H3117" Fourth Day|strong="H3117"—Sun, Moon, and|strong="H3117" Stars

14 Then|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " Let|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" lights|strong="H3974" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0559" sky|strong="H8064". These lights|strong="H3974" will|strong="H0430" separate|strong="H0914" the|strong="H0559" days|strong="H3117" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" nights|strong="H3915". They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" used|strong="H1961" for|strong="H3117" signs|strong="H0226" to|strong="H0559" show|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961" special meetings<sup>I</sup> begin and|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0559" show|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H0430" years|strong="H8141". 15 They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" sky|strong="H8064" to|strong="H1961" shine|strong="H0215" light|strong="H0215" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776"." And|strong="H0776" it|strong="H5921" happened|strong="H1961".

16 So|strong="H6213" God|strong="H0430" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" large|strong="H1419" lights|strong="H3974". He|strong="H3117" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" larger|strong="H1419" light|strong="H3974" to|strong="H3117" rule|strong="H4475" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" smaller light|strong="H3974" to|strong="H3117" rule|strong="H4475" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" night|strong="H3915". He|strong="H3117" also|strong="H0853" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" stars|strong="H3556". 17 God|strong="H0430" put|strong="H5414" these lights in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sky|strong="H8064" to|strong="H5921" shine|strong="H0215" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776". 18 He|strong="H3588" put them|strong="H7200" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3588" sky to|strong="H3117" rule|strong="H4910" over|strong="H4910" the|strong="H3588"

<sup>I</sup> SPECIAL MEETINGS The Israelites used the sun and moon to decide when the months and years began. Many Israelite festivals and special meetings began at the time of the new moon or full moon.

day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H0430" over|strong="H4910" the|strong="H3588" night|strong="H3915". They|strong="H3588" separated|strong="H0914" the|strong="H3588" light|strong="H0216" from|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588" darkness|strong="H2822". And|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0430" good|strong="H2896".

<sup>19</sup> There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" evening|strong="H6153", and|strong="H3117" then|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" morning|strong="H1242". This|strong="H3117" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3117" fourth|strong="H7243" day|strong="H3117".

#### The|strong="H3117" Fifth Day|strong="H3117"—Fish and|strong="H3117" Birds

<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " Let|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0559" water|strong="H4325" be|strong="H0430" filled with|strong="H5921" many living|strong="H2416" things|strong="H8318", and|strong="H0430" let|strong="H5315" there be|strong="H0430" birds|strong="H5775" to|strong="H0559" fly|strong="H5774" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" air over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776"." <sup>21</sup> So|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" created|strong="H1254" the|strong="H3605" large|strong="H1419" sea|strong="H8577" animals|strong="H2416".<sup>I</sup> He|strong="H0834" created|strong="H1254" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" many|strong="H1419" living|strong="H2416" things|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" sea|strong="H8577" and|strong="H0430" every|strong="H3605" kind|strong="H4327" of|strong="H0430" bird|strong="H5775" that|strong="H0834" flies in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" air. And|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2896".

<sup>22</sup> God|strong="H0430" blessed|strong="H1288" all|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" living things in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" sea|strong="H3220" and|strong="H0430" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0559" have|strong="H0776" many|strong="H7235" babies and|strong="H0430" fill|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" seas|strong="H3220". And|strong="H0430"

he|strong="H0430" blessed|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" birds|strong="H5775" on|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0430" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0559" have|strong="H0776" many|strong="H7235" more|strong="H7235" babies.

<sup>23</sup> There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" evening|strong="H6153", and|strong="H3117" then|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" morning|strong="H1242". This|strong="H3117" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3117" fifth|strong="H2549" day|strong="H3117".

#### The|strong="H3117" Sixth Day|strong="H3117"—Land Animals|strong="H1961" and|strong="H3117" People

<sup>24</sup> Then|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " Let|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776" produce|strong="H1961" many kinds|strong="H4327" of|strong="H0776" living|strong="H2416" things|strong="H7431". Let|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" many different kinds|strong="H4327" of|strong="H0776" animals|strong="H0929". Let|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" large animals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H0430" small crawling animals|strong="H0929" of|strong="H0776" every kind|strong="H4327". And|strong="H0430" let|strong="H1961" all these animals|strong="H0929" produce|strong="H1961" more|strong="H3651" animals|strong="H0929"." And|strong="H0430" all these things|strong="H7431" happened|strong="H1961".

<sup>25</sup> So|strong="H6213" God|strong="H0430" made|strong="H6213" every|strong="H3605" kind|strong="H4327" of|strong="H0776" animal|strong="H0929". He|strong="H3588" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" wild|strong="H0776" animals|strong="H0929", the|strong="H3605" tame animals|strong="H0929", and|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" small crawling things|strong="H3605". And|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0776" good|strong="H2896".

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="H6213" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " Now|strong="H0120" let's make|strong="H6213" humans<sup>II</sup> who|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" like|strong="H1823" us|strong="H5921".<sup>III</sup> They|strong="H5921"

<sup>II</sup> HUMANS The Hebrew word means "man," "people," or the name "Adam." It is like the word meaning "earth" or "red clay."<sup>III</sup> NOW LET'S MAKE ... LIKE US Or "Now let's make humans in our image and in our likeness."

<sup>I</sup> LARGE SEA ANIMALS Or "sea monsters."

will|strong="H0430" rule|strong="H7287" over|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" fish|strong="H1710" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sea|strong="H3220" and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" air. They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0430" rule|strong="H7287" over|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" large animals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" little things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" crawl on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>27</sup> So|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" created|strong="H1254" humans in|strong="H0430" his|strong="H0430" own image|strong="H6754". He|strong="H0430" created|strong="H1254" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" like|strong="H0120" himself. <sup>1</sup> He|strong="H0430" created|strong="H1254" them|strong="H0853" male|strong="H2145" and|strong="H0430" female|strong="H5347". <sup>28</sup> God|strong="H0430" blessed|strong="H1288" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", " Have|strong="H0776" many|strong="H7235" children. Fill|strong="H4390" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0430" take control of|strong="H0776" it|strong="H5921". Rule|strong="H7287" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" fish|strong="H1710" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sea|strong="H3220" and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" air. Rule|strong="H7287" over|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" thing|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" moves|strong="H7430" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>29</sup> God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H1961" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" grain|strong="H3605" bearing plants|strong="H6212" and|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" fruit|strong="H6529" trees|strong="H6086". These|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086" make|strong="H5414" fruit|strong="H6529" with|strong="H5921" seeds|strong="H2233" in|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5414". This|strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> SO GOD CREATED HUMANS ... HIMSELF Or "So God created them in his image. In the image of God he created them." Compare Genesis 5:1, 3.

grain|strong="H3605" and|strong="H0430" fruit|strong="H6529" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3605" food|strong="H0402". <sup>30</sup> And|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H1961" giving all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" green|strong="H3418" plants|strong="H6212" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H2416". These|strong="H3605" green|strong="H3418" plants|strong="H6212" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3605" food|strong="H0402". Every|strong="H3605" animal|strong="H2416" on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776", every|strong="H3605" bird|strong="H5775" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" air, and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" little things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" crawl on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" eat|strong="H0402" that|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0402". And|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" happened|strong="H1961".

<sup>31</sup> God|strong="H0430" looked|strong="H7200" at|strong="H3117" everything|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213". And|strong="H0430" he|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" everything|strong="H3605" was|strong="H1961" very|strong="H3966" good|strong="H2896".

There|strong="H2009" was|strong="H1961" evening|strong="H6153", and|strong="H0430" then|strong="H1961" there|strong="H2009" was|strong="H1961" morning|strong="H1242". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" sixth|strong="H8345" day|strong="H3117".

### The Seventh Day—Rest

<sup>2</sup> So the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776", the|strong="H3605" sky|strong="H8064", and|strong="H0776" everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0776" them|strong="H3615" were|strong="H8064" finished|strong="H3615". <sup>2</sup> God|strong="H0430" finished|strong="H3615" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" doing|strong="H6213", so|strong="H6213" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834" rested|strong="H7673" from|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399". <sup>3</sup> God|strong="H0430" blessed|strong="H1288" the|strong="H3605" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117"

and|strong="H0430" made|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" holy|strong="H6942" day|strong="H3117". He|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588" special because|strong="H3588" on|strong="H3117" that|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834" rested|strong="H7673" from|strong="H3117" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" he|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" while|strong="H3117" creating the|strong="H3605" world.

**The|strong="H3605" First|strong="H3117" Man|strong="H3605" and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" Garden of|strong="H0430" Eden**

4 This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" story about|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3068" creation|strong="H1254" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3068" sky|strong="H8064" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" earth|strong="H0776". This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H6213" happened when|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3068" earth|strong="H0776" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" sky|strong="H8064".<sup>5</sup> This|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0369" before|strong="H2962" there|strong="H0369" were|strong="H1961" plants|strong="H6212" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776". Nothing|strong="H3808" was|strong="H0369" growing|strong="H6779" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" fields|strong="H7704" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" had|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" yet|strong="H3588" made|strong="H1961" it|strong="H5921" rain|strong="H4305" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776", and|strong="H3068" there|strong="H0369" was|strong="H0369" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H1961" care|strong="H5921" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" plants|strong="H6212".

6 So|strong="H4480" water|strong="H8248"<sup>I</sup> came|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" spread over|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776".<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" took|strong="H0853"

dust|strong="H6083" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0127" and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0120".<sup>II</sup> He|strong="H0430" breathed|strong="H5397" the|strong="H0853" breath|strong="H5397" of|strong="H0430" life|strong="H5315" into|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" man's|strong="H0120" nose|strong="H0639", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0120" became|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" living|strong="H2416" thing.<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" planted|strong="H5193" a|strong="H7760" garden|strong="H1588" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" East|strong="H6924",<sup>III</sup> in|strong="H0430" a|strong="H7760" place|strong="H7760" named Eden|strong="H5731". He|strong="H0834" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0120" he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7760" in|strong="H0430" that|strong="H0834" garden|strong="H1588".<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" caused|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" beautiful|strong="H4758" trees|strong="H6086" that|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0430" good|strong="H2896" for|strong="H3605" food|strong="H3978" to|strong="H3068" grow|strong="H6779" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" garden|strong="H1588". In|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" middle|strong="H8432" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" garden|strong="H1588", he|strong="H0430" put the|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" of|strong="H0430" life|strong="H2416" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" that|strong="H3605" gives knowledge|strong="H1847" about|strong="H4480" good|strong="H2896" and|strong="H3068" evil|strong="H7451".

<sup>10</sup> A|strong="H1961" river|strong="H5104" flowed|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" Eden|strong="H5731" and|strong="H7218" watered|strong="H8248" the|strong="H0853" garden|strong="H1588". The|strong="H0853" river|strong="H5104" then|strong="H1961" separated|strong="H6504" and|strong="H7218" became|strong="H1961" four|strong="H0702" smaller rivers|strong="H5104".<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0776"

<sup>II</sup> MAN The Hebrew word means "man," "people," or the name "Adam." It is like the word meaning "earth" or "red clay."<sup>III</sup> EAST This usually means the area between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers as far east as the Persian Gulf.

<sup>I</sup> WATER Or "a mist."



the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H0259" river|strong="H0776" was|strong="H8034" Pishon|strong="H6376". This|strong="H1931" river|strong="H0776" flowed around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H3605" entire|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Havilah|strong="H2341".<sup>I12</sup> ( There|strong="H8033" is|strong="H1931" gold|strong="H2091" in|strong="H0776" that|strong="H1931" country|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0776" that|strong="H1931" gold|strong="H2091" is|strong="H1931" pure|strong="H2896". A|strong="H0776" kind|strong="H2896" of|strong="H0776" expensive perfume and|strong="H0776" onyx|strong="H7718" are|strong="H0776" also found there|strong="H8033".)<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" second|strong="H8145" river|strong="H5104" was|strong="H8034" Gihon|strong="H1521". This|strong="H1931" river|strong="H5104" flowed around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Cush|strong="H3568".<sup>II14</sup> The|strong="H1980" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H8034" the|strong="H1980" third|strong="H7992" river|strong="H5104" was|strong="H8034" Tigris|strong="H2313". This|strong="H1931" river|strong="H5104" flowed|strong="H1980" east|strong="H6926" of|strong="H8034" Assyria|strong="H0804". The|strong="H1980" fourth|strong="H7243" river|strong="H5104" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H1980" Euphrates|strong="H6578".

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" put|strong="H3240" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0120" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" Garden|strong="H1588" of|strong="H0430" Eden|strong="H5731" to|strong="H3068" work|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" soil and|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3947" care|strong="H8104" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" garden|strong="H1588".<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H6680" him|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6680": " You|strong="H6680" may|strong="H0430" eat|strong="H0398" from|strong="H5921" any|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" garden|strong="H1588".<sup>17</sup> But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588"

I HAVILAH The land along the west coast of the Arabian peninsula and possibly, the part of Africa south of Ethiopia. II CUSH Usually this means Ethiopia, but here, it probably refers to the area north and east of the Tigris River.

must|strong="H4191" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3588" tree|strong="H6086" that|strong="H3588" gives knowledge|strong="H1847" about|strong="H4480" good|strong="H2896" and|strong="H0398" evil|strong="H7451". If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" eat|strong="H0398" fruit|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H3588" tree|strong="H6086", on|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" certainly|strong="H3588" die|strong="H4191"!"

#### A|strong="H3588" Companion for|strong="H3588" Adam

<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0559" see that|strong="H3068" it|strong="H6213" is|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" good|strong="H2896" for|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0120" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" alone|strong="H0905". I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" companion he|strong="H6213" needs|strong="H1961", one|strong="H0120" just|strong="H6213" right|strong="H2896" for|strong="H0430" him|strong="H0559"."

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" used|strong="H3605" dust|strong="H0127" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0127" and|strong="H0935" made|strong="H7121" every|strong="H3605" animal|strong="H2416" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" fields|strong="H7704" and|strong="H0935" every|strong="H3605" bird|strong="H5775" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" air. He|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H1931" animals|strong="H2416" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0120", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0120" gave|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" a|strong="H7200" name|strong="H8034".<sup>20</sup> The|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0120" gave|strong="H7121" names|strong="H8034" to|strong="H7121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tame animals|strong="H0929", to|strong="H7121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775" in|strong="H4672" the|strong="H3605" air, and|strong="H8064" to|strong="H7121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"

wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H0929". He|strong="H3808" saw many ani-  
 mals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H8064"  
 birds|strong="H5775", but|strong="H3808"  
 he|strong="H3808" could not|strong="H3808"  
 find|strong="H4672" a|strong="H4672" companion  
 that|strong="H3605" was|strong="H8034" right  
 for|strong="H7121" him|strong="H7121".<sup>21</sup>  
 So|strong="H3947" the|strong="H5921"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
 caused|strong="H0430" the|strong="H5921"  
 man|strong="H0120" to|strong="H5921"  
 sleep|strong="H3462" very deeply.  
 While|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0430"  
 was|strong="H3068" asleep|strong="H3462",  
 God|strong="H0430" took|strong="H3947"  
 one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0430"  
 the|strong="H5921" ribs|strong="H6763"  
 from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
 man's|strong="H0120" body|strong="H1320".  
 Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0430"  
 closed|strong="H5462" the|strong="H5921"  
 man's|strong="H0120" skin|strong="H1320"  
 where|strong="H8478" the|strong="H5921"  
 rib|strong="H6763" had|strong="H3068"  
 been|strong="H3068".<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H0853"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
 used|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853"  
 rib|strong="H6763" from|strong="H4480"  
 the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0120"  
 to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H3947"  
 a|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802".  
 Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0834"  
 brought|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853"  
 woman|strong="H0802" to|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0120".<sup>23</sup>  
 And|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559"  
 man|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559",  
 "Finally! One|strong="H0376" like|strong="H0376"  
 me|strong="H7121",

with|strong="H0376" bones|strong="H6106"  
 from|strong="H0376" my|strong="H3947"  
 bones|strong="H6106"

and|strong="H0376" a|strong="H3947"  
 body|strong="H1320" from|strong="H0376"  
 my|strong="H3947" body|strong="H1320".

She|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0376" tak-  
 en|strong="H3947" out|strong="H0376"  
 of|strong="H0376" a|strong="H3947"  
 man|strong="H0376",

so|strong="H3947" I|strong="H3588"  
 will|strong="H0376" call|strong="H7121"  
 her|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802".<sup>24</sup>

<sup>24</sup> That|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0376"  
 why|strong="H3651" a|strong="H1961"  
 man|strong="H0376" leaves|strong="H5800"  
 his|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001"  
 and|strong="H0376" mother|strong="H0517"

and|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0376"  
 joined|strong="H1692" to|strong="H1961"  
 his|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802".  
 In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3651"  
 way|strong="H5921" two people|strong="H0376" be-  
 come|strong="H1961" one|strong="H0259".

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0120"  
 and|strong="H0802" his|strong="H1961"  
 wife|strong="H0802" were|strong="H1961"  
 naked|strong="H6174", but|strong="H3808"  
 they|strong="H3808" were|strong="H1961"  
 not|strong="H3808" ashamed|strong="H0954".

### The Beginning of Sin

**3** The|strong="H3605" snake|strong="H5175"  
 was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" most  
 clever of|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3605"  
 the|strong="H3605" wild|strong="H7704" ani-  
 mals|strong="H2416" that|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 God|strong="H0430" had|strong="H3068"  
 made|strong="H6213". The|strong="H3605"  
 snake|strong="H5175" spoke|strong="H0559"  
 to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"  
 woman|strong="H0802" and|strong="H3068"  
 said|strong="H0559", "Woman|strong="H0802",  
 did|strong="H6213" God|strong="H0430" real-  
 ly|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H0559"  
 you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834"  
 you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808"  
 not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398"  
 from|strong="H0413" any|strong="H3605"  
 tree|strong="H6086" in|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H3605" garden|strong="H1588"?"

<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0559" woman|strong="H0802" an-  
 swered|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559"  
 snake|strong="H5175", "No, we can  
 eat|strong="H0398" fruit|strong="H6529"  
 from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559"  
 trees|strong="H6086" in|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H0559" garden|strong="H1588".<sup>3</sup>  
 But|strong="H3808" there|strong="H8432"  
 is|strong="H0834" one|strong="H3808"  
 tree|strong="H6086" we|strong="H0834"  
 must|strong="H4191" not|strong="H3808"  
 eat|strong="H0398" from|strong="H4480".  
 God|strong="H0430" told|strong="H0559"  
 us|strong="H6435", 'You|strong="H0834"  
 must|strong="H4191" not|strong="H3808"  
 eat|strong="H0398" fruit|strong="H6529"  
 from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559"  
 tree|strong="H6086" that|strong="H0834"  
 is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0430"  
 the|strong="H0559" middle|strong="H8432"  
 of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" gar-  
 den|strong="H1588". You|strong="H0834"  
 must|strong="H4191" not|strong="H3808"  
 even|strong="H3808" touch|strong="H5060"

that|strong="H0834" tree|strong="H6086",  
or|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0430" die|strong="H4191"."

<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559"  
snake|strong="H5175" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559"  
woman|strong="H0802", " You|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H0802" not|strong="H3808"  
die|strong="H4191". <sup>5</sup> God|strong="H0430"  
knows|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588"  
eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H3588"  
fruit|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480"  
that|strong="H3588" tree you|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H0430" learn|strong="H3045"  
about|strong="H1961" good|strong="H2896"  
and|strong="H0430" evil|strong="H7451",  
and|strong="H0430" then|strong="H1961"  
you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430"  
be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
God|strong="H0430"!"

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3588" woman|strong="H0802"  
could|strong="H1571" see|strong="H7200"  
that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
tree|strong="H6086" was|strong="H1931" beautiful  
and|strong="H0398" the|strong="H3588"  
fruit|strong="H6529" looked|strong="H7200"  
so|strong="H3947" good|strong="H2896"  
to|strong="H5414" eat|strong="H0398".  
She|strong="H1931" also|strong="H1571"  
liked|strong="H5869" the|strong="H3588" idea  
that|strong="H3588" it|strong="H5414"  
would|strong="H0376" make|strong="H5414"  
her|strong="H3947" wise|strong="H7919".  
So|strong="H3947" she|strong="H1931"  
took|strong="H3947" some|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3588"  
fruit|strong="H6529" from|strong="H0376"  
the|strong="H3588" tree|strong="H6086"  
and|strong="H0398" ate|strong="H0398"  
it|strong="H5414". Her|strong="H3947" hus-  
band|strong="H0376" was|strong="H1931" there  
with|strong="H5973" her|strong="H3947",  
so|strong="H3947" she|strong="H1931"  
gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414"  
some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376"  
the|strong="H3588" fruit|strong="H6529",  
and|strong="H0398" he|strong="H1931"  
ate|strong="H0398" it|strong="H5414".

<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588" was  
as|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588"  
their|strong="H1992" eyes|strong="H5869"  
opened|strong="H6491", and|strong="H5869"  
they|strong="H1992" saw things|strong="H8147" dif-  
ferently. They|strong="H1992" saw  
that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992"  
were|strong="H1992" naked|strong="H5903".  
So|strong="H6213" they|strong="H1992" got

some|strong="H1992" fig|strong="H8384"  
leaves|strong="H5929", sewed|strong="H8609"  
them|strong="H1992" together|strong="H8609",  
and|strong="H5869" wore them|strong="H1992"  
for|strong="H3588" clothes.

<sup>8</sup> During|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853"  
cool|strong="H7307" part|strong="H8432"  
of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853"  
day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
was|strong="H3068" walking|strong="H1980"  
in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" gar-  
den|strong="H1588". The|strong="H0853"  
man|strong="H0120" and|strong="H1980"  
the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802"  
heard|strong="H8085" him|strong="H0853",  
and|strong="H1980" they|strong="H3117"  
hid|strong="H2244" among|strong="H8432"  
the|strong="H0853" trees|strong="H6086"  
in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" gar-  
den|strong="H1588". <sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0120"  
and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "  
Where|strong="H0335" are|strong="H3068"  
you|strong="H0413"?"

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0853" man said|strong="H0559", "  
I|strong="H0595" heard|strong="H8085"  
you|strong="H3588" walking in|strong="H8085"  
the|strong="H0853" garden|strong="H1588",  
and|strong="H6963" I|strong="H0595"  
was|strong="H6963" afraid|strong="H3372".  
I|strong="H0595" was|strong="H6963"  
naked|strong="H5903", so|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H0595" hid|strong="H2244"."

<sup>11</sup> God|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" man, "  
Who|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5046"  
you|strong="H0859" that|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0859" were|strong="H0834"  
naked|strong="H5903"? Did|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0859" eat|strong="H0398"  
fruit|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480"  
that|strong="H0834" special tree|strong="H6086"?  
I|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5046"  
you|strong="H0859" not|strong="H1115"  
to|strong="H0559" eat|strong="H0398"  
from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H0834"  
tree|strong="H6086"!"

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0120"  
said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559"  
woman|strong="H0802" you|strong="H0834"  
put|strong="H5414" here with|strong="H0802"  
me|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414"  
me|strong="H5414" fruit|strong="H4480"  
from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H0834"  
tree|strong="H6086". So|strong="H4480"

It ate it."

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?" She said, "The snake tricked me, so I ate fruit."

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the snake, "You did this, so bad things will happen to you."

It will be worse for you

than any other animal.

You must crawl on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will make you and the woman enemies to each other.

Your children and her children will be enemies.

You will bite her child's foot, but he will crush your head."

<sup>16</sup> Then God said to the woman, "I will cause you to have much trouble when you are pregnant.

And you will give birth

to children,

but you will have pain.

You will want your husband very much,

but he will rule over you."

<sup>17</sup> Then God said to the man, "I commanded you not to eat from that tree.

But you listened to your wife and ate from it.

So I will curse you and the ground you are on.

You will have to work hard all your life to get food from the ground.

<sup>18</sup> The ground will grow thorns and weeds for you.

And you will have to eat the plants that grow wild in the fields.

<sup>19</sup> You will work hard for your food,

until your face is covered with sweat.

I YOU WILL ... OVER YOU Or "You will want to rule your husband, but he will rule over you." In Hebrew this is like the last part of Genesis 4:7. II See Genesis 1:28-29.

You will work hard until the day you die,

and then you will become dust again.

I used dust to make you, and when you die, you will become dust again.

Adam<sup>I</sup> named his wife Eve. He gave this name because she would be the mother of everyone who ever lived.

The LORD God used animal skins to make some clothes for the man and his wife. Then he put the clothes on them.

The LORD God said, "Look, the man has become like us— he knows good and evil." And now the man might take fruit from the tree of life.

If the man eats that fruit,

I ADAM This name means "man" or "people." It is like the word meaning "earth" or "red clay." II EVE This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "life."

he will live forever.

So the LORD God forced the man out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground he was from. God forced the man to leave the garden he put Cherub angels and a sword of fire at the entrance to the garden to protect it. The sword flashed around and guarded the way to the tree of life.

### The First Family

4 Adam had sexual relations with his wife Eve. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Cain. Eve said, "With the LORD'S help, I have a man!"

Eve gave birth again to Cain's brother Abel. Abel became a shepherd, and Cain became a farmer.

III CAIN This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "make" or "get."

### The **H0853** First Murder

<sup>3</sup> At harvest time, **I** Cain brought a gift to the LORD. He brought some of the food that he grew from the ground, but Abel brought some animals from his flock. He chose some of his best sheep and brought the best parts from them. **II**

The LORD accepted Abel and his gift. <sup>5</sup> But **H3808** he **H3808** did **H3808** not **H3808** accept Cain **H7014** and **H6440** his **H6440** offering **H4503**. Cain **H7014** was **H6440** sad because **H6440** of **H6440** this, and **H6440** he **H3808** became **H2734** very **H3966** angry **H2734**. <sup>6</sup> The **H0559** LORD **H3068** asked **H0559** Cain **H7014**, " Why **H4100** are **H4100** you **H6440** angry **H2734**? Why **H4100** does **H4100** your **H3068** face **H6440** look **H5307** sad? <sup>7</sup> You **H0859** know that **H3808** if **H0518** you **H0859** do **H3190** what is **H3808** right **H4910**, I **H0518** will **H3808** accept you **H0859**. But **H0518** if **H0518** you **H0859** don't **H3808**, sin **H2403** is **H3808** ready to **H0413** attack you **H0859**. That **H3808** sin **H2403** will **H3808** want to **H0413** control **H4910** you **H0859**, but **H0518** you **H0859** must **H0518** control **H4910** it **H0518**." **III**

<sup>8</sup> Cain **H7014** said **H0559** to **H0413** his **H1961** brother **H0251** Abel **H1893**, "Let's go **H6965** out **H0413** to **H0413** the **H0559** field **H7704**." **IV** So **H1961** they **H0559** went **H6965** to **H0413** the **H0559** field **H7704**. Then **H1961** Cain **H7014** attacked **H6965** his **H1961** brother **H0251** Abel **H1893** and **H6965** killed **H2026** him **H0413**.

**I** AT HARVEST TIME Literally, "at the end of days." **II** HE CHOSE ... FROM THEM Literally, "He brought some of his firstborn sheep, especially their fat." **III** BUT IF YOU ... CONTROL IT Or "But if you don't do right, sin is crouching at your door. It wants you, but you must rule over it." **IV** LET'S GO ... FIELD This sentence is found in the ancient versions but not in the standard Hebrew text.

<sup>9</sup> Later, the **H0559** LORD **H3068** said **H0559** to **H0413** Cain **H7014**, " Where **H0335** is **H3068** your **H3068** brother **H0251** Abel **H1893**?" Cain **H7014** answered **H0559**, " I **H0595** don't **H3808** know **H3045**. Is **H3068** it **H3045** my **H8104** job **H8104** to **H0413** watch **H8104** over **H0413** my **H8104** brother **H0251**?"

<sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said, "What have you done? You killed your brother and the ground opened up to take his blood from your hands. Now his blood is shouting to me from the ground. So you will be cursed from this ground. <sup>12</sup> Now **H1961** when **H3588** you **H3588** work **H5647** the **H0853** soil **H0127**, the **H0853** ground **H0776** will **H1961** not **H3808** help your **H5414** plants grow **H3254**. You **H3588** will **H1961** not **H3808** have **H1961** a **H1961** home **H0776** in **H0776** this **H3588** land **H0776**. You **H3588** will **H1961** wander **H5128** from **H1961** place **H5414** to **H1961** place **H5414**."

<sup>13</sup> Then **H5375** Cain **H7014** said **H0559** to **H0413** the **H0559** LORD **H3068**, " This **H3068** punishment **H5771** is **H3068** more **H1419** than **H1419** I **H0559** can bear **H5375**!" <sup>14</sup> You **H3605** are **H3117** forcing me **H6440** to **H1961** leave the **H3605** land **H0776**, and **H0776** I **H2005** will **H1961** not **H1961** be **H1961** able to **H1961** be **H1961** near **H6440** you **H3605** or **H3117** have **H1961** a **H1961** home **H0776**! Now **H1961** I **H2005** must **H0853** wander **H5128** from **H5921** place **H1961** to **H1961** place **H1961**, and **H0776** anyone **H3605** I **H2005** meet **H6440** could kill **H2026** me **H6440**."

<sup>15</sup> Then **H0853** the **H3605** LORD **H3068** said **H0559** to **H0559** Cain **H7014**, " No **H1115**, if **H7760** any-

one |strong="H3605" kills |strong="H5221" you |strong="H3605", I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3068" punish that |strong="H3605" person much |strong="H3605", much |strong="H3605" more |strong="H3651"." Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" put |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" mark |strong="H0226" on |strong="H3068" Cain |strong="H7014" to |strong="H0559" show |strong="H7760" that |strong="H3605" no |strong="H1115" one |strong="H3605" should |strong="H3068" kill |strong="H2026" him |strong="H5221".

### Cain's Family

<sup>16</sup> Cain |strong="H7014" went |strong="H3318" away |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Nod |strong="H5113".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Cain |strong="H7014" had |strong="H1961" sexual relations |strong="H3045" with |strong="H3045" his |strong="H1961" wife |strong="H0802". She |strong="H7121" became |strong="H3205" pregnant |strong="H2029" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" named |strong="H8034" Enoch |strong="H2585". Cain |strong="H7014" built |strong="H1129" a |strong="H1961" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" name |strong="H8034" as |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" Enoch |strong="H2585".

<sup>18</sup> Enoch |strong="H2585" had |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" son named Irad |strong="H5897". Irad |strong="H5897" had |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" son named Mehujael |strong="H4232". Mehujael |strong="H4232" had |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" son named Methushael |strong="H4967". And |strong="H0853" Methushael |strong="H4967" had |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" son named Lamech |strong="H3929".

<sup>19</sup> Lamech |strong="H3929" married |strong="H3947" two |strong="H8147" women |strong="H0802". One |strong="H0259" wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Adah |strong="H5711", and |strong="H0802" the |strong="H3947" other |strong="H0259" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Zillah |strong="H6741".<sup>20</sup>

I Nod This name means "wandering."

Adah |strong="H5711" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H1961" Jabal |strong="H2989". Jabal |strong="H2989" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H0168" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H1931" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" tents |strong="H0168" and |strong="H0001" earn their |strong="H1961" living |strong="H3427" by |strong="H1961" keeping cattle |strong="H4735".<sup>21</sup> Jabal was |strong="H8034" Jubal's brother |strong="H0251". Jubal |strong="H3106" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H0001" people |strong="H1931" who |strong="H3605" play |strong="H8610" the |strong="H3605" harp |strong="H3658" and |strong="H0001" flute |strong="H5748".<sup>22</sup> Zillah |strong="H6741" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" Tubal-Cain |strong="H8423". Tubal-Cain |strong="H8423" was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3605" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" people |strong="H1931" who |strong="H3605" work with |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" and |strong="H0853" iron |strong="H1270". The |strong="H3605" sister |strong="H0269" of |strong="H3205" Tubal-Cain |strong="H8423" was |strong="H1931" named Naamah |strong="H5279".

<sup>23</sup> Lamech |strong="H3929" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H8085" wives |strong="H0802",

" Adah |strong="H5711" and |strong="H0376" Zillah |strong="H6741", hear |strong="H8085" my |strong="H8085" voice |strong="H6963"!

You |strong="H3588" wives |strong="H0802" of |strong="H0376" Lamech |strong="H3929", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H6963".

A |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" hurt me |strong="H6963", so |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" killed |strong="H2026" him |strong="H6963".

I |strong="H3588" even |strong="H3588" killed |strong="H2026" a |strong="H3588" child |strong="H3206" for |strong="H3588" hitting me |strong="H6963".

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H3588" punishment for |strong="H3588" killing Cain |strong="H7014" was very bad.

But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" punishment for |strong="H3588" killing me |strong="H3588" will be |strong="H3588" many times |strong="H7651" worse!"

II FATHER This probably means that this man invented these things or was the first one to use them.

Adam and Eve Have a New Son

<sup>25</sup> Adam again had sexual relations with his wife, and she gave birth to another son. She named him Seth. Eve said, "God has given me another son." Cain killed Abel, but now have Seth. Seth also had a son named Enosh. At that time people began to pray to the LORD. <sup>II</sup>

### The History of Adam's Family

<sup>5</sup> This is the history of Adam's family. When God created them, he made them like himself. He created them male and female. And on the same day he made them, he blessed them and called them "humans." <sup>V</sup>

<sup>3</sup> After Adam was 130 years old, he

<sup>I</sup> SETH This is like a Hebrew word meaning "to give." <sup>II</sup> PEOPLE ... THE LORD Literally, "people began calling on the name YAHWEH." <sup>III</sup> ADAM This name means "man" or "people." It is like the word meaning "earth" or "red clay." <sup>IV</sup> WHEN GOD ... LIKE HIMSELF Literally, "He made him in the image of God." See Genesis 1:27; 5:3. <sup>V</sup> HUMANS The Hebrew word means "Adam," "man," or "people."

had another son. This son looked just like Adam. Adam named his son Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. So Adam lived 930 years; then he died.

<sup>6</sup> After Seth was 105 years old, he had a son named Enosh. After Enosh was born, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. So Seth lived 912 years; then he died.

<sup>9</sup> After Enosh was 90 years old, he had a son named Kenan. After Kenan was born, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. So Enosh lived 905 years; then he died.

<sup>12</sup> After Kenan was 70 years old, he had a son named Mahalalel. After Mahalalel was born, Kenan lived 840 years

<sup>VI</sup> HE HAD ... LIKE ADAM Or "he fathered a son in his image and likeness." In Hebrew this is like Genesis 1:27; 5:1.



and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H3205" other|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>14</sup> So|strong="H1961" Kenan|strong="H7018" lived|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" total|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3117" 910 years|strong="H8141"; then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3117" died|strong="H4191".

<sup>15</sup> When|strong="H2421" Mahalalel|strong="H4111" was|strong="H8141" 65 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141", he|strong="H0853" had|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3205" son named Jared|strong="H3382".<sup>16</sup> After|strong="H0310" Jared|strong="H3382" was|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205", Mahalalel|strong="H4111" lived|strong="H2421" 830 years|strong="H8141" and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H3205" other|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H1961" Mahalalel|strong="H4111" lived|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" total|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3117" 895 years|strong="H8141"; then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3117" died|strong="H4191".

<sup>18</sup> After|strong="H8141" Jared|strong="H3382" was|strong="H8141" 162 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141", he|strong="H0853" had|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3205" son named Enoch|strong="H2585".<sup>19</sup> After|strong="H0310" Enoch|strong="H2585" was|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205", Jared|strong="H3382" lived|strong="H2421" 800 years|strong="H8141" and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H3205" other|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H1961" Jared|strong="H3382" lived|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" total|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3117" 962 years|strong="H8141"; then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3117" died|strong="H4191".

<sup>21</sup> After|strong="H8141" Enoch|strong="H2585" was|strong="H3205" 65 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141", he|strong="H0853" had|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3205" son named Methuselah|strong="H4968".<sup>22</sup> After|strong="H0310" Methuselah|strong="H4968" was|strong="H0430" born|strong="H3205", Enoch|strong="H2585" walked|strong="H1980" with|strong="H0854" God|strong="H0430" for|strong="H0430" 300 years|strong="H8141" and|strong="H1980" had|strong="H0430" other|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1980" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>23</sup> So|strong="H1961" Enoch|strong="H2585" lived|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" total|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3117" 365 years|strong="H8141".<sup>24</sup> One|strong="H0369" day

Enoch|strong="H2585" was|strong="H0369" walking|strong="H1980" with|strong="H0854" God|strong="H0430", and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H3588" disappeared|strong="H0369". God|strong="H0430" took|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0853".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>25</sup> After|strong="H8141" Methuselah|strong="H4968" was|strong="H8141" 187 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141", he|strong="H0853" had|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3205" son named Lamech|strong="H3929".<sup>26</sup> After|strong="H0310" Lamech|strong="H3929" was|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205", Methuselah|strong="H4968" lived|strong="H2421" 782 years|strong="H8141" and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H3205" other|strong="H8147" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>27</sup> So|strong="H1961" Methuselah|strong="H4968" lived|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" total|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3117" 969 years|strong="H8141"; then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3117" died|strong="H4191".

<sup>28</sup> When|strong="H2421" Lamech|strong="H3929" was|strong="H1121" 182 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121", he|strong="H8147" had|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3205" son|strong="H1121".<sup>29</sup> Lamech named|strong="H8034" his|strong="H3068" son Noah|strong="H5146".<sup>II</sup> Lamech said|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H0834" work|strong="H4639" very|strong="H2088" hard as|strong="H0834" farmers because|strong="H4480" God|strong="H3068" cursed|strong="H0779" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0127". But|strong="H5146" Noah|strong="H5146" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7121" us|strong="H5162" rest|strong="H5162"."

<sup>30</sup> After|strong="H0310" Noah|strong="H5146" was|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205", Lamech|strong="H3929" lived|strong="H2421" 595 years|strong="H8141" and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H3205" other|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>31</sup> So|strong="H1961" Lamech|strong="H3929" lived|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" total|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3117" 777 years|strong="H8141"; then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3117" died|strong="H4191".

<sup>32</sup> After|strong="H1961" Noah|strong="H5146" was|strong="H1961" 500 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121", he|strong="H0853" had|strong="H1961" sons|strong="H1121" named

I Or "Enoch pleased God. Enoch disappeared. God took him."

II NOAH This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "to rest," "to be sorry," or "comfort."

Shem|strong="H8035", Ham|strong="H2526", and|strong="H1121" Japheth|strong="H3315".

### People Become Evil

**6** The number of people on earth continued to increase. When these people had daughters, the sons of God saw how beautiful they were. So they chose the women they wanted. They married them, and the women had their children.

Then the LORD said, "People are only human. I will not let my Spirit be troubled by them forever. I will let them live only 120 years."<sup>I</sup>

During this time and also later, the Nephilim people lived in the land. They have been famous as powerful soldiers since ancient times.

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0120" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" were|strong="H3117" very|strong="H7227" evil|strong="H7451". He|strong="H3588" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" thought|strong="H3820" only|strong="H7535" about|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117". <sup>6</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" sorry|strong="H5162" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213" people|strong="H0120" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776". It|strong="H3588" made|strong="H6213" him|strong="H0413" very sad in|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3820". <sup>7</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H6213" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" I|strong="H0834" created|strong="H1254" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0127". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H6213" every person|strong="H0120" and|strong="H3068" every animal|strong="H0929" and|strong="H3068" everything|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" crawls on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0127". And|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H6213" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" birds|strong="H5775" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" air, be-

<sup>I</sup> PEOPLE ... 120 YEARS Or "The spirit from me will not live in people forever, because they are flesh. They will live only 120 years." Or "My Spirit will not judge people forever, because they will all die in 120 years."

cause|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H3068" sorry|strong="H5162" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" them|strong="H0853"."

<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H5146" Noah|strong="H5146" pleased|strong="H5869" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".

### Noah|strong="H5146" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" Great Flood

<sup>9</sup> This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0430" the|strong="H1961" history|strong="H8435" of|strong="H0376" Noah's|strong="H5146" family. He|strong="H0430" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" good man|strong="H0376" all|strong="H1755" his|strong="H1961" life, and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H0430" always followed|strong="H1980" God|strong="H0430". <sup>10</sup> Noah|strong="H5146" had|strong="H3205" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121": Shem|strong="H8035", Ham|strong="H2526", and|strong="H1121" Japheth|strong="H3315".

<sup>11</sup> When God looked at the earth, he saw that people had ruined it. Violence was everywhere, and it had ruined their life on earth.

<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H0935" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Noah|strong="H5146", " Everyone|strong="H3605" has|strong="H0430" filled|strong="H4390" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0854" anger|strong="H6440" and|strong="H0935" violence|strong="H2555". So|strong="H0935" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" destroy|strong="H7843" all|strong="H3605" living|strong="H1320" things|strong="H3605". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" remove|strong="H6440" them|strong="H6440" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776". <sup>14</sup> Use cypress wood|strong="H6086"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="H1004" build a|strong="H0854" boat for|strong="H1004" yourself|strong="H0854". Make|strong="H6213" rooms|strong="H7064" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" boat and|strong="H1004" cover it|strong="H6213" with|strong="H0854" tar inside|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" out|strong="H2351".

<sup>15</sup> " This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" size I|strong="H0834" want you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0834" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" boat: 300 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>III</sup> long|strong="H0753", 50 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>IV</sup> wide|strong="H7341",

<sup>II</sup> CYPRESS WOOD In Hebrew, "gopher timbers." It is uncertain what kind of wood this is. It might be a kind of tree or squared timbers. <sup>III</sup> 300 CUBITS 437' 1/8" (133 m) if this was the short cubit or 510' 1 13/16" (155.5 m) if it was the long cubit. <sup>IV</sup> 50 CUBITS 72' 10"

and |strong="H3967" 30 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> high |strong="H6967".<sup>16</sup> Make |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" window for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" boat about |strong="H0413" 1 cubit |strong="H0520"<sup>II</sup> below |strong="H8482" the |strong="H0413" roof.<sup>III</sup> Put |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" door |strong="H6607" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" side |strong="H6654" of |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" boat. Make |strong="H7760" three |strong="H7992" floors in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" boat: a |strong="H7760" top |strong="H4605" deck, a |strong="H7760" middle deck, and |strong="H6654" a |strong="H7760" lower |strong="H8482" deck.

<sup>17</sup> "Understand what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" telling you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" great flood |strong="H3999" of |strong="H0776" water |strong="H4325" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0776" destroy |strong="H7843" all |strong="H3605" living |strong="H2416" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" live |strong="H2416" under |strong="H8478" heaven |strong="H8064". Everything |strong="H3605" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" die |strong="H1478".<sup>18</sup> I |strong="H6965" will |strong="H1121" make |strong="H6965" a |strong="H0935" special agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859", your |strong="H0935" wife |strong="H0802", your |strong="H0935" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H0935" wives |strong="H0802" will |strong="H1121" all go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" boat.<sup>19</sup> Also |strong="H0935", you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H1961" two |strong="H8147" of |strong="H3605" every |strong="H3605" living |strong="H2416" thing |strong="H3605" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" earth with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3605" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" boat. Take |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" male |strong="H2145" and |strong="H0935" female |strong="H5347" of |strong="H3605" every |strong="H3605" kind of |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H2416" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3605"

(22.2 m) if this was the short cubit or 85' 5/16" (25.92 m) if it was the long cubit. I 30 CUBITS 43' 8 7/16" (13.3 m) if this was the short cubit or 51' 3/16" (15.55 m) if it was the long cubit. II 1 CUBIT 17 1/2" (44.4 cm) if this was the short cubit or 20 5/8" (51.83 cm) if it was the long cubit. III MAKE A WINDOW ... BELOW THE ROOF Or "Make an opening for the boat about 18 inches tall."

they |strong="H0935" might survive with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3605".<sup>20</sup> Two |strong="H8147" of |strong="H4480" every |strong="H3605" kind |strong="H4327" of |strong="H4480" bird |strong="H5775", animal |strong="H0929", and |strong="H0935" creeping |strong="H7431" thing |strong="H7431" will |strong="H0127" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605" so |strong="H4480" that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" might keep |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" alive |strong="H2421".<sup>21</sup> Also |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H3947" every |strong="H3605" kind of |strong="H3605" food |strong="H3978" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" boat, for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H0398" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H1961".

<sup>22</sup> Noah |strong="H5146" did |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" commanded |strong="H6680" him |strong="H0853".

### The Flood Begins

**7** Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Noah |strong="H5146", " I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" seen |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" good man |strong="H6662", even |strong="H3588" among |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" evil people |strong="H7200" of |strong="H1004" this |strong="H2088" time |strong="H1755". So |strong="H0935" gather your |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004", and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0859" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" boat.<sup>2</sup> Get |strong="H3947" seven |strong="H7651" pairs |strong="H2889" ( seven |strong="H7651" males and |strong="H0376" seven |strong="H7651" females) of |strong="H0376" every |strong="H3605" kind of |strong="H0376" clean |strong="H2889" animal |strong="H0929". And |strong="H0376" get |strong="H3947" one |strong="H0376" pair |strong="H8147" ( one |strong="H0376" male |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376" female |strong="H0802") of |strong="H0376" every |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H0929" on |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" earth. Lead all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H1931" animals |strong="H0929" into |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" boat with |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834".<sup>3</sup> Get seven |strong="H7651" pairs ( seven |strong="H7651" males |strong="H2145" and |strong="H0776" sev-

en/strong="H7651" females) of/strong="H0776" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" birds/strong="H5775". This/strong="H3605" will/strong="H0776" allow all/strong="H3605" these/strong="H3605" animals to/strong="H5921" continue living on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0776" after/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" other/strong="H3605" animals are/strong="H8064" destroyed. <sup>4</sup> Seven/strong="H7651" days/strong="H3117" from/strong="H5921" now/strong="H3117", I/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0776" send/strong="H4305" much/strong="H0834" rain/strong="H4305" on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0776". It/strong="H5921" will/strong="H0776" rain/strong="H4305" for/strong="H3588" 40 days/strong="H3117" and/strong="H0776" 40 nights/strong="H3915", and/strong="H0776" I/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0776" wipe/strong="H4229" everything/strong="H3605" off/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" face/strong="H6440" of/strong="H0776" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0776". I/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0776" destroy/strong="H3605" everything/strong="H3605" I/strong="H0834" made/strong="H6213"." <sup>5</sup> Noah/strong="H5146" did/strong="H6213" everything/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" told/strong="H6680" him/strong="H6680" to/strong="H3068" do/strong="H6213".

<sup>6</sup> Noah/strong="H5146" was/strong="H1961" 600 years/strong="H8141" old/strong="H1121" at/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" time/strong="H1961" the/strong="H5921" rains came/strong="H1961". <sup>7</sup> He/strong="H0935" and/strong="H1121" his/strong="H0935" family went/strong="H0935" into/strong="H0413" the/strong="H6440" boat to/strong="H0413" be/strong="H1121" saved from/strong="H0935" the/strong="H6440" flood/strong="H3999". His/strong="H0935" wife/strong="H0802" and/strong="H1121" his/strong="H0935" sons/strong="H1121" and/strong="H1121" their/strong="H6440" wives/strong="H0802" were/strong="H1121" on/strong="H0413" the/strong="H6440" boat with/strong="H0854" him/strong="H0413". <sup>8</sup> All/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" clean/strong="H2889" animals/strong="H0929", all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" other/strong="H3605" animals/strong="H0929" on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0127", the/strong="H3605" birds/strong="H5775", and/strong="H0929" everything/strong="H3605" that/strong="H0834" crawls on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0127"<sup>9</sup>

went/strong="H0935" into/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0853" boat with/strong="H0413" Noah/strong="H5146". These/strong="H0834" animals went/strong="H0935" into/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0853" boat in/strong="H0935" groups of/strong="H0430" two/strong="H8147", male/strong="H2145" and/strong="H0935" female/strong="H5347", just/strong="H0834" as/strong="H0834" God/strong="H0430" commanded/strong="H6680". <sup>10</sup> Seven/strong="H7651" days/strong="H3117" later/strong="H1961" the/strong="H5921" flood/strong="H3999" started/strong="H1961". The/strong="H5921" rain/strong="H4325" began/strong="H1961" to/strong="H1961" fall/strong="H1961" on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" earth/strong="H0776".

<sup>11</sup> On the 17th day of the second month, when Noah was 600 years old, the springs under the earth broke through the ground, and water flowed out everywhere. The sky also opened like windows and rain poured down. The rain fell on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. That same day Noah went into the boat with his wife, his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives. <sup>14</sup> They/strong="H1992" and/strong="H0776" every/strong="H3605" kind/strong="H4327" of/strong="H0776" animal/strong="H0929" on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0776" were/strong="H1992" in/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" boat. Every/strong="H3605" kind/strong="H4327" of/strong="H0776" cattle/strong="H0929", every/strong="H3605" kind/strong="H4327" of/strong="H0776" animal/strong="H0929" that/strong="H3605" crawls on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0776", and/strong="H0776" every/strong="H3605" kind/strong="H4327" of/strong="H0776" bird/strong="H6833" were/strong="H1992" in/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" boat. <sup>15</sup> All/strong="H3605" these/strong="H3605" animals/strong="H2416" went/strong="H0935" into/strong="H0413" the/strong="H3605" boat with/strong="H0413" Noah/strong="H5146". They/strong="H0834" came/strong="H0935" in/strong="H0935" groups of/strong="H7307" two/strong="H8147" from/strong="H0935" every/strong="H3605" kind of/strong="H7307" animal/strong="H2416" that/strong="H0834" had/strong="H0834" the/strong="H3605" breath/strong="H7307" of/strong="H7307" life/strong="H2416". <sup>16</sup> All/strong="H3605" these/strong="H3605" animals went/strong="H0935" into/strong="H0935" the/strong="H3605" boat in/strong="H0935" groups of/strong="H0430" two, just/strong="H0834" as/strong="H0834" God/strong="H0430" had/strong="H3068" commanded/strong="H6680"

Noah. Then *the LORD* closed *the door* behind Noah.

<sup>17</sup> Water flooded *the earth* for *40 days*. *The water* began rising and lifted *the boat* off *the ground*. <sup>18</sup> *The water* continued to rise, and *the boat* floated on *the water* high above *the earth*. <sup>19</sup> *The water* rose so much *that* even *the highest mountains* were covered by *the water*. <sup>20</sup> *The water* continued to rise above *the mountains*. *The water* was more *than 20 feet* above *the highest mountain*.

<sup>21</sup> Every living thing on earth died—every man and woman, every bird, and every kind of animal. All the many kinds of animals and all the things that crawl on the ground died. Every living, breathing thing on dry land died. <sup>23</sup> In *this way* *God* wiped *the earth* clean—he destroyed every living thing on *the earth*—every human, every animal, every thing that crawls, and every bird. All that *was left* Noah and *his family* and *the animals*

<sup>1</sup> <sup>20</sup> FEET Literally, "15 cubits" which would be 21' 10 3/16" (6.66 m) if this was the short cubit or 25' 6 1/16" (7.77 m) if it was the long cubit.

that *were with* *him* in *the boat*. <sup>24</sup> *The water* continued to cover *the earth* for 150 days.

### The Flood Ends

<sup>8</sup> But *God* did not forget about Noah. *God* remembered *him* and all *the animals* that *were with* *him* in *the boat*. *God* made a wind blow over *the earth*, and *all the water* began to disappear.

<sup>2</sup> Rain stopped falling from *the sky*, and *water* stopped flowing from *under the earth*. <sup>3</sup> The water that covered the earth began to go down. After 150 days the water was low enough that the boat touched land again. The boat stopped on one of the mountains of Ararat. This was the 17th day of the seventh month. <sup>5</sup> *The water* continued to go down, and *by the first day* of *the month*, *the tops of the mountains* were above *the water*.

<sup>6</sup> Forty *days later* Noah opened *the window* he had made in *the boat*. <sup>7</sup> Then *he* sent *out a raven* and *it flew*

place|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5704" place|strong="H0776" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" was|strong="H0776" dry|strong="H3001" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" water|strong="H4325" was|strong="H0776" gone|strong="H3318".<sup>8</sup> Noah also|strong="H0853" sent|strong="H7971" out|strong="H7971" a|strong="H7200" dove|strong="H3123". He|strong="H0853" wanted it|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" find|strong="H7200" dry ground|strong="H0127". He|strong="H0853" wanted to|strong="H5921" know|strong="H0854" if|strong="H7043" water|strong="H4325" still covered the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0127".

<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H3605" dove|strong="H3123" could not|strong="H3808" find|strong="H4672" a|strong="H3947" place|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" rest|strong="H4494" because|strong="H3588" water|strong="H4325" still|strong="H7725" covered the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776", so|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" dove|strong="H3123" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" boat. Noah|strong="H8392" reached|strong="H0935" out|strong="H7971" his|strong="H3605" hand|strong="H3027" and|strong="H0935" caught|strong="H4672" the|strong="H3605" dove|strong="H3123" and|strong="H0935" brought|strong="H0935" it|strong="H5921" back|strong="H7725" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" boat.

<sup>10</sup> After|strong="H4480" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117" Noah|strong="H8392" again|strong="H5750" sent|strong="H7971" out|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" dove|strong="H3123".<sup>11</sup> And|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3588" afternoon the|strong="H5921" dove|strong="H3123" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Noah|strong="H5146". The|strong="H5921" dove|strong="H3123" had|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" fresh olive|strong="H2132" leaf|strong="H5929" in|strong="H5921" its|strong="H5921" mouth|strong="H6310". This|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0776" a|strong="H3588" sign to|strong="H0413" show|strong="H3045" Noah|strong="H5146" that|strong="H3588" there|strong="H2009" was|strong="H0776" dry ground|strong="H0776" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776".<sup>12</sup> Seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117" later Noah sent|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" dove|strong="H3123" out|strong="H7971" again|strong="H5750". But|strong="H3808" this|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117"

the|strong="H0853" dove|strong="H3123" didn't|strong="H3808" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725".

<sup>13</sup> After|strong="H5921" that|strong="H7200" Noah|strong="H5146" opened the|strong="H0853" door<sup>1</sup> of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" boat. He|strong="H0853" looked|strong="H7200" and|strong="H3967" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" was|strong="H1961" dry|strong="H2717". This|strong="H2009" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" year|strong="H8141". He|strong="H0853" was|strong="H1961" 601 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141".<sup>14</sup> By|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" 27th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3117" second|strong="H8145" month|strong="H2320", the|strong="H3117" ground|strong="H0776" was|strong="H0776" completely|strong="H3001" dry|strong="H3001".

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H1696" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Noah|strong="H5146",<sup>16</sup> "Leave|strong="H3318" the|strong="H4480" boat. You|strong="H0859", your|strong="H4480" wife|strong="H0802", your|strong="H4480" sons|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H4480" sons'|strong="H1121" wives|strong="H0802" should|strong="H0802" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" now|strong="H0859".<sup>17</sup> Bring|strong="H3318" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" animal|strong="H0929" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" boat with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834"— all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775", animals|strong="H0929", and|strong="H0776" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" crawls on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776". These|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H0929" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H6509" many|strong="H7235" more|strong="H7235" animals|strong="H0929", and|strong="H0776" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" fill the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" again."

<sup>18</sup> So|strong="H3318" Noah|strong="H5146" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" with|strong="H0854" his|strong="H3318" sons|strong="H1121", his|strong="H3318" wife|strong="H0802", and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3318" sons'|strong="H1121"

<sup>1</sup> OPENED THE DOOR Literally, "removed the covering."

wives|strong="H0802". <sup>19</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H2416", every-thing|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" crawls, and|strong="H0776" every|strong="H3605" bird|strong="H5775" left|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" boat. All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H2416" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" boat in|strong="H5921" family|strong="H4940" groups.

<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Noah|strong="H5146" built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" altar|strong="H4196" to|strong="H3068" honor the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". Noah|strong="H5146" took|strong="H3947" some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" clean|strong="H2889" birds|strong="H5775" and|strong="H3068" some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" clean|strong="H2889" ani-mals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H3068" burned them|strong="H5927" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3947" gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068".

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" smelled|strong="H7306" these|strong="H3605" sacri-fices, and|strong="H3068" it|strong="H3588" pleased him|strong="H0413". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" himself|strong="H3820", "I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" curse|strong="H7043" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0127" as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" way|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" punish people|strong="H0120". People|strong="H0120" are|strong="H0834" evil|strong="H7451" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3820" they|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" young, but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" destroy|strong="H5221" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" thing|strong="H7043" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0127" as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3588" time|strong="H3820". <sup>22</sup> As|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117" as|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" continues, there|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" al-ways|strong="H3117" be|strong="H5750" a|strong="H5750" time|strong="H3117" for|strong="H0776" planting|strong="H2233"

and|strong="H0776" a|strong="H5750" time|strong="H3117" for|strong="H0776" har-vest|strong="H7105". There|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" always|strong="H3117" be|strong="H5750" cold|strong="H7120" and|strong="H0776" hot|strong="H2527", sum-mer|strong="H7019" and|strong="H0776" win-ter|strong="H2779", day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H0776" night|strong="H3915" on|strong="H3117" earth|strong="H0776".

### The New Beginning

<sup>9</sup> God|strong="H0430" blessed|strong="H1288" Noah|strong="H5146" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H1288" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", "Have|strong="H1121" many|strong="H7235" chil-dren|strong="H1121". Fill|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776" with|strong="H4390" your|strong="H0559" peo-ple|strong="H1121". <sup>2</sup> Every|strong="H3605" ani-mal|strong="H2416" on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776", every|strong="H3605" bird|strong="H5775" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" air, every|strong="H3605" ani-mal|strong="H2416" that|strong="H0834" crawls on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0776" every|strong="H3605" fish|strong="H1709" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sea|strong="H3220" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" afraid of|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0834". All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" un-der|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3605" con-trol|strong="H3027". <sup>3</sup> In|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" past, I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" green|strong="H3418" plants|strong="H6212" to|strong="H1961" eat|strong="H0402". Now|strong="H1961" every|strong="H3605" animal|strong="H2416" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H0853" be|strong="H1961" food|strong="H0402" for|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" everything|strong="H3605" on|strong="H1961" earth— it|strong="H5414" is|strong="H0834" yours|strong="H5414". <sup>4</sup> But|strong="H0389" I|strong="H5315" give|strong="H0398" you|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" command. You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" meat|strong="H1320" that|strong="H3808" still has|strong="H5315" its|strong="H0398" life|strong="H5315" (

blood|strong="H1818") in|strong="H5315" it|strong="H0398".<sup>5</sup> Also|strong="H0853", I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H0376" demand|strong="H1875" your|strong="H3605" blood|strong="H1818" for|strong="H3027" your|strong="H3605" lives|strong="H5315". That|strong="H3605" is|strong="H0376", I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H0376" demand|strong="H1875" the|strong="H3605" life|strong="H5315" of|strong="H0376" any|strong="H3605" person|strong="H5315" or|strong="H0120" animal|strong="H2416" that|strong="H3605" takes a|strong="H0376" human|strong="H0120" life|strong="H5315".

<sup>6</sup> " God|strong="H0430" made|strong="H6213" humans to|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" like|strong="H1818" himself.

So|strong="H6213" whoever kills a|strong="H3588" person|strong="H0120" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H0430" killed by|strong="H0430" another|strong="H0120" person|strong="H0120".

<sup>7</sup> " Have|strong="H0776" many|strong="H7235" children and|strong="H0776" fill the|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0776" your|strong="H0859" people|strong="H0776"."

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Noah|strong="H5146" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0413" sons|strong="H1121",<sup>9</sup> " I|strong="H0589" now|strong="H2005" make|strong="H6965" my|strong="H6965" promise|strong="H1285" to|strong="H6965" you|strong="H0853" and|strong="H6965" to|strong="H6965" your|strong="H6965" people who will|strong="H0589" live after|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0853".<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H0834" make my|strong="H3605" promise to|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775", and|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cattle|strong="H0929", and|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H0929" that|strong="H0834" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" boat with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" make my|strong="H3605" promise to|strong="H0776" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" thing|strong="H3605" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".<sup>11</sup> This|strong="H3605" is|strong="H0776" my|strong="H3605" promise|strong="H1285" to|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3605": All|strong="H3605" life|strong="H5750" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" was|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H7843" by|strong="H1961"

the|strong="H3605" flood|strong="H3999". But|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H3808" happen|strong="H1961" again|strong="H5750". A|strong="H1961" flood|strong="H3999" will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" destroy|strong="H7843" all|strong="H3605" life|strong="H5750" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776"."

<sup>12</sup> And|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0430" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" something to|strong="H0559" prove that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H5414" this|strong="H2063" promise|strong="H1285" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834". It|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0430" continue forever|strong="H5769" to|strong="H0559" show|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" made|strong="H5414" an|strong="H5414" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0430" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" thing|strong="H2063" on|strong="H0430" earth.<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H5414" am|strong="H1961" putting|strong="H5414" a|strong="H1961" rainbow|strong="H7198" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" clouds|strong="H6051" as|strong="H1961" proof of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285" between|strong="H0996" me|strong="H5414" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776".<sup>14</sup> When|strong="H1961" I|strong="H7200" bring|strong="H1961" clouds|strong="H6051" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776", you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H5921" rainbow|strong="H7198" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" clouds|strong="H6051".<sup>15</sup> When|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" see|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" rainbow, I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" between|strong="H0996" me|strong="H5315" and|strong="H4325" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H4325" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" thing|strong="H3605" on|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" earth. This|strong="H0834" agreement|strong="H1285" says that|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" flood|strong="H3999" will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" destroy|strong="H7843" all|strong="H3605" life|strong="H5315" on|strong="H1961"



the|strong="H3605" earth. 16 When|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" look|strong="H7200" and|strong="H0430" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" rainbow|strong="H7198" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" clouds|strong="H6051", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" continues forever|strong="H5769". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" between|strong="H0996" me|strong="H5315" and|strong="H0430" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" thing|strong="H3605" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776".

17 So|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Noah|strong="H5146", " This|strong="H2063" rainbow is|strong="H0834" proof of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3605" with|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" living|strong="H1320" things|strong="H3605" on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776".

#### Problems Begin Again|strong="H6965"

18 Noah's|strong="H5146" sons|strong="H1121" came|strong="H1961" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H4480" boat with|strong="H0001" him|strong="H1931". Their|strong="H1961" names were|strong="H1961" Shem|strong="H8035", Ham|strong="H2526", and|strong="H1121" Japheth|strong="H3315". ( Ham|strong="H2526" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H4480" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1121" Canaan|strong="H3667".) 19 These|strong="H0428" three|strong="H7969" men|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Noah's|strong="H5146" sons|strong="H1121". And|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776" came from|strong="H1121" these|strong="H0428" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121".

20 Noah|strong="H5146" became a|strong="H5193" farmer|strong="H0127" and|strong="H0376" planted|strong="H5193" a|strong="H5193" vineyard|strong="H3754". 21 One|strong="H4480" day Noah made|strong="H7937" some|strong="H4480" wine|strong="H3196". He|strong="H4480" got drunk|strong="H7937", went|strong="H1540" into|strong="H1540" his|strong="H1540" tent|strong="H0168", and|strong="H8354" took off|strong="H1540" all|strong="H4480"

his|strong="H1540" clothes. 22 Ham|strong="H2526", the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H0001" Canaan|strong="H3667", saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" his|strong="H7200" father|strong="H0001" was|strong="H0001" naked and|strong="H0001" told|strong="H5046" his|strong="H7200" brothers|strong="H0251" who|strong="H0251" were|strong="H8147" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0853" tent. 23 Shem|strong="H8035" and|strong="H0001" Japheth|strong="H3315" took|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" robe, put|strong="H7760" it|strong="H7760" across|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3947" shoulders|strong="H7926", and|strong="H0001" walked backward|strong="H0322" into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tent. Then|strong="H3947" they|strong="H5921" covered|strong="H3680" their|strong="H3947" father|strong="H0001" without|strong="H3808" looking|strong="H7200" at|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921".

24 Later, Noah|strong="H5146" woke|strong="H3364" up|strong="H0853". ( He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" sleeping because|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" wine|strong="H3196".) When|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" learned|strong="H3045" what|strong="H0834" his|strong="H0834" youngest|strong="H6996" son|strong="H1121" Ham had|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" to|strong="H1121" him|strong="H0853", 25 he|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559",

" May|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" curse|strong="H0779" on|strong="H1961" Canaan|strong="H3667"! "

May|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" slave|strong="H5650" to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H1961" brothers|strong="H0251". "

26 Noah also|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " May|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Shem|strong="H8035", be|strong="H1961" praised|strong="H1288"! "

May|strong="H1961" Canaan|strong="H3667" be|strong="H1961" Shem's slave|strong="H5650".

27 May|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430" give|strong="H1961" more land to|strong="H1961" Japheth|strong="H3315".

May|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H0430" Shem's tents|strong="H0168",

I CANAAN Ham's son. The people of Canaan lived along the coast of Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria. Later, God gave this land to the Israelites.

and **may** **Canaan** **be** **their** **slave**.  
 28 After **the** **flood** **Noah** **lived** **350 years**.  
 He **lived** **950 years**;  
 then **he** **died**.

### Nations Grow and Spread

10 This **is** **the** **history** **of** **the** **families** **of** **Shem**, **Ham**, **and** **Japheth**.  
 They **are** **Noah's** **sons**.  
 These **men** **had** **children** **after** **the** **flood**.

### Japheth's Descendants

2 Japheth's **sons** **were** **Gomer**, **Magog**, **Madai**, **Javan**, **Tubal**, **Meshech**, **and** **Tiras**.  
 3 Gomer's **sons** **were** **Ashkenaz**, **Riphath**, **and** **Togarmah**.  
 4 Javan's **sons** **were** **Elishah**, **Tarshish**, **Kittim**, **and** **Dodanim**.  
 5 All **the** **people** **who** **lived** **in** **the** **area** **around** **the** **Mediterranean Sea** **came** **from** **these** **sons** **of** **Japheth**. **The** **people** **separated** **and** **went** **to** **different countries** **according** **to** **languages**, **families**, **and** **nations**.

I DODANIM Or "Rodanim, the people of Rhodes."

### Ham's Descendants

6 Ham's **sons** **were** **Cush**, **Mizraim**, **Put**, **and** **Canaan**.  
 7 Cush's **sons** **were** **Seba**, **Havilah**, **Sabtah**, **Raamah**, **and** **Sabteca**.  
 Raamah's **sons** **were** **Sheba** **and** **Dedan**.  
 8 Cush **also** **had** **a** **son** **named** **Nimrod** **who** **became** **a** **very powerful** **man** **on** **the** **earth**.  
 He **was** **a** **great** **hunter** **before** **the** **LORD**.  
 That **is** **why** **the** **people** **compare** **other men** **to** **him** **and** **say**, **"That** **man** **is** **like** **Nimrod**, **a** **great** **hunter** **before** **the** **LORD**."  
 10 Nimrod's **kingdom** **spread** **from** **Babylon** **to** **Erech**, **to** **Akkad**, **and** **then** **to** **Calneh** **in** **the** **land** **of** **Babylonia**.  
 11 Nimrod **also** **went** **into** **Assyria**.  
 In **Assyria**, **Nimrod** **built** **the** **cities** **of** **Nineveh**, **Rehoboth**, **Ir**, **Calah**, **and** **Resen**.  
 ( **Resen** **is** **the** **city** **between** **Nineveh** **and** **Calah**, **the** **big city**.)

II CUSH Another name for Ethiopia. III MIZRAIM Another name for Egypt. Also in verse 13.

<sup>13</sup> Mizraim *was* the *father* of *Lud*, *Lehab*, <sup>14</sup> *Pathrus*, *Casluh*, and *Casluh* *father* of *Lud* *came* *Casluh* *father* of *Hittites*, <sup>16</sup> *Je-*  
*busites*, *Amorites*, *Girgashites*, *Hivites*, *Arkites*, *Sinites*, <sup>18</sup> *Ar-*  
*vadites*, *Zemarites*, and *Hamathites*.  
The *families* of *Canaan* spread to *different parts* of the *world*.<sup>19</sup> The *land* where the *Canaanites* lived went *from Sidon* down along *the coast* to *Gerar* from *Gaza* as *far east* as *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* and *Admah* and *Zeboim* as *far north* as *Laish*.

<sup>20</sup> All these *people* were *descendants* of *Ham*. They *are* arranged by *families*, *languages*, *countries*, and *nations*.

#### Shem's Descendants

<sup>21</sup> *Shem* *was* *Japheth's* *older brother*.

*of Shem's* *descendants* *Eber*, the *father* of *all* *Hebrew people*.

<sup>22</sup> *Shem's* *sons*

were *Elam*, *Asshur*, *Arphaxad*, *Lud*, and *Aram*.

<sup>23</sup> *Aram's* *sons*

were *Uz*, *Hul*, and *Mash*.

<sup>24</sup> *Arphaxad* *was* the *father* of *Shelah*. *Shelah* *was* the *father* of *Eber*.

<sup>25</sup> *Eber* *was* the *father*

of *two* *sons*. One *son* named *Peleg*. He *was* given *this* *name* because *the* *earth* *was* *divided* during *his* *life*. The *other* *son* *was* named *Joktan*.

<sup>26</sup> *Joktan* *was* the *father*

of *Almodad*, *Sheleph*, *Hazarmaveth*, *Jerah*,

<sup>27</sup> *Hadoram*,

*Uzal*, *Diklah*,

*Obal*, *Abimael*,

*Sheba*, *Ophir*,

*Havilah*, and *Jobab*. All *these*

*people* *were*

*Joktan's*

*sons*.<sup>30</sup> They

lived *in*

the *area* between

*Mesha* and

the *hill*

*country* *in*

I ONE ... HEBREW PEOPLE Literally, "To Shem was born the father of Eber's sons." II PELEG This name means "division."

the|strong="H0935" East|strong="H6924".<sup>1</sup> Me-sha|strong="H4852" was|strong="H1961" to-ward|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" coun-try|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Sephar|strong="H5611".

<sup>31</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0776" people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0776" fami-ly|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" Shem|strong="H8035". They|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" arranged by|strong="H0776" families|strong="H4940", languages|strong="H3956", countries|strong="H0776", and|strong="H1121" na-tions|strong="H1471".

<sup>32</sup> This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0310" list of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0310" families|strong="H4940" from|strong="H1121" Noah's|strong="H5146" sons|strong="H1121". They|strong="H0310" are|strong="H0428" arranged accord-ing|strong="H0310" to|strong="H0776" their|strong="H0310" nations|strong="H1471". From|strong="H1121" these|strong="H0428" fami-lies|strong="H4940" came all|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0310" people|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" spread|strong="H6504" across the|strong="H0310" earth|strong="H0776" af-ter|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0310" flood|strong="H3999".

### The Tower of Babel

**11** There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" time|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" world|strong="H0776" spoke|strong="H1697" one|strong="H0259" lan-guage|strong="H8193". Everyone|strong="H3605" used|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0259" words|strong="H1697".<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H1961" people|strong="H3427" be-gan|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" move|strong="H5265" from|strong="H5265" the|strong="H1961" East|strong="H6924". They|strong="H8033" found|strong="H4672" a|strong="H1961" plain|strong="H1237" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H1961" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Babylonia and|strong="H0776" stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033" to|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3427".<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" each|strong="H0376" oth-er|strong="H7453", "Let's make|strong="H3835" some|strong="H0376" bricks|strong="H3843" of|strong="H0376" clay and|strong="H0376" bake them|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> EAST This usually means the area between the Tigris and Eu-phrates rivers as far east as the Persian Gulf. Also in 11:2.

the|strong="H0559" fire|strong="H8316". Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H0376" used|strong="H1961" these bricks|strong="H3843" as|strong="H1961" stones|strong="H0068", and|strong="H0376" they|strong="H0376" used|strong="H1961" tar|strong="H2564" as|strong="H1961" mortar.

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" peo-ple|strong="H0776" said|strong="H0559", "Let's build|strong="H1129" ourselves|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H0776" a|strong="H1129" tow-er|strong="H4026" that|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" reach to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" sky|strong="H8064". Then|strong="H6213" we|strong="H6435" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H8034" fa-mous|strong="H8034". This|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" keep|strong="H6213" us|strong="H5921" together|strong="H5921" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3605" we|strong="H6435" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H6435" be|strong="H8034" scat-tered|strong="H6327" all|strong="H3605" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776"."

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" tower|strong="H4026".<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "These|strong="H2088" peo-ple|strong="H5971" all|strong="H3605" speak|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0259" language|strong="H8193". And|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" see|strong="H2005" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H0834" joined to-gether|strong="H0259" to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088" work. This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" on-ly|strong="H0259" the|strong="H3605" begin-ning|strong="H2490" of|strong="H3068" what|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992" can|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213". Soon|strong="H6258" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" any-thing|strong="H3605" they|strong="H1992" want.<sup>7</sup> Let's go|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" and|strong="H0376" confuse their|strong="H8085" language|strong="H8193". Then|strong="H8085" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" understand|strong="H8085" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453"."

<sup>8</sup> So people stopped building the city, and the LORD scattered them over the earth.<sup>9</sup> That is the place where the LORD confused the language of the whole world. That is why it is called Babel.<sup>1</sup> And it was there the LORD caused the people to spread out all the other places on earth.

#### The History of Shem's Family

<sup>10</sup> This is the history of Shem's family. Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, his son Arphaxad was born.<sup>11</sup> After that, Shem lived 500 years. He had other sons and daughters.

<sup>12</sup> When Arphaxad was 35 years old, his son Shelah was born.<sup>13</sup> After that, Shelah was born. Arphaxad lived 403 years. During that

time he had other sons and daughters.

<sup>14</sup> After Shelah was 30 years old, his son Eber was born.<sup>15</sup> After that, Eber was born. Shelah lived 403 years. During that time he had other sons and daughters.

<sup>16</sup> After Eber was 34 years old, his son Peleg was born.<sup>17</sup> After Peleg was born, Eber lived 430 years. During that time he had other sons and daughters.

<sup>18</sup> After Peleg was 30 years old, his son Reu was born.<sup>19</sup> After Reu was born, Peleg lived 209 years. During that time he had other sons and daughters.

<sup>20</sup> After Reu was 32 years old, his son Serug was born.<sup>21</sup> After Serug was born, Reu lived 207 years. During that time he had other sons and daughters.

<sup>22</sup> After Serug was 30 years old, his son Na-

<sup>1</sup> BABEL Or "Babylon." This is like a word meaning "confuse."

hor|strong="H5152" was|strong="H8141" born|strong="H3205".<sup>23</sup> After|strong="H0310" Nahor|strong="H5152" was|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205", Serug|strong="H8286" lived|strong="H2421" another 200 years|strong="H8141". During that|strong="H8141" time|strong="H8141" he|strong="H0310" had|strong="H3205" other|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".

<sup>24</sup> After|strong="H8141" Nahor|strong="H5152" was|strong="H8141" 29 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141", his|strong="H3205" son Terah|strong="H8646" was|strong="H8141" born|strong="H3205".<sup>25</sup> After|strong="H0310" Terah|strong="H8646" was|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205", Nahor|strong="H5152" lived|strong="H2421" another 119 years|strong="H8141". During that|strong="H8141" time|strong="H8141" he|strong="H0310" had|strong="H3205" other|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".

<sup>26</sup> After|strong="H8141" Terah|strong="H8646" was|strong="H0087" 70 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141", his|strong="H0087" sons|strong="H3205" Abram|strong="H0087", Nahor|strong="H5152", and|strong="H8141" Haran|strong="H2039" were|strong="H3205" born|strong="H3205".

#### The|strong="H0853" History of|strong="H3205" Terah's Family

<sup>27</sup> This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0853" history|strong="H8435" of|strong="H3205" Terah's family. Terah|strong="H8646" was|strong="H0087" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H3205" of|strong="H3205" Abram|strong="H0087", Nahor|strong="H5152", and|strong="H0853" Haran|strong="H2039". Haran|strong="H2039" was|strong="H0087" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H3205" of|strong="H3205" Lot|strong="H3876".<sup>28</sup> Haran|strong="H2039" died|strong="H4191" in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" hometown, Ur of|strong="H0776" Babylonia|strong="H3778",<sup>1</sup> while|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" Terah|strong="H8646" was|strong="H0776" still alive.<sup>29</sup> Abram|strong="H0087" and|strong="H0802" Nahor|strong="H5152" both married|strong="H3947". Abram's|strong="H0087" wife|strong="H0802" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Sarai|strong="H8297". Nahor's|strong="H5152" wife|strong="H0802" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Milcah|strong="H4435". Mil-

<sup>1</sup> UR OF BABYLONIA Literally, "Ur of the Chaldeans." A city in southern Babylonia. Also in verse 31.

ah|strong="H4435" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3947" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323" Haran|strong="H2039". Haran|strong="H2039" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3947" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1323" Milcah|strong="H4435" and|strong="H0802" Iscah|strong="H3252".<sup>30</sup> Sarai|strong="H8297" did not|strong="H0369" have|strong="H1961" any|strong="H0369" children|strong="H2056" because she was|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" able to|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" children|strong="H2056".

<sup>31</sup> Terah|strong="H8646" took|strong="H3947" his|strong="H3947" family and|strong="H1121" left|strong="H3318" Ur of|strong="H1121" Babylonia|strong="H3778". They|strong="H8033" planned to|strong="H0935" travel to|strong="H0935" Canaan|strong="H3667". Terah|strong="H8646" took|strong="H3947" his|strong="H3947" son|strong="H1121" Abram|strong="H0087", his|strong="H3947" grandson|strong="H1121" Lot|strong="H3876" (Haran's son|strong="H1121"), and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3947" daughter-in-law|strong="H3618" Sarai|strong="H8297" (Abram's|strong="H0087" wife|strong="H0802"). They|strong="H8033" traveled|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H1121" Haran|strong="H2039" and|strong="H1121" decided to|strong="H0935" stay|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033".<sup>32</sup> Terah|strong="H8646" lived|strong="H1961" to|strong="H4191" be|strong="H1961" 205 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H8141". He|strong="H3117" died|strong="H4191" in|strong="H8141" Haran|strong="H2771".

#### God Calls Abram

**12** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Abram|strong="H0087", "Leave your|strong="H3068" country|strong="H0776" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0834". Leave your|strong="H3068" father's|strong="H0001" family|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" go to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" country|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834".<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H1288" will|strong="H1961" build a|strong="H1961" great|strong="H1419" nation|strong="H1471" from|strong="H1961" you|strong="H6213".

I|strong="H1288" will|strong="H1961" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H6213" and|strong="H1419" make|strong="H6213" your|strong="H1961" name|strong="H8034" famous|strong="H8034".

People |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1961" use |strong="H1961" your |strong="H1961" name |strong="H8034"

to |strong="H1961" bless |strong="H1288" other people |strong="H1471".

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H1288" will |strong="H0127" bless |strong="H1288" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H3605",

and |strong="H3605" I |strong="H1288" will |strong="H0127" curse |strong="H7043" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" curse |strong="H7043" you |strong="H3605".

I |strong="H1288" will |strong="H0127" use you |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3605" bless |strong="H1288"

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H4940" on |strong="H0127" earth |strong="H0127"."

#### Abram Goes to |strong="H3605" Canaan

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H3318" Abram |strong="H0087" left |strong="H3318" Haran |strong="H2771" just |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696", and |strong="H1121" Lot |strong="H3876" went |strong="H3318" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0413".

Abram |strong="H0087" was |strong="H0834" 75 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" left |strong="H3318" Haran |strong="H2771". <sup>5</sup>

He |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3605" wife |strong="H0802" Sarai |strong="H8297", his |strong="H3605" nephew |strong="H0251" Lot |strong="H3876", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" slaves |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0251" things |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" gotten in |strong="H0935" Haran |strong="H2771".

Then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" group moved |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Canaan |strong="H3667". <sup>6</sup>

Abram |strong="H0087" traveled |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H5704" land |strong="H0776" as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" town of |strong="H0776" Shechem |strong="H7927" and |strong="H0776" then |strong="H0227" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" big tree at |strong="H0776" Moreh |strong="H4176". The |strong="H5704" Canaanites |strong="H3669" were |strong="H0776" living in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5704"

land |strong="H0776" at |strong="H0776" that |strong="H5704" time |strong="H0227".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" <sup>I</sup> to |strong="H0413" Abram |strong="H0087" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H2233"."

Abram |strong="H0087" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0413" honor the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" who |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" there |strong="H8033". <sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H3068" he |strong="H8033" left |strong="H8033" that |strong="H3068" place |strong="H8033" and |strong="H3068" traveled to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" mountains |strong="H2022" east |strong="H6924" of |strong="H3068" Bethel |strong="H1008". He |strong="H8033" set |strong="H1129" up |strong="H1129" his |strong="H3068" tent |strong="H0168" there |strong="H8033". Bethel |strong="H1008" was |strong="H8034" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" west |strong="H3220", and |strong="H3068" Ai |strong="H5857" <sup>II</sup> was |strong="H8034" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" east |strong="H6924". Abram built |strong="H1129" another altar |strong="H4196" at |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" place |strong="H8033" to |strong="H3068" honor |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H8033" worshiped |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" there |strong="H8033". <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H1980" he |strong="H1980" moved |strong="H1980" on |strong="H1980" toward |strong="H1980" the |strong="H1980" Negev |strong="H5045", stopping for a |strong="H1980" time at |strong="H1980" several places on |strong="H1980" the |strong="H1980" way |strong="H1980".

#### Abram |strong="H0087" in |strong="H1980" Egypt

<sup>10</sup> During |strong="H1961" this |strong="H3588" time |strong="H1961" there |strong="H8033" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H1961" enough food in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776", so |strong="H1961" Abram |strong="H0087" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H1961" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H1961"

<sup>I</sup> THE LORD APPEARED God often used special shapes so that people could see him. Sometimes he was like a man, an angel, a fire, or a bright light. <sup>II</sup> Ai The name of this town means "the ruins."

live |strong="H1481". <sup>11</sup> Just |strong="H0834" before |strong="H0413" they |strong="H0834" arrived |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714", Abram told |strong="H0559" Sarai |strong="H8297", " Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" very |strong="H3045" beautiful |strong="H3303" woman |strong="H0802". <sup>12</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Egyptian |strong="H4713" men |strong="H0559" see |strong="H7200" you |strong="H3588", they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" say |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H2063" woman |strong="H0802" is |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" wife |strong="H0802"! Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" kill |strong="H2026" me |strong="H7200" and |strong="H0802" keep |strong="H7200" you |strong="H3588" alive |strong="H2421" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" want you |strong="H3588". <sup>13</sup> So |strong="H4616" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H3190" that |strong="H4616" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" my |strong="H0559" sister |strong="H0269". Then |strong="H4616" they |strong="H0559" will |strong="H5315" be |strong="H4994" good |strong="H3190" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H4994" because |strong="H4616" of |strong="H5315" you |strong="H0859". In |strong="H5315" this |strong="H4616" way you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H5315" save |strong="H5315" my |strong="H0559" life |strong="H5315"."

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H1961" when |strong="H3588" Abram |strong="H0087" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714", the |strong="H0853" Egyptian |strong="H4713" men saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" Sarai was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" very |strong="H3966" beautiful |strong="H3303" woman |strong="H0802". <sup>15</sup> Even |strong="H0853" some of |strong="H1004" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" officials |strong="H8269" noticed |strong="H7200" her |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1004" told |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" how beautiful she was |strong="H0802". So |strong="H3947" they |strong="H7200" took |strong="H3947" her |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" house |strong="H1004". <sup>16</sup> Pharaoh was |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H1961" Abram |strong="H0087" because |strong="H5668" he |strong="H1241" thought Abram |strong="H0087" was |strong="H1961" Sarai's brother. He |strong="H1241" gave |strong="H1961" Abram |strong="H0087" sheep |strong="H6629", cat-

tle |strong="H1241", donkeys |strong="H2543", camels |strong="H1581", and |strong="H5650" men |strong="H5650" and |strong="H5650" women |strong="H8198" servants |strong="H5650".

<sup>17</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" took |strong="H0853" Abram's |strong="H0087" wife |strong="H0802", so |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H1697" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" people in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004" to |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1697" very |strong="H1419" bad diseases |strong="H5061". <sup>18</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" called |strong="H7121" Abram |strong="H0087" and |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5046", " You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" done |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3588" very bad thing |strong="H2063" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5046"! Why |strong="H4100" didn't |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3588" tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H5046" Sarai was |strong="H1931" your |strong="H3588" wife |strong="H0802"? <sup>19</sup> You |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559", ' She |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" my |strong="H3947" sister |strong="H0269"! Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0853" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H1931"? I |strong="H2009" took |strong="H3947" her |strong="H3947" so |strong="H3947" that |strong="H1931" she |strong="H1931" could |strong="H4100" be |strong="H1931" my |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802", but |strong="H2009" now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H2009" give |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802" back |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0853". Take |strong="H3947" her |strong="H3947" and |strong="H0802" go |strong="H2009"! <sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" commanded |strong="H6680" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H5921" lead Abram out |strong="H7971" of |strong="H0376" Egypt. So |strong="H7971" Abram and |strong="H7971" his |strong="H3605" wife |strong="H0802" left that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H3605" and |strong="H7971" took |strong="H0853" everything |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853".

#### Abram Returns to Canaan

**13** So |strong="H5927" Abram |strong="H0087" left |strong="H5927" Egypt |strong="H4714". He |strong="H0834" traveled through |strong="H3605"



the |strong="H3605" Negev |strong="H5045" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H3605" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H4714" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" owned. Lot |strong="H3876" was |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H5927".<sup>2</sup> At |strong="H3701" this time Abram |strong="H0087" was |strong="H0087" very |strong="H3966" rich |strong="H3513". He had |strong="H0087" many animals and |strong="H3701" much |strong="H3966" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" gold |strong="H2091".

<sup>3</sup> Abram continued |strong="H1961" traveling around |strong="H0996". He |strong="H0834" left |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" Negev |strong="H5045" and |strong="H0833" went |strong="H1961" back to |strong="H5704" Bethel |strong="H1008". He |strong="H0834" went |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0834" city of |strong="H0168" Bethel |strong="H1008" and |strong="H0833" Ai |strong="H5857",<sup>1</sup> where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0833" his |strong="H1961" family |strong="H0168" had |strong="H0834" camped before |strong="H5704".<sup>4</sup> This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" where |strong="H0834" Abram |strong="H0087" had |strong="H3068" built |strong="H6213" an |strong="H0833" altar |strong="H4196" earlier |strong="H7223". So |strong="H6213" he |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" there |strong="H0833".

#### Abram |strong="H0087" and |strong="H3068" Lot Separate

<sup>5</sup> During |strong="H1961" this time |strong="H1961" Lot |strong="H3876" was |strong="H1961" also |strong="H1571" traveling |strong="H1980" with |strong="H0854" Abram |strong="H0087". Lot |strong="H3876" had |strong="H1961" many animals |strong="H1961" and |strong="H1980" tents |strong="H0168".<sup>6</sup> Abram and |strong="H0776" Lot had |strong="H1961" so |strong="H1961" many |strong="H7227" animals |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" could |strong="H3201" not |strong="H3808" support |strong="H5375" both |strong="H3162" of |strong="H0776" them |strong="H0853" together |strong="H3162".<sup>7</sup> ( The |strong="H0996" Canaanites |strong="H3669" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0996" Perizzites |strong="H6522" were |strong="H1961" also living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" this

land |strong="H0776" at |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0996" same time |strong="H0227".) The |strong="H0996" shepherds |strong="H7473" of |strong="H0776" Abram |strong="H0087" and |strong="H0776" Lot |strong="H3876" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" argue.

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H1961" Abram |strong="H0087" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Lot |strong="H3876", " There |strong="H1961" should |strong="H0376" be |strong="H1961" no |strong="H0408" arguing between |strong="H0996" you |strong="H3588" and |strong="H0376" me |strong="H0413" or |strong="H0408" between |strong="H0996" your |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0376" my |strong="H1961" people |strong="H0376". We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0376" all |strong="H0376" brothers |strong="H0251".<sup>9</sup> We |strong="H0518" should |strong="H0518" separate |strong="H6504". You |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518" choose any |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0518" want. If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" go |strong="H8041" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" left |strong="H8040", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0776" go |strong="H8041" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H3225". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" go |strong="H8041" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H3225", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0776" go |strong="H8041" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" left |strong="H8040"."

<sup>10</sup> Lot |strong="H3876" looked |strong="H7200" and |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" Valley |strong="H3603". He |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" there |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" much |strong="H3605" water there |strong="H3068". ( This |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H7843" Sodom |strong="H5467" and |strong="H0935" Gomorrah |strong="H6017". At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" time the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" Valley |strong="H3603" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0935" Zoar |strong="H6820" was |strong="H3068" like |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Garden |strong="H1588". This |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" good land |strong="H0776", like |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".) <sup>11</sup> So |strong="H5921"

<sup>1</sup> At The name of this town means "the ruins."

Lot|strong="H3876" chose|strong="H0977" to|strong="H5921" live|strong="H0977" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" Valley|strong="H3603". The|strong="H3605" two men|strong="H0376" separated|strong="H6504", and|strong="H0376" Lot|strong="H3876" began traveling|strong="H5265" east|strong="H6924".<sup>12</sup> Abram|strong="H0087" stayed|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5704" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667", and|strong="H0776" Lot|strong="H3876" lived|strong="H3427" among|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5704" cities|strong="H5892" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5704" valley|strong="H3603". Lot|strong="H3876" moved|strong="H0167" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H0776" made his|strong="H0087" camp there|strong="H3427".<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" knew that|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Sodom|strong="H5467" were|strong="H0376" very|strong="H3966" evil|strong="H7451" sinners|strong="H2400".

<sup>14</sup> After|strong="H0310" Lot|strong="H3876" left|strong="H8033", the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Abram|strong="H0087", "Look|strong="H7200" around|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0859". Look|strong="H7200" north|strong="H6828", south|strong="H5045", east|strong="H6924", west|strong="H3220".<sup>15</sup> All|strong="H3605" this|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" see|strong="H7200" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5704" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" live after|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859". This|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" forever|strong="H5769".<sup>16</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H7760" your|strong="H7760" people|strong="H0376" so|strong="H0834" many that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H1571" like|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" dust|strong="H6083" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776". If|strong="H0518" people|strong="H0376" could|strong="H3201" count|strong="H4487" all|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" particles of|strong="H0776" dust|strong="H6083" on|strong="H0776"

earth|strong="H0776", they|strong="H0834" could|strong="H3201" count|strong="H4487" your|strong="H7760" people|strong="H0376".<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H1980" go|strong="H1980". Walk|strong="H1980" through|strong="H1980" your|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776". I|strong="H3588" now|strong="H3588" give|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1980" you|strong="H3588"."

<sup>18</sup> So|strong="H0834" Abram|strong="H0087" moved|strong="H0167" his|strong="H3068" tents|strong="H0167". He|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" live|strong="H3427" near|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0834" big trees of|strong="H3068" Mamre|strong="H4471". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" near|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0834" city of|strong="H3068" Hebron|strong="H2275". There|strong="H8033" he|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" altar|strong="H4196" to|strong="H0935" honor the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068".

#### Lot Is Captured

**14** Amraphel|strong="H0569" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3117" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylonia, Arioch|strong="H0746" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3117" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Ellasar|strong="H0495", Kedorlaomer|strong="H3540" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3117" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Elam|strong="H5867", and|strong="H4428" Tidal|strong="H8413" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3117" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Goiim|strong="H1471".<sup>2</sup> All these|strong="H1931" kings|strong="H4428" fought|strong="H0854" a|strong="H4428" war|strong="H4421" against|strong="H0854" King|strong="H4428" Bera|strong="H1298" of|strong="H4428" Sodom|strong="H5467": King|strong="H4428" Birsha|strong="H1306" of|strong="H4428" Gomorrah|strong="H6017", King|strong="H4428" Shinab|strong="H8134" of|strong="H4428" Admah|strong="H0126", King|strong="H4428" Shebeber|strong="H8038" of|strong="H4428" Zeboim|strong="H6636", and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0854" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Bela|strong="H1106". (Bela|strong="H1106" is|strong="H1931" also|strong="H4428" called Zoar|strong="H6820".)

<sup>3</sup> All|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" kings joined|strong="H2266" their|strong="H3605" armies in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Valley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H6010" Siddim|strong="H7708". (The|strong="H3605" Val-

ley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H6010" Sid-dim|strong="H7708" is|strong="H1931" now the|strong="H3605" Salt|strong="H4417" Sea|strong="H3220".) <sup>4</sup> These kings had|strong="H0853" served|strong="H5647" Kedorlaomer|strong="H3540" for|strong="H8141" twelve|strong="H6240" years|strong="H8141". But|strong="H5647" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" 13th year|strong="H8141", they|strong="H8141" all rebelled|strong="H4775" against|strong="H4775" him|strong="H0853". <sup>5</sup> So|strong="H0834" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" 14th year|strong="H8141", King|strong="H4428" Kedorlaomer|strong="H3540" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H5221" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H0854" them|strong="H0853". Kedorlaomer|strong="H3540" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H5221" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Rephaites|strong="H7497" in|strong="H8141" Ashteroth Karnaim. They|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Zuzites in|strong="H8141" Ham|strong="H1990". They|strong="H0834" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Emites in|strong="H8141" Shaveh|strong="H7740" Kiriathaim|strong="H7156". <sup>6</sup> And|strong="H2022" they|strong="H0834" defeated the|strong="H0853" Horites|strong="H2752" who|strong="H0834" lived in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" area|strong="H2022" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Seir|strong="H8165"<sup>I</sup> to|strong="H5704" El Paran. <sup>II</sup> (El Paran is|strong="H0834" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057".) <sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H0853" King Kedorlaomer turned|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725", went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" En Mishpat ( that|strong="H3605" is|strong="H1931", Kadesh|strong="H6946"), and|strong="H0935" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" Amalekites|strong="H6003". He|strong="H1931" also|strong="H1571" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" Amorites|strong="H0567" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Hazezon Tamar. <sup>8</sup> At|strong="H4421" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3318" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Sodom|strong="H5467", Gomorrah|strong="H6017", Admah|strong="H0126", Zeboiim|strong="H6636",

I SEIR Or "Edom." II EL PARAN Probably the town Elath, at the southern tip of Israel near the Red Sea.

and|strong="H4428" Bela|strong="H1106" ( Zoar|strong="H6820") joined|strong="H0854" together|strong="H0854" to|strong="H4428" fight|strong="H4421" against|strong="H0854" their|strong="H3318" enemies in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3318" Valley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H4428" Siddim|strong="H7708". <sup>III</sup>9 They|strong="H4428" fought|strong="H0854" against|strong="H0854" King|strong="H4428" Kedorlaomer|strong="H3540" of|strong="H4428" Elam|strong="H5867", King|strong="H4428" Tidal|strong="H8413" of|strong="H4428" Goiim|strong="H1471", King|strong="H4428" Amraphel|strong="H0569" of|strong="H4428" Babylonia, and|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Arioch|strong="H0746" of|strong="H4428" El-lasar|strong="H0495". So there were|strong="H1471" four|strong="H0702" kings|strong="H4428" fighting against|strong="H0854" five|strong="H2568".

<sup>10</sup> There|strong="H8033" were|strong="H2022" many holes filled with|strong="H4428" tar|strong="H2564" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H8033" Valley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H4428" Siddim|strong="H7708". When|strong="H5127" the|strong="H8033" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H4428" Gomorrah|strong="H6017" and|strong="H4428" their|strong="H8033" armies ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5307", some|strong="H8033" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H8033" soldiers fell|strong="H5307" into|strong="H5307" these holes, but|strong="H4428" the|strong="H8033" others ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5307" to|strong="H8033" the|strong="H8033" mountains|strong="H2022".

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H3947" Kedorlaomer and|strong="H5467" his|strong="H3605" armies took|strong="H3947" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H3605" Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H5467" Gomorrah|strong="H6017" owned. They|strong="H3605" took|strong="H3947" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" food|strong="H0400" and|strong="H5467" clothing and|strong="H5467" left. <sup>12</sup> Lot|strong="H3876", the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Abram's|strong="H0087" brother|strong="H0251", was|strong="H1931" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Sodom|strong="H5467", and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H1931" captured|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0853". They|strong="H1931" also|strong="H0853" took|strong="H3947" everything he|strong="H1931" owned and|strong="H1121" left|strong="H3427". <sup>13</sup> One|strong="H1931"

III VALLEY OF SIDDIM The valley or plain along the eastern or southeastern side of the Dead Sea.

of|strong="H1167" the|strong="H0935" men|strong="H1167" who|strong="H1931" had|strong="H0935" escaped went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Abram|strong="H0087" the|strong="H0935" Hebrew|strong="H5680" and|strong="H0935" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H5046" what happened|strong="H0935". Abram|strong="H0087" was|strong="H1931" camped|strong="H7931" near the|strong="H0935" trees of|strong="H1167" Mamre|strong="H4471" the|strong="H0935" Amorite|strong="H0567". Mamre|strong="H4471", Eshcol|strong="H0812", and|strong="H0935" Aner|strong="H6063"<sup>14</sup> had|strong="H0935" made|strong="H5046" an|strong="H0935" agreement|strong="H1285" to|strong="H0935" help each other|strong="H0251", and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H1992" had|strong="H0935" also|strong="H0935" signed an|strong="H0935" agreement|strong="H1285" to|strong="H0935" help Abram|strong="H0087".

#### Abram|strong="H0087" Rescues Lot

<sup>14</sup> When|strong="H3588" Abram|strong="H0087" learned that|strong="H3588" Lot was|strong="H1004" captured|strong="H7617", he|strong="H3588" called all|strong="H5704" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H8085" family|strong="H1004" together. There|strong="H5704" were|strong="H3211" 318 trained|strong="H2593" soldiers|strong="H3967". He|strong="H3588" led|strong="H7617" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H2593" and|strong="H3967" chased|strong="H7291" the|strong="H0853" enemy all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H1004" Dan|strong="H1835". <sup>15</sup> That|strong="H0834" night|strong="H3915" he|strong="H0834" and|strong="H5650" his|strong="H5921" men|strong="H5650" made|strong="H5221" a|strong="H0834" surprise attack|strong="H5221" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" enemy. They|strong="H0834" defeated|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5921" and|strong="H5650" chased|strong="H7291" them|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5704" Hobah|strong="H2327", north|strong="H8040" of|strong="H5650" Damascus|strong="H1834". <sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Abram|strong="H7725" brought|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" everything|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" enemy had|strong="H0853" stolen, as|strong="H1571" well|strong="H1571" as|strong="H1571" the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802" and|strong="H7725" servants, his|strong="H3605" nephew|strong="H0251" Lot|strong="H3876",

I MAMRE ... ANER Literally, "Mamre ... was a brother of Eshcol and a brother of Aner."

and|strong="H7725" everything|strong="H3605" Lot|strong="H3876" owned.

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H3318" Abram|strong="H7725" went|strong="H3318" home|strong="H7725" after|strong="H0310" he|strong="H0834" defeated|strong="H5221" Kedorlaomer|strong="H3540" and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0413". On|strong="H0413" his|strong="H7725" way home|strong="H7725", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Sodom|strong="H5467" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" meet|strong="H7125" him|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Valley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H4428" Shaveh|strong="H7740". ( This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" now|strong="H0310" called King's|strong="H4428" Valley|strong="H6010".)

#### Melchizedek

<sup>18</sup> Melchizedek|strong="H4442", the|strong="H3318" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Salem|strong="H8004" and|strong="H4428" a|strong="H3318" priest|strong="H3548" of|strong="H4428" God|strong="H0410" Most|strong="H4428" High, also|strong="H4428" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H4428" meet|strong="H3318" Abram. He|strong="H1931" brought|strong="H3318" bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H4428" wine|strong="H3196". <sup>19</sup> He|strong="H0559" blessed|strong="H1288" Abram|strong="H0087" and|strong="H0776" said|strong="H0559", " Abram|strong="H0087", may|strong="H0776" you|strong="H1288" be|strong="H1288" blessed|strong="H1288" by|strong="H0776" God|strong="H0410" Most High, the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0410" who|strong="H0410" made|strong="H7069" heaven|strong="H8064" and|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>20</sup> And|strong="H3027" we|strong="H0834" praise|strong="H1288" God|strong="H0410" Most High,

who|strong="H0834" helped|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0834" defeat|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" enemies."

Abram gave|strong="H5414" Melchizedek|strong="H4042" one-tenth of|strong="H3027" everything|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H5414" during|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" battle. <sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Sodom|strong="H5467" told|strong="H0559" Abram|strong="H0087", "

Give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" my|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" were|strong="H5315" captured|strong="H3947". But|strong="H3947" you|strong="H5414" can|strong="H3947" keep|strong="H3947" everything else."

<sup>22</sup> But|strong="H4428" Abram|strong="H0087" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Sodom|strong="H5467", " I|strong="H0776" promise|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0410" Most|strong="H4428" High|strong="H7311", the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0410" who|strong="H3068" made|strong="H7311" heaven|strong="H8064" and|strong="H3068" earth|strong="H0776". <sup>23</sup> I|strong="H0589" promise|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" keep|strong="H3947" anything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" yours— not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H5704" a|strong="H3947" thread|strong="H2339" or|strong="H0518" a|strong="H3947" sandal|strong="H5275" strap|strong="H8288"! I|strong="H0589" don't|strong="H3808" want you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H6238" Abram|strong="H0087" rich|strong="H6238". <sup>24</sup> The|strong="H0834" only|strong="H7535" thing I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" accept|strong="H3947" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0398" that|strong="H0834" my|strong="H3947" young|strong="H5288" men|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0834" eaten|strong="H0398", but|strong="H7535" you|strong="H0834" should|strong="H0376" give|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0834" other|strong="H0376" men|strong="H0376" their|strong="H1992" share|strong="H2506". Take|strong="H3947" what|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" won in|strong="H1980" battle and|strong="H1980" give|strong="H0398" some|strong="H0376" to|strong="H1980" Aner|strong="H6063", Eshcol|strong="H0812", and|strong="H1980" Mamre|strong="H4471". These|strong="H1992" men|strong="H0376" helped me|strong="H3947" in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0834" battle."

#### God's Agreement With Abram

**15** After|strong="H0310" all|strong="H1697" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697" happened|strong="H1961", the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068"

the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Abram|strong="H0087" in|strong="H0413" a|strong="H1961" vision|strong="H4236". God|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " Abram|strong="H0087", don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H1961" afraid|strong="H3372". I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068" defend you|strong="H0310" and|strong="H3068" give|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0310" a|strong="H1961" great|strong="H3966" reward|strong="H7939"."

<sup>2</sup> But|strong="H0559" Abram|strong="H0087" said|strong="H0559", " Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136", there is|strong="H1931" nothing you|strong="H5414" can|strong="H4100" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" that|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1004" make|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" happy, because|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H1121" no|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121". My|strong="H5414" slave Eliezer|strong="H0461" from|strong="H1980" Damascus|strong="H1834" will|strong="H1004" get|strong="H1980" everything I|strong="H0595" own after|strong="H1980" I|strong="H0595" die|strong="H1980". <sup>3</sup> Abram|strong="H0087" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H5414" have|strong="H1121" given|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" no|strong="H3808" son|strong="H1121", so|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" slave born|strong="H3808" in|strong="H1004" my|strong="H5414" house|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1004" get everything I|strong="H2005" have|strong="H1121"."

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Abram and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " That|strong="H0834" slave will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H2088" to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H3318" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" son who|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" get|strong="H3318" everything|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" own|strong="H4578"."

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0559" led|strong="H3318" Abram outside|strong="H2351" and|strong="H8064" said|strong="H0559", " Look|strong="H5027" at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" sky|strong="H8064". See|strong="H5027" the|strong="H0853" many stars|strong="H3556". There|strong="H1961" are|strong="H8064" so|strong="H3541" many you|strong="H0518" cannot|strong="H3201"

count|strong="H5608" them|strong="H0853".  
Your|strong="H0518" family|strong="H2233"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0559"."

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed|strong="H0539"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068",  
and|strong="H3068" because of|strong="H3068"  
this|strong="H3068" faith|strong="H0539"  
the|strong="H3068" Lord|strong="H3068" accepted  
him|strong="H0539" as|strong="H2803"  
one|strong="H3068" who|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" done what is|strong="H3068"  
right|strong="H6666". <sup>7</sup> He|strong="H0834"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Abram, "I  
|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
who|strong="H0834" led|strong="H3318"  
you|strong="H0834" from|strong="H3318" Ur  
of|strong="H0776" Babylonia|strong="H3778". <sup>1</sup>  
I|strong="H0589" did|strong="H0834"  
this|strong="H2063" so|strong="H5414"  
that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" could  
give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834"  
this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H0776".  
You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" own  
this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H0776"."

<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H3588" Abram said|strong="H0559",  
" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136",  
how|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100"  
I|strong="H3588" be|strong="H0136"  
sure|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0136" get  
this|strong="H3588" land?"

<sup>9</sup> God|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Abram, "We will  
make|strong="H3947" an|strong="H3947" agree-  
ment. Bring|strong="H3947" me|strong="H0413"  
a|strong="H3947" three-year-old cow,  
a|strong="H3947" three-year-old  
goat|strong="H5795", a|strong="H3947" three-year-  
old ram|strong="H0352", a|strong="H3947" dove,  
and|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947"  
young|strong="H1469" pigeon|strong="H1469"."

<sup>10</sup> Abram brought|strong="H3947"  
all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428"  
to|strong="H5414" God|strong="H3808". Abram killed  
these|strong="H0428" animals and|strong="H0376"  
cut|strong="H1334" each|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H0376" them|strong="H5414" in-  
to|strong="H8432" two|strong="H3947" pieces.  
Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H3808"  
laid|strong="H5414" each|strong="H0376"  
half|strong="H1335" across from|strong="H0376"  
the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H7453"  
half|strong="H1335". He|strong="H3808"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"

<sup>1</sup> UR OF BABYLONIA Literally, "Ur of the Chaldeans." A city in southern Babylonia.

cut|strong="H1334" the|strong="H3605"  
birds|strong="H6833" into|strong="H8432"  
two|strong="H3947" pieces. <sup>11</sup> Later, large  
birds|strong="H5861" flew down|strong="H3381"  
to|strong="H3381" eat the|strong="H0853" animals,  
but|strong="H5921" Abram|strong="H0087" chased  
them|strong="H0853" away|strong="H5380".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H5921" sun|strong="H8121" be-  
gan|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0935"  
go|strong="H0935" down|strong="H5307"  
and|strong="H0935" Abram|strong="H0087" got  
very|strong="H1419" sleepy. While|strong="H1961"  
he|strong="H5921" was|strong="H1961" asleep,  
a|strong="H1961" very|strong="H1419" terri-  
ble|strong="H0367" darkness|strong="H2825"  
came|strong="H0935" over|strong="H5921"  
him|strong="H5921". <sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" Lord said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0559" Abram|strong="H0087", "You  
|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3588"  
know|strong="H3045" this|strong="H3588":  
Your|strong="H3045" descendants|strong="H2233"  
will|strong="H1961" live in|strong="H8141"  
a|strong="H1961" country|strong="H0776"  
that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0776"  
not|strong="H3808" their|strong="H3588"  
own|strong="H1961". They|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
strangers|strong="H1616" there|strong="H1961".  
The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808"  
there|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961"  
make|strong="H3045" them|strong="H0853"  
slaves|strong="H5647" and|strong="H3967"  
be|strong="H1961" cruel to|strong="H0559"  
them|strong="H0853" for|strong="H3588" 400  
years|strong="H8141". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="H1571"  
then|strong="H3318" I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" punish the|strong="H0853" na-  
tion|strong="H1471" that|strong="H0834"  
made|strong="H1571" them|strong="H0853"  
slaves|strong="H5647". Your|strong="H0834" peo-  
ple|strong="H1471" will|strong="H0834"  
leave|strong="H3318" that|strong="H0834" land,  
and|strong="H1419" they|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" take|strong="H3318"  
many|strong="H1419" good things|strong="H1419"  
with|strong="H3651" them|strong="H0853".

<sup>15</sup> " You|strong="H0859" yourself|strong="H0859"  
will|strong="H0001" live to|strong="H0413"  
be|strong="H0001" very old|strong="H7872".  
You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0001" die  
in|strong="H0935" peace|strong="H7965"  
and|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0001"  
be|strong="H0001" buried|strong="H6912"  
with|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0935" fami-  
ly|strong="H0001". <sup>16</sup> After|strong="H3588" four  
generations|strong="H1755" your|strong="H7725"  
people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808"

come |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" this |strong="H3588" land again |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725" defeat the |strong="H3588" Amorites |strong="H0567". That |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" happen in |strong="H1755" the |strong="H3588" future because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" Amorites |strong="H0567" are |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3588" guilty |strong="H5771" enough to |strong="H5704" lose their |strong="H3588" land."

<sup>17</sup> After |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" sun |strong="H8121" went |strong="H0935" down |strong="H0428", it |strong="H1961" got very |strong="H5939" dark |strong="H5939". The |strong="H0834" dead animals |strong="H1961" were |strong="H0834" still on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" ground, each animal |strong="H1961" cut into |strong="H0935" two pieces |strong="H1506". Then |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" smoking |strong="H6227" fire-pot |strong="H8574"<sup>I</sup> and |strong="H0935" a |strong="H1961" flaming |strong="H0784" torch |strong="H3940" passed |strong="H5674" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0834" halves of |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" dead animals |strong="H1961".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="H5414" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3772" a |strong="H3772" promise |strong="H1285" and |strong="H3068" an |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" Abram |strong="H0087". He |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", "I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H2233". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" between |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" River |strong="H5104" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"<sup>III</sup> and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" great |strong="H1419" river |strong="H5104" Euphrates |strong="H6578".

<sup>19</sup> This is the |strong="H0853" land of |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Kenites |strong="H7017", Kenizzites |strong="H7074", Kadmonites |strong="H6935",<sup>20</sup> Hittites |strong="H2850", Perizzites |strong="H6522",

I FIREPOT A clay pot in which burning coals were placed to be used for starting new fires. II PASSED BETWEEN ... ANIMALS This showed that God "signed" or "sealed" the agreement he made with Abram. People showed that they were sincere in making an agreement by walking between the parts of animals that had been cut into pieces and saying something like, "May this same thing happen to me if I don't keep the agreement." III RIVER OF EGYPT That is, the stream called "Wadi El-Arish."

Rephaites |strong="H7497",<sup>21</sup> Amorites |strong="H0567", Canaanites |strong="H3669", Girgashites |strong="H1622", and |strong="H0853" Jebusites |strong="H2983"."

### Hagar the Servant Girl

**16** Sarai |strong="H8297" was |strong="H8034" Abram's |strong="H0087" wife |strong="H0802", but |strong="H3808" she |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" any |strong="H0802" children |strong="H3205". She |strong="H3808" had |strong="H3205" an |strong="H4713" Egyptian |strong="H4713" slave |strong="H8198" named |strong="H8034" Hagar |strong="H1904".<sup>2</sup> Sarai |strong="H8297" told |strong="H0559" Abram |strong="H0087", "The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" not |strong="H6113" allowed |strong="H3068" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" have |strong="H3068" children |strong="H3205", so |strong="H4480" sleep with |strong="H0413" my |strong="H8085" slave |strong="H8198". Maybe |strong="H0194" she can |strong="H4994" have |strong="H3068" a |strong="H1129" son, and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H2009" will |strong="H3068" accept |strong="H8085" him |strong="H0413" as |strong="H0935" my |strong="H8085" own." Abram |strong="H0087" did what |strong="H6963" Sarai |strong="H8297" said |strong="H0559".

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H3947" after |strong="H7093" living |strong="H3427" ten |strong="H6235" years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667", Sarai |strong="H8297" gave |strong="H5414" her |strong="H3947" Egyptian |strong="H4713" slave |strong="H8198" to |strong="H5414" Abram |strong="H0087" as |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" second wife |strong="H0802".<sup>4</sup> Abram slept with |strong="H0413" Hagar |strong="H1904", and |strong="H0935" she |strong="H3588" became |strong="H7200" pregnant |strong="H2029". When |strong="H3588" Hagar |strong="H1904" realized |strong="H7200" this |strong="H3588", she |strong="H3588" became |strong="H7200" very proud |strong="H5869" and |strong="H0935" began |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" feel |strong="H5869" that |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0935" better than |strong="H3588" Sarai |strong="H1404" her |strong="H0413" owner.<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H5414" Sarai |strong="H8297" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Abram |strong="H0087", " My |strong="H5414" slave |strong="H8198" girl |strong="H8198" now |strong="H3588" hates me |strong="H0413",

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0595" blame you |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588". I |strong="H0595" gave |strong="H5414" her |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588", and |strong="H3068" she |strong="H3588" became |strong="H7200" pregnant |strong="H2029". Then |strong="H5414" she |strong="H3588" began to |strong="H0413" feel |strong="H5869" that |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" better |strong="H5921" than |strong="H5921" I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595". I |strong="H0595" want the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" judge |strong="H8199" which |strong="H5869" of |strong="H3068" us |strong="H5414" is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H5869"."

<sup>6</sup> But |strong="H2009" Abram |strong="H0087" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Sarai |strong="H8297", " She |strong="H2896" is |strong="H3027" your |strong="H6440" slave |strong="H8198". You |strong="H6440" can |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" anything you |strong="H6440" want to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413". " So |strong="H6213" Sarai |strong="H8297" was |strong="H3027" cruel to |strong="H0413" Hagar, and |strong="H3027" Hagar ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272".

#### Hagar's Son Ishmael

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H5921" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" found |strong="H4672" Hagar near |strong="H5921" a |strong="H4672" spring |strong="H5869" of |strong="H3068" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" desert |strong="H4057". The |strong="H5921" spring |strong="H5869" was |strong="H3068" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" road |strong="H1870" to |strong="H5921" Shur |strong="H7793". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0559" angel said |strong="H0559", " Hagar |strong="H1904", Sarai's |strong="H8297" slave |strong="H8198" girl |strong="H8198", why |strong="H0335" are |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440" here |strong="H2088"? Where |strong="H0335" are |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440" going |strong="H0935"? " Hagar |strong="H1904" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" running away |strong="H1272" from |strong="H0935" Sarai |strong="H8297". "

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413", " Sarai |strong="H1404" is |strong="H3068"

your |strong="H3068" owner. Go |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" obey her |strong="H0413". " <sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0853" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " From |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3068" come many |strong="H7230" people |strong="H3808"— too |strong="H3808" many |strong="H7230" people |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" count |strong="H5608". "

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559",

"Hagar, you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1121" now |strong="H2009" pregnant |strong="H2030", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121".

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" him |strong="H0413" Ishmael |strong="H3458", <sup>1</sup>

because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1121" treated badly.

<sup>12</sup> Ishmael will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" wild |strong="H6501" and |strong="H3027" free like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" wild |strong="H6501" donkey |strong="H6501".

He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" against |strong="H5921" everyone |strong="H3605",

and |strong="H3027" everyone |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1961" move from |strong="H5921" place |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" place |strong="H1961"

and |strong="H3027" camp near |strong="H6440" his |strong="H3605" brothers |strong="H0251". "

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" talked |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Hagar. She |strong="H3588" began to |strong="H0413" use a |strong="H3588" new name |strong="H8034" for |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0410". She |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0410" Who |strong="H3068" Sees |strong="H7200" Me |strong="H0413". " She |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H0559", "

<sup>1</sup> ISHMAEL This name means "God hears."



I |strong="H3588" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" even |strong="H1571" in |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3588" place |strong="H1988" God |strong="H0410" sees |strong="H7200" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" cares for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H0413"! 14 So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H5921" well |strong="H0875" there |strong="H2009" was |strong="H0875" called |strong="H7121" Beer Lahai Roi. 1 It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H3651" between |strong="H0996" Kadesh |strong="H6946" and |strong="H7121" Bered |strong="H1260".

15 Hagar |strong="H1904" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" Abram's |strong="H0087" son |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" Abram |strong="H0087" named |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0834" son |strong="H1121" Ishmael |strong="H3458". 16 Abram |strong="H0087" was |strong="H1121" 86 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" Ishmael |strong="H3458" was |strong="H1121" born |strong="H3205" from |strong="H1121" Hagar |strong="H1904".

#### Circumcision—Proof of the Agreement

17 When |strong="H1961" Abram |strong="H0087" was |strong="H1961" 99 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful. 11 Obey |strong="H1980" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1980" live |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0559" right way |strong="H1980". 2 If you |strong="H5414" do this, I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" prepare an |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285" between |strong="H0996" us |strong="H5414". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" promise |strong="H1285" to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" people a |strong="H5414" great |strong="H3966" nation."

3 Then |strong="H1696" Abram |strong="H0087" bowed |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" before |strong="H6440" God |strong="H0430". God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5921", 4 " This |strong="H2009" is |strong="H2009" my |strong="H1961" part of |strong="H0001" our |strong="H1961" agreement |strong="H1285": I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1961" make you |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0589" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H0001"

I BEER LAHAI ROI This means "The well of the Living One who sees me." II GOD ALL-POWERFUL Literally, "El Shaddai."

many |strong="H1995" nations |strong="H1471". 5 I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" change your |strong="H5414" name |strong="H8034" from |strong="H1961" Abram |strong="H0087" III to |strong="H1961" Abraham |strong="H0085", IV because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H1961" making |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H0001" many |strong="H1995" nations |strong="H1471". 6 I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1471" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" many descendants |strong="H3318". New nations |strong="H1471" and |strong="H4428" kings |strong="H4428" will |strong="H1471" come |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H5414". 7 And |strong="H6965" I |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0430" prepare an |strong="H1961" agreement |strong="H1285" between |strong="H0996" me |strong="H0310" and |strong="H6965" you |strong="H0853". This agreement |strong="H1285" will |strong="H0430" also |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H0430" all |strong="H1755" your |strong="H1961" descendants |strong="H2233". It |strong="H1961" will |strong="H0430" continue |strong="H1961" forever |strong="H5769". I |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" all |strong="H1755" your |strong="H1961" descendants |strong="H2233". 8 And |strong="H0430" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0430" give |strong="H5414" this |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" descendants |strong="H2233". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0430" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" you |strong="H5414" are |strong="H0776" traveling through |strong="H3605"— the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0430" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" this |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" forever |strong="H5769", and |strong="H0430" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430"."

9 Then |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Abraham |strong="H0085", " Now |strong="H0310", this

III ABRAM This name means "honored father." IV ABRAHAM This name means "great father" or "father of many."

is|strong="H0430" your|strong="H8104" part|strong="H0859" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285": You|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0430" all|strong="H1755" your|strong="H8104" descendants|strong="H2233" will|strong="H0430" obey|strong="H8104" my|strong="H8104" agreement|strong="H1285". <sup>10</sup> This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" my|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" must obey|strong="H8104". This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" between|strong="H0996" me|strong="H0310" and|strong="H1285" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H1285" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H2233". Every|strong="H3605" male|strong="H2145" must be|strong="H4135" circumcised|strong="H4135". <sup>11</sup> You|strong="H0853" will|strong="H1961" cut the|strong="H0853" skin|strong="H1320" to|strong="H1961" show|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0853" follow|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285" between|strong="H0996" me|strong="H1961" and|strong="H1285" you|strong="H0853". <sup>12</sup> When|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" baby|strong="H1121" boy|strong="H2145" is|strong="H0834" eight|strong="H8083" days|strong="H3117" old|strong="H1121", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" circumcise|strong="H4135" him|strong="H3605". Every|strong="H3605" boy|strong="H2145" born|strong="H3211" among|strong="H1755" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" every|strong="H3605" boy|strong="H2145" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" slave of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" must|strong="H1121" be|strong="H3808" circumcised|strong="H4135". <sup>13</sup> So|strong="H1961" every baby boy in|strong="H1004" your|strong="H1961" nation|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" circumcised|strong="H4135". Every boy who|strong="H3211" is|strong="H3701" born|strong="H3211" from|strong="H1961" your|strong="H1961" family|strong="H1004" or|strong="H1004" bought|strong="H4736" as|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" slave will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" circumcised|strong="H4135". <sup>14</sup> Abraham, this|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285" between you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H1285" me|strong="H5315": Any|strong="H5315" male|strong="H2145" who|strong="H0834"

is|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" circumcised|strong="H4135" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3808" cut|strong="H3772" off|strong="H3772" from|strong="H3772" his|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" <sup>I</sup> because|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" broken|strong="H6565" my|strong="H0834" agreement|strong="H1285":

#### Isaac— the|strong="H0853" Promised Son

<sup>15</sup> God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Abraham|strong="H0085", " I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" give Sarai|strong="H8297", <sup>II</sup> your|strong="H3588" wife|strong="H0802", a|strong="H3588" new name|strong="H8034". Her|strong="H0413" new name|strong="H8034" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H3808" Sarah|strong="H8283". <sup>III</sup> <sup>16</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" bless|strong="H1288" her|strong="H5414". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" a|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" father. She|strong="H1571" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" mother of|strong="H1121" many new nations|strong="H1471". Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H1961" come|strong="H1961" from|strong="H4480" her|strong="H5414":

<sup>17</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085" bowed|strong="H5307" his|strong="H5921" face|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" ground to|strong="H0559" show he|strong="H0518" respected God|strong="H0559". But|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0518" laughed|strong="H6711" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" himself|strong="H3820", " I|strong="H0518" am 100 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121". I|strong="H0518" cannot have|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3205" son|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" Sarah|strong="H8283" is|strong="H3820" 90 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121". She|strong="H0518" cannot have|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3205" child|strong="H1121":

<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Abraham|strong="H0085" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430", " I|strong="H0559" hope Ishmael|strong="H3458" will|strong="H0430"

<sup>I</sup> CUT OFF FROM HIS PEOPLE This means he must be separated from his family and lose his share of the inheritance. <sup>II</sup> SARAI A name, probably Aramaic, meaning "princess." <sup>III</sup> SARAH A Hebrew name meaning "princess."

live |strong="H2421" and |strong="H0430" serve |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440".  
 19 God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H0061", I |strong="H0310" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H7121" your |strong="H0559" wife |strong="H0802" Sarah |strong="H8283" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121". You |strong="H0853" will |strong="H0430" name |strong="H8034" him |strong="H3205" Isaac |strong="H3327". I |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0430" make |strong="H6965" my |strong="H6965" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H3205" that |strong="H7121" will |strong="H0430" continue |strong="H6965" forever |strong="H5769" with |strong="H0854" all |strong="H5769" his |strong="H7121" descendants |strong="H2233".

20 " You |strong="H5414" mentioned Ishmael |strong="H3458", and |strong="H1419" I |strong="H5414" heard |strong="H8085" you |strong="H5414". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1471" bless |strong="H1288" him |strong="H5414", and |strong="H1419" he |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1471" have |strong="H1471" many |strong="H7235" children |strong="H3205". He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1471" be |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" twelve |strong="H6240" great |strong="H1419" leaders |strong="H5387". His |strong="H5414" family will |strong="H1471" become |strong="H3205" a |strong="H5414" great |strong="H1419" nation |strong="H1471". 21 But |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" make |strong="H6965" my |strong="H0834" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" Isaac |strong="H3327", the |strong="H0853" son who |strong="H0834" Sarah |strong="H8283" will |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be born |strong="H3205" at |strong="H6965" this |strong="H2088" same |strong="H2088" time |strong="H4150" next |strong="H0312" year |strong="H8141"."

22 After |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" finished |strong="H3615" talking |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0854" Abraham |strong="H0085", God |strong="H0430" went |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" into |strong="H5921" heaven. 23 Then |strong="H1696" Abraham |strong="H0085" gathered together |strong="H0854" Ishmael |strong="H3458" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" slaves |strong="H1121" born |strong="H3211" in |strong="H0430" his |strong="H3605"

I ISAAC This name means "he laughs" or "he is happy."

house |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" gathered all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" slaves |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" bought |strong="H4736". Every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H1121" boy |strong="H2145" in |strong="H0430" Abraham's |strong="H0085" house |strong="H1004" was |strong="H0834" gathered together |strong="H0854", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" circumcised |strong="H4135". Abraham |strong="H0085" circumcised |strong="H4135" them |strong="H0853" that |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0834" told |strong="H1696" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1696" do |strong="H3605".

24 Abraham |strong="H0085" was |strong="H0085" 99 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H8141" was |strong="H0085" circumcised |strong="H4135". 25 And |strong="H1121" Ishmael |strong="H3458", his |strong="H3458" son |strong="H1121", was |strong="H1121" 13 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0853" was |strong="H1121" circumcised |strong="H4135". 26 Abraham |strong="H0085" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0085" son |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" circumcised |strong="H4135" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" same |strong="H6106" day |strong="H3117". 27 Also |strong="H0853", on |strong="H1004" that |strong="H3605" day all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H1004" Abraham's house |strong="H1004" were |strong="H1121" circumcised |strong="H4135". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" slaves |strong="H1121" born |strong="H3211" in |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" slaves |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0853" had |strong="H0376" bought |strong="H4736" were |strong="H1121" circumcised |strong="H4135".

### The Three Visitors

18 Later, the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" again appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" Abraham |strong="H0436" near the |strong="H0413" oak |strong="H0436" trees of |strong="H3068" Mamre |strong="H4471". It |strong="H1931" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" hottest part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" day |strong="H3117",

and *strong*="H3068" Abraham *strong*="H0436" was *strong*="H3068" sitting *strong*="H3427" at *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" door *strong*="H6607" of *strong*="H3068" his *strong*="H3068" tent *strong*="H0168". <sup>2</sup> He *strong*="H0376" looked *strong*="H7200" up *strong*="H5375" and *strong*="H0776" saw *strong*="H7200" three *strong*="H7969" men *strong*="H0376" standing *strong*="H5324" in *strong*="H5921" front of *strong*="H0776" him *strong*="H5921". When *strong*="H7200" he *strong*="H0376" saw *strong*="H7200" the *strong*="H5921" men *strong*="H0376", he *strong*="H0376" ran *strong*="H7323" to *strong*="H5921" them *strong*="H5921" and *strong*="H0776" bowed *strong*="H7812" before *strong*="H5869" them *strong*="H5921". <sup>3</sup> Abraham *strong*="H0559" said *strong*="H0559", "Sirs, <sup>1</sup> please *strong*="H4994" stay a *strong*="H0518" while *strong*="H5921" with *strong*="H5921" me *strong*="H4994", your *strong*="H5921" servant *strong*="H5650". <sup>4</sup> I *strong*="H8478" will *strong*="H4325" bring *strong*="H3947" some *strong*="H4592" water *strong*="H4325" to *strong*="H4325" wash *strong*="H7364" your *strong*="H3947" feet *strong*="H7272". You *strong*="H3947" can *strong*="H4994" rest *strong*="H8172" under *strong*="H8478" the *strong*="H3947" trees *strong*="H6086". <sup>5</sup> I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" get *strong*="H3947" some food *strong*="H3899" for *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H0834", and *strong*="H5650" you *strong*="H0834" can *strong*="H0834" eat as *strong*="H0834" much *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" you *strong*="H0834" want. Then *strong*="H1696" you *strong*="H0834" can *strong*="H0834" continue *strong*="H3651" your *strong*="H5921" journey."

The *strong*="H0559" three men *strong*="H5650" said *strong*="H0559", " Do *strong*="H6213" as *strong*="H0834" you *strong*="H0834" wish."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham *strong*="H0085" hurried *strong*="H4116" to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0559" tent *strong*="H0168". He *strong*="H6213" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" Sarah *strong*="H8283", " Quickly *strong*="H4116", prepare *strong*="H6213" enough *strong*="H6213" flour *strong*="H5560" for *strong*="H0413" three *strong*="H7969" loaves of *strong*="H0168" bread *strong*="H5692". <sup>7</sup> Then *strong*="H3947" Abraham *strong*="H0085" ran *strong*="H7323" to *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H5414" cattle *strong*="H1241". He *strong*="H6213" took *strong*="H3947" his *strong*="H5414" best *strong*="H2896" young *strong*="H5288" calf *strong*="H1241"

<sup>1</sup> *SIRS* This Hebrew word can mean "sirs" or "Lord." This might show that these were not ordinary men.

and *strong*="H1121" gave *strong*="H5414" it *strong*="H5414" to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0853" servant *strong*="H5288" there. He *strong*="H6213" told *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0853" servant *strong*="H5288" to *strong*="H0413" quickly *strong*="H4116" kill the *strong*="H0853" calf *strong*="H1241" and *strong*="H1121" prepare *strong*="H6213" it *strong*="H5414" for *strong*="H0413" food. <sup>8</sup> Abraham *strong*="H3947" brought *strong*="H3947" the *strong*="H6440" meat and *strong*="H1121" some milk *strong*="H2461" and *strong*="H1121" cheese *strong*="H2461" and *strong*="H1121" set *strong*="H5414" them *strong*="H5414" down *strong*="H5414" in *strong*="H5921" front *strong*="H6440" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H6440" three men *strong*="H1121". Then *strong*="H3947" he *strong*="H0834" stood *strong*="H5975" near *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H6440" men *strong*="H1121", ready to *strong*="H5921" serve *strong*="H6440" them *strong*="H5414" while *strong*="H1931" they *strong*="H0834" sat under *strong*="H8478" the *strong*="H6440" tree *strong*="H6086" and *strong*="H1121" ate *strong*="H0398".

<sup>9</sup> Then *strong*="H2009" the *strong*="H0559" men *strong*="H0559" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" Abraham *strong*="H0559", " Where *strong*="H0346" is *strong*="H2009" your *strong*="H0413" wife *strong*="H0802" Sarah *strong*="H8283"?"

Abraham *strong*="H0559" said *strong*="H0559", "She is *strong*="H2009" there *strong*="H2009", in *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0559" tent *strong*="H0168"."

<sup>10</sup> Then *strong*="H2009" one *strong*="H0802" of *strong*="H1121" them *strong*="H0413" said *strong*="H0559", " I *strong*="H2009" will *strong*="H1121" come *strong*="H7725" again *strong*="H7725" in *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0559" spring. At *strong*="H0413" that *strong*="H1931" time *strong*="H6256" your *strong*="H8085" wife *strong*="H0802" Sarah *strong*="H8283" will *strong*="H1121" have *strong*="H1121" a *strong*="H8085" son *strong*="H1121"."

Sarah *strong*="H8283" was *strong*="H1931" listening *strong*="H8085" in *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0559" tent *strong*="H0168" and *strong*="H1121" heard *strong*="H8085" these *strong*="H1931" things *strong*="H6256". <sup>11</sup> Abraham *strong*="H0085" and *strong*="H0935" Sarah *strong*="H8283" were *strong*="H1961" very old *strong*="H2205". Sarah *strong*="H8283" was *strong*="H1961" past *strong*="H2308" the *strong*="H0935" right age *strong*="H3117" for *strong*="H3117" women *strong*="H0802" to *strong*="H0935" have *strong*="H1961" children. <sup>12</sup>

So she laughed herself said am and and is I am too old have

13 Then LORD to Sarah and she too to a baby. 14 But is too for LORD will again the as said would your Sarah have son

15 Sarah I laugh said because was

Then Lord said, "No, I know that is not true. You did laugh

16 Then men up leave looked Sodom and began walking that Abraham with to them their

### Abraham's Bargain With God

17 The LORD said to himself I I am going to do now will a and all earth be because him have a with I this that would his and live way LORD to did so they live and Then the can him I 20 Then LORD I heard that of and are I see they as

I|strong="H0518" have|strong="H3045" heard|strong="H7200". Then|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" for|strong="H0413" sure|strong="H3045".

<sup>22</sup> So|strong="H5975" the|strong="H6440" men|strong="H0376" turned|strong="H6437" and|strong="H3068" started walking toward|strong="H6440" Sodom|strong="H5467" while|strong="H5750" Abraham|strong="H0085" stood|strong="H5975" there|strong="H8033" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Abraham|strong="H0085" approached|strong="H5066" him|strong="H5973" and|strong="H5066" asked|strong="H0559", "Will|strong="H6662" you|strong="H5973" destroy|strong="H5595" the|strong="H0559" good people|strong="H7563" while|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5973" are|strong="H7563" destroying those|strong="H5973" who|strong="H6662" are|strong="H7563" evil|strong="H7563"? <sup>24</sup> What|strong="H0834" if|strong="H0834" there|strong="H3426" are|strong="H0834" fifty|strong="H2572" good people|strong="H0834" in|strong="H8432" that|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892"? Will|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" still destroy|strong="H5595" it|strong="H5375"? Surely|strong="H0637" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" save the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892" for|strong="H4616" the|strong="H0834" fifty|strong="H2572" good people|strong="H0834" living there|strong="H3426". <sup>25</sup> Surely|strong="H4191" you|strong="H3605" would|strong="H3605" not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H4191" the|strong="H3605" city. You|strong="H3605" would|strong="H3605" not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H4191" fifty good people|strong="H3808" to|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H7563" evil|strong="H7563". If|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3605" happened|strong="H1961", those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H7563" good would|strong="H3605" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H2088" as|strong="H1697" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H7563" evil|strong="H7563"—both|strong="H3605" would|strong="H3605" be|strong="H1961" punished. As|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" judge|strong="H8199" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" world|strong="H0776", surely|strong="H4191" you|strong="H3605" would|strong="H3605" do|strong="H6213"

the|strong="H3605" right|strong="H4941" thing|strong="H1697".

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="H5375" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" find|strong="H4672" fifty|strong="H2572" good people|strong="H0518" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3068" Sodom|strong="H5467", I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" save the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892"."

<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H6030" Abraham|strong="H0085" said|strong="H0559", "Compared to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0413", Lord|strong="H0136", I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" only dust|strong="H6083" and|strong="H1696" ashes|strong="H0665". But|strong="H6030" let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H0413" bother you|strong="H0413" again|strong="H1696" and|strong="H1696" ask|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2009" question.

<sup>28</sup> What if|strong="H0518" there|strong="H8033" are|strong="H6662" five|strong="H2568" less|strong="H2637" than|strong="H3808" fifty|strong="H2572"? Will|strong="H6662" you|strong="H0518" destroy|strong="H7843" a|strong="H0518" whole|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" because|strong="H0559" of|strong="H3605" just|strong="H6662" five|strong="H2568" people|strong="H3808"?"

The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H6662" said|strong="H0559", "If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" find|strong="H4672" forty-five|strong="H0705" good people|strong="H3808" there|strong="H8033", I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H6662" not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7843" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892"."

<sup>29</sup> Abraham|strong="H3254" spoke|strong="H1696" again|strong="H5750". He|strong="H8033" said|strong="H0559", "And|strong="H8033" if|strong="H0194" you|strong="H6213" find|strong="H4672" only forty|strong="H0705" good people|strong="H3808" there|strong="H8033", will|strong="H3808" you|strong="H6213" destroy|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" city?"

The|strong="H0559" Lord said|strong="H0559", "If|strong="H0194" I|strong="H0559" find|strong="H4672" forty|strong="H0705" good people|strong="H3808", I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" city."

<sup>30</sup> Then|strong="H1696" Abraham|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", "Lord|strong="H0136", please|strong="H4994" don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H3808" angry|strong="H2734"

with|strong="H1696" me|strong="H4994",  
but|strong="H0518" let|strong="H4994"  
me|strong="H4994" ask|strong="H0559"  
you|strong="H0518" this|strong="H6213".  
If|strong="H0518" only|strong="H0518" thir-  
ty|strong="H7970" good people|strong="H3808"  
are|strong="H8033" in|strong="H1696"  
the|strong="H0559" city, will|strong="H3808"  
you|strong="H0518" destroy|strong="H6213"  
it|strong="H0518"?"

The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136"  
said|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0518"  
I|strong="H0518" find|strong="H4672" thir-  
ty|strong="H7970" good people|strong="H3808"  
there|strong="H8033", I|strong="H0518"  
will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" de-  
stroy|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" city."

<sup>31</sup> Then|strong="H1696" Abraham|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559", " Lord|strong="H0136",  
may|strong="H4994" I|strong="H2009" bother  
you|strong="H3808" again|strong="H1696"  
and|strong="H8033" ask|strong="H0559",  
what|strong="H1696" if|strong="H2009"  
there|strong="H8033" are|strong="H8033" twen-  
ty|strong="H6242" good people|strong="H3808"?"

The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H2009"  
I|strong="H2009" find|strong="H4672" twen-  
ty|strong="H6242" good people|strong="H3808",  
I|strong="H2009" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7843"  
the|strong="H0559" city."

<sup>32</sup> Then|strong="H1696" Abraham|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559", " Lord|strong="H0136",  
please|strong="H4994" don't|strong="H0408"  
be|strong="H3808" angry|strong="H2734"  
with|strong="H1696" me|strong="H4994",  
but|strong="H0389" let|strong="H4994"  
me|strong="H4994" bother you|strong="H3808"  
this|strong="H6471" one|strong="H3808" last  
time|strong="H6471". If|strong="H0194"  
you|strong="H3808" find|strong="H4672"  
ten|strong="H6235" good people|strong="H3808"  
there|strong="H8033", what|strong="H1696"  
will|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808"  
do|strong="H0408"?"

The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136"  
said|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0194"  
I|strong="H0559" find|strong="H4672"  
ten|strong="H6235" good people|strong="H3808"  
in|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" city,  
I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7843"  
it|strong="H8033"."

<sup>33</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" fin-  
ished|strong="H3615" speaking|strong="H1696"  
to|strong="H0413" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
and|strong="H3068" left|strong="H7725".

Then|strong="H1696" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
home|strong="H4725".

#### Lot's Visitors

**19** That evening the two angels came to the city of Sodom. Lot was sitting near the city gates and saw them. He got up and went to them. He bowed to show respect and said, "Sirs, please come to my house, and I will serve you. There you can wash your feet and stay the night. Then tomorrow you can continue your journey."

The angels answered, "No, we will stay the night in the city square."

<sup>3</sup> But|strong="H0935" Lot continued  
to|strong="H0413" ask them|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0935"  
house|strong="H1004", so|strong="H6213"  
they|strong="H0935" agreed and|strong="H0935"  
went|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0413"  
him|strong="H0413". Lot gave|strong="H6213"  
them|strong="H0413" something to|strong="H0413"  
drink|strong="H4960". He|strong="H6213"  
baked|strong="H0644" some bread|strong="H4682"  
for|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413",  
and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H0935"  
ate|strong="H0398" it|strong="H0398".

<sup>4</sup> That|strong="H3605" evening,  
just|strong="H3605" before|strong="H2962" bedtime,  
men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5921"  
every|strong="H3605" part|strong="H5921"  
of|strong="H1004" town|strong="H5892"  
came|strong="H0376" to|strong="H5704" Lot's  
house|strong="H1004". They|strong="H5921" stood  
around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H3605"  
house|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" called  
to|strong="H5704" Lot. They|strong="H5921" said, <sup>5</sup>  
Where|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" two men|strong="H0376"  
who|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834"  
tonight|strong="H3915"? Bring|strong="H0935"  
them|strong="H0413" out|strong="H3318"  
to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413".  
We|strong="H0834" want to|strong="H0413"  
have|strong="H0834" sex with|strong="H0413"  
them|strong="H0413"."

<sup>6</sup> Lot|strong="H3876" went|strong="H3318" out-  
side|strong="H3318" and|strong="H3318"  
closed|strong="H5462" the|strong="H0413"  
door|strong="H1817" behind|strong="H0310"  
him|strong="H0413". <sup>7</sup> He|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0559", "  
No|strong="H0408", my|strong="H0559" friends,  
I|strong="H0559" beg|strong="H4994" you,  
please|strong="H4994" don't|strong="H0408"

do|strong="H0408" this|strong="H4994" evil|strong="H7489" thing|strong="H4994"! 8 Look|strong="H2009", I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" two|strong="H8147" daughters|strong="H1323" who|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" slept with|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0376" before|strong="H5869". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H0935" my|strong="H5921" daughters|strong="H1323" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H1697" you|strong="H0834" want with|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". But|strong="H3588" please|strong="H4994" don't|strong="H0408" do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" these|strong="H0411" men|strong="H0376". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H5921" house, and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" protect them|strong="H0413"." 1

9 The|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" surrounding the|strong="H0559" house answered|strong="H0559", " Get|strong="H0935" out|strong="H1973" of|strong="H0376" our|strong="H0935" way!" They|strong="H1992" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" themselves|strong="H1992", " This|strong="H6258" man|strong="H0376" Lot|strong="H3876" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" our|strong="H0935" city as|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" visitor. Now|strong="H6258" he|strong="H0376" wants to|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H0559" us|strong="H0935" how we|strong="H6258" should|strong="H0376" live|strong="H1481"! Then|strong="H6258" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Lot|strong="H3876", " We|strong="H6258" will|strong="H0376" do|strong="H0935" worse things|strong="H1992" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0935" than to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H1992"." So|strong="H5066" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" started moving closer|strong="H5066" and|strong="H0935" closer|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0559" Lot|strong="H3876". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0376" about|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" break|strong="H7665" down|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0559" door|strong="H1817".

10 But|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H1004" men|strong="H0376" staying

I I MUST PROTECT THEM Whoever invited a traveler in as a guest was also promising to protect the traveler.

with|strong="H0413" Lot|strong="H3876" opened the|strong="H0853" door|strong="H1817", pulled him|strong="H0413" back|strong="H0935" inside|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004", and|strong="H0935" closed|strong="H5462" the|strong="H0853" door|strong="H1817". 11 Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" something to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" outside the|strong="H0853" door|strong="H6607"— they|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" all|strong="H5704" these|strong="H0834" evil men|strong="H0376", young and|strong="H1004" old|strong="H1419", to|strong="H5704" become|strong="H3811" blind. So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" trying to|strong="H5704" get in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" could|strong="H0376" not find|strong="H4672" the|strong="H0853" door|strong="H6607".

#### The|strong="H0853" Escape From|strong="H0376" Sodom

12 The|strong="H3605" two|strong="H4480" men|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Lot|strong="H3876", " Are|strong="H0834" there|strong="H3605" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H5750" people|strong="H0376" from|strong="H4480" your|strong="H3605" family living|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892"? Do|strong="H4310" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" any|strong="H3605" sons-in-law, sons|strong="H1121", daughters|strong="H1323", or|strong="H4480" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H5750" people|strong="H0376" from|strong="H4480" your|strong="H3605" family here|strong="H6311"? If|strong="H0834" so|strong="H4480", you|strong="H0834" should|strong="H0376" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" leave|strong="H3318" now. 13 We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H3068" going to|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H7843" this|strong="H2088" city. The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" heard|strong="H3588" how|strong="H3588" evil this|strong="H2088" city is|strong="H3068", so|strong="H7971" he|strong="H3588" sent|strong="H7971" us|strong="H3588" to|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H7843" it|strong="H3588"."

14 So|strong="H4480" Lot|strong="H3876" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" and|strong="H6965" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3947" sons-in-law, the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H3947"



who |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" married |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" other |strong="H2088" daughters |strong="H1323". He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", "Hurry and |strong="H6965" leave |strong="H3318" this |strong="H2088" city |strong="H5892"! The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" soon |strong="H3588" destroy |strong="H7843" it |strong="H3588"! But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H0559" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" joking.

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0853" next morning |strong="H7837" at |strong="H6965" dawn |strong="H7837", the |strong="H0853" angels |strong="H4397" were |strong="H0802" trying to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H6965" Lot |strong="H3876" hurry. They |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "This city |strong="H5892" will |strong="H0802" be |strong="H4397" punished, so |strong="H3947" take |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H6965" your |strong="H3947" two |strong="H8147" daughters |strong="H1323" who |strong="H0802" are |strong="H0802" still |strong="H0559" with |strong="H0802" you |strong="H0853" and |strong="H6965" leave |strong="H5927" this place.

Then |strong="H6965" you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H0802" not |strong="H6435" be |strong="H4397" destroyed with |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892"."

<sup>16</sup> When |strong="H3318" Lot |strong="H4102" did |strong="H0376" not move fast |strong="H2388" enough |strong="H3027", the |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H0376" grabbed |strong="H2388" his |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027". They |strong="H5921" also |strong="H3068" took |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H5921" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" daughters |strong="H1323". The |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H0376" led |strong="H3318" Lot |strong="H4102" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921" family safely out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892". The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" kind to |strong="H5921" Lot |strong="H4102" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921" family. <sup>17</sup> So |strong="H6435" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3605" two men |strong="H3605" brought |strong="H3318" Lot and |strong="H2022" his |strong="H3605" family out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3605" city, one |strong="H3605"

of |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" said |strong="H0559", "Now |strong="H1961" run |strong="H4422" to |strong="H0559" save |strong="H4422" your |strong="H3605" life |strong="H5315"! Don't |strong="H0408" look |strong="H5027" back |strong="H0310" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" city, and |strong="H2022" don't |strong="H0408" stop |strong="H5975" anywhere |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" valley |strong="H3603". Run |strong="H4422" until |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3605" are |strong="H5315" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022". If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H3605" stop |strong="H5975", you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" city!"

<sup>18</sup> But |strong="H0559" Lot |strong="H3876" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" two men |strong="H0559", "Sirs, please |strong="H4994" don't |strong="H0408" force me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" run so |strong="H0408" far |strong="H0413"! <sup>19</sup> You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" very kind to |strong="H4191" me |strong="H4994", your |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" very kind to |strong="H4191" save |strong="H4422" me |strong="H4994", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" run |strong="H4422" all |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H3201" to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" mountains |strong="H2022". What |strong="H0834" if |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" too |strong="H3808" slow and |strong="H5869" something happens |strong="H6213"? I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191"! <sup>20</sup> Look |strong="H2009", there |strong="H8033" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3808" very small |strong="H4705" town |strong="H5892" near |strong="H7138" here |strong="H2009". Let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H4994" run |strong="H5127" to |strong="H8033" that |strong="H1931" town |strong="H5892". I |strong="H2009" can |strong="H4994" run |strong="H5127" there |strong="H8033" and |strong="H8033" be |strong="H3808" safe."

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0853" angel said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Lot, "Very |strong="H2088" well |strong="H1571", I'll let you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H2088" that |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"

not **destroy** that **town**. But **run** there **quickly**. I **cannot** **destroy** you **are** **safely** in **town**.<sup>22</sup> ( That **town** **named** **Zoar**,<sup>1</sup> **because** **it** **is** **a** **small** **town**.)

### Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

<sup>23</sup> Lot **was** **entering** **the** **town** **as** **the** **sun** **came** **up**,<sup>24</sup> **and** **the** **LORD** **began** **to** **destroy** **Sodom** **and** **Gomorrah**. **He** **caused** **fire** **and** **burning** **sulfur** **to** **fall** **from** **the** **sky**.<sup>25</sup> **He** **destroyed** **the** **whole** **valley**—**all** **the** **cities**, **the** **people** **living** **in** **the** **cities**, **and** **all** **the** **plants** **in** **the** **valley**.

<sup>26</sup> Lot's wife **was** **following** **him** **and** **looked** **back** **at** **the** **city**. **When** **she** **did**, **she** **became** **a** **block** **of** **salt**.

<sup>27</sup> **Early** **the** **next** **morning**, **Abraham** **got** **up** **and** **went** **to** **the** **place** **where** **he** **stood** **before**

**the** **LORD**.<sup>28</sup> **Abraham** **looked** **down** **into** **the** **valley** **toward** **the** **cities** **of** **Sodom** **and** **Gomorrah**. **He** **saw** **clouds** **of** **smoke** **rising** **from** **the** **land**, **like** **smoke** **from** **a** **furnace**.

<sup>29</sup> **God** **destroyed** **the** **cities** **in** **the** **valley**, **but** **he** **remembered** **what** **Abraham** **had** **said**. **So** **God** **sent** **Lot** **away** **from** **those** **cities** **before** **he** **destroyed** **them**.

### Lot and His Daughters

<sup>30</sup> Lot **was** **afraid** **to** **stay** **in** **Zoar**, **so** **he** **and** **his** **two** **daughters** **went** **to** **live** **in** **the** **mountains** **in** **a** **cave**.<sup>31</sup> **One** **day** **the** **older** **daughter** **said** **to** **the** **younger**, " **Everywhere** **on** **the** **earth**, **men** **and** **women** **marry** **and** **have** **a** **family**. **But** **our** **father** **is** **old**, **and** **there** **are** **no** **men** **around** **here** **to** **give** **us** **children**.<sup>32</sup> **So** **let's** **get** **our** **fa-**

1 ZOAR This name means "small."

ther|strong="H0001" drunk|strong="H8248" with|strong="H5973" wine|strong="H3196". Then|strong="H0853" we can|strong="H2233" have|strong="H0001" sex|strong="H7901" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0853". That|strong="H3196" way we can|strong="H2233" use our|strong="H5973" father|strong="H0001" to|strong="H0001" keep our|strong="H5973" family|strong="H0001" alive|strong="H2421"!"

<sup>33</sup> That|strong="H3045" night|strong="H3915" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H3808" girls went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" their|strong="H0935" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0935" got|strong="H6965" him|strong="H0853" drunk|strong="H8248" with|strong="H0854" wine|strong="H3196". Then|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" older|strong="H0935" daughter went|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" had|strong="H0001" sexual|strong="H7901" relations|strong="H3045" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0853". He|strong="H1931" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" when|strong="H0935" she|strong="H1931" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" bed|strong="H7901" or|strong="H3808" when|strong="H0935" she|strong="H1931" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965".

<sup>34</sup> The|strong="H0559" next|strong="H4283" day|strong="H4283" the|strong="H0559" older|strong="H0935" daughter said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" younger|strong="H6810" daughter, " Last|strong="H0570" night|strong="H3915" I|strong="H2005" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" bed|strong="H7901" with|strong="H5973" my|strong="H1961" father|strong="H0001". Let's get|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" drunk|strong="H8248" with|strong="H5973" wine|strong="H3196" again|strong="H1961" tonight|strong="H3915". Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5973" can|strong="H2233" go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" have|strong="H1961" sex|strong="H7901" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0413". In|strong="H0935" this|strong="H0935" way we|strong="H2005" can|strong="H2233" use|strong="H1961" our|strong="H1961" father|strong="H0001" to|strong="H0413" have|strong="H1961" children|strong="H2233", and|strong="H0935" our|strong="H1961" family|strong="H0001" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" an|strong="H1961" end." <sup>35</sup> So|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3045" night|strong="H3915" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H3808" girls

got|strong="H6965" their|strong="H3808" father|strong="H0001" drunk|strong="H8248" with|strong="H5973" wine|strong="H3196". Then|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" younger|strong="H6810" daughter went|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" had|strong="H0001" sexual|strong="H7901" relations|strong="H3045" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0853". Again|strong="H6965", Lot did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" when|strong="H7901" she|strong="H1931" came to|strong="H0001" bed|strong="H7901" or|strong="H3808" when|strong="H7901" she|strong="H1931" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965".

<sup>36</sup> Both|strong="H8147" of|strong="H1323" Lot's|strong="H3876" daughters|strong="H1323" became pregnant|strong="H2029". Their|strong="H8147" father|strong="H0001" was|strong="H0001" the|strong="H8147" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1323" their|strong="H8147" babies. <sup>37</sup> The|strong="H3205" older daughter gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H5704" a|strong="H3205" son|strong="H1121". She|strong="H1931" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H3205" Moab|strong="H4124". <sup>I</sup> Moab|strong="H4124" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H3205" ancestor of|strong="H1121" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3205" Moabites|strong="H4124" living today|strong="H3117". <sup>38</sup> The|strong="H3205" younger|strong="H6810" daughter also|strong="H1571" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H5704" a|strong="H3205" son|strong="H1121". She|strong="H1931" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H3205" Ben-Ammi|strong="H1151". <sup>II</sup> Ben-Ammi|strong="H1151" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H3205" ancestor of|strong="H1121" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3205" Ammonites|strong="H5983" living today|strong="H3117".

#### Abraham Goes to Gerar

**20** Abraham|strong="H0085" left|strong="H5265" that|strong="H0776" place|strong="H8033" and|strong="H0776" traveled|strong="H5265" to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0996" Negev|strong="H5045". He|strong="H8033" settled|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0996" city of|strong="H0776" Gerar|strong="H1642", between|strong="H0996" Kadesh|strong="H6946" and|strong="H0776" Shur|strong="H7793".

<sup>I</sup> MOAB In Hebrew this name sounds like "from father." <sup>II</sup> BEN-AMMI In Hebrew this name sounds like "son of my father" or "son of my people."

While *Gerar* told *Sarah* that *Sarah* was *his* sister. *King Abimelech* of *Gerar* heard this. *Abimelech* wanted *Sarah*, so *he* sent *some* servants to take *one* *night* *God* spoke to *Abimelech* in a dream and said, "You will die. The woman you took is married."

<sup>4</sup> But *Abimelech* had yet slept with *Sarah*, so *he* said, "Lord, I am not guilty. Would you kill an innocent man?" <sup>5</sup> *Abraham* told *me*, 'This woman is my sister,' and *she* also said, 'This man is my brother.' I am innocent. I did not know what I was doing."

<sup>6</sup> Then *God* said to *Abimelech* in a dream, "Yes, I know that you are innocent and that you did not know what you were doing. I saved you. I did not

allow you to sin against me. I was the one who did not allow you to sleep with her. So give Abraham his wife again. He is a prophet. He will pray for you, and you will live. But you don't give Sarah back to him, I promise that you will die. And all your family will die with you."

<sup>8</sup> So *very* early the next morning, *Abimelech* called all his servants and told them about the dream. The servants were very afraid. <sup>9</sup> Then *Abimelech* called *Abraham* and said to him, "Why you did this to us? What wrong I do to you? Why did you lie and say she was your sister? You brought great trouble to my kingdom. You

should|strong="H4100" not|strong="H3808"  
have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213"  
this|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559"  
me|strong="H5921". <sup>10</sup> What|strong="H4100"  
were|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" afraid  
of|strong="H1697"? Why|strong="H4100"  
did|strong="H6213" you|strong="H3588"  
do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088"  
to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"?"

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H2088" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3588"  
thought|strong="H0559" no|strong="H0369"  
one|strong="H0369" in|strong="H5921"  
this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725" respected  
God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H3588"  
thought|strong="H0559" someone  
would|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H2026"  
me|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0559" get Sarah. <sup>12</sup>  
She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931"  
my|strong="H1961" wife|strong="H0802",  
but|strong="H0389" she|strong="H1931"  
is|strong="H1931" also|strong="H1571"  
my|strong="H1961" sister|strong="H0269".  
She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931"  
the|strong="H1961" daughter|strong="H1323"  
of|strong="H1323" my|strong="H1961" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" but|strong="H0389"  
not|strong="H3808" the|strong="H1961" daugh-  
ter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323"  
my|strong="H1961" mother|strong="H0517". <sup>13</sup>  
God|strong="H0430" led|strong="H8582"  
me|strong="H0413" away|strong="H3605"  
from|strong="H0935" my|strong="H3605" fa-  
ther's|strong="H0001" house|strong="H1004".  
He|strong="H0834" led|strong="H8582"  
me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" wan-  
der|strong="H8582" to|strong="H0413" many differ-  
ent places|strong="H4725". When|strong="H1961"  
that|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H1961",  
I|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" Sarah, '  
Do|strong="H6213" something for|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413". Wherever|strong="H0834"  
we|strong="H0834" go|strong="H0935",  
tell|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
my|strong="H3605" sister."

<sup>14</sup> So|strong="H3947" Abimelech|strong="H0040"  
gave|strong="H5414" Sarah|strong="H8283"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085". Abimelech|strong="H0040" al-  
so|strong="H0853" gave|strong="H5414" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085" some sheep|strong="H6629",  
cattle|strong="H1241", and|strong="H7725"  
slaves|strong="H5650". <sup>15</sup> And|strong="H0776"  
Abimelech|strong="H0040" said|strong="H0559", "  
Look|strong="H2009" all|strong="H2009"  
around|strong="H6440" you|strong="H6440".  
This|strong="H2009" is|strong="H0776"

my|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776".  
You|strong="H6440" may|strong="H0776"  
live|strong="H3427" any|strong="H6440"  
place|strong="H0776" you|strong="H6440" want."

<sup>16</sup> Abimelech said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0559" Sarah|strong="H8283", "  
I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414"  
your|strong="H3605" brother|strong="H0251" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0559" 1000 pieces of|strong="H5869"  
silver|strong="H3701". I|strong="H0834"  
did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H1931"  
to|strong="H0559" show|strong="H5414"  
that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" am very sorry.  
I|strong="H0834" want everyone|strong="H3605"  
to|strong="H0559" see|strong="H2009"  
that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834"  
did|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605"  
right|strong="H5869" thing|strong="H1931"."

<sup>17</sup> The LORD made all the women in Abimelech's family not able to have children. God did this because Abimelech had taken Sarah, Abraham's wife. But Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his servant girls.

#### Finally, a Baby for Sarah

**21** The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
came|strong="H0559" back  
to|strong="H0559" visit|strong="H6485"  
Sarah|strong="H8283" as|strong="H0834"  
he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559"  
he|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068",  
and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834"  
kept|strong="H6213" his|strong="H3068"  
promise|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559"  
her|strong="H0559". <sup>2</sup> At|strong="H0430" exact-  
ly|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834"  
time|strong="H4150" God|strong="H0430"  
said|strong="H1696" it|strong="H0834"  
would|strong="H0834" happen,  
Sarah|strong="H8283" became|strong="H3205" preg-  
nant|strong="H2029" and|strong="H1121"  
gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205"  
to|strong="H1696" a|strong="H3205"  
son|strong="H1121" for|strong="H0430" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085" in|strong="H0430"  
his|strong="H0834" old|strong="H1121"  
age|strong="H1121". <sup>3</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085"  
named|strong="H8034" his|strong="H0834"  
son|strong="H1121" Isaac|strong="H3327". <sup>4</sup> Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085" did|strong="H0834"  
what|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" com-  
manded|strong="H6680" and|strong="H1121" cir-  
cumcised|strong="H4135" Isaac|strong="H3327"  
when|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834"  
was|strong="H0834" eight|strong="H8083"  
days|strong="H3117" old|strong="H1121".

I ISAAC This name means "he laughs" or "he is happy."

<sup>5</sup> Abraham *was* 100 years *old* when *his* son *was* born. <sup>6</sup> Sarah *said*, "God *has* made *me* and *everyone* who *hears* about *this* *will* *be* with *me*. <sup>7</sup> No *one* *thought* I *would* *be* able to *have* Abraham's *child*. But *I* *have* given Abraham *a* son, even though *he* *is* old."

#### Trouble at Home

<sup>8</sup> Isaac *continued* to *grow* and *soon* *he* *was* old enough to *begin* eating solid food. So Abraham *gave* a *big* party. <sup>9</sup> Sarah *saw* Hagar's son *playing*. (Hagar *was* the Egyptian *slave* woman who *gave* birth *to* Abraham's *first* son.) <sup>10</sup> Sarah *said* to Abraham, "Get rid of *that* *slave* *and* *her* son." Send them *away*! When *we* *die*, our *son* Isaac *will* *get* everything *we* *have*. I *don't* *want* *that* *slave* *and* *her* son *sharing* these *things* with

*my* *son* Isaac

<sup>11</sup> This *Abraham* *was* *very* *much* *worried* about *his* son Ishmael. <sup>12</sup> But *God* *said* to Abraham, "Don't *worry* about *the* *boy* *and* *the* *slave* *woman*. Do *what* Sarah *wants*. Your *descendants* *will* *be* those who *come* through Isaac." <sup>13</sup> But *I* *will* *also* *son* *of* *your* *slave* *woman*. *He* *is* *your* *son*, so *I* *will* *make* a *great* *nation* *from* *his* *family* *also*."

<sup>14</sup> Early *the* *next* *morning* Abraham *took* some *food* *and* *water* *and* *gave* them *to* Hagar. She *carried* them *and* *left* with *her* *boy* *that* *place* *and* *wandered* *in* the *desert* *of* Beersheba.

<sup>15</sup> After *some* *time*, when *all* *their* *water* *was* *gone*, Hagar *put* *her* *son* *under* a *bush*. <sup>16</sup> Then *she* *walked* a *short* *distance* *away* *and* *sat* *down*. She *thought* *her* *son* *would*

die |strong="H4194" because |strong="H3588" there |strong="H3427" was |strong="H3206" no |strong="H0408" water. She |strong="H3588" did not |strong="H0408" want |strong="H6963" to |strong="H0559" watch |strong="H7200" him |strong="H0853" die |strong="H4194". She |strong="H3588" sat |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" and |strong="H6963" began to |strong="H0559" cry |strong="H6963".

<sup>17</sup> God |strong="H0430" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" crying |strong="H7121", and |strong="H0430" God's |strong="H0430" angel |strong="H4397" called |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" Hagar |strong="H1904" from |strong="H4480" heaven |strong="H8064". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" is |strong="H0834" wrong, Hagar |strong="H1904"? Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372"! God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" crying |strong="H7121" there |strong="H8033". <sup>18</sup> Go |strong="H6965" help |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288". Hold |strong="H2388" his |strong="H7760" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H6965" lead him |strong="H0853". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1471" make |strong="H7760" him |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" father of |strong="H3027" many |strong="H1419" people |strong="H1471"."

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" allowed Hagar to |strong="H0430" see |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" well |strong="H0875" of |strong="H0430" water |strong="H4325". So |strong="H7200" she |strong="H8248" went to |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" well |strong="H0875" and |strong="H0430" filled |strong="H4390" her |strong="H7200" bag with |strong="H4390" water |strong="H4325". Then |strong="H0853" she |strong="H8248" gave |strong="H8248" water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" to |strong="H0430" drink |strong="H8248".

<sup>20</sup> God |strong="H0430" continued |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H1961" boy |strong="H5288" while |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0430" grew |strong="H1431" up |strong="H1431". Ishmael lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H1961" desert |strong="H4057" and |strong="H0430" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" hunter. He |strong="H0430" learned to |strong="H1961" shoot a |strong="H1961" bow very well. <sup>21</sup> His |strong="H3947" mother |strong="H0517" found

a |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802" for |strong="H0776" him |strong="H3947" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714". They |strong="H0776" continued to |strong="H4714" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3947" Paran |strong="H6290" desert |strong="H4057".

#### Abraham's Bargain With |strong="H3427" Abimelech

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Abimelech |strong="H0040" and |strong="H0430" Phicol |strong="H6369" spoke |strong="H0559" with |strong="H5973" Abraham |strong="H0085". Phicol |strong="H6369" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" commander |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0430" Abimelech's |strong="H0040" army |strong="H6635". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Abraham |strong="H0085", " God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859" in |strong="H0413" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859" do |strong="H6213". <sup>23</sup> So |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H0518" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0430" me |strong="H5978" here |strong="H2008" before |strong="H5973" God |strong="H0430". Promise |strong="H7650" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0430" fair with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5978" and |strong="H0430" with |strong="H5973" my |strong="H0834" children |strong="H5209". Promise |strong="H7650" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0430" kind to |strong="H0430" me |strong="H5978" and |strong="H0430" this |strong="H6258" country |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H1481". Promise |strong="H7650" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0430" as |strong="H0834" kind to |strong="H0430" me |strong="H5978" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H6258" to |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>24</sup> And |strong="H0085" Abraham |strong="H0085" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0595" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0559" treat you the |strong="H0559" same way you have |strong="H0595" treated me." <sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Abraham |strong="H0085" complained |strong="H3198" to |strong="H5921" Abimelech |strong="H0040" because |strong="H5921" Abimelech's |strong="H0040" servants |strong="H5650" had |strong="H0834" captured

a|strong="H0834" well|strong="H0875"  
of|strong="H5650" water|strong="H4325".

<sup>26</sup> But|strong="H3808" Abimelech|strong="H0040"  
said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0595"  
don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045"  
who|strong="H4310" did|strong="H6213"  
this|strong="H2088". You|strong="H0859" nev-  
er|strong="H3808" told|strong="H5046"  
me|strong="H5046" about|strong="H1697"  
this|strong="H2088" before|strong="H3808" to-  
day|strong="H3117!"

<sup>27</sup> So|strong="H3947" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
and|strong="H6629" Abimelech|strong="H0040"  
made|strong="H3772" an|strong="H5414" agree-  
ment|strong="H1285". Abraham|strong="H0085"  
gave|strong="H5414" Abimelech|strong="H0040"  
some sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H6629"  
cattle|strong="H1241" as|strong="H5414" proof  
of|strong="H1285" the|strong="H5414" agree-  
ment|strong="H1285". <sup>28</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085"  
also|strong="H0853" put seven|strong="H7651" female  
lambs|strong="H3535" in|strong="H6629" front  
of|strong="H6629" Abimelech.

<sup>29</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040"  
asked|strong="H0559" Abraham|strong="H0085", "  
Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100"  
you|strong="H0834" put these|strong="H0428" sev-  
en|strong="H7651" female lambs|strong="H3535"  
by|strong="H0413" themselves|strong="H0905"?"

<sup>30</sup> Abraham|strong="H3947" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " When|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" accept|strong="H3947"  
these|strong="H2063" lambs|strong="H3535"  
from|strong="H3027" me|strong="H3947",  
it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" proof that|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H3588" dug|strong="H2658"  
this|strong="H2063" well|strong="H0875"."

<sup>31</sup> So|strong="H3651" after|strong="H5921"  
that|strong="H3588", the|strong="H5921"  
well|strong="H3651" was|strong="H1931"  
called|strong="H7121" Beersheba|strong="H0884". II  
Abraham gave|strong="H7121" the|strong="H5921"  
well|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651"  
name|strong="H7121" because|strong="H3588"  
it|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931"  
the|strong="H5921" place|strong="H4725"  
where|strong="H8033" they|strong="H3588"  
made|strong="H7650" a|strong="H3588"  
promise|strong="H7650" to|strong="H5921"  
each|strong="H8147" other|strong="H8147".

<sup>32</sup> So|strong="H6965" Abraham  
and|strong="H6965" Abimelech|strong="H0040"  
made|strong="H3772" an|strong="H6965" agree-

ment|strong="H1285" at|strong="H0413" Beershe-  
ba|strong="H0884". Then|strong="H6965" Abim-  
elech|strong="H0040" and|strong="H6965" Ph-  
icol|strong="H6369", his|strong="H7725" military  
commander|strong="H8269", went|strong="H7725"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0413" country|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0413"  
Philistines|strong="H6430".

<sup>33</sup> Abraham|strong="H5193" plant-  
ed|strong="H5193" a|strong="H7121" special  
tree|strong="H0815" at|strong="H3068" Beershe-  
ba|strong="H0884" and|strong="H3068"  
prayed|strong="H7121" to|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068",  
the|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0410"  
who|strong="H3068" lives forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>34</sup> And|strong="H0776" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
lived|strong="H1481" as|strong="H3117"  
a|strong="H0776" stranger for|strong="H0776"  
a|strong="H0776" long|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117" in|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3117" country|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3117"  
Philistines|strong="H6430".

#### Abraham, Kill Your Son

**22** After|strong="H0310" these|strong="H0428"  
things|strong="H1697" God|strong="H0430"  
decided|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
test|strong="H5254" Abraham's|strong="H0085"  
faith. God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085"!"

And|strong="H0430" he|strong="H0310"  
said|strong="H0559", " Yes|strong="H2009"!"

<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H3947" God|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559", " Take|strong="H3947"  
your|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Mori-  
ah|strong="H4179" and|strong="H1121" kill  
your|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121"  
there|strong="H8033" as|strong="H0834"  
a|strong="H3947" sacrifice for|strong="H5921"  
me|strong="H0413". This|strong="H0834"  
must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H1121"  
Isaac|strong="H3327", your|strong="H5921" on-  
ly|strong="H3173" son|strong="H1121",  
the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H0259"  
you|strong="H0834" love|strong="H0157".  
Use|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0413"  
as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3947"  
burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927"  
on|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0259"  
of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" moun-  
tains|strong="H2022" there|strong="H8033".  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776"

I SEVEN The Hebrew word for "seven" is like the Hebrew word for "oath" or "promise," and it is like the last part of the name Beersheba. The seven animals were proof of this promise. II BEERSHEBA This name means "well of the oath."



tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" which|strong="H0834" mountain|strong="H2022".

<sup>3</sup> In|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" morning|strong="H1242" Abraham|strong="H0085" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H1121" saddled|strong="H2280" his|strong="H3947" donkey|strong="H2543". He|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" Isaac|strong="H3327" and|strong="H1121" two|strong="H8147" servants|strong="H5288" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H0834" cut the|strong="H0853" wood|strong="H6086" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" sacrifice. Then|strong="H6965" they|strong="H0834" went|strong="H6965" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725" where|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H6965". <sup>4</sup> After|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3117" traveled three|strong="H7992" days|strong="H3117", Abraham|strong="H0085" looked|strong="H7200" up|strong="H5375", and|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" distance|strong="H7350" he|strong="H3117" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725" where|strong="H4725" they|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3117" going. <sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0559" he|strong="H5704" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H7725" servants|strong="H5288", " Stay|strong="H3427" here|strong="H6311" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0559" donkey|strong="H2543". The|strong="H0559" boy|strong="H5288" and|strong="H7725" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0589" go|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0559" place and|strong="H7725" worship|strong="H7812". Then|strong="H0559" we|strong="H5704" will|strong="H0589" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5704" later."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" wood|strong="H6086" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sacrifice and|strong="H1121" put|strong="H7760" it|strong="H7760" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" son's|strong="H1121" shoulder. Abraham|strong="H0085" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" special knife|strong="H3979" and|strong="H1121" fire|strong="H0784". Then|strong="H3947" both|strong="H8147" he|strong="H0853" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121" went together|strong="H3162" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H7760" for|strong="H5921" worship.

<sup>7</sup> Isaac|strong="H3327" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3327" father|strong="H0001" Abraham|strong="H0085", " Father|strong="H0001"!"

Abraham|strong="H0085" answered|strong="H0559", " Yes|strong="H2009", son|strong="H1121"?"

Isaac|strong="H3327" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2009" see|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" wood|strong="H6086" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" fire|strong="H0784". But|strong="H2009" where|strong="H0346" is|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" lamb|strong="H7716" we will|strong="H1121" burn as|strong="H1121" a|strong="H0559" sacrifice?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085" answered|strong="H0559", " God|strong="H0430" himself is|strong="H0430" providing the|strong="H0559" lamb|strong="H7716" for|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" sacrifice, my|strong="H7200" son|strong="H1121"."

So|strong="H7200" both|strong="H8147" Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H7200" son|strong="H1121" went together|strong="H3162" to|strong="H0559" that|strong="H7200" place. <sup>9</sup> When|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725" where|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935", Abraham|strong="H0085" built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" altar|strong="H4196". He|strong="H0834" carefully laid|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" wood|strong="H6086" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0834" tied up|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121" Isaac|strong="H3327" and|strong="H1121" laid|strong="H7760" him|strong="H0413" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" on|strong="H5921" top|strong="H4605" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" wood|strong="H6086". <sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Abraham|strong="H0085" reached|strong="H7971" for|strong="H3027" his|strong="H3947" knife|strong="H3979" to|strong="H7971" kill|strong="H7819" his|strong="H3947" son|strong="H1121".

<sup>11</sup> But|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" stopped him|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397" called|strong="H7121" from|strong="H4480" heaven|strong="H8064"

and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085", Abraham|strong="H0085!"

Abraham|strong="H0085" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " Yes|strong="H2009"?"  
12 The|strong="H0853" angel said|strong="H0559",  
" Don't|strong="H0408" kill your|strong="H3045"  
son|strong="H1121" or|strong="H3808" hurt  
him|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413"  
any|strong="H4480" way|strong="H7971".  
Now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H3588"  
can|strong="H6213" see|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859"  
do|strong="H6213" respect and|strong="H1121"  
obey|strong="H6213" God|strong="H0430".  
I|strong="H3588" see|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859"  
are|strong="H3027" ready|strong="H6258"  
to|strong="H0413" kill your|strong="H3045"  
son|strong="H1121", your|strong="H3045" on-  
ly|strong="H3173" son|strong="H1121",  
for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H0413"."

13 Then|strong="H2009" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
noticed|strong="H7200" a|strong="H3947"  
ram|strong="H0352" whose|strong="H1121"  
horns|strong="H7161" were|strong="H1121"  
caught|strong="H0270" in|strong="H1121"  
a|strong="H3947" bush. So|strong="H3947" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085" went|strong="H5927"  
and|strong="H1121" took|strong="H3947"  
the|strong="H0853" ram|strong="H0352".  
He|strong="H0310" offered|strong="H5927"  
it|strong="H7200", instead|strong="H8478"  
of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3947"  
son|strong="H1121", as|strong="H1121"  
a|strong="H3947" sacrifice to|strong="H1121" God.

14 So|strong="H7121" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
gave|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834"  
place|strong="H4725" a|strong="H7200"  
name|strong="H8034", " The|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" Provides|strong="H7200"."<sup>I</sup>  
Even today|strong="H3117" people|strong="H0834"  
say|strong="H0559", " On|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H0559" mountain|strong="H2022"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068", he|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H7200"  
us|strong="H7200" what|strong="H0834"  
we|strong="H0834" need." <sup>II</sup>

15 The|strong="H0413" angel|strong="H4397"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413"  
LORD|strong="H3068" called|strong="H7121"  
to|strong="H0413" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
from|strong="H4480" heaven|strong="H8064"  
a|strong="H7121" second|strong="H8145"  
time|strong="H8145".<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0853" angel

<sup>I</sup> THE LORD PROVIDES Hebrew, " Yahweh|strong="H3068" Yireh  
<sup>II</sup> ON THE  
MOUNTAIN ... NEED Or "On this mountain the LORD can be seen."

said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0834"  
were|strong="H0834" ready to|strong="H0559" kill  
your|strong="H3068" only|strong="H3173"  
son|strong="H1121" for|strong="H3588"  
me|strong="H1697". Since|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213"  
this|strong="H2088" for|strong="H3588"  
me|strong="H1697", I|strong="H0834"  
make|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834"  
this|strong="H2088" promise|strong="H1697":  
I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068", promise|strong="H1697"  
that|strong="H0834"<sup>17</sup> I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" surely|strong="H3588"  
bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0834"  
and|strong="H8064" give you|strong="H0834"  
as|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7235" descen-  
dants|strong="H2233" as|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" stars|strong="H3556"  
in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
sky|strong="H8064". There|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1288"  
as|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7235" peo-  
ple|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834"  
sand|strong="H2344" on|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" seashore|strong="H3220".  
And|strong="H8064" your|strong="H5921" peo-  
ple|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" live  
in|strong="H5921" cities|strong="H8179"  
that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" take|strong="H3423"  
from|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" ene-  
mies|strong="H0341".<sup>18</sup> Every|strong="H3605" na-  
tion|strong="H1471" on|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H1288"  
blessed|strong="H1288" through|strong="H3605"  
your|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H2233".  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776"  
do|strong="H3605" this|strong="H0834" be-  
cause|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
obeyed|strong="H8085" me|strong="H6963"."

19 Then|strong="H6965" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H7725" ser-  
vants|strong="H5288". They|strong="H3162"  
all|strong="H3162" traveled back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" Beersheba|strong="H0884",  
and|strong="H6965" Abraham|strong="H0085"  
stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427".

20 After|strong="H0310" all|strong="H1697"  
these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697" hap-  
pened|strong="H1961", a|strong="H1961" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" was|strong="H1961"  
sent|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085". It|strong="H1931"  
said|strong="H0559", " Your|strong="H1961" broth-  
er|strong="H0251" Nahor|strong="H5152"

and his wife Milcah have children now. <sup>21</sup> The first son is Uz. The second son is Buz. The third son is Kemuel, the father of Aram. <sup>22</sup> Then there are Kesed, Hazo, Jidaph, and Bethuel. <sup>23</sup> Bethuel was the father of Rebekah. Milcah was the mother of these eight sons, and Nahor was the father of Nahor. Nahor was Abraham's brother. <sup>24</sup> Also Nahor had four other sons from his slave woman Reumah. The sons were Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

#### Sarah Dies

**23** Sarah lived to be 127 years old. <sup>2</sup> She died in the city of Hebron in the land of Canaan. Abraham was very sad and cried for her. <sup>3</sup> Then he left his wife dead and went to the land of the Hittites. He said, <sup>4</sup> "I am only a foreigner staying in your country. I have no place to bury my wife. Please give me some land so that I can bury her." <sup>5</sup> The Hittites answered Abraham, <sup>6</sup> "Sir, you are great among us. You can have the best place we have to bury your dead. You can bury any of our places that you want. None of us will stop you from burying your wife there." <sup>7</sup> Abraham got up and bowed to the people. <sup>8</sup> He said, "H0559" to them, "If you really want to help me bury my dead wife, speak to Ephron the son of Zohar for me. <sup>9</sup> I would like to buy the cave of Machpelah, which belongs to Ephron. It is the end of his field. I will pay him the full price. I want all of

place to bury my wife. Please give me some land so that I can bury her." <sup>5</sup> The Hittites answered Abraham, <sup>6</sup> "Sir, you are great among us. You can have the best place we have to bury your dead. You can bury any of our places that you want. None of us will stop you from burying your wife there." <sup>7</sup> Abraham got up and bowed to the people. <sup>8</sup> He said, "H0559" to them, "If you really want to help me bury my dead wife, speak to Ephron the son of Zohar for me. <sup>9</sup> I would like to buy the cave of Machpelah, which belongs to Ephron. It is the end of his field. I will pay him the full price. I want all of

I GREAT LEADER Literally, "God's prince."

you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5414" be |strong="H5414" witnesses that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am buying it |strong="H5414" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" burial |strong="H6913" place |strong="H5414"."

<sup>10</sup> Ephron |strong="H6085" was |strong="H0085" sitting |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" among |strong="H8432" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121". He |strong="H0853" answered |strong="H0559" Abraham |strong="H0085", <sup>11</sup> " No |strong="H3808", sir |strong="H0113". Here |strong="H4191" in |strong="H8085" front of |strong="H1121" my |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971", I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H7704" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" cave |strong="H4631" on |strong="H4191" it |strong="H5414" so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" bury |strong="H6912" your |strong="H5414" wife."

<sup>12</sup> Abraham |strong="H0085" bowed |strong="H7812" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Hittites. <sup>13</sup> He |strong="H0518" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ephron |strong="H6085" before |strong="H0413" all |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971", " But |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0518" want to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0853" full price |strong="H3701" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704". Accept |strong="H3947" my |strong="H5414" money |strong="H3701", and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0776" bury |strong="H6912" my |strong="H5414" dead |strong="H4191"."

<sup>14</sup> Ephron |strong="H6085" answered |strong="H0559" Abraham |strong="H0085", <sup>15</sup> " Sir |strong="H0113", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H4191" me |strong="H4191". Ten pounds I of |strong="H0776" silver |strong="H3701" mean nothing to |strong="H4191" you |strong="H0853" or |strong="H8085" me |strong="H4191". Take the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3967" bury |strong="H6912" your |strong="H8085" dead |strong="H4191" wife."

<sup>16</sup> Abraham |strong="H0085" understood |strong="H8085" that |strong="H0834" Ephron |strong="H6085" was |strong="H0834" telling |strong="H1696" him |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" price |strong="H3701" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" land. II So |strong="H0834" Abraham |strong="H0085" paid |strong="H8085" him |strong="H0413"

for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land. He |strong="H0834" weighed |strong="H8254" out |strong="H0413" ten pounds of |strong="H1121" silver |strong="H3701" for |strong="H0413" Ephron |strong="H6085" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H8085" it |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" merchant |strong="H5503". III

<sup>17</sup> So the field of Ephron changed owners. This field was in Machpelah, near Mamre. Abraham became the owner of the field, the cave in it, and all the trees in the field. Everyone in the city saw the agreement between Ephron and Abraham. <sup>19</sup> After |strong="H0310" this |strong="H3651", Abraham |strong="H0085" buried |strong="H6912" his |strong="H5921" wife |strong="H0802" Sarah |strong="H8283" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" cave |strong="H4631" of |strong="H0776" that |strong="H1931" field |strong="H7704" near |strong="H6440" Mamre |strong="H4471" ( Hebron |strong="H2275") in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667". <sup>20</sup> Abraham |strong="H0085" bought the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" cave |strong="H4631" in |strong="H1121" it |strong="H0834" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Hittites. So |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" became his |strong="H0834" property |strong="H0272" to |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" used as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" burial |strong="H6913" place |strong="H6913".

#### A Wife for Isaac

**24** Abraham |strong="H0085" lived to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H1288" a |strong="H0935" very old |strong="H2204" man |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" him |strong="H0853" and |strong="H0935" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3117" did |strong="H3117". <sup>2</sup> Abraham's |strong="H0085" oldest |strong="H2205" servant |strong="H5650" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0413" charge |strong="H3027" of |strong="H1004" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" owned. Abraham |strong="H0085" called |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3027" said |strong="H0559", " Put |strong="H7760" your |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027" under |strong="H8478" my |strong="H3605" leg. IV<sup>3</sup> Now |strong="H0802" I |strong="H0834" want you |strong="H0834"

III MERCHANT Someone who earns their living by buying and selling things. Here, this is probably a person who was helping Abraham and Ephron write the contract in verses 17 and 18. IV PUT

I TEN POUNDS Literally, "400 shekels" (4.6 kg). Also in verse 16.  
II ABRAHAM UNDERSTOOD ... THE LAND Literally, "Abraham heard."

to|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3947"  
 a|strong="H3947" promise|strong="H7650"  
 to|strong="H3068" me|strong="H3947".  
 Promise|strong="H7650" to|strong="H3068"  
 me|strong="H3947" before|strong="H3808"  
 the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068",  
 the|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430"  
 of|strong="H1121" heaven|strong="H8064"  
 and|strong="H1121" earth|strong="H0776",  
 that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" allow  
 my|strong="H3068" son|strong="H1121"  
 to|strong="H3068" marry|strong="H3947"  
 a|strong="H3947" girl|strong="H1323"  
 from|strong="H1121" Canaan. We|strong="H0834"  
 live|strong="H3427" among|strong="H7130"  
 these|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1121",  
 but|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808"  
 let|strong="H3808" him|strong="H3947" mar-  
 ry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" Canaan-  
 ite|strong="H3669" girl|strong="H1323".<sup>4</sup> Go  
 back|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
 my|strong="H3947" country|strong="H0776",  
 to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3947" own peo-  
 ple|strong="H1121", to|strong="H0413"  
 find|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947"  
 wife|strong="H0802" for|strong="H3588"  
 my|strong="H3947" son|strong="H1121"  
 Isaac|strong="H3327". Bring|strong="H3947"  
 her|strong="H0413" here to|strong="H0413"  
 him|strong="H0413".

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H0853" servant|strong="H5650"  
 said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
 him|strong="H0413", " Maybe|strong="H0194"  
 this|strong="H2063" woman|strong="H0802"  
 will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808"  
 want|strong="H0014" to|strong="H0413"  
 come|strong="H3318" back|strong="H7725"  
 with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"  
 to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2063"  
 land|strong="H0776". If|strong="H0834"  
 that|strong="H0834" happens|strong="H0310",  
 should|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0834"  
 take|strong="H7725" your|strong="H0834"  
 son|strong="H1121" with|strong="H0413"  
 me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
 your|strong="H0834" homeland?"

<sup>6</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085" said|strong="H0559"  
 to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", "  
 No|strong="H6435", don't|strong="H8104"  
 take|strong="H7725" my|strong="H8104"  
 son|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413"  
 that|strong="H0559" place|strong="H8033".<sup>7</sup>  
 The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068",  
 the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430"  
 of|strong="H1121" heaven|strong="H8064",

YOUR HAND UNDER MY LEG This was a sign of a very important promise that Abraham trusted his servant to keep.

brought|strong="H3947" me|strong="H5414"  
 from|strong="H6440" my|strong="H5414" homeland  
 to|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2063"  
 place|strong="H5414". That|strong="H0834"  
 place|strong="H5414" was|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H0853" home|strong="H1004"  
 of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H5414" fa-  
 ther|strong="H0001" and|strong="H1121"  
 the|strong="H0853" home|strong="H1004"  
 of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H5414" fami-  
 ly|strong="H1004", but|strong="H1696"  
 he|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H1696"  
 that|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2063" new  
 land|strong="H0776" would|strong="H3068" be-  
 long|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0559"  
 my|strong="H5414" family|strong="H1004".  
 May|strong="H0776" he|strong="H0834"  
 send|strong="H7971" his|strong="H5414" an-  
 gel|strong="H4397" before|strong="H6440"  
 you|strong="H0834" so|strong="H3947"  
 that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
 can|strong="H0834" choose|strong="H3947"  
 a|strong="H3947" wife|strong="H0802"  
 for|strong="H0776" my|strong="H5414"  
 son|strong="H1121".<sup>8</sup> If|strong="H0518"  
 the|strong="H0853" girl refuses to|strong="H7725"  
 come|strong="H7725" with|strong="H0802"  
 you|strong="H0518", you|strong="H0518"  
 will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H3808"  
 free|strong="H5352" from|strong="H7725"  
 this|strong="H2063" promise. But|strong="H0518"  
 you|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0853"  
 not|strong="H3808" take|strong="H7725"  
 my|strong="H7725" son|strong="H1121"  
 back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725"  
 that|strong="H3808" place|strong="H8033".

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0853" ser-  
 vant|strong="H5650" put|strong="H7760"  
 his|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027" un-  
 der|strong="H8478" his|strong="H5921" mas-  
 ter's|strong="H0113" leg and|strong="H3027"  
 made|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853"  
 promise|strong="H1697".

### The|strong="H0853" Search Begins

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H3605" servant|strong="H5650"  
 took|strong="H3947" ten|strong="H6235"  
 of|strong="H3027" Abraham's  
 camels|strong="H1581" and|strong="H6965"  
 left|strong="H6965" that|strong="H3605"  
 place|strong="H3027". The|strong="H3605" ser-  
 vant|strong="H5650" carried|strong="H6965"  
 with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" many dif-  
 ferent kinds|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3027"  
 beautiful gifts. He|strong="H3027"  
 went|strong="H6965" to|strong="H0413"  
 Mesopotamia|strong="H0763", to|strong="H0413"  
 Nahor's|strong="H5152" city|strong="H5892".<sup>11</sup>

In|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" evening|strong="H6153", when|strong="H6256" the|strong="H0413" women come|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H3318" water|strong="H4325", he|strong="H3318" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" water|strong="H4325" well|strong="H0875" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0413" city|strong="H5892". He|strong="H3318" made the|strong="H0413" camels|strong="H1581" kneel|strong="H1288" down|strong="H1288" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" well|strong="H0875".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0559" servant said|strong="H0559", " LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H6440" are|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" my|strong="H3068" master|strong="H0113" Abraham|strong="H0085". Please|strong="H4994" show|strong="H6213" your|strong="H3068" kindness|strong="H2617" to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3068" master|strong="H0113" by|strong="H3068" helping me|strong="H4994" find a|strong="H3068" wife for|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3068" son Isaac|strong="H0559". <sup>13</sup> Here|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595", standing|strong="H5324" by|strong="H5921" this|strong="H0376" well of|strong="H0376" water|strong="H4325", and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H5921" young women|strong="H1323" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H5921" city|strong="H5892" are|strong="H0376" coming|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H5921" get|strong="H3318" water|strong="H4325". <sup>14</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" one|strong="H3588" of|strong="H5650" them|strong="H0413", ' Please|strong="H4994" put your|strong="H0834" jar|strong="H3537" down|strong="H5186" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" drink|strong="H8354". Let|strong="H4994" her|strong="H0413" answer|strong="H0559" show|strong="H3045" whether|strong="H1571" she|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" chosen|strong="H3045" for|strong="H3588" your|strong="H0834" servant|strong="H5650" Isaac|strong="H3327". If|strong="H3588" she|strong="H0834" says|strong="H0559", ' Drink|strong="H8354", and|strong="H5650" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H1571" give|strong="H8248" water|strong="H8248" to|strong="H0413"

your|strong="H0834" camels|strong="H1581"; I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" she|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" right|strong="H1571" one|strong="H3588". It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" proof that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" shown|strong="H3045" kindness|strong="H2617" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H1961" master|strong="H0113".

#### A|strong="H1961" Wife Is|strong="H0834" Found|strong="H1571"

<sup>15</sup> Before|strong="H2962" the|strong="H0834" servant finished|strong="H3615" praying|strong="H1696", a|strong="H1961" young|strong="H1121" woman|strong="H0802" named|strong="H1696" Rebekah|strong="H7259" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0834" well|strong="H0834". She|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" daughter of|strong="H1121" Bethuel|strong="H1328". ( Bethuel|strong="H1328" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Milcah|strong="H4435" and|strong="H1121" Nahor|strong="H5152", Abraham's|strong="H0085" brother|strong="H0251".) Rebekah|strong="H7259" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0834" well|strong="H0834" with|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" water jar|strong="H3537" on|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" shoulder|strong="H7926". <sup>16</sup> She|strong="H2896" was|strong="H0376" very|strong="H3966" pretty. She|strong="H2896" was|strong="H0376" a|strong="H5927" virgin|strong="H1330"; no|strong="H3808" man|strong="H0376" had|strong="H3045" ever had|strong="H3045" sexual relations|strong="H3045" with|strong="H4390" her|strong="H4390". She|strong="H2896" went|strong="H5927" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3045" well|strong="H2896" and|strong="H5869" filled|strong="H4390" her|strong="H4390" jar|strong="H3537". <sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" servant|strong="H5650" ran|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0559" and|strong="H5650" said|strong="H0559", " Please|strong="H4994" give|strong="H4994" me|strong="H4994" a|strong="H4592" little|strong="H4592" water|strong="H4325" to|strong="H0559" drink|strong="H1572" from|strong="H5650" your|strong="H4994" jar|strong="H3537"."

<sup>18</sup> Rebekah quickly|strong="H4116" lowered|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0559"

jar|strong="H3537" from|strong="H5921"  
 her|strong="H5921" shoulder and|strong="H3027"  
 gave|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5921"  
 a|strong="H5921" drink|strong="H8354".  
 She|strong="H8248" said|strong="H0559", "  
 Drink|strong="H8354" this, sir|strong="H0113"." 19  
 As|strong="H5704" soon as|strong="H5704"  
 she|strong="H0518" finished|strong="H3615" giv-  
 ing|strong="H8248" him|strong="H0559" something  
 to|strong="H0559" drink|strong="H8354", Rebekah  
 said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0518"  
 will|strong="H1571" also|strong="H1571" pour some  
 water|strong="H8248" for|strong="H0518"  
 your|strong="H0518" camels|strong="H1581"." 20  
 So|strong="H4116" Rebekah quickly|strong="H4116"  
 poured|strong="H6168" all|strong="H3605"  
 the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H7579"  
 from|strong="H0413" her|strong="H3605"  
 jar|strong="H3537" into|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H3605" drinking trough|strong="H8268"  
 for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"  
 camels|strong="H1581". Then|strong="H3605" she  
 ran|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H3605" well|strong="H0875"  
 to|strong="H0413" get more|strong="H5750" wa-  
 ter|strong="H7579", and|strong="H4116" she gave  
 water|strong="H7579" to|strong="H0413"  
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
 camels|strong="H1581".

21 The|strong="H3068" servant quietly watched  
 her|strong="H0518". He|strong="H0518" wanted  
 to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808"  
 sure|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3045"  
 the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 had|strong="H3068" given him|strong="H3045"  
 an|strong="H0376" answer and|strong="H3068"  
 had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3045"  
 his|strong="H3068" trip successful|strong="H6743".  
 22 After|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834"  
 camels|strong="H1581" finished|strong="H3615"  
 drinking|strong="H8354", he|strong="H0834"  
 gave|strong="H3947" Rebekah a|strong="H1961"  
 gold|strong="H2091" ring|strong="H5141"  
 that|strong="H0834" weighed|strong="H4948" 1/4  
 ounce. <sup>I</sup> He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0834"  
 gave|strong="H3947" her|strong="H3947"  
 two|strong="H8147" gold|strong="H2091"  
 arm|strong="H3027" bracelets|strong="H6781"  
 that|strong="H0834" weighed|strong="H4948" 2  
 ounces <sup>II</sup> each|strong="H0376". 23  
 The|strong="H0559" servant asked|strong="H0559", "  
 Who|strong="H4310" is|strong="H4310"  
 your|strong="H4994" father|strong="H0001"?  
 And|strong="H1004" is|strong="H4310"  
 there|strong="H3426" a|strong="H3426"  
 place|strong="H4725" in|strong="H1004"

I 1/4 OUNCE Literally, "1 beka|strong="H1235"  
 OUNCES Literally, "5 measures" (57.5 g).

II 2

your|strong="H4994" father's|strong="H0001"  
 house|strong="H1004" for|strong="H1004"  
 me|strong="H4994" and|strong="H1004"  
 my|strong="H5046" men|strong="H0559"  
 to|strong="H0559" sleep?"  
 24 Rebekah answered|strong="H0559", "  
 My|strong="H0834" father|strong="H3205"  
 is|strong="H0834" Bethuel|strong="H1328",  
 the|strong="H0559" son|strong="H1121"  
 of|strong="H1121" Milcah|strong="H4435"  
 and|strong="H1121" Nahor|strong="H5152"." 25  
 Then|strong="H0559" she|strong="H5973"  
 said|strong="H0559", " Yes|strong="H1571", we  
 have|strong="H1571" straw|strong="H8401"  
 and|strong="H4725" other food|strong="H4554"  
 for|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0413" camels  
 and|strong="H4725" a|strong="H1571"  
 place|strong="H4725" for|strong="H0413"  
 you|strong="H5973" to|strong="H0413" sleep."

26 The|strong="H3068" servant  
 bowed|strong="H7812" and|strong="H3068" wor-  
 shipped|strong="H7812" the|strong="H3068"  
 LORD|strong="H3068". 27 He|strong="H0834"  
 said|strong="H0559", " Praise|strong="H1288"  
 be|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559"  
 the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068",  
 the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430"  
 of|strong="H1004" my|strong="H3068" mas-  
 ter|strong="H0113" Abraham|strong="H0085".  
 The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 has|strong="H3068" been|strong="H0834" kind  
 and|strong="H3068" loyal|strong="H3068"  
 to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5973"  
 by|strong="H3068" leading me|strong="H5973"  
 to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3068"  
 own|strong="H5973" people|strong="H0834"."

28 Then|strong="H0428" Rebekah  
 ran|strong="H7323" and|strong="H1004"  
 told|strong="H5046" her|strong="H5046" fami-  
 ly|strong="H1004" about|strong="H1697"  
 all|strong="H1697" these|strong="H0428"  
 things|strong="H1697". 29 She had a brother named  
 Laban. She told him what the man had said to her. La-  
 ban was listening to her. And when he saw the ring  
 and the bracelets on his sister's arms, he ran out to  
 the well. There the man was, standing by the camels  
 at the well. 31 Laban said|strong="H0559", "Sir,  
 you|strong="H0935" are|strong="H4100" welcome  
 to|strong="H0559" come|strong="H0935"  
 in|strong="H0935"! <sup>III</sup> You|strong="H0935" don't  
 have|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559"  
 stand|strong="H5975" outside|strong="H2351"  
 here|strong="H4725". I|strong="H0595"  
 have|strong="H3068" prepared|strong="H6437"  
 a|strong="H0935" room|strong="H1004"  
 for|strong="H1004" you|strong="H0935"

III SIR, YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME IN Literally, "Come in, blessed  
 of the LORD!"

to|strong="H0559" sleep in|strong="H0935"  
and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935"  
place|strong="H4725" for|strong="H1004"  
your|strong="H3068" camels|strong="H1581".

<sup>32</sup> So|strong="H5414" Abraham's servant  
went|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0834" house|strong="H1004". Laban  
unloaded his|strong="H5414" camels|strong="H1581"  
and|strong="H0935" gave|strong="H5414"  
them|strong="H5414" straw|strong="H8401"  
and|strong="H0935" feed|strong="H4554".  
Then|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0834"  
gave|strong="H5414" Abraham's servant wa-  
ter|strong="H4325" so|strong="H5414"  
that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"  
and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834"  
men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0854"  
him|strong="H5414" could|strong="H0376"  
wash|strong="H7364" their|strong="H5414"  
feet|strong="H7272". <sup>33</sup> Laban then|strong="H1696"  
gave|strong="H0559" him|strong="H6440"  
food|strong="H0398" to|strong="H0559"  
eat|strong="H0398", but|strong="H0518"  
the|strong="H0559" servant refused|strong="H3808"  
to|strong="H0559" eat|strong="H0398".  
He|strong="H0518" said|strong="H0559", "  
I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1697"  
not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" un-  
til|strong="H5704" I|strong="H0518"  
have|strong="H0518" told|strong="H0559"  
you|strong="H0518" why|strong="H3808"  
I|strong="H0518" came|strong="H0559"."

So|strong="H3808" Laban said|strong="H0559", "  
Then|strong="H1696" tell|strong="H0559"  
us|strong="H6440"."

#### Bargaining for|strong="H0518" Rebekah

<sup>34</sup> The|strong="H0559" servant|strong="H5650"  
said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0595"  
am|strong="H0595" Abraham's|strong="H0085" ser-  
vant|strong="H5650". <sup>35</sup> The|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" great-  
ly|strong="H3966" blessed|strong="H1288"  
my|strong="H5414" master|strong="H0113"  
in|strong="H3068" everything. My|strong="H5414"  
master|strong="H0113" has|strong="H3068" be-  
come|strong="H1431" a|strong="H5414"  
great|strong="H1431" man. The|strong="H0853"  
Lord|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" giv-  
en|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" many  
flocks|strong="H6629" of|strong="H3068"  
sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H3068"  
herds|strong="H1241" of|strong="H3068" cat-  
tle|strong="H1241". He|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" much|strong="H3966" sil-  
ver|strong="H3701" and|strong="H3068"  
gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3068" many ser-  
vants|strong="H5650". He|strong="H3068"

has|strong="H3068" many camels|strong="H1581"  
and|strong="H3068" donkeys|strong="H2543". <sup>36</sup>  
Sarah|strong="H8283" was|strong="H0834"  
my|strong="H3605" master's|strong="H0113"  
wife|strong="H0802". When|strong="H0834"  
she|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" very  
old|strong="H1121", she|strong="H0834"  
gave|strong="H5414" birth|strong="H3205"  
to|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414"  
son|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121"  
my|strong="H3605" master|strong="H0113"  
has|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" every-  
thing|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" owns  
to|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834"  
son|strong="H1121". <sup>37</sup> My|strong="H3947" mas-  
ter|strong="H0113" forced me|strong="H3947"  
to|strong="H0559" make|strong="H3947"  
a|strong="H3947" promise|strong="H7650"  
to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H3947".  
He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H3947", '  
You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H1121"  
not|strong="H3808" allow my|strong="H3947"  
son|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0559" mar-  
ry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947"  
girl|strong="H1323" from|strong="H3947" Canaan.  
We|strong="H0834" live|strong="H3427"  
among|strong="H3427" these|strong="H0834" peo-  
ple|strong="H1121", but|strong="H3808"  
I|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" want  
him|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0559" mar-  
ry|strong="H3947" one|strong="H3808"  
of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" Canaan-  
ite|strong="H3669" girls. <sup>38</sup> So|strong="H3947"  
you|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" promise  
to|strong="H0413" go to|strong="H0413"  
my|strong="H3947" father's|strong="H0001" country.  
Go to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3947" fami-  
ly|strong="H4940" and|strong="H1121"  
choose|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947"  
wife|strong="H0802" for|strong="H0413"  
my|strong="H3947" son|strong="H1121". <sup>39</sup>  
I|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H0310" mas-  
ter|strong="H0113", ' Maybe|strong="H0194"  
the|strong="H0559" woman|strong="H0802"  
will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" come  
back|strong="H0310" to|strong="H0413" this place  
with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". <sup>40</sup>  
But|strong="H3947" my|strong="H3068" mas-  
ter|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", '  
I|strong="H0834" serve|strong="H1980"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068",  
and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" send|strong="H7971"  
his|strong="H3068" angel|strong="H4397"  
with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834"



and |strong="H1980" help you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" find |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802" for |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3068" son |strong="H1121" among |strong="H0854" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121" there |strong="H3068".<sup>41</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5414" father's country, and |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3588" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" a |strong="H1961" wife for |strong="H3588" my |strong="H5414" son, you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" free |strong="H5352" from |strong="H0935" this |strong="H3588" promise.'

<sup>42</sup> " Today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0834" well |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1980" said |strong="H0559", ' LORD |strong="H3068", God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3068" master |strong="H0113" Abraham |strong="H0085", please |strong="H4994" make my |strong="H3068" trip successful |strong="H6743".<sup>43</sup> I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H1961" stand |strong="H5324" by |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2009" well and |strong="H5869" wait for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" young woman to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H3318" water |strong="H4325". Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H1961" say |strong="H0559", " Please |strong="H4994" give |strong="H8248" me |strong="H0413" water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H3318" your |strong="H5921" jar |strong="H3537" to |strong="H0413" drink |strong="H8248"."<sup>44</sup> The |strong="H0559" right |strong="H1571" woman |strong="H0802" will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H0559" in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0834" special way. She |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", " Drink |strong="H8354" this |strong="H1931" water |strong="H7579", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" also |strong="H1571" get water |strong="H7579" for |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" camels |strong="H1581". That |strong="H0834" way I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" know that |strong="H0834" she |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" chosen for |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3068" master's |strong="H0113" son |strong="H1121".'

<sup>45</sup> " Before |strong="H2962" I |strong="H0589" finished |strong="H3615" praying |strong="H1696", Rebekah |strong="H7259" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" well |strong="H3820" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H3318" water |strong="H8248". She |strong="H3820" had |strong="H5869" her |strong="H0413" water |strong="H8248" jar |strong="H3537" on |strong="H5921" her |strong="H0413" shoulder |strong="H7926" as |strong="H3318" she |strong="H3820" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H3318" water |strong="H8248" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559" well |strong="H3820". I |strong="H0589" asked |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H8248" me |strong="H0413" some |strong="H2009" water |strong="H8248".<sup>46</sup> She |strong="H8248" quickly |strong="H4116" lowered |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0559" jar |strong="H3537" from |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" shoulder and |strong="H8354" poured |strong="H3381" me |strong="H5921" some water |strong="H8248". Then |strong="H1571" she |strong="H8248" said |strong="H0559", ' Drink |strong="H8354" this, and |strong="H8354" I'll get some water |strong="H8248" for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" camels |strong="H1581". So |strong="H1571" I |strong="H1571" drank |strong="H8354" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H8248", and |strong="H8354" she |strong="H8248" gave |strong="H0559" water |strong="H8248" to |strong="H0559" my |strong="H5921" camels |strong="H1581".<sup>47</sup> Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H7592" her |strong="H5921", ' Who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" your |strong="H5921" father |strong="H3205"? She |strong="H0834" answered |strong="H0559", ' My |strong="H7760" father |strong="H3205" is |strong="H0834" Bethuel |strong="H1328" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Milcah |strong="H4435" and |strong="H1121" Nahor |strong="H5152". Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H3205" her |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ring |strong="H5141" and |strong="H1121" bracelets |strong="H6781" for |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" arms |strong="H3027".<sup>48</sup> I |strong="H0834" bowed |strong="H7812" my |strong="H3068" head and |strong="H1121" worshiped |strong="H7812" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0834" praised |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" my |strong="H3068" mas-

ter|strong="H0113" Abraham|strong="H0085". I|strong="H0834" thanked|strong="H1288" him|strong="H0853" for|strong="H3068" leading me|strong="H3947" straight to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" granddaughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H3068" master's|strong="H0113" brother|strong="H0251".<sup>49</sup> Now|strong="H6258", tell|strong="H5046" me|strong="H5046", will|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0518" be|strong="H3808" kind and|strong="H6437" loyal|strong="H2617" to|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" master|strong="H0113" and|strong="H6437" give|strong="H5046" him|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" daughter? Or|strong="H0176" will|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0518" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H5921" give|strong="H5046" her|strong="H5046" to|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921"? Tell|strong="H5046" me|strong="H5046" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3808" know|strong="H5046" what|strong="H5921" I|strong="H0518" should|strong="H0518" do|strong="H6213"."

<sup>50</sup> Then|strong="H6030" Laban|strong="H3837" and|strong="H3068" Bethuel|strong="H1328" answered|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H1697" see that|strong="H1697" this|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", so|strong="H3808" there|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" nothing|strong="H3808" we|strong="H1697" can|strong="H3201" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" change it|strong="H1696".<sup>51</sup> Here|strong="H2009" is|strong="H0834" Rebekah|strong="H7259". Take|strong="H3947" her|strong="H3947" and|strong="H1121" go|strong="H1961". Let|strong="H1961" her|strong="H3947" marry|strong="H3947" your|strong="H3068" master's|strong="H0113" son|strong="H1121". This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" wants."

<sup>52</sup> When|strong="H1961" Abraham's|strong="H0085" servant|strong="H5650" heard|strong="H8085" this|strong="H1697", he|strong="H0834" bowed|strong="H7812" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" before the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>53</sup> Then|strong="H3318" he|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" Rebekah|strong="H7259" the|strong="H5414" gifts he|strong="H5414" brought|strong="H3318". He|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" beautiful clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H3701"

gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3701" silver|strong="H3701" jewelry|strong="H3627". He|strong="H5414" also gave|strong="H5414" expensive gifts to|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" mother|strong="H0517" and|strong="H3701" brother|strong="H0251".<sup>54</sup> Then|strong="H6965" he|strong="H0834" and|strong="H6965" his|strong="H7971" men|strong="H0376" had|strong="H0834" something to|strong="H0559" eat|strong="H0398" and|strong="H6965" drink|strong="H8354", and|strong="H6965" they|strong="H0834" spent|strong="H3885" the|strong="H0559" night there|strong="H0834". Early|strong="H1242" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H7971" morning|strong="H1242" they|strong="H0834" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0559" servant said|strong="H0559", "Now we|strong="H0834" must go|strong="H7971" back to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H7971" master|strong="H0113"."

<sup>55</sup> Rebekah's mother|strong="H0517" and|strong="H3117" her|strong="H0559" brother|strong="H0251" said|strong="H0559", "Let Rebekah stay|strong="H3427" with|strong="H0854" us|strong="H3117" for|strong="H3117" a|strong="H0176" short time|strong="H3117". Let her|strong="H0559" stay|strong="H3427" with|strong="H0854" us|strong="H3117" ten|strong="H6218" days|strong="H3117". After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H3117" she|strong="H0517" can go."

<sup>56</sup> But|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853" servant said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " Don't|strong="H0408" make me|strong="H0413" wait|strong="H0309". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" made my|strong="H3068" trip successful|strong="H6743". Now let|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971" back|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3068" master|strong="H0113"."

<sup>57</sup> Rebekah's brother and|strong="H6310" mother said|strong="H0559", "We will|strong="H6310" call|strong="H7121" Rebekah and|strong="H6310" ask|strong="H7592" her|strong="H7592" what|strong="H6310" she|strong="H7121" wants to|strong="H0559" do."<sup>58</sup> They|strong="H0376" called|strong="H7121" her|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0376" asked|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0413", " Do|strong="H2088" you|strong="H5973" want to|strong="H0413" go with|strong="H5973" this|strong="H2088" man|strong="H0376" now|strong="H2088"?"

Rebekah|strong="H7259" said|strong="H0559", "Yes, I|strong="H2088" will|strong="H0376" go."

<sup>59</sup> So|strong="H7971" they|strong="H0376" allowed Rebekah|strong="H7259" to|strong="H7971"

go |strong="H7971" with |strong="H0376" Abraham's |strong="H0085" servant |strong="H5650" and |strong="H7971" his |strong="H7971" men |strong="H0376". Her |strong="H7971" nurse |strong="H3243" also |strong="H0853" went |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0376" them |strong="H0853". <sup>60</sup> While |strong="H1961" Rebekah |strong="H7259" was |strong="H1961" leaving they |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H1961",  
" Our |strong="H1961" sister |strong="H0269",  
may |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859" be |strong="H1961"

the |strong="H0853" mother of |strong="H8179" millions of |strong="H8179" people,  
and |strong="H0853" may |strong="H1961" your |strong="H1961" descendants |strong="H2233" defeat

their |strong="H1961" enemies |strong="H8130" and |strong="H0853" take |strong="H3423" their |strong="H1961" cities |strong="H8179".

<sup>61</sup> Then |strong="H6965" Rebekah |strong="H7259" and |strong="H6965" her |strong="H3947" nurse got |strong="H6965" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" camels |strong="H1581" and |strong="H6965" followed |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0853" servant |strong="H5650" and |strong="H6965" his |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376". So |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" servant |strong="H5650" took |strong="H3947" Rebekah |strong="H7259" and |strong="H6965" left |strong="H6965".

<sup>62</sup> Isaac |strong="H3327" had |strong="H3327" left |strong="H0935" Beer Lahai Roi and |strong="H0935" was |strong="H0776" now |strong="H0935" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0935" Negev |strong="H5045". <sup>63</sup> One |strong="H7200" evening |strong="H6153" he |strong="H0935" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" field |strong="H7704" to |strong="H0935" think |strong="H5869". <sup>1</sup> He |strong="H0935" looked |strong="H7200" up |strong="H5375" and |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0935" camels |strong="H1581" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" far away |strong="H5375".

<sup>64</sup> Rebekah |strong="H7259" also |strong="H0853" looked |strong="H7200" and |strong="H5869" saw |strong="H7200" Isaac |strong="H3327". Then |strong="H0853" she |strong="H3327" jumped down |strong="H5307" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" camel |strong="H1581". <sup>65</sup> She |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" servant |strong="H5650", " Who |strong="H4310"

is |strong="H1931" that |strong="H1931" young man |strong="H0376" walking |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0559" field |strong="H7704" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H7125" us |strong="H0413"?"

The |strong="H0559" servant |strong="H5650" said |strong="H0559", " That |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" my |strong="H3947" master's |strong="H0113" son." So |strong="H1980" Rebekah covered |strong="H3680" her |strong="H0413" face with |strong="H1980" her |strong="H0413" veil |strong="H6809".

<sup>66</sup> The |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" told |strong="H5608" Isaac |strong="H3327" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" happened |strong="H1697". <sup>67</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Isaac |strong="H3327" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" girl into |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3947" mother's |strong="H0517" tent |strong="H0168". Rebekah |strong="H7259" became |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802" that |strong="H1961" day. Isaac |strong="H3327" loved |strong="H0157" her |strong="H3947" very much. So |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0310" was |strong="H1961" comforted |strong="H5162" after |strong="H0310" his |strong="H3947" mother's |strong="H0517" death.

### Abraham's Family

**25** Abraham |strong="H0085" married |strong="H3947" again |strong="H3254". His |strong="H3947" new wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Keturah |strong="H6989". <sup>2</sup> She gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" Zimran |strong="H2175", Jokshan |strong="H3370", Medan |strong="H4091", Midian |strong="H4080", Ishbak |strong="H3435", and |strong="H0853" Shuah |strong="H7744". <sup>3</sup> Jokshan |strong="H3370" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H1121" Sheba |strong="H7614" and |strong="H1121" Dedan |strong="H1719". The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Asshur, <sup>II</sup> Leum, and |strong="H1121" Letush were |strong="H1961" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Dedan |strong="H1719". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Midian |strong="H4080" were |strong="H1121" Ephah |strong="H5891", Epher |strong="H6081", Hanoch |strong="H2585", Abida |strong="H0028", and |strong="H1121" Eldaah |strong="H0420". All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" sons |strong="H1121" came from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" marriage

I THINK Or "to go for a walk."

II ASSHUR Or "Assyria."

of *Abraham* and *Ke-turah*.<sup>5</sup> Before Abraham died, he gave some gifts to his sons who were from his slave women. He sent them to the East,<sup>1</sup> away from Isaac. Then Abraham gave everything he owned to Isaac.

<sup>7</sup> Abraham lived *175* years *old*.<sup>8</sup> Then he grew weak and died.

He had lived a long and satisfying life.

He died and went to be with his people.<sup>9</sup>

His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of *Machpelah*.

This cave is in the field of *Ephron*, the son of *Zohar*.

It was east of *Mamre*.<sup>10</sup>

This is the same cave that Abraham bought from the *Hittites*.

He was buried there with his wife *Sarah*.

After Abraham died, God blessed Isaac.

Isaac was living at *Beer Lahai Roi*.

<sup>12</sup> This is the list of *Ishmael's* family. *Ishmael* was Abraham and *Hagar's* son.

(*Hagar* was *Sarah's* Egyptian maid.)<sup>13</sup>

These are the names of the sons of Abraham.

I EAST This usually means the area between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers as far east as the Persian Gulf.

of *Ishmael's* sons: The first son was *Nebaioth*; then *Kedar* born in *Ad-beel*, *Mibsam*, *Mishma*, *Dumah*, *Massa*, *Hadad*, *Tema*, *Naphish*, and *Kedemah*.<sup>16</sup> These were the names of *Ishmael's* sons. Each had his own camp that became a small town. The twelve sons were their own people.<sup>17</sup> *Ishmael* lived *137* years *old*. Then he died and went to be with his people.<sup>18</sup> His descendants settled throughout the desert area from *Havilah* to *Shur*. This area begins near *Egypt* and *Assyria*. *Ishmael's* people were often at war with the other descendants of Abraham.

### Isaac's Family

<sup>19</sup> This is the story of *Isaac*. Abraham had a son named *Isaac*.

<sup>20</sup> When *Isaac* was 40 years old, he married *Rebekah*.

*Rebekah* was

II WERE OFTEN AT WAR WITH Or "lived away from."

from |strong="H1121" Paddan |strong="H6307" Aram |strong="H6307". She |strong="H3327" was |strong="H1961" Bethuel's daughter |strong="H1323" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" sister |strong="H0269" of |strong="H1121" Laban |strong="H3837" the |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0761".<sup>21</sup> Isaac's |strong="H3327" wife |strong="H0802" could not |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" children. So |strong="H3588" Isaac |strong="H3327" prayed |strong="H6279" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" her |strong="H0802". The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H3588" Isaac's |strong="H3327" prayer |strong="H6279", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H1931" allowed |strong="H3068" Rebekah |strong="H7259" to |strong="H3068" become pregnant |strong="H2029".

<sup>22</sup> While |strong="H2088" Rebekah was |strong="H3068" pregnant, the |strong="H0853" babies inside |strong="H7130" her |strong="H0518" struggled |strong="H7533" with |strong="H3068" one |strong="H2088" another |strong="H2088". She |strong="H0518" prayed |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" is |strong="H3068" happening to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H1875"?"<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" leaders of |strong="H3068" two |strong="H8147" nations |strong="H1471" are |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" body |strong="H0990".

Two |strong="H8147" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H3068" come from |strong="H3068" you |strong="H5647",

and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" divided |strong="H6504".

One |strong="H8147" of |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5647" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" stronger |strong="H0553", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" older will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0559" younger |strong="H6810".

<sup>24</sup> When |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3205" right |strong="H2009" time |strong="H3117" came, Rebekah gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" twins |strong="H8380".<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" baby was |strong="H8034" red |strong="H0132". His |strong="H3605" skin was |strong="H8034" like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H7121" hairy |strong="H8181" robe |strong="H0155". So |strong="H7121" he |strong="H3318"

was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Esau |strong="H6215".<sup>26</sup> When |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" second baby |strong="H1121" was |strong="H8034" born |strong="H3205", he |strong="H0310" was |strong="H8034" holding |strong="H0270" tightly to |strong="H3205" Esau's |strong="H6215" heel |strong="H6119". So |strong="H3651" that |strong="H3651" baby |strong="H1121" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Jacob |strong="H3290".<sup>II</sup> Isaac |strong="H3327" was |strong="H8034" 60 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H3318" Jacob |strong="H3290" and |strong="H1121" Esau |strong="H6215" were |strong="H1121" born |strong="H3205".

<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H3045" boys |strong="H5288" grew |strong="H1431" up |strong="H1431". Esau |strong="H6215" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" skilled hunter |strong="H6718", who |strong="H0376" loved to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" out |strong="H3045" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3045" fields |strong="H7704". But |strong="H1961" Jacob |strong="H3290" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" quiet man |strong="H0376", who |strong="H0376" stayed |strong="H3427" at |strong="H3427" home |strong="H0168".<sup>28</sup> Isaac |strong="H3327" loved |strong="H0157" Esau |strong="H6215". He |strong="H3588" liked to |strong="H6310" eat the |strong="H0853" animals Esau |strong="H6215" killed. But |strong="H3588" Rebekah |strong="H7259" loved |strong="H0157" Jacob |strong="H3290".

<sup>29</sup> One |strong="H4480" day Esau |strong="H6215" came |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" hunting. He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" tired |strong="H5889" and |strong="H0935" weak from |strong="H4480" hunger. Jacob |strong="H3290" was |strong="H1931" boiling a |strong="H0935" pot of |strong="H4480" beans.<sup>30</sup> So |strong="H3651" Esau |strong="H6215" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jacob |strong="H3290", " I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" weak with |strong="H0413" hunger. Let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H0413" have |strong="H3588" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" that |strong="H3588" red |strong="H0122" soup." ( That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2088" why |strong="H3651" people call |strong="H7121" him |strong="H0413" " Red |strong="H0122"."<sup>III</sup>)

<sup>31</sup> But |strong="H3117" Jacob |strong="H3290" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853" sell |strong="H4376"

I ESAU This name is like the word meaning "hairy."<sup>II</sup> JACOB This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "heel." It also means "the one who follows" or "tricky."<sup>III</sup> RED Literally, "Edom," a name that means "red."

me|strong="H4376" your|strong="H0559" rights as|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" first-born|strong="H1062" son."

<sup>32</sup> Esau|strong="H6215" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" almost dead|strong="H4191" with|strong="H1980" hunger, so|strong="H1980" what|strong="H4100" good are|strong="H4100" these|strong="H2088" rights to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4191" now|strong="H2009"?"

<sup>33</sup> But|strong="H3117" Jacob|strong="H3290" said|strong="H0559", " First|strong="H3117", promise|strong="H7650" me|strong="H4376" that|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3290" give them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4376"." So|strong="H0853" Esau|strong="H0559" made|strong="H7650" an|strong="H7650" oath|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3117" sold|strong="H4376" his|strong="H3117" rights as|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" first-born|strong="H1062" son to|strong="H0559" Jacob|strong="H3290". <sup>34</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Jacob|strong="H3290" gave|strong="H5414" Esau|strong="H6215" bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H6965" lentil|strong="H5742"<sup>I</sup> soup. Esau|strong="H6215" ate|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" food|strong="H3899", had|strong="H3290" something|strong="H3899" to|strong="H5414" drink|strong="H8354", and|strong="H6965" then|strong="H6965" left|strong="H5414". So|strong="H5414" Esau|strong="H6215" showed|strong="H5414" that|strong="H5414" he|strong="H5414" did not|strong="H0398" care about his|strong="H5414" rights as|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" first-born|strong="H1062" son.

#### Isaac Lies to Abimelech

**26** Now|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" famine|strong="H7458". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" famine|strong="H7458" that|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H1961" during|strong="H3117" Abraham's|strong="H0085" life|strong="H3117". So|strong="H1961" Isaac|strong="H3327" went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" town of|strong="H4428" Gerar|strong="H1642", to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Abimelech|strong="H0040" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" Philistines|strong="H6430". <sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"

I LENTIL A type of bean.

Isaac|strong="H0559" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " Don't|strong="H0408" go|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714". Live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H0413". <sup>3</sup> Stay|strong="H1481" in|strong="H0776" this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H0776", and|strong="H6965" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" family|strong="H0001" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0411" lands|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" do|strong="H3605" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" to|strong="H1961" Abraham|strong="H0085" your|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001". <sup>4</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" family|strong="H2233" as|strong="H0776" many|strong="H7235" as|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" stars|strong="H3556" of|strong="H0776" heaven|strong="H8064", and|strong="H0776" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" give|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0411" lands|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" family|strong="H2233". Through|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H2233"<sup>II</sup> every|strong="H3605" nation|strong="H1471" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H1288" blessed|strong="H1288". <sup>5</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H8104" this|strong="H0834" because|strong="H0834" your|strong="H0834" father Abraham|strong="H0085" obeyed|strong="H8085" my|strong="H8104" words|strong="H8451" and|strong="H6963" did|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" said|strong="H8085". He|strong="H0834" obeyed|strong="H8085" my|strong="H8104" commands|strong="H4687", my|strong="H8104" laws|strong="H8451", and|strong="H6963" my|strong="H8104" rules|strong="H2708"."

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H3427" Isaac|strong="H3327" settled|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Ger-

II DESCENDANTS Or "Descendant." See Gal. 3:16.

ar|strong="H1642".<sup>7</sup> His|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802" Rebekah|strong="H7259" was|strong="H1931" very beautiful|strong="H4758". The|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" that|strong="H3588" place|strong="H4725" asked|strong="H7592" Isaac|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921" Rebekah|strong="H7259". He|strong="H1931" said|strong="H0559", " She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" my|strong="H5921" sister|strong="H0269"." He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" afraid|strong="H3372" to|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H5921" Rebekah|strong="H7259" was|strong="H1931" his|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802". He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" afraid|strong="H3372" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" would|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H2026" him|strong="H5921" so|strong="H6435" that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" could|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376" her|strong="H5921".

<sup>8</sup> After|strong="H1961" Isaac|strong="H3327" had|strong="H1961" lived|strong="H1961" there|strong="H8033" a|strong="H1961" long|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117", Abimelech|strong="H0040" looked|strong="H7200" out|strong="H8259" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H1961" window|strong="H2474" and|strong="H4428" saw|strong="H7200" Isaac|strong="H3327" and|strong="H4428" his|strong="H1961" wife|strong="H0802" enjoying one|strong="H0802" another|strong="H0802".<sup>9</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" called|strong="H7121" for|strong="H3588" Isaac|strong="H3327" and|strong="H0802" said|strong="H0559", " This|strong="H1931" woman|strong="H0802" is|strong="H1931" your|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802". Why|strong="H0349" did you|strong="H3588" tell|strong="H0559" us|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588" she|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" your|strong="H5921" sister|strong="H0269"?"

Isaac|strong="H3327" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1931" afraid that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" would|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H4191" me|strong="H0413" so|strong="H6435" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" could have|strong="H3588" her|strong="H0413"."

<sup>10</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H5921" have|strong="H4592" done|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0935" bad thing|strong="H4592" to|strong="H0559" us|strong="H5921". One|strong="H0259" of|strong="H5921"

our|strong="H5921" men|strong="H5971" might have|strong="H4592" had|strong="H0802" sex|strong="H7901" with|strong="H0854" your|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802". Then|strong="H0935" he|strong="H6213" would|strong="H4100" be|strong="H4592" guilty|strong="H0817" of|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0935" great sin|strong="H0817"."

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H4191" Abimelech|strong="H0040" gave|strong="H6680" a|strong="H2088" warning|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". He|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559", " No|strong="H3605" one|strong="H0376" must|strong="H4191" hurt|strong="H5060" this|strong="H2088" man|strong="H0376" or|strong="H0376" this|strong="H2088" woman|strong="H0802". If|strong="H0376" anyone|strong="H3605" hurts them|strong="H0853", they|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191"."

#### Isaac|strong="H0559" Becomes Rich

<sup>12</sup> Isaac|strong="H3327" planted|strong="H2232" fields in|strong="H8141" that|strong="H1931" place|strong="H0776", and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H1931" year|strong="H8141" he|strong="H1931" gathered a|strong="H4672" great harvest. The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" blessed|strong="H1288" him|strong="H4672" very much. <sup>13</sup> Isaac became|strong="H1431" rich|strong="H1431". He|strong="H3588" gathered|strong="H3588" more|strong="H3966" and|strong="H1980" more|strong="H3966" wealth until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H3588" became|strong="H1431" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H3966" rich|strong="H1431" man|strong="H0376". <sup>14</sup> He|strong="H0853" had|strong="H1961" many|strong="H7227" flocks|strong="H6629" and|strong="H6629" herds|strong="H1241" of|strong="H6629" animals|strong="H1961". He|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" had|strong="H1961" many|strong="H7227" slaves. All the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" were|strong="H1961" jealous|strong="H7065" of|strong="H6629" him|strong="H0853". <sup>15</sup> So|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" destroyed all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" wells|strong="H0875" that|strong="H0834" Isaac's father|strong="H0001" Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3605" servants|strong="H5650" had|strong="H0834" dug|strong="H2658" many years|strong="H3117" before|strong="H3117". They|strong="H0834" filled|strong="H4390" them|strong="H3117" with|strong="H4390" sand. <sup>16</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" said|strong="H0559"

to|strong="H0413" Isaac|strong="H3327", " Leave|strong="H4480" our|strong="H4480" country. You|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3588" become much|strong="H3966" more|strong="H4480" powerful than|strong="H4480" we|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5973".

<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H3427" Isaac|strong="H3327" left|strong="H8033" that|strong="H8033" place|strong="H8033" and|strong="H8033" camped|strong="H2583" near|strong="H8033" the|strong="H8033" little river|strong="H5158" of|strong="H3427" Gerar|strong="H1642". He|strong="H8033" stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H8033" lived|strong="H8033". <sup>18</sup> Long|strong="H3117" before|strong="H3117" this|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117", Abraham|strong="H0085" had|strong="H0834" dug|strong="H2658" many wells|strong="H0875". After|strong="H0310" he|strong="H0834" died|strong="H4194", the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" filled the|strong="H0853" wells|strong="H0875" with|strong="H3117" sand. So|strong="H7121" Isaac|strong="H3327" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" dug|strong="H2658" those|strong="H0834" wells|strong="H0875" again|strong="H7725". He|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" his|strong="H7725" father|strong="H0001" had|strong="H0834" given|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0853". <sup>19</sup> Isaac's|strong="H3327" servants|strong="H5650" also dug|strong="H2658" a|strong="H4672" well|strong="H0875" near|strong="H8033" the|strong="H8033" little river|strong="H5158" and|strong="H5650" found|strong="H4672" fresh water|strong="H4325". <sup>20</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H7121" who|strong="H0559" herded sheep in|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0559" Valley of|strong="H4325" Gerar|strong="H1642" argued with|strong="H5973" Isaac's|strong="H3327" servants. They|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " This|strong="H3588" water|strong="H4325" is|strong="H8034" ours." So|strong="H7121" Isaac|strong="H3327" named|strong="H8034" that|strong="H3588" well|strong="H0875" Es-ek|strong="H6230". <sup>II</sup> He|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H0559" it|strong="H7121" that|strong="H3588" name|strong="H8034" because|strong="H3588" it|strong="H7121" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0559" place where they|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3588" argued with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5973".

I FRESH WATER Or "an underground stream." Literally, "living water." II ESEK This means "argument" or "fight."

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H1571" Isaac's servants dug|strong="H2658" another|strong="H0312" well|strong="H0875". But|strong="H1571" there was|strong="H8034" an|strong="H7121" argument over|strong="H5921" this well|strong="H0875" too|strong="H1571". So|strong="H7121" Isaac|strong="H7121" named|strong="H8034" that|strong="H7121" well|strong="H0875" Sitnah|strong="H7856". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Isaac|strong="H0559" moved|strong="H6275" from|strong="H5921" there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H3068" dug|strong="H2658" another|strong="H0312" well|strong="H0875". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" came|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" argue|strong="H7378" about|strong="H5921" this|strong="H6258" well|strong="H0875". So|strong="H7121" Isaac|strong="H0559" named|strong="H8034" it|strong="H5921" Rehoboth|strong="H7344". <sup>IV</sup> He|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " Now|strong="H6258" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" found a|strong="H3588" place|strong="H8033" for|strong="H3588" us|strong="H5921". We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" grow|strong="H6275" and|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" successful in|strong="H5921" this|strong="H6258" place|strong="H8033"."

<sup>23</sup> From|strong="H5927" there|strong="H8033" Isaac|strong="H5927" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H8033" Beersheba|strong="H0884". <sup>24</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588" night|strong="H3915" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001" Abraham|strong="H0085". Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372". I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H3588". I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7200" your|strong="H3068" family|strong="H0001" great|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H0408" this|strong="H1931" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0430" my|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" Abraham|strong="H0085". <sup>25</sup> So|strong="H7121" Isaac|strong="H3327" built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" al-

III SITNAH This means "hatred" or "being an enemy." IV REHOBOTH This means "open place" or "crossroads."



tar|strong="H4196" and|strong="H3068" worshiped|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3068" place|strong="H8033". He|strong="H8033" set|strong="H1129" up|strong="H1129" camp there|strong="H8033", and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" servants|strong="H5650" dug|strong="H3738" a|strong="H1129" well|strong="H0875".

<sup>26</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" came|strong="H1980" from|strong="H1980" Gerar|strong="H1642" to|strong="H0413" see Isaac. He|strong="H1980" brought|strong="H1980" with|strong="H1980" him|strong="H0413" Ahuzath|strong="H0276", his|strong="H0413" advisor, and|strong="H1980" Phicol|strong="H6369", the|strong="H0413" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" his|strong="H0413" army|strong="H6635".

<sup>27</sup> Isaac|strong="H3327" asked|strong="H0559", "Why|strong="H4069" have|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413"? You|strong="H0859" were|strong="H3327" not friendly to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" before|strong="H0413". You|strong="H0859" even|strong="H0853" forced me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" leave your|strong="H0935" country."

<sup>28</sup> They|strong="H3588" answered|strong="H0559", "Now|strong="H4994" we|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H3588". We|strong="H3588" think|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3772" an|strong="H1961" agreement|strong="H1285". We|strong="H3588" want you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559" make|strong="H3772" a|strong="H1961" promise|strong="H1285" to|strong="H0559" us|strong="H4994". <sup>29</sup> We|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" hurt|strong="H5060" you|strong="H0859"; now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H0859" should|strong="H0518" promise|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3068" hurt|strong="H5060" us|strong="H7971". We|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971" you|strong="H0859" away|strong="H7971", but|strong="H0518" we|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971" you|strong="H0859" away|strong="H7971" in|strong="H3068" peace|strong="H7965". Now|strong="H6258" it|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0834" clear that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834"

LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" blessed|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0859"."

<sup>30</sup> So|strong="H6213" Isaac gave|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0398" party for|strong="H4960" them|strong="H0398". They|strong="H6213" all|strong="H0398" ate|strong="H0398" and|strong="H0398" drank|strong="H8354". <sup>31</sup> Early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H7971" morning|strong="H1242" each|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" made|strong="H7650" a|strong="H7971" promise|strong="H7650" and|strong="H7971" a|strong="H7971" vow|strong="H7650". Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" left in|strong="H0376" peace|strong="H7965".

<sup>32</sup> On|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117" Isaac's|strong="H3327" servants|strong="H5650" came|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H5921" about|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" well|strong="H0875" they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" dug|strong="H2658". The|strong="H0559" servants|strong="H5650" said|strong="H0559", "We|strong="H0834" found|strong="H4672" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" well|strong="H0875"." <sup>33</sup> So|strong="H3651" Isaac|strong="H7121" named|strong="H8034" it|strong="H5921" Shibah|strong="H7656". <sup>I</sup> And|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" city|strong="H5892" is|strong="H2088" still|strong="H5704" called|strong="H7121" Beersheba|strong="H0884". <sup>II</sup>

#### Esau's Wives

<sup>34</sup> When|strong="H1961" Esau|strong="H6215" was|strong="H1961" 40 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121", he|strong="H0853" married|strong="H3947" two|strong="H3947" Hittite|strong="H2850" women|strong="H0802". One|strong="H0802" was|strong="H1961" Judith|strong="H3067" the|strong="H0853" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Beer|strong="H0882". The|strong="H0853" other was|strong="H1961" Basemath|strong="H1315" the|strong="H0853" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Elon|strong="H0356". <sup>35</sup> These marriages made|strong="H1961" Isaac|strong="H3327" and|strong="H3327" Rebekah|strong="H7259" very unhappy.

#### Jacob Tricks Isaac

<sup>27</sup> Isaac|strong="H3327" grew old|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121"

<sup>I</sup> SHIBAH A Hebrew word meaning "seven" or "oath." <sup>II</sup> BEERSHEBA This name means "well of the oath."

his|strong="H1961" eyes|strong="H5869" be-  
came|strong="H1961" so|strong="H7121" weak  
that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" could  
not|strong="H1961" see|strong="H7200" clearly.  
One|strong="H1121" day he|strong="H3588"  
called|strong="H7121" his|strong="H1961" old-  
er|strong="H1419" son|strong="H1121"  
Esau|strong="H6215" to|strong="H0413"  
him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121"  
said|strong="H0559", " Son|strong="H1121"!"  
Esau|strong="H6215" answered|strong="H0559", "  
Here|strong="H2009" I|strong="H3588"  
am|strong="H1961"."

<sup>2</sup> Isaac|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", "  
I|strong="H3117" am|strong="H2204"  
old|strong="H2204". Maybe I|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4194" soon. <sup>3</sup>  
So|strong="H3318" take|strong="H5375"  
your|strong="H5375" bow|strong="H7198"  
and|strong="H7704" arrows|strong="H7198"  
and|strong="H7704" go|strong="H3318" hunting. Kill  
an|strong="H5375" animal for|strong="H3627"  
me|strong="H4994" to|strong="H3318" eat. <sup>4</sup> Pre-  
pare|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0834"  
food|strong="H0398" that|strong="H0834"  
I|strong="H0834" love|strong="H0157".  
Bring|strong="H0935" it|strong="H0398"  
to|strong="H0935" me|strong="H5315",  
and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" eat|strong="H0398"  
it|strong="H0398". Then|strong="H0935"  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0834" be-  
fore|strong="H2962" I|strong="H0834"  
die|strong="H4191". <sup>5</sup> So|strong="H0935"  
Esau|strong="H6215" went|strong="H0935" hunting.

Rebekah|strong="H7259" was|strong="H3327" lis-  
tening|strong="H8085" when|strong="H8085"  
Isaac|strong="H3327" told|strong="H1696"  
this|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
his|strong="H8085" son|strong="H1121"  
Esau|strong="H6215". <sup>6</sup> Rebekah|strong="H7259"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
her|strong="H0413" son|strong="H1121" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290", " Listen|strong="H8085",  
I|strong="H2009" heard|strong="H8085"  
your|strong="H8085" father|strong="H0001" talk-  
ing|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413"  
your|strong="H8085" brother|strong="H0251"  
Esau|strong="H6215". <sup>7</sup> Your|strong="H3068" father  
said, 'Kill an|strong="H0935" animal  
for|strong="H3068" me|strong="H6440"  
to|strong="H0935" eat|strong="H0398". Pre-  
pare|strong="H6213" the|strong="H6440"  
food|strong="H0398" for|strong="H3068"  
me|strong="H6440", and|strong="H0935"  
I|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
eat|strong="H0398" it|strong="H0398".

Then|strong="H0935", with|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068"  
as|strong="H0935" witness, I|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288"  
you|strong="H6440" before|strong="H6440"  
I|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4194". <sup>8</sup>  
So|strong="H0834" listen|strong="H8085",  
son|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121"  
do|strong="H6680" what|strong="H0834"  
I|strong="H0589" tell you|strong="H0834". <sup>9</sup>  
Go|strong="H4994" out|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3947"  
goats|strong="H5795" and|strong="H0001"  
bring|strong="H3947" me|strong="H0413"  
two|strong="H8147" young|strong="H1423" ones.  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" pre-  
pare|strong="H6213" them|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" way your|strong="H0834" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" loves|strong="H0157"  
them|strong="H0413". <sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H0935"  
you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" car-  
ry|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440"  
food|strong="H0398" to|strong="H0935"  
your|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001",  
and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" bless|strong="H1288"  
you|strong="H0834" before|strong="H6440"  
he|strong="H0834" dies|strong="H4194".

<sup>11</sup> But|strong="H0376" Jacob|strong="H3290"  
told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H0376" moth-  
er|strong="H0517" Rebekah|strong="H7259", "  
My|strong="H3290" brother|strong="H0251"  
Esau|strong="H6215" is|strong="H0376"  
a|strong="H3290" hairy man|strong="H0376".  
I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" not hairy  
like|strong="H0376" him|strong="H0413". <sup>12</sup>  
If|strong="H1961" my|strong="H5921" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" touches me|strong="H5921",  
he|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" know  
that|strong="H5869" I|strong="H3808"  
am|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" Esau.  
Then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" bless  
me|strong="H5921"— he|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H1961" curse|strong="H7045"  
me|strong="H5921" because|strong="H5921"  
I|strong="H3808" tried to|strong="H0935" trick  
him|strong="H5921".

<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H3947" Rebekah  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H5921", " I|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H1121" accept|strong="H3947"  
the|strong="H0559" blame if|strong="H1121" there  
is|strong="H6963" trouble. Do|strong="H8085"  
what|strong="H6963" I|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559". Go get|strong="H3947"  
the|strong="H0559" goats for|strong="H5921"  
me|strong="H5921".

14 So *strong*="H6213" Jacob *strong*="H0935" went *strong*="H0935" out *strong*="H0935" and *strong*="H0935" got *strong*="H3947" two *strong*="H3947" goats and *strong*="H0935" brought *strong*="H0935" them *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0935" his *strong*="H3947" mother *strong*="H0517". His *strong*="H3947" mother *strong*="H0517" cooked the *strong*="H0834" goats in *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0834" special way that *strong*="H0834" Isaac loved *strong*="H0157". 15 Then *strong*="H3947" Rebekah *strong*="H7259" took *strong*="H3947" the *strong*="H0853" clothes *strong*="H0899" that *strong*="H0834" her *strong*="H3947" older *strong*="H1419" son *strong*="H1121" Esau *strong*="H6215" loved to *strong*="H1004" wear *strong*="H3847". She *strong*="H0834" put *strong*="H3847" these *strong*="H0834" clothes *strong*="H0899" on *strong*="H3847" the *strong*="H0853" younger *strong*="H6996" son *strong*="H1121" Jacob *strong*="H3290". 16 She took *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H0853" skins *strong*="H5785" of *strong*="H3027" the *strong*="H0853" goats *strong*="H5795" and *strong*="H3027" put *strong*="H3847" them *strong*="H0853" on *strong*="H5921" Jacob's hands *strong*="H3027" and *strong*="H3027" on *strong*="H5921" his *strong*="H5921" neck *strong*="H6677". 17 Then *strong*="H0853" she *strong*="H0834" got the *strong*="H0853" food *strong*="H3899" she *strong*="H0834" had *strong*="H0834" cooked and *strong*="H1121" gave *strong*="H5414" it *strong*="H5414" to *strong*="H5414" Jacob *strong*="H3290".

18 Jacob *strong*="H0559" went *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H0935" father *strong*="H0001" and *strong*="H1121" said *strong*="H0559", " Father *strong*="H0001". "

His *strong*="H0935" father *strong*="H0001" answered *strong*="H0559", " Yes *strong*="H2009", son *strong*="H1121". Who *strong*="H4310" are *strong*="H1121" you *strong*="H0859"?"

19 Jacob *strong*="H3290" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H0834" father *strong*="H0001", " I *strong*="H0834" am *strong*="H0595" Esau *strong*="H6215", your *strong*="H0834" first son. I *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H0834" done *strong*="H6213" what *strong*="H0834" you *strong*="H0834" told *strong*="H0559" me *strong*="H0413". Now *strong*="H4994" sit *strong*="H3427" up *strong*="H6965" and *strong*="H6965" eat *strong*="H0398" the *strong*="H0559" meat from *strong*="H5315" the *strong*="H0559" animals that *strong*="H0834" I *strong*="H0834" hunted for *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H0834". Then *strong*="H6965" you *strong*="H0834"

can *strong*="H0834" bless *strong*="H1288" me *strong*="H0413". "

20 But *strong*="H3588" Isaac *strong*="H3327" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H3068" son *strong*="H1121", " How *strong*="H4100" have *strong*="H1121" you *strong*="H3588" hunted and *strong*="H1121" killed the *strong*="H0559" animals so *strong*="H3588" quickly *strong*="H4116"?"

Jacob *strong*="H0559" answered *strong*="H0559", " Because *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068" your *strong*="H3068" God *strong*="H0430" allowed *strong*="H3068" me *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" find *strong*="H4672" the *strong*="H0559" animals quickly *strong*="H4116". "

21 Then *strong*="H2088" Isaac *strong*="H3327" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" Jacob *strong*="H3290", " Come *strong*="H5066" near *strong*="H5066" to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413" so *strong*="H3808" that *strong*="H2088" I *strong*="H0518" can *strong*="H0518" feel *strong*="H4184" you *strong*="H0859", my *strong*="H3290" son *strong*="H1121". If *strong*="H0518" I *strong*="H0518" can *strong*="H0518" feel *strong*="H4184" you *strong*="H0859", I *strong*="H0518" will *strong*="H1121" know if *strong*="H0518" you *strong*="H0859" are *strong*="H1121" really *strong*="H2088" my *strong*="H3290" son *strong*="H1121" Esau *strong*="H6215". "

22 So *strong*="H5066" Jacob *strong*="H3290" went *strong*="H5066" to *strong*="H0413" Isaac *strong*="H3327" his *strong*="H3027" father *strong*="H0001". Isaac *strong*="H3327" felt *strong*="H4959" him *strong*="H0413" and *strong*="H3027" said *strong*="H0559", " Your *strong*="H0413" voice *strong*="H6963" sounds *strong*="H6963" like *strong*="H0001" Jacob's *strong*="H3290" voice *strong*="H6963", but *strong*="H0559" your *strong*="H0413" arms *strong*="H3027" are *strong*="H3027" hairy like *strong*="H0001" the *strong*="H0559" arms *strong*="H3027" of *strong*="H3027" Esau *strong*="H6215". " 23 Isaac did *strong*="H3808" not *strong*="H3808" know *strong*="H5234" it *strong*="H3588" was *strong*="H1961" Jacob, because *strong*="H3588" his *strong*="H1961" arms *strong*="H3027" were *strong*="H1961" hairy like *strong*="H1961" Esau's *strong*="H6215". So *strong*="H1961" Isaac blessed *strong*="H1288" Jacob.

24 Isaac *strong*="H0559" said *strong*="H0559", " Are *strong*="H1121" you *strong*="H0859" really *strong*="H2088" my *strong*="H0559" son *strong*="H1121" Esau *strong*="H6215"?"

Jacob|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559",  
"Yes, I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"."

**The|strong="H0559" Blessing for|strong="H2088" Ja-  
cob|strong="H0559"**

25 Then|strong="H0935" Isaac|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559", " Bring|strong="H0935"  
me|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0559"  
food|strong="H0398". I|strong="H5315"  
will|strong="H1121" eat|strong="H0398"  
it|strong="H0398" and|strong="H1121"  
bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0935".  
So|strong="H4616" Jacob|strong="H0559"  
gave|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0559" food|strong="H0398",  
and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0559"  
ate|strong="H0398" it|strong="H0398".  
Then|strong="H0935" Jacob|strong="H0559"  
gave|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0935"  
some|strong="H5315" wine|strong="H3196",  
and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0559"  
drank|strong="H8354" it|strong="H0398".

26 Then|strong="H0559" Isaac|strong="H3327"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
him|strong="H0413". " Son|strong="H1121",  
come|strong="H5066" near|strong="H5066"  
and|strong="H1121" kiss me|strong="H0413". 27  
So|strong="H0834" Jacob|strong="H0559"  
went|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0559"  
his|strong="H3068" father and|strong="H1121"  
kissed|strong="H5401" him|strong="H0853".  
When|strong="H0834" Isaac|strong="H0559"  
smelled|strong="H7306" Esau's  
clothes|strong="H0899", he|strong="H0834"  
blessed|strong="H1288" him|strong="H0853"  
and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559",  
" My|strong="H3068" son|strong="H1121"  
smells|strong="H7381" like|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" fields|strong="H7704"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" blessed|strong="H1288".

28 May|strong="H0776" God|strong="H0430"  
give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" plen-  
ty|strong="H7230" of|strong="H0776" rain,  
good crops, and|strong="H0430"  
wine|strong="H8492".

29 May|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5647" na-  
tions|strong="H5971" serve|strong="H5647"  
you|strong="H1288"

and|strong="H1121" many people|strong="H5971"  
bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812"  
to|strong="H1121" you|strong="H1288".

You|strong="H1288" will|strong="H1121" rule over  
your|strong="H1288" brothers|strong="H0251".

Your|strong="H1288" mother's|strong="H0517"  
sons|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121"  
bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812"

to|strong="H1121" you|strong="H1288"  
and|strong="H1121" obey you|strong="H1288".

Whoever curses|strong="H1288"  
you|strong="H1288" will|strong="H1121"  
be|strong="H1288" cursed|strong="H0779".

Whoever blesses|strong="H1288"  
you|strong="H1288" will|strong="H1121"  
be|strong="H1288" blessed|strong="H1288".

**Esau's " Blessing|strong="H1288"**

30 Isaac|strong="H3327" finished|strong="H3615"  
blessing|strong="H1288" Jacob|strong="H3290".  
Then|strong="H1961", just|strong="H0834"  
as|strong="H0834" Jacob|strong="H3290"  
left|strong="H3318" his|strong="H1961" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" Isaac|strong="H3327",  
Esau|strong="H6215" came|strong="H0935"  
in|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" hunting. 31  
Esau|strong="H0559" prepared|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H0559" food|strong="H0398"  
in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" special way  
his|strong="H0935" father|strong="H0001" loved.  
He|strong="H1931" brought|strong="H0935"  
it|strong="H1931" to|strong="H0559"  
his|strong="H0935" father|strong="H0001"  
and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559", " Fa-  
ther|strong="H0001", I|strong="H5315" am  
your|strong="H0935" son|strong="H1121".

Get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965"  
and|strong="H1121" eat|strong="H0398"  
the|strong="H0559" meat from|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0559" animals that|strong="H1931"  
I|strong="H5315" killed for|strong="H5315"  
you|strong="H6213". Then|strong="H6965"  
you|strong="H6213" can|strong="H6213"  
bless|strong="H1288" me|strong="H5315".

32 But|strong="H0859" Isaac|strong="H3327"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H0559", " Who|strong="H4310"  
are|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0859"?"

He|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559", "  
I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
your|strong="H0559" son|strong="H1121"—  
your|strong="H0559" first son|strong="H1121"—  
Esau|strong="H6215"."

33 Then|strong="H1961" Isaac|strong="H3327" be-  
came|strong="H1961" so|strong="H1961" upset  
that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H1931" be-  
gan|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" shake.  
He|strong="H1931" said|strong="H0559", "  
Then|strong="H1961" who|strong="H4310"  
was|strong="H1961" it|strong="H1931"  
that|strong="H3605" cooked and|strong="H0935"  
brought|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0935"  
food|strong="H0398" before|strong="H0935"  
you|strong="H3605" came|strong="H0935"?  
I|strong="H5704" ate|strong="H0398"  
it|strong="H1931" all|strong="H3605",

and |strong="H0935" I|strong="H5704" blessed |strong="H1288" him |strong="H0935". Now |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" too |strong="H1571" late |strong="H3966" to |strong="H0559" take |strong="H1961" back |strong="H0935" my |strong="H3605" blessing |strong="H1288".<sup>34</sup> When |strong="H8085" Esau |strong="H6215" heard |strong="H8085" his |strong="H8085" father's |strong="H0001" words |strong="H1697", he |strong="H5704" became |strong="H1697" very |strong="H3966" angry and |strong="H1419" bitter |strong="H4751". He |strong="H5704" cried |strong="H6817" out |strong="H1419" and |strong="H1419" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H8085" father |strong="H0001", " Then |strong="H0853" bless |strong="H1288" me |strong="H0589" also |strong="H1571", father |strong="H0001"!"<sup>35</sup> Isaac |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Your |strong="H3947" brother |strong="H0251" tricked me |strong="H0935"! He |strong="H0559" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" took |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" blessing |strong="H1293"!"<sup>36</sup> Esau |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " His |strong="H3947" name |strong="H8034" is |strong="H2088" Jacob |strong="H3290".<sup>1</sup> That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" right |strong="H2009" name |strong="H8034" for |strong="H3588" him |strong="H0853". He |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" tricked me |strong="H7121" twice |strong="H6471". He |strong="H3588" took |strong="H3947" away |strong="H3947" my |strong="H3947" rights as |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" firstborn |strong="H1062" son. And |strong="H2088" now |strong="H6258" he |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" taken |strong="H3947" away |strong="H3947" my |strong="H3947" blessing |strong="H1293". Then |strong="H2009" Esau |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Have |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" saved any |strong="H3588" blessing |strong="H1293" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H7121"?"

<sup>37</sup> Isaac |strong="H3327" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H2005" have |strong="H1121" already given |strong="H5414" Jacob |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" power to |strong="H0559" rule over |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414". And |strong="H1121" I |strong="H2005" said |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" brothers |strong="H0251" would |strong="H4100" be |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" ser-

<sup>1</sup> JACOB This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "heel." It also means "the one who follows" or "tricky."

vants |strong="H5650". I |strong="H2005" have |strong="H1121" given |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" blessing for |strong="H3605" much |strong="H4100" grain |strong="H1715" and |strong="H1121" wine |strong="H8492". There |strong="H3605" is |strong="H4100" nothing |strong="H3605" left |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414", my |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121"."

<sup>38</sup> But |strong="H1571" Esau |strong="H6215" continued |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" beg his |strong="H5375" father |strong="H0001". " Do |strong="H0589" you |strong="H1288" have |strong="H0001" only |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" blessing |strong="H1293", father |strong="H0001"? Bless |strong="H1288" me |strong="H0413" also |strong="H1571", father |strong="H0001"!" Esau |strong="H6215" began to |strong="H0413" cry |strong="H6963".

<sup>39</sup> Then |strong="H6030" Isaac |strong="H3327" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413",

" You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H1961" live |strong="H4186" on |strong="H5921" good land |strong="H0776".

You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" much |strong="H5921" rain.

<sup>40</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" fight to |strong="H1961" live |strong="H2421",

and |strong="H0251" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" slave |strong="H5647" to |strong="H1961" your |strong="H5921" brother |strong="H0251".

But |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" fight to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" free,

you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" break |strong="H6561" away |strong="H6561" from |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" control."

#### Jacob Leaves the |strong="H0853" Country

<sup>41</sup> After |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" Esau |strong="H6215" hated |strong="H7852" Jacob |strong="H3290" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3117" this |strong="H0834" blessing |strong="H1293". Esau |strong="H6215" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" himself |strong="H3820", " My |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" will |strong="H0834" soon |strong="H7126" die, and |strong="H3117" after |strong="H5921" we |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" finished with |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834", I |strong="H0834"

will|strong="H0834" kill|strong="H2026" Jacob|strong="H3290".

<sup>42</sup> Rebekah|strong="H7259" heard|strong="H5046" about|strong="H0413" Esau's|strong="H6215" plan|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H2026" Jacob|strong="H3290". She|strong="H7121" sent|strong="H7971" for|strong="H7121" Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " Listen|strong="H2009", your|strong="H7971" brother|strong="H0251" Esau|strong="H6215" is|strong="H2009" planning|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H2026" you|strong="H7971". <sup>43</sup> So|strong="H6965", son|strong="H1121", do|strong="H8085" what|strong="H6963" I|strong="H6258" say|strong="H6963". My|strong="H8085" brother|strong="H0251" Laban|strong="H3837" is|strong="H1121" living in|strong="H0413" Haran|strong="H2771". Go|strong="H6965" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" hide. <sup>44</sup> Stay|strong="H3427" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5973" for|strong="H3117" a|strong="H0834" short time|strong="H3117" until|strong="H5704" your|strong="H0834" brother|strong="H0251" stops being angry|strong="H2534". <sup>45</sup> When|strong="H3117" your|strong="H0834" brother|strong="H0251" forgets|strong="H7911" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H5704" him|strong="H7971", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" send|strong="H7971" a|strong="H3947" servant to|strong="H5704" bring|strong="H7725" you|strong="H0834" back|strong="H7725". I|strong="H0834" don't want to|strong="H5704" lose|strong="H7921" both|strong="H8147" of|strong="H3117" my|strong="H3947" sons the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0259" day|strong="H3117".

<sup>46</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Rebekah|strong="H7259" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Isaac|strong="H3327", " Your|strong="H3947" son Esau|strong="H0559" married|strong="H3947" Hittite women|strong="H0802". I|strong="H0518" am very upset about|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0428", because|strong="H6440" they|strong="H0518" are|strong="H0428" not|strong="H0518" our|strong="H3947" people|strong="H0776". I'll have|strong="H0776" nothing|strong="H0518" to|strong="H0413" live|strong="H2416" for|strong="H0413" if|strong="H0518" Jacob|strong="H3290" marries|strong="H3947" one|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0776" these|strong="H0428" women|strong="H0802".

**28** Isaac|strong="H3327" called|strong="H7121" Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H0802"

blessed|strong="H1288" him|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H3947" Isaac|strong="H3327" gave|strong="H6680" him|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3947" command|strong="H6680" and|strong="H0802" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H6680" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" Canaanite woman|strong="H0802". <sup>2</sup> So|strong="H3947" leave this place|strong="H1004" and|strong="H6965" go|strong="H6965" to|strong="H8033" Paddan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307". Go|strong="H6965" to|strong="H8033" the|strong="H3947" house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Bethuel|strong="H1328", your|strong="H3947" mother's|strong="H0517" father|strong="H0001". Laban|strong="H3837", your|strong="H3947" mother's|strong="H0517" brother|strong="H0251", lives there|strong="H8033". Marry|strong="H3947" one|strong="H0802" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H3947" daughters|strong="H1323". <sup>3</sup> I|strong="H1288" pray that|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0410" All-Powerful <sup>1</sup> will|strong="H1961" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H1288" and|strong="H6509" give|strong="H1961" you|strong="H1288" many|strong="H7235" children. I|strong="H1288" pray that|strong="H1961" you|strong="H1288" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" father of|strong="H6951" a|strong="H1961" great nation|strong="H5971" <sup>4</sup> and|strong="H0430" that|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" bless you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0430" your|strong="H5414" children|strong="H2233" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" way he|strong="H0834" blessed|strong="H1293" Abraham|strong="H0085". And|strong="H0430" I|strong="H0834" pray that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" own the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" live. This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" God|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" Abraham|strong="H0085". <sup>5</sup> So|strong="H7971" Isaac|strong="H3327" sent|strong="H7971" Jacob|strong="H3290" to|strong="H0413" Rebekah's|strong="H7259" brother|strong="H0251" in|strong="H0413" Paddan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307". Jacob|strong="H3290" went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Laban|strong="H3837", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bethuel|strong="H1328" the|strong="H0853" Aramean|strong="H0761". Laban|strong="H3837" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" broth-

<sup>1</sup> GOD ALL-POWERFUL Literally, "El Shaddai."

er|strong="H0251" of|strong="H1121" Re-  
bekah|strong="H7259", the|strong="H0853" moth-  
er|strong="H0517" of|strong="H1121" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H1121"  
Esau|strong="H6215".

<sup>6</sup> Esau|strong="H6215" learned  
that|strong="H3588" his|strong="H5921" father  
Isaac|strong="H3327" blessed|strong="H1288" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H7971"  
sent|strong="H7971" him|strong="H5921"  
away|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0559" Pad-  
dan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307"  
to|strong="H0559" find|strong="H3947"  
a|strong="H3947" wife|strong="H0802"  
there|strong="H0833". He|strong="H3588" al-  
so|strong="H0853" learned that|strong="H3588"  
Isaac|strong="H3327" commanded|strong="H6680"  
Jacob|strong="H3290" not|strong="H3808"  
to|strong="H0559" marry|strong="H3947"  
a|strong="H3947" Canaanite woman|strong="H0802".

<sup>7</sup> Esau learned that|strong="H8085" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290" obeyed|strong="H8085"  
his|strong="H8085" father|strong="H0001"  
and|strong="H0001" his|strong="H8085" moth-  
er|strong="H0517" and|strong="H0001"  
went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Pad-  
dan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307". <sup>8</sup>  
Esau|strong="H6215" saw|strong="H7200"  
from|strong="H5869" this|strong="H3588"  
that|strong="H3588" his|strong="H7200" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" did not|strong="H3588" want  
his|strong="H7200" sons|strong="H0001"  
to|strong="H0001" marry Canaanite  
women|strong="H1323". <sup>9</sup> Esau|strong="H6215" al-  
ready had|strong="H0853" two|strong="H3947"  
wives|strong="H0802", but|strong="H3947"  
he|strong="H0853" went|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" Abraham's|strong="H0085"  
son|strong="H1121" Ishmael|strong="H3458"  
and|strong="H1121" married|strong="H3947" anoth-  
er|strong="H0269" woman|strong="H0802", Maha-  
lath|strong="H4258", the|strong="H0853" daugh-  
ter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Ish-  
mael|strong="H3458". Mahalath|strong="H4258"  
was|strong="H0802" Nebaioth's sis-  
ter|strong="H0269".

#### Jacob's Dream at|strong="H0413" Bethel

<sup>10</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" left|strong="H3318" Beer-  
sheba|strong="H0884" and|strong="H3318"  
went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H3318" Ha-  
ran|strong="H2771". <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3588"  
sun|strong="H8121" had|strong="H3588" already  
set|strong="H7760" when|strong="H3588"  
he|strong="H1931" came|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0935" a|strong="H3947" good  
place|strong="H4725" to|strong="H0935"  
spend|strong="H3885" the|strong="H3588" night.

He|strong="H1931" took|strong="H3947"  
a|strong="H3947" rock|strong="H0068"  
there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H0935"  
laid|strong="H7760" his|strong="H3947"  
head|strong="H4763" on|strong="H0935"  
it|strong="H7760" to|strong="H0935"  
sleep|strong="H7901". <sup>12</sup> Jacob had|strong="H0430"  
a|strong="H5927" dream|strong="H2492".  
He|strong="H0430" dreamed|strong="H2492"  
there|strong="H2009" was|strong="H0776"  
a|strong="H5927" ladder|strong="H5551"  
that|strong="H0776" was|strong="H0776"  
on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5927"  
ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0430"  
reached|strong="H5060" up|strong="H5927" in-  
to|strong="H0776" heaven|strong="H0864".  
He|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H2009"  
the|strong="H5927" angels|strong="H4397"  
of|strong="H0776" God|strong="H0430" go-  
ing|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927"  
and|strong="H0430" down|strong="H3381"  
the|strong="H5927" ladder|strong="H5551". <sup>13</sup>  
And|strong="H3068" then|strong="H2009" Ja-  
cob|strong="H0559" saw|strong="H2009"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" stand-  
ing|strong="H5324" by|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0559" ladder. He|strong="H0834"  
said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559"  
God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776"  
your|strong="H3068" grandfather|strong="H0001"  
Abraham|strong="H0085". I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0559"  
God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776"  
Isaac|strong="H3327". I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H0859" the|strong="H0559"  
land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" ly-  
ing|strong="H7901" on|strong="H5921"  
now|strong="H2009". I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414"  
this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776"  
to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859"  
and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559"  
your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H2233". <sup>14</sup>  
You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961"  
have|strong="H1961" as|strong="H1961" many de-  
scendants|strong="H2233" as|strong="H1961"  
there|strong="H1961" are|strong="H0776" particles  
of|strong="H0776" dust|strong="H6083"  
on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605"  
earth|strong="H0776". They|strong="H3605"  
will|strong="H1961" spread|strong="H6555"  
east|strong="H6924" and|strong="H0776"  
west|strong="H3220", north|strong="H6828"  
and|strong="H0776" south|strong="H5045".

All the families on earth will be blessed because you and your descendants.

<sup>15</sup> "I am with you, and I will protect you everywhere you go. I will bring you back; this land will not leave you until I have done what I have promised."

<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke said, "I know the LORD is here until I slept."

<sup>17</sup> Jacob was afraid said, "This is very great place." This is the house of God. This is the gate to heaven.

<sup>18</sup> Jacob got up very early in the morning. He took the rock he had slept on and set it up on its edge.

Then he poured oil on the rock. In this way he made it a memorial to God. The name of that place was Luz, but Jacob named it Bethel.

<sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a promise. He said, "If God be with me, and if he will protect me on this trip, and if he gives me food to eat and clothes to wear, and if I return in peace to my father's house— if he does all these things— then the LORD will be my God." I am setting this stone up as a memorial stone. It will show that this is a holy place for God, and I will give God one-tenth of all he gives me.

I BETHEL A town in Israel. This name means "God's house."



## Jacob Meets Rachel

29 Then **29** continued his trip. He went to the country in the East. **2** He looked and saw a well in the field. There were three flocks of sheep near the well, where the sheep drank water. There was a large rock covering the mouth of the well. **3** When all flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the rock away from the well. Then all the sheep could drink from the water. After the sheep were full, the shepherds would put the rock back in its place. **4** Jacob said to the shepherds there, "Brothers, where you are from?" They answered, "We are from Haran." **5** Then Jacob said, "Do you know Laban, the son of Nahor?"

The shepherds answered him, "We know him."

**6** Then Jacob said, "How is he?"

They answered, "He is well. Look, that his daughter Rachel is now coming with his sheep."

**7** Jacob said, "Look, it is still day long before the sun sets. It is yet time for the animals to be gathered together for the night. So give them water and let them go back into the field."

**8** But they said, "We cannot do that until all flocks are gathered together. Then we will move the rock from the well, and all the sheep will drink."

**9** While Jacob was talking with the shepherds, Rachel came with her father's sheep. (It was her job to take care of the sheep.) **10** Rachel was Laban's daughter.

was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" brother |strong="H0251" of |strong="H1323" Rebekah, Jacob's |strong="H3290" mother |strong="H0517". When |strong="H1961" Jacob |strong="H3290" saw |strong="H7200" Rachel |strong="H7354", he |strong="H0834" went |strong="H5066" and |strong="H0251" moved the |strong="H0853" rock |strong="H0068" and |strong="H0251" gave |strong="H8248" water |strong="H8248" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" sheep |strong="H6629". <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Jacob |strong="H3290" kissed |strong="H5401" Rachel |strong="H7354" and |strong="H6963" cried |strong="H1058". <sup>12</sup> He |strong="H1931" told |strong="H5046" her |strong="H5046" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" from |strong="H1121" her |strong="H5046" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H0001". He |strong="H1931" told |strong="H5046" her |strong="H5046" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Rebekah |strong="H7259". So |strong="H3588" Rachel |strong="H7354" ran |strong="H7323" home |strong="H0001" and |strong="H1121" told |strong="H5046" her |strong="H5046" father |strong="H0001".

<sup>13</sup> When |strong="H1961" Laban |strong="H3837" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" news |strong="H8088" about |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3605" sister's |strong="H0269" son |strong="H1121" Jacob |strong="H3290", he |strong="H0853" ran |strong="H7323" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H7125" him |strong="H0413". Laban |strong="H3837" hugged him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" kissed |strong="H5401" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" brought |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004". Jacob |strong="H3290" told |strong="H5608" Laban |strong="H3837" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" had |strong="H1961" happened |strong="H1961".

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H0859" Laban |strong="H3837" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" wonderful! You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3117" from |strong="H3117" my |strong="H0559" own |strong="H5973" family." So |strong="H3427" Jacob |strong="H0559" stayed |strong="H3427" with |strong="H5973" Laban |strong="H3837" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" month |strong="H2320".

**Laban |strong="H3837" Tricks Jacob |strong="H0559"**

<sup>15</sup> One |strong="H3588" day Laban |strong="H3837" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Ja-

cob |strong="H3290", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100" a |strong="H3588" relative |strong="H0251" of |strong="H0251" mine. It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3588" right for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0559" continue working |strong="H5647" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5046" without |strong="H2600" pay |strong="H2600". What |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100" I |strong="H3588" pay |strong="H2600" you |strong="H0859"?"

<sup>16</sup> Now |strong="H1419" Laban |strong="H3837" had |strong="H7354" two |strong="H8147" daughters |strong="H1323". The |strong="H8034" older |strong="H1419" was |strong="H8034" Leah |strong="H3812" and |strong="H1419" the |strong="H8034" younger |strong="H6996" was |strong="H8034" Rachel |strong="H7354".

<sup>17</sup> Leah's |strong="H3812" eyes |strong="H5869" were |strong="H1961" gentle |strong="H7390",<sup>I</sup> but |strong="H1961" Rachel |strong="H7354" was |strong="H1961" beautiful |strong="H3303". <sup>18</sup> Jacob |strong="H3290" loved |strong="H0157" Rachel |strong="H7354", so |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Laban |strong="H7651", " I |strong="H8141" will |strong="H3290" work |strong="H5647" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" for |strong="H8141" you |strong="H0853" if you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3290" allow me |strong="H0157" to |strong="H0559" marry your |strong="H0157" daughter |strong="H1323" Rachel |strong="H7354"."

<sup>19</sup> Laban |strong="H3837" said |strong="H0559", " It |strong="H5414" would |strong="H0559" be |strong="H0376" better |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3427" her |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" marry |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" than |strong="H2896" someone |strong="H0376" else |strong="H0312". So |strong="H5414" stay |strong="H3427" with |strong="H0376" me |strong="H5414"."

<sup>20</sup> So |strong="H1961" Jacob |strong="H3290" stayed and |strong="H3117" worked |strong="H5647" for |strong="H3117" Laban |strong="H7651" for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141". But |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1961" seemed |strong="H5869" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" very short time |strong="H3117" because |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" loved |strong="H0157" Rachel |strong="H7354" very much.

<sup>21</sup> After |strong="H0413" seven years |strong="H3117" Jacob |strong="H3290" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Laban |strong="H3837", " Give |strong="H3051"

<sup>I</sup> LEAH'S EYES WERE GENTLE This might be a polite way of saying Leah was not very pretty.

me|strong="H0413" Rachel|strong="H0559" so|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" can|strong="H0935" marry|strong="H0802" her|strong="H0413". My|strong="H0935" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" work for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3117" finished|strong="H4390"."

<sup>22</sup> So|strong="H6213" Laban|strong="H3837" gave|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0376" party for|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0376" that|strong="H3605" place|strong="H4725". <sup>23</sup> That|strong="H1961" night|strong="H6153" Laban brought|strong="H0935" his|strong="H3947" daughter|strong="H1323" Leah|strong="H3812" to|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H0935". Jacob|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" Leah|strong="H3812" had|strong="H1961" sexual|strong="H3947" relations|strong="H0413" together. <sup>24</sup> ( Laban|strong="H3837" gave|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" maid|strong="H8198" Zilpah|strong="H2153" to|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" daughter|strong="H1323" to|strong="H5414" be|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" maid|strong="H8198".) <sup>25</sup> In|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" morning|strong="H1242" Jacob|strong="H0559" saw|strong="H2009" that|strong="H1931" it|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1961" Leah|strong="H3812" he|strong="H1931" had|strong="H1961" slept with|strong="H5973", and|strong="H1242" he|strong="H1931" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Laban|strong="H3837", " You|strong="H5973" have|strong="H1961" tricked me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H2009" worked|strong="H5647" hard for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5973" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H1931" I|strong="H2009" could|strong="H4100" marry Rachel|strong="H7354". Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H6213" you|strong="H5973" trick me|strong="H0413"?"

<sup>26</sup> Laban|strong="H3837" said|strong="H0559", " In|strong="H4725" our|strong="H5414" country|strong="H4725" we|strong="H6213" don't|strong="H3808" allow|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" younger|strong="H6810" daughter to|strong="H0559" marry|strong="H5414" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0559" older daughter. <sup>27</sup> Continue|strong="H5750" for|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" full|strong="H4390" week|strong="H7620" of|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" marriage ceremony|strong="H5656", and|strong="H8141" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" also|strong="H1571" give|strong="H5414"

you|strong="H0834" Rachel to|strong="H5414" marry|strong="H5414". But|strong="H1571" you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" serve|strong="H5647" me|strong="H5414" another|strong="H0312" seven|strong="H7651" years|strong="H8141"."

<sup>28</sup> So|strong="H3651" Jacob|strong="H3290" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2063" and|strong="H0802" finished|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" week|strong="H7620". Then|strong="H0853" Laban gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" daughter|strong="H1323" Rachel|strong="H7354" as|strong="H3651" a|strong="H5414" wife|strong="H0802". <sup>29</sup> ( Laban|strong="H3837" gave|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" maid|strong="H8198" Bilhah|strong="H1090" to|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" daughter|strong="H1323" Rachel|strong="H7354" to|strong="H5414" be|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" maid|strong="H8198".) <sup>30</sup> So|strong="H0935" Jacob|strong="H0935" had|strong="H0853" sexual relations|strong="H5973" with|strong="H5973" Rachel|strong="H7354" also|strong="H1571". And|strong="H0935" Jacob|strong="H0935" loved|strong="H0157" Rachel|strong="H7354" more|strong="H5750" than|strong="H1571" Leah|strong="H3812". Jacob|strong="H0935" worked|strong="H5647" for|strong="H0413" Laban|strong="H7651" for|strong="H0413" another|strong="H0312" seven|strong="H7651" years|strong="H8141".

#### Jacob's Family Grows

<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" Jacob loved Rachel|strong="H7354" more|strong="H3588" than|strong="H3588" Leah|strong="H3812", so|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" made it|strong="H3588" possible for|strong="H3588" Leah|strong="H3812" to|strong="H3068" have|strong="H7200" children. But|strong="H3588" Rachel|strong="H7354" did not|strong="H3588" have|strong="H7200" any|strong="H3588" children.

<sup>32</sup> Leah|strong="H3812" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H0559" a|strong="H3588" son|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" she|strong="H3588" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H3205" Reuben|strong="H7205". <sup>1</sup> She|strong="H3588" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H3205" this|strong="H6258" because|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" seen|strong="H7200" my|strong="H3068" troubles|strong="H7200".

<sup>1</sup> REUBEN This is like the Hebrew word meaning "Look, a son."

My|strong="H3068" husband|strong="H0376" does|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3588" love|strong="H0157" me|strong="H7121". So|strong="H7121" now|strong="H6258" maybe my|strong="H3068" husband|strong="H0376" will|strong="H3068" love|strong="H0157" me|strong="H7121"."

<sup>33</sup> Leah became|strong="H3205" pregnant|strong="H2029" again|strong="H5750" and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H3068" another|strong="H2088" son|strong="H1121". She|strong="H3588" named|strong="H8034" this|strong="H2088" son|strong="H1121" Simeon|strong="H8095". <sup>I</sup> She|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" not|strong="H2088" loved, so|strong="H7121" he|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" this|strong="H2088" son|strong="H1121"."

<sup>34</sup> Leah became|strong="H3205" pregnant|strong="H2029" again|strong="H5750" and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H3205" another|strong="H5750" son|strong="H1121". She|strong="H3588" named|strong="H8034" this|strong="H3651" son|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3878". <sup>II</sup> She|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " Now|strong="H6258", surely|strong="H3588" my|strong="H5921" husband|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" love me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0376" given|strong="H3205" him|strong="H0413" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121"."

<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Leah gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H0559" another|strong="H5750" son|strong="H1121". She|strong="H7121" named|strong="H8034" this|strong="H3651" son|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". <sup>III</sup> Leah named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3651" because|strong="H5921" she|strong="H7121" said|strong="H0559", " Now|strong="H6471" I|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" praise|strong="H3034" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H0853" Leah stopped|strong="H5975" having|strong="H3205" children|strong="H1121".

**30** Rachel|strong="H7354" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0369" not|strong="H3808" giving|strong="H3205" Jacob|strong="H3290"

<sup>I</sup> SIMEON This is like the Hebrew word meaning "He hears." <sup>II</sup> LEVI This is like the Hebrew word meaning "accompany," "be joined together," or "become close." <sup>III</sup> JUDAH This name is like the word meaning "He is praised."

any|strong="H0369" children|strong="H1121". She|strong="H3588" became|strong="H3205" jealous|strong="H7065" of|strong="H1121" her|strong="H0413" sister|strong="H0269" Leah. So|strong="H3808" Rachel|strong="H7354" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H3290", " Give|strong="H3051" me|strong="H0413" children|strong="H1121", or|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H1121" die|strong="H4191"."

<sup>2</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" became|strong="H2734" angry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H0430" Rachel|strong="H7354" and|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" not God|strong="H0430". He|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H4480" who|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0430" caused|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" not have|strong="H0834" children."

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H2009" Rachel|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H5921" can|strong="H0935" have|strong="H1571" my|strong="H5921" maid|strong="H0519" Bilhah|strong="H1090". Sleep with|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413", and|strong="H0935" she|strong="H1571" will|strong="H1571" have|strong="H1571" a|strong="H1129" child|strong="H3205" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". <sup>IV</sup> Then|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0595" can|strong="H0935" be|strong="H1571" a|strong="H1129" mother through|strong="H4480" her|strong="H0413"."

<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H5414" Rachel gave|strong="H5414" Bilhah|strong="H1090" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" husband Jacob|strong="H3290". He|strong="H5414" had|strong="H3290" sexual relations|strong="H0413" with|strong="H0413" Bilhah|strong="H1090". <sup>5</sup> She became|strong="H3205" pregnant|strong="H2029" and|strong="H1121" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3205" son|strong="H1121" for|strong="H3205" Jacob|strong="H3290".

<sup>6</sup> Rachel|strong="H7354" said|strong="H0559", " God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H5414" prayer. He|strong="H3651" decided|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121". So|strong="H3651" she|strong="H7121" named|strong="H8034" this|strong="H3651" son|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835". <sup>V</sup>

<sup>IV</sup> SHE WILL HAVE A CHILD FOR ME Literally, "she will give birth on my knees, and I, too, will have a son through her." <sup>V</sup> DAN This is like the Hebrew word meaning "to decide" or "to judge."

<sup>7</sup> Bilhah *became pregnant and gave Jacob a second son*. <sup>8</sup> Rachel *said*, "I *have fought hard to compete with my sister and I won.*" So *she named her son Naphtali*. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Leah *saw that she could have more children*. So *she gave her slave girl Zilpah to Jacob*. <sup>10</sup> Then *Zilpah had a son*. <sup>11</sup> Leah *said*, "I *am lucky.*" So *she named the son Gad*. <sup>II</sup><sup>12</sup> Zilpah *gave birth to another son*. <sup>13</sup> Leah *said*, "I *am very happy.*" Now *women will call me happy.*" So *she named her son Asher*. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>14</sup> During *the wheat harvest* Reuben *went into the fields and found some special flowers.* <sup>IV</sup> He *brought them to his mother Leah*. But *Rachel said to Leah*, "Please *give me*"

I NAPHTALI This is like the Hebrew word meaning "my struggle."  
II GAD This is like the Hebrew word meaning "lucky" or "fortunate."  
III ASHER This is like the Hebrew word meaning "blessed" or "happy."  
IV SPECIAL FLOWERS Or "mandrakes." The Hebrew word means "love plant." People thought these plants could help women have babies.

*of your son's flowers.*"

<sup>15</sup> Leah *answered*, "You *have taken away my husband*. Now *you are trying to take away my son's flowers.*"

But *Rachel answered*, "If *you will give your son's flowers, you can sleep with Jacob tonight.*"

<sup>16</sup> Jacob *came in the night*. Leah *saw him and went out to meet him*. She *said*, "You *will sleep with me tonight.*" I *have paid you with my son's flowers.* So *Jacob slept with Leah* that night.

<sup>17</sup> Then *God allowed Leah to become pregnant again.* She *gave birth to a fifth son*. <sup>18</sup> She *said*, "God *has given me a reward because I gave my slave to my husband.*" So *she named her son Issachar*. <sup>V</sup>

V ISSACHAR This is like the Hebrew word meaning "reward" or "salary."

19 Leah |strong="H3812" became |strong="H3205" pregnant |strong="H2029" again |strong="H5750" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" sixth |strong="H8345" son |strong="H1121". 20 She |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" given |strong="H3205" me |strong="H7121" a |strong="H3588" fine gift |strong="H2065". Now |strong="H6471" surely |strong="H3588" Jacob |strong="H0559" will |strong="H0430" accept me |strong="H7121", because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0376" given |strong="H3205" him |strong="H3205" six |strong="H8337" sons |strong="H1121"." So |strong="H7121" she |strong="H3588" named |strong="H8034" this |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" Zebulun |strong="H2074".<sup>I</sup>

21 Later |strong="H0310", Leah gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" daughter |strong="H1323". She |strong="H7121" named |strong="H8034" her |strong="H7121" Dinah |strong="H1783".

22 Then |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" heard |strong="H8085" Rachel's |strong="H7354" prayer and |strong="H0430" made |strong="H8085" it possible for |strong="H0413" Rachel |strong="H7354" to |strong="H0413" have |strong="H0430" children.

23 She became |strong="H3205" pregnant |strong="H2029" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0559" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121". She said |strong="H0559", " God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" taken |strong="H0622" away |strong="H0622" my |strong="H0622" shame |strong="H2781"." 24 Rachel |strong="H0559" named |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130",<sup>II</sup> saying |strong="H0559", " May |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" give |strong="H3254" me |strong="H7121" another |strong="H0312" son |strong="H1121"."

#### Jacob |strong="H0559" Tricks Laban

25 After |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" birth |strong="H3205" of |strong="H0776" Joseph |strong="H3130", Jacob |strong="H3290" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Laban |strong="H3837", " Now |strong="H1961" let |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" go |strong="H7971" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H7971" own |strong="H1961" homeland. 26

<sup>I</sup> ZEBULUN This is like the Hebrew word meaning "praise" or "honor." <sup>II</sup> JOSEPH This is like the Hebrew word meaning "to add."

Give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" wives |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0802" my |strong="H5414" children |strong="H3206". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" earned them |strong="H5414" by |strong="H0802" working |strong="H5647" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" served |strong="H5647" you |strong="H0859" well |strong="H3045"."

27 Laban |strong="H3837" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Please |strong="H4994", let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559" something. I |strong="H0518" know<sup>III</sup> that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" me |strong="H0413" because |strong="H0413" of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0518". 28 Tell |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5414" what |strong="H5921" I |strong="H5414" should |strong="H0559" pay |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414", and |strong="H0559" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5414"."

29 Jacob |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" worked |strong="H5647" hard for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859". Your |strong="H0834" flocks |strong="H4735" have |strong="H1961" grown |strong="H1961" and |strong="H3045" been |strong="H1961" well |strong="H3045" while |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" cared |strong="H3045" for |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". 30 When |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H1961", you |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" little |strong="H4592". Now |strong="H6258" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" much |strong="H7230", much |strong="H7230" more |strong="H7230". Every time |strong="H6258" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" something for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0834". Now |strong="H6258" it |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6258" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H6440" to |strong="H1961" work for |strong="H3588" myself |strong="H0595"— it |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6258" to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213"

<sup>III</sup> KNOW Or "guessed," "divined," or "concluded."

things|strong="H1961" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004".

<sup>31</sup> Laban asked|strong="H0559", " Then|strong="H2088" what|strong="H4100" should|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0518" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414"? " Jacob|strong="H3290" answered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0518" don't|strong="H3808" want you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" anything|strong="H1697"! I|strong="H0518" only|strong="H0518" want you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" let|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088" one|strong="H2088" thing|strong="H1697"! I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1697" go|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" take|strong="H7725" care|strong="H8104" of|strong="H1697" your|strong="H5414" sheep|strong="H6629". <sup>32</sup> But|strong="H1961" let|strong="H1961" me|strong="H1961" go|strong="H1961" through|strong="H5674" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" flocks|strong="H6629" today|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3117" take|strong="H5493" every|strong="H3605" lamb|strong="H7716" with|strong="H3117" spots or|strong="H3117" stripes. Let|strong="H1961" me|strong="H1961" take|strong="H5493" every|strong="H3605" black|strong="H2345" young|strong="H3117" goat|strong="H5795" and|strong="H3117" every|strong="H3605" female|strong="H5795" goat|strong="H5795" with|strong="H3117" stripes or|strong="H3117" spots. That|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" pay. <sup>33</sup> In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" future you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" easily see|strong="H0935" if|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" am honest. You|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" look at|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" flocks. If|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" any|strong="H3605" goat|strong="H5795" that|strong="H0834" isn't spotted|strong="H2921" or|strong="H0369" any|strong="H3605" sheep|strong="H3775" that|strong="H0834" isn't black|strong="H2345", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" know|strong="H0854" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" stole|strong="H1589" it|strong="H1931".

<sup>34</sup> Laban|strong="H3837" answered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2005" agree to|strong="H0559" that|strong="H1697". We|strong="H2005" will|strong="H1961" do what|strong="H1697" you|strong="H1961"

ask|strong="H0559"." <sup>35</sup> But|strong="H3117" that|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117" Laban|strong="H5493" hid all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" male|strong="H8495" goats|strong="H5795" that|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" spots. And|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0834" hid all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" female|strong="H5795" goats|strong="H5795" that|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" spots on|strong="H3117" them|strong="H5414". He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" hid all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" black|strong="H2345" sheep|strong="H3775". Laban|strong="H5493" told his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H5414" watch these|strong="H1931" sheep|strong="H3775". <sup>36</sup> So|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" sons took|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" spotted animals and|strong="H3117" led them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3117" another place|strong="H7760". They|strong="H3117" traveled for|strong="H3117" three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117". Jacob|strong="H3290" stayed and|strong="H3117" took|strong="H0853" care of|strong="H3117" all|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" animals that|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3117" left|strong="H3498".

<sup>37</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Jacob|strong="H3290" cut green|strong="H3892" branches|strong="H4731" from|strong="H5921" poplar|strong="H3839" and|strong="H3290" almond|strong="H3869" trees|strong="H6196". He|strong="H0834" stripped off|strong="H5921" some of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" bark so|strong="H3947" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" branches|strong="H4731" had|strong="H0834" white|strong="H3836" stripes|strong="H6479" on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921". <sup>38</sup> He|strong="H0834" put|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" branches|strong="H4731" in|strong="H0935" front|strong="H5227" of|strong="H4325" the|strong="H0853" flocks|strong="H6629" at|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" watering|strong="H4325" places. When|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" animals came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" drink|strong="H8354", they|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" mated|strong="H3179" in|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H0935". <sup>39</sup> Then|strong="H0413" when the|strong="H0413" goats mated|strong="H3179" in|strong="H0413" front of|strong="H3205" the|strong="H0413" branches|strong="H4731", the|strong="H0413" young that|strong="H0413" were|strong="H6629" born|strong="H3205" were|strong="H6629" spot-

ted|strong="H2921", striped|strong="H6124", or black.

<sup>40</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" separated|strong="H6504" the|strong="H3605" spotted and|strong="H6629" the|strong="H3605" black|strong="H2345" animals from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" animals in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" flock|strong="H6629". He|strong="H3808" kept|strong="H5414" his|strong="H3605" animals separate|strong="H6504" from|strong="H5921" Laban's. <sup>41</sup> Any|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" stronger|strong="H7194" animals|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5869" the|strong="H3605" flock|strong="H6629" were|strong="H1961" mating|strong="H3179", Jacob|strong="H3290" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" branches|strong="H4731" before|strong="H5869" their|strong="H3605" eyes|strong="H5869". The|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H1961" mated|strong="H3179" near those|strong="H3605" branches|strong="H4731". <sup>42</sup> But|strong="H3808" when|strong="H1961" the|strong="H7760" weaker animals|strong="H1961" mated, Jacob|strong="H3290" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H7760" branches there|strong="H1961". So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H7760" young animals|strong="H1961" born|strong="H3808" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H7760" weak|strong="H3808" animals|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" Laban's. And|strong="H6629" the|strong="H7760" young animals|strong="H1961" born|strong="H3808" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H7760" stronger|strong="H7194" animals|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" Jacob's|strong="H3290". <sup>43</sup> In|strong="H0376" this|strong="H0376" way Jacob became|strong="H1961" very|strong="H3966" rich. He|strong="H0376" had|strong="H1961" large|strong="H7227" flocks|strong="H6629", many|strong="H7227" servants|strong="H5650", camels|strong="H1581", and|strong="H0376" donkeys|strong="H2543".

#### Time to Leave—Jacob Runs Away

**31** One|strong="H2088" day Jacob|strong="H3290" heard|strong="H8085" Laban's sons|strong="H1121" talking. They|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "Jacob|strong="H3290" has|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H3947" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" our|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" owned. He|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" become rich|strong="H3519"—and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H3947" all|strong="H3605" this|strong="H2088" wealth

from|strong="H8085" our|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001"." <sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H2009" Jacob|strong="H3290" noticed|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" Laban|strong="H3837" was|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" as|strong="H6440" friendly as|strong="H6440" he|strong="H0853" had|strong="H0369" been in|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" past|strong="H8543". <sup>3</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H3290", "Go|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" lived|strong="H1961". I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H7725"."

<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H7971" Jacob|strong="H3290" told|strong="H0413" Rachel|strong="H7354" and|strong="H7971" Leah|strong="H3812" to|strong="H0413" meet him|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" field|strong="H7704" where|strong="H0413" he|strong="H7971" kept his|strong="H7971" flocks|strong="H6629" of|strong="H7704" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H7971" goats. <sup>5</sup> He|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", "I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H1961" noticed|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" your|strong="H7200" father|strong="H0001" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" as|strong="H1961" friendly with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" as|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3588" used|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961". But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" my|strong="H7200" father|strong="H0001" has|strong="H0430" been|strong="H1961" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". <sup>6</sup> You|strong="H0859" both|strong="H3605" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0001" worked|strong="H5647" as|strong="H3588" hard as|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" could for|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001". <sup>7</sup> But|strong="H3808" he|strong="H0430" cheated me|strong="H5414". He|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" changed|strong="H2498" my|strong="H5414" pay|strong="H5414" ten|strong="H6235" times|strong="H4489". But|strong="H3808" during all this time, God|strong="H0430" protected me|strong="H5414" from|strong="H0430" all of|strong="H0430" Laban's tricks.



8 "At |strong="H1961" one|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" Laban said|strong="H0559"; ' You|strong="H0518" can|strong="H0518" keep all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" goats with|strong="H3605" spots. This|strong="H3541" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3605" pay.' After|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0518" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3541", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H1961" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H0559" spotted goats, so|strong="H3541" they|strong="H0518" were|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" mine. But|strong="H0518" then|strong="H1961" Laban said|strong="H0559"; ' I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1961" keep the|strong="H3605" spotted goats. You|strong="H0518" can|strong="H0518" have|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" striped|strong="H6124" goats. That|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3605" pay.' After|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0518" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3541", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H1961" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H0559" striped|strong="H6124" goats. <sup>9</sup> So|strong="H5414" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" taken|strong="H5337" the|strong="H0853" animals away|strong="H5337" from|strong="H5337" your|strong="H5414" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" given|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414".

<sup>10</sup> " I|strong="H2009" had|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" dream|strong="H2472" during|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" time|strong="H6256" when|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" animals|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" mating|strong="H3179". I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" the|strong="H5921" only male|strong="H6260" goats|strong="H6260" that|strong="H7200" were|strong="H1961" mating|strong="H3179" were|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" ones|strong="H1261" with|strong="H5921" stripes and|strong="H5869" spots. <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0559" dream|strong="H2472". The|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397" said|strong="H0559"; ' Jacob|strong="H3290"! " I|strong="H2009" answered|strong="H0559"; ' Yes|strong="H2009"!

<sup>12</sup> " The|strong="H3605" angel said|strong="H0559"; ' Look|strong="H7200", only|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" striped|strong="H6124" and|strong="H5869" spotted|strong="H7200" goats|strong="H6260" are|strong="H0834" mating|strong="H5927". I|strong="H0834" am causing this|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559" happen. I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" seen|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" wrong things|strong="H3605" Laban|strong="H3837" has|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" doing|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" am doing|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3588" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" new baby goats|strong="H6260".

<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0410" who|strong="H0834" came|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" at|strong="H0413" Bethel|strong="H1008", and|strong="H6965" there|strong="H8033" you|strong="H0834" made|strong="H5087" an|strong="H8033" altar, poured|strong="H4886" olive oil|strong="H4886" on|strong="H0413" it|strong="H7725", and|strong="H6965" made|strong="H5087" a|strong="H4480" promise to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H0834" want you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0776" ready|strong="H6258" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H3318" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" country|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" born|strong="H4138"."

<sup>14</sup> Rachel|strong="H7354" and|strong="H1004" Leah|strong="H3812" answered|strong="H0559" Jacob|strong="H0559"; " Our|strong="H5750" father|strong="H0001" has|strong="H0001" nothing to|strong="H0559" give|strong="H5159" us|strong="H0559" when|strong="H0559" he|strong="H0559" dies. <sup>15</sup> He|strong="H3588" treated us|strong="H3588" like|strong="H3808" strangers. He|strong="H3588" sold|strong="H4376" us|strong="H3588" to|strong="H2803" you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H3701" then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H3588" spent all|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" money|strong="H3701" that|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1571" been|strong="H3808" ours. <sup>16</sup> God|strong="H0430" took|strong="H5337" all|strong="H3605" this|strong="H1931" wealth|strong="H6239" from|strong="H1121" our|strong="H3605" fa-

ther|strong="H0001", and|strong="H1121" now|strong="H6258" it|strong="H1931" belongs to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" our|strong="H3605" children|strong="H1121". So|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" should|strong="H3588" do|strong="H6213" whatever|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213":

<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H6965" Jacob|strong="H3290" prepared|strong="H6965" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" trip. He|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5375" his|strong="H5921" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" wives|strong="H0802" on|strong="H5921" camels|strong="H1581". <sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" began|strong="H0935" traveling back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667", where|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" lived. All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" flocks|strong="H4735" of|strong="H0776" animals that|strong="H0834" Jacob|strong="H0935" owned walked ahead of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H0413". He|strong="H0834" carried|strong="H0935" everything|strong="H3605" with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" gotten while|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" lived in|strong="H0935" Paddan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307".

<sup>19</sup> While|strong="H0834" Laban|strong="H3837" was|strong="H0834" gone|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980" cut|strong="H1494" the|strong="H0853" wool from|strong="H1980" his|strong="H0834" sheep|strong="H6629", Rachel|strong="H7354" went|strong="H1980" into|strong="H1980" his|strong="H0834" house and|strong="H1980" stole|strong="H1589" the|strong="H0853" false gods|strong="H1980" that|strong="H0834" belonged to|strong="H1980" her|strong="H1980" father|strong="H0001".

<sup>20</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" tricked Laban|strong="H3837" the|strong="H0853" Aramean|strong="H0761". He|strong="H1931" did not|strong="H3588" tell|strong="H5046" Laban|strong="H3837" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" leaving. <sup>21</sup> Jacob took|strong="H0853" his|strong="H3605" family and|strong="H6965" everything|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" owned and|strong="H6965" left|strong="H1272" quickly. They|strong="H0834" crossed|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3605" Euphrates|strong="H5104" River|strong="H5104" and|strong="H6965" traveled|strong="H5674" to-

ward|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Gilead|strong="H1568".

<sup>22</sup> Three|strong="H7992" days|strong="H3117" later|strong="H7992" Laban|strong="H3837" learned that|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H3290" had|strong="H3588" run away|strong="H1272". <sup>23</sup> So|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0310" gathered his|strong="H3947" men|strong="H3947" together|strong="H5973" and|strong="H3117" began to|strong="H3117" chase|strong="H7291" Jacob|strong="H7651". After|strong="H0310" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117" Laban|strong="H7651" found Jacob|strong="H7651" near|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H3117" Gilead|strong="H1568". <sup>24</sup> That|strong="H0559" night|strong="H3915" God|strong="H0430" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Laban|strong="H3837" in|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" dream|strong="H2472" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", " Be|strong="H0430" careful|strong="H8104"! Be|strong="H0430" careful|strong="H8104" of|strong="H0430" every word|strong="H1696" you|strong="H5704" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H3290":

**The|strong="H0559" Search for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Stolen Gods|strong="H0430"**

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H0853" next morning Laban|strong="H3837" caught|strong="H5381" up|strong="H0853" with|strong="H0854" Jacob|strong="H3290". Jacob|strong="H3290" had|strong="H3290" set up|strong="H0853" his|strong="H5381" camp on|strong="H2022" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022", so|strong="H0853" Laban|strong="H3837" and|strong="H0251" all his|strong="H5381" men set up|strong="H0853" their|strong="H3290" camp in|strong="H0251" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H0168" Gilead|strong="H1568".

<sup>26</sup> Laban|strong="H3837" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Jacob|strong="H3290", " Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H6213" you|strong="H6213" trick me|strong="H4100"? Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H6213" you|strong="H6213" take|strong="H7617" my|strong="H3290" daughters|strong="H1323" like|strong="H1323" they|strong="H0559" were|strong="H1323" women|strong="H1323" you|strong="H6213" captured|strong="H7617" during war|strong="H2719"? <sup>27</sup> Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H7971" run away|strong="H7971" without|strong="H3808" telling|strong="H5046" me|strong="H7971"? If

you |strong="H7971" had |strong="H0853" told |strong="H5046" me |strong="H7971", I |strong="H3808" would |strong="H4100" have |strong="H3808" given you |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" party. There would |strong="H4100" have |strong="H3808" been |strong="H3808" singing |strong="H7892" and |strong="H7971" dancing with |strong="H7971" music |strong="H7892".<sup>28</sup> You |strong="H6213" didn't |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" let |strong="H6258" me |strong="H3808" kiss my |strong="H6258" grandchildren |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" my |strong="H6258" daughters |strong="H1323" good-bye. You |strong="H6213" were |strong="H1121" very |strong="H6258" foolish |strong="H5528" to |strong="H1121" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H6258"!<sup>29</sup> I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H0001" the |strong="H0559" power |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" really |strong="H0559" hurt you |strong="H5704". But |strong="H1696" last |strong="H0570" night |strong="H0570" the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H8104" father |strong="H0001" came |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1696" dream. He |strong="H5704" warned |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" not to |strong="H0413" hurt you |strong="H5704" in |strong="H0413" any |strong="H3426" way |strong="H5704".<sup>30</sup> I |strong="H3588" know that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" want to |strong="H1980" go |strong="H1980" back |strong="H1980" to |strong="H1980" your |strong="H3588" home |strong="H1004". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4100" why |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" left |strong="H1980". But |strong="H3588" why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" steal |strong="H1589" the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" from |strong="H1980" my |strong="H3588" house |strong="H1004"?"

<sup>31</sup> Jacob |strong="H3290" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588" left without telling |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588", because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3290" afraid |strong="H3372". I |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588" would |strong="H0559" take |strong="H1497" your |strong="H3588" daughters |strong="H1323" away |strong="H5973" from |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5973".<sup>32</sup> But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3808" steal |strong="H1589" your |strong="H0834" gods |strong="H0430". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" find |strong="H4672" any-

one |strong="H3588" here |strong="H4672" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5978" who |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0430" taken |strong="H3947" your |strong="H0834" gods |strong="H0430", they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H3808" killed. Your |strong="H0834" men |strong="H3947" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H3808" my |strong="H3947" witnesses. You |strong="H0834" can |strong="H4100" look for |strong="H3588" anything |strong="H4100" that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0834". Take |strong="H3947" anything |strong="H4100" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" yours." ( Jacob |strong="H3290" did |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" Rachel |strong="H7354" had |strong="H0834" stolen |strong="H1589" Laban's gods |strong="H0430".)

<sup>33</sup> So |strong="H3808" Laban |strong="H3837" went |strong="H3318" and |strong="H0935" looked through |strong="H0935" Jacob's |strong="H3290" camp. He |strong="H3808" looked in |strong="H0935" Jacob's |strong="H3290" tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H0935" then |strong="H3318" in |strong="H0935" Leah's |strong="H3812" tent |strong="H0168". Then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H3808" looked in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" tent |strong="H0168" where |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0935" two |strong="H8147" slave |strong="H0519" women stayed, but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0935" gods from |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" house. Then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H3808" went |strong="H3318" into |strong="H0935" Rachel's |strong="H7354" tent |strong="H0168".<sup>34</sup> Rachel |strong="H7354" had |strong="H0853" hidden the |strong="H3605" gods inside her |strong="H3605" camel's |strong="H1581" saddle |strong="H3427", and |strong="H3427" she |strong="H3808" was |strong="H3605" sitting |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853". Laban |strong="H3837" looked through |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" tent |strong="H0168", but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H3605" gods.

<sup>35</sup> And |strong="H6965" Rachel |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" father |strong="H0001", " Father |strong="H0001", don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H3808" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3588" am not |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H0413"

stand up before you. I am having my monthly time of bleeding." So Laban looked through the camp, but he did not find the gods from his house.

<sup>36</sup> Then Jacob became very angry and said, "What wrong have I done? What law have I broken? What right do you have to chase me and stop me? <sup>37</sup> You looked through everything I own and found that belongs to you. If you found something, show it to me. Put here our men can see it. Let our men decide which of us is right. <sup>38</sup> I have worked 20 years for you. During all that time none of the baby sheep and goats died during birth. I have not eaten any of the rams from your flocks. <sup>39</sup> Any time a sheep was killed by wild animals, I always paid for

the loss myself. I did not take the dead animal to you and say that it was not my fault. But I was robbed and in the night the sun took away my strength, and I slept taken from my eyes by the cold. <sup>41</sup> I worked like a slave for you. For the first 14 years I worked to win your two daughters. The last six years I worked to earn your animals. And during that time you changed my pay ten times. <sup>42</sup> But the God of my ancestors, the God of Abraham the Fear of Isaac, I was with me. If God had not been with me, you would have sent away with nothing. But he saw the trouble that I had

and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" work that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" did, and|strong="H0430" last|strong="H0570" night|strong="H0570" God|strong="H0430" proved that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H1961" right."

### Jacob|strong="H7971" and|strong="H0430" Laban's Treaty

<sup>43</sup> Laban|strong="H3837" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H3290", "These|strong="H0428" women|strong="H1323" are|strong="H0834" my|strong="H3605" daughters|strong="H1323". These|strong="H0428" children|strong="H1121" belong|strong="H0428" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", and|strong="H1121" these|strong="H0428" animals are|strong="H0834" mine. Everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0859" see|strong="H7200" here belongs to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", but|strong="H7200" I|strong="H0834" can|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" nothing|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" keep|strong="H6213" my|strong="H3605" daughters|strong="H1323" and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H3605" children|strong="H1121". <sup>44</sup> So|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" ready|strong="H6258" to|strong="H1961" make|strong="H3772" an|strong="H1961" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H1285" you|strong="H0859". We|strong="H6258" will|strong="H1961" set up|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" pile of|strong="H1285" stones to|strong="H1961" show|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1961" we|strong="H6258" have|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" agreement|strong="H1285"."

<sup>45</sup> So|strong="H3947" Jacob|strong="H3290" found a|strong="H3947" large rock|strong="H0068" and|strong="H0068" put|strong="H3947" it|strong="H3947" there to|strong="H0068" show that he|strong="H3290" had|strong="H3290" made|strong="H3947" an|strong="H3947" agreement. <sup>46</sup> He|strong="H8033" told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H5921" men|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0559" find|strong="H3947" some|strong="H8033" more|strong="H5921" rocks|strong="H0068" and|strong="H0398" to|strong="H0559" make|strong="H6213" a|strong="H3947" pile|strong="H1530" of|strong="H5921" rocks|strong="H0068". Then|strong="H3947" they|strong="H8033" ate|strong="H0398" beside|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" pile|strong="H1530" of|strong="H5921" rocks|strong="H0068". <sup>47</sup> Laban|strong="H3837" named|strong="H7121" that|strong="H7121" place Yegar Sahadutha. I

But|strong="H3290" Jacob|strong="H3290" named|strong="H7121" that|strong="H7121" place Galed|strong="H1567". II

<sup>48</sup> Laban|strong="H3837" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Jacob|strong="H0559", "This|strong="H2088" pile|strong="H1530" of|strong="H3117" rocks will|strong="H3117" help us|strong="H5921" both|strong="H5921" remember our|strong="H5921" agreement." That|strong="H3117" is|strong="H2088" why|strong="H3651" Jacob|strong="H0559" called|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0559" place|strong="H2088" Galed|strong="H1567".

<sup>49</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Laban said|strong="H0559", "Let the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" watch|strong="H6822" over|strong="H3068" us|strong="H3588" while|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0834" separated from|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453". So|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" place was|strong="H0834" also|strong="H3068" named Mizpah|strong="H4709". III

<sup>50</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Laban said, "If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" hurt|strong="H6031" my|strong="H5921" daughters|strong="H1323", remember that|strong="H7200" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" punish you|strong="H0518". If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" marry|strong="H3947" other|strong="H0376" women|strong="H0802", remember that|strong="H7200" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0369" watching. <sup>51</sup> Here|strong="H2009" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" rocks that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" put between|strong="H0996" us|strong="H3384", and|strong="H3290" here|strong="H2009" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" special rock|strong="H1530" to|strong="H0559" show that|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" made|strong="H0834" an|strong="H2088" agreement. <sup>52</sup> This|strong="H2088" pile|strong="H1530" of|strong="H4676" rocks and|strong="H2088" this|strong="H2088" one|strong="H2088" special rock|strong="H1530" both help us|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" remember our|strong="H0518" agreement. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5674" past these|strong="H2088" rocks to|strong="H0413" fight against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859", and|strong="H2088" you|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" never|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5674" on|strong="H0413"

I YEGAR SAHADUTHA Aramaic words meaning "rock pile of the agreement." II GALEED Another name for Gilead. This Hebrew name means "rock pile of the agreement." III MIZPAH This means "a place to watch from."

my side these rocks to fight against me".<sup>53</sup> May the God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their ancestors judge us guilty if we break this agreement."

Jacob's father, Isaac, called God "Fear of God". So Jacob used that name to make the promise.<sup>54</sup> Then Jacob killed an animal and offered it as a sacrifice on the mountain. And he invited his men to come and share a meal. After they finished eating, they spent the night on the mountain.<sup>55</sup> Early the next morning Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters goodbye. He blessed them and went back home.

### Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau

**32** Jacob also left place was saw God's angels.<sup>2</sup> When he saw them, he said, "This is God's camp!" So Jacob named that place Mahanaim.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Jacob's brother Esau was living in the area called Seir in the hill country of Edom. Jacob sent messen-

gers to Esau. He told them, "Tell this to my master Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have lived with Laban all these years. I have many cattle, donkeys, flocks, and servants'. Sir, I am sending you this message to ask you to accept us.'"

<sup>6</sup> The messengers came back to Jacob and he said, "We went to your brother Esau. He is coming to meet you. He has 400 men with him."

<sup>7</sup> Jacob was very frightened and worried. He divided the people who were with him and the flocks, herds, and camels into two groups.<sup>8</sup> Jacob thought, "If Esau comes and destroys one group, the other group can run away and be saved."

<sup>9</sup> Then Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham! God of my father Isaac! LORD, you told me to come back to my country and my family. You said that you would do good to me. You have been very kind to me."

<sup>1</sup> MAHANAIM This name means "two camps."

You *did many good things for me*. The *first time I traveled across the Jordan River*, I *owned nothing—only my walking stick*. But *now I own enough things to have two full groups*. <sup>11</sup> I *ask you to please save me from my brother Esau*. I *am afraid that I will kill us all, even the mothers with the children*. <sup>12</sup> Lord, you *said to me*, 'I *will be good to you*. I *will increase your family and make your children as many as the sands of the sea*. There *will be too many to count*.' <sup>13</sup> Jacob *stayed in that place for the night*. He *prepared some things to give Esau as a gift*. <sup>14</sup> He *took 200 female goats and 20 male goats, 200 female sheep and 20 male sheep*. <sup>15</sup> He *took 30 camels and their colts, 40 cows and 10 bulls, 20 female donkeys and 10 male donkeys*. <sup>16</sup> He *gave each flock of his animals to his servants*. Then *he said to them*, "Separate each group of animals. Go ahead of me and keep some space between each herd." <sup>17</sup> Jacob *gave them their orders*.

To *the servant of the first group of animals* he *said*, "When *Esau comes to you and asks whose animals are these*? Where *are you going*? Whose *servant are you*? <sup>18</sup> then *you should answer*, 'These *animals belong to your servant Jacob*'. He *sent them a gift as a gift to you*, my *master Esau*. And *he also is coming behind us*."

<sup>19</sup> Jacob *also ordered the second servant, the third servant, and all the other servants to do the same thing*. He *said*, "You *will say the same thing to Esau when you meet him*". <sup>20</sup> You *will say*, 'This *is a gift to you, and your servant Jacob is behind us*'."

Jacob *thought*, "If *I send these men ahead with gifts, maybe Esau will forgive me and accept me*". <sup>21</sup> So *Jacob sent the gifts to Esau*, but

he|strong="H3588" stayed that|strong="H3588" night in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0559" camp.

<sup>22</sup> During the|strong="H6440" night|strong="H3915", Jacob|strong="H3885" got up|strong="H5921" and|strong="H6440" began moving his|strong="H5921" two wives, his|strong="H5921" two maids, and|strong="H6440" his|strong="H5921" eleven sons across|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" Jabbok River at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" crossing|strong="H5674". <sup>23</sup> After he|strong="H1931" sent|strong="H3947" his|strong="H3947" family across|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" river, he|strong="H1931" sent|strong="H3947" across|strong="H5674" everything he|strong="H1931" had|strong="H0853".

### The|strong="H0853" Fight With|strong="H0802" God

<sup>24</sup> Jacob was|strong="H0834" left alone, and|strong="H0853" a|strong="H3947" man came and|strong="H0853" wrestled with|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0853". The|strong="H0853" man fought with|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0853" until the|strong="H0853" sun came up|strong="H0853".

<sup>25</sup> When|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" man|strong="H0376" saw that|strong="H5704" he|strong="H5704" could|strong="H0376" not defeat Jacob|strong="H3290", he|strong="H5704" touched Jacob's|strong="H3290" leg and|strong="H0376" put|strong="H5927" it|strong="H5704" out|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" joint.

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3588" man|strong="H7200" said to|strong="H3201" Jacob|strong="H3290", " Let|strong="H3808" me|strong="H7200" go. The|strong="H3588" sun is|strong="H3588" coming up|strong="H7200"."

But|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H3290" said, " I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3588" go. You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" bless me|strong="H7200"."

<sup>27</sup> And|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0559" man said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H7971", " What|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1288" your|strong="H0518" name|strong="H0559"?"

And|strong="H7971" Jacob|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " My|strong="H7971" name|strong="H0559" is|strong="H1288" Jacob|strong="H0559"."

<sup>28</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" man said|strong="H0559", " Your|strong="H0413" name|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3290" not be|strong="H0834" Jacob|strong="H3290". Your|strong="H0413" name|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3290" now be|strong="H0834" Israel. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>I</sup> ISRAEL This name might mean "he fights for God," "he fights with God," or "God fights."

I|strong="H0559" give you|strong="H4100" this name|strong="H0834" because|strong="H0413" you|strong="H4100" have|strong="H0834" fought with|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0559" and|strong="H3290" with|strong="H0413" men|strong="H0559", and|strong="H3290" you|strong="H4100" have|strong="H0834" won."

<sup>29</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Jacob|strong="H3290" asked|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5973", "Please tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5973" your|strong="H0518" name|strong="H0834"."

But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559", " Why|strong="H3588" do|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" ask|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3588" name|strong="H0834"?" Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" blessed Jacob|strong="H3290" at|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3588" place.

<sup>30</sup> So|strong="H2088" Jacob|strong="H3290" named|strong="H0834" that|strong="H2088" place|strong="H0833" Peniel. <sup>II</sup> He|strong="H0833" said|strong="H0559", " At|strong="H0833" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H0833", I|strong="H2088" saw God|strong="H0559" face to|strong="H0559" face, but|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3290" life was|strong="H0834" spared."

<sup>31</sup> Then|strong="H7200" the|strong="H6440" sun came|strong="H0413" up|strong="H7200" as|strong="H5315" Jacob|strong="H3290" left Peniel|strong="H6439". He|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0834" limping because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0430" his|strong="H7121" leg. <sup>32</sup> So|strong="H0834" even|strong="H0853" today, the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H5921" Israel don't eat the|strong="H0853" muscle that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" hip|strong="H3409" joint, because|strong="H5921" this|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" muscle where|strong="H0834" Jacob was|strong="H0834" hurt.

### Jacob Meets Esau

**33** Jacob|strong="H3290" looked|strong="H7200" and|strong="H0935" saw|strong="H7200" Esau|strong="H6215" coming|strong="H0935" with|strong="H5973" 400 men|strong="H0376". Jacob|strong="H3290" divided|strong="H2673" his|strong="H5921" family into|strong="H0935" four|strong="H0702" groups. Leah|strong="H3812" and|strong="H0935" her|strong="H5921" children|strong="H3206" were|strong="H0376" in|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0376" group, Rachel|strong="H7354"

<sup>II</sup> PENIEL A name that means "the face of God."



and |strong="H0935" Joseph were |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" one |strong="H0376" group, and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" maids |strong="H8198" and |strong="H0935" their |strong="H5375" children |strong="H3206" were |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" groups. <sup>2</sup> Jacob put |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" maids |strong="H8198" with |strong="H0853" their |strong="H7760" children |strong="H3206" first |strong="H7223". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" put |strong="H7760" Leah |strong="H3812" and |strong="H0853" her |strong="H7760" children |strong="H3206" behind |strong="H0314" them |strong="H0853", and |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" put |strong="H7760" Rachel |strong="H7354" and |strong="H0853" Joseph |strong="H3130" in |strong="H7223" the |strong="H0853" last |strong="H0314" place |strong="H7760".

<sup>3</sup> Jacob |strong="H7651" himself |strong="H1931" went |strong="H5066" out |strong="H6440" before |strong="H6440" them |strong="H6440". While |strong="H5704" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0776" walking toward |strong="H6440" his |strong="H6440" brother |strong="H0251" Esau, he |strong="H1931" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H6440" ground |strong="H0776" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H6471".

<sup>4</sup> When |strong="H5307" Esau |strong="H6215" saw Jacob, he |strong="H5921" ran |strong="H7323" to |strong="H5921" meet |strong="H7125" him |strong="H5921". He |strong="H5921" put his |strong="H5921" arms around |strong="H5921" Jacob, hugged |strong="H5307" his |strong="H5921" neck |strong="H6677", and |strong="H7323" kissed |strong="H5401" him |strong="H5921". Then |strong="H5307" they |strong="H5921" both |strong="H5921" cried |strong="H1058". <sup>5</sup> Esau |strong="H0559" looked |strong="H7200" up |strong="H5375" and |strong="H0430" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" women |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0430" children |strong="H3206". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" all these |strong="H0428" people |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0834"?"

Jacob |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", " These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" children |strong="H3206" that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H0559" me |strong="H7200". God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" been |strong="H0834" good to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H7200"."

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H5066" the |strong="H7812" two maids |strong="H8198" and |strong="H5066" the |strong="H7812" children |strong="H3206" with |strong="H5066" them |strong="H5066" went |strong="H5066" to |strong="H5066" Esau. They |strong="H2007" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" before him. <sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H0310" Leah |strong="H3812" and |strong="H5066" the |strong="H0310" children |strong="H3206" with |strong="H1571" her |strong="H1571" went |strong="H5066" to |strong="H5066" Esau and |strong="H5066" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812". And |strong="H5066" then |strong="H0310" Rachel |strong="H7354" and |strong="H5066" Joseph |strong="H3130" went |strong="H5066" to |strong="H5066" him |strong="H0310" and |strong="H5066" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812".

<sup>8</sup> Esau |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" saw while |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" coming here |strong="H2088"? And |strong="H5869" what |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" animals for |strong="H3605"? " Jacob |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", " These |strong="H2088" are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3605" gifts to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" so |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" accept me |strong="H4672"."

<sup>9</sup> But |strong="H1961" Esau |strong="H6215" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0834" don't have |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961" gifts, brother |strong="H0251". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" enough |strong="H7227" for |strong="H0834" myself."

<sup>10</sup> Jacob |strong="H3290" said |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H0408", I |strong="H3588" beg |strong="H4994" you |strong="H3588"! If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" really |strong="H0559" accept |strong="H3947" me |strong="H4994", please |strong="H4994" accept |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" gifts |strong="H4503" I |strong="H3588" give |strong="H7200" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H0430" very |strong="H3651" happy to |strong="H0559" see |strong="H7200" your |strong="H5921" face |strong="H6440" again |strong="H6440". It |strong="H0518" is |strong="H0430" like |strong="H3651" seeing |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" face |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430".

I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H0430" very|strong="H3651" happy to|strong="H0559" see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" accept|strong="H3947" me|strong="H4994". <sup>11</sup> So|strong="H3947" I|strong="H0834" beg|strong="H4994" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0935" also|strong="H0853" accept|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" gifts I|strong="H0834" give|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834". God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" been|strong="H0834" very good to|strong="H0935" me|strong="H4994". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" more|strong="H3588" than|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0834" need." Because|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H0935" begged Esau to|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" gifts, he|strong="H0834" accepted|strong="H3947" them|strong="H0853".

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Esau|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", "Now you can continue your|strong="H0559" journey|strong="H5265". I|strong="H0559" will go|strong="H5265" with|strong="H0559" you."

<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " You|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3605" children|strong="H3206" are|strong="H3117" weak|strong="H7390". And|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3588" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" careful with|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3605" flocks|strong="H6629" and|strong="H3117" their|strong="H3605" young|strong="H3206" animals. If|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" force them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" walk too|strong="H5921" far|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0259" day|strong="H3117", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals will|strong="H3117" die|strong="H4191". <sup>14</sup> So|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" go|strong="H0935" on|strong="H0413" ahead|strong="H6440". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" follow|strong="H7272" you|strong="H0834" slowly. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" go|strong="H0935" slowly enough for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" cattle|strong="H4399" and|strong="H0935" other animals to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H4994" safe and|strong="H0935" so|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" my|strong="H0834" children|strong="H3206" will|strong="H0834" not get|strong="H0935" too tired. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" meet|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0935" Seir|strong="H8165"."

<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H4480" Esau|strong="H6215" said|strong="H0559", " Then|strong="H2088" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" leave|strong="H4480" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H5869" my|strong="H0834" men|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0559" help|strong="H5971" you|strong="H0834"."

But|strong="H0559" Jacob|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" very|strong="H2088" kind of|strong="H5869" you|strong="H0834", but|strong="H0559" there|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" no|strong="H4480" need to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H4100" that|strong="H0834"." <sup>16</sup> So|strong="H7725" Esau|strong="H6215" started on|strong="H3117" his|strong="H7725" trip back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" Seir|strong="H8165". <sup>17</sup> But|strong="H3651" Jacob|strong="H3290" went|strong="H5265" to|strong="H5921" Succoth|strong="H5523". <sup>1</sup> There he|strong="H3651" built|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129" house|strong="H1004" for|strong="H5921" himself|strong="H7121" and|strong="H1004" small barns for|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" cattle|strong="H4735". That|strong="H3651" is|strong="H8034" why|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5921" place|strong="H4725" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Succoth|strong="H5523".

<sup>18</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" safely|strong="H8003" ended his|strong="H0834" trip from|strong="H0935" Paddan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" town|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0776" Shechem|strong="H7927" in|strong="H0935" Canaan|strong="H3667". He|strong="H0834" made|strong="H0834" his|strong="H0834" camp|strong="H2583" in|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" field near|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". <sup>19</sup> He|strong="H0834" bought|strong="H7069" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" where|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" camped from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1121" Hamor|strong="H2544", father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927". He|strong="H0834" paid|strong="H3027" 100 pieces|strong="H7192" of|strong="H1121" silver for|strong="H3027" it|strong="H5186". <sup>20</sup> He|strong="H8033" built an|strong="H8033" altar|strong="H4196" there|strong="H8033" to|strong="H3478" honor

<sup>1</sup> Succoth A town east of the Jordan River. This name means "temporary shelters."

God|strong="H0430". He|strong="H8033" named|strong="H7121" the|strong="H7121" place|strong="H8033" " El|strong="H0410",<sup>1</sup> the|strong="H7121" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478"."

### The Rape of Dinah

**34** One|strong="H0834" day, Di- nah|strong="H1783", the|strong="H0834" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H0776" Leah|strong="H3812" and|strong="H0776" Ja- cob|strong="H3290", went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H3205" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0834" women|strong="H1323" of|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H0776".<sup>2</sup> She|strong="H7901" was|strong="H0776" seen|strong="H7200" by|strong="H0776" Shechem|strong="H7927", the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hamor|strong="H2544" the|strong="H0853" Hivite|strong="H2340", who|strong="H1121" ruled that|strong="H7200" area|strong="H0776". Shechem|strong="H7927" took|strong="H3947" Di- nah and|strong="H1121" raped her|strong="H3947".<sup>3</sup> But|strong="H1696" he|strong="H0853" was|strong="H3820" so|strong="H1696" attract- ed|strong="H1692" to|strong="H1696" her|strong="H5921" that|strong="H5315" he|strong="H0853" fell|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" love|strong="H0157" and|strong="H1323" began expressing his|strong="H5921" feelings|strong="H5315" to|strong="H1696" her|strong="H5921".<sup>4</sup> He|strong="H0853" told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3947" father|strong="H0001", "Please get|strong="H3947" this|strong="H2063" girl|strong="H3207" for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" so|strong="H3947" that|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0559" can|strong="H3947" marry|strong="H3947" her|strong="H0413"."

<sup>5</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" learned that|strong="H3588" Shechem|strong="H2930" had|strong="H1961" done|strong="H1961" this|strong="H3588" very|strong="H5704" bad thing|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0935" his|strong="H8085" daughter|strong="H1323". But|strong="H3588" all|strong="H5704" his|strong="H8085" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1961" out|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" fields|strong="H7704" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0853" cattle|strong="H4735". So|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3588" did nothing until|strong="H5704" they|strong="H3588"

came|strong="H0935" home.<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H1696" Shechem's|strong="H7927" father|strong="H0001", Hamor|strong="H2544", came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" talk|strong="H1696" with|strong="H0854" Ja- cob|strong="H3290".

<sup>7</sup> In|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" fields|strong="H7704" Jacob's|strong="H3290" sons|strong="H1121" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3588" news about|strong="H8085" what|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3478" hap- pened|strong="H0935". They|strong="H3588" were|strong="H3478" very|strong="H3966" an- gry|strong="H2734" because|strong="H3588" Shechem|strong="H5039" had|strong="H3478" brought|strong="H0935" shame to|strong="H0935" Israel|strong="H3478" by|strong="H0935" raping Ja- cob's|strong="H3290" daughter|strong="H1323". They|strong="H3588" came|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3588" fields|strong="H7704" as|strong="H0935" soon|strong="H3588" as|strong="H0935" they|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3588" terrible thing|strong="H5039" Shechem|strong="H5039" had|strong="H3478" done|strong="H6213".

<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H1696" Hamor|strong="H2544" talked|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559" Dinah's brothers and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559", " My|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927" wants Dinah very much. Please|strong="H4994" let|strong="H4994" him|strong="H5414" marry|strong="H0802" her|strong="H0802".<sup>9</sup> This marriage|strong="H2859" will|strong="H5414" show|strong="H5414" we|strong="H0854" have|strong="H1323" a|strong="H3947" special agreement. Then|strong="H3947" our|strong="H5414" men|strong="H3947" can|strong="H3947" mar- ry|strong="H3947" your|strong="H5414" women|strong="H1323", and|strong="H1323" your|strong="H5414" men|strong="H3947" can|strong="H3947" marry|strong="H3947" our|strong="H5414" women|strong="H1323".<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H6440" can live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H6440" same land|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0854" us|strong="H6440". You|strong="H6440" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" free to|strong="H1961" own|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" to|strong="H1961" trade|strong="H5503" here."

<sup>11</sup> Shechem|strong="H7927" also|strong="H0834" talked to|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H0559" and|strong="H5869" to|strong="H0413" Di- nah's|strong="H0001" brothers|strong="H0251"

<sup>1</sup> El A Hebrew name for God.

and |strong="H5869" said |strong="H0559", "Please accept me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do anything you |strong="H0834" ask |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do. <sup>12</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" any |strong="H5414" gift |strong="H4976"<sup>1</sup> you |strong="H0834" want if |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" only |strong="H7235" allow |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" marry |strong="H0802" Dinah. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" anything you |strong="H0834" ask |strong="H0559", but |strong="H0559" let |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" marry |strong="H0802" her |strong="H0413"."

<sup>13</sup> Jacob's |strong="H3290" sons |strong="H1121" decided to |strong="H1696" lie to |strong="H1696" Shechem |strong="H7927" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0834" father |strong="H0001" because |strong="H0834" Shechem |strong="H7927" had |strong="H0834" done such |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1696" bad thing to |strong="H1696" their |strong="H0834" sister |strong="H0269" Dinah |strong="H1783". <sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0853" brothers said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " We |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" allow |strong="H5414" our |strong="H5414" sister |strong="H0269" to |strong="H0413" marry |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3588" circumcised. That |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0559" bring |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" shame |strong="H2781". <sup>15</sup> But |strong="H0518" we |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" allow you |strong="H0518" to |strong="H1961" marry her |strong="H3605" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" do |strong="H0518" this |strong="H2063" one |strong="H3605" thing |strong="H2063": Every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H2145" in |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3605" town must |strong="H0518" be |strong="H1961" circumcised |strong="H4135" like |strong="H3644" us |strong="H2063". <sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H1961" your |strong="H5414" men |strong="H5971" can |strong="H3947" marry |strong="H3947" our |strong="H5414" women |strong="H1323", and |strong="H1323" our |strong="H5414" men |strong="H5971" can |strong="H3947" marry |strong="H3947" your |strong="H5414" women |strong="H1323". Then |strong="H1961" we |strong="H0854" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961"

one |strong="H0259" people |strong="H5971". <sup>17</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3808" circumcised |strong="H4135", we |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" take |strong="H3947" Dinah away |strong="H1980"."

<sup>18</sup> This |strong="H1697" agreement |strong="H1697" made |strong="H3190" Hamor |strong="H2544" and |strong="H1121" Shechem |strong="H7927" very |strong="H3190" happy |strong="H3190". <sup>19</sup> Shechem was |strong="H1931" very happy to |strong="H0001" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H1697" Dinah's |strong="H0001" brothers asked |strong="H1697".

Shechem was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3605" most honored |strong="H3513" man |strong="H5288" in |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004". <sup>20</sup> Hamor |strong="H2544" and |strong="H1121" Shechem |strong="H7927" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" meeting place |strong="H0935" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H0935" city |strong="H5892". They |strong="H0376" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", <sup>21</sup> " These |strong="H0428" people |strong="H0376" want to |strong="H5414" be |strong="H0376" friends with |strong="H0854" us |strong="H5414". We |strong="H0776" want to |strong="H5414" let |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" our |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0376" at |strong="H3427" peace with |strong="H0854" us |strong="H5414". We |strong="H0776" have |strong="H0376" enough |strong="H3027" land |strong="H0776" for |strong="H0776" all |strong="H2009" of |strong="H0776" us |strong="H5414". We |strong="H0776" are |strong="H1992" free to |strong="H5414" marry |strong="H3947" their |strong="H5414" women |strong="H0802", and |strong="H0776" we |strong="H0776" are |strong="H1992" happy to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" our |strong="H5414" women |strong="H0802" to |strong="H5414" marry |strong="H3947". <sup>22</sup> But |strong="H0389" there |strong="H1961" is |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0259" thing |strong="H0259" that |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" our |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" must |strong="H0389" agree to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H3605". They |strong="H1992" must |strong="H0389" agree to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" circumcised |strong="H4135" as |strong="H0834"

I GIFT Or "dowry." Here, the money a man paid for a wife.

they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H0834".<sup>23</sup> If we|strong="H3605" do|strong="H4735" this|strong="H3605", we|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3808" become rich from|strong="H0854" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" cattle|strong="H0929" and|strong="H3427" other|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H0929". We|strong="H3605" should make this|strong="H3605" agreement with|strong="H0854" them|strong="H1992" so|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3605" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3808" stay|strong="H3427" here with|strong="H0854" us|strong="H0929".<sup>24</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" heard|strong="H0805" this|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" meeting place|strong="H3605" agreed|strong="H0805" with|strong="H0413" Hamor|strong="H2544" and|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927". And|strong="H1121" every|strong="H3605" man|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" circumcised|strong="H4135" at|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3318".

<sup>25</sup> Three|strong="H7992" days|strong="H3117" later|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1961" circumcised were|strong="H1961" still sore. Two|strong="H8147" of|strong="H1121" Jacob's|strong="H3290" sons|strong="H1121", Simeon|strong="H8095" and|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3878", knew that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" would|strong="H0376" be|strong="H1961" weak|strong="H3605" at|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117". So|strong="H3947" they|strong="H3117" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" killed|strong="H2026" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" there|strong="H1961".<sup>26</sup> Dinah's|strong="H1783" brothers, Simeon and|strong="H1121" Levi, killed|strong="H2026" Hamor|strong="H2544" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3947" son|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927". Then|strong="H3318" they|strong="H6310" took|strong="H3947" Dinah|strong="H1783" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121" Shechem's|strong="H7927" house|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1121" left|strong="H3318".<sup>27</sup> Jacob's|strong="H3290" sons|strong="H1121" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" stole everything|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834"

there|strong="H0834" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1121" what|strong="H0834" Shechem|strong="H2930" had|strong="H0834" done to|strong="H0935" their|strong="H5921" sister|strong="H0269".<sup>28</sup> So|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" brothers took|strong="H3947" all their|strong="H3947" animals, all their|strong="H3947" donkeys|strong="H2543", and|strong="H6629" everything|strong="H0834" else in|strong="H6629" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H6629" in|strong="H6629" the|strong="H0853" fields|strong="H7704".<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H3605" brothers took|strong="H7617" everything|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" owned. They|strong="H0834" even|strong="H0853" took|strong="H7617" their|strong="H3605" wives|strong="H0802" and|strong="H1004" children|strong="H2945".

<sup>30</sup> But|strong="H5221" Jacob|strong="H3290" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Simeon|strong="H8095" and|strong="H0776" Levi|strong="H3878", " You|strong="H5921" have|strong="H0776" caused me|strong="H0413" a|strong="H5221" lot of|strong="H0776" trouble|strong="H5916". All|strong="H0622" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" this place|strong="H1004" will|strong="H0776" hate me|strong="H0413". All|strong="H0622" the|strong="H0853" Canaanites|strong="H3669" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Perizzites|strong="H6522" will|strong="H0776" turn against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". There|strong="H3427" are|strong="H0776" only a|strong="H5221" few|strong="H4557" of|strong="H0776" us|strong="H0413". If the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" this place|strong="H1004" gather|strong="H0622" together|strong="H0622" to|strong="H0413" fight against|strong="H5921" us|strong="H0413", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" destroyed|strong="H8045". And|strong="H0776" all|strong="H0622" our|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3427" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" destroyed|strong="H8045" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"."

<sup>31</sup> But|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" brothers said|strong="H0559", " Should|strong="H0559" we|strong="H6213" let these people treat|strong="H6213" our sister|strong="H0269" like a|strong="H0559" prostitute|strong="H2181"? They|strong="H0559" were wrong to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" our sister|strong="H0269"!"

## Jacob in Bethel

35 God said to Jacob, "Go to the town of Bethel, where I appeared to you when you were running away from your brother Esau. Live there and make an altar to honor me as El, the God who appeared to you." So Jacob told his family all the other people with him, "Destroy these gods that you have. Put clean clothes on. We will leave here and go to Bethel. There I will build an altar to God who has always helped me during times of trouble." He has been with me wherever I have gone.

4 So the people Jacob gave names to all the foreign gods that

I BETHEL A town in Israel. This name means "God's house." II EL A Hebrew name for God.

gods they had, and they gave him all the rings they were wearing in their ears. He buried everything under an oak tree near the town called Shechem.

5 Then Jacob and his sons that were with him in the land of Canaan wanted to follow and kill them, but God filled them with such great fear that they did not go after them. So Jacob and his people went to Luz, which is now called Bethel. It is the land of Canaan. Jacob built an altar there named El Bethel. Jacob chose this name because it is the place God first appeared to him when he was running from his brother Esau.

8 Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died there. They buried her

III EL BETHEL A name that means "the God of Bethel."

her|strong="H7121" under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478" oak|strong="H0437" tree at|strong="H4191" Bethel|strong="H1008". They|strong="H8478" named|strong="H8034" that|strong="H7121" place|strong="H8478" Allon Bacuth. <sup>I</sup>

#### Jacob's New Name|strong="H8034"

<sup>9</sup> When|strong="H7200" Jacob|strong="H3290" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" Paddan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307", God|strong="H0430" appeared|strong="H7200" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" again|strong="H5750". God|strong="H0430" blessed|strong="H1288" Jacob|strong="H3290"<sup>10</sup> and|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853", "Your|strong="H3588" name|strong="H8034" is|strong="H0430" Jacob|strong="H3290", but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" change that|strong="H3588" name|strong="H8034". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" no|strong="H3808" longer|strong="H5750" be|strong="H1961" called|strong="H7121" Jacob|strong="H3290". Your|strong="H3588" new name|strong="H8034" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>II</sup> So|strong="H7121" God|strong="H0430" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H0853" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>11</sup> God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H3318", "I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" God|strong="H0430" All-Powerful, <sup>III</sup> and|strong="H0430" I|strong="H0589" give|strong="H1961" you|strong="H4480" this blessing: Have|strong="H1961" many|strong="H7235" children and|strong="H0430" grow|strong="H3318" into|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" great|strong="H0430" nation|strong="H1471". Other nations|strong="H1471" and|strong="H0430" other kings|strong="H4428" will|strong="H0430" come|strong="H1961" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H4428" you|strong="H4480". <sup>12</sup> I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="H0776" Isaac|strong="H3327" some special land|strong="H0776". Now|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0834" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5414" all|strong="H0310" your|strong="H5414" people|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834"

<sup>I</sup> ALLON BACUTH This name means "the oak tree of sadness." <sup>II</sup> ISRAEL This name might mean "he fights for God," "he fights with God," or "God fights." <sup>III</sup> GOD ALL-POWERFUL Literally, "El Shaddai."

will|strong="H0776" live after|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0834".<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H1696" God|strong="H0430" left|strong="H5927" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H4725". <sup>14</sup> Jacob set up a memorial stone there. He made the rock holy by pouring wine and oil on it. This was a special place because God spoke to Jacob there, and Jacob named the place Bethel.

#### Rachel Dies Giving Birth

<sup>16</sup> Jacob|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H1961" group left|strong="H5265" Bethel|strong="H1008". Before|strong="H5750" they|strong="H0935" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Ephrath|strong="H0672", Rachel|strong="H7354" began|strong="H1961" giving|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0935" baby. <sup>17</sup> She|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1961" having|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" lot of|strong="H1121" trouble|strong="H2088" with|strong="H1961" this|strong="H2088" birth|strong="H3205". She|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1961" in|strong="H1121" great pain. When|strong="H3588" her|strong="H1961" nurse saw this|strong="H2088", she|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", "Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H1961" afraid|strong="H3372", Rachel|strong="H0559". You|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1121" giving|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H0559" another|strong="H2088" son|strong="H1121"."

<sup>18</sup> Rachel died|strong="H4191" while|strong="H1961" giving birth to|strong="H4191" the|strong="H3588" son. Before dying|strong="H4191", she|strong="H3588" named|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3588" boy Benoni. <sup>IV</sup> But|strong="H3588" Jacob called|strong="H7121" him|strong="H7121" Benjamin|strong="H1144". <sup>V</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Rachel|strong="H7354" was|strong="H1931" buried|strong="H6912" on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H4191" Ephrath|strong="H0672" (that|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931", Bethlehem|strong="H1035"). <sup>20</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" put a|strong="H5921" special rock on|strong="H5921" Rachel's|strong="H7354" grave|strong="H6900" to|strong="H5704" honor her|strong="H5921". That|strong="H3117" special rock is|strong="H1931" still|strong="H5704" there|strong="H5704" today|strong="H3117". <sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H5265" Israel|strong="H3478" continued his|strong="H5186" journey|strong="H5265". He|strong="H5186" camped just south of|strong="H0168" Eder|strong="H4029" tower|strong="H4029". <sup>VI</sup>

<sup>IV</sup> BENONI This name means "son of my suffering." <sup>V</sup> BENJAMIN This name means "right-hand" or "favorite son."

22 Israel stayed there for a short time. While he was there, Reuben with Israel's slave woman Bilhah. Israel heard about this, and he was very angry.<sup>1</sup>

**The Family of Israel (Jacob)**

These are the names of Jacob's twelve sons:

23 His firstborn son Reuben, whose mother was Leah. Jacob's other sons by Leah were Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

24 His sons by Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.

25 His sons by Bilhah, Rachel's maid, were Dan and Naphtali.

26 His sons by Zilpah, Leah's maid, were Gad and Asher.

These were Jacob's sons who were born in Paddan Aram.

27 Jacob went to his father Isaac at Mamre in Kiriath Arba (Hebron). This

<sup>1</sup> VI EDER TOWER Or "Migdal Eder." AND HE WAS VERY ANGRY. These words are from the ancient Greek translation. They are not in the standard Hebrew text. See Genesis 49:4.

is where Abraham and Isaac lived. 28 Isaac lived 180 years. Then Isaac became weak and died, and he went to be with his people. He had lived a long full life. His sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

**Esau's Family**

36 This is the history of the family of Esau (Edom). Esau married women from the land of Canaan. His wives were Adah, the daughter of Elon, the Hittite, Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the son of Zibeon, the Hivite, and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth. Esau and Adah had a son named Eliphaz. Basemath had a son named Reuel. Oholibamah had three sons: Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These were Esau's sons who were born in the land of Canaan.



<sup>6</sup> Jacob and Esau's families became too big for the land in Canaan to support them all, so Esau moved away from his brother Jacob. He took his wives, sons, daughters, all his slaves, cattle and other animals, and everything else that he had gotten in Canaan and moved to the hill country of Seir. <sup>I</sup> (Esau is also named Edom.)

<sup>9</sup> Esau is Esau's father of the people of Edom. These are the names of Esau's family living in the hill country of Seir:

<sup>10</sup> Esau and Esau's son Adah's son Eliphaz and Basemath's son Reuel:

<sup>11</sup> Eliphaz had five sons: Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.

<sup>12</sup> Eliphaz also had a slave woman named Timna and Eliphaz had a son named Amalek.

<sup>13</sup> Reuel had four sons: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were Esau's grandsons from his wife Basemath.

<sup>14</sup> Esau's third wife was Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah. (Anah was the son of Zibeon.) Esau and Oholibamah's children were Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

I SEIR A mountain range in Edom.

<sup>15</sup> These are the family groups that came from Esau:

Esau's first son was Eliphaz. From Eliphaz came Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz, Korah, Gatam, and Amalek.

All these family groups came from Esau's wife Adah.

<sup>17</sup> Esau's son Reuel was the father of these families: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

All these families came from Esau's wife Basemath.

<sup>18</sup> Esau's wife Oholibamah, daughter of Anah, gave birth to Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These three men were the leaders of their families.

<sup>19</sup> They were all sons of Esau and his leaders of the family groups of Edom.

<sup>20</sup> Seir, a Horite man, lived in Edom before Esau. These are the sons of Seir:

Lotan, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, and Ezer. These sons were all Horite family leaders from

II ESAU ... EDOM Two names for the man Esau and the country Edom.

Seir|strong="H8165" in|strong="H0776" Edom|strong="H0123".

22 Lotan|strong="H3877" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" father of|strong="H1121" Hori|strong="H2753" and|strong="H1121" Heman. <sup>I</sup> ( Timna|strong="H8555" was|strong="H1961" Lotan's|strong="H3877" sister|strong="H0269".)

23 Shobal|strong="H7732" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" father of|strong="H1121" Alvan|strong="H5935", Manahath|strong="H4506", Ebal|strong="H5858", Shepho|strong="H8195", and|strong="H1121" Onam|strong="H0208".

24 Zibeon|strong="H6649" had|strong="H0834" two sons|strong="H1121", Aiah|strong="H0345" and|strong="H1121" Anah|strong="H6034".

Anah|strong="H6034" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0834" found|strong="H4672" the|strong="H0853" springs|strong="H3222" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057" while|strong="H1931" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" caring for|strong="H1931" his|strong="H0834" father's|strong="H0001" donkeys|strong="H2543".

25 Anah|strong="H6034" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" father of|strong="H1121" Dishon|strong="H1787" and|strong="H1121" Oholibamah|strong="H0173".

26 Dishon had|strong="H1121" four sons|strong="H1121". They|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" Hemdan|strong="H2533", Esiban|strong="H0790", Ithran|strong="H3506", and|strong="H1121" Keran.

27 Ezer|strong="H0687" had|strong="H1121" three sons|strong="H1121". They|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" Bilhan|strong="H1092", Zavan|strong="H2190", and|strong="H1121" Akan|strong="H6130".

28 Dishan|strong="H1789" had|strong="H1121" two sons|strong="H1121". They|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" Uz|strong="H5780" and|strong="H1121" Aran|strong="H0765".

29 These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0428" names of|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0428" leaders of|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0428" Horite|strong="H2752" families: Lotan|strong="H3877", Shobal|strong="H7732", Zibeon|strong="H6649", Anah|strong="H6034", <sup>30</sup> Dishon|strong="H1787", Ezer|strong="H0687", and|strong="H0776" Dishan|strong="H1789". These|strong="H0428" men|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0776" leaders of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" families that|strong="H0776" lived in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" country|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Seir|strong="H8165".

31 At|strong="H3478" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3478" there|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" in|strong="H3478" Edom|strong="H0123". Edom|strong="H0123" had|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" a|strong="H0834" long|strong="H6440" time|strong="H3478" before|strong="H6440" Israel|strong="H3478" did|strong="H0834".

32 Bela|strong="H1106" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Beor|strong="H1160" was|strong="H8034" a|strong="H1121" king|strong="H4427" who|strong="H1121" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H1121" Edom|strong="H0123". He|strong="H1121" ruled|strong="H4427" over the|strong="H8034" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Dinhabah|strong="H1838".

33 When|strong="H1121" Bela|strong="H1106" died|strong="H4191", Jobab|strong="H3103" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4427". Jobab|strong="H3103" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H8478" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zerah|strong="H2226" from|strong="H1121" Bozrah|strong="H1224".

34 When|strong="H0776" Jobab|strong="H3103" died|strong="H4191", Husham|strong="H2367" ruled|strong="H4427". Husham|strong="H2367" was|strong="H0776" from|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" Temanites|strong="H8489".

35 When|strong="H1121" Husham|strong="H2367" died|strong="H4191", Hadad|strong="H1908" ruled|strong="H4427" that|strong="H1121" area. Hadad|strong="H1908" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bedad|strong="H0911". ( He|strong="H0853" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" defeated|strong="H5221" Midian|strong="H4080" in|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" country|strong="H7704" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124".) Hadad|strong="H1908" was|strong="H8034" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Avith|strong="H5762".

36 When Hadad|strong="H1908" died|strong="H4191", Samlah|strong="H8072" ruled|strong="H4427" that|strong="H4191" country. Samlah|strong="H8072" was from|strong="H8478" Masrekah|strong="H4957".

37 When Samlah|strong="H8072" died|strong="H4191", Shaul|strong="H7586" ruled|strong="H4427" that|strong="H7586" area. Shaul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H7586" from|strong="H8478" Rehoboth|strong="H7344"

<sup>I</sup> HEMAN Or "Homam."

by|strong="H4191" the|strong="H8478" River|strong="H5104".

38 When|strong="H1121" Shaul|strong="H7586" died|strong="H4191", Baal Hanan ruled|strong="H4427" that|strong="H7586" country. Baal Hanan was|strong="H7586" the|strong="H8478" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Acbor|strong="H5907".

39 When|strong="H1121" Baal Hanan died|strong="H4191", Hadad|strong="H1924"<sup>I</sup> ruled|strong="H4427" that|strong="H1121" country. Hadad|strong="H1924" was|strong="H8034" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H8478" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Pau|strong="H6464". His|strong="H8478" wife's|strong="H0802" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Mehetabel|strong="H4105", the|strong="H8478" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Matred|strong="H4308". ( Mezahab|strong="H4314" was|strong="H8034" Matred's father.)

40 Esau was the father of these Edomite families: Timna, Alvah, Jetheth, Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, Magdiel, and Iram. Each of these families lived in an area that was called by the same name as their family.

#### Joseph the Dreamer

37 Jacob|strong="H3290" stayed|strong="H3427" and|strong="H0776" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667". This is|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" same land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H4033" his|strong="H3290" father|strong="H0001" had|strong="H0001" lived|strong="H3427".<sup>2</sup> This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" story of|strong="H1121" Jacob's|strong="H3290" family|strong="H0001".

Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" young|strong="H5288" man|strong="H5288", 17 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121". His|strong="H1961" job was|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H1961" care of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" goats. Joseph|strong="H3130" did|strong="H5288" this|strong="H0428" work with|strong="H0854" his|strong="H1961" brothers|strong="H0251", the|strong="H0853" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bilhah|strong="H1090" and|strong="H1121" Zilpah|strong="H2153". ( Bilhah|strong="H1090" and|strong="H1121" Zilpah|strong="H2153" were|strong="H1961"

his|strong="H1961" father's|strong="H0001" wives|strong="H0802".) Joseph|strong="H3130" told|strong="H0413" his|strong="H1961" father|strong="H0001" about|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" bad|strong="H7451" things|strong="H0428" that|strong="H1931" his|strong="H1961" brothers|strong="H0251" did|strong="H5288".<sup>3</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H3478" born|strong="H1121" at|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3588" time|strong="H3478" when|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3605" father Israel|strong="H3478" was|strong="H3478" very old|strong="H1121", so|strong="H6213" Israel|strong="H3478" loved|strong="H0157" him|strong="H0853" more|strong="H3588" than|strong="H3605" he|strong="H1931" loved|strong="H0157" his|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121". Jacob gave|strong="H6213" him|strong="H0853" a|strong="H3588" special coat|strong="H3801", which|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3478" long and|strong="H1121" very beautiful.<sup>II4</sup> When|strong="H3588" Joseph's|strong="H0251" brothers|strong="H0251" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" loved|strong="H0157" Joseph|strong="H3808" more|strong="H3808" than|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3588" loved|strong="H0157" them|strong="H0853", they|strong="H3588" hated|strong="H8130" their|strong="H3605" brother|strong="H0251" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0001" this|strong="H3588". They|strong="H3588" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1696" say|strong="H1696" nice things|strong="H3605" to|strong="H1696" him|strong="H0853".

<sup>5</sup> One|strong="H0251" time|strong="H5750" Joseph|strong="H3130" had|strong="H0853" a|strong="H5750" special dream|strong="H2472". Later, he|strong="H0853" told|strong="H5046" his|strong="H5046" brothers|strong="H0251" about|strong="H3130" this|strong="H5046" dream|strong="H2472", and|strong="H0251" after that|strong="H5046" his|strong="H5046" brothers|strong="H0251" hated|strong="H8130" him|strong="H0853" even|strong="H5750" more|strong="H5750".

<sup>6</sup> Joseph|strong="H0413" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H8085" dream|strong="H2492".<sup>7</sup> We|strong="H0587" were|strong="H1571" all|strong="H2009" working in|strong="H8432" the|strong="H8432" field|strong="H7704", tying stacks of|strong="H7704" wheat together|strong="H1571". Then|strong="H6965"

I HADAD Or "Hadar."

II BEAUTIFUL The Hebrew means "striped," or possibly, "many colored."

my|strong="H6965" stack got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965". It|strong="H5437" stood|strong="H5324" there|strong="H2009" while|strong="H2009" all|strong="H2009" of|strong="H7704" your|strong="H6965" stacks of|strong="H7704" wheat made|strong="H5437" a|strong="H1571" circle|strong="H5437" around|strong="H5437" mine and|strong="H6965" bowed|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H6965" it|strong="H5437"."

<sup>8</sup> His|strong="H5921" brothers|strong="H0251" said|strong="H0559", " Do|strong="H3254" you|strong="H0518" think|strong="H0559" this|strong="H1697" means|strong="H0518" that|strong="H1697" you|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1697" be|strong="H5750" a|strong="H0518" king|strong="H4427" and|strong="H0251" rule|strong="H4910" over|strong="H5921" us|strong="H5921"? " His|strong="H5921" brothers|strong="H0251" hated|strong="H8130" Joseph more|strong="H5750" now because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" dreams|strong="H2472" he|strong="H0518" had|strong="H0853" about|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0853".

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H2009" Joseph had|strong="H0853" another|strong="H0312" dream|strong="H2472", and|strong="H0251" he|strong="H0853" told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H5608" brothers|strong="H0251" about|strong="H5608" it|strong="H2009". He|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2009" had|strong="H0853" another|strong="H0312" dream|strong="H2472". I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H8121", the|strong="H0853" moon|strong="H3394", and|strong="H0251" eleven|strong="H6240" stars|strong="H3556" bowing|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H2472"."

<sup>10</sup> Joseph|strong="H0413" also|strong="H2088" told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001" about|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2088" dream|strong="H2472", but|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001" criticized him|strong="H0413". His|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559", " What|strong="H4100" kind of|strong="H0776" dream|strong="H2472" is|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2088"? Do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0834" believe that|strong="H0834" your|strong="H0834" mother|strong="H0517", your|strong="H0834" brothers|strong="H0251", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0776" bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834"? " <sup>11</sup>

Joseph's|strong="H0251" brothers|strong="H0251" continued to|strong="H8104" be|strong="H1697" jealous|strong="H7065" of|strong="H1697" him|strong="H0853", but his|strong="H8104" father|strong="H0001" thought|strong="H1697" about|strong="H1697" all|strong="H1697" these things|strong="H1697" and|strong="H0001" wondered what|strong="H1697" they could|strong="H1697" mean.

<sup>12</sup> One|strong="H0251" day Joseph's|strong="H0251" brothers|strong="H0251" went to|strong="H0001" Shechem|strong="H7927" to|strong="H0001" care for|strong="H6629" their father's|strong="H0001" sheep|strong="H6629". <sup>13</sup> Jacob|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joseph|strong="H3130", " Go|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" Shechem|strong="H7927". Your|strong="H7971" brothers|strong="H0251" are|strong="H3478" there|strong="H2009" with|strong="H0413" my|strong="H7971" sheep."

Joseph|strong="H3130" answered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2009" will|strong="H3478" go|strong="H7971"."

<sup>14</sup> His|strong="H7725" father said|strong="H0559", " Go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" see|strong="H7200" if|strong="H7200" your|strong="H7200" brothers|strong="H0251" are|strong="H1697" safe|strong="H7965". Come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H0935" tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4994" if|strong="H7200" my|strong="H7200" sheep|strong="H6629" are|strong="H1697" all|strong="H1697" fine." So|strong="H7971" Joseph's|strong="H0251" father sent|strong="H7971" him|strong="H7971" from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" Valley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H1697" Hebron|strong="H2275" to|strong="H0559" Shechem|strong="H7927".

<sup>15</sup> At|strong="H0376" Shechem, Joseph got lost. A|strong="H4672" man|strong="H0376" found|strong="H4672" him|strong="H4672" wandering|strong="H8582" in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" fields|strong="H7704". The|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559", " What|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H4100" looking|strong="H1245" for|strong="H7592"? "

<sup>16</sup> Joseph answered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" looking|strong="H1245" for|strong="H1245" my|strong="H1245" brothers|strong="H0251". Can|strong="H4994" you|strong="H5046" tell|strong="H5046" me|strong="H4994" where|strong="H0375" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" with|strong="H0559" their|strong="H1992" sheep?"

17 The **man** **said**, " They **have** **already** **gone** **away**. I **heard** **them** **say** **that** **they** **were** **going** **to** **Dothan**." So **Joseph** **followed** **his** **brothers** **and** **found** **them** **in** **Dothan**.

### Joseph Sold Into Slavery

18 Joseph's brothers **saw** **him** **coming** **from** **far** **away**. They **decided** **to** **make** **a** **plan** **to** **kill** **him**. 19 They **said** **to** **each** **other**, " Here **comes** **Joseph** **the** **dreamer**. 20 We **should** **kill** **him** **now** **while** **we** **can**. We **could** **throw** **his** **body** **into** **one** **of** **the** **empty** **wells** **and** **tell** **our** **father** **that** **a** **wild** **animal** **killed** **him**. Then **we** **will** **show** **him** **that** **his** **dreams** **are** **useless**."

21 But **Reuben** **wanted** **to** **save** **Joseph**. He **said**, " Let's **not** **kill** **him** **can** **we** **put** **him** **into** **a** **well** **with-** **out** **hurting** **him**." **Reuben** **planned** **to** **save** **Joseph** **and** **send**

**him** **back** **to** **his** **father**. 23 When **Joseph** **came** **to** **his** **broth-** **ers**, they **at-** **tacked** **him** **and** **tore** **off** **his** **long** **and** **beautiful** **coat**. 24 Then **they** **threw** **him** **into** **an** **emp-** **ty** **well** **that** **was** **dry**.

25 While **Joseph** **was** **in** **the** **well**, **the** **broth-** **ers** **sat** **down** **to** **eat**. They **looked** **up** **and** **saw** **a** **group** **of** **traders** **traveling** **from** **Gilead** **to** **Egypt**. Their **camels** **were** **carrying** **many** **different** **spices** **and** **riches**. 26 So **Judah** **said** **to** **his** **brothers**, " What **profit** **will** **we** **get** **if** **we** **kill** **our** **broth-** **er** **and** **hide** **his** **death**? 27 We **will** **profit** **more** **if** **we** **sell** **him** **to** **these** **traders**. Then **we** **will** **not** **be** **guilty** **of** **kill-** **ing** **our** **own** **broth-** **er**." The **other** **broth-** **ers** **agreed**. 28 When **the** **Midianite** **traders** **came** **by**, **the** **broth-** **ers** **took** **Joseph** **out** **of** **the** **well** **and** **sold** **him**

I TRADERS Literally, "Ishmaelites."

to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" traders|strong="H5503" for|strong="H4714" 20 pieces of|strong="H0376" silver|strong="H3701". The|strong="H0853" traders|strong="H5503" took|strong="H0853" him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714".

<sup>29</sup> Reuben|strong="H7205" had|strong="H0369" been gone|strong="H0369", but|strong="H0369" when|strong="H7725" he|strong="H0853" came|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" well, he|strong="H0853" saw|strong="H2009" that|strong="H7725" Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" there|strong="H0369". He|strong="H0853" tore|strong="H7167" his|strong="H7725" clothes|strong="H0899" to|strong="H0413" show that|strong="H7725" he|strong="H0853" was|strong="H0369" upset. <sup>30</sup> Reuben went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" brothers|strong="H0251" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", "The|strong="H0559" boy|strong="H3206" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" well! What|strong="H0575" will|strong="H0369" I|strong="H0589" do|strong="H0589"?" <sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0853" brothers killed|strong="H7819" a|strong="H3947" goat|strong="H5795" and|strong="H1818" put|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" goat's|strong="H5795" blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H5795" Joseph's|strong="H3130" beautiful coat|strong="H3801". <sup>32</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" brothers showed the|strong="H0853" coat|strong="H3801" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H7971" father|strong="H0001". And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" brothers said|strong="H0559", "We|strong="H0518" found|strong="H4672" this|strong="H2063" coat|strong="H3801". Is|strong="H1931" this|strong="H2063" Joseph's coat|strong="H3801"?"

<sup>33</sup> His|strong="H0398" father saw the|strong="H0559" coat|strong="H3801" and|strong="H1121" knew that|strong="H0559" it|strong="H0398" was|strong="H1121" Joseph's|strong="H3130". He|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", "Yes, that|strong="H0559" is|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0398"! Maybe some wild animal|strong="H2416" has|strong="H1121" killed him|strong="H0398". My|strong="H0398" son|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H3130" has|strong="H1121" been|strong="H2963" eaten|strong="H0398" by|strong="H7451" a|strong="H0398" wild animal|strong="H2416"! <sup>34</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" was|strong="H3117" so|strong="H7760" sorry about|strong="H5921"

his|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121" that|strong="H3117" he|strong="H3117" tore|strong="H7167" his|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H8071". Then|strong="H7760" Jacob|strong="H3290" put|strong="H7760" on|strong="H5921" special clothes|strong="H8071" to|strong="H5921" show|strong="H7760" that|strong="H3117" he|strong="H3117" was|strong="H3117" sad. He|strong="H3117" continued to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H1121" sad about|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H7760" long|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117". <sup>35</sup> All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" Jacob's sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323" tried to|strong="H0413" comfort|strong="H5162" him|strong="H0413", but|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H0559" was|strong="H1121" never comforted|strong="H5162". He|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" sad about|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" until the|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3381" I|strong="H3588" die." So|strong="H6965" Jacob|strong="H0559" continued|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" mourn|strong="H1058" his|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H0413".

<sup>36</sup> The|strong="H0853" Midianite traders later sold|strong="H4376" Joseph|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714". They sold|strong="H4376" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Potiphar|strong="H6318", the|strong="H0853" captain|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H0853" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" guards.

### Judah and Tamar

**38** About|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256", Judah|strong="H3063" left|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" brothers|strong="H0251" and|strong="H3063" went|strong="H3381" to|strong="H5704" stay with|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" named|strong="H8034" Hirah|strong="H2437" from|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H0376" Adullam. <sup>2</sup> Judah|strong="H3063" met a|strong="H3947" Canaanite|strong="H3669" girl|strong="H1323" there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H0935" married|strong="H3947" her|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0413" girl's father was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Shua|strong="H7770". <sup>3</sup> The|strong="H0853" Canaanite girl gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3205" son|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121"

named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H3205" Er|strong="H6147".<sup>4</sup> Later, she|strong="H7121" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" another|strong="H5750" son|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H3205" Onan|strong="H0209".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H1961" she|strong="H7121" had|strong="H1961" another|strong="H5750" son|strong="H1121" named|strong="H8034" Shelah|strong="H7956". Judah lived|strong="H1961" in|strong="H1121" Kezib when|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" third son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H8034" born|strong="H3205".

<sup>6</sup> Judah|strong="H3063" chose a|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802" named|strong="H8034" Tamar|strong="H8559" to|strong="H3063" be|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3947" wife|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0802" his|strong="H3947" first son Er|strong="H6147".<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H1961" Er|strong="H6147" did many bad|strong="H7451" things|strong="H1961". The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" happy with|strong="H3068" him|strong="H4191", so|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H4191" him|strong="H4191".<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Judah|strong="H3063" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Er's brother|strong="H0251" Onan|strong="H0209", "Go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" sleep with|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0935" dead brother's|strong="H0251" wife|strong="H0802".<sup>1</sup> Become like|strong="H0413" a|strong="H0935" husband to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413". If children|strong="H2233" are|strong="H0802" born|strong="H0935", they|strong="H0559" will|strong="H3063" belong to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0935" brother|strong="H0251" Er."

<sup>9</sup> Onan|strong="H0209" knew|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" children|strong="H2233" from|strong="H0935" this|strong="H3588" union would not|strong="H3808" belong|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1961" sexual relations|strong="H3045" with|strong="H0413" Tamar, but|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" allow|strong="H5414" himself|strong="H3045" to|strong="H0413" stay inside|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0413".<sup>10</sup> This|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" angry. So|strong="H6213"

<sup>1</sup> GO AND SLEEP ... WIFE In Israel if a man died without children, one of his brothers would take the widow. If a child was born, it would be considered the dead man's child.

he|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H4191" Onan also|strong="H1571".<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H1571" Judah|strong="H3063" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3588" daughter-in-law|strong="H3618" Tamar|strong="H8559", "Go back|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H3588" father's|strong="H0001" house|strong="H1004". Stay|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" and|strong="H1121" don't marry until|strong="H5704" my|strong="H3588" young|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121" Shelah|strong="H7956" grows|strong="H1431" up|strong="H5704". Judah|strong="H3063" was|strong="H1931" afraid that|strong="H3588" Shelah|strong="H7956" would|strong="H0559" also|strong="H1571" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191" like|strong="H1004" his|strong="H3588" brothers|strong="H0251". So|strong="H6435" Tamar|strong="H8559" went|strong="H1004" back|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0559" father's|strong="H0001" home|strong="H1004".

<sup>12</sup> Later, Judah's|strong="H3063" wife|strong="H0802", the|strong="H5921" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H3117" Shua|strong="H7770", died|strong="H4191". After|strong="H5921" Judah's|strong="H3063" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" sadness, he|strong="H1931" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H4191" Timnah|strong="H8553" with|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" friend|strong="H7453" Hirah|strong="H2437" from|strong="H5921" Adullam. Judah|strong="H3063" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H4191" Timnah|strong="H8553" to|strong="H4191" have|strong="H3063" the|strong="H5921" wool cut|strong="H1494" from|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" sheep|strong="H6629".<sup>13</sup> Tamar|strong="H8559" learned that|strong="H0559" Judah, her|strong="H5046" father-in-law|strong="H2524", was|strong="H6629" going|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0559" Timnah|strong="H8553" to|strong="H0559" cut|strong="H1494" the|strong="H0559" wool from|strong="H5927" his|strong="H5046" sheep|strong="H6629".<sup>14</sup> Tamar always wore|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H0899" that|strong="H0834" showed|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" she|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" widow|strong="H0802". So|strong="H5414" she|strong="H1931" put|strong="H5414" on|strong="H5921" some different clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H0802" covered|strong="H3680" her|strong="H5921" face|strong="H7200" with|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3588" veil|strong="H6809". Then|strong="H5414" she|strong="H1931"

sat |strong="H3427" down |strong="H3427" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" road |strong="H1870" going to |strong="H5921" Enaim, a |strong="H3588" town near |strong="H5921" Timnah |strong="H8553". Tamar knew that |strong="H0834" Judah's younger son She-lah |strong="H7956" was |strong="H0834" now |strong="H3588" grown |strong="H1431" up |strong="H7200", but |strong="H3588" Judah would |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H5414" plans for |strong="H3588" her |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" mar-ry |strong="H0802" him |strong="H5414".

<sup>15</sup> Judah |strong="H3063" traveled on |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" road and |strong="H3063" saw |strong="H7200" her |strong="H7200", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H2803" that |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3063" a |strong="H3588" prosti-tute |strong="H2181". ( Her |strong="H7200" face |strong="H6440" was |strong="H3063" cov-ered |strong="H3680" with |strong="H3680" a |strong="H3588" veil like |strong="H2803" a |strong="H3588" prostitute |strong="H2181".) <sup>16</sup> So |strong="H5414" he |strong="H1931" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " Let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H0413" have |strong="H3045" sex with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588"." (Judah did |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" she |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" Tamar, his |strong="H5414" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618".)

She |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", " How |strong="H4100" much |strong="H4100" will |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413"?"

<sup>17</sup> Judah answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H5414" send |strong="H7971" you |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" young |strong="H1423" goat |strong="H5795" from |strong="H4480" my |strong="H5414" flock |strong="H6629"."

She |strong="H0518" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0595" agree to |strong="H0559" that |strong="H4480". But |strong="H0518" first you |strong="H5414" must |strong="H0518" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" something to |strong="H0559" keep until |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5414" send |strong="H7971" me |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" goat |strong="H5795"."

<sup>18</sup> Judah asked |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0834" want me |strong="H0413"

to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" proof that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" send |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" goat?"

Tamar answered |strong="H0559", " Give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" seal |strong="H2368" and |strong="H0935" its |strong="H5414" string |strong="H6616" and |strong="H0935" your |strong="H5414" walking stick." Judah gave |strong="H5414" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0935" Judah and |strong="H0935" Tamar had |strong="H0834" sex-ual relations |strong="H0413", and |strong="H0935" she |strong="H0834" became preg-nant |strong="H2029". <sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H6965" Tamar went |strong="H6965" home, took |strong="H5493" off |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" veil |strong="H6809" that |strong="H6965" covered her |strong="H5921" face, and |strong="H6965" again |strong="H6965" put |strong="H3847" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" special clothes |strong="H0899" that |strong="H6965" showed she |strong="H6965" was a |strong="H5921" widow.

<sup>20</sup> Later, Judah |strong="H3063" sent |strong="H7971" his |strong="H3947" friend |strong="H7453" Hirah |strong="H3027" to |strong="H7971" Enaim to |strong="H7971" give |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" prostitute the |strong="H0853" goat |strong="H5795" he |strong="H3808" promised. Judah |strong="H3063" also |strong="H0853" told Hirah |strong="H3027" to |strong="H7971" get |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" special seal and |strong="H3063" the |strong="H0853" walking stick from |strong="H3027" her |strong="H7971", but |strong="H3808" Hirah |strong="H3027" could not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" her |strong="H7971". <sup>21</sup> He |strong="H1931" asked |strong="H7592" some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" town of |strong="H0376" Enaim, " Where |strong="H0346" is |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" prostitute who |strong="H0376" was |strong="H1961" here |strong="H2088" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" road |strong="H1870"?"

The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" an-swered |strong="H0559", " There |strong="H1961" has |strong="H1961" never |strong="H3808"

I SEAL ... STRING People wrote a contract, folded it, tied it with string, put wax or clay on the string, and pressed the seal onto it to seal it. This was like signing the agreement. Also in verse 25.



been |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" prostitute here |strong="H2088"."

22 So |strong="H1961" Judah's |strong="H3063" friend |strong="H0376" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H2088" could |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H2088". The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" live in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H2088" there |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" never |strong="H3808" a |strong="H1961" prostitute there |strong="H1961"."

23 So |strong="H3947" Judah |strong="H3063" said |strong="H0559", " Let |strong="H7971" her |strong="H7971" keep |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H1961". I |strong="H2009" don't |strong="H3808" want people |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" laugh at |strong="H1961" us |strong="H6435". I |strong="H2009" tried to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H1961" her |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" goat |strong="H1423", but |strong="H3808" we |strong="H6435" could |strong="H2088" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" her |strong="H7971". That |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088" enough |strong="H4672"."

#### Tamar Is |strong="H2088" Pregnant

24 About |strong="H1961" three |strong="H7969" months |strong="H2320" later |strong="H1961", someone told |strong="H5046" Judah |strong="H3063", " Your |strong="H1961" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618" Tamar |strong="H8559" sinned like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" prostitute |strong="H2181", and |strong="H3063" now |strong="H1961" she |strong="H2320" is |strong="H1571" pregnant |strong="H2030"."

Then |strong="H1961" Judah |strong="H3063" said |strong="H0559", " Take |strong="H3318" her |strong="H5046" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3063" burn |strong="H8313" her |strong="H5046"."

25 The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" Tamar to |strong="H0413" kill her |strong="H0413", but |strong="H0376" she |strong="H1931" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" message to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" father-in-law |strong="H2524" that |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" made |strong="H0834" me |strong="H0413" pregnant |strong="H2030" is |strong="H0834"

the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" owns these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428". Look |strong="H4994" at |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". Whose |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834"? Whose |strong="H0834" special seal and |strong="H7971" string |strong="H6616" is |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0428"? Whose |strong="H0834" walking stick is |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0428"?"

26 Judah |strong="H3063" recognized |strong="H5234" these things |strong="H3808" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " She |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3651" right |strong="H6663". I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3063" wrong. I |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3254" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" her |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5414" son |strong="H1121" She-lah |strong="H7956" like |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3588" promised |strong="H0559". And |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" did |strong="H3254" not |strong="H3808" sleep with |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" again |strong="H5750".

27 The |strong="H3205" time |strong="H6256" came |strong="H1961" for |strong="H6256" Tamar to |strong="H1961" give |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205". She |strong="H6256" was |strong="H1961" going to |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" twins |strong="H8380". 28 While |strong="H1961" she was |strong="H1961" giving |strong="H5414" birth |strong="H3205", one |strong="H2088" baby put |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" hand |strong="H3027" out |strong="H3318". The |strong="H0559" nurse tied |strong="H7194" a |strong="H1961" red |strong="H8144" string on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H2088" baby was |strong="H1961" born |strong="H3205" first |strong="H7223". 29 But |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0559" baby pulled his |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027" back |strong="H7725" in |strong="H5921", so |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H0251" baby was |strong="H8034" born first. So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0559" nurse said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1961" able |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" break |strong="H6555" out |strong="H3318" first!" So |strong="H7121" they |strong="H5921" named |strong="H8034" him |strong="H5921" Perez |strong="H6557". 30 After |strong="H0310" this |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0251" baby was |strong="H8034" born. This |strong="H0834"

I PEREZ This name is like the word meaning "to break out."

was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0834" baby with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" red |strong="H8144" string on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027". They |strong="H0834" named |strong="H8034" him |strong="H5921" Zerah |strong="H2226". <sup>1</sup>

### Joseph Is Sold to Potiphar in Egypt

**39** The |strong="H0834" traders <sup>II</sup> who |strong="H0834" bought |strong="H7069" Joseph |strong="H3130" took |strong="H3381" him |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" Egypt |strong="H4714". They |strong="H0834" sold |strong="H7069" him |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0834" captain |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0376" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" guard |strong="H2876", Potiphar |strong="H6318". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" helped Joseph |strong="H3130" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" successful |strong="H6743" man |strong="H0376". Joseph |strong="H3130" lived |strong="H1961" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3068" master |strong="H0113", Potiphar the |strong="H3068" Egyptian |strong="H4713".

<sup>3</sup> Potiphar saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" Joseph |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" helped |strong="H3027" Joseph |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" successful |strong="H6743" in |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213". <sup>4</sup> So |strong="H5414" Potiphar |strong="H6485" was |strong="H1004" very happy with |strong="H1004" Joseph |strong="H3130". He |strong="H5414" allowed |strong="H5414" Joseph |strong="H3130" to |strong="H5921" work |strong="H5414" for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921" help him |strong="H5414" rule |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004". Joseph |strong="H3130" was |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" ruler over |strong="H5921" everything |strong="H3605" Potiphar |strong="H6485" owned |strong="H3426". <sup>5</sup> After |strong="H5921" Joseph |strong="H3130" was |strong="H1961" made |strong="H6485" the |strong="H3605" ruler over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004"

<sup>1</sup> ZERAH This name is like the word meaning "bright." <sup>II</sup> TRADERS Literally, "Ishmaelites."

and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" Potiphar |strong="H6485" owned |strong="H3426". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" grew in |strong="H5921" Potiphar's fields |strong="H7704". The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" did |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1004" Joseph |strong="H3130". <sup>6</sup> So |strong="H1961" Potiphar allowed Joseph |strong="H3130" to |strong="H1961" take |strong="H1961" responsibility for |strong="H3588" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3899" the |strong="H3605" house. Potiphar didn't |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" worry about |strong="H1961" anything |strong="H3605" except |strong="H0518" deciding what |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1961" eat |strong="H0398".

### Joseph |strong="H3130" Refuses Potiphar's Wife

Joseph |strong="H3130" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" very |strong="H3045" handsome |strong="H3303", good-looking man |strong="H3605". <sup>7</sup> After |strong="H0310" some |strong="H0428" time |strong="H1961", the |strong="H0853" wife |strong="H0802" of |strong="H1697" Joseph's |strong="H3130" master |strong="H0113" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" pay special attention to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". One |strong="H0802" day she |strong="H7901" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Sleep |strong="H7901" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413". " <sup>8</sup> But |strong="H3808" Joseph |strong="H3808" refused |strong="H3985". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H3605" master |strong="H0113" trusts me |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0854" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" responsibility for |strong="H0413" everything |strong="H3605" here |strong="H2005". <sup>9</sup> My |strong="H0834" master has |strong="H0430" made |strong="H6213" me |strong="H4480" almost |strong="H0369" equal to |strong="H0369" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H0430" his |strong="H0834" house |strong="H1004". I |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" sleep with |strong="H1004" his |strong="H0834" wife |strong="H0802"! That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0369" wrong |strong="H7451"! It |strong="H0518" is |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3588"

sin/strong="H2398" against/strong="H4480" God/strong="H0430".

<sup>10</sup> The/strong="H0413" woman talked/strong="H1696" with/strong="H5973" Joseph/strong="H3130" every/strong="H3117" day/strong="H3117", but/strong="H3808" he/strong="H3117" refused/strong="H3808" to/strong="H0413" sleep/strong="H7901" with/strong="H5973" her/strong="H0413". <sup>11</sup> One/strong="H0376" day/strong="H3117" Joseph/strong="H1004" went/strong="H0935" in-to/strong="H0935" the/strong="H0935" house/strong="H1004" to/strong="H0935" do/strong="H6213" his/strong="H1961" work/strong="H4399". He/strong="H8033" was/strong="H0369" the/strong="H0935" only man/strong="H0376" in/strong="H0935" the/strong="H0935" house/strong="H1004" at/strong="H3117" the/strong="H0935" time/strong="H3117". <sup>12</sup> His/strong="H3027" master's wife grabbed/strong="H8610" his/strong="H3027" coat and/strong="H3027" said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0559" him/strong="H5973", " Come/strong="H3318" to/strong="H0559" bed/strong="H7901" with/strong="H5973" me/strong="H5973". " But/strong="H5800" Joseph/strong="H3027" ran/strong="H5127" out/strong="H3318" of/strong="H3027" the/strong="H0559" house so/strong="H3318" fast that/strong="H0559" he/strong="H0559" left/strong="H3318" his/strong="H3027" coat in/strong="H7901" her/strong="H0559" hand/strong="H3027".

<sup>13</sup> The/strong="H3588" woman saw/strong="H7200" that/strong="H3588" Joseph/strong="H3027" had/strong="H1961" left/strong="H5800" his/strong="H1961" coat in/strong="H1961" her/strong="H7200" hand/strong="H3027" and/strong="H3027" had/strong="H1961" run/strong="H5127" out/strong="H7200" of/strong="H3027" the/strong="H3588" house. <sup>14</sup> She/strong="H7121" called/strong="H7121" to/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0559" men/strong="H0376" outside/strong="H0413" and/strong="H0935" said/strong="H0559", " Look/strong="H7200"! This/strong="H0935" Hebrew/strong="H5680" slave was/strong="H0376" brought/strong="H0935" here to/strong="H0413" make/strong="H7200" fun of/strong="H1004" us/strong="H0413". He/strong="H0376" came/strong="H0935" in/strong="H0935" and/strong="H0935" tried to/strong="H0413" attack/strong="H0935" me/strong="H0413", but/strong="H7200" I/strong="H7200" screamed/strong="H7121". <sup>15</sup> My/strong="H8085" scream scared him/strong="H7121" and/strong="H6963" he/strong="H3588" ran/strong="H5127"

away/strong="H5127", but/strong="H3588" he/strong="H3588" left/strong="H3318" his/strong="H8085" coat with/strong="H1961" me/strong="H6963". " <sup>16</sup> Then/strong="H0935" she/strong="H5704" kept his/strong="H0935" coat until/strong="H5704" her/strong="H0413" husband, Joseph's master/strong="H0113", came/strong="H0935" home/strong="H1004". <sup>17</sup> She/strong="H0834" told/strong="H0559" her/strong="H0413" husband the/strong="H0559" same/strong="H0428" story. She/strong="H0834" said/strong="H0559", " This/strong="H0428" Hebrew/strong="H5680" slave/strong="H5650" you/strong="H0834" brought/strong="H0935" here tried to/strong="H0413" attack/strong="H0935" me/strong="H0413"! <sup>18</sup> But/strong="H1961" when/strong="H1961" he/strong="H7121" came/strong="H1961" near/strong="H0681" me/strong="H6963", I/strong="H1961" screamed/strong="H7121". He/strong="H7121" ran/strong="H5127" away/strong="H5127", but/strong="H1961" he/strong="H7121" left/strong="H5800" his/strong="H1961" coat."

<sup>19</sup> Joseph's master/strong="H0113" listened/strong="H8085" to/strong="H0413" what/strong="H0834" his/strong="H8085" wife/strong="H0802" said/strong="H0559", and/strong="H5650" he/strong="H0834" became/strong="H1961" very/strong="H2734" angry/strong="H2734". <sup>20</sup> So/strong="H3947" Potiphar put/strong="H5414" Joseph/strong="H3130" in-to/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0853" prison/strong="H1004" where/strong="H0834" the/strong="H0853" king's/strong="H4428" enemies were/strong="H0834" held/strong="H5414", and/strong="H4428" that/strong="H0834" is/strong="H0834" where/strong="H0834" Joseph/strong="H3130" remained/strong="H1961".

#### Joseph/strong="H3130" in/strong="H0413" Prison/strong="H1004"

<sup>21</sup> The/strong="H0413" LORD/strong="H3068" was/strong="H1961" with/strong="H0854" Joseph/strong="H3130" and/strong="H3068" continued/strong="H1961" to/strong="H0413" show/strong="H5414" his/strong="H5414" kindness/strong="H2617" to/strong="H0413" him/strong="H0413", so/strong="H1961" the/strong="H0413" commander/strong="H8269" of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H0413" prison/strong="H1004" guards began/strong="H1961" to/strong="H0413" like/strong="H1961" Joseph/strong="H3130". <sup>22</sup> The/strong="H3605" commander/strong="H8269" of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H3605" guards put/strong="H5414" Joseph/strong="H3130" in/strong="H1004" charge/strong="H3027" of/strong="H1004" all/strong="H3605"

the|strong="H3605" prisoners|strong="H0615". Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3605" leader|strong="H8269", but|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" still did|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H1931" work|strong="H5414" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213".<sup>23</sup> The|strong="H3605" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" guards trust- ed Joseph|strong="H3027" with|strong="H0854" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0369" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" prison|strong="H1004". This|strong="H1931" happened be- cause|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0369" with|strong="H0854" Joseph|strong="H3027". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" helped|strong="H3027" Joseph|strong="H3027" be|strong="H3027" successful|strong="H6743" in|strong="H3068" everything|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213".

#### Joseph Explains Two Dreams

**40** Later|strong="H0310", two of|strong="H4428" Pharaoh's servants did something|strong="H1697" wrong|strong="H2398" to|strong="H1961" Pharaoh. These|strong="H0428" servants were|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0310" baker|strong="H0644" and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0310" man who|strong="H0428" served|strong="H1961" wine to|strong="H1961" Pharaoh.<sup>2</sup> Pharaoh|strong="H6547" be- came|strong="H7107" angry|strong="H7107" with|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" bak- er|strong="H0644" and|strong="H6547" wine server,<sup>3</sup> so|strong="H5414" he|strong="H0834" put|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" prison|strong="H1004" as|strong="H0834" Joseph|strong="H3130". Potiphar, the|strong="H0853" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1004" Pharaoh's guards, was|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0413" charge|strong="H5414" of|strong="H1004" this|strong="H0834" prison|strong="H1004".<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" commander|strong="H8269" put|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0853" two prison- ers under|strong="H6485" Joseph's|strong="H3130" care|strong="H6485". The|strong="H0853" two men|strong="H6485" continued|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" stay|strong="H0854" in|strong="H3117" prison|strong="H4929" for|strong="H3117" some|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117".<sup>5</sup> One|strong="H0259" night|strong="H3915" both|strong="H8147" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" prison- ers|strong="H0631" had|strong="H0834"

a|strong="H0834" dream|strong="H2472". The|strong="H0834" baker|strong="H0644" and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" wine server each|strong="H0376" had|strong="H0834" his|strong="H0834" own|strong="H0376" dream|strong="H2472", and|strong="H4428" each|strong="H0376" dream|strong="H2472" had|strong="H0834" its own|strong="H0376" mean- ing.<sup>6</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H7200" morn- ing|strong="H1242" and|strong="H0935" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" two men were|strong="H3130" worried.<sup>7</sup> He|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H7592" them|strong="H0853", " Why|strong="H4069" do you|strong="H0834" look so|strong="H0834" worried today|strong="H3117"?"

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" two|strong="H3808" men|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H4994" both had|strong="H0430" dreams|strong="H2472" last night, but|strong="H3808" we|strong="H4994" don't|strong="H3808" understand what we|strong="H4994" dreamed|strong="H2492". There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0413" explain the|strong="H0853" dreams|strong="H2472" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H4994"."

Joseph|strong="H3130" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0853" only one|strong="H0369" who|strong="H0369" can|strong="H0369" under- stand and|strong="H0430" explain dreams|strong="H2472". So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0559" beg|strong="H4994" you|strong="H3808", tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" your|strong="H4994" dreams|strong="H2472"."

#### The|strong="H0853" Wine Server's Dream|strong="H2472"

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" wine server told|strong="H0559" Joseph|strong="H3130" his|strong="H6440" dream|strong="H2472". The|strong="H0853" server said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2009" dreamed I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H2009" a|strong="H6440" vine|strong="H1612".<sup>10</sup> On|strong="H7969" the|strong="H5927" vine|strong="H1612" there|strong="H5927" were|strong="H7969" three|strong="H7969" branches|strong="H8299". I watched the|strong="H5927" branch- es|strong="H8299" grow|strong="H5927" flowers and|strong="H1612" then|strong="H5927" become grapes|strong="H6025".<sup>11</sup> I|strong="H5414"

was holding Pharaoh's cup, so I took grapes squeezed into the cup. Then I gave the cup to Pharaoh."

<sup>12</sup> Then Joseph said will dream to The three branches days the three days, Pharaoh will forgive and you go to work will the work Pharaoh you before when are remember Be to and Tell about so I get of prison was and from land my the I done wrong! not in

### The Baker's Dream

<sup>16</sup> The baker saw the other servant's dream was good he to Joseph, "I also had a dream. I dreamed there were three of bread on head the top basket were kinds baked for king birds eating food."

<sup>18</sup> Joseph answered will you the dream means. The baskets days the three days the will you of prison and your head! He hang body a the will it

### Joseph Is Forgotten

<sup>20</sup> Three days later was Pharaoh's birthday He gave a party

for his servants. At the party Pharaoh allowed the wine server and the baker to leave the prison. <sup>21</sup> He freed the wine server and gave him his job back, and once again the wine server put a cup of wine in Pharaoh's hand. <sup>22</sup> But Pharaoh hanged the baker, and everything that happened the way Joseph would. <sup>23</sup> But the wine server did not remember to help Joseph. He said nothing about him to Pharaoh. The wine server forgot about Joseph.

#### Pharaoh's Dreams

**41** Two years later Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile River. <sup>2</sup> In the dream, seven cows came out of the river and stood there eating grass. They were healthy, good-looking cows. <sup>3</sup> Then seven more cows came out of the river and stood on the bank of the river by the healthy cows.

But these cows were thin and looked sick. <sup>4</sup> The seven sick cows ate the seven healthy cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. <sup>5</sup> Pharaoh went back to sleep and began dreaming again. This time he dreamed that he saw seven heads of grain growing on one plant. They were healthy and full of grain. <sup>6</sup> Then he saw seven more heads of grain sprouting, but they were thin and scorched by the hot wind. <sup>7</sup> The seven thin heads of grain ate the seven good heads of grain. Then Pharaoh woke up again and realized it was only a dream. <sup>8</sup> The next morning Pharaoh was worried about these dreams, so he sent for the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told these men the dreams, but none of them could explain the dreams.

The **servant** Tells  
Pharaoh **about** Joseph

<sup>9</sup> Then the wine servant remembered Joseph and said to Pharaoh, "I remember something that happened to me." You were angry with the baker and me, and you put us in prison. Then one night and I had a dream. Each dream had a different meaning. There was a young Hebrew man in prison with us. He was a servant of the commander of the guards. We told him our dreams, and he explained them to us. He told us the meaning of each dream, and what he said came true. He said I would and my old job back, and it happened. He said the baker would die, and it happened!

Joseph Is Called to Explain the Dreams

<sup>14</sup> So Pharaoh called Joseph from the prison. The guards quickly got Joseph out of prison. Joseph shaved, put on some clean clothes, and went to see Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can explain it for me. I heard you can explain dreams when someone tells you about them." <sup>16</sup> Joseph answered, "I cannot! But God can explain the dream for you." <sup>17</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing by the Nile River. Seven cows came up out of the river and stood there eating the grass. They were healthy, good-looking cows. Then I saw seven more cows come up out of the river after them, but these

cows |strong="H6510" were |strong="H4714" thin |strong="H7534" and |strong="H0776" looked |strong="H7200" sick. They |strong="H3808" were |strong="H4714" the |strong="H3605" worst cows |strong="H6510" I |strong="H2009" had |strong="H4714" ever |strong="H1320" seen |strong="H7200" anywhere |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"! <sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0853" thin |strong="H7534", sick cows |strong="H6510" ate |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" healthy |strong="H1277" cows |strong="H6510", <sup>21</sup> but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" still looked |strong="H4758" thin and |strong="H0935" sick. You |strong="H0834" couldn't |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3588" tell |strong="H3045" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" eaten the |strong="H0834" healthy cows. They |strong="H0834" looked |strong="H4758" as |strong="H0834" thin and |strong="H0935" sick as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" beginning |strong="H8462". Then |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0834" woke |strong="H3364" up |strong="H0935".

<sup>22</sup> " In |strong="H7200" my |strong="H7200" next |strong="H7200" dream |strong="H2472" I |strong="H2009" saw |strong="H7200" seven |strong="H7651" heads |strong="H7641" of |strong="H4392" grain |strong="H7641" growing |strong="H5927" on |strong="H7200" one |strong="H0259" plant. They |strong="H7200" were |strong="H2009" healthy and |strong="H7200" full |strong="H4392" of |strong="H4392" grain |strong="H7641". <sup>23</sup> And |strong="H0310" then |strong="H2009" seven |strong="H7651" more heads |strong="H7641" of |strong="H7641" grain |strong="H7641" grew after |strong="H0310" them |strong="H0310", but |strong="H2009" they |strong="H0310" were |strong="H2009" thin |strong="H1851" and |strong="H0310" scorched |strong="H7710" by the |strong="H0310" hot wind |strong="H6921". <sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" thin |strong="H1851" heads |strong="H7641" of |strong="H0559" grain |strong="H7641" ate the |strong="H0853" seven |strong="H7651" good |strong="H2896" heads |strong="H7641" of |strong="H0559" grain |strong="H7641".

" I |strong="H0559" told |strong="H5046" these dreams to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5046" magicians |strong="H2748". But |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" could explain |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0853" dreams to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". What |strong="H2896" do |strong="H0369" they |strong="H0559" mean?"

### Joseph |strong="H0413" Explains the |strong="H0853" Dream

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", "Both of |strong="H0430" these |strong="H1931" dreams |strong="H2472" have |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H1931" meaning. God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" telling |strong="H5046" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" happen soon. <sup>26</sup> The |strong="H8141" seven |strong="H7651" good |strong="H2896" cows |strong="H6510" and |strong="H8141" the |strong="H8141" seven |strong="H7651" good |strong="H2896" heads |strong="H7641" of |strong="H8141" grain |strong="H7641" are |strong="H2472" seven |strong="H7651" good |strong="H2896" years |strong="H8141". <sup>27</sup> And |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0310" seven |strong="H7651" thin |strong="H7534", sick-looking cows |strong="H6510" and |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0310" seven |strong="H7651" thin |strong="H7534" heads |strong="H7641" of |strong="H8141" grain |strong="H7641" mean that |strong="H8141" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" of |strong="H8141" hunger |strong="H7458" in |strong="H8141" this area. These |strong="H2007" seven |strong="H7651" bad |strong="H7451" years |strong="H8141" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0310" seven |strong="H7651" good years |strong="H8141". <sup>28</sup> God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" shown |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" happen |strong="H1697" soon. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" make |strong="H6213" these |strong="H1931" things |strong="H1697" happen |strong="H1697" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834". <sup>29</sup> For |strong="H0776" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" there |strong="H2009" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" plenty |strong="H7647" of |strong="H0776" food in |strong="H8141" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>30</sup> But |strong="H3605" then |strong="H6965" there |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" of |strong="H0776" hunger |strong="H7458". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" forget |strong="H7911" how |strong="H0310" much |strong="H3605" food there |strong="H3605" had |strong="H0853"



been |strong="H3615" in |strong="H8141" Egypt |strong="H4714" before. This |strong="H3605" famine |strong="H7458" will |strong="H0776" ruin the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776".<sup>31</sup> It |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" so |strong="H3651" bad that |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0776" forget what |strong="H3045" it |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0776" like |strong="H3651" to |strong="H0776" have |strong="H3045" plenty |strong="H7647" of |strong="H0776" food.

<sup>32</sup> " Pharaoh |strong="H6547", you |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0430" two |strong="H6471" dreams |strong="H2472" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" same |strong="H1697" thing |strong="H1697". That |strong="H3588" means God |strong="H0430" wanted to |strong="H0413" show |strong="H6213" you |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" really will |strong="H0430" make |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3588" happen |strong="H1697", and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" make |strong="H6213" it |strong="H5921" happen |strong="H1697" soon |strong="H4116".<sup>33</sup> So |strong="H6258", Pharaoh |strong="H6547", you |strong="H5921" should |strong="H0376" choose a |strong="H7200" wise |strong="H2450", intelligent |strong="H0995" man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0776" put |strong="H7896" him |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".<sup>34</sup> Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H5921" should |strong="H6213" choose other men |strong="H6485" to |strong="H5921" collect food from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0776". During the |strong="H0853" seven |strong="H7651" good years |strong="H8141", the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0776" must |strong="H0853" give them |strong="H0853" one-fifth of |strong="H0776" all |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0853" food they |strong="H5921" grow.<sup>35</sup> In |strong="H8141" this |strong="H0428" way |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3027" collect |strong="H6908" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" food |strong="H0400" during |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" seven good |strong="H2896" years |strong="H8141" and |strong="H0935" store |strong="H6651" it |strong="H8104" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" until it |strong="H8104" is |strong="H3027" needed. Pharaoh |strong="H6547", this |strong="H0428" food |strong="H0400" will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" under |strong="H8478" your |strong="H3605" control |strong="H3027".<sup>36</sup>

Then |strong="H1961" during |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" of |strong="H0776" hunger |strong="H7458", there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" food |strong="H0400" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". And |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H3772" by |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" famine |strong="H7458".

<sup>37</sup> This |strong="H1697" seemed |strong="H3190" like |strong="H1697" a |strong="H5869" very |strong="H3190" good |strong="H3190" idea |strong="H1697" to |strong="H5650" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", and |strong="H5869" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" officials |strong="H5650" agreed.<sup>38</sup> Then |strong="H2088" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H0834" don't think |strong="H0559" we |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" find |strong="H4672" anyone |strong="H0376" better than Joseph |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" take this |strong="H2088" job! God's |strong="H0430" Spirit |strong="H7307" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", making him |strong="H0413" very |strong="H2088" wise!"

<sup>39</sup> So |strong="H3644" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joseph |strong="H3130", " God |strong="H0430" showed these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605", so |strong="H3644" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" wisest |strong="H2450" man |strong="H2450".<sup>40</sup> I |strong="H4480" will |strong="H1961" put |strong="H6310" you |strong="H0859" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1004" my |strong="H3605" country, and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" obey all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" commands. I |strong="H4480" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" only |strong="H7535" one |strong="H3605" more |strong="H4480" powerful than |strong="H4480" you |strong="H0859".

<sup>41</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joseph |strong="H3130", " I |strong="H5414" now |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" governor over |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".<sup>42</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Pharaoh |strong="H6547"

gave |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" special ring |strong="H2885" to |strong="H5921" Joseph |strong="H3130". The |strong="H0853" royal seal was |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" this ring |strong="H2885". Pharaoh |strong="H6547" also |strong="H0853" gave |strong="H5414" Joseph |strong="H3130" a |strong="H5414" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" robe and |strong="H3027" put |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" gold |strong="H2091" chain |strong="H7242" around |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5414" neck |strong="H6677". <sup>43</sup> Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" told Joseph to |strong="H5921" ride |strong="H7392" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" second |strong="H4932" chariot |strong="H4818". Pharaoh's officials said, " Let |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" be |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" governor over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"! " <sup>1</sup>

<sup>44</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", the |strong="H3605" king over |strong="H0413" every-one |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714", but |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" else |strong="H3027" in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714" can |strong="H3808" lift |strong="H7311" a |strong="H0776" hand |strong="H3027" or |strong="H3808" move a |strong="H0776" foot |strong="H7272" un-less |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3605" say |strong="H0559" he |strong="H3808" can |strong="H3808". " <sup>45</sup> Then |strong="H3318" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" gave |strong="H5414" Joseph |strong="H3130" another |strong="H0802" name |strong="H8034", Zaphenath Paneah. <sup>II</sup> He |strong="H5414" also |strong="H0853" gave |strong="H5414" Joseph |strong="H3130" a |strong="H5414" wife |strong="H0802" named |strong="H8034" Asenath |strong="H0621". She |strong="H7121" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H0776" Potiphera |strong="H6319", a |strong="H5414" priest |strong="H3548" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0776" On |strong="H5921". So |strong="H7121" Joseph |strong="H3130" be-came |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" governor

<sup>I</sup> Or "Then Pharaoh had Joseph ride in the chariot of his second-in-command, and they said, 'Bow before Joseph.' In this way Joseph became the governor over all of Egypt." <sup>II</sup> ZAPHENATH PANEAH This Egyptian name probably means "sustainer of life," but it is like Hebrew words meaning "a person who explains secret things."

over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" whole country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>46</sup> Joseph |strong="H3130" was |strong="H0776" 30 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H3318" he |strong="H3318" began serving |strong="H5975" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". He |strong="H3318" traveled |strong="H5674" throughout |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>47</sup> During the |strong="H0776" seven |strong="H7651" good years |strong="H8141", the |strong="H0776" crops in |strong="H8141" Egypt grew very well. <sup>48</sup> Joseph |strong="H6908" saved the |strong="H3605" food |strong="H0400" in |strong="H8141" Egypt |strong="H4714" during |strong="H1961" those |strong="H3605" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" and |strong="H0776" stored |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" food |strong="H0400" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892". In |strong="H8141" every |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" he |strong="H0834" stored |strong="H5414" grain |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" grew in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892". <sup>49</sup> Joseph |strong="H3130" stored |strong="H6651" so |strong="H3588" much |strong="H7235" grain |strong="H1250" that |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0369" like |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588" sands of |strong="H4557" the |strong="H3588" sea |strong="H3220". He |strong="H3588" stored |strong="H6651" so |strong="H3588" much |strong="H7235" grain |strong="H1250" that |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" could not |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" measured.

<sup>50</sup> Joseph's |strong="H3130" wife, Asenath |strong="H0621", was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Potiphera |strong="H6319", the |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0834" city of |strong="H1121" On |strong="H0935". Before |strong="H2962" the |strong="H0834" first year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H1121" hunger |strong="H7458" came |strong="H0935", Joseph |strong="H3130" and |strong="H1121" Asenath |strong="H0621" had |strong="H0834" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121". <sup>51</sup> Joseph |strong="H3130" named |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3605" first son Manasseh |strong="H4519". <sup>III</sup> He |strong="H3588"

<sup>III</sup> MANASSEH This is like the Hebrew word meaning "to forget."

was |strong="H8034" given |strong="H7121" this |strong="H3588" name |strong="H8034" because |strong="H3588" Joseph |strong="H3130" said, " God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H7121" me |strong="H7121" forget |strong="H5382" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" hard |strong="H1004" work |strong="H5999" and |strong="H0430" everything |strong="H3605" back |strong="H1004" home |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3605" father's |strong="H0001" house |strong="H1004"."  
 52 Joseph named |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" second |strong="H8145" son Ephraim |strong="H0669".<sup>1</sup> Joseph gave |strong="H7121" him |strong="H0853" this |strong="H3588" name |strong="H8034" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" said, " I |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0430" great |strong="H0430" troubles, but |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" made |strong="H6509" me |strong="H7121" successful in |strong="H0430" everything."

### The |strong="H0853" Famine Begins

<sup>53</sup> For |strong="H0776" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" people |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3615" the |strong="H0834" food they |strong="H0834" needed, but |strong="H1961" those |strong="H0834" years |strong="H8141" ended |strong="H3615".<sup>54</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" of |strong="H0776" hunger |strong="H7458" began |strong="H2490", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" Joseph |strong="H3130" had |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559". No |strong="H3605" food |strong="H3899" grew anywhere |strong="H3605" in |strong="H8141" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" countries |strong="H0776" in |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" area |strong="H0776". But |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" Egypt |strong="H4714" people |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" plenty |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0559" eat because |strong="H0834" Joseph |strong="H3130" had |strong="H0834" stored the |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H3605".<sup>55</sup> The |strong="H3605" famine began, and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" cried |strong="H6817" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" for |strong="H0413" food |strong="H3899". Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Egyptian |strong="H4713" people |strong="H5971", "Go ask |strong="H0559"

<sup>1</sup> EPHRAIM This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "twice fruitful."

Joseph |strong="H3130" what |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213"."

<sup>56</sup> There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" famine |strong="H7458" everywhere |strong="H3605", so |strong="H1961" Joseph |strong="H3130" gave |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" grain |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" warehouses. He |strong="H0834" sold |strong="H7666" the |strong="H3605" stored grain |strong="H3605" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". The |strong="H3605" famine |strong="H7458" was |strong="H1961" bad in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714",<sup>57</sup> but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" famine |strong="H7458" was |strong="H0776" bad everywhere |strong="H3605". So |strong="H0935" people |strong="H0776" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" countries |strong="H0776" around Egypt |strong="H4714" had |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Joseph |strong="H3130" in |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0413" buy |strong="H7666" grain |strong="H3605".

### The Dreams Come True

**42** During the |strong="H0559" famine in |strong="H1121" Canaan, Jacob |strong="H3290" learned that |strong="H3588" there |strong="H3426" was |strong="H1121" grain |strong="H7668" in |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". So |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H7200" sons |strong="H1121", " Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" sitting here doing nothing? <sup>2</sup> I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3426" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" there |strong="H8033" is |strong="H3426" grain |strong="H7668" for |strong="H3588" sale in |strong="H8085" Egypt |strong="H4714". Go |strong="H3381" there |strong="H8033" and |strong="H4714" buy |strong="H7666" grain |strong="H7668" for |strong="H3588" us |strong="H3588" so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4714" live |strong="H2421" and |strong="H4714" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4191"!"

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H3381" ten |strong="H6235" of |strong="H0251" Joseph's |strong="H3130" brothers |strong="H0251" went |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H3381" buy |strong="H7666" grain |strong="H1250".<sup>4</sup> Jacob |strong="H3290" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808"

send|strong="H7971" Benjamin|strong="H1144". ( Benjamin|strong="H1144" was|strong="H3130" Joseph's|strong="H3130" only full brother|strong="H0251". ) Jacob|strong="H3290" was|strong="H3130" afraid that|strong="H3588" something bad might|strong="H6435" happen|strong="H7122" to|strong="H0559" Benjamin|strong="H1144".

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3588" famine|strong="H7458" was|strong="H1961" very bad in|strong="H0935" Canaan|strong="H3667", so|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" many people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H0935" Canaan|strong="H3667" who|strong="H1121" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Egypt to|strong="H0935" buy|strong="H7666" grain|strong="H7666". Among|strong="H8432" them|strong="H0935" were|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>6</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" governor of|strong="H0776" Egypt at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" time. He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" checked the|strong="H3605" sale of|strong="H0776" grain|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0935" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H3605" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Egypt to|strong="H0935" buy|strong="H7666" it|strong="H1931". Joseph's|strong="H3130" brothers|strong="H0251" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0935" bowed|strong="H7812" before|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921". <sup>7</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" saw|strong="H7200" his|strong="H0935" brothers|strong="H0251" and|strong="H0935" recognized|strong="H5234" them|strong="H0413", but|strong="H7200" he|strong="H0853" acted like|strong="H0776" he|strong="H0853" didn't know|strong="H5234" them|strong="H0413". He|strong="H0853" was|strong="H0776" rude when|strong="H7200" he|strong="H0853" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". He|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559", " Where|strong="H0370" do|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935"?"

The|strong="H0853" brothers|strong="H0251" answered|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0776" come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667" to|strong="H0413" buy|strong="H7666" food|strong="H0400"."

I FULL BROTHER Literally, "brother." Joseph and Benjamin had the same mother.

<sup>8</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" recognized|strong="H5234" his|strong="H3808" brothers|strong="H0251", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H1992" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H5234" who|strong="H0251" he|strong="H3808" was|strong="H3130". <sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Joseph|strong="H3130" remembered|strong="H2142" the|strong="H0853" dreams|strong="H2472" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" dreamed|strong="H2492" about|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0834" brothers.

Joseph|strong="H3130" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0834" brothers, " You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0776" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" buy food! You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" spies|strong="H7270". You|strong="H0859" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" learn where|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" weak."

<sup>10</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" brothers said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " No|strong="H3808", sir|strong="H0113", we come|strong="H0935" as|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" servants|strong="H5650". We have|strong="H5650" come|strong="H0935" only to|strong="H0413" buy|strong="H7666" food|strong="H0400". <sup>11</sup> We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H0376" all|strong="H3605" brothers— we|strong="H0587" all|strong="H3605" have|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0259" father. We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H0376" honest men|strong="H0376". We|strong="H0587" have|strong="H1961" come|strong="H1961" only|strong="H0259" to|strong="H1961" buy food."

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H0935" Joseph|strong="H3808" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " No|strong="H3808", you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0776" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" spy on|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413"!"

<sup>13</sup> And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" brothers|strong="H0251" said|strong="H0559", " No|strong="H0369", sir, we|strong="H0587" come as|strong="H3117" servants|strong="H5650" from|strong="H0376" Canaan|strong="H3667". We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H3117" all|strong="H3117" brothers|strong="H0251", sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" same|strong="H0259" father|strong="H0001". There|strong="H0369" were|strong="H1121" twelve|strong="H6240" brothers|strong="H0251" in|strong="H0776" our|strong="H5650" family|strong="H0001". Our|strong="H5650" youngest|strong="H6996" brother|strong="H0251" is|strong="H0369"

still |strong="H0559" at |strong="H3117" home |strong="H0776" with |strong="H0854" our |strong="H5650" father |strong="H0001", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H0259" brother |strong="H0251" died a |strong="H0776" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" ago |strong="H3117".<sup>14</sup> But |strong="H0859" Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", "No! I |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" see |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am right. You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" spies |strong="H7270".<sup>15</sup> But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H6547" let you |strong="H3588" prove that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are telling the |strong="H3588" truth. In |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" name |strong="H0518" of |strong="H0251" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", I |strong="H3588" swear |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H6547" not |strong="H2088" let you |strong="H3588" go |strong="H3318" until your |strong="H0935" youngest |strong="H6996" brother |strong="H0251" comes |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2088".<sup>16</sup> One |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" go |strong="H7971" back |strong="H3947" to |strong="H7971" get |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" youngest brother |strong="H0251" while |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" rest of |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0859" stay |strong="H0854" here in |strong="H1697" prison. Then |strong="H3947" we |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0518" prove whether |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697" telling the |strong="H0853" truth |strong="H0571" or |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697" not |strong="H3808" telling the |strong="H0853" truth |strong="H0571", then |strong="H3947" by |strong="H7971" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", I |strong="H3588" swear |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697" spies |strong="H7270"!<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joseph |strong="H0413" put |strong="H0622" them |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3117" in |strong="H0413" prison |strong="H4929" for |strong="H0413" three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117".

#### The |strong="H0853" Troubles Begin

<sup>18</sup> After |strong="H0413" three |strong="H7992" days |strong="H3117" Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H0589"

am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H3117" God-fearing |strong="H0430" man. Do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063", and |strong="H0430" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0430" let you |strong="H3117" live |strong="H2421".<sup>19</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1004" honest men, one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1004" your |strong="H0935" brothers |strong="H0251" can |strong="H0518" stay here |strong="H3651" in |strong="H0935" prison |strong="H1004", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" others can |strong="H0518" go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" carry |strong="H0935" grain |strong="H7668" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" people |strong="H0518".<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3808" then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H6213" must |strong="H4191" bring |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" youngest |strong="H6996" brother |strong="H0251" back |strong="H0935" here |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1697" know that |strong="H3651" you |strong="H6213" are |strong="H1697" telling the |strong="H0853" truth, and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1697" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0251" to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4191"."

The |strong="H0853" brothers |strong="H0251" agreed to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3651".<sup>21</sup> They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0251", " We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834" being |strong="H5315" punished for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" bad thing |strong="H3651" we |strong="H0587" did |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" our |strong="H5921" younger brother |strong="H0251" Joseph |strong="H3808". We |strong="H0587" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" trouble |strong="H6869" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921". He |strong="H0834" begged us |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" save |strong="H5315" him |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3808" we |strong="H0587" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085". So |strong="H3651" now |strong="H8085" we |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" trouble |strong="H6869"."

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H6030" Reuben |strong="H7205" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H2009" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413"

do|strong="H0408" anything|strong="H3808" bad to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H8085" boy|strong="H3206", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0853" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Now|strong="H2009" we|strong="H8085" are|strong="H1571" being punished for|strong="H0413" his|strong="H8085" death|strong="H1818".

<sup>23</sup> Joseph was using an interpreter to talk to his brothers, so the brothers did not know that he understood their language. He heard and understood everything they said, and that made him want to cry. So he turned away and left the room. When he came back, he took one of the brothers, Simeon, and tied him up while the others watched. <sup>25</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" told|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" servants|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" fill|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" bags|strong="H3627" with|strong="H4390" grain|strong="H1250". The|strong="H0853" brothers had|strong="H0376" given|strong="H5414" Joseph|strong="H3130" the|strong="H0853" money|strong="H3701" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" grain|strong="H1250", but|strong="H0376" he|strong="H3651" didn't keep|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" money|strong="H3701". He|strong="H3651" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" money|strong="H3701" in|strong="H0413" their|strong="H5414" bags|strong="H3627" of|strong="H0376" grain|strong="H1250". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H3651" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" what|strong="H1870" they|strong="H3651" would|strong="H0376" need|strong="H0376" for|strong="H0413" their|strong="H5414" trip back|strong="H7725" home|strong="H7725".

<sup>26</sup> So|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" brothers put|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" grain|strong="H7668" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5375" donkeys|strong="H2543" and|strong="H8033" left|strong="H8033". <sup>27</sup> That|strong="H7200" night the|strong="H0853" brothers stopped at|strong="H7200" a|strong="H5414" place|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" spend|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" night. One|strong="H0259" of|strong="H6310" the|strong="H0853" brothers opened|strong="H6605" his|strong="H5414" sack|strong="H0572" to|strong="H5414" get some|strong="H0259" grain for|strong="H0259" his|strong="H5414" donkey|strong="H2543". And|strong="H3701" there|strong="H2009" in|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" sack|strong="H0572", he|strong="H1931" saw|strong="H7200" his|strong="H5414" mon-

ey|strong="H3701"! <sup>28</sup> He|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" other|strong="H0251" brothers|strong="H0251", " Look|strong="H2009"! Here|strong="H2009" is|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" money|strong="H3701" I|strong="H2009" paid|strong="H7725" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" grain. Some-one|strong="H0376" put|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0559" money|strong="H3701" back|strong="H7725" in|strong="H0413" my|strong="H7725" sack|strong="H0572". The|strong="H0559" brothers|strong="H0251" were|strong="H0376" very|strong="H1571" afraid|strong="H2729". They|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" one|strong="H0376" another|strong="H0251", " What|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" God|strong="H0430" doing|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413"?"

**The|strong="H0559" Brothers|strong="H0251" Report|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H0559"**

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H3605" brothers went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" Jacob|strong="H3290" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667". They|strong="H0559" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H0413" about|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" had|strong="H0001" happened|strong="H7136". <sup>30</sup> They|strong="H0376" said|strong="H1696", " The|strong="H0853" governor of|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0776" country|strong="H0776" spoke|strong="H1696" rudely to|strong="H1696" us|strong="H5414". He|strong="H5414" thought that|strong="H0776" we|strong="H0776" were|strong="H0376" spies|strong="H7270"! <sup>31</sup> We|strong="H0587" told|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", ' We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H0587" honest men|strong="H0559", not|strong="H3808" spies|strong="H7270". <sup>32</sup> There|strong="H0369" are|strong="H3117" twelve|strong="H6240" of|strong="H1121" us|strong="H3117" brothers|strong="H0251", all|strong="H3117" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3117" same|strong="H0259" father|strong="H0001". But|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H1121" our|strong="H0854" brothers|strong="H0251" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" longer|strong="H0369" living, and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3117" youngest|strong="H6996" is|strong="H0369" still at|strong="H3117" home|strong="H0776"

with|strong="H0854" our|strong="H0854" father|strong="H0001" in|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667".

<sup>33</sup> Then|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" governor of|strong="H1004" that|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413", ' Here|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0776" a|strong="H3947" way|strong="H2063" to|strong="H0413" prove|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0376" honest men|strong="H0376": Leave|strong="H3240" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3947" brothers|strong="H0251" here|strong="H2063" with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H0413". Take|strong="H3947" your|strong="H3947" grain|strong="H7459" back|strong="H3045" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3947" families|strong="H1004". <sup>34</sup> Bring|strong="H0935" your|strong="H5414" youngest|strong="H6996" brother|strong="H0251" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" know|strong="H3045" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0776" honest men or|strong="H3808" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" were|strong="H0776" sent|strong="H5414" from|strong="H0935" an|strong="H5414" army|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" destroy us|strong="H5414". If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0776" telling the|strong="H0853" truth, I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" give|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" brother|strong="H0251" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" give|strong="H5414" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859", and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" free to|strong="H0413" buy grain in|strong="H0935" our|strong="H5414" country|strong="H0776"."

<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" brothers started|strong="H1961" taking the|strong="H0853" grain out|strong="H7200" of|strong="H0376" their|strong="H1992" sacks|strong="H8242", and|strong="H3701" every|strong="H0376" brother found his|strong="H1961" bag|strong="H6872" of|strong="H0376" money|strong="H3701" in|strong="H0376" his|strong="H1961" sack|strong="H8242" of|strong="H0376" grain. When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" brothers and|strong="H3701" their|strong="H1992" father|strong="H0001" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" money|strong="H3701",

they|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1961" afraid|strong="H3372".

<sup>36</sup> Jacob|strong="H3290" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " Do|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" want me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" lose|strong="H7921" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0001" my|strong="H3605" children|strong="H7921"? Joseph|strong="H3130" is|strong="H0369" gone|strong="H0369". Simeon|strong="H8095" is|strong="H0369" gone|strong="H0369", and|strong="H0001" now|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3605" want to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H3947" Benjamin|strong="H1144" away|strong="H3947" too|strong="H5921"."

<sup>37</sup> But|strong="H0518" Reuben|strong="H7205" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5414" father|strong="H0001", " Father|strong="H0001", you|strong="H5414" may|strong="H1121" kill|strong="H4191" my|strong="H5414" two|strong="H8147" sons|strong="H1121" if|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0589" don't|strong="H3808" bring|strong="H0935" Benjamin back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". Trust me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1121" bring|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414"."

<sup>38</sup> But|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3381" Benjamin go|strong="H3381" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834". His|strong="H0834" brother|strong="H0251" is|strong="H0834" dead|strong="H4191", and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" only|strong="H0905" son|strong="H1121" left|strong="H7604" from|strong="H3381" my|strong="H0834" wife Rachel|strong="H0559". It|strong="H1931" would|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H4191" me|strong="H5973" if|strong="H3588" anything|strong="H7122" happened|strong="H7122" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853" during the|strong="H0853" trip to|strong="H0559" Egypt. You|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0559" send me|strong="H5973" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" grave<sup>I</sup> a|strong="H3588" very sad, old|strong="H1121" man|strong="H1121"."

I GRAVE Or "Sheol," the place of death.

## Jacob Lets Benjamin Go to Egypt

**43** The famine was very bad in that country.<sup>2</sup> The people ate all the grain they had brought from Egypt. When that grain was gone, Jacob said to his sons, "Go to Egypt and buy some more grain for us to eat."<sup>3</sup> But Judah said to Jacob, "But the governor of that country warned us, 'If you don't bring your brother back to me, I will refuse to talk to you.'"<sup>4</sup> If you send Benjamin with us, we will go down and buy grain.<sup>5</sup> But if you refuse to send Benjamin, we will not go. The man warned us not to come back without him."<sup>6</sup> Israel said, "Why did you tell him you would go before

did you do such a bad thing to me?"

<sup>7</sup> The brothers answered, "He asked lots of questions. He wanted to know all about us and about our family." He asked us, 'Is your father still alive?' Do you have another brother at home? We only answered his questions. We didn't know he would ask us to bring our brother to him!"

<sup>8</sup> Then Judah said to Israel, "Let Benjamin go with me. I will take care of him." We have to go to Egypt to get food. If we don't go, we will all die—including our children.<sup>9</sup> I will make sure he is safe. I will be responsible for him. If you don't bring him back to you, you can blame me forever.<sup>10</sup> If you had let us go before,



we |strong="H3588" could |strong="H2088" have |strong="H3588" already |strong="H6258" made |strong="H7725" two |strong="H6471" trips for |strong="H3588" food."

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0645" their |strong="H3947" father |strong="H0001" Israel |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559", " If |strong="H0518" it |strong="H0518" is |strong="H0776" really |strong="H0559" true |strong="H3651", take |strong="H3947" Benjamin with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0518". But |strong="H0518" take |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0376" gifts |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" governor. Take |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H3627" we |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0001" been |strong="H4592" able to |strong="H0413" gather in |strong="H0413" our |strong="H3947" land |strong="H0776". Take |strong="H3947" him |strong="H0413" some |strong="H0376" honey |strong="H1706", pistachio |strong="H0992" nuts |strong="H0992", almonds |strong="H8247", spices |strong="H5219", and |strong="H3478" myrrh |strong="H3910". <sup>12</sup> Take |strong="H3947" twice |strong="H4932" as |strong="H4932" much |strong="H3027" money |strong="H3701" with |strong="H3027" you |strong="H7725" this |strong="H1931" time. Take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" money |strong="H3701" that |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" given |strong="H3027" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725" after you |strong="H7725" paid |strong="H7725" last time. Maybe |strong="H0194" the |strong="H0853" governor made |strong="H7725" a |strong="H3947" mistake |strong="H4870". <sup>13</sup> Take |strong="H3947" Benjamin, and |strong="H6965" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376". <sup>14</sup> I |strong="H0589" pray that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful will |strong="H0834" help you |strong="H0834" when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" stand before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" governor. I |strong="H0589" pray that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" let |strong="H7971" Benjamin |strong="H1144", and |strong="H7971" also |strong="H0853" Simeon, come back safely. If |strong="H0834" not, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834" again |strong="H7971" be |strong="H0376" sad from |strong="H0376" losing my |strong="H5414" children |strong="H7921"."

<sup>15</sup> So |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" brothers took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" gifts |strong="H4503" to |strong="H3381" give |strong="H3947" to |strong="H3381"

the |strong="H0853" governor. And |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" brothers took |strong="H3947" twice |strong="H4932" as |strong="H0376" much |strong="H3027" money |strong="H3701" with |strong="H0376" them |strong="H0853" as |strong="H0376" they |strong="H0376" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H6440" time. This |strong="H2063" time Benjamin |strong="H1144" went |strong="H3381" with |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" brothers to |strong="H3381" Egypt |strong="H4714".

#### The |strong="H0853" Brothers at |strong="H5975" Joseph's |strong="H3130" House

<sup>16</sup> When |strong="H3588" Joseph |strong="H3130" saw |strong="H7200" Benjamin |strong="H1144" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0853", he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5921" servant, " Bring |strong="H0935" these |strong="H0834" men |strong="H0376" into |strong="H0935" my |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004". Kill an |strong="H7200" animal |strong="H2874" and |strong="H0935" cook it |strong="H5921". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H5921" at |strong="H5921" noon |strong="H6672" today." <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0853" servant did |strong="H6213" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559". He |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" into |strong="H0935" Joseph's |strong="H3130" house |strong="H1004".

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H0853" brothers were |strong="H0376" afraid |strong="H3372" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H0376" taken |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0559" Joseph's |strong="H3130" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H0376" been brought |strong="H0935" here |strong="H5921" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" money |strong="H3701" that |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0376" put |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" in |strong="H5921" our |strong="H5921" sacks |strong="H0572" the |strong="H0853" last time |strong="H8462". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0376" use |strong="H3947" this |strong="H3588" as |strong="H1697" proof against |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" steal |strong="H3947" our |strong="H5921" donkeys |strong="H2543" and |strong="H0935" make |strong="H7725" us |strong="H5921" slaves |strong="H5650"."

19 So the brothers went to the servant in charge of Joseph's house. They said, "Sir, I promise this is the truth. The last time we came to buy food, we opened our sacks and found our money in every sack. We don't know how it got there, but we brought that money with us to give it back to you. And we have brought more money to pay for the food that we want to buy this time."

23 But the servant answered, "Don't be afraid, believe me. Your God, the God of your father, must put your sack as a gift to you. I remember that you paid for the grain the last time."

Then the servant brought out of the prison. 24 The servant led the men into Joseph's house. He gave them water, and they washed their feet. Then he fed them donkeys.

25 The brothers heard that they were going to eat with Joseph, so they worked until noon preparing their gifts for him.

26 When Joseph came home, the brothers gave him gifts. They had brought with them the money they bowed down to the ground in front of him.

27 Joseph asked them how they were doing. He said, "How is your elderly father?" Joseph told me about. Is he still alive and well?"

28 The brothers answered, "Yes, sir, our father is still alive." And they bowed before Joseph.

29 Then Joseph saw his brother Benjamin. (Benjamin and Joseph had the same mother.) Joseph said, "Is this youngest brother that you told me about?" Then Joseph said to Benjamin, "God bless you, my son!"

30 Joseph felt a strong desire to show his brother Benjamin that he loved him. He was about to cry and didn't want his brothers to see.

him |strong="H0413", so |strong="H0935"  
 he |strong="H3588" ran into |strong="H0413"  
 his |strong="H0935" private room |strong="H2315"  
 and |strong="H0935" cried |strong="H1058"  
 there |strong="H8033". <sup>31</sup> Then |strong="H3318"  
 Joseph washed |strong="H7364" his |strong="H7760"  
 face |strong="H6440" and |strong="H3899"  
 came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318".  
 He |strong="H0559" regained control |strong="H0662"  
 of |strong="H6440" himself |strong="H6440"  
 and |strong="H3899" said |strong="H0559", "Now  
 it |strong="H7760" is |strong="H6440"  
 time |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0559" eat."

<sup>32</sup> The |strong="H3588" servants seated  
 Joseph |strong="H3808" at |strong="H0398"  
 a |strong="H3588" table by |strong="H0398" him-  
 self |strong="H1931". His |strong="H7760" brothers  
 were |strong="H5680" at |strong="H0398" anothe-  
 r |strong="H3808" table by |strong="H0398" them-  
 selves |strong="H0905", and |strong="H0398"  
 the |strong="H3588" Egyptians |strong="H4713"  
 were |strong="H5680" at |strong="H0398"  
 a |strong="H3588" table by |strong="H0398" them-  
 selves |strong="H0905". The |strong="H3588" Egp-  
 tians |strong="H4713" believed that |strong="H3588"  
 it |strong="H7760" was |strong="H1931" wrong  
 for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H0398"  
 to |strong="H3201" eat |strong="H0398"  
 with |strong="H0854" Hebrews |strong="H5680".  
<sup>133</sup> Joseph's brothers were |strong="H0376" seat-  
 ed |strong="H3427" at |strong="H0413"  
 a |strong="H0376" table |strong="H6440" fac-  
 ing |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0413".  
 The |strong="H6440" brothers were |strong="H0376"  
 looking at |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0376" oth-  
 er |strong="H7453" because |strong="H6440",  
 to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H6440" surprise,  
 they |strong="H0376" had |strong="H0376" been seat-  
 ed |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" order,  
 from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" old-  
 est |strong="H1060" to |strong="H0413"  
 the |strong="H6440" youngest |strong="H6810".

<sup>34</sup> Servants were |strong="H3027" taking food  
 from |strong="H6440" Joseph's table |strong="H6440"  
 and |strong="H3027" bringing |strong="H5375"  
 it |strong="H5375" to |strong="H0413"  
 them |strong="H0413". But |strong="H5973"  
 the |strong="H3605" servants gave Ben-  
 jamin |strong="H1144" five |strong="H2568"  
 times |strong="H3027" more |strong="H7235"  
 than |strong="H7235" the |strong="H3605" others.  
 The |strong="H3605" brothers continued  
 to |strong="H0413" eat and |strong="H3027"  
 drink |strong="H8354" with |strong="H5973"

I THE EGYPTIANS ... HEBREWS The Egyptians would not eat with them because they were shepherds and ate meat from cattle, sheep, and goats. To the Egyptians, these animals represented some of their gods. See Genesis 46:34.

Joseph |strong="H3027" until they |strong="H3605"  
 were |strong="H3027" drunk |strong="H7937".

### Joseph Sets a Trap

**44** Then |strong="H0853"  
 Joseph |strong="H1004" gave |strong="H6680"  
 a |strong="H7760" command |strong="H6680"  
 to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5921" servant.  
 He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "  
 Fill |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853"  
 men's |strong="H0376" sacks |strong="H0572"  
 with |strong="H4390" as |strong="H0834"  
 much |strong="H6310" grain as |strong="H0834"  
 they |strong="H0834" can |strong="H3201" car-  
 ry |strong="H5375". Then |strong="H0853"  
 put |strong="H7760" each |strong="H0376"  
 man's |strong="H0376" money |strong="H3701" in-  
 to |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921"  
 sack |strong="H0572" with |strong="H4390"  
 the |strong="H0853" grain. <sup>2</sup> Put |strong="H7760"  
 the |strong="H0853" youngest |strong="H6996" broth-  
 er's money |strong="H3701" in |strong="H1696"  
 his |strong="H7760" sack |strong="H0572" too.  
 But |strong="H1696" also |strong="H0853"  
 put |strong="H7760" my |strong="H7760" special sil-  
 ver |strong="H3701" cup |strong="H1375"  
 in |strong="H1696" his |strong="H7760"  
 sack |strong="H0572". So |strong="H6213"  
 the |strong="H0853" servant obeyed  
 Joseph |strong="H3130".

<sup>3</sup> Early |strong="H1242" the |strong="H7971"  
 next |strong="H7971" morning |strong="H1242"  
 the |strong="H7971" brothers and |strong="H7971"  
 their |strong="H1992" donkeys |strong="H2543"  
 were |strong="H0376" sent |strong="H7971" back  
 to |strong="H7971" their |strong="H1992" country. <sup>4</sup>  
 After |strong="H0310" they |strong="H1992"  
 had |strong="H0834" left |strong="H3318"  
 the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892",  
 Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5921" servant, "  
 Go |strong="H3318" and |strong="H6965" fol-  
 low |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0853"  
 men |strong="H0376". Stop |strong="H3808"  
 them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H6965"  
 say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
 them |strong="H0413", ' We |strong="H0834"  
 were |strong="H0834" good |strong="H2896"  
 to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"!  
 So |strong="H3808" why |strong="H4100"  
 have |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
 been |strong="H0834" bad |strong="H7451"  
 to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413"?  
 Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100"  
 you |strong="H0834" steal my |strong="H5921" mas-  
 ter's silver cup? <sup>115</sup> My |strong="H0834" mas-

II WHY DID ... SILVER CUP This is from the ancient Greek version.

ter|strong="H0113" drinks|strong="H8354" from|strong="H0113" that|strong="H0834" cup|strong="H1931", and|strong="H8354" he|strong="H0834" uses|strong="H5172" it|strong="H1931" to|strong="H3808" learn secret things|strong="H0834". What|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" was|strong="H0834" wrong|strong="H7489"!"

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" servant obeyed. He|strong="H0853" rode out|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" brothers and|strong="H1697" stopped them|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0853" servant said|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" what|strong="H1697" Joseph|strong="H0413" had|strong="H0853" told|strong="H1696" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H1696".

<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" brothers said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" servant|strong="H5650", " Why|strong="H4100" does|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" governor say|strong="H0559" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697"? We|strong="H1697" wouldn't do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H1697" like|strong="H1697" that|strong="H1697"! <sup>8</sup> We|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" money|strong="H3701" that|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" found|strong="H4672" in|strong="H0413" our|strong="H0834" sacks|strong="H0572" before|strong="H0413". So|strong="H0834" surely|strong="H7725" we|strong="H0834" wouldn't steal|strong="H1589" silver|strong="H3701" or|strong="H0176" gold|strong="H2091" from|strong="H7725" your|strong="H0834" master's|strong="H0113" house|strong="H1004". <sup>9</sup> If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" find|strong="H4672" the|strong="H0834" silver cup in|strong="H4191" any|strong="H1571" of|strong="H5650" our|strong="H1961" sacks, let|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834" man|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191". You|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" kill|strong="H4191" him|strong="H0854", and|strong="H5650" we|strong="H0587" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" your|strong="H0834" slaves|strong="H5650"."

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0559" servant|strong="H5650" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" agree, except that|strong="H0834" only|strong="H1571" the|strong="H0559" man who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" found|strong="H4672" to|strong="H0559" have|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" cup|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H1961" slave|strong="H5650".

The|strong="H0559" others will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" free|strong="H5355"."

**The|strong="H0559" Trap Is|strong="H0834" Sprung; Benjamin Is|strong="H0834" Caught|strong="H4672"**

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0853" every|strong="H0376" brother quickly|strong="H4116" opened|strong="H6605" his|strong="H0376" sack|strong="H0572" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776". <sup>12</sup> The|strong="H4672" servant started|strong="H2490" looking|strong="H4672" in|strong="H1419" the|strong="H4672" sacks|strong="H0572". He|strong="H1144" started|strong="H2490" with|strong="H3615" the|strong="H4672" oldest|strong="H1419" brother and|strong="H1419" ended|strong="H3615" with|strong="H3615" the|strong="H4672" youngest|strong="H6996". He|strong="H1144" found|strong="H4672" the|strong="H4672" cup|strong="H1375" in|strong="H1419" Benjamin's|strong="H1144" sack|strong="H0572". <sup>13</sup> The|strong="H5921" brothers were|strong="H0376" very sad. They|strong="H0376" tore|strong="H7167" their|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H8071" to|strong="H7725" show their|strong="H5921" sadness. They|strong="H0376" put|strong="H7725" their|strong="H5921" sacks back|strong="H7725" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" donkeys|strong="H2543" and|strong="H7725" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H5921" city|strong="H5892".

<sup>14</sup> When|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" brothers|strong="H0251" went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Joseph's|strong="H3130" house|strong="H1004", Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H0776" still|strong="H5750" there|strong="H8033". The|strong="H6440" brothers|strong="H0251" fell|strong="H5307" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0935" bowed|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307" before|strong="H6440" him|strong="H6440". <sup>15</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H6213", " Why|strong="H4100" have|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088"? Didn't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" special way|strong="H2088" of|strong="H0376" learning secrets? No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0834" better at|strong="H3808"

this *strong*="H2088" than *strong*="H3808" I *strong*="H0834" am!"

<sup>16</sup> Judah *strong*="H3063" said *strong*="H0559", " Sir *strong*="H0113", there *strong*="H4672" is *strong*="H0834" nothing we *strong*="H0587" can *strong*="H4100" say *strong*="H0559". There *strong*="H4672" is *strong*="H0834" no *strong*="H4672" way to *strong*="H0559" explain. There *strong*="H4672" is *strong*="H0834" no *strong*="H4672" way to *strong*="H0559" show that *strong*="H0834" we *strong*="H0587" are *strong*="H0834" not *strong*="H1571" guilty *strong*="H5771". God *strong*="H0430" has *strong*="H0430" judged us *strong*="H0559" guilty *strong*="H5771" for *strong*="H3027" something else *strong*="H3027" we *strong*="H0587" have *strong*="H0834" done *strong*="H3027". So *strong*="H0834" all *strong*="H1571" of *strong*="H0430" us *strong*="H0559", even *strong*="H1571" Benjamin, will *strong*="H0430" be *strong*="H1571" your *strong*="H0834" slaves *strong*="H5650"."

<sup>17</sup> But *strong*="H1961" Joseph *strong*="H3027" said *strong*="H0559", " I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H1961" not *strong*="H1961" make *strong*="H6213" you *strong*="H0859" all *strong*="H0376" slaves *strong*="H5650"! Only *strong*="H7965" the *strong*="H0559" man *strong*="H0376" who *strong*="H0834" stole the *strong*="H0559" cup *strong*="H1375" will *strong*="H1961" be *strong*="H1961" my *strong*="H1961" slave *strong*="H5650". You *strong*="H0859" others can *strong*="H0834" go *strong*="H5927" in *strong*="H0413" peace *strong*="H7965" to *strong*="H0413" your *strong*="H0834" father *strong*="H0001"."

#### Judah Pleads for *strong*="H0413" Benjamin

<sup>18</sup> Then *strong*="H1696" Judah *strong*="H3063" went *strong*="H5066" to *strong*="H0413" Joseph *strong*="H0413" and *strong*="H3063" said *strong*="H0559", " Sir *strong*="H0113", please *strong*="H4994" let *strong*="H4994" me *strong*="H0413" speak *strong*="H1696" plainly *strong*="H0559" with *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H3588". Please *strong*="H4994" don't *strong*="H0408" be *strong*="H0408" angry *strong*="H2734" with *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413". I *strong*="H3588" know that *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H3588" are *strong*="H1697" like *strong*="H3644" Pharaoh *strong*="H6547" himself *strong*="H0413". <sup>19</sup> When *strong*="H0176" we were *strong*="H5650" here before, you *strong*="H0853" asked *strong*="H7592" us *strong*="H0559", "Do you *strong*="H0853" have *strong*="H0001" a *strong*="H0176" father *strong*="H0001" or *strong*="H0176" a *strong*="H0176" brother *strong*="H0251"? <sup>20</sup>

And *strong*="H0001" we *strong*="H0905" answered *strong*="H0559" you *strong*="H0413", ' We *strong*="H0905" have *strong*="H0001" a *strong*="H3426" father *strong*="H0001"— he *strong*="H1931" is *strong*="H1931" an *strong*="H0559" old *strong*="H2205" man *strong*="H2205". And *strong*="H0001" we *strong*="H0905" have *strong*="H0001" a *strong*="H3426" younger *strong*="H6996" brother *strong*="H0251". Our *strong*="H0413" father *strong*="H0001" loves *strong*="H0157" him *strong*="H0413" because *strong*="H0413" he *strong*="H1931" was *strong*="H1931" born while *strong*="H1931" our *strong*="H0413" father *strong*="H0001" was *strong*="H1931" old *strong*="H2205". This *strong*="H1931" youngest *strong*="H6996" son's brother *strong*="H0251" is *strong*="H1931" dead *strong*="H4191", so *strong*="H4191" he *strong*="H1931" is *strong*="H1931" the *strong*="H0559" only *strong*="H0905" son who *strong*="H1931" is *strong*="H1931" left *strong*="H3498" from *strong*="H0413" that *strong*="H1931" mother *strong*="H0517". Our *strong*="H0413" father *strong*="H0001" loves *strong*="H0157" him *strong*="H0413" very much.' <sup>21</sup> Then *strong*="H0559" you *strong*="H5921" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" us *strong*="H0413", ' Bring *strong*="H3381" that *strong*="H0559" brother to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413". I *strong*="H7760" want to *strong*="H0413" see *strong*="H5869" him *strong*="H0413".' <sup>22</sup> And *strong*="H0001" we *strong*="H3201" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H3808", ' That *strong*="H0559" young *strong*="H5288" boy *strong*="H5288" cannot *strong*="H3808" come. He *strong*="H3808" cannot *strong*="H3808" leave *strong*="H5800" his *strong*="H3808" father *strong*="H0001". If his *strong*="H3808" father *strong*="H0001" loses him *strong*="H0413", his *strong*="H3808" father *strong*="H0001" will *strong*="H3808" be *strong*="H4191" so *strong*="H3808" sad that *strong*="H0559" he *strong*="H3808" will *strong*="H3808" die *strong*="H4191".' <sup>23</sup> But *strong*="H0518" you *strong*="H0518" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" us *strong*="H0413", ' You *strong*="H0518" must *strong*="H0518" bring *strong*="H3381" your *strong*="H7200" youngest *strong*="H6996" brother *strong*="H0251", or *strong*="H0518" I *strong*="H0518" will *strong*="H5650" not *strong*="H3808" sell you *strong*="H0518" grain again *strong*="H3254".' <sup>24</sup> So *strong*="H1961" we *strong*="H3588" went *strong*="H5927" back *strong*="H5927" to *strong*="H0413" our *strong*="H1961" father *strong*="H0001" and *strong*="H5650"

told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H0413" what|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0413".

<sup>25</sup> "Later, our|strong="H0001" father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559", ' Go|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" buy|strong="H7666" us|strong="H7725" some|strong="H4592" more food|strong="H0400"! <sup>26</sup> We|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" our|strong="H7200" father, ' We|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" go|strong="H3381" without|strong="H3808" our|strong="H7200" youngest|strong="H6996" brother|strong="H0251". The|strong="H0559" governor said|strong="H0559" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" sell us|strong="H3588" grain again|strong="H6440" until he|strong="H3588" sees|strong="H7200" our|strong="H7200" youngest|strong="H6996" brother|strong="H0251"!

<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H0859" my|strong="H3045" father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413", ' You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3045" wife|strong="H0802" Rachel|strong="H0559" gave|strong="H3205" me|strong="H0413" two|strong="H8147" sons|strong="H3205". <sup>28</sup> I|strong="H5704" let|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" son go|strong="H3318" away|strong="H3318", and|strong="H7200" he|strong="H5704" was|strong="H0259" killed by|strong="H3808" a|strong="H7200" wild animal. And|strong="H7200" I|strong="H5704" haven't|strong="H3808" seen|strong="H7200" him|strong="H0853" since. <sup>29</sup> If you|strong="H6440" take|strong="H3947" my|strong="H3947" other|strong="H2088" son away|strong="H3947" from|strong="H3381" me|strong="H6440", and|strong="H6440" something happens|strong="H7136" to|strong="H3381" him|strong="H0853", I|strong="H2088" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" sad enough|strong="H1571" to|strong="H3381" die.' <sup>30</sup> Now|strong="H6258", imagine what will|strong="H5650" happen when|strong="H0935" we|strong="H6258" go|strong="H0935" home|strong="H0001" without|strong="H0369" our|strong="H0935" youngest brother— he|strong="H0935" is|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0413" most important thing in|strong="H0935" our|strong="H0935" father's|strong="H0001" life|strong="H5315"! <sup>31</sup> Our|strong="H7200" father|strong="H0001" will|strong="H1961" die|strong="H4191" if|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" sees|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" boy|strong="H5288" isn't

with|strong="H3381" us|strong="H3588"— and|strong="H5650" it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" our|strong="H7200" fault. We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" send our|strong="H7200" father|strong="H0001" to|strong="H4191" his|strong="H1961" grave a|strong="H1961" very sad man|strong="H5288".

<sup>32</sup> " I|strong="H3588" took|strong="H0853" responsibility for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" young|strong="H5288" boy|strong="H5288". I|strong="H3588" told|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001", ' If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" bring|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588", you|strong="H3588" can|strong="H0518" blame|strong="H2398" me|strong="H0413" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" rest of|strong="H3117" my|strong="H3605" life|strong="H3117"! <sup>33</sup> So|strong="H5927" now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H6258" beg|strong="H4994" you|strong="H5973", please|strong="H4994" let|strong="H4994" the|strong="H8478" boy|strong="H5288" go|strong="H5927" back|strong="H5927" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H8478" brothers|strong="H0251", and|strong="H5650" I|strong="H6258" will|strong="H5650" stay|strong="H3427" and|strong="H5650" be|strong="H4994" your|strong="H4994" slave|strong="H5650". <sup>34</sup> I|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H0369" go|strong="H5927" back|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H7200" father|strong="H0001" if|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" boy|strong="H5288" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0834" am very afraid of|strong="H0001" what|strong="H0834" would|strong="H5288" happen|strong="H4672" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H7200" father|strong="H0001"."

#### Joseph Tells Who He Is

**45** Joseph|strong="H3130" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3808" control|strong="H0662" himself|strong="H3045" any|strong="H3605" longer|strong="H3808". He|strong="H3808" cried|strong="H7121" in|strong="H5921" front of|strong="H0376" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0376" there|strong="H5975". Joseph|strong="H3130" said|strong="H0413", " Tell|strong="H3045" everyone|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" leave|strong="H3318"

here |strong="H3318"." So |strong="H7121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" left |strong="H3318". Only |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" brothers |strong="H0251" were |strong="H0376" left |strong="H3318" with |strong="H0854" Joseph |strong="H3130". Then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H3808" told |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" who |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3808" was |strong="H0376".<sup>2</sup> Joseph |strong="H1004" continued to |strong="H8085" cry |strong="H6963", and |strong="H1004" all the |strong="H0853" Egyptian |strong="H4713" people |strong="H8085" in |strong="H1004" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" house |strong="H1004" heard |strong="H8085" it |strong="H5414".<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H6440" brothers |strong="H0251", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H6440" brother |strong="H0251" Joseph |strong="H3130". Is |strong="H6440" my |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001" doing well?" But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" brothers |strong="H0251" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H6030" him |strong="H0413" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H6440" confused and |strong="H0001" afraid.

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H0834" Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0834" brothers |strong="H0251" again, " Come |strong="H5066" here |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0589" beg |strong="H4994" you |strong="H0834", come |strong="H5066" here |strong="H5066"." When |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" brothers |strong="H0251" went |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H0834" brother |strong="H0251" Joseph |strong="H3130". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" sold |strong="H4376" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" slave to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714".<sup>5</sup> Now |strong="H6258" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" worried. Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H0430" yourselves |strong="H5869" for |strong="H3588" what |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" did. It |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0430" God's |strong="H0430" plan for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H7971" to |strong="H7971" come here |strong="H2008".

I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H0430" here |strong="H2008" to |strong="H7971" save people's lives.<sup>6</sup> This |strong="H2088" terrible famine |strong="H7458" has |strong="H0834" continued |strong="H5750" for |strong="H3588" two |strong="H2088" years |strong="H8141" now |strong="H3588", and |strong="H0776" there |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H5750" five |strong="H2568" more |strong="H5750" years |strong="H8141" without |strong="H0369" planting or |strong="H0369" harvest |strong="H7105".<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H7971" God |strong="H0430" sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H7971" here |strong="H7760" ahead |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H6440" so |strong="H7971" that |strong="H0776" I |strong="H7760" can save your |strong="H7760" people |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0430" this country |strong="H0776".<sup>8</sup> It |strong="H7760" was |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3605" fault that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0776" sent |strong="H7971" here |strong="H2008". It |strong="H7760" was |strong="H0776" God's |strong="H0430" plan. God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H7760" me |strong="H7971" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001" to |strong="H7971" Pharaoh |strong="H6547". I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" governor over |strong="H4910" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0430" over |strong="H4910" all |strong="H3605" Egypt |strong="H4714"."

#### Israel Invited to |strong="H7971" Egypt |strong="H4714"

<sup>9</sup> Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559", " Hurry |strong="H4116" up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H1121" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001". Tell |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130" sent |strong="H5927" this |strong="H3541" message: ' God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H7760" me |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" governor of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". So |strong="H3541" come |strong="H5927" here |strong="H3541" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" quickly |strong="H4116". Don't |strong="H0408" wait |strong="H5975".<sup>10</sup> You |strong="H0859" can |strong="H0834" live |strong="H3427" near |strong="H7138" me |strong="H0413" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Goshen |strong="H1657".

You *strong="H0859"*, your *strong="H3605"* children *strong="H1121"*, your *strong="H3605"* grandchildren *strong="H1121"*, and *strong="H1121"* all *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H1121"* your *strong="H3605"* animals *strong="H1961"* are *strong="H0834"* welcome here. <sup>11</sup> I *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H0834"* take *strong="H3423"* care of *strong="H1004"* you *strong="H0859"* during *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* next five *strong="H2568"* years *strong="H8141"* of *strong="H1004"* hunger *strong="H7458"*. So *strong="H6435"* you *strong="H0859"* and *strong="H1004"* your *strong="H3605"* family *strong="H1004"* will *strong="H0834"* not *strong="H6435"* lose everything *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H0859"* own.'

<sup>12</sup> "Surely *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* can *strong="H7200"* see *strong="H7200"* that *strong="H3588"* I *strong="H3588"* really am Joseph *strong="H0413"*. Even *strong="H3588"* my *strong="H7200"* brother *strong="H0251"* Benjamin *strong="H1144"* knows it *strong="H3588"* is *strong="H2009"* me *strong="H0413"*, your *strong="H7200"* brother *strong="H0251"*, talking *strong="H1696"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H3588"*". <sup>13</sup> So *strong="H0834"* tell *strong="H5046"* my *strong="H3605"* father *strong="H0001"* about *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* honor *strong="H3519"* I *strong="H0834"* have *strong="H0834"* received here *strong="H2008"* in *strong="H0001"* Egypt *strong="H4714"*. Tell *strong="H5046"* him *strong="H0853"* about *strong="H3605"* everything *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H0834"* have *strong="H0834"* seen *strong="H7200"* here *strong="H2008"*. Now *strong="H2008"* hurry *strong="H4116"*, go *strong="H3381"* bring *strong="H3381"* my *strong="H3605"* father *strong="H0001"* back *strong="H2008"* to *strong="H3381"* me *strong="H5046"*". <sup>14</sup> Then *strong="H5307"* Joseph hugged *strong="H5307"* his *strong="H5921"* brother *strong="H0251"* Benjamin *strong="H1144"*, and *strong="H0251"* they *strong="H5921"* both *strong="H5921"* began crying *strong="H1058"*.

<sup>15</sup> Then *strong="H1696"* Joseph cried *strong="H1058"* as *strong="H3651"* he *strong="H0310"* kissed *strong="H5401"* all *strong="H3605"* his *strong="H3605"* brothers *strong="H0251"*. After *strong="H0310"* this *strong="H3651"*, the *strong="H3605"* brothers *strong="H0251"* began talking *strong="H1696"* with *strong="H0854"* him *strong="H5921"*.

<sup>16</sup> Pharaoh *strong="H6547"* learned that *strong="H8085"* Joseph's *strong="H3130"* brothers *strong="H0251"* had *strong="H3130"* come *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0559"* him *strong="H0935"*. This *strong="H0935"*

news *strong="H6963"* spread throughout *strong="H6963"* Pharaoh's *strong="H6547"* house *strong="H1004"*. Pharaoh *strong="H6547"* and *strong="H0935"* his *strong="H8085"* servants *strong="H5650"* were *strong="H5869"* very *strong="H3190"* excited! <sup>17</sup> So *strong="H6213"* Pharaoh *strong="H6547"* told *strong="H0559"* Joseph *strong="H3130"*, " Tell *strong="H0559"* your *strong="H0935"* brothers *strong="H0251"* to *strong="H0413"* take *strong="H0935"* all the *strong="H0853"* food they *strong="H0559"* need and *strong="H0935"* go *strong="H0935"* back *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0776"* of *strong="H0776"* Canaan *strong="H3667"*". <sup>18</sup> Tell *strong="H0413"* them *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* bring *strong="H0935"* your *strong="H5414"* father *strong="H0001"* and *strong="H0935"* their *strong="H5414"* families *strong="H1004"* back *strong="H0935"* here to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"*. I *strong="H5414"* will *strong="H0776"* give *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H5414"* the *strong="H0853"* best *strong="H2459"* land *strong="H0776"* in *strong="H0935"* Egypt *strong="H4714"* to *strong="H0413"* live on *strong="H0413"*. And *strong="H0935"* your *strong="H5414"* family *strong="H1004"* can *strong="H3947"* eat *strong="H0398"* the *strong="H0853"* best *strong="H2459"* food *strong="H0398"* we *strong="H0776"* have *strong="H0001"* here. <sup>19</sup> Also *strong="H0853"* give *strong="H6680"* your *strong="H3947"* brothers some of *strong="H0776"* our *strong="H0935"* best wagons *strong="H5699"*. Tell them *strong="H0853"* to *strong="H0935"* go *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* Canaan and *strong="H0935"* bring *strong="H0935"* your *strong="H3947"* father *strong="H0001"* and *strong="H0935"* all the *strong="H0853"* women *strong="H0802"* and *strong="H0935"* children *strong="H2945"* back *strong="H0935"* in *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0853"* wagons *strong="H5699"*. <sup>20</sup> Don't *strong="H0408"* worry *strong="H2347"* about *strong="H5921"* bringing all *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H0776"* their *strong="H3605"* belongings. We *strong="H3588"* can *strong="H5869"* give them *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* best *strong="H2898"* of *strong="H0776"* Egypt *strong="H4714"*."

<sup>21</sup> So *strong="H3651"* the *strong="H5921"* sons *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Israel *strong="H3478"* did *strong="H6213"* this *strong="H3651"*. Joseph *strong="H3130"* gave *strong="H5414"* them *strong="H5414"* good wagons *strong="H5699"* just *strong="H6213"* as *strong="H3651"* Pharaoh *strong="H6547"* had *strong="H3478"* promised *strong="H5414"*.



And **Joseph** gave **them** enough **food** for **their** trip. <sup>22</sup> He gave **each** brother a **suit** of **beautiful clothes**. But **to** **Benjamin** he gave **five** **suits** of **beautiful clothes** and **300 pieces of silver**. <sup>23</sup> **Joseph** also sent **gifts** to **his** father. He sent **ten** **donkeys** with **bags full of many good things** from **Egypt**. And he sent **ten** **female** **donkeys** with **grain**, **bread**, and **other food** for **his** father on **his** trip back. <sup>24</sup> Then **Joseph** told **his** brothers **to** go. While **they** were leaving, he said **to** **them**, "Go **straight home**, and **don't** fight on **the way**."

<sup>25</sup> So **the** brothers left **Egypt** and **went** to **their** father **in** **the** **land** of **Canaan**. They told **him**, "Father, **Joseph** is **still** **alive**! And **he** **is** **the** **governor** over **the** **whole** **country** of **Egypt**."

**Their** father **did** not **know** **what** **to**

**think**. At **first** he **didn't** **believe** **them**. <sup>27</sup> But **then** **they** told **him** **everything** **Joseph** had **said**. Then **their** father **saw** **the** **wagons** **Joseph** had **sent** **to** **bring** **back** **to** **Egypt**, and **he** **became** **very happy**. <sup>28</sup> **Israel** said, "Now **I** **believe** you." **My** **son** **Joseph** **is** **still** **alive**! **I** **am going** **to** **see** **him** **before** **I** **die**!"

#### God Assures Israel

**46** So **Israel** began **his** trip to **Egypt**. First he **went** to **Beersheba**. There **he** **worshiped** **God**, **the** **God** of **his** father **Isaac**. He **offered** **sacrifices**. <sup>2</sup> During **the** **night** **God** **spoke** **to** **Israel** **in** **a** **dream** and **said**, "Jacob, **Jacob**!" **Israel** answered **Here** **I** **am**!"

<sup>3</sup> Then **God** **said**, "I **am** **God**, **the** **God** of **your** father **Don't** **be** **afraid** **to** **go** **to** **Egypt**."

In|strong="H0430" Egypt|strong="H4714" I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H0430" make|strong="H7760" you|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" great|strong="H1419" nation|strong="H1471".<sup>4</sup> I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H1571" go|strong="H5927" to|strong="H3381" Egypt|strong="H4714" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5921", and|strong="H3027" I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H1571" bring|strong="H5927" you|strong="H5921" out|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3027" Egypt|strong="H4714" again. You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1571" die there|strong="H5927", but|strong="H1571" Joseph|strong="H3130" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5921". His|strong="H5921" own|strong="H5869" hands|strong="H3027" will|strong="H1571" close|strong="H5973" your|strong="H5921" eyes|strong="H5869" when|strong="H5927" you|strong="H5921" die."

**Israel Goes|strong="H5927" to|strong="H3381" Egypt|strong="H4714"**

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Jacob|strong="H3290" left|strong="H6965" Beersheba|strong="H0884" and|strong="H1121" traveled to|strong="H3478" Egypt. His|strong="H5375" sons|strong="H1121", the|strong="H0853" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", brought|strong="H5375" their|strong="H5375" father|strong="H0001", their|strong="H5375" wives|strong="H0802", and|strong="H1121" all their|strong="H5375" children|strong="H1121" to|strong="H3478" Egypt. They|strong="H0834" traveled in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" wagons|strong="H5699" the|strong="H0853" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" had|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971".<sup>6</sup> They|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" had|strong="H0834" their|strong="H3605" cattle|strong="H4735" and|strong="H0935" everything|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0834" owned in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667". So|strong="H3947" Israel went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714" with|strong="H0854" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" children|strong="H2233" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H3605" family|strong="H2233".<sup>7</sup> With|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0854" were|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" grandsons|strong="H1121", his|strong="H3605" daughters|strong="H1323" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" granddaughters. All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121"

his|strong="H3605" family|strong="H2233" went|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0854".

**The|strong="H3605" Family|strong="H2233" of|strong="H1121" Jacob|strong="H0935" (Israel)**

<sup>8</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0935" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" Israel's|strong="H3478" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" family who|strong="H1121" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714" with|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935":

Reuben|strong="H7205" was|strong="H8034" Jacob's|strong="H3290" first son|strong="H1121".

<sup>9</sup> Reuben's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Hanoch|strong="H2585", Pal-lu|strong="H6396", Hezron|strong="H2696", and|strong="H1121" Carmi|strong="H3756".

<sup>10</sup> Simeon's|strong="H8095" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Jemuel|strong="H3223", Jamin|strong="H3226", Ohad|strong="H0161", Jakin|strong="H3199", and|strong="H1121" Zohar|strong="H6714". There was|strong="H7586" also Shaul|strong="H7586". ( Shaul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H7586" born|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1121" Canaan-ite|strong="H3669" woman.)

<sup>11</sup> Levi's|strong="H3878" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Gershon|strong="H1648", Kohath|strong="H6955", and|strong="H1121" Merari|strong="H4847".

<sup>12</sup> Judah's|strong="H3063" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Er|strong="H6147", Onan|strong="H0209", Shelah|strong="H7956", Perez|strong="H6557", and|strong="H1121" Zerah|strong="H2226". ( Er|strong="H6147" and|strong="H1121" Onan|strong="H0209" died|strong="H4191" while|strong="H1121" still in|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667".) Perez's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Hezron|strong="H2696" and|strong="H1121" Hamul|strong="H2538".

<sup>13</sup> Issachar's|strong="H3485" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Tola|strong="H8439", Puah|strong="H6312", Job, and|strong="H1121" Shimron|strong="H8110".

<sup>14</sup> Zebulun's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Sered|strong="H5624", Elon|strong="H0356", and|strong="H1121" Jahleel|strong="H3177".

<sup>15</sup> Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and|strong="H1121" Zebulun were|strong="H0834" Jacob's|strong="H3290" sons|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5315" his|strong="H3605" wife Leah|strong="H3812". Leah|strong="H3812" had|strong="H0834" these|strong="H0428" sons|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5315" Pad-

dan|strong="H6307" Aram|strong="H6307". She|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3205" daughter|strong="H1323" named Dinah|strong="H1783". There|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0834" 33 people|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5315" this|strong="H0428" family.

<sup>16</sup> Gad's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Zephon|strong="H6837", Haggi|strong="H2291", Shuni|strong="H7764", Ezbon|strong="H0675", Eri|strong="H6179", Arodi|strong="H0722", and|strong="H1121" Areli|strong="H0692".

<sup>17</sup> Asher's|strong="H0836" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Imnah|strong="H3232", Ishvah|strong="H3438", Ishvi|strong="H3440", Beri-ah|strong="H1283", and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H8294" sister|strong="H0269" Serah|strong="H8294". Also there were|strong="H1121" Beriah's sons|strong="H1121", Heber|strong="H2268" and|strong="H1121" Malkiel.

<sup>18</sup> All these|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0834" Ja-  
cob's|strong="H3290" sons|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5315" his|strong="H5414" wife's ser-  
vant, Zilpah|strong="H2153". ( Zilpah|strong="H2153" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" maid  
that|strong="H0834" Laban|strong="H3837" had|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" daugh-  
ter|strong="H1323" Leah|strong="H3812".) There|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" 16 peo-  
ple|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5315" this|strong="H0428" family.

<sup>19</sup> Benjamin|strong="H1144" was|strong="H0802" also|strong="H1144" with|strong="H0802" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290". Benjamin|strong="H1144" was|strong="H0802" Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H1121" Rachel's|strong="H7354" son|strong="H1121". ( Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H0802" also|strong="H1144" Rachel's|strong="H7354" son|strong="H1121", but|strong="H3290" he|strong="H0802" was|strong="H0802" already in|strong="H0802" Egypt.)

<sup>20</sup> In|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714", Joseph|strong="H3130" had|strong="H0834" two sons|strong="H3205", Manasseh|strong="H4519" and|strong="H0776" Ephraim|strong="H0669". ( Joseph's|strong="H3130" wife was|strong="H0834" Asenath|strong="H0621", the|strong="H0853" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H0776" Potiph-  
era|strong="H6319", the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H0776" On|strong="H0776".)

<sup>21</sup> Benjamin's|strong="H1144" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121"

Bela|strong="H1106", Beker|strong="H1071", Ash-  
bel|strong="H0788", Gera|strong="H1617", Naa-  
man|strong="H5283", Ehi|strong="H0278", Rosh|strong="H7220", Muppim|strong="H4649", Huppim|strong="H2650", and|strong="H1121" Ard|strong="H0714".

<sup>22</sup> These|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jacob|strong="H3290" from|strong="H5315" his|strong="H3605" wife Rachel|strong="H7354". There|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0834" 14 people|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5315" this|strong="H0428" family.

<sup>23</sup> Dan's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Hushim|strong="H2366".

<sup>24</sup> Naphtali's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Jahziel|strong="H3183", Gu-  
ni|strong="H1476", Jezer|strong="H3337", and|strong="H1121" Shillem|strong="H8006".

<sup>25</sup> These|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H1121" Bilhah|strong="H1090". ( Bil-  
hah|strong="H1090" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" maid that|strong="H0834" La-  
ban|strong="H3837" had|strong="H0834" giv-  
en|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" his|strong="H3605" daughter|strong="H1323" Rachel|strong="H7354".) There|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0834" seven|strong="H7651" peo-  
ple|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5315" this|strong="H0428" family.

<sup>26</sup> The|strong="H3605" total|strong="H3605" num-  
ber|strong="H5315" of|strong="H1121" Ja-  
cob's|strong="H3290" direct|strong="H3409" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" went|strong="H3318" with|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714" was|strong="H0802" 66 peo-  
ple|strong="H1121". ( The|strong="H3605" wives|strong="H0802" of|strong="H1121" Ja-  
cob's|strong="H3290" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" not|strong="H5315" counted in|strong="H0935" this|strong="H3605" num-  
ber|strong="H5315".) <sup>27</sup> Also|strong="H0935", Joseph|strong="H3130" had|strong="H0834" two|strong="H8147" sons|strong="H1121" in|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714". With|strong="H1004" these|strong="H3605" two|strong="H8147" grandsons|strong="H1121", Ja-  
cob's|strong="H3290" family|strong="H1004" in|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714" numbered 70 people|strong="H1121" in|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605".

Israel Arrives in Egypt

28 Jacob sent Judah to speak to Joseph. Judah went to Joseph in the land of Goshen. Then and his people followed to the land. 29 Joseph learned that his father was coming. So he prepared his chariot and went out to meet his father, Israel, in Goshen. When Joseph saw his father, he hugged his neck and cried for a long time.

30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now I die, but you will see my face, and I will still be alive."

31 Joseph said to his brothers, "I will go to my father and tell him that you are here. I will say to Pharaoh, 'My

brothers and the rest of my father's family have left the land of Canaan and have come here to me.' They are a family of shepherds. They have kept sheep and cattle. They have brought all their animals and everything they own with them." 33 When Pharaoh calls you, he will ask, 'What work do you do?' 34 You tell him, 'We are shepherds. All our lives we have been shepherds, and our ancestors were shepherds before us.' Then Pharaoh will allow you to live in the land of Goshen. Egyptians don't like shepherds, so it is better that you stay in Goshen."

Israel Settles in Goshen

47 Joseph went to Pharaoh and said, "My father and my brothers and I are shepherds. We are from the land of Goshen."

lies |strong="H0001" are |strong="H0834" here |strong="H2005". They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" animals and |strong="H0935" everything |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" own from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667" with |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0935". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" now |strong="H2005" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Goshen |strong="H1657".<sup>2</sup> Joseph chose five |strong="H2568" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3947" brothers |strong="H0251" to |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0376" him |strong="H6440" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Pharaoh |strong="H6547".

<sup>3</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" brothers |strong="H0251", " What |strong="H4100" work |strong="H4639" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100"?"

The |strong="H0559" brothers |strong="H0251" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", "Sir, we |strong="H0587" are |strong="H4100" shepherds |strong="H7462", just |strong="H1571" as |strong="H1571" our |strong="H5650" ancestors |strong="H0001" were |strong="H5650" shepherds |strong="H7462" before |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413".<sup>4</sup>

They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", " The |strong="H0559" famine |strong="H7458" is |strong="H0369" very |strong="H6258" bad in |strong="H3427" Canaan |strong="H3667". There |strong="H0369" are |strong="H0834" no |strong="H0369" fields left |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0413" grass for |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3588" animals, so |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H6258" land |strong="H0776". We |strong="H3588" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H4994" us |strong="H4994" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Goshen |strong="H1657".<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H0935" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joseph |strong="H3130", " Your |strong="H0935" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" brothers |strong="H0251" have |strong="H0001" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935".<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0518" choose

any |strong="H0376" place |strong="H7760" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714" for |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H5921" live |strong="H3427". Give |strong="H7760" your |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5921" brothers |strong="H0251" the |strong="H0853" best |strong="H4315" land |strong="H0776". Let |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0853" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Goshen |strong="H1657". And |strong="H0776" if |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" skilled shepherds, they |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0518" also |strong="H0853" care |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" my |strong="H7760" cattle |strong="H4735".<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joseph |strong="H3130" called his |strong="H0935" father |strong="H0001" Jacob |strong="H3290" to |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H6440" Pharaoh |strong="H6547". Jacob |strong="H3290" blessed |strong="H1288" Pharaoh |strong="H6547".

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " How |strong="H4100" old |strong="H8141" are |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117"?"

<sup>9</sup> Jacob |strong="H3290" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", " I |strong="H3117" have |strong="H1961" had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" short life |strong="H3117" with |strong="H0413" many troubles. I |strong="H3117" am |strong="H1961" only 130 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H8141". My |strong="H1961" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H3967" his |strong="H1961" ancestors |strong="H0001" lived |strong="H2416" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" much older than |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3117" am |strong="H1961".<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H3318" Jacob |strong="H3290" blessed |strong="H1288" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H6440" left |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" his |strong="H6440" meeting with |strong="H3318" him |strong="H0853".

<sup>11</sup> Joseph |strong="H3130" did |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said and |strong="H0776" gave |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0776" brothers |strong="H0251" land |strong="H0776" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714". It |strong="H5414" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" best |strong="H4315" land |strong="H0776"

in|strong="H3427" Egypt|strong="H4714", in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" eastern part of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" country|strong="H0776", around Rameses|strong="H7486".<sup>12</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" also|strong="H0853" gave his|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001", his|strong="H3605" brothers|strong="H0251", and|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" people the|strong="H3605" food|strong="H3899" they|strong="H3605" needed.

**Joseph|strong="H3130" Buys Land for|strong="H1004" Pharaoh**

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3605" famine|strong="H7458" got worse; there|strong="H0369" was|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" food|strong="H3899" anywhere|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776". Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667" became very|strong="H3966" poor because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0776" this|strong="H3588" bad time.<sup>14</sup> People|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" bought|strong="H7666" more and|strong="H0935" more grain|strong="H7668". Joseph|strong="H3130" saved the|strong="H3605" money|strong="H3701" and|strong="H0935" brought|strong="H0935" it|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0935" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" house|strong="H1004".<sup>15</sup> After|strong="H0413" some|strong="H3605" time, the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776" in|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H0935" Canaan|strong="H3667" had|strong="H3588" no|strong="H3605" money|strong="H3701" left|strong="H0935". They|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3588" spent|strong="H8552" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" money|strong="H3701" to|strong="H0413" buy grain|strong="H3605". So|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Joseph|strong="H3130" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", "Please give|strong="H3051" us|strong="H0413" food|strong="H3899". Our|strong="H3605" money|strong="H3701" is|strong="H4100" gone|strong="H0935". If|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" don't eat, we|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" die|strong="H4191" while|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H4100" watching."

<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H0518" Joseph|strong="H3130" answered|strong="H0559", "Give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" cattle|strong="H4735", and|strong="H3701"

I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" food."<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1931" used|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3605" cattle|strong="H1241" and|strong="H0935" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" animals to|strong="H0413" buy food|strong="H3899". And|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3605" year|strong="H8141", Joseph|strong="H3130" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" food|strong="H3899" and|strong="H0935" took|strong="H0853" their|strong="H3605" animals.

<sup>18</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H8145" year|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808" had|strong="H3588" no|strong="H3808" animals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H0935" nothing|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" buy food with|strong="H0413". So|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3588" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Joseph|strong="H3808" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", "You|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0518" no|strong="H3808" money|strong="H3701" left|strong="H7604", and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H8552" our|strong="H3588" animals|strong="H0929" belong to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588". So|strong="H3808" we|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0518" nothing|strong="H3808" left|strong="H7604"—only|strong="H0518" what|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" see|strong="H0935"—our|strong="H3588" bodies|strong="H1472" and|strong="H0935" our|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0127".<sup>19</sup> Surely|strong="H4191" we|strong="H0587" will|strong="H1961" die|strong="H4191" while|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5414" are|strong="H4100" watching|strong="H5869". But|strong="H3808" if|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" food|strong="H3899", we|strong="H0587" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" our|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0127", and|strong="H5869" we|strong="H0587" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" his|strong="H5414" slaves|strong="H5650". Give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" seed|strong="H2233" so|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3808" we|strong="H0587" can|strong="H4100" plant. Then|strong="H1961" we|strong="H0587" will|strong="H1961" live|strong="H2421" and|strong="H5869" not|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191", and|strong="H5869"

the land will grow food for us again.

<sup>20</sup> So Joseph bought all the land in Egypt for Pharaoh. All the people of Egypt sold to Joseph their fields. They did this because they were very hungry. And everywhere in Egypt all the people became Pharaoh's slaves.

The land only Joseph didn't buy was the land that the priests owned. The priests didn't need to sell their land because Pharaoh paid them for their work. So they used this money to buy food to eat.

<sup>23</sup> Joseph said to the people, "Now I bought you and your land for Pharaoh. So I will give you seed, and you can plant your fields. At harvest time, you must give one-fifth of your crops to Pharaoh. You

can keep four-fifths for yourselves. You can use the seed you keep for food and planting the next year. Now you can feed your families and your children.

<sup>25</sup> The people said, "You have saved our lives. We are happy to be slaves to Pharaoh."

<sup>26</sup> So Joseph made a law at that time. The law says that one-fifth of the land belongs to Pharaoh who owns all the land. The land he does not own is the land of the priests.

**Don't Bury Me in Egypt**

<sup>27</sup> Israel stayed in Egypt. He lived in Goshen. His family grew very large. They became landowners and did very well.

<sup>28</sup> Jacob lived in Egypt 17 years, so

he |strong="H3117" was |strong="H1961" 147 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H8141".<sup>29</sup> The |strong="H0559" time |strong="H3117" came |strong="H7126" when |strong="H3117" Israel |strong="H3478" knew he |strong="H0518" would |strong="H3478" soon |strong="H7126" die |strong="H4191", so |strong="H6213" he |strong="H0518" called |strong="H7121" his |strong="H7760" son |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H7121". He |strong="H0518" said |strong="H0559", " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" love |strong="H2617" me |strong="H4994", put |strong="H4191" your |strong="H7760" hand |strong="H3027" under |strong="H8478" my |strong="H7760" leg and |strong="H1121" make |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" promise |strong="H0559".<sup>1</sup> Promise |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3478" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H6213" I |strong="H0518" say |strong="H0559" and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H4191" truthful |strong="H0571" with |strong="H4714" me |strong="H4994". When |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0518" die |strong="H4191", don't |strong="H0408" bury |strong="H6912" me |strong="H4994" in |strong="H3478" Egypt |strong="H4714".<sup>30</sup> Bury |strong="H6912" me |strong="H5973" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0559" place |strong="H6900" where my |strong="H5375" ancestors |strong="H0001" are |strong="H1697" buried |strong="H6912". Carry |strong="H5375" me |strong="H5973" out |strong="H6213" of |strong="H1697" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H4714" bury |strong="H6912" me |strong="H5973" in |strong="H6912" our |strong="H5973" family |strong="H0001" grave |strong="H6900"."

Joseph answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0595" promise |strong="H1697" that |strong="H1697" I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H4714" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H1697" you |strong="H5973" say |strong="H0559"."

<sup>31</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Jacob |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "Make a |strong="H5921" vow |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921". And |strong="H3478" Joseph |strong="H7650" vowed |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0559" he |strong="H5921" would |strong="H3478" do |strong="H7650" this. Then |strong="H0559" Israel |strong="H3478" laid

his |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218" back down |strong="H7812" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" bed |strong="H4296".<sup>II</sup>

### Blessings for Manasseh and Ephraim

**48** Some |strong="H0428" time |strong="H1961" later |strong="H0310" Joseph |strong="H3130" learned that |strong="H1697" his |strong="H3947" father |strong="H0001" was |strong="H1961" very sick |strong="H2470". So |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0310" took |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121", Manasseh |strong="H4519" and |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669", and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3947" father |strong="H0001".<sup>2</sup> When |strong="H0935" Joseph |strong="H3130" arrived |strong="H0935", someone told |strong="H5046" Israel |strong="H3478", " Your |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130" has |strong="H3478" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H2009" you |strong="H5921". Is- rael |strong="H3478" was |strong="H3478" very weak, but |strong="H2388" he |strong="H5921" tried hard and |strong="H1121" sat |strong="H3427" up |strong="H5921" in |strong="H3427" his |strong="H5921" bed |strong="H4296".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Israel said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joseph |strong="H3130", " God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful ap- peared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" at |strong="H0413" Luz |strong="H3870" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667". God |strong="H0410" blessed |strong="H1288" me |strong="H0413" there.<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H0310" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", ' I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" great fami- ly |strong="H2233". I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0776" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" many |strong="H7235" chil- dren |strong="H2233" and |strong="H0776" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" a |strong="H5414" great peo- ple |strong="H5971". Your |strong="H5414" fami- ly |strong="H2233" will |strong="H0776" own |strong="H5769" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" forever |strong="H5769".<sup>5</sup> Now |strong="H6258" you |strong="H5704" have |strong="H1961" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121". These |strong="H1992" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121"

I PUT YOUR HAND ... MAKE A PROMISE This was a sign of a very im- portant promise that Jacob trusted Joseph to keep.

II THEN ISRAEL ... ON THE BED Or "Then Israel bowed down at the head of his bed" or "Then Israel worshiped on the head of the staff."



were born here in the country of Egypt before I came to you. Your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, will be like my sons. They will be like Reuben and Simeon to me. So these two boys will be my sons. They will share in everything I own. But if you have other sons, they will be your sons. But they will be like my sons to Ephraim and Manasseh— that is, in the future, they will share in everything that Ephraim and Manasseh own.<sup>7</sup> On the trip from Paddan Aram, Rachel died in the land of Canaan. This made me very sad. We were still traveling toward Ephrath. I buried her there on the road to Ephrath." (Ephrath is Bethlehem.)

<sup>8</sup> Then Israel saw Joseph's sons. Israel

said, "Who are these boys?"

<sup>9</sup> Joseph said to his father, "These are my sons. These are the boys God gave me."

Israel said, "Bring your sons to me. I will bless them."

<sup>10</sup> Israel was old and his eyes were not good. So Joseph brought the boys close to his father. Israel kissed and hugged the boys.<sup>11</sup> Then Israel said to Joseph, "I never saw your face again. But God has let me see you and your children."

<sup>12</sup> Then Joseph took the boys off Israel's lap, and bowed down in front of his father.<sup>13</sup> Joseph put Ephraim on his right side and Manasseh on his left side. (So Ephraim was on Israel's left side, and Manasseh was on Israel's right side.)<sup>14</sup> But Israel crossed

his|strong="H5921" hands|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3478" put|strong="H7971" his|strong="H5921" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" head|strong="H7218" of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" younger|strong="H6810" boy Ephraim|strong="H0669". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H1931" put|strong="H7971" his|strong="H5921" left|strong="H8040" hand|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" Manasseh|strong="H4519", even|strong="H3588" though|strong="H3588" Manasseh|strong="H4519" was|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" first-born|strong="H1060".<sup>15</sup> And|strong="H1980" Israel blessed|strong="H1288" Joseph|strong="H3130" and|strong="H1980" said|strong="H0559", " My|strong="H0834" ancestors|strong="H0001", Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="H1980" Isaac|strong="H3327", worshiped our|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430", and|strong="H1980" that|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" led|strong="H1980" me|strong="H6440" all|strong="H5704" my|strong="H0834" life|strong="H3117".

<sup>16</sup> He|strong="H0853" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3605" Angel|strong="H4397" who|strong="H3605" saved me|strong="H7121" from|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" troubles.

And|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0776" pray|strong="H7121" that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0853" will|strong="H0776" bless|strong="H1288" these|strong="H3605" boys|strong="H5288".

Now|strong="H3327" they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0001" my|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0776" our|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001", Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="H0776" Isaac|strong="H3327".

I|strong="H0776" pray|strong="H7121" that|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" grow|strong="H1288" to|strong="H4397" become|strong="H7121" great|strong="H7230" families|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0776" nations|strong="H0776" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>17</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" his|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" put|strong="H5493" his|strong="H5921" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" Ephraim's|strong="H0669" head|strong="H7218". This|strong="H3588" didn't make|strong="H7896"

Joseph|strong="H3130" happy. Joseph|strong="H3130" took|strong="H5493" his|strong="H5921" father's|strong="H0001" hand|strong="H3027" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" wanted to|strong="H5921" move|strong="H5493" it|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5493" Ephraim's|strong="H0669" head|strong="H7218" and|strong="H3027" put|strong="H5493" it|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" Manasseh's|strong="H4519" head|strong="H7218".<sup>18</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001", " You|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0001" your|strong="H5921" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3225" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" wrong boy. Manasseh is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" first-born|strong="H1060". Put|strong="H7760" your|strong="H5921" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3225" on|strong="H5921" him|strong="H0413"."

<sup>19</sup> But|strong="H0199" his|strong="H1961" father|strong="H0001" refused|strong="H3985" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045", son|strong="H1121". I|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045". Manasseh is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0559" firstborn. He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" great|strong="H1431" and|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1121" many people|strong="H5971". But|strong="H0199" his|strong="H1961" younger|strong="H6996" brother|strong="H0251" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" greater|strong="H1431" than|strong="H4480" he|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931". And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" younger|strong="H6996" brother's|strong="H0251" family|strong="H0001" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" much larger."

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H7760" Israel|strong="H3478" blessed|strong="H1288" them|strong="H0853" that|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117". He|strong="H1931" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" will|strong="H0430" use|strong="H1931" your|strong="H7760" names whenever|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3117" bless|strong="H1288" someone.

They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H0430" say|strong="H0559", ' May|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" make|strong="H7760" you|strong="H6440"

like|strong="H3478" Ephraim|strong="H0669" and|strong="H3478" Manasseh|strong="H4519"."

In|strong="H0430" this|strong="H1931" way|strong="H6440" Israel|strong="H3478" made|strong="H7760" Ephraim|strong="H0669" greater than Manasseh|strong="H4519".

21 Then|strong="H1961" Israel|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joseph|strong="H3130", " Look|strong="H2009", my|strong="H1961" time|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" die|strong="H4191" is|strong="H0776" almost here|strong="H2009", but|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" still|strong="H7725" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H7725". He|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" lead|strong="H0413" you|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H7725" ancestors|strong="H0001". 22 I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0259" portion|strong="H7926" more|strong="H5921" than|strong="H5921" I|strong="H0589" gave|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5414" brothers|strong="H0251". I|strong="H0589" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" land that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" won from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" Amorites|strong="H0567". I|strong="H0589" used|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" sword|strong="H2719" and|strong="H3027" bow|strong="H7198" to|strong="H5921" take|strong="H3947" that|strong="H0834" land."

#### Jacob Blesses His Sons

49 Then|strong="H0853" Jacob|strong="H3290" called|strong="H7121" all|strong="H3117" his|strong="H0834" sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", " My|strong="H0834" sons|strong="H1121", come|strong="H0319" here to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" happen|strong="H7122" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" future|strong="H0319".

2 " Children|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jacob|strong="H3290", gather|strong="H6908" around.

Come listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" Israel|strong="H3478", your|strong="H8085" father|strong="H0001".

#### Reuben

3 " Reuben|strong="H7205", my first|strong="H7225" son, you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0859" my strength|strong="H3581",

the|strong="H7205" first|strong="H7225" proof of|strong="H1060" my manhood.

You|strong="H0859" were the|strong="H7205" most|strong="H1060" honored

and|strong="H7205" powerful of|strong="H1060" all my sons.

4 But|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" passion was|strong="H4325" like|strong="H5927" a|strong="H3588" flood|strong="H4325" you|strong="H3588" couldn't control.

So|strong="H5927" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4325" not|strong="H0408" remain|strong="H3498" my|strong="H3588" most honored son.

You|strong="H3588" climbed|strong="H5927" into|strong="H4325" your|strong="H3588" father's|strong="H0001" bed|strong="H4904"

and|strong="H0001" slept with|strong="H0001" one|strong="H0408" of|strong="H0001" his|strong="H3588" wives.

You|strong="H3588" brought|strong="H5927" shame to|strong="H0001" my|strong="H3588" bed|strong="H4904",

to|strong="H0001" the|strong="H3588" bed|strong="H4904" you|strong="H3588" lay on|strong="H4904".

#### Simeon and|strong="H0001" Levi

5 " Simeon|strong="H8095" and|strong="H0251" Levi|strong="H3878" are|strong="H3627" brothers|strong="H0251".

They are|strong="H3627" violent|strong="H2555" with|strong="H3627" their swords|strong="H4380".

6 I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H0408" join their|strong="H3588" secret|strong="H5475" meetings.

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H0408" take|strong="H0935" part in|strong="H0935" their|strong="H3588" evil plans|strong="H5475".

They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0376" killed|strong="H2026" people|strong="H0376" out|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" anger|strong="H0639"

and|strong="H0935" crippled animals for|strong="H3588" fun.

7 Their|strong="H3588" anger|strong="H0639" is|strong="H0639" so|strong="H3588" strong|strong="H5794" that|strong="H3588" it|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0639" a|strong="H3588" curse|strong="H0779".

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3478" too cruel|strong="H7185" when|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3478" angry|strong="H0639".

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3588" get their|strong="H3588" own land in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3588" land of|strong="H0639" Jacob|strong="H3290".

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" spread|strong="H6327" throughout Israel|strong="H3478".

### Judah

8 " Judah|strong="H3063", your|strong="H3027" brothers|strong="H0251" will|strong="H1121" praise|strong="H3034" you|strong="H0859".

You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H1121" defeat your|strong="H3027" enemies|strong="H0341".

Your|strong="H3027" brothers|strong="H0251" will|strong="H1121" bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0859".

9 Judah|strong="H3063" is|strong="H4310" like|strong="H5927" a|strong="H5927" young|strong="H1121" lion|strong="H0738".

My|strong="H6965" son|strong="H1121", you|strong="H6965" are|strong="H1121" like|strong="H5927" a|strong="H5927" lion|strong="H0738" standing over|strong="H6965" the|strong="H5927" animal it|strong="H0738" killed.

Like|strong="H5927" a|strong="H5927" lion|strong="H0738", Judah|strong="H3063" lies|strong="H7257" down|strong="H7257" to|strong="H1121" rest|strong="H7257", and|strong="H1121" no|strong="H4310" one|strong="H1121" is|strong="H4310" brave enough to|strong="H1121" disturb him|strong="H1121".

10 Men|strong="H5971" from|strong="H5493" Judah's|strong="H3063" family will|strong="H3063" be|strong="H3808" kings.

The|strong="H3588" sign that|strong="H3588" his|strong="H0935" family rules will|strong="H3063" not|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H5493" his|strong="H0935" family before|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3588" real king comes|strong="H0935". I

Then|strong="H0935" many people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3063" obey and|strong="H0935" serve him|strong="H0935".

11 He|strong="H1121" ties|strong="H0631" his|strong="H3526" donkeys|strong="H0860" to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" best grapevines.

He|strong="H1121" washes|strong="H3526" his|strong="H3526" clothes|strong="H3830"

I BEFORE THE REAL KING COMES Or "until Shiloh comes," "until the man it belongs to comes," or "until his tribute comes."

in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" best wine|strong="H3196".

12 His|strong="H5869" eyes|strong="H5869" are|strong="H5869" red from|strong="H5869" drinking wine|strong="H3196".

His|strong="H5869" teeth|strong="H8127" are|strong="H5869" white|strong="H3836" from|strong="H5869" drinking milk|strong="H2461". II

### Zebulun

13 " Zebulun|strong="H2074" will|strong="H1931" live|strong="H7931" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" sea|strong="H3220".

His|strong="H5921" seacoast will|strong="H1931" be|strong="H3220" a|strong="H5921" safe place|strong="H3220" for|strong="H5921" ships|strong="H0591".

His|strong="H5921" land will|strong="H1931" continue|strong="H7931" as far|strong="H5921" as the|strong="H5921" city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H5921" Sidon|strong="H6721".

### Issachar

14 " Issachar|strong="H3485" is|strong="H3485" like a|strong="H0996" donkey|strong="H2543" that|strong="H2543" has worked too hard.

He will lie|strong="H7257" down|strong="H7257" under his|strong="H0996" heavy load.

15 He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" see|strong="H7200" his|strong="H1961" land|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0776" pleasant|strong="H5276"

and|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3588" his|strong="H1961" resting|strong="H4496" place|strong="H1961" is|strong="H0776" good|strong="H2896".

But|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" agree to|strong="H1961" carry|strong="H5445" heavy loads;

he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" agree to|strong="H1961" work|strong="H5647" as|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" slave|strong="H5647".

### Dan

16 " Dan|strong="H1835" III will|strong="H3478" rule his|strong="H3478" people|strong="H5971" as|strong="H0259" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H7626" the|strong="H1777" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H7626" Israel|strong="H3478".

II Or "10 \* The ruler's scepter will not pass from between Judah's feet before he gets what is his, that is, the people's obedience. 11 \* His young donkey will be tied to the very best grapevines. He will wash his finest clothes in wine, the blood of grapes. 12 \* His eyes will be redder than wine, his teeth whiter than milk." III DAN This name means "judge" and is a wordplay with "rule."

17 Dan *will* *be* *like* *a* *snake* *at* *the* *side* *of* *the* *road*.

He *will* *be* *like* *a* *dangerous* *snake* *lying* *near* *the* *path*.

That *snake* *bites* *a* *horse's* *foot*,

and *the* *riding* *falls* *to* *the* *ground*.

18 " LORD, I *am* *waiting* *for* *your* *salvation*.

#### Gad

19 " A *group* *of* *robbers* *will* *attack*

Gad,

but *Gad* *will* *chase* *them* *away*.

#### Asher

20 " Asher's *land* *will* *grow* *much* *good* *food*.

He *will* *have* *food* *fit* *for* *a* *king*.

#### Naphtali

21 " Naphtali *is* *like* *a* *deer* *running* *free*,

and *his* *words* *are* *beautiful*.

#### Joseph

22 " Joseph *is* *like* *a* *wild* *donkey*, *like* *a*

*young* *donkey* *by* *a* *spring*,

*like* *colts* *grazing* *in* *a* *pasture*. II

I A GROUP OF ROBBERS WILL ATTACK The Hebrew words for "group of robbers" and "attack" sound like the name Gad. II Or "Joseph is very successful. Joseph is like a vine covered with fruit, like a vine growing by a spring, like a vine growing along a fence."

23 People attacked him and *made* *life* *hard* *for* *him*.

Men *with* *arrows* *became* *his* *enemies*.

24 But *he* *won* *the* *fight*

*with* *his* *mighty* *bow* *and* *his* *skillful* *arms*.

He *gets* *power* *from* *the* *Mighty* *One* *of* *Jacob*,

*from* *the* *Shepherd* *Rock* *of* *Israel*,

25 *the* *God* *of* *your* *father* *who* *helps* *you*.

May *God* *All-Powerful* *bless* *you* *and* *give* *you* *blessings*

*from* *the* *sky* *above* *and* *from* *the* *deep* *below*.

May *he* *give* *you* *blessings* *from* *his* *womb* *and* *his* *womb*.

26 My *parents* *had* *many* *good* *things* *to* *them*.

And *I* *your* *father* *was* *blessed* *even* *more*.

Your *brothers* *left* *you* *with* *nothing*.

But *now* *I* *my* *blessings* *on* *you*, *as* *high* *as* *a* *mountain*.

#### Benjamin

27 " Benjamin *is* *like* *a* *hungry* *wolf*.

In|strong="H1144" the|strong="H0398" morning|strong="H1242" he|strong="H6153" kills and|strong="H0398" eats|strong="H0398".

In|strong="H1144" the|strong="H0398" evening|strong="H6153" he|strong="H6153" shares what is|strong="H7998" left."

<sup>28</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" twelve|strong="H6240" families|strong="H0001" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478". And|strong="H3478" this|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" their|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" them|strong="H0853". He|strong="H0834" gave each|strong="H0834" son a|strong="H1696" blessing|strong="H1293" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" right for|strong="H3605" him|strong="H0853". <sup>29</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Israel|strong="H5971" gave|strong="H6680" them|strong="H0413" a|strong="H0834" command|strong="H6680". He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "When|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" die|strong="H0622", I|strong="H0589" want to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0001" with|strong="H0413" my|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971". I|strong="H0589" want to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0001" buried|strong="H6912" with|strong="H0413" my|strong="H0834" ancestors|strong="H0001" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" cave|strong="H4631" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" of|strong="H0001" Ephron|strong="H6085" the|strong="H0853" Hittite|strong="H2850". <sup>30</sup> That|strong="H0834" cave|strong="H4631" is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" of|strong="H0776" Machpelah|strong="H4375" near|strong="H6440" Mamre|strong="H4471" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667". Abraham|strong="H0085" bought|strong="H7069" that|strong="H0834" field|strong="H7704" from|strong="H5921" Ephron|strong="H6085" so|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" could have|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" burying place|strong="H6913". <sup>31</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="H0802" his|strong="H3327" wife|strong="H0802" Sarah|strong="H8283" are|strong="H0802" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H6912" that|strong="H8033" cave. Isaac|strong="H3327" and|strong="H0802" his|strong="H3327" wife|strong="H0802" Rebekah|strong="H7259" are|strong="H0802" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H6912" that|strong="H8033" cave. I|strong="H8033"

buried|strong="H6912" my|strong="H6912" wife|strong="H0802" Leah|strong="H3812" in|strong="H6912" that|strong="H8033" cave. <sup>32</sup> That|strong="H0834" cave|strong="H4631" is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" bought from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Hittites." <sup>33</sup> After|strong="H0413" Jacob|strong="H3290" finished|strong="H3615" talking to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H6680" sons|strong="H1121", he|strong="H0853" lay|strong="H1121" down|strong="H6680", put|strong="H0622" his|strong="H6680" feet|strong="H7272" back|strong="H0413" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" bed|strong="H4296", and|strong="H1121" died|strong="H1478".

### Jacob's Funeral

<sup>50</sup> When|strong="H5307" Israel died|strong="H5307", Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H3130" very sad. He|strong="H5921" hugged|strong="H5307" his|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0001" cried|strong="H1058" over|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0001" kissed|strong="H5401" him|strong="H5921". <sup>2</sup> Joseph|strong="H3130" commanded|strong="H6680" his|strong="H6680" servants|strong="H5650" to|strong="H3478" prepare his|strong="H6680" father's|strong="H0001" body. (These servants|strong="H5650" were|strong="H3478" doctors.) The|strong="H0853" doctors prepared Jacob's body to|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" buried. They|strong="H3478" prepared the|strong="H0853" body in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" special way of|strong="H0001" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians. <sup>3</sup> When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4713" prepared the|strong="H0853" body in|strong="H3117" this|strong="H3651" special way|strong="H3651", they|strong="H3588" waited 40 days|strong="H3117" before|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3588" buried the|strong="H0853" body. Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4713" had|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" special time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" sadness for|strong="H3588" Jacob. This|strong="H3651" time|strong="H3117" was|strong="H3117" 70 days|strong="H3117".

<sup>4</sup> After|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1004" sadness was|strong="H1004" finished, Joseph|strong="H3130" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" officers and|strong="H1004" said|strong="H0559", "Please|strong="H4994" tell|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3117" to|strong="H0413"

Pharaoh |strong="H6547": 5 ' When |strong="H0834" my |strong="H7725" father |strong="H0001" was |strong="H0834" near |strong="H8033" death |strong="H4191", I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7650" a |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0853". I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0559" bury |strong="H6912" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0834" cave in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667". This |strong="H6258" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" cave that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" prepared for |strong="H0776" himself. So |strong="H5927" please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H4994" go |strong="H5927" and |strong="H0776" bury |strong="H6912" my |strong="H7725" father |strong="H0001". Then |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H5927" back |strong="H7725" here |strong="H2009" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834"."

6 Pharaoh |strong="H6547" answered |strong="H0559", "Keep your |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H7650". Go |strong="H5927" and |strong="H0001" bury |strong="H6912" your |strong="H0834" father |strong="H0001"."

7 So |strong="H5927" Joseph |strong="H3130" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H4714" bury |strong="H6912" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001". All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" officials |strong="H5650", personal advisors, and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" older |strong="H2205" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" went |strong="H5927" with |strong="H0854" Joseph |strong="H3130". 8 All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5800" in |strong="H1004" Joseph's |strong="H3130" family |strong="H1004", his |strong="H3605" brothers |strong="H0251", and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5800" in |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H1004" went |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" him |strong="H3605". Only |strong="H7535" the |strong="H3605" children |strong="H2945" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" animals stayed in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Goshen |strong="H1657". 9 So |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" large |strong="H3515" crowd

of |strong="H4264" people with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973". There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" even |strong="H1571" a |strong="H1961" group of |strong="H4264" soldiers |strong="H5927" riding in |strong="H1571" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H7393" some on |strong="H1961" horses |strong="H6571".

10 They |strong="H0834" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Goren Atad |strong="H0329", I east |strong="H5676" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". There |strong="H8033" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0935" long |strong="H5704" funeral service for |strong="H3117" Israel, which |strong="H0834" continued for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". 11 When |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Canaan saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" funeral service at |strong="H3427" Goren Atad |strong="H0329", they |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7200" time of |strong="H0776" great |strong="H3515" sorrow |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" those |strong="H0834" Egyptians |strong="H4713". So |strong="H3651" now |strong="H2088" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H2088" across |strong="H5676" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0834" named |strong="H8034" Abel Mizraim. II

12 So |strong="H3651" Jacob's sons |strong="H1121" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" their |strong="H0834" father told |strong="H6680" them |strong="H6680". 13 They |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" his |strong="H5921" body to |strong="H5921" Canaan |strong="H3667" and |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" cave |strong="H4631" at |strong="H5921" Machpelah |strong="H4375". This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" cave |strong="H4631" near |strong="H6440" Mamre |strong="H4471" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704" that |strong="H0834" Abraham |strong="H0085" bought |strong="H7069" from |strong="H5921" Ephron |strong="H6085" the |strong="H0853" Hittite |strong="H2850". Abraham |strong="H0085" bought |strong="H7069" that |strong="H0834" cave |strong="H4631" to |strong="H5921" use |strong="H5375" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5375" burial |strong="H6913" place |strong="H6913". 14 Af-

I GOREN ATAD Or "Atad's threshing floor." II ABEL MIZRAIM This means "Egyptian time of sadness."

ter |strong="H0310" Joseph |strong="H3130" buried |strong="H6912" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001", he |strong="H1931" and |strong="H7725" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H3605" group with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0853" went |strong="H5927" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Egypt |strong="H4714".

**The |strong="H3605" Brothers |strong="H0251" Are |strong="H4714" Still |strong="H7725" Afraid of |strong="H0001" Joseph |strong="H3130"**

<sup>15</sup> After |strong="H3588" Jacob |strong="H0559" died |strong="H4191", Joseph's |strong="H3130" brothers |strong="H0251" were |strong="H0834" worried. They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" afraid that |strong="H0834" Joseph |strong="H3130" would |strong="H3863" still |strong="H7725" be |strong="H4191" mad at |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" for |strong="H3588" what |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H7451" years before. They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "Maybe Joseph |strong="H3130" still |strong="H7725" hates us |strong="H7725" for |strong="H3588" what |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" did |strong="H0834"." <sup>16</sup> So |strong="H6680" the |strong="H0559" brothers sent |strong="H6680" this message to |strong="H0413" Joseph |strong="H3130": " Before |strong="H6440" your |strong="H6440" father |strong="H0001" died |strong="H4194", he |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H6680" a |strong="H6680" message. <sup>17</sup> He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", ' Tell |strong="H0559" Joseph |strong="H3130" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" beg |strong="H0577" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" please |strong="H4994" forgive |strong="H5375" his |strong="H5375" brothers |strong="H0251" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" bad |strong="H7451" things they |strong="H3588" did |strong="H1580" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". So |strong="H3541" now |strong="H6258" Joseph |strong="H3130", we |strong="H3588" beg |strong="H0577" you |strong="H3588", please |strong="H4994" forgive |strong="H5375" us |strong="H4994" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" bad |strong="H7451" things we |strong="H3588" did |strong="H1580" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588". We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" servants |strong="H5650" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"

of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001"."

That |strong="H3588" message made |strong="H1696" Joseph |strong="H3130" very |strong="H6258" sad, and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H3588" cried |strong="H1058". <sup>18</sup> His |strong="H6440" brothers |strong="H0251" went |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H6440" and |strong="H5650" bowed |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" in |strong="H5650" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" him |strong="H6440". They |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "We will |strong="H1571" be |strong="H1571" your |strong="H6440" servants |strong="H5650"."

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" not |strong="H0408" God |strong="H0430"! I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0589" no |strong="H0408" right |strong="H8478" to |strong="H0413" punish you |strong="H3588". <sup>20</sup> It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H2088" true that |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0859" planned |strong="H2803" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H6213" something bad |strong="H7451" to |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921". But |strong="H0859" really |strong="H2088", God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0430" planning |strong="H2803" good |strong="H2896" things. God's |strong="H0430" plan |strong="H2803" was |strong="H0430" to |strong="H5921" use me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" save the |strong="H5921" lives |strong="H2421" of |strong="H0430" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971". And |strong="H0430" that |strong="H3117" is |strong="H2088" what |strong="H2088" happened. <sup>21</sup> So |strong="H6258" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372". I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3820" take care |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3820" your |strong="H5921" children |strong="H2945". And |strong="H3820" so |strong="H6258" Joseph said |strong="H1696" kind things to |strong="H1696" his |strong="H5921" brothers, and |strong="H3820" this |strong="H6258" made |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0853" feel better |strong="H5921". <sup>22</sup> Joseph |strong="H3130" continued to |strong="H4714" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714" with |strong="H1004" his |strong="H1931" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H1004". He |strong="H1931" died when |strong="H2421" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" 110



years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H8141". <sup>23</sup> During Joseph's |strong="H3130" life Ephraim |strong="H0669" had |strong="H3205" children |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" grandchildren |strong="H1121". And |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" had |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121" named Makir |strong="H4353". Joseph |strong="H3130" lived to |strong="H5921" see |strong="H7200" Makir's |strong="H4353" children |strong="H1121".

#### The |strong="H5921" Death of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130"

<sup>24</sup> When |strong="H0834" Joseph |strong="H3130" was |strong="H0834" near death |strong="H4191", he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0834" brothers |strong="H0251", " My |strong="H0834" time to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4191" is |strong="H0834" almost here |strong="H2063". But |strong="H4191" I |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" take |strong="H6485" care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0430" lead |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0776" this |strong="H2063" country |strong="H0776". God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" lead |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" he |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5927" Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H0430" Jacob |strong="H3290"."

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H2088" Joseph |strong="H3130" asked |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3478" people |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0559" make a |strong="H5927" promise |strong="H7650". Joseph |strong="H3130" said |strong="H0559", " Promise |strong="H7650" me |strong="H5927" that |strong="H2088" you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H0430" carry |strong="H5927" my |strong="H5927" bones |strong="H6106" with |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0853" when |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430" leads |strong="H5927" you |strong="H0853" out |strong="H0853" of |strong="H1121" Egypt."

<sup>26</sup> Joseph |strong="H3130" died |strong="H4191" in |strong="H8141" Egypt |strong="H4714" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0853" was |strong="H1121" 110 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". Doctors prepared his |strong="H4191" body |strong="H4191" for |strong="H4714" burial and |strong="H1121" put |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" body |strong="H4191" in |strong="H8141" a |strong="H4714" coffin |strong="H0727" in |strong="H8141" Egypt |strong="H4714".

# Exodus

## Jacob's Family in Egypt

**1** When *Israel* (*Jacob*) went to *Egypt*, his sons and their families went with him. Here are the names of those sons: *Reuben*, *Simeon*, *Levi*, *Judah*, *Issachar*, *Zebulun*, *Benjamin*, *Dan*, *Naphtali*, *Gad*, and *Asher*. Another son, *Joseph*, was already in *Egypt*. So *Jacob's* whole family was with him in *Egypt*—70 descendants in all.

**6** Later, *Joseph*, his brothers, and all the people that died, had their children, and their number grew until the *Egypt* was filled with them.

**Trouble for the Israelites**

**8** Then a new king began to rule *Egypt*. He did not

know *Joseph*. This king said to his people, "Look at the *Israelites*. There are too many of them, and they are stronger than we are!" We must make plans to stop them from growing stronger. If there is a war, they might join our enemies, defeat us, and escape from the land!

**11** The *Egyptians* decided to make life hard for the *Israelites*, so they put slave masters over the people. These masters forced the *Israelites* to build cities of *Pithom* and *Rameses* for the king. The king used these cities to store grain and other things.

**12** The *Egyptians* forced the *Israelites* to work harder and harder. But the harder they worked, the more the *Israelites* grew and spread,

and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" more |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians became |strong="H6555" afraid of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H0853".<sup>13</sup> So |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4713" made |strong="H5647" them |strong="H0853" work |strong="H5647" even |strong="H0853" harder.

<sup>14</sup> They |strong="H0834" made |strong="H4843" life |strong="H2416" hard |strong="H7186" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites. They |strong="H0834" forced the |strong="H3605" Israelites to |strong="H7704" work |strong="H5656" hard |strong="H7186" at |strong="H7704" making |strong="H3605" bricks |strong="H3843" and |strong="H7704" mortar and |strong="H7704" to |strong="H7704" work |strong="H5656" hard |strong="H7186" in |strong="H5656" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704". The |strong="H3605" Egyptians showed no |strong="H3605" mercy in |strong="H5656" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" hard |strong="H7186" work |strong="H5656" they |strong="H0834" made |strong="H4843" the |strong="H3605" Israelites do |strong="H5647".

#### The |strong="H3605" Nurses Who |strong="H0834" Followed God

<sup>15</sup> There |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" two |strong="H8145" Hebrew |strong="H5680"<sup>I</sup> nurses who |strong="H0834" helped the |strong="H0559" Israelite women |strong="H5680" give |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" named |strong="H8034" Shiphrah |strong="H8236" and |strong="H4428" Puah |strong="H6326". The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" nurses,<sup>16</sup> " You |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1121" continue to |strong="H0559" help |strong="H1323" the |strong="H0853" Hebrew |strong="H5680" women |strong="H1323" give |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121". If |strong="H0518" a |strong="H3205" girl |strong="H1323" baby |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1931" born |strong="H3205", let the |strong="H0853" baby |strong="H1121" live. But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" baby |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3205" boy, you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5921"!"

<sup>17</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" nurses trusted <sup>II</sup> God |strong="H0430", so |strong="H6213" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213"

<sup>I</sup> HEBREW Or "Israelite." This name might also mean "descendants of Eber" (read Genesis 10:25-31) or "people from beyond the

not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" command. They |strong="H0834" let |strong="H3808" all the |strong="H0853" baby boys |strong="H3206" live |strong="H2421".

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714" called |strong="H7121" for |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" nurses and |strong="H4428" asked |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", " Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088"? Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" let the |strong="H0853" baby boys |strong="H3206" live |strong="H2421"?"

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0559" nurses said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king, " The |strong="H0559" Hebrew |strong="H5680" women |strong="H0802" are |strong="H0802" much stronger than |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" Egyptian |strong="H4713" women |strong="H0802". They |strong="H3588" give |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" babies |strong="H0802" before |strong="H2962" we |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" help them |strong="H0413"."

<sup>20</sup> The nurses trusted God, so he was good to them and allowed them to have their own families.

The Hebrews continued to have more children, and they became very strong.<sup>22</sup> So |strong="H6680" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" gave |strong="H6680" this |strong="H3605" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3605" own people |strong="H5971": " If |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Hebrew women |strong="H1323" give |strong="H6680" birth to |strong="H0559" a |strong="H6680" baby |strong="H1121" girl |strong="H1323", let it |strong="H7993" live |strong="H2421". But |strong="H0559" if |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0559" have |strong="H1121" a |strong="H6680" baby |strong="H1121" boy, you |strong="H6680" must |strong="H1121" throw |strong="H7993" it |strong="H7993" into |strong="H7993" the |strong="H3605" Nile |strong="H2975" River |strong="H2975"."

#### Baby Moses

<sup>2</sup> There was |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Levi |strong="H3878" who |strong="H0376" decided to |strong="H0376"

Euphrates River." Also in verse 19. <sup>II</sup> TRUSTED Literally, "feared" or "respected." Also in verses 20-21.

marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H1323" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H1004" Levi|strong="H3878".<sup>12</sup> She|strong="H1931" became|strong="H3205" pregnant|strong="H2029" and|strong="H1121" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" a|strong="H3588" baby|strong="H1121" boy. The|strong="H0853" mother saw|strong="H7200" how|strong="H3588" beautiful the|strong="H0853" baby|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1931" and|strong="H1121" hid|strong="H6845" him|strong="H3205" for|strong="H3588" three|strong="H7969" months|strong="H3391".<sup>3</sup> She|strong="H3808" hid|strong="H6845" him|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" as|strong="H5750" long|strong="H5750" as|strong="H5750" she|strong="H3808" could|strong="H3201". After|strong="H5921" three months she|strong="H3808" made|strong="H7760" a|strong="H3947" basket|strong="H8392" and|strong="H0853" covered it|strong="H7760" with|strong="H5921" tar|strong="H2564" so|strong="H3947" that|strong="H3808" it|strong="H7760" would float. Then|strong="H3947" she|strong="H3808" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" baby in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" basket|strong="H8392" and|strong="H0853" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" basket|strong="H8392" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" river|strong="H2975" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tall grass.<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3045" baby's sister|strong="H0269" stayed and|strong="H3045" watched to|strong="H3045" see|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4100" would|strong="H4100" happen to|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3045" baby.

<sup>5</sup> Just then|strong="H1980", Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" daughter|strong="H1323" went|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" river|strong="H2975" to|strong="H1980" bathe|strong="H7364". She|strong="H1980" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" basket|strong="H8392" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tall grass. Her|strong="H7971" servants were|strong="H1323" walking|strong="H1980" beside|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" river|strong="H2975", so|strong="H1980" she|strong="H1980" told one|strong="H7200" of|strong="H1323" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H1980" go|strong="H1980" get|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" basket|strong="H8392".<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H0853" king's daughter opened|strong="H6605" the|strong="H0853" basket

and|strong="H7200" saw|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" baby boy|strong="H5288". The|strong="H0853" baby was|strong="H5288" crying|strong="H1058" and|strong="H7200" she felt sorry for|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". Then|strong="H2009" she noticed|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" it|strong="H5921" was|strong="H5288" one|strong="H2088" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Hebrew|strong="H5680"<sup>II</sup> babies.

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0853" baby's sister|strong="H0269" was|strong="H0802" still|strong="H0559" hiding. She|strong="H7121" stood and|strong="H0802" asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" king's daughter|strong="H1323", "Do you|strong="H0853" want me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" go find a|strong="H7121" Hebrew|strong="H5680" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0802" can nurse|strong="H3243" the|strong="H0853" baby and|strong="H0802" help|strong="H1323" you|strong="H0853" care for|strong="H7121" it|strong="H7121"?"

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" king's daughter|strong="H1323" said|strong="H0559", "Yes, please."

So|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0853" girl|strong="H1323" went and|strong="H6547" brought the|strong="H0853" baby's own mother|strong="H0517".

<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0853" king's daughter|strong="H1323" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" mother, "Take|strong="H3947" this|strong="H2088" baby and|strong="H0802" feed him|strong="H5414" for|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414". I'll pay|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" take|strong="H3947" care of|strong="H1323" him|strong="H5414"."

So|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802" took|strong="H3947" her|strong="H3947" baby and|strong="H0802" cared for|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414".<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0559" baby|strong="H1121" grew|strong="H1431", and|strong="H1121" after|strong="H4480" some|strong="H4480" time|strong="H1961", the|strong="H0559" woman|strong="H1323" gave|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" baby|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" king's daughter|strong="H1323". The|strong="H0559" king's daughter|strong="H1323" accepted the|strong="H0559" baby|strong="H1121" as|strong="H1961" her|strong="H0935" own|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121". She|strong="H3588" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H0935" Moses|strong="H4872"<sup>III</sup> be-

I WOMAN ... Levi Literally, "the daughter of Levi." See Exodus 6:20; Num. 26:59.

II HEBREW Or "Israelite." Also in verses 7, 11, 13. III MOSES This name is like a Hebrew word meaning "to pull or draw out."

cause |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" had |strong="H1961" pulled him |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325".

**Moses |strong="H4872" Helps His |strong="H1961" People |strong="H1121"**

11 Moses |strong="H4872" grew |strong="H1431" and |strong="H4872" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376". He |strong="H3117" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3117" his |strong="H1961" own |strong="H1961" people |strong="H0376", the |strong="H0413" Hebrews |strong="H5680", were |strong="H1961" forced to |strong="H0413" work very hard |strong="H5450". One |strong="H0376" day |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" saw |strong="H7200" an |strong="H1961" Egyptian |strong="H4713" man |strong="H0376" beating |strong="H5221" a |strong="H1961" Hebrew |strong="H5680" man |strong="H0376". 12 Moses |strong="H3588" looked |strong="H7200" around |strong="H6437" and |strong="H0376" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" was |strong="H0369" watching, so |strong="H3541" he |strong="H3588" killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Egyptian |strong="H4713" and |strong="H0376" buried |strong="H2934" him |strong="H5221" in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" sand |strong="H2344".

13 The |strong="H0559" next |strong="H8145" day |strong="H3117" Moses |strong="H0559" saw |strong="H2009" two |strong="H8147" Hebrew |strong="H5680" men |strong="H0376" fighting |strong="H5327" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H8145". He |strong="H3117" saw |strong="H2009" that |strong="H3117" one |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" was |strong="H0376" wrong and |strong="H3117" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5221", " Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" hurting your |strong="H5221" neighbor |strong="H7453"?"

14 The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" answered |strong="H0559", " Did |strong="H0834" anyone |strong="H0376" say |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" could |strong="H4310" be |strong="H0376" our |strong="H5921" ruler |strong="H8269" and |strong="H4872" judge |strong="H8199"? Tell |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921", will |strong="H4310" you |strong="H0859" kill |strong="H2026" me |strong="H5921" as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" killed |strong="H2026" the |strong="H0853" Egyptian |strong="H4713" yesterday |strong="H1"?"

Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H4872" was |strong="H0834" afraid |strong="H3372". He |strong="H0834" thought |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" himself |strong="H3045", " Now |strong="H0859" everyone |strong="H0376" knows |strong="H3045" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834"."

15 Pharaoh |strong="H6547" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" what |strong="H1697" Moses |strong="H4872" did, so |strong="H2088" he |strong="H0853" decided to |strong="H5921" kill |strong="H2026" him |strong="H5921". But |strong="H8085" Moses |strong="H4872" ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" from |strong="H5921" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H4872" went |strong="H6440" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Midian |strong="H4080".

**Moses |strong="H4872" in |strong="H3427" Midian |strong="H4080"**

Moses |strong="H4872" stopped near |strong="H6440" a |strong="H8085" well |strong="H0875" in |strong="H3427" Midian |strong="H4080". 16 There was |strong="H6629" a |strong="H0935" priest |strong="H3548" there who |strong="H3548" had |strong="H0001" seven |strong="H7651" daughters |strong="H1323". These girls came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" that |strong="H0935" well to |strong="H0935" get |strong="H0935" water |strong="H8248" for |strong="H4390" their |strong="H0935" father's |strong="H0001" sheep |strong="H6629". They |strong="H0935" were |strong="H1323" trying to |strong="H0935" fill |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H8248" trough with |strong="H4390" water |strong="H8248". 17 But |strong="H0935" there were |strong="H6629" some shepherds |strong="H7462" there who |strong="H3467" chased the |strong="H0853" girls away |strong="H1644" and |strong="H0935" would |strong="H4872" not |strong="H3467" let them |strong="H0853" get |strong="H6965" water |strong="H8248". So |strong="H6965" Moses |strong="H4872" helped |strong="H3467" the |strong="H0853" girls and |strong="H0935" gave |strong="H8248" water |strong="H8248" to |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" animals.

18 Then |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3117" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H0935" father |strong="H0001", Reuel |strong="H7467". II He |strong="H3117" asked |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " Why |strong="H4069" have |strong="H0001" you |strong="H3117"

I YESTERDAY This word is from the ancient Greek version. II REUEL He is also called Jethro.

come|strong="H0935" home|strong="H0001" early today|strong="H3117"?"

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0853" girls answered|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853" shepherds|strong="H7462" chased us|strong="H5337" away|strong="H5337", but|strong="H0376" an|strong="H0376" Egyptian|strong="H4713" rescued|strong="H5337" us|strong="H5337". He|strong="H0853" got water|strong="H8248" for|strong="H3027" us|strong="H5337" and|strong="H3027" gave|strong="H0559" it to|strong="H0559" our|strong="H5337" animals."

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H7121" Reuel said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0376" daughters|strong="H1323", " Where|strong="H0346" is|strong="H2088" this|strong="H2088" man|strong="H0376"? Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0853" leave|strong="H5800" him|strong="H0413"? Go invite|strong="H7121" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" eat|strong="H0398" with|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413"."

<sup>21</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" was|strong="H0376" happy to|strong="H5414" stay|strong="H3427" with|strong="H0854" that|strong="H5414" man|strong="H0376". Reuel let|strong="H5414" Moses|strong="H4872" marry|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" daughter|strong="H1323", Zipporah|strong="H6855". <sup>22</sup> Zipporah became|strong="H3205" pregnant and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121". Moses|strong="H0559" named|strong="H8034" him|strong="H3205" Gershom|strong="H1647"<sup>I</sup> because|strong="H3588" Moses|strong="H0559" was|strong="H8034" a|strong="H1961" stranger|strong="H1616" in|strong="H0776" a|strong="H1961" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3588" was|strong="H8034" not|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" own|strong="H1961".

### God|strong="H0559" Decides to|strong="H0559" Help Israel

<sup>23</sup> A|strong="H1961" long|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" passed|strong="H1961" and|strong="H1121" that|strong="H3117" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714" died|strong="H4191". But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0413" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H1961" still forced to|strong="H0413" work|strong="H5656" very|strong="H7227" hard. They|strong="H1992" cried|strong="H2199" for|strong="H0413" help|strong="H7775", and|strong="H1121" God|strong="H0430" heard them|strong="H0413". <sup>24</sup> God|strong="H0430" heard|strong="H8085"

<sup>I</sup> GERSHOM This name is like the Hebrew words meaning "a stranger there."

their|strong="H8085" painful cries and|strong="H0430" remembered|strong="H2142" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285" he|strong="H0430" made|strong="H8085" with|strong="H0854" Abraham|strong="H0085", Isaac|strong="H3327", and|strong="H0430" Jacob|strong="H3290". <sup>25</sup> God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" troubles|strong="H7200" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478", and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0430" knew|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3045" he|strong="H0430" would|strong="H3478" soon help them|strong="H0853".

### The Burning Bush

<sup>3</sup> Moses'|strong="H4872" father-in-law|strong="H2859" was|strong="H1961" named Jethro|strong="H3503". <sup>II</sup> Jethro|strong="H3503" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548" of|strong="H0430" Midian|strong="H4080". Moses|strong="H4872" took|strong="H0853" care|strong="H0310" of|strong="H0430" Jethro's sheep|strong="H6629". One|strong="H1961" day|strong="H4872" Moses|strong="H4872" led|strong="H5090" the|strong="H0853" sheep|strong="H6629" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" west|strong="H0310" side|strong="H0310" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057". He|strong="H0310" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H1961" mountain|strong="H2022" called Horeb|strong="H2722", <sup>III</sup> the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430". <sup>2</sup> On|strong="H0413" that|strong="H7200" mountain, Moses saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0413" angel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0413" a|strong="H7200" burning|strong="H0784" bush|strong="H5572".

Moses saw|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" bush|strong="H5572" that|strong="H7200" was|strong="H0369" burning|strong="H0784" without|strong="H0369" being destroyed|strong="H0369". <sup>3</sup> So|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" decided|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" go|strong="H4994" closer to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" bush|strong="H5572" and|strong="H4872" see|strong="H7200" how|strong="H4994" a|strong="H7200" bush|strong="H5572" could|strong="H2088" continue burning|strong="H1197" without|strong="H3808" being burned|strong="H1197" up|strong="H7200".

<sup>II</sup> JETHRO He is also called Reuel. <sup>III</sup> A MOUNTAIN CALLED HOREB That is, "Mount Sinai."

4 The LORD saw Moses was coming to look at the bush he called to him from the bush said, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "Yes, Lord."

5 Then God said, "Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground." I am the God of your ancestors. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the LORD said, "I have seen what you people have suffered in Egypt, and I have heard their cries when the Egyptians hurt them. I know about their pain." Now I will go down and save my people from the Egyptians.

from the Egyptians. I will take them from that land and lead them to a good land where they can be free from these troubles.

I know what you people have seen and heard. I have heard the cries of the Israelites, and I have seen the way the Egyptians have made their life hard for them now. So I am sending you to Pharaoh. Lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.

11 But Moses said to God, "I am a great man. How can I be one to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 God said, "You can do it because I will."

I LAND ... TROUBLES Or "a spacious land." II LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey." Also in verse 17.

be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588". This |strong="H2088" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" proof that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H3588": After |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588" lead |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714", you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" come |strong="H1961" and |strong="H0430" worship |strong="H5647" me |strong="H7971" on |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" mountain |strong="H2022":"

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H2009" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430", " But |strong="H2009" if |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0595" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", ' The |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H0935" ancestors |strong="H0001" sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413";' then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121" will |strong="H0430" ask |strong="H0559", ' What |strong="H4100" is |strong="H4100" his |strong="H7971" name |strong="H8034"? ' What |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100" I |strong="H0595" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413"?"

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", ' I |strong="H0834" AM |strong="H1961" WHO |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" AM |strong="H1961": ' <sup>1</sup> When |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" go |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478", tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", ' I |strong="H0834" AM' sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834": " <sup>15</sup> And |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559", " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3068" you |strong="H7971" were |strong="H3478" sent |strong="H7971" by |strong="H3068" YAHWEH |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001"— the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"

<sup>1</sup> I AM WHO I AM The Hebrew words are like the name YAHWEH ('LORD').

of |strong="H1121" Abraham |strong="H0085", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Isaac |strong="H3327", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Jacob |strong="H3290". This |strong="H2088" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H5769" be |strong="H5750" my |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034". It |strong="H7971" is |strong="H3068" how I |strong="H3541" want the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" remember |strong="H2143" me |strong="H0413" from |strong="H3478" now |strong="H2088" on |strong="H0413".

<sup>16</sup> " Now |strong="H3327" go |strong="H0622" and |strong="H3068" call |strong="H0559" together |strong="H0622" the |strong="H0853" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H7200". Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H7200" YAHWEH |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001"— the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290"— appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H6213". Give |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3478" me |strong="H0413": ' I |strong="H7200" have |strong="H0001" been |strong="H6485" watching over |strong="H0413" you |strong="H6213" and |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0001" seen |strong="H7200" what |strong="H6213" people |strong="H7200" in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714" have |strong="H0001" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H6213". <sup>17</sup> And |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0776" have |strong="H0776" decided |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0559" I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" take |strong="H5927" you |strong="H0853" away |strong="H5927" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" troubles you |strong="H0853" are |strong="H0776" suffering |strong="H6040" in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" lead |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0559" now |strong="H4714" belongs to |strong="H0413" others— the |strong="H0853" Canaanites |strong="H3669", Hittites |strong="H2850", Amorites |strong="H0567", Perizzites |strong="H6522", Hivites |strong="H2340", and |strong="H0776" Jebusites |strong="H2983". I |strong="H0776"



will|strong="H0776" lead|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0413"  
a|strong="H5927" land|strong="H0776" filled  
with|strong="H0413" many good things.'

<sup>18</sup> " The|strong="H0559" elders|strong="H2205"  
will|strong="H3068" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859".  
And|strong="H0935" then|strong="H6258"  
you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0559" elders|strong="H2205"  
will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Pharaoh.  
You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068"  
tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", ' YAH-  
WEH|strong="H3068"<sup>I</sup> is|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" He-  
brews|strong="H5680". <sup>II</sup> He|strong="H3117"  
came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
us|strong="H4994" and|strong="H0935"  
told|strong="H0559" us|strong="H4994"  
to|strong="H0413" travel three|strong="H7969"  
days|strong="H3117" into|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" desert|strong="H4057".  
There|strong="H3068" we|strong="H3117" must of-  
fer|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2076"  
to|strong="H0413" YAHWEH|strong="H3068"  
our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".'

<sup>19</sup> " But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H0853" Pharaoh will|strong="H4428"  
not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H3588" go|strong="H1980". Only  
a|strong="H3588" great|strong="H2389" pow-  
er|strong="H3027" will|strong="H4428"  
force|strong="H3027" him|strong="H5414"  
to|strong="H1980" let|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H3588" go|strong="H1980", <sup>20</sup>  
so|strong="H3651" I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" use|strong="H7971"  
my|strong="H3605" great power|strong="H3027"  
against|strong="H3027" Egypt|strong="H4713".  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" cause amaz-  
ing|strong="H6381" things|strong="H3605"  
to|strong="H7971" happen in|strong="H7130"  
that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H7130". Af-  
ter|strong="H0310" I|strong="H0834"  
do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3651",  
he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
let|strong="H7971" you|strong="H0834"  
go|strong="H7971". <sup>21</sup> And|strong="H5869"  
I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
cause|strong="H7387" the|strong="H0853" Egyp-  
tians|strong="H4713" to|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" kind to|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H2088".

I YAHWEH Or "the LORD." See "YAHWEH" in the Word List. II HEBREW Or "Israelite." Also in verse 22.

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
give|strong="H5414" many gifts to|strong="H1961"  
your|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971"  
when|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" leave  
Egypt|strong="H4713".

<sup>22</sup> " All|strong="H5337" the|strong="H0853" Hebrew  
women|strong="H0802" will|strong="H1004"  
ask|strong="H7592" their|strong="H5921" Egyp-  
tian|strong="H4713" neighbors|strong="H7934"  
and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Egyp-  
tian|strong="H4713" women|strong="H0802" liv-  
ing|strong="H1481" in|strong="H5921"  
their|strong="H5921" houses|strong="H1004"  
for|strong="H5921" gifts. And|strong="H1121"  
those|strong="H1121" Egyptian|strong="H4713"  
women|strong="H0802" will|strong="H1004"  
give|strong="H7760" them|strong="H0853" gifts  
of|strong="H1121" silver|strong="H3701",  
gold|strong="H2091", and|strong="H1121"  
fine|strong="H3701" clothing|strong="H8071".  
Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H1004" put|strong="H7760"  
those|strong="H1121" gifts on|strong="H5921"  
your|strong="H5921" children|strong="H1121".  
In|strong="H5921" this way|strong="H5921"  
you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1004"  
take|strong="H7760" away|strong="H5337"  
the|strong="H0853" wealth of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4713".

#### Proof for Moses

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H6030" Moses|strong="H4872"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
God|strong="H3068", " But|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H0559" Israelites will|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" believe|strong="H0539"  
me|strong="H0413" when|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H3588" tell|strong="H0559"  
them|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" sent|strong="H0559"  
me|strong="H0413". They|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559", ' The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"<sup>III</sup>  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" ap-  
pear|strong="H7200" to|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H3588".'

<sup>2</sup> But|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H0559", " What|strong="H2088" is|strong="H3068"  
that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0413"  
have|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0413"  
your|strong="H3068" hand|strong="H3027"?"

Moses|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559", " It|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068"  
my|strong="H3068" walking stick."

III THE LORD Or "YAHWEH." See "YAHWEH" in the Word List.

<sup>3</sup> Then *God* said, "Throw your walking stick on the ground."

So *Moses* threw his walking stick on the ground, and it became a snake. *Moses* ran but it did not follow the LORD to reach and grab the snake by its tail.

When *Moses* reached out and caught the snake's tail, the snake became a walking stick again. <sup>5</sup> Then *God* said, "Use your stick in this way, and the people will believe that you saw the LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to *Moses*, "I will give you another proof. Put your hand under your robe."

So *Moses* opened his robe and put his hand inside. Then he brought his

hand out of his robe and it was changed. His hand was covered with spots that were white like snow.

<sup>7</sup> Then *God* said, "Now put your hand into your robe again." So *Moses* put his hand into his robe again. Then he brought his hand out, and his hand was changed. Now his hand was good again, as it was before.

<sup>8</sup> Then *God* said, "If the people don't believe you when you use your walking stick, then they will believe you when you show them a sign." <sup>9</sup> If they refuse to believe you after you show them both of these signs, then take some water from the Nile River. Pour the water on the ground, and as it touches the ground, it

will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" blood|strong="H1818"."

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H0227" Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", " But|strong="H3588", Lord|strong="H3068", I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" telling|strong="H1696" you|strong="H3588", I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3588" good speaker. I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H1571" never|strong="H3808" been|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H0413" speak|strong="H1696" well|strong="H1571". And|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" hasn't|strong="H3808" changed since|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" started talking|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" still|strong="H0559" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3588" good speaker. You|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0595" speak|strong="H1696" slowly and|strong="H3068" don't|strong="H3808" use the|strong="H0559" best words|strong="H1697".<sup>1</sup> I

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " Who|strong="H4310" made|strong="H7760" a|strong="H0176" person's mouth|strong="H6310"? And|strong="H3068" who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" make|strong="H7760" some-one|strong="H0120" deaf|strong="H2795" or|strong="H0176" not|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H0413" speak|strong="H0559"? Who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" make|strong="H7760" a|strong="H0176" per-son|strong="H0120" blind|strong="H5787"? Who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" make|strong="H7760" a|strong="H0176" per-son|strong="H0120" able to|strong="H0413" see? I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0120". I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>12</sup> So|strong="H1961" go|strong="H1961". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834" when|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" speak|strong="H1696". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" words|strong="H6310" to|strong="H1696" say|strong="H1696"."

<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " My|strong="H7971" Lord|strong="H0136", I|strong="H0559" beg|strong="H4994" you|strong="H7971"

to|strong="H0559" send|strong="H7971" someone else|strong="H3027", not me|strong="H4994"."

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" became|strong="H2734" an-gry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H3068" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " All|strong="H3045" right|strong="H1571"! I'll give|strong="H8055" you|strong="H3588" someone to|strong="H0559" help you|strong="H3588". Aaron|strong="H0175" the|strong="H0559" Levite|strong="H3881" is|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" broth-er|strong="H0251", isn't|strong="H3808" he|strong="H1931"? He|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" good speaker. In|strong="H3068" fact, Aaron|strong="H0175" is|strong="H3068" already coming|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0559" meet|strong="H7125" you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" happy|strong="H8055" to|strong="H0559" see|strong="H7200" you|strong="H3588".<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" tell|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H1696". Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" tell|strong="H1696" Aaron, and|strong="H1697" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" help him|strong="H0413" say|strong="H1696" it|strong="H7760" well|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" tell|strong="H1696" both|strong="H3384" of|strong="H1697" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213".<sup>16</sup> So|strong="H1961" Aaron will|strong="H0430" speak|strong="H1696" for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859". Like|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430", you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0430" speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", and|strong="H0430" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0430" tell|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0413" people|strong="H5971" what|strong="H6310" you|strong="H0859" say|strong="H1696".<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H6213" go and|strong="H3027" carry|strong="H6213" your|strong="H0834" walking stick with|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0834". Use|strong="H3947" it|strong="H6213" and|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" oth-er|strong="H2088" miracles|strong="H0226" to|strong="H3027" show|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" am with|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0834"."

I I TALK ... WORDS Or "I stutter and don't speak clearly."

## Moses Leaves Midian

18 Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law. Moses said to him, "Please let me go back to Egypt. I want to see if my people are still alive." Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

19 Then Moses was still in Midian, the LORD said to him, "It is safe for you to go back to Egypt now. The men who wanted to kill you are now dead."

20 So Moses put his wife and children on the donkey and returned to Egypt. He carried his walking stick with him—the walking stick with the power of God.

21 While Moses was traveling back to Egypt, the LORD spoke to him, "When you talk to Pharaoh remember

to show him all the miracles that I have given you. Do not be stubborn. He will not let the people go. Then you should say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my first-born son. And I am telling you to let my son go and worship me. If you refuse to let Israel go, then I will kill your first-born son.'

## Moses' Son Circumcised

24 On the way to Egypt, Moses stopped at a place to spend the night. The LORD met Moses at that place and tried to kill him. But Zipporah took a flint knife and circumcised her son. She took the skin and touched his feet.

I TRIED TO KILL HIM Or possibly, "wanted to circumcise him." II FLINT KNIFE A sharp knife made from flint rock.

she |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3947" bridegroom of |strong="H1121" blood |strong="H1818" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H3947"." <sup>26</sup> Zipporah said |strong="H0559" this because |strong="H4480" she |strong="H0227" had to |strong="H0559" circumcise her |strong="H0559" son. So |strong="H4480" God |strong="H0559" let |strong="H7503" Moses |strong="H0559" live. <sup>I</sup>

### Moses |strong="H0559" Arrives in |strong="H0559" Egypt

<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" spoken |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", "Go out |strong="H0413" in- to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" desert |strong="H4057" and |strong="H3068" meet |strong="H6298" Moses |strong="H4872"." So |strong="H4872" Aaron |strong="H0175" went |strong="H7125" and |strong="H3068" met |strong="H6298" Moses |strong="H4872" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Moun- tain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430". <sup>II</sup> He |strong="H0430" saw Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" kissed |strong="H5401" him |strong="H0413". <sup>28</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" told |strong="H5046" Aaron |strong="H0175" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" him |strong="H7971" to |strong="H3068" say |strong="H1697" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" mira- cles |strong="H0226" he |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H6680" to |strong="H3068" prove that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" him |strong="H7971".

<sup>29</sup> So |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175" went and |strong="H1121" gathered |strong="H0622" to- gether |strong="H0622" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Is- raelites |strong="H3478". <sup>30</sup> Then |strong="H1696" Aaron |strong="H0175" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" peo- ple |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" told |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413" every- thing |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068"

<sup>I</sup> Or "And he was healed. She said, 'You are a bridegroom of blood' because of the circumcision." <sup>II</sup> MOUNTAIN OF GOD That is, Mount Horeb (Sinai).

told |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872". Then |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" did |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" mira- cles |strong="H0226" for |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo- ple |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H5869", <sup>31</sup> and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H3588" believed |strong="H0539" what |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Is- raelites |strong="H3478" understood |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" seen |strong="H7200" their |strong="H3068" trou- bles |strong="H7200" and |strong="H1121" had |strong="H3068" come to |strong="H3068" help |strong="H5971" them |strong="H0853". So |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" and |strong="H1121" worshiped |strong="H7812" God |strong="H3068".

### Moses and Aaron Before Pharaoh

<sup>5</sup> After |strong="H0310" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H0935" Aaron |strong="H0175" talked to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" peo- ple |strong="H5971", they |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", <sup>III</sup> the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Is- rael |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559", ' Let |strong="H7971" my |strong="H3068" peo- ple |strong="H5971" go |strong="H0935" in- to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057" so |strong="H3541" that |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" can |strong="H0935" have |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0935" festival |strong="H2287" to |strong="H0413" honor me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>2</sup> But |strong="H3808" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"? Why |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H8085" him |strong="H7971"? Why |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" let |strong="H7971" Is- rael |strong="H3478" go |strong="H7971"? I |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" even |strong="H1571" know |strong="H3045" who |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834", so |strong="H7971" I |strong="H0834"

<sup>III</sup> THE LORD Or "YAHWEH." See "YAHWEH" in the Word List.

refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" let |strong="H7971" Israel |strong="H3478" go |strong="H7971".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Aaron and |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" Hebrews |strong="H5680" has |strong="H3068" talked with |strong="H3068" us |strong="H4994". So |strong="H6435" we |strong="H3117" beg |strong="H4994" you |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" let |strong="H4994" us |strong="H4994" travel three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117" into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" desert |strong="H4057". There |strong="H3068" we |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H2076" a |strong="H0176" sacrifice |strong="H2076" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". If |strong="H0176" we |strong="H3117" don't do |strong="H4994" this |strong="H3068", he |strong="H3117" might |strong="H6435" become angry and |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H2719" us |strong="H4994". He |strong="H3117" might |strong="H6435" make |strong="H6293" us |strong="H4994" die |strong="H2719" from |strong="H5921" sickness or |strong="H0176" war |strong="H2719".

<sup>4</sup> But |strong="H4428" Pharaoh said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H4872" Aaron |strong="H0175", you |strong="H0853" are |strong="H4100" bothering the |strong="H0853" workers. Let them |strong="H0413" do |strong="H4100" their |strong="H0413" work |strong="H4639". Go back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0413" own work |strong="H4639".

<sup>5</sup> There are |strong="H0776" very |strong="H7227" many |strong="H7227" workers, and |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0853" are |strong="H0776" keeping them |strong="H0853" from |strong="H0776" doing their |strong="H6258" jobs."

#### Pharaoh |strong="H6547" Punishes the |strong="H0853" People |strong="H5971"

<sup>6</sup> That |strong="H3117" same |strong="H1931" day |strong="H3117" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" gave |strong="H6680" a |strong="H6680" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" slave masters |strong="H5065" and |strong="H3117" Hebrew foremen |strong="H7860". <sup>7</sup> He |strong="H3808" said, " You |strong="H5414" have |strong="H5414" always

given |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971" straw |strong="H8401" to |strong="H5414" use to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" bricks |strong="H3843". But |strong="H3808" now |strong="H5414", tell them |strong="H5414" they |strong="H1992" have |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" go and |strong="H3254" find |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" own straw |strong="H8401" to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" bricks |strong="H3843". <sup>8</sup> But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" must |strong="H0853" still |strong="H0559" make |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H3651" number of |strong="H0430" bricks |strong="H3843" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" did |strong="H6213" before |strong="H4480". They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H0834" gotten lazy |strong="H7503". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" asking |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" let |strong="H7503" them |strong="H1992" go |strong="H7503". They |strong="H1992" don't |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834" enough |strong="H6213" work |strong="H7760" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" asked |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" let |strong="H7503" them |strong="H1992" make |strong="H7760" sacrifices |strong="H2076" to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H1992" God |strong="H0430". <sup>9</sup> So |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213" these people |strong="H0376" work |strong="H5656" harder. Keep |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5921" busy. Then |strong="H6213" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H0376" enough |strong="H6213" time to |strong="H5921" listen to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" lies |strong="H8267" of |strong="H0376" Moses."

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Egyptian slave masters |strong="H5065" and |strong="H6547" the |strong="H0559" Hebrew foremen |strong="H7860" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites and |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559", " Pharaoh |strong="H6547" has |strong="H0369" decided |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0559" he |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" straw |strong="H8401" for |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" bricks. <sup>11</sup> You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H3947" go and |strong="H1697" get |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0834" straw |strong="H8401"

I HEBREWS Or "Israelites." Also in verses 10, 14, 15, 19.

for yourselves. So go and find straw, but you must as many bricks as you made before."

<sup>12</sup> So the people where in Egypt straw made before." <sup>13</sup> The slave masters forced the people to work even harder. They forced the people to make as many bricks as before. <sup>14</sup> The Egyptian slave masters had chosen the Hebrew foremen and had made them responsible for the work the people did. The Egyptian slave masters beat these foremen and said to them, "Why aren't you making as many bricks as you made in the past? If you could do it then, you can now!"

<sup>15</sup> Then the Hebrew foremen went to Pharaoh. They complained and said, "We are your servants. Why are you treating us like this?" <sup>16</sup> You give us straw, but you tell us to

make as many bricks as before. And now our masters are beating us. Your people are wrong for doing this."

<sup>17</sup> Pharaoh answered, "You are lazy, and you don't want to work! That is why you ask me to let you go. And that is why you want to leave here and make sacrifices to the LORD." <sup>18</sup> Now, go back to work! We will not give you any straw. And you must make as many bricks as you did before."

<sup>19</sup> The Hebrew foremen knew they were in trouble, because the Pharaoh had told them, "You must still make as many bricks as you made before."

<sup>20</sup> When they were leaving the meeting with Pharaoh, they passed Moses and Aaron. Moses and Aaron were waiting for them. <sup>21</sup> So they said to Moses and Aaron,

May |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" judge |strong="H8199" and |strong="H3068" punish you |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834"! You |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5414" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5414" rulers |strong="H8199" hate us |strong="H5414". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" an |strong="H5414" excuse to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H2026" us |strong="H5414"."

### Moses |strong="H0559" Complains to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H3068"

22 Then |strong="H2088" Moses |strong="H4872" prayed |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Lord |strong="H3068", why |strong="H4100" have |strong="H3068" you |strong="H7971" done this |strong="H2088" terrible thing |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971"? Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H7971" send |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" here |strong="H2088"? 23 I |strong="H2088" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H1696" what |strong="H2088" you |strong="H0935" told |strong="H1696" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H1696". But |strong="H3808" since |strong="H0227" that |strong="H2088" time |strong="H0227" he |strong="H3808" has |strong="H2088" made |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" suffer, and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0935" have |strong="H3808" done nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" help |strong="H5971" them |strong="H0413"!"

6 Then |strong="H6258" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Now |strong="H6258" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H7971" my |strong="H3068" great |strong="H2389" power |strong="H3027" against |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H7971" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0834" go |strong="H7971". He |strong="H0834"

will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" so |strong="H6213" ready |strong="H6258" for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" leave that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" force |strong="H3027" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H7971"."

2 Then |strong="H1696" God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". 3 I |strong="H3045" appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290". They |strong="H3808" called |strong="H0834" me |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful. They |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" my |strong="H3068" name |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068". 4 I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5414" an |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H5414". I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667". They |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776", but |strong="H1571" it |strong="H5414" was |strong="H0834" not |strong="H1571" their |strong="H5414" own. 5 Now |strong="H1571", I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" their |strong="H8085" painful cries. I |strong="H0589" know that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H5647" in |strong="H3478" Egypt |strong="H4714". And |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0589" remember |strong="H2142" my |strong="H8085" agreement |strong="H1285". 6 So |strong="H3651" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0589" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", ' I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H5337" you |strong="H0853". You |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3068" no longer be |strong="H1121" slaves |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H5656" my |strong="H3068" great |strong="H1419" power |strong="H2220" to |strong="H0559" make you |strong="H0853"



free|strong="H3318", and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H3318" terrible punishment to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4714".<sup>7</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H3045" you|strong="H3588" free|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" Egypt|strong="H4714".<sup>8</sup> I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" great promise|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" Abraham|strong="H0085", Isaac|strong="H3327", and|strong="H0935" Jacob|strong="H3290". I|strong="H0589" promised|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" a|strong="H5414" special land|strong="H0776". So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" lead|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776". It|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027" yours|strong="H5414". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"."

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H3651" Moses|strong="H4872" told|strong="H1696" this|strong="H3651" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" Israelites|strong="H3478", but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0413" people|strong="H1121" would|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". They|strong="H3651" were|strong="H3478" working so|strong="H3651" hard|strong="H7186" that|strong="H8085" they|strong="H3651" were|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" patient with|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872".

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872",<sup>11</sup> "Go|strong="H0935" tell|strong="H1696" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" that|strong="H3478" he|strong="H0853" must|strong="H0853" let|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" Is-

raelites|strong="H3478" leave his|strong="H7971" land|strong="H0776"."

<sup>12</sup> But|strong="H3808" Moses|strong="H4872" answered|strong="H0559", "LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". So|strong="H3808" surely|strong="H8085" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" will|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" a|strong="H8085" very bad speaker."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" talked|strong="H1696" with|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" commanded|strong="H6680" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H3318" and|strong="H1121" talk|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714". He|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" lead|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714".

Some of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Families|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478"

<sup>14</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H1121" names of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" families|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478":

Israel's|strong="H3478" first|strong="H7218" son|strong="H1121", Reuben|strong="H7205", had|strong="H3478" four sons|strong="H1121". They|strong="H0428" were|strong="H3478" Hanoch|strong="H2585", Pallu|strong="H6396", Hezron|strong="H2696", and|strong="H1121" Carmi|strong="H3756".

<sup>15</sup> Simeon's|strong="H8095" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Jemuel|strong="H3223", Jamin|strong="H3226", Ohad|strong="H0161", Jakin|strong="H3199", Zohar|strong="H6714", and|strong="H1121" Shaul|strong="H7586". (Shaul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H7586"

<sup>1</sup> I AM A VERY BAD SPEAKER Or "I sound like a foreigner." Literally, "I have uncircumcised lips."

the |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" a |strong="H1121" Canaanite |strong="H3669" woman).

16 Levi |strong="H3878" lived |strong="H2416" 137 years |strong="H8141". His |strong="H8034" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Gershon |strong="H1648", Kohath |strong="H6955", and |strong="H1121" Merari |strong="H4847".

17 Gershon |strong="H1648" had |strong="H1121" two sons |strong="H1121", Libni |strong="H3845" and |strong="H1121" Shimei |strong="H8096".

18 Kohath |strong="H6955" lived |strong="H2416" 133 years |strong="H8141". His |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Amram |strong="H6019", Izhar |strong="H3324", Hebron |strong="H2275", and |strong="H1121" Uzziel |strong="H5816".

19 Merari's |strong="H4847" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Mahli |strong="H4249" and |strong="H1121" Mushi |strong="H4187".

All these |strong="H0428" families |strong="H4940" were |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" Israel's son |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3878".

20 Amram |strong="H6019" lived |strong="H2416" 137 years |strong="H8141". He |strong="H0853" married |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" father's |strong="H1733" sister |strong="H1733", Jochebed |strong="H3115". Amram |strong="H6019" and |strong="H4872" Jochebed |strong="H3115" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872".

21 Izhar's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Korah |strong="H7141", Nepheg |strong="H5298", and |strong="H1121" Zicri |strong="H2147".

22 Uzziel's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Mishael |strong="H4332", Elzaphan |strong="H0469", and |strong="H1121" Sithri |strong="H5644".

23 Aaron |strong="H0175" married |strong="H3947" Elisheba |strong="H0472". ( Elisheba |strong="H0472" was |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" Amminadab |strong="H5992", and |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" sister |strong="H0269" of |strong="H1323" Nahshon |strong="H5177".) Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H0802" Elisheba |strong="H0472" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" Nadab |strong="H5070", Abihu |strong="H0030", Eleazar |strong="H0499", and |strong="H0802" Ithamar |strong="H0385".

24 The |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Korah |strong="H7141" ( that |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1121", the |strong="H1121" ancestors of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" Korahites |strong="H7145")

were |strong="H1121" Assir |strong="H0617", Elkannah |strong="H0511", and |strong="H1121" Abiasaph |strong="H0023".

25 Aaron's |strong="H0175" son |strong="H1121", Eleazar |strong="H0499", married |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Putiel |strong="H6317". She gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" Phinehas |strong="H6372".

All these |strong="H0428" people |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" Israel's son |strong="H1121", Levi |strong="H3881".

26 Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" Moses |strong="H4872" were |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3318" this |strong="H1931" tribe. And |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " Lead |strong="H3318" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" in |strong="H5921" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>1</sup> 27 Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" Moses |strong="H4872" are |strong="H1992" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1931" talked |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714", and |strong="H1121" told |strong="H1696" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" let the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" leave |strong="H3318" Egypt |strong="H4714".

**God |strong="H0413" Repeats His |strong="H3478" Call to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872"**

28 The |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" again |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".<sup>29</sup> He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714" everything |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0589" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834"."

30 But |strong="H8085" Moses |strong="H4872", standing there |strong="H3068" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", said |strong="H0559", "

<sup>1</sup> GROUPS Or "divisions." This is a military term. It shows that Israel was organized like an army.

You *know me*. I'm a *very bad speaker*. How *will* I *make* the *king listen* to *me*?"

**7** The *LORD* said to Moses, "See *how important I have made you* speaking to *Pharaoh*, you *will be* like *God*, and *your brother Aaron* *will be* your *prophet*. <sup>2</sup> You *will tell* Aaron *everything that I command* you. Then *he will tell* the *king* what I *say*. And *Pharaoh will let* the *Israelites* leave this *country*. <sup>3</sup> But *I will make* *Pharaoh* *stubborn* so *that will not do* what you *tell him*. Then *I will do* many *miracles* in *Egypt* to *prove* who *am*. <sup>4</sup> But *he will refuse* to *listen*. So *then I will* *punish* *Egypt* *very*. And *I will* *lead* *my* *army*, *my* *people*, *out* of *that* *land*. <sup>5</sup> I *will* *punish*

the *people* of *Egypt*, and *they* *will learn* that *I am* *LORD*. Then *I will lead* *my* *people* *out* of *their* *country*. <sup>6</sup> Moses and *Aaron* *did* what *the LORD* *told* them *was* 80 years *old* at *that* *time*, and *Aaron* *was* 83.

#### Moses' *Walking Stick* Becomes a *Snake*

<sup>8</sup> The *LORD* said to Moses and *Aaron*, <sup>9</sup> "Pharaoh *will ask* you *to prove* your *power*. He *will ask* you *to do* a *miracle*. Tell *Aaron* to *throw* his *walking stick* on *the* *ground*. While *Pharaoh* *is* *watching*, the *stick will* *become* a *snake*."

<sup>10</sup> So *Moses* and *Aaron* *went* to *Pharaoh* and *obeyed* the *LORD*. *Aaron* *threw* his *walking stick* *down*. While *Pharaoh* and *his* *officers* *watched*, the *stick* *became* a *snake*.

<sup>11</sup> So *Pharaoh* *called* *his* *wise* *men* and *magicians* *These*

men |strong="H2450" used |strong="H6213" their |strong="H1992" magic, and |strong="H4714" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" able to |strong="H4714" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H7121" same |strong="H3651" thing |strong="H3651" as |strong="H3651" Aaron. <sup>12</sup> They |strong="H0376" threw |strong="H7993" their |strong="H1961" walking sticks on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" ground, and |strong="H0376" their |strong="H1961" sticks became |strong="H1961" snakes |strong="H8577". But |strong="H1961" then |strong="H1961" Aaron's |strong="H0175" walking stick ate theirs. <sup>13</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" still refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" let |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" go, just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696". Pharaoh |strong="H6547" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H3808" and |strong="H3068" Aaron.

#### The |strong="H0834" Water Becomes Blood

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Pharaoh |strong="H6547" is |strong="H3068" being stubborn |strong="H3515". He |strong="H3068" refuses |strong="H3985" to |strong="H0413" let |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" go |strong="H7971". <sup>15</sup> In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" morning |strong="H1242" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" will |strong="H0834" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" river |strong="H2975". Go |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" edge |strong="H8193" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" Nile |strong="H2975" River |strong="H2975". Take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0834" walking stick that |strong="H0834" became |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3947" snake |strong="H5175". <sup>16</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3541": ' The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Hebrews |strong="H5680", sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7971". He |strong="H5704" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0413" let |strong="H7971" his |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971"

go |strong="H7971" worship |strong="H5647" him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057". Until |strong="H5704" now |strong="H2009" you |strong="H7971" have |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068". <sup>17</sup> So |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H0589" something to |strong="H0559" show |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" hit |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Nile |strong="H2975" River |strong="H2975" with |strong="H3068" this |strong="H2063" walking stick in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" river |strong="H2975" will |strong="H3068" turn |strong="H2015" into |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818". <sup>18</sup> The |strong="H0834" fish |strong="H1710" in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0834" river |strong="H2975" will |strong="H0834" die |strong="H4191", and |strong="H4325" the |strong="H0834" river |strong="H2975" will |strong="H0834" begin to |strong="H4191" stink |strong="H0887". Then |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Egyptians |strong="H4713" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H4325" be |strong="H4191" able to |strong="H4191" drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" river |strong="H2975"."

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872": " Tell |strong="H0559" Aaron |strong="H0175" to |strong="H0413" hold the |strong="H3605" walking stick |strong="H6086" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" rivers |strong="H5104", canals |strong="H2975", lakes, and |strong="H3068" every |strong="H3605" place |strong="H1961" where |strong="H0413" they |strong="H5921" store water |strong="H4325". When |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" does |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3068", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" will |strong="H3068" turn |strong="H5186" into |strong="H0413" blood |strong="H1818". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325", even |strong="H4714"

the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" stored in |strong="H5921" wood |strong="H6086" and |strong="H3068" stone |strong="H0068" jars, will |strong="H3068" turn |strong="H5186" in- to |strong="H0413" blood |strong="H1818".

<sup>20</sup> So |strong="H3651" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" com- manded |strong="H6680". Aaron |strong="H0175" raised |strong="H7311" the |strong="H3605" walking stick and |strong="H3068" hit |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Nile |strong="H2975" River |strong="H2975". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3651" in |strong="H3068" front of |strong="H3068" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" offi- cials |strong="H5650". So |strong="H3651" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" wa- ter |strong="H4325" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H2975" changed |strong="H2015" into |strong="H2015" blood |strong="H1818". <sup>21</sup> The |strong="H3605" fish |strong="H1710" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H2975" died |strong="H4191", and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H2975" be- gan |strong="H1961" to |strong="H4191" stink |strong="H0887". So |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" Egyptians |strong="H4714" could |strong="H3201" not |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354" water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" riv- er |strong="H2975". The |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818" was |strong="H1961" every- where |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0834" magicians |strong="H2748" used |strong="H6213" their |strong="H3068" magic to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" same |strong="H3651" thing |strong="H3651". So |strong="H3651" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H3909" and |strong="H3068" Aaron. This |strong="H3651" happened just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696". <sup>23</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" ig- nored what |strong="H1571" Moses |strong="H3808" and |strong="H0935" Aaron had |strong="H6547" done. He |strong="H3808" turned |strong="H6437" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" in- to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0935" house |strong="H1004".

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H3605" Egyptians |strong="H4713" could |strong="H3201" not |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H3605" wa- ter |strong="H4325" from |strong="H4325" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H2975", so |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3588" dug |strong="H2658" wells around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H2975" for |strong="H3588" water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H3201" drink |strong="H8354".

### The |strong="H3605" Frogs

<sup>25</sup> Seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" passed |strong="H0310" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" changed the |strong="H0853" Nile |strong="H2975" Riv- er |strong="H2975".

**8** Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872", " Go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh and |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559", ' Let |strong="H5186" my |strong="H3068" peo- ple |strong="H0776" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" worship me |strong="H0413"! <sup>2</sup> If you |strong="H5921" refuse to |strong="H5921" let |strong="H5186" my |strong="H5921" peo- ple |strong="H0776" go |strong="H5927", then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" fill Egypt |strong="H4714" with |strong="H5921" frogs |strong="H6854". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0853" Nile River |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H5921" frogs |strong="H6854". They |strong="H3651" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H5927" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" river |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" enter |strong="H5927" your |strong="H5921" houses. They |strong="H3651" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" bedrooms and |strong="H0776" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" beds. They |strong="H3651" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" houses of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5921" officials and |strong="H0776" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" ovens and |strong="H0776" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" jars of |strong="H0776" water. <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0853" frogs |strong="H6854" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" all |strong="H4480" over |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7971", your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971", and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" officials."

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron to hold his walking stick in his hand over the canals, rivers, and lakes. Then the frogs will come out onto the land of Egypt."

<sup>6</sup> So Aaron raised his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs began coming out of the water and covered the land of Egypt.

<sup>7</sup> The magicians used their magic to do the same thing— so even more frogs came out onto the land in Egypt!

<sup>8</sup> Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Ask the LORD to remove the frogs from me and my people. I will let my people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD."

<sup>9</sup> Moses said to Pharaoh, "I will pray for you and your people, and then the frogs will leave you and your houses. They will remain only in the river. When do you want the frogs to go away?"

<sup>10</sup> Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow."

Moses said, "It will happen as you say. In this way you will know that there is no god like the LORD our God. The frogs will leave you, your house, your officials, and your people. They will remain only in the river."

<sup>12</sup> Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh. Moses prayed to the LORD about the frogs he had sent against Pharaoh. And the LORD did what Moses asked. The frogs died in the houses, in the yards, and in the fields. They began to rot, and the whole country began to stink. <sup>15</sup> But when Pharaoh saw that they were free of the frogs, he became stubborn. Pharaoh did not do what Moses and Aaron had asked him to do. This happened just as the LORD had said.

#### The Lice

<sup>16</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron to raise his stick and hit the dust on the ground, and the

everywhere in|strong="H0413" Egypt dust will|strong="H3068" become|strong="H5647" lice."

17 They|strong="H1992" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3588". Aaron raised the|strong="H0853" stick in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" hand and|strong="H1004" hit the|strong="H0853" dust|strong="H0127" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0127", and|strong="H1004" everywhere in|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4713" the|strong="H0853" dust|strong="H0127" became lice. The|strong="H0853" lice got on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" animals and|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971".

18 The|strong="H0853" magicians used|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3068" magic and|strong="H3068" tried to|strong="H1961" do|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H1931" thing|strong="H3588". But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" magicians could|strong="H5971" not|strong="H1115" make|strong="H3045" lice come|strong="H1961" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" dust|strong="H0776". The|strong="H0853" lice remained|strong="H1961" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" animals|strong="H1961" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". 19 So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0996" magicians told Pharaoh that|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0996" power of|strong="H7760" God did this|strong="H2088". But|strong="H1961" Pharaoh refused to|strong="H1961" listen to|strong="H1961" them|strong="H7760". This|strong="H2088" happened|strong="H1961" just|strong="H2088" as|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0996" LORD had|strong="H1961" said.

### The|strong="H0996" Flies

20 The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H3651" to|strong="H0935" Moses, " Get|strong="H0935" up|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" morning and|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". He|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H0935" out|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" river|strong="H0776". Tell|strong="H3605" him|strong="H6440" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" says, ' Let|strong="H3651" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776" go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" worship|strong="H3651" me|strong="H6440"! 21 If you|strong="H0413" don't let my|strong="H7121" people|strong="H0776" go, then|strong="H4872" flies will|strong="H0430" come into|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0413" houses.

The|strong="H0559" flies will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" on|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0413" and|strong="H4872" your|strong="H0413" officials. The|strong="H0559" houses of|strong="H0776" Egypt will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" full of|strong="H0776" flies. They|strong="H0559" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" all over|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" ground|strong="H0776" too! 22 But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" treat|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" Israelites the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H3651" as|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4713". There|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" any|strong="H3588" flies in|strong="H0430" Goshen, where|strong="H3808" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H3808" live. In|strong="H0430" this|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3651" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", am|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0430" this|strong="H3651" land. 23 So|strong="H0834" tomorrow I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" treat my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0834" differently from|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0834". This|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" proof."

24 So|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" just what|strong="H1157" he|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559". Millions of|strong="H0430" flies came|strong="H0559" into|strong="H6547" Egypt. The|strong="H0853" flies were|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0430" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" house, and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3808" were|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0430" all his|strong="H3068" officials' houses. They|strong="H3808" were|strong="H0430" all over|strong="H0853" Egypt. The|strong="H0853" flies were|strong="H0430" ruining the|strong="H0853" country. 25 So|strong="H7971" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" called|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron and|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", " Offer|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2076" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068" here|strong="H2009" in|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3068" country."

26 But|strong="H5973" Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0413", " It|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3068" not be|strong="H3068" right to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H3318" that|strong="H3068". The|strong="H0413" Egyptians

think it *is* terrible to kill animals as sacrifices for the LORD our God. If we do this here, the Egyptians will see us and throw stones at us and kill us. Let us go three days into the desert and offer the LORD our God. This is what he told us to do.

<sup>28</sup> So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go and offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now go and pray for me."

<sup>29</sup> Moses said, "Look, I will leave and ask the LORD to remove the flies from you, your people, and your officials tomorrow. But you must not stop the people from offering sacrifices to the LORD."

<sup>30</sup> So Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. <sup>31</sup> And the LORD did what Moses asked. He removed the flies from Pharaoh, his officials, and his people. None of the flies remained. <sup>32</sup> But Pharaoh again became stubborn and did not let the people go.

### The Disease of the Farm Animals

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD told Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him: "The LORD our God says, 'Let my people go to worship me!'" <sup>2</sup> If

you continue to hold them and refuse to let them go, <sup>3</sup> then the LORD will use his power against your animals in the fields. He will cause of your horses, camels, and sheep to get sick with a terrible disease. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD will treat Israel's animals differently from the animals of Egypt. None of the animals that belong to the Israelites will die. <sup>5</sup> The LORD has set the time for this to happen in this country."

<sup>6</sup> The next morning the LORD did what he said. All the farm animals of the Egyptians died, but none of the animals that belonged to the Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> Pharaoh sent people to see if any of the animals of Israel



rael|strong="H3478" died|strong="H4191". Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H3820" them|strong="H0853" died|strong="H4191". But|strong="H3808" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" remained stubborn and|strong="H3478" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" go|strong="H7971".

### The|strong="H0853" Boils

8 The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175", " Fill|strong="H4393" your|strong="H3068" hands|strong="H2651" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" ashes from|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" furnace|strong="H3536". Moses|strong="H4872", you|strong="H3947" throw|strong="H2236" the|strong="H0559" ashes into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" air in|strong="H0413" front of|strong="H3068" Pharaoh|strong="H6547".<sup>9</sup> This|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" dust|strong="H0080" that|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" go|strong="H1961" throughout|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714". Whenever|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" dust|strong="H0080" touches a|strong="H1961" person|strong="H0120" or|strong="H0120" an|strong="H1961" animal|strong="H0929" in|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4714", sores|strong="H0076" will|strong="H1961" break out|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" skin."

<sup>10</sup> So|strong="H3947" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H4872" Aaron took|strong="H3947" ashes from|strong="H6440" a|strong="H1961" furnace|strong="H3536" and|strong="H4872" went|strong="H6440" and|strong="H4872" stood|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". Moses|strong="H4872" threw|strong="H2236" the|strong="H0853" ashes into|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" air, and|strong="H4872" sores|strong="H0076" began|strong="H1961" breaking|strong="H6524" out|strong="H6440" on|strong="H1961" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H4872" animals|strong="H0929".<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3605" magicians|strong="H2748" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H5975" Moses|strong="H4872" from|strong="H6440" doing this|strong="H3588", because|strong="H3588" even|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" magicians|strong="H2748" had|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" sores. This|strong="H3588" hap-

pened|strong="H1961" everywhere|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5975" Egypt|strong="H4713".<sup>12</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H2388" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" stubborn, so|strong="H3808" he|strong="H0834" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H0805" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron, just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696".

### The|strong="H0853" Hail

<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", " Get|strong="H7971" up|strong="H7925" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" morning|strong="H1242" and|strong="H3068" go|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". Tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" Hebrews|strong="H5680", says|strong="H0559", ' Let|strong="H7971" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" go|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" worship|strong="H5647" me|strong="H0413"! <sup>14</sup> This|strong="H2063" time|strong="H6471", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0776" use|strong="H7971" my|strong="H3605" full|strong="H3605" power against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588", your|strong="H3605" officials|strong="H5650", and|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" god|strong="H7971" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" world|strong="H0776" like|strong="H3644" me|strong="H0413". <sup>15</sup> I|strong="H3588" could|strong="H5971" use|strong="H7971" my|strong="H7971" power|strong="H3027" and|strong="H0776" cause a|strong="H3588" disease that|strong="H3588" would wipe|strong="H3582" you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" off|strong="H3582" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776". <sup>16</sup> But|strong="H0199" I|strong="H7200" have|strong="H0776" put you|strong="H3605" here|strong="H2063" for|strong="H0776" a|strong="H7200" reason|strong="H4616". I|strong="H7200" have|strong="H0776" put you|strong="H3605"

here |strong="H2063" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H3605" I |strong="H7200" could show |strong="H7200" you |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" power |strong="H3581". Then |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" over |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" learn about |strong="H3605" me |strong="H7200"! 17 You |strong="H7971" are still |strong="H5750" against my |strong="H7971" people |strong="H5971". You |strong="H7971" are not |strong="H1115" letting |strong="H7971" them |strong="H7971" go |strong="H7971" free |strong="H7971". 18 So |strong="H4480" at |strong="H3117" this |strong="H6258" time |strong="H6258" tomorrow |strong="H4279", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" cause |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" very |strong="H3966" bad hailstorm. There |strong="H1961" has |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" been |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" hailstorm like |strong="H3644" this |strong="H6258" in |strong="H3117" Egypt |strong="H4714", not |strong="H3808" since |strong="H4480" Egypt |strong="H4714" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" nation. 19 Now |strong="H6258", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" your |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H4672" safe place |strong="H1004". Everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" own that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" now |strong="H6258" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704" must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H4672" safe place |strong="H1004". Any |strong="H3605" person |strong="H0120" or |strong="H3808" animal |strong="H0929" that |strong="H0834" remains in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191". The |strong="H3605" hail |strong="H1259" will |strong="H0834" fall |strong="H3381" on |strong="H5921" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" gathered |strong="H0622" into |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3605" houses |strong="H1004"."

20 Some |strong="H1697" of |strong="H1004" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" officials |strong="H5650" paid attention to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697". They |strong="H3068" quickly put |strong="H5127" all |strong="H1697" of |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3068" animals and |strong="H3068" slaves |strong="H5650" in-

to |strong="H0413" houses |strong="H1004". 21 But |strong="H3808" other people |strong="H0834" ignored the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" and |strong="H3068" lost all |strong="H1697" their |strong="H3068" slaves |strong="H5650" and |strong="H3068" animals that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" fields |strong="H7704".

22 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872", "Raise your |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" air and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" hail |strong="H1259" will |strong="H3068" start falling all |strong="H3605" over |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714". The |strong="H3605" hail |strong="H1259" will |strong="H3068" fall |strong="H1961" on |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120", animals |strong="H0929", and |strong="H3068" plants |strong="H6212" in |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"."

23 So |strong="H1980" Moses |strong="H4872" raised |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" walking |strong="H1980" stick into |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" air, and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H5414" hail |strong="H1259" with |strong="H1980" thunder |strong="H6963" and |strong="H1980" lightning down |strong="H5186" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" earth |strong="H0776". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H5414" hail |strong="H1259" to |strong="H1980" fall all over |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714". 24 The |strong="H3605" hail |strong="H1259" was |strong="H1961" falling, and |strong="H0776" lightning was |strong="H1961" flashing |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" through |strong="H8432" it |strong="H1961". It |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" worst hailstorm that |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" ever hit Egypt |strong="H4714" since |strong="H0834" it |strong="H1961" had |strong="H0834" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" nation |strong="H1471". 25 The |strong="H3605" storm destroyed |strong="H5221" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704" in |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". The |strong="H3605" hail |strong="H1259" destroyed |strong="H5221" people |strong="H0120", animals |strong="H0929", and |strong="H0776" plants |strong="H6212". The |strong="H3605"

hail|strong="H1259" also|strong="H0853" broke|strong="H7665" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" fields|strong="H7704". <sup>26</sup> The|strong="H0834" on-ly|strong="H7535" place|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" get hail|strong="H1259" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Goshen|strong="H1657", where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" Israelites|strong="H3478" lived|strong="H1961".

<sup>27</sup> Pharaoh|strong="H6547" sent|strong="H7971" for|strong="H7121" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", " This|strong="H6471" time|strong="H6471" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H3068" sinned|strong="H2398". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" right|strong="H6662", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" and|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" peo-ple|strong="H5971" are|strong="H7563" wrong|strong="H2398". <sup>28</sup> We have|strong="H1961" had|strong="H3068" enough|strong="H7227" of|strong="H0430" this|strong="H3068" hail|strong="H1259" and|strong="H3068" thun-der|strong="H6963"! Ask the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" stop|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0853" storm, and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H7971" you|strong="H7971" go|strong="H7971". You|strong="H7971" don't|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" stay|strong="H5975" here."

<sup>29</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" told|strong="H0559" Pharaoh, " When|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" leave|strong="H2308" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892", I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" lift my|strong="H3068" hands|strong="H3709" in|strong="H0413" prayer to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" thunder|strong="H6963" and|strong="H3068" hail|strong="H1259" will|strong="H3068" stop|strong="H2308". Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776". <sup>30</sup> But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" offi-

cials|strong="H5650" don't really fear|strong="H3372" and|strong="H3068" respect|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" yet|strong="H3588"."

<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H3588" flax|strong="H6594" had|strong="H3588" already developed its|strong="H3588" seeds, and|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3588" barley|strong="H8184" was|strong="H5221" already blooming. So|strong="H3588" these plants were|strong="H8184" destroyed|strong="H5221". <sup>32</sup> But|strong="H3588" wheat|strong="H2406" and|strong="H5221" spelt|strong="H3698" ripen later than|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3588" other grains, so|strong="H3808" these|strong="H2007" plants were|strong="H2007" not|strong="H3808" de-stroyed|strong="H5221".

<sup>33</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" left|strong="H3318" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" and|strong="H3068" went|strong="H3318" outside|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". He|strong="H3068" lifted his|strong="H3068" hands|strong="H3709" in|strong="H0413" prayer to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" thunder|strong="H6963" and|strong="H3068" hail|strong="H1259" stopped|strong="H2308", and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H3318" even|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" rain|strong="H4306" stopped|strong="H2308".

<sup>34</sup> When|strong="H3588" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" rain|strong="H4306", hail|strong="H1259", and|strong="H5650" thun-der|strong="H6963" had|strong="H3588" stopped|strong="H2308", he|strong="H1931" again|strong="H3254" did|strong="H3254" wrong|strong="H2398". He|strong="H1931" and|strong="H5650" his|strong="H7200" offi-cials|strong="H5650" became|strong="H3513" stub-born again|strong="H3254". <sup>35</sup> Pharaoh|strong="H6547" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1696" let|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" go|strong="H7971" free|strong="H7971", just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696" through|strong="H3027" Moses|strong="H4872".

### The Locusts

**10** The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", " Go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H5650" made|strong="H3513" him|strong="H0413"

and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H3068" officials|strong="H5650" stubborn. I|strong="H0589" did this|strong="H0428" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" could show them|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3068" powerful miracles|strong="H0226".<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H0589" also|strong="H3068" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3588" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" could tell|strong="H5608" your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" grandchildren|strong="H1121" about|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" miracles|strong="H0226" and|strong="H1121" other wonderful things|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" done in|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714". Then|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3045" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H3541" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H0935" Aaron|strong="H0175" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". They|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", "The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" Hebrews|strong="H5680",<sup>1</sup> says|strong="H0559", 'How|strong="H4970" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068" you|strong="H6440" refuse|strong="H3985" to|strong="H0413" obey me|strong="H0413"? Let|strong="H7971" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" worship|strong="H5647" me|strong="H0413"!'<sup>4</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" refuse|strong="H3986" to|strong="H0935" let|strong="H7971" my|strong="H7971" people|strong="H5971" go|strong="H0935", then|strong="H0853" tomorrow|strong="H4279" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0518" bring|strong="H0935" locusts|strong="H0697" into|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" country.<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" locusts will|strong="H0776" cover|strong="H3680" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776". There|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" so|strong="H4480" many locusts that|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" able|strong="H3201"

<sup>1</sup> HEBREWS Or "Israelites." This name might also mean "descendants of Eber" (read Genesis 10:25-31) or "people from beyond the Euphrates River."

to|strong="H3201" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776". Anything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" was|strong="H0776" left|strong="H7604" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" hailstorm will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" eaten|strong="H0398" by|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" locusts. The|strong="H3605" locusts will|strong="H0776" eat|strong="H0398" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaves|strong="H7604" from|strong="H4480" every|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" field|strong="H7704".<sup>6</sup> They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" fill|strong="H4390" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" houses|strong="H1004", and|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" officials' houses|strong="H1004", and|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" houses|strong="H1004" in|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4713". There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" more|strong="H3808" locusts than|strong="H3808" your|strong="H3605" fathers|strong="H0001" or|strong="H3808" your|strong="H3605" grandfathers|strong="H0001" have|strong="H1961" ever|strong="H2088" seen|strong="H7200". There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" more|strong="H3808" locusts than|strong="H3808" there|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" ever|strong="H2088" been|strong="H1961" since|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" began|strong="H1961" living in|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4713". Then|strong="H1961" Moses|strong="H3318" turned|strong="H6437" and|strong="H1004" left|strong="H3318" Pharaoh|strong="H6547".

<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" officials|strong="H5650" asked|strong="H0559" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", "How|strong="H4970" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068" we|strong="H3588" be|strong="H1961" trapped by|strong="H3068" these|strong="H2088" people|strong="H0376"? Let|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" go|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" worship|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" don't let|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971", before|strong="H2962" you|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" it|strong="H3588", Egypt|strong="H4714" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H0006".

<sup>8</sup> So|strong="H1980" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3068" officials

to|strong="H0413" bring|strong="H7725"  
Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1980"  
Aaron|strong="H0175" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413".  
Pharaoh|strong="H6547" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", "  
Go|strong="H1980" and|strong="H1980" wor-  
ship|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430". But|strong="H0559"  
tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413", just  
who|strong="H4310" is|strong="H3068" go-  
ing|strong="H1980"?"

<sup>9</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", "All of|strong="H1121"  
our|strong="H3068" people|strong="H1121",  
young|strong="H5288" and|strong="H1121"  
old|strong="H1121", will|strong="H3068" go.  
And|strong="H1121" we|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" take our|strong="H3068"  
sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daugh-  
ters|strong="H1323", and|strong="H1121"  
our|strong="H3068" sheep|strong="H6629"  
and|strong="H1121" cattle|strong="H1241"  
with|strong="H3068" us|strong="H3588".  
We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" all go be-  
cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" festival|strong="H2282"  
is|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3588" all  
of|strong="H1121" us|strong="H3588"."

<sup>10</sup> Pharaoh said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
them|strong="H0413", " The|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" really|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H1961"  
to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961"  
with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834" be-  
fore|strong="H6440" I|strong="H0834"  
let|strong="H7971" you|strong="H0834"  
and|strong="H3068" all of|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H2945" leave  
Egypt. Look|strong="H7200", you|strong="H0834"  
are|strong="H0834" planning|strong="H0559" some-  
thing evil|strong="H7451". <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853"  
men|strong="H1397" can|strong="H4994"  
go|strong="H4994" worship|strong="H5647"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".  
That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859"  
asked|strong="H0859" for|strong="H3588"  
in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" beginning.  
But|strong="H3588" all of|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H3808" can-  
not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H4994".  
Then|strong="H0853" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" sent  
Moses|strong="H3588" and|strong="H3068" Aaron  
away|strong="H1644".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
told|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872", "Raise

your|strong="H3068" hand|strong="H3027"  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776"  
Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" locusts|strong="H0697"  
will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H5927"!  
They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"  
spread|strong="H5186" all|strong="H3605"  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776"  
Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" eat|strong="H0398"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
plants|strong="H6212" that|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H3605" hail|strong="H1259"  
did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0776" de-  
stroy|strong="H3605"."

<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H1961" Moses|strong="H4872"  
raised|strong="H5375" his|strong="H3605" walking  
stick over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776"  
Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
caused|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" strong  
wind|strong="H7307" to|strong="H1961" blow  
from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
east|strong="H6921". The|strong="H3605"  
wind|strong="H7307" blew all|strong="H3605"  
that|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117"  
and|strong="H3068" night|strong="H3915".  
When|strong="H1961" morning|strong="H1242"  
came|strong="H1961", the|strong="H3605"  
wind|strong="H7307" had|strong="H3068"  
brought|strong="H5375" the|strong="H3605" lo-  
custs|strong="H0697" to|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714". <sup>14</sup>  
The|strong="H3605" locusts|strong="H0697" flew in-  
to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" coun-  
try|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776"  
Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H0776" landed  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
ground|strong="H0776". There|strong="H1961"  
were|strong="H1961" more|strong="H3966" lo-  
custs|strong="H0697" than|strong="H3808"  
there|strong="H1961" had|strong="H1961" ever  
been|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5921"  
Egypt|strong="H4714". And|strong="H0776"  
there|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" nev-  
er|strong="H3808" again|strong="H0310"  
be|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3605" many lo-  
custs|strong="H0697" there|strong="H1961". <sup>15</sup>  
They|strong="H0834" covered|strong="H3680"  
the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776",  
and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605"  
whole|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776" be-  
came dark|strong="H2821". The|strong="H3605" lo-  
custs ate|strong="H0398" every|strong="H3605"

plant|strong="H6212" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" fruit|strong="H6529" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" hail|strong="H1259" had|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H0398". There|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0834" no|strong="H3808" leaves left|strong="H3498" on|strong="H0776" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086" or|strong="H3808" plants|strong="H6212" anywhere|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714".

<sup>16</sup> Pharaoh|strong="H6547" quickly|strong="H4116" called|strong="H7121" for|strong="H7121" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175". Pharaoh|strong="H6547" said|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3068" sinned|strong="H2398" against|strong="H2398" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3068" against|strong="H2398" you|strong="H7121". <sup>17</sup> Now|strong="H6258", forgive|strong="H5375" me|strong="H4994" for|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3068" sins|strong="H2403" this|strong="H2088" time|strong="H6471". Ask the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" remove|strong="H5493" this|strong="H2088" death|strong="H5493" from|strong="H5493" me|strong="H4994"."

<sup>18</sup> Moses|strong="H3318" left|strong="H3318" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" and|strong="H3068" prayed|strong="H6279" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>19</sup> So|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" changed|strong="H2015" the|strong="H3605" wind|strong="H7307". He|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3605" a|strong="H5375" very|strong="H3966" strong|strong="H2389" wind|strong="H7307" blow|strong="H8628" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" west|strong="H3220", and|strong="H3068" it|strong="H5375" blew|strong="H8628" the|strong="H3605" locusts|strong="H0697" out|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H3068" into|strong="H2015" the|strong="H3605" Red Sea|strong="H3220". <sup>1</sup> Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" locust|strong="H0697" was|strong="H3068" left|strong="H7604" in|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714"! <sup>20</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" caused

Pharaoh|strong="H6547" to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" stubborn again|strong="H7971", and|strong="H1121" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" go|strong="H7971".

### The|strong="H0853" Darkness

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872", "Raise your|strong="H3068" hand|strong="H3027" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" air and|strong="H3068" darkness|strong="H2822" will|strong="H3068" cover Egypt|strong="H4714". It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" so|strong="H1961" dark|strong="H2822" you|strong="H5921" can feel|strong="H4959" it|strong="H5921"!"

<sup>22</sup> So|strong="H1961" Moses|strong="H4872" raised his|strong="H3605" hand|strong="H3027" into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" air and|strong="H4872" a|strong="H1961" cloud of|strong="H0776" darkness|strong="H2822" covered Egypt|strong="H4714". The|strong="H3605" darkness|strong="H2822" stayed in|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4714" for|strong="H5921" three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117". <sup>23</sup> None|strong="H3808" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" could|strong="H0376" see|strong="H7200" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251", and|strong="H1121" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" to|strong="H1961" go|strong="H6965" any|strong="H3605" place|strong="H8478" for|strong="H8478" three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117". But|strong="H3808" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" light|strong="H0216" in|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" places|strong="H4186" where|strong="H4186" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" lived|strong="H4186".

<sup>24</sup> Again Pharaoh|strong="H6547" called|strong="H7121" for|strong="H7121" Moses|strong="H4872". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "Go and|strong="H3068" worship|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"! You|strong="H5973" can take|strong="H5973" your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H2945" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5973". But|strong="H7535" you|strong="H5973" must|strong="H0853" leave|strong="H3322" your|strong="H3068" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H3068" cattle|strong="H1241" here."

<sup>1</sup> RED SEA Or "Reed Sea." See 1 Kings 9:26.

25 Moses said, "No, we will them. In will us and for to the our Yes will our us LORD God will our us LORD God one will left We know what will LORD We will that when get

27 The LORD made Pharaoh stubborn again he to them Then told out here don't to again next you see you die

29 Then told are about thing will to you

### The Death of the Firstborn

11 Then LORD Moses have more bring Pharaoh Egypt this will you Egypt he you this must this the and you ask neighbors give things of and The caused be the Egyptians Pharaoh's officials Moses be great

4 Moses to The says will through and born Egypt die the of the of through to the girl

Even |strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" first-born|strong="H1060" animals|strong="H0929" will|strong="H0776" die|strong="H4191".<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3605" crying in|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" worse than|strong="H3808" at|strong="H1961" any|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" past or|strong="H3808" any|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" future.<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H3808" none|strong="H3808" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" or|strong="H3808" their|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H0929" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" hurt—not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H5704" a|strong="H0834" dog|strong="H3611" will|strong="H3068" bark at|strong="H3478" them|strong="H5704". Then|strong="H4616" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" treated Israel|strong="H3478" differently from|strong="H0376" Egypt|strong="H4714".<sup>8</sup> All|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" officials|strong="H5650" of|strong="H5650" yours|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0834" come|strong="H3318" down|strong="H3381" and|strong="H5650" bow|strong="H7812" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559", 'Leave|strong="H3318" and|strong="H5650" take|strong="H3318" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0859". Only|strong="H3605" then|strong="H3318" will|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" leave|strong="H3318"! Then|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0413" anger|strong="H0639", Moses|strong="H0559" left|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" meeting with|strong="H5973" Pharaoh|strong="H6547".

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H4616" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872", " The|strong="H0559" reason|strong="H4616" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3808" is|strong="H3068" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H8085" I|strong="H0776" could show|strong="H8085" my|strong="H8085" great power in|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714"."<sup>10</sup> That|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3068" why|strong="H3808" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" did|strong="H6213"

all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" great miracles|strong="H4159" in|strong="H3068" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1121" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". And|strong="H1121" that|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3068" why|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" so|strong="H6213" stubborn that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H6213" would|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H7971" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" leave his|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776".

### Passover

**12** While Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175" were|strong="H4714" still|strong="H0559" in|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714", the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",<sup>2</sup> " This|strong="H2088" month|strong="H2320"<sup>1</sup> will|strong="H1931" be|strong="H1931" the|strong="H8141" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H8141" the|strong="H8141" year|strong="H8141" for|strong="H2088" you|strong="H2088".<sup>3</sup> This|strong="H2088" command|strong="H0559" is|strong="H2088" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" community|strong="H5712" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478". On|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" tenth|strong="H6218" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H1004" this|strong="H2088" month|strong="H2320" each|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" must|strong="H3947" get|strong="H3947" one|strong="H0376" lamb|strong="H7716" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004".<sup>4</sup> If|strong="H0518" there|strong="H1961" are|strong="H0376" not|strong="H0518" enough people|strong="H0376" in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" house|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0413" eat a|strong="H1961" whole lamb|strong="H7716", then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H1931" should|strong="H0376" invite some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H5921" neighbors|strong="H7934" to|strong="H0413" share the|strong="H5921" meal. There|strong="H1961" must|strong="H0518" be|strong="H1961" enough lamb|strong="H7716" for|strong="H5921" every one|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" eat.<sup>5</sup>

I MONTH Abib (or Nisan). See "Abib" in the Word List.



The *lamb* must be a one-year-old male, and it must be completely healthy. This animal can be either a young sheep or a young goat.<sup>6</sup> You should watch over it until the 14th day of the month that all the people of the community of Israel must kill these animals just before dark. You must collect the blood from these animals and put it on top of the doorframe of every house where the people eat this meal.

<sup>8</sup> On this night you must roast the lamb and eat all the meat the lamb and also eat bitter herbs and bread made without yeast.<sup>9</sup> You must not eat raw or boiled in water. You must roast the whole lamb over a fire. The lamb must still

have its head, legs, and inner parts. You must eat all the meat that night. If any of the meat is left until morning, you must burn it in the fire.

<sup>11</sup> " When you eat the meal, you must be fully dressed and ready to travel. You must have your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You must eat in a hurry, because this is the LORD'S Passover.

<sup>12</sup> " Tonight I will go through Egypt and kill every firstborn man and animal in Egypt. In this way I will judge the gods of Egypt and show that I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> But the blood on your houses will be a special sign. When I see the blood, I will pass over

I PASS OVER Or "protect." Also in verse 27.

your house. I will cause to happen to the people of Egypt. But none of these will hurt you.

<sup>14</sup> You will always remember tonight—it will be a special festival for your descendants will honor the LORD with this festival forever. <sup>15</sup> For this will bread made without yeast seven days. On the first day, you remove the yeast from your houses. No one eat any yeast the seven days of this festival. Anyone eats yeast must be separated from the rest of Israel. <sup>16</sup> There will be holy assemblies on the first day and the last day of this festival. You must not do any work on these days. The only you can do is prepar-

ing the food for your meals. <sup>17</sup> You must remember the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because on this day I took all your people out of Egypt in groups. I will remember this day. This is a law that will last forever. <sup>18</sup> So on the evening of the 14th day of the first month, you will begin eating bread without yeast. You eat bread until the evening of the 21st day of the same month. <sup>19</sup> For seven days, there must not be any yeast in your houses. Anyone, either a citizen of Israel or a foreigner living among you who eats yeast at this time must be separated from the rest of Israel. <sup>20</sup> During this festival

I GROUPS Or "divisions." This is a military term. It shows that Israel was organized like an army. Also in verse 51. II FOREIGNER LIVING AMONG YOU That is, someone who has chosen to live among the Israelites and obey their laws and customs. Also in verse 48.

you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" yeast. You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" bread |strong="H4682" without |strong="H3808" yeast wherever |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" live |strong="H4186".

<sup>21</sup> So |strong="H3947" Moses |strong="H4872" called |strong="H7121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" elders |strong="H2205" together and |strong="H3478" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " Get |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" lambs |strong="H6629" for |strong="H7121" your |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940". Kill |strong="H7819" the |strong="H3605" lambs |strong="H6629" for |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3605" Passover |strong="H6453". <sup>22</sup> Take |strong="H3947" bunches of |strong="H1004" hyssop |strong="H0231" and |strong="H1004" dip |strong="H2881" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" bowls |strong="H5592" filled with |strong="H0413" blood |strong="H1818". Paint the |strong="H0834" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" sides and |strong="H1004" top of |strong="H1004" each |strong="H0376" doorframe. No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" must |strong="H3947" leave |strong="H3318" their |strong="H3947" house |strong="H1004" until |strong="H5704" morning |strong="H1242". <sup>23</sup> At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H8147" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" goes |strong="H0935" through |strong="H5674" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H7843" the |strong="H0853" firstborn, he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" sides and |strong="H0935" top |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1004" each |strong="H8147" doorframe. Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" protect <sup>I</sup> that |strong="H7200" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Destroyer |strong="H7843" come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" any |strong="H5414" of |strong="H1004" your |strong="H3068" houses |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" hurt you |strong="H5414". <sup>24</sup> You |strong="H5704" must |strong="H0853" remember this |strong="H2088" command |strong="H1697". This |strong="H2088" law is |strong="H2088" for |strong="H2088" you |strong="H5704" and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H8104" descendants |strong="H1121" forever |strong="H5769". <sup>25</sup>

<sup>I</sup> PROTECT Or "pass over."

You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" remember to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H8104" this |strong="H2063" even |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". <sup>26</sup> When |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3588" children |strong="H1121" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588", ' Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" we |strong="H3588" doing this |strong="H2063" ceremony |strong="H5656"? ' <sup>27</sup> you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H1931" Passover |strong="H6453" is |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" honor the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", because |strong="H5921" when |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714", he |strong="H0834" passed over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" houses |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H0834" killed the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714", but |strong="H5062" he |strong="H0834" saved |strong="H5337" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5921" our |strong="H3068" houses |strong="H1004"."

Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" and |strong="H1121" worshiped |strong="H7812" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068". <sup>28</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" given |strong="H6680" this |strong="H3651" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175", so |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680".

<sup>29</sup> At |strong="H3427" midnight the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" sons in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714", from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" son of |strong="H0776" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" ( who |strong="H0834" ruled Egypt |strong="H4714") to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" son of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" prisoner sitting |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" jail. Also |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" ani-

mals|strong="H0929" died.<sup>30</sup> That|strong="H0834" night|strong="H3915" someone|strong="H4191" died|strong="H4191" in|strong="H1004" every|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004" in|strong="H1004" Egypt|strong="H4714". Pharaoh|strong="H6547", his|strong="H3605" officials|strong="H5650", and|strong="H6965" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1004" Egypt|strong="H4714" began|strong="H1961" to|strong="H4191" cry|strong="H6818" loudly|strong="H1419".

### Israel Leaves|strong="H0369" Egypt|strong="H4714"

<sup>31</sup> So|strong="H7121" that|strong="H3068" night|strong="H3915" Pharaoh|strong="H7121" called|strong="H7121" for|strong="H7121" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", "Get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H1121" leave|strong="H3318" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971". You|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" can|strong="H1121" do|strong="H5647" as|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859" say|strong="H0559". Go|strong="H3318" and|strong="H1121" worship|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>32</sup> Take|strong="H3947" all|strong="H1288" of|strong="H6629" your|strong="H0834" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H6629" cattle|strong="H1241" with|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834", just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0834". Go! And|strong="H6629" say|strong="H1696" a|strong="H3947" blessing|strong="H1288" for|strong="H1571" me|strong="H3947" too|strong="H1571"."<sup>33</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4713" also|strong="H3588" asked|strong="H0559" them|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0559" hurry|strong="H4116" and|strong="H0776" leave|strong="H4480". They|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", "If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" don't leave|strong="H4480", we|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" die|strong="H4191"!"

<sup>34</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites did not have|strong="H5375" time to|strong="H5921" put|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" yeast|strong="H2556" in|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5375" bread. They|strong="H5921" just wrapped|strong="H6887" the|strong="H0853"

bowls|strong="H4863" of|strong="H5921" dough|strong="H1217" with|strong="H5921" cloth|strong="H8071" and|strong="H0853" carried|strong="H5375" them|strong="H0853" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5375" shoulders|strong="H7926".<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="H4872" the|strong="H1697" Israelites|strong="H3478" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H1697" Moses|strong="H4872" asked|strong="H7592" them|strong="H6213" to|strong="H3478" do|strong="H6213". They|strong="H6213" went to|strong="H3478" their|strong="H7592" Egyptian|strong="H4714" neighbors and|strong="H1121" asked|strong="H7592" for|strong="H4714" clothing|strong="H8071" and|strong="H1121" things|strong="H1697" made|strong="H6213" from|strong="H3478" silver|strong="H3701" and|strong="H1121" gold|strong="H2091".<sup>36</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" caused|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4714" to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" kind to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Israelites, so|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4714" gave|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3068" riches to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Israelites.

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="H1121" Israelites|strong="H3478" traveled|strong="H5265" from|strong="H5265" Rameses|strong="H7486" to|strong="H3478" Succoth|strong="H5523". There were|strong="H3478" about|strong="H5265" 600,000 men|strong="H1121", not|strong="H1121" counting the|strong="H1121" small boys.<sup>38</sup> A|strong="H5927" great|strong="H3966" number|strong="H3515" of|strong="H6629" people who|strong="H6154" were|strong="H1571" not|strong="H1571" Israelites went|strong="H5927" with|strong="H0854" them|strong="H5927", along|strong="H0854" with|strong="H0854" many|strong="H7227" sheep|strong="H6629", cattle|strong="H1241", and|strong="H6629" other livestock|strong="H4735".

<sup>39</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3318" to|strong="H3201" put|strong="H3318" yeast|strong="H2556" in|strong="H1571" their|strong="H3588" bread|strong="H4682" or|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" any|strong="H1571" special food|strong="H6720" for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3588" journey. So|strong="H6213" they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" to|strong="H3201" bake|strong="H0644" their|strong="H3588" bread|strong="H4682" without|strong="H3808" yeast|strong="H2556".

<sup>40</sup> The|strong="H0834" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Egypt|strong="H4714"!"

for 430 years.<sup>41</sup> After 430 years, to the very day, all the armies of the LORD left Egypt. The night they left, the LORD watched over them to bring them safely out of Egypt. So the Israelites will always celebrate this night each year to remember what the LORD did.

<sup>43</sup> The LORD told Moses and Aaron, "These are the rules for the Passover: No foreigner is to eat the Passover. But if someone buys a slave and circumcises him, then the slave can eat the Passover.

<sup>44</sup> "Each family must eat the meal in one house. None of the food is to be taken outside the house. Don't break any of the lamb's bones." The whole of Israel must do this ceremony.<sup>48</sup> If a foreigner liv-

I EGYPT The ancient Greek and Samaritan versions say, "Egypt and Canaan." This would mean they counted the years from about Abraham's time, not from Joseph's. See Genesis 15:12-16 and Gal. 3:17. I ARMIES OF THE LORD The Israelites. II FOREIGNER Here, this means someone who has not agreed to follow the laws and customs of Israel.

ing among you wants to share in the LORD'S Passover, he must be circumcised. Then he can share in the meal like any other citizen of Israel. But a man who is not circumcised cannot eat the Passover meal.<sup>49</sup> The same rules are for everyone. It doesn't matter if they are citizens or foreigners living among you."

<sup>50</sup> So all the Israelites obeyed the commands the LORD gave Moses and Aaron.<sup>51</sup> On that same day the LORD led the Israelites out of Egypt. The people in groups.

**13** Then the LORD said, "You must give me every male in Israel who is his mother's first child. That means that every first-born baby and every first-born male animal will be mine."

<sup>3</sup> Moses said to the people, "Remember this day. You were slaves in Egypt, but on this day the LORD used his great power and made you free." You must not eat bread with yeast. <sup>4</sup> Today, in this month of Abib, you are leaving Egypt. <sup>5</sup> The LORD made a special promise to your ancestors. He promised to give you the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, and Jebusites. After the LORD leads you to the land, it will be filled with many good things. <sup>1</sup> Then you must remember this day. You must have a special day of worship on this day during the first month of every year.

<sup>6</sup> For seven days, you must eat bread without yeast. On the seventh day there will be a great festival to show honor to the LORD.

I LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

LORD. <sup>7</sup> So for seven days, you must not eat any bread with yeast. There will be no bread with yeast in your land. <sup>8</sup> On this day, you should tell your children, "We are having this festival because the LORD took me out of Egypt."

<sup>9</sup> This festival will help you remember; it will be like a string tied on your hand. It will be like a sign before your eyes. <sup>II</sup> This festival will help you remember the LORD'S teachings. It will help you remember that the LORD used his great power to take you out of Egypt. <sup>10</sup> So remember this festival every year at the right time.

<sup>11</sup> "The LORD will lead you into the land he promised

II STRING ... EYES Literally, "a mark on your hands and a reminder between your eyes." This might refer to the special things an Israelite ties to his arm and forehead to help him remember God's laws for him. Also in verse 16.

to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". The |strong="H0834" Canaanites |strong="H3669" live there |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961". But |strong="H3588" God |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H7650" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776". When |strong="H3588" that |strong="H0834" happens |strong="H1961",<sup>12</sup> you |strong="H0834" must remember to |strong="H1961" give |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" every |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H6363" boy |strong="H2145". And |strong="H3068" every |strong="H3605" male |strong="H2145" animal |strong="H0929" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H6363" must also |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" given to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>13</sup> Every |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" donkey |strong="H2543" can |strong="H0518" be |strong="H3808" bought back. You |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518" offer a |strong="H0518" lamb |strong="H7716" and |strong="H1121" keep the |strong="H3605" donkey |strong="H2543". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" want to |strong="H1121" buy back the |strong="H3605" donkey |strong="H2543" like |strong="H3808" this |strong="H3605", then |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" break |strong="H6202" its |strong="H3605" neck |strong="H6202" to |strong="H1121" kill it |strong="H0518". But |strong="H0518" every |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" baby |strong="H1121" boy<sup>I</sup> must |strong="H0518" be |strong="H3808" bought back from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Lord.<sup>14</sup> " In |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" future, your |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" ask |strong="H7592" why |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H4100" this |strong="H2063". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", ' What |strong="H4100" does |strong="H4100" all this |strong="H2063" mean? And |strong="H1121" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H0559", ' The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" used |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3068" great power |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" save us |strong="H0413" from |strong="H3318" Egypt |strong="H4714". We |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650" in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3588"

I BABY BOY Or "baby."

place |strong="H1961", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" led |strong="H3318" us |strong="H0413" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H1121" brought |strong="H3318" us |strong="H0413" here |strong="H2063".<sup>15</sup> In |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714", Pharaoh |strong="H6547" was |strong="H1961" stubborn |strong="H7185" and |strong="H1121" refused |strong="H7971" to |strong="H5704" let |strong="H7971" us |strong="H5921" leave. So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H2026" every |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" in |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". ( The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H2026" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" males |strong="H2145"— animal |strong="H0929" and |strong="H1121" human |strong="H0120".) That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0589" give |strong="H1961" every |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" male |strong="H2145" animal |strong="H0929" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0589" buy back each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" my |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" sons |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".<sup>16</sup> This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" string tied on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027", like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" sign |strong="H0226" in |strong="H5921" front of |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" eyes |strong="H5869". It |strong="H5921" helps you |strong="H3588" remember that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H3318" us |strong="H5921" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4714" with |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921" great power |strong="H3027".

The |strong="H5921" Trip Out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4714"

<sup>17</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" made |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" leave Egypt |strong="H4714". God |strong="H0430" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" take |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" road |strong="H1870" leading to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430".

That **strong="H3588"** road **strong="H1870"** by **strong="H1870"** the **strong="H0853"** Mediterranean Sea is **strong="H1931"** the **strong="H0853"** shortest way **strong="H1870"**, but **strong="H3588"** God **strong="H0430"** said **strong="H0559"**, "If **strong="H3588"** the **strong="H0853"** people **strong="H5971"** go **strong="H7971"** that **strong="H3588"** way **strong="H1870"** they **strong="H3588"** will **strong="H0430"** have **strong="H1961"** to **strong="H0559"** fight **strong="H4421"**. Then **strong="H1961"** they **strong="H3588"** might **strong="H6435"** change **strong="H5162"** their **strong="H3588"** minds **strong="H5162"** and **strong="H0430"** go **strong="H7971"** back **strong="H7725"** to **strong="H0559"** Egypt **strong="H4714"**." 18 So **strong="H5927"** God **strong="H0430"** led **strong="H5437"** them **strong="H0853"** another way **strong="H1870"** through **strong="H0776"** the **strong="H0853"** desert **strong="H4057"** by **strong="H1870"** the **strong="H0853"** Red Sea **strong="H3220"**.<sup>1</sup> The **strong="H0853"** Israelites **strong="H3478"** were **strong="H3478"** dressed for **strong="H0776"** war when **strong="H1121"** they **strong="H5971"** left **strong="H5927"** Egypt **strong="H4714"**.

**Joseph  Goes  Home**

<sup>19</sup> Moses **strong="H4872"** carried **strong="H5927"** the **strong="H0853"** bones **strong="H6106"** of **strong="H1121"** Joseph **strong="H3130"** with **strong="H5973"** him **strong="H0853"**. Before **strong="H5973"** Joseph **strong="H3130"** died, he **strong="H3588"** made **strong="H7650"** the **strong="H0853"** Israelites **strong="H3478"** promise **strong="H7650"** to **strong="H0559"** do **strong="H2088"** this **strong="H2088"** for **strong="H3588"** him **strong="H0853"**. He **strong="H3588"** said **strong="H0559"**, "When **strong="H3588"** God **strong="H0430"** saves you **strong="H3588"**, remember to **strong="H0559"** carry **strong="H5927"** my **strong="H3947"** bones **strong="H6106"** with **strong="H5973"** you **strong="H3588"** out **strong="H0853"** of **strong="H1121"** Egypt."

**The  Lord Leads  His  People**

<sup>20</sup> The Israelites left **strong="H5265"** Succoth **strong="H5523"** and **strong="H5523"** camped **strong="H2583"** at **strong="H2583"** Etham. Etham was **strong="H5265"** near the desert **strong="H4057"**.<sup>21</sup> The **strong="H6440"** LORD **strong="H3068"** led **strong="H1980"**

<sup>1</sup> RED SEA Or "Reed Sea." Also in 14:2, 9, 16, 21, 30. See 1 Kings 9:26.

the **strong="H6440"** way **strong="H1870"**. During the **strong="H6440"** day **strong="H3119"**, he **strong="H3068"** used a **strong="H3068"** tall cloud **strong="H6051"** to **strong="H1980"** lead **strong="H5148"** the **strong="H6440"** people. And **strong="H1980"** during the **strong="H6440"** night **strong="H3915"**, he **strong="H3068"** used a **strong="H3068"** tall column **strong="H5982"** of **strong="H3068"** fire **strong="H0784"** to **strong="H1980"** lead **strong="H5148"** the **strong="H6440"** way **strong="H1870"**. This **strong="H3068"** fire **strong="H0784"** gave **strong="H0215"** them **strong="H6440"** light **strong="H0215"** so **strong="H1980"** that **strong="H3068"** they **strong="H3068"** could also **strong="H3068"** travel **strong="H1980"** at **strong="H3068"** night **strong="H3915"**.<sup>22</sup> The **strong="H6440"** cloud **strong="H6051"** was **strong="H6051"** always with **strong="H6440"** them **strong="H6440"** during the **strong="H6440"** day **strong="H3119"**, and **strong="H6440"** the **strong="H6440"** column **strong="H5982"** of **strong="H6440"** fire **strong="H0784"** was **strong="H6051"** always with **strong="H6440"** them **strong="H6440"** at **strong="H3808"** night **strong="H3915"**.

<sup>14</sup> Then **strong="H1696"** the **strong="H0559"** LORD **strong="H3068"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0413"** Moses **strong="H4872"**,<sup>2</sup> "Tell **strong="H1696"** the **strong="H6440"** people **strong="H1121"** to **strong="H0413"** go **strong="H7725"** back **strong="H7725"** to **strong="H0413"** Pi Hahiroth **strong="H6367"**. Tell **strong="H1696"** them **strong="H0413"** to **strong="H0413"** spend the **strong="H6440"** night between **strong="H0996"** Migdol **strong="H4024"** and **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H6440"** Red Sea **strong="H3220"**, near **strong="H6440"** Baal Zephon.<sup>3</sup> Pharaoh **strong="H6547"** will **strong="H0776"** think **strong="H0559"** that **strong="H0559"** the **strong="H0559"** Israelites **strong="H3478"** are **strong="H1992"** lost in **strong="H5921"** the **strong="H0559"** desert **strong="H4057"** and **strong="H1121"** that **strong="H0559"** the **strong="H0559"** people **strong="H1121"** will **strong="H0776"** have **strong="H1121"** no place **strong="H0776"** to **strong="H0559"** go.<sup>4</sup> I **strong="H0589"** will **strong="H3068"** make **strong="H6213"** Pharaoh **strong="H6547"** brave **strong="H2428"**, and **strong="H3068"** he **strong="H3588"** will **strong="H3068"** chase **strong="H7291"** you **strong="H3588"**. But **strong="H3588"** I **strong="H0589"** will **strong="H3068"** defeat Pharaoh **strong="H6547"** and **strong="H3068"** his **strong="H3605"** army **strong="H2428"**. This **strong="H3651"** will **strong="H3068"** bring **strong="H3045"** honor **strong="H3513"**



to |strong="H3068" me |strong="H0310". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3820" of |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4713" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" Israelites did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3045" he |strong="H3588" told |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853".

**Pharaoh |strong="H6547" Chases |strong="H7291" the |strong="H3605" Israelites**

<sup>5</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6547" received a |strong="H3588" report |strong="H5046" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3478" escaped |strong="H1272". When |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H3588" this |strong="H2063", he |strong="H3588" and |strong="H3478" his |strong="H7971" officials |strong="H5650" changed |strong="H2015" their |strong="H3588" minds |strong="H3824" about |strong="H0413" what |strong="H4100" they |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3478" done |strong="H6213". Pharaoh |strong="H6547" said |strong="H0559", " Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" we |strong="H3588" let |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" leave? Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" we |strong="H3588" let |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0413" run away |strong="H7971"? Now |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5650" lost our |strong="H3588" slaves |strong="H5650"! "

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3947" Pharaoh prepared |strong="H0631" his |strong="H3947" chariot |strong="H7393" and |strong="H7393" took |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" men |strong="H5971" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H0853". <sup>7</sup> He |strong="H5921" took |strong="H3947" 600 of |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" best men |strong="H0970" and |strong="H3967" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" chariots |strong="H7393". There |strong="H3605" was |strong="H4714" an |strong="H3947" officer in |strong="H5921" each |strong="H3605" chariot |strong="H7393". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" leaving |strong="H3318" with |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" arms |strong="H3027" raised |strong="H7311" in |strong="H3068" victory. But |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" caused

I THERE WAS ... CHARIOT Or "There were three soldiers in each chariot."

Pharaoh |strong="H6547", the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714", to |strong="H3068" become |strong="H7311" brave. And |strong="H1121" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" chased |strong="H7291" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478".

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3605" Egyptian |strong="H4713" army |strong="H2428" had |strong="H0853" many horse |strong="H5483" soldiers |strong="H2428" and |strong="H6440" chariots |strong="H7393". They |strong="H5921" chased |strong="H7291" the |strong="H3605" Israelites and |strong="H6440" caught |strong="H5381" up |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853" while |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H2428" camped |strong="H2583" near |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" Red Sea |strong="H3220" at |strong="H2583" Pi Hahiroth |strong="H6367", east |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" Baal Zephon.

<sup>10</sup> When |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" saw |strong="H2009" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3068" army coming |strong="H2009" toward |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", they |strong="H3068" were |strong="H3478" very |strong="H3966" frightened and |strong="H1121" cried |strong="H6817" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H0413" help. <sup>11</sup> They |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" bring |strong="H3318" us |strong="H0413" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0559" Egypt |strong="H4714"? Did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" bring |strong="H3318" us |strong="H0413" out |strong="H3318" here |strong="H2063" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" desert |strong="H4057" to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4191"? We |strong="H4191" could |strong="H4100" have |strong="H0369" died |strong="H4191" peacefully in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714"; there |strong="H0369" were |strong="H4714" plenty of |strong="H0559" graves |strong="H6913" in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>12</sup> We |strong="H3588" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H2088" would |strong="H0559" happen |strong="H1697"! In |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714" we |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", "Please don't |strong="H3808" bother us |strong="H0413". Let |strong="H3808" us |strong="H0413" stay and |strong="H4714" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714". It |strong="H3588" would |strong="H0559" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" bet-

ter|strong="H2896" for|strong="H3588"  
us|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" stay  
and|strong="H4714" be|strong="H4191"  
slaves|strong="H5647" than|strong="H4480"  
to|strong="H0413" come out|strong="H4480"  
here|strong="H2088" and|strong="H4714"  
die|strong="H4191" in|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057".

<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3588" Moses|strong="H4872" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " Don't|strong="H0408"  
be|strong="H5750" afraid|strong="H3372"!  
Don't|strong="H0408" run away|strong="H5750"!  
Stand|strong="H3320" where|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
and|strong="H3068" watch|strong="H7200"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
save|strong="H3444" you|strong="H0834" to-  
day|strong="H3117". You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808"  
see|strong="H7200" these|strong="H5971" Egyp-  
tians|strong="H4713" again|strong="H5750". <sup>14</sup>  
You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" not  
have|strong="H0859" to|strong="H3068" do anything  
but|strong="H0859" stay calm. The|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" do  
the|strong="H3068" fighting|strong="H3898"  
for|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859".

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", "  
Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100"  
you|strong="H4100" still|strong="H0559" cry-  
ing|strong="H6817" to|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413"? Tell|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
to|strong="H0413" start moving. <sup>16</sup>  
Raise|strong="H7311" the|strong="H0853" walking  
stick in|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921"  
hand|strong="H3027" over|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" Red Sea|strong="H3220",  
and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853"  
sea|strong="H3220" will|strong="H3478"  
split|strong="H1234". Then|strong="H0853"  
the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121"  
can|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935"  
across|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921"  
dry|strong="H3004" land|strong="H3004". <sup>17</sup>  
I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0589"  
made|strong="H2388" the|strong="H3605" Egyp-  
tians|strong="H4713" brave|strong="H2428",  
so|strong="H0935" they|strong="H0935"  
will|strong="H3820" chase you|strong="H3605".  
But|strong="H2388" I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H3820" show|strong="H2388"  
you|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605"  
I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" more power-  
ful|strong="H2428" than|strong="H3605"  
Pharaoh|strong="H6547" and|strong="H0935"

all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605"  
his|strong="H3605" horses|strong="H6571"  
and|strong="H0935" chariots|strong="H7393". <sup>18</sup>  
Then|strong="H3045" Egypt|strong="H4713"  
will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" honor|strong="H3513"  
me|strong="H0589" when|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H0589" defeat Pharaoh|strong="H6547"  
and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" horse sol-  
diers and|strong="H3068" chariots|strong="H7393".

### The|strong="H3588" Lord|strong="H3068" Defeats the|strong="H3588" Egyptian|strong="H4713" Army

<sup>19</sup> Then|strong="H1980" the|strong="H6440" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H0430"  
God|strong="H0430" moved|strong="H1980"  
to|strong="H1980" the|strong="H6440"  
back|strong="H0310" of|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H6440" people. ( The|strong="H6440" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" was|strong="H3478" usually  
in|strong="H1980" front|strong="H6440"  
of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H6440" people, lead-  
ing|strong="H6440" them|strong="H0310".)  
So|strong="H1980" the|strong="H6440" tall  
cloud|strong="H6051" moved|strong="H1980"  
from|strong="H5265" in|strong="H1980"  
front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H6440" people and|strong="H1980"  
went|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980"  
the|strong="H6440" back|strong="H0310"  
of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H6440" people. <sup>20</sup>  
In|strong="H0935" this|strong="H2088"  
way|strong="H2088" the|strong="H3605"  
cloud|strong="H6051" stood|strong="H0935" be-  
tween|strong="H0996" the|strong="H3605" Egyp-  
tians|strong="H4714" and|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478".  
There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961"  
light|strong="H0215" for|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478".  
But|strong="H3808" there|strong="H1961"  
was|strong="H1961" darkness|strong="H2822"  
for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Egyp-  
tians|strong="H4714". So|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H3605" Egyptians|strong="H4714"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
come|strong="H0935" any|strong="H3605" closer  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3605"  
night|strong="H3915".

<sup>21</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" raised  
his|strong="H3605" hand|strong="H3027"  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Red  
Sea|strong="H3220", and|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" caused

a |strong="H7760" strong |strong="H5794" wind |strong="H7307" to |strong="H5921" blow from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" east |strong="H6921". The |strong="H3605" wind |strong="H7307" blew all |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" long. The |strong="H3605" sea |strong="H3220" split |strong="H1234", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" wind |strong="H7307" made |strong="H7760" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H2724" dry |strong="H2724".<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0935" Israelites |strong="H3478" went |strong="H0935" through |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0935" sea |strong="H3220" on |strong="H0935" dry |strong="H3004" land |strong="H3004". The |strong="H0935" water |strong="H4325" was |strong="H3478" like |strong="H3478" a |strong="H0935" wall |strong="H2346" on |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" right |strong="H3225" and |strong="H1121" on |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" left |strong="H8040".<sup>23</sup> Then |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H0935" horse |strong="H5483" soldiers followed |strong="H0310" them |strong="H0413" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" sea |strong="H3220".<sup>24</sup> Early |strong="H1242" that |strong="H3068" morning |strong="H1242" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" looked |strong="H8259" down |strong="H8259" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" tall cloud |strong="H6051" and |strong="H3068" column |strong="H5982" of |strong="H3068" fire |strong="H0784" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Egyptian |strong="H4713" army |strong="H4264". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" made |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0413" panic.<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0853" wheels |strong="H0212" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" chariots |strong="H4818" became stuck. It |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" very hard to |strong="H0559" control the |strong="H0853" chariots |strong="H4818". The |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714" shouted, "Let's get |strong="H5493" out |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" here! The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" fighting |strong="H3898" against |strong="H6440" us |strong="H3588". He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" fighting |strong="H3898" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"."

<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872", "Raise your |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220"

to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" fall and |strong="H3068" cover the |strong="H0853" Egyptian |strong="H4714" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H3068" horse soldiers."

<sup>27</sup> So |strong="H7725" just before |strong="H5921" daylight, Moses |strong="H4872" raised |strong="H8432" his |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220". And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H0386" rushed back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" its |strong="H0853" proper level. The |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714" were |strong="H4714" running |strong="H0386" as |strong="H3068" fast as |strong="H3068" they |strong="H5921" could from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H0386", but |strong="H6437" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" swept them |strong="H0853" away |strong="H7725" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220".<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" returned |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0935" its |strong="H3605" normal level and |strong="H0935" covered |strong="H3680" the |strong="H3605" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H0935" horse soldiers |strong="H2428". Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" army |strong="H2428" had |strong="H0853" been |strong="H3808" chasing |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3605" Israelites, but |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428" was |strong="H0259" destroyed.

None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H4325" them |strong="H0853" survived |strong="H7604".<sup>29</sup> But |strong="H3225" the |strong="H8432" Israelites |strong="H3478" crossed the |strong="H8432" sea |strong="H3220" on |strong="H1980" dry |strong="H3004" land |strong="H3004". The |strong="H8432" water |strong="H4325" was |strong="H3478" like |strong="H3478" a |strong="H1980" wall |strong="H2346" on |strong="H1980" their |strong="H8432" right |strong="H3225" and |strong="H1980" on |strong="H1980" their |strong="H8432" left |strong="H8040".<sup>30</sup> So |strong="H4191" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" saved |strong="H3467" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714". Later, the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" dead |strong="H4191" bodies of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" shore |strong="H8193" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Red Sea |strong="H3220".<sup>31</sup>

The *Israelites* saw the *great power* of *LORD* when he defeated the *Egyptians*. So the *people* feared and respected the *LORD*, and they began to trust the *LORD* and his *servant* Moses.

### The Song of Moses

15 Then Moses and the *Israelites* began singing this song to the *LORD*:

"I will sing to the *LORD*! He has done great things."

He threw horse and rider into the sea.

<sup>2</sup> The *LORD* is my strength.

He saves me, and I sing songs of praise to him.

He is my God, and I praise him.

He is the *LORD* of my ancestors, and I honor him.

<sup>3</sup> The *LORD* is a great soldier.

The *LORD* is his name.

1 THE LORD ... HIM Literally, "YAH is my strength and praise. He became my salvation."

<sup>4</sup> He threw Pharaoh's chariots and soldiers into the sea.

Pharaoh's very best soldiers

drowned in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup> The deep water covered them, and they sank to the bottom like rocks.

<sup>6</sup> LORD, your right hand is amazingly strong.

With your right hand, LORD, you broke the enemy to pieces.

<sup>7</sup> In your great majesty you destroyed

those who stood against you.

Your anger destroyed them, like fire burning straw.

<sup>8</sup> The wind you sent in anger

piled the water high.

The flowing water became a wall, solid to its deep parts.

<sup>9</sup> "The enemy said,

"I'll chase them and catch them."

I'll take all their riches.

I'll take it with my sword.

I'll take everything for myself."

<sup>10</sup> But you blew on them

and *covered* them with *the sea*.

They *sank* like *lead*

into *the deep sea*.

<sup>11</sup> "Are *there* any *gods* like *the LORD*?"

No *are* *gods* like *you*—

*you* *are* wonderfully *holy*!

*You* *are* amazingly *powerful*!

*You* *do* *great* *miracles*!

<sup>12</sup> *You* *raised* your *right* *hand* to *punish* the *enemy*,

and *the ground* to *swallow* *them*.

<sup>13</sup> *But* your *kindness*

*you* *led* the *people* *you* *saved*.

And *your* *strength*

*you* *led* *them* *to* your *holy* *land*.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>14</sup> "The *other* *nations* will *hear*

and *they* will *be* *frightened*.

The *Philistines* will *shake* with *fear*.

<sup>15</sup> The *commanders* of *Edom* will *tremble*.

The *leaders* of *Moab* *will* *be* *afraid*.

The *people* of *Canaan* will *lose* *courage*.

<sup>1</sup> HOLY LAND Israel, the special land God set apart for the Israelites.

<sup>16</sup> They *will* *be* *filled* with *fear*

when *they* *see* your *strength*.

They *will* *be* *as* *still* *as* *a* *rock*, LORD,

while *your* *people* *ones* *you* *made* *by*

<sup>17</sup> *You* *will* *lead* your *people* to *your* *own* *mountain*.

*You* *will* *let* *them* *live* *by* *the* *place* *you*, LORD, *pre-* *pared* *your* *home*.

*It* *is* *the* *Temple*, *Lord*, *that* *you* *yourself* *built*.

<sup>18</sup> "The *LORD* will *rule* *fore-* *ever* *and* *ever*!"

<sup>19</sup> Yes *it* *really* *happened* *Pharaoh's* *horses* *and* *riders* *and* *chariots* *went* *into* *the* *sea*.

And *the* *LORD* *brought* *all* *the* *of* *the* *sea* *down* *on* *top* *of* *them*. *But* *the* *Is-* *raelites* *walked* *through* *the* *sea* *on* *dry* *land*.

<sup>20</sup> Then *Aaron's* *sister* *the* *woman* *prophet* *Miriam* *took* *a* *tambourine*.

She *strong="H0310"* and *strong="H3027"* the *strong="H3605"* women *strong="H0802"* began singing and *strong="H3027"* dancing *strong="H4246"*.<sup>21</sup> Miriam *strong="H4813"* repeated the *strong="H3588"* words, " Sing *strong="H7891"* to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3588"* LORD *strong="H3068"*! He *strong="H3588"* has *strong="H3068"* done great things. He *strong="H3588"* threw horse *strong="H5483"* and *strong="H3068"* rider *strong="H7392"* into *strong="H3220"* the *strong="H3588"* sea *strong="H3220"* ...."

### Israel Goes Into *strong="H3220"* the *strong="H3588"* Desert

<sup>22</sup> Moses *strong="H4872"* led *strong="H3318"* the *strong="H0853"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* away *strong="H3318"* from *strong="H5265"* the *strong="H0853"* Red Sea *strong="H3220"* and *strong="H3478"* into *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* desert *strong="H4057"* of *strong="H3117"* Shur *strong="H7793"*. They *strong="H3117"* traveled *strong="H5265"* for *strong="H0413"* three *strong="H7969"* days *strong="H3117"* in *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* desert *strong="H4057"*. They *strong="H3117"* could not *strong="H3808"* find *strong="H4672"* any *strong="H3318"* water *strong="H4325"*.<sup>23</sup> Then *strong="H3651"* they *strong="H1992"* came *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* Marah *strong="H4785"*.<sup>I</sup> There *strong="H1992"* was *strong="H8034"* water *strong="H4325"* at *strong="H5921"* Marah *strong="H4785"*, but *strong="H3588"* it *strong="H5921"* was *strong="H8034"* too *strong="H5921"* bitter *strong="H4751"* to *strong="H0935"* drink *strong="H8354"*. ( That *strong="H3588"* is *strong="H8034"* why *strong="H3651"* the *strong="H5921"* place *strong="H0935"* was *strong="H8034"* named *strong="H8034"* Marah *strong="H4785"*.)

<sup>24</sup> The *strong="H0559"* people *strong="H5971"* began complaining to *strong="H0559"* Moses *strong="H4872"*. They *strong="H5921"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Now what *strong="H4100"* will *strong="H4100"* we drink *strong="H8354"*?"

<sup>25</sup> So *strong="H7760"* Moses called *strong="H6817"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, and *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0413"* LORD *strong="H3068"* showed *strong="H3384"* him *strong="H0413"* a *strong="H7760"* large piece of *strong="H3068"* wood *strong="H6086"*. When *strong="H3068"* Moses put *strong="H7760"* the *strong="H0413"* wood *strong="H6086"*

in *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* water *strong="H4325"*, the *strong="H0413"* water *strong="H4325"* became *strong="H4985"* good to *strong="H0413"* drink.

There *strong="H8033"* the *strong="H0413"* LORD *strong="H3068"* put *strong="H7760"* in *strong="H0413"* place *strong="H7760"* a *strong="H7760"* law and *strong="H3068"* a *strong="H7760"* command for *strong="H0413"* him *strong="H0413"* and *strong="H3068"* tested *strong="H5254"* him *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* see if *strong="H7760"* he *strong="H8033"* would *strong="H3068"* obey.<sup>II26</sup> He *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* him *strong="H5921"*, " I *strong="H0589"* am *strong="H0589"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*. If *strong="H0518"* you *strong="H0834"* listen *strong="H8085"* to *strong="H0559"* me *strong="H5921"* and *strong="H3068"* do *strong="H6213"* what *strong="H0834"* I *strong="H0589"* say *strong="H0559"* is *strong="H0834"* right *strong="H3477"*, and *strong="H3068"* if *strong="H0518"* you *strong="H0834"* obey *strong="H8085"* all *strong="H3605"* my *strong="H3605"* commands *strong="H0559"* and *strong="H3068"* laws *strong="H2706"*, then *strong="H8085"* I *strong="H0589"* will *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* give *strong="H0238"* you *strong="H0834"* any *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H0430"* the *strong="H3605"* sicknesses that *strong="H0834"* I *strong="H0589"* gave *strong="H0559"* the *strong="H3605"* Egyptians *strong="H4714"*. I *strong="H0589"* am *strong="H0589"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* who *strong="H0834"* heals *strong="H7495"* you *strong="H0834"*."

<sup>27</sup> Then *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H5921"* people *strong="H5869"* traveled *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* Elim *strong="H0362"*. At *strong="H2583"* Elim *strong="H0362"* there *strong="H8033"* were *strong="H5869"* twelve *strong="H6240"* springs of *strong="H5869"* water *strong="H4325"* and *strong="H0935"* 70 palm *strong="H8558"* trees *strong="H8558"*. So *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H5921"* people *strong="H5869"* made their *strong="H5921"* camp *strong="H2583"* there *strong="H8033"* near *strong="H5921"* that *strong="H5869"* water *strong="H4325"*.

II THERE ... HE WOULD OBEY Or "There the LORD put in place a law and a command for them and tested them to see if they would obey."

I MARAH This name means "Bitter" or "Sad."

## Israel Complains, So God Sends Food

**16** Then *the* all *the* Israelites *left* Elim. They *reached* the western Sinai desert, <sup>1</sup> between Elim and Mount Sinai, on *the* 15th day of *the* second month *after* leaving Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Then *the* whole community of *the* Israelites began complaining again. They *complained to* Moses and Aaron *in* the desert. <sup>3</sup> They *said*, "It *would* have *been* better *if* the LORD had *killed* us *in* the land of Egypt." At *least* there had *been* plenty to *eat*. We *had* all *the* food we *needed*. But *now* you *have* brought *us* out *here* into *the* desert to *make* all *of* us *die* from *hunger*!"

<sup>4</sup> Then *the* LORD *said* to *Moses*, "I *will* cause *you* to *fall from* the *sky*. This *food*

I WESTERN SINAI DESERT Literally, "desert of Sin." II 15TH DAY OF THE SECOND MONTH That is, the 15th of Iyyar. The Israelites had been traveling for a month.

*will* be *for* you *to* eat. Every *day* the *people* should *go* out *and* gather *the* food they *need* that *day*. I *will* do *this* to *see* if *they* will *do* what *I* tell *them*. <sup>5</sup> Every *day* the *people* will *gather* only enough food for *one* *day*. But *on* Friday, when *the* *people* prepare *their* food, they *will* see that *they* have *enough* food for *two* *days*!"

<sup>6</sup> So *Moses* and *Aaron* *said* to *the* Israelites, "Tonight you *will* see *the* power *of* the LORD. You *will* know *he* is *the* one *who* brought *you* out *of* Egypt." <sup>7</sup> You *have* been *complaining* about *the* LORD, and *he* heard *you*. So *tomorrow* *morning* you *will* see *the* Glory *of* the LORD.

III FRIDAY, ... TWO DAYS This happened so that the people would not have to work on the Sabbath (Saturday), the day of rest.

You *strong="H3588"* have *strong="H3068"* been *strong="H3068"* complaining and *strong="H3068"* complaining about *strong="H5921"* us *strong="H5921"*. Maybe now *strong="H3588"* we *strong="H3588"* can *strong="H4100"* have *strong="H3068"* a *strong="H3588"* little rest." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Then *strong="H0853"* Moses *strong="H4872"* said *strong="H0559"*, " In *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* evening *strong="H6153"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* give *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H0859"* meat *strong="H1320"* to *strong="H0559"* eat *strong="H0398"*, and *strong="H3068"* in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* morning *strong="H1242"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H3068"* have *strong="H0834"* all *strong="H0398"* the *strong="H0853"* bread *strong="H3899"* you *strong="H0859"* want. The *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* do *strong="H4100"* this *strong="H3588"* because *strong="H3588"* he *strong="H0834"* has *strong="H3068"* heard *strong="H8085"* your *strong="H3068"* complaining, which *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H0834"* against *strong="H5921"* him *strong="H5414"*, not *strong="H3808"* us *strong="H5414"*. What *strong="H4100"* can *strong="H4100"* we *strong="H3588"* do *strong="H4100"*? We *strong="H3588"* do *strong="H4100"* only *strong="H6153"* what *strong="H4100"* he *strong="H0834"* tells *strong="H0559"* us *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H0559"* do *strong="H4100"*, so *strong="H5414"* your *strong="H3068"* complaints are *strong="H0834"* really *strong="H0559"* against *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*."

<sup>9</sup> Then *strong="H0853"* Moses *strong="H4872"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* Aaron *strong="H0175"*, " Tell *strong="H0559"* the *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* community *strong="H5712"* of *strong="H1121"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* to *strong="H0413"* come *strong="H7126"* together *strong="H7126"* before *strong="H6440"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, because *strong="H3588"* he *strong="H3588"* has *strong="H3068"* heard *strong="H8085"* their *strong="H3605"* complaints."

<sup>10</sup> So *strong="H1961"* Aaron *strong="H0175"* spoke *strong="H1696"* to *strong="H0413"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* Israelites *strong="H3478"*. While *strong="H1961"* he *strong="H3068"* was *strong="H1961"* talking *strong="H1696"*, the *strong="H3605"* peo-

<sup>1</sup> You ... REST Or "Who are we that you should be complaining about us?"

ple *strong="H1121"* turned *strong="H6437"* and *strong="H1121"* looked *strong="H7200"* into *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* desert *strong="H4057"*. And *strong="H1121"* they *strong="H3068"* saw *strong="H7200"* the *strong="H3605"* Glory *strong="H3519"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* appear *strong="H7200"* in *strong="H0413"* a *strong="H1961"* cloud *strong="H6051"*.

<sup>11</sup> The *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* Moses *strong="H4872"*, <sup>12</sup> " I *strong="H0589"* have *strong="H3045"* heard *strong="H8085"* the *strong="H0853"* complaints of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* Israelites *strong="H3478"*. So *strong="H3588"* tell *strong="H0559"* them *strong="H0413"*, "Tonight you *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3068"* eat *strong="H0398"* meat *strong="H1320"*. And *strong="H1121"* in *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* morning *strong="H1242"* you *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3068"* have *strong="H3045"* all *strong="H0398"* the *strong="H0853"* bread *strong="H3899"* you *strong="H3588"* want. Then *strong="H1696"* you *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3068"* know *strong="H3045"* you *strong="H3588"* can *strong="H3045"* trust the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*."

<sup>13</sup> That *strong="H1961"* evening *strong="H6153"*, flocks of *strong="H4264"* quail *strong="H7958"* came *strong="H1961"* and *strong="H1242"* filled the *strong="H0853"* camp *strong="H4264"*, and *strong="H1242"* in *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H0853"* morning *strong="H1242"* dew *strong="H2919"* lay *strong="H1961"* on *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H0853"* ground all *strong="H5439"* around *strong="H5439"* it *strong="H5439"*. <sup>14</sup> After *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H6440"* dew *strong="H2919"* was *strong="H0776"* gone *strong="H5927"*, something like *strong="H0776"* thin *strong="H1851"* flakes of *strong="H0776"* frost was *strong="H0776"* on *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H6440"* ground *strong="H0776"*. <sup>15</sup> When *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H0559"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* saw *strong="H7200"* it *strong="H5414"*, they *strong="H0834"* asked *strong="H0559"* each *strong="H0376"* other *strong="H0251"*, " What *strong="H4100"* is *strong="H0834"* that *strong="H0834"*? " because *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H4100"* not *strong="H3808"* know *strong="H3045"* what *strong="H4100"* it *strong="H5414"* was *strong="H0834"*. So *strong="H5414"* Moses *strong="H4872"* told *strong="H0559"* them *strong="H0413"*, " This *strong="H1931"*



is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" food |strong="H3899" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0402".<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H1697", ' Each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0376" gather |strong="H3950" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" need |strong="H0376", a |strong="H3947" basket<sup>I</sup> of |strong="H0376" manna for |strong="H3068" every- one |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" family |strong="H0168".'

<sup>17</sup> So |strong="H3651" that |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" what |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3651" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H6213". Some people |strong="H1121" gathered |strong="H3950" a |strong="H3478" large amount |strong="H7235", some peo- ple |strong="H1121" gathered |strong="H3950" a |strong="H3478" little |strong="H4591".<sup>18</sup> But |strong="H3808" when |strong="H0376" they |strong="H3808" measured |strong="H4058" what |strong="H6310" they |strong="H3808" had |strong="H0376" gathered |strong="H3950", there was |strong="H0376" no |strong="H3808" shortage and |strong="H0376" there was |strong="H0376" none |strong="H3808" left |strong="H5736" over |strong="H5736". Everyone |strong="H0376" gathered |strong="H3950" just what |strong="H6310" they |strong="H3808" needed.

<sup>19</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " Don't |strong="H0408" save that |strong="H4480" food to |strong="H0413" eat the |strong="H0559" next |strong="H0413" day |strong="H1242".'<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3808" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8085" Moses |strong="H4872". They |strong="H5921" saved |strong="H3498" their |strong="H5921" food for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" day |strong="H1242". But |strong="H3808" worms |strong="H8438" got into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" food and |strong="H4872" it |strong="H5921" began |strong="H0887" to |strong="H0413" stink |strong="H0887". Moses |strong="H4872" was |strong="H0376" an- gry |strong="H7107" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" did |strong="H3808" this |strong="H0376".

<sup>21</sup> Every |strong="H0376" morning |strong="H1242" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" gath- ered |strong="H3950" as |strong="H0376"

much |strong="H6310" food |strong="H0400" as |strong="H0376" they |strong="H0376" could |strong="H0376" eat, but |strong="H0376" by |strong="H1242" noon<sup>II</sup> the |strong="H0853" food |strong="H0400" melted |strong="H4549" and |strong="H0376" was |strong="H0376" gone.

<sup>22</sup> On |strong="H3117" Friday the |strong="H3605" people gathered |strong="H3950" twice |strong="H8147" as |strong="H1961" much |strong="H4932" food |strong="H3899"— two |strong="H8147" baskets<sup>III</sup> for |strong="H3605" every |strong="H3605" person |strong="H0935". So |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H5387" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" people came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H5046" this |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0935" Moses |strong="H4872".

<sup>23</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" would |strong="H3068" happen. It |strong="H1931" happened be- cause |strong="H0834" tomorrow |strong="H4279" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Sab- bath |strong="H7676", the |strong="H3605" special day |strong="H1242" of |strong="H3068" rest |strong="H7677" to |strong="H0413" honor the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" cook |strong="H1310" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" food you |strong="H0834" need to |strong="H0413" cook |strong="H1310" for |strong="H0413" today, but |strong="H1696" save the |strong="H3605" rest |strong="H7677" of |strong="H3068" this |strong="H1931" food for |strong="H0413" tomorrow |strong="H4279" morn- ing |strong="H1242".'

<sup>24</sup> So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" peo- ple |strong="H0834" saved the |strong="H0853" rest |strong="H1961" of |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" food for |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" next day |strong="H1242", as |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680", and |strong="H4872" none |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" food spoiled or |strong="H3808" had |strong="H0834" worms |strong="H7415" in |strong="H1961" it |strong="H5704".

<sup>25</sup> On |strong="H3117" Saturday, Moses |strong="H4872" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3808", " To- day |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Sabbath |strong="H7676",

I BASKET Literally, "1 omer" (2.2 l). Also in verses 32, 33.

II NOON Literally, "the heat of the day." III TWO BASKETS Literally, "2 omers" (4.4 l).

the *strong*="H0559" special day *strong*="H3117" of *strong*="H3068" rest to *strong*="H0559" honor the *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068". So *strong*="H3808" none *strong*="H3808" of *strong*="H3068" you *strong*="H3588" should *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H3808" out *strong*="H4672" in *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0559" fields *strong*="H7704". Eat *strong*="H0398" the *strong*="H0559" food *strong*="H0398" you *strong*="H3588" gathered *strong*="H3588" yesterday.<sup>26</sup> You *strong*="H3117" should *strong*="H3117" gather *strong*="H3950" the *strong*="H3117" food for *strong*="H3117" six *strong*="H8337" days *strong*="H3117". But *strong*="H3808" the *strong*="H3117" seventh *strong*="H7637" day *strong*="H3117" of *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3117" week is *strong*="H3117" a *strong*="H1961" day *strong*="H3117" of *strong*="H3117" rest *strong*="H1961"—so *strong*="H1961" there *strong*="H1961" will *strong*="H1961" not *strong*="H3808" be *strong*="H1961" any *strong*="H1961" of *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3117" special food on *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3117" ground."

<sup>27</sup> On *strong*="H3117" Saturday, some *strong*="H4480" of *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H4480" people *strong*="H5971" went *strong*="H3318" out *strong*="H3318" to *strong*="H1961" gather *strong*="H3950" some *strong*="H4480" of *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H4480" food, but *strong*="H3808" they *strong*="H3117" could *strong*="H5971" not *strong*="H3808" find *strong*="H4672" any *strong*="H4480".<sup>28</sup> Then *strong*="H4872" the *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" Moses *strong*="H4872", " How *strong*="H0575" long *strong*="H5704" will *strong*="H3068" you *strong*="H5704" people refuse *strong*="H3985" to *strong*="H0413" obey *strong*="H8104" my *strong*="H8104" commands *strong*="H0559" and *strong*="H3068" teachings *strong*="H8451"?<sup>29</sup> Look *strong*="H7200", the *strong*="H5921" LORD *strong*="H3068" has *strong*="H3068" made *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H5921" Sabbath *strong*="H7676" a *strong*="H3588" day *strong*="H3117" of *strong*="H0376" rest for *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H3588". So *strong*="H3651" on *strong*="H5921" Friday he *strong*="H1931" will *strong*="H3068" give *strong*="H5414" you *strong*="H3588" enough *strong*="H3651" food *strong*="H3899" for *strong*="H3588" two *strong*="H3427" days *strong*="H3117". Then *strong*="H3318", on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" Sabbath *strong*="H7676", each *strong*="H0376" of *strong*="H0376" you *strong*="H3588"

should *strong*="H0376" sit *strong*="H3427" down *strong*="H3427" and *strong*="H3068" relax. Stay *strong*="H3427" where *strong*="H4725" you *strong*="H3588" are *strong*="H3117".<sup>30</sup> So *strong*="H7673" the *strong*="H3117" people *strong*="H5971" rested *strong*="H7673" on *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3117" Sabbath.<sup>31</sup> The *strong*="H0853" people *strong*="H1931" called *strong*="H7121" the *strong*="H0853" special food *strong*="H1004" " manna *strong*="H4478".<sup>1</sup> It *strong*="H1931" was *strong*="H8034" like *strong*="H3478" small white *strong*="H3836" coriander *strong*="H1407" seeds *strong*="H2233" and *strong*="H3478" tasted like *strong*="H3478" thin cakes made *strong*="H7121" with *strong*="H1004" honey *strong*="H1706".<sup>32</sup> Moses *strong*="H4872" told *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H0853" people *strong*="H0834" what *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" said *strong*="H0559": "Save a *strong*="H7200" basket of *strong*="H0776" this *strong*="H2088" food *strong*="H3899" for *strong*="H0776" your *strong*="H3068" descendants *strong*="H3318". Then *strong*="H3318" they *strong*="H0834" can *strong*="H0834" see *strong*="H7200" the *strong*="H0853" food *strong*="H3899" that *strong*="H0834" I *strong*="H0834" gave *strong*="H6680" to *strong*="H0559" you *strong*="H0834" in *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" desert *strong*="H4057" when *strong*="H0834" I *strong*="H0834" took *strong*="H3318" you *strong*="H0834" out *strong*="H3318" of *strong*="H0776" Egypt *strong*="H4714"."

<sup>33</sup> So *strong*="H3947" Moses *strong*="H4872" told *strong*="H0559" Aaron *strong*="H0175", " Take *strong*="H3947" a *strong*="H3947" jar *strong*="H6803" and *strong*="H3068" fill *strong*="H4393" it *strong*="H5414" with *strong*="H0413" a *strong*="H3947" full *strong*="H4393" basket of *strong*="H3068" manna *strong*="H4478". Save this *strong*="H3068" manna *strong*="H4478" to *strong*="H0413" put *strong*="H5414" before *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068". Save it *strong*="H5414" for *strong*="H0413" our *strong*="H3068" descendants."<sup>34</sup> ( Aaron *strong*="H0175" did *strong*="H0834" what *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H6440" LORD *strong*="H3068" had *strong*="H3068" commanded *strong*="H6680" Moses *strong*="H4872". Aaron *strong*="H0175" put *strong*="H3240" the *strong*="H6440" jar of *strong*="H3068" manna in *strong*="H0413" front *strong*="H6440" of *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H6440" Box of *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H6440" Agreement.)

<sup>1</sup> MANNA This name is like the Hebrew phrase in verse 15 meaning "What is that?"

35 The *people* *ate* the *manna* for 40 years they came to the land that is *until* they came to the edge of the land of *Canaan*. The *measure* they used for the *manna* was an omer. An omer was about 8 cups. 1)

### Water From the Rock

17 The *Israelites* the *western Sinai desert*. 2) They traveled from place to place as the *LORD* commanded. They camped at *Rephidim* there was no water for the *people* to drink. 2) So they turned against *Moses* and started arguing with *him*. They said, "Give us water to drink." 3)

*Moses* to them, "Why you turned against me? Why are you testing the *LORD*?" 3) But the *people* were very thirsty, so they contin-

ued complaining to *Moses*. They said, "Why did you bring us out of *Egypt*? Did you bring us here so that we, our children, and our cattle will all die without water?"

4) So *Moses* cried to the *LORD*, "What I can do with these *people*? They are ready to kill me!"

5) The *LORD* said to *Moses*, "Go before the *Israelites* some of the *elders* of the *people* with you. Carry your walking stick with you. This stick is the *stick* you used when you hit the *Nile River*. I will stand before you a rock at *Horeb*. Hit that rock with the walking stick and water will come out of it. Then the *people* can drink."

I ABOUT 8 CUPS Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l). II WESTERN SINAI DESERT Literally, "desert of Sin."

III HOREB Another name for Mount Sinai.

Moses *did* these *things* and *the* *elders* of *Israel* saw *it*.<sup>7</sup> Moses *named* that *place* Meribah *and* Masah *because* this *was* the *place* that *the* *Israelites* turned against *him* and *tested* the *LORD*. The *people* wanted to *know* if *the* *LORD* was *with* them *or* not.

#### War With *the* Amalekites

<sup>8</sup> At *Rephidim* the *Amalekites* came *and* fought *against* the *Israelites*.<sup>9</sup> So *Moses* said *to* Joshua *Choose* some *men* and *go* and *fight* the *Amalekites* tomorrow. *I* will *stand* on *the* top *of* the *hill* and *watch* you. *I* will *be* holding the *walking stick* God *gave* me.

<sup>10</sup> Joshua *obeyed* Moses *and* went *to* fight *the* Amalekites *the* next *day*. At *the* same *time* Moses *and* Aaron *and* Hur

<sup>I</sup> MERIBAH This name means "argument" or "rebellion." <sup>II</sup> MASAH This name means "trial," "temptation," or "test."

went *to* the *top* of *the* hill. <sup>11</sup> Any *time* Moses *held* his *hands* the *air*, the *men* of *Israel* would start winning the *fight*. But *when* Moses *put* his *hands* down, the *men* of *Israel* began *to* lose the *fight*.

<sup>12</sup> After *some* *time* *Moses'* arms *became* tired. So *they* put *a* large *rock* under *for* *him* to *sit* on. Then *Aaron* *and* Hur *held* *Moses'* hands *in* the *air*. Aaron *was* on *one* *side* of *Moses* and Hur *was* on *the* other *side*. They *held* his *hands* up *like* this *until* the *sun* went *down*. So *Joshua* *and* his *men* defeated *the* Amalekites *in* this *battle*.

<sup>14</sup> Then *the* *LORD* *said* to *Moses*, "Write *about* this *battle*. Write *these* *things* in *a* book *so*

that |strong="H3588" people will |strong="H3068" remember |strong="H2143" what |strong="H2063" happened here |strong="H2063". And |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" sure to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H0559" Joshua |strong="H3091" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" completely destroy the |strong="H0853" Amalekites |strong="H6002" from |strong="H8478" the |strong="H0853" earth |strong="H8064"."

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H4872" named |strong="H8034" it |strong="H7121", "The |strong="H1129" LORD is |strong="H8034" My |strong="H7121" Flag." <sup>16</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588" lifted my |strong="H3068" hands |strong="H3027" toward |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" throne. So |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" fought against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Amalekites |strong="H6002", as |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3588" always has |strong="H3068"."

#### Advice From Moses' Father-in-Law

**18** Jethro |strong="H3503", Moses' |strong="H4872" father-in-law |strong="H2859", was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" priest |strong="H3548" in |strong="H0430" Midian |strong="H4080". He |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" many ways that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" helped Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". He |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" leading the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H3947" Jethro |strong="H3503" went to |strong="H0802" Moses |strong="H4872" while Moses |strong="H4872" was |strong="H0802" camped near the |strong="H0853" mountain of |strong="H0802" God. <sup>1</sup> Jethro |strong="H3503" brought |strong="H3947" Moses' |strong="H4872" wife |strong="H0802", Zipporah |strong="H6855", with |strong="H0802" him |strong="H0853". ( Zipporah |strong="H6855" was |strong="H0802" not with |strong="H0802" Moses |strong="H4872", because |strong="H0310" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H4872" sent |strong="H3947" her |strong="H3947" home.) <sup>3</sup> Jethro also |strong="H0853" brought |strong="H1961" Moses' two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121"

with |strong="H0776" him |strong="H0853". The |strong="H0853" first |strong="H0259" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Gershom |strong="H1647", <sup>II</sup> because |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H8034" born |strong="H1121", Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" stranger |strong="H1616" in |strong="H0776" a |strong="H1961" foreign |strong="H5237" country |strong="H0776"." <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3588" other |strong="H0259" son was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Eliezer |strong="H0461", <sup>III</sup> because |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H8034" born, Moses |strong="H8034" said, " The |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001" helped me |strong="H5337" and |strong="H0430" saved |strong="H5337" me |strong="H5337" from |strong="H5337" the |strong="H3588" king of |strong="H0430" Egypt." <sup>5</sup> So |strong="H0834" Jethro |strong="H3503" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" while |strong="H1931" Moses |strong="H4872" was |strong="H0834" camped |strong="H2583" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" desert |strong="H4057" near |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0834" mountain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430". Moses' |strong="H4872" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0834" two sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0413" Jethro |strong="H3503".

<sup>6</sup> Jethro |strong="H3503" sent |strong="H0559" a |strong="H0935" message to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" that |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H0935" is |strong="H1121" your |strong="H0935" father-in-law |strong="H2859" Jethro |strong="H3503". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" bringing |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" her |strong="H0413" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5973"."

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H3318" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H7125" his |strong="H0376" father-in-law |strong="H2859". Moses |strong="H4872" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" before him |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" kissed |strong="H5401" him |strong="H0935". The |strong="H0935" two men |strong="H0376" asked |strong="H7592"

I MOUNTAIN OF GOD That is, Mount Horeb (Sinai).

II GERSHOM This name is like the Hebrew words meaning "a stranger there." III ELIEZER This name means "My God helps."

about|strong="H0935" each|strong="H0376" other's health|strong="H7965". Then|strong="H3318" they|strong="H0376" went|strong="H3318" into|strong="H0935" Moses'|strong="H4872" tent|strong="H0168" to|strong="H0935" talk more. <sup>8</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" told|strong="H5608" Jethro everything|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". He|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5608" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H5921" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714". He|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5608" about|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" problems they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" along|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H1870". And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5608" his|strong="H3605" father-in-law|strong="H2859" how|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" saved|strong="H5337" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" every|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3478" there|strong="H4672" was|strong="H0834" trouble.

<sup>9</sup> Jethro|strong="H3503" was|strong="H0834" happy|strong="H2896" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" heard all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" good|strong="H2896" things|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478". He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" glad that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" freed the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Egyptians|strong="H4714". <sup>10</sup> He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"!

He|strong="H0834" freed you|strong="H0834" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" power|strong="H3027" of|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714".

He|strong="H0834" saved|strong="H5337" you|strong="H0834" from|strong="H3027" Pharaoh|strong="H6547".

<sup>11</sup> Now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" greater|strong="H1419" than|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430".

They|strong="H0834" thought|strong="H1697" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" control, but|strong="H3588" look what|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" did|strong="H0834"!"

<sup>12</sup> Jethro|strong="H3503" got|strong="H3947" some|strong="H3605" sacrifices|strong="H2077" and|strong="H0935" offerings|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0935" honor God|strong="H0430". Then|strong="H3947" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" eat|strong="H0398" with|strong="H5973" Moses'|strong="H4872" father-in-law|strong="H2859" Jethro|strong="H3503". They|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" ate|strong="H0398" together|strong="H5973" there|strong="H3605" with|strong="H5973" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0853" next|strong="H4283" day|strong="H4283", Moses|strong="H4872" had|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" special job of|strong="H3427" judging|strong="H8199" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" so|strong="H4480" many people|strong="H5971" that|strong="H4480" they|strong="H5921" had|strong="H1961" to|strong="H5704" stand|strong="H5975" before|strong="H5704" him|strong="H5921" all|strong="H5704" day|strong="H4283".

<sup>14</sup> Jethro saw|strong="H7200" Moses|strong="H4872" judging the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". He|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H0559", "Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" doing|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088"? Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" the|strong="H3605" only|strong="H0905" judge|strong="H6213"? And|strong="H4872" why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" people|strong="H5971" come to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" all|strong="H3605" day|strong="H1242"?"

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H0935" Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0935" father-in-law|strong="H2859", "The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" ask|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H3588" God's|strong="H0430" decision for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3588" problem.

<sup>16</sup> If|strong="H3588" people|strong="H0376" have|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" argument, they|strong="H3588" come|strong="H0935"

to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H3588" decide|strong="H8199" which|strong="H1697" person|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0430" right. In|strong="H0935" this|strong="H3588" way|strong="H1697" I|strong="H3588" teach|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" God's|strong="H0430" laws|strong="H8451" and|strong="H0935" teachings|strong="H8451".

<sup>17</sup> But|strong="H3808" Moses'|strong="H4872" father-in-law|strong="H2859" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " This|strong="H1697" isn't|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" right|strong="H2896" way|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H1697". <sup>18</sup> It|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0834" too|strong="H4480" much|strong="H1697" work|strong="H1697" for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H3201" do|strong="H6213" alone|strong="H0905". You|strong="H0859" cannot|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088" job|strong="H3808" by|strong="H1571" yourself|strong="H0859". It|strong="H3588" wears you|strong="H0859" out|strong="H4480". And|strong="H1697" it|strong="H3588" makes|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" tired too|strong="H4480". <sup>19</sup> Now|strong="H6258", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Let|strong="H6258" me|strong="H0413" give|strong="H3289" you|strong="H0859" some|strong="H5971" advice|strong="H1697". And|strong="H0935" I|strong="H1697" pray God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" should|strong="H0413" continue|strong="H1961" listening|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" problems of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". And|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" should|strong="H0413" continue|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" speak|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430" about|strong="H1961" these|strong="H5971" things|strong="H1697". <sup>20</sup> You|strong="H0834" should|strong="H6213" explain|strong="H3045" God's laws|strong="H8451" and|strong="H1870" teachings|strong="H8451" to|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834". Warn|strong="H2094" them|strong="H0853" not|strong="H1870" to|strong="H1870" break the|strong="H0853" laws|strong="H8451". Tell|strong="H3045" them|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" right way|strong="H1870"

to|strong="H1870" live|strong="H8451" and|strong="H1870" what|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" should|strong="H6213" do|strong="H6213". <sup>21</sup> But|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" should|strong="H0376" also|strong="H0430" choose|strong="H2372" some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H0376" judges|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3967" leaders|strong="H8269".

" Choose|strong="H2372" good men|strong="H0376" you|strong="H0859" can|strong="H0376" trust— men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" respect|strong="H7760" God|strong="H0430". Choose|strong="H2372" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0430" not change their|strong="H3605" decisions for|strong="H5921" money. Make|strong="H7760" these|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" rulers|strong="H8269" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". There|strong="H3605" should|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" rulers|strong="H8269" over|strong="H5921" 1000 people|strong="H5971", 100 people|strong="H5971", 50 people|strong="H5971", and|strong="H3967" even|strong="H5921" over|strong="H5921" ten|strong="H6235" people|strong="H5971". <sup>22</sup> Let|strong="H1961" these|strong="H1992" rulers|strong="H8199" judge|strong="H8199" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". If|strong="H7043" there|strong="H1961" is|strong="H1697" a|strong="H1961" very|strong="H1419" important|strong="H1419" case|strong="H1697", then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H1992" can|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605" and|strong="H0935" let|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3605" decide|strong="H8199" what|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H3605". But|strong="H1961" they|strong="H1992" can|strong="H0935" decide|strong="H8199" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" cases|strong="H1697" themselves|strong="H1992". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H1697" way|strong="H1697" these|strong="H1992" men|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1961" share your|strong="H3605" work|strong="H1697" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3605", and|strong="H0935" it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" easier|strong="H7043" for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" lead|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". <sup>23</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" do|strong="H6213"

this as God then will able do tiring yourself. And people still all solved before return.<sup>24</sup> So did Moses Jethro told Moses men among Israelites made leaders the There rulers 1000 people 50 people ten These were for the people The people could always their these and had the

most important cases.<sup>27</sup> After a short time Moses said goodbye to his father-in-law Jethro, and Jethro went back to his own home.

#### God's Agreement With Israel

**19** The Israelites reached desert Sinai the month their

Egypt.<sup>2</sup> They had from to Sinai. The camped the near Sinai.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses up with the spoke him the and Tell to I Egypt saw I you like brought here me now tell to my keep if do you be own The world to but am to my people.<sup>6</sup> You



will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
 a|strong="H1961" special nation|strong="H1471"—  
 a|strong="H1961" kingdom|strong="H4467"  
 of|strong="H1121" priests|strong="H3548":' Moses,  
 you|strong="H0859" must|strong="H1121"  
 tell|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0834" Is-  
 raelites|strong="H3478" what|strong="H0834"  
 I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961"  
 said|strong="H1696":"

7 So|strong="H7121" Moses|strong="H4872"  
 climbed down|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605"  
 mountain and|strong="H0935"  
 called|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3605" el-  
 ders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H3068"  
 the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" togeth-  
 er|strong="H5971". Moses|strong="H4872"  
 told|strong="H6680" the|strong="H3605" el-  
 ders|strong="H2205" everything|strong="H3605"  
 the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680"  
 him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0935"  
 tell|strong="H3605" them|strong="H0853". 8  
 All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" spoke|strong="H1696"  
 at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"  
 same|strong="H0853" time and|strong="H3068"  
 said|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H6213" every-  
 thing|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":"

Then|strong="H6030" Moses|strong="H4872"  
 went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
 up|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" mountain  
 and|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559"  
 the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068"  
 that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" would|strong="H3068"  
 obey|strong="H6213" him|strong="H0413". 9  
 Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
 to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", "  
 I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068"  
 come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
 you|strong="H5046" in|strong="H0935"  
 the|strong="H0853" thick|strong="H5645"  
 cloud|strong="H6051". I|strong="H0595"  
 will|strong="H3068" speak|strong="H1696"  
 to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5046".  
 All|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068"  
 hear|strong="H8085" me|strong="H0413" talk-  
 ing|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413"  
 you|strong="H5046". I|strong="H0595"  
 will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H8085"  
 this|strong="H1697" so|strong="H0935"  
 that|strong="H8085" they|strong="H3068"  
 will|strong="H3068" always|strong="H5769" be-  
 lieve|strong="H0539" what|strong="H1697"

you|strong="H5046" tell|strong="H5046"  
 them|strong="H0413":"

Then|strong="H1696" Moses|strong="H4872"  
 told|strong="H5046" God|strong="H3068" everything  
 the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971"  
 had|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559":

10 And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
 to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", " To-  
 day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3068" tomor-  
 row|strong="H4279" you|strong="H3117" must pre-  
 pare|strong="H6942" the|strong="H0559" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" for|strong="H0413"  
 a|strong="H3068" special meeting.  
 They|strong="H3117" must wash|strong="H3526"  
 their|strong="H3068" clothes|strong="H8071"<sup>11</sup>  
 and|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961"  
 ready|strong="H3559" for|strong="H3588"  
 me|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H3605" third|strong="H7992"  
 day|strong="H3117". On|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H3605" third|strong="H7992"  
 day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H3605"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
 come|strong="H1961" down|strong="H3381"  
 to|strong="H1961" Mount|strong="H2022"  
 Sinai|strong="H5514". And|strong="H3068"  
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068"  
 see|strong="H5869" me|strong="H5921". 12 But you  
 must tell the people to stay away from the mountain.  
 Make a line and don't let them cross it. Any person or  
 animal that touches the mountain must be killed with  
 stones or shot with arrows. But don't let anyone touch  
 them. The people must wait until the trumpet blows.  
 Only then can they go up the mountain."

14 So|strong="H4480" Moses|strong="H4872"  
 climbed down|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853"  
 mountain|strong="H2022" and|strong="H4872"  
 went|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971".  
 He|strong="H4480" got them|strong="H0413" ready  
 for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" special  
 meeting and|strong="H4872" they|strong="H5971"  
 washed|strong="H3526" their|strong="H0413"  
 clothes|strong="H8071":

15 Then|strong="H1961" Moses|strong="H0559"  
 said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971", "  
 Be|strong="H1961" ready|strong="H3559"  
 for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" meeting  
 with|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0559"  
 in|strong="H0413" three|strong="H7969"  
 days|strong="H3117". Until that|strong="H3117"  
 time|strong="H3117" do|strong="H0408"  
 not|strong="H0408" have|strong="H1961" sexual re-  
 lations|strong="H0413":"

16 On the morning of the third day, a thick cloud came down on the mountain. There was thunder and lightning, and a very loud sound. A trumpet and a very loud trumpet sound from the mountain. All the people were frightened. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to a place near the mountain to meet God. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke like smoke from a furnace. This happened because the LORD came down the mountain in fire. Also the whole mountain began to shake. The noise from the trumpet became louder and louder. Every time Moses spoke to God, God answered him with a voice like thunder.

20 So the LORD came down to Mount Sinai. He came from

heaven to the top of the mountain. Then he called Moses to come up to the top of the mountain with him. So Moses went up the mountain. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people not to come near me and look at me. If they do, many will die." Also the priests who come near the LORD that they must prepare themselves for this special meeting. If they don't, I, the LORD, will punish them."

23 Moses said to the LORD, "But the people cannot come up to the mountain. You yourself told us to make a line and not allow the people to cross the line to holy ground."

24 The LORD said to him, "Go down to the people."

Get |strong="H5927" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5927" him |strong="H0413" back |strong="H5927" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859". But |strong="H0859" don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" the |strong="H0559" priests |strong="H3548" or |strong="H6435" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" come |strong="H5927" near |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H3068" punish them |strong="H0413" if |strong="H6435" they |strong="H3068" come |strong="H5927" too close |strong="H5973".<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H3381" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H4872" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" these |strong="H5971" things.

### The Ten Commandments

**20** These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0428" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H1697" God |strong="H0430" told |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1696":

<sup>2</sup> " I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" the |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" freed you |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1004" Egypt |strong="H4714", where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H5650".

<sup>3</sup> " You |strong="H6440" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" worship any |strong="H1961" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" except |strong="H3808" me |strong="H6440".  
<sup>4</sup> " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" idols |strong="H6459". Don't |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" statues or |strong="H3808" pictures of |strong="H0776" anything |strong="H3605" up |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064" or |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0776" anything |strong="H3605" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" or |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0776" anything |strong="H3605" down |strong="H4605" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325".<sup>5</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" worship |strong="H7812" or |strong="H3808" serve |strong="H5647" idols of |strong="H1121" any |strong="H3588" kind, be-

cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0595", the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068", am |strong="H0595" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0595" hate |strong="H8130" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121" worshiping |strong="H7812" other gods |strong="H0430".<sup>I</sup> People |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H5771" against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921" become |strong="H5647" my |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H8130", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485" them |strong="H5921". And |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485" their |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121", their |strong="H3068" grandchildren |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" even |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3068" great-grandchildren.<sup>6</sup> But |strong="H4687" I will |strong="H0157" be very kind to |strong="H8104" people who |strong="H8104" love |strong="H0157" me |strong="H8104" and |strong="H4687" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H4687".<sup>I</sup> I will |strong="H0157" be kind to |strong="H8104" their |strong="H8104" families |strong="H0505" for |strong="H2617" thousands |strong="H0505" of |strong="H0505" generations |strong="H0157".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>7</sup> " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" use |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5375" empty |strong="H7723" promises. If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" do, the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" go |strong="H5352" unpunished |strong="H5352".  
<sup>8</sup> " You |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853" remember |strong="H2142" to |strong="H3117" keep |strong="H6942" the |strong="H0853" Sabbath |strong="H7676" a |strong="H3117" special day |strong="H3117".<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H3605" may |strong="H6213" work |strong="H4399" six |strong="H8337" days |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" week to |strong="H3117" do |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3605" job.<sup>10</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" rest in |strong="H0430" honor of |strong="H1121"

<sup>I</sup> I HATE ... GODS Or "I am El Kanah—the Jealous God."<sup>II</sup> Or "But I will show mercy to thousands of people who love me and obey my commands."

the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". So |strong="H6213" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" should |strong="H3068" work |strong="H4399"— not |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859", your |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323", or |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3068" men |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" women |strong="H1323" slaves |strong="H5650". Even |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3068" animals |strong="H0929" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" foreigners |strong="H1616" living in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" cities |strong="H8179" must |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" work |strong="H4399"! 11 That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" worked |strong="H6213" six |strong="H8337" days |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064", the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776", the |strong="H3605" sea |strong="H3220", and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853". And |strong="H3068" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117", he |strong="H0834" rested |strong="H5117". In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" Sabbath |strong="H7676"— the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0776" rest |strong="H5117". He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" very |strong="H3651" special day |strong="H3117".

12 " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" honor |strong="H3513" and |strong="H3068" respect |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" mother |strong="H0517". Do this |strong="H0834" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" full |strong="H3117" life |strong="H3117" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" gives |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

13 " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" murder |strong="H7523" anyone |strong="H7523".

14 " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" commit |strong="H5003" adultery |strong="H5003".

15 " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" steal |strong="H1589" anything |strong="H3808".

16 " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" tell lies |strong="H8267" about other |strong="H7453" people |strong="H3808".<sup>1</sup>

17 " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want to |strong="H5650" take your |strong="H3605" neighbor's |strong="H7453" house |strong="H1004". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want his |strong="H3605" wife |strong="H0802". And |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5650" and |strong="H1004" women |strong="H0802" servants |strong="H5650" or |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H7794" or |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3605" donkeys |strong="H2543". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want to |strong="H5650" take anything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H5650" another |strong="H7453" person."

**The |strong="H3605" People |strong="H0834" Are |strong="H0834" Afraid of |strong="H1004" God |strong="H3808"**

18 During |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" this |strong="H3605" time, the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5975" the |strong="H3605" valley heard |strong="H6963" the |strong="H3605" thundering and |strong="H6963" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" lightning |strong="H3940" on |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" mountain |strong="H2022". They |strong="H5971" saw |strong="H7200" smoke rising from |strong="H7350" the |strong="H3605" mountain |strong="H2022" and |strong="H6963" heard |strong="H6963" the |strong="H3605" sound |strong="H6963" of |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3605" trumpet |strong="H7782". They |strong="H5971" were |strong="H2022" afraid and |strong="H6963" shook |strong="H5128" with |strong="H3605" fear. They |strong="H5971" stood |strong="H5975" away |strong="H3605" from |strong="H7350" the |strong="H3605" mountain |strong="H2022" and |strong="H6963" watched |strong="H7200".<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H8085"

1 Or "You must not be a false witness against your neighbor."

said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H0859" want to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413", then |strong="H1696" we |strong="H8085" will |strong="H0430" listen |strong="H8085". But |strong="H0859" please |strong="H8085" don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" God |strong="H0430" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413". If |strong="H6435" this happens, we |strong="H8085" will |strong="H0430" die |strong="H4191"."

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H3372"! God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" test |strong="H5254" you |strong="H3588". He |strong="H3588" wants you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" respect |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0413" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H0408" sin |strong="H2398"."

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" stood |strong="H5975" far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H7350" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" mountain while |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" dark |strong="H6205" cloud |strong="H6205" where |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0834". <sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478": " You |strong="H0859" people |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1121" seen |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" talked |strong="H1696" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859" from |strong="H4480" heaven |strong="H8064". <sup>23</sup> So |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" idols using gold |strong="H2091" or |strong="H3808" silver |strong="H3701" to |strong="H0430" compete with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H3808". You |strong="H6213" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" these false gods |strong="H0430".

<sup>24</sup> " Make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H0935" special altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0834" should |strong="H6213" use dirt |strong="H0127"

to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196". Offer |strong="H2076" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H0935" cattle |strong="H1241" as |strong="H0834" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H0935" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" on |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196". Do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" every |strong="H3605" place |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0834". <sup>25</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" use |strong="H5130" stones |strong="H0068" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196", then |strong="H0853" don't |strong="H3808" use |strong="H5130" stones |strong="H0068" that |strong="H3588" were |strong="H0068" cut |strong="H1496" with |strong="H5921" an |strong="H1129" iron tool |strong="H5130". <sup>1</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H6213" that |strong="H3588", it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H2719" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" unacceptable. <sup>26</sup> And |strong="H4196" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H1540" steps |strong="H4609" leading up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196". If |strong="H0834" there |strong="H5927" are |strong="H0834" steps |strong="H4609", when |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" look up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196", they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H5921" see |strong="H0834" under |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" clothes."

#### Other Laws and Commands

**21** Then |strong="H7760" God said to |strong="H6440" Moses, " These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" other |strong="H0428" laws that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H7760" to |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H0834".

<sup>1</sup> IRON TOOL Literally, "sword."

2 " If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" buy |strong="H7069" a |strong="H3588" Hebrew |strong="H5680"<sup>I</sup> slave |strong="H5650", then |strong="H3318" that |strong="H3588" slave |strong="H5650" will |strong="H5650" serve |strong="H5647" for |strong="H3588" only six |strong="H8337" years |strong="H8141". After |strong="H3588" six |strong="H8337" years |strong="H8141", he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5650" be |strong="H5650" free |strong="H2670", and |strong="H5650" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5650" have |strong="H5650" to |strong="H5650" pay |strong="H2600" nothing |strong="H2600".<sup>3</sup> If |strong="H0518" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" not |strong="H0518" married |strong="H0802" when |strong="H0518" he |strong="H1931" becomes your |strong="H0935" slave, when |strong="H0518" he |strong="H1931" becomes free |strong="H3318", he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0802" leave |strong="H3318" without a |strong="H0518" wife |strong="H0802". But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0935" man |strong="H1167" is |strong="H1931" married |strong="H0802" when |strong="H0518" he |strong="H1931" becomes your |strong="H0935" slave, then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0802" keep |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" wife |strong="H0802" at |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" time |strong="H3318" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" made |strong="H0802" free |strong="H3318".<sup>4</sup> If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H5414" slave is |strong="H1931" not |strong="H0518" married |strong="H0802", the |strong="H5414" master |strong="H0113" can |strong="H0518" give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" a |strong="H1961" wife |strong="H0802". If |strong="H0518" that |strong="H1931" wife |strong="H0802" gives |strong="H5414" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0176" daughters |strong="H1323", she |strong="H1931" and |strong="H1121" her |strong="H0802" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5414" master |strong="H0113". After |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5414" slave is |strong="H1931" finished with |strong="H0802" his |strong="H5414" years of |strong="H1121" service, he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" made |strong="H5414" free |strong="H3318".

<sup>5</sup> " But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" slave |strong="H5650" decides that |strong="H0559" he |strong="H0518" wants

to |strong="H0559" stay with |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" master |strong="H0113", he |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0853" say |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H0518" love |strong="H0157" my |strong="H3318" master |strong="H0113". I |strong="H0518" love |strong="H0157" my |strong="H3318" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" my |strong="H3318" children |strong="H1121". I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5650" not |strong="H3808" become |strong="H3318" free |strong="H2670"— I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5650" stay.'<sup>6</sup> If |strong="H0176" this happens, the |strong="H0853" master |strong="H0113" will |strong="H0430" bring |strong="H5066" the |strong="H0853" slave |strong="H5647" before |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430".<sup>II</sup> The |strong="H0853" master |strong="H0113" will |strong="H0430" take the |strong="H0853" slave |strong="H5647" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0176" door |strong="H1817" or |strong="H0176" the |strong="H0853" wooden frame around the |strong="H0853" door |strong="H1817" and |strong="H0430" pierce |strong="H7527" the |strong="H0853" slave's ear |strong="H0241" using a |strong="H0176" sharp tool to |strong="H0413" show that |strong="H0176" the |strong="H0853" slave |strong="H5647" will |strong="H0430" serve |strong="H5647" that |strong="H0176" master |strong="H0113" for |strong="H0413" all |strong="H5769" his |strong="H0176" life.

<sup>7</sup> " A |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" might |strong="H1323" decide |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0376" sell |strong="H4376" his |strong="H0376" daughter |strong="H1323" as |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" slave |strong="H5650". If |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" happens, the |strong="H0853" rules for |strong="H3588" making her |strong="H3588" free |strong="H3318" are |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" as |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" rules for |strong="H3588" making the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" slaves |strong="H5650" free |strong="H3318".<sup>8</sup> If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0834" master |strong="H0113" who |strong="H0834" chose her |strong="H0518" for |strong="H0518" himself |strong="H3808" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" pleased |strong="H5869" with |strong="H5869" her |strong="H0518", then |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0518" sell |strong="H4376" the |strong="H0834" woman |strong="H5237" back to |strong="H5869" her |strong="H0518" father. If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0834" mas-

I HEBREW Or "Israelite."

II BEFORE GOD Or "before the judges."

ter|strong="H0113" broke his|strong="H0834" promise to|strong="H5869" marry her|strong="H0518", he|strong="H0834" loses the|strong="H0834" right|strong="H5869" to|strong="H5869" sell|strong="H4376" her|strong="H0518" to|strong="H5869" other people|strong="H5971".<sup>9</sup> If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0518" master promised to|strong="H1121" let the|strong="H0518" slave woman|strong="H1323" marry his|strong="H0518" son|strong="H1121", he|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" treat|strong="H6213" her|strong="H0518" like|strong="H1323" a|strong="H0518" daughter|strong="H1323", not|strong="H0518" like|strong="H1323" a|strong="H0518" slave.

<sup>10</sup> " If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3947" master marries|strong="H3947" another|strong="H0312" woman|strong="H0312", he|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" not|strong="H3808" give|strong="H3947" less food|strong="H7607" or|strong="H0518" clothing|strong="H3682" to|strong="H0312" the|strong="H3947" first|strong="H0312" wife. And|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" continue to|strong="H0312" give|strong="H3947" her|strong="H3947" what she|strong="H0518" has|strong="H0518" a|strong="H3947" right to|strong="H0312" have|strong="H0518" in|strong="H3808" marriage.<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0518" man|strong="H0369" must|strong="H0518" do|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0428" three|strong="H7969" things|strong="H0428" for|strong="H0518" her|strong="H0518". If|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0518" does|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808", the|strong="H0518" woman is|strong="H0369" made|strong="H6213" free|strong="H3318", and|strong="H3701" it|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0369" cost|strong="H2600" her|strong="H0518" nothing|strong="H3808". She|strong="H0518" owes no|strong="H3808" money|strong="H3701" to|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0518" man|strong="H0369".

<sup>12</sup> " Whoever|strong="H4191" hits and|strong="H0376" kills|strong="H5221" someone|strong="H0376" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H5221" too.<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3808" if|strong="H0834" an|strong="H7760" accident happens, and|strong="H0430" a|strong="H7760" person|strong="H3027" kills someone without|strong="H3808" planning it|strong="H7760", then|strong="H7760" God|strong="H0430" allowed that|strong="H0834" thing to|strong="H3027" happen. I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" choose some|strong="H8033" special places|strong="H4725" where|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834"

can|strong="H0834" run|strong="H5127" to|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" safety. So|strong="H3808" that|strong="H0834" person|strong="H3027" can|strong="H0834" run|strong="H5127" to|strong="H3027" one|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0430" those|strong="H0834" places|strong="H4725".<sup>14</sup> But|strong="H3588" whoever|strong="H4191" plans to|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H2026" someone|strong="H0376" out|strong="H5921" of|strong="H0376" anger or|strong="H0376" hatred must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" punished. Take|strong="H3947" them|strong="H5921" away|strong="H3947" from|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" altar|strong="H4196"<sup>15</sup> and|strong="H0376" kill|strong="H2026" them|strong="H5921".

<sup>15</sup> " Whoever|strong="H4191" hits their|strong="H5221" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H0001" their|strong="H5221" mother|strong="H0517" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H5221".

<sup>16</sup> " Whoever|strong="H4191" steals|strong="H1589" someone|strong="H0376" to|strong="H4191" sell|strong="H4376" them|strong="H3027" as|strong="H0376" a|strong="H4672" slave or|strong="H0376" to|strong="H4191" keep them|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" their|strong="H4191" own|strong="H0376" slave must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191".

<sup>17</sup> " Whoever|strong="H4191" curses|strong="H7043" their|strong="H4191" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H0001" mother|strong="H0517" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191".

<sup>18</sup> " Two|strong="H5221" men|strong="H0376" might argue|strong="H7378" and|strong="H0376" one|strong="H0376" might hit|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H7453" with|strong="H0376" a|strong="H3588" rock|strong="H0068" or|strong="H0176" with|strong="H0376" his|strong="H0376" fist|strong="H0106". If|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" was|strong="H0376" hurt is|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" killed|strong="H5221", the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" hurt him|strong="H5221" should|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H5221".<sup>19</sup> If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H5921" man was|strong="H5414" hurt and|strong="H1980" must|strong="H0518" stay in|strong="H5921" bed for|strong="H5921" some time|strong="H7674", the|strong="H5921" man

<sup>1</sup> ALTAR It was one of the special places an innocent person could run to for safety. See "altar" in the Word List.

who|strong="H5221" hurt him|strong="H5414" must|strong="H0518" support him|strong="H5414". The|strong="H5921" man who|strong="H5221" hurt him|strong="H5414" must|strong="H0518" pay|strong="H5414" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" loss|strong="H7674" of|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414" time|strong="H7674". He|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" support him|strong="H5414" until|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0518" completely|strong="H5352" healed|strong="H7495".

<sup>20</sup> "Sometimes people|strong="H0376" beat|strong="H5221" their|strong="H3588" slaves|strong="H5650". If|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" slave|strong="H5650" dies|strong="H4191" after|strong="H3588" being beaten|strong="H5221", the|strong="H0853" killer must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" punished|strong="H5358". <sup>21</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3588" slave gets up|strong="H5975" after|strong="H3117" a|strong="H3588" few days|strong="H3117", then|strong="H5975" the|strong="H3588" master will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" punished|strong="H5358". <sup>I</sup> That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1931" because|strong="H3588" someone paid their|strong="H3588" money|strong="H3701" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" slave, and|strong="H3701" the|strong="H3588" slave belongs to|strong="H3117" them|strong="H5975".

<sup>22</sup> "Two|strong="H3808" men|strong="H0376" might|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1961" fighting|strong="H5327" and|strong="H0376" hurt a|strong="H1961" pregnant|strong="H2030" woman|strong="H0802". This|strong="H3588" might|strong="H0834" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" give|strong="H5414" birth|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1961" her|strong="H5921" baby before|strong="H5921" its|strong="H5414" time|strong="H1961". If|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" was|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" hurt badly, <sup>II</sup> the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" hurt her|strong="H5921" must|strong="H3808" pay|strong="H5414" a|strong="H1961" fine|strong="H6064". The|strong="H0834" woman's|strong="H0802" husband|strong="H0376" will|strong="H1961" decide|strong="H3318" how|strong="H0834" much|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" must|strong="H3808" pay|strong="H5414". The|strong="H0834" judges|strong="H6414" will|strong="H1961" help the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" de-

cide|strong="H3318" how|strong="H0834" much|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" fine|strong="H6064" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961". <sup>23</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H5414" woman was|strong="H1961" hurt badly, then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5414" man|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" hurt her|strong="H5414" must|strong="H0518" be|strong="H1961" punished. The|strong="H5414" punishment must|strong="H0518" fit the|strong="H5414" crime. You|strong="H5414" must|strong="H0518" trade one|strong="H0518" life|strong="H5315" for|strong="H8478" another life|strong="H5315". <sup>24</sup> You|strong="H3027" must trade an|strong="H8478" eye|strong="H5869" for|strong="H8478" an|strong="H8478" eye|strong="H5869", a|strong="H8478" tooth|strong="H8127" for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H8478" tooth|strong="H8127", a|strong="H8478" hand|strong="H3027" for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H8478" hand|strong="H3027", a|strong="H8478" foot|strong="H7272" for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H8478" foot|strong="H7272", <sup>25</sup> a|strong="H8478" burn|strong="H3555" for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H8478" burn|strong="H3555", a|strong="H8478" bruise|strong="H2250" for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H8478" bruise|strong="H2250", a|strong="H8478" cut for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H8478" cut.

<sup>26</sup> "If|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0376" hits a|strong="H3588" slave|strong="H5650" in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" eye|strong="H5869", and|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" slave|strong="H5650" is|strong="H0376" blinded in|strong="H0376" that|strong="H3588" eye|strong="H5869", then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" slave|strong="H5650" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" allowed to|strong="H7971" go|strong="H7971" free|strong="H2670". His|strong="H7971" eye|strong="H5869" is|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" payment for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H7971" freedom. This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0376" or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H3588" woman slave|strong="H5650". <sup>27</sup> If|strong="H0518" a|strong="H0176" master hits his|strong="H7971" slave|strong="H5650" in|strong="H0176" the|strong="H8478" mouth, and|strong="H7971" the|strong="H8478" slave|strong="H5650" loses a|strong="H0176" tooth|strong="H8127", then|strong="H7971" the|strong="H8478" slave|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650"

<sup>I</sup> PUNISHED Or "punished for murder." <sup>II</sup> HURT BADLY Or "killed."



be allowed to go free. The slave's tooth is payment for the slave's freedom. This is the same for a man or a woman slave.

<sup>28</sup> " If a man's bull kills a man or a woman, then you should use and kill that bull. You should not eat the bull. The owner of the bull is not guilty. <sup>29</sup> But if the bull had hurt people in the past, and the owner was warned, then the owner is guilty. That is because he did not keep the bull tied or locked in its place. So if the bull is allowed to be free and kills someone, the owner is guilty. You should kill the bull with stones and also kill the owner. <sup>30</sup> But the family of the dead man may accept money.

If they accept money, the man who owned the bull should not be killed. But he must pay as much money as the judge decides.

<sup>31</sup> " This same law must be followed if the bull kills someone's son or daughter. <sup>32</sup> But if the bull kills a slave, the slave kills a man or a woman, the owner must pay 30 pieces of silver. <sup>1</sup> And the bull must also be killed with stones. This law will be the same for men and women slaves.

<sup>33</sup> " A man might take a cover off a well or dig a hole and not cover it. If another man's animal comes and falls into the hole, the man who owns the hole is guilty. <sup>34</sup> The man who owns the hole must pay for the animal. But after he pays for the animal, he will be allowed to keep the body of the animal.

<sup>35</sup> " If one man's bull

<sup>1</sup> 30 PIECES OF SILVER The price for a new slave.

kills *another man's bull*, they *should sell the bull* that *is alive*. Both *men* will *get half* of *the money* that *comes from selling the bull*, and *both men* will *also get half* of *the bull* that *was killed*.<sup>36</sup> But *if a man's bull has hurt other animals* in *the past*, that *owner* is *responsible* for *his bull*. *If his bull kills another bull*, he *is* *guilty* because *he* *allowed* *the bull* to *be free*. That *man* must *pay* *the bull* for *the bull*. He *must trade his bull* for *the bull* that *was killed*.

**22** "How should you *punish a man* who *steals a bull* or *a sheep*? *If the man* kills *the animal* or *sells it*, then *he* *cannot* *give it* back. So *he* must *pay five bulls* for *the animal* or *he* must *pay four sheep*

for *the animal* or *he* stole. *He* must *pay* for *stealing*.<sup>2</sup> If he owns nothing, then he will be sold as a slave. But if the man still has the animal and you find it, that man must give the owner two animals for every animal he stole. It doesn't matter if the animal was a bull, a donkey, or a sheep.

"If a thief is killed while trying to break into a house at night, then no one will be guilty for killing him. But if this happens during the day, the one who killed him will be guilty of murder.

<sup>5</sup> "A *man* might let his *animal* loose to *graze in his field* or *vineyard*. If *animal* wanders into *another person's field* or *vineyard*, then *the owner* must *pay*. The *payment* must *come from* *the best of his crop*.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup> "A *man* might start a *fire* to *burn thornbushes on his field*. But *if the fire* grows and *burns his neighbor's crops* or *the grain* growing on *the neighbor's field*, the *man* who *started the fire* must *pay* for *what he* burned.

<sup>7</sup> "Someone might give some *money* or *tools* to *a neighbor* for *safekeeping*. What *should you* *do* *if someone* steals *those things* from *the neighbor's house*? *If you* *find* *the animal* or *the animal* who *stole them*, then *the thief* must *pay twice as much* as *the neighbor*

<sup>1</sup> Or "A man might start a fire in his field or vineyard. If he lets the fire spread and it burns his neighbor's field or vineyard, he must use his best crops to pay his neighbor for his loss."

the things are worth.<sup>8</sup> If you don't find the thief, then the owner of the house must go before the judges who will decide if that person is guilty.

<sup>9</sup> "What should you do if two men disagree about a bull or a donkey or sheep or clothing or something that is lost? One man says, 'This is mine,' and the other says, 'No, it is mine.' Both men should go before the judges who will decide if one of them is guilty. The one who was wrong must pay the other man twice as much as the thing is worth.

<sup>10</sup> "A man might ask his neighbor to take care of an animal for a short time. It might be a donkey, a bull, or a sheep. But what you do if that animal is hurt or dies or someone takes the animal while you are not there

looking? <sup>11</sup> That neighbor must explain that he did not steal the animal. If this is true, the neighbor will promise to pay the LORD that he did not steal it. The owner of the animal must accept this promise. The neighbor does not have to pay the owner of the animal. <sup>12</sup> But if the neighbor stole the animal, then he must pay the owner for the animal. <sup>13</sup> If wild animals killed the animal, then the neighbor should bring the body as proof. The neighbor will not have to pay the owner of the animal that was killed.

<sup>14</sup> "If a man borrows an animal from his neighbor, and the animal is hurt or dies, then the neighbor must pay the owner of the animal. The neighbor is responsible, because the owner was not there himself. <sup>15</sup> But if the owner was there, then the neighbor does not have to pay to

I JUDGES Or "God." Also in verse 9.

pay/strong="H4117". Or/strong="H3808" if/strong="H3588" the/strong="H0834" neighbor was/strong="H0834" paying money to/strong="H0376" use the/strong="H0834" animal for/strong="H3588" work, he/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0834" not/strong="H3808" have/strong="H0834" to/strong="H0376" pay/strong="H4117" if/strong="H3588" the/strong="H0834" animal dies or/strong="H3808" is/strong="H0834" hurt. The/strong="H0834" money he/strong="H0834" paid to/strong="H0376" use the/strong="H0834" animal will/strong="H0834" be/strong="H3808" enough payment.

16 " If/strong="H0518" a/strong="H5414" man has/strong="H0001" sexual relations with/strong="H0001" a/strong="H5414" virgin/strong="H1330" who/strong="H0001" he/strong="H0518" is/strong="H3701" not/strong="H0518" engaged to/strong="H5414", I then/strong="H5414" he/strong="H0518" must/strong="H0518" pay/strong="H5414" her/strong="H5414" father/strong="H0001" the/strong="H5414" full amount necessary to/strong="H5414" marry/strong="H5414" her/strong="H5414". 17 If the/strong="H3808" father refuses to/strong="H3808" allow his/strong="H3808" daughter to/strong="H3808" marry him, then/strong="H3808" the/strong="H3808" man must/strong="H3808" still pay the/strong="H3808" full amount for/strong="H3808" her.

18 " You/strong="H3605" must/strong="H4191" not allow any/strong="H3605" woman to/strong="H4191" do/strong="H3605" evil magic. If she/strong="H7901" does magic, you/strong="H3605" must/strong="H4191" not let her/strong="H3605" live.

19 " You/strong="H2076" must not/strong="H1115" allow anyone to/strong="H3068" have/strong="H3068" sexual relations with/strong="H3068" an/strong="H2076" animal. If this/strong="H3068" happens, that/strong="H3068" person must be/strong="H3068" killed.

20 "Whoever makes a/strong="H1961" sacrifice to/strong="H1961" a/strong="H1961" false god/strong="H3808" should/strong="H3588" be/strong="H1961" destroyed. The/strong="H3588" LORD is/strong="H0776" the/strong="H3588" only one/strong="H3808" you/strong="H3588" should/strong="H3588" make/strong="H3588" sacrifices to/strong="H1961".

21 "Remember, in/strong="H3808" the/strong="H3605" past you/strong="H3605" were foreigners in/strong="H3808" the/strong="H3605" land of/strong="H3605" Egypt. So/strong="H3808" you/strong="H3605" should not/strong="H3808" cheat or/strong="H3808" hurt/strong="H6031" anyone/strong="H3605" who/strong="H3605"

is/strong="H3605" a/strong="H3808" foreigner in/strong="H3808" your/strong="H3605" land.

22 " You/strong="H3588" must/strong="H0853" never/strong="H0518" do/strong="H0518" anything bad to/strong="H0413" women whose/strong="H0518" husbands are dead or/strong="H0518" to/strong="H0413" orphans. 23 If/strong="H1961" you/strong="H0853" do anything wrong to/strong="H1961" these widows/strong="H0490" or/strong="H1121" orphans/strong="H3490", I/strong="H1121" will/strong="H1961" know it/strong="H1961". I/strong="H1121" will/strong="H1961" hear about/strong="H1961" their/strong="H1961" suffering. 24 And/strong="H3701" I/strong="H0518" will/strong="H1961" be/strong="H1961" very angry. I/strong="H0518" will/strong="H1961" kill you/strong="H0518" with/strong="H5973" a/strong="H1961" sword. Then/strong="H1961" your/strong="H5921" wives will/strong="H1961" become/strong="H1961" widows/strong="H5971", and/strong="H3701" your/strong="H5921" children will/strong="H1961" become/strong="H1961" orphans.

25 " If/strong="H0518" you/strong="H0518" loan money to/strong="H0935" any of/strong="H0935" my/strong="H7725" people/strong="H0518", that/strong="H5704" is/strong="H0935", the/strong="H0935" poor among you/strong="H0518", don't be/strong="H7725" like/strong="H5704" a/strong="H0518" moneylender and/strong="H0935" charge them/strong="H7725" interest. 26 You/strong="H3588" might take/strong="H1961" their/strong="H3588" cloak/strong="H8071" to/strong="H0413" make/strong="H8085" sure they/strong="H3588" pay/strong="H8085" the/strong="H3588" money back/strong="H0413", but/strong="H3588" you/strong="H3588" must give/strong="H8085" that/strong="H3588" cloak/strong="H8071" back/strong="H0413" to/strong="H0413" them/strong="H0413" before/strong="H0413" sunset. 27 That/strong="H3808" cloak might be/strong="H3808" their/strong="H3808" only protection against the/strong="H3808" cold when they/strong="H3808" lie down to/strong="H0430" sleep. If/strong="H7043" they/strong="H3808" call to/strong="H0430" me/strong="H3808" for/strong="H0430" help/strong="H5971", I/strong="H3808" will/strong="H0430" listen because I/strong="H3808" am/strong="H0430" kind.

28 " You/strong="H5414" must/strong="H1121" not/strong="H3808" curse God/strong="H3808" or/strong="H3808" the/strong="H5414" leaders of/strong="H1121" your/strong="H5414" people/strong="H1121".

29 " At/strong="H3117" harvest time/strong="H3117" you/strong="H5414"

I A VIRGIN ... ENGAGED TO Literally, "a virgin who is not engaged."

should **give** me **the** first **grain** and **the** first **juice** from **your** fruit. Don't wait until late in **the** year.

<sup>1</sup> Give me **your** firstborn sons. <sup>30</sup> Also, give **me** **your** firstborn cattle and **sheep**. Let **the** firstborn stay with **its** mother for **seven** days.

Then **on** **the** eighth day, give **him** **to** me.

<sup>31</sup> "You are my special people. So don't eat the meat from something that was killed by wild animals. Let the dogs eat that dead animal.

**23** Don't tell other people **lies** if you are a witness in **the** court, don't agree to help a bad person tell **lies**.

<sup>2</sup> Don't do something just because everyone else is doing it. If you see a group of people doing wrong, don't join them. You must not let them persuade you to do wrong things— you must do what is right and fair.

<sup>3</sup> In **the** court, don't treat a person in a special way simply because that person is poor.

<sup>4</sup> If you see a lost bull or donkey, then you must return it to its owner— even if

the owner is your enemy.

<sup>5</sup> If you see an animal that cannot walk because it has carried too much, you must stop and help that animal. You must help that animal even if it belongs to one of your enemies.

<sup>6</sup> In **the** court, don't let anyone take advantage of a person simply because that person is poor.

<sup>7</sup> Be very careful if you say that someone is guilty of something. Don't make false charges against a person. Never allow innocent people to be killed as punishment for something they did not do. Whoever kills an innocent person is evil, and I will not treat a guilty person as innocent.

<sup>8</sup> If someone tries to pay you to agree with them when they are wrong, don't accept that payment. A payment like that can blind judges so that they cannot see the truth. It can make good people tell lies.

9 " You must never do wrong things to a foreigner. Remember, you know what it is like to be a foreigner because at one time you were in the land of Egypt.

### The Special Festivals

10 " Plant seeds, harvest your crops, and work the ground for six years. But the seventh year must be a special time of rest for the land. Don't plant anything in your fields. If any crops grow there, allow the poor to have them. And the wild animals to eat the food is left. You should do the same with your vineyards and your fields of olive trees.

12 " Work six days, but the seventh day is rest. This will allow your slaves and other workers to rest and relax.

And your donkeys will also have a time of rest.

13 " Be sure that you obey laws. Don't worship false gods. You should not even speak their names!

14 " You will have three special festivals each year. You must come to my special place to worship me during these festivals. The first festival is the Festival of Unleavened Bread. This is as I commanded you. During this time you will eat that made without yeast. This will continue for seven days. You will do this the month of Abib, because this is the time when you came out of Egypt. Everyone must bring a sacrifice to me at that time.

16 " The second festival will be the Festival of Harvest. This festival will

be|strong="H4480" during the|strong="H0853" early|strong="H1061" summer when|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" begin harvesting the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H1061" crops|strong="H7105" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" planted|strong="H2232" in|strong="H8141" your|strong="H0834" fields|strong="H7704".

" The|strong="H0853" third festival|strong="H2282" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H8141" Shelters. This|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H4480" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" fall, when|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" finish gathering|strong="H0622" the|strong="H0853" rest of|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" crops|strong="H7105" from|strong="H4480" your|strong="H0834" fields|strong="H7704".

17 " So|strong="H7200" three|strong="H7969" times|strong="H6471" each|strong="H3605" year|strong="H8141" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" come to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" special place|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3068" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068".

18 " When|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5921" kill an|strong="H2076" animal and|strong="H1242" offer|strong="H2076" its|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818" as|strong="H5704" a|strong="H2076" sacrifice|strong="H2077", you|strong="H5921" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" include|strong="H5921" anything|strong="H3808" that|strong="H2459" has yeast in|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". And|strong="H1242" when|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5921" burn the|strong="H5921" fat|strong="H2459" from|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" sacrifice|strong="H2077", don't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" any|strong="H3808" of|strong="H2077" it|strong="H5921" remain|strong="H3885" until|strong="H5704" morning|strong="H1242".

19 " When|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0935" gather your|strong="H3068" crops at|strong="H3068" harvest|strong="H0935" time, you|strong="H0935" should|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" first|strong="H7225" of|strong="H1004" everything you|strong="H0935" harvest|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" house|strong="H1004"<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0935" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

I HOUSE The "Holy Tent" where the people went to meet with God. See Exodus 25:8, 9.

" You|strong="H0935" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" eat the|strong="H0935" meat from|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" young|strong="H1423" goat|strong="H1423" that|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" boiled|strong="H1310" in|strong="H0935" its|strong="H0935" mother's|strong="H0517" milk|strong="H2461"."

**God|strong="H0430" Will|strong="H3068" Help Israel  
Take|strong="H0935" Their|strong="H3068"  
Land|strong="H0127"**

20 " I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" sending|strong="H7971" an|strong="H0935" angel|strong="H4397" before|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" protect|strong="H8104" you|strong="H0834" along|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" way|strong="H1870" and|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" lead|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" place|strong="H4725" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" prepared|strong="H3559" for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834".<sup>21</sup> Obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H6440" angel and|strong="H6963" follow him|strong="H6440". Be|strong="H3808" careful|strong="H8104" in|strong="H8085" his|strong="H8104" presence|strong="H6440", and|strong="H6963" don't|strong="H0408" rebel|strong="H4843" against|strong="H6440" him|strong="H6440". The|strong="H6440" angel will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" forgive|strong="H5375" the|strong="H6440" wrong things|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3588" do|strong="H0408" to|strong="H8085" him|strong="H6440". He|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3588" my|strong="H8104" power<sup>II</sup> in|strong="H8085" him|strong="H6440".<sup>22</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1696" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" says|strong="H1696" and|strong="H6963" do|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834", then|strong="H1696" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0340" an|strong="H3588" enemy|strong="H0340" to|strong="H1696" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H6963" your|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0340". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0340" against|strong="H1696" everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" against|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834".

II MY POWER Literally, "my name."

23 " My|strong="H0935" angel|strong="H4397" will|strong="H4397" lead|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H6440". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4397" lead|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588" against|strong="H0413" many different people|strong="H3582"— the|strong="H6440" Amorites|strong="H0567", Hittites|strong="H2850", Perizzites|strong="H6522", Canaanites|strong="H3669", Hivites|strong="H2340", and|strong="H0935" Jebusites|strong="H2983". But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4397" defeat all of|strong="H6440" them|strong="H0413".

24 " Don't|strong="H3808" worship|strong="H7812" their|strong="H3588" gods|strong="H0430". Don't|strong="H3808" ever bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H0430" those|strong="H3588" gods|strong="H0430". You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" live the|strong="H3588" way those|strong="H3588" people|strong="H3808" live. You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7665" their|strong="H3588" idols. And|strong="H0430" you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H3588" stones that|strong="H3588" help them|strong="H5647" remember their|strong="H3588" gods|strong="H0430".<sup>125</sup> You|strong="H1288" must|strong="H0853" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". If|strong="H1288" you|strong="H1288" do|strong="H5647" this|strong="H3068", I|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H1288" with|strong="H3068" plenty of|strong="H0430" bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H3068" water|strong="H4325". I|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" all|strong="H1288" sickness|strong="H4245" from|strong="H5493" you|strong="H1288".<sup>26</sup> Your|strong="H3808" women will|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3117" be|strong="H1961" able to|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" babies. None|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H1961" babies will|strong="H1961" die at|strong="H3117" birth|strong="H3808". And|strong="H0776" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" allow you|strong="H3117" to|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117" lives|strong="H1961".

27 " When|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" fight against|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341", I|strong="H0834"

I STONES ... GODS Or "memorials." Here, these were stone markers that people used in worshipping their gods.

will|strong="H0834" send|strong="H7971" my|strong="H3605" great power before|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834".<sup>II</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" help|strong="H5971" you|strong="H0834" defeat|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" become confused|strong="H2000" in|strong="H0935" battle and|strong="H0935" run away|strong="H7971".<sup>28</sup> I|strong="H7971" will|strong="H7971" send|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" hornet|strong="H6880"<sup>III</sup> in|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" you|strong="H6440". He|strong="H0853" will|strong="H7971" force your|strong="H6440" enemies to|strong="H7971" leave. The|strong="H0853" Hivites|strong="H2340", Canaanites|strong="H3669", and|strong="H7971" Hittites|strong="H2850" will|strong="H7971" leave your|strong="H6440" country.<sup>29</sup> But|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0259" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" force all|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H5921" out|strong="H1644" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0776" quickly. I|strong="H0259" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" do this in|strong="H5921" only|strong="H0259" one|strong="H0259" year|strong="H8141". The|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" empty if|strong="H6435" I|strong="H0259" force the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H3808" out|strong="H1644" too|strong="H5921" fast. Then|strong="H1961" all|strong="H0259" the|strong="H6440" wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H2416" would increase and|strong="H0776" control the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776". And|strong="H0776" they|strong="H5921" would be|strong="H1961" much|strong="H7227" trouble for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H6440".<sup>30</sup> So|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" force them|strong="H0853" out|strong="H1644" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" very|strong="H5704" slowly. I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" do this|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" grow and|strong="H0776" eventually take|strong="H5157" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5704"

II WHEN YOU FIGHT ... YOU Or "News of my power will go before you, and your enemies will be frightened." III HORNET A stinging insect like a large wasp or bee. Here, it might mean "God's angel" or "his great power."



be |strong="H0776" your |strong="H0834" own |strong="H5157".

<sup>31</sup> " I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" Red Sea |strong="H3220"<sup>I</sup> to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" Mediter-ranean Sea |strong="H3220", <sup>II</sup> and |strong="H0776" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H0776" Sinai to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" Eu-phrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" de-feat |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" peo-ple |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" and |strong="H0776" force |strong="H3027" them |strong="H5414" all |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" leave.

<sup>32</sup> " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H3772" any |strong="H3808" agreements with |strong="H1285" any |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0430" those people |strong="H3808" or |strong="H3808" their |strong="H3808" gods |strong="H0430". <sup>33</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" let |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853" stay |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H3588" country |strong="H0776". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" let |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853" stay |strong="H3427", they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" trap |strong="H4170" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588"— they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" cause |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H1961" sin |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" me |strong="H1961". And |strong="H0430" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" begin wor-shiping |strong="H5647" their |strong="H3588" gods |strong="H0430"."

#### God and Israel Make Their Agreement

**24** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872", " You |strong="H0859", Aaron |strong="H0175", Nadab |strong="H5070", Abihu |strong="H0030", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" 70 el-ders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H3068" Is-rael |strong="H3478" must come |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0559" mountain and |strong="H3068" worship |strong="H7812"

<sup>I</sup> RED SEA Or "Reed Sea," probably the part known as the Gulf of Aqaba. See 1 Kings 9:26. <sup>II</sup> MEDITERRANEAN SEA Literally, "Philistine Sea."

me |strong="H0413" from |strong="H3478" a |strong="H5927" distance |strong="H7350". <sup>2</sup> Then |strong="H4872" only |strong="H0905" Moses |strong="H4872" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H5927" close |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H0413" other men |strong="H5971" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H5927" close |strong="H5066", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" rest of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H5971" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" come |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0413" mountain."

<sup>3</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" rules and |strong="H0935" commands |strong="H0559" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H6030" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-ple |strong="H5971" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" spo-ken |strong="H1696"."

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H1697" Moses |strong="H4872" wrote |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" com-mands |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" next morning |strong="H1242" he |strong="H3068" got |strong="H7925" up |strong="H7925" and |strong="H3068" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" al-tar |strong="H4196" near the |strong="H3605" bottom of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" moun-tain |strong="H2022". And |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" set |strong="H1129" up |strong="H7925" twelve |strong="H6240" stones— one |strong="H3605" for |strong="H8478" each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" twelve |strong="H6240" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H3068" Is-rael |strong="H3478". <sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses sent |strong="H7971" young |strong="H5288" men |strong="H5288" of |strong="H1121" Is-rael |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3068" of-fer |strong="H5927" sacrifices |strong="H2077". These men |strong="H5288" offered |strong="H5927" bulls |strong="H6499" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offer-ings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H1121" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002".

<sup>6</sup> Moses saved the blood from these animals. He put half of the blood in bowls, and he poured the other half of the blood on the altar.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Moses read the scroll with the special agreement written on it. He read the agreement so that all the people could hear him. And the people said, "We have heard the laws that LORD has given us. And we agree to obey them."

<sup>8</sup> Then Moses held the bowls full of blood from the sacrifices. He threw blood on the people. He said, "This blood shows that LORD has made a special agreement with you. The laws God gave you explain the agreement."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the 70 elders

went up the mountain. On the mountain, these men saw the God of Israel. He was standing on something that looked like blue sapphires, as clear as the sky!<sup>11</sup> All the leaders of Israel saw God, but God did not destroy them.<sup>12</sup> They all ate and drank together.

#### Moses Goes to Get God's Law

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come to me on the mountain. I have written my teachings and laws on two stone tablets. These teachings and laws are for the people. I will give these stone tablets to you."

<sup>13</sup> So Moses and his helper, Joshua, went up the mountain of God.<sup>14</sup> Moses said to the elders, "Wait here. I will come back."

<sup>1</sup> The blood was used to seal the agreement between God and the people. It was poured on the altar to show that God shared in the agreement.

<sup>12</sup> SAW GOD ... DESTROY THEM In other places, the Bible says that people cannot see God. But God wanted these leaders to know what he was like, so he allowed them to see him in some special way.

to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". While|strong="H5704" I|strong="H0834" am gone|strong="H7725", Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H7725" Hur|strong="H2354" will|strong="H4310" rule|strong="H1697" over|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". Go|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" if|strong="H2009" anyone|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" problem."

### Moses|strong="H0559" Meets With|strong="H5973" God|strong="H0559"

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Moses|strong="H4872" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022", and|strong="H4872" the|strong="H0853" cloud|strong="H6051" covered|strong="H3680" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022". <sup>16</sup> The|strong="H5921" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H0413" down|strong="H7931" on|strong="H5921" Mount|strong="H2022" Sinai|strong="H5514". The|strong="H5921" cloud|strong="H6051" covered|strong="H3680" the|strong="H5921" mountain|strong="H2022" for|strong="H5921" six|strong="H8337" days|strong="H3117". On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" cloud|strong="H6051". <sup>17</sup> The|strong="H3068" Israelites|strong="H3478" could see|strong="H5869" the|strong="H3068" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". It|strong="H0398" was|strong="H3068" like|strong="H4758" a|strong="H3068" fire|strong="H0784" burning|strong="H0784" on|strong="H3068" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3068" mountain|strong="H2022".

<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Moses|strong="H4872" went|strong="H0935" higher up|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0413" mountain|strong="H2022" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" cloud|strong="H6051". He|strong="H3117" was|strong="H1961" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0413" mountain|strong="H2022" for|strong="H0413" 40 days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H0935" 40 nights|strong="H3915".

### Gifts for the Holy Things

**25** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"

Moses|strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> Tell|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" bring|strong="H3947" me|strong="H0413" gifts. You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" accept|strong="H3947" gifts for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" from|strong="H0376" everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" willing|strong="H5068" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H3947". <sup>3</sup> Here|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" list of|strong="H3701" the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" should accept|strong="H3947" from|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834": gold|strong="H2091", silver|strong="H3701", and|strong="H3701" bronze|strong="H5178"; <sup>4</sup> blue|strong="H8504", purple|strong="H0713", and|strong="H8504" red|strong="H8144" yarn|strong="H8144" and|strong="H8504" fine|strong="H8336" linen|strong="H8336"; goat|strong="H5795" hair, <sup>5</sup> ram|strong="H0352" skins|strong="H5785" dyed|strong="H0119" red|strong="H0119", and|strong="H6086" fine|strong="H8476" leather|strong="H5785"; acacia|strong="H7848" wood|strong="H6086"; <sup>6</sup> oil|strong="H8081" for|strong="H8081" the lamps; spices|strong="H1314" for|strong="H8081" the anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081" and|strong="H8081" spices|strong="H1314" for|strong="H8081" the sweet-smelling incense|strong="H7004". <sup>7</sup> Also accept onyx|strong="H7718" stones|strong="H0068" and|strong="H0068" other jewels to|strong="H0068" be put on|strong="H0068" the ephod|strong="H0646" and|strong="H0068" the judgment pouch.

### The Holy Tent

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H8432" people will build a|strong="H8432" holy|strong="H4720" place|strong="H4720" for|strong="H8432" me. Then|strong="H6213" I can|strong="H6213" live|strong="H7931" among|strong="H8432" them|strong="H6213". <sup>9</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" show|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Holy Tent and|strong="H7200" everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H7200" it|strong="H3651" should|strong="H6213" look|strong="H7200" like|strong="H3651". Build everything|strong="H3605" exactly|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" show|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834".

The **Box of** the **Agreement**

10 "Use acacia wood and build a special box. This Holy Box must be 2 1/2 cubits long, 1 1/2 cubits wide, and 1 1/2 cubits high. Use pure gold to cover the Box inside and out. Put gold trim around the edges of the Box. Make four gold rings for carrying the Box. Put gold rings on the four corners, two rings on each side. Then make poles for carrying the Box. These poles should be made from acacia wood and covered with gold. Put the poles through the rings on the four corners of the Box. Use these poles to carry the Box. These poles should always stay in the rings of the Box. Don't take the poles out. 16 " I will give you the Agreement. Put it into this Box. Then make a lid, the mercy-cover. Make it pure gold from

gold. Make it 2 1/2 cubits long and 1 1/2 cubits wide. Then make the mercy-cover. Hammer gold to the mercy-cover. Put one angel on each end of the mercy-cover, and put the other angel on the other end. Join the angels together with the mercy-cover to make one piece. The wings of these angels should spread up toward the sky. The angels should cover the Box with their wings and should face each other, looking toward the mercy-cover.

21 " I will give you the Agreement. Put it in the Box, and put the mercy-cover on the Box. 22 When I meet with you, I will speak from between the Cherub angels on the mercy-cover that is on the Box of the Agreement. From that place, I will give all my commands to the Israelites.

I 2 1/2 CUBITS 4' 3" (1.3 m). Also in verse 17. II 1 1/2 CUBITS 30 5/8" (77.75 cm). Also in verses 17, 23.

### The **"H3605"** Table

<sup>23</sup> " Make **"H6213"** a **"H2677"** table **"H7979"** from **"H0520"** acacia **"H7848"** wood **"H6086"**. The **"H6213"** table **"H7979"** must be **"H6086"** 2 cubits **"H0520"**<sup>I</sup> long **"H0753"**, 1 cubit **"H0520"**<sup>II</sup> wide **"H7341"**, and **"H6086"** 1 1/2 cubits **"H0520"** high **"H6967"**. <sup>24</sup> Cover the **"H0853"** table with **"H6823"** pure **"H2889"** gold **"H2091"** and **"H2091"** put gold **"H2091"** trim around **"H5439"** it **"H5439"**. <sup>25</sup> Then **"H6213"** make **"H6213"** a frame **"H4526"** 1 handbreadth **"H2948"**<sup>III</sup> wide around **"H5439"** the **"H5439"** table. And **"H2091"** put gold **"H2091"** trim on **"H2091"** the **"H5439"** frame **"H4526"**. <sup>26</sup> Then **"H0853"** make **"H5414"** four **"H0702"** gold **"H2091"** rings **"H2885"** and **"H2091"** put **"H5414"** them **"H5414"** on **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** four **"H0702"** corners **"H6285"** of **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** table, where **"H0834"** the **"H0853"** four **"H0702"** legs **"H7272"** are **"H0834"**. <sup>27</sup> Put **"H5375"** the **"H0853"** rings **"H2885"** close **"H5980"** to **"H1961"** the **"H0853"** frame **"H4526"** around the **"H0853"** top of **"H1004"** the **"H0853"** table **"H7979"**. These rings **"H2885"** will **"H1961"** hold **"H1004"** the **"H0853"** poles **"H0905"** used **"H1961"** to **"H1961"** carry **"H5375"** the **"H0853"** table **"H7979"**. <sup>28</sup> Use **"H5375"** acacia **"H7848"** wood **"H6086"** to **"H6086"** make **"H6213"** the **"H0853"** poles **"H0905"**, and **"H6086"** cover them **"H0853"** with **"H6823"** gold **"H2091"**. The **"H0853"** poles **"H0905"** are **"H6213"** for **"H6086"** carrying **"H5375"** the **"H0853"** table **"H7979"**. <sup>29</sup> Make **"H6213"** the **"H0853"** plates, the **"H0853"** spoons **"H3709"**, the **"H0853"** pitchers **"H7184"**, and **"H2091"** the **"H0853"** bowls **"H4518"** from **"H2091"** pure **"H2889"** gold **"H2091"**. The **"H0853"** pitch-

I 2 CUBITS 3' 4 13/16" (104 cm). II CUBIT 20 5/8" (51.83 cm). III HANDBREADTH The width of 4 fingers, about 3" (7.4 cm).

ers **"H7184"** and **"H2091"** bowls **"H4518"** will **"H0834"** be used **"H6213"** for **"H0834"** pouring the **"H0853"** drink **"H4518"** offerings. <sup>30</sup> Put **"H5414"** the **"H6440"** special bread **"H3899"**<sup>IV</sup> before **"H6440"** me **"H5414"** on **"H5921"** the **"H6440"** table **"H7979"**. It **"H5414"** must always **"H8548"** be **"H5414"** there in **"H5921"** front **"H6440"** of **"H6440"** me **"H5414"**.

### The **"H6440"** Lampstand

<sup>31</sup> " Then **"H1961"** you **"H6213"** must make **"H6213"** a **"H1961"** lampstand **"H4501"**. Use **"H1961"** pure **"H2889"** gold **"H2091"** and **"H2091"** hammer it **"H1961"** to **"H1961"** make **"H6213"** the **"H4480"** base **"H3409"** and **"H2091"** the **"H4480"** shaft **"H7070"**. <sup>V</sup> Make **"H6213"** flowers **"H6525"**, buds **"H6525"**, and **"H2091"** petals from **"H4480"** pure **"H2889"** gold **"H2091"**. Join all **"H4480"** these things **"H1961"** together into **"H1961"** one **"H4480"** piece.

<sup>32</sup> " The **"H3318"** lampstand **"H4501"** must have six **"H8337"** branches **"H7070"**— three **"H7969"** branches **"H7070"** on **"H0259"** one **"H0259"** side **"H6654"** and **"H3318"** three **"H7969"** branches **"H7070"** on **"H0259"** the **"H3318"** other **"H0259"**. <sup>33</sup> Each **"H0259"** branch **"H7070"** must have three **"H7969"** flowers **"H6525"**. Make these flowers **"H6525"** like **"H3651"** almond **"H8246"** flowers **"H6525"** with **"H3651"** buds **"H6525"** and **"H3318"** petals. <sup>34</sup> Make four **"H0702"** more flowers **"H6525"** for the lampstand **"H4501"**. These flowers **"H6525"** must be made like **"H8246"** almond **"H8246"** flowers **"H6525"** with **"H4501"** buds **"H6525"** and **"H4501"** petals. <sup>35</sup> There **"H8478"** will **"H8147"** be **"H4480"** six **"H8337"** branches **"H7070"** on **"H8478"** the **"H4480"** lampstand **"H4501"**—three branch-

IV SPECIAL BREAD Also called "bread of the Presence." Every day this bread was put before God on the special table in the Holy Place.  
V BASE AND THE SHAFT Or "flared base."

es |strong="H7070" coming |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480" each |strong="H4501" side |strong="H7070" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" shaft |strong="H7070". Make a |strong="H4480" flower with |strong="H8147" buds and |strong="H3318" petals below |strong="H8478" each |strong="H4501" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" three places |strong="H8478" where |strong="H8478" the |strong="H4480" branches |strong="H7070" join the |strong="H4480" shaft |strong="H7070".<sup>36</sup> The |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" lampstand with |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" flowers |strong="H7070" and |strong="H2091" branches |strong="H7070" must be |strong="H1961" made |strong="H1961" from |strong="H4480" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091". All |strong="H3605" this |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091" must be |strong="H1961" hammered |strong="H4749" and |strong="H2091" joined together |strong="H0259" into |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" piece.<sup>37</sup> Then |strong="H0853" make |strong="H6213" seven |strong="H7651" lamps |strong="H5216"<sup>I</sup> to |strong="H5921" go |strong="H5927" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" lampstand. These lamps |strong="H5216" will |strong="H5216" give |strong="H0215" light |strong="H0215" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" area in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" lampstand.<sup>38</sup> Use pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H2091" make the lamp snuffers |strong="H4457" and |strong="H2091" trays |strong="H4289".<sup>39</sup> Use 75 pounds<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H3627" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H0854" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" lampstand and |strong="H2091" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H0428" to |strong="H0854" be |strong="H3605" used |strong="H6213" with |strong="H0854" it |strong="H6213".<sup>40</sup> Be very careful to |strong="H7200" make |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H0834" exactly |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" way I |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0859" on |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0834" mountain |strong="H2022".

### The Holy Tent

**26** " The |strong="H0853" Holy Tent |strong="H3407" should |strong="H6213" be made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H8336" ten |strong="H6235" curtains |strong="H3407". These curtains |strong="H3407" must |strong="H0853" be made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H8336"

I LAMPS Small bowls filled with oil. A wick was put in the bowl and lit to produce light. II 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg).

fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" and |strong="H8504" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H8504" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144". A |strong="H2803" skilled worker should |strong="H6213" sew pictures of |strong="H4639" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels with |strong="H4908" wings into the |strong="H0853" curtains |strong="H3407".<sup>2</sup> Make each |strong="H0259" curtain |strong="H3407" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0259" size |strong="H4060". Each |strong="H0259" curtain |strong="H3407" must be |strong="H3605" 28 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>III</sup> long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H0753" 4 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>IV</sup> wide |strong="H7341".<sup>3</sup> Join |strong="H2266" the |strong="H0413" curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H2266" into |strong="H0413" two groups. Join |strong="H2266" five |strong="H2568" curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H2266" to |strong="H0413" make one |strong="H0802" group and |strong="H0802" join |strong="H2266" five |strong="H2568" curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H2266" to |strong="H0413" make the |strong="H0413" other |strong="H0269" group.<sup>4</sup> Use blue |strong="H8504" cloth to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" loops |strong="H3924" along |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" edge |strong="H8193" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" end |strong="H7098" curtain |strong="H3407" in |strong="H5921" one |strong="H0259" group. Do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5921" same |strong="H0259" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" end |strong="H7098" curtain |strong="H3407" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" other |strong="H0259" group.<sup>5</sup> There |strong="H0834" must be |strong="H0259" 50 loops |strong="H3924" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" end |strong="H7097" curtain |strong="H3407" of |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0834" first |strong="H0259" group. And |strong="H0802" there |strong="H0834" must be |strong="H0259" 50 loops |strong="H3924" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" end |strong="H7097" curtain |strong="H3407" of |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0259" group. These |strong="H0834" loops |strong="H3924" must be |strong="H0259" opposite |strong="H6901" each |strong="H0259" other |strong="H0259".<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" 50 gold |strong="H2091" rings to |strong="H0413" join |strong="H2266" the |strong="H0853" curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H0259". This |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1961" join |strong="H2266" the |strong="H0853" Holy

III 28 CUBITS 47' 7 3/8" (14.5 m). IV 4 CUBITS 6' 9 5/8" (2.1 m). Also in verse 8.

Tent|strong="H3407" together|strong="H0259" into|strong="H0413" one|strong="H0259" piece.

<sup>7</sup> " Make|strong="H6213" another tent|strong="H0168" that will cover the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent|strong="H0168". Use eleven|strong="H6240" curtains|strong="H3407" to|strong="H5921" make|strong="H6213" this|strong="H6213" tent|strong="H0168". Make|strong="H6213" these curtains|strong="H3407" from|strong="H5921" goat|strong="H5795" hair|strong="H0168". <sup>8</sup> All|strong="H0259" these curtains|strong="H3407" must be|strong="H0259" the|strong="H0520" same|strong="H0259" size|strong="H4060". They must be|strong="H0259" 30 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H0753" 4 cubits|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341". <sup>9</sup> Join|strong="H2266" five|strong="H2568" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" curtains|strong="H3407" together|strong="H2266" into|strong="H0413" one|strong="H2266" group. Then|strong="H0853" join|strong="H2266" the|strong="H0853" other six|strong="H8337" curtains|strong="H3407" together|strong="H2266" into|strong="H0413" another group. Fold back|strong="H0413" half of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" sixth|strong="H8345" curtain|strong="H3407" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>10</sup> Make|strong="H6213" 50 loops|strong="H3924" down|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" edge|strong="H8193" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" end curtain|strong="H3407" of|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0259" group. Do|strong="H6213" the|strong="H5921" same|strong="H0259" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" end curtain|strong="H3407" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" other|strong="H0259" group. <sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H1961" make|strong="H6213" 50 bronze|strong="H5178" rings to|strong="H0935" join|strong="H2266" the|strong="H0853" curtains together|strong="H0259". This|strong="H0935" will|strong="H1961" join|strong="H2266" the|strong="H0853" tent|strong="H0168" together|strong="H0259" into|strong="H0935" one|strong="H0259" piece. <sup>12</sup> Half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H5921" end curtain|strong="H3407" of|strong="H0168" this tent|strong="H0168" will hang|strong="H5628" down|strong="H5921" below the|strong="H5921" back|strong="H0268" edge of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H5921" Holy Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>13</sup> On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" sides|strong="H6654", the|strong="H5921" curtains|strong="H3407" of|strong="H0168"

I 30 CUBITS 51' 3/16" (15.55 m).

this|strong="H2088" tent|strong="H0168" will|strong="H1961" hang|strong="H5628" down|strong="H5921" 1 cubit|strong="H0520"<sup>II</sup> below the|strong="H5921" bottom edges of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H5921" Holy Tent|strong="H0168". So|strong="H1961" this|strong="H2088" tent|strong="H0168" will|strong="H1961" completely cover|strong="H3680" the|strong="H5921" Holy Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>14</sup> Make|strong="H6213" two coverings to|strong="H0168" go over|strong="H4605" the|strong="H6213" outer tent|strong="H0168". One|strong="H6213" covering|strong="H4372" should|strong="H6213" be made|strong="H6213" from|strong="H5785" ram|strong="H0352" skins|strong="H5785" dyed|strong="H0119" red|strong="H0119". The|strong="H6213" other covering|strong="H4372" should|strong="H6213" be made|strong="H6213" from|strong="H5785" fine|strong="H8476" leather|strong="H5785".

<sup>15</sup> "Use acacia|strong="H7848" wood|strong="H6086" to|strong="H5975" make|strong="H6213" frames|strong="H7175" to|strong="H5975" support the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent. <sup>16</sup> The|strong="H2677" frames|strong="H7175" should be|strong="H0259" 10 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>III</sup> high|strong="H7341" and|strong="H0753" 1 1/2 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>IV</sup> wide|strong="H7341". <sup>17</sup> Two|strong="H8147" side|strong="H3027" poles should|strong="H6213" be|strong="H3027" joined together|strong="H0259" with|strong="H0413" cross pieces to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H6213" each|strong="H0259" frame|strong="H7175". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" frames|strong="H7175" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Holy Tent must be|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0259". <sup>18</sup> Make|strong="H6213" 20 frames|strong="H7175" for|strong="H4908" the|strong="H0853" south|strong="H5045" side|strong="H6285" of|strong="H5045" the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent. <sup>19</sup> And|strong="H3027" make|strong="H6213" 40 silver|strong="H3701" bases|strong="H0134" for|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478" frames|strong="H7175". Each|strong="H0259" frame|strong="H7175" should|strong="H6213" have|strong="H3027" two|strong="H8147" silver|strong="H3701" bases|strong="H0134" to|strong="H3027" go under|strong="H8478" it|strong="H6213"— one|strong="H0259" base for|strong="H8478" each|strong="H0259" side|strong="H3027" pole. <sup>20</sup> Make 20 more|strong="H8145" frames|strong="H7175" for|strong="H4908" the|strong="H6285" other|strong="H8145" side|strong="H6285" (

II CUBIT 20 5/8" (51.83 cm). III 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m).

IV 1 1/2 CUBITS 30 5/8" (77.75 cm).

the side of the Holy Tent. <sup>21</sup> And make 40 silver bases for these frames— two bases under each frame. <sup>22</sup> Make six more frames for the back ( the west side of ) of the Holy Tent. <sup>23</sup> Make two frames for the corners at the back of the Holy Tent. <sup>24</sup> The frames at the corners should be joined together at the bottom. At the top a ring will hold the frames together. Do the same for both corners. <sup>25</sup> There will be a total of eight frames for the west end of the Tent. There will be 16 silver bases— two bases under each frame.

<sup>26</sup> "Use acacia wood and make the frames of the Holy Tent. There should be five braces for the side of the Holy Tent. <sup>27</sup> And there should be five braces for the frames on the other side of the Holy Tent. And there should be

five braces for the frames at the back ( the west side of ) of the Holy Tent. <sup>28</sup> The middle brace should pass through the frames from one end to the other. <sup>29</sup> "Cover the frames with gold. And make rings for the frames to hold the braces. Make these rings from gold. Also cover the braces with gold. <sup>30</sup> Build the Holy Tent the way I showed you on the mountain.

#### Inside the Holy Tent

<sup>31</sup> "Use fine linen and make a special curtain for the inside of the Holy Tent. Use blue, purple, and red yarn and sew pictures of Cherub angels into the curtain. <sup>32</sup> Make four posts from acacia wood, and cover the posts with gold. Put hooks made from gold on the posts. Put four silver bases under the posts. Then hang the curtain on gold hooks. <sup>33</sup> Put the cur-



tain |strong="H6532" under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H0853" gold rings. <sup>I</sup> Then |strong="H0853" put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Agreement behind the |strong="H0853" curtain |strong="H6532". This |strong="H0935" curtain |strong="H6532" will |strong="H1004" separate |strong="H0914" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H8478" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H8478". <sup>34</sup> Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" mercy-cover on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H0727" the |strong="H0853" Agreement in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H5414".

<sup>35</sup> " Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" special table |strong="H7979" you |strong="H5414" made |strong="H5414" outside |strong="H2351" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" curtain |strong="H6532". The |strong="H0853" table |strong="H7979" should be |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6763" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent. Then |strong="H0853" put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" lampstand |strong="H4501" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" south |strong="H8486" side |strong="H6763", across |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" table |strong="H7979".

#### The |strong="H0853" Door of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent

<sup>36</sup> " Then |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213" a curtain |strong="H4539" to |strong="H0168" cover the |strong="H6213" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H0168" the |strong="H6213" Holy Tent |strong="H0168". Use blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H8504" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144" and |strong="H8504" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" to |strong="H0168" make |strong="H6213" this |strong="H6213" curtain |strong="H4539". Weave pictures into it |strong="H6213". <sup>37</sup> Make |strong="H6213" gold |strong="H2091" hooks |strong="H2053" for |strong="H2091" this |strong="H6213" curtain |strong="H4539". Make |strong="H6213" five |strong="H2568" posts |strong="H5982" using acacia |strong="H7848" wood covered with |strong="H6823" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H2091" make |strong="H6213" five |strong="H2568" bronze |strong="H5178"

<sup>I</sup> UNDER THE GOLD RINGS The 50 gold rings that joined together the two parts of the Holy Tent. See Exodus 26:6.

bases |strong="H0134" for |strong="H2091" the |strong="H0853" five |strong="H2568" posts |strong="H5982".

#### The Altar for Burning Offerings

<sup>27</sup> " Use |strong="H1961" acacia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086" and |strong="H6086" build an |strong="H1961" altar |strong="H4196". The |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" should |strong="H6213" be |strong="H1961" square |strong="H7251". It |strong="H1961" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1961" 5 cubits |strong="H0520" <sup>II</sup> long |strong="H0753", 5 cubits |strong="H0520" wide |strong="H7341", and |strong="H6086" 3 cubits |strong="H0520" <sup>III</sup> high |strong="H6967". <sup>2</sup> Make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1961" horn |strong="H7161" for |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0702" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" four |strong="H0702" corners |strong="H6438" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" altar. Join each |strong="H0702" horn |strong="H7161" to |strong="H1961" its |strong="H0853" corner |strong="H6438" so |strong="H4480" that |strong="H4480" everything is |strong="H1961" one |strong="H4480" piece. Then |strong="H1961" cover the |strong="H0853" altar with |strong="H5921" bronze |strong="H5178".

<sup>3</sup> "Use bronze |strong="H5178" to |strong="H5178" make |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tools and |strong="H3627" dishes that |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3605" used |strong="H6213" on |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" altar. Make |strong="H6213" pots |strong="H5518", shovels |strong="H3257", bowls |strong="H4219", forks, and |strong="H3627" pans. These |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3605" used |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3605" cleaning ashes |strong="H1878" from |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" altar. <sup>4</sup> Make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H5921" grating |strong="H4345" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" altar. This |strong="H6213" grating |strong="H4345" will |strong="H7568" be shaped |strong="H4639" like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" net |strong="H7568". And |strong="H5178" make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H5921" bronze |strong="H5178" ring |strong="H2885" at |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0702" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" four |strong="H0702" corners |strong="H7098" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" grating |strong="H4345". <sup>5</sup> Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" grating under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H0853" ledge |strong="H3749"

<sup>II</sup> 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). Also in verse 18. <sup>III</sup> 3 CUBITS 5' 1 3/16" (1.55 m).

at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" bot-  
tom|strong="H4295" of|strong="H4196"  
the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196".  
The|strong="H0853" grating will|strong="H1961"  
go|strong="H1961" halfway|strong="H2677"  
up|strong="H5704" into|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196"  
from|strong="H5704" below|strong="H8478".  
6 "Use acacia|strong="H7848"  
wood|strong="H6086" to|strong="H5178"  
make|strong="H6213" poles|strong="H0905"  
for|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" al-  
tar|strong="H4196", and|strong="H6086" cover  
them|strong="H0853" with|strong="H6823"  
bronze|strong="H5178". 7 Put|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0853" poles|strong="H0905"  
through|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
rings|strong="H2885" on|strong="H5921"  
both|strong="H8147" sides|strong="H6763"  
of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" al-  
tar|strong="H4196". Use|strong="H5375" these  
poles|strong="H0905" for|strong="H5921" carry-  
ing|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" al-  
tar|strong="H4196". 8 Make|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H0853" altar like|strong="H3651"  
an|strong="H7200" empty box with|strong="H3651"  
the|strong="H0853" sides made|strong="H6213"  
from|strong="H7200" boards. Make|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H0853" altar just|strong="H0834"  
as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834"  
showed|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834"  
on|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" moun-  
tain|strong="H2022".

#### The|strong="H0853" Courtyard Around the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent

9 "Make|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0259" court-  
yard|strong="H2691" for|strong="H0259"  
the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent. The|strong="H0853"  
south|strong="H5045" side|strong="H6285"  
should|strong="H6213" have a|strong="H0259" wall  
of|strong="H0259" curtains 100 cu-  
bits|strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> long|strong="H0753". These  
curtains must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H0259"  
made|strong="H6213" from|strong="H6285"  
fine|strong="H8336" linen|strong="H8336". 10 Use 20  
posts|strong="H5982" and|strong="H3701" 20  
bronze|strong="H5178" bases|strong="H0134" under  
the posts|strong="H5982". The  
hooks|strong="H2053" for|strong="H3701" the  
posts|strong="H5982" and|strong="H3701" the cur-  
tain rods<sup>II</sup> should be|strong="H3701" made  
from|strong="H3701" silver|strong="H3701". 11  
The|strong="H3651" north|strong="H6828"  
side|strong="H6285" must also have|strong="H6828"

I 100 CUBITS 170' 5/8" (51.83 m). Also in verse 18. II CURTAIN  
RODS These were either rods that joined the posts together or grom-  
mets (rings) sewn into the curtains.

a|strong="H3651" wall of|strong="H5982" curtains  
100 cubits long|strong="H0753". It|strong="H3651"  
must have|strong="H6828" 20 posts|strong="H5982"  
and|strong="H3967" 20 bronze|strong="H5178"  
bases|strong="H0134". The|strong="H3651"  
hooks|strong="H2053" for|strong="H3651"  
the|strong="H3651" posts|strong="H5982"  
and|strong="H3967" the|strong="H3651" curtain rods  
must be|strong="H3701" made from|strong="H6285"  
silver|strong="H3701".

12 " On|strong="H0520" the|strong="H0520"  
west|strong="H3220" side|strong="H6285"  
of|strong="H5982" the|strong="H0520" court-  
yard|strong="H2691" there must be|strong="H3220"  
a|strong="H7341" wall of|strong="H5982" curtains 50  
cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>III</sup> long. There must  
be|strong="H3220" ten|strong="H6235"  
posts|strong="H5982" and|strong="H3220"  
ten|strong="H6235" bases|strong="H0134". 13  
The|strong="H0520" east|strong="H4217"  
side|strong="H6285" of|strong="H7341"  
the|strong="H0520" courtyard|strong="H2691" must  
also be 50 cubits|strong="H0520" long. 14 Here  
at|strong="H7969" the|strong="H0520" entrance to  
the|strong="H0520" courtyard, one  
side|strong="H3802" must have curtains 15 cu-  
bits|strong="H0520"<sup>IV</sup> long. There must be  
three|strong="H7969" posts|strong="H5982"  
and|strong="H5982" three|strong="H7969"  
bases|strong="H0134" on|strong="H0520" this  
side|strong="H3802". 15 The|strong="H6240" oth-  
er|strong="H8145" side|strong="H3802"  
of|strong="H5982" the|strong="H6240" entrance  
must also have curtains 15 cubits long. There must be  
three|strong="H7969" posts|strong="H5982"  
and|strong="H5982" three|strong="H7969"  
bases|strong="H0134" on|strong="H5982" that  
side|strong="H3802".

16 "Make a curtain|strong="H4539" 20 cu-  
bits|strong="H0520"<sup>V</sup> long to|strong="H8179" cover  
the|strong="H8179" entrance|strong="H8179"  
to|strong="H8179" the|strong="H8179" court-  
yard|strong="H2691". Make that cur-  
tain|strong="H4539" from|strong="H0520"  
fine|strong="H8336" linen|strong="H8336"  
and|strong="H8504" blue|strong="H8504", pur-  
ple|strong="H0713", and|strong="H8504"  
red|strong="H8144" yarn|strong="H8144". Weave de-  
signs into that curtain|strong="H4539". There must be  
four|strong="H0702" posts|strong="H5982"  
and|strong="H8504" four|strong="H0702"  
bases|strong="H0134" for|strong="H6242" that cur-  
tain|strong="H4539". 17 All|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" posts|strong="H5982"  
around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" court-  
yard|strong="H2691" must be|strong="H3605" joined

III 50 CUBITS 85' 5/16" (25.92 m). Also in verse 18. IV 15 CUBITS  
25' 6 1/16" (7.77 m). V 20 CUBITS 34' 1/8" (10.37 m).

with **silver** curtain rods. The **hooks** on **the** **posts** must be made from **silver**, and **the** **bases** for **the** **posts** **bronze**.<sup>18</sup> The **courtyard** should be 100 **cubits** long and **50 cubits** wide **The** wall of **curtains** around **the** **courtyard** should be 5 **cubits** high **The** **curtains** must be made from **fine linen**. **The** **bases** under **the** **posts** must be **bronze**.<sup>19</sup> All **the** **tools**, **tent** **pegs**, and **other** **things** used **in** **the** **Holy Tent** must be made from **bronze**. And **all** **the** **pegs** for **the** **curtains** around **the** **courtyard** must be made from **bronze**.

#### Oil for **the** **Lamp**

<sup>20</sup> **Command** **the** **Israelites** to bring **their** best **olive** oil for **the** **lamp** that must be **lit** each evening.<sup>21</sup> This **lamp** is **in** **the** **first** room of **the** **Tent**, outside **the** **curtain** for **the** **room** where **the** **Agreement** is. **Aaron** and **his** **sons** will **make** sure **this**

**lamp** is **burning** before **the** **LORD** every **day** from **evening** until **morning**. **The** **Israelites** and **their** **descendants** must obey **this** **law** forever.

#### Clothes for the Priests

**28** "Tell **your** **brother**

**Aaron** and **his** **sons**, **Nadab**, **Abihu**, **Eleazar**, and **Ithamar**, to come **to** you from **the** **Israelites**. These **men** will **serve** me **as** **priests**.

<sup>2</sup> "Make **special** **clothes** for **your** **brother** **Aaron**. These **clothes** will give **him** **honor** and **respect**.<sup>3</sup> I **have** **given** **to** **some** of **the** **skilled** **men**. Tell **them** to **make** **the** **clothes** for **Aaron**. These **clothes** will **show** that **he** **serves** me **in** **a** **special** way. Then **he** **can** **serve** me **as** **a** **priest**.<sup>4</sup> These **are** **the** **clothes** **the** **men** should **make**: **the** **judgment** **pouch**, **the** **ephod**, **a** **blue** **robe**, **a** **white** **woven** **robe**,

a|strong="H0834" turban|strong="H4701", and|strong="H1121" a|strong="H0834" cloth|strong="H0899" belt. They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H1121" make|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0428" special clothes|strong="H0899" for|strong="H0834" your|strong="H0834" brother|strong="H0251" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0834" sons|strong="H1121". Then|strong="H6213" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0834" sons|strong="H1121" can|strong="H0834" serve|strong="H3547" me|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" priests|strong="H3547". <sup>5</sup> Tell the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H3947" to|strong="H1992" use|strong="H3947" gold|strong="H2091" thread, fine|strong="H8336" linen|strong="H8336", and|strong="H2091" blue|strong="H8504", purple|strong="H0713", and|strong="H2091" red|strong="H8144" yarn|strong="H8144".

**The|strong="H0853" Ephod and|strong="H2091" the|strong="H0853" Cloth Belt**

<sup>6</sup> Use gold|strong="H2091" thread, fine|strong="H8336" linen|strong="H8336", and|strong="H2091" blue|strong="H8504", purple|strong="H0713", and|strong="H2091" red|strong="H8144" yarn|strong="H8144" to|strong="H2803" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" ephod|strong="H0646". This|strong="H6213" must|strong="H0853" be the|strong="H0853" work|strong="H4639" of|strong="H4639" a|strong="H2803" very skilled person. <sup>7</sup> At|strong="H0413" each|strong="H8147" shoulder|strong="H3802" of|strong="H8147" the|strong="H0413" ephod, there|strong="H1961" should|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" shoulder|strong="H3802" piece. These shoulder|strong="H3802" pieces|strong="H3802" should|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961" tied to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" two|strong="H8147" corners|strong="H7098" of|strong="H8147" the|strong="H0413" ephod.

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0834" men will|strong="H1961" very carefully weave a|strong="H1961" cloth belt for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" ephod. This|strong="H0834" belt must be|strong="H1961" made|strong="H4639" the|strong="H0834" same|strong="H4480" way|strong="H5921" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" ephod—use|strong="H1961" gold|strong="H2091" threads|strong="H0713", fine|strong="H8336" linen|strong="H8336", and|strong="H2091" blue|strong="H8504", purple|strong="H0713", and|strong="H2091" red|strong="H8144" yarn|strong="H8144".

<sup>9</sup> Take|strong="H3947" two|strong="H8147" onyx|strong="H7718" stones|strong="H0068". Write the|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" twelve sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" on|strong="H5921" these|strong="H3947" jewels. <sup>10</sup> Write six|strong="H8337" names|strong="H8034" on|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0259" jewel and|strong="H0068" six|strong="H8337" names|strong="H8034" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0259" jewel. Write the|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" in|strong="H5921" order|strong="H8435", from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" oldest son to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" youngest. <sup>11</sup> Cut the|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" into|strong="H5921" these stones|strong="H0068". Do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" worker makes|strong="H6213" a|strong="H5921" seal|strong="H2368". Put the|strong="H0853" jewels in|strong="H5921" gold|strong="H2091" settings|strong="H4142". <sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H0853" put|strong="H7760" these|strong="H0175" two|strong="H8147" jewels on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" shoulder|strong="H3802" pieces|strong="H3802" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" ephod|strong="H0646". Aaron|strong="H0175" will|strong="H3068" wear this|strong="H3068" special coat when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3068" stands before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" stones|strong="H0068" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H8034" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" ephod|strong="H0646". These|strong="H0175" jewels will|strong="H3068" cause the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" remember the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". <sup>13</sup> Use fine gold|strong="H2091" to|strong="H2091" hold the|strong="H6213" stones on|strong="H2091" the|strong="H6213" ephod. <sup>14</sup> Twist chains|strong="H8333" of|strong="H5921" pure|strong="H2889" gold|strong="H2091" together|strong="H5921" like|strong="H8333" a|strong="H5414" rope. Make|strong="H5414" two|strong="H8147" of|strong="H5921" these gold|strong="H2091" chains|strong="H8333"

and |strong="H2091" fasten |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" gold |strong="H2091" settings |strong="H4865".

### The |strong="H0853" Judgment Pouch

<sup>15</sup> " Make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" judgment |strong="H4941" pouch for |strong="H4941" the |strong="H0853" high priest. Skilled workers |strong="H6213" should |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213" this |strong="H6213" pouch just |strong="H4941" as |strong="H2803" they |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646". They |strong="H6213" must |strong="H0853" use gold |strong="H2091" threads |strong="H0713", fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336", and |strong="H4941" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H4941" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H1961" judgment pouch should be |strong="H1961" folded |strong="H3717" double |strong="H3717" to |strong="H1961" make a |strong="H1961" square |strong="H7251" pocket. It |strong="H1961" should be |strong="H1961" 1 span |strong="H2239"<sup>1</sup> long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H0753" 1 span |strong="H2239" wide |strong="H7341". <sup>17</sup> Put four |strong="H0702" rows |strong="H2905" of |strong="H4390" beautiful jewels on |strong="H0259" the |strong="H4390" judgment pouch. The |strong="H4390" first |strong="H0259" row |strong="H2905" of |strong="H4390" jewels should have a |strong="H0259" ruby |strong="H0124", a |strong="H0259" topaz |strong="H6357", and |strong="H0068" a |strong="H0259" beryl. <sup>18</sup> The second |strong="H8145" row |strong="H2905" should have a |strong="H2905" turquoise |strong="H5306", a |strong="H2905" sapphire |strong="H5601", and |strong="H8145" an emerald. <sup>19</sup> The |strong="H7992" third |strong="H7992" row |strong="H2905" should have a |strong="H2905" jacinth |strong="H3958", an agate |strong="H7618", and |strong="H7992" an amethyst |strong="H0306". <sup>20</sup> The |strong="H1961" fourth |strong="H7243" row |strong="H2905" should have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" chrysolite, an |strong="H1961" onyx |strong="H7718", and |strong="H2091" a |strong="H1961" jasper |strong="H3471". Set |strong="H7660" all these jewels in |strong="H1961" gold |strong="H2091". <sup>21</sup> There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" twelve |strong="H6240" jewels on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" judgment pouch— one |strong="H0376" stone |strong="H0068" for |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0376"

<sup>1</sup> 1 SPAN The distance from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger, about 9" (23 cm).

of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Each |strong="H0376" stone |strong="H0068" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" seal |strong="H2368" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" twelve |strong="H6240" tribes |strong="H7626" cut into |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".

<sup>22</sup> " Make |strong="H6213" chains |strong="H5688" of |strong="H5921" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" judgment pouch. These chains |strong="H5688" must be braided |strong="H4639" like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" rope. <sup>23</sup> Make |strong="H5414" two |strong="H8147" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885" and |strong="H2091" put |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" corners |strong="H7098" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" judgment pouch. <sup>24</sup> Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" golden |strong="H2091" chains |strong="H5688" through |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" rings |strong="H2885" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" corners |strong="H7098" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" judgment pouch. <sup>25</sup> Fasten |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H8147" ends |strong="H7098" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" gold chains |strong="H5688" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" settings |strong="H4865". This will |strong="H5414" fasten |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" shoulder |strong="H3802" pieces |strong="H3802" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" front |strong="H6440". <sup>26</sup> Make |strong="H7760" two |strong="H8147" more |strong="H2091" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885" and |strong="H1004" put |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H5676" two |strong="H8147" corners |strong="H7098" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" judgment |strong="H0834" pouch. This |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1004" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" inside |strong="H1004" edge |strong="H8193" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" judgment |strong="H0834" pouch

next |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646".<sup>27</sup> Make |strong="H5414" two |strong="H8147" more |strong="H2091" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885" and |strong="H2091" put |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" bottom |strong="H4295" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" shoulder |strong="H3802" pieces |strong="H3802" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646". Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885" above |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" cloth belt of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646".<sup>28</sup> Use |strong="H1961" blue |strong="H8504" ribbon to |strong="H0413" tie the |strong="H0853" rings |strong="H2885" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" judgment pouch to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" rings |strong="H2885" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646". In |strong="H5921" this way |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" judgment pouch will |strong="H1961" rest |strong="H1961" close to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" cloth belt and |strong="H8504" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" held |strong="H1961" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646".

<sup>29</sup> " When |strong="H0935" Aaron |strong="H0175" enters |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944", he |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0853" wear the |strong="H0853" judgment |strong="H4941" pouch. In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3068" way |strong="H4941" he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" wear the |strong="H0853" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" twelve sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" over |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" heart |strong="H3820". And |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H8548" be |strong="H8034" reminded of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H0413".<sup>30</sup> Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Urim |strong="H0224" and |strong="H1121" Thummim |strong="H8550" inside |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" judgment |strong="H4941" pouch. They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" over |strong="H5921" Aaron's |strong="H0175" heart |strong="H3820" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" goes |strong="H0935" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853"

LORD |strong="H3068". So |strong="H1961" Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H8548" carry |strong="H5375" with |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" way |strong="H4941" of |strong="H1121" judging for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

#### Other Clothes for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Priests

<sup>31</sup> " Make |strong="H6213" a blue |strong="H8504" robe |strong="H4598" for the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646".<sup>32</sup> Make a |strong="H1961" hole in |strong="H8432" the |strong="H8432" center |strong="H8432" for |strong="H3808" the |strong="H8432" head |strong="H7218". And |strong="H7218" sew a |strong="H1961" piece of |strong="H7218" cloth around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H8432" edge |strong="H6310" of |strong="H7218" this hole. This cloth will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" collar |strong="H6310" that |strong="H1961" keeps the |strong="H8432" hole from |strong="H1961" tearing.<sup>33</sup> Use blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H2091" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" cloth pomegranates |strong="H7416". Hang these pomegranates |strong="H7416" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5921" bottom edge of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" robe |strong="H7757", and |strong="H2091" hang gold |strong="H2091" bells |strong="H6472" between |strong="H8432" the |strong="H5921" pomegranates |strong="H7416".<sup>34</sup> So |strong="H5921" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5921" bottom edge of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" robe |strong="H4598" there should be bells |strong="H6472" and |strong="H2091" pomegranates |strong="H7416". There should be a |strong="H5921" bell |strong="H6472" following each |strong="H5439" pomegranate |strong="H7416".<sup>35</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068" wear |strong="H1961" this |strong="H3068" robe when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" serves as |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" priest. The |strong="H6440" bells will |strong="H3068" ring as |strong="H1961" Aaron |strong="H0175" goes |strong="H3318" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" to |strong="H0413" stand |strong="H0935" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" bells will |strong="H3068" ring as |strong="H1961"

he |strong="H3068" leaves |strong="H3318" the |strong="H6440" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944". This |strong="H3068" way |strong="H6440" Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4191".

<sup>36</sup> " Make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H5921" strip of |strong="H3068" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3068" carve these words into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" gold |strong="H2091" like |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" writing on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" seal |strong="H2368": HOLY |strong="H6944" TO |strong="H5921" THE |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>37</sup> Fasten |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" gold strip to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" blue |strong="H8504" ribbon. Tie the |strong="H0853" blue |strong="H8504" ribbon around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" turban |strong="H4701". The |strong="H0853" gold strip should |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" turban |strong="H4701". <sup>38</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068" wear |strong="H1961" this |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" head |strong="H6440". In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" remove |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" guilt |strong="H5771" if |strong="H0834" anything |strong="H3605" is |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H5771" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" gifts |strong="H4979" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" give |strong="H4979" to |strong="H1961" God |strong="H3068". Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H8548" wear |strong="H1961" this |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" head |strong="H6440" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" accept the |strong="H3605" gifts |strong="H4979" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121".

<sup>39</sup> "Use fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" to |strong="H4639" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6213" white woven robe |strong="H3801" and |strong="H8336" the |strong="H6213" turban |strong="H4701".

I HOLY TO THE LORD These words were written on everything that was used in the Temple. This showed that these things belonged to the Lord and that they could be used only for special purposes. Dishes with this label could be used only by the priests in a holy place. II IN THIS WAY... ISRAELITES Literally, "It will keep him holy when he bears the guilt from the gifts of the Israelites."

The |strong="H6213" cloth belt should |strong="H6213" have designs sewn into it |strong="H6213". <sup>40</sup> Also |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213" coats, belts, and |strong="H1121" cloth caps |strong="H4021" for |strong="H1121" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121". This |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1121" give them |strong="H6213" honor |strong="H3519" and |strong="H1121" respect. <sup>41</sup> Put |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853" clothes |strong="H3847" on |strong="H3847" your |strong="H3027" brother |strong="H0251" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3027" sons |strong="H1121". Then |strong="H0853" pour the |strong="H0853" special oil |strong="H4886" on |strong="H3847" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3027" make |strong="H3027" them |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3547". This will |strong="H1121" make |strong="H3027" them |strong="H0853" holy |strong="H6942", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H6942" will |strong="H1121" serve |strong="H3547" me |strong="H4886" as |strong="H3547" priests |strong="H3547".

<sup>42</sup> " Use |strong="H1961" linen |strong="H0906" to |strong="H5704" make |strong="H6213" underclothes for |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" priests. These underclothes will |strong="H1961" cover |strong="H3680" them |strong="H1961" from |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" waist |strong="H4975" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" thighs |strong="H3409". <sup>43</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" must |strong="H4191" wear |strong="H1961" these |strong="H4191" clothes whenever |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5921" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H5921" must |strong="H4191" wear |strong="H1961" these |strong="H4191" clothes when |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5921" come |strong="H0935" near |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0413" serve |strong="H8334" as |strong="H1961" priests |strong="H3808" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944". If |strong="H0176" they |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H3808" wear |strong="H1961" these |strong="H4191" clothes, they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" guilty |strong="H5771" of |strong="H1121" wrong |strong="H5771" and |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4191". All |strong="H5769" this |strong="H2708" should |strong="H0413"

be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" law that |strong="H3808" continues forever |strong="H5769" for |strong="H5921" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H5769" his |strong="H5921" family |strong="H2233" after |strong="H0310" him |strong="H0413".

### The Ceremony for Appointing the Priests

29 " Now |strong="H2088" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" tell you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H1697" show |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" Aaron and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3947" sons |strong="H1121" serve |strong="H3547" me |strong="H3947" in |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3947" special way |strong="H1697" as |strong="H0834" priests |strong="H3547". Find |strong="H3947" one |strong="H0259" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" and |strong="H1121" two |strong="H8147" rams |strong="H0352" that |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" nothing |strong="H1697" wrong with |strong="H1697" them |strong="H0853". 2 Then |strong="H0853" use fine |strong="H5560" wheat |strong="H2406" flour |strong="H5560" without yeast to |strong="H3899" make |strong="H6213" bread |strong="H3899". And |strong="H3899" use the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" things to |strong="H3899" make |strong="H6213" cakes |strong="H2471" mixed |strong="H1101" with |strong="H3899" olive |strong="H8081" oil |strong="H8081". Make |strong="H6213" small thin cakes |strong="H2471" spread |strong="H4886" with |strong="H3899" oil |strong="H8081". 3 Put |strong="H5414" this bread and |strong="H6499" the |strong="H0853" cakes in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5414" basket |strong="H5536". Then |strong="H0853" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" basket |strong="H5536" to |strong="H5921" Aaron and |strong="H6499" his |strong="H5414" sons. At |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0259" time |strong="H8147", give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" and |strong="H6499" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" rams |strong="H0352".

4 " Then |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H7126" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H7126" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Wash |strong="H7364"

them |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" water |strong="H4325". 5 Put |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853" special clothes |strong="H0899" on |strong="H3847" Aaron |strong="H0175". Put |strong="H3847" on |strong="H3847" him |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" white woven |strong="H2805" robe |strong="H4598" and |strong="H0175" the |strong="H0853" blue robe |strong="H4598" that is worn |strong="H3847" with |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646". Put |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646" and |strong="H0175" the |strong="H0853" judgment pouch on |strong="H3847" him |strong="H0853". Then |strong="H3947" tie the |strong="H0853" beautiful cloth |strong="H0899" belt on |strong="H3847" him |strong="H0853". 6 Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" turban |strong="H4701" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5414" head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" special crown |strong="H5145" around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" turban |strong="H4701". 7 Take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" anointing |strong="H4888" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H7218" pour |strong="H3332" it |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" Aaron's head |strong="H7218". This will show that he |strong="H0853" is |strong="H7218" chosen |strong="H3947" for |strong="H5921" this work.

8 " Then |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H7126" Aaron's sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H1121" that |strong="H1121" place. Put |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853" white woven robes |strong="H3801" on |strong="H3847" them |strong="H0853". 9 Then |strong="H1961" tie cloth belts around |strong="H3027" their |strong="H1992" waists, and |strong="H1121" give |strong="H1961" them |strong="H1992" cloth caps |strong="H4021" to |strong="H1961" wear |strong="H1961". At |strong="H1961" that |strong="H1961" time |strong="H5769" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1961" begin to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" priests. They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" priests because |strong="H3027" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" special law that |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" continue |strong="H1961" forever |strong="H5769". This |strong="H2708" is |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" way you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H3027" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121" priests.

10 " Then |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" to |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3027" place |strong="H3027" at |strong="H5921"



the front of the Tent Meeting. Aaron and his sons must put their hands on the bull's head. <sup>11</sup> Then kill the bull and there in the LORD'S presence at the entrance of the Tent Meeting. <sup>12</sup> Then take some of the bull's blood and go to the altar. Use your finger to put some blood on the horns of the altar. Pour all the blood that is left at the bottom of the altar. <sup>13</sup> Then take the fat from inside the bull, the fatty part of the liver, both kidneys, and the fat around them. Burn this on the altar. <sup>14</sup> Then take the bull's meat, his skin, and his other parts and go outside your camp and burn them. This bull is an offering to take away the

sins of the priests.

<sup>15</sup> Then tell Aaron and his sons to put their hands on the head of one of the rams. <sup>16</sup> Kill that ram and save the blood. Throw the blood against the altar on all sides. <sup>17</sup> Then cut the ram into several pieces. Wash all the parts from inside the ram and the legs. Put these things with the head and the other pieces of the ram. <sup>18</sup> Then burn everything on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD. It is a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD. <sup>19</sup> Tell Aaron and his sons to put their hands on the other ram. <sup>20</sup> Kill that ram and save some of its blood. Put that blood on the right ear lobes of Aaron

and his sons put of blood the of his thumbs of his right and the toes their right feet. Then against sides the altar. 21 Then some the blood from the altar with the special oil and his sons on Aaron his And his sons a special way. And will that their clothes are used only at special times.

22 " Then take the fat from the ram. ( This is ram that will be used in the ceremony to make Aaron the high priest.) Take the fat from the tail and the

fat that covers the inside of the body. Then take the fat that covers the liver, both kidneys the fat on them, and the right leg. 23 Then take the basket of bread you made without yeast. This is the basket you put before the LORD. Take these things out of the basket: one loaf of bread, one cake made with oil, and one small thin cake. 24 Give them to Aaron and his sons. Tell them to hold these things in their hands before the Lord. This will be a special offering to the LORD. 25 Then take them from Aaron and his sons and put them on the altar with the ram. Then burn everything on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD. It is a sweet-smelling

gift *to* the LORD. <sup>26</sup> Then take breast from ram. ( This is ram will be used the ceremony to make the high priest.) Hold of ram before the LORD as a special offering. Then take it back and keep it. This the animal will be for you. <sup>27</sup> Take the breast and the leg of the ram that was used to make the high priest and make these parts holy. Then give these special parts to Aaron and his sons. <sup>28</sup> The Israelites will always give Aaron and his sons these parts. These parts will always belong to the priests when the Israelites make an offering to the LORD. When they give these parts to the priest, it will be the same

as giving them the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Save these special clothes that were made for Aaron and his descendants will wear these clothes when they are chosen to be Aaron's son will become the next high priest after him. That son will wear these clothes seven days when he comes to the Meeting Tent to serve in the Holy Place.

<sup>30</sup> Cook the meat from the ram that was used to make the high priest. Cook that meat in a holy place. <sup>31</sup> Then Aaron and his sons must eat the meat at the front door of the Meeting Tent. And they must also eat the bread that is the basket of these offerings were used to take away their sins when they were made priests. Now

<sup>32</sup> Cook the meat from the ram that was used to make the high priest. Cook that meat in a holy place. <sup>33</sup> Then Aaron and his sons must eat the meat at the front door of the Meeting Tent. And they must also eat the bread that is the basket of these offerings were used to take away their sins when they were made priests. Now

they should eat these offerings.<sup>34</sup> If any of the meat from that ram or any of the bread is left the next morning, then it must be burned. You must not eat that or the meat because it should be eaten only in a special way at a special time.

<sup>35</sup> "You must do these for Aaron and his sons must do them as I told The ceremony for appointing them to be priests must continue for seven days.<sup>36</sup> You must kill one bull every day for seven days. This will be an offering for the sins of Aaron and his sons. You will use these sacrifices to make the altar pure, and pour olive oil on the altar to make it holy.<sup>37</sup> You will make the altar

holy for seven days. At that time the altar will be most holy. Anything that touches the altar will also be holy.

<sup>38</sup> "Every day you must make an offering on the altar. You must kill two lambs that are one year old.<sup>39</sup> Offer one lamb in the morning and the other in the evening.

<sup>40</sup> When you kill the first lamb, also offer 8 cups<sup>I</sup> of fine wheat flour. Mix that flour with 1 quart<sup>II</sup> of the best oil. Also offer 1 quart of wine as an offering. When you kill the second lamb in the evening, also offer the 8 cups of fine flour mixed with 1 quart of the best oil and offer 1 quart of wine. This is the same as you did in the morning. This will be a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD. When you burn this offering, he will smell it, and it will please him.

<sup>42</sup> "You must burn these things as an offering to the Lord every day. Do this at the entrance of the Meeting Tent before the LORD. Continue to do this for all time. When you make the offering, I will meet you there and speak to you.<sup>43</sup> I will

<sup>I</sup> 8 CUPS Literally, "1/10 of a measure" (2.2 l). <sup>II</sup> 1 QUART Literally, "1/4 hin" (.8 l).

meet |strong="H3259" with |strong="H3478" the |strong="H8033" Israelites |strong="H3478" at |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3478" place |strong="H8033", and |strong="H1121" my |strong="H6942" Glory |strong="H3519" will |strong="H3478" make that |strong="H3478" place |strong="H8033" holy |strong="H6942".

<sup>44</sup> " So |strong="H0853" I |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" make the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" holy |strong="H6942". I |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" also |strong="H0853" make Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H6942" sons |strong="H1121" holy |strong="H6942" so |strong="H0853" that |strong="H4196" they |strong="H6942" can |strong="H1121" serve |strong="H3547" me |strong="H1121" as |strong="H3547" priests |strong="H3547". <sup>45</sup> I |strong="H3478" will |strong="H0430" live |strong="H7931" with |strong="H0430" the |strong="H8432" Israelites |strong="H3478". I |strong="H3478" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" their |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430". <sup>46</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H3588" who |strong="H0834" led |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0853" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" so |strong="H3318" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" could live |strong="H7931" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H0853". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

### The Altar for Burning Incense

**30** " Make |strong="H6213" an altar |strong="H4196" from |strong="H6086" acacia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086". You |strong="H6213" will |strong="H4196" use this |strong="H6213" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H4196" burning incense |strong="H7004". <sup>2</sup> You |strong="H4480" must make the |strong="H4480" altar square |strong="H7251"—1 cubit |strong="H0520"<sup>1</sup> long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H0753" 1 cubit |strong="H0520"

I CUBIT 20 5/8" (51.83 cm).

wide |strong="H7341". It |strong="H1961" must be |strong="H1961" 2 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>II</sup> high |strong="H6967". There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" horns |strong="H7161" at |strong="H1961" the |strong="H4480" four corners. These horns |strong="H7161" must be |strong="H1961" made |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" one |strong="H4480" piece with |strong="H1961" the |strong="H4480" altar. <sup>3</sup> Cover the |strong="H0853" top |strong="H1406", the |strong="H0853" horns |strong="H7161", and |strong="H2091" all |strong="H5439" four sides |strong="H5439" of |strong="H7161" the |strong="H0853" altar with |strong="H6823" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091". Then |strong="H0853" put gold |strong="H2091" trim all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H0853" altar. <sup>4</sup> Below |strong="H8478" this |strong="H6213" trim there |strong="H1961" should |strong="H6213" be |strong="H1961" two |strong="H8147" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885". There |strong="H1961" should |strong="H6213" be |strong="H1961" two |strong="H8147" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885" on |strong="H5921" opposite |strong="H8147" sides |strong="H6654" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" altar. These |strong="H1992" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" used |strong="H1961" with |strong="H1004" poles |strong="H0905" to |strong="H1961" carry |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" altar. <sup>5</sup> Make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" poles |strong="H0905" from |strong="H2091" acacia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086" and |strong="H6086" cover them |strong="H0853" with |strong="H6823" gold |strong="H2091". <sup>6</sup> Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" altar just |strong="H0834" outside |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" special curtain |strong="H6532" that |strong="H0834" hangs in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0727" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H0727" the |strong="H0853" Agreement. So |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" altar will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H5414" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0727" the |strong="H0853" mercy-cover that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" above |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Agreement. This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H5414" where |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" meet |strong="H3259" with |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834".

II 2 CUBITS 3' 4 13/16" (104 cm).

<sup>7</sup> " Aaron |strong="H0175" must |strong="H0853" burn |strong="H6999" sweet-smelling incense |strong="H7004" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar every |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242". He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H5216" do |strong="H3190" this when |strong="H5921" he |strong="H0853" comes to |strong="H5921" care |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216". <sup>8</sup> He |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0853" burn |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H7004" again |strong="H6440" when |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" checks the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" evening |strong="H6153" so |strong="H5927" that |strong="H3068" incense |strong="H7004" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" burned |strong="H6999" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" every |strong="H6153" day forever |strong="H1755". <sup>9</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" use this altar for |strong="H5921" offering |strong="H4503" any |strong="H5927" other |strong="H2114" kind of |strong="H5921" incense |strong="H7004" or |strong="H3808" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H4503" or |strong="H3808" for |strong="H5921" any |strong="H5927" kind of |strong="H5921" grain offering |strong="H4503" or |strong="H3808" drink offering |strong="H4503".

<sup>10</sup> " Once |strong="H0259" a |strong="H5921" year |strong="H8141" Aaron |strong="H0175" must |strong="H1818" make a |strong="H5921" special sacrifice. He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H1931" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5921" erase the |strong="H5921" sins |strong="H2403" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1818". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" do this |strong="H1931" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" horns |strong="H7161" of |strong="H3068" this |strong="H1931" altar. This |strong="H1931" day will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" called the |strong="H5921" Day of |strong="H3068" Atonement |strong="H3725", and |strong="H3068" it |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" very special day for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"."

#### The |strong="H5921" Temple Tax

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>12</sup> " Count |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"

so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know how |strong="H3588" many people |strong="H0376" there |strong="H1961" are |strong="H3478". Every |strong="H0376" time |strong="H1961" this |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" done |strong="H1961", each |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" must |strong="H0853" make |strong="H5414" a |strong="H1961" payment for |strong="H3588" himself |strong="H5315" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" nothing |strong="H3808" terrible will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376". <sup>13</sup> Each |strong="H3605" man |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3068" counted |strong="H6485" must pay |strong="H5414" 1/2 shekel |strong="H8255" of |strong="H3068" silver. ( That |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3068" 1/2 shekel |strong="H8255" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" official measure. This |strong="H2088" shekel |strong="H8255" weighs 20 gerahs |strong="H1626". <sup>1</sup>) This |strong="H2088" half |strong="H4276" shekel |strong="H8255" is |strong="H3068" an |strong="H5414" offering |strong="H8641" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>14</sup> Every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3068" at |strong="H5921" least 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" counted |strong="H6485". And |strong="H1121" every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3068" counted |strong="H6485" must |strong="H1121" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3068" offering |strong="H8641". <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0853" rich |strong="H6223" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" more |strong="H3808" than |strong="H3808" 1/2 shekel |strong="H8255", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" poor |strong="H1800" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" less |strong="H4591" than |strong="H3808" 1/2 shekel |strong="H8255". All people |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" offering |strong="H8641" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H5414" payment for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" life |strong="H5315". <sup>16</sup> Gather this |strong="H3068" money |strong="H3701"

<sup>1</sup> I GERAHS 1/50 of an ounce (.6 g).

from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". Use |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" money |strong="H3701" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" service |strong="H5656" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". This |strong="H3068" payment will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" way |strong="H6440" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" remember his |strong="H5414" people |strong="H1121". They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" paying |strong="H3701" for |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" lives |strong="H5315".

### The |strong="H0853" Washing Bowl

17 The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>18</sup> " Make |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" bronze |strong="H5178" bowl and |strong="H4196" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H4196" a |strong="H5414" bronze |strong="H5178" base |strong="H3653". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" use this |strong="H6213" for |strong="H4325" washing |strong="H7364". Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" bowl between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". Fill the |strong="H0853" bowl with |strong="H7364" water |strong="H4325". <sup>19</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3027" sons |strong="H1121" must |strong="H0853" wash |strong="H7364" their |strong="H7364" hands |strong="H3027" and |strong="H1121" feet |strong="H7272" with |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" water from |strong="H4480" this bowl. <sup>20</sup> Every time |strong="H4150" they |strong="H3808" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168", they |strong="H3808" must |strong="H4191" wash |strong="H7364" with |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3068" water |strong="H4325" so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4191". They |strong="H3808" must |strong="H4191" also |strong="H3068" wash |strong="H7364" every time |strong="H4150" they |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" near |strong="H5066" the |strong="H0413" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0413" burn |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" or |strong="H0176" to |strong="H0413" offer |strong="H6999"

gifts |strong="H0801" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>21</sup> They |strong="H3808" must |strong="H4191" wash |strong="H7364" their |strong="H1961" hands |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" their |strong="H1961" feet |strong="H7272" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4191". This will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" law that |strong="H3808" continues forever |strong="H5769" for |strong="H3027" Aaron and |strong="H3027" his |strong="H1961" people |strong="H3808" who |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" live in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H1961" future."

### The |strong="H1961" Anointing Oil

22 Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>23</sup> " Find |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3947" finest |strong="H7218" spices |strong="H1314". Get |strong="H3947" 12 pounds <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H7218" liquid myrrh |strong="H4753", half |strong="H4276" that |strong="H7070" amount ( that |strong="H7070" is |strong="H7218", 6 pounds <sup>II</sup>) of |strong="H7218" sweet-smelling cinnamon |strong="H7076", and |strong="H3967" 12 pounds of |strong="H7218" sweet-smelling cane |strong="H7070", <sup>24</sup> and |strong="H3967" 12 pounds of |strong="H8255" cassia |strong="H6916". Use the |strong="H3967" official measure to |strong="H6944" measure all these things |strong="H6944". Also get 1 gallon <sup>III</sup> of |strong="H8255" olive |strong="H2132" oil |strong="H8081".

<sup>25</sup> " Mix |strong="H7543" all these things |strong="H6944" to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1961" special sweet-smelling anointing |strong="H4888" oil |strong="H8081". <sup>26</sup> Pour this oil |strong="H4886" on the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H0168" on the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H0168" the |strong="H0853" Agreement. This will show that these things have a |strong="H4886" special purpose. <sup>27</sup> Pour the |strong="H3605" oil on |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979" and |strong="H4196" on |strong="H3627" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" dishes on |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979". And |strong="H4196" pour this |strong="H3605" oil on |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" lamp and |strong="H4196" on |strong="H3627" all |strong="H3605" its |strong="H3605" tools. Pour the |strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> 12 POUNDS Literally, "500 measures" (5.75 kg). <sup>II</sup> 6 POUNDS Literally, "250 measures" (2.9 kg). <sup>III</sup> GALLON Literally, "a hin" (3.2 l).

oil on|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" incense|strong="H7004" altar|strong="H4196".<sup>28</sup> Also|strong="H0853", pour the|strong="H3605" oil on|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H4196" burning of offerings|strong="H5930" to|strong="H4196" God. Pour this|strong="H3605" oil on|strong="H3627" everything|strong="H3605" on|strong="H3627" that|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196". Pour this|strong="H3605" oil on|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" bowl and|strong="H4196" on|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" base|strong="H3653" under the|strong="H3605" bowl.<sup>29</sup> You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" make all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H6944" holy|strong="H6944". They|strong="H6942" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" very special to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" Lord. Anything|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H6944" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H0853" become|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6944".

<sup>30</sup> "Pour the|strong="H0853" oil|strong="H4886" on Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H6942" sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H1121" show|strong="H6942" that|strong="H1121" they|strong="H6942" are|strong="H1121" separated from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" rest of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" to|strong="H1121" serve|strong="H3547" as|strong="H3547" priests|strong="H3547".<sup>31</sup> Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" that|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081" is|strong="H2088" holy|strong="H6944"— it|strong="H1961" must|strong="H1121" always be|strong="H1961" used|strong="H1961" only for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".<sup>32</sup> This|strong="H1931" oil is|strong="H1931" holy|strong="H6944" and|strong="H0120" you|strong="H5921" must|strong="H3808" treat|strong="H6213" it|strong="H1931" as|strong="H1961" something special. Don't|strong="H3808" use|strong="H1931" the|strong="H5921" same|strong="H1931" formula for|strong="H5921" making|strong="H6213" perfume and|strong="H0120" don't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H1961" people|strong="H0120" use|strong="H1931" this|strong="H1931" oil like|strong="H3644" an|strong="H1961" ordinary perfume.<sup>33</sup> Whoever|strong="H0834" makes|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3772" perfume like|strong="H3644" that|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0376" puts|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" on|strong="H5921" anyone|strong="H0376" except a|strong="H3772" priest I

must be|strong="H0376" separated from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971"."

### The|strong="H0834" Incense

<sup>34</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", "Get|strong="H3947" these|strong="H3947" sweet-smelling spices|strong="H5561": resin, onycha|strong="H7827", galbanum|strong="H2464", and|strong="H3068" pure|strong="H2134" frankincense|strong="H3828". Be|strong="H1961" sure that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3947" have|strong="H1961" equal amounts of|strong="H3068" these|strong="H3947" spices|strong="H5561".<sup>35</sup> Mix|strong="H7543" the|strong="H0853" spices|strong="H7543" together to|strong="H4639" make|strong="H6213" a sweet-smelling incense|strong="H7004". Do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H6944" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" as|strong="H4639" a perfume|strong="H7545" maker would|strong="H4639" do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H6213". Also|strong="H0853" mix|strong="H7543" salt with|strong="H0853" this|strong="H6944" incense|strong="H7004". This|strong="H6944" will make|strong="H6213" it|strong="H6213" pure|strong="H2889" and|strong="H0853" special.<sup>36</sup> Grind some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H6440" incense until it|strong="H5414" becomes|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" fine|strong="H1854" powder|strong="H1854". Put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H6440" powder|strong="H1854" in|strong="H8033" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H6440" Holy|strong="H6944" Box that|strong="H0834" holds the|strong="H6440" Agreement II in|strong="H8033" the|strong="H6440" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" place|strong="H5414" where|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" meet|strong="H3259" with|strong="H8033" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" must use|strong="H1961" this|strong="H0834" incense powder|strong="H1854" only for|strong="H8033" its|strong="H5414" very|strong="H1854" special purpose.<sup>37</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" use|strong="H1961" it|strong="H6213" only in|strong="H3068" this|strong="H0834" special way for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" also|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" it|strong="H6213"

I PRIEST Literally, "stranger." II HOLY BOX THAT HOLDS THE AGREEMENT Literally, "Testimony." See "Agreement" in the Word List.



in|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1961" special way. Don't|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" any|strong="H1961" other incense|strong="H7004" in|strong="H3068" this|strong="H0834" way. <sup>38</sup> There|strong="H0834" may|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" want to|strong="H0376" make|strong="H6213" some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" this|strong="H0834" incense for|strong="H0376" themselves so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" enjoy the|strong="H0834" smell|strong="H7306". But|strong="H0376" whoever|strong="H0834" does|strong="H6213" this|strong="H0834" must be|strong="H0376" separated from|strong="H3772" their|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971"."

### Bezalel and Oholiab

**31** Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> "I|strong="H7200" have|strong="H1121" chosen a|strong="H7200" man|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H7200" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" to|strong="H1121" do some special work for|strong="H7121" me|strong="H7121". His|strong="H7200" name|strong="H8034" is|strong="H8034" Bezalel|strong="H1212" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Uri|strong="H0221" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hur|strong="H2354". <sup>3</sup> I|strong="H2451" have|strong="H3605" filled|strong="H4390" Bezalel with|strong="H4390" the|strong="H3605" Spirit|strong="H7307" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430"—I|strong="H2451" have|strong="H3605" given|strong="H4390" him|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" skill|strong="H2451" and|strong="H0430" knowledge|strong="H1847" to|strong="H0430" do|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" kinds|strong="H4399" of|strong="H0430" things|strong="H3605". <sup>4</sup> He|strong="H6213" is|strong="H3701" a|strong="H2803" very good designer|strong="H2803". And|strong="H3701" he|strong="H6213" can|strong="H6213" make|strong="H6213" things from|strong="H2091" gold|strong="H2091", silver|strong="H3701", and|strong="H3701" bronze|strong="H5178". <sup>5</sup> He|strong="H6213" can|strong="H6213" cut and|strong="H6086" set|strong="H4390" beautiful jewels. And|strong="H6086" he|strong="H6213" can|strong="H6213" work|strong="H4399" with|strong="H4390" wood|strong="H6086". He|strong="H6213" can|strong="H6213" do|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605"

kinds|strong="H4399" of|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399". <sup>6</sup> I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" chosen Oholiab|strong="H0171" to|strong="H5414" work|strong="H5414" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H5414". Oholiab|strong="H0171" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahisamach|strong="H0294" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835". And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" skills to|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" workers|strong="H6213" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" make|strong="H5414" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834":

<sup>7</sup> the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168";  
the|strong="H3605" Box of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H3605" Agreement;  
the|strong="H3605" mercy-cover that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" on|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921";  
<sup>8</sup> the|strong="H3605" table|strong="H7979" and|strong="H4196" everything|strong="H3605" on|strong="H3627" it|strong="H3605";  
the|strong="H3605" pure|strong="H2889" gold lampstand|strong="H4501" and|strong="H4196" everything|strong="H3605" used|strong="H3605" with|strong="H3627" it|strong="H3605";  
the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H3605" burning incense|strong="H7004";

<sup>9</sup> the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H4196" burning offerings|strong="H5930" and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" used|strong="H3605" at|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196";  
the|strong="H3605" bowl and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605" base|strong="H3653" under it|strong="H3605";

<sup>10</sup> the|strong="H0853" special clothes|strong="H0899" for|strong="H3548" Aaron|strong="H0175" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548";  
the|strong="H0853" special clothes|strong="H0899" for|strong="H3548" Aaron's|strong="H0175" sons|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3548" serve|strong="H3547" as|strong="H3547" priests|strong="H3548";

11 the|strong="H3605" sweet-smelling anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081"; the|strong="H3605" sweet-smelling incense|strong="H7004" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944".

These|strong="H3605" workers|strong="H6213" must|strong="H0853" make|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834".

### The|strong="H3605" Sabbath

12 Then|strong="H4872" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", 13 "Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" this|strong="H1931": 'You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" follow|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" rules about|strong="H0413" my|strong="H8104" special days of|strong="H1121" rest. You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" do|strong="H8104" this|strong="H1931" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3588" sign|strong="H0226" between|strong="H0996" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" me|strong="H0413" for|strong="H3588" all|strong="H1755" generations|strong="H1755". This|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0859" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", have|strong="H3045" made|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0859" my|strong="H8104" special people|strong="H1121".

14 "Make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" Sabbath|strong="H7676" a|strong="H3588" special day. If|strong="H3588" someone|strong="H5315" treats the|strong="H3605" Sabbath|strong="H7676" like|strong="H4191" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" day, that|strong="H3588" person|strong="H5315" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191". Whoever|strong="H3605" works|strong="H6213" on|strong="H4399" the|strong="H3605" Sabbath|strong="H7676" day must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" separated from|strong="H3772" their|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". 15 There|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3117" six|strong="H8337" other|strong="H3605" days|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" week for|strong="H3117" working. But|strong="H4191" the|strong="H3605" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117" is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" very special

day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" rest|strong="H7677". That|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" special day|strong="H3117" to|strong="H4191" honor the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". Anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" works|strong="H6213" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" Sabbath|strong="H7676" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191". 16 The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" must|strong="H0853" remember the|strong="H0853" Sabbath|strong="H7676" and|strong="H1121" make|strong="H6213" it|strong="H6213" a|strong="H3478" special day. They|strong="H6213" must|strong="H0853" continue to|strong="H3478" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H6213" forever|strong="H5769". It|strong="H6213" is|strong="H1121" an|strong="H8104" agreement|strong="H1285" between them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H1121" me|strong="H8104" that|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" continue forever|strong="H5769". 17 The|strong="H0853" Sabbath will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3588" sign|strong="H0226" between|strong="H0996" me|strong="H0226" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" forever|strong="H5769". (The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" worked|strong="H6213" six|strong="H8337" days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H1121" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" sky|strong="H8064" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776", and|strong="H1121" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117" he|strong="H1931" rested|strong="H7673" and|strong="H1121" relaxed.)

18 When|strong="H3615" God|strong="H0430" finished|strong="H3615" speaking|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" on|strong="H0413" Mount|strong="H2022" Sinai|strong="H5514", he|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" two|strong="H8147" stone|strong="H0068" tablets|strong="H3871" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0413" Agreement. God|strong="H0430" had|strong="H0430" written|strong="H3789" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" stones|strong="H0068" with|strong="H0854" his|strong="H5414" finger|strong="H0676".

### The Golden Calf

32 The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" long|strong="H6440" time|strong="H1961" had|strong="H0834"

passed |strong="H1961" and |strong="H6965" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H1961" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" mountain |strong="H2022". So |strong="H4480" they |strong="H0834" gathered |strong="H6950" around |strong="H5921" Aaron |strong="H0175". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Look |strong="H7200", Moses |strong="H4872" led |strong="H6440" us |strong="H0413" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714", but |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4100" has |strong="H0430" happened |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". So |strong="H4480" make |strong="H6213" us |strong="H0413" some |strong="H4480" gods |strong="H0430" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H5927" before |strong="H6440" us |strong="H0413" and |strong="H6965" lead |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413"."

<sup>2</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121", " Bring |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" gold |strong="H2091" earrings |strong="H5141" that |strong="H0834" belong to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0834" wives |strong="H0802", sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323"."

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" collected all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091" earrings |strong="H5141" and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Aaron |strong="H0175". <sup>4</sup> He |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" gold from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3478" used |strong="H6213" it |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H6213" an |strong="H3947" idol |strong="H3478". Using |strong="H5927" a |strong="H3947" special tool |strong="H2747", he |strong="H0834" shaped the |strong="H0853" gold into |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3947" statue of |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3947" calf |strong="H5695".

Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " Israel |strong="H3478", here are |strong="H0834" your |strong="H0834" gods |strong="H0430"! These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430"

that |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H5927" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H3027" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"! <sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" saw |strong="H7200" all these |strong="H0175" things, so |strong="H7121" he |strong="H3068" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" calf. Then |strong="H0559" Aaron |strong="H0175" made |strong="H7121" an |strong="H1129" announcement |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Tomorrow |strong="H4279" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H1129" special festival |strong="H2282" to |strong="H0559" honor the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"."

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0398" people |strong="H5971" woke up |strong="H5927" very early |strong="H7925" the |strong="H0398" next |strong="H4283" morning |strong="H4283". They |strong="H5971" killed animals and |strong="H6965" offered |strong="H5927" them |strong="H0398" as |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H6965" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". They |strong="H5971" sat |strong="H3427" down |strong="H3427" to |strong="H6965" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H6965" drink |strong="H8354". Then |strong="H6965" they |strong="H5971" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H6965" had |strong="H0398" a |strong="H5927" wild party.

<sup>7</sup> At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" same time, the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Go |strong="H5927" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H3381" this |strong="H3588" mountain. Your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971", the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" you |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H5927" out |strong="H0413" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714", have |strong="H0834" committed a |strong="H3588" terrible sin. <sup>8</sup> They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" very quickly |strong="H4118" turned |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H4480" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" them |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213". They |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213"

<sup>1</sup> ISRAEL ... EGYPT This shows that the people worshiped the calf as a special symbol for the Lord, and even this was forbidden. See 1 Kings 12:26-30.

a calf melted gold from themselves. They are worshiping that calf and making sacrifices to it. The people have said, 'Israel, these are the gods of Egypt.'"

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen these people, and I know that they are very stubborn. They will always turn against me. So let me destroy them in anger. Then I will make a great nation from you."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses begged the LORD his God, "LORD, don't let your anger destroy your people. You brought them out of Egypt with your great power and strength." <sup>12</sup> But if you destroy your people, the Egyptians will say, 'God planned to do bad things to his people.' That is why he led them out of Egypt.

of Egypt. He wanted to kill them in the mountains. He wanted to wipe them off the earth. So don't be angry with your people. Please change your mind. Don't destroy them. Remember Isaac and Israel men served you, and you used your name to make a promise to them. You said, 'I will make your people as many as the stars in the sky. I will give your people this land as I promised. This land will be theirs forever.'

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD felt sorry for the people. He did not do what he said he might do—he did not destroy them.

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went down the mountain. He had two stone tablets with the agreement on them. The commandments were writ-

ten|strong="H3789" on|strong="H3027" both|strong="H8147" sides|strong="H5676" of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H4480" stone, front and|strong="H4872" back|strong="H6437".<sup>16</sup> God|strong="H0430" himself|strong="H1931" made|strong="H4639" the|strong="H5921" stones, and|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" himself|strong="H1931" wrote the|strong="H5921" commandments on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992".

<sup>17</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" noise|strong="H6963" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" party in|strong="H0413" camp|strong="H4264". He|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", "It|strong="H4264" sounds|strong="H6963" like|strong="H0413" war|strong="H4421" down in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" camp|strong="H4264"!"

<sup>18</sup> Moses|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559", "It is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0559" noise|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" an|strong="H0559" army shouting|strong="H6963" for|strong="H0559" victory. And|strong="H6963" it is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0559" noise|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" an|strong="H0559" army crying|strong="H6963" from|strong="H8085" defeat|strong="H2476". The|strong="H0559" noise|strong="H6963" I|strong="H0595" hear|strong="H8085" is|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0559" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" music.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>19</sup> When|strong="H1961" Moses|strong="H4872" came|strong="H1961" near|strong="H7126" the|strong="H0853" camp|strong="H4264", he|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" golden calf|strong="H5695" and|strong="H4872" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" dancing|strong="H4246". He|strong="H0834" became|strong="H1961" very|strong="H2734" angry|strong="H2734", and|strong="H4872" he|strong="H0834" threw|strong="H7993" the|strong="H0853" stone|strong="H0834" tablets|strong="H3871" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0639". The|strong="H0853" stones broke|strong="H7665" into|strong="H0413" several pieces|strong="H7665" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" bottom of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022".<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Moses destroyed the|strong="H0853" calf|strong="H5695" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" had|strong="H0834"

made|strong="H6213". He|strong="H0834" melted it|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784". Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0834" ground|strong="H1854" the|strong="H0853" gold until|strong="H5704" it|strong="H5921" became dust and|strong="H1121" threw it|strong="H5921" into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" water|strong="H4325". Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0834" forced the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H5704" drink|strong="H8248" that|strong="H0834" water|strong="H4325".

<sup>21</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Aaron|strong="H0175", "What|strong="H4100" did|strong="H6213" these|strong="H2088" people|strong="H5971" do|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" would|strong="H4100" make|strong="H6213" you|strong="H3588" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088"? Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H6213" you|strong="H3588" lead|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" such|strong="H2088" a|strong="H3588" terrible sin|strong="H2401"?"

<sup>22</sup> Aaron|strong="H0175" answered|strong="H0559", "Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" angry|strong="H2734", sir|strong="H0113". You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" these|strong="H1931" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H0859" always ready to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H0408" wrong|strong="H7451".<sup>23</sup> The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H6440", 'Moses|strong="H4872" led|strong="H6440" us|strong="H3045" out|strong="H3045" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714", but|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4100" has|strong="H0430" happened|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H6440". So|strong="H6213" make|strong="H6213" us|strong="H3045" some|strong="H0376" gods|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0559" lead|strong="H5927" us|strong="H3045".'<sup>24</sup> So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H5414" told|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people, 'If you|strong="H5414" have|strong="H5414" any|strong="H5414" gold|strong="H2091" rings, then|strong="H3318" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5414". The|strong="H0559" people gave|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" their|strong="H5414" gold|strong="H2091".

I MUSIC Or "singing."

I|strong="H5414" threw|strong="H7993" the|strong="H0559" gold|strong="H2091" into|strong="H7993" the|strong="H0559" fire|strong="H0784", and|strong="H2091" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" fire|strong="H0784" came|strong="H3318" this|strong="H2088" calf|strong="H5695"!"

<sup>25</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" Aaron|strong="H0175" had|strong="H4872" let the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" get|strong="H6965" out|strong="H7200" of|strong="H0175" control. They|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0175" being wild, and|strong="H6965" all their|strong="H3588" enemies|strong="H6965" could|strong="H6965" see|strong="H7200" them|strong="H0853" acting like fools. <sup>26</sup> So|strong="H5975" Moses|strong="H4872" stood|strong="H5975" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" entrance|strong="H8179" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559", " Anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H4310" wants to|strong="H0413" follow|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" should|strong="H3068" come to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"." Everyone|strong="H3605" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" tribe of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3878" ran to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872".

<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Moses|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", " I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5921" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559": ' Every|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" must|strong="H0853" get|strong="H7725" his|strong="H5921" sword|strong="H2719" and|strong="H3068" go|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" one|strong="H0376" end of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" camp|strong="H4264" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0251". You|strong="H5921" men|strong="H0376" must|strong="H0853" kill|strong="H2026" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" are|strong="H3478" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068", even|strong="H0853" if|strong="H0376" they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3478" your|strong="H3068" brothers|strong="H0251", friends|strong="H7453", or|strong="H0376" neighbors|strong="H7453".'"

<sup>28</sup> The|strong="H4480" people|strong="H5971" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" tribe of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3878" obeyed Moses|strong="H4872". That|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" about|strong="H1697" 3000 of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H4480" people|strong="H5971" died|strong="H5307". <sup>29</sup> Then|strong="H5414" Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0559", " Take|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3068" role today|strong="H3117" as|strong="H3068" special servants|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1121" willing to|strong="H0559" fight against|strong="H5921" even|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3068" own|strong="H0376" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" brothers|strong="H0251". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" receive|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588" blessing|strong="H1293" for|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588"." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>30</sup> The|strong="H0559" next|strong="H4283" morning|strong="H4283" Moses|strong="H4872" told|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971", " You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H1961" committed|strong="H2398" a|strong="H1961" terrible sin|strong="H2398"! But|strong="H1961" now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H6258" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" maybe|strong="H0194" I|strong="H6258" can do something so|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" forgive|strong="H3722" you|strong="H0859" for|strong="H1157" your|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2398".' <sup>31</sup> So|strong="H6213" Moses|strong="H4872" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " Please|strong="H0577" listen! These|strong="H2088" people|strong="H5971" committed|strong="H2398" a|strong="H2088" terrible sin|strong="H2398" and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213" a|strong="H2088" god|strong="H0430" from|strong="H7725" gold|strong="H2091". <sup>32</sup> Now|strong="H6258", forgive|strong="H5375" them|strong="H5375" of|strong="H5612" this|strong="H6258" sin|strong="H2403". If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0369" for-

<sup>1</sup> TAKE YOUR ROLE ... BLESSING FOR THIS This seems to be the point when the priesthood changed. Before this time, the priests came from the firstborn sons; after this time, they came from the sons of Aaron of the tribe of Levi.

give |strong="H5375" them |strong="H5375", then |strong="H6258" erase my |strong="H0834" name |strong="H0518" from |strong="H5375" your |strong="H0834" book |strong="H5612".<sup>1</sup> <sup>33</sup> But |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", "The |strong="H0559" only people |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" erase from |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3068" book |strong="H5612" are |strong="H0834" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2398" against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".<sup>34</sup> So |strong="H0834" now |strong="H6258", go |strong="H2009" down |strong="H6440" and |strong="H3117" lead |strong="H5148" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" where |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H2009". My |strong="H5921" angel |strong="H4397" will |strong="H0834" go |strong="H2009" before |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3117" lead |strong="H5148" you |strong="H0834". When |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H3117" comes |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0413" punish |strong="H6485" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" sinned |strong="H2403", they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3117" punished |strong="H6485".<sup>35</sup> So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" terrible sickness to |strong="H5921" come to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" told |strong="H6213" Aaron |strong="H0175" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" golden calf |strong="H5695".

### I Will Not Go With You

**33** Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", "You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" you |strong="H0859" brought |strong="H5927" out |strong="H0413" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" must |strong="H0776" leave |strong="H5927" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H5414". Go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834"

I YOUR BOOK The book of life, in which God has written the names of his chosen people. See Rev. 3:5; 21:27.

I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290". I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H2233".<sup>2</sup> So |strong="H7971" I |strong="H7971" will |strong="H4397" send |strong="H7971" an |strong="H6440" angel |strong="H4397" to |strong="H7971" go |strong="H7971" before |strong="H6440" you |strong="H7971" and |strong="H7971" I |strong="H7971" will |strong="H4397" defeat the |strong="H0853" Canaanites |strong="H3669", Amorites |strong="H0567", Hittites |strong="H2850", Perizzites |strong="H6522", Hivites |strong="H2340", and |strong="H7971" Jebusites |strong="H2983". I |strong="H7971" will |strong="H4397" force them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H7971" leave your |strong="H6440" land |strong="H6440".<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H6435" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H0413" many good things |strong="H3808",<sup>II</sup> but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H5927" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H0776" very stubborn |strong="H7186". If |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" go |strong="H5927" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859", I |strong="H3588" might |strong="H6435" destroy |strong="H3615" you |strong="H0859" along |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" way |strong="H1870".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" heard |strong="H8085" this |strong="H2088" bad |strong="H7451" news and |strong="H0376" became |strong="H1697" very |strong="H2088" sad, so |strong="H3808" they |strong="H5921" stopped wearing jewelry |strong="H5716".<sup>5</sup> This |strong="H6258" was |strong="H3068" because |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", "Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478", ' You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" a |strong="H5921" stubborn |strong="H7186" people |strong="H5971". I |strong="H3045" might |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3615" you |strong="H0859" even |strong="H6213" if |strong="H1121"

II LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

I |strong="H3045" travel with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" only |strong="H0259" a |strong="H5921" short time |strong="H6258". So |strong="H6213" take |strong="H5927" off |strong="H5921" all |strong="H0259" your |strong="H3068" jewelry |strong="H5716" while |strong="H5921" I |strong="H3045" decide <sup>I</sup> what |strong="H4100" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859"." <sup>6</sup> So |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" stopped wearing their |strong="H5337" jewelry |strong="H5716" at |strong="H3478" Mount |strong="H2022" Horeb |strong="H2722".

### The |strong="H0853" Temporary Meeting Tent

<sup>7</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" used |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H3947" a |strong="H1961" tent |strong="H0168" a |strong="H1961" short way |strong="H3605" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H3605" camp |strong="H4264". He |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" it |strong="H7121" " the |strong="H3605" meeting |strong="H4150" tent |strong="H0168". <sup>II</sup> Anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" wanted |strong="H1245" to |strong="H0413" ask something from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" would |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" meeting |strong="H4150" tent |strong="H0168" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H3605" camp |strong="H4264". <sup>8</sup> Any |strong="H3605" time |strong="H1961" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" tent |strong="H0168", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" watched |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0376" stood |strong="H5324" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3605" tents |strong="H0168" and |strong="H0935" watched |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" until |strong="H5704" he |strong="H0310" entered |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" meeting tent |strong="H0168". <sup>9</sup> Whenever |strong="H1961" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" tent |strong="H0168", the |strong="H0935" tall cloud |strong="H6051" would |strong="H6051" come |strong="H0935" down |strong="H3381" and |strong="H0935" stay |strong="H5975"

<sup>I</sup> JEWELRY ... DECIDE This is a wordplay in Hebrew, but people often wore jewelry to remind them of their false gods. <sup>II</sup> MEETING TENT This is probably a tent that Moses used only until the real Meeting Tent was built.

at |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0935" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" tent |strong="H0168". And |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Lord would |strong="H6051" speak |strong="H1696" with |strong="H5973" Moses |strong="H4872". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="H6965" when |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" cloud |strong="H6051" at |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" tent |strong="H0168", they |strong="H0376" would |strong="H6051" go |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3605" own |strong="H0376" tents |strong="H0168" and |strong="H6965" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0376" worship |strong="H7812" God.

<sup>11</sup> In |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" face |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0413" face |strong="H6440" like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1696" man |strong="H0376" speaks |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3068" friend |strong="H7453". Then |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" would |strong="H3068" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" camp |strong="H4264", but |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3068" helper, Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126", always stayed in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" tent |strong="H0168".

### Moses |strong="H4872" Sees the |strong="H6440" Glory of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H3068"

<sup>12</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", " You |strong="H0859" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" lead |strong="H0413" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" say |strong="H0559" who |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" would |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0859" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", ' I |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0859" very |strong="H2088" well |strong="H1571",



and |strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" pleased |strong="H5869" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859":<sup>13</sup> If |strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" have |strong="H5869" really |strong="H2088" pleased |strong="H5869" you |strong="H3588", then |strong="H6258" teach |strong="H3045" me |strong="H4994" your |strong="H7200" ways |strong="H1870". I |strong="H3588" want to |strong="H4616" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588". Then |strong="H6258" I |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0518" continue to |strong="H4616" please |strong="H4994" you |strong="H3588". Remember that |strong="H3588" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H5869" your |strong="H7200" nation |strong="H1471"."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0559" Lord answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0559" myself will |strong="H6440" go with |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440". I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H6440" lead you |strong="H6440"."<sup>I</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H1980" Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H0408" go |strong="H1980" with |strong="H1980" us |strong="H0413", then |strong="H1980" don't |strong="H0408" make us |strong="H0413" leave |strong="H1980" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H2088".<sup>16</sup> Also |strong="H3045", how |strong="H4100" will |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" pleased |strong="H5869" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H6440" and |strong="H5869" these |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"? If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" go with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H5921", we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" for |strong="H3588" sure |strong="H3045". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" go with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H5921", these |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H5869" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" different from |strong="H5921" any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0127"."

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834"

you |strong="H0834" ask |strong="H0559". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" pleased |strong="H5869" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" very |strong="H2088" well |strong="H1571"."<sup>II</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Now |strong="H4994", please |strong="H4994" show |strong="H7200" me |strong="H4994" your |strong="H7200" glory |strong="H3519"."

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H7355" my |strong="H3605" love |strong="H7355" and |strong="H3068" mercy |strong="H7355" to |strong="H0559" anyone |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0589" want to |strong="H0559". So |strong="H7121" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" cause |strong="H7121" my |strong="H3605" perfect goodness |strong="H2898" to |strong="H0559" pass |strong="H5674" by |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" speak |strong="H0559" my |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034", YAH-WEH |strong="H3068", so |strong="H7121" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" hear it |strong="H5921".<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200" my |strong="H7200" face |strong="H6440". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0120" can |strong="H3201" see |strong="H7200" me |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0120" continue to |strong="H0559" live."

<sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Here |strong="H2009" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" place |strong="H4725" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" stand |strong="H5324" by |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3068" large rock |strong="H6697".<sup>22</sup> I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1961" put |strong="H7760" you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" large crack in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H1961" rock |strong="H6697". Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1961" cover you |strong="H5921"

I LEAD YOU Or "give you rest."

II I KNOW YOU VERY WELL Literally, "I know you by name."

with|strong="H5921" my|strong="H7760" hand|strong="H3709", and|strong="H3709" my|strong="H7760" Glory|strong="H3519" will|strong="H1961" pass|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5921".<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H7200" will|strong="H3808" take|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" my|strong="H7200" hand|strong="H3709", and|strong="H6440" you|strong="H6440" will|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" my|strong="H7200" back|strong="H0268". But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H6440" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" my|strong="H7200" face|strong="H6440"."

### The New Stone Tablets

**34** Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", " Make|strong="H6458" two|strong="H8147" more|strong="H5921" stone|strong="H0068" tablets|strong="H3871" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" two|strong="H8147" that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" broken|strong="H7665". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" write|strong="H3789" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" words|strong="H1697" on|strong="H5921" these|strong="H0834" stones|strong="H0068" that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" two|strong="H8147" stones|strong="H0068".<sup>2</sup> Be|strong="H1961" ready|strong="H3559" tomorrow|strong="H1242" morning|strong="H1242" and|strong="H7218" come|strong="H1961" up|strong="H5927" on|strong="H5921" Mount|strong="H2022" Sinai|strong="H5514". Stand|strong="H5324" before|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" there|strong="H8033" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H2022" the|strong="H5921" mountain|strong="H2022".<sup>3</sup> No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H3808" allowed to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H5927" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H3605". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" should|strong="H0376" even|strong="H1571" be|strong="H3808" seen|strong="H7200" anywhere|strong="H3605" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" mountain|strong="H2022". Even|strong="H1571" your|strong="H3605" herds|strong="H1241" of|strong="H0376" animals or|strong="H3808" flocks|strong="H6629" of|strong="H0376" sheep|strong="H6629" will|strong="H0376"

not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" allowed to|strong="H0413" eat grass at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" bottom of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" mountain|strong="H2022".<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H3947" Moses|strong="H4872" made|strong="H0834" two|strong="H8147" more stone|strong="H0068" tablets|strong="H3871" like|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" ones|strong="H7223". Early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H3027" morning|strong="H1242" Moses|strong="H4872" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" Mount|strong="H2022" Sinai|strong="H5514", just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680". Moses|strong="H4872" carried|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" stone|strong="H0068" tablets|strong="H3871" with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" him|strong="H5973" in|strong="H3068" a|strong="H7121" cloud|strong="H6051", stood|strong="H3320" there|strong="H8033" with|strong="H5973" Moses|strong="H8034", and|strong="H3068" spoke his|strong="H3068" own|strong="H5973" name|strong="H8034".<sup>6</sup> That|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068", the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" passed|strong="H5674" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" Moses and|strong="H3068" said, " YAHWEH|strong="H3068", the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068", is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H7121" kind and|strong="H3068" merciful|strong="H7349" God|strong="H0410". He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" slow|strong="H0750" to|strong="H5921" become|strong="H7121" angry|strong="H0639". He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" full|strong="H7227" of|strong="H3068" great|strong="H7227" love|strong="H2617". He|strong="H3068" can be|strong="H3068" trusted.<sup>7</sup> He|strong="H3808" shows|strong="H5375" his|strong="H5921" faithful|strong="H2617" love|strong="H2617" to|strong="H5921" thousands|strong="H0505" of|strong="H1121" people|strong="H1121".<sup>1</sup> He|strong="H3808" forgives|strong="H5375" people|strong="H1121" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" wrong|strong="H5771" things|strong="H5341" they|strong="H5921" do, but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" forget|strong="H5375" to|strong="H5921" punish|strong="H6485"

<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE Or "generations."

guilty|strong="H5771" people|strong="H1121". Not|strong="H3808" only will|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3808" punish|strong="H6485" the|strong="H5921" guilty|strong="H5771" people|strong="H1121", but|strong="H3808" their|strong="H5375" children|strong="H1121", their|strong="H5375" grandchildren|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H5375" great-grandchildren will|strong="H1121" also suffer|strong="H5375" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" bad things|strong="H5341" these people|strong="H1121" do."

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H4872" Moses|strong="H4872" quickly|strong="H4116" bowed|strong="H7812" to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H4872" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H4872" worshiped|strong="H7812" the|strong="H4872" Lord. Moses|strong="H4872" said, <sup>9</sup> " Lord|strong="H0136", if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5869" pleased|strong="H5869" with|strong="H5869" me|strong="H4994", please|strong="H4994" go|strong="H4994" with|strong="H5869" us|strong="H4994". I|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" these|strong="H1931" are|strong="H5869" stubborn|strong="H7186" people|strong="H5971", but|strong="H3588" forgive|strong="H5545" us|strong="H4994" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" bad things we|strong="H3588" did. Accept us|strong="H4994" as|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971"."

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" making|strong="H3772" this|strong="H1931" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H5973" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" amazing|strong="H6381" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" before|strong="H5048" been|strong="H1254" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3588" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nation|strong="H1471" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", am|strong="H0589" very great. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" wonderful|strong="H6381" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859". <sup>11</sup>

Obey|strong="H8104" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" command|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834" today|strong="H3117", and|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" force your|strong="H0834" enemies to|strong="H8104" leave your|strong="H0834" land|strong="H6440". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" force out|strong="H1644" the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567", Canaanites|strong="H3669", Hittites|strong="H2850", Perizzites|strong="H6522", Hivites|strong="H2340", and|strong="H3117" Jebusites|strong="H2983". <sup>12</sup> Be|strong="H1961" careful|strong="H8104"! Don't|strong="H8104" make|strong="H3772" any|strong="H1961" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H3427" who|strong="H0834" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" going|strong="H0935". If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" make|strong="H3772" an|strong="H1961" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921", it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" trouble. <sup>13</sup> So|strong="H3588" destroy|strong="H7665" their|strong="H3588" altars|strong="H4196", break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0853" stones they|strong="H3588" worship, and|strong="H4196" cut|strong="H3772" down|strong="H5422" their|strong="H3588" idols. <sup>14</sup> Don't|strong="H3808" worship|strong="H7812" any|strong="H0312" other|strong="H0312" god|strong="H0410". I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" YAHWEH|strong="H3068" KANAH— the|strong="H3588" jealous|strong="H7067" LORD|strong="H3068". That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034". I|strong="H3588" hate for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3068" worship|strong="H7812" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0410". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>15</sup> " Be|strong="H0430" careful not|strong="H6435" to|strong="H0430" make|strong="H3772" any|strong="H0398" agreements with|strong="H1285" the|strong="H0310" people|strong="H3427" who|strong="H3427" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" that|strong="H7121" land|strong="H0776". If|strong="H6435" you|strong="H0310" do this|strong="H0398", you|strong="H0310" might|strong="H6435" join|strong="H3427"

I STONES ... IDOLS Literally, "memorials ... Asherah poles." These were stone markers and wood poles that the people set up to help them remember and honor false gods. II I HATE ... GODS Or "I am El Kanah—the Jealous God."

them |strong="H0310" when |strong="H3427" they |strong="H0310" worship |strong="H7121" their |strong="H0398" gods |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0430" invite |strong="H7121" you |strong="H0310" to |strong="H0430" join |strong="H3427" them |strong="H0310", and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0430" eat |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" sacrifices |strong="H2077". <sup>16</sup> You |strong="H0853" might |strong="H1323" choose |strong="H3947" some of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3947" daughters |strong="H1323" as |strong="H1121" wives for |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3947" sons |strong="H1121". Those |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323" serve false gods |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0310" might |strong="H1323" lead your |strong="H3947" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0430" do the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" thing.

<sup>17</sup> " Don't |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" idols.

<sup>18</sup> " Celebrate |strong="H2282" the |strong="H0853" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H3117" Unleavened |strong="H4682" Bread |strong="H4682". For |strong="H3588" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117", eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" bread |strong="H4682" made |strong="H0834" without yeast as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" before |strong="H3117". Do |strong="H6680" this |strong="H3588" during |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" month |strong="H2320" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" chosen, the |strong="H0853" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H3117" Abib |strong="H0024", because |strong="H3588" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" month |strong="H2320" you |strong="H0834" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3117" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>19</sup> " A |strong="H3605" woman's first baby always belongs to |strong="H2142" me |strong="H2142". Even the |strong="H3605" first animals that |strong="H3605" are born from |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H4735" or |strong="H2142" sheep |strong="H7716" belong to |strong="H2142" me |strong="H2142". <sup>20</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" want to |strong="H6440" keep |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" donkey |strong="H2543" that |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H6440" born |strong="H3808", then |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518" buy it |strong="H0518" with |strong="H3605" a |strong="H7200" lamb |strong="H7716".

But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" buy that |strong="H3605" donkey |strong="H2543" with |strong="H3605" a |strong="H7200" lamb |strong="H7716", you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" break |strong="H6202" the |strong="H3605" donkey's |strong="H2543" neck |strong="H6202". You |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" buy back all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3605" first-born |strong="H1060" sons |strong="H1121" from |strong="H6440" me |strong="H6440". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" should |strong="H0518" come before |strong="H6440" me |strong="H6440" without |strong="H3808" a |strong="H7200" gift.

<sup>21</sup> " You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" work |strong="H5647" for |strong="H3117" six |strong="H8337" days |strong="H3117", but |strong="H3117" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" must rest. You |strong="H3117" must rest even during |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" times |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" planting and |strong="H3117" harvesting.

<sup>22</sup> " Celebrate |strong="H2282" the |strong="H6213" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H8141" Harvest |strong="H7105". Use the |strong="H6213" first |strong="H1061" grain |strong="H2406" from the |strong="H6213" wheat |strong="H2406" harvest |strong="H7105" for |strong="H8141" this |strong="H6213" festival |strong="H2282". And |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H6213" fall <sup>1</sup> celebrate |strong="H2282" the |strong="H6213" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H8141" Shelters.

<sup>23</sup> " Three |strong="H7969" times |strong="H6471" each |strong="H3605" year |strong="H8141" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" men |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" go to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H0430", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>24</sup> " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" go |strong="H5927" into |strong="H0376" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" force |strong="H1471" your |strong="H3068" enemies out |strong="H3423" of |strong="H0776" that |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" expand your |strong="H3068" borders |strong="H1366"—you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" get |strong="H5927" more |strong="H3808"

<sup>1</sup> FALL Literally, "at the changing of the year."

and |strong="H3068" more |strong="H3808" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H5927" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" three |strong="H7969" times |strong="H6471" each |strong="H0376" year |strong="H8141". At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H6471" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" try to |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3423" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776" from |strong="H0376" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>25</sup> " When |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" kill |strong="H7819" an |strong="H7819" animal and |strong="H1242" offer |strong="H2077" its |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" as |strong="H2557" a |strong="H5921" sacrifice |strong="H2077", you |strong="H5921" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" include |strong="H5921" anything |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3808" has yeast in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".

" Don't |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" any |strong="H3808" of |strong="H2077" the |strong="H5921" meat from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Passover |strong="H6453" meal remain |strong="H3885" until |strong="H5921" morning |strong="H1242".

<sup>26</sup> " Give |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Lord |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0935" very first |strong="H7225" crops that |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0935" harvest |strong="H0935". Bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" house |strong="H1004"<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

" Never |strong="H3808" cook |strong="H1310" a |strong="H0935" young |strong="H1423" goat |strong="H1423" in |strong="H0935" its |strong="H0935" mother's |strong="H0517" milk |strong="H2461"."

<sup>27</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Write |strong="H3789" everything that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1697" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588". This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" made |strong="H3772" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588"

and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"."

<sup>28</sup> Moses |strong="H3808" stayed there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H5921" 40 days |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" 40 nights |strong="H3915". Moses |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H1961" food |strong="H3899" or |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354" any |strong="H1961" water |strong="H4325". And |strong="H3068" he |strong="H8033" wrote |strong="H3789" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285" ( the |strong="H0853" Ten |strong="H6235" Commandments |strong="H1697") on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H3808" stone tablets |strong="H3871".

#### Moses' Shining Face

<sup>29</sup> When |strong="H3588" Moses |strong="H4872" came |strong="H1961" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" Mount |strong="H2022" Sinai |strong="H5514", he |strong="H3588" carried the |strong="H6440" two |strong="H8147" stone tablets |strong="H3871" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H6440" Agreement. Because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H1961" talked |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H6440" Lord, his |strong="H1961" face |strong="H6440" was |strong="H1961" shining, but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" it |strong="H3588". <sup>30</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3605" Moses' |strong="H4872" face |strong="H6440" was |strong="H3478" shining bright. So |strong="H5066" they |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" afraid |strong="H3372" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H5066" near |strong="H5066" him |strong="H0413". <sup>31</sup> But |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" called |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". So |strong="H7121" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H4872" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H5387" of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1696" went |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". Moses |strong="H4872" talked |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". <sup>32</sup> After |strong="H0310"

<sup>1</sup> HOUSE The "Holy Tent" where the people went to meet with God. See Exodus 25:8, 9.

that |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" came |strong="H5066" near |strong="H5066" Moses, and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6680" them |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" given |strong="H6680" him |strong="H0853" on |strong="H3068" Mount |strong="H2022" Sinai |strong="H5514".

<sup>33</sup> When |strong="H3615" Moses |strong="H4872" finished |strong="H3615" speaking |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H1696", he |strong="H5414" put |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" covering over |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5414" face |strong="H6440". <sup>34</sup> Any |strong="H6440" time |strong="H5704" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H3318" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0413", Moses |strong="H4872" took |strong="H3318" off |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" covering. Then |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" would |strong="H3478" come |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H1121" tell |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680". <sup>35</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" would |strong="H3478" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" Moses' |strong="H4872" face |strong="H6440" was |strong="H3478" shining bright, so |strong="H0935" he |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3478" cover his |strong="H5921" face |strong="H6440" again |strong="H7725". He |strong="H3588" kept his |strong="H5921" face |strong="H6440" covered until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" next |strong="H5921" time |strong="H5704" he |strong="H3588" went |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0935" speak |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0853" Lord.

#### Rules About the Sabbath

**35** Moses |strong="H4872" gathered |strong="H6950" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" together |strong="H6950" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680"

you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213":

<sup>2</sup> " There |strong="H1961" are |strong="H3117" six |strong="H8337" days |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3605" working, but |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" very special day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" rest |strong="H7677" for |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605". You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" honor the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" by |strong="H3068" resting on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" special day |strong="H3117". Anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" works |strong="H6213" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H4191". <sup>3</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" Sabbath |strong="H7676" you |strong="H3605" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" light a |strong="H3808" fire |strong="H0784" in |strong="H3117" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H4186" where |strong="H4186" you |strong="H3605" live |strong="H3117"."

#### Things |strong="H3605" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent

<sup>4</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478", " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680": <sup>5</sup> Gather special gifts for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3605" should |strong="H3068" decide in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3820" what you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H0935". And |strong="H0935" then |strong="H3947" you |strong="H3605" should |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3605" gift |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Bring |strong="H0935" gold |strong="H2091", silver |strong="H3701", and |strong="H0935" bronze |strong="H5178"; <sup>6</sup> blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H8504" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144" and |strong="H8504" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336"; goat |strong="H5795" hair; <sup>7</sup> ram |strong="H0352" skins |strong="H5785" dyed |strong="H0119" red |strong="H0119"

and |strong="H6086" fine |strong="H8476" leather |strong="H5785"; acacia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086";<sup>8</sup> oil |strong="H8081" for |strong="H8081" the lamps; spices |strong="H1314" for |strong="H8081" the anointing |strong="H4888" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H8081" spices |strong="H1314" for |strong="H8081" the sweet-smelling incense |strong="H7004".<sup>9</sup> Also, bring onyx |strong="H7718" stones |strong="H0068" and |strong="H0068" other jewels to |strong="H0068" be put on |strong="H0068" the ephod |strong="H0646" and |strong="H0068" the judgment pouch.

<sup>10</sup> " All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" skilled |strong="H2450" workers |strong="H6213" should |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680":<sup>11</sup> the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent |strong="H0168", its |strong="H0853" outer tent |strong="H0168", and |strong="H0168" its |strong="H0853" covering |strong="H4372"; the |strong="H0853" hooks |strong="H7165", boards, braces, posts |strong="H5982", and |strong="H0168" bases |strong="H0134";<sup>12</sup> the |strong="H0853" Holy Box, its |strong="H0853" poles |strong="H0905", the |strong="H0853" mercy-cover, and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" curtain |strong="H4539" that covers the |strong="H0853" area where the |strong="H0853" Box stays;<sup>13</sup> the |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979" and |strong="H3899" its |strong="H3605" poles |strong="H0905", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" on |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979", and |strong="H3899" the |strong="H3605" special bread |strong="H3899" on |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979";<sup>14</sup> the |strong="H0853" lampstand |strong="H4501" that |strong="H3627" is |strong="H5216" used |strong="H3627" for |strong="H3627" light |strong="H3974" and |strong="H8081" the |strong="H0853" things |strong="H3627" used |strong="H3627" with |strong="H3627" the |strong="H0853" lampstand |strong="H4501", the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216", and |strong="H8081" oil |strong="H8081" for |strong="H3627" the |strong="H0853" light |strong="H3974";<sup>15</sup> the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H4196" burning incense |strong="H7004" and |strong="H4196" its |strong="H0853" poles |strong="H0905"; the |strong="H0853" anointing |strong="H4888" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" sweet-smelling incense |strong="H7004";

the |strong="H0853" curtain |strong="H4539" that |strong="H4196" covers the |strong="H0853" door |strong="H6607" at |strong="H4908" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent;<sup>16</sup> the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H4196" burning offerings |strong="H5930" and |strong="H4196" its |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" grating |strong="H4345", the |strong="H3605" poles |strong="H0905", and |strong="H4196" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" used |strong="H3605" at |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196"; the |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" bowl and |strong="H4196" its |strong="H3605" base |strong="H3653";<sup>17</sup> the |strong="H0853" curtains around the |strong="H0853" yard, their posts |strong="H5982" and |strong="H0853" bases |strong="H0134", and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" curtain |strong="H4539" that covers the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H8179" to |strong="H8179" the |strong="H0853" yard;<sup>18</sup> the |strong="H0853" pegs |strong="H3489" used to |strong="H4908" support the |strong="H0853" Tent |strong="H3489" and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" wall of |strong="H4908" curtains around the |strong="H0853" courtyard |strong="H2691", and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" ropes |strong="H4340" that tie to |strong="H4908" the |strong="H0853" pegs |strong="H3489";<sup>19</sup> and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" special woven |strong="H8278" clothes |strong="H0899" for |strong="H3548" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" to |strong="H1121" wear in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944". These |strong="H0175" are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" special clothes |strong="H0899" for |strong="H3548" Aaron |strong="H0175" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H8334" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H1121" wear when |strong="H1121" they |strong="H3548" serve |strong="H8334" as |strong="H3547" priests |strong="H3548".

**The |strong="H0853" Great Offering |strong="H3548" From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" People |strong="H1121"**

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H3318" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" went |strong="H3318" away |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" Moses |strong="H4872".<sup>21</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" wanted to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935"

came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" a |strong="H5375" gift |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". These |strong="H3605" gifts |strong="H6944" were |strong="H0834" used |strong="H4399" for |strong="H3605" making |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168", everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Tent |strong="H0168", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" special clothes |strong="H0899".<sup>22</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0935" women |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0834" wanted to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" gold |strong="H2091" jewelry |strong="H3627" of |strong="H0376" all |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H3627". They |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" pins,<sup>1</sup> earrings |strong="H5141", rings |strong="H2885", and |strong="H0935" other |strong="H3605" jewelry |strong="H3627". They |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" gave |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3605" jewelry |strong="H3627" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0935" special offering |strong="H8573" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>23</sup> Everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" and |strong="H0935" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H0935" red |strong="H0119" yarn |strong="H8144" brought |strong="H0935" it |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Lord. Anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" goat |strong="H5795" hair or |strong="H0376" ram |strong="H0352" skins |strong="H5785" dyed |strong="H0119" red |strong="H0119" or |strong="H0376" fine |strong="H8336" leather |strong="H5785" brought |strong="H0935" it |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Lord.<sup>24</sup> Every- one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" wanted to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" silver |strong="H3701" or |strong="H3701" bronze |strong="H5178" brought |strong="H0935" that |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H4672" gift |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" aca- cia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" gave |strong="H0935" it |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> PINS Or "hooks." These were like safety pins and were used like buttons to fasten their robes.

to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068".<sup>25</sup> Every |strong="H3605" skilled |strong="H2450" woman |strong="H0802" made |strong="H3605" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" and |strong="H0935" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H0935" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144".<sup>26</sup> And |strong="H0802" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" skilled |strong="H3820" and |strong="H0802" wanted to |strong="H3820" help make |strong="H3605" cloth from |strong="H3820" the |strong="H3605" goat |strong="H5795" hair.<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H5387" brought |strong="H0935" onyx |strong="H7718" stones |strong="H0068" and |strong="H0935" other jewels. These stones |strong="H0068" and |strong="H0935" jewels were |strong="H0068" put |strong="H0935" on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646" and |strong="H0935" judgment |strong="H0935" pouch of |strong="H0068" the |strong="H0853" priest.<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H0853" people also |strong="H0853" brought spices |strong="H1314" and |strong="H8081" olive |strong="H8081" oil |strong="H8081". These things were used for |strong="H8081" the |strong="H0853" sweet-smelling in- cense |strong="H7004", the |strong="H0853" anoint- ing |strong="H4888" oil |strong="H8081", and |strong="H8081" the |strong="H0853" oil |strong="H8081" for |strong="H8081" the |strong="H0853" lamps.

<sup>29</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Is- raelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" wanted to |strong="H0935" help brought |strong="H0935" gifts to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6680" these |strong="H3605" gifts freely |strong="H5071", because |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" wanted to |strong="H0935". These |strong="H3605" gifts were |strong="H0834" used |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0935" make |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0935" make |strong="H6213".

#### Bezalel and |strong="H1121" Oholiab

<sup>30</sup> Then |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478", " Look |strong="H7200", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" chosen Bezalel |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Uri |strong="H0221",



from the tribe of Judah was son of Hur.)<sup>31</sup> And he filled the Bezalel with the Spirit of God— he gave Bezalel special skill and knowledge to do kinds of things. <sup>32</sup> He can design and make things with gold, silver, bronze, and stones and jewels. He can work with wood and make all kinds of things. <sup>34</sup> The Lord has given Bezalel and Oholiab special skills to teach other people. ( Oholiab was the son of Ahisamach from the tribe of Dan.)<sup>35</sup> He has given both these men special skills to do all kinds of work. They are able to do the work of carpenters and metalworkers. They can weave cloth with designs in it from blue, purple, and red yarn and fine linen.

And they are able to weave things with wool.

**36** So Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the other men do the work of LORD commanded. The LORD given these men the wisdom and understanding to do all the skilled work needed to build this holy place.

<sup>2</sup> Then Moses called Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the other men the LORD had given special skills to. And they came because they wanted to help with the work. <sup>3</sup> Moses gave them everything the Israelites had brought as gifts, and they used these things to build the holy place. The people continued to bring gifts each morning. <sup>4</sup> Finally, all the skilled workers left the work they were doing on the holy place, and they went

to |strong="H0935" speak to |strong="H0935" Moses. They |strong="H1992" said, <sup>5</sup> " The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" have |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" too much |strong="H7235". We |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" more |strong="H7235" than |strong="H7235" we |strong="H0834" need |strong="H1767" to |strong="H0413" finish the |strong="H0853" work |strong="H4399" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213":"

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H0935" Moses |strong="H4872" sent |strong="H6680" this |strong="H0935" message throughout |strong="H6963" the |strong="H0559" camp |strong="H4264": " No |strong="H0408" man |strong="H0376" or |strong="H0408" woman |strong="H0802" should |strong="H0376" make |strong="H6213" anything |strong="H4399" else |strong="H5750" as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" gift for |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H6944": " So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0376" forced to |strong="H0559" stop |strong="H0408" giving |strong="H6680" more |strong="H5750". <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" people had |strong="H1961" brought |strong="H1961" more |strong="H3498" than |strong="H3605" enough |strong="H1767" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H1961" finish the |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399" of |strong="H3605" building God's holy place |strong="H1961".

#### The |strong="H3605" Holy Tent

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" skilled |strong="H2450" workers |strong="H4399" began making |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent |strong="H3407". They |strong="H3605" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" ten |strong="H6235" curtains |strong="H3407" from |strong="H3820" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" and |strong="H8504" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H8504" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144". And |strong="H8504" they |strong="H3605" sewed pictures of |strong="H3605" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels with |strong="H3605" wings into the |strong="H3605" curtains |strong="H3407". <sup>9</sup> Each |strong="H0259" curtain |strong="H3407" was |strong="H0259" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0259" size |strong="H4060"—28 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H0753" 4 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>II</sup> wide |strong="H7341". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0853" workers joined |strong="H2266"

I 28 CUBITS 47' 7 3/8" (14.5 m). II 4 CUBITS 6' 9 5/8" (2.1 m). Also in verse 15.

the |strong="H0853" curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H0259" into |strong="H0413" two groups of |strong="H0376" curtains |strong="H3407". They |strong="H0376" joined |strong="H2266" five |strong="H2568" curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H0259" to |strong="H0413" make one |strong="H0259" group and |strong="H0376" five |strong="H2568" curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H0259" to |strong="H0413" make the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" group. <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H3651" they |strong="H3651" used |strong="H6213" blue |strong="H8504" cloth to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" loops |strong="H3924" along |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" edge |strong="H8193" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" end |strong="H7098" curtain |strong="H3407" of |strong="H5921" one |strong="H0259" group. And |strong="H8504" they |strong="H3651" did |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5921" same |strong="H0259" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" end |strong="H7098" curtain |strong="H3407" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" other |strong="H0259" group. <sup>12</sup> There |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" 50 loops |strong="H3924" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" end |strong="H7097" curtain |strong="H3407" in |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0259" group and |strong="H0259" 50 loops |strong="H3924" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" end |strong="H7097" curtain |strong="H3407" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0259" group. The |strong="H0834" loops |strong="H3924" were |strong="H0834" opposite |strong="H6901" each |strong="H0259" other |strong="H0259". <sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" 50 gold |strong="H2091" rings to |strong="H0413" join |strong="H2266" the |strong="H0853" two curtains |strong="H3407" together |strong="H0259". So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent |strong="H3407" was |strong="H1961" joined |strong="H2266" together |strong="H0259" into |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0259" piece.

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" workers |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" another tent |strong="H0168" to |strong="H5921" cover the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H5921" used |strong="H6213" goat |strong="H5795" hair |strong="H0168" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" eleven |strong="H6240" curtains |strong="H3407". <sup>15</sup> All |strong="H0259" the |strong="H0520" curtains |strong="H3407" were |strong="H0702" the |strong="H0520" same |strong="H0259" size |strong="H4060"—30 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>III</sup>

III 30 CUBITS 51' 3/16" (15.55 m).

long *strong*="H0753" and *strong*="H0753" 4 cubits *strong*="H0520" wide *strong*="H7341".<sup>16</sup> The *strong*="H0853" workers joined *strong*="H2266" five *strong*="H2568" curtains *strong*="H3407" together *strong*="H2266" into one *strong*="H2266" group and *strong*="H0853" six *strong*="H8337" curtains *strong*="H3407" together *strong*="H2266" into another group.<sup>17</sup> They *strong*="H5921" put 50 loops *strong*="H3924" along *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" edge *strong*="H8193" of *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" end curtain *strong*="H3407" of *strong*="H5921" one *strong*="H8145" group. And *strong*="H2572" they *strong*="H5921" did *strong*="H6213" the *strong*="H5921" same on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" end curtain *strong*="H3407" of *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" other *strong*="H8145" group.<sup>18</sup> The *strong*="H0853" workers *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" 50 bronze *strong*="H5178" rings to *strong*="H1961" join *strong*="H2266" the *strong*="H0853" two groups of *strong*="H0168" curtains together *strong*="H0259" to *strong*="H1961" form *strong*="H2266" one *strong*="H0259" tent *strong*="H0168".<sup>19</sup> Then *strong*="H6213" they *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" two more coverings for *strong*="H0168" the *strong*="H6213" Holy Tent *strong*="H0168". One *strong*="H6213" covering *strong*="H4372" was made *strong*="H6213" from *strong*="H5785" ram *strong*="H0352" skins *strong*="H5785" dyed *strong*="H0119" red *strong*="H0119". The *strong*="H6213" other covering *strong*="H4372" was made *strong*="H6213" from *strong*="H5785" fine *strong*="H8476" leather *strong*="H5785".

<sup>20</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H0853" workers *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" frames *strong*="H7175" from *strong*="H5975" acacia *strong*="H7848" wood *strong*="H6086" to *strong*="H5975" support the *strong*="H0853" Holy Tent.<sup>21</sup> Each *strong*="H0259" frame *strong*="H7175" was *strong*="H0259" 10 cubits *strong*="H0520"<sup>I</sup> long *strong*="H0753" and *strong*="H0753" 1 1/2 cubits *strong*="H0520"<sup>II</sup> wide *strong*="H7341".<sup>22</sup> There *strong*="H3605" were *strong*="H3027" two *strong*="H8147" side *strong*="H3027" poles joined together *strong*="H0259" with *strong*="H0413" cross pieces to *strong*="H0413" make *strong*="H6213" each *strong*="H0259" frame *strong*="H7175". Every *strong*="H3605" frame *strong*="H7175" for *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H3605" Holy Tent was *strong*="H0259" made *strong*="H6213" the *strong*="H3605" same *strong*="H0259".<sup>23</sup> They *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" 20 frames *strong*="H7175" for *strong*="H4908" the *strong*="H0853"

I 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m). II 1 1/2 CUBITS 30 5/8" (77.75 cm). Also in 37:1.

south *strong*="H5045" side *strong*="H6285" of *strong*="H5045" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Tent.<sup>24</sup> Then *strong*="H6213" they *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" 40 silver *strong*="H3701" bases *strong*="H0134" for *strong*="H8478" the *strong*="H8478" frames *strong*="H7175". There *strong*="H8478" were *strong*="H3027" two *strong*="H8147" bases *strong*="H0134" for *strong*="H8478" each *strong*="H0259" frame *strong*="H7175"— one *strong*="H0259" base for *strong*="H8478" each *strong*="H0259" side *strong*="H3027" pole.<sup>25</sup> They *strong*="H6213" also *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" 20 frames *strong*="H7175" for *strong*="H4908" the *strong*="H6213" other *strong*="H8145" side *strong*="H6285" ( the *strong*="H6213" north *strong*="H6828" side *strong*="H6285") of *strong*="H6828" the *strong*="H6213" Holy Tent.<sup>26</sup> They *strong*="H8478" made 40 silver *strong*="H3701" bases *strong*="H0134" for *strong*="H8478" the *strong*="H8478" frames *strong*="H7175"— two *strong*="H8147" bases *strong*="H0134" for *strong*="H8478" each *strong*="H0259" frame *strong*="H7175".<sup>27</sup> They *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" six *strong*="H8337" more frames *strong*="H7175" for *strong*="H4908" the *strong*="H6213" back ( the *strong*="H6213" west *strong*="H3220" side *strong*="H3220") of *strong*="H3220" the *strong*="H6213" Holy Tent.<sup>28</sup> They *strong*="H6213" also *strong*="H6213" made *strong*="H6213" two *strong*="H8147" frames *strong*="H7175" for *strong*="H4908" the *strong*="H6213" corners at *strong*="H4908" the *strong*="H6213" back of *strong*="H8147" the *strong*="H6213" Holy Tent.<sup>29</sup> These frames were *strong*="H1961" joined together *strong*="H3162" at *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" bottom *strong*="H4295". And *strong*="H7218" at *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" top *strong*="H7218" a *strong*="H1961" ring *strong*="H2885" held *strong*="H6213" the *strong*="H0413" corner *strong*="H4740" frames together *strong*="H3162". They *strong*="H3651" did *strong*="H6213" the *strong*="H0413" same *strong*="H0259" for *strong*="H0413" both *strong*="H8147" corners *strong*="H4740".<sup>30</sup> There *strong*="H1961" were *strong*="H1961" eight *strong*="H8083" frames *strong*="H7175" for *strong*="H8478" the *strong*="H8478" west side of *strong*="H8478" the *strong*="H8478" Holy Tent. And *strong*="H3701" there *strong*="H1961" were *strong*="H1961" 16 silver *strong*="H3701" bases *strong*="H0134"— two *strong*="H8147" bases *strong*="H0134" for *strong*="H8478" each *strong*="H0259" frame *strong*="H7175".

<sup>31</sup> Then *strong*="H6213" the *strong*="H6213" workers *strong*="H6213" used *strong*="H6213" aca-

cia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086" to |strong="H0259" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6213" braces for |strong="H0259" the |strong="H6213" frames |strong="H7175"— five |strong="H2568" braces for |strong="H0259" the |strong="H6213" first |strong="H0259" side |strong="H6763" of |strong="H6086" the |strong="H6213" Holy Tent, <sup>32</sup> five |strong="H2568" braces for |strong="H4908" the |strong="H3220" other |strong="H8145" side |strong="H6763", and |strong="H3220" five |strong="H2568" braces for |strong="H4908" the |strong="H3220" back of |strong="H3220" the |strong="H3220" Holy Tent (that is, the |strong="H3220" west |strong="H3220" side |strong="H6763"). <sup>33</sup> They |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" middle |strong="H8432" brace so |strong="H4480" that |strong="H4480" it |strong="H6213" passed through |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" frames |strong="H7175" from |strong="H4480" one |strong="H4480" end |strong="H7097" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" other. <sup>34</sup> They |strong="H6213" covered these frames |strong="H7175" with |strong="H1004" gold |strong="H2091". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H1004" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" rings |strong="H2885" to |strong="H1004" hold |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" braces, and |strong="H1004" they |strong="H6213" covered the |strong="H0853" braces with |strong="H1004" gold |strong="H2091".

<sup>35</sup> They |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" and |strong="H8504" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H8504" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144" to |strong="H2803" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" special curtain |strong="H6532" for |strong="H2803" the |strong="H0853" entrance to |strong="H2803" the |strong="H0853" Most Holy Place. And |strong="H8504" they |strong="H6213" sewed pictures of |strong="H4639" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels into the |strong="H0853" curtain |strong="H6532". <sup>36</sup> They |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" four |strong="H0702" posts |strong="H5982" using acacia |strong="H7848" wood, and |strong="H3701" they |strong="H6213" covered the |strong="H6213" posts |strong="H5982" with |strong="H6823" gold |strong="H2091". Then |strong="H6213" they |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" gold |strong="H2091" hooks |strong="H2053" for |strong="H3701" the |strong="H6213" posts |strong="H5982" and |strong="H3701" four |strong="H0702" silver |strong="H3701"

bases |strong="H0134" for |strong="H3701" the |strong="H6213" posts |strong="H5982". <sup>37</sup> Then |strong="H6213" they |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6213" curtain |strong="H4539" to |strong="H0168" cover the |strong="H6213" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H0168" the |strong="H6213" Tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H8504" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144" and |strong="H8504" fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336" to |strong="H0168" make |strong="H6213" this |strong="H6213" curtain |strong="H4539". And |strong="H8504" they |strong="H6213" wove pictures into it |strong="H6213". <sup>38</sup> Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H5178" made the |strong="H0853" five |strong="H2568" posts |strong="H5982" and |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" hooks |strong="H2053" for |strong="H2091" this curtain over |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" entrance. They |strong="H5178" covered the |strong="H0853" tops |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" posts |strong="H5982" and |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" curtain rods <sup>1</sup> with |strong="H6823" gold |strong="H2091". And |strong="H7218" they |strong="H5178" made the |strong="H0853" five |strong="H2568" bronze |strong="H5178" bases |strong="H0134" for |strong="H2091" the |strong="H0853" posts |strong="H5982".

### The Box of the Agreement

**37** Bezalel |strong="H1212" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Holy Box from |strong="H0520" acacia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086". The |strong="H0853" Box was |strong="H6967" 2 1/2 cubits |strong="H0520" <sup>II</sup> long |strong="H0753", 1 1/2 cubits |strong="H0520" wide |strong="H7341", <sup>III</sup> and |strong="H6086" 1 1/2 cubits |strong="H0520" high |strong="H6967". <sup>2</sup> He |strong="H6213" covered the |strong="H5439" inside |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" outside |strong="H2351" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5439" Box with |strong="H1004" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091". Then |strong="H6213" he |strong="H6213" put gold |strong="H2091" trim around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5439" Box. <sup>3</sup> He |strong="H5921" made four |strong="H0702" rings |strong="H2885" of |strong="H5921" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H2091" put them |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" four |strong="H0702" corners.

<sup>I</sup> CURTAIN RODS Or "fasteners." <sup>II</sup> 2 1/2 CUBITS 4' 3" (1.3 m). <sup>III</sup> 1 1/2 CUBITS 30 5/8" (77.75 cm). Also in verse 10.

These rings<sup>I</sup> were<sup>I</sup> used for<sup>I</sup> carrying the<sup>I</sup> Box. There were<sup>I</sup> two<sup>I</sup> rings<sup>I</sup> on<sup>I</sup> each<sup>I</sup> side<sup>I</sup>.<sup>4</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> he<sup>I</sup> made<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> poles<sup>I</sup> for<sup>I</sup> carrying the<sup>I</sup> Box. He<sup>I</sup> used<sup>I</sup> acacia<sup>I</sup> wood<sup>I</sup> and<sup>I</sup> covered the<sup>I</sup> poles<sup>I</sup> with<sup>I</sup> pure gold<sup>I</sup>.<sup>5</sup> He<sup>I</sup> put<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> poles<sup>I</sup> through<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> rings<sup>I</sup> on<sup>I</sup> each<sup>I</sup> side<sup>I</sup> of<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> Box.<sup>6</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> he<sup>I</sup> made<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> mercy-cover from<sup>I</sup> pure<sup>I</sup> gold<sup>I</sup> was<sup>I</sup> 2 1/2 cubits<sup>I</sup> long<sup>I</sup> and<sup>I</sup> 1 1/2 cubits<sup>I</sup> wide<sup>I</sup>.<sup>7</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> Bezalel ham-mered<sup>I</sup> gold<sup>I</sup> to<sup>I</sup> make<sup>I</sup> two<sup>I</sup> Cherub<sup>I</sup> angels. He<sup>I</sup> put the<sup>I</sup> Cherub<sup>I</sup> angels on<sup>I</sup> each<sup>I</sup> end<sup>I</sup> of<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> mercy-cover.<sup>8</sup> He<sup>I</sup> put one<sup>I</sup> angel on<sup>I</sup> end<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> other<sup>I</sup> angel on<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> other<sup>I</sup> end<sup>I</sup>. The<sup>I</sup> angels were<sup>I</sup> joined together<sup>I</sup> with<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> mercy-cover to<sup>I</sup> make<sup>I</sup> one<sup>I</sup> piece.<sup>9</sup> The<sup>I</sup> wings<sup>I</sup> of<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> angels were<sup>I</sup> spread<sup>I</sup> up<sup>I</sup> toward<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> sky. The<sup>I</sup> angels covered the<sup>I</sup> Box with<sup>I</sup> their<sup>I</sup> wings<sup>I</sup> and<sup>I</sup> faced<sup>I</sup> each<sup>I</sup> other<sup>I</sup>, looking<sup>I</sup> toward<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> mercy-cov-er.

### The<sup>I</sup> Special Table<sup>I</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> he<sup>I</sup> made<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> table<sup>I</sup> from<sup>I</sup> acacia<sup>I</sup> wood<sup>I</sup>. The<sup>I</sup> table<sup>I</sup> was<sup>I</sup> 2 cubits<sup>I</sup> long<sup>I</sup>, 1 cubit<sup>I</sup> wide<sup>I</sup>, and<sup>I</sup> 1 1/2 cubits<sup>I</sup> high<sup>I</sup>.<sup>11</sup> He<sup>I</sup> covered it<sup>I</sup> with<sup>I</sup> pure<sup>I</sup> gold<sup>I</sup> and<sup>I</sup> put gold<sup>I</sup> trim around<sup>I</sup> it<sup>I</sup>.<sup>12</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> he<sup>I</sup> made<sup>I</sup> a frame<sup>I</sup> 1 hand-breadth<sup>I</sup> wide around<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> table. He<sup>I</sup> put gold<sup>I</sup> trim on<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> frame<sup>I</sup>.<sup>13</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> he<sup>I</sup> made<sup>I</sup> four<sup>I</sup> gold<sup>I</sup> rings<sup>I</sup> and<sup>I</sup> put<sup>I</sup> them<sup>I</sup> at<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> four<sup>I</sup> corners<sup>I</sup> of<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> table, where<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> four<sup>I</sup> legs<sup>I</sup> were<sup>I</sup>.<sup>14</sup> He<sup>I</sup> put<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> rings<sup>I</sup> close<sup>I</sup> to<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> frame<sup>I</sup>. The<sup>I</sup> rings<sup>I</sup> were<sup>I</sup> to<sup>I</sup> hold<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> poles<sup>I</sup> used<sup>I</sup> to<sup>I</sup> carry<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> table<sup>I</sup>.<sup>15</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> he<sup>I</sup> used<sup>I</sup> acacia<sup>I</sup> wood<sup>I</sup> to<sup>I</sup> make<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> poles<sup>I</sup> for<sup>I</sup> carrying<sup>I</sup> the<sup>I</sup> table<sup>I</sup>. He<sup>I</sup> covered the<sup>I</sup> poles<sup>I</sup> with<sup>I</sup> pure gold<sup>I</sup>.<sup>16</sup> Then<sup>I</sup> he<sup>I</sup> made<sup>I</sup> every-thing<sup>I</sup> that<sup>I</sup> was<sup>I</sup> used<sup>I</sup>

I 2 CUBITS 3' 4 13/16" (104 cm). See also in verse 25. II CUBIT 20 5/8" (51.83 cm). Also in verse 25. III HANDBREADTH The width of 4 fingers, about 3" (7.4 cm).

on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" table |strong="H7979". He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" plates, the |strong="H0853" spoons |strong="H3709", the |strong="H0853" bowls |strong="H4518", and |strong="H2091" the |strong="H0853" pitchers |strong="H7184" from |strong="H5921" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091". The |strong="H0853" bowls |strong="H4518" and |strong="H2091" pitchers |strong="H7184" are |strong="H0834" used |strong="H6213" for |strong="H5921" pouring the |strong="H0853" drink |strong="H4518" offerings.

### The |strong="H0853" Lampstand

17 Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" lampstand |strong="H4501". He |strong="H6213" used |strong="H1961" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H2091" hammered |strong="H4749" it |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" base |strong="H3409" and |strong="H2091" the |strong="H0853" shaft |strong="H7070".<sup>I</sup> Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" flowers |strong="H6525", buds |strong="H6525", and |strong="H2091" petals and |strong="H2091" joined everything together into |strong="H1961" one |strong="H4480" piece.<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H3318" lampstand |strong="H4501" had |strong="H0259" six |strong="H8337" branches |strong="H7070"—three |strong="H7969" branches |strong="H7070" on |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" side |strong="H6654" and |strong="H3318" three |strong="H7969" branches |strong="H7070" on |strong="H0259" the |strong="H3318" other |strong="H0259" side |strong="H6654".<sup>19</sup> Each |strong="H0259" branch |strong="H7070" had |strong="H0259" three |strong="H7969" flowers |strong="H6525" on |strong="H0259" it |strong="H3651". These flowers |strong="H6525" were |strong="H6525" made like |strong="H3651" almond |strong="H8246" flowers |strong="H6525" with |strong="H3651" buds |strong="H6525" and |strong="H3318" petals.<sup>20</sup> The shaft of |strong="H4501" the lampstand |strong="H4501" had four |strong="H0702" more flowers |strong="H6525". They were |strong="H0702" also made like |strong="H8246" almond |strong="H8246" flowers |strong="H6525" with |strong="H4501" buds |strong="H6525" and |strong="H4501" petals.<sup>21</sup> There |strong="H8478" were |strong="H7070" six |strong="H8337" branches |strong="H7070"—three branches |strong="H7070" coming |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480"

I BASE AND THE SHAFT Or "flared base."

each |strong="H8147" side |strong="H7070" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" shaft |strong="H7070". And |strong="H3318" there |strong="H8478" was |strong="H3730" a |strong="H4480" flower with |strong="H8147" buds and |strong="H3318" petals below |strong="H8478" each |strong="H8147" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" three places |strong="H8478" where |strong="H8478" the |strong="H4480" branches |strong="H7070" joined the |strong="H4480" shaft |strong="H7070".<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" lampstand, with |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" flowers |strong="H7070" and |strong="H2091" branches |strong="H7070", was |strong="H1961" made |strong="H1961" from |strong="H4480" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091". All |strong="H3605" this |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091" was |strong="H1961" hammered |strong="H4749" and |strong="H2091" joined together |strong="H0259" into |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" piece.<sup>23</sup> He |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" seven |strong="H7651" lamps |strong="H5216" for |strong="H7651" this |strong="H6213" lampstand. Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" lamp |strong="H5216" snuffers |strong="H4457" and |strong="H2091" trays |strong="H4289" from |strong="H2091" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091".<sup>24</sup> He |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" 75 pounds<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H3627" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H3605" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" lampstand and |strong="H2091" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" used |strong="H6213" with |strong="H3627" it |strong="H6213".

### The |strong="H3605" Altar for |strong="H3605" Burning Incense

<sup>25</sup> He |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H4196" burning incense |strong="H7004" from |strong="H4480" acacia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086". The |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" was |strong="H1961" square |strong="H7251". It |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" 1 cubit |strong="H0520" long |strong="H0753", 1 cubit |strong="H0520" wide |strong="H7341", and |strong="H6086" 2 cubits |strong="H0520" high |strong="H6967". There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" four horns |strong="H7161" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" one |strong="H4480" horn |strong="H7161"

II 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg).

on each corner. These horns were joined together with the altar to make one piece. <sup>26</sup> He covered the top, all the sides, and the horns with pure gold. Then he put gold trim around the altar. <sup>27</sup> He made two gold rings for the altar. He put the gold rings below the trim on each side of the altar. These gold rings held the poles for carrying the altar. <sup>28</sup> He made the poles from acacia wood and covered them with gold.

<sup>29</sup> Then he made the holy oil. He also made the pure, sweet-smelling incense. These things were made the same way that a perfumemaker would make them.

### The Altar for Burning Offerings

**38** Then Bezalel used acacia wood to build the altar. This was the altar for burning offerings. The altar was square.

It was 5 cubits long, 5 cubits wide, and 3 cubits high. <sup>2</sup> He made the altar four corners of the altar. He joined each horn to its corner so that everything was one piece. He covered the altar with bronze. <sup>3</sup> Then he used bronze to make all the tools to be used on the altar. He made the pots, shovels, bowls, forks, and pans. <sup>4</sup> Then he made a bronze grating for the altar. This grating was shaped like a net. The grating was put under the altar ledge at the bottom of the altar. It went halfway up into the altar. <sup>5</sup> Then he made bronze rings to hold the poles for carrying the altar. He put the rings at the four corners of the altar. <sup>6</sup> Then he used acacia wood to

<sup>1</sup> 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). Also in verse 18. <sup>II</sup> 3 CUBITS 5' 1 3/16" (1.55 m).

make **H6213** the **H0853** poles **H0905** and **H6086** covered them **H0853** with **H6823** bronze **H5178**. <sup>7</sup> He **H6213** put **H0935** the **H0853** poles **H0905** through **H5921** the **H0853** rings **H2885** on **H5921** the **H0853** sides **H6763** of **H4196** the **H0853** altar **H4196** to **H0935** carry **H5375** it **H5921**. He **H6213** used **H6213** boards **H6763** to **H0935** make **H6213** the **H0853** sides **H6763** of **H4196** the **H0853** altar **H4196**. It **H5921** was **H0935** hollow **H5014**, like **H5921** an **H0935** empty box.

<sup>8</sup> He **H0834** made **H6213** the **H0853** bowl and **H0168** its **H0853** base **H3653** with **H0853** bronze **H5178**. He **H0834** used **H6213** the **H0853** bronze **H5178** mirrors that **H0834** the **H0853** women **H6633** gave **H6213**. These **H0834** were **H0834** the **H0853** women **H6633** who **H0834** served **H6633** at **H6607** the **H0853** entrance **H6607** to **H4150** the **H0853** Meeting **H4150** Tent **H0168**.

#### The **H0853** Courtyard Around the **H0853** Holy Tent **H0168**

<sup>9</sup> Then **H0853** he **H6213** made **H6213** a wall of **H5045** curtains around the **H0853** courtyard **H2691**. On **H0520** the **H0853** south **H5045** side **H6285**, he **H6213** made **H6213** a wall of **H5045** curtains 100 cubits **H0520**<sup>I</sup> long. The **H0853** curtains were **H5045** made **H6213** from **H6285** fine **H8336** linen **H8336**. <sup>10</sup> The curtains on **H5982** the south side were supported by **H3701** 20 posts **H5982**. The posts **H5982** were on **H5982** 20 bronze **H5178** bases **H0134**. The hooks **H2053** for **H3701** the posts **H5982** and **H3701** the curtain rods <sup>II</sup> were made from **H3701** silver **H3701**. <sup>11</sup> The **H0520**

north **H6828** side **H6285** of **H5982** the **H0520** courtyard also had a **H3701** wall of **H5982** curtains 100 cubits **H0520** long. There were 20 posts **H5982** with **H6242** 20 bronze **H5178** bases **H0134**. The **H0520** hooks **H2053** for **H3701** the **H0520** posts **H5982** and **H3967** the **H0520** curtain rods were made from **H6285** silver **H3701**.

<sup>12</sup> On **H0520** the **H0520** west **H3220** side **H6285** of **H5982** the **H0520** courtyard the **H0520** wall of **H5982** curtains was **H3220** 50 cubits **H0520**<sup>III</sup> long. There were 10 posts **H5982** and **H3701** 10 bases **H0134**. The **H0520** hooks **H2053** for **H3701** the **H0520** posts **H5982** and **H3701** the **H0520** curtain rods were made from **H6285** silver **H3701**.

<sup>13</sup> The **H0520** east **H4217** side **H6285** of **H4217** the **H0520** courtyard was **H4217** 50 cubits **H0520** wide. The **H0520** entrance to **H4217** the **H0520** courtyard was **H4217** on **H6285** this side **H6285**. <sup>14</sup> On **H0413** one **H0413** side **H3802** of **H5982** the **H0413** entrance the **H0413** wall of **H5982** curtains was **H5982** 15 cubits **H0520**<sup>IV</sup> long **H0413**. There were **H7969** three **H7969** posts **H5982** and **H5982** three **H7969** bases **H0134** on **H0413** this side **H3802**. <sup>15</sup> The **H2088** wall of **H8179** curtains on **H0520** the **H2088** other **H8145** side **H3802** of **H8179** the **H2088** entrance **H8179** was **H2088** also **H2088** 15 cubits **H0520** long. There **H2088** were **H2088** three **H7969** posts **H5982** and **H2088** three **H7969** bases **H0134** on **H0520** that **H2088** side **H3802**. <sup>16</sup> All **H3605** the **H3605** curtains around **H5439** the **H3605** courtyard **H2691** were **H5439** made **H3605** from **H5439** fine **H8336** linen **H8336**. <sup>17</sup> The **H3605** bases **H0134** for **H3605**

I 100 CUBITS 170' 5/8" (51.83 m). II CURTAIN RODS Or "fasteners." Also in verses 12, 17, 19, 28.

III 50 CUBITS 85' 5/16" (25.92 m). IV 15 CUBITS 25' 6 1/16" (7.77 m).



the *posts* were made from bronze hooks and the *curtain rods* were made from silver. The *tops* of *posts* were covered with silver also. All the *posts* in the *courtyard* had silver *curtain rods*.

<sup>18</sup> The *curtain* for *entrance* of the *courtyard* was made from fine linen and blue, purple, and red yarn woven into that *curtain*. The *curtain* was 20 cubits long and 5 cubits high. It was the same height as the *curtains* around the *courtyard*. <sup>19</sup> The *curtain* was supported by four *posts* and four *bronzes*. The *hooks* on the *posts* were made from silver. The *tops* of the *posts* were covered with silver, and the *curtain rods* were also made from silver. <sup>20</sup> All the *tent* *pegs* for the *Holy Tent* and for the *curtains* around the *courtyard* were

made from bronze.

<sup>21</sup> Moses commanded the Levites to write down everything that was used to make the *Holy Tent*, that *Holy Tent* is, the *Agreement*. *Ithamar* son of *Aaron* was in charge of keeping the list.

<sup>22</sup> *Bezalel* son of *Uri*, the *son* of *Hur*, from the *tribe* of *Judah*, made everything LORD commanded. <sup>23</sup> Also *Oholiab* son of *Ahisamach*, from the *tribe* of *Dan*, helped him. *Oholiab* was a skilled worker and designer. He was skilled at weaving fine linen and blue, purple, and red yarn.

<sup>24</sup> The *people* gave over a ton of gold as an offering to the Lord for his *holy* place. (This was weighed using the official measure.)

<sup>25</sup> All the men 20 years old or older were counted. Each man had to pay a tax of 1 *beka* of silver. (Using the official measure, 1 *beka* is 1/2 shekel.) There were 603,550 men. So they collected about 7550 pounds of silver. <sup>27</sup> They used most of

I 20 CUBITS 34' 1/8" (10.37 m).

II TON Literally, "29 talents and 730 shekels." III BEKA About 1/5 of an ounce (6 g). IV SHEKEL Two-fifths of an ounce (11.5 g).

the silver to make 100 bases for Holy Tent and its curtains, 75 pounds for each base. <sup>28</sup> They used the remaining 44 pounds of silver to make hooks, the curtain rods, and the silver covers for the posts.

<sup>29</sup> They gave more than 2 1/2 tons of bronze. <sup>30</sup> That bronze was used to make the bases at the entrance of the Meeting Tent. They also used the bronze to make the altar and bronze grating. And the bronze was used to make all the tools and dishes for the altar. <sup>31</sup> It was also used to make the bases for the curtains around the courtyard and the bases for the curtains at the entrance. And the bronze was used to make the tent pegs for the Holy Tent and for the curtains around the courtyard.

I 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg). II 44 POUNDS Literally, "1775 shekels" (20.4 kg). III 2 1/2 TONS Literally, "70 talents and 2400 shekels" (2447 kg).

## The Priests' Special Clothes

**39** The workers used the blue, purple, red yarn to make special clothes for the priests to wear when they served in the holy place. They also made the special clothes for Aaron as LORD had commanded Moses.

## The Ephod

<sup>2</sup> They made the ephod from gold thread, fine linen, and blue, purple, red yarn. <sup>3</sup> They hammered the gold into thin strips and cut the gold into long threads. They wove the gold into blue, purple, red yarn and fine linen. This was the work of a very skilled person. <sup>4</sup> They made the shoulder pieces for the ephod. They tied these shoulder pieces to the two corners of the ephod. <sup>5</sup> They wove the cloth belt and fastened it to the ephod. It was made the

same |strong="H1931" way |strong="H5921" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" ephod— they |strong="H0834" used gold |strong="H2091" thread, fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336", and |strong="H3068" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H3068" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" workers |strong="H6213" put the |strong="H0853" onyx |strong="H7718" stones |strong="H0068" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ephod in |strong="H5921" gold |strong="H2091" settings |strong="H4142". They |strong="H5921" wrote the |strong="H0853" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" on |strong="H5921" these stones |strong="H0068". <sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760" these |strong="H0834" jewels on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" shoulder |strong="H3802" pieces |strong="H3802" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646". These |strong="H0834" jewels were |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" help God |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5921" remember the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" done as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".

#### The |strong="H0853" Judgment |strong="H0834" Pouch

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" judgment pouch. It |strong="H6213" was |strong="H2091" the |strong="H0853" work |strong="H4639" of |strong="H4639" a |strong="H2803" skilled person, just |strong="H6213" like |strong="H2803" the |strong="H0853" ephod |strong="H0646". It |strong="H6213" was |strong="H2091" made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H2091" gold |strong="H2091" threads |strong="H0713", fine |strong="H8336" linen |strong="H8336", and |strong="H2091" blue |strong="H8504", purple |strong="H0713", and |strong="H2091" red |strong="H8144" yarn |strong="H8144". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0853" judgment pouch was |strong="H1961" folded |strong="H3717" in |strong="H1961" half to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1961" square |strong="H7251" pocket. It |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" <sup>1</sup> span |strong="H2239"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> SPAN The distance from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger, about 9" (23 cm).

long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H0753" <sup>1</sup> span |strong="H2239" wide |strong="H7341". <sup>10</sup> Then the |strong="H4390" workers put four |strong="H0702" rows |strong="H2905" of |strong="H4390" beautiful jewels on |strong="H0259" the |strong="H4390" judgment pouch. The |strong="H4390" first |strong="H0259" row |strong="H2905" had |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" ruby |strong="H0124", a |strong="H0259" topaz |strong="H6357", and |strong="H0068" a |strong="H0259" beryl. <sup>11</sup> The second |strong="H8145" row |strong="H2905" had a |strong="H2905" turquoise |strong="H5306", a |strong="H2905" sapphire |strong="H5601", and |strong="H8145" an emerald. <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H7992" third |strong="H7992" row |strong="H2905" had a |strong="H2905" jacinth |strong="H3958", an agate |strong="H7618", and |strong="H7992" an amethyst |strong="H0306". <sup>13</sup> The |strong="H7243" fourth |strong="H7243" row |strong="H2905" had a |strong="H2905" chrysolite, an onyx |strong="H7718", and |strong="H2091" a |strong="H2905" jasper |strong="H3471". All these jewels were set in |strong="H2091" gold |strong="H2091". <sup>14</sup> There were |strong="H3478" twelve |strong="H6240" jewels on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" judgment pouch— one |strong="H0376" jewel for |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Each |strong="H0376" stone |strong="H0068" had |strong="H3478" the |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" carved |strong="H6603" onto |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921", like |strong="H3478" a |strong="H5921" seal |strong="H2368". <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H5921" workers |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" two chains |strong="H8333" from |strong="H5921" pure |strong="H2889" gold |strong="H2091" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" judgment pouch. The |strong="H5921" chains |strong="H8333" were |strong="H5921" braided |strong="H4639" like |strong="H8333" a |strong="H5921" rope. <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0853" workers |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" two |strong="H8147" gold |strong="H2091" rings |strong="H2885" and |strong="H2091" fastened |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" corners |strong="H7098" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" judgment pouch. Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H5921" made |strong="H6213" two |strong="H8147" gold |strong="H2091" settings |strong="H4865"

for **H5921** the **H0853** shoulder pieces. <sup>17</sup> They **H5921** fastened **H5414** the **H5921** gold **H2091** chains **H5688** to **H5921** the **H5921** rings **H2885** at **H5921** the **H5921** corners **H7098** of **H5921** the **H5921** judgment pouch. <sup>18</sup> They **H5921** fastened **H5414** the **H0853** other **H8147** ends **H7098** of **H6440** the **H0853** gold chains **H5688** to **H0413** the **H0853** settings **H4865** on **H5921** the **H0853** shoulder **H3802** pieces **H3802**. They **H5921** fastened **H5414** these to **H0413** the **H0853** front **H6440** of **H6440** the **H0853** ephod **H0646**. <sup>19</sup> Then **H6213** they **H0834** made **H6213** two **H8147** more **H2091** gold **H2091** rings **H2885** and **H1004** put **H7760** them **H0413** on **H5921** the **H0834** other **H5676** two **H8147** corners **H7098** of **H1004** the **H0834** judgment **H0834** pouch. This **H0834** was **H0834** on **H5921** the **H0834** inside **H1004** edge **H8193** of **H1004** the **H0834** judgment **H0834** pouch next **H5921** to **H0413** the **H0834** ephod **H0646**. <sup>20</sup> They **H5921** also **H6213** put **H5414** two **H8147** gold **H2091** rings **H2885** on **H5921** the **H6440** bottom **H4295** of **H6440** the **H6440** shoulder **H3802** pieces **H3802** on **H5921** the **H6440** front **H6440** of **H6440** the **H6440** ephod **H0646**. These rings **H2885** were **H6440** near **H6440** the **H6440** fastener, just **H6213** above **H5921** the **H6440** cloth belt. <sup>21</sup> Then **H1961** they **H0834** used **H1961** a **H1961** blue **H8504** ribbon and **H3068** tied **H6616** the **H0853** rings **H2885** of **H3068** the **H0853** judgment **H0834** pouch to **H0413** the **H0853** rings **H2885** of **H3068** the **H0853** ephod **H0646**.

In **H5921** this **H0834** way **H5921** the **H0853** judgment **H0834** pouch would **H3068** rest **H1961** close to **H0413** the **H0853** cloth belt and **H3068** would **H3068** be **H1961** held **H1961** tight against **H5921** the **H0853** ephod **H0646**. They **H0834** did **H0834** everything **H0834** just **H0834** as **H0834** the **H0853** LORD **H3068** commanded **H6680**.

#### Other Clothes for **H5921** the **H0853** Priests **H3808**

<sup>22</sup> Then **H0853** they **H6213** made **H6213** the **H0853** robe **H4598** for **H4639** the **H0853** ephod **H0646** from **H0853** blue **H8504** cloth. It **H6213** was **H4598** woven **H0707** by a skilled worker. <sup>23</sup> They **H3808** made a **H3808** hole in **H8432** the **H8432** center **H8432** of **H6310** the **H8432** robe **H4598** and **H6310** sewed a **H3808** piece of **H6310** cloth around **H5439** the **H8432** edge **H6310** of **H6310** this hole. This cloth kept the **H8432** hole from **H8432** tearing.

<sup>24</sup> Then **H6213** they **H5921** used **H6213** fine linen and **H8504** blue **H8504**, purple **H0713**, and **H8504** red **H8144** yarn **H8144** to **H5921** make **H6213** the **H5921** cloth pomegranates **H7416**. They **H5921** hung these pomegranates **H7416** around **H5921** the **H5921** bottom edge of **H5921** the **H5921** robe **H4598**. <sup>25</sup> Then **H0853** they **H5921** made **H6213** bells **H6472** from **H5921** pure **H2889** gold **H2091**. They **H5921** hung **H5414** these bells **H6472** around **H5439** the **H0853** bottom edge of **H5921** the **H0853** robe **H4598** between **H8432** the **H0853** pomegranates **H7416**. <sup>26</sup> Around **H5439** the **H0853** bottom edge of **H3068** the **H0853** robe **H4598** there **H3068** were **H0834** bells **H6472** and **H3068** pomegranates **H7416**. There **H3068** was **H0834**

a bell following each pomegranate. This robe was for the priest to wear when he served the Lord. It was made just as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>27</sup> Skilled workers wove shirts for Aaron and his sons. These shirts were made from fine linen. <sup>28</sup> And the workers made a turban from fine linen. They also used fine linen to make cloth caps and underclothes. <sup>29</sup> Then they made the cloth belt from fine linen and blue, purple, and red yarn. Designs were sewn into the cloth. These things were made as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>30</sup> Then they made a strip of pure gold for the holy crown. They carved these words into the gold like the writing on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD. <sup>31</sup> They fastened the gold strip

<sup>1</sup> HOLY TO THE LORD These words were written on everything that was used in the Temple. This showed that these things belonged to the Lord, and that they could be used only for special purposes. Dishes with this label could be used only by the priests in a holy place.

to a blue ribbon. Then they tied the blue ribbon around the turban like the LORD had commanded Moses.

### Moses Inspects the Holy Tent

<sup>32</sup> So all the work on the Holy Tent, that is, the Meeting Tent, was finished. The Israelites did just as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>33</sup> Then they showed the Holy Tent and everything in it to Moses. They showed him the rings, the frames, the braces, the posts, and the bases. <sup>34</sup> They showed him the Tent that was made from ram skins dyed red and the covering that was made from fine leather. And they showed him the curtain that covered the entrance to the Most Holy Place.

<sup>35</sup> They showed Moses the Box of Agreement, the poles used for carrying it, and the mercy-cover. <sup>36</sup> They showed him the table with everything on it and

the **special bread**.<sup>137</sup> They showed him the **gold lamp-stand** and the **lamps** on it, the **oil**, and **all** the **other things** that were used with the **lamps**.<sup>38</sup> They showed Moses the **gold-  
en altar**, the **anointing oil**, the **sweet-smelling incense**, and **curtain** that covered the **entrance to Tent**.<sup>39</sup> They showed him the **bronze altar**, the **bronze screen**, the **poles** used for carrying the **altar**, and **everything** that **was used** on the **altar**. They showed him the **bowl** and the **base** under the **bowl**.

<sup>40</sup> They showed Moses the **wall of curtains** around the **courtyard** with the **posts** and **bases**. They showed him the **curtain** that covered the **entrance** to the **courtyard**. They showed him the **ropes** and the **tent pegs**. They showed him **everything** in the **Holy Tent**,

I SPECIAL BREAD Also called "bread of the Presence." Every day this bread was put before God on the special table in the Holy Place.

that **is**, the **Meeting Tent**.

<sup>41</sup> Then they showed Moses the **clothes** that were made for the **priests** serving in the **holy area**.<sup>II</sup> They showed him the **special clothes** for **Aaron** and **his sons** to wear when they served as **priests**.

<sup>42</sup> The **Israelites** did this **work** exactly as **LORD** had commanded **Moses**.<sup>43</sup> **Moses** looked closely at **all** the **work** and saw that it was done exactly as **LORD** had commanded **Moses** to bless them.

#### Moses Sets Up the Holy Tent

<sup>40</sup> Then **LORD** said to **Moses**,<sup>2</sup> "On the **first day** of the **first month**, set up the **Holy Tent**, that **is**, the **Meeting Tent**." <sup>3</sup> Put the **Box of Agreement** in the **Holy Tent**. Cover the **Box** with the **curtain**.<sup>4</sup>

II HOLY AREA A restricted area that was considered sacred (special) because of God's presence.

Then bring in the table. Put the things on the table that should be there. Then put the lampstand in the Tent. Put the lamps on the lampstand in the right places.<sup>5</sup> Put the golden altar for offering incense in the Tent in front of the Box of Agreement. Then put the curtain at the entrance to the Holy Tent.

<sup>6</sup> Put the altar for burning offerings in front of the Tent of Meeting. Put the water bowl. <sup>8</sup> Set up the wall of curtains around the courtyard. Then put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

<sup>9</sup> Use the anointing oil and the Holy Tent and everything in it. When you put the

oil on these things, you will make them holy. <sup>10</sup> Anoint the altar for burning offerings. Anoint everything on the altar. You will make the altar holy. It will be very holy. <sup>11</sup> Then anoint the bowl and base under it to make these things holy.

<sup>12</sup> "Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Wash them with water. <sup>13</sup> Then put the special clothes on Aaron. Anoint him with oil and make him holy. Then he can serve as a priest. <sup>14</sup> Then put the clothes on his sons. <sup>15</sup> Anoint the sons in the same way you anointed their father. Then they can also serve as priests. When you anoint them, they will become priests. That will continue to be

priests *strong*="H3547" for *strong*="H0834" all *strong*="H1755" time *strong*="H5769" to *strong*="H1961" come *strong*="H1961".<sup>16</sup> Moses *strong*="H4872" obeyed the *strong*="H3605" Lord *strong*="H3068". He *strong*="H0834" did *strong*="H6213" everything *strong*="H3605" that *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" commanded *strong*="H6680" him *strong*="H0853".

<sup>17</sup> So *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" Holy Tent was *strong*="H1961" set *strong*="H6965" up *strong*="H6965" at *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" right time *strong*="H8145". It *strong*="H1961" was *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" first *strong*="H7223" day *strong*="H2320" of *strong*="H8141" the *strong*="H1961" first *strong*="H7223" month *strong*="H2320" during *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" second *strong*="H8145" year *strong*="H8141" from *strong*="H6965" the *strong*="H1961" time *strong*="H8145" they *strong*="H2320" left *strong*="H1961" Egypt.<sup>18</sup> Moses *strong*="H4872" set *strong*="H7760" up *strong*="H6965" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Tent just as *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" Lord had *strong*="H4872" said. He *strong*="H5414" put *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" bases *strong*="H0134" down *strong*="H5414" first. Then *strong*="H6965" he *strong*="H5414" put *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" frames *strong*="H7175" on *strong*="H7760" the *strong*="H0853" bases *strong*="H0134". Then *strong*="H6965" he *strong*="H5414" put *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" braces on *strong*="H7760" and *strong*="H6965" set *strong*="H7760" up *strong*="H6965" the *strong*="H0853" posts *strong*="H5982".<sup>19</sup> After *strong*="H5921" that *strong*="H0834" Moses *strong*="H4872" put *strong*="H7760" the *strong*="H0853" outer tent *strong*="H0168" over *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Tent *strong*="H0168". Then *strong*="H0853" he *strong*="H0834" put *strong*="H7760" the *strong*="H0853" covering *strong*="H4372" over *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" outer tent *strong*="H0168". He *strong*="H0834" did *strong*="H0834" these *strong*="H0834" things *strong*="H0834" just *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" had *strong*="H3068" commanded *strong*="H6680".

<sup>20</sup> Moses *strong*="H5414" took *strong*="H3947" the *strong*="H0853" Agreement and *strong*="H0853" put *strong*="H5414" it *strong*="H7760" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Box. He *strong*="H5414" put *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" poles *strong*="H0905" on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" Box

and *strong*="H0853" put *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" mercy-cover on *strong*="H5921" it *strong*="H7760".<sup>21</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" Moses *strong*="H4872" put *strong*="H7760" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Box into *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Tent. He *strong*="H0834" hung *strong*="H6532" the *strong*="H0853" curtain *strong*="H4539" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" right place *strong*="H7760" to *strong*="H0413" protect it *strong*="H7760". In *strong*="H5921" this *strong*="H0834" way *strong*="H5921" he *strong*="H0834" protected the *strong*="H0853" Box of *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" Agreement behind the *strong*="H0853" curtain *strong*="H4539" just *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" had *strong*="H3068" commanded *strong*="H6680" him *strong*="H0413".<sup>22</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" Moses *strong*="H5414" put *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" table *strong*="H7979" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" Meeting *strong*="H4150" Tent *strong*="H0168" on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" north *strong*="H6828" side *strong*="H3409" of *strong*="H0168" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Tent *strong*="H0168". He *strong*="H5414" put *strong*="H5414" it *strong*="H5414" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Place *strong*="H5414", in *strong*="H5921" front of *strong*="H0168" the *strong*="H0853" curtain *strong*="H6532".<sup>23</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" he *strong*="H0834" put *strong*="H6680" the *strong*="H0853" bread *strong*="H3899" on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" table *strong*="H6440" before *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068". He *strong*="H0834" did *strong*="H0834" this *strong*="H0834" just *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" had *strong*="H3068" commanded *strong*="H6680" him *strong*="H5921".<sup>24</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" Moses put *strong*="H7760" the *strong*="H0853" lampstand *strong*="H4501" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" Meeting *strong*="H4150" Tent *strong*="H0168" on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" south *strong*="H5045" side *strong*="H3409" of *strong*="H0168" the *strong*="H0853" Tent *strong*="H0168", across *strong*="H5921" from *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" table *strong*="H7979".<sup>25</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" Moses *strong*="H4872" put *strong*="H5927" the *strong*="H0853" lamps *strong*="H5216" on *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" lampstand before *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068". He *strong*="H0834" did *strong*="H0834" this *strong*="H0834"



just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" him|strong="H0853".

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Moses put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" golden|strong="H2091" altar|strong="H4196" in|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168", in|strong="H4196" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" curtain|strong="H6532". <sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0834" burned|strong="H6999" sweet-smelling incense|strong="H7004" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" altar. He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" him|strong="H5921". <sup>28</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Moses put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" curtain|strong="H4539" at|strong="H6607" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" to|strong="H6607" the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent.

<sup>29</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H5921" burning offerings|strong="H4503" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent|strong="H0168", that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". Then|strong="H0853" Moses|strong="H4872" offered|strong="H5927" a|strong="H7760" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H4503" on|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" altar|strong="H4196". He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H3068" offered|strong="H5927" grain offerings|strong="H4503" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" these|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" him|strong="H5921".

<sup>30</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Moses|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" bowl between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196". He|strong="H8033" put|strong="H5414" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H7364" the|strong="H0853" bowl for|strong="H4325" washing|strong="H7364". <sup>31</sup> Moses|strong="H4872", Aaron|strong="H0175", and|strong="H1121" Aaron's|strong="H0175"

sons|strong="H1121" used this bowl to|strong="H3027" wash|strong="H7364" their|strong="H7364" hands|strong="H3027" and|strong="H1121" feet|strong="H7272". <sup>32</sup> They|strong="H0834" washed|strong="H7364" themselves|strong="H7364" every time|strong="H4150" they|strong="H0834" entered|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". They|strong="H0834" also|strong="H3068" washed|strong="H7364" themselves|strong="H7364" every time|strong="H4150" they|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935" near|strong="H7126" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196". They|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" these|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872".

<sup>33</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Moses|strong="H4872" set|strong="H5414" up|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" curtains around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" courtyard|strong="H2691" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent. He|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" in|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" courtyard|strong="H2691". Then|strong="H6965" he|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" curtain|strong="H4539" at|strong="H4399" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H8179" to|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" courtyard|strong="H2691". So|strong="H5414" he|strong="H5414" finished|strong="H3615" all|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" work|strong="H4399".

#### The|strong="H0853" Glory of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" Lord

<sup>34</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" cloud|strong="H6051" covered|strong="H3680" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" filled|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>35</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" cloud|strong="H6051" had|strong="H3068" settled|strong="H7931" on|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068"

filled *the Holy Tent*.

<sup>36</sup> When *the cloud* rose *from the Holy Tent, the Israelites* would begin to travel. <sup>37</sup> But *when the cloud* stayed on *the Holy Tent, the people* did not try to move. They stayed in *that place* until *the cloud*

rose. <sup>38</sup> So *the cloud* of *the LORD* was over *the Holy Tent* during *the day*, and *at night* there *was a fire* in *the cloud*. So *all the Israelites* could see *the cloud* while *they* traveled.

# Leviticus

## Voluntary Sacrifices and Offerings

**1** <sup>I</sup> So *the LORD* called *Moses* out to *the LORD* inside *the Meeting Tent* and *said*, <sup>2</sup> "Tell *the Israelites*: When you bring an offering to *the LORD*, the offering must be *one of your tame animals*— *it can be a sheep, a goat, or one of your cattle*.  
<sup>3</sup> "If you offer *one of your cattle* as *a burnt offering*, it must be *a bull* that *has nothing wrong with it*. You must take *the animal* to *the entrance of the Meeting Tent* where *the LORD* will *accept the offering*.  
<sup>4</sup> You must put *your hand*

<sup>I</sup> This continues the story in Exodus 40:34-35 where the Glory of the Lord filled the Meeting Tent and Moses was unable to enter. See "glory" in the Word List.

*on the head of the animal* while *it is being killed*. So *the LORD* will *accept it as your burnt offering* to *make you pure*.  
<sup>5</sup> "You must *kill the young bull* in *the front of the LORD*. Then *Aaron's sons*, the *priests*, will *bring the blood* to *the altar* is *near the entrance of the Meeting Tent*. He *will splash the blood* on *all four sides of the altar*.  
<sup>6</sup> You must *remove the skin* from *that animal* and *then cut the animal into pieces*.  
<sup>7</sup> *Aaron's sons*, the *priests*, will *put the fire* on *the altar* and *arrange the wood* on *the fire*.  
<sup>8</sup> They will *lay*

<sup>II</sup> You Or "They (the priests)." Also in verse 11.

the pieces of the animal, including the head and top of the burning wood.<sup>9</sup> You must wash the legs and inner parts of the animal with water.<sup>10</sup> Then the priest will bring all these parts to the altar to be offered as a burnt offering, a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> "If you offer sheep or a goat as a burnt offering, it must be a male that has nothing wrong with it." <sup>11</sup> You must kill the animal on the north side of the altar in front of the LORD. Then Aaron's sons, the priests, will splash the animal's blood on all four sides of the altar.<sup>12</sup> You must cut the animal into pieces and remove the head and fat. The priest will then lay them on

the wood that is on the fire of the altar.<sup>13</sup> You must wash the legs and inner parts of the animal with water.<sup>14</sup> Then the priest will bring these parts to the altar to be offered as a burnt offering, a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> "If you offer a bird as a burnt offering, that is, a pigeon or a dove, the priest will bring the offering to the altar. There the priest will remove the bird's head, drain out the blood on the side of the altar, and burn the bird on the altar.<sup>16</sup> He will remove the inner parts and throw them onto the pile of ashes east of the altar.<sup>17</sup> Then

I TAIL ... INNER PARTS Or "crop and its feathers."

the priest will tear the bird open by its wings, but he must not divide it into two parts. So he will bring the bird to the altar to be offered as burnt offering, a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD.

### Grain Offerings

2 "When you give a grain offering to the LORD, your offering must be made from fine flour mixed with oil. You must pour oil on this flour and put on frankincense on it. Then you must bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests. One of them will take a handful of the fine flour with oil and frankincense in it. He will bring this part, which represents the whole grain offering, to the altar to be burned. There it will be burned as

a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD. 3 The rest of that grain offering will belong to Aaron and his sons. This gift to the LORD is very holy.

### Baked Grain Offerings

4 "If you give a grain offering that was baked in an oven, it must be unleavened bread made from fine flour mixed with oil, or it must be wafers with oil poured over them. 5 If you bring a grain offering cooked in a baking pan, it must be made from fine flour without yeast and mixed with oil. 6 You must break it into pieces and pour oil over it. It is a grain offering. 7 If you bring a grain offering cooked in a frying pan, it must be made from fine flour mixed with oil.

8 "When you bring a grain offering made from these

things |strong="H0428" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" give |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H7311" part |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" grain |strong="H6999" offering |strong="H4503" and |strong="H3068" lift |strong="H7311" it |strong="H3068" up |strong="H7311" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H4480" memorial |strong="H0234" offering |strong="H4503". He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" bring it |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" burned |strong="H6999" up |strong="H7311" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H4480" sweet-smelling gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="H4480" rest |strong="H3498" of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H4480" grain offering |strong="H4503" will |strong="H3068" belong to |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121". This |strong="H3068" gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H4480" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" very holy |strong="H6944".

<sup>11</sup> " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" give any |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H3605" offering |strong="H4503" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" yeast |strong="H7603" in |strong="H3068" it |strong="H3588". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" burn |strong="H6999" yeast |strong="H7603" or |strong="H3808" honey |strong="H1706" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>12</sup> You |strong="H0853" may |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5927" yeast and |strong="H3068" honey to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3068" an |strong="H7126" offering |strong="H5927" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7225" harvest, but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808"

be |strong="H3808" put |strong="H5927" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3808" burned as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7126" sweet smell. <sup>13</sup> Also |strong="H0430", you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" put salt |strong="H4417" on |strong="H5921" every |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H3605" offering |strong="H4503" you |strong="H3605" bring |strong="H7126". You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" forget to |strong="H5921" add salt |strong="H4417", because |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" represents God's |strong="H0430" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1285" you |strong="H3605". Always put salt |strong="H4417" on |strong="H5921" these |strong="H3605" offerings |strong="H4503".

**Grain |strong="H3605" Offerings |strong="H4503" From |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" First Harvest**

<sup>14</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" bring |strong="H7126" a |strong="H0518" grain |strong="H0024" offering |strong="H4503" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H1061" harvest to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H7126" roasted |strong="H7033" heads |strong="H0024" of |strong="H3068" grain |strong="H0024". They |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3068" crushed heads |strong="H0024" of |strong="H3068" fresh |strong="H0024" grain |strong="H0024". This |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" grain |strong="H0024" offering |strong="H4503" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H1061" harvest. <sup>15</sup> You |strong="H5414" must put |strong="H5414" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H8081" frankincense |strong="H3828" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5414". It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H5414" grain offering |strong="H4503". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" burn |strong="H6999" part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" crushed grain |strong="H3605", the |strong="H3605" oil |strong="H8081", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" frankincense |strong="H3828" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" memorial |strong="H0234" offering |strong="H0801". It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" gift |strong="H0801"

to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

### Fellowship Offerings

3 " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" offer |strong="H7126" one |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" cattle |strong="H1241" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0518" fellowship offering |strong="H7133", it |strong="H1931" can |strong="H0518" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0518" bull |strong="H1241" or |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" cow. But |strong="H0518" the |strong="H6440" animal you |strong="H0518" offer |strong="H7126" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0518" have |strong="H3068" nothing |strong="H0518" wrong with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H1931". 2 You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" put |strong="H3027" your |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" animal's head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H1121" kill |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" animal at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Then |strong="H0853" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121", the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548", will |strong="H1121" splash |strong="H2236" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" all |strong="H5439" four sides |strong="H5439" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". 3 The |strong="H3605" priest will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3680" a |strong="H7126" part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" fellowship offering |strong="H0801" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7126" gift |strong="H0801" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3680" the |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" over |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" inner |strong="H7130" parts. 4 He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" take |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" kidneys |strong="H3629" and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" covering them |strong="H0853" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" lower back muscle. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" remove |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459"

part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" liver |strong="H3516" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" kidneys |strong="H3629". 5 Then |strong="H0853" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" bring the |strong="H0853" fat to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H1121" put it |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H0801" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" wood |strong="H6086" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784". It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" sweet-smelling gift |strong="H0801" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

6 " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" offer |strong="H7126" a |strong="H0176" sheep |strong="H6629" or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H0176" goat as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0176" fellowship offering |strong="H7133" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H4480" LORD |strong="H3068", whether |strong="H0518" it |strong="H0518" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0176" male |strong="H2145" or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H0176" female |strong="H5347", it |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" nothing |strong="H0518" wrong with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H0518". 7 If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" bring |strong="H7126" a |strong="H0518" lamb |strong="H3775" as |strong="H3068" an |strong="H7126" offering |strong="H7133" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", 8 you |strong="H6440" must |strong="H0853" put |strong="H3027" your |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" animal's head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H1121" kill |strong="H7819" it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Then |strong="H0853" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" splash |strong="H2236" the |strong="H0853" animal's blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" all |strong="H5439" four sides |strong="H5439" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". 9 The |strong="H3605" priest will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5493" part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" fellowship offering |strong="H0801" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" altar as |strong="H0834"

a gift to the LORD priest must cut off tail close to the backbone. Then he will offer tail with all its fat and the fat that over around inner will offer the kidneys the fat covering them the lower back muscles. He will also offer the fat part of the liver must remove it with the kidneys. <sup>11</sup> Then priest will take that the altar to be burned as food, a gift to the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> If a goat, you must bring it before the LORD. <sup>13</sup> You must put your hand on the head of the goat and kill it in front of the Meeting Tent. Then Aaron's

sons must splash the goat's blood on all sides of the altar. <sup>14</sup> The priest will give part of the fellowship offering as a gift to the LORD. He will offer the fat that over around inner will offer the kidneys and the fat covering them the lower back muscle. He will also offer the fat part of the liver must remove it with the kidneys. <sup>16</sup> Then priest will bring that as a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD. The fat belongs to the LORD. <sup>17</sup> This rule will continue forever through your generations. Wherever you live, you must never eat or blood.

#### Offerings for Accidental Sins

**4** The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>2</sup> Tell the Israelites this: A person might



sin|strong="H2398" without|strong="H3808" meaning|strong="H2007" to|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" do|strong="H6213" something that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H0559" should|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" done|strong="H6213". For|strong="H3588" example:

<sup>3</sup> " If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0834" anointed|strong="H4899" priest|strong="H3548"<sup>1</sup> makes|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0518" mistake that|strong="H0834" leaves the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" guilty|strong="H0819" for|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2398", he|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0518" offer|strong="H7126" a|strong="H0518" young|strong="H1121" bull|strong="H6499" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0518" sin|strong="H2398" offering|strong="H7126". The|strong="H0834" bull|strong="H6499" must|strong="H0518" have|strong="H0834" nothing|strong="H0518" wrong|strong="H2398" with|strong="H3068" it|strong="H0518". <sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" anointed priest must|strong="H0853" bring|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" bull|strong="H6499" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H3068" must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H0935" his|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" bull's head|strong="H7218" and|strong="H0935" kill|strong="H7819" the|strong="H0853" bull|strong="H6499" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" anointed|strong="H4899" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" get|strong="H3947" some of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" bull|strong="H6499" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3947" it|strong="H3947" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>6</sup> He|strong="H3068" must|strong="H0853" put his|strong="H3068" finger|strong="H0676" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853"

<sup>1</sup> ANOINTED PRIEST Special oil was poured on the priest's head to show that God chose him to serve. Here, this refers to the high priest. Also in verse 16.

blood|strong="H1818" and|strong="H3068" sprinkle the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818" seven|strong="H7651" times|strong="H6471" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" curtain|strong="H6532" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Most|strong="H6944" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5414" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" corners of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" incense|strong="H7004" altar|strong="H4196". ( This|strong="H0834" altar|strong="H4196" is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168", in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".) He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" pour|strong="H8210" out|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" rest of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" bull's blood|strong="H1818" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" base|strong="H3247" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" of|strong="H3068" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H3068". ( This|strong="H0834" altar|strong="H4196" is|strong="H0834" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".) <sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" priest must|strong="H0853" take|strong="H7311" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" fat|strong="H2459" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" bull|strong="H6499" of|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" sin|strong="H2403" offering|strong="H4480". He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" take|strong="H7311" the|strong="H3605" fat|strong="H2459" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" on|strong="H5921" and|strong="H6499" around|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" inner|strong="H7130" parts. <sup>9</sup> He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" take|strong="H5493" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" kidneys|strong="H3629" and|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" fat|strong="H2459" covering them|strong="H0853" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" lower back muscle. He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" take|strong="H5493" the|strong="H0853" fat|strong="H2459"

part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" liver |strong="H3516". He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" remove |strong="H5493" it |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" kidneys |strong="H3629". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548" must lift |strong="H7311" up |strong="H7311" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3548" burn |strong="H6999" them |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H5921" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" does |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" fellowship offering |strong="H8002". <sup>11</sup> But the priest must carry all the bull's skin, inner parts and body waste, and all the meat, including the head and legs. He must carry those parts outside the camp to the special place where the ashes are poured out. He must put those parts on the wood and burn them there on the ash pile.

<sup>13</sup> "The |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" nation of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" might |strong="H3068" sin without |strong="H3808" knowing |strong="H5956" it |strong="H0518". They |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" break one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" become |strong="H0816" guilty |strong="H0816" of |strong="H3068" doing |strong="H6213" something |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1697" must |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" done |strong="H6213". <sup>14</sup> When |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" learn |strong="H3045" about |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2398", the |strong="H0853" community |strong="H6951" of |strong="H1121" Israel must |strong="H0853" offer |strong="H7126" a |strong="H0935" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0935" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H7126" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" whole |strong="H6440" nation. They |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0853" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people must |strong="H0853" put |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3068" hands |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921"

the |strong="H0853" bull's head |strong="H7218" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" kill |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0413" anointed |strong="H4899" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H1818" get |strong="H0935" some of |strong="H0168" the |strong="H0413" bull's blood |strong="H1818" and |strong="H0935" take |strong="H0935" it |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". <sup>17</sup> He |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0853" put his |strong="H3068" finger |strong="H0676" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" and |strong="H3068" sprinkle it |strong="H6440" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H6471" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" curtain |strong="H6532" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>18</sup> He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" put |strong="H5414" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" corners of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196". ( This |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" is |strong="H0834" inside |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168", in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".) He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" then |strong="H0853" pour |strong="H8210" out |strong="H4480" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" base |strong="H3247" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3068". ( This |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" is |strong="H0834" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168".) <sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H4480" must |strong="H0853" take |strong="H7311" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" animal and |strong="H4196" bring it |strong="H3605" to |strong="H6999" the |strong="H3605" al-

tar|strong="H4196". <sup>20</sup> He|strong="H0834" must of-fer|strong="H6213" these|strong="H1992" parts, just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" offered the|strong="H0834" bull|strong="H6499" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" sin|strong="H2403" offer-ing|strong="H3548". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3651" way|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" pure, and|strong="H3548" God will|strong="H0834" for-give|strong="H5545" them|strong="H1992". <sup>21</sup> The|strong="H0853" priest must|strong="H0853" car-ry|strong="H3318" this|strong="H1931" bull|strong="H6499" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0853" camp|strong="H4264" and|strong="H6499" burn|strong="H8313" it|strong="H1931", just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" burned|strong="H8313" the|strong="H0853" other bull|strong="H6499". This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" sin|strong="H2403" offering for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" whole communi-ty|strong="H6951".

<sup>22</sup> A|strong="H0834" ruler might|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2398" without|strong="H3808" mean-ing to|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" break one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H4687" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0834" might|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" something that|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" said must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" done|strong="H6213". <sup>23</sup> If|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" learns about|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0834" sin|strong="H2398", he|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" bring|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0176" male|strong="H2145" goat|strong="H5795" that|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" nothing wrong|strong="H2398" with|strong="H0413" it|strong="H3045" as|strong="H0834" his|strong="H0834" offering|strong="H7133". <sup>24</sup> The|strong="H0853" ruler must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H3027" his|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" goat's head|strong="H7218" and|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H7819" the|strong="H0853" goat|strong="H8163" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725" where|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" kill|strong="H7819" the|strong="H0853" burnt|strong="H5930" offer-ing|strong="H3068" before|strong="H6440"

the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". The|strong="H0853" goat|strong="H8163" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" sin|strong="H2403" offering|strong="H3068". <sup>25</sup> The|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H5414" take|strong="H3947" some of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818" of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" sin|strong="H2403" offer-ing|strong="H3548" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414" finger|strong="H0676" and|strong="H3548" put|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" corners of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" of|strong="H4196" burnt|strong="H5930" offer-ing|strong="H3548". He|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" pour|strong="H8210" out|strong="H8210" the|strong="H0853" rest of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" base|strong="H3247" of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" al-tar|strong="H4196". <sup>26</sup> The|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3605" burn|strong="H6999" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" goat's fat|strong="H2459" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" al-tar|strong="H4196", just|strong="H3605" as|strong="H4196" he|strong="H0853" does for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3605" make the|strong="H3605" ruler pure, and|strong="H3548" God will|strong="H3605" forgive|strong="H5545" him|strong="H5921".

<sup>27</sup> "Finally, one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0834" common|strong="H0776" peo-ple|strong="H5971" might|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2398" without|strong="H3808" mean-ing to|strong="H3068". You|strong="H0834" might|strong="H3068" break one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" com-mands|strong="H4687" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" become|strong="H0816" guilty|strong="H0816" of|strong="H0776" do-ing|strong="H6213" something he|strong="H0834" said must|strong="H0518" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" done|strong="H6213". <sup>28</sup> If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" learn|strong="H3045" about|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" sin|strong="H2398", you|strong="H0834" must bring|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0176" female|strong="H5347" goat|strong="H5795" that|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" nothing wrong|strong="H2398"

with |strong="H0413" it |strong="H5921" as |strong="H0834" your |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H7133".<sup>29</sup> You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" put |strong="H3027" your |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" animal's head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H3027" kill |strong="H7819" it |strong="H5921" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H4725" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering.<sup>30</sup> Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H5414" take |strong="H3947" some |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" goat's blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" finger |strong="H0676" and |strong="H3548" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" corners of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H4196" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3548". He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" pour |strong="H8210" out |strong="H8210" the |strong="H3605" rest of |strong="H4196" its |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" base |strong="H3247" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196".<sup>31</sup> The |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" then |strong="H0853" remove |strong="H5493" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" its |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3068" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring it |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" sweet smell to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H5493" this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" make you |strong="H0834" pure, and |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" forgive |strong="H5545" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>32</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0518" lamb |strong="H3532" as |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7133", then |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0518" fe-

male |strong="H5347" lamb |strong="H3532" that |strong="H0518" has |strong="H0518" nothing |strong="H0518" wrong with |strong="H0935" it |strong="H0518".<sup>33</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" put |strong="H3027" your |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" animal's head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H3027" kill |strong="H7819" it |strong="H5921" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2403" offering in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" kill |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering.<sup>34</sup> The |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H5414" take |strong="H3947" some |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3548" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" finger |strong="H0676" and |strong="H3548" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" corners of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H4196" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3548". He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" pour |strong="H8210" out |strong="H8210" the |strong="H3605" rest of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" lamb's blood |strong="H1818" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" base |strong="H3247" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196".<sup>35</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" then |strong="H0853" remove |strong="H5493" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" lamb's fat |strong="H2459", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3068" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H2398" it |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" gift |strong="H0801" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H5493" this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" make you |strong="H0834" pure, and |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" forgive |strong="H5545" you |strong="H0834".

## Different Accidental Sins

**5** " You |strong="H3588" might be |strong="H3808" called as |strong="H5315" a |strong="H3588" witness |strong="H5707" and |strong="H6963" take |strong="H5375" an |strong="H7200" oath |strong="H0423" to |strong="H8085" tell |strong="H5046" the |strong="H3588" truth. If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200" something or |strong="H0176" knew |strong="H3045" something but |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" it |strong="H1931", you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3045" guilty |strong="H5771" of |strong="H6963" doing wrong |strong="H5771" and |strong="H6963" must |strong="H0518" bear |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3588" responsibility for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H7200" guilt |strong="H5771".

**2** " You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" touch |strong="H5060" something |strong="H1697" unclean |strong="H2931". It |strong="H1931" might |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H5038" body |strong="H5038" of |strong="H1697" any |strong="H3605" kind of |strong="H1697" animal |strong="H0929". You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" not |strong="H5315" know that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" touched |strong="H5060" these |strong="H1931" things |strong="H1697", but |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" still become |strong="H0816" unclean |strong="H2931" and |strong="H1697" must pay |strong="H5956" a |strong="H0176" fine |strong="H4480".

**3** " You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" touch |strong="H5060" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" many things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" make |strong="H3045" a |strong="H3588" person |strong="H0120" unclean |strong="H2930". You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" touch |strong="H5060" something unclean |strong="H2930", but |strong="H3588" not |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" about |strong="H4480" it |strong="H1931". When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" learn |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" touched |strong="H5060" something unclean |strong="H2930", you |strong="H0834" must pay |strong="H5956" a |strong="H3588" fine |strong="H4480".

**4** " You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" make |strong="H3045" a |strong="H3588" quick promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H7650" do |strong="H3190" something— it |strong="H1931"

makes |strong="H3190" no |strong="H4480" difference if |strong="H3588" it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" bad or |strong="H0176" good |strong="H3190". People |strong="H0120" make |strong="H3045" many kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4480" quick promises |strong="H7650". You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" make |strong="H3045" such |strong="H0428" a |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H7650" and |strong="H0120" forget it |strong="H1931". <sup>I</sup> When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" remember <sup>II</sup> your |strong="H3605" promise |strong="H7650", you |strong="H0834" must pay |strong="H5956" a |strong="H3588" fine |strong="H4480" because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3588" keep it |strong="H1931". <sup>5</sup> If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" guilty |strong="H0816" of |strong="H5921" any |strong="H0259" of |strong="H5921" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428", you |strong="H0834" must confess |strong="H3034" whatever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H0816". <sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2398" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0176" female |strong="H5347" lamb |strong="H3776" or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H0176" female |strong="H5347" goat |strong="H5795" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0176" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H0817". The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H0935" this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" make you |strong="H0834" pure from |strong="H4480" your |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398".

<sup>7</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" afford |strong="H3027" a |strong="H0176" lamb |strong="H7716", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" two |strong="H8147" doves |strong="H3123" or |strong="H0176" two |strong="H8147" young |strong="H1121" pigeons |strong="H3123" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". These |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817"

<sup>I</sup> FORGET IT Literally, "it is hid from him." <sup>II</sup> REMEMBER Literally, "know of."

for |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398". One |strong="H0259" bird must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3808" for |strong="H3027" a |strong="H0176" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H0817", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3808" for |strong="H3027" a |strong="H0176" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H0817".<sup>8</sup> Take |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548". First |strong="H7223", the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" offer |strong="H7126" one |strong="H3808" bird for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7126". The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" pull the |strong="H0853" bird's head |strong="H7218" from |strong="H0935" its |strong="H0853" neck |strong="H6203" but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" pull it |strong="H7126" off |strong="H4454" completely.<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H5921" priest will |strong="H1931" sprinkle the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2403" offering on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" side |strong="H7023" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196". Then |strong="H0413" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1931" pour out |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" rest |strong="H7604" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" base |strong="H3247" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2403" offering.<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" offer |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" second |strong="H8145" bird |strong="H6213" according |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" rules for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0834" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3548". The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" pure from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2398" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213", and |strong="H4941" God will |strong="H0834" forgive |strong="H5545" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>11</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" afford |strong="H3027"

two |strong="H8147" doves |strong="H3123" or |strong="H0176" two |strong="H8147" pigeons |strong="H3123", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" 8 cups<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H1121" fine |strong="H5560" flour |strong="H5560" as |strong="H0834" your |strong="H5414" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H7133". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" put |strong="H5414" oil |strong="H8081" or |strong="H0176" frankincense |strong="H3828" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" flour |strong="H5560" because |strong="H3588" it |strong="H7760" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H7133".<sup>12</sup> You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" flour to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548". The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" handful |strong="H7062" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" flour as |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" memorial |strong="H0234" offering |strong="H0801" and |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" it |strong="H1931" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" gift |strong="H0801" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0935" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H0801".<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H1961" do this |strong="H0428" to |strong="H1961" make you |strong="H0834" pure, and |strong="H3548" God will |strong="H1961" forgive |strong="H5545" you |strong="H0834". The |strong="H0834" part |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" left |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" regular grain offering |strong="H4503".

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068" command |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1696";<sup>15</sup> " You |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" something to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398" against |strong="H4480"

<sup>1</sup> 8 cups Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l).

me |strong="H5315" without |strong="H8549" meaning to |strong="H0935" by |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3588" giving what |strong="H6187" you |strong="H3588" promised |strong="H3068". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3588", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" ram |strong="H0352" that |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3068" nothing wrong |strong="H0817" with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H3588" ( or |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H4480" amount in |strong="H0935" silver |strong="H3701" using the |strong="H0853" official measure) as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817". <sup>16</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" give |strong="H5414" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3548" add |strong="H3254" one-fifth |strong="H2549" of |strong="H4480" that |strong="H0834" amount as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" fine |strong="H4480". Give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3548" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" use the |strong="H0853" ram |strong="H0352" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" pure, and |strong="H3548" God |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0834" forgive |strong="H5545" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>17</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2398" and |strong="H3068" break any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said must |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" done |strong="H6213", you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" guilty |strong="H0816". Even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" about |strong="H3045" it |strong="H0518", you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still responsible |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398". <sup>18</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" ram |strong="H0352" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" nothing |strong="H3808" wrong |strong="H0817" with |strong="H0413" it |strong="H1931" ( or |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0834" same |strong="H1931" amount in |strong="H5921" silver) to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548". The |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548"

will |strong="H0834" offer the |strong="H0834" ram |strong="H0352", and |strong="H0935" God |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0834" forgive |strong="H5545" you |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H0817" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" without |strong="H3808" knowing |strong="H3045" it |strong="H1931". <sup>19</sup> You are |strong="H3068" guilty |strong="H0816", and |strong="H3068" you must pay the |strong="H3068" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"."

#### Guilt Offerings for Other Sins

**6** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872" these |strong="H1696" rules for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1696". <sup>2</sup> " You |strong="H6680" are |strong="H1121" guilty of |strong="H1121" sin against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD when |strong="H5704" you |strong="H6680" do |strong="H6680" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3605": when |strong="H5704" you |strong="H6680" lie about |strong="H5921" what |strong="H5921" happened to |strong="H0559" something you |strong="H6680" were |strong="H1121" taking care |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" for |strong="H5921" someone else |strong="H3605"; when |strong="H5704" you |strong="H6680" lie about |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" deposit <sup>I</sup> you |strong="H6680" received |strong="H5921"; when |strong="H5704" you |strong="H6680" steal something; when |strong="H5704" you |strong="H6680" cheat someone; <sup>3</sup> when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" find something that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" lost and |strong="H0398" lie about |strong="H5921" having it |strong="H7760"; when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" fail to |strong="H5921" keep a |strong="H7760" promise; or |strong="H0398" when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do any |strong="H0398" other bad things |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" these |strong="H0834". <sup>4</sup> If you |strong="H0853" do |strong="H3318" any |strong="H0312" of |strong="H4264" these things, you |strong="H0853" are |strong="H1880" guilty of |strong="H4264" doing |strong="H3318" wrong. You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" give back |strong="H3318" whatever you |strong="H0853" stole or whatever you |strong="H0853" took |strong="H3318" by |strong="H0413" cheating. You |strong="H0853"

<sup>I</sup> DEPOSIT Literally, "pledge" or "security." This is something like a down payment given as proof that something more important will be done.

must **H0853** return whatever you **H0853** took **H3318** that **H4725** another **H0312** person **H0413** asked **H0413** you **H0853** to **H0413** hold, or whatever you **H0853** found and **H3318** lied about **H0413** having, <sup>5</sup> or **H3808** whatever you **H5921** made **H6086** a **H5921** false promise about **H5921**. You **H5921** must **H3808** pay the **H5921** full price and **H3548** then **H3548** add one-fifth of **H4196** that **H2459** amount as **H4196** a **H5921** fine and **H3548** give it **H5921** all to **H5921** the **H5921** true owner. <sup>6</sup> You **H5921** must **H3808** also **H0784** bring a **H5921** ram to **H5921** the **H5921** LORD that **H0784** has **H0784** nothing **H3808** wrong with **H5921** it **H5921** ( or **H3808** the **H5921** same amount in **H5921** silver) to **H5921** the **H5921** priest. <sup>7</sup> Then **H0853** the **H0853** priest will **H3068** go **H7126** to **H0413** the **H0853** LORD **H3068** to **H0413** make you **H6440** pure, and **H1121** God **H3068** will **H3068** forgive you **H6440** for **H0413** whichever of **H1121** these **H2063** things you **H6440** did that **H3068** made **H7126** you **H6440** guilty."

#### Burnt Offerings **H4503**

<sup>8</sup> The **H3605** LORD **H3068** said to **H5921** Moses, <sup>9</sup> " Give **H0398** this **H0398** command to **H1121** Aaron **H0175** and **H1121** his **H4480** sons **H1121**": This **H0398** is **H1121** the **H4480** law of **H1121** the **H4480** burnt offering **H4480**. The **H4480** burnt offering **H4480** must **H1121** stay on **H4725** the **H4480** hearth <sup>1</sup> of **H1121** the **H4480** altar all **H0398** night until morning. The **H4480** altar's fire **H0398** must **H1121** be **H1121** kept **H0398** burning. <sup>10</sup> The **H0853** priest must **H0853** change clothes and **H0853** put **H5414** on **H3808** the **H0853** special linen underwear

<sup>1</sup> **HEARTH** The place on an altar or in a fireplace where a fire is burned.

and **H0853** linen robe. Then **H0853** he **H1931** must **H0853** gather up **H5414** the **H0853** ashes from **H3808** the **H0853** fire **H0801** and **H0853** burnt offerings **H0801** and **H0853** set **H5414** them **H5414** down **H5414** by **H0801** the **H0853** altar. <sup>11</sup> Then **H3068** he **H0834** must **H1121** take off **H0398** the **H3605** special clothes and **H1121** put on **H3068** the **H3605** other **H3605** clothes and **H1121** carry the **H3605** ashes outside the **H3605** camp to **H3068** a **H0834** special place **H3605** that **H0834** is **H0834** pure. <sup>12</sup> The **H0559** fire that **H3068** was **H3068** started on **H0413** the **H0559** altar must never be **H3068** allowed **H3068** to **H0413** stop burning. Every morning the **H0559** priests must put wood on **H0413** the **H0559** altar. They **H3068** must arrange the **H0559** burnt offerings **H3068** on **H0413** the **H0559** wood, and **H3068** they **H3068** must burn the **H0559** fat of **H3068** the **H0559** fellowship offerings **H3068** on **H0413** it **H1696**. <sup>13</sup> That **H0834** fire must **H0853** always **H8548** be **H1121** kept burning on **H3117** the **H0853** altar. It **H7126** must **H0853** never be **H1121** allowed **H3068** to **H3068** stop burning.

#### Grain **H8548** Offerings **H4503**

<sup>14</sup> " This **H3068** is **H3068** the **H5921** law for **H5921** the **H5921** grain offering **H4503**": The **H5921** sons of **H3068** Aaron will **H3068** bring **H0935** it **H5921** to **H0935** the **H5921** front of **H3068** the **H5921** altar as **H0935** an **H7126** offering **H4503** to **H0935** the **H5921** LORD **H3068**. <sup>15</sup> There **H5769** must **H0853** be **H1121** some oil and **H1121** frankincense on **H3068** the **H0853** grain **H6999** offering **H6999**. The **H0853** priest **H3548** will **H3068** take a **H3068** handful of **H1121** fine



flour from the grain offering and it shall be on the altar as a sweet-smelling memorial offering to the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> "Aaron and his sons will use the rest of grain to make bread without yeast. This must be eaten in a holy place—in the courtyard around the Meeting Tent. I have given this part of the grain offering as the priests' share of the gifts offered to me.

Like the sin offering and the guilt offering, it is most holy. It must not be baked with yeast.

Any male descendant of Aaron may eat from these gifts to the LORD. This is their share forever throughout your generations. Whatever touches these offerings will be made holy.

#### The Priests' Grain Offering

<sup>19</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>20</sup> "This offering shall be the offering that Aaron and his sons must bring to the LORD when Aaron is anointed to

I **WHATEVER ... HOLY** Or "Whoever touches these offerings will become holy." This might mean that anyone but the priests must die for touching the sacred food.

be the high priest. They must bring 8 cups of fine flour for a grain offering. This will be offered at the times of the daily offering—half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening. The fine flour must be mixed with oil and baked on a pan. After it is cooked, you must bring it in pieces, and offer it as a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> "In the future, when Aaron's descendants take their place as anointed priests, they will continue to make this grain offering to the Lord. This rule will continue forever. The grain offering must be completely burned for the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Every grain offering that a priest gives must be completely burned. It must not be eaten."

#### The Law of the Sin Offering

<sup>24</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>25</sup> "Tell Aaron and his sons: This is the law of the sin offering. The sin offering must be killed in the place where the burnt offering is killed before the LORD. It is most holy. <sup>26</sup> The

II **8 CUPS** Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l). III **ANointed PRIESTS** Special oil was poured on the priest's head to show that God chose him to serve. Here, this refers to the high priest.

priest who offers the sin offering must eat it. But he must eat it in a holy place, in the courtyard around the Meeting Tent. <sup>27</sup> Touching the meat of the sin offering makes a person or a thing holy.

<sup>28</sup> If any of the sprinkled blood falls on a person's clothes, you must wash the clothes in a holy place. If the sin offering was boiled in a clay pot, the pot must be broken. If the sin offering was boiled in a bronze pot, the pot must be washed and rinsed in water.

<sup>29</sup> Any male in a priest's family may eat the sin offering. It is very holy. <sup>30</sup> But if the blood of the sin offering was taken into the Meeting Tent and used in the Holy Place to make people pure, that sin offering must not be eaten. It must be completely burned in the fire.

### Guilt Offerings

<sup>7</sup> "These <sup>1</sup> the <sup>2</sup> rules for <sup>3</sup> the <sup>4</sup> guilt <sup>5</sup> offering <sup>6</sup>, which <sup>7</sup> is <sup>8</sup> very holy <sup>9</sup>: <sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup> A <sup>12</sup> priest <sup>13</sup> must <sup>14</sup> kill <sup>15</sup> the <sup>16</sup> guilt <sup>17</sup> offering <sup>18</sup> in <sup>19</sup> the <sup>20</sup> same <sup>21</sup> place <sup>22</sup> where <sup>23</sup> they <sup>24</sup> kill <sup>25</sup> the <sup>26</sup> burnt <sup>27</sup> offerings <sup>28</sup>. Then <sup>29</sup> he <sup>30</sup> must <sup>31</sup> sprinkle <sup>32</sup> the <sup>33</sup> blood <sup>34</sup> from <sup>35</sup> the <sup>36</sup> guilt <sup>37</sup> offering <sup>38</sup> around <sup>39</sup> the <sup>40</sup> altar <sup>41</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> "The <sup>1</sup> priest <sup>2</sup> must <sup>3</sup> offer <sup>4</sup> the <sup>5</sup> fat <sup>6</sup> from <sup>7</sup> the <sup>8</sup> guilt <sup>9</sup> offering <sup>10</sup>. He <sup>11</sup> must <sup>12</sup> offer <sup>13</sup> the <sup>14</sup> fat <sup>15</sup> tail <sup>16</sup> and <sup>17</sup> the <sup>18</sup> fat <sup>19</sup> that <sup>20</sup> covers <sup>21</sup> the <sup>22</sup> inner <sup>23</sup> parts. <sup>4</sup> He <sup>5</sup> must <sup>6</sup> offer <sup>7</sup> the <sup>8</sup> two <sup>9</sup> kidneys <sup>10</sup> and <sup>11</sup> the <sup>12</sup> fat <sup>13</sup> covering <sup>14</sup> them <sup>15</sup> at <sup>16</sup> the <sup>17</sup> lower <sup>18</sup> back <sup>19</sup> muscle. He <sup>20</sup> must <sup>21</sup> also <sup>22</sup> offer <sup>23</sup> the <sup>24</sup> fat <sup>25</sup> part <sup>26</sup> of <sup>27</sup> the <sup>28</sup> liv-

<sup>er</sup> <sup>1</sup> must <sup>2</sup> remove <sup>3</sup> it <sup>4</sup> with <sup>5</sup> the <sup>6</sup> kidneys <sup>7</sup>. <sup>5</sup> He <sup>8</sup> must <sup>9</sup> bring <sup>10</sup> these <sup>11</sup> things <sup>12</sup> to <sup>13</sup> the <sup>14</sup> altar <sup>15</sup> as <sup>16</sup> a <sup>17</sup> gift <sup>18</sup> to <sup>19</sup> the <sup>20</sup> LORD <sup>21</sup>. It <sup>22</sup> is <sup>23</sup> a <sup>24</sup> guilt <sup>25</sup> offering <sup>26</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> "Any <sup>1</sup> male <sup>2</sup> in <sup>3</sup> the <sup>4</sup> priest's <sup>5</sup> family <sup>6</sup> may <sup>7</sup> eat <sup>8</sup> the <sup>9</sup> guilt <sup>10</sup> offering <sup>11</sup>. It <sup>12</sup> is <sup>13</sup> very <sup>14</sup> holy <sup>15</sup>, so <sup>16</sup> it <sup>17</sup> must <sup>18</sup> be <sup>19</sup> eaten <sup>20</sup> in <sup>21</sup> the <sup>22</sup> holy <sup>23</sup> place <sup>24</sup>. <sup>7</sup> The <sup>1</sup> guilt <sup>2</sup> offering <sup>3</sup> is <sup>4</sup> like <sup>5</sup> the <sup>6</sup> sin <sup>7</sup> offering <sup>8</sup>. The <sup>9</sup> same <sup>10</sup> rules <sup>11</sup> are <sup>12</sup> for <sup>13</sup> both <sup>14</sup> offerings <sup>15</sup>. The <sup>16</sup> priest <sup>17</sup> who <sup>18</sup> does <sup>19</sup> the <sup>20</sup> sacrificing <sup>21</sup> will <sup>22</sup> get <sup>23</sup> the <sup>24</sup> meat <sup>25</sup> for <sup>26</sup> food. <sup>8</sup> He <sup>1</sup> will <sup>2</sup> also <sup>3</sup> get <sup>4</sup> the <sup>5</sup> skin <sup>6</sup> from <sup>7</sup> the <sup>8</sup> burnt <sup>9</sup> offering <sup>10</sup>. <sup>9</sup> Every <sup>1</sup> grain <sup>2</sup> offering <sup>3</sup> to <sup>4</sup> the <sup>5</sup> priest <sup>6</sup> who <sup>7</sup> offers <sup>8</sup> it <sup>9</sup>. That <sup>10</sup> will <sup>11</sup> get <sup>12</sup> the <sup>13</sup> grain <sup>14</sup> offerings <sup>15</sup> that <sup>16</sup> were <sup>17</sup> baked <sup>18</sup> in <sup>19</sup> an <sup>20</sup> oven <sup>21</sup>, or <sup>22</sup> cooked <sup>23</sup> on <sup>24</sup> a <sup>25</sup> frying <sup>26</sup> pan <sup>27</sup>, or <sup>28</sup> in <sup>29</sup> a <sup>30</sup> baking <sup>31</sup> dish. <sup>10</sup> The <sup>1</sup> grain <sup>2</sup> offerings <sup>3</sup> will <sup>4</sup> be <sup>5</sup> long <sup>6</sup> to <sup>7</sup> Aaron's <sup>8</sup> sons <sup>9</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> SKIN This was used for making leather.

It *doesn't* make any difference if the grain are mixed oil sons Aaron all *share* this food.

#### Fellowship Offerings

11 " This *is* the law of sacrifice of fellowship offerings that you bring to the LORD: 12 People can bring fellowship offerings to show their thanks to God. If you bring your sacrifice to give thanks, you should also bring unleavened mixed oil, wafers with poured them, and loaves of fine mixed oil. 13 You must also bring loaves of bread made with yeast with your fellowship offering. 14 Offer one of these different kinds of bread as gift to the LORD. Then will it belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the fellowship offering. 15 The meat of

fellowship offering must be eaten on the same day it is offered as a way of showing thanks to God. None of the meat should remain until the next morning.

16 " If you bring fellowship offering simply because you want to give a gift to God or because it is part of a special promise you made to him, the sacrifice should be eaten the same day you offer it. But if there is any left, it must be eaten the next day. 17 If any meat from this sacrifice is still left over the third day, it must be burned in fire. 18 If anyone eats the meat from the fellowship offering on the third day, the Lord will not accept it as sacrifice. It will have

no |strong="H3808" value |strong="H2803" for |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" person |strong="H5315", and |strong="H0398" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Lord it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" rotten meat |strong="H1320"! Whoever eats |strong="H0398" it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" responsible for |strong="H3117" their |strong="H5375" sin |strong="H5771".

<sup>19</sup> " People |strong="H1320" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" meat |strong="H1320" that |strong="H0834" touches |strong="H5060" anything |strong="H3605" unclean |strong="H2931". They |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" burn |strong="H8313" this |strong="H0834" meat |strong="H1320" in |strong="H1320" the |strong="H3605" fire |strong="H0784". Whoever |strong="H3605" is |strong="H0834" clean |strong="H2889" may |strong="H2889" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H0784" the |strong="H3605" fellowship offering. <sup>20</sup> But |strong="H0834" anyone |strong="H5315" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" unclean |strong="H2932" and |strong="H3068" eats |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0834" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" offered to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" must be |strong="H3068" separated from |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>21</sup> " If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" touch |strong="H5060" something that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" unclean |strong="H2931", it |strong="H1931" doesn't matter if |strong="H3588" it |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3772" unclean |strong="H2931" by |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" person |strong="H5315", an |strong="H3588" animal |strong="H0929", or |strong="H0176" some |strong="H3605" disgusting thing |strong="H3588", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" become unclean |strong="H2931". And |strong="H3068" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H3772" the |strong="H3605" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" given to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0834" must be |strong="H3068" sepa-

rated from |strong="H3772" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971"."

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>23</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478": You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" from |strong="H3478" your |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H7794", sheep |strong="H3775", or |strong="H3808" goats |strong="H5795". <sup>24</sup> You |strong="H3605" may |strong="H6213" use |strong="H4399" the |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" from |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H2966" that |strong="H3605" has |strong="H6213" died |strong="H5038" by |strong="H3605" itself |strong="H6213" or |strong="H3808" was |strong="H3605" torn |strong="H2966" by |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" animals, but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" it |strong="H0398". <sup>25</sup> Whoever |strong="H3605" eats |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" from |strong="H4480" an |strong="H7126" animal |strong="H0929" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" offered |strong="H7126" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H0801" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" must be |strong="H3068" separated from |strong="H4480" their |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>26</sup> " No |strong="H3808" matter where |strong="H4186" you |strong="H3605" live |strong="H4186", you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H0929" any |strong="H3605" bird |strong="H5775" or |strong="H3808" any |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H0929". <sup>27</sup> Anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" eats |strong="H0398" blood |strong="H1818" must |strong="H1818" be |strong="H5315" separated from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"."

#### Rules for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Offerings Presented to |strong="H5315" God

<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>29</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478": If |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" fellowship offering |strong="H7133" to |strong="H0413"

the LORD, you must present that gift to the LORD. <sup>30</sup> You must bring the fat and the breast of the animal to the priest. Then he will lift up the breast in front of the LORD to show it was presented to God. <sup>31</sup> The priest will burn the fat on the altar, but the breast of the animal will belong to Aaron and his sons. <sup>32</sup> You must also give the right thigh from the fellowship offering as a gift to the priest. <sup>33</sup> That part of the fellowship offering will belong to the priest who carries the blood and fat to the altar. <sup>34</sup> I will accept the breast that was lifted up and the gift of the right thigh from the Israelites. Then I will

I THE PRIEST Literally, "him of the sons of Aaron."

give these things to Aaron and his sons. This is their share from the fellowship offerings of the Israelites forever.

<sup>35</sup> Those parts from the gifts offered to the LORD were given to Aaron and his sons. Whenever Aaron and his sons serve as the LORD'S priests, they get that share of the sacrifices. <sup>36</sup> The LORD commanded the Israelites to give those parts to the priests once they have been anointed. That will be their share from the Israelites forever.

<sup>37</sup> These are the laws about burnt offerings, sin offerings, guilt offerings, fellowship offerings, and offerings for when the priests are appointed. <sup>38</sup> The LORD gave these laws to Moses on Mount Sinai when he commanded the Israelites to bring their offerings to the LORD in

the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057"  
of|strong="H1121" Sinai|strong="H5514".

### Moses Appoints the Priests

8 The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", 2 " Take|strong="H3947" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3947" sons|strong="H1121" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" clothes|strong="H0899", the|strong="H0853" anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081", the|strong="H0853" bull|strong="H6499" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" sin|strong="H2403" offering, the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" rams|strong="H0352", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" basket|strong="H5536" of|strong="H1121" unleavened|strong="H4682" bread|strong="H4682". 3 Then|strong="H0853" gather|strong="H6950" the|strong="H3605" people together|strong="H6950" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".

4 Moses|strong="H4872" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" him|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" met together|strong="H6950" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". 5 Then|strong="H2088" Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" must be|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213".

6 Moses|strong="H4872" brought|strong="H7126" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H7126" sons|strong="H1121" forward|strong="H7126" and|strong="H1121" washed|strong="H7364" them|strong="H0853" with|strong="H7364" water|strong="H4325". 7 Moses|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" woven|strong="H2805" shirt on|strong="H5921" Aaron and|strong="H0853" tied|strong="H0640" the|strong="H0853" cloth belt around|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5414". Then|strong="H0853" Moses|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" robe|strong="H4598" and|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" ephod|strong="H0646" on|strong="H5921" Aaron and|strong="H0853"

tied|strong="H0640" the|strong="H0853" beautiful cloth belt around|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5414". 8 Moses|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" judgment pouch on|strong="H5921" Aaron and|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Urim|strong="H0224" and|strong="H0853" Thummim|strong="H8550" inside its|strong="H5414" pocket. 9 He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H3068" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" turban|strong="H4701" on|strong="H5921" Aaron's head|strong="H7218". He|strong="H0834" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" strip of|strong="H3068" gold|strong="H2091" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" turban|strong="H4701". This|strong="H0834" strip of|strong="H3068" gold|strong="H2091" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6944" crown|strong="H5145". Moses|strong="H4872" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680".

10 Then|strong="H3947" Moses|strong="H4872" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081" and|strong="H4872" sprinkled it|strong="H6942" on|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6942" Tent and|strong="H4872" on|strong="H3605" everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3947" it|strong="H6942". In|strong="H3947" this|strong="H0834" way|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6942" them|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6942". 11 He|strong="H4480" sprinkled some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" anointing|strong="H4886" oil|strong="H4886" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" seven|strong="H7651" times|strong="H6471". He|strong="H4480" sprinkled the|strong="H3605" oil|strong="H4886" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196", on|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" its|strong="H3605" tools and|strong="H4196" dishes, and|strong="H4196" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" bowl and|strong="H4196" its|strong="H3605" base|strong="H3653". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H6471" way|strong="H3605" he|strong="H4480" made|strong="H6942" them|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6942". 12 He|strong="H0853" poured|strong="H3332" some of|strong="H7218" the|strong="H0853" anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081" on|strong="H5921" Aaron's|strong="H0175" head|strong="H7218"

to |strong="H5921" make him |strong="H5921" holy |strong="H6942". <sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H4872" brought |strong="H7126" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121" forward |strong="H7126". He |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3847" their |strong="H3068" woven shirts on |strong="H3847" them |strong="H0853", tied belts around them |strong="H0853", and |strong="H1121" put |strong="H3847" cloth caps |strong="H4021" on |strong="H3847" their |strong="H3068" heads. He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" everything |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680".

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses brought |strong="H5066" out |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering. Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" put |strong="H5066" their |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" bull's head |strong="H7218". <sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H3947" Moses |strong="H4872" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" bull and |strong="H4872" collected |strong="H3947" its |strong="H5414" blood |strong="H1818". He |strong="H5414" used |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" finger |strong="H0676" to |strong="H0413" put |strong="H5414" some of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" all |strong="H5439" the |strong="H0853" corners of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". In |strong="H5921" this way |strong="H5921" he |strong="H5414" made |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" ready for |strong="H5921" sacrifices. Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H5414" poured |strong="H3332" out |strong="H3332" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" base |strong="H3247" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" ready for |strong="H5921" sacrifices to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1818" pure. <sup>16</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" took |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" inner |strong="H7130" parts |strong="H3629" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" bull. He |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" part |strong="H5921"

of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" liver |strong="H3516" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" two |strong="H8147" kidneys |strong="H3629" and |strong="H4872" the |strong="H3605" fat |strong="H2459" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853". Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0834" burned |strong="H6999" them |strong="H0853" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196". <sup>17</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" bull's skin |strong="H5785", its |strong="H0853" meat |strong="H1320", and |strong="H3068" its |strong="H0853" body |strong="H1320" waste outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264". He |strong="H0834" burned |strong="H8313" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0834" fire |strong="H0784" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" everything |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" him |strong="H0853".

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H7126" brought |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" ram |strong="H0352" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H7126". Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" put |strong="H3027" their |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ram's head |strong="H7218". <sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H4872" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" ram. He |strong="H0853" sprinkled |strong="H2236" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" around |strong="H5439" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". <sup>20</sup> He cut the ram into pieces. He washed the inner parts and legs with water. Then he burned the whole ram on the altar. He burned the head, the pieces, and the fat as a burnt offering. It was a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD. Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded.

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H7126" brought |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H8145" ram |strong="H0352". This ram |strong="H0352" was |strong="H1121" used for |strong="H5921" appointing Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H5921" become priests. Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" put |strong="H3027" their |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921"

the **"H0853"** ram's head **"H7218"**.<sup>23</sup> Then **"H3947"** Moses **"H4872"** killed **"H7819"** the **"H5921"** ram. He **"H5414"** put **"H5414"** some **"H3027"** of **"H3027"** its **"H5414"** blood **"H1818"** on **"H5921"** the **"H5921"** tip of **"H3027"** Aaron's **"H0175"** ear **"H0241"**, on **"H5921"** the **"H5921"** thumb **"H0931"** of **"H3027"** his **"H5414"** right **"H3233"** hand **"H3027"**, and **"H4872"** on **"H5921"** the **"H5921"** big **"H0931"** toe **"H0931"** of **"H3027"** his **"H5414"** right **"H3233"** foot **"H7272"**.<sup>24</sup> Then **"H0853"** Moses **"H4872"** brought **"H7126"** Aaron's **"H0175"** sons **"H1121"** close **"H7126"** to **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** altar **"H4196"**. He **"H4480"** put **"H5414"** some **"H4480"** of **"H1121"** the **"H0853"** blood **"H1818"** on **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** tip of **"H1121"** their **"H5414"** right **"H3233"** ears **"H0241"**, on **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** thumb **"H0931"** of **"H1121"** their **"H5414"** right **"H3233"** hands **"H3027"**, and **"H1121"** on **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** big **"H0931"** toe **"H0931"** of **"H1121"** their **"H5414"** right **"H3233"** feet **"H7272"**. Then **"H0853"** he **"H4480"** sprinkled **"H2236"** the **"H0853"** blood **"H1818"** around **"H5439"** on **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** altar **"H4196"**.<sup>25</sup> He **"H0834"** took **"H3947"** the **"H3605"** fat **"H2459"**, the **"H3605"** fat **"H2459"** tail **"H0451"**, all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** fat **"H2459"** on **"H5921"** the **"H3605"** inner **"H7130"** parts **"H3629"**, the **"H3605"** fat **"H2459"** covering of **"H5921"** the **"H3605"** liver **"H3516"**, the **"H3605"** two **"H8147"** kidneys **"H3629"** and **"H0853"** their **"H3605"** fat **"H2459"**, and **"H0853"** the **"H3605"** right **"H3225"** thigh **"H7785"**.<sup>26</sup> A **"H3947"** basket **"H5536"** of **"H3068"** unleavened **"H4682"** bread **"H3899"** is **"H0834"** put **"H7760"** before **"H6440"**

the **"H6440"** LORD **"H3068"** each **"H0259"** day. Moses took **"H3947"** one **"H0259"** of **"H3068"** those **"H0834"** loaves **"H3899"** of **"H3068"** bread **"H3899"**, one **"H0259"** loaf **"H2471"** of **"H3068"** bread **"H3899"** mixed with **"H3068"** oil **"H8081"**, and **"H3068"** one **"H0259"** unleavened **"H4682"** wafer **"H7550"**. He **"H0834"** put **"H7760"** these **"H0834"** pieces of **"H3068"** bread **"H3899"** on **"H5921"** the **"H6440"** fat **"H2459"** and **"H3068"** on **"H5921"** the **"H6440"** right **"H3225"** thigh **"H7785"** of **"H3068"** the **"H6440"** ram.<sup>27</sup> Then **"H0853"** he **"H3068"** put **"H5414"** all **"H3605"** of **"H1121"** it **"H5414"** in **"H5921"** the **"H3605"** hands **"H3709"** of **"H1121"** Aaron **"H0175"** and **"H1121"** his **"H3605"** sons **"H1121"**. Moses **"H5414"** lifted **"H5130"** these **"H3605"** pieces to **"H5921"** show **"H5414"** he **"H3068"** was **"H3068"** offering **"H8573"** them **"H5414"** before **"H6440"** the **"H3605"** LORD **"H3068"**.<sup>28</sup> Then **"H3947"** Moses **"H4872"** took **"H3947"** these **"H1992"** things **"H1992"** from **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** hands **"H3709"** of **"H3068"** Aaron and **"H3068"** his **"H5921"** sons and **"H3068"** burned **"H6999"** them **"H1992"** on **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** altar **"H4196"** on **"H5921"** top **"H5921"** of **"H3068"** the **"H0853"** burnt **"H5930"** offering **"H0801"**. So **"H3947"** this **"H1931"** was **"H3068"** the **"H0853"** offering **"H0801"** for **"H5921"** appointing Aaron and **"H3068"** his **"H5921"** sons as **"H3068"** priests. It **"H1931"** was **"H3068"** a **"H3947"** sweet-smelling gift **"H0801"** to **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** LORD **"H3068"**.<sup>29</sup> Moses **"H4872"** took **"H3947"** the **"H0853"** breast **"H2373"** and **"H3068"** lifted **"H5130"** it **"H1961"** to **"H1961"** show **"H1961"** he **"H0834"** had **"H3068"** presented **"H5130"** it **"H1961"** to **"H1961"**



the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". It |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" Moses' |strong="H4872" share |strong="H4490" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" ram |strong="H0352" for |strong="H3068" appointing the |strong="H0853" priests. This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" him |strong="H0853".

<sup>30</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" took |strong="H3947" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" anointing |strong="H4888" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H1121" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". He |strong="H0834" sprinkled some |strong="H4480" on |strong="H5921" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" on |strong="H5921" Aaron's |strong="H0175" clothes |strong="H0899". He |strong="H0834" sprinkled some |strong="H4480" on |strong="H5921" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3947" clothes |strong="H0899". In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H5921" Moses |strong="H4872" made |strong="H6942" Aaron |strong="H0175", his |strong="H5921" clothes |strong="H0899", his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons' |strong="H1121" clothes |strong="H0899" holy |strong="H6942".

<sup>31</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0834" sons |strong="H1121", " I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834", ' Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0834" sons |strong="H1121" must |strong="H0853" eat |strong="H0398" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834". So |strong="H0834" take the |strong="H0853" basket |strong="H5536" of |strong="H1121" bread |strong="H3899" and |strong="H1121" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" ceremony for |strong="H0413" appointing the |strong="H0853" priests. Boil |strong="H1310" that |strong="H0834" meat |strong="H1320" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853"

meat |strong="H1320" and |strong="H1121" bread |strong="H3899" at |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4150". Do |strong="H6680" this |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834". <sup>32</sup> If any |strong="H3498" of |strong="H3899" the |strong="H8313" meat |strong="H1320" or |strong="H3899" bread |strong="H3899" is |strong="H1320" left |strong="H3498", burn |strong="H8313" it |strong="H0784". <sup>33</sup> The |strong="H0853" ceremony for |strong="H3588" appointing the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3027" last for |strong="H3588" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" until |strong="H5704" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3027" finished |strong="H4390". <sup>34</sup> Everything |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" today |strong="H3117" was |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" us |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H6213" in |strong="H5921" order |strong="H6680" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" pure. <sup>35</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H4191" stay |strong="H3427" at |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" day |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915" for |strong="H3588" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H6680", you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191"! The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H6680" me |strong="H4191" these |strong="H4191" commands |strong="H6680".

<sup>36</sup> So |strong="H6213" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" did |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".

### God Accepts the Priests

9 On the eighth day, Moses called for Aaron and his sons the elders of Israel. He said to Aaron, "Take a bull and a ram. There must be nothing wrong with them. The bull will sin offering, and the ram will be burnt offering. Offer these animals to the LORD." Tell the Israelites, "Take a male goat and a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb for burnt offering. The calf and the lamb each must be one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. Take a bull and a ram for fellowship offerings. Take these animals and a grain offering with oil for an offering to the LORD. Do this because

the LORD will appear to you today."

5 So all the people came to the Tent Meeting. They all brought the things that Moses had commanded. All the people stood before the LORD. Moses said, "You must do what the LORD commanded. Then the Glory of the LORD will appear to you."

7 Then Moses told Aaron, "Go do what the LORD commanded. Go to the altar and offer sin offerings and burnt offerings. Do what will make you and the people pure. Take the people's sacrifices and make them pure."

8 So Aaron went to the altar. He killed the bull for the sin offering. This sin was for himself. Then the sons of Aaron brought the blood to

Aaron |strong="H0175". Aaron |strong="H0175" put |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" finger |strong="H0676" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" and |strong="H1121" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" corners of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H5414" poured |strong="H3332" out |strong="H3332" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" base |strong="H3247" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196".<sup>10</sup> He |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459", the |strong="H0853" kidneys |strong="H3629", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" part |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" liver |strong="H3516" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H6999". He |strong="H0834" burned |strong="H6999" them |strong="H0853" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Aaron burned |strong="H8313" the |strong="H0853" meat |strong="H1320" and |strong="H0784" skin |strong="H5785" on |strong="H5785" a |strong="H1320" fire |strong="H0784" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264".

<sup>12</sup> Next |strong="H5921", Aaron |strong="H0175" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" animal for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering. His |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" brought the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0853" sprinkled |strong="H2236" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" around |strong="H5439" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196".<sup>13</sup> Aaron's sons gave the |strong="H0853" pieces |strong="H5409" and |strong="H7218" head |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H6999" to |strong="H0413" Aaron, and |strong="H7218" he |strong="H0853" burned |strong="H6999" them |strong="H0413" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196".<sup>14</sup> He |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" washed |strong="H7364" the |strong="H0853" inner |strong="H7130" parts and |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853"

legs |strong="H3767" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H6999" and |strong="H4196" burned |strong="H6999" them |strong="H0853" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196".

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H3947" Aaron brought |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" people's |strong="H5971" offering |strong="H7133". He |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" goat |strong="H8163" of |strong="H7223" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H7133" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" for |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H0834" offered |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" goat |strong="H8163" for |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2398", like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" earlier |strong="H7223" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H7133".<sup>16</sup> He |strong="H6213" brought |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H7126" and |strong="H4941" offered |strong="H7126" it |strong="H7126", just |strong="H4941" as |strong="H4941" the |strong="H0853" Lord had |strong="H0853" commanded.<sup>17</sup> He |strong="H4480" brought |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" grain |strong="H6999" offering |strong="H4503" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". He |strong="H4480" took |strong="H0853" a |strong="H4480" handful of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" grain |strong="H6999" and |strong="H4196" put it |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" beside |strong="H5921" that |strong="H4480" morning's |strong="H1242" daily sacrifice |strong="H4503".<sup>18</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" also |strong="H0853" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H7794" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" ram |strong="H0352" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971". His |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" brought the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" sprinkled |strong="H2236" this |strong="H0834" blood |strong="H1818" around |strong="H5439" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196".<sup>19</sup> Aaron's sons also |strong="H0853" brought him |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853"

bull |strong="H7794" and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" ram |strong="H0352". They brought the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" tail |strong="H0451", the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" covering |strong="H4374" the |strong="H0853" inner parts |strong="H3629", the |strong="H0853" kidneys |strong="H3629", and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" part |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" liver |strong="H3516". <sup>20</sup> Aaron's sons put |strong="H7760" these |strong="H7760" fat |strong="H2459" parts on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" breasts |strong="H2373" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" bull and |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" ram. Aaron burned |strong="H6999" them |strong="H0853" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". <sup>21</sup> He |strong="H0834" lifted |strong="H5130" the |strong="H0853" breasts |strong="H2373" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" gift |strong="H3068" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" right |strong="H3225" thigh |strong="H7785" to |strong="H3068" show he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" offering |strong="H8573" them |strong="H0853" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680".

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Aaron |strong="H0175" lifted |strong="H5375" up |strong="H5375" his |strong="H5375" hands |strong="H3027" toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3027" blessed |strong="H1288" them |strong="H0413". After |strong="H0413" he |strong="H6213" finished offering |strong="H8002" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H8002", the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H8002", and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002", he |strong="H6213" came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0853" altar.

<sup>23</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H0935" Aaron |strong="H0175" went |strong="H3318" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H3068" came |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H0935" blessed |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605"

the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". <sup>24</sup> Fire |strong="H0784" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" burned the |strong="H3605" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" fat |strong="H2459" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196". When |strong="H7200" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" saw |strong="H7200" this |strong="H3068", they |strong="H5921" shouted |strong="H7442" with |strong="H3068" joy |strong="H7442" and |strong="H3068" then |strong="H3318" bowed |strong="H5307" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground to |strong="H5921" show |strong="H7200" their |strong="H3605" respect |strong="H6440".

### God Destroys Nadab and Abihu

**10** Then |strong="H3947" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121" Nadab |strong="H5070" and |strong="H1121" Abihu |strong="H0030" made |strong="H5414" a |strong="H3947" mistake. They |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" their |strong="H3068" incense |strong="H7004" dishes and |strong="H1121" put |strong="H5414" some |strong="H0376" fire |strong="H0784" and |strong="H1121" incense |strong="H7004" in |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5414". But |strong="H3808" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" use |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar— they |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" fire |strong="H0784" from |strong="H5921" some |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0376" place |strong="H7760" and |strong="H1121" brought |strong="H7126" it |strong="H7760" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680". <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H3318" fire |strong="H0784" came |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H0398" Nadab and |strong="H3068" Abihu, and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" died |strong="H4191" there |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"

Aaron *strong="H0175"*, " The *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* says *strong="H0559"*, ' The *strong="H3605"* priests who *strong="H0834"* come near *strong="H7138"* me *strong="H0413"* must respect *strong="H6440"* me *strong="H0413"*. I *strong="H0834"* must be *strong="H3068"* holy *strong="H6942"* to *strong="H0413"* them *strong="H0413"* and *strong="H3068"* to *strong="H0413"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"*.' So *strong="H0834"* Aaron *strong="H0175"* did *strong="H0834"* not say *strong="H0559"* anything *strong="H3605"* about *strong="H5921"* his *strong="H3605"* sons dying.

<sup>4</sup> Aaron's *strong="H0175"* uncle *strong="H1730"* Uzziel *strong="H5816"* had *strong="H4872"* two sons *strong="H1121"*. They *strong="H0559"* were *strong="H1121"* Mishael *strong="H4332"* and *strong="H1121"* Elzaphan *strong="H0469"*. Moses *strong="H4872"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* these *strong="H0175"* sons *strong="H1121"*, " Come *strong="H7126"* here and *strong="H1121"* get your *strong="H6440"* cousins' bodies and *strong="H1121"* carry *strong="H5375"* them *strong="H0413"* away *strong="H5375"* from *strong="H6440"* this *strong="H6944"* holy *strong="H6944"* place *strong="H6944"* and *strong="H1121"* take *strong="H5375"* them *strong="H0413"* outside *strong="H2351"* the *strong="H0853"* camp *strong="H4264"*."

<sup>5</sup> So *strong="H0834"* Mishael and *strong="H4872"* Elzaphan obeyed Moses *strong="H4872"*. They *strong="H0834"* carried *strong="H5375"* the *strong="H0834"* bodies of *strong="H4264"* Nadab and *strong="H4872"* Abihu outside *strong="H2351"* the *strong="H0834"* camp *strong="H4264"*. Nadab and *strong="H4872"* Abihu were *strong="H0834"* still wearing *strong="H5375"* their *strong="H5375"* special woven shirts.

<sup>6</sup> Then *strong="H0853"* Moses *strong="H4872"* spoke *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* Aaron *strong="H0175"* and *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H3605"* other *strong="H0251"* sons *strong="H1121"* Eleazar *strong="H0499"* and *strong="H1121"* Ithamar *strong="H0385"*. He *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"*, " Don't *strong="H0408"* show any *strong="H3605"* sadness! Don't *strong="H0408"* tear *strong="H6533"* your *strong="H3068"* clothes *strong="H0899"* or *strong="H3808"* mess up *strong="H5921"* your *strong="H3068"* hair *strong="H7218"*! <sup>1</sup> If *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H0408"* anything *strong="H3605"* to *strong="H0413"* show your *strong="H3068"* sad-

<sup>1</sup> TEAR ... HAIR Torn clothes and messed up hair showed that a person was mourning (see "mourn" in the Word List) for a dead person.

ness, you *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H4191"* killed *strong="H4191"*, and *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* Lord *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* show his *strong="H3605"* anger against *strong="H5921"* everyone *strong="H3605"*. But *strong="H3808"* let *strong="H0408"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* other *strong="H0251"* people *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Israel *strong="H3478"*, your *strong="H3068"* relatives *strong="H0251"*, cry for *strong="H5921"* those *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* destroyed with *strong="H0413"* fire *strong="H8316"*. <sup>7</sup> But *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* must *strong="H4191"* not *strong="H3808"* even *strong="H3588"* leave *strong="H3318"* the *strong="H5921"* entrance *strong="H6607"* of *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H5921"* Meeting *strong="H4150"* Tent *strong="H0168"*. If *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* leave *strong="H3318"*, you *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3068"* die *strong="H4191"* because *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H5921"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* anointing *strong="H4888"* oil *strong="H8081"* is *strong="H3068"* on *strong="H5921"* you *strong="H3588"*." So *strong="H6213"* Aaron, Eleazar, and *strong="H3068"* Ithamar obeyed Moses *strong="H4872"*.

<sup>8</sup> Then *strong="H1696"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* Aaron *strong="H0175"*, <sup>9</sup> " You *strong="H0859"* and *strong="H1121"* your *strong="H0935"* sons *strong="H1121"* must *strong="H4191"* not *strong="H3808"* drink *strong="H8354"* wine *strong="H3196"* or *strong="H3808"* beer *strong="H7941"* when *strong="H0935"* you *strong="H0859"* come *strong="H0935"* into *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* Meeting *strong="H4150"* Tent *strong="H0168"*. If *strong="H1121"* you *strong="H0859"* do *strong="H0408"*, you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H1121"* die *strong="H4191"*. This *strong="H2708"* law continues forever *strong="H5769"* through *strong="H0935"* your *strong="H0935"* generations *strong="H1755"*. <sup>10</sup> You *strong="H0914"* must be able to *strong="H0914"* clearly tell the *strong="H0996"* difference between *strong="H0996"* what is *strong="H2889"* holy *strong="H6944"* and *strong="H6944"* what is *strong="H2889"* not holy *strong="H6944"*, between *strong="H0996"* what is *strong="H2889"* clean *strong="H2889"* and *strong="H6944"* what is *strong="H2889"* unclean *strong="H2931"*. <sup>11</sup> And *strong="H1121"* you *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H0853"* teach *strong="H3384"* the *strong="H3605"* peo-

ple |strong="H1121" about |strong="H0413"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
laws |strong="H2706" that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" gave  
them |strong="H0413" through |strong="H3027"  
Moses |strong="H4872".

<sup>12</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" had |strong="H3068"  
two |strong="H3947" sons |strong="H1121"  
who |strong="H1931" were |strong="H1121" still alive,  
Eleazar |strong="H0499" and |strong="H1121"  
Ithamar |strong="H0385". Moses |strong="H4872"  
said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413"  
Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121"  
his |strong="H3947" two |strong="H3947"  
sons |strong="H1121", " When |strong="H3588" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" give |strong="H0398" sacri-  
fices |strong="H6944" as |strong="H3068"  
a |strong="H3947" gift |strong="H4503"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068", some |strong="H3498"  
of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" grain offer-  
ing |strong="H4503" is |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H3588" burned. Use |strong="H1931"  
that |strong="H3588" grain to |strong="H0413"  
make |strong="H3588" bread |strong="H4682" without  
yeast. You |strong="H3588" priests  
must |strong="H0853" eat |strong="H0398"  
that |strong="H3588" bread |strong="H4682"  
near |strong="H0681" the |strong="H0853" al-  
tar |strong="H4196" because |strong="H3588"  
that |strong="H3588" grain is |strong="H3068" very  
holy |strong="H6944". <sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0853" por-  
tion |strong="H2706" of |strong="H1121"  
food |strong="H0398" for |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H3588" and |strong="H1121"  
your |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121"  
will |strong="H3068" come from |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0853" special gifts |strong="H0801"  
to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068", so |strong="H3651"  
you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853"  
eat |strong="H0398" that |strong="H3588"  
food |strong="H0398" in |strong="H3068"  
a |strong="H3588" holy |strong="H6918"  
place |strong="H4725".

<sup>14</sup> " You |strong="H0859", your |strong="H5414"  
sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121"  
your |strong="H5414" daughters |strong="H1323"  
may |strong="H2889" all |strong="H0398"  
eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853"  
breast |strong="H2373" and |strong="H1121"  
thigh |strong="H7785" that |strong="H3588"  
were |strong="H3478" lifted up |strong="H5414" be-  
fore |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0853" Lord  
as |strong="H1121" an |strong="H5414" offer-  
ing |strong="H8641". But |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853"  
eat |strong="H0398" these in |strong="H3478"

a |strong="H3588" place |strong="H4725"  
that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H1121"  
clean |strong="H2889" because |strong="H3588"  
they |strong="H3588" come from |strong="H3478"  
the |strong="H0853" fellowship offer-  
ings |strong="H8002". They |strong="H3588"  
are |strong="H3478" your |strong="H5414"  
share |strong="H5414" of |strong="H1121"  
those |strong="H1121" offerings |strong="H8002"  
that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites |strong="H3478" give |strong="H5414"  
to |strong="H3478" God |strong="H5414". <sup>15</sup>  
The |strong="H6440" people |strong="H1121"  
must |strong="H1121" bring |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H6440" gifts |strong="H0801"  
of |strong="H1121" fat |strong="H2459"  
from |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3068" ani-  
mals |strong="H1961" as |strong="H0834"  
part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H6440" sacrifice. They |strong="H0834"  
must |strong="H1121" also |strong="H3068"  
bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440"  
thigh |strong="H7785" of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H6440" fellowship offer-  
ing |strong="H0801" and |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H6440" breast |strong="H2373"  
that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" lift-  
ed |strong="H5130" up |strong="H5921"  
to |strong="H0935" show |strong="H1961"  
it |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0834" of-  
fered |strong="H8641" in |strong="H5921"  
front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".  
Then |strong="H1961" it |strong="H5921"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961"  
your |strong="H3068" share of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H6440" offering |strong="H0801".  
It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be-  
long |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0935"  
you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121"  
your |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121".  
That |strong="H0834" part |strong="H5921"  
of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" sacrifices  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961"  
your |strong="H3068" share forever |strong="H5769",  
just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" said."

<sup>16</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" looked |strong="H2009"  
for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
goat |strong="H8163" of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering,  
but |strong="H2009" it |strong="H5921"  
was |strong="H4872" already burned |strong="H8313"  
up |strong="H5921". Moses |strong="H4872" be-  
came |strong="H7107" very angry |strong="H7107"  
with |strong="H8313" Aaron's |strong="H0175" other  
sons |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499"  
and |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385".

Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559", <sup>17</sup> "Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3588" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" holy |strong="H6944" area |strong="H4725"! That |strong="H3588" meat is |strong="H3068" very holy |strong="H6944"! God |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5921" carry |strong="H5375" away |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" guilt |strong="H5771" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808"— to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" pure before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>18</sup> That |strong="H0834" goat's blood |strong="H1818" was |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" brought |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944". So |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0413" have |strong="H0834" eaten |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" meat in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" holy |strong="H6944" area, just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680"!"

<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H1696" Aaron |strong="H0175" said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Look |strong="H2005", today |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" brought |strong="H7126" their |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7126" and |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H7126" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". But |strong="H1696" you |strong="H6440" know what |strong="H1696" happened |strong="H7122" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" today |strong="H3117"! Do |strong="H3190" you |strong="H6440" think |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" would |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" happy |strong="H3190" if |strong="H2005" I |strong="H2005" ate |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7126" today |strong="H3117"?"

<sup>20</sup> When |strong="H8085" Moses |strong="H4872" heard |strong="H8085" this, he |strong="H4872" agreed |strong="H8085".

#### Rules About Eating Meat

**11** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068"

Aaron |strong="H0175", <sup>2</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478": These |strong="H2063" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398": <sup>3</sup> If an animal |strong="H0929" has |strong="H3605" hooves |strong="H6541" that |strong="H3605" are |strong="H5927" split |strong="H8156" into |strong="H5927" two |strong="H8156" parts |strong="H6541", and |strong="H0398" if that |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H0929" also |strong="H0853" chews |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" cud |strong="H1625", then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H3605" may |strong="H3098" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" meat from |strong="H5927" that |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H0929".

<sup>4</sup> "Some animals chew the cud, but they don't have split hooves. Don't eat these animals. Camels, rock badgers, and rabbits are like that, so they are unclean for you. <sup>7</sup> Other animals have |strong="H3588" hooves |strong="H6541" that |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3808" split |strong="H8156" into two |strong="H3808" parts |strong="H6541", but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" chew |strong="H1641" the |strong="H0853" cud |strong="H1625". Don't |strong="H3808" eat these |strong="H1931" animals. Pigs are |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3588", so |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3808" unclean |strong="H2931" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588". <sup>8</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0398" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H0398" these |strong="H1992" animals. Don't |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" touch |strong="H5060" their |strong="H1992" dead |strong="H5038" bodies |strong="H1320"! They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" unclean |strong="H2931" for |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808".

#### Rules About Sea Food |strong="H0398"

<sup>9</sup> " You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" lives in |strong="H3220" the |strong="H3605" sea |strong="H3220" or |strong="H0398" in |strong="H3220" a |strong="H0834" river |strong="H5158" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" fins |strong="H5579" and |strong="H0398" scales |strong="H7193". <sup>10</sup> But you must not eat anything that lives in the sea or in a river and does not have fins and scales. Just the thought of eating such a creature should make you sick. This will never change. So don't ever eat meat from anything like that. Don't even touch its dead body! <sup>12</sup> It |strong="H1931"

is |strong="H0369" a |strong="H0834" sickening thought for |strong="H4325" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0369" touch anything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" lives in |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" and |strong="H4325" does |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0834" fins |strong="H5579" and |strong="H4325" scales |strong="H7193".

### Birds That |strong="H0834" Must Not |strong="H0369" Be |strong="H0369" Eaten

13 " You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" treat some |strong="H4480" birds |strong="H5775" as |strong="H0398" things |strong="H0428" that |strong="H4480" are |strong="H1992" wrong to |strong="H4480" eat |strong="H0398". Stay away |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" them |strong="H1992". It |strong="H0398" is |strong="H0428" a |strong="H4480" sickening thought for |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H4480" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" these |strong="H0428" birds |strong="H5775": eagles |strong="H5404", vultures |strong="H5404", buzzards, 14 kites, all kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H0853" falcons, 15 all |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H3605" black birds, 16 ostriches |strong="H3284", nighthawks, sea |strong="H7828" gulls, all kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H1323" hawks, 17 owls |strong="H3244", cormorants, great |strong="H3244" owls |strong="H3244", 18 water hens, pelicans, carrion |strong="H7360" vultures, 19 storks, all kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H0853" herons, hoopoes, and |strong="H0853" bats |strong="H5847".

### Rules About Eating Insects

20 "Don't eat insects |strong="H8318" that |strong="H3605" have |strong="H3605" wings |strong="H5775" and |strong="H1980" crawl. I Even |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" thought of |strong="H5921" eating them |strong="H5921" should |strong="H1980" make you |strong="H3605" sick! 21 But |strong="H0389" you |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0776" eat |strong="H0398" insects |strong="H8318" if |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" legs |strong="H3767" with |strong="H1980" joints above |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" so |strong="H1980" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" jump. 22 You |strong="H0853" may |strong="H0428" also |strong="H0853" eat |strong="H0398" all |strong="H0398"

I CRAWL Literally, "walk on four feet." Also in verse 23.

kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H0398" locusts |strong="H0697", all |strong="H0398" kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H0398" winged locusts |strong="H0697", all |strong="H0398" kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H0398" crickets, and |strong="H0398" all |strong="H0398" kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H0398" grasshoppers |strong="H2284".

23 " But |strong="H0834" stay away |strong="H3605" from |strong="H7272" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" insects |strong="H8318" that |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" wings |strong="H5775" and |strong="H7272" crawl. 24 They |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" make |strong="H2930" you |strong="H3605" unclean |strong="H2930". If you |strong="H3605" touch |strong="H5060" the |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H5038" bodies |strong="H5038" of |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" insects, you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H5704" become |strong="H2930" unclean |strong="H2930" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". 25 If you |strong="H3605" pick |strong="H5375" up |strong="H5375" one |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H5038" insects, you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H5375" wash |strong="H3526" your |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899". You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H5704" be |strong="H3605" unclean |strong="H2930" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153".

### More Rules About |strong="H3605" Animals

26 "Some animals have split hooves, but the hooves don't make exactly two parts. Some animals don't chew the cud. Some animals don't have hooves—they walk on their paws. II All these animals are unclean for you. If you touch them, you will become unclean until evening. 28 If you |strong="H5704" pick |strong="H5375" up |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" dead |strong="H5038" bodies |strong="H5038" of |strong="H5038" these |strong="H1992" unclean |strong="H2931" animals, you |strong="H5704" must |strong="H0853" wash |strong="H3526" your |strong="H5375" clothes |strong="H0899". You |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" be |strong="H5375" unclean |strong="H2931" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". These |strong="H1992" animals are |strong="H1992" unclean |strong="H2931" for |strong="H2930" you |strong="H5704".

### Rules About |strong="H5375" Crawling Animals

29 " These |strong="H2088" small animals are |strong="H0776" unclean |strong="H2931"

II PAWS The soft feet with claws on certain animals.



for *you*: moles, mice, all kinds of great lizards,<sup>30</sup> geckos, crocodiles, lizards, sand reptiles, and chameleons.<sup>31</sup> Whoever touches their bodies will be *unclean* until evening.

#### Rules About *Unclean* Animals

<sup>32</sup> If any of these *unclean* animals dies and falls on something, that thing will become *unclean*. It might be something made from wood, cloth, leather, or sackcloth. Whatever it is or is used for, it must be washed with water. It will be *unclean* until evening. Then it will become clean again.  
<sup>33</sup> If any of these *unclean* animals dies and falls into a clay dish, anything in the dish will become *unclean*. And you must break the dish. If water from the *unclean* clay dish touches any food, that food will become *unclean*. Any drink in the *unclean* dish will become *unclean*.<sup>35</sup> If

any part of a dead *unclean* animal falls on something, that thing is *unclean*. It may be a clay oven or a clay baking pan. It must be broken into pieces. These things will remain *unclean*. They will always be *unclean* for you.

<sup>36</sup> A well that collects water will remain clean, but anyone who touches the dead bodies of any *unclean* animal in that water will become *unclean*.<sup>37</sup> If any part of a dead *unclean* animal falls on seed, that seed is *unclean* if it is planted, that seed is still clean. But if you put water on some seed and if any part of a dead *unclean* animal falls on those seeds, they are *unclean* for you.

<sup>39</sup> Also, if an animal which you use for food dies, whoever touches its dead body will

be |strong="H4191" unclean |strong="H2930" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". <sup>40</sup> If you |strong="H5704" eat |strong="H0398" meat from |strong="H5704" this |strong="H0398" animal's body |strong="H5038", you |strong="H5704" must |strong="H0853" wash |strong="H3526" your |strong="H0398" clothes |strong="H0899". You |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" be |strong="H5375" unclean |strong="H2930" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". If you |strong="H5704" pick |strong="H5375" up |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" dead |strong="H5038" body |strong="H5038" of |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" animal, you |strong="H5704" must |strong="H0853" wash |strong="H3526" your |strong="H0398" clothes |strong="H0899". You |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" be |strong="H5375" unclean |strong="H2930" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153".

<sup>41</sup> " You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" treat all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" crawling animals that |strong="H3605" live on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" dirt as |strong="H0776" disgusting things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398". <sup>42</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" reptiles that |strong="H3588" crawl on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" bellies or |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3588" walk |strong="H1980" on |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" four |strong="H0702" feet |strong="H7272" or |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0776" many |strong="H7235" feet |strong="H7272". Don't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" these |strong="H1992" animals! <sup>43</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" them |strong="H0853" make |strong="H2930" you |strong="H3605" filthy. <sup>1</sup> You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" become |strong="H2930" unclean |strong="H2930", <sup>44</sup> because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" holy |strong="H6918", so |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3068" keep |strong="H6942" yourselves |strong="H5315" holy |strong="H6918". Don't |strong="H3808" make |strong="H2930" yourselves |strong="H5315" unclean |strong="H2930" with |strong="H3068" these |strong="H3605" crawling

<sup>1</sup> FILTHY Or "hated." Not pure or not acceptable to God for worship.

things |strong="H3605". <sup>45</sup> I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", brought |strong="H5927" you |strong="H3588" out |strong="H0853" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" could be |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3068" special people |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" could be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" holy |strong="H6918", so |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1961" holy |strong="H6918" too."

<sup>46</sup> These |strong="H2063" are |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" rules about |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tame animals |strong="H0929", birds |strong="H5775", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sea, and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929" that |strong="H3605" crawl on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776". <sup>47</sup> These |strong="H0834" rules will |strong="H0834" help the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" know which |strong="H0834" animals |strong="H2416" are |strong="H0834" unclean |strong="H2931" and |strong="H0398" which |strong="H0834" animals |strong="H2416" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" allowed to |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0398" which |strong="H0834" ones they |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398".

#### Rules for New Mothers

**12** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478": " When |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" woman |strong="H0802" gives |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205", she |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H1121" unclean |strong="H2930", just |strong="H1696" as |strong="H3117" she |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3117" during |strong="H3117" her |strong="H0413" monthly time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" bleeding. If |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" baby |strong="H1121" is |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3588" boy |strong="H2145", the |strong="H0559" mother will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H1121" unclean |strong="H2930" for |strong="H3588" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H3117" baby boy must be |strong="H3117" circumcised |strong="H4135"

on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" eighth |strong="H8066" day |strong="H3117".<sup>4</sup> Because |strong="H0413" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H0935" childbirth, another |strong="H3808" 33 days |strong="H3117" must |strong="H3808" pass |strong="H0935" before |strong="H0413" she |strong="H3808" can |strong="H0935" touch |strong="H5060" anything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3117" holy |strong="H6944". She |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" her |strong="H3605" purification |strong="H2893"<sup>1</sup> is |strong="H3117" finished |strong="H4390".<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" she |strong="H0518" gives |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3205" girl, the |strong="H5921" mother will |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" unclean |strong="H2930" for |strong="H5921" 14 days |strong="H3117", just as |strong="H3117" she |strong="H0518" is |strong="H3117" during |strong="H3117" her |strong="H5921" monthly time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" bleeding. Because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H5921" childbirth |strong="H3205", another |strong="H1818" 66 days |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0518" pass before |strong="H5921" she |strong="H0518" becomes |strong="H2930" clean |strong="H2893".

<sup>6</sup> After |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" her |strong="H0413" purification |strong="H2893" is |strong="H3117" finished |strong="H4390", the |strong="H0413" new mother of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H0176" baby |strong="H1121" girl |strong="H1323" or |strong="H0176" boy must |strong="H1121" bring |strong="H0935" special sacrifices to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". She must |strong="H1121" give |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0413" sacrifices to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" priest |strong="H3548" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0413" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". She must |strong="H1121" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0176" one-year-old lamb |strong="H3532" for |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0176" burnt |strong="H5930" offer-

ing |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121" a |strong="H0176" dove |strong="H3123" or |strong="H0176" young |strong="H1121" pigeon |strong="H3123" for |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0176" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3548".<sup>7</sup> If the woman cannot afford a lamb, she may bring two doves or two young pigeons. One bird will be for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering. The priest will offer them before the LORD. In this way the priest will make her pure, and she will be clean from the blood of childbirth. These are the rules for a woman who gives birth to a baby boy or a baby girl."

### Rules About Skin Diseases

**13** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175",<sup>2</sup> "Someone |strong="H0120" might |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" swelling |strong="H7613" on |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" skin |strong="H5785", or |strong="H0176" it |strong="H3588" may |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" rash or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H1961" bright |strong="H0934" spot |strong="H0934". If |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" sore looks like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" disease |strong="H6883" of |strong="H1121" leprosy |strong="H6883", the |strong="H3588" person |strong="H0120" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1961" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Aaron |strong="H0175" the |strong="H3588" priest |strong="H3548" or |strong="H0176" to |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121", the |strong="H3588" priests |strong="H3548".<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" sore on |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" person's skin |strong="H5785". If |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" hair |strong="H8181" in |strong="H1320" the |strong="H0853" sore has |strong="H5061" become |strong="H2930" white |strong="H3836", and |strong="H3548" if |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" sore seems deeper |strong="H6013" than the |strong="H0853" person's skin |strong="H5785", it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" leprosy |strong="H6883". When |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" has |strong="H5061" finished looking |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H7200", he |strong="H1931" must |strong="H0853" announce that |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" per-

<sup>1</sup> PURIFICATION Being made clean or acceptable to God for worship.

son |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2930".

<sup>4</sup> "Sometimes there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" a |strong="H0518" white |strong="H3836" spot |strong="H0934" on |strong="H3117" a |strong="H0518" person's skin |strong="H5785" that |strong="H3117" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" seem deeper |strong="H6013" than |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" skin |strong="H5785". If |strong="H0518" that |strong="H3117" is |strong="H0369" true, the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" separate that |strong="H3117" person |strong="H1320" from |strong="H4480" other |strong="H0369" people |strong="H1320" for |strong="H3117" seventh |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". <sup>5</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H3808" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" again |strong="H8145". If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" sees |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" sore has |strong="H5061" not |strong="H3808" changed |strong="H5975" and |strong="H3117" has |strong="H5061" not |strong="H3808" spread |strong="H6581" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" skin |strong="H5785", he |strong="H3117" must |strong="H3808" separate the |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" more |strong="H3808" days |strong="H3117". <sup>6</sup> Seven days |strong="H3117" later the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H7200" again |strong="H8145". If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" sore has |strong="H5061" faded |strong="H3544" and |strong="H3117" has |strong="H5061" not |strong="H3808" spread |strong="H6581" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" skin |strong="H5785", the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" announce that |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" clean |strong="H2891". The |strong="H0853" sore is |strong="H1931" only a |strong="H7200" rash. After |strong="H3117" washing the |strong="H0853" clothes |strong="H0899", that |strong="H3117" person |strong="H7200" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" clean |strong="H2891" again |strong="H8145".

<sup>7</sup> " But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0413" rash spreads |strong="H6581" over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413"

skin |strong="H5785" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0413" person |strong="H7200" has |strong="H3548" shown |strong="H7200" himself |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" priest |strong="H3548" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3548" made clean |strong="H2893" again |strong="H8145", that |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" must |strong="H0518" come again |strong="H8145" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" priest |strong="H3548". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" must look |strong="H2009", and |strong="H3548" if |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" rash has |strong="H2009" spread |strong="H6581", he |strong="H1931" must announce that |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2930". The |strong="H7200" disease |strong="H6883" is |strong="H1931" leprosy |strong="H6883".

<sup>9</sup> "Whoever has |strong="H1961" leprosy |strong="H6883" must be |strong="H1961" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" priest |strong="H3548". <sup>10</sup> He |strong="H1931" must look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200". If |strong="H2009" there |strong="H2009" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H7200" white |strong="H3836" swelling |strong="H7613" on |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" skin |strong="H5785", if |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" hair |strong="H8181" has |strong="H2009" become |strong="H7200" white |strong="H3836", and |strong="H3548" if |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" skin |strong="H5785" looks |strong="H7200" raw |strong="H4241" in |strong="H1320" the |strong="H7200" swelling |strong="H7613", <sup>11</sup> it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" leprosy |strong="H6883" that |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" been |strong="H2930" there for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" long |strong="H3462" time. The |strong="H3588" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H3808" announce that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" person |strong="H1320" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2931". He |strong="H1931" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3548" to |strong="H1320" wait until after |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" period of |strong="H3548" separation, because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" already knows that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" person |strong="H1320" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2931".

<sup>12</sup> "Sometimes a |strong="H0518" skin |strong="H5785" disease |strong="H6883" will |strong="H5869" spread all |strong="H3605"

over |strong="H7218" a |strong="H0518" person's body |strong="H5785", covering |strong="H3680" the |strong="H3605" skin |strong="H5785" from |strong="H5704" head |strong="H7218" to |strong="H5704" foot |strong="H7272". The |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" look |strong="H5869" at |strong="H5869" that |strong="H3605" person's whole |strong="H3605" body |strong="H5785".<sup>13</sup> If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" sees |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" skin |strong="H1320" disease |strong="H6883" covers |strong="H3680" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" body |strong="H1320" and |strong="H3548" that |strong="H3605" it |strong="H1931" has |strong="H5061" turned |strong="H2015" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" skin |strong="H1320" white |strong="H3836", the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" announce that |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" clean |strong="H2889".<sup>14</sup> But |strong="H7200" if |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" skin |strong="H1320" is |strong="H3117" raw |strong="H2416", that |strong="H3117" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H3117" not clean.<sup>15</sup> When |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" sees |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" raw |strong="H2416" skin |strong="H1320", he |strong="H1931" must |strong="H0853" announce that |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2931". The |strong="H0853" raw |strong="H2416" skin |strong="H1320" is |strong="H1931" not clean. It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" leprosy |strong="H6883".

<sup>16</sup> If |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" raw |strong="H2416" skin |strong="H1320" changes |strong="H2015" and |strong="H0935" becomes |strong="H3588" white |strong="H3836", the |strong="H3588" person |strong="H0935" must come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" priest |strong="H3548".<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H7200". If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" skin has |strong="H5061" become |strong="H2891" white |strong="H3836", the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H7200" who |strong="H1931" had |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" infection |strong="H5061" is |strong="H1931" clean |strong="H2889", and |strong="H3548" the |strong="H0853"

priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" announce this |strong="H1931".

<sup>18</sup> "Someone might get a |strong="H1961" boil |strong="H7822" on |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3588" skin |strong="H5785" that |strong="H3588" heals |strong="H7495" over.<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H1961" that |strong="H7200" boil |strong="H7822" might |strong="H4725" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" white |strong="H3836" swelling |strong="H7613" or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H1961" bright |strong="H0934", white |strong="H3836" spot |strong="H0934" with |strong="H0413" red streaks in |strong="H0413" it |strong="H1961". If |strong="H0176" this happens |strong="H1961", the |strong="H0413" person |strong="H7200" must show |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" spot |strong="H0934" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" priest |strong="H3548".<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" must look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H7200" it |strong="H1931". If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" swelling is |strong="H1931" deeper |strong="H8217" than |strong="H4480" the |strong="H7200" skin |strong="H5785", and |strong="H3548" the |strong="H7200" hair |strong="H8181" on |strong="H7200" it |strong="H1931" has |strong="H5061" become |strong="H2930" white |strong="H3836", the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" must announce that |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2930". The |strong="H7200" spot is |strong="H1931" leprosy |strong="H6883" that |strong="H7200" has |strong="H5061" broken out |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" inside the |strong="H7200" boil |strong="H7822".<sup>21</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" looks |strong="H7200" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" spot, and |strong="H3117" there |strong="H0369" are |strong="H3117" no |strong="H0369" white |strong="H3836" hairs |strong="H8181" in |strong="H3117" it |strong="H1931", and |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" spot is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" deeper |strong="H8217" than |strong="H4480" the |strong="H7200" skin |strong="H5785" but |strong="H0518" is |strong="H0369" faded |strong="H3544", the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0518" separate the |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117".<sup>22</sup> If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" spot spreads |strong="H6581" on |strong="H5785" the |strong="H0853" skin |strong="H5785", the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548"

must|strong="H0853" announce that|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" person is|strong="H1931" unclean|strong="H2930"; it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" an|strong="H0518" infection|strong="H5061". <sup>23</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H8478" bright|strong="H0934" spot|strong="H0934" stays|strong="H5975" in|strong="H5975" its|strong="H5975" place|strong="H8478" and|strong="H3548" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" spread|strong="H6581", it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" only|strong="H0518" the|strong="H8478" scar|strong="H6867" from|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478" old|strong="H5975" boil|strong="H7822". The|strong="H8478" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0518" announce that|strong="H1931" the|strong="H8478" person is|strong="H1931" clean|strong="H2891".

<sup>24</sup> "Someone might get a burn on the skin. If the raw skin becomes a white spot or a white spot with red streaks in it, the priest must look at it. If that white spot seems to be deeper than the skin, and the hair at that spot has become white, it is leprosy that has broken out in the burn. The priest must announce that the person is unclean. <sup>26</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H7200" priest|strong="H3548" looks|strong="H7200" at|strong="H3117" the|strong="H7200" spot|strong="H0934", and|strong="H3117" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" white|strong="H3836" hair|strong="H8181" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H7200" bright|strong="H0934" spot|strong="H0934", and|strong="H3117" the|strong="H7200" spot|strong="H0934" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" deeper|strong="H8217" than|strong="H4480" the|strong="H7200" skin|strong="H5785" but|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0369" faded|strong="H3544", the|strong="H7200" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0518" separate the|strong="H7200" person|strong="H7200" for|strong="H3117" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". <sup>27</sup> On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" person|strong="H7200" again. If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0853" spot has|strong="H5061" spread|strong="H6581" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" skin|strong="H5785", the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" announce that|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" person|strong="H7200" is|strong="H1931" unclean|strong="H2930". It|strong="H1931"

is|strong="H1931" leprosy|strong="H6883". <sup>28</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3588" bright|strong="H0934" spot|strong="H0934" has|strong="H3588" not|strong="H3808" spread|strong="H6581" on|strong="H5975" the|strong="H3588" skin|strong="H5785" but|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3588" faded|strong="H3544", it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" only|strong="H0518" a|strong="H3588" scar|strong="H6867" from|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3588" burn|strong="H4348". The|strong="H3588" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0518" announce that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" person is|strong="H1931" clean|strong="H2891".

<sup>29</sup> " Someone|strong="H0376" might get an|strong="H1961" infection|strong="H5061" on|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" scalp <sup>I</sup> or|strong="H0176" beard|strong="H2206". <sup>30</sup> A|strong="H0176" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" look|strong="H2009" at|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" infection|strong="H5061". If|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0853" infection|strong="H5061" seems to|strong="H7200" be|strong="H4480" deeper|strong="H6013" than|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" skin|strong="H5785", and|strong="H3548" if|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0853" hair|strong="H8181" around it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" thin|strong="H1851" and|strong="H3548" yellow, the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" announce that|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" person|strong="H7200" is|strong="H1931" unclean|strong="H2930". It|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" a|strong="H0176" serious skin|strong="H5785" disease|strong="H6883". <sup>31</sup> If|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" disease does|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" seem deeper|strong="H6013" than|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" skin|strong="H5785", but|strong="H3588" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" dark hair|strong="H8181" in|strong="H3117" it|strong="H3588", the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" separate that|strong="H3588" person|strong="H7200" for|strong="H3588" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". <sup>32</sup> On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" look|strong="H2009" at|strong="H3117" it|strong="H7200"

<sup>I</sup> SCALP The skin on a person's head. Also in verse 42. <sup>II</sup> SERIOUS SKIN DISEASE This could be leprosy, or it could be another kind of contagious skin disease.

again |strong="H1961". If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" disease has |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808" spread |strong="H6581", and |strong="H3117" there |strong="H0369" are |strong="H3117" no |strong="H3808" yellow hairs |strong="H8181" growing in |strong="H3117" it |strong="H7200", and |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" disease does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" seem deeper |strong="H6013" than |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" skin |strong="H5785", <sup>33</sup> the |strong="H0853" person must |strong="H0853" shave |strong="H1548". But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" diseased area should |strong="H3548" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" shaved |strong="H1548". The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" separate that |strong="H3117" person for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" more |strong="H3808" days |strong="H3117". <sup>34</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117", the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H3117" it |strong="H7200" again. If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" disease has |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808" spread |strong="H6581", and |strong="H3117" it |strong="H7200" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" seem deeper |strong="H6013" than |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" skin |strong="H5785", the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" announce that |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H0369" clean |strong="H2891". After |strong="H4480" washing those |strong="H4480" clothes |strong="H0899", that |strong="H3117" person |strong="H7200" will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H3808" clean |strong="H2891". <sup>35</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0310" disease spreads |strong="H6581" on |strong="H5785" the |strong="H0310" skin |strong="H5785" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0310" person has |strong="H5424" become clean |strong="H2893", <sup>36</sup> then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H3808" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" again. If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" disease has |strong="H2009" spread |strong="H6581", the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" need to |strong="H7200" look |strong="H2009" for |strong="H3808" yellow hair |strong="H8181". The |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2931". <sup>37</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0518" priest |strong="H3548" thinks

that |strong="H1931" the |strong="H0518" disease has |strong="H5869" stopped |strong="H5975", and |strong="H3548" black |strong="H7838" hair |strong="H8181" is |strong="H1931" growing |strong="H6779" in |strong="H5975" it |strong="H1931", the |strong="H0518" disease has |strong="H5869" healed |strong="H7495". The |strong="H0518" person is |strong="H1931" clean |strong="H2889", and |strong="H3548" the |strong="H0518" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0518" announce this |strong="H1931".

<sup>38</sup> " If |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H0376" has |strong="H1961" white |strong="H3836" spots |strong="H0934" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" skin |strong="H5785", <sup>39</sup> a |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548" must look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H7200" them |strong="H7200". If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H7200" spots |strong="H0934" on |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" person's skin |strong="H5785" are |strong="H3548" dull white |strong="H3836", the |strong="H7200" disease is |strong="H1931" only a |strong="H7200" harmless rash. That |strong="H7200" person |strong="H7200" is |strong="H1931" clean |strong="H2889".

<sup>40</sup> " A |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" might begin to |strong="H0376" lose the |strong="H3588" hair |strong="H7218" on |strong="H0376" his |strong="H0376" head |strong="H7218". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" only baldness, so |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" clean |strong="H2889". <sup>41</sup> A |strong="H0518" man |strong="H7218" might lose hair |strong="H7218" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" sides |strong="H6285" of |strong="H7218" his |strong="H0518" head |strong="H7218". He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" clean |strong="H2889". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" only |strong="H0518" another kind of |strong="H7218" baldness. <sup>42</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" there |strong="H1961" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H1961" red and |strong="H1961" white |strong="H3836" infection |strong="H5061" on |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" scalp, it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H1961" skin disease |strong="H6883". <sup>43</sup> A |strong="H0176" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H7200" him |strong="H0853". If |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" swelling |strong="H7613" of |strong="H5061" the |strong="H0853" infection |strong="H5061" is |strong="H2009" red and |strong="H3548" white |strong="H3836" and |strong="H3548" looks |strong="H7200" like |strong="H4758" the |strong="H0853" leprosy |strong="H6883" on |strong="H7200" other parts of |strong="H5061"

his *body*, <sup>44</sup> then *he* has leprosy on his scalp. The *person* is *unclean*. The *priest* must announce that *he* is *unclean*.

<sup>45</sup> " *People* with leprosy must warn other *people*. They must shout, ' *Unclean*, *unclean*!' They must tear their *clothes* at *the* seams. They must let their *hair* grow wild, <sup>1</sup> and they must cover their *mouth*. <sup>46</sup> They are *unclean* the *whole* *time* that they have *the* *infection*. They are *unclean* and *must* live *outside* the *camp*.

<sup>47</sup> "Some clothing might have mildew on it. The cloth could be linen or wool, woven or knitted. Or the mildew might be on a piece of leather. <sup>49</sup> If *the* *mildew* is *green* or *red*, *it* *must* be *shown* to *the* *priest*. <sup>50</sup> The *priest* must *look* at *it* and *put* it *in* a *separate* place for *seven* *days*. <sup>51</sup> On the seventh day, he must look at it again. It doesn't matter if the mildew is on leather or cloth or if the cloth is woven or knitted. And it doesn't matter what the leather was used for. If the mildew has spread, the object is unclean because of the infection. The priest must burn it.

<sup>53</sup> " If *the* *priest* sees that *the* *mildew* did *not* spread *on*

<sup>1</sup> THEY MUST TEAR ... WILD This also showed that a person was very sad about something.

*the* *object*, *it* *must* be *washed*. It *doesn't* matter if *it* is *leather* or *cloth*, or if *the* *cloth* is *knitted* or *woven*, *it* *must* be *washed*. <sup>54</sup> He *must* *order* *the* *people* to *wash* it. Then *he* *must* separate the *clothing* for *seven* *days*. <sup>55</sup> After *that* *time*, *the* *priest* *must* *look* at *it* again. If *the* *mildew* still looks *the* *same* *is* *unclean*. It *doesn't* matter if *the* *infection* has *not* spread; *you* *must* burn *that* *cloth* or *piece* of *leather*.

<sup>56</sup> " But *if* *the* *priest* looks *at* *that* *piece* of *leather* or *cloth*, and *the* *mildew* has *faded*, *he* *must* tear *the* *infected* spot *out* of *the* *leather* or *cloth*. It *doesn't* matter if *the* *cloth* is *woven* or *knitted*. <sup>57</sup> But *if* *the* *mildew* might *come* back *that* *piece* of *leather* or *cloth*. If *the* *infection* happens, *the*



mildew is spreading, and the object must be burned.<sup>58</sup> But the mildew did not come back after washing, that piece of leather or cloth is clean, whether the cloth was woven or knitted.

<sup>59</sup> These are the rules for mildew on pieces of leather or cloth, whether the cloth is woven or knitted.

#### Rules for Those With Skin Diseases

**14** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "These are the rules for people who have had a skin disease and have been made well. These rules are for making them clean."

"A priest must look at those who had the skin disease.<sup>3</sup> The priest must go to them outside the camp and look see if the skin disease is healed.<sup>4</sup> If they are healthy, the priest will tell them to do these things: They must bring two birds clean that are still alive, a piece of cedar

wood, a piece of red cloth, and a hyssop plant.<sup>5</sup> Then the priest must order one bird to be killed in a clay bowl over running water.<sup>6</sup> He must take the other bird still alive and a piece of cedar wood, the piece of red cloth, and the hyssop dip in the blood of the bird that was killed over running water.<sup>7</sup> He must sprinkle the blood seven times on those who had the skin disease. Then he must announce that they are clean. After that the priest must go to an open field and let the living bird go free.

<sup>8</sup> "The people going through this purification ceremony must wash their clothes, shave off their hair, and wash with water. Then they will be clean. They may

then |strong="H0853" go |strong="H0935" in-  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605"  
camp |strong="H4264", but |strong="H0935"  
they |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853"  
stay |strong="H3427" outside |strong="H2351"  
their |strong="H3605" tent |strong="H0168"  
for |strong="H0413" seven |strong="H7651"  
days |strong="H3117". <sup>9</sup> On |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637"  
day |strong="H3117", they |strong="H3117"  
must |strong="H0853" shave |strong="H1548"  
off |strong="H1548" all |strong="H3605"  
their |strong="H3605" hair |strong="H8181".  
They |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853"  
shave |strong="H1548" their |strong="H3605"  
head |strong="H7218", their |strong="H3605"  
beard |strong="H2206", and |strong="H3117"  
their |strong="H3605" eyebrows—yes,  
all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605"  
hair |strong="H8181". Then |strong="H1961"  
they |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853"  
wash |strong="H3526" their |strong="H3605"  
clothes |strong="H0899" and |strong="H3117"  
bathe |strong="H7364" their |strong="H3605" bod-  
ies |strong="H1320" in |strong="H7364" wa-  
ter |strong="H4325". Then |strong="H1961"  
they |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" clean |strong="H2891".  
<sup>10</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3947"  
eighth |strong="H8066" day |strong="H3117", anyone  
who |strong="H0259" had |strong="H0259"  
a |strong="H3947" skin disease must |strong="H3947"  
take |strong="H3947" two |strong="H8147"  
male |strong="H3532" lambs |strong="H3532"  
that |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3117" nothing  
wrong with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H3947"  
and |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3947" one-year-old  
female |strong="H1323" lamb |strong="H3532"  
that |strong="H3117" has |strong="H3117" nothing  
wrong with |strong="H3117" it |strong="H3947".  
They |strong="H3117" must |strong="H3947" al-  
so |strong="H3117" take |strong="H3947" 24 cups <sup>I</sup>  
of |strong="H3117" fine |strong="H5560"  
flour |strong="H5560" mixed |strong="H1101"  
with |strong="H3117" oil |strong="H8081"  
for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3947" grain offer-  
ing |strong="H4503" and |strong="H3117" 2/3  
of |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3947" pint <sup>II</sup>  
of |strong="H3117" olive |strong="H8081"  
oil |strong="H8081". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853"  
priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" bring  
that |strong="H3068" person |strong="H0376"  
and |strong="H3068" those |strong="H0376" sacrifices  
before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" at |strong="H3068"

<sup>I</sup> 24 CUPS Literally, "3/10," probably meaning 3/10 of an ephah (6.6 l). <sup>II</sup> 2/3 OF A PINT Literally, "1 log |strong="H3849"

the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607"  
of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" Meet-  
ing |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". (   
This |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0853"  
be |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853"  
same |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548"  
who |strong="H0376" announced  
that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" per-  
son |strong="H0376" is |strong="H3068"  
clean |strong="H2891".) <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853"  
priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068"  
take |strong="H3947" one |strong="H0259"  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853"  
lambs |strong="H3532" and |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H0853" oil |strong="H8081"  
as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3947"  
guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817".  
He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" lift  
them |strong="H0853" in |strong="H3068"  
front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
to |strong="H3068" show they |strong="H3068"  
were |strong="H6440" presented |strong="H7126"  
to |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068". <sup>13</sup>  
Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853"  
priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834"  
kill |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853"  
male |strong="H3532" lamb |strong="H3532"  
in |strong="H4725" the |strong="H0853"  
holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H4725"  
where |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834"  
kill |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853"  
sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H0817"  
and |strong="H3548" the |strong="H0853"  
burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H0817".  
Like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"  
sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H0817",  
the |strong="H0853" guilt |strong="H0817" offer-  
ing |strong="H0817" belongs to |strong="H4725"  
the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548".  
It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" very  
holy |strong="H6944".

<sup>14</sup> " The |strong="H5921" priest |strong="H3548"  
will |strong="H3027" take |strong="H3947"  
some |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818"  
of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921"  
guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817".  
He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3027"  
put |strong="H5414" some |strong="H3027"  
of |strong="H3027" this blood |strong="H1818"  
on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" tip  
of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921"  
right |strong="H3233" ear |strong="H0241"  
of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921" per-  
son |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921"  
be |strong="H3027" made |strong="H5414"  
clean |strong="H2891". The |strong="H5921"



son *can* use *one* male *as* *a* *guilt*. It *will* *be* *God* *that* *can* *that* *The* *take* *fine* *mixed* *oil* *flour* *be* *for* *poor* *must* *take* *a* *olive* *and* *doves* *two* *two* *people* *will* *a* *the* *will* *a* *the* *will* *a* *offer-*

<sup>23</sup> *On* *eighth* *that* *will* *priest* *the* *of* *Meeting* *These* *things* *will* *LORD* *that* *person* *can* *become* *clean* *The* *priest* *will* *take* *the*

I 8 cups Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l).

*lamb* *for* *the* *guilt* *offer-*  
*ing* *and* *the* *oil* *and* *he* *will* *lift* *them* *up* *to* *show* *they* *were* *of-*  
*fered* *before* *the* *LORD* <sup>25</sup> *Then* *he* *will* *kill* *the* *lamb* *of* *the* *guilt* *offer-*  
*ing* *some* *of* *its* *blood* *and* *put* *on* *the* *tip* *of* *the* *right* *ear* *of* *the* *per-*  
*son* *to* *be* *made* *clean* *The* *priest* *will* *put* *some* *of* *this* *blood* *on* *the* *thumb* *of* *the* *right* *hand* *and* *on* *the* *big* *toe* *of* *the* *right* *foot* *of* *this* *person* <sup>26</sup> *He* *will* *also* *pour* *some* *of* *this* *oil* *into* *his* *own* *left* *palm* <sup>27</sup> *He* *will* *use* *the* *fin-*  
*ger* *of* *his* *right* *hand* *to* *sprinkle* *some* *of* *the* *oil* *that* *is* *in* *his* *left* *palm* *seven* *times* *be-*  
*fore* *the* *LORD* <sup>28</sup> *Then* *he* *will* *put* *some* *of* *the*

oil |strong="H8081" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5414" palm |strong="H3709" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" same |strong="H4480" places |strong="H4725" he |strong="H0834" put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0834" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" put |strong="H5414" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" oil |strong="H8081" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" tip of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3233" ear |strong="H0241" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" person |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H3027" made |strong="H5414" clean |strong="H2891". The |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" put |strong="H5414" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" oil |strong="H8081" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" thumb |strong="H0931" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3233" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" big |strong="H0931" toe |strong="H0931" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" person's right |strong="H3233" foot |strong="H7272".<sup>29</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H6440" oil |strong="H8081" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" left |strong="H3498" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5414" palm |strong="H3709" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" head |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" person to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H3068" made |strong="H5414" clean |strong="H2891". In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" person pure |strong="H2891" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>30</sup> " Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priest must |strong="H0853" offer |strong="H6213" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" doves |strong="H3123" or |strong="H0176" young |strong="H1121" pigeons |strong="H3123". ( He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" offer |strong="H6213" whichever |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H3027" can |strong="H0834" afford |strong="H3027". )<sup>31</sup> He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" offer one |strong="H0259"

of |strong="H3068" these |strong="H0834" birds as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" bird as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H4503". He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" offer the |strong="H0853" birds with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" grain offering |strong="H4503". In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3027" that |strong="H0834" person |strong="H3027" pure |strong="H2891" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" person |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H2891" clean |strong="H2891". "

<sup>32</sup> These |strong="H2063" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" rules for |strong="H3027" making people |strong="H0834" clean |strong="H2893" after they |strong="H0834" become well |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3027" a |strong="H0834" skin disease |strong="H6883". These |strong="H2063" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" rules for |strong="H3027" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" afford |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" regular sacrifices for |strong="H3027" becoming clean |strong="H2893".

#### Rules for |strong="H3027" Mildew in |strong="H3808" a |strong="H0834" House

<sup>33</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175",<sup>34</sup> " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" giving |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" people |strong="H0834". Your |strong="H5414" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" enter |strong="H0935" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" time I |strong="H0589" might |strong="H0834" cause |strong="H5414" mildew to |strong="H0413" grow in |strong="H0935" someone's house |strong="H1004".<sup>35</sup> The |strong="H0559" person |strong="H0935" who |strong="H0834" owns that |strong="H0834" house |strong="H1004" must come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" tell |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" priest |strong="H3548", ' I |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" something like |strong="H0834"

mildew in|strong="H0935" my|strong="H7200" house|strong="H1004".

<sup>36</sup> " Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" order|strong="H6680" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0935" take|strong="H0935" everything|strong="H3605" out|strong="H7200" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004" before|strong="H2962" he|strong="H0834" goes|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" mildew. Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0935" say everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004" is|strong="H0834" unclean|strong="H2930". After|strong="H0310" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" taken everything|strong="H3605" out|strong="H7200" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004", the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H0834" go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004". <sup>37</sup> He|strong="H4480" will|strong="H1004" look|strong="H2009" at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" mildew. If|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0853" mildew on|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" walls|strong="H7023" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" has|strong="H5061" holes that|strong="H7200" are|strong="H1004" a|strong="H0176" green or|strong="H0176" red color, and|strong="H1004" if|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0853" mildew goes into|strong="H0176" the|strong="H0853" wall's surface|strong="H7023", <sup>38</sup> he|strong="H3117" must|strong="H0853" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" lock the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" for|strong="H0413" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117".

<sup>39</sup> " On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H7200" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H7200" priest|strong="H3548" must come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" check the|strong="H7200" house|strong="H1004". If|strong="H2009" the|strong="H7200" mildew has|strong="H5061" spread|strong="H6581" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H7200" walls|strong="H7023" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H7200"

house|strong="H1004", <sup>40</sup> then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" order|strong="H6680" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" tear out|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" stones|strong="H0068" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" mildew on|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3548" throw|strong="H7993" them|strong="H0413" away|strong="H7993". They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H6680" these|strong="H0834" stones|strong="H0068" at|strong="H0413" a|strong="H0834" special unclean|strong="H2931" place|strong="H4725" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". <sup>41</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" priest must|strong="H0853" have|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" entire house|strong="H1004" scraped|strong="H7096" inside|strong="H1004". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" throw|strong="H8210" away the|strong="H0853" plaster|strong="H6083" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" scraped|strong="H7096" off|strong="H7096" the|strong="H0853" walls. They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" put that|strong="H0834" plaster|strong="H6083" at|strong="H0413" a|strong="H0834" special unclean|strong="H2931" place|strong="H4725" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". <sup>42</sup> Then|strong="H3947" new stones|strong="H0068" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H1004" put|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" walls, and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" walls must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H1004" covered with|strong="H0413" new plaster|strong="H6083".

<sup>43</sup> "Maybe someone took|strong="H0853" away|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" old stones|strong="H0068" and|strong="H7725" plaster|strong="H2902" and|strong="H7725" put|strong="H7725" in|strong="H1004" new stones|strong="H0068" and|strong="H7725" plaster|strong="H2902". And|strong="H7725" maybe mildew again|strong="H7725" appears in|strong="H1004" that|strong="H7725" house|strong="H1004". <sup>44</sup> Then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0935" priest|strong="H3548" must come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" check the|strong="H0935" house|strong="H1004". If|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0935" infection|strong="H5061" has|strong="H5061" spread|strong="H6581" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" house|strong="H1004", it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" a|strong="H7200" disease|strong="H6883" that|strong="H7200" spreads|strong="H6581" quickly to|strong="H0935"

other places |strong="H1004". So |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" house |strong="H1004" is |strong="H1931" unclean |strong="H2931".<sup>45</sup> The |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1004" torn |strong="H5422" down |strong="H5422". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" stones |strong="H0068", plaster |strong="H6083", and |strong="H1004" pieces of |strong="H1004" wood |strong="H6086" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1004" taken |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" special unclean |strong="H2931" place |strong="H4725" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892".<sup>46</sup> Anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" goes |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" unclean |strong="H2930" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153".<sup>47</sup> Anyone who eats |strong="H0398" in |strong="H1004" that |strong="H1004" house |strong="H1004" or |strong="H1004" lies |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901" in |strong="H1004" there must |strong="H0853" wash |strong="H3526" their |strong="H0398" clothes |strong="H0899".

<sup>48</sup> " After |strong="H0310" new stones and |strong="H0935" plaster |strong="H2902" are |strong="H1004" put |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" house |strong="H1004", the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" check the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004". If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" mildew has |strong="H5061" not |strong="H3808" spread |strong="H6581" through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004", the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H1004" announce that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" is |strong="H2009" clean |strong="H2891", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" mildew is |strong="H2009" gone |strong="H0935".

<sup>49</sup> " Then |strong="H3947", to |strong="H1004" make |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" clean, the |strong="H0853" priest must |strong="H0853" take |strong="H3947" two |strong="H8147" birds |strong="H6833", a |strong="H3947" piece of |strong="H1004" cedar |strong="H0730" wood |strong="H6086", a |strong="H3947" piece of |strong="H1004" red |strong="H8144" cloth, and |strong="H1004" a |strong="H3947" hyssop |strong="H0231" plant.<sup>50</sup> He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H4325" kill |strong="H7819" one |strong="H0259" bird |strong="H6833" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" clay |strong="H2789" bowl over |strong="H5921" running water |strong="H4325".

<sup>51</sup> Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1004" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" cedar |strong="H0730" wood |strong="H6086", the |strong="H0853" hyssop |strong="H0231", the |strong="H0853" piece of |strong="H1004" red |strong="H8144" cloth, and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" living |strong="H2416" bird |strong="H6833" and |strong="H1004" dip |strong="H2881" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" bird |strong="H6833" that |strong="H4325" was |strong="H1004" killed |strong="H7819" over |strong="H0413" running water |strong="H4325". Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1004" sprinkle that |strong="H4325" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H6471".<sup>52</sup> In |strong="H1004" this way he |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1004" use these things to |strong="H1004" make the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" clean.<sup>53</sup> He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1004" go |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0413" an |strong="H6440" open |strong="H6440" field |strong="H7704" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1004" let |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" living |strong="H2416" bird |strong="H6833" go |strong="H7971" free |strong="H7971". In |strong="H5921" this way |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" priest will |strong="H1004" make the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" pure |strong="H2891". The |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" clean |strong="H2891".

<sup>54</sup> These |strong="H2063" are the |strong="H3605" rules for |strong="H3605" any |strong="H3605" infection |strong="H5061" of |strong="H3605" leprosy |strong="H6883",<sup>55</sup> for |strong="H1004" mildew on |strong="H1004" pieces of |strong="H1004" cloth |strong="H0899" or |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1004" a house |strong="H1004".<sup>56</sup> These are the rules for swellings, rashes, or bright |strong="H0934" spots |strong="H0934" on the skin.<sup>57</sup> These |strong="H2063" rules teach |strong="H3384" when |strong="H3117" something is |strong="H3117" clean |strong="H2889" and |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3117" something is |strong="H3117" unclean |strong="H2931". These |strong="H2063" are |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" rules about |strong="H3117" these |strong="H2063" kinds of |strong="H3117" disease |strong="H6883".

## Rules for Discharges From the Body

**15** The LORD also said to Moses and Aaron, <sup>2</sup> Say to the Israelites: Whoever has a genital discharge is unclean. <sup>3</sup> The person is unclean whether the discharge continues to flow or whether it stops.

<sup>4</sup> If a man a discharge lies on a bed, that bed becomes unclean. Everything he sits on will become unclean. <sup>5</sup> If you touch that bed, you must wash your clothes and bathe in water. You will be unclean until evening. <sup>6</sup> If you sit on anything that he sat on, you must wash your clothes and bathe in water. You will be unclean until evening. <sup>7</sup> If you touch him, you must wash your clothes and bathe in water. You will be unclean until evening. <sup>8</sup> If he spits on

you, you must wash your clothes and bathe in water. You will be unclean until evening. <sup>9</sup> If that man sits on a saddle, it will become unclean. <sup>10</sup> If you touch or carry anything that was under him, you will be unclean until evening. <sup>11</sup> If he touches you, you must wash your clothes and bathe in water. You will be unclean until evening.

<sup>12</sup> If a man a discharge touches clay bowl, that bowl must be broken. If he touches a wooden bowl, that bowl must be washed in water.

<sup>13</sup> When it comes for a man a discharge to be made clean, he must wait seven days. Then he must wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water. Then he will become clean. <sup>14</sup> On the



eighth|strong="H8066" day|strong="H3117", he|strong="H3117" must|strong="H1121" take|strong="H3947" for|strong="H0413" himself|strong="H3117" two|strong="H8147" doves|strong="H3123" or|strong="H0176" two|strong="H8147" young|strong="H1121" pigeons|strong="H3123" and|strong="H1121" come|strong="H0935" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". He|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H6440" two|strong="H8147" birds to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" priest|strong="H3548". <sup>15</sup> The|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" offer|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" birds, one|strong="H0259" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" sin|strong="H2403" offering|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0259" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H3068". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3068" way|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3068" man|strong="H0259" pure before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>16</sup> " If|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0376" a|strong="H3588" flow|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0376" semen, he|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" bathe|strong="H7364" his|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" body|strong="H1320" in|strong="H7364" water|strong="H4325". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". <sup>17</sup> If|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" semen is|strong="H0834" on|strong="H5921" any|strong="H3605" clothing|strong="H0899" or|strong="H5704" leather|strong="H5785", that|strong="H0834" clothing|strong="H0899" or|strong="H5704" leather|strong="H5785" must be|strong="H1961" washed|strong="H3526" with|strong="H5921" water|strong="H4325". It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". <sup>18</sup> If|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" has|strong="H0834" sexual|strong="H7901" relations with|strong="H0854" a|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376", and|strong="H0376" he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834"

a|strong="H0834" flow of|strong="H0376" semen, both the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" must bathe|strong="H7364" in|strong="H7364" water|strong="H4325". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0376" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153".

<sup>19</sup> " If|strong="H3588" a|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H0802" has|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" discharge|strong="H2100" from|strong="H5704" her|strong="H3605" monthly time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" bleeding, she|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2930" for|strong="H3588" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". Anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" touches|strong="H5060" her|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". <sup>20</sup> Everything|strong="H3605" she|strong="H0834" lies|strong="H7901" on|strong="H5921" during|strong="H3605" her|strong="H3605" monthly time|strong="H5079" of|strong="H3427" bleeding will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3605" unclean|strong="H2930". And|strong="H3427" everything|strong="H3605" she|strong="H0834" sits|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" during|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H5079" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3605" unclean|strong="H2930". <sup>21</sup> Whoever|strong="H3605" touches|strong="H5060" her|strong="H3605" bed|strong="H4904" must wash|strong="H3526" their|strong="H3605" clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H4325" bathe|strong="H7364" in|strong="H7364" water|strong="H4325". They|strong="H5704" will|strong="H4325" be|strong="H4325" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". <sup>22</sup> Whoever|strong="H3605" touches|strong="H5060" anything|strong="H3605" she|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" sat|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" must wash|strong="H3526" their|strong="H3605" clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H4325" bathe|strong="H7364" in|strong="H3427" water|strong="H4325". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H4325" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". <sup>23</sup> It|strong="H1931" doesn't matter if|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0834" touched|strong="H5060" the|strong="H0834" woman's bed|strong="H4904" or|strong="H0176" if|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0834" touched|strong="H5060" something she|strong="H1931" sat|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921", they|strong="H0834"

will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1931" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153".

<sup>24</sup> " If|strong="H0518" a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0834" sexual|strong="H7901" relations with|strong="H0854" a|strong="H1961" woman during|strong="H3117" her|strong="H3605" monthly time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0376" bleeding, he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2930" for|strong="H5921" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". Every|strong="H3605" bed|strong="H4904" he|strong="H0834" lies|strong="H7901" on|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2930".

<sup>25</sup> " If|strong="H3588" a|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H0802" has|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" discharge|strong="H2100" of|strong="H3117" blood|strong="H1818" for|strong="H3588" many|strong="H7227" days|strong="H3117", not|strong="H3808" during|strong="H3117" her|strong="H3605" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H3117" monthly bleeding, or|strong="H0176" if|strong="H3588" she|strong="H1931" has|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" discharge|strong="H2100" after|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3588" time|strong="H6256", she|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2931", just|strong="H3605" as|strong="H1961" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H3117" her|strong="H3605" monthly bleeding. She|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2931" for|strong="H3588" as|strong="H1961" long|strong="H3117" as|strong="H1961" she|strong="H1931" has|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" discharge|strong="H2100". <sup>26</sup> Any|strong="H3605" bed|strong="H4904" she|strong="H0834" lies|strong="H7901" on|strong="H5921" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" her|strong="H3605" discharge|strong="H2101" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" her|strong="H3605" bed|strong="H4904" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" her|strong="H3605" monthly bleeding. Everything|strong="H3605" she|strong="H0834" sits|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2931", just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0834" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117"

she|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" unclean|strong="H2931" from|strong="H5921" her|strong="H3605" monthly bleeding. <sup>27</sup> Whoever|strong="H3605" touches|strong="H5060" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4325" be|strong="H4325" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". They|strong="H5704" must wash|strong="H3526" their|strong="H3605" own clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H4325" bathe|strong="H7364" in|strong="H7364" water|strong="H4325". <sup>28</sup> After|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0310" woman's discharge|strong="H2101" stops, she|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" wait seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H3117" she|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3117" clean|strong="H2891". <sup>29</sup> Then|strong="H3947" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" eighth|strong="H8066" day|strong="H3117", she must|strong="H0853" bring|strong="H0935" two|strong="H8147" doves|strong="H3123" or|strong="H0176" two|strong="H8147" young|strong="H1121" pigeons|strong="H3123" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>30</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" offer|strong="H6213" one|strong="H0259" bird|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" sin|strong="H2403" offering|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0259" bird|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H3068". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3068" way|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" her|strong="H5921" pure before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>31</sup> " So|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H4191" warn the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" about being|strong="H1121" unclean|strong="H2930". If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" warn the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121", they|strong="H0834" might|strong="H1121" make|strong="H2930" my|strong="H0834" Holy Tent unclean|strong="H2930". And|strong="H1121" then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3478" have|strong="H0834" to|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191"!"

<sup>32</sup> These *are* *the* rules for *anyone* *with* *a* discharge from *the* body. These rules *are* for *men* who *become* *unclean* from *a* flow of semen. <sup>33</sup> And *these* rules *are* for *women* who *become* *unclean* from *their* monthly time of *bleeding*. And *these* *are* *the* rules for *anyone* who *becomes* *unclean* by *sleeping* with *another* person who *is* *unclean*.

#### The Day of Atonement

**16** Two of Aaron's sons died while offering incense to LORD. <sup>1</sup> After that time, the LORD spoke to Moses. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said, "Talk to your brother Aaron. Tell him he cannot go behind the curtain into the Holy Place anytime he wants to. The mercy-cover is in the room behind that curtain on top of the Holy Box, and I appear in the cloud over it that mercy-cover. If

goes into that room, he will die!

<sup>3</sup> Before Aaron enters the Most Holy Place, he will offer a bull for sin offering and a ram for offering. <sup>4</sup> Aaron will wash his whole body with water and put on special clothes. He will put on linen underwear next to his body, the linen robe, the linen belt, and then he will put the linen turban on his head.

<sup>5</sup> From the whole community of Israel, Aaron will accept two male goats for sin offering and a ram for burnt offering. <sup>6</sup> Then he will offer the bull for sin offering. This sin offering is for himself. He will do this to purify himself and his family.

I TWO OF AARON'S SONS ... LORD See Leviticus 10:1-2.

II PURIFY Or "make atonement." The Hebrew word means "to cover," or "to erase" a person's sins. Also in verses 11, 16, 17, 34.



of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" sin|strong="H2403" offering for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bring|strong="H0935" this|strong="H0834" goat's blood|strong="H1818" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" room|strong="H1004" behind the|strong="H0853" curtain|strong="H6532". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0853" goat's blood|strong="H1818" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0853" bull's blood|strong="H1818". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" sprinkle the|strong="H0853" goat's blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" mercy-cover and|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1004" it|strong="H5921". <sup>16</sup> In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3605" Aaron will|strong="H3478" purify the|strong="H3605" Most|strong="H6944" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944" from|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" uncleanness|strong="H2932" and|strong="H1121" sins|strong="H2403" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". He|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3478" also|strong="H3478" purify the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168", because|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921" stands|strong="H7931" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" middle|strong="H8432" of|strong="H1121" people|strong="H1121" whose|strong="H1121" sins|strong="H2403" have|strong="H1121" made|strong="H6213" them|strong="H5921" unclean|strong="H2932".

<sup>17</sup> " No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" when|strong="H1961" Aaron goes|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" purify the|strong="H3605" Most|strong="H6944" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0935" go|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0935" there|strong="H1961" until|strong="H5704" Aaron comes|strong="H0935" out|strong="H3318" after|strong="H1961" purifying|strong="H3722" himself|strong="H3808", his|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004", and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". <sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H3318" Aaron will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413"

the|strong="H6440" altar|strong="H4196" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068". Aaron will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H6440" altar|strong="H4196" pure. He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3947" some of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" blood|strong="H1818" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H6440" bull|strong="H6499" and|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H6440" goat|strong="H8163" and|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" corners of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" altar|strong="H4196" on|strong="H5921" all|strong="H5439" four sides|strong="H5439". <sup>19</sup> Then|strong="H1121" he|strong="H4480" will|strong="H3478" dip his|strong="H5921" finger|strong="H0676" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818" and|strong="H1121" sprinkle it|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" altar seven|strong="H7651" times|strong="H6471". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H6471" way|strong="H5921" Aaron will|strong="H3478" make the|strong="H5921" altar holy|strong="H6942" and|strong="H1121" clean|strong="H2891" from|strong="H4480" all|strong="H4480" the|strong="H5921" sins of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" Israelites|strong="H3478".

<sup>20</sup> " So|strong="H7126" Aaron will|strong="H4196" make|strong="H3615" the|strong="H0853" Most|strong="H6944" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944", the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168", and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" pure. Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0853" will|strong="H4196" bring|strong="H7126" the|strong="H0853" living|strong="H2416" goat|strong="H8163" to|strong="H7126" the|strong="H0853" front of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" tent|strong="H0168". <sup>21</sup> He|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3478" put|strong="H5414" both|strong="H8147" his|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" head|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" goat|strong="H8163". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3478" confess|strong="H3034" the|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2403" and|strong="H1121" crimes|strong="H6588" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" goat|strong="H8163".

In *strong="H5921" this 22 So*

<sup>23</sup> Then *strong="H0853" Aaron 24 He*

*ing 25 Then*

<sup>26</sup> The *strong="H0853" man*

<sup>27</sup> The *strong="H0853" bull 28 Then*

<sup>29</sup> This *strong="H2708" law will*

tenth |strong="H6218" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" month |strong="H2320", you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" eat food. <sup>1</sup> You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" travelers or |strong="H3808" foreigners |strong="H1616" living |strong="H1481" in |strong="H8432" your |strong="H3605" land can |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399" either. <sup>30</sup> Because |strong="H3588" on |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" day |strong="H3117", the |strong="H3605" priest will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H2088" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" pure |strong="H2891" and |strong="H3068" wash away |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2403". Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" clean |strong="H2891" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>31</sup> You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" humble yourselves |strong="H5315"<sup>II</sup> because this |strong="H1931" day is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H7676" very important day of |strong="H5315" rest |strong="H7677" for |strong="H5315" you |strong="H0853". This |strong="H1931" law will |strong="H5315" continue forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>32</sup> " In |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853" future, this |strong="H0834" ceremony will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3027" done |strong="H3027" by |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" who |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3027" anointed |strong="H4886" and |strong="H3027" appointed to |strong="H3027" serve |strong="H3547" after his |strong="H0834" father |strong="H0001". That |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3847" on |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853" holy |strong="H6944" linen |strong="H0906" clothes |strong="H0899"<sup>33</sup> and |strong="H3548" make the |strong="H3605" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944", the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168", and |strong="H3548" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" pure. He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H6951" also |strong="H0853" make the |strong="H3605"

I NOT EAT FOOD Literally, "humble yourselves." II HUMBLE YOURSELVES This also means that the people were not supposed to eat any food on this day.

priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3548" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" pure. <sup>34</sup> That |strong="H0834" law will |strong="H3068" continue |strong="H1961" forever |strong="H5769". Once |strong="H0259" every |strong="H3605" year |strong="H8141" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" purify the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" from |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2403".

So |strong="H6213" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".

### Rules About Killing and Eating Animals

**17** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> " Speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680": <sup>3</sup> Any |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478" might |strong="H3478" kill |strong="H7819" a |strong="H0176" bull |strong="H7794", a |strong="H0176" lamb |strong="H3775", or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H0176" goat |strong="H5795". You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3478" be |strong="H0376" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" camp |strong="H4264" or |strong="H0176" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0834" camp |strong="H4264". <sup>4</sup> It |strong="H1931" doesn't |strong="H3808" matter; you |strong="H6440" must |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H0935" that |strong="H1931" animal to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". You |strong="H6440" must |strong="H3808" give |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3772" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H0376" that |strong="H1931" animal as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3772" gift |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H6440" spilled |strong="H8210" blood |strong="H1818", so |strong="H3808" you |strong="H6440" must |strong="H3808"

take|strong="H0935" a|strong="H3772" gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Tent|strong="H0168". If|strong="H0376" you|strong="H6440" don't|strong="H3808" take|strong="H0935" part|strong="H1931" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H6440" animal as|strong="H0935" a|strong="H3772" gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H6440" must|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" separated from|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971"! <sup>5</sup> This|strong="H0834" rule is|strong="H0834" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3068" fellowship offering|strong="H8002" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" bring|strong="H0935" any|strong="H6440" animal that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" kill in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". Bring|strong="H0935" those|strong="H0834" animals to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548". <sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" throw|strong="H2236" their|strong="H3068" blood|strong="H1818" onto|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" altar|strong="H4196" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" burn|strong="H6999" the|strong="H0853" fat|strong="H2459" from|strong="H5921" those|strong="H5921" animals on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H5921" sweet-smelling gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>7</sup> In|strong="H5750" this|strong="H2063" way|strong="H2063" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" stop|strong="H3808" being|strong="H1961" unfaithful|strong="H2181" to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H0310" by|strong="H1961" offering|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2077" to|strong="H1961" your|strong="H0834" goat|strong="H8163" gods.'

This|strong="H2063" law will|strong="H1961" continue|strong="H1961" forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>8</sup> Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0376": Any|strong="H4480" citizen of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478", traveler, or|strong="H0176" foreigner|strong="H1616" living|strong="H1481" among|strong="H8432" you|strong="H0834" might|strong="H3478" want to|strong="H0413" offer|strong="H5927" a|strong="H0176" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927" or|strong="H0176" some|strong="H4480" other|strong="H0376" sacrifice|strong="H2077". <sup>9</sup> They|strong="H3808" must|strong="H0853" take|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" sacrifice to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" and|strong="H0935" offer|strong="H6213" it|strong="H1931" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Whoever does|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" separated from|strong="H0935" their|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971".

<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" turn|strong="H5414" against|strong="H4480" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" eat|strong="H0398" blood|strong="H1818" whether|strong="H4480" they|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" citizens|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" or|strong="H4480" foreigners|strong="H1616" living|strong="H1481" among|strong="H8432" you|strong="H0834", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" separate them|strong="H5414" from|strong="H4480" their|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". <sup>11</sup> This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" life|strong="H5315" of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H5921" body|strong="H1320" is|strong="H1931" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818". I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0589" told you|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H1818" pour the|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" altar|strong="H4196" to|strong="H5921" purify yourselves|strong="H5315". It|strong="H5414" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818" that|strong="H3588" makes|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588" person|strong="H5315" pure. <sup>12</sup> That|strong="H3605" is|strong="H5315" why|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651" am telling|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3605" is-



raelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" foreigners |strong="H1616" living |strong="H1481" among |strong="H8432" you |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" blood |strong="H1818".

<sup>13</sup> " If |strong="H0834" any |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0834", whether |strong="H0176" Israelite |strong="H3478" or |strong="H0176" foreigner |strong="H1616" living |strong="H2416" among |strong="H8432" you |strong="H0834", goes hunting and |strong="H1121" kills a |strong="H0176" wild animal |strong="H2416" or |strong="H0176" bird |strong="H5775" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" allowed to |strong="H3478" eat |strong="H0398", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" pour |strong="H8210" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" animal |strong="H2416" on |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H6083" and |strong="H1121" cover |strong="H3680" it |strong="H0398" with |strong="H0376" dirt |strong="H6083". <sup>14</sup> This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" life |strong="H5315" of |strong="H1121" every |strong="H3605" kind of |strong="H1121" animal is |strong="H1931" in |strong="H3478" its |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818". So |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3588" give |strong="H0398" this |strong="H1931" command |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478": Don't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" meat |strong="H1320" that |strong="H3588" still |strong="H0559" has |strong="H3478" blood |strong="H1818" in |strong="H3478" it |strong="H1931"! Whoever |strong="H3605" eats |strong="H0398" blood |strong="H1818" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H3808" separated from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121".

<sup>15</sup> " If |strong="H0834" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4325" you |strong="H0834", whether Israelite or |strong="H5704" foreigner |strong="H1616" living |strong="H5315" among you |strong="H0834", eats |strong="H0398" an |strong="H5704" animal |strong="H2966" that |strong="H0834" died |strong="H5038" by |strong="H3605" itself or |strong="H5704" was |strong="H0834" killed by |strong="H3605" some |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H2966", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H5315" unclean |strong="H2930" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153".

You |strong="H0834" must wash |strong="H3526" your |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899" and |strong="H0398" bathe |strong="H7364" your |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" body |strong="H5038" with |strong="H7364" water |strong="H4325". <sup>16</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" wash |strong="H3526" your |strong="H0518" clothes and |strong="H1320" bathe |strong="H7364" your |strong="H0518" whole body |strong="H1320", you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1320" be |strong="H3808" responsible for |strong="H0518" your |strong="H0518" guilt |strong="H5771"."

### Rules About Sexual Relations

**18** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478": I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". <sup>3</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" follow the |strong="H0853" customs |strong="H2708" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H3427", and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" follow the |strong="H0853" customs |strong="H2708" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Canaanites where |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" leading you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" live |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" way they |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213". <sup>4</sup> You |strong="H6213" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" rules |strong="H2708" and |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H3068" my |strong="H8104" laws. Be |strong="H3068" sure to |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H3068" my |strong="H8104" rules |strong="H2708" because I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". <sup>5</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" rules |strong="H2708" and |strong="H3068" my |strong="H8104" laws, because |strong="H0834" whoever |strong="H0834" obeys |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3068" live. I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>6</sup> " You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0376" sexual relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" close |strong="H7126" rela-

tives|strong="H7607". I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

7 " You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0001" sexual relations with|strong="H0001" your|strong="H3808" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H3808" mother|strong="H0517". She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" your|strong="H3808" mother|strong="H0517", so|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0001" sexual relations with|strong="H0001" her|strong="H1540". 8 You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0001" sexual relations with|strong="H0802" your|strong="H3808" father's|strong="H0001" wife|strong="H0802", even|strong="H3808" if|strong="H1931" she|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" your|strong="H3808" mother, because that|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" like|strong="H3808" having|strong="H3808" sexual relations with|strong="H0802" your|strong="H3808" father|strong="H0001". 1

9 " You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0001" sexual relations with|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3808" sister|strong="H0269". It|strong="H1540" doesn't|strong="H3808" matter if|strong="H0176" she|strong="H0517" is|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3808" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3808" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H0176" your|strong="H3808" mother|strong="H0517". And|strong="H1004" it|strong="H1540" doesn't|strong="H3808" matter if|strong="H0176" your|strong="H3808" sister|strong="H0269" was|strong="H1004" born|strong="H4138" in|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3808" house|strong="H1004"II or|strong="H0176" at|strong="H1004" some other|strong="H0269" place|strong="H1004".

10 " You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1121" sexual relations with|strong="H0176" your|strong="H3588" granddaughter|strong="H1323". It|strong="H3588" doesn't|strong="H3808" matter whether|strong="H0176" she|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3588" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3588" son|strong="H1121"

I HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH Literally, "uncover the nakedness of." Also in verses 7, 9-12, 15-19. I SEXUAL RELATIONS ... FATHER Literally, "She is the nakedness of your father." Husband and wife are like one person. See Genesis 2:24. II SISTER WAS BORN IN YOUR HOUSE Or "household." If a man had many wives, each wife and her children had their own tent or part of the house. So this probably means a man was not supposed to have sexual relations with any of his father's daughters, whether sister or half-sister.

or|strong="H0176" the|strong="H3588" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3588" daughter|strong="H1323"—they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1121" all a|strong="H3588" part of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3588"!

11 " If|strong="H1931" your|strong="H3808" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0802" his|strong="H1540" wife|strong="H0802"III have|strong="H0001" a|strong="H3808" daughter|strong="H1323", she|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" your|strong="H3808" sister|strong="H0269". You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0001" sexual relations with|strong="H0802" her|strong="H1540".

12 " You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0001" sexual relations with|strong="H0001" your|strong="H3808" father's|strong="H0001" sister|strong="H0269". She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" your|strong="H3808" father's|strong="H0001" close relative|strong="H7607". 13 You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3588" sexual relations with|strong="H1540" your|strong="H3588" mother's|strong="H0517" sister|strong="H0269". She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" your|strong="H3588" mother's|strong="H0517" close relative|strong="H7607". 14 You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0001" sexual relations|strong="H0413" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" wife|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0001" your|strong="H3808" father's|strong="H0001" brother|strong="H0251". You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H1540" near|strong="H7126" your|strong="H3808" uncle's|strong="H1733" wife|strong="H0802" for|strong="H0413" sexual relations|strong="H0413". She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" your|strong="H3808" aunt|strong="H1733".

15 " You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1121" sexual relations with|strong="H0802" your|strong="H3808" daughter-in-law|strong="H3618". She|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" your|strong="H3808" son's|strong="H1121" wife|strong="H0802", so|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" must|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1121" sexual relations with|strong="H0802" her|strong="H1540".

16 " You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0251" sexual relations with|strong="H0802" your|strong="H3808" brother's|strong="H0251" wife|strong="H0802".

III HIS WIFE This probably means "your stepmother."

That *strong="H1931"* would be *strong="H3808"* like *strong="H3808"* having *strong="H3808"* sexual relations with *strong="H0802"* your *strong="H3808"* brother *strong="H0251"*.<sup>I</sup>

17 " You *strong="H3808"* must *strong="H0853"* not *strong="H3808"* have *strong="H1121"* sexual *strong="H3947"* relations with *strong="H0802"* a *strong="H3947"* mother and *strong="H1121"* her *strong="H1540"* daughter *strong="H1323"* or *strong="H3808"* her *strong="H1540"* granddaughter *strong="H1323"*. It *strong="H1931"* doesn't *strong="H3808"* matter if *strong="H1121"* this *strong="H1931"* granddaughter *strong="H1323"* is *strong="H1931"* the *strong="H0853"* daughter *strong="H1323"* of *strong="H1121"* this *strong="H1931"* woman's *strong="H0802"* son *strong="H1121"* or *strong="H3808"* daughter *strong="H1323"*. Her *strong="H1540"* granddaughters are *strong="H1121"* her *strong="H1540"* close relatives *strong="H1121"*. It *strong="H1931"* is *strong="H1931"* wrong to *strong="H1121"* do this *strong="H1931"*.

18 " While *strong="H5921"* your *strong="H5921"* wife *strong="H0802"* is *strong="H0802"* still living *strong="H2416"*, you *strong="H5921"* must *strong="H3947"* not *strong="H3808"* take *strong="H3947"* her *strong="H0413"* sister *strong="H0269"* as *strong="H0413"* another *strong="H0269"* wife *strong="H0802"*. This will *strong="H0802"* make *strong="H1540"* the *strong="H5921"* sisters *strong="H0269"* become enemies. You *strong="H5921"* must *strong="H3947"* not *strong="H3808"* have *strong="H3808"* sexual *strong="H3947"* relations *strong="H0413"* with *strong="H0413"* your *strong="H5921"* wife's *strong="H0802"* sister *strong="H0269"*.

19 " You *strong="H3808"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* go *strong="H1540"* near *strong="H7126"* a *strong="H7126"* woman *strong="H0802"* to *strong="H0413"* have *strong="H3808"* sexual relations *strong="H0413"* with *strong="H0413"* her *strong="H0413"* during her *strong="H0413"* monthly time *strong="H5079"* of *strong="H0802"* bleeding. She *strong="H3808"* is *strong="H0802"* unclean *strong="H5079"* during this time *strong="H5079"*.

20 " You *strong="H5414"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* have *strong="H3808"* sexual relations *strong="H0413"* with *strong="H0413"* your *strong="H5414"* neighbor's *strong="H5997"* wife *strong="H0802"*. This will *strong="H5414"* only make *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H5414"* filthy.<sup>II</sup>

21 " You *strong="H5414"* must *strong="H0853"* not *strong="H3808"* give *strong="H5414"*

any *strong="H5414"* of *strong="H0430"* your *strong="H3068"* children *strong="H2233"* through *strong="H5674"* the *strong="H0853"* fire to *strong="H3068"* Molech *strong="H4432"*. If you *strong="H5414"* do *strong="H0589"* this *strong="H3068"*, you *strong="H5414"* will *strong="H3068"* show *strong="H5414"* that *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H5414"* don't *strong="H3808"* respect the *strong="H0853"* name *strong="H8034"* of *strong="H0430"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*. I *strong="H0589"* am *strong="H0589"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*.

22 " Men *strong="H2145"*, you *strong="H3808"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* have *strong="H3808"* sexual *strong="H7901"* relations with *strong="H0854"* another *strong="H0802"* man *strong="H2145"* as *strong="H2145"* with *strong="H0854"* a *strong="H3808"* woman *strong="H0802"*. That *strong="H1931"* is *strong="H1931"* a *strong="H3808"* terrible sin!

23 " Men *strong="H3605"*, you *strong="H5414"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* have *strong="H3605"* sexual relations with *strong="H0802"* any *strong="H3605"* animal *strong="H0929"*. This *strong="H1931"* will *strong="H5414"* make *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H5414"* filthy. And *strong="H0802"* women *strong="H0802"*, you *strong="H5414"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* have *strong="H3605"* sexual relations with *strong="H0802"* any *strong="H3605"* animal *strong="H0929"*. It *strong="H5414"* is *strong="H1931"* against *strong="H6440"* nature!

24 " Don't *strong="H0408"* make *strong="H2930"* yourself unclean *strong="H2930"* by *strong="H3605"* doing any *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H6440"* these *strong="H0428"* wrong things *strong="H0428"*! I *strong="H0589"* am *strong="H0589"* throwing nations *strong="H1471"* off *strong="H7971"* their *strong="H3605"* land *strong="H6440"* and *strong="H7971"* giving it *strong="H3588"* to *strong="H7971"* you *strong="H0834"* because *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H0834"* those *strong="H0428"* terrible sins.<sup>25</sup> They *strong="H5921"* made *strong="H6485"* the *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0776"* filthy. Now the *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0776"* is *strong="H0776"* sick of *strong="H0776"* those *strong="H5921"* things, and *strong="H0776"* it *strong="H5921"* will *strong="H0776"* vomit *strong="H6958"* out *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H3427"* who *strong="H3427"* live *strong="H3427"* there *strong="H3427"*.

26 " So *strong="H6213"* you *strong="H0859"* must *strong="H0853"* obey *strong="H6213"* my *strong="H3605"* laws and *strong="H4941"*

I SEXUAL RELATIONS ... BROTHER Literally, "She is the nakedness of your brother." II FILTHY Or "polluted" or "unclean." Also in verses 23, 25, 27.

rules|strong="H2708". You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" terrible sins. These|strong="H0428" rules|strong="H2708" are|strong="H0428" for|strong="H4941" the|strong="H3605" citizens of|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H8104" and|strong="H4941" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" living|strong="H1481" among|strong="H8432" you|strong="H0859".<sup>27</sup> Those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" lived in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" before|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0411" terrible things|strong="H3605". So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" became|strong="H2930" filthy.<sup>28</sup> If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" do these|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H2930" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" filthy. And|strong="H0776" it|strong="H2930" will|strong="H0776" vomit|strong="H6958" you|strong="H0834" out|strong="H6440" as|strong="H0834" it|strong="H2930" vomited out|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" there|strong="H0834" before|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834".<sup>29</sup> Whoever|strong="H3605" does|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" terrible sins must be|strong="H5315" separated from|strong="H3772" their|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"!<sup>30</sup> Other|strong="H1115" people|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0834" terrible sins, but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H8104" laws. You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0430" these|strong="H0834" terrible sins. Do|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" yourself filthy with|strong="H3068" these|strong="H0834" terrible sins. I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"."

#### Israel Belongs to God

**19** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872",<sup>2</sup> Tell|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". I|strong="H0589"

am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" holy|strong="H6918", so|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6918".

<sup>3</sup> Each|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" you|strong="H0853" must|strong="H0853" honor your|strong="H3068" mother|strong="H0517" and|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H3068" keep|strong="H8104" my|strong="H8104" special days of|strong="H0376" rest.<sup>1</sup> I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"!

<sup>4</sup> Do|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" worship idols|strong="H0457". Do|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" statues of|strong="H0430" gods|strong="H0430" for|strong="H0413" yourselves|strong="H3068". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>5</sup> When|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" offer|strong="H2076" a|strong="H3588" sacrifice|strong="H2077" of|strong="H3068" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3588" must offer|strong="H2076" it|strong="H3588" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" right way so|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" accepted|strong="H7522".<sup>6</sup> You|strong="H3117" may|strong="H3117" eat|strong="H0398" it|strong="H0398" the|strong="H5704" same day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117" offer|strong="H2077" it|strong="H0398" and|strong="H0398" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5704" next|strong="H4283" day|strong="H3117". But|strong="H3498" if any|strong="H3498" of|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" sacrifice|strong="H2077" is|strong="H3117" left|strong="H3498" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5704" third|strong="H7992" day|strong="H3117", you|strong="H3117" must burn|strong="H8313" it|strong="H0398" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5704" fire|strong="H0784".<sup>7</sup> You|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H0398" of|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" sacrifice on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" third|strong="H7992"

<sup>1</sup> SPECIAL DAYS OF REST Or "Sabbaths." This might mean Saturday, or it might mean all the special days when the people were not supposed to work. Also in verse 30.

day|strong="H3117". It|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" unclean|strong="H6292",<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H0398" it|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" accepted|strong="H7521".<sup>8</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" guilty|strong="H5771" of|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H5771" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" do that|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" did not|strong="H3588" respect the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" that|strong="H3588" belong to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" do that|strong="H3588", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" separated from|strong="H3772" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971".

<sup>9</sup> "When|strong="H3615" you|strong="H0853" cut your|strong="H3808" crops|strong="H7105" at|strong="H3808" harvest|strong="H7105" time, don't|strong="H3808" cut all|strong="H3615" the|strong="H0853" way to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" corners|strong="H6285" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3808" fields|strong="H7704". And|strong="H0776" if grain falls on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776", you|strong="H0853" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" gather|strong="H3950" up|strong="H3950" that|strong="H3808" grain.<sup>10</sup> Don't|strong="H3808" pick|strong="H5953" all the|strong="H0853" grapes in|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" vineyards|strong="H3754" or|strong="H3808" pick|strong="H5953" up|strong="H3950" the|strong="H0853" grapes that|strong="H3068" fall to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" ground. You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H0853" leave|strong="H5800" those|strong="H0853" things|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" poor|strong="H6041" people|strong="H3808" and|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3068" people|strong="H3808" traveling through your|strong="H3068" country. I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>11</sup> "You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" steal|strong="H1589". You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" cheat people|strong="H0376". You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" lie|strong="H8266" to|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" oth-

er|strong="H0376".<sup>12</sup> You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" use my|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034" to|strong="H3068" make|strong="H8034" false|strong="H8267" promises|strong="H7650". If you|strong="H3808" do|strong="H0589" that|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" show that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" respect the|strong="H0853" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>13</sup> "You|strong="H5704" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" cheat or|strong="H3808" rob|strong="H1497" your|strong="H3808" neighbor|strong="H7453". You|strong="H5704" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" hold a|strong="H5704" hired|strong="H7916" worker's salary overnight until|strong="H5704" morning|strong="H1242".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>14</sup> "You|strong="H5414" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" curse|strong="H7043" anyone who|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" deaf|strong="H2795". You|strong="H5414" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H0589" anything|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" blind|strong="H5787" person fall|strong="H4383". But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H5414" must|strong="H3808" respect|strong="H6440" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>15</sup> "You|strong="H6440" must|strong="H5375" be|strong="H3808" fair in|strong="H1419" judgment|strong="H4941". You|strong="H6440" must|strong="H5375" not|strong="H3808" show|strong="H5375" special favor|strong="H6440" to|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" poor|strong="H1800". And|strong="H1419" you|strong="H6440" must|strong="H5375" not|strong="H3808" show|strong="H5375" special favor|strong="H6440" to|strong="H6440" important|strong="H1419" people|strong="H3808". You|strong="H6440" must|strong="H5375" be|strong="H3808" fair when|strong="H6213" you|strong="H6440" judge|strong="H8199" your|strong="H6440" neighbor|strong="H5997".<sup>16</sup> You|strong="H5921" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" go around|strong="H5921" spreading false stories against|strong="H5921" other|strong="H7453" people|strong="H5971". Don't|strong="H3808" do|strong="H0589" any-

I UNCLEAN Or "offensive," "bad," or "rotten." This means the meat is not good to eat as part of a sacrifice.

II Workers were paid at the end of each day for the work they did that day. See Matthew 20:1-16.

thing |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3068" would |strong="H3068" put your |strong="H3068" neighbor's |strong="H7453" life |strong="H1818" in |strong="H5921" danger. I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>17</sup> " Don't |strong="H3808" secretly hate |strong="H8130" any |strong="H3808" of |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" neighbors. But |strong="H3808" tell them |strong="H0853" openly what |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" have |strong="H0251" done wrong so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" just as |strong="H3824" guilty of |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2399" as |strong="H3824" they |strong="H5921" are |strong="H3824". <sup>18</sup> Forget about the |strong="H0853" wrong things |strong="H3808" people |strong="H5971" do |strong="H0589" to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3808". Don't |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H3068" get even |strong="H3808". Love |strong="H0157" your |strong="H3068" neighbor |strong="H7453" as |strong="H3644" yourself. I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>19</sup> " You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H8104" my |strong="H8104" laws. You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" your |strong="H5921" animals |strong="H0929" mate |strong="H7250" with |strong="H5921" animals |strong="H0929" of |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" different kind. You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" sow |strong="H2232" your |strong="H5921" field |strong="H7704" with |strong="H5921" two |strong="H3610" kinds |strong="H3610" of |strong="H5921" seed |strong="H2232". You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" wear |strong="H5927" clothing |strong="H0899" made |strong="H5927" from |strong="H5921" two |strong="H3610" kinds |strong="H3610" of |strong="H5921" material |strong="H8162" mixed |strong="H8162" together |strong="H5921".

<sup>20</sup> " It |strong="H5414" may |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" has |strong="H1961" sexual |strong="H7901" relations with |strong="H0854" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0376" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3588" slave |strong="H8198" of |strong="H0376" another |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376". But |strong="H3588" this |strong="H1931" slave |strong="H8198" woman |strong="H0802"

has |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" been |strong="H1961" bought |strong="H5414" or |strong="H0176" given |strong="H5414" her |strong="H0802" freedom |strong="H2668". If |strong="H3588" this |strong="H1931" happens |strong="H1961", there |strong="H1961" must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H1961" punishment |strong="H1244". But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" put |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" death |strong="H4191" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" woman |strong="H0802" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" free |strong="H2666". <sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0853" man must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3068" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". He |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" ram |strong="H0352" for |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817". <sup>22</sup> The |strong="H6440" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" make him |strong="H5921" pure by |strong="H5921" offering |strong="H0817" the |strong="H6440" ram |strong="H0352" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H6440" offering |strong="H0817" is |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" man's sins |strong="H2398", which |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" then |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" forgiven |strong="H5545".

<sup>23</sup> " In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" future, when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" enter |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776", you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" plant |strong="H5193" many kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" trees |strong="H6086" for |strong="H3588" food |strong="H3978". After |strong="H1961" planting a |strong="H1961" tree |strong="H6086", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" wait three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141" before |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0935" use |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" fruit |strong="H6529" from |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3588" tree |strong="H6086". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808"

use |strong="H0398" that |strong="H3588" fruit |strong="H6529". <sup>24</sup> In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" fourth |strong="H7243" year |strong="H8141", the |strong="H3605" fruit |strong="H6529" from |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3605" tree will |strong="H3068" be-long |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", a |strong="H1961" holy |strong="H6944" offer-ing |strong="H3068" of |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1974" to |strong="H1961" him |strong="H3605". <sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H0853", in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" fifth |strong="H2549" year |strong="H8141", you |strong="H0853" can |strong="H3254" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" fruit |strong="H6529" from |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" tree. And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" tree will |strong="H3068" pro-duce |strong="H6529" more |strong="H3254" and |strong="H3068" more |strong="H3254" fruit |strong="H6529" for |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0853". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>26</sup> " You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0398" meat with |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" still |strong="H6049" in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".

" You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H5921" use |strong="H0398" different kinds of |strong="H5921" magic to |strong="H5921" tell the |strong="H5921" future.

<sup>27</sup> " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" round |strong="H5362" off |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" hair |strong="H7218" that |strong="H3808" grows on |strong="H6285" the |strong="H0853" side |strong="H6285" of |strong="H7218" your |strong="H3808" face. You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" cut your |strong="H3808" beard |strong="H2206" that |strong="H3808" grows on |strong="H6285" the |strong="H0853" side |strong="H6285" of |strong="H7218" your |strong="H3808" face. <sup>28</sup> You |strong="H5414" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" cut your |strong="H3068" body |strong="H1320" as |strong="H5315" a |strong="H5414" way to |strong="H3068" remember the |strong="H5414" dead |strong="H5315". You |strong="H5414" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H5414" any |strong="H5414" tattoo marks |strong="H3793" on |strong="H3068" yourselves |strong="H5315".

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H5414" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>29</sup> " Do |strong="H0408" not |strong="H3808" dis-honor your |strong="H3808" daugh-ters |strong="H1323" by |strong="H0776" mak-ing |strong="H2181" them |strong="H0853" be-come |strong="H4390" prostitutes |strong="H2181". If you |strong="H0853" do |strong="H0408" that |strong="H3808", your |strong="H3808" whole country |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" turn away from |strong="H0776" God |strong="H3808" and |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" filled |strong="H4390" with |strong="H4390" all kinds of |strong="H0776" sinful things |strong="H3808".

<sup>30</sup> " You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" not work on |strong="H3068" my |strong="H8104" special days of |strong="H3068" rest. You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" honor my |strong="H8104" holy |strong="H4720" place |strong="H4720". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>31</sup> " Do |strong="H0408" not |strong="H0408" go to |strong="H0413" mediums |strong="H0178" or |strong="H0408" wizards for |strong="H0413" ad-vice— they |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" only make |strong="H2930" you |strong="H0413" un-clean |strong="H2930". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>32</sup> " Show honor |strong="H1921" to |strong="H3068" old |strong="H2205" people. Stand |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" when |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" come |strong="H6965" into the |strong="H6440" room. And |strong="H6965" show respect |strong="H6440" to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" leaders |strong="H2205". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>33</sup> " Do |strong="H3238" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H3238" bad things |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0776" foreigners |strong="H1616" liv-ing |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3588" country |strong="H0776". <sup>34</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0776" treat |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0157" the |strong="H3588" same |strong="H4480" as |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" treat |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" citizens |strong="H0776". Love |strong="H0157" them |strong="H0157" as |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" love |strong="H0157" yourselves |strong="H3068". Re-member, you |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" foreigners |strong="H1616" in |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588"

LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"!

<sup>35</sup> " You |strong="H6213" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" fair when |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" judge |strong="H4941" people |strong="H3808", and |strong="H4941" you |strong="H6213" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" fair when |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" measure |strong="H4884" and |strong="H4941" weigh |strong="H4948" things |strong="H3808". <sup>36</sup> Your |strong="H3068" bas-kets should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" right |strong="H6664" size. Your |strong="H3068" jars should |strong="H3068" hold the |strong="H0853" right |strong="H6664" amount of |strong="H0776" liquids. Your |strong="H3068" weights |strong="H0068" and |strong="H3068" balances |strong="H3976" should |strong="H3068" weigh things |strong="H1961" correctly. I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0589" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>37</sup> " You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" re-mem-ber all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" laws and |strong="H3068" rules |strong="H2708". And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"."

#### Warning Against Worshiping Idols

**20** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" also |strong="H3478" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Is-raelites |strong="H3478" these |strong="H5971" things |strong="H0834": Anyone |strong="H0376" liv-ing |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0413" Is-rael |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" gives |strong="H5414" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H5414" chil-dren |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" false god |strong="H0559" Mol-ech |strong="H4432" must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191"! It |strong="H5414" doesn't matter if |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" citizen of |strong="H1121" Is-rael |strong="H3478" or |strong="H4480" a |strong="H5414" foreigner |strong="H1616", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" throw

stones |strong="H0068" at |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" kill |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0413". <sup>3</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H8034" against |strong="H6440" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0376" separate them |strong="H5414" from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971", be-cause |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" chil-dren |strong="H2233" to |strong="H5414" Mol-ech |strong="H4432". They |strong="H3588" showed |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" did |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3588" respect |strong="H6440" my |strong="H5414" holy |strong="H6944" name |strong="H8034". And |strong="H0376" they |strong="H3588" made |strong="H3772" my |strong="H5414" holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H5414" unclean |strong="H2930".

<sup>4</sup> Maybe the |strong="H0853" com-mon |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0776" ignore |strong="H5956" them |strong="H5414". Maybe they |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H1115" kill |strong="H4191" those |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" gave |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" children |strong="H2233" to |strong="H4191" Molech |strong="H4432". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" against |strong="H6440" these |strong="H1931" peo-ple |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0376" separate them |strong="H0853" from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0376" separate any-one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" is |strong="H1931" unfaithful |strong="H2181" to |strong="H0376" me |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0376" chases after |strong="H0310" Molech |strong="H4432".

<sup>6</sup> " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H5315" against |strong="H0413" any-one |strong="H5315" who |strong="H0834" goes |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0413" medi-ums |strong="H0178" and |strong="H6440" wizards for |strong="H0413" advice. Whoever |strong="H0834" does |strong="H0834" this |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" being |strong="H5315" unfaith-ful |strong="H2181" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". So |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" separate them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>7</sup> " Be |strong="H1961" special. Make |strong="H3588" yourselves |strong="H3068"



holy|strong="H6918", because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".<sup>8</sup> Remember and|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H8104" laws. I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". And|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213" you|strong="H6213" my|strong="H8104" special people.

<sup>9</sup> "Whoever|strong="H0834" curses|strong="H7043" their|strong="H3588" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H0001" mother|strong="H0517" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". They|strong="H0834" cursed|strong="H7043" their|strong="H3588" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H0001" mother|strong="H0517", so|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3588" own|strong="H0376" death|strong="H4191"! I

#### Punishments for|strong="H3588" Sexual Sins

<sup>10</sup> "If|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0834" sexual relations with|strong="H0854" his|strong="H0834" neighbor's|strong="H7453" wife|strong="H0802", both|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" are|strong="H0834" guilty of|strong="H0376" adultery|strong="H5003" and|strong="H0376" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191"! <sup>11</sup> If|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0834" sexual|strong="H7901" relations with|strong="H0854" his|strong="H0834" father's|strong="H0001" wife|strong="H0802", both|strong="H8147" the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H4191" their|strong="H0834" own|strong="H0376" death|strong="H4191". II It|strong="H1540" is|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" if|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" had|strong="H0834" sexual|strong="H7901" relations

with|strong="H0854" his|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001"! III

<sup>12</sup> "If|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0834" sexual|strong="H7901" relations with|strong="H0854" his|strong="H0834" daughter-in-law|strong="H3618", both|strong="H8147" of|strong="H0376" them|strong="H0854" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" committed|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0834" terrible sexual|strong="H7901" sin! They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H4191" their|strong="H0834" own|strong="H0376" death|strong="H4191".

<sup>13</sup> "If|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0834" sexual|strong="H7901" relations with|strong="H0854" another|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" as|strong="H0834" with|strong="H0854" a|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802", they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" committed|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0834" terrible sin. They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H4191" their|strong="H0834" own|strong="H0376" death|strong="H4191".

<sup>14</sup> "It|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" sexual|strong="H3947" sin if|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0834" sexual|strong="H3947" relations with|strong="H8313" a|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H0802" and|strong="H0376" her|strong="H3947" mother|strong="H0517". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" must|strong="H0853" burn|strong="H8313" that|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H3947" women|strong="H0802" in|strong="H8432" fire|strong="H0784"! Don't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H1961" this|strong="H1931" sexual|strong="H3947" sin happen|strong="H1961" among|strong="H8432" your|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0376".

<sup>15</sup> "If|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0834" sexual relations with|strong="H0376" an|strong="H5414" animal|strong="H0929", both|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" animal|strong="H0929" must|strong="H4191"

I THEY ... DEATH Literally, "his blood is on him." II THEY ... DEATH Literally, "Their blood is on them." Also in verses 12, 13, 16, 27.

III MAN ... FATHER Literally, "he uncovered his father's nakedness."

be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" death |strong="H4191". 16 If |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7126" woman |strong="H0802" has |strong="H0834" sexual relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0854" an |strong="H7126" animal |strong="H0929", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H2026" the |strong="H3605" woman |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0802" the |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H0929". They |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0413" death |strong="H4191". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" responsible |strong="H1818" for |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" own death |strong="H4191".

17 " It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" shameful thing |strong="H1931" for |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" brother and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3947" sister |strong="H0269" or |strong="H0176" half-sister to |strong="H0376" marry |strong="H3947" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0269" and |strong="H1121" have |strong="H0834" sexual |strong="H3947" relations with |strong="H0376" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0269".<sup>I</sup> They |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H0376" punished in |strong="H0376" public |strong="H7200". They |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H0376" separated from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H5375" people |strong="H5971". The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" sexual |strong="H3947" relations with |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3947" sister |strong="H0269" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H0376" punished for |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3947" sin |strong="H5771".<sup>II</sup>

18 " If |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3772" man |strong="H0376" has |strong="H0834" sexual |strong="H7901" relations with |strong="H0854" a |strong="H3772" woman |strong="H0802" during her |strong="H1540" monthly time |strong="H8147" of |strong="H0376" bleeding, both |strong="H8147" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H0376" separated from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H7130" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" sinned because |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" exposed |strong="H1540" her |strong="H1540" source of |strong="H0376" blood |strong="H1818".

19 " You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0001" sexual re-

<sup>I</sup> SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER Literally, "he sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness."<sup>II</sup> THE MAN ... SIN Literally, "He will carry his guilt."

lations with |strong="H0001"<sup>III</sup> your |strong="H3588" mother's |strong="H0517" sister |strong="H0269" or |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3588" father's |strong="H0001" sister |strong="H0269". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H5771" a |strong="H3588" sin |strong="H5771" of |strong="H0001" incest.<sup>IV</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3808" punished for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3588" sins |strong="H5771".<sup>V</sup>

20 " A |strong="H5375" man |strong="H0376" must |strong="H4191" not have |strong="H0834" sexual |strong="H7901" relations with |strong="H0854" his |strong="H5375" uncle's |strong="H1730" wife |strong="H1733". It |strong="H5375" would |strong="H0376" be |strong="H4191" like |strong="H0834" having sexual |strong="H7901" relations with |strong="H0854" his |strong="H5375" uncle |strong="H1730". That |strong="H0834" man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0376" his |strong="H5375" uncle's |strong="H1730" wife |strong="H1733" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" punished for |strong="H4191" their |strong="H5375" sins |strong="H2399". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" die |strong="H4191" without children.<sup>VI</sup>

21 " It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" wrong for |strong="H0376" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" to |strong="H1961" take |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" brother's |strong="H0251" wife |strong="H0802". It |strong="H1931" would |strong="H0376" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" having |strong="H1961" sexual |strong="H3947" relations with |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3947" brother |strong="H0251". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" no children.

22 " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" remember all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" laws and |strong="H0935" rules |strong="H2708". And |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" leading you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" that |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H3605" laws and |strong="H0935" rules |strong="H2708", that |strong="H0834"

<sup>III</sup> HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH Literally, "uncover the nakedness of." Also in verse 21. <sup>IV</sup> INCEST Having sexual relations with a close relative. <sup>V</sup> You ... SINS Literally, "You will carry your guilt."<sup>VI</sup> THAT MAN ... CHILDREN Literally, "They must bear their childlessness. They will die."

land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" vomit|strong="H6958" you|strong="H0834" out|strong="H3605".<sup>23</sup> I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" forcing other|strong="H0428" people|strong="H1471" to|strong="H7971" leave that|strong="H0834" country because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834" committed|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H0428" sins. I|strong="H0589" hate those|strong="H0428" sins! So|strong="H6213" don't|strong="H3808" live the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H6440" those|strong="H0428" people|strong="H1471" lived.<sup>24</sup> But|strong="H0859" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" get their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859". It|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776"! It|strong="H5414" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776" filled with|strong="H2100" many good things|strong="H0834".<sup>I</sup> I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".  
 " I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" treated you|strong="H0859" differently from|strong="H4480" other people|strong="H5971".<sup>25</sup> So|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" treat clean|strong="H2889" animals|strong="H0929" differently from|strong="H5315" unclean|strong="H2931" animals|strong="H0929". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" treat clean|strong="H2889" birds|strong="H5775" differently from|strong="H5315" unclean|strong="H2931" birds|strong="H5775". Don't|strong="H3808" eat any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" unclean|strong="H2931" birds|strong="H5775" or|strong="H3808" animals|strong="H0929" or|strong="H3808" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" crawl on|strong="H0127" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0127". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" made|strong="H2930" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" unclean|strong="H2931".<sup>26</sup> I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H1961" separated|strong="H0914" you|strong="H3588" from|strong="H4480" other nations|strong="H5971" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" special people|strong="H5971". So|strong="H4480" you|strong="H3588"

I LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6918" because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" holy|strong="H6918".  
<sup>27</sup> " A|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1961" medium|strong="H0178" or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H1961" wizard must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H1961" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" must|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191" them|strong="H0853" with|strong="H0376" stones|strong="H0068". They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0376" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3588" own|strong="H1961" death|strong="H4191"."

#### Rules for Priests

**21** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", " Tell|strong="H0559" these|strong="H5971" things|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" Aaron's|strong="H0175" sons|strong="H1121", the|strong="H0559" priests|strong="H3548": A|strong="H3808" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H2930" himself|strong="H5315" unclean|strong="H2930" by|strong="H3068" touching a|strong="H3808" dead|strong="H5315" person|strong="H5315".<sup>2</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3588" dead person|strong="H0413" was|strong="H1121" one|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0518" close|strong="H7138" relatives|strong="H0251", he|strong="H3588" can|strong="H0518" touch the|strong="H3588" dead body|strong="H7607". The|strong="H3588" priest can|strong="H0518" make|strong="H3588" himself|strong="H0413" unclean if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3588" dead person|strong="H0413" is|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0518" mother|strong="H0517" or|strong="H0518" father|strong="H0001", his|strong="H0518" son|strong="H1121" or|strong="H0518" daughter|strong="H1323", his|strong="H0518" brother|strong="H0251" or|strong="H0518"<sup>3</sup> his|strong="H0834" unmarried II sister|strong="H0269". ( This|strong="H0834" sister|strong="H0269" is|strong="H0834" close|strong="H7138" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" because|strong="H0834"

II UNMARRIED Literally, "virgin," a girl who was never married and never had sexual relations.

she|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" no|strong="H3808" husband|strong="H0376". So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" priest|strong="H2930" may|strong="H1961" make|strong="H2930" himself|strong="H2930" unclean|strong="H2930" for|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" if|strong="H0834" she|strong="H0834" dies.)<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" priest|strong="H2930" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H2930" himself|strong="H2930" unclean|strong="H2930" if the|strong="H3808" dead person|strong="H1167" was|strong="H3808" only one|strong="H3808" of|strong="H1167" his|strong="H3808" slaves.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup> " Priests|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" shave|strong="H1548" their|strong="H3808" heads|strong="H7218" bald|strong="H7144". They|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" shave|strong="H1548" off|strong="H1548" the|strong="H3808" edges|strong="H6285" of|strong="H7218" their|strong="H3808" beards|strong="H2206". They|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H7139" any|strong="H7139" cuts|strong="H8295" in|strong="H1320" their|strong="H3808" bodies|strong="H1320".<sup>6</sup> Priests|strong="H3808" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6944" for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". They|strong="H1992" must|strong="H0853" show|strong="H1961" respect for|strong="H3588" God's|strong="H0430" name|strong="H8034". They|strong="H1992" offer|strong="H7126" the|strong="H0853" bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H3068" special gifts|strong="H6944" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", so|strong="H1961" they|strong="H1992" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6944".

<sup>7</sup> " A|strong="H3947" priest serves God|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0430" a|strong="H3947" special way, so|strong="H3947" he|strong="H1931" must|strong="H3947" not|strong="H3808" marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0376" has|strong="H0430" had|strong="H0430" sexual|strong="H3947" relations with|strong="H0376" any|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376". He|strong="H1931" must|strong="H3947" not|strong="H3808" marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" prostitute|strong="H2181" or|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3947" divorced|strong="H1644" woman|strong="H0802".<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Or "A master must not become unclean for his people."

A|strong="H1961" priest serves God|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0430" a|strong="H1961" special way. So|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" treat|strong="H6942" him|strong="H0853" in|strong="H0430" a|strong="H1961" special way, because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" carries holy|strong="H6918" things|strong="H1961". He|strong="H1931" brings|strong="H7126" the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6918" bread|strong="H3899" to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H0589", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" holy|strong="H6918". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" make|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" holy|strong="H6918".

<sup>9</sup> " If|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" priest's|strong="H3548" daughter|strong="H1323" becomes|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" prostitute|strong="H2181", she|strong="H1931" ruins her|strong="H3588" reputation and|strong="H3548" brings shame to|strong="H0376" her|strong="H3588" father|strong="H0001". She|strong="H1931" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H0376" burned|strong="H8313" to|strong="H0376" death in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>10</sup> " The|strong="H0853" high|strong="H1419" priest|strong="H3548" was|strong="H0834" chosen from|strong="H5921" among|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" brothers|strong="H0251". The|strong="H0853" anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081" was|strong="H0834" poured|strong="H3332" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" head|strong="H7218". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H0834" way|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" chosen for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" special job|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3027" being high|strong="H1419" priest|strong="H3548". He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" chosen to|strong="H5921" wear|strong="H3847" the|strong="H0853" special clothes|strong="H0899", so|strong="H3808" he|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H3027" things|strong="H1419" to|strong="H5921" show his|strong="H5921" sadness in|strong="H5921" public. He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" his|strong="H5921" hair|strong="H7218" grow wild. He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" tear|strong="H6533" his|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H0899".<sup>11</sup> He|strong="H3808" must|strong="H4191" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H2930" him-

self|strong="H5315" unclean|strong="H2930" by|strong="H5921" touching a|strong="H0935" dead|strong="H4191" body|strong="H5315". He|strong="H3808" must|strong="H4191" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H0935" near|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0935" dead|strong="H4191" body|strong="H5315", even|strong="H3808" if it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H5315" his|strong="H3605" own|strong="H5315" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H3808" mother|strong="H0517".<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0853" high priest must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H3318" God's|strong="H0430" holy|strong="H4720" place|strong="H4720", because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" might|strong="H3068" become|strong="H3318" unclean and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H3318" make|strong="H3588" God's|strong="H0430" holy|strong="H4720" place|strong="H4720" unclean. The|strong="H0853" anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081" was|strong="H3068" poured on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" high priest's head. This|strong="H3588" separated him|strong="H5921" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" rest of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>13</sup> " The|strong="H3947" high priest must|strong="H3947" marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" a|strong="H3947" virgin|strong="H1331".<sup>14</sup> He|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0428" has|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3588" sexual|strong="H3947" relations with|strong="H0802" any|strong="H0802" man. He|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" prostitute|strong="H2181", a|strong="H3947" divorced|strong="H1644" woman|strong="H0802", or|strong="H0518" a|strong="H3947" widow|strong="H0490". The|strong="H0853" high priest must|strong="H0853" marry|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" virgin|strong="H1330" from|strong="H3947" his|strong="H3947" own people|strong="H5971".<sup>15</sup> In|strong="H3068" this|strong="H3588" way people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H6942" respect for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" children|strong="H2233".<sup>1</sup> I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068",

I PEOPLE ... CHILDREN Or "his children will not become unclean from the people."

have|strong="H0589" separated the|strong="H3588" high priest for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" special work."

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872",<sup>17</sup> " Tell|strong="H0559" Aaron|strong="H0175": If|strong="H0834" any|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" your|strong="H0834" descendants|strong="H2233" have|strong="H1961" anything|strong="H3899" wrong with|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", they|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" carry the|strong="H0559" special bread|strong="H3899" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430".<sup>18</sup> Any|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" something wrong with|strong="H0376" him|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" serve as|strong="H0834" priest and|strong="H0376" bring|strong="H7126" sacrifices to|strong="H0376" me|strong="H3808". These|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" cannot|strong="H3808" serve as|strong="H0834" priests|strong="H3808": blind|strong="H5787" men|strong="H0376", crippled men|strong="H0376", men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0376" bad scars on|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" faces, men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0376" arms or|strong="H0176" legs that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" too|strong="H3808" long,<sup>19</sup> men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0376" broken|strong="H7667" feet|strong="H7272" or|strong="H0176" hands|strong="H3027",<sup>20</sup> men with|strong="H0176" bent backs, men who are|strong="H5869" dwarfs,<sup>II</sup> men who are|strong="H5869" cross-eyed, men with|strong="H0176" rashes or|strong="H0176" bad skin diseases, and|strong="H5869" men with|strong="H0176" crushed|strong="H4790" testicles|strong="H0810".

<sup>21</sup> " If|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Aaron's|strong="H0175" descendants|strong="H2233" has|strong="H3068" something|strong="H3899" wrong with|strong="H3068" him|strong="H0853", he|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" approach|strong="H7126" the|strong="H3605" altar to|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7126" gifts|strong="H0801" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" carry the|strong="H3605" special bread|strong="H3899" to|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".<sup>22</sup> He|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0430" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" family of|strong="H0430" priests, so|strong="H4480"

II DWARFS A small person whose body stopped growing properly.

he|strong="H0430" can eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H4480" holy|strong="H6944" bread|strong="H3899". He|strong="H0430" can also|strong="H0430" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H4480" very holy|strong="H6944" bread|strong="H3899". <sup>23</sup> But|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" go|strong="H0935" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" curtain|strong="H6532" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Most Holy|strong="H6942" Place|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" go|strong="H0935" near|strong="H5066" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196". This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3068" something wrong with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6942" places|strong="H4720" unholy. I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589" make|strong="H3588" these places|strong="H4720" holy|strong="H6942"."

<sup>24</sup> So|strong="H1696" Moses|strong="H4872" told|strong="H1696" these|strong="H1696" things|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" Aaron|strong="H0175", Aaron's|strong="H0175" sons|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478".

**22** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> "Tell|strong="H1696" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3068" sons|strong="H1121": The|strong="H0853" gifts|strong="H6944" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" bring to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" become|strong="H6942" holy|strong="H6944". They|strong="H1992" belong to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", so|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" priests|strong="H3808" must|strong="H0853" show|strong="H6942" respect for|strong="H0413" these|strong="H1992" things|strong="H6944". If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H6942" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" respect my|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>3</sup> If|strong="H0834" any|strong="H3605" one|strong="H0376"

of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" descendants|strong="H2233" touches these|strong="H1931" things|strong="H6944", that|strong="H0834" person|strong="H5315" will|strong="H3068" become|strong="H6942" unclean|strong="H2932". That|strong="H0834" person|strong="H5315" must|strong="H1121" be|strong="H0376" separated from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" gave|strong="H0559" these|strong="H1931" things|strong="H6944" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>4</sup> " If|strong="H0834" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0376" Aaron's|strong="H0175" descendants|strong="H2233" has|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0176" serious skin|strong="H0376" disease <sup>1</sup> or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H0176" discharge|strong="H2100", he|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" food|strong="H0398" until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H0834" becomes|strong="H2891" clean|strong="H2891". This|strong="H1931" rule is|strong="H0834" for|strong="H3605" any|strong="H3605" priest who|strong="H0834" becomes|strong="H2891" unclean|strong="H2931". That|strong="H0834" priest can|strong="H0834" become|strong="H2891" unclean|strong="H2931" from|strong="H4480" a|strong="H0176" dead|strong="H5315" body|strong="H5315" or|strong="H0176" from|strong="H4480" his|strong="H3605" own|strong="H0376" semen. <sup>5</sup> He|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0176" become|strong="H2930" unclean|strong="H2930" if|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" touches|strong="H5060" any|strong="H3605" unclean|strong="H2930" crawling animal. And|strong="H0376" he|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" become|strong="H2930" unclean|strong="H2930" if|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" touches|strong="H5060" an|strong="H0376" unclean|strong="H2930" person|strong="H0376". It|strong="H2930" doesn't matter what|strong="H0834" made|strong="H2930" that|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0376" unclean|strong="H2930". <sup>6</sup> If|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0834" touches|strong="H5060" any|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4480" these|strong="H0834" things|strong="H6944", he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" become|strong="H2930" unclean|strong="H2930" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0518" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398"

<sup>1</sup> SERIOUS SKIN DISEASE This could be leprosy, or it could be another kind of contagious skin disease. Also in verse 22.

any|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0834" holy|strong="H6944" food|strong="H0398". Even|strong="H5704" if|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0834" washes with|strong="H1320" water|strong="H4325", he|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0834" holy|strong="H6944" food|strong="H0398".<sup>7</sup> He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1931" be|strong="H4480" clean|strong="H2891" only after|strong="H0310" the|strong="H3588" sun|strong="H8121" goes|strong="H0935" down|strong="H3588". Then|strong="H0935" he|strong="H1931" can|strong="H0935" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H3588" holy|strong="H6944" food|strong="H3899" because|strong="H3588" it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" his|strong="H0935" share|strong="H0398".

<sup>8</sup> "A|strong="H3808" priest|strong="H2930" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H0398" animal|strong="H2966" that|strong="H3068" died|strong="H5038" by|strong="H3068" itself or|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" killed by|strong="H3068" wild animals. If he|strong="H3068" eats|strong="H0398" that|strong="H3068" animal|strong="H2966", he|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" unclean|strong="H2930". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0589" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>9</sup> "The|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3808" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" very careful|strong="H8104" when|strong="H3588" it|strong="H5921" comes time to|strong="H4191" serve me|strong="H5921". They|strong="H3588" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" careful|strong="H8104" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H4191" dishonor the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6942" things|strong="H3808". If|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3068" careful|strong="H8104", they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191". I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", have|strong="H0589" separated them|strong="H0853" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" rest of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" special job|strong="H8104".<sup>10</sup> Only|strong="H3605" a|strong="H3808" priest's|strong="H3548" family can|strong="H3548" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" food|strong="H0398". A|strong="H3808" visitor staying with|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" or|strong="H3808"

a|strong="H3808" hired|strong="H7916" worker|strong="H7916" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" food|strong="H0398".<sup>11</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" priest|strong="H3548" buys|strong="H7069" a|strong="H3588" person|strong="H5315" as|strong="H5315" a|strong="H3588" slave|strong="H5315" with|strong="H1004" his|strong="H3588" own|strong="H5315" money|strong="H3701", that|strong="H3588" person|strong="H5315" may|strong="H3548" eat|strong="H0398" some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3588" holy things|strong="H1992". Slaves who|strong="H1931" were|strong="H1992" born|strong="H3211" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3588" priest's|strong="H3548" house|strong="H1004" may|strong="H3548" also|strong="H7069" eat|strong="H0398" some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3588" priest's|strong="H3548" food|strong="H3899".<sup>12</sup> A|strong="H1961" priest's|strong="H3548" daughter|strong="H1323" might|strong="H1323" marry a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" is|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548". If|strong="H3588" she|strong="H1931" does|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3588", she|strong="H1931" cannot|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3588" holy|strong="H6944" offerings|strong="H8641".<sup>13</sup> A|strong="H1961" priest's|strong="H3548" daughter|strong="H1323" might|strong="H1323" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" widow|strong="H0490", or|strong="H3808" she|strong="H3588" might|strong="H1323" be|strong="H1961" divorced|strong="H1644". If|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961" any|strong="H3605" children|strong="H2233" to|strong="H0413" support her|strong="H3605", and|strong="H7725" she|strong="H3588" goes back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H3605" father's|strong="H0001" house|strong="H1004" where|strong="H3808" she|strong="H3588" lived|strong="H1961" as|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" child|strong="H2233", she|strong="H3588" can|strong="H0369" eat|strong="H0398" some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" her|strong="H3605" father's|strong="H0001" food|strong="H3899". But|strong="H3588" only|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808"

from |strong="H7725" a |strong="H1961" priest's |strong="H3548" family |strong="H1004" can |strong="H0369" eat |strong="H0398" this |strong="H3588" food |strong="H3899".

<sup>14</sup> "Whoever eats |strong="H0398" some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" holy |strong="H6944" food |strong="H0398" by |strong="H5921" mistake |strong="H7684" must give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5921" priest |strong="H3548" the |strong="H5921" price of |strong="H0376" that |strong="H3588" food |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0398" add |strong="H3254" another |strong="H0376" one-fifth |strong="H2549" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" price as |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3588" fine.

<sup>15</sup> " The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" bring offerings |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". These |strong="H0834" offerings |strong="H3068" become |strong="H7311" holy |strong="H6944", so |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" them |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3808" used in |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0834" wrong way. <sup>16</sup> They |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3588" let the |strong="H0853" people eat |strong="H0398" these offerings |strong="H3068". If |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" do |strong="H0589", they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" guilty |strong="H5771" of |strong="H3068" doing wrong |strong="H5771", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" pay for |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3068" makes |strong="H3068" these offerings |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944"."

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>18</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478": A |strong="H4480" citizen of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" or |strong="H4480" a |strong="H4480" foreigner |strong="H1616" might |strong="H3068" want to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H7126" an |strong="H7126" offering |strong="H5071". It |strong="H7126" might |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" because |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H4480"

promise |strong="H1696" that |strong="H0834" person |strong="H0376" made |strong="H1696", or |strong="H4480" it |strong="H7126" might |strong="H3068" just |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" a |strong="H4480" special sacrifice that |strong="H0834" person |strong="H0376" wanted to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H4480" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H5071". <sup>19</sup> These are gifts that the people bring because they really want to give a gift to God. If the gift is a bull, or a sheep, or a goat, the animal must be a male. And it must not have anything wrong with it. You must not accept any offering that has anything wrong with it. I will not accept that gift.

<sup>21</sup> " You |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7126" a |strong="H1961" fellowship offering |strong="H5071" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". That |strong="H3588" fellowship offering |strong="H5071" might |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" payment for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H1961" special |strong="H6381" promise |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" made |strong="H1961". Or |strong="H0176" maybe it |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H1961" special |strong="H6381" gift |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" wanted to |strong="H1961" give |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068". It |strong="H3588" can |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" bull |strong="H1241" or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H1961" sheep |strong="H6629", but |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" healthy. There |strong="H1961" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" nothing |strong="H3808" wrong with |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" animal |strong="H1961". <sup>22</sup> You |strong="H5414" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" offer |strong="H7126" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" any |strong="H5414" animal that |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" blind, that |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" broken |strong="H7665" bones or |strong="H0176" is |strong="H3068" crippled, or |strong="H0176" that |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5414" discharge or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H5414" serious skin disease. You |strong="H5414" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" offer |strong="H7126" sick animals as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5414" gift |strong="H0801" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068".



You must not put anything like that on his altar.

<sup>23</sup> "Sometimes a bull or lamb have a leg that is too long, or a foot that did not grow right. If you want to give that special gift to Lord, it will be accepted. But it will not be accepted as payment for a special promise that you made.

<sup>24</sup> "If an animal has bruised, crushed, or torn testicles, you must not offer that animal to the LORD. You must not do this anywhere your land.

<sup>25</sup> "You must not take animals from foreigners as sacrifices to your God. The animals might have been hurt in some way. They have something wrong with them, so they will be accepted."

<sup>26</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>27</sup> "When a calf, or a sheep, or a goat is

born, it must stay seven days with its mother. Then from the eighth day on, this animal will be accepted as a sacrifice offered as a sacrifice of gift to the LORD. <sup>28</sup> But you must not kill an animal and its mother on the same day. This rule is the same for cattle and sheep.

<sup>29</sup> "If you want to offer some special offering of thanks to the LORD, you are free to offer that gift. But you must do it in a way that pleases God. <sup>30</sup> You must eat the whole animal that day. You must not leave any of the meat for the next morning. I am the LORD."

<sup>31</sup> "Remember my commands, and obey them. I am the LORD. <sup>32</sup> Show respect for my holy name. I must be very special to the Israelites. I, the LORD,

have |strong="H1121" made |strong="H6942" you |strong="H3808" my |strong="H3068" special people |strong="H1121".<sup>33</sup> I |strong="H0589" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0853" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" in |strong="H0430" order to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

### The Special Festivals

**23** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>2</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478": You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" announce |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" chosen festivals |strong="H4150" as |strong="H0834" holy |strong="H6944" meetings. These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3068" special festivals |strong="H4150".

#### Sabbath

<sup>3</sup> " Work |strong="H4399" for |strong="H3117" six |strong="H8337" days |strong="H3117", but |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117", the |strong="H3605" Sabbath |strong="H7676", will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3068" special day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" rest |strong="H7677", a |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944" meeting. You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" rest |strong="H7677" to |strong="H3068" honor the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" homes.

#### Passover

<sup>4</sup> " These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" chosen festivals |strong="H4150". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" announce |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" holy |strong="H6944" meetings at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" times |strong="H4150" chosen for |strong="H7121" them |strong="H0853".<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Passover |strong="H6453" is |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" 14th day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"

first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320"<sup>1</sup> just before |strong="H7223" dark.

#### Festival of |strong="H3068" Unleavened Bread

<sup>6</sup> " The |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H3068" Unleavened |strong="H4682" Bread |strong="H4682" is |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" 15th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" same |strong="H2088" month |strong="H2320". You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" unleavened |strong="H4682" bread |strong="H4682" for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117".<sup>7</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" this |strong="H3117" festival, you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" special meeting. You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117".<sup>8</sup> For |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117", you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7126" sacrifices |strong="H6944" offered |strong="H7126" as |strong="H3068" gifts |strong="H6944" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H6213" there |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" another |strong="H3808" special meeting on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117". You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117".

#### Festival of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" First |strong="H3117" Harvests

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>10</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478": You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0776" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" reap |strong="H7114" its |strong="H5414" harvest |strong="H7105". At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834"

I FIRST MONTH Abib (or Nisan). See "Abib" in the Word List.

time |strong="H3478" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7225" sheaf |strong="H6016"<sup>I</sup> of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H5414" harvest |strong="H7105" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548".<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" lift the |strong="H0853" sheaf |strong="H6016" to |strong="H3068" show it |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" offered before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H6440" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" accepted |strong="H7522". The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" present |strong="H5130" the |strong="H0853" sheaf |strong="H6016" on |strong="H3068" Sunday morning |strong="H4283".  
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<sup>12</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" day |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" present |strong="H5130" the |strong="H0853" sheaf |strong="H6016", you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3068" one-year-old male |strong="H3532" lamb |strong="H3532". There |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1121" nothing wrong with |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" lamb |strong="H3532". That |strong="H3117" lamb |strong="H3532" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H8081" must also |strong="H3068" offer a |strong="H3068" grain offering |strong="H4503" of |strong="H3068" 16 cups<sup>III</sup> of |strong="H3068" fine |strong="H5560" flour |strong="H5560" mixed |strong="H1101" with |strong="H3068" olive |strong="H8081" oil |strong="H8081". You |strong="H8081" must also |strong="H3068" offer 1 quart<sup>IV</sup> of |strong="H3068" wine |strong="H3196". The |strong="H3068" smell of |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" offering |strong="H4503" will |strong="H3068" please the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>14</sup> You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" new |strong="H3759" grain |strong="H3605", or |strong="H3808" fruit |strong="H3605", or |strong="H3808" bread |strong="H3899" made |strong="H3605"

I SHEAF A stack of grain. Also in verses 12, 15. II SUNDAY MORNING Literally, "the morning after the Sabbath." Also in verse 15. III 16 CUPS Literally, "2/10 of an ephah" (4.4 l). Also in verse 17. IV 1 QUART Literally, "1/4 hin" (.8 l).

from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" new |strong="H3759" grain |strong="H3605" until |strong="H5704" you |strong="H3605" bring |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3605" offering |strong="H7133" to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". This |strong="H2088" law will |strong="H0430" always |strong="H5769" continue through |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" generations |strong="H1755", wherever |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" live |strong="H3117".

#### Festival of |strong="H0430" Harvest |strong="H0935"

<sup>15</sup> " From |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3117" Sunday morning |strong="H4283" ( the |strong="H0853" day |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" sheaf |strong="H6016" to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H1961" presented |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" God), count |strong="H5608" seven |strong="H7651" weeks |strong="H7676".<sup>16</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" Sunday following |strong="H4283" the |strong="H3068" seventh |strong="H7637" week ( that |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068", 50 days |strong="H3117" later), you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7126" a |strong="H7126" new |strong="H2319" grain |strong="H2319" offering |strong="H4503" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>17</sup> On |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3068" day bring |strong="H0935" two |strong="H8147" loaves |strong="H3899" of |strong="H3068" bread |strong="H3899" from |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" homes. That |strong="H3068" bread |strong="H3899" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" lifted |strong="H0935" up |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" show |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" offered |strong="H8573" to |strong="H0935" God |strong="H3068". Use |strong="H1961" yeast and |strong="H0935" 16 cups of |strong="H3068" flour |strong="H5560" to |strong="H0935" make those |strong="H1961" loaves |strong="H3899" of |strong="H3068" bread |strong="H3899". That |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" gift |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" first |strong="H1061" harvest |strong="H0935".

<sup>18</sup> " With |strong="H3068" these grain |strong="H3899" offerings |strong="H0801" bring |strong="H7126" one |strong="H0259" bull |strong="H6499", one |strong="H0259" ram |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" sev-

en/strong="H7651" one-year-old male/strong="H3532" lambs/strong="H3532" for/strong="H5921" burnt/strong="H5930" offerings/strong="H0801" to/strong="H1961" the/strong="H5921" LORD/strong="H3068". There/strong="H1961" must/strong="H1121" be/strong="H1961" nothing wrong with/strong="H3068" these animals/strong="H1961". Offer/strong="H7126" them/strong="H5921" together/strong="H0259" with/strong="H3068" the/strong="H5921" grain/strong="H3899" offerings/strong="H0801" and/strong="H1121" the/strong="H5921" drink offerings/strong="H0801". The/strong="H5921" smell of/strong="H1121" these offerings/strong="H0801" made/strong="H1961" by/strong="H0801" fire/strong="H0801" will/strong="H3068" be/strong="H1961" pleasing to/strong="H1961" the/strong="H5921" LORD/strong="H3068". <sup>19</sup> You/strong="H6213" will/strong="H1121" also/strong="H6213" offer/strong="H2077" one/strong="H0259" male/strong="H3532" goat/strong="H5795" for/strong="H0259" a/strong="H0259" sin/strong="H2403" offering/strong="H8002" and/strong="H1121" two/strong="H8147" one-year-old male/strong="H3532" lambs/strong="H3532" as/strong="H1121" a/strong="H0259" fellowship of-fering/strong="H8002".

<sup>20</sup> " The/strong="H0853" priest/strong="H3548" will/strong="H3068" lift them/strong="H0853" up/strong="H5921" with/strong="H3068" the/strong="H0853" bread/strong="H3899" from/strong="H5921" the/strong="H0853" first/strong="H1061" harvest to/strong="H1961" show/strong="H1961" they/strong="H5921" were/strong="H1961" offered/strong="H8573" with/strong="H3068" the/strong="H0853" two/strong="H8147" lambs/strong="H3532" before/strong="H6440" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068". They/strong="H5921" are/strong="H3068" holy/strong="H6944" to/strong="H1961" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068". They/strong="H5921" will/strong="H3068" belong/strong="H1961" to/strong="H1961" the/strong="H0853" priest/strong="H3548". <sup>21</sup> On/strong="H3117" that/strong="H3605" same/strong="H6106" day/strong="H3117" you/strong="H3605" will/strong="H1961" call/strong="H7121" a/strong="H1961" holy/strong="H6944" meeting. You/strong="H3605" must/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" do/strong="H6213" any/strong="H3605" work/strong="H4399". This/strong="H2088" law continues forever/strong="H5769" in/strong="H3117" all/strong="H3605" your/strong="H3605" homes.

<sup>22</sup> " Also/strong="H3068", when/strong="H3615" you/strong="H0853" harvest/strong="H7105"

the/strong="H0853" crops/strong="H7105" on/strong="H0776" your/strong="H3068" land/strong="H0776", don't/strong="H3808" cut all/strong="H3615" the/strong="H0853" way to/strong="H3068" the/strong="H0853" corners/strong="H6285" of/strong="H0776" your/strong="H3068" field/strong="H7704". Don't/strong="H3808" pick up/strong="H3950" the/strong="H0853" grain that/strong="H3068" falls on/strong="H0776" the/strong="H0853" ground/strong="H0776". Leave/strong="H5800" it/strong="H3068" for/strong="H0776" poor/strong="H6041" people/strong="H3808" and/strong="H3068" for/strong="H0776" foreigners/strong="H1616" traveling through/strong="H7704" your/strong="H3068" country/strong="H0776". I/strong="H0589" am/strong="H0589" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068" your/strong="H3068" God/strong="H0430".

#### Festival of/strong="H0776" Trumpets

<sup>23</sup> Again/strong="H1696" the/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068" said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" Moses/strong="H4872", <sup>24</sup> " Tell/strong="H0559" the/strong="H0559" Israelites/strong="H3478": On/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0559" first/strong="H0259" day/strong="H2320" of/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0559" seventh/strong="H7637" month/strong="H2320", you/strong="H0413" must/strong="H1121" have/strong="H1961" a/strong="H1961" special day/strong="H2320" of/strong="H1121" rest/strong="H7677". Blow the/strong="H0559" trumpet/strong="H8643" to/strong="H0413" remind the/strong="H0559" people/strong="H1121" that/strong="H0559" this/strong="H6944" is/strong="H3478" a/strong="H1961" holy/strong="H6944" meeting. <sup>25</sup> You/strong="H3605" must/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" do/strong="H6213" any/strong="H3605" work/strong="H4399". You/strong="H3605" must/strong="H3808" bring/strong="H7126" an/strong="H7126" offering/strong="H0801" as/strong="H3068" a/strong="H7126" gift/strong="H0801" to/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068".

#### Day of/strong="H3068" Atonement

<sup>26</sup> The/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068" said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" Moses/strong="H4872", <sup>27</sup> " The/strong="H0853" Day/strong="H3117" of/strong="H3068" Atonement/strong="H3725" will/strong="H3068" be/strong="H1961" on/strong="H3117" the/strong="H0853" tenth/strong="H6218"

day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" seventh|strong="H7637" month|strong="H2320". There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6944" meeting. You|strong="H3117" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H2088" eat food,<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3117" must|strong="H0853" bring|strong="H7126" an|strong="H1961" offering|strong="H0801" as|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" gift|strong="H0801" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>28</sup> You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" on|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117", because|strong="H3588" it|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0430" Atonement|strong="H3725". On|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" go before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" perform|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" ceremony that|strong="H3588" makes|strong="H6213" you|strong="H3588" pure.<sup>29</sup> "Anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" refuses to|strong="H3117" fast on|strong="H3117" this|strong="H2088" day|strong="H3117" must|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" separated from|strong="H3772" their|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971".<sup>30</sup> If|strong="H0834" anyone|strong="H3605" does|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" on|strong="H3117" this|strong="H2088" day|strong="H3117", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" destroy|strong="H0006" that|strong="H0834" person|strong="H5315" from|strong="H5315" among|strong="H7130" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971".<sup>31</sup> You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" at|strong="H3808" all|strong="H3605". This|strong="H2708" is|strong="H3605" a|strong="H3808" law that|strong="H3605" continues forever|strong="H5769" for|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605", wherever|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" live|strong="H4186".<sup>32</sup> It|strong="H1931" will|strong="H5315" be|strong="H5315" a|strong="H5704" special day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H5315" rest|strong="H7677" for|strong="H5315" you|strong="H5704". You|strong="H5704"

I YOU MUST NOT EAT FOOD Literally, "You must humble yourselves." Also in verse 32.

must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H5315" eat food. You|strong="H5704" will|strong="H5315" start this|strong="H1931" special day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H5315" rest|strong="H7677" on the|strong="H0853" evening|strong="H6153" following the|strong="H0853" ninth|strong="H8672" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0853" month|strong="H2320".<sup>II</sup> This|strong="H1931" special day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H5315" rest|strong="H7677" continues from|strong="H5315" that|strong="H1931" evening|strong="H6153" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" next evening|strong="H6153".<sup>II</sup>

#### Festival of|strong="H5315" Shelters

<sup>33</sup> Again|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872",<sup>34</sup> "Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478": On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" 15th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" seventh|strong="H7637" month|strong="H2320" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H1121" Shelters|strong="H5521". This|strong="H2088" festival|strong="H2282" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" continue for|strong="H0413" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117".<sup>35</sup> There|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" holy|strong="H6944" meeting on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H7223" day|strong="H3117". You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399".<sup>36</sup> You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7126" offerings|strong="H0801" as|strong="H1961" gifts|strong="H6944" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3117" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" eighth|strong="H8066" day|strong="H3117", you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H1961" another|strong="H3808" holy|strong="H6944" meeting. You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399". You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7126" an|strong="H1961" offering|strong="H0801" as|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" gift|strong="H0801"

II EVENING FOLLOWING ... MONTH A day starts at sunset.

to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>37</sup> " These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" special  
festivals|strong="H4150". There|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697"  
holy|strong="H6944" meetings dur-  
ing|strong="H3117" these|strong="H0428" festi-  
vals|strong="H4150". You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7126" offer-  
ings|strong="H0801" as|strong="H0834"  
gifts|strong="H6944" to|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"—  
burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H0801",  
grain offerings|strong="H0801", sacri-  
fices|strong="H2077", and|strong="H3068" drink of-  
ferings|strong="H0801". You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7126"  
these|strong="H0428" gifts|strong="H6944"  
at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" right  
time|strong="H3117". <sup>38</sup> You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" celebrate these|strong="H3605"  
festivals in|strong="H3068" addition  
to|strong="H3068" remembering the|strong="H3605"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" Sabbath|strong="H7676"  
days. You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" of-  
fer|strong="H5414" these|strong="H3605"  
gifts|strong="H4979" in|strong="H3068" addition  
to|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" oth-  
er|strong="H3605" gifts|strong="H4979"  
and|strong="H3068" any|strong="H3605" offer-  
ings|strong="H5071" you|strong="H0834"  
give|strong="H5414" as|strong="H0834" payment  
for|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" special  
promises. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" addition  
to|strong="H3068" any|strong="H3605" special offer-  
ings|strong="H5071" you|strong="H0834" want  
to|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414"  
to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>39</sup> " On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" 15th  
day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H0853" seventh|strong="H7637"  
month|strong="H2320", when|strong="H3117"  
you|strong="H3117" have|strong="H0776" gath-  
ered|strong="H0622" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" crops|strong="H8393"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853"  
land|strong="H0776", you|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H3068" celebrate|strong="H2287"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" festi-  
val|strong="H2282" for|strong="H0776" sev-  
en|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117".  
The|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223"  
day|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0776" special  
day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0776"

rest|strong="H7677", and|strong="H3068"  
then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853"  
eighth|strong="H8066" day|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0776" special  
day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0776"  
rest|strong="H7677". <sup>40</sup> On|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H6440" first|strong="H7223"  
day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H6440"  
will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3947" good  
fruit|strong="H6529" from|strong="H6440"  
fruit|strong="H6529" trees|strong="H6086".  
And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H6440"  
will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3947" branch-  
es|strong="H6057" from|strong="H6440"  
palm|strong="H8558" trees|strong="H6086", poplar  
trees|strong="H6086", and|strong="H3068" willow  
trees|strong="H6086" by|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H6440" brook|strong="H5158".  
You|strong="H6440" will|strong="H3068" celebrate  
before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440"  
LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430" for|strong="H3117" sev-  
en|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". <sup>41</sup>  
You|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" cele-  
brate|strong="H2287" this|strong="H3068" festi-  
val|strong="H2282" to|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
for|strong="H3117" seven|strong="H7651"  
days|strong="H3117" each|strong="H3117"  
year|strong="H8141". This|strong="H3068" law  
will|strong="H3068" continue forev-  
er|strong="H5769". You|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H3068" celebrate|strong="H2287"  
this|strong="H3068" festival|strong="H2282"  
in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" sev-  
enth|strong="H7637" month|strong="H2320". <sup>42</sup>  
You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3478"  
live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" tempo-  
rary|strong="H5521" shelters|strong="H5521"  
for|strong="H3605" seven|strong="H7651"  
days|strong="H3117". All|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" born  
in|strong="H3427" Israel|strong="H3478"  
will|strong="H3478" live|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" them|strong="H3427". <sup>43</sup>  
Why|strong="H3588"? So|strong="H4616"  
all|strong="H1755" your|strong="H3068" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H3045"  
the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" tempo-  
rary|strong="H5521" shelters|strong="H5521" during  
the|strong="H0853" time|strong="H1755"  
I|strong="H0589" brought|strong="H3318"  
them|strong="H0853" out|strong="H3318"  
of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714".

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".<sup>44</sup> So |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" told |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" about |strong="H0413" all the |strong="H0853" special meetings to |strong="H0413" honor the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

### The Lampstand and the Holy Bread

**24** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>2</sup> Com- mand |strong="H6680" the |strong="H0853" Is- raelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H6680" pure |strong="H2134" oil |strong="H8081" from |strong="H3478" crushed olives |strong="H2132". That |strong="H3478" oil |strong="H8081" is |strong="H1121" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216" that |strong="H3478" must |strong="H0853" burn |strong="H5927" without stopping.<sup>3</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068" keep the |strong="H0853" light burning in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" be- fore |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" from |strong="H6440" evening |strong="H6153" until |strong="H5704" morn- ing |strong="H1242". This |strong="H3068" light will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" out- side |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0853" cur- tain |strong="H6532" that |strong="H3068" hangs in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Box that |strong="H3068" holds the |strong="H0853" Agreement.<sup>1</sup> This |strong="H3068" law will |strong="H3068" continue forev- er |strong="H5769".<sup>4</sup> Aaron |strong="H6186" must |strong="H0853" always |strong="H8548" keep the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216" burning on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" lamp- stand |strong="H4501" of |strong="H3068" pure |strong="H2889" gold before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>5</sup> Take |strong="H3947" fine |strong="H5560" flour |strong="H5560" and |strong="H0853" bake |strong="H0644" twelve |strong="H6240" loaves |strong="H2471" with |strong="H8147" it |strong="H1961". Use |strong="H3947" 16 cups<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H0259" flour |strong="H5560" for |strong="H0259" each |strong="H0259" loaf |strong="H2471".<sup>6</sup> Put |strong="H7760"

I BOX THAT HOLDS THE AGREEMENT Literally, "Testimony." See "Agreement" in the Word List. II 16 CUPS Literally, "2/10 of an ephah" (4.4 l).

them |strong="H0853" in |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" rows |strong="H4635" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" golden table |strong="H7979" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". Six |strong="H8337" loaves will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" each |strong="H7979" row |strong="H4635".<sup>7</sup> Put |strong="H5414" pure |strong="H2134" frankin- cense |strong="H3828" on |strong="H5921" each row |strong="H4635". This |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" help the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" remember the |strong="H5921" gift |strong="H0801".<sup>8</sup> Every |strong="H3117" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day |strong="H3117" Aaron |strong="H6186" will |strong="H3068" put the |strong="H0853" bread in |strong="H3068" order before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H3068" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1121" done forever |strong="H5769". This |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Is- raelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" contin- ue forever |strong="H5769".<sup>9</sup> That |strong="H3588" bread will |strong="H3068" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3588" bread in |strong="H3068" a |strong="H1961" holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H4725", because |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" bread is |strong="H3068" one |strong="H6918" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" special gifts |strong="H6944" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" Aaron's |strong="H0175" share |strong="H0398" forever |strong="H5769".

### The |strong="H3588" Man |strong="H1121" Who |strong="H1931" Cursed God |strong="H3068"

<sup>10</sup> There |strong="H8432" was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H3318" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" an |strong="H0376" Is- raelite |strong="H3478" woman |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" an |strong="H0376" Egypt- ian |strong="H4713" father. He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H3478" walking among |strong="H8432" the |strong="H8432" Israelites |strong="H3478", and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H1931" start- ed |strong="H3318" fighting |strong="H5327" in |strong="H3478" camp |strong="H4264".<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelite |strong="H3482" woman's |strong="H0802" son |strong="H1121" be- gan |strong="H0935" cursing |strong="H7043", using the |strong="H0853" Lord's name |strong="H8034"

in|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" bad way, so|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" brought|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872". ( The|strong="H0853" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" man's|strong="H0802" mother|strong="H0517" was|strong="H8034" Shelomith|strong="H8019", the|strong="H0853" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Dibri|strong="H1704", from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835".) 12 The|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3240" held him|strong="H5921" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H5921" prisoner and|strong="H3068" waited for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6310" to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H3068" made clear|strong="H6567" to|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992".

13 Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", 14 " Bring|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" man|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" cursed|strong="H7043" to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H8085" place|strong="H3027" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264". Then|strong="H3318" bring|strong="H3318" together|strong="H5921" everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" heard|strong="H8085" him|strong="H0413" curse|strong="H7043". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3027" put|strong="H3318" their|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" head|strong="H7218".<sup>I</sup> And|strong="H3027" then|strong="H3318" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H8085" must|strong="H0853" throw stones at|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3027" kill him|strong="H0413". 15 You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H1121" tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478": Anyone|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" curses|strong="H7043" their|strong="H5375" God|strong="H0430" must|strong="H1121" be|strong="H0376" punished. 16 Anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" speaks against|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". All|strong="H3605"

I PUT THEIR HANDS ON HIS HEAD To show that all these people were sharing in punishing the man.

the|strong="H3605" people must|strong="H4191" stone|strong="H7275" him|strong="H4191". Any|strong="H3605" foreigner|strong="H1616" or|strong="H4191" anyone|strong="H3605" born in|strong="H3068" Israel who|strong="H3605" uses the|strong="H3605" Lord's|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034" in|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" bad way|strong="H3605" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191".

17 " And|strong="H0376" whoever|strong="H3605" kills|strong="H5221" another|strong="H0376" person|strong="H5315" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". 18 Whoever kills|strong="H5221" an|strong="H5221" animal|strong="H0929" that|strong="H5315" belongs to|strong="H5315" another person|strong="H5315" must give another animal|strong="H0929" to|strong="H5315" take|strong="H5221" its|strong="H8478" place|strong="H8478". II

19 " And|strong="H0376" whoever|strong="H0834" causes|strong="H5414" an|strong="H5414" injury|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" their|strong="H5414" neighbor|strong="H5997" must be|strong="H0376" given|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0834" same|strong="H3651" kind of|strong="H0376" injury|strong="H5414": 20 a|strong="H5414" broken|strong="H7667" bone for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H5414" broken|strong="H7667" bone, an|strong="H5414" eye|strong="H5869" for|strong="H8478" an|strong="H5414" eye|strong="H5869", and|strong="H5869" a|strong="H5414" tooth|strong="H8127" for|strong="H8478" a|strong="H5414" tooth|strong="H8127". The|strong="H0834" same|strong="H3651" kind of|strong="H5869" injury|strong="H7667" a|strong="H5414" person|strong="H0120" gives|strong="H5414" another|strong="H0120" person|strong="H0120" must be|strong="H5414" given|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0120". 21 Whoever|strong="H4191" kills|strong="H5221" an|strong="H5221" animal|strong="H0929" must|strong="H4191" pay|strong="H7999" for|strong="H4191" the|strong="H5221" animal|strong="H0929". But|strong="H5221" whoever|strong="H4191" kills|strong="H5221" another|strong="H0120" person|strong="H0120" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191".

22 " The|strong="H3588" law will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" same|strong="H0259" for|strong="H3588" foreigners|strong="H1616" and|strong="H3068"

II GIVE ... ITS PLACE Literally, "pay for it, life for life."



for **people from** your **own** **country**. This **is** **because** **I** **am** **the** **LORD** your **God**.

<sup>23</sup> Then **Moses** spoke **to** **the** **Israelites**, **and** **they** **took** **the** **man** **who** **was** **cursed** **to** **be** **placed** **outside** **the** **camp**. Then **they** **killed** **him** **with** **stones**. So **the** **Israelites** **did** **just** **what** **the** **LORD** **had** **commanded** **Moses**.

#### A Time of Rest for the Land

<sup>25</sup> **The** **LORD** spoke **to** **Moses** **at** **Mount** **Sinai**. **He** **said**, <sup>2</sup> **Tell** **the** **Israelites**: **When** **you** **enter** **the** **land** **that** **I** **am** **giving** **to** **you**, **you** **must** **let** **the** **land** **have** **a** **special** **time** **of** **rest**. This **will** **be** **a** **special** **time** **of** **rest** **to** **honor** **the** **LORD**. <sup>3</sup> **You** **will** **plant** **seed** **in** **your** **field** **for** **six** **years**. **You** **will** **trim** **your** **vineyards** **for** **six** **years** **and** **bring** **in** **its** **fruits**. <sup>4</sup> **But** **dur-**

**ing** **the** **sev-** **enth** **year**, **you** **will** **let** **the** **land** **rest**. This **will** **be** **a** **special** **time** **of** **rest** **to** **honor** **the** **LORD**. **You** **must** **not** **plant** **seed** **in** **your** **field** **or** **trim** **your** **vine-** **yards**. <sup>5</sup> **You** **must** **not** **cut** **the** **crops** **that** **grow** **by** **themselves** **after** **your** **harvest**. **You** **must** **not** **gather** **the** **grapes** **from** **your** **vines** **that** **are** **not** **trimmed**. **The** **land** **will** **have** **a** **year** **of** **rest**.

<sup>6</sup> **The** **land** **will** **have** **a** **year** **of** **rest**, **but** **you** **will** **still** **have** **enough** **food**. **There** **will** **be** **enough** **food** **for** **your** **men** **and** **women** **servants**. **There** **will** **be** **food** **for** **your** **hired** **workers** **and** **foreign-** **ers** **living** **in** **your** **country**. <sup>7</sup> **And** **there** **will** **be** **enough** **food** **for** **your** **cattle** **and** **other** **ani-** **mals** **to** **eat**.

**Jubilee— the *Year of Release***

8 " You also count seven groups of seven years. This will be 49 years. During that time will be seven years of rest for the land. 9 On Day must ram's horn. That will be the tenth day the month must ram's horn through whole country. 10 You will make the 50th year a special year. You will announce freedom for everyone living in your country. This will be called " Jubilee ". Each you go to your own land. And will go back to your own family. 11 The 50th year will be a special celebration for you.

I OWN PROPERTY In Israel, the land belonged to the family or tribe. A person might sell his land, but at Jubilee that land again belonged to the family and tribe that it was originally given to. II

Don't plant seeds, don't harvest the crops that grow by themselves, and don't gather grapes from the vines that are not trimmed. 12 That year is Jubilee. It will be a holy time for you. You will eat the crops that come from the field. 13 In the year of Jubilee, you go back to your own property.

14 " Don't cheat your neighbors when you sell your land to them. Don't cheat one another when you buy or sell land. 15 If you want to buy your neighbor's land, count the number of years since the last Jubilee, and use that number to decide the right price. You are only buying the rights for harvesting crops until the next Jubilee. 16 If there are many years before the next Jubilee, the price will be high. If there are few years, the price will be low.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION Literally, "Jubilee." See "Jubilee" in the Word List.

be|strong="H1931" lower. So|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" neighbor is|strong="H1931" really only|strong="H7235" selling|strong="H4376" a|strong="H3588" number|strong="H4557" of|strong="H8141" crops|strong="H8393" to|strong="H6310" you|strong="H3588". At|strong="H8141" the|strong="H3588" next Jubilee, the|strong="H3588" land will|strong="H1931" again belong to|strong="H6310" that|strong="H3588" family. 17 You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" cheat each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0376". You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" honor your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

18 "Remember my|strong="H8104" laws and|strong="H0776" rules|strong="H2708". Obey|strong="H6213" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0776" you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776" live|strong="H3427" safely|strong="H0983" in|strong="H3427" your|strong="H5921" country|strong="H0776". 19 And|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" produce|strong="H6529" good crops for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5414". Then|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0776" plenty|strong="H0398" of|strong="H0776" food|strong="H0398", and|strong="H0776" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" live|strong="H3427" safely|strong="H0983" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0776".

20 " But|strong="H3588" maybe you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559", ' If|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" plant|strong="H2232" seeds or|strong="H3808" gather|strong="H0622" our|strong="H3588" crops|strong="H8393", we|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3588" anything|strong="H4100" to|strong="H0559" eat|strong="H0398" during the|strong="H0853" seventh|strong="H7637" year|strong="H8141".' 21 I|strong="H6680" will|strong="H1293" order|strong="H6680" my|strong="H6680" blessing|strong="H1293" to|strong="H6680" come to|strong="H6680" you|strong="H6680" during the|strong="H0853" sixth|strong="H8345" year|strong="H8141". The|strong="H0853" land will|strong="H1293" continue growing crops|strong="H8393" for|strong="H8141" three|strong="H7969" years|strong="H8141". 22 When|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5704" plant|strong="H2232" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853"

eighth|strong="H8066" year|strong="H8141", you|strong="H5704" will|strong="H5704" still|strong="H5704" be|strong="H4480" eating|strong="H0398" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" old|strong="H3465" crop|strong="H8393". You|strong="H5704" will|strong="H5704" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" old|strong="H3465" crop|strong="H8393" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" ninth|strong="H8671" year|strong="H8141", when|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" crop|strong="H8393" you|strong="H5704" planted|strong="H2232" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" eighth|strong="H8066" year|strong="H8141" comes|strong="H0935" in|strong="H8141".

#### Property|strong="H5704" Laws

23 " The|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" really belongs to|strong="H0776" me|strong="H5978", so|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0859" cannot|strong="H3808" sell|strong="H4376" it|strong="H3588" permanently|strong="H6783". You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0776" only foreigners|strong="H1616" and|strong="H0776" travelers living on|strong="H0776" my|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0776" me|strong="H5978". 24 People|strong="H0776" might sell|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776", but|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" family will|strong="H0776" always get their|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" back. 25 If|strong="H3588" someone in|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" country becomes|strong="H4134" very poor|strong="H4134" and|strong="H0935" must|strong="H0853" sell|strong="H4376" their|strong="H3588" property|strong="H0272", a|strong="H3588" close|strong="H7138" relative|strong="H1350" must|strong="H0853" come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" buy|strong="H1350" it|strong="H3588" back|strong="H0935". 26 If|strong="H3588" there|strong="H1961" is|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H1961" close|strong="H1350" relative|strong="H1350" to|strong="H1961" buy|strong="H1350" back|strong="H1350" the|strong="H3588" land, the|strong="H3588" person|strong="H0376" might get enough|strong="H1767" money to|strong="H1961" buy|strong="H1350" it|strong="H3588" back|strong="H1350". 27 Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" years|strong="H8141" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H0376" counted|strong="H2803" since|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" land was|strong="H0834" sold|strong="H4376". That|strong="H0834" number must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H0376" used

to **"H7725"** decide how **"H0834"** much **"H0834"** to **"H7725"** pay **"H7725"** for **"H0376"** the **"H0853"** land. The **"H0853"** person **"H0376"** must **"H0853"** then **"H0853"** buy back **"H7725"** the **"H0853"** land, and **"H7725"** it **"H7725"** will **"H0834"** be **"H0376"** their **"H7725"** property **"H0272"** again **"H7725"**. <sup>28</sup> But **"H0518"** if **"H0518"** this **"H7725"** first owner **"H7069"** cannot **"H3808"** find **"H4672"** enough **"H1767"** money to **"H5704"** buy **"H7069"** the **"H0853"** land back **"H7725"**, it **"H0518"** will **"H1961"** stay in **"H8141"** the **"H0853"** hands **"H3027"** of **"H3027"** the **"H0853"** one **"H3808"** who **"H4672"** bought **"H7069"** it **"H0518"** until **"H5704"** the **"H0853"** year **"H8141"** of **"H3027"** Jubilee **"H3104"**. Then **"H1961"** during **"H1961"** that **"H8141"** special celebration, the **"H0853"** land will **"H1961"** go **"H3318"** back **"H7725"** to **"H5704"** the **"H0853"** first owner's family. So **"H1961"** the **"H0853"** property **"H0272"** will **"H1961"** again **"H7725"** belong **"H1961"** to **"H5704"** the **"H0853"** right family.

<sup>29</sup> "Anyone **"H0376"** who **"H0376"** sells **"H4376"** a **"H1961"** home **"H1004"** in **"H8141"** a **"H1961"** walled **"H2346"** city **"H5892"** still **"H5704"** has **"H1961"** the **"H3588"** right **"H1353"** to **"H5704"** get it **"H3588"** back **"H1004"** until **"H5704"** a **"H1961"** full **"H3117"** year **"H8141"** after **"H1961"** it **"H3588"** was **"H1961"** sold **"H4376"**. Their **"H3588"** right **"H1353"** to **"H5704"** get the **"H3588"** house **"H1004"** back **"H1004"** will **"H1961"** continue **"H1961"** one **"H0376"** year **"H8141"**. <sup>30</sup> But **"H0518"** if **"H0518"** the **"H0853"** owner **"H7069"** does **"H3808"** not **"H3808"** buy **"H7069"** back **"H1350"** the **"H0853"** house **"H1004"** before **"H5704"** a **"H0518"** full **"H4390"** year **"H8141"** is **"H0834"** finished **"H4390"**,

the **"H0853"** house **"H1004"** that **"H0834"** is **"H0834"** in **"H8141"** the **"H0853"** walled **"H2346"** city **"H5892"** will **"H0834"** belong to **"H5704"** the **"H0853"** one **"H3808"** who **"H0834"** bought **"H7069"** it **"H0518"** and **"H6965"** to **"H5704"** their **"H4390"** descendants **"H3318"**. The **"H0853"** house **"H1004"** will **"H0834"** not **"H3808"** go **"H3318"** back **"H1350"** to **"H5704"** the **"H0853"** first owner **"H7069"** at **"H1004"** the **"H0853"** time **"H1755"** of **"H1004"** Jubilee **"H3104"**. <sup>31</sup> Towns **"H2691"** without **"H0369"** walls **"H2346"** around **"H5439"** them **"H1992"** will **"H1961"** be **"H1961"** treated like **"H1961"** open **"H0776"** fields **"H7704"**. So **"H1961"** houses **"H1004"** built in **"H5921"** these **"H1992"** small towns **"H2691"** will **"H1961"** go **"H3318"** back **"H3318"** to **"H1961"** the **"H0834"** first owners at **"H5921"** the **"H0834"** time **"H1961"** of **"H0776"** Jubilee **"H3104"**.

<sup>32</sup> "But **"H1961"** about **"H1961"** the **"H1961"** cities **"H5892"** of **"H1004"** the **"H1961"** Levites **"H3881"**: The **"H1961"** Levites **"H3881"** can **"H1004"** buy back **"H1004"** at **"H1004"** any **"H1961"** time **"H5769"** their **"H1961"** houses **"H1004"** in **"H1004"** the **"H1961"** cities **"H5892"** that **"H1961"** belong **"H1961"** to **"H1961"** them **"H1961"**. <sup>33</sup> If **"H3588"** someone buys a **"H3588"** house **"H1004"** from **"H4480"** a **"H3588"** Levite **"H3881"**, that **"H0834"** house **"H1004"** in **"H1004"** the **"H0834"** Levites' **"H3881"** city **"H5892"** will **"H0834"** again belong to **"H3478"** the **"H0834"** Levites **"H3881"** at **"H3478"** the **"H0834"** time **"H3478"** of **"H1121"** Jubilee **"H3104"**. This **"H1931"** is **"H0834"** because **"H3588"** houses **"H1004"** in **"H1004"** Levite **"H3881"** cities **"H5892"** belong to **"H3478"** those **"H0834"** from **"H4480"** the **"H0834"** tribe of **"H1121"** Levi **"H3881"**. The **"H0834"** Is-

raelites |strong="H3478" gave |strong="H3318" these |strong="H1931" cities |strong="H5892" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3881". <sup>34</sup> Also |strong="H3588", the |strong="H3588" fields |strong="H7704" and |strong="H4054" pastures around the |strong="H3588" Levite cities |strong="H5892" cannot |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" sold |strong="H4376". They |strong="H3588" belong to |strong="H7704" the |strong="H3588" Levites forever |strong="H5769".

#### Rules |strong="H5769" for |strong="H3588" Slave Owners

<sup>35</sup> " If |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H3588" from |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3588" own |strong="H5973" country becomes |strong="H4134" too poor |strong="H4134" to |strong="H3027" support |strong="H2388" themselves, you |strong="H3588" must let them |strong="H3027" live |strong="H2421" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588" like |strong="H5973" a |strong="H3588" visitor. <sup>36</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" charge them |strong="H0853" any interest |strong="H5392" on |strong="H0430" money you |strong="H5973" might loan to |strong="H0430" them |strong="H0853". Respect your |strong="H3947" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0430" let |strong="H0408" those |strong="H0853" from |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" own |strong="H5973" country live |strong="H2421" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5973". <sup>37</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" charge |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" interest |strong="H5392" on |strong="H5392" any |strong="H5414" money |strong="H3701" you |strong="H5414" lend |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". And |strong="H3701" don't |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" profit from |strong="H3701" the |strong="H0853" food |strong="H0400" you |strong="H5414" sell |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". <sup>38</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0589" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H1961" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>39</sup> " If |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H3588" from |strong="H5973" your |strong="H3588" own |strong="H5973" country becomes |strong="H4134" so |strong="H3808" poor |strong="H4134" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" sell |strong="H4376" themselves to |strong="H5650" you |strong="H3588", don't |strong="H3808" make |strong="H5647" them |strong="H5647" work |strong="H5656" like |strong="H5973" slaves |strong="H5650". <sup>40</sup> They |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" hired |strong="H7916" workers |strong="H5647" and |strong="H8141" visitors with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5704" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H8141" Jubilee |strong="H3104". <sup>41</sup> Then |strong="H3318" they |strong="H1931" can |strong="H1121" leave |strong="H3318" you |strong="H7725", take |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" children |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" go |strong="H3318" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H7725" family |strong="H4940". They |strong="H1931" can |strong="H1121" go |strong="H3318" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" property |strong="H0272" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H7725" ancestors |strong="H0001", <sup>42</sup> because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H0834" servants |strong="H5650". I |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H3318" them |strong="H1992" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" slavery |strong="H5650" in |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". They |strong="H1992" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" become |strong="H3318" slaves |strong="H5650" again. <sup>43</sup> You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808" cruel master to |strong="H0430" them. You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" respect your |strong="H3808" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>44</sup> " About |strong="H1961" your |strong="H0834" men |strong="H5650" and |strong="H5650" women slaves |strong="H5650": You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H1961" get |strong="H7069" men |strong="H5650" and |strong="H5650" women slaves |strong="H5650" from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" other nations |strong="H1471" around |strong="H5439" you |strong="H0834". <sup>45</sup> Also |strong="H1571", you |strong="H0834" may |strong="H1961" get |strong="H7069" children |strong="H1121" as |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H1121" if |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" come |strong="H1961" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" fami-

lies |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" foreigners |strong="H1121" living |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0776" your |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". These |strong="H1992" child |strong="H1121" slaves |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834". <sup>46</sup> You |strong="H3808" may |strong="H0376" even |strong="H3808" pass these foreign slaves |strong="H5647" on |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" your |strong="H3808" children |strong="H1121" after |strong="H0310" you |strong="H3808" die so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3478" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3478" belong to |strong="H3478" them |strong="H0853". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3808" slaves |strong="H5647" forever |strong="H5769". You |strong="H3808" may |strong="H0376" make |strong="H5647" slaves |strong="H5647" of |strong="H1121" these foreigners |strong="H1121". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808" cruel master over |strong="H0853" your |strong="H3808" own |strong="H5769" brothers |strong="H0251", the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478".

<sup>47</sup> "Maybe a |strong="H3588" foreigner |strong="H1616" or |strong="H0176" visitor among |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588" becomes |strong="H4134" rich. Or |strong="H0176" maybe someone from |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3588" own |strong="H5973" country becomes |strong="H4134" so |strong="H3588" poor |strong="H4134" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" sell |strong="H4376" themselves as |strong="H3588" slaves to |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3588" foreigner |strong="H1616" living among |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588" or |strong="H0176" to |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3588" member of |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3588" foreigner's family |strong="H4940".

<sup>48</sup> These people have |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0310" right |strong="H1353" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" bought |strong="H1350" back |strong="H0310" and |strong="H0251" become |strong="H1961" free. Someone |strong="H0259" from |strong="H1961" their |strong="H0310" own |strong="H1961" country can |strong="H0259" buy |strong="H1350" them |strong="H0310" back |strong="H0310". <sup>49</sup> Or |strong="H0176" their |strong="H0176" uncle |strong="H1730", their |strong="H0176" cousin, or |strong="H0176" one |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H0176" close |strong="H1350" relatives |strong="H4940" from |strong="H3027" their |strong="H0176" fami-

ly |strong="H4940" can |strong="H1121" buy |strong="H1350" him |strong="H5381" back |strong="H1350". Or |strong="H0176" if |strong="H0176" they |strong="H3027" get enough |strong="H3027" money, they |strong="H3027" can |strong="H1121" pay the |strong="H3027" money themselves and |strong="H1121" become free again.

<sup>50</sup> " You |strong="H3117" must count |strong="H4557" the |strong="H5704" years |strong="H8141" from |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" time |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" sold |strong="H4376" themselves to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" foreigner up |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" next year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H3117" Jubilee |strong="H3104". Use |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3117" number |strong="H4557" to |strong="H5704" decide the |strong="H5704" price |strong="H3701", because |strong="H3117" really the |strong="H5704" person only |strong="H5704" 'hired' them |strong="H1961" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H1961" few |strong="H4557" years |strong="H8141". <sup>51</sup> If |strong="H0518" there |strong="H7725" are |strong="H6310" still |strong="H5750" many |strong="H7227" years |strong="H8141" before |strong="H5750" the |strong="H0518" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H8141" Jubilee, the |strong="H0518" one |strong="H6310" sold must |strong="H0518" give |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" a |strong="H0518" large |strong="H7227" part of |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0518" price |strong="H3701". It |strong="H0518" all |strong="H5750" depends on |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0518" number of |strong="H8141" years |strong="H8141". <sup>52</sup> If |strong="H0518" only |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" few |strong="H4592" years |strong="H8141" are |strong="H6310" left |strong="H7604" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H8141" Jubilee |strong="H3104", the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H6310" who |strong="H7604" was |strong="H8141" sold must |strong="H0853" pay |strong="H7725" a |strong="H0518" small |strong="H4592" part of |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" original price. <sup>53</sup> But |strong="H3808" that |strong="H8141" person will |strong="H1961" live like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" hired |strong="H7916" worker |strong="H7916" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H1961" foreigner every |strong="H8141" year |strong="H8141". Don't |strong="H3808" let |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" foreigner be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" cruel master over |strong="H6531" that |strong="H8141" person.

54 " Those who sold themselves will become free, even if one buys them back. At the year of Jubilee, they and their children will become free. This is because the Israelites are my servants. They are the servants of the LORD your God.

#### Rewards for Obeying God

26 " Don't make for yourselves. Don't set up memorial stones to bow down to, because I am LORD your God.

2 "Remember my special days of rest and honor my holy place. I am LORD your God.

3 "Remember my laws and commands, and obey them. 4 If you do these things, I will give you rain at the time

I SPECIAL DAYS OF REST Or "Sabbaths." This might mean Saturday, or it might mean all the special days when the people were not supposed to work.

time they should come. The land will grow crops and the trees of the field will grow their fruit. 5 Your threshing will continue until it is time to gather grapes. And your grape gathering will continue until it is time to plant. Then you will have plenty to eat. And you will live safely in your land. 6 I will give you peace to your country. You will lie down in peace. No one will come to make you afraid. I will keep harmful animals out of your country. And I will not come through your country. 7 " You will chase your enemies and defeat them. You will kill them with your swords. 8 Five of you will chase 100 men, and 100 of you will chase 10,000 men. You will defeat your enemies and kill

them |strong="H6440" with |strong="H4480" your |strong="H6440" sword |strong="H2719".  
 9 " Then |strong="H6965" I |strong="H6965" will |strong="H1285" turn |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0853". I |strong="H6965" will |strong="H1285" let you |strong="H0853" have |strong="H6437" many |strong="H7235" children. I |strong="H6965" will |strong="H1285" keep my |strong="H6965" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H0853". 10 You |strong="H6440" will |strong="H6440" have |strong="H0398" enough |strong="H0398" crops to |strong="H6440" last for |strong="H0398" more than a |strong="H3318" year. You |strong="H6440" will |strong="H6440" harvest the |strong="H6440" new |strong="H2319" crops. But then |strong="H3318" you |strong="H6440" will |strong="H6440" have |strong="H0398" to |strong="H6440" throw out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H6440" old |strong="H3465" crops to |strong="H6440" make room for |strong="H0398" the |strong="H6440" new |strong="H2319" crops. 11 Also |strong="H0853", I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" place |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" Holy Tent among |strong="H8432" you |strong="H5414". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" not |strong="H3808" turn |strong="H5414" away from |strong="H5315" you |strong="H5414". 12 I |strong="H1961" will |strong="H0430" walk |strong="H1980" with |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H1980" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430". And |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" my |strong="H1961" people |strong="H5971". 13 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H5650" in |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714", but |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". You |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" bent low |strong="H0776" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" heavy weights you |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H3318" as |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H5650", but |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" broke |strong="H7665" the |strong="H0853" poles |strong="H4133" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" on |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" shoulders. I |strong="H0589" let |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" walk proudly again |strong="H1961".

### Punishment for |strong="H0776" Not |strong="H1961" Obeying God |strong="H0430"

14 " But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H3808" and |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687", bad things |strong="H0428" will |strong="H3808" happen to |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0518". 15 If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" refuse to |strong="H5315" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H3605" laws and |strong="H4941" commands |strong="H4687", you |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" broken |strong="H6565" my |strong="H3605" agreement |strong="H1285". 16 If you |strong="H5921" do |strong="H6213" that |strong="H5315", I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H5869" cause terrible things to |strong="H5921" happen to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H5869" cause you |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" have |strong="H5869" disease and |strong="H0398" fever |strong="H6920". They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5869" destroy |strong="H3615" your |strong="H5921" eyes |strong="H5869" and |strong="H0398" take |strong="H6485" away |strong="H3615" your |strong="H5921" life |strong="H5315". You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H5315" have |strong="H5869" success when |strong="H3615" you |strong="H5921" plant |strong="H2232" your |strong="H5921" seed |strong="H2233". And |strong="H0398" your |strong="H5921" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H5869" eat |strong="H0398" your |strong="H5921" crops. 17 I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H5414" against |strong="H6440" you |strong="H5414", so |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H0369" defeat |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414". These enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H0369" hate |strong="H8130" you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H6440" rule |strong="H7287" over |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0369" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" even |strong="H0853" when |strong="H5127" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" chasing |strong="H7291" you |strong="H5414".  
 18 " After |strong="H5921" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428", if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" still |strong="H5704" don't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H5921", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" punish |strong="H3256"



you |strong="H0518" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H7651" more |strong="H3254" for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" sins |strong="H2403". <sup>19</sup> And |strong="H0776" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" also |strong="H0853" destroy |strong="H7665" the |strong="H0853" great cities that |strong="H0776" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" proud |strong="H1347". The |strong="H0853" skies will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H0776" give |strong="H5414" rain, and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" earth |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H0776" produce |strong="H5414" crops. <sup>20</sup> You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" work |strong="H5414" hard, but |strong="H3808" it |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" help. Your |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" any |strong="H5414" crops |strong="H2981", and |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5414" trees |strong="H6086" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" grow their |strong="H5414" fruit |strong="H6529".

<sup>21</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" still turn against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921" and |strong="H8085" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5921" obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H5921", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" beat you |strong="H0518" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H7651" harder! The |strong="H5921" more |strong="H3254" you |strong="H0518" sin |strong="H2403", the |strong="H5921" more |strong="H3254" you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" punished. <sup>22</sup> I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H7704" send |strong="H7971" wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H0929" against you |strong="H7971". They |strong="H1870" will |strong="H7704" take |strong="H4591" your |strong="H7971" children |strong="H7921" away |strong="H7971" from |strong="H3772" you |strong="H7971". They |strong="H1870" will |strong="H7704" destroy |strong="H3772" your |strong="H7971" animals |strong="H0929". They |strong="H1870" will |strong="H7704" kill |strong="H3772" many of |strong="H1870" your |strong="H7971" people. The |strong="H0853" roads |strong="H1870" will |strong="H7704" all be |strong="H1870" empty.

<sup>23</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" learn your |strong="H0518" lesson after |strong="H1980" all this |strong="H0428", and |strong="H1980" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" still turn against |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5973", <sup>24</sup> then |strong="H1980"

I THE SKIES ... CROPS Literally, "Your skies will be like iron, your land like bronze."

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1571" also |strong="H1571" turn |strong="H1571" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921". I |strong="H0589"— yes |strong="H0637", I |strong="H0589" myself |strong="H0589"— will |strong="H1571" punish you |strong="H5921" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H7651" for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" sins |strong="H2403". <sup>25</sup> You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" have |strong="H3027" broken my |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285", so |strong="H7971" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" punish you |strong="H5414". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" bring |strong="H0935" armies against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" cities |strong="H5892" for |strong="H5921" safety, but |strong="H0935" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" cause |strong="H5414" diseases |strong="H1698" to |strong="H0413" spread |strong="H5414" among |strong="H8432" you |strong="H5414". And |strong="H0935" your |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H2719" defeat |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414". <sup>26</sup> I |strong="H0259" will |strong="H0802" give |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725" a |strong="H0259" share |strong="H0398" of |strong="H4294" the |strong="H0398" grain |strong="H3899" left |strong="H7725" in |strong="H0802" that |strong="H3808" city. But |strong="H3808" there |strong="H7725" will |strong="H0802" be |strong="H3808" very little food |strong="H3899" to |strong="H7725" eat |strong="H0398". Ten |strong="H6235" women |strong="H0802" will |strong="H0802" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H7725" cook all |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" bread |strong="H3899" in |strong="H0802" one |strong="H0259" oven |strong="H8574". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0802" measure each |strong="H0259" piece of |strong="H4294" bread |strong="H3899". You |strong="H7725" will |strong="H0802" eat |strong="H0398", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H7725" will |strong="H0802" still |strong="H7725" be |strong="H3808" hungry.

<sup>27</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" still refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1980" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1980" me |strong="H5973", and |strong="H1980" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" still turn against |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5973", <sup>28</sup> then |strong="H1980" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" really |strong="H0637" show |strong="H5973" my |strong="H5921"

anger|strong="H2534"! I|strong="H0589"— yes|strong="H0637", I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589"— will|strong="H0589" punish|strong="H3256" you|strong="H5921" seven|strong="H7651" times|strong="H7651" for|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" sins|strong="H2403". <sup>29</sup> You|strong="H0398" will|strong="H1121" become so hungry that|strong="H1320" you|strong="H0398" will|strong="H1121" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0398" bodies|strong="H1320" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H0398" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323". <sup>30</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" destroy|strong="H8045" your|strong="H5414" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" cut|strong="H3772" down|strong="H3772" your|strong="H5414" incense|strong="H2553" altars|strong="H2553". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" dead|strong="H5315" bodies|strong="H6297" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" dead|strong="H5315" bodies|strong="H6297" of|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5414" idols|strong="H1544". You|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" be|strong="H5315" disgusting to|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5414". <sup>31</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" destroy|strong="H5892" your|strong="H5414" cities|strong="H5892". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" make|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" holy|strong="H4720" places|strong="H2723" empty. I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" stop|strong="H3808" smelling your|strong="H5414" offerings. <sup>32</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H8074" your|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0776" empty. And|strong="H0776" your|strong="H5921" enemies|strong="H0341" who|strong="H3427" come to|strong="H5921" live|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" shocked|strong="H8074" at|strong="H3427" it|strong="H5921". <sup>33</sup> I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" scatter|strong="H2219" you|strong="H0853" among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471". I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" pull out|strong="H1471" my|strong="H1961" sword|strong="H2719" and|strong="H0776" destroy|strong="H2719" you|strong="H0853". Your|strong="H1961" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" empty, and|strong="H0776" your|strong="H1961" cities|strong="H5892" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H2723".

<sup>34</sup> " You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" taken|strong="H7521" to|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3605" enemy's country|strong="H0776". Your|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" empty. So|strong="H0227" your|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" finally get its|strong="H3605" rest. The|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" enjoy|strong="H7521" its|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0776" rest. <sup>35</sup> During|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" land is|strong="H0834" empty, it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0834" get the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" rest that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" give it|strong="H5921" while|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427". <sup>36</sup> The|strong="H0853" survivors|strong="H7604" will|strong="H0776" lose their|strong="H0935" courage|strong="H3824" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H0935" enemies|strong="H0341". They|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" afraid of|strong="H0776" everything. They|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0776" run|strong="H5127" around like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H0935" leaf|strong="H5929" blown by|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" wind. They|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0776" run|strong="H5127" as|strong="H0935" if someone|strong="H5307" is|strong="H0369" chasing|strong="H7291" them|strong="H0853" with|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" sword|strong="H2719". They|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0776" fall|strong="H5307" even|strong="H0853" when|strong="H0935" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" chasing|strong="H7291" them|strong="H0853". <sup>37</sup> They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" run|strong="H7291" as|strong="H1961" if|strong="H0376" someone|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0369" chasing|strong="H7291" them|strong="H6440" with|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1961" sword|strong="H2719". They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" fall|strong="H3782" over|strong="H3782" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251"— even|strong="H3808" when|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0369" chasing|strong="H7291" them|strong="H6440".  
 " You|strong="H6440" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" strong

enough to |strong="H1961" stand |strong="H8617" up |strong="H8617" against |strong="H6440" your |strong="H6440" enemies |strong="H0341". 38 You |strong="H0853" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" lost |strong="H0006" in |strong="H0776" other nations |strong="H1471". You |strong="H0853" will |strong="H0776" disappear in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H0398" enemies |strong="H0341". 39 So |strong="H0637" the |strong="H0776" survivors |strong="H7604" will |strong="H0776" rot |strong="H4743" away |strong="H4743" in |strong="H0776" their |strong="H5771" sins |strong="H5771" in |strong="H0776" their |strong="H5771" enemies' countries |strong="H0776". They |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" rot |strong="H4743" away |strong="H4743" in |strong="H0776" their |strong="H5771" sins |strong="H5771" just as |strong="H0776" their |strong="H5771" ancestors |strong="H0001" did.

#### There |strong="H7604" Is |strong="H0776" Always Hope

40 " But |strong="H0834" maybe the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" confess |strong="H3034" their |strong="H0834" sins |strong="H5771". And |strong="H1980" maybe they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" confess |strong="H3034" the |strong="H0853" sins |strong="H5771" of |strong="H0001" their |strong="H0834" ancestors |strong="H0001". Maybe they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" admit that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" turned against |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5973". Maybe they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" admit that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" sinned against |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5973".

41 Maybe they |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0776" admit that |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0589" turned against |strong="H5973" them |strong="H0853" and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0853" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" their |strong="H0935" enemies |strong="H0341". These people |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" strangers to |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0935". But |strong="H0935" maybe they |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0776" become humble |strong="H3665"<sup>41</sup> and |strong="H0935" accept |strong="H7521" the |strong="H0853" punishment |strong="H5771" for |strong="H0776" their |strong="H0935" sin |strong="H5771". 42 If they |strong="H0776" do |strong="H0637",

I THESE PEOPLE ... HUMBLE Literally, "If they humble their uncircumcised heart."

I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" remember |strong="H2142" my |strong="H2142" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1285" Jacob |strong="H3290". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" remember |strong="H2142" my |strong="H2142" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1285" Isaac |strong="H3327". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" remember |strong="H2142" my |strong="H2142" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1285" Abraham |strong="H0085", and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776".

43 " The |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" empty. The |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" enjoy |strong="H7521" its |strong="H0853" time of |strong="H0776" rest. Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" survivors will |strong="H0776" accept |strong="H7521" the |strong="H0853" punishment |strong="H5771" for |strong="H0776" their |strong="H1992" sins |strong="H5771". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0776" learn that |strong="H5315" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" punished because |strong="H3282" they |strong="H1992" hated my |strong="H1602" laws and |strong="H0776" refused to |strong="H0776" obey my |strong="H1602" rules |strong="H2708". 44 They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" sinned. But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H0589" for |strong="H3588" help, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" turn |strong="H1961" away |strong="H3615" from |strong="H1961" them |strong="H3615". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" listen to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H3615", even |strong="H1571" if |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" their |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" completely |strong="H3615" destroy |strong="H3615" them |strong="H3615". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" break |strong="H6565" my |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H3615", because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". 45 For |strong="H0776" them |strong="H0853", I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0853" agree-

ment |strong="H1285" with |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H7223". I |strong="H0589" brought |strong="H3318" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H7223" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" could become |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". The |strong="H0853" other nations |strong="H1471" saw these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H7223". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>46</sup> These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" laws |strong="H8451", rules |strong="H2706", and |strong="H1121" teachings |strong="H8451" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478". These |strong="H0428" laws |strong="H8451" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" agreement between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0834" Lord |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0834" Lord |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" these |strong="H0428" laws |strong="H8451" to |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872" at |strong="H3478" Mount |strong="H2022" Sinai |strong="H5514".

### Promises Are Important

**27** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478": You |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H1696" someone |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" as |strong="H5315" a |strong="H3588" servant. The |strong="H0559" priest must |strong="H1121" set a |strong="H3588" price for |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" person |strong="H5315". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H5704" price |strong="H3701" for |strong="H3701" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" 20 to |strong="H5704" 60 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" is |strong="H3701" 50 shekels |strong="H8255"<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H1121" silver |strong="H3701". ( You |strong="H5704" must |strong="H1121" use |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" official measure for |strong="H3701" the |strong="H5704" silver |strong="H3701". )<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0518"

price |strong="H8255" for |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H5347" who |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" 20 to |strong="H1961" 60 years old is |strong="H1931" 30 shekels |strong="H8255". <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H5704" price |strong="H8255" for |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" 5 to |strong="H5704" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1121" 20 shekels |strong="H8255". For |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H5347" the |strong="H5704" price |strong="H8255" is |strong="H1121" 10 shekels |strong="H8255". <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H5704" price |strong="H3701" for |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" boy |strong="H2145" from |strong="H1121" one |strong="H1121" month |strong="H2320" to |strong="H5704" five |strong="H2568" years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" is |strong="H3701" 5 shekels |strong="H8255". For |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" girl, the |strong="H5704" price |strong="H3701" is |strong="H3701" 3 shekels |strong="H8255". <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H0518" price |strong="H8255" for |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1121" 60 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0518" older |strong="H4605" is |strong="H1121" 15 shekels |strong="H8255". The |strong="H0518" price |strong="H8255" for |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H5347" is |strong="H1121" 10 shekels |strong="H8255".

<sup>8</sup> " If |strong="H0518" anyone |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" too |strong="H5921" poor |strong="H4134" to |strong="H5921" pay the |strong="H0853" price, bring that |strong="H0834" person |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548". The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" decide how |strong="H0834" much |strong="H3027" money the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H3027" can |strong="H0518" afford |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921" pay.

### Gifts to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Lord

<sup>9</sup> " You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" give |strong="H5414" an |strong="H1961" animal |strong="H0929" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068". If |strong="H0518" it |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" clean animal |strong="H0929"— one |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" acceptable as |strong="H0834" an |strong="H1961" offering |strong="H7133" to |strong="H1961"

<sup>1</sup> SHEKEL 2/5 of an ounce (11.5 g). Also in verse 16.

the LORD— then the animal you bring will become holy. <sup>10</sup> You must not put any other animal in its place. Don't try to trade a good animal for a bad one or a bad animal for a good one. If you change animals, both animals will become holy— they will both belong to the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> The animal you promised might be one of these of which you promised, you must bring it to the LORD. If you promised one of these unclean animals, you must bring it to the LORD. The priest will decide a price for that animal. It doesn't make any difference if the animal is good or bad. If the priest decides on a price, that is the price for the animal. <sup>13</sup> If you want to buy back the animal, then you

must add one-fifth to the price.

#### The Value of a House

<sup>14</sup> If you dedicate your house as holy to the LORD, the priest must decide its price. It doesn't make any difference if the house is good or bad. If the priest decides on a price, that is the price for the house. <sup>15</sup> But if you want to get the house back, you must add one-fifth to the price. Then you will get the house back.

#### Value of Property

<sup>16</sup> You might dedicate a field to the LORD. The value of the field will depend on how much seed is needed to plant it. It will be 50 shekels of silver for each homer of barley seed. <sup>17</sup> If you give your

I BUY BACK THE ANIMAL See Exodus 13:1-16 for the laws about giving to God or "buying back" firstborn children or animals. II HOMER A measure equal to about 7 bushels or about 60 gallons (220 l).

field|strong="H7704" to|strong="H6965" God during|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0518" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H8141" Jubilee|strong="H3104", then|strong="H6965" its|strong="H0518" value|strong="H6187" will|strong="H7704" be whatever the|strong="H0518" priest decides. <sup>18</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" give your|strong="H5921" field|strong="H7704" after|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0853" Jubilee|strong="H3104", the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" decide its|strong="H0853" exact price|strong="H3701". He|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0853" count|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" number of|strong="H8141" years|strong="H8141" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H5921" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H8141" Jubilee|strong="H3104" and|strong="H3701" use that|strong="H8141" number to|strong="H5704" decide the|strong="H0853" price|strong="H3701". <sup>19</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" want to|strong="H5921" buy|strong="H1350" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" back|strong="H1350", you|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0853" add|strong="H3254" one-fifth|strong="H2549" to|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0518" price|strong="H3701". Then|strong="H6965" you|strong="H0518" will|strong="H7704" get|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" back|strong="H1350". <sup>20</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" don't|strong="H3808" buy|strong="H1350" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" back|strong="H5750" and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H7704" is|strong="H0376" sold|strong="H4376" to|strong="H0376" someone|strong="H0376" else|strong="H5750", you|strong="H0518" cannot|strong="H3808" get the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H7704" back|strong="H5750". <sup>21</sup> If|strong="H1961" you|strong="H1961" don't buy the|strong="H3068" land|strong="H7704" back|strong="H3318" by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" year of|strong="H3068" Jubilee|strong="H3104", the|strong="H3068" field|strong="H7704" will|strong="H3068" remain|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6944" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"— it|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" belong|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" priest|strong="H3548" forever. It|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" treated like|strong="H1961" any|strong="H1961" other thing|strong="H6944" that|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961" given completely

to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" Lord|strong="H3068".

<sup>22</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" dedicate|strong="H6942" a|strong="H0518" field|strong="H7704" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" bought|strong="H4736", and|strong="H3068" it|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H0518" part of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" family's property|strong="H0272", <sup>123</sup> then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" count|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" years|strong="H8141" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H3068" Jubilee|strong="H3104" and|strong="H3068" decide the|strong="H0853" price for|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" land. Then|strong="H0853" that|strong="H3117" land will|strong="H3068" belong to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>24</sup> At|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H0776" Jubilee|strong="H3104", the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" go|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" family that|strong="H0834" originally owned|strong="H0272" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776".

<sup>25</sup> You|strong="H3605" must use|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" official measure in|strong="H1961" paying these|strong="H3605" prices. The|strong="H3605" shekel|strong="H8255" by|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3605" measure weighs 20 gerahs|strong="H1626". <sup>II</sup>

#### Value|strong="H6187" of|strong="H3605" Animals|strong="H1961"

<sup>26</sup> You|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0518" give cattle|strong="H0929" and|strong="H3068" sheep|strong="H7716" as|strong="H0834" special gifts to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0853" animal|strong="H0929" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" firstborn|strong="H1060", it|strong="H1931" already belongs to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". So|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" give these|strong="H1931" animals|strong="H0929" as|strong="H0834" special gifts. <sup>27</sup> If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H5921" firstborn

<sup>I</sup> FAMILY'S PROPERTY In ancient Israel, land was given by God to the family, not the individual. Usually it could not be sold, only leased for up to 50 years. <sup>II</sup> GERAHS 1/50 of an ounce (.6 g).

animal|strong="H0929" is|strong="H1350" an|strong="H0518" unclean|strong="H2931" animal|strong="H0929", you|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" buy|strong="H1350" back|strong="H1350" that|strong="H3808" animal|strong="H0929". The|strong="H5921" priest will|strong="H3808" decide the|strong="H5921" price|strong="H6299" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" animal|strong="H0929", and|strong="H0929" you|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" add|strong="H3254" one-fifth|strong="H2549" to|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3808" price|strong="H6299". If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" don't|strong="H3808" buy|strong="H1350" that|strong="H3808" animal|strong="H0929" back|strong="H1350", the|strong="H5921" priest will|strong="H3808" sell|strong="H4376" the|strong="H5921" animal|strong="H0929" for|strong="H5921" whatever price|strong="H6299" he|strong="H0518" decides.

### Special Gifts

28 " There|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" special kind of|strong="H0376" gift|strong="H3068"<sup>I</sup> that|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0120" give to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". It|strong="H1931" belongs only|strong="H0389" to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H3605", and|strong="H3068" it|strong="H1931" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" bought|strong="H1350" back|strong="H1350" or|strong="H3808" sold|strong="H4376". This|strong="H1931" gift|strong="H3068" belongs to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". This|strong="H1931" type of|strong="H0376" gift|strong="H3068" includes people|strong="H0120", animals|strong="H0929", and|strong="H3068" fields|strong="H7704" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" family property|strong="H0272".<sup>29</sup> If|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" gift is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H4480" person|strong="H0120", that|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0120" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H4191" bought back. That|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0120" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191".

I SPECIAL KIND OF GIFT This usually means things taken in war. These things (gifts) belonged only to the Lord, so they could not be used for anything else.

30 " A|strong="H0776" tenth|strong="H4643" of|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" crops belongs to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". This|strong="H1931" means the|strong="H3605" crops from|strong="H0776" fields and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" fruit|strong="H6529" from|strong="H0776" trees|strong="H6086"— a|strong="H0776" tenth|strong="H4643" belongs to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>31</sup> So|strong="H1350" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" want to|strong="H5921" get back|strong="H1350" your|strong="H5921" tenth|strong="H4643", you|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" add|strong="H3254" one-fifth|strong="H2549" to|strong="H5921" its|strong="H5921" price and|strong="H0376" then|strong="H3254" buy|strong="H1350" it|strong="H0518" back|strong="H1350".

32 " The|strong="H3605" priests will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H1961" every|strong="H3605" tenth|strong="H6224" animal|strong="H1961" from|strong="H8478" a|strong="H1961" person's cattle|strong="H1241" or|strong="H1241" sheep|strong="H6629". Every|strong="H3605" tenth|strong="H6224" animal|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" belong|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>33</sup> The|strong="H0996" owner should|strong="H0518" not|strong="H3808" worry if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0996" chosen animal|strong="H1961" is|strong="H1931" good|strong="H2896" or|strong="H0518" bad|strong="H7451" or|strong="H0518" change|strong="H4171" the|strong="H0996" animal|strong="H1961" for|strong="H0518" another|strong="H7451" animal|strong="H1961". If|strong="H0518" this|strong="H1931" happens|strong="H1961", both animals|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" belong|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0996" LORD. That|strong="H1931" animal|strong="H1961" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" bought|strong="H1350" back|strong="H1350".

34 These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" commands|strong="H6680" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872" at|strong="H0413" Mount|strong="H2022" Sinai|strong="H5514" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478".

# Numbers

## Moses Counts the Israelites

1 The LORD spoke to Moses in the Meeting Tent. This was in the desert of Sinai. It was on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites left Egypt. He said to Moses: "Count all the Israelites, list each man with his family and his family group. You, Aaron, count the men of Israel who are 20 years old or older. (These are all the men who are able to serve in the army of Israel.) List them by their divisions. One man from each tribe will help

you. This man will be the leader of his tribe. These are the names of the men who will stand with you and help you from the tribe of Reuben—Elizur son of Shedeur;<sup>5</sup> from the tribe of Simeon—Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai;<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Judah—Nahshon son of Amminadab;<sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Issachar—Nethanel son of Zuar;<sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun—Eliab son of Helon;<sup>9</sup> from the tribe of Ephraim—Elishama son of Ammihud;<sup>10</sup> from the tribe of Manasseh—Gamaliel son of Pedahzur;<sup>11</sup> from the tribe of Benjamin—Abidan son of Gideon;<sup>12</sup> from the tribe of Dan—Ahiez-



er |strong="H0295" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammishaddai |strong="H5996";  
 13 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe of |strong="H1121" Asher |strong="H0836"— Pagiel |strong="H6295" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ocran;  
 14 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe of |strong="H1121" Gad |strong="H1410"— Eliasaph |strong="H0460" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Deuel |strong="H1845"<sup>1</sup>;  
 15 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe of |strong="H1121" Naphtali |strong="H5321"— Ahira |strong="H0299" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Enan |strong="H5881".<sup>2</sup>  
 16 All |strong="H0505" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H7218" were |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0428" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H4294" their |strong="H1992" families |strong="H0505". The |strong="H0428" people also |strong="H3478" chose them |strong="H1992" to |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3478" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H4294" their |strong="H1992" tribes |strong="H4294".<sup>3</sup>  
 17 Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H4872" Aaron |strong="H0175" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" chosen |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0376" be |strong="H8034" leaders.<sup>4</sup>  
 18 All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites together |strong="H0259" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H0259" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" second |strong="H8145" month |strong="H2320". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034" by |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3605" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034".<sup>5</sup>  
 19 Moses |strong="H4872" did |strong="H0834" exactly |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680"— he |strong="H0834" counted |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" while |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H3068" Sinai |strong="H5514".

I DEUEL Or "Reuel."

20 The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". ( Reuben |strong="H7205" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".) The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1961" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" were |strong="H1961" listed |strong="H8034". They |strong="H8141" were |strong="H1961" listed |strong="H8034" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>6</sup>  
 21 The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4294" men |strong="H6485" counted |strong="H6485" from |strong="H4294" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Reuben |strong="H7205" was |strong="H6485" 46,500.  
 22 The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Simeon |strong="H8095" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H0001" serve in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034". They |strong="H8141" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>7</sup>  
 23 The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4294" men |strong="H6485" counted |strong="H6485" from |strong="H4294" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Simeon |strong="H8095" was |strong="H6485" 59,300.  
 24 The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Gad |strong="H1410" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121"

or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H0001" serve in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034". They |strong="H8141" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4294" men |strong="H6485" counted |strong="H6485" from |strong="H4294" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Gad |strong="H1410" was |strong="H6485" 45,650.

<sup>26</sup> The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H0001" serve in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034". They |strong="H8141" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4294" men |strong="H6485" counted |strong="H6485" from |strong="H3063" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Judah |strong="H3063" was |strong="H3063" 74,600.

<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Issachar |strong="H3485" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H0001" serve in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034". They |strong="H8141" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>29</sup> The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4294" men |strong="H6485" counted |strong="H6485" from |strong="H4294"

the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Issachar |strong="H3485" was |strong="H6485" 54,400.

<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Zebulun |strong="H2074" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H0001" serve in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034". They |strong="H8141" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>31</sup> The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4294" men |strong="H6485" counted |strong="H6485" from |strong="H4294" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Zebulun |strong="H2074" was |strong="H6485" 57,400.

<sup>32</sup> The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". (Ephraim |strong="H0669" was |strong="H8034" Joseph's |strong="H3130" son |strong="H1121".) The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H0001" serve in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034". They |strong="H8141" were |strong="H1121" listed |strong="H8034" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".<sup>33</sup> The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4294" men |strong="H6485" counted |strong="H6485" from |strong="H4294" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Ephraim |strong="H0669" was |strong="H6485" 40,500.

<sup>34</sup> The |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" was |strong="H8034" counted |strong="H4557". (Manasseh |strong="H4519" was |strong="H8034" also |strong="H4519" Joseph's son |strong="H1121".) The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605"

the **"H3605"** men **"H1121"** who **"H3605"** were **"H1121"** 20 years **"H8141"** old **"H1121"** or **"H0001"** older **"H4605"** and **"H1121"** able to **"H0001"** serve in **"H8141"** the **"H3605"** army **"H6635"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"**. They **"H8141"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"** with **"H1004"** their **"H3605"** families **"H4940"** and **"H1121"** family **"H4940"** groups **"H1121"**.<sup>35</sup> The **"H6485"** total number **"H6485"** of **"H4294"** men **"H6485"** counted **"H6485"** from **"H4294"** the **"H6485"** tribe **"H4294"** of **"H4294"** Manasseh **"H4519"** was **"H4519"** 32,200.

<sup>36</sup> The **"H3605"** tribe **"H4940"** of **"H1121"** Benjamin **"H1144"** was **"H8034"** counted **"H4557"**. The **"H3605"** names **"H8034"** of **"H1121"** all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** men **"H1121"** who **"H3605"** were **"H1121"** 20 years **"H8141"** old **"H1121"** or **"H0001"** older **"H4605"** and **"H1121"** able to **"H0001"** serve in **"H8141"** the **"H3605"** army **"H6635"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"**. They **"H8141"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"** with **"H1004"** their **"H3605"** families **"H4940"** and **"H1121"** family **"H4940"** groups **"H1121"**.<sup>37</sup> The **"H6485"** total number **"H6485"** of **"H4294"** men **"H6485"** counted **"H6485"** from **"H4294"** the **"H6485"** tribe **"H4294"** of **"H4294"** Benjamin **"H1144"** was **"H6485"** 35,400.

<sup>38</sup> The **"H3605"** tribe **"H4940"** of **"H1121"** Dan **"H1835"** was **"H8034"** counted **"H4557"**. The **"H3605"** names **"H8034"** of **"H1121"** all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** men **"H1121"** who **"H3605"** were **"H1121"** 20 years **"H8141"** old **"H1121"** or **"H0001"** older **"H4605"** and **"H1121"** able to **"H0001"** serve in **"H8141"** the **"H3605"** army **"H6635"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"**. They **"H8141"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"** with **"H1004"** their **"H3605"** families **"H4940"** and **"H1121"** family **"H4940"** groups **"H1121"**.<sup>39</sup>

The **"H6485"** total number **"H6485"** of **"H4294"** men **"H6485"** counted **"H6485"** from **"H4294"** the **"H6485"** tribe **"H4294"** of **"H4294"** Dan **"H1835"** was **"H6485"** 62,700.

<sup>40</sup> The **"H3605"** tribe **"H4940"** of **"H1121"** Asher **"H0836"** was **"H8034"** counted **"H4557"**. The **"H3605"** names **"H8034"** of **"H1121"** all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** men **"H1121"** who **"H3605"** were **"H1121"** 20 years **"H8141"** old **"H1121"** or **"H0001"** older **"H4605"** and **"H1121"** able to **"H0001"** serve in **"H8141"** the **"H3605"** army **"H6635"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"**. They **"H8141"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"** with **"H1004"** their **"H3605"** families **"H4940"** and **"H1121"** family **"H4940"** groups **"H1121"**.<sup>41</sup> The **"H6485"** total number **"H6485"** of **"H4294"** men **"H6485"** counted **"H6485"** from **"H4294"** the **"H6485"** tribe **"H4294"** of **"H4294"** Asher **"H0836"** was **"H0259"** 41,500.

<sup>42</sup> The **"H3605"** tribe **"H4940"** of **"H1121"** Naphtali **"H5321"** was **"H8034"** counted **"H4557"**. The **"H3605"** names **"H8034"** of **"H1121"** all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** men **"H1121"** who **"H3605"** were **"H1121"** 20 years **"H8141"** old **"H1121"** or **"H0001"** older **"H4605"** and **"H1121"** able to **"H0001"** serve in **"H8141"** the **"H3605"** army **"H6635"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"**. They **"H8141"** were **"H1121"** listed **"H8034"** by **"H8141"** name **"H8034"** with **"H1004"** their **"H3605"** families **"H4940"** and **"H1121"** family **"H4940"** groups **"H1121"**.<sup>43</sup> The **"H6485"** total number **"H6485"** of **"H4294"** men **"H6485"** counted **"H6485"** from **"H4294"** the **"H6485"** tribe **"H4294"** of **"H4294"** Naphtali **"H5321"** was **"H6485"** 53,400.

<sup>44</sup> Moses **"H4872"**, Aaron **"H0175"**, and **"H3478"** the **"H0834"** twelve **"H6240"** leaders **"H5387"** of **"H1004"** Israel **"H3478"** counted **"H6485"** these **"H0428"**

men |strong="H0376". ( There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" leader |strong="H5387" from |strong="H0376" each |strong="H0376" tribe.) <sup>45</sup> They |strong="H8141" counted |strong="H6485" every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" was |strong="H1961" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" able to |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635". Each |strong="H3605" man |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1961" listed |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004". <sup>46</sup> The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" counted |strong="H6485" was |strong="H1961" 603,550 men |strong="H3605". <sup>47</sup> The |strong="H8432" families |strong="H0001" from |strong="H3881" the |strong="H8432" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Levi |strong="H3881" were |strong="H3881" not |strong="H3808" counted |strong="H6485" with |strong="H0001" the |strong="H8432" other Israelites. <sup>48</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872": <sup>49</sup> " Don't |strong="H3808" count |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881" or |strong="H3808" include them |strong="H0853" with |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" other Israelites |strong="H3478". <sup>50</sup> Tell |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" responsible for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Tent of |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" Agreement. They |strong="H1992" must |strong="H0853" take |strong="H5375" care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H3627" that |strong="H0834" tent and |strong="H0853" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921". They |strong="H1992" must |strong="H0853" carry |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent and |strong="H0853" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921". They |strong="H1992" must |strong="H0853" make |strong="H5375" their |strong="H3605" camp |strong="H2583" around |strong="H5439" it |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0853" take |strong="H5375" care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H3627" it |strong="H5921". <sup>51</sup> Whenever the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent is |strong="H4191" moved |strong="H5265", the |strong="H0853"

Levites |strong="H3881" must |strong="H4191" do |strong="H3381" it |strong="H7126". Whenever the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent is |strong="H4191" set |strong="H5265" up |strong="H6965", the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" must |strong="H4191" do |strong="H3381" it |strong="H7126". They are |strong="H4908" the |strong="H0853" men who |strong="H3881" will |strong="H3881" take |strong="H3381" care of |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent. Anyone else who |strong="H3881" tries to |strong="H4191" take |strong="H3381" care of |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" tent must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191". <sup>52</sup> The |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" make their |strong="H5921" camps |strong="H4264" in |strong="H5921" separate divisions. Everyone |strong="H0376" must |strong="H1121" camp |strong="H4264" near |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" family flag. <sup>53</sup> The |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" will |strong="H1961" set up |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" tents |strong="H4908" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3478" they |strong="H5921" surround |strong="H5439" the |strong="H0853" Tent of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Agreement. They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" guards |strong="H8104" and |strong="H1121" keep |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" away from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Tent. This will |strong="H1961" protect |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Lord's anger." <sup>54</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" given |strong="H6680" these |strong="H3605" commandments to |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872". So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680".

### The Camp Arrangement

**2** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175": <sup>2</sup> " The |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478" should |strong="H0376" make their |strong="H5921" camps |strong="H2583" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5921" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Each |strong="H0376" division will |strong="H3478" have |strong="H0001" its |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376" special flag,

and everyone will camp near their group's flag.

<sup>3</sup> "The flag of the camp of Judah will be on the east side, where the sun rises. The people of Judah will camp near its flag. The leader of the people of Judah is Nahshon son of Amminadab."

<sup>4</sup> There are 74,600 men in his division.

<sup>5</sup> "The tribe of Issachar will camp next to the tribe of Judah. The leader of the tribe of Issachar is Nethanel son of Zuar." <sup>6</sup> There are 54,400 men in his division.

<sup>7</sup> "The tribe of Zebulun will camp next to the tribe of Issachar. The leader of the tribe of Zebulun is Eliab son of Helon." <sup>8</sup> There are 57,400 men in his division.

<sup>9</sup> "The total number of men in Judah's camp is 186,400. All these men are divided into their different tribes. Ju-

dah will be first move the people from place to another.

<sup>10</sup> "The flag of Reuben's camp will be south of the Holy Tent. Each group will camp near its flag. The leader of the tribe of Reuben is Elizur son of Shedeur." <sup>11</sup> There are 46,500 men in this division.

<sup>12</sup> "The tribe of Simeon will camp next to the tribe of Reuben. The leader of the tribe of Simeon is Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai." <sup>13</sup> There are 59,300 men in this division.

<sup>14</sup> "The tribe of Gad will camp next to the tribe of Simeon. The leader of the tribe of Gad is Eliasaph son of Deuel." <sup>15</sup> There are 45,650 men in this division.

<sup>16</sup> "The total number of men in all divisions of Reuben's camp is 151,450. His camp will be the second group to move

when |strong="H5265" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0702" travel from |strong="H5265" place |strong="H3605" to |strong="H6635" place |strong="H3605".

17 " When |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0376" travel, Levi's camp |strong="H4264" will |strong="H0834" move |strong="H5265" next |strong="H5921". The |strong="H0834" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" between |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0376" camps |strong="H4264". The |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0834" make |strong="H3027" their |strong="H5921" camps |strong="H4264" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" same |strong="H3651" order |strong="H3027" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" move |strong="H5265".

18 " The |strong="H1121" flag of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" camp |strong="H4264" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" on |strong="H3220" the |strong="H1121" west |strong="H3220" side |strong="H3220". The |strong="H1121" division of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H1121" camp |strong="H4264" there. The |strong="H1121" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" is |strong="H0669" El-ishama |strong="H0476" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammihud |strong="H5989".

19 There are |strong="H0705" 40,500 men |strong="H6635" in |strong="H6635" this division.

20 " The |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" will |strong="H1121" camp next |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" Ephraim's family. The |strong="H5921" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" is |strong="H1121" Gamaliel |strong="H1583" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Pedahzur |strong="H6301".

21 There are |strong="H8147" 32,200 men |strong="H6485" in |strong="H6635" this division.

22 " The |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" will |strong="H1121" also |strong="H1144" camp next to |strong="H1121" Ephraim's family. The |strong="H1121" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" is |strong="H1121"

Abidan |strong="H0027" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gideon |strong="H1441".

23 There are |strong="H0702" 35,400 men |strong="H6485" in |strong="H6635" this division.

24 " The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H6635" Ephraim's |strong="H0669" camp |strong="H4264" is |strong="H3605" 108,100. They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H6635" be |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" third |strong="H7992" family |strong="H0505" to |strong="H6635" move |strong="H5265" when |strong="H5265" the |strong="H3605" people travel from |strong="H5265" one |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" to |strong="H6635" another.

25 " The |strong="H1121" flag of |strong="H1121" Dan's camp |strong="H4264" will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" on |strong="H6635" the |strong="H1121" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6828". The |strong="H1121" tribes of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835" will |strong="H1121" camp |strong="H4264" there. The |strong="H1121" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835" is |strong="H1121" Ahiezer |strong="H0295" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amishaddai |strong="H5996". 26 There are |strong="H8147" 62,700 men |strong="H6485" in |strong="H6635" this division.

27 " The |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Asher |strong="H0836" will |strong="H1121" camp |strong="H2583" next |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Dan. The |strong="H5921" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Asher |strong="H0836" is |strong="H1121" Pagiel |strong="H6295" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ocran. 28 There are |strong="H0705" 41,500 men |strong="H6485" in |strong="H6635" this division.

29 " The |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Naphtali |strong="H5321" will |strong="H1121" also camp next to |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Dan. The |strong="H1121" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Naphtali |strong="H5321" is |strong="H1121" Ahira |strong="H0299" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Enan |strong="H5881". 30 There

are |strong="H0702" 53,400 men |strong="H6485" in |strong="H6635" this division.

<sup>31</sup> " There |strong="H3605" are |strong="H4264" 157,600 men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3605" Dan's camp |strong="H4264". They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0314" be |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" last |strong="H0314" to |strong="H4264" move |strong="H5265" when |strong="H5265" the |strong="H3605" people travel from |strong="H5265" place |strong="H3605" to |strong="H4264" place |strong="H3605". Each |strong="H3605" group will |strong="H0314" have |strong="H3605" its |strong="H3605" own flag."

<sup>32</sup> So |strong="H6485" these |strong="H0428" were |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0428" were |strong="H3478" counted |strong="H6485" by |strong="H3478" families |strong="H0505". The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H1121" Israelite |strong="H3478" men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" camps |strong="H4264", counted |strong="H6485" by |strong="H3478" divisions |strong="H0505", is |strong="H3605" 603,550. <sup>33</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" obeyed the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" count the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" other Israelites |strong="H3478".

<sup>34</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872". Each |strong="H0376" group camped |strong="H2583" under |strong="H5921" its |strong="H3605" own |strong="H0376" flag. And |strong="H1121" everyone |strong="H3605" stayed with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" own |strong="H0376" family |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" group.

### Aaron's Family, the Priests

**3** This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" family history |strong="H8435" of |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" talked |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" on |strong="H3117" Mount |strong="H2022" Sinai |strong="H5514".

<sup>2</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" had |strong="H0175" four sons |strong="H1121". Nadab |strong="H5070" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0499" first-

born |strong="H1060" son |strong="H1121". Then |strong="H0428" there were |strong="H0428" Abihu |strong="H0030", Eleazar |strong="H0499", and |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385". <sup>3</sup> These |strong="H0428" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" chosen <sup>I</sup> priests |strong="H3548". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" given |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" special work of |strong="H1121" serving |strong="H3547" the |strong="H0834" LORD as |strong="H0834" priests |strong="H3548". <sup>4</sup> But |strong="H3808" Nadab |strong="H5070" and |strong="H1121" Abihu |strong="H0030" died |strong="H4191" while |strong="H1961" serving |strong="H3547" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H5921" used |strong="H1961" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" allow when |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5921" made |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" offering |strong="H7126" to |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5921". So |strong="H1961" Nadab |strong="H5070" and |strong="H1121" Abihu |strong="H0030" died |strong="H4191" there |strong="H1961", in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H1121" Sinai |strong="H5514". They |strong="H5921" had |strong="H3068" no |strong="H3808" sons |strong="H1121", so |strong="H1961" Eleazar |strong="H0499" and |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385" took |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068" place |strong="H1961" and |strong="H1121" served |strong="H3547" the |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3547" priests |strong="H3547". This |strong="H3068" happened |strong="H1961" while |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" Aaron |strong="H0175" was |strong="H1961" still alive.

### Levites— the |strong="H6440" Priests' Helpers

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>6</sup> " Bring |strong="H7126" all the |strong="H0853" men from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H4294" Levi |strong="H3881". Bring |strong="H7126" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H6440" Aaron |strong="H0175" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548". These |strong="H0175" men will |strong="H3881" be |strong="H3548" his |strong="H7126" helpers. <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" Levites will |strong="H6440" help him |strong="H0853" when |strong="H5656"

<sup>I</sup> CHOSEN Or "anointed." See "anoint" in the Word List.

he |strong="H0853" serves |strong="H5647" at |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". And |strong="H6440" they |strong="H3605" will |strong="H6440" help all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites when |strong="H5656" they |strong="H3605" come to |strong="H8104" worship |strong="H5647" at |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent |strong="H0168".<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" should |strong="H8104" protect |strong="H8104" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168"; it |strong="H8104" is |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" duty |strong="H4931". But |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" Levites will |strong="H3478" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" by |strong="H3478" caring for |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605". This |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" serving |strong="H5647" at |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent |strong="H0168".

<sup>9</sup> Give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H3478" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121". The |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" were |strong="H3478" chosen from |strong="H3478" all the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" help Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121".

<sup>10</sup> Appoint |strong="H6485" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H8104" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" priests. They |strong="H0175" must |strong="H4191" do |strong="H8104" their |strong="H7126" duty and |strong="H1121" serve as |strong="H1121" priests. Anyone else who |strong="H1121" tries to |strong="H4191" come |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" holy things<sup>I</sup> must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>12</sup> "I destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt. At that time I chose all the firstborn from every family in Israel to be mine in a special way. That included all the firstborn men and animals. But now I am choosing the Levites to take their place. Now they will be my special servants. I, the LORD, give this command!"

I TRIES ... HOLY THINGS Or "tries to serve as a priest."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" again |strong="H1696" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H3068" Sinai |strong="H5514",<sup>15</sup> "Count all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" families |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881". Count every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" boy |strong="H2145" who |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605"."<sup>16</sup> So |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" obeyed the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H0834" counted |strong="H6485" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H6485".

<sup>17</sup> Levi |strong="H3881" had |strong="H1961" three sons |strong="H1121". Their |strong="H1961" names |strong="H8034" were |strong="H1961" Gershon |strong="H1648", Kohath |strong="H6955", and |strong="H1121" Merari |strong="H4847".

<sup>18</sup> Each son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H8034" leader of |strong="H1121" several family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121".

The |strong="H8034" Gershon |strong="H1648" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" were |strong="H0428" Libni |strong="H3845" and |strong="H1121" Shimei |strong="H8096".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H1121" Kohath |strong="H6955" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Amram |strong="H6019", Izhar |strong="H3324", Hebron |strong="H2275", and |strong="H1121" Uzziel |strong="H5816".

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H1121" Merari |strong="H4847" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Mahli |strong="H4249" and |strong="H1121" Mushi |strong="H4187".

These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H1992" the |strong="H1121" families |strong="H4940" that |strong="H1121" belonged to |strong="H0001" Levi's family |strong="H4940" group.

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0428" families |strong="H4940" of |strong="H4940" Libni and |strong="H1648" Shimei belonged to |strong="H0428" the |strong="H0428" family |strong="H4940" of |strong="H4940" Gershon |strong="H1648". They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H0428" the |strong="H0428" Gershonite |strong="H1649" family |strong="H4940" groups.

<sup>22</sup> There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 7500 men |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" boys over |strong="H4605" one |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" old |strong="H1121"



in|strong="H1121" these|strong="H3605" two|strong="H3967" family|strong="H0505" groups|strong="H1121".<sup>23</sup> The|strong="H0310" Gershonite|strong="H1649" family|strong="H4940" groups were|strong="H4940" told to|strong="H3220" camp|strong="H2583" in|strong="H2583" the|strong="H0310" west|strong="H3220". They|strong="H0310" made their|strong="H0310" camp|strong="H2583" behind|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0310" Holy Tent.<sup>24</sup> The|strong="H1121" leader|strong="H5387" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" family|strong="H1004" groups|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" Gershonites|strong="H1649" was|strong="H1004" Eliasaph|strong="H0460" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Lael|strong="H3815".<sup>25</sup> In|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168", the|strong="H1121" Gershonites had|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" job of|strong="H1121" taking care|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" Holy Tent|strong="H0168", the|strong="H1121" outer tent|strong="H0168", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" covering|strong="H4372". They also took care|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" curtain|strong="H4539" at|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".<sup>26</sup> They|strong="H0834" cared for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" curtain|strong="H4539" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" courtyard|strong="H2691". And|strong="H4196" they|strong="H0834" cared for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" curtain|strong="H4539" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605" courtyard|strong="H2691". This|strong="H0834" courtyard|strong="H2691" was|strong="H0834" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" Holy Tent and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196". And|strong="H4196" they|strong="H0834" cared for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" ropes|strong="H4340" and|strong="H4196" for|strong="H5921" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" used|strong="H3605" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" curtains.

<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H0428" families|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4940" Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and|strong="H6955" Uzziel belonged to|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0428" family|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4940" Kohath|strong="H6955". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0428" Ko-

hathite|strong="H6956" family|strong="H4940" groups.<sup>28</sup> In|strong="H1121" this|strong="H3605" family|strong="H0505" group there|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1121" 8300<sup>1</sup> men|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" boys a|strong="H3605" month|strong="H2320" old|strong="H1121" or|strong="H1121" over|strong="H4605". The|strong="H3605" Kohathites were|strong="H1121" given the|strong="H3605" job|strong="H8104" of|strong="H1121" taking care|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H6944" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944".<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H5921" Kohathite family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" given the|strong="H5921" area to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" south|strong="H8486" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" Holy Tent. This was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" area where|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" camped|strong="H2583".<sup>30</sup> The|strong="H1121" leader|strong="H5387" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" Kohathite|strong="H6956" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1004" Elizaphan|strong="H0469" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Uzziel|strong="H5816".<sup>31</sup> Their|strong="H3605" job|strong="H5656" was|strong="H0834" to|strong="H4196" take|strong="H8334" care|strong="H8334" of|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Box, the|strong="H3605" table|strong="H7979", the|strong="H3605" lampstand|strong="H4501", the|strong="H3605" altars|strong="H4196", and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605" dishes of|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944". They|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0834" cared for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" curtain|strong="H4539" and|strong="H4196" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H6944" that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" used|strong="H8334" with|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" curtain|strong="H4539".

<sup>32</sup> The|strong="H8104" leader|strong="H5387" over the|strong="H8104" leaders|strong="H5387" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H8104" Levites|strong="H3881" was|strong="H1121" Eleazar|strong="H0499" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" the|strong="H8104" priest|strong="H3548". Eleazar|strong="H0499" was|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1121" charge|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1121" everyone who|strong="H3548"

<sup>1</sup> 8300 Some copies of the ancient Greek version have "8300." The Hebrew copies have "8600." See Num. 3:22, 28, 34, 39.

took care |strong="H4931" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H8104" holy |strong="H6944" things |strong="H6944".

<sup>33</sup> The family groups of Mahli and Mushi belonged to the Merari family. There were 6200 men and boys who were one month old or older in the Mahli family group. <sup>35</sup> The |strong="H5921" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Merari |strong="H4847" family |strong="H4940" group was |strong="H1004" Zuriel |strong="H6700" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abihail |strong="H0032". This family |strong="H4940" group was |strong="H1004" given the |strong="H5921" area to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" north |strong="H6828" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Holy Tent. This is |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" area where |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" camped |strong="H2583". <sup>36</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Merari |strong="H4847" family were |strong="H1121" given the |strong="H3605" job |strong="H5656" of |strong="H1121" caring for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" frames |strong="H7175" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent. They |strong="H3605" cared for |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" braces, posts |strong="H5982", bases |strong="H0134", and |strong="H1121" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" was |strong="H1121" used |strong="H3605" with |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3605" frames |strong="H7175" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent. <sup>37</sup> They also cared for all |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5439" posts |strong="H5982" in |strong="H5982" the |strong="H5439" courtyard |strong="H2691" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5439" Holy Tent |strong="H3489". This included all |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5439" bases |strong="H0134", tent |strong="H3489" pegs |strong="H3489", and |strong="H5439" ropes |strong="H4340".

<sup>38</sup> Moses |strong="H4872", Aaron |strong="H0175", and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H8104" sons |strong="H1121" camped |strong="H2583" east |strong="H4217" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Holy |strong="H4720" Tent |strong="H0168", in |strong="H2583" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H0175" were |strong="H3478" given the |strong="H6440" work of |strong="H1121" caring for |strong="H4191" the |strong="H6440" Holy |strong="H4720" Place |strong="H4908". They |strong="H0175" did |strong="H8104" this for |strong="H4191" all the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478". Any-

one else who |strong="H1121" came |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" the |strong="H6440" Holy |strong="H4720" Place |strong="H4908" was |strong="H3478" to |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191".

<sup>39</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6310" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175" to |strong="H5921" count all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" boys one |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H1121" older |strong="H4605" in |strong="H5921" Levi's family |strong="H4940" group. The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" number |strong="H6485" was |strong="H0834" 22,000.

**Levites |strong="H3881" Take |strong="H6485" the |strong="H3605" Place |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Firstborn**

<sup>40</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Count |strong="H4557" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" first-born |strong="H1060" men |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" boys in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" at |strong="H0413" least one |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" old |strong="H1121". Write their |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5375" list |strong="H4557". <sup>41</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" instead |strong="H8478" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" men |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" boys of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" instead |strong="H8478" of |strong="H1121" taking |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" first-born |strong="H1060" animals |strong="H0929" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478"."

<sup>42</sup> So |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" did |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680". He |strong="H0834" counted |strong="H6485" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" chil-

dren |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".<sup>43</sup> He |strong="H8147" listed |strong="H8034" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" first-born |strong="H1060" men |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" boys who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1961" one |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H1121" older |strong="H4605". There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" 22,273 names |strong="H8034" on |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3605" list |strong="H4557".

<sup>44</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>45</sup> " I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", give |strong="H1961" this |strong="H3068" command: ' Take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" instead |strong="H8478" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" firstborn |strong="H1060" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" families |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". And |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" instead |strong="H8478" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121". The |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" are |strong="H3478" mine |strong="H8478".<sup>46</sup> There are |strong="H3478" 22,000 Levites |strong="H3881", but |strong="H3881" there are |strong="H3478" 22,273 firstborn |strong="H1060" sons |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" other families |strong="H1121". This leaves 273 more |strong="H5921" firstborn |strong="H1060" sons |strong="H1121" than |strong="H5921" Levites |strong="H3881".<sup>47</sup> Using the |strong="H3947" official measure, collect |strong="H3947" five |strong="H2568" shekels |strong="H8255"<sup>I</sup> of |strong="H8255" silver for |strong="H3947" each of |strong="H8255" the |strong="H3947" 273 people. ( The |strong="H3947" shekel |strong="H8255" by |strong="H1538" the |strong="H3947" official measure weighs 20 gerahs |strong="H1626". II) Collect |strong="H3947" that |strong="H6944" silver from |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3947" Israelites.<sup>48</sup> Give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" silver |strong="H3701" to |strong="H5414" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121"

his |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121" as |strong="H1121" payment for |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" 273 Israelites."

<sup>49</sup> There were |strong="H3881" not enough Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H5921" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" place of |strong="H5921" all the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H3947" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" other family groups, so |strong="H3947" Moses |strong="H4872" gathered the |strong="H0853" money |strong="H3701" for |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853".<sup>50</sup> Moses collected |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" silver |strong="H3701" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" firstborn |strong="H1060" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". He |strong="H0853" collected |strong="H3947" 1365 shekels |strong="H8255"<sup>III</sup> of |strong="H1121" silver |strong="H3701", using the |strong="H0853" official measure.<sup>51</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" obeyed the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" command |strong="H6680" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" silver |strong="H3701" to |strong="H5921" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" it |strong="H5414" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" told |strong="H6680" him |strong="H5414".

#### The Jobs of the Kohath Family

**4** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175",<sup>2</sup> " Count |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" families |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Kohath |strong="H6955" family |strong="H4940" group. ( The |strong="H0853" Kohath |strong="H6955" family |strong="H4940" group is |strong="H7218" a |strong="H5375" part |strong="H8432" of |strong="H1121" Levi's family |strong="H4940" group.)<sup>3</sup> Count |strong="H8141" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H0935" 30 to |strong="H0935" 50 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" serve. These |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" work |strong="H4399" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168".<sup>4</sup> Their

I FIVE SHEKELS 2 ounces (57.5 g). II GERAHs 1/50 of an ounce (.6 g).

III 1365 SHEKELS 35 pounds (15.7 kg).

job|strong="H5656" is|strong="H1121"  
to|strong="H1121" take care of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H1121" most|strong="H6944"  
holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944"  
in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" Meet-  
ing|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".

<sup>5</sup> " When|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites travel to|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935"  
new place|strong="H0935", Aaron|strong="H0175"  
and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0935"  
sons|strong="H1121" must|strong="H0853"  
go|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0853" Meeting Tent  
and|strong="H1121" take|strong="H0935"  
down|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853" cur-  
tain|strong="H4539" and|strong="H1121" cov-  
er|strong="H3680" the|strong="H0853" Box  
of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Agreement  
with|strong="H0935" it|strong="H3381". <sup>6</sup>  
Then|strong="H5414" they|strong="H5921" must cov-  
er|strong="H3681" all|strong="H3632"  
of|strong="H5921" this with|strong="H5921" cover-  
ing|strong="H3681" made|strong="H5414"  
from|strong="H5921" fine|strong="H8476"  
leather|strong="H5785". Then|strong="H5414"  
they|strong="H5921" must spread|strong="H6566"  
the|strong="H5921" solid blue|strong="H8504"  
cloth|strong="H0899" over|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" leather|strong="H5785"  
and|strong="H8504" put|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H5921" poles|strong="H0905"  
in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" rings  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Holy Box.

<sup>7</sup> " Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921"  
must|strong="H0853" spread|strong="H6566"  
a|strong="H1961" blue|strong="H8504"  
cloth|strong="H0899" over|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" holy table|strong="H7979".  
Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921"  
must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H0853" plates, spoons|strong="H3709",  
bowls|strong="H4518", and|strong="H3899"  
the|strong="H0853" jars|strong="H7184"  
for|strong="H5921" drink|strong="H4518" offerings  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
table|strong="H7979". Put|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H0853" special bread|strong="H3899"  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
table|strong="H7979". <sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0853"  
you|strong="H5921" must|strong="H0853"  
put|strong="H7760" a|strong="H7760"  
red|strong="H8144" cloth|strong="H0899"  
over|strong="H5921" all these|strong="H7760"  
things, cover|strong="H3680" everything  
with|strong="H5921" fine|strong="H8476"  
leather|strong="H5785", and|strong="H0853"  
put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853"  
poles|strong="H0905" in|strong="H5921"

the|strong="H0853" rings of|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" table.

<sup>9</sup> " Then|strong="H3947" they|strong="H0834"  
must|strong="H0853" cover|strong="H3680"  
the|strong="H3605" lampstand|strong="H4501"  
and|strong="H8504" its|strong="H3605"  
lamps|strong="H5216" with|strong="H3627"  
a|strong="H3947" blue|strong="H8504"  
cloth|strong="H0899". They|strong="H0834"  
must|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" cov-  
er|strong="H3680" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605"  
used|strong="H8334" to|strong="H0834"  
keep|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605"  
lamps|strong="H5216" burning and|strong="H8504"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
jars|strong="H3627" of|strong="H3627"  
oil|strong="H8081" that|strong="H0834"  
are|strong="H0834" used|strong="H8334"  
in|strong="H8334" the|strong="H3605"  
lamps|strong="H5216". <sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H0853"  
wrap everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921"  
fine|strong="H8476" leather|strong="H5785".  
Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H5921"  
must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5414"  
all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605"  
things|strong="H3605" on|strong="H5921" poles  
used|strong="H5414" for|strong="H5921" carry-  
ing|strong="H4132" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>11</sup> " They|strong="H5921" must|strong="H0853"  
spread|strong="H6566" a|strong="H7760"  
blue|strong="H8504" cloth|strong="H0899"  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" gold-  
en|strong="H2091" altar|strong="H4196".  
They|strong="H5921" must|strong="H0853" cov-  
er|strong="H3680" that|strong="H4196"  
with|strong="H5921" fine|strong="H8476"  
leather|strong="H5785". Then|strong="H0853"  
they|strong="H5921" must|strong="H0853"  
put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853"  
poles|strong="H0905" for|strong="H5921" carrying  
it|strong="H7760" in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" rings on|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196".

<sup>12</sup> " Then|strong="H3947" they|strong="H0834"  
must|strong="H0853" gather togeth-  
er|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" special things|strong="H6944"  
that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
used|strong="H8334" for|strong="H5921" worship  
in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H5414".  
They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" gather  
them|strong="H0413" together|strong="H5921"  
and|strong="H8504" wrap them|strong="H0413"  
in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947"  
blue|strong="H8504" cloth|strong="H0899".  
Then|strong="H3947" they|strong="H0834"

must|strong="H0853" cover|strong="H3680" that|strong="H0834" with|strong="H0413" fine|strong="H8476" leather|strong="H5785". They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5414" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H6944" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947" frame for|strong="H5921" carrying|strong="H4132" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>13</sup> " They|strong="H5921" must|strong="H0853" clean the|strong="H0853" ashes|strong="H1878" out|strong="H5921" of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" bronze altar|strong="H4196" and|strong="H4196" spread|strong="H6566" a|strong="H5921" purple|strong="H0713" cloth|strong="H0899" over|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". <sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" gather together|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" used|strong="H8334" for|strong="H5921" worship at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196". These|strong="H3605" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" firepans|strong="H4289", forks, shovels|strong="H3257", and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605" bowls|strong="H4219". They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5414" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" bronze altar|strong="H4196". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" spread|strong="H6566" a|strong="H5414" covering|strong="H3681" of|strong="H3627" fine|strong="H8476" leather|strong="H5785" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" and|strong="H4196" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" poles|strong="H0905" for|strong="H5921" carrying it|strong="H7760" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" rings on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196".

<sup>15</sup> " Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" must|strong="H4191" finish|strong="H3615" covering|strong="H3680" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H0428" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944". Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5265" the|strong="H3605" Kohath|strong="H6955" family|strong="H4191" can|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H1121" begin carrying|strong="H5375" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H0428". In|strong="H0935"

this|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3651" will|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" touch|strong="H5060" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H0428" and|strong="H1121" die|strong="H4191".

<sup>16</sup> " Eleazar|strong="H0499" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1121" responsible for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Tent. He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1121" responsible for|strong="H3605" everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H1121" it|strong="H0834", including|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1121" responsible for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" oil|strong="H8081" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" lamp, the|strong="H3605" sweet-smelling incense|strong="H7004", the|strong="H3605" daily|strong="H8548" offering|strong="H4503", <sup>1</sup> and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" anointing|strong="H4888" oil|strong="H8081".

<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175", <sup>18</sup> " Be|strong="H0408" careful! Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" these Kohathite|strong="H6956" men|strong="H3772" be|strong="H0408" destroyed|strong="H3772". <sup>19</sup> You|strong="H5921" must|strong="H4191" do|strong="H6213" these|strong="H2063" things|strong="H6944" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" Kohathite men|strong="H0376" can|strong="H6213" go|strong="H0935" near|strong="H5066" the|strong="H0853" most|strong="H6944" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" and|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191". Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" sons|strong="H1121" must|strong="H4191" go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" and|strong="H1121" show|strong="H6213" each|strong="H0376" Kohathite man|strong="H0376" what|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" and|strong="H1121" what|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" carry|strong="H6213". <sup>20</sup> If|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0935" don't|strong="H3808" do|strong="H0935" this|strong="H0935", the|strong="H0853" Kohathite men might go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935"

<sup>1</sup> DAILY OFFERING Offerings that were made twice each day as a gift to God.

and|strong="H0935" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944". If|strong="H7200" they|strong="H3808" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H7200" these|strong="H4191" things|strong="H6944", even|strong="H3808" for|strong="H4191" a|strong="H7200" moment|strong="H1104", they|strong="H3808" must|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191".

**The|strong="H0853" Jobs of|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Gershon Family|strong="H4191"**

21 The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", 22 " Count|strong="H7218" all|strong="H1571" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Gershon|strong="H1648" family|strong="H4940". List them|strong="H1992" by|strong="H1571" family|strong="H4940" and|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" group. 23 Count|strong="H8141" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H1121" from|strong="H0935" 30 to|strong="H0935" 50 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" serve|strong="H5647". These|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121" have|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" job|strong="H5656" of|strong="H1121" caring for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".

24 " This|strong="H2063" is what|strong="H2063" the|strong="H5647" Gershonite|strong="H1649" family|strong="H4940" must do|strong="H5647" and|strong="H5647" the|strong="H5647" things they|strong="H5647" must carry|strong="H4853": 25 They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" curtains|strong="H3407" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" Holy Tent|strong="H0168", the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168", its|strong="H0853" covering|strong="H4372", and|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" covering|strong="H4372" made|strong="H0834" from|strong="H5921" fine|strong="H8476" leather. They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" curtain|strong="H3407" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". 26 They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" curtains

of|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" courtyard|strong="H2691" that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" Holy Tent and|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196". And|strong="H4196" they|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" curtain|strong="H4539" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3605" courtyard|strong="H2691". They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" ropes|strong="H4340" and|strong="H4196" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" used|strong="H6213" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" curtains. The|strong="H3605" Gershonite men|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H5656" responsible|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" anything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" needs to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H5656" done|strong="H6213" with|strong="H5921" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605". 27 Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1961" watch|strong="H4931" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H5656" that|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3605" done|strong="H1961". Everything|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Gershonites|strong="H1649" carry|strong="H4853" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" work|strong="H5656" they|strong="H5921" do|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" watched by|strong="H5921" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121". You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H0853" tell|strong="H3605" them|strong="H0853" what|strong="H6310" they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H1121" responsible for|strong="H5921" carrying. 28 This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0175" work|strong="H5656" that|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0175" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0175" Gershonite|strong="H1649" family|strong="H4940" group must|strong="H1121" do|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0175" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". Ithamar|strong="H0385" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" the|strong="H0175" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" responsible

for|strong="H3027" their|strong="H0175" work|strong="H5656".

**The|strong="H0175" Jobs of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0175" Merari Family|strong="H4940"**

<sup>29</sup> "Count all|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" families|strong="H4940" and|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" Merari|strong="H4847" family|strong="H4940" group. <sup>30</sup> Count|strong="H8141" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H1121" from|strong="H0935" <sup>30</sup> to|strong="H0935" 50 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" serve|strong="H5647". These|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121" do|strong="H5647" a|strong="H0935" special work|strong="H5656" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>31</sup> When|strong="H5656" you|strong="H3605" travel, it|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" job|strong="H5656" to|strong="H4150" carry|strong="H4853" the|strong="H3605" frames|strong="H7175" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". They|strong="H3605" must carry|strong="H4853" the|strong="H3605" braces, the|strong="H3605" posts|strong="H5982", and|strong="H0168" the|strong="H3605" bases|strong="H0134". <sup>32</sup> They|strong="H3605" must|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H4853" the|strong="H3605" posts|strong="H5982" that|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3627" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" courtyard|strong="H2691". They|strong="H3605" must|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H4853" the|strong="H3605" bases|strong="H0134", the|strong="H3605" tent|strong="H3489" pegs|strong="H3489", the|strong="H3605" ropes|strong="H4340", and|strong="H0853" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" is|strong="H8034" used|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" poles around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" courtyard|strong="H2691". List the|strong="H3605" names|strong="H8034" and|strong="H0853" tell|strong="H3605" each|strong="H3605" man|strong="H3605" exactly|strong="H3605" what he|strong="H0853" must|strong="H0853" carry|strong="H4853". <sup>33</sup> This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3027" what|strong="H2063" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H3027"

the|strong="H3605" Merari|strong="H4847" family|strong="H4940" will|strong="H1121" do|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3027" serve in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H5656" for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". Ithamar|strong="H0385" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" responsible for|strong="H3027" their|strong="H3605" work|strong="H5656".

**The|strong="H3605" Levite Families|strong="H4940"**

<sup>34</sup> Moses|strong="H4872", Aaron|strong="H0175", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H5387" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Israelites counted|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0853" Kohathites|strong="H6956". They|strong="H0175" counted|strong="H6485" them|strong="H0853" by|strong="H6485" families|strong="H4940" and|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121". <sup>35</sup> They|strong="H5704" counted all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" from|strong="H0935" <sup>30</sup> to|strong="H0935" 50 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1121" able to|strong="H0935" serve. These|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" given special work|strong="H5656" to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".

<sup>36</sup> There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" 2750 men|strong="H6485" in|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" Kohath family|strong="H4940" group who|strong="H6485" were|strong="H1961" qualified to|strong="H1961" do this work. <sup>37</sup> So|strong="H0834" these|strong="H0428" men|strong="H3605" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Kohath family|strong="H4940" group were|strong="H0834" given|strong="H3027" their|strong="H3605" special work|strong="H5647" to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H5647" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0428" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" told Moses|strong="H4872" to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H5647".

<sup>38</sup> Also, the|strong="H6485" Gershonite|strong="H1648" family|strong="H4940" group was|strong="H1004" counted|strong="H6485". <sup>39</sup>

All the men from 30 to 50 years old who qualified to serve were counted. These men were given their special work to do for the Meeting Tent.<sup>40</sup> There were 2630 men in the families of the Gershon family group who qualified.<sup>41</sup> So these men from the Gershon family group were given their special work to do for the Meeting Tent. Moses and Aaron did this the way LORD had told Moses to do.

<sup>42</sup> Also, the men in the families of the Merari family were counted. All the men from 30 to 50 years old who qualified to serve were counted. These men were given their special work to do for the Meeting Tent.<sup>44</sup> There were 3200 men in the families of the Merari family group who qualified.<sup>45</sup> So these men from the Merari

family group were given their special work. Moses and Aaron did this the way LORD told Moses to do.

<sup>46</sup> So Moses, Aaron, the leaders of the Israelites counted all the people in Levi's family group. They had each and family group. All the men between the ages of 30 and 50 who qualified to serve were counted. These men were given a special work to do for the Meeting Tent. They did the work of carrying the Meeting Tent when they traveled.<sup>48</sup> The total number was 8580.<sup>49</sup> Each man was counted as the LORD commanded Moses. Each man was given his own work and told what he must just the LORD had said.

#### Rules About Cleanliness

**5** The LORD said to Moses, "Tell



the people to send away the camp anyone who is unclean, that is, anyone who has a serious skin disease<sup>1</sup> or discharge and anyone who has touched a dead body.<sup>3</sup> Whether they are a man or woman, send them away so the camp where I am living among you will be made unclean."

<sup>4</sup> So the Israelites obeyed God's command. They sent those people outside the camp. They did what the LORD had told Moses.

#### Paying for Doing Wrong

<sup>5</sup> The LORD said Moses, <sup>6</sup> "Tell this to the Israelites: You do something wrong to another person. When you do that, you are really sinning against God. So you are guilty of do-

ing wrong. You must confess that sin. Then you must fully pay for it. You must add one-fifth to the payment and give it all to the person you had done wrong to. But maybe the person is dead and does not have any relatives to accept the payment. In that case, you will give the payment to the LORD. That is, you will give the payment to the priest. The priest must sacrifice the ram that makes people pure. This ram will be sacrificed to cover over your sins, but the priest will keep the rest of the payment. <sup>9</sup> If anyone of the Israelites gives a special gift to God, the priest who accepts that gift can keep it. It is his. <sup>10</sup> You don't have to give these special gifts if you do, the gifts be-

<sup>1</sup> SERIOUS SKIN DISEASE This could be leprosy, or it could be another kind of contagious skin disease.

long |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548".

### Jealous Husbands |strong="H0376"

11 Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", 12 " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" this |strong="H3588": A |strong="H3588" man's |strong="H0376" wife |strong="H0802" might |strong="H1121" be |strong="H0376" unfaithful |strong="H4603" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". 13 She |strong="H1931" might have |strong="H0369" sexual |strong="H7901" relations with |strong="H0854" another |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0376" hide |strong="H5641" this |strong="H1931" from |strong="H0376" her |strong="H7901" husband |strong="H0376". And |strong="H0376" there |strong="H0369" might not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" anyone |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0369" tell him |strong="H2930" that |strong="H1931" his |strong="H0376" wife committed this |strong="H1931" sin. Her |strong="H7901" husband |strong="H0376" might never |strong="H3808" know |strong="H0854" about |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3808" wrong thing |strong="H1931" she |strong="H1931" did |strong="H3808", and |strong="H0376" she |strong="H1931" might not |strong="H3808" tell her |strong="H7901" husband |strong="H0376" about |strong="H0854" her |strong="H7901" sin. 14 But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" husband might begin to |strong="H5921" think that |strong="H1931" his |strong="H5921" wife |strong="H0802" sinned against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921", whether |strong="H0176" she |strong="H1931" has |strong="H7307" or |strong="H0176" not |strong="H3808". He |strong="H1931" might become |strong="H2930" jealous |strong="H7065". He |strong="H1931" might begin to |strong="H5921" believe that |strong="H1931" she |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" not |strong="H3808" pure and |strong="H0802" true to |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". 15 If |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" happens, he |strong="H1931" must |strong="H0853" take |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5414" wife |strong="H0802" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548". The |strong="H0853" husband |strong="H0376" must |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" take |strong="H0935" an |strong="H5414" offering |strong="H4503" of |strong="H0376" 8 cups <sup>1</sup> of |strong="H0376" barley |strong="H8184" flour |strong="H7058".

1 8 cups Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l).

He |strong="H1931" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" pour |strong="H3332" oil |strong="H8081" or |strong="H3808" incense |strong="H3828" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" barley |strong="H8184" flour |strong="H7058". This |strong="H1931" barley |strong="H8184" flour |strong="H7058" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3588" grain |strong="H7058" offering |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H1931" given |strong="H5414" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" husband |strong="H0376" is |strong="H1931" jealous. This |strong="H1931" offering |strong="H4503" will |strong="H0376" show |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" thinks his |strong="H5414" wife |strong="H0802" has |strong="H0376" been |strong="H2142" unfaithful to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413".

16 " The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" woman before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5975" her |strong="H7126" stand |strong="H5975" there |strong="H5975". 17 Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H3947" some |strong="H4480" special water |strong="H4325" and |strong="H3548" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" clay |strong="H2789" jar |strong="H3627". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" put |strong="H5414" some |strong="H4480" dirt |strong="H6083" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" floor |strong="H7172" of |strong="H3627" the |strong="H0834" Holy |strong="H6918" Tent into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325". 18 He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" force |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" to |strong="H1961" stand |strong="H5975" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" loosen her |strong="H5921" hair |strong="H7218" and |strong="H3068" put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" grain offering |strong="H4503" in |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027". This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" barley flour that |strong="H1931" her |strong="H5921" husband gave |strong="H5414" because |strong="H5921" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1961" jealous. At |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H1931" time |strong="H1961", he |strong="H1931"

will |strong="H3068" hold |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" clay jar of |strong="H3068" special water |strong="H4325". This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" special water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H1931" can |strong="H5975" bring |strong="H5414" trouble to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802".

<sup>19</sup> " Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0376" make |strong="H7901" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" truth and |strong="H3548" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413": ' If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" slept |strong="H7901" with |strong="H0854" another |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376", and |strong="H3548" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" sinned against |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0518" husband |strong="H0376" while |strong="H8478" you |strong="H0518" were |strong="H0428" married |strong="H0802" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", then |strong="H0853" this |strong="H0428" water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H0559" causes trouble will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" hurt you |strong="H0518". <sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0376" sinned against |strong="H0376" your |strong="H5414" husband |strong="H0376"— if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" had |strong="H3588" sexual relations with |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3588" your |strong="H5414" husband |strong="H0376"— then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3588" pure. <sup>21</sup> If that |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068", you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" much trouble when |strong="H3068" you |strong="H5414" drink this |strong="H3068" special water. You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" not be |strong="H3068" able to |strong="H0559" have |strong="H3068" any |strong="H5414" children. And |strong="H3068" if you |strong="H5414" are |strong="H3068" pregnant now |strong="H5414", your |strong="H3068" baby will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H5307". <sup>1</sup> And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" cause |strong="H5414"

I YOU WILL ... DIE Literally, "Your loins will fall and your belly will swell."

your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0559" speak |strong="H0559" evil of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3068" curse |strong="H0423" you |strong="H5414".'

" Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H5414" an |strong="H5414" oath |strong="H7621". She must |strong="H0853" agree for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" cause |strong="H5414" these |strong="H5971" things to |strong="H0559" happen to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0802" if she lies. <sup>22</sup>

The |strong="H0559" priest must say |strong="H0559", ' You |strong="H0935" must drink this |strong="H0428" water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H0559" causes trouble. If you |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0428" sinned, you |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0802" not |strong="H4325" be |strong="H0779" able to |strong="H0559" have |strong="H0428" children. Any |strong="H0802" baby you |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0428" will |strong="H0802" die |strong="H5307" before it |strong="H0935" is |strong="H4578" born |strong="H5307".' And |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" should |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H0559" agree to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H0935" as |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0935" say |strong="H0559".'

<sup>23</sup> " The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" should |strong="H3548" write |strong="H3789" these |strong="H0428" warnings on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3789" scroll |strong="H5612". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" should |strong="H3548" wash the |strong="H0853" words off |strong="H0853" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325". <sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" must |strong="H0853" drink |strong="H8248" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H4325" brings |strong="H0935" trouble. This |strong="H0935" water |strong="H4325" will |strong="H0802" enter |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0935", if she |strong="H8248" is |strong="H4325" guilty, it |strong="H4325" will |strong="H0802" cause her |strong="H0802" much suffering.

<sup>25</sup> " Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" grain offering |strong="H4503" from |strong="H6440" her |strong="H0413" ( the |strong="H0853" offering |strong="H4503" for |strong="H0413" jeal-

ousy|strong="H7068") and|strong="H3068" raise|strong="H3947" it|strong="H7126" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" carry|strong="H3947" it|strong="H7126" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196".<sup>26</sup> The|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H0802" fill his|strong="H4480" hands with|strong="H0802" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" grain|strong="H6999" and|strong="H3548" put it|strong="H0310" on|strong="H6999" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" and|strong="H3548" let it|strong="H0310" burn|strong="H6999" there. After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H4480" he|strong="H0310" will|strong="H0802" tell the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802" to|strong="H4325" drink|strong="H8248" the|strong="H0853" water|strong="H4325".<sup>27</sup> If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802" has|strong="H1961" sinned against|strong="H0376" her|strong="H0802" husband|strong="H0376", the|strong="H0853" water|strong="H4325" will|strong="H1961" bring|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0802" trouble. The|strong="H0853" water|strong="H4325" will|strong="H1961" go|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0802" body|strong="H0990" and|strong="H0935" cause|strong="H1961" her|strong="H0802" much suffering. Any|strong="H0376" baby that|strong="H4325" is|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0802" will|strong="H1961" die|strong="H5307" before it|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0376" born|strong="H5307", and|strong="H0935" she|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H0518" be|strong="H1961" able to|strong="H0935" have|strong="H1961" children. All|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1961" turn|strong="H1961" against|strong="H0376" her|strong="H0802".<sup>128</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0518" woman|strong="H0802" has|strong="H0518" not|strong="H3808" sinned against her|strong="H0802" husband and|strong="H0802" she|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" pure|strong="H2889", the|strong="H0518" priest|strong="H2930" will|strong="H0802" say that|strong="H1931" she|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" guilty. Then|strong="H3808" she|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0802" be|strong="H3808" normal

I ALL ... AGAINST HER Literally, "She will be like a curse among the people."

and|strong="H0802" able to|strong="H0802" have|strong="H0518" children|strong="H2233".<sup>29</sup> " So|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" law|strong="H8451" about jealousy|strong="H7068". This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" should|strong="H0376" do when|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" sins against|strong="H0376" her|strong="H0802" husband|strong="H0376" while|strong="H0834" she|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" married|strong="H0802" to|strong="H0376" him|strong="H2930".<sup>30</sup> Or|strong="H0176" if|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" becomes jealous|strong="H7065" and|strong="H3068" thinks his|strong="H3605" wife|strong="H0802" has|strong="H3068" sinned against|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921", this|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" should|strong="H0376" do|strong="H6213". The|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" must|strong="H0853" tell|strong="H3605" her|strong="H3605" to|strong="H5921" stand|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H2063" things|strong="H3605". This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" law|strong="H8451".<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0853" husband|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" not be|strong="H0376" guilty|strong="H5771" of|strong="H0376" doing anything|strong="H5375" wrong|strong="H5771", but|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802" will|strong="H0376" suffer|strong="H5375" if|strong="H0376" she|strong="H1931" has|strong="H0376" sinned."

#### Nazirites

**6** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872",<sup>2</sup> " Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" this|strong="H3588": If|strong="H3588" there|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3478" people|strong="H0376", men|strong="H0376" or|strong="H0176" women|strong="H0802", who|strong="H0376" want to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H5087" a|strong="H3588" vow|strong="H5088" dedicating themselves|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" Nazirites|strong="H5139"

for *strong="H3588"* a *strong="H3588"* time *strong="H3478"*, this *strong="H3588"* is *strong="H3068"* what *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H3588"* must *strong="H1121"* do: <sup>3</sup> They *strong="H3808"* must *strong="H3808"* stay away *strong="H3605"* from *strong="H0398"* wine *strong="H3196"* or *strong="H3808"* other *strong="H3605"* strong *strong="H7941"* drink *strong="H8354"*. They *strong="H3808"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* drink *strong="H8354"* vinegar *strong="H2558"* that *strong="H3605"* is *strong="H3605"* made *strong="H3605"* from *strong="H0398"* wine *strong="H3196"* or *strong="H3808"* from *strong="H0398"* other *strong="H3605"* strong *strong="H7941"* drink *strong="H8354"*. They *strong="H3808"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* drink *strong="H8354"* grape *strong="H6025"* juice *strong="H4952"* or *strong="H3808"* eat *strong="H0398"* grapes *strong="H6025"* or *strong="H3808"* raisins. <sup>4</sup> During *strong="H3117"* that *strong="H0834"* special time *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3117"* dedication, they *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* eat *strong="H0398"* anything *strong="H3605"* that *strong="H0834"* comes *strong="H3117"* from *strong="H5704"* grapes. They *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* even *strong="H5704"* eat *strong="H0398"* the *strong="H3605"* seeds *strong="H2785"* or *strong="H3808"* the *strong="H3605"* skins from *strong="H5704"* grapes.

<sup>5</sup> The *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* time *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3068"* their *strong="H3605"* Nazirite *strong="H5145"* vow *strong="H5088"* they *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* cut their *strong="H3605"* hair *strong="H8181"*. They *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H3808"* be *strong="H1961"* holy *strong="H6918"* until *strong="H5704"* this *strong="H0834"* time *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3068"* special dedication to *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* is *strong="H0834"* ended *strong="H4390"*. They *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H3808"* let *strong="H1961"* their *strong="H3605"* hair *strong="H8181"* grow *strong="H1431"* long *strong="H5704"*.

<sup>6</sup> If you *strong="H3605"* have *strong="H3068"* taken the *strong="H3605"* Nazirite vow, you *strong="H3605"* must *strong="H4191"* not *strong="H3808"* go *strong="H0935"* near *strong="H5921"* someone *strong="H5315"* who *strong="H3605"* is *strong="H3068"* dying *strong="H4191"*<sup>I</sup> during *strong="H3117"* that *strong="H3605"* special time *strong="H3117"*

of *strong="H3068"* dedication. You *strong="H3605"* have *strong="H3068"* given yourself *strong="H5315"* fully to *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"*,<sup>7</sup> so *strong="H3808"* you *strong="H3588"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* let *strong="H3808"* yourself *strong="H5921"* become *strong="H2930"* unclean *strong="H2930"* like *strong="H3808"* this *strong="H3588"*— even *strong="H3588"* for *strong="H3588"* your *strong="H5921"* own father *strong="H0001"* or *strong="H3808"* mother *strong="H0517"*, brother *strong="H0251"* or *strong="H3808"* sister *strong="H0269"* when *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H3588"* die *strong="H4194"*.<sup>II</sup> This *strong="H3588"* is *strong="H0430"* because *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* have *strong="H0001"* the *strong="H5921"* hair *strong="H7218"* that *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* dedicated *strong="H5145"* to *strong="H5921"* God *strong="H0430"* on *strong="H5921"* your *strong="H5921"* head *strong="H7218"*.<sup>8</sup> It *strong="H1931"* is *strong="H3068"* holy *strong="H6918"* because *strong="H3117"* you *strong="H3605"* have *strong="H3068"* given yourself fully to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* for *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* full *strong="H3117"* time *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3068"* that *strong="H3605"* dedication.<sup>9</sup> So *strong="H4191"* if *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* are *strong="H3117"* with *strong="H5921"* someone *strong="H4191"* when *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H3588"* suddenly *strong="H6597"* die *strong="H4191"*, you *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3117"* be *strong="H4191"* unclean *strong="H2930"* and *strong="H3117"* you *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3117"* have *strong="H3117"* to *strong="H4191"* shave *strong="H1548"* the *strong="H5921"* hair *strong="H7218"* from *strong="H5921"* your *strong="H5921"* head *strong="H7218"*. You *strong="H3588"* must *strong="H4191"* do that *strong="H3588"* on *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* seventh *strong="H7637"* day *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3117"* your *strong="H5921"* purification *strong="H2893"* ceremony when *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* are *strong="H3117"* made *strong="H2930"* clean *strong="H2893"*.<sup>10</sup> Then *strong="H0935"* on *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H0413"* eighth *strong="H8066"* day *strong="H3117"*, you *strong="H3117"* must *strong="H1121"* bring *strong="H0935"* two *strong="H8147"* doves *strong="H3123"* or *strong="H0176"* two *strong="H8147"* young *strong="H1121"* pi-

I SOMEONE WHO IS DYING Or "a dead person."

II WHEN THEY DIE Or "that have died."

geons |strong="H3123" and |strong="H1121" give |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" priest |strong="H3548" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0413" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168".<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" offer |strong="H6213" one |strong="H0259" bird |strong="H6213" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3548". The |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3548" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H5315" a |strong="H0834" payment for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2398" of |strong="H3117" touching a |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H5315" body |strong="H5315" during |strong="H3117" your |strong="H5921" special time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" dedication. Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" again promise |strong="H6213" to |strong="H5921" give the |strong="H0853" hair |strong="H7218" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" gift to |strong="H5921" God.<sup>12</sup> This |strong="H3588" means you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" again give |strong="H0935" yourself |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" another time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" dedication. You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" one-year-old male |strong="H3532" lamb |strong="H3532" to |strong="H0935" offer as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" guilt |strong="H0817" offering |strong="H0817". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" start over |strong="H5307" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" beginning |strong="H7223" with |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" new time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" dedication because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" touched a |strong="H3588" dead body during |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3068" first |strong="H7223" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" dedication.<sup>13</sup> After |strong="H0413" their |strong="H0935" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" dedication is |strong="H3117" ended |strong="H4390", Nazirites |strong="H5139" must |strong="H0853" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607"

of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168"<sup>14</sup> and |strong="H1121" give their |strong="H3068" offering |strong="H7133" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". Their |strong="H3068" offering |strong="H7133" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1121":  
 a |strong="H7126" one-year-old male |strong="H3532" lamb |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" nothing wrong with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H7126" for |strong="H0259" a |strong="H7126" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H7133"; a |strong="H7126" one-year-old female |strong="H1323" lamb |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" nothing wrong with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H7126" for |strong="H0259" a |strong="H7126" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7133"; one |strong="H0259" ram |strong="H0352" that |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" nothing wrong with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H7126" for |strong="H0259" a |strong="H7126" fellowship offering |strong="H7133";<sup>15</sup> a |strong="H4886" basket |strong="H5536" of |strong="H4503" bread |strong="H4682" made without yeast— bread |strong="H4682" made with |strong="H4886" fine |strong="H5560" flour |strong="H5560" mixed |strong="H1101" with |strong="H4886" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H8081" wafers |strong="H7550" with |strong="H4886" oil |strong="H8081" spread |strong="H4886" on |strong="H8081" top; and |strong="H8081" the |strong="H4886" grain offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H8081" drink offerings |strong="H4503" that |strong="H4503" are |strong="H5536" a |strong="H4886" part of |strong="H4503" these gifts |strong="H4503".<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" give these things to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7126" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H7126".<sup>17</sup> He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" give the |strong="H0853" basket |strong="H5536" of |strong="H3068" bread |strong="H4682" without yeast to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" kill the |strong="H0853" ram |strong="H0352" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" fellowship offering |strong="H4503" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068".

He |strong="H6213" will|strong="H3068" give it|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" grain offering|strong="H4503" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" drink offering|strong="H4503".

<sup>18</sup> " The|strong="H0853" Nazirites|strong="H5139" must|strong="H0853" go to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". There|strong="H8478" they|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" shave|strong="H1548" off|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5414" hair|strong="H8181" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" grew as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3947" dedication to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Lord. That|strong="H0834" hair|strong="H8181" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" burning|strong="H0784" under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H0853" sacrifice|strong="H2077" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" fellowship offering|strong="H8002".

<sup>19</sup> " After|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0853" Nazirites|strong="H5139" have|strong="H5414" cut|strong="H1548" off|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5414" hair|strong="H5145", the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3947" boiled|strong="H1311" shoulder|strong="H2220" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" ram|strong="H0352" and|strong="H3548" a|strong="H3947" large and|strong="H3548" a|strong="H3947" small cake|strong="H2471" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" basket|strong="H5536". Both|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4480" these|strong="H3947" cakes|strong="H2471" are|strong="H3548" made|strong="H5414" without|strong="H4480" yeast.

<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" lift these|strong="H1931" things|strong="H6944" up|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" show that|strong="H1931" they|strong="H5921" were|strong="H6440" presented|strong="H5130" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". These|strong="H1931" things|strong="H6944" are|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6944" and|strong="H3068" belong to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548". Also|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" ram's breast|strong="H2373" and|strong="H3068" thigh|strong="H7785"

that|strong="H1931" were|strong="H6440" lifted|strong="H5130" up|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3068" presented|strong="H5130" belong to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548". After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" Nazirites|strong="H5139" can|strong="H8354" drink|strong="H8354" wine|strong="H3196".

<sup>21</sup> " These|strong="H2063" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" rules for|strong="H5921" those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" decide to|strong="H5921" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0834" Nazirite|strong="H5139" vow|strong="H5088". They|strong="H0834" must give all|strong="H6310" these|strong="H2063" gifts to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068". But|strong="H3651" they|strong="H0834" might|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027" able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5921" give much|strong="H3027" more|strong="H3651". If|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H6213" more|strong="H3651", they|strong="H0834" must keep|strong="H6213" their|strong="H3068" promise|strong="H3068". But|strong="H3651" they|strong="H0834" must give at|strong="H5921" least all|strong="H6310" the|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834" listed in|strong="H5921" these|strong="H2063" rules for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" Nazirite|strong="H5139" vow|strong="H5088"."

#### The|strong="H0834" Priests' Blessings

<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", <sup>23</sup> " Tell|strong="H0559" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H1288" sons|strong="H1121" that|strong="H0559" when|strong="H1696" they|strong="H0559" bless|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478", this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3478" what|strong="H3541" they|strong="H0559" should|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559".

<sup>24</sup> ' May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H1288"

and|strong="H3068" keep|strong="H8104" you|strong="H1288".

<sup>25</sup> May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" smile|strong="H0215" down|strong="H6440" on|strong="H0413" you|strong="H6440"!

and|strong="H3068" show you|strong="H6440" his|strong="H3068" kindness.

I MAY ... ON YOU Literally, "May the LORD make his face shine on you."

<sup>26</sup> May the LORD answer your prayers<sup>1</sup>

and you and you! In Aaron and sons to a to I bless

### Dedicating the Holy Tent

<sup>7</sup> Moses finished the Holy Tent. On that he dedicated it to God. Moses anointed the Tent and everything it. He also anointed the altar and all the things used it.

<sup>2</sup> Then the leaders of Israel gave offerings to God. These men were heads of their families and leaders of their tribes. These were men who were in charge of counting the people.<sup>3</sup> These leaders and gave them the LORD in front of the Holy Tent.

<sup>1</sup> MAY ... PRAYERS Literally, "May the LORD lift his face to you," that is, "may he accept you into his presence and grant your request."

They six twelve for wagons. Each leader an ox and with leader give wagon.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD said Moses these gifts the leaders. These gifts can be used of the Meeting. Give them to the Levites to help them do their work.

<sup>6</sup> So Moses accepted the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. He gave two wagons and four oxen to the men in Gershon's group. They needed the wagons and the oxen for their work.<sup>8</sup> Then Moses gave four wagons and eight oxen to the men in Merari's group. They needed the wagons and the oxen for their work. Ithamar son of Aaron



the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" was|strong="H1121" responsible for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" work|strong="H5656" of|strong="H1121" all|strong="H6310" these|strong="H0175" men|strong="H1121".<sup>9</sup> Moses|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" give|strong="H5414" any|strong="H5414" oxen or|strong="H3808" wagons to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" men|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5921" Kohath's|strong="H6955" group, because|strong="H3588" their|strong="H5375" job|strong="H5656" was|strong="H1121" to|strong="H5921" carry|strong="H5375" the|strong="H5921" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5375" shoulders|strong="H3802".

<sup>10</sup> When|strong="H3117" Moses|strong="H7126" anointed|strong="H4886" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196", the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H5387" brought|strong="H7126" offerings for|strong="H4196" its|strong="H0853" dedication|strong="H2598". They|strong="H3117" gave their|strong="H6440" offerings to|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" Lord at|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196".<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872", "Each|strong="H0259" day|strong="H3117" one|strong="H0259" leader|strong="H5387" must|strong="H0853" bring|strong="H7126" his|strong="H3068" gift|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" dedication|strong="H2598" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196"."

<sup>12</sup> <sup>I</sup> Each of the twelve leaders brought these gifts: Each leader brought one silver plate that weighed about 3 1/4 pounds. <sup>II</sup> Each leader brought one silver bowl that weighed about 1 3/4 pounds. <sup>III</sup> Both of these gifts were weighed by the official measure. The bowl and the plate were each filled with fine flour mixed with oil. This was to be used as a grain offering. Each leader also brought a large gold spoon that weighed about 4 ounces. <sup>IV</sup> The spoon was filled with incense.

Each leader also brought 1 young bull, 1 ram, and 1 male lamb a year old. These animals were for a burnt offering. Each leader also brought 1 male goat to be used as a sin offering. Each leader brought 2 cattle, 5 rams, 5 male goats, and 5 male lambs a year old. All of them were sacrificed for a fellowship offering.

On the first day, the leader of the tribe of Judah, Nahshon son of Amminadab brought his gifts.

<sup>I</sup> In the Hebrew text each leader's gift is listed separately. But the text is the same for each gift, so these verses have been combined for easier reading. <sup>II</sup> ABOUT 3 1/4 POUNDS Literally, "130 shekels" (1.5 kg). Also in verse 85. <sup>III</sup> ABOUT 1 3/4 POUNDS Literally, "70 shekels" (.8 kg). Also in verse 85. <sup>IV</sup> ABOUT 4 OUNCES Literally, "10 shekels" (115 g). Also in verse 86.

On the second day, the leader of the tribe of Issachar, Nethanel son of Zuar brought his gifts.

On the third day, the leader of the tribe of Zebulun, Eliab son of Helon brought his gifts.

On the fourth day, the leader of the tribe of Reuben, Elizur son of Shedeur brought his gifts.

On the fifth day, the leader of the tribe of Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai brought his gifts.

On the sixth day, the leader of the tribe of Gad, Eliasaph son of Deuel<sup>V</sup> brought his gifts.

On the seventh day, the leader of the tribe of Ephraim, Elishama son of Ammihud brought his gifts.

On the eighth day, the leader of the tribe of Manasseh, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur brought his gifts.

On the ninth day, the leader of the tribe of Benjamin, Abidan son of Gideoni brought his gifts.

On the tenth day, the leader of the tribe of Dan, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai brought his gifts.

On the eleventh day, the leader of the tribe of Asher, Pagiel son of Ocran brought his gifts.

On the twelfth day, the leader of the tribe of Naphtali, Ahira son of Enan brought his gifts.

<sup>84</sup> So|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3117" these|strong="H2063" things|strong="H8147" were|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" gifts|strong="H2598" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H5387" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H3117" brought them|strong="H0853" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" time|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" Moses|strong="H4886" dedicated the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" by|strong="H3117" anointing|strong="H4886" it|strong="H2091". They|strong="H3117" brought 12 silver|strong="H3701" plates, 12 silver|strong="H3701" bowls|strong="H4219", and|strong="H3478" 12 gold|strong="H2091" spoons|strong="H3709".<sup>85</sup> Each|strong="H0259" silver|strong="H3701" plate weighed about|strong="H3605" 3 1/4 pounds. And|strong="H3967" each|strong="H0259" bowl|strong="H4219" weighed about|strong="H3605" 1 3/4 pounds. The|strong="H3605" silver|strong="H3701" plates and|strong="H3967" the|strong="H3605" silver|strong="H3701" bowls|strong="H4219" together|strong="H0259" all|strong="H3605" weighed about|strong="H3605" 60 pounds,<sup>VI</sup> using the|strong="H3605" official measure. <sup>86</sup> The|strong="H3605" 12 gold|strong="H2091" spoons|strong="H3709" filled|strong="H4392" with|strong="H8147" incense|strong="H7004" weighed 4 ounces each|strong="H3605", using the|strong="H3605" official measure. The|strong="H3605" 12 gold|strong="H2091"

<sup>V</sup> DEUEL Or "Reuel." <sup>VI</sup> ABOUT 60 POUNDS Literally, "2400 shekels" (27.6 kg).

spoons |strong="H3709" all |strong="H3605" together weighed about |strong="H3605" 3 pounds.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>87</sup> The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" number of |strong="H1121" animals for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H4503" was |strong="H1121" 12 bulls |strong="H6499", 12 rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" 12 one-year-old male |strong="H3532" lambs |strong="H3532". There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" also the |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H3605" offerings |strong="H4503" that |strong="H3605" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" given with |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" offerings |strong="H4503". And |strong="H1121" there |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 12 male |strong="H3532" goats |strong="H5795" to |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" used |strong="H3605" for |strong="H3605" a |strong="H3532" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503".<sup>88</sup> The |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H6260" also |strong="H0853" gave animals to |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" killed and |strong="H1121" used |strong="H3605" as |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3532" fellowship of-fering |strong="H8002". The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" number of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H2063" animals was |strong="H1121" 24 bulls |strong="H6499", 60 rams |strong="H0352", 60 male |strong="H3532" goats |strong="H6260", and |strong="H1121" 60 one-year-old male |strong="H3532" lambs |strong="H3532". In |strong="H8141" this |strong="H2063" way |strong="H2063" they |strong="H8141" dedicated the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" after |strong="H0310" Moses |strong="H4886" anointed |strong="H4886" it |strong="H0310".

<sup>89</sup> When |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Lord, he |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" Lord's voice |strong="H6963" speaking |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". The |strong="H0853" voice |strong="H6963" was |strong="H0834" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" area between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" mercy-cover on |strong="H5921" top |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0168" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H0168" the |strong="H0853" Agreement. In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Lord

<sup>1</sup> ABOUT 3 POUNDS Literally, "120 shekels" (1.4 kg).

spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872".

### The Lampstand

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>2</sup> "Tell |strong="H0559" Aaron |strong="H0175" to |strong="H0413" put |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" seven |strong="H7651" lamps |strong="H5216" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" place I |strong="H0559" showed you |strong="H6440". These |strong="H1696" lamps |strong="H5216" will |strong="H5216" light |strong="H0215" the |strong="H0853" area in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" lampstand |strong="H4501"."<sup>3</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3651". He |strong="H0834" put |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" right |strong="H3651" place so |strong="H3651" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" lighted |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" area in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" lampstand |strong="H4501". He |strong="H0834" obeyed the |strong="H0853" command |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".<sup>4</sup> This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" how |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" lampstand |strong="H4501" was |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213": It |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H5704" hammered |strong="H4749" gold |strong="H2091", all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H2088" from |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" gold |strong="H2091" base |strong="H3409" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" bottom to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" gold |strong="H2091" flowers |strong="H6525" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" top. It |strong="H1931" looked |strong="H7200" just |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" pattern |strong="H4758" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" shown |strong="H7200" to |strong="H5704" Moses |strong="H4872".

### Dedicating the |strong="H0853" Levites

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>6</sup> "Separate

the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" other Israelites |strong="H3478". Make |strong="H3947" these |strong="H3947" Levites |strong="H3881" clean |strong="H2891". <sup>7</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3605" what |strong="H3541" you |strong="H3605" should |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5921" clean |strong="H2891": Sprinkle the |strong="H3605" special water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sin |strong="H2403" offering <sup>I</sup> on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921". This |strong="H3541" water |strong="H4325" will |strong="H1320" make |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5921" clean |strong="H2891". Then |strong="H6213" they |strong="H5921" must shave their |strong="H3605" bodies |strong="H1320" and |strong="H4325" wash |strong="H3526" their |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899". This |strong="H3541" will |strong="H1320" make |strong="H6213" their |strong="H3605" bodies |strong="H1320" clean |strong="H2891".

<sup>8</sup> "They must |strong="H1121" take |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3947" grain offering |strong="H4503" that |strong="H1121" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" offered with |strong="H8081" it |strong="H3947". This grain offering |strong="H4503" will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" flour |strong="H5560" mixed |strong="H1101" with |strong="H8081" oil |strong="H8081". Then |strong="H3947" take |strong="H3947" another |strong="H8145" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" for |strong="H8081" a |strong="H3947" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503". <sup>9</sup> Bring |strong="H7126" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" area in |strong="H3478" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Then |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H7126" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" together |strong="H6950" at |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3605" place |strong="H4150". <sup>10</sup> Bring |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3068" hands |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853". <sup>II1</sup> Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068"

give |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" as |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" offering |strong="H8573" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" ready to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H5647" their |strong="H3068" special work |strong="H5656" for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>12</sup> "Tell the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H5921" put |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3068" hands |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" heads |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" bulls |strong="H6499". One |strong="H0259" bull |strong="H6499" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" a |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" bull |strong="H6499" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" used |strong="H6213" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". These offerings |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" pure. <sup>13</sup> Tell the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H3068" stand |strong="H5975" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121". Then |strong="H0853" give the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" like |strong="H1121" an |strong="H5130" offering |strong="H8573". <sup>14</sup> This will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H0914" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" holy. They |strong="H3478" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" different from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" other Israelites |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961".

<sup>15</sup> " So |strong="H3651" make |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" pure |strong="H2891" and |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0853"

<sup>I</sup> WATER FROM THE SIN OFFERING In this water were the ashes from the red cow that had been burned on the altar as a sin offering. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>PUT THEIR HANDS ON THEM</sup> This showed that the people shared in appointing the Levites to their special work.

to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Lord as|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" special offering|strong="H8573".<sup>1</sup> After|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0935" do|strong="H5647" this|strong="H3651", they|strong="H3651" can|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" do|strong="H5647" their|strong="H0310" work|strong="H5647" at|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" Levites. They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3478" belong|strong="H8478" to|strong="H3478" me|strong="H5414". In|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" past I|strong="H3588" told every|strong="H3605" Israelite|strong="H3478" family to|strong="H3478" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3605" firstborn|strong="H1060" son|strong="H1121". But|strong="H3588" now|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" am taking|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" Levites in|strong="H3478" place|strong="H8478" of|strong="H1121" these|strong="H1992" firstborn|strong="H1060" sons|strong="H1121" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" families|strong="H1121" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>17</sup> Every|strong="H3605" firstborn|strong="H1060" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478"— man|strong="H0120" or|strong="H0120" animal|strong="H0929"— is|strong="H0776" mine, because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" killed|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" firstborn|strong="H1060" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" animals|strong="H0929" in|strong="H3478" Egypt|strong="H4714". And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H3588" chose to|strong="H3478" take|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" firstborn|strong="H1060" sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H3478" belong to|strong="H3478" me|strong="H5221".<sup>18</sup> But|strong="H3947" now I|strong="H8478" will|strong="H3478" take|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" in|strong="H3478" their|strong="H3605" place|strong="H8478". I|strong="H8478" will|strong="H3478" take|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" in|strong="H3478" place|strong="H8478" of|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" firstborn|strong="H1060" sons|strong="H1121" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" families|strong="H1121" in|strong="H3478" Is-

I SPECIAL OFFERING Literally, "a lifted offering." Also in verse 21.

rael|strong="H3478".<sup>19</sup> I|strong="H5414" chose the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" from|strong="H5921" among|strong="H8432" all the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" as|strong="H1961" gifts|strong="H6944" to|strong="H0413" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5414" sons|strong="H1121". I|strong="H5414" want them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" work|strong="H5656" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" serve|strong="H5647" for|strong="H5921" all the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" help make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" sacrifices|strong="H6944" that|strong="H3478" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" pure. Then|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" great sickness or|strong="H3808" trouble will|strong="H1961" come|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" when|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" come|strong="H1961" near|strong="H5066" the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6944" place|strong="H5414"."

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H3651" Moses|strong="H4872", Aaron|strong="H0175", and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" obeyed the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872".<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" washed|strong="H3526" themselves|strong="H2891" and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" clothes|strong="H0899". Then|strong="H0853" Aaron|strong="H0175" gave them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" special offerings|strong="H3068". Aaron|strong="H0175" gave the|strong="H0853" offerings|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3068" covered their|strong="H3068" sins|strong="H2398" and|strong="H3068" made them|strong="H0853" pure|strong="H2891".<sup>22</sup> After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H6213" their|strong="H3068"

work|strong="H5656". Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" sons|strong="H1121" watched them|strong="H0853". They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" responsible|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" work|strong="H5656" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881". Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" sons|strong="H1121" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872".

<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", <sup>24</sup> "This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0935" special command for|strong="H6635" the|strong="H0834" Levites|strong="H3881": Every|strong="H8141" Levite|strong="H3881" man|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" 25 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" or|strong="H1121" older|strong="H4605" must|strong="H1121" come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H1121" share in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0834" work|strong="H5656" at|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". <sup>25</sup> But|strong="H3808" when|strong="H7725" a|strong="H5750" man|strong="H1121" is|strong="H1121" 50 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121", he|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1121" retire|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" this|strong="H7725" hard work|strong="H5656". <sup>26</sup> Men|strong="H6213" who|strong="H3881" are|strong="H6213" at|strong="H3808" least 50 years old will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" on|strong="H3808" duty|strong="H4931" to|strong="H8104" help their|strong="H5647" brothers|strong="H0251", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" the|strong="H5647" work|strong="H5656" themselves. That|strong="H3808" is|strong="H0251" what|strong="H6213" you|strong="H6213" must|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3808" the|strong="H5647" Levites|strong="H3881" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" can|strong="H6213" do|strong="H6213" their|strong="H5647" duty|strong="H4931"."

#### Passover

<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" in|strong="H8141"

the|strong="H0559" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H0776" Sinai|strong="H5514". This|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" during the|strong="H0559" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" second|strong="H8145" year|strong="H8141" after|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Israelites came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> "Tell the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3478" celebrate Passover|strong="H6453" at|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" chosen time|strong="H4150". <sup>3</sup> They|strong="H3117" must|strong="H0853" eat the|strong="H3605" Passover meal just|strong="H4941" before|strong="H3117" dark on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" 14th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" this|strong="H2088" month|strong="H2320". They|strong="H3117" must|strong="H0853" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088" at|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" chosen time|strong="H3117", and|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3117" must|strong="H0853" follow all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" rules|strong="H2708" about|strong="H3605" Passover."

<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H6213" Moses|strong="H4872" told|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0413" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" celebrate Passover|strong="H6453". <sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3651" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H1121" Sinai|strong="H5514" just|strong="H0834" before|strong="H7223" dark on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" 14th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320". The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" did|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872".

<sup>6</sup> But|strong="H3808" some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0120" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3808" celebrate Passover|strong="H6453" that|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117". They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" unclean|strong="H2931" because|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" touched a|strong="H1961" dead|strong="H5315" body|strong="H5315". So|strong="H6213" they|strong="H0834"

went |strong="H0376" to |strong="H1961" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H4872" Aaron |strong="H0175" that |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117"<sup>7</sup> and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0587" touched a |strong="H7126" dead |strong="H5315" body |strong="H5315" and |strong="H1121" became unclean |strong="H2931". But |strong="H0376" why |strong="H4100" must |strong="H0853" we |strong="H0587" be |strong="H0376" kept from |strong="H0376" offering |strong="H7133" our |strong="H3068" gifts to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" chosen time |strong="H4150" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" rest of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"?"<sup>8</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H6680" will |strong="H3068" ask |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" what |strong="H4100" he |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" about |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3068"."<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>10</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" this |strong="H3588": It |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961" sometimes that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" or |strong="H0176" your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H1121" cannot celebrate the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Passover |strong="H6453" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" right time |strong="H1961". Someone |strong="H0376" might |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" unclean |strong="H2931" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" touched a |strong="H1961" dead |strong="H5315" body |strong="H5315", or |strong="H0176" they |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" away |strong="H7350" on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" trip. They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" still |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1961" able to |strong="H0413" celebrate Passover |strong="H6453" at |strong="H0413" another |strong="H0376" time |strong="H1961".<sup>11</sup> They |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853" celebrate Passover just |strong="H6213" before |strong="H5921" dark on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" 14th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" second |strong="H8145" month |strong="H2320". At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853"

eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" lamb, the |strong="H0853" bread |strong="H4682" made |strong="H6213" without yeast, and |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" bitter |strong="H4844" herbs |strong="H4844".<sup>12</sup> They |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H7604" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4480" that |strong="H3605" food until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" next morning |strong="H1242". And |strong="H1242" they |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" break |strong="H7665" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" bones |strong="H6106" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" lamb. They |strong="H3808" must |strong="H0853" follow all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" rules |strong="H2708" about |strong="H4480" Passover |strong="H6453".<sup>13</sup> But |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" able must |strong="H5375" celebrate Passover |strong="H6453" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" right time |strong="H4150". If |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" clean |strong="H2889" and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" away |strong="H5375" on |strong="H1870" a |strong="H1961" trip, there |strong="H1961" is |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808" excuse for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H5375" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213" it |strong="H1931". If |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" celebrate Passover |strong="H6453" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" right time |strong="H4150", they |strong="H0834" must |strong="H5375" be |strong="H1961" separated from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" guilty and |strong="H3068" must |strong="H5375" be |strong="H1961" punished, because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" gift |strong="H3068" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" right time |strong="H4150".<sup>14</sup> " A |strong="H1961" foreigner |strong="H1616" living |strong="H1481" among |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" want to |strong="H1961" share in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Passover |strong="H6453" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588". This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" allowed |strong="H3068",

but *that* *person* must *follow* *H1961* all *the* *H3588* rules *about* *H1961* *Passover* *H6453*. *The* *H3588* same *rules* *H2708* are *for* *H3588* everyone *H0259*."

**The *H3588* Cloud and *H3068* the *H3588* Fire**

<sup>15</sup> On *H5921* the *H0853* day *H3117* the *H0853* Holy Tent *H0168*, the *H0853* Holy Tent *H0168* of *H3117* the *H0853* Agreement, was *H1961* set *H6965* up *H6965*, a *H1961* cloud *H6051* covered *H3680* it *H5921*. At *H5921* night *H6153* the *H0853* cloud *H6051* over *H5921* the *H0853* Holy Tent *H0168* looked *H4758* like *H1961* fire *H0784*. <sup>16</sup> The *H1961* cloud *H6051* stayed over *H3680* the *H1961* Holy Tent all *H8548* the *H1961* time *H1961*. And *H3915* at *H1961* night *H3915* the *H1961* cloud *H6051* looked *H4758* like *H1961* fire *H0784*. <sup>17</sup> When *H0834* the *H0834* cloud *H6051* moved *H5265* from *H5265* its *H5921* place *H4725* over *H5921* the *H0834* Holy Tent *H0168*, the *H0834* Israelites *H3478* followed *H0310* it *H5921*. When *H0834* the *H0834* cloud *H6051* stopped, that *H0834* is *H0834* the *H0834* place *H4725* where *H0834* the *H0834* Israelites *H3478* camped *H2583*. <sup>18</sup> This *H0834* was *H0834* the *H3605* way *H3605* the *H3605* LORD *H3068* showed the *H3605* Israelites *H3478* when *H3117* to *H5921* move *H5265* and *H1121* when *H3117* to *H5921* stop and *H1121* set *H5265* up *H5921* camp *H2583*. While *H3117* the *H3605* cloud *H6051* stayed over *H5921* the *H3605* Holy Tent, the *H3605* people *H1121* continued to *H5921* camp *H2583* in *H5921*

*that* *same place* *H4908*. <sup>19</sup> Sometimes the *H0853* cloud *H6051* would *H3478* stay over *H5921* the *H0853* Holy Tent for *H5921* a *H5921* long *H3117* time *H3117*. The *H0853* Israelites *H3478* obeyed *H8104* the *H0853* LORD *H3068* and *H1121* did *H3808* not *H3808* move *H5265*. <sup>20</sup> Sometimes *H3426* the *H0834* cloud *H6051* was *H1961* over *H5921* the *H0834* Holy Tent for *H5921* only a *H1961* few *H4557* days *H3117*. So *H1961* the *H0834* people *H0834* obeyed the *H0834* LORD'S *H3068* command *H6310*— they *H0834* followed the *H0834* cloud *H6051* when *H1961* it *H5921* moved *H5265*. <sup>21</sup> Sometimes *H3426* the *H0834* cloud *H6051* stayed only *H5704* during *H1961* the *H0834* night *H3915*— the *H0834* next morning *H1242* the *H0834* cloud *H6051* moved *H5265*. So *H1961* the *H0834* people *H0834* gathered their *H1961* things *H1961* and *H1242* followed *H5927* it *H5704*. If *H0834* the *H0834* cloud *H6051* moved *H5265*, during *H1961* the *H0834* day *H3119* or *H0176* during *H1961* the *H0834* night *H3915*, they *H0834* followed *H5927* it *H5704*. <sup>22</sup> If *H0176* the *H5921* cloud *H6051* stayed over *H5921* the *H5921* Holy Tent for *H5921* two *H3808* days *H3117*, a *H0176* month *H2320*, or *H0176* a *H0176* year *H3117*, the *H5921* people *H1121* stayed at *H2583* that *H3117* place *H4908*. They *H3117* did *H3808* not *H3808* leave *H5927* until *H2320* the *H5921* cloud *H6051* moved *H5265*. When *H3117* the *H5921* cloud *H6051* rose *H5927* from *H5265* its *H5921* place *H4908* and *H1121* moved *H5265*, they *H3117* also *H0176* moved *H5265*. <sup>23</sup>

So the people obeyed the LORD'S commands. They camped when the LORD told them to, and they moved when he told them to. They watched carefully obeyed the LORD'S commands to Moses.

### The Silver Trumpets

**10** The LORD said to Moses, "Make two silver trumpets and hammer it to the silver trumpets. These trumpets will be for calling the people together and for telling them when it is time to move the camp. If you blow long blasts on both trumpets, all the people must meet together at the entrance of the Meeting Tent." But if you blow long blasts on only one trumpet, only the leaders will come to meet with you. (These are the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel.)

<sup>5</sup> "Short blasts on the trumpets will be the way to tell the people to

move the camp. The first time you blow a short blast on the trumpets, the tribes camping on the east side of the Meeting Tent must begin to move. <sup>6</sup> The second time you blow a short blast on the trumpets, the tribes camping on the south side of the Meeting Tent will begin to move. But if you want to gather the people together for a special meeting, blow the trumpets in a different way—blow a long steady blast on the trumpets. <sup>8</sup> Only Aaron's sons, the priests, should blow the trumpets. This is law for you that will continue forever, for generations to come.

<sup>9</sup> If you are fighting an enemy, your land, blow loudly on the trumpets before you go to fight them. The LORD your God will hear you, and he will save you from your enemies. <sup>10</sup> Also these



trumpets |strong="H2689" for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" special meetings, New |strong="H2320" Moon |strong="H2320" celebrations, and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3068" happy |strong="H8057" times |strong="H4150" together |strong="H5921". Blow |strong="H8628" the |strong="H6440" trumpets |strong="H2689" when |strong="H1961" you |strong="H6440" give |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H3068" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". This |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" special way |strong="H6440" for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" to |strong="H1961" remember you |strong="H6440". I |strong="H0589" command |strong="H5921" you |strong="H6440" to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H0589" this |strong="H3068"; I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"."

#### The |strong="H6440" Israelites Move Their |strong="H3068" Camp

11 On |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" 20th day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H8141" the |strong="H5921" second |strong="H8145" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H8141" the |strong="H5921" second |strong="H8145" year |strong="H8141" after |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Israelites left |strong="H1961" Egypt, the |strong="H5921" cloud |strong="H6051" rose |strong="H5927" from |strong="H5921" above |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Tent of |strong="H8141" the |strong="H5921" Agreement. 12 So |strong="H5265" the |strong="H1121" Israelites |strong="H3478" began their journey |strong="H5265". They |strong="H3478" left |strong="H5265" the |strong="H1121" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H1121" Sinai |strong="H5514" and |strong="H1121" traveled |strong="H5265" until the |strong="H1121" cloud |strong="H6051" stopped in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1121" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H1121" Paran |strong="H6290". 13 This |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223" time |strong="H7223" the |strong="H5921" people moved |strong="H5265" their |strong="H3068" camp. They |strong="H5921" moved |strong="H5265" it |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" way |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6310" Moses |strong="H4872".

14 The |strong="H5921" three divisions from |strong="H5265" Judah's |strong="H3063"

camp |strong="H4264" went |strong="H5265" first |strong="H7223". They |strong="H5921" traveled |strong="H5265" under |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" flag. The |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223" group was |strong="H3063" the |strong="H5921" tribe of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". Nahshon |strong="H5177" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amminadab |strong="H5992" was |strong="H3063" the |strong="H5921" commander of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H1121" group. 15 Next |strong="H5921" came the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Issachar |strong="H3485". Nathanel |strong="H5417" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zuar |strong="H6686" was |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" commander of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H1121" group. 16 And |strong="H1121" then |strong="H1121" came the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Zebulun |strong="H2074". Eliab |strong="H0446" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Helon |strong="H2497" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" commander of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H1121" group.

17 Then |strong="H5375" the |strong="H5375" Holy Tent was |strong="H1121" taken |strong="H5375" down |strong="H3381". And |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5375" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5265" the |strong="H5375" Gershon |strong="H1648" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5375" Merari |strong="H4847" families |strong="H1121" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H5375" Holy Tent. So |strong="H5375" the |strong="H5375" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5265" these families |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" next in |strong="H1121" line.

18 Then |strong="H5265" came the |strong="H5921" three divisions from |strong="H5265" Reuben's camp |strong="H4264". They |strong="H5921" traveled |strong="H5265" under |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" flag. The |strong="H5921" first group was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" tribe of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205". Elizur |strong="H0468" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shedeur |strong="H7707" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" commander of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H1121" group. 19 Next |strong="H5921" came the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Simeon |strong="H8095". Shelumiel |strong="H8017" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zurishaddai was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" commander of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H1121" group. 20 And |strong="H1121" then |strong="H1121" came the |strong="H5921" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Gad |strong="H1410". Eliasaph |strong="H0460" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Deuel |strong="H1845"

was *the* commander of *that* group.<sup>21</sup> Then *came* the Kohath family. They *carried* the holy things from *inside* the Holy Tent. These people *came* at *this* time so *that* the other people could *set* up *the* Holy Tent and *make* it ready at *the* new camp before *these* people *arrived*.

<sup>22</sup> Next *came* the three groups from Ephraim's camp. They *traveled* under *their* flag. The *first* group was *the* Ephraim son of Ammihud *was* the commander of *that* group.<sup>23</sup> Next *came* the tribe of Manasseh. Gamaliel son of Pedahzur *was* the commander of *that* group.<sup>24</sup> Then *came* the tribe of Benjamin. Abidan son of Gideon *was* the commander of *that* group.

<sup>25</sup> The last three tribes in *the* line were *the* rear guard for *all* the other tribes. These *were* the groups from Dan's camp. They *traveled* under *their* flag. The *first* group was *the* tribe of

Dan. Ahiezer *was* son of Ammishadai *was* their commander.<sup>26</sup> Next *came* the tribe of Asher. Pagiel son of Ocran *was* the commander of *that* group.<sup>27</sup> Then *came* the tribe of Naphtali. Ahira son of Enan *was* the commander of *that* group.<sup>28</sup> *That* way *the* Israelites *marched* when *they* moved from *place* to *place*.

<sup>29</sup> Hobab *was* the son of Reuel, the Midianite. (Reuel *was* Moses' father-in-law.) Moses *said* to Hobab, "We *are* traveling to *the* land *that* the LORD *promised* to *give* us *us*. Come with *us* and *we* *will* be *to* you. The LORD *has* good things *to* the Israelites."

<sup>30</sup> But Hobab *answered*, "No, I *will* not go with you. I *will* go back to *my* homeland and *to* my own people."

<sup>31</sup> Then Moses *said*, "Please

don't |strong="H0408" leave |strong="H5800" us |strong="H4994". You |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" more |strong="H3651" about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057" than |strong="H5921" we |strong="H3588" do |strong="H0408". You |strong="H3588" can |strong="H5869" be |strong="H1961" our |strong="H5921" guide. <sup>32</sup> If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" come |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H3588", we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" share with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834" all the |strong="H0834" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H5973" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" gives us |strong="H3588".

<sup>33</sup> So |strong="H6440" they |strong="H3117" began traveling |strong="H5265" from |strong="H5265" the |strong="H6440" mountain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H6440" priests took the |strong="H6440" Box of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" and |strong="H3068" walked in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" people. They |strong="H3117" carried the |strong="H6440" Holy Box for |strong="H3117" three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117", looking for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3068" place |strong="H4496" to |strong="H3068" camp. <sup>34</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" cloud |strong="H6051" was |strong="H3068" over |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" every day |strong="H3119". And |strong="H3068" when |strong="H3068" they |strong="H5921" left |strong="H5265" their |strong="H3068" camp |strong="H4264" every morning, the |strong="H5921" cloud |strong="H6051" was |strong="H3068" there |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5921" lead them |strong="H5921".

<sup>35</sup> When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" people lifted the |strong="H0559" Holy Box to |strong="H0559" move |strong="H5265" the |strong="H0559" camp, Moses |strong="H4872" always said |strong="H0559",

" Get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965", LORD |strong="H3068"!

May |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" be |strong="H1961" scattered |strong="H6327".

May |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" from |strong="H5265" you |strong="H6440".

<sup>36</sup> And |strong="H3068" when |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0559" Holy Box was |strong="H3068" put |strong="H5117" in |strong="H3068" its |strong="H7725" place |strong="H5117",

Moses |strong="H0559" always said |strong="H0559",  
" Come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725", LORD |strong="H3068",  
to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" millions of |strong="H3068" Israelites |strong="H3478"."

### The People Complain Again

**11** The |strong="H8085" people |strong="H5971" started |strong="H1961" complaining about |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068" troubles. The |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085" their |strong="H3068" complaints. He |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085" these |strong="H5971" things |strong="H1961" and |strong="H3068" became |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H2734". Fire |strong="H0784" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068" burned |strong="H2734" among the |strong="H8085" people |strong="H5971". The |strong="H8085" fire |strong="H0784" burned |strong="H2734" some |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" areas at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" edge of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" camp |strong="H4264". <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H4872" the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H5971" cried |strong="H6817" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" for |strong="H0413" help |strong="H5971". He |strong="H3068" prayed |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" fire |strong="H0784" stopped burning |strong="H0784". <sup>3</sup> So |strong="H7121" that |strong="H3588" place |strong="H4725" was |strong="H8034" called |strong="H7121" Taberah |strong="H8404". <sup>1</sup> The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1931" gave |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3588" place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H3588" name |strong="H8034" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" caused a |strong="H3588" fire |strong="H0784" to |strong="H3068" burn |strong="H1197" in |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" camp.

### The |strong="H3588" 70 Older Leaders

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0559" foreigners |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" joined |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" began wanting other things |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398". Soon all |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" began complaining again |strong="H7725". The |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121"

<sup>1</sup> TABERAH This name means "burning."



meat/strong="H1320" to/strong="H0559" eat/strong="H0398"! 14 I/strong="H0595" cannot/strong="H3808" take/strong="H5375" care of/strong="H4480" all/strong="H3605" these/strong="H2088" people/strong="H5971" alone/strong="H0905". The/strong="H3605" burden is/strong="H2088" too/strong="H4480" heavy/strong="H3515" for/strong="H3588" me/strong="H4480". 15 If/strong="H0518" you/strong="H0859" plan to/strong="H7200" continue giving me/strong="H4994" their/strong="H7200" troubles/strong="H7200", kill/strong="H2026" me/strong="H4994" now/strong="H4994". If/strong="H0518" you/strong="H0859" accept me/strong="H4994" as/strong="H7200" your/strong="H7200" servant, let/strong="H4994" me/strong="H4994" die now/strong="H4994". Then/strong="H0859" I/strong="H0518" will/strong="H5869" be/strong="H0408" finished with/strong="H5869" all my/strong="H7200" troubles/strong="H7200"! "

16 The/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068" said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" Moses/strong="H4872", " Bring/strong="H3947" to/strong="H0413" me/strong="H0413" 70 of/strong="H0376" the/strong="H0853" elders/strong="H2205" of/strong="H0376" Israel/strong="H3478". These/strong="H1992" men/strong="H0376" are/strong="H0834" the/strong="H0853" leaders/strong="H2205" among/strong="H5973" the/strong="H0853" people/strong="H5971". Bring/strong="H3947" them/strong="H0413" to/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0853" Meeting/strong="H4150" Tent/strong="H0168". Let them/strong="H0413" stand/strong="H3320" there/strong="H8033" with/strong="H5973" you/strong="H0834". 17 Then/strong="H1696" I/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0834" come/strong="H3381" down/strong="H3381" and/strong="H8033" speak/strong="H1696" with/strong="H5973" you/strong="H0859" there/strong="H8033". The/strong="H0834" Spirit/strong="H7307"<sup>1</sup> is/strong="H0834" on/strong="H5921" you/strong="H0859" now/strong="H1696". But/strong="H3808" I/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0834" also/strong="H0834" give/strong="H7760" some/strong="H4480" of/strong="H4480" that/strong="H0834" Spirit/strong="H7307" to/strong="H1696" them/strong="H5921". Then/strong="H1696" they/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0834" help/strong="H5971" you/strong="H0859" take/strong="H5375" care/strong="H5921" of/strong="H4480" the/strong="H0834" people/strong="H5971". In/strong="H5921" this/strong="H0834" way/strong="H5921"

you/strong="H0859" will/strong="H0834" not/strong="H3808" have/strong="H0834" to/strong="H1696" be/strong="H3808" responsible for/strong="H5921" these/strong="H1696" people/strong="H5971" alone/strong="H0905".

18 " Tell/strong="H0559" the/strong="H0559" people/strong="H5971" this/strong="H3588": Make/strong="H5414" yourselves/strong="H4279" ready for/strong="H3588" tomorrow/strong="H4279". Tomorrow/strong="H4279" you/strong="H3588" will/strong="H3068" eat/strong="H0398" meat/strong="H1320". The/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068" heard/strong="H3588" you/strong="H3588" when/strong="H3588" you/strong="H3588" cried/strong="H5414" out/strong="H0413" and/strong="H3068" said/strong="H0559", ' We/strong="H3588" need meat/strong="H1320" to/strong="H0413" eat/strong="H0398"! It/strong="H5414" was/strong="H3068" better for/strong="H3588" us/strong="H5414" in/strong="H0413" Egypt/strong="H4714"! So/strong="H5414" now/strong="H3588" the/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" give/strong="H5414" you/strong="H3588" meat/strong="H1320". And/strong="H3068" you/strong="H3588" will/strong="H3068" eat/strong="H0398" it/strong="H5414". 19 You/strong="H3117" will/strong="H3808" eat/strong="H0398" it/strong="H0398" for/strong="H3117" more/strong="H3808" than/strong="H3808" one/strong="H0259", or/strong="H3808" two/strong="H3808", or/strong="H3808" five/strong="H2568", or/strong="H3808" ten/strong="H6235", or/strong="H3808" even/strong="H3808" twenty/strong="H6242" days/strong="H3117"! 20 You/strong="H0834" will/strong="H3068" eat that/strong="H0834" meat for/strong="H3588" a/strong="H1961" whole/strong="H3117" month/strong="H2320" until/strong="H5704" you/strong="H0834" are/strong="H0834" sick of/strong="H3068" it/strong="H3588". This/strong="H2088" will/strong="H3068" happen/strong="H1961" to/strong="H0559" you/strong="H0834" because/strong="H3588" you/strong="H0834" complained against/strong="H6440" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068". He/strong="H0834" lives/strong="H1961" among/strong="H7130" you/strong="H0834" and/strong="H3068" knows what/strong="H4100" you/strong="H0834" need, but/strong="H3588" you/strong="H0834" cried/strong="H1058" and/strong="H3068" complained to/strong="H0559" him/strong="H0853"! You/strong="H0834" said/strong="H0559", ' Why/strong="H4100" did/strong="H4100"

1 SPIRIT Or "spirit." Also in verses 25, 29.

we ever leave Egypt?"  
 21 Moses said, "There are 600,000 soldiers here, and you say, 'I will give enough to eat for a whole month!'  
 If we were killed all the sheep and cattle, that would still not be enough to feed this many people for a month. And if we caught all the fish in the sea, it would not be enough for them!"

23 But the LORD said to Moses, "Don't limit my power! You will see that I can do what I say I can do."

24 So Moses went out to speak with the people. He told them what the LORD said. Then he gathered 70 of the elders together and told them to stand around the Tent.  
 25 Then the LORD

came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. He put on 70 elders some of the same Spirit that was on Moses. After the Spirit came down on them, they began to prophesy. But that was only time they ever did this.

26 Two of the elders, Eldad and Medad, did not go out to the Tent. Their names were on the list of elders, but they stayed in camp. The Spirit also came on them, and they began prophesying in camp.  
 27 A young man ran and told Moses. The man said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in camp."

28 Joshua son of Nun said to Moses, "Sir, you must stop them!"

<sup>1</sup> PROPHECY Usually this means "to speak for God." But here, it might mean that God's Spirit took control of these men in some special way. Also in verse 26.

had|strong="H4872" been Moses'|strong="H4872" helper since Joshua|strong="H3091" was|strong="H4872" a|strong="H0559" boy.)  
 29 But|strong="H3588" Moses|strong="H4872" answered|strong="H0559", " Are|strong="H5030" you|strong="H0859" afraid the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" think|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" leader now|strong="H3588"? I|strong="H3588" wish|strong="H4310" that|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" were|strong="H5030" able to|strong="H0559" prophesy|strong="H5030". I|strong="H3588" wish|strong="H4310" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" his|strong="H3605" Spirit|strong="H7307" on|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" them|strong="H5414"!"<sup>30</sup>  
 Then|strong="H4872" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0413" leaders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H2205" Israel|strong="H3478" went|strong="H0413" back|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" camp|strong="H4264".

### The|strong="H0413" Quail Come

31 Then|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" made a|strong="H4480" powerful wind|strong="H7307" to|strong="H5921" blow|strong="H5265" in|strong="H5921" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H6440" sea|strong="H3220", and|strong="H3068" it|strong="H5921" blew quail|strong="H7958" into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" area|strong="H5439" all|strong="H5439" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H6440" camp|strong="H4264". There|strong="H3068" were|strong="H3117" so|strong="H4480" many birds that|strong="H3117" the|strong="H6440" ground|strong="H0776" was|strong="H3068" covered. They|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3117" about|strong="H5439" three feet|strong="H0520" deep on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" ground|strong="H0776". There|strong="H3068" were|strong="H3117" quail|strong="H7958" in|strong="H5921" every|strong="H5439" direction|strong="H1870" as|strong="H3068" far|strong="H5921" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H4480" man can|strong="H7307" walk|strong="H1870" in|strong="H5921" one|strong="H4480" day|strong="H3117".<sup>32</sup>  
 They|strong="H3117" went|strong="H6965" out|strong="H3605" and|strong="H6965" gathered|strong="H0622" quail|strong="H7958"

all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H6965" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915". And|strong="H6965" they|strong="H3117" gathered|strong="H0622" quail|strong="H7958" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" next|strong="H4283" day|strong="H3117" too! The|strong="H3605" smallest amount anyone|strong="H3605" gathered|strong="H0622" was|strong="H1931" 60 bushels. Then|strong="H6965" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" spread|strong="H7849" the|strong="H3605" quail|strong="H7958" meat all|strong="H3605" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" to|strong="H3117" dry in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" sun.

33 People|strong="H5971" began to|strong="H3068" eat the|strong="H3068" meat|strong="H1320", but|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" became|strong="H2734" very|strong="H3966" angry|strong="H2734". While|strong="H5750" the|strong="H3068" meat|strong="H1320" was|strong="H3068" still|strong="H5750" in|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" mouths, before|strong="H2962" the|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" could|strong="H5971" finish eating it|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" caused the|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H3068" become very|strong="H3966" sick and|strong="H3068" die|strong="H5221".<sup>34</sup> So|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" named|strong="H8034" that|strong="H3588" place|strong="H4725" Kibroth Hattaavah,<sup>1</sup> because|strong="H3588" there|strong="H8033" they|strong="H3588" buried|strong="H6912" those|strong="H0853" who|strong="H1931" had|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" strong desire|strong="H0183" for|strong="H3588" meat.

35 From|strong="H5265" Kibroth Hattaavah the|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5971" traveled|strong="H5265" to|strong="H1961" Hazereth|strong="H2698" and|strong="H5265" stayed there|strong="H1961".

### Miriam and Aaron Criticize Moses

12 Miriam|strong="H4813" and|strong="H4872" Aaron|strong="H0175" began to|strong="H1696" talk|strong="H1696" against|strong="H5921" Moses|strong="H4872". They|strong="H0834" criticized him|strong="H5921" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H0834" married|strong="H3947" an|strong="H3588" Ethiopian<sup>II</sup> woman|strong="H0802".<sup>2</sup> They|strong="H3808"

<sup>I</sup> KIBROTH HATTAVAH This name means "Graves of Strong Desire."<sup>II</sup> ETHIOPIAN Or "Cushite," a person from Ethiopia, in Africa.

said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" themselves |strong="H1696", " Moses |strong="H4872" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" only |strong="H0389" one |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" used to |strong="H0559" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3808". He |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" also |strong="H1571" spoken |strong="H1696" through |strong="H0389" us |strong="H0559"!"

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085" this |strong="H3068". <sup>3</sup> ( Moses |strong="H4872" was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3966" humble |strong="H6035" man |strong="H0376". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" more |strong="H3966" humble |strong="H6035" than |strong="H5921" any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" on |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H0127".) <sup>4</sup> So |strong="H3318" suddenly |strong="H6597", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", Aaron |strong="H0175", and |strong="H3068" Miriam |strong="H4813". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0413" three |strong="H7969", come |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168", now!"

So |strong="H3318" Moses |strong="H4872", Aaron |strong="H0175", and |strong="H3068" Miriam |strong="H4813" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Tent |strong="H0168". <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H3318" down |strong="H3381" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" tall cloud |strong="H6051" and |strong="H3068" stood |strong="H5975" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3068" Tent |strong="H0168". He |strong="H3068" called |strong="H7121" out |strong="H3318", " Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H3068" Miriam |strong="H4813"!" They |strong="H3068" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H3381" him |strong="H7121". <sup>6</sup> God |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"! You |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1961" prophets |strong="H5030". I |strong="H0518", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H4994" them |strong="H0413" learn |strong="H3045"

about |strong="H1961" me |strong="H0413" through |strong="H0413" visions |strong="H4759". I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" dreams |strong="H2472". <sup>7</sup> But |strong="H3808" Moses |strong="H4872" is |strong="H1931" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3651" that |strong="H3605". He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" my |strong="H3605" faithful |strong="H0539" servant |strong="H5650"— I |strong="H3651" trust |strong="H0539" him |strong="H3605" with |strong="H1004" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H1004" my |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004". <sup>8</sup> When |strong="H1696" I |strong="H5650" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", I |strong="H5650" talk |strong="H1696" face |strong="H6310" to |strong="H0413" face |strong="H6310" with |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". I |strong="H5650" don't |strong="H3808" use stories with |strong="H0413" hidden meanings— I |strong="H5650" show him |strong="H0413" clearly what |strong="H6310" I |strong="H5650" want him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" know. And |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872" can |strong="H4758" look |strong="H5027" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" very image of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068". So |strong="H3808" why |strong="H4069" were |strong="H5650" you |strong="H3808" brave enough to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H1696" against |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872"?"

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" very |strong="H2734" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H0639", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" left them |strong="H0639". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="H5921" cloud |strong="H6051" rose from |strong="H5493" the |strong="H5921" Tent |strong="H0168". Aaron |strong="H0175" turned |strong="H6437" and |strong="H0175" looked |strong="H6437" at |strong="H0413" Miriam |strong="H4813". Her |strong="H0413" skin was |strong="H6051" white like |strong="H6879" snow |strong="H7950"—she had |strong="H0175" a |strong="H5921" terrible skin disease!

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H4872" Aaron |strong="H0175" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Please |strong="H4994", sir |strong="H0113", forgive us |strong="H4994" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" foolish |strong="H2973" sin |strong="H2398" that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834". <sup>12</sup> Don't |strong="H0408"



let|strong="H4994" her|strong="H0398" lose her|strong="H0398" skin|strong="H1320" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" baby who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" born dead|strong="H4191"." (Sometimes a|strong="H1961" baby will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" born like|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834", with|strong="H1320" half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H0517" its|strong="H0398" skin|strong="H1320" eaten|strong="H0398" away|strong="H3318".)

<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H4994" Moses|strong="H4872" prayed|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", "God|strong="H0410", please|strong="H4994" heal|strong="H7495" her|strong="H0413" from|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3068" sickness!"

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" answered|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872", "If her|strong="H0413" father|strong="H0001" spit|strong="H3417" in|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" face|strong="H6440", she|strong="H3808" would|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" shamed for|strong="H0413" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". So|strong="H3808" put|strong="H0622" her|strong="H0413" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0559" camp|strong="H4264" for|strong="H0413" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H3117" she|strong="H3808" can|strong="H3808" come back|strong="H0310" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" camp|strong="H4264"."

<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3117" took|strong="H0622" Miriam|strong="H4813" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H5704" camp|strong="H4264" for|strong="H3117" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". And|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5704" people|strong="H5971" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" move|strong="H5265" from|strong="H5265" that|strong="H3117" place until|strong="H5704" she|strong="H3808" was|strong="H3117" brought|strong="H0622" in|strong="H3117" again|strong="H0622". <sup>16</sup> After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0310" people|strong="H5971" left|strong="H5265" Hazeroth|strong="H2698" and|strong="H5265" traveled|strong="H5265" to|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0310" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H0310" Paran|strong="H6290" where they|strong="H0310" set|strong="H5265" up camp|strong="H2583".

### The Spies Go to Canaan

**13** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"

Moses|strong="H4872", <sup>2</sup> "Send|strong="H7971" some|strong="H0376" men|strong="H0376" to|strong="H3478" explore|strong="H8446" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Canaan|strong="H3667". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0776" give|strong="H5414" this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". Send|strong="H7971" one|strong="H0259" leader|strong="H5387" from|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" twelve tribes|strong="H4294"."

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H7971" Moses|strong="H4872" obeyed the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6310" and|strong="H1121" sent|strong="H7971" out|strong="H7971" the|strong="H3605" Israelite|strong="H3478" leaders|strong="H7218" while|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" were|strong="H3478" camped in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H1121" Paran|strong="H6290". <sup>4</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" their names|strong="H8034":

from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H8034" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Reuben|strong="H7205"— Sham-

mua|strong="H8051" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zaccur|strong="H2139";

<sup>5</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Simeon|strong="H8095"— Shaphat|strong="H8202" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hori|strong="H2753";

<sup>6</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3612" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063"— Caleb|strong="H3612" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jephunneh|strong="H3312";

<sup>7</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Issachar|strong="H3485"— Igal|strong="H3008" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H3130";

<sup>8</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669"— Hoshea|strong="H1954"<sup>1</sup> son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126";

<sup>9</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144"— Palti|strong="H6406" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Raphu|strong="H7505";

<sup>10</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Zebu-

1 HOSHEA Or "Joshua."

lun|strong="H2074"— Gaddiel|strong="H1427" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Sodi|strong="H5476";  
 11 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519" ( a|strong="H3130" tribe|strong="H4294" from|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H3130")— Gaddi|strong="H1426" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Susi|strong="H5485";  
 12 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835"— Ammiel|strong="H5988" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gemalli|strong="H1582";  
 13 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Asher|strong="H0836"— Sethur|strong="H5639" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Michael|strong="H4317";  
 14 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Naphthali|strong="H5321"— Nahbi|strong="H5147" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Vophsi|strong="H2058";  
 15 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410"— Geuel|strong="H1345" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Maki.  
 16 These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" Moses|strong="H4872" sent|strong="H7971" to|strong="H7971" look at|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" study the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776". ( Moses|strong="H4872" called|strong="H7121" Hoshea|strong="H1954" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126" by|strong="H7121" another|strong="H0376" name|strong="H8034". Moses|strong="H4872" called|strong="H7121" him|strong="H7971" Joshua|strong="H3091".)  
 17 When|strong="H7971" Moses|strong="H4872" was|strong="H0776" sending|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" out|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" explore|strong="H8446" Canaan|strong="H3667", he|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559", " Go|strong="H5927" through|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Negev|strong="H5045" and|strong="H4872" then|strong="H2088" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022". 18 See|strong="H7200" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" looks|strong="H7200" like|strong="H0776". Learn about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971"

who|strong="H1931" live|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427". Are|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0518" strong|strong="H2389" or|strong="H0518" are|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0518" weak? Are|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0518" few|strong="H4592" or|strong="H0518" are|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0518" many|strong="H7227"? 19 Learn about|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427". Is|strong="H0834" it|strong="H1931" good|strong="H2896" land|strong="H0776" or|strong="H0518" bad|strong="H7451" land|strong="H0776"? What|strong="H4100" kind|strong="H2896" of|strong="H0776" towns|strong="H5892" do|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0834" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"? Do|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0834" towns|strong="H5892" have|strong="H0834" walls protecting them|strong="H3427"? Are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" towns|strong="H5892" strongly defended? 20 And|strong="H0776" learn other|strong="H0369" things|strong="H1061" about|strong="H6086" the|strong="H3947" land|strong="H0776". Is|strong="H0369" the|strong="H3947" soil|strong="H0776" good for|strong="H0776" growing things|strong="H1061", or|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0369" it|strong="H1931" poor|strong="H7330" soil|strong="H0776"? Are|strong="H3117" there|strong="H0369" trees|strong="H6086" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3947" land|strong="H0776"? Try to|strong="H0369" bring|strong="H3947" back|strong="H3947" some|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3947" fruit|strong="H6529" from|strong="H3947" that|strong="H3117" land|strong="H0776". ( This|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0369" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3947" time|strong="H3117" when|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3947" first|strong="H1061" grapes|strong="H6025" should|strong="H4100" be|strong="H0776" ripe|strong="H1061".)  
 21 So|strong="H5927" they|strong="H5704" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" explore|strong="H8446" the|strong="H0853" country|strong="H0776". They|strong="H5704" explored|strong="H8446" the|strong="H0853" area|strong="H0776" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H0776" Zin|strong="H6790" to|strong="H0935" Rehob|strong="H7340" and|strong="H0935" Lebo Hamath|strong="H2574".  
 22 They|strong="H8033" entered|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" country through|strong="H0935"

the|strong="H6440" Negev|strong="H5045" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Hebron|strong="H2275". (The|strong="H6440" town of|strong="H8141" Hebron|strong="H2275" was|strong="H4714" built|strong="H1129" seven|strong="H7651" years|strong="H8141" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" town of|strong="H8141" Zoan|strong="H6814" in|strong="H8141" Egypt|strong="H4714".) Ahiman|strong="H0289", Sheshai|strong="H8344", and|strong="H0935" Talmai|strong="H8526" lived there|strong="H8033". These men were|strong="H4714" descendants|strong="H3211" of|strong="H8141" Anak|strong="H6061".<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" men|strong="H8147" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Eshcol|strong="H0812" Valley|strong="H5158". There|strong="H8033" they|strong="H8033" cut|strong="H3772" off|strong="H3772" a|strong="H3772" branch|strong="H2156" from|strong="H4480" a|strong="H3772" grapevine that|strong="H4480" had|strong="H0935" a|strong="H3772" bunch of|strong="H4480" grapes|strong="H6025" on|strong="H0935" it|strong="H8033". They|strong="H8033" put|strong="H0935" that|strong="H4480" branch|strong="H2156" on|strong="H0935" a|strong="H3772" pole|strong="H4132", and|strong="H0935" two|strong="H8147" men|strong="H8147" carried|strong="H5375" it|strong="H8033" between|strong="H5704" them|strong="H0935". They|strong="H8033" also|strong="H0935" carried|strong="H5375" some|strong="H4480" pomegranates|strong="H7416" and|strong="H0935" figs|strong="H8384".<sup>24</sup> That|strong="H0834" place|strong="H4725" is|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0834" Eshcol|strong="H0812" Valley|strong="H5158", because|strong="H5921" there|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" cut|strong="H3772" off|strong="H3772" the|strong="H0834" bunch of|strong="H1121" grapes.

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H3117" men explored|strong="H8446" that|strong="H3117" country|strong="H0776" for|strong="H0776" 40 days|strong="H3117", and|strong="H0776" then|strong="H7725" they|strong="H3117" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3117" camp.<sup>26</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" camped near Kadesh|strong="H6946", in|strong="H0935"

I ESHCOL This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "a bunch of grapes."

the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H1121" Paran|strong="H6290". The|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H0935" told|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", Aaron|strong="H0175", and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" what|strong="H1697" they|strong="H0935" saw|strong="H7200" and|strong="H1121" showed|strong="H7200" them|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" fruit|strong="H6529" from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776".<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0559" told|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H0559", "We|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971" us|strong="H0413". It|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0935" land|strong="H0776" filled with|strong="H0413" many good things|strong="H0834"!<sup>II</sup> Here|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" some of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" fruit|strong="H6529" that|strong="H0834" grows there|strong="H2088".<sup>28</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" living|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033" are|strong="H0776" very|strong="H3966" powerful. The|strong="H3588" cities|strong="H5892" are|strong="H0776" very|strong="H3966" large|strong="H1419" and|strong="H0776" strongly|strong="H3966" defended. We|strong="H3588" even|strong="H1571" saw|strong="H7200" some|strong="H8033" Anakites|strong="H6061" there|strong="H8033".<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H5921" Amalekites|strong="H6002" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" Negev|strong="H5045". The|strong="H5921" Hittites|strong="H2850", Jebusites|strong="H2983", and|strong="H0776" Amorites|strong="H0567" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022". The|strong="H5921" Canaanites|strong="H3669" live|strong="H3427" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" sea|strong="H3220" and|strong="H0776" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776"."

<sup>30</sup> Caleb|strong="H3612" told|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" near

II LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey." Also in 14:8.

Moses |strong="H4872" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3588" quiet |strong="H2013". Then |strong="H0853" Caleb |strong="H3612" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H4872" take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H3588" land for |strong="H3588" ourselves. We |strong="H3588" can |strong="H3201" easily take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H3588" land."

<sup>31</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" gone |strong="H5927" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H0413" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" fight those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971"! They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" much |strong="H0834" stronger |strong="H2389" than |strong="H4480" we |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0834"." <sup>32</sup> So |strong="H3318" those |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" gave |strong="H0559" a |strong="H7200" report |strong="H1681" that |strong="H0834" discouraged the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" we |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" is |strong="H0834" full |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" strong people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" strong enough |strong="H0398" to |strong="H0413" easily defeat anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" goes |strong="H3318" there |strong="H3427". <sup>33</sup> We |strong="H8033" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" giant Nephilim |strong="H5303" people |strong="H1121" there |strong="H8033"! ( The |strong="H0853" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Anak |strong="H6061" come |strong="H1961" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" Nephilim |strong="H5303".) We |strong="H8033" felt like |strong="H1961" little grasshoppers |strong="H2284". Yes |strong="H3651", we |strong="H8033" were |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" grasshoppers |strong="H2284" to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853"! "

### The People Complain Again

**14** That |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H6963" the |strong="H3605" camp began shouting |strong="H6963" loudly |strong="H6963". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" complained against |strong="H5921" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121"

came |strong="H0413" together |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175", " We |strong="H3605" should |strong="H0559" have |strong="H1121" died |strong="H4191" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714" or |strong="H0176" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057". <sup>3</sup> Did |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" us |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2063" new land |strong="H0776" killed |strong="H2719" in |strong="H0935" war |strong="H2719"? The |strong="H0853" enemy will |strong="H3068" kill |strong="H2719" us |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" take |strong="H7725" our |strong="H3068" wives |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0935" children |strong="H2945"! It |strong="H7725" would |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" better |strong="H2896" for |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". "

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0376" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0251", "Let's choose another |strong="H0251" leader |strong="H7218" and |strong="H7725" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". "

<sup>5</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175" bowed |strong="H5307" low to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" gathered |strong="H6951" there |strong="H3605". <sup>6</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H1121" Caleb |strong="H3612" became very upset. ( Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126" and |strong="H1121" Caleb |strong="H3612" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jephunneh |strong="H3312" were |strong="H1121" two |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" explored |strong="H8446" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776".) <sup>7</sup> These |strong="H3605" two men |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" gathered there |strong="H3605", " The |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834"

we |strong="H0834" saw is |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3966" good |strong="H2896". 8 It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H0413" many good things |strong="H0834". If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" pleased |strong="H2654" with |strong="H0413" us |strong="H5414", he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" lead |strong="H0413" us |strong="H5414" into |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". And |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H5414". 9 So |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" turn |strong="H5493" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"! Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776". We |strong="H3588" can defeat them |strong="H1992". They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H0776" no |strong="H0408" protection |strong="H6738", nothing |strong="H0408" to |strong="H5921" keep |strong="H5493" them |strong="H1992" safe. But |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H0854" us |strong="H5921", so |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372"! 10 All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" began talking about |strong="H0413" killing Joshua and |strong="H1121" Caleb with |strong="H0413" stones |strong="H0068". But |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" where |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" could see |strong="H7200" it |strong="H7200". 11 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " How |strong="H0834" long |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" continue to |strong="H0413" turn against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"? They |strong="H0834" show |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808"

trust |strong="H0539" me |strong="H0413" or |strong="H3808" believe |strong="H0539" in |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3605" power, in |strong="H0413" spite of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" many miracles |strong="H0226" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" among |strong="H7130" them |strong="H0413". 12 I |strong="H4480" will |strong="H1471" kill |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H1419" with |strong="H4480" a |strong="H4480" terrible sickness. I |strong="H4480" will |strong="H1471" destroy |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0853", and |strong="H1419" I |strong="H4480" will |strong="H1471" use you |strong="H6213" to |strong="H4480" make |strong="H6213" another nation |strong="H1471". Your |strong="H4480" nation |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1471" be |strong="H1471" greater |strong="H1419" and |strong="H1419" stronger |strong="H6099" than |strong="H4480" these people |strong="H1471". 13 Then |strong="H2088" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", " If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588", the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4713" will |strong="H3068" hear |strong="H8085" about |strong="H0413" it |strong="H3588"! They |strong="H3588" know that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" used your |strong="H3068" great power |strong="H3581" to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H5927" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" out |strong="H0413" of |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4713". 14 The |strong="H0559" Egyptians have |strong="H0834" already |strong="H1980" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H3427" Canaan about |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921". They |strong="H0834" already |strong="H1980" know you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" with |strong="H1980" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" saw |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0859". Those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" know about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" special cloud |strong="H6051". They |strong="H0834" know you |strong="H0859" use the |strong="H0559" cloud |strong="H6051" to |strong="H0413" lead |strong="H1980" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" during the |strong="H0559" day |strong="H3119". And |strong="H1980" they |strong="H0834" know the |strong="H0559"

cloud |strong="H6051" becomes |strong="H3588"  
 a |strong="H3588" fire |strong="H0784"  
 to |strong="H0413" lead |strong="H1980"  
 your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971"  
 at |strong="H0413" night |strong="H3915".<sup>15</sup>  
 So |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
 must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H2088"  
 kill |strong="H4191" these |strong="H2088" peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971" now |strong="H2088".  
 If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
 kill |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0853",  
 all |strong="H0259" the |strong="H0853" na-  
 tions |strong="H1471" who |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085"  
 about |strong="H8085" your |strong="H0834" power  
 will |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559",<sup>16</sup>  
 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 was |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3201"  
 able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H0413"  
 bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" in-  
 to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
 land |strong="H0776" he |strong="H0834"  
 promised |strong="H7650" them |strong="H0413".  
 So |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834"  
 killed |strong="H7819" them |strong="H0413"  
 in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
 desert |strong="H4057".

<sup>17</sup> " So |strong="H0834" now |strong="H6258",  
 Lord |strong="H0136", show |strong="H4994"  
 your |strong="H0834" strength |strong="H3581".  
 Show |strong="H4994" it |strong="H1696"  
 the |strong="H0559" way you |strong="H0834"  
 said |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834"  
 would |strong="H0559".<sup>18</sup> You |strong="H5921" said,  
 The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 is |strong="H3068" slow |strong="H0750"  
 to |strong="H5921" become |strong="H5375" an-  
 gry |strong="H0639". He |strong="H3068"  
 is |strong="H3068" full |strong="H7227"  
 of |strong="H1121" great |strong="H7227"  
 love |strong="H2617". He |strong="H3068" for-  
 gives |strong="H5375" those |strong="H1121"  
 who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H1121"  
 guilty |strong="H5771" and |strong="H1121" break  
 the |strong="H5921" law. But |strong="H3808"  
 he |strong="H3068" always punishes  
 those |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068"  
 are |strong="H1121" guilty |strong="H5771".  
 He |strong="H3068" punishes them |strong="H5921",  
 and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3068" al-  
 so |strong="H3068" punishes their |strong="H3068"  
 children |strong="H1121", their |strong="H3068"  
 grandchildren |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121"  
 even |strong="H3808" their |strong="H3068" great-  
 grandchildren for |strong="H5921"  
 those |strong="H1121" bad things |strong="H3808".  
<sup>19</sup> Now |strong="H4994", show |strong="H5375"

I FORGIVES Or "spares."

your |strong="H0834" great love |strong="H2617"  
 to |strong="H5704" these |strong="H2088" peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971". Forgive |strong="H5545"  
 their |strong="H5375" sin |strong="H5771". For-  
 give |strong="H5545" them |strong="H5375"  
 the |strong="H0834" same |strong="H2088"  
 way |strong="H2088" you |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" forgiv-  
 ing |strong="H5375" them |strong="H5375"  
 since |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834"  
 time |strong="H5704" they |strong="H0834" left  
 Egypt |strong="H4714" until |strong="H5704"  
 now |strong="H4994".

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" an-  
 swered |strong="H0559", "Yes, I |strong="H1697"  
 will |strong="H3068" forgive |strong="H5545"  
 the |strong="H0559" people as |strong="H1697"  
 you |strong="H1697" asked |strong="H0559".<sup>21</sup>  
 But |strong="H0199" I |strong="H0589"  
 tell |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" truth. As |strong="H3068" surely  
 as |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589"  
 live |strong="H2416" and |strong="H3068"  
 as |strong="H3068" surely as |strong="H3068"  
 the |strong="H3605" Glory |strong="H3519"  
 of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" fills |strong="H4390"  
 the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605"  
 earth |strong="H0776", I |strong="H0589" make  
 you |strong="H3605" this |strong="H3068"  
 promise |strong="H3068".<sup>22</sup> None |strong="H3808"  
 of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0834" led  
 out |strong="H7200" of |strong="H0376"  
 Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H0834"  
 ever |strong="H2088" see |strong="H7200"  
 the |strong="H3605" land of |strong="H0376" Canaan.  
 They |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200"  
 my |strong="H3605" glory |strong="H3519"  
 and |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" great  
 signs |strong="H0226" that |strong="H0834"  
 I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213"  
 in |strong="H8085" Egypt |strong="H4714"  
 and |strong="H0376" in |strong="H8085"  
 the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057".  
 But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" dis-  
 obeyed |strong="H6963" me |strong="H6963"  
 and |strong="H0376" tested |strong="H5254"  
 me |strong="H6963" ten |strong="H6235"  
 times |strong="H6471".<sup>23</sup> I |strong="H0834"  
 promised |strong="H7650" their |strong="H3605" an-  
 cestors |strong="H0001" that |strong="H0834"  
 I |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834"  
 give |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853"  
 that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776".  
 But |strong="H0518" none |strong="H3808"  
 of |strong="H0776" those |strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" turned

against|strong="H3605" me|strong="H7200" will|strong="H0776" ever enter that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776"! <sup>24</sup> But|strong="H1961" my|strong="H1961" servant|strong="H5650" Caleb|strong="H3612" was|strong="H1961" different|strong="H0312". He|strong="H0834" follows|strong="H0310" me|strong="H0413" completely|strong="H3423". So|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" bring|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" already seen, and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" get|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776". <sup>25</sup> The|strong="H1870" Amalekites|strong="H6003" and|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" Canaanites|strong="H3669" are|strong="H1870" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H1870" valley|strong="H6010". So|strong="H3427" tomorrow|strong="H4279" you|strong="H1870" must leave this place|strong="H3220". Go|strong="H5265" back|strong="H6437" to|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" desert|strong="H4057" on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" Red Sea|strong="H3220".

**The|strong="H1870" Lord Punishes the|strong="H1870" People|strong="H3427"**

<sup>26</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175", <sup>27</sup> " How|strong="H0834" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H0834" these|strong="H1992" evil|strong="H7451" people|strong="H1121" continue to|strong="H5704" complain against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921"? I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" their|strong="H1992" complaints and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H1992" griping. <sup>28</sup> So|strong="H3651" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", ' The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" surely|strong="H0518" do|strong="H6213" all those|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" complained about|strong="H0413". This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" happen to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". <sup>29</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" die|strong="H5307"

in|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2088" desert|strong="H4057". Every|strong="H3605" person who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" 20 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" or|strong="H1121" older|strong="H4605" and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H0834" counted|strong="H4557" as|strong="H0834" one|strong="H2088" of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" will|strong="H0834" die|strong="H5307". You|strong="H0834" complained against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". <sup>30</sup> So|strong="H0834" none|strong="H0518" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" ever|strong="H5375" enter|strong="H0935" and|strong="H1121" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" promised to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859". Only|strong="H0518" Caleb|strong="H3612" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jephunneh|strong="H3312" and|strong="H1121" Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126" will|strong="H0776" enter|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776". <sup>31</sup> You|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" afraid and|strong="H0935" complained that|strong="H0834" your|strong="H0834" enemies in|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834" new land|strong="H0776" would|strong="H0559" take|strong="H1961" your|strong="H0834" children|strong="H2945" away|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834". But|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" bring|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0853" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" enjoy what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" refused to|strong="H0559" accept. <sup>32</sup> As|strong="H0859" for|strong="H2088" you|strong="H0859" people, you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H5307" die|strong="H5307" in|strong="H5307" this|strong="H2088" desert|strong="H4057".

<sup>33</sup> " Your|strong="H5375" children|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1961" wander around like|strong="H1961" shepherds|strong="H7462" here in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057" for|strong="H1961" 40 years|strong="H8141". They|strong="H5704" will|strong="H1961" suffer|strong="H5375" because you|strong="H5704" were|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" faithful to|strong="H5704"

me |strong="H1961". They |strong="H5704" must |strong="H0853" suffer |strong="H5375" until |strong="H5704" all |strong="H5704" of |strong="H1121" you |strong="H5704" lie |strong="H1961" dead |strong="H6297" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057". <sup>34</sup> For |strong="H0776" 40 years |strong="H8141" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" suffer |strong="H5375" for |strong="H0776" your |strong="H0834" sins |strong="H5771". ( That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0834" year |strong="H8141" for |strong="H0776" each |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" 40 days |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" men explored |strong="H8446" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776".) You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H3045" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5375" terrible thing for |strong="H0776" me |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3117" be |strong="H0776" against you |strong="H0834".

<sup>35</sup> " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0589" spoken |strong="H1696". And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" promise |strong="H1696" that |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H1696" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2088" evil |strong="H7451" people |strong="H3808". They |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0589" come |strong="H8552" together |strong="H3259" against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921". So |strong="H6213" they |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" die |strong="H4191" here |strong="H2088" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" desert |strong="H4057".

<sup>36</sup> The |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" Moses |strong="H4872" sent |strong="H7971" to |strong="H7725" explore |strong="H8446" the |strong="H3605" new land |strong="H0776" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" ones who |strong="H0834" came |strong="H3318" back |strong="H7725" complaining about |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" to |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites. They |strong="H0834" said that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0776" strong enough to |strong="H7725" enter that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". <sup>37</sup> The |strong="H6440"

men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0376" responsible for |strong="H0776" spreading the |strong="H6440" trouble |strong="H7451" among |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" Israelites. So |strong="H3318" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H4191" a |strong="H3318" sickness to |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" all |strong="H0376" those |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376". <sup>38</sup> But |strong="H0376" Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126" and |strong="H1980" Caleb |strong="H3612" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jephunneh |strong="H3312" were |strong="H1121" among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" sent out |strong="H4480" to |strong="H1980" explore |strong="H8446" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" the |strong="H0853" only ones |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0376" did |strong="H0376" not |strong="H0776" get |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" sickness that |strong="H4480" caused the |strong="H0853" others to |strong="H1980" die |strong="H1980".

**The |strong="H0853" People |strong="H0376" Try to |strong="H1980" Go |strong="H1980" Into |strong="H1980" Canaan**

<sup>39</sup> When |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" told |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" this |strong="H0428", they |strong="H5971" were |strong="H3478" very |strong="H3966" sad. <sup>40</sup> Early |strong="H7925" the |strong="H0559" next |strong="H0413" morning |strong="H1242" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0834" started to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" high hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0834" sinned |strong="H2398". We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0834" sorry that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3588" trust the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H3068". We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H0559".

<sup>41</sup> But |strong="H3808" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559", " Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" not |strong="H3808" obeying the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" command |strong="H6310"?



You will not be successful!<sup>42</sup> Don't go into that land. The LORD is with you, so your enemies will easily defeat you.<sup>43</sup> The Amalekites and Canaanites will fight against you there. You have away from the LORD, so he will be with you when you fight them. And you will be killed in battle.<sup>44</sup>

<sup>44</sup> But the people did not believe Moses. They went toward the high hill country. But Moses and the Box of LORD'S Agreement did not go with the people. The Amalekites and Canaanites living in the hill country came and attacked the Israelites and easily defeated them and chased them. The way to Hormah.

#### Rules About Sacrifices

**15** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> Speak

to the Israelites and say to them: I am giving you a land to be your home. When you enter that land, you must give special gifts to the LORD. Their will please the LORD. You will use your cattle, sheep, and goats for burnt offerings, special promises, special gifts, fellowship offerings, or special festivals.

<sup>4</sup> At the time someone brings their offering, they must also give a grain offering to the LORD. The grain offering will be 8 cups<sup>1</sup> of fine flour mixed with 1 quart<sup>II</sup> of olive oil.<sup>5</sup> Each time you offer a lamb as burnt offering or sacrifice, you must also prepare a quart of wine as drink offering.

<sup>6</sup> If you are giving a ram, you must also prepare a grain offering. This grain offering

<sup>1</sup> 8 CUPS Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l). <sup>II</sup> 1 QUART Literally, "1/4 hin" (.8 l).

should *of flour with olive oil* be 16 cups I of fine mixed with *olive* 1 1/4 quarts II of olive oil. 7 And you must prepare 1 1/4 quarts of wine as a drink offering. Its smell will please the LORD.

8 " You might prepare a young bull as burnt offering, a sacrifice, a fellowship offering, or to keep a special promise the LORD. 9 At that time you must also bring a grain offering with the bull. That grain offering should be 24 cups III of fine mixed flour with 2 quarts IV of olive oil. 10 Also bring 2 quarts of wine as a drink offering a sweet-smelling gift the LORD. 11 Each bull or ram, or lamb, or young goat that you give must be prepared in this way. 12 Do for every one of these animals that you give.

13 " This is the way

I 16 CUPS Literally, "2/10 of an ephah" (4.4 l). II 1 1/4 QUARTS Literally, "1/3 hin" (1 l). III 24 CUPS Literally, "3/10 of an ephah" (6.6 l). IV 2 QUARTS Literally, "1/2 hin" (1.6 l).

every citizen of Israel must give gifts to please the LORD. 14 Foreigners will live among you. If they give gifts to please the LORD, they must offer the same way as you do. 15 The same will be for everyone— the Israelites and the foreigners living among you. This law will continue forever and the people living among you will be the same before the LORD. 16 This means that you must follow the same laws and rules. These laws and rules are for you Israelites and for the other people who are living among you.

17 The LORD said Moses, 18 " Tell this Israelites: I am taking you to another land. When you eat the food that grows in that land, you must give part of that food as an offering to

the LORD. 20 You will gather grain and grind it into flour to make dough for bread. You must give the first bread from that flour as a gift to the LORD. It will be like the grain offering that comes from the threshing floor. 21 You and all descendants must give part of the first dough you make from that flour as a gift to the LORD.

22 "As you try to obey all the commands the LORD gave Moses, you might fail and make a mistake. 23 The LORD gave you those commands through Moses, and they have been in effect from the day they were given throughout the generations until today. 24 If you made this mistake where everyone could see it, the whole community must offer a young bull as burnt offering, as sweet-smelling

gift to the LORD. You must also offer the grain offering and drink offering with the bull. And you must give a male goat as sin offering.

25 "So the priest will make the whole community of Israel pure, and they will be forgiven for the mistake they made. Since they made the mistake, they must bring a gift and sin offering to the LORD. 26 Then the whole community of Israel and any foreigners among them will be forgiven for the mistake.

27 "But if one person makes a mistake and sins, that person must bring a female goat that is one year old. That goat will be the sin offering. 28 The priest will make purification be-

fore |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" one |strong="H3068" who |strong="H3068" sinned |strong="H2398", and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" person |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" forgiven |strong="H5545".<sup>29</sup> This |strong="H6213" law |strong="H8451" is |strong="H1121" for |strong="H0259" everyone |strong="H0259" who |strong="H1616" makes |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1961" mistake |strong="H7684" and |strong="H1121" sins |strong="H7684". The |strong="H8432" same |strong="H0259" law |strong="H8451" is |strong="H1121" for |strong="H0259" the |strong="H8432" people |strong="H1121" born |strong="H1121" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H8432" family of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" for |strong="H0259" the |strong="H8432" foreigners |strong="H1616" living |strong="H1481" among |strong="H8432" you |strong="H6213".

<sup>30</sup> " If |strong="H0834" someone |strong="H5315" sins and |strong="H3068" knows they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213" wrong, they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" rebelling against |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3027" separated from |strong="H4480" their |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971". The |strong="H0853" same |strong="H1931" law applies to |strong="H3068" citizens of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" foreigners |strong="H1616" living |strong="H5315" among |strong="H7130" you |strong="H0834".<sup>31</sup> They |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" word |strong="H1697" was |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3588" important, so |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" broke his |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H4687". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1697" separated from |strong="H3772" their |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5315"— they |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" bear the |strong="H0853" responsibility for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3068" guilt |strong="H5771"."

**A |strong="H3588" Man |strong="H5315" Works on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Day of |strong="H3068" Rest**

<sup>32</sup> While |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3117" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H1961" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3117" desert |strong="H4057", some |strong="H0376"

of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H1961" saw a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" gathering |strong="H7197" firewood |strong="H6086" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day |strong="H3117".<sup>33</sup> The |strong="H3605" people who |strong="H3605" saw him |strong="H0413" gathering |strong="H7197" the |strong="H3605" wood |strong="H6086" brought |strong="H7126" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H4872" Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H4872" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" community |strong="H5712" of |strong="H3605" Israel.<sup>34</sup> They |strong="H3588" guarded the |strong="H0853" man carefully |strong="H6213" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" know how |strong="H4100" they |strong="H3588" should |strong="H4100" punish him |strong="H0853".

<sup>35</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " The |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" must |strong="H4191" die |strong="H4191". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" must |strong="H4191" throw stones |strong="H0068" at |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H3605" camp |strong="H4264".<sup>36</sup> So |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3318" him |strong="H0413" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H3605" camp |strong="H4264" and |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H4191" him |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" stones |strong="H0068". They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".

**A |strong="H0834" Way |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" Remember God's Commands |strong="H6680"**

<sup>37</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872",<sup>38</sup> " Speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478". Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H6213": Tie several pieces of |strong="H1121" thread |strong="H6616" together |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" tie them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" corner |strong="H3671" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H5414" clothes |strong="H0899". Put |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" piece of |strong="H1121"

blue thread in one of these tassels. You must wear these things now and forever. <sup>39</sup> You will be able to look at these tassels and remember all the LORD's commands that you will obey the commands. You will not do wrong by forgetting about the commands and doing the things that your own eyes want. <sup>40</sup> You will remember to obey all my commands. Then you will be God's special people. <sup>41</sup> I the LORD your God am the one who brought you out of Egypt. I did this to be your God. I am the LORD your God."

#### Some Leaders Turn Against Moses

**16** Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On. On turned against Moses. (Korah was the son of

Izhar. Izhar was the son of Kohath, and Kohath was Levi's brother, the sons of Abiram were brothers, the Eliab. And On was the son of Peleth. Dathan, Abiram, and On were descendants of Reuben.) <sup>2</sup> These four men gathered 250 other men from Israel together and came against Moses. They were leaders who had been chosen by the people. All the people knew them. <sup>3</sup> They came as a group to speak against Moses and Aaron, "You have gone too far— you are wrong! All the Israelites are holy— the LORD still lives among them. You are making more important than the rest of the LORD'S people."

<sup>4</sup> When Moses heard this, he bowed his face to the ground to show he was not being proud. <sup>5</sup> Then Moses

said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Korah |strong="H7141" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" followers, " Tomorrow |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H3045" who |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H3045" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" holy |strong="H6918", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7126" that |strong="H0834" man |strong="H3605" near |strong="H7126" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7126" that |strong="H0834" man |strong="H3605" near |strong="H7126" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413".<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H6213" Korah |strong="H7141", you |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" followers should |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063":<sup>7</sup> Tomorrow |strong="H4279" put |strong="H5414" fire |strong="H0784" and |strong="H1121" incense |strong="H7004" in |strong="H5921" some |strong="H0376" special pans. Then |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H5414" those |strong="H0834" pans before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977" the |strong="H6440" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" holy |strong="H6918". You |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3878" have |strong="H1961" gone |strong="H1961" too |strong="H5921" far |strong="H5921"— you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" wrong!"<sup>8</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" also |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Korah |strong="H7141", " You |strong="H0413" Levites |strong="H3878", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" happy that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" chose you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3478" different from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" rest of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". He |strong="H3588" lets you |strong="H3588" come |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" special work |strong="H5656"

in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Tent to |strong="H0413" help the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" worship |strong="H5647" him |strong="H0413". Isn't that |strong="H3588" enough |strong="H4592"?<sup>10</sup> He |strong="H0853" brought |strong="H7126" you |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3878" near |strong="H7126" to |strong="H1245" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1245" help the |strong="H3605" priests, but |strong="H1571" now |strong="H1571" you |strong="H3605" are |strong="H1121" trying to |strong="H1245" become priests also |strong="H1571".<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" followers have |strong="H0859" joined together |strong="H3259" and |strong="H3068" turned against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"! Did |strong="H4100" Aaron |strong="H0175" do |strong="H4100" anything |strong="H3605" wrong? No |strong="H3605", so |strong="H3651" why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" complaining against |strong="H5921" Aaron |strong="H0175"?"<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H7971" Moses |strong="H4872" called |strong="H7121" Dathan |strong="H1885" and |strong="H1121" Abiram |strong="H0048", the |strong="H0559" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Eliab |strong="H0446". But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" two |strong="H3808" men |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", "We will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H5927"!<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1571" brought |strong="H5927" us |strong="H5921" out |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H2100" many good things.<sup>1</sup> You |strong="H3588" brought |strong="H5927" us |strong="H5921" to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H5921" desert |strong="H4057" to |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" us |strong="H5921". And |strong="H0776" now |strong="H1571" you |strong="H3588" want to |strong="H4191" show that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1571" even |strong="H1571" more |strong="H5921" power over |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921".<sup>14</sup> Why |strong="H3808" should |strong="H0376" we |strong="H0776" follow you |strong="H5414"? You |strong="H5414" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H0935" us |strong="H5414" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" new land |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H0413" many good things |strong="H1992". You |strong="H5414" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414"

<sup>1</sup> LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

the |strong="H0413" land |strong="H0776" God |strong="H3808" promised |strong="H5414". You |strong="H5414" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0413" fields |strong="H7704" or |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0413" vineyards |strong="H3754". Will |strong="H0776" you |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" these |strong="H1992" men |strong="H0376" your |strong="H5414" slaves? No |strong="H3808"! We |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935".

<sup>15</sup> So |strong="H3808" Moses |strong="H4872" became |strong="H2734" very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H2734". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", " I |strong="H0259" never |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" anything |strong="H1992" wrong |strong="H7489" to |strong="H0413" these |strong="H1992" people |strong="H3808". I |strong="H0259" never |strong="H3808" took |strong="H5375" anything |strong="H1992" from |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413"— not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" a |strong="H5375" donkey |strong="H2543"! Don't |strong="H0408" accept their |strong="H3068" gifts |strong="H4503"!"

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Korah |strong="H7141", " You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" followers will |strong="H3068" stand before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" tomorrow |strong="H4279". Aaron |strong="H0175" will |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" followers. <sup>17</sup>

Each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H3947" bring |strong="H7126" a |strong="H3947" pan |strong="H5414", put |strong="H5414" incense |strong="H7004" in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5414", and |strong="H3068" present |strong="H7126" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". There |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" 250 pans for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" leaders and |strong="H3068" one |strong="H0376" pan |strong="H5414" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" one |strong="H0376" pan |strong="H5414" for |strong="H5921" Aaron |strong="H0175"."

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3947" each |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" got |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" pan |strong="H5414" and |strong="H4872" put |strong="H5414" burning |strong="H0784" incense |strong="H7004" in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H7760". Then |strong="H3947" they |strong="H5921" stood |strong="H5975" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H4872" Aaron |strong="H0175" also |strong="H4872" stood |strong="H5975" there |strong="H5975". <sup>19</sup> Korah |strong="H7141" also |strong="H3068" gathered |strong="H6950" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H7200" together |strong="H5921" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" everyone |strong="H3605" there |strong="H3068".

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175", <sup>21</sup> "Move away |strong="H3615" from |strong="H8432" these |strong="H2063" men! I |strong="H7281" want to |strong="H0914" destroy |strong="H3615" them |strong="H0853" now!"

<sup>22</sup> But |strong="H0376" Moses |strong="H0559" and |strong="H0430" Aaron bowed |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" ground and |strong="H0430" cried out |strong="H6440", " God |strong="H0430", you |strong="H3605" know what |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" thinking |strong="H0559". I Please don't be |strong="H0376" angry |strong="H7107" with |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376". Only |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0376" really |strong="H0559" sinned |strong="H2398"."

<sup>23</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", <sup>24</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" move away |strong="H5927" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" tents |strong="H4908" of |strong="H5712" Korah |strong="H7141",

<sup>1</sup> GOD, ... THINKING Literally, "God, the God of the spirits of all people."

Dathan |strong="H1885", and |strong="H1696" Abiram |strong="H0048".

<sup>25</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" stood |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" went |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0413" Dathan |strong="H1885" and |strong="H6965" Abiram |strong="H0048". All |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0413" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H2205" Israel |strong="H3478" followed |strong="H0310" him |strong="H0413". <sup>26</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" warned |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376", " Move |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" the |strong="H3605" tents |strong="H0168" of |strong="H0376" these |strong="H0428" evil |strong="H7563" men |strong="H0376". Don't |strong="H0408" touch |strong="H5060" anything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413"! If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H0408", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0408" destroyed because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2403".

<sup>27</sup> So |strong="H5927" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1121" moved |strong="H3318" away |strong="H5927" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5921" tents |strong="H0168" of |strong="H1121" Korah |strong="H7141", Dathan |strong="H1885", and |strong="H1121" Abiram |strong="H0048". Dathan |strong="H1885" and |strong="H1121" Abiram |strong="H0048" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" tents |strong="H0168". They |strong="H5921" stood |strong="H5324" outside |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H5921" tents |strong="H0168" with |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" wives |strong="H0802", children |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" little |strong="H2945" babies |strong="H0802".

<sup>28</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" proof that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H0428" I |strong="H3588" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" were |strong="H0428" not |strong="H3808" my |strong="H3605" own idea. <sup>29</sup> These |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0120"

will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191", but |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" die |strong="H4191" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0518" normal way |strong="H3605"— the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120" always die |strong="H4191"— then |strong="H7971" that |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" show that |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" really send |strong="H7971" me |strong="H7971". <sup>30</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" causes them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3381" die in |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" different way |strong="H3605", then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0834" sinned against |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" proof: The |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0127" will |strong="H3068" open |strong="H6475" and |strong="H3068" swallow |strong="H1104" them |strong="H0853". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" their |strong="H3605" grave still alive |strong="H2416". And |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H3381" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H0853".

<sup>31</sup> When |strong="H1961" Moses finished |strong="H3615" saying |strong="H1697" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697", the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0127" under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" opened. <sup>32</sup> It |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" if |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" opened |strong="H6605" its |strong="H3605" mouth |strong="H6310" and |strong="H0776" swallowed |strong="H1104" them |strong="H0853". All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" Korah's |strong="H7141" men |strong="H0120", their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H1004", and |strong="H0776" everything |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" owned went |strong="H1004" down into |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776". <sup>33</sup> They |strong="H1992" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H8432" their |strong="H3605" grave alive |strong="H2416". Everything |strong="H3605" they |strong="H1992"



owned went *with* them. Then the earth closed over them. They were gone from the camp!

<sup>34</sup> The Israelites heard cries of the men being destroyed. So they all ran in different directions and said, "The LORD will swallow us too!"

<sup>35</sup> Then a fire from the LORD destroyed 250 men who were offering the incense.

<sup>36</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>37</sup> "Tell Eleazar son of Aaron the priest to get all the incense pans from the fire. Tell him to scatter the coals and ashes. These men sinned against me, and their sin cost them their lives. But the incense pans are still holy. The pans became holy when people gave them to the LORD. Hammer the pans into flat sheets. Use the metal sheets to cover the altar. This will be a warning to all the Israelites."

<sup>39</sup> So Eleazar the priest gathered together all the bronze pans that the men had brought. These men were all burned up, but the pans were still there. Then Eleazar told some men to hammer the pans into flat metal. Then he put the metal sheets on the altar. <sup>40</sup> He did this the way the LORD commanded him through Moses. This was a sign to help the Israelites remember that only someone from the family of Aaron should burn incense before the LORD. Any other person who burns incense before the Lord will die like Korah and his followers.

### Aaron Saves the People

<sup>41</sup> The next day all the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron. They said, "You killed the LORD'S people."

<sup>42</sup> Moses and Aaron were standing at the entrance of the Meeting Tent. The people gathered together at that place to complain against Moses and Aaron. But when they looked toward the Meeting Tent, the cloud covered it and the Glory of the LORD appeared there. <sup>43</sup> Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the Meeting Tent.

<sup>44</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>45</sup> "Move away from these people so that I can destroy them now." So Moses and Aaron bowed with their faces to the ground.

<sup>46</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Get your bronze pan and some fire from the altar. Then put incense in it. Hurry to the people and do the things that will make them pure. The LORD is angry with them. The trouble has already started."

<sup>47</sup> So Aaron got the incense and the fire, and he ran to the middle of the people. But the sickness had already started among them. So Aaron stood between the dead and those who were still alive. He did what Moses said to remove their sin, and the sickness stopped there. <sup>49</sup> But 14,700 people died from that sickness—and that is not counting the people who died because of Korah. <sup>50</sup> So the terrible sickness was stopped, and Aaron went back to Moses at the entrance of the Meeting Tent.

### God Proves Aaron Is the High Priest

**17** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to Israelites. Get twelve wooden walking sticks from them. Get one from the leader of each of the twelve tribes. Write the name of each man on his walking stick. <sup>3</sup> On the stick from Levi, write Aaron's name. There must be one stick for each of the twelve tribes. <sup>4</sup> Put these walking sticks in the Meeting Tent in front of the Box of Agreement. This is the place where I meet with you. <sup>5</sup> I will choose one man to be the true priest. You will know which man because his walking stick will begin to grow new leaves. In this

way |strong="H6440" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" stop |strong="H3808" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" always complaining against |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" me |strong="H6440".

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H4191" Moses |strong="H4872" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". Each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" leaders gave |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" walking stick. There |strong="H3068" were |strong="H3478" twelve walking sticks. There |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" one |strong="H3605" stick from |strong="H5921" each |strong="H3605" leader of |strong="H1121" each |strong="H3605" tribe. One |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" walking sticks belonged to |strong="H0559" Aaron |strong="H0175". <sup>7</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" put the |strong="H5921" walking sticks before |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Tent |strong="H0168" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" Agreement.

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H6440" next |strong="H0413" day |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872" entered |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" Tent |strong="H0168". He |strong="H0935" saw that |strong="H0935" Aaron's |strong="H0175" walking stick, the |strong="H6440" stick from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" family |strong="H0168" of |strong="H0168" Levi, was |strong="H4872" the |strong="H6440" one |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0935" had |strong="H4872" grown new leaves. That |strong="H0935" walking stick had |strong="H4872" even grown branches and |strong="H0935" made almonds. <sup>9</sup> So |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" brought out |strong="H0413" all the |strong="H0559" sticks from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" place. He |strong="H3068" showed the |strong="H0559" walking sticks to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites. They |strong="H3068" all looked at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" sticks, and |strong="H3068" each man took his |strong="H3068" own stick back |strong="H0413".

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD said to |strong="H5921" Moses, " Put |strong="H3615" Aaron's walking stick back in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" Box that |strong="H5307" holds the |strong="H0853" Agreement. <sup>1</sup> This |strong="H2063" will |strong="H5307" be |strong="H5712" a |strong="H5921" warning

<sup>1</sup> BOX THAT HOLDS THE AGREEMENT Literally, "Testimony." See "Agreement" in the Word List.

for |strong="H5921" these |strong="H2063" people who are |strong="H5712" always turning against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H6440". This |strong="H2063" will |strong="H5307" stop their |strong="H5921" complaining against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H6440" so |strong="H6440" that |strong="H5307" I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5307" not destroy |strong="H3615" them |strong="H0853". <sup>11</sup> So |strong="H3947" Moses |strong="H4872" did what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413".

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelites said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " We |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" die! We |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" lost! We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" all |strong="H2009" be |strong="H5414" destroyed! <sup>13</sup> Anyone who |strong="H5975" even comes near |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0996" LORD'S holy place |strong="H5975" will |strong="H4191" die |strong="H4191". Is |strong="H5975" it |strong="H5975" true that |strong="H5975" we |strong="H4191" will |strong="H4191" all die |strong="H4191"?"

#### The Work of the Priests and Levites

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Aaron |strong="H0175", " You |strong="H0859", your |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" all the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H1004" must |strong="H0853" bear |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" responsibility for |strong="H0413" any |strong="H5375" wrong |strong="H5771" that |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" done against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" holy |strong="H4720" place |strong="H1004" or |strong="H0001" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" priests. <sup>2</sup> To |strong="H5921" prevent that |strong="H1571" from |strong="H5921" happening, you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" rest of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3878" to |strong="H5921" join |strong="H7126" you |strong="H0859". These Levites |strong="H3878" will |strong="H1571" help you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" do your |strong="H5921" work

in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Tent|strong="H0168" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Agreement.<sup>3</sup> These|strong="H1992" Levites will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H4191" under your|strong="H3605" control. They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H1571" do|strong="H8104" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" work that|strong="H3605" needs|strong="H4931" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H4191" done|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Tent|strong="H0168". But|strong="H0389" they|strong="H1992" must|strong="H4191" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H7126" near|strong="H7126" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H6944" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944" or|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196". If they|strong="H1992" do|strong="H8104", they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H1571" die|strong="H4191"— and|strong="H4196" you|strong="H0859" also|strong="H1571" will|strong="H1571" die|strong="H4191".<sup>4</sup> They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3808" join|strong="H7126" you|strong="H3605" and|strong="H0168" work|strong="H5656" with|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" responsible for|strong="H5921" caring for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H5656" that|strong="H3605" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3808" done|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Tent|strong="H0168" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" done|strong="H3605" by|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0413". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3605" else|strong="H3605" may|strong="H3808" come|strong="H7126" near|strong="H7126" the|strong="H3605" place|strong="H4150" where|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H0168".

<sup>5</sup> "You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3478" responsible for|strong="H5921" caring for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6944" place|strong="H6944" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196". I|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" want to|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H7110" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" again|strong="H5750".<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589" chose the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" from|strong="H3478" among|strong="H8432" all|strong="H2009"

the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3478" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3947" gift|strong="H4979" to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414". I|strong="H0589" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H1121" work|strong="H5656" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H0859", Aaron, only|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" may|strong="H1121" serve|strong="H5647" as|strong="H1697" priests. You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" only|strong="H3605" ones|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" can|strong="H1121" go|strong="H7126" near|strong="H7126" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" or|strong="H1004" behind the|strong="H3605" curtain|strong="H6532" into|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" Most Holy Place|strong="H5414". I|strong="H5414" am giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859" a|strong="H5414" gift|strong="H4979"— your|strong="H3605" service|strong="H5656" as|strong="H1697" a|strong="H5414" priest. Anyone|strong="H3605" else|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" tries|strong="H0854" to|strong="H4191" come|strong="H7126" too close|strong="H7126" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191"."

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Aaron|strong="H0175", "I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" responsibility|strong="H4931" over|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" special gifts people|strong="H1121" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6918" gifts that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", I|strong="H0589" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". You|strong="H5414" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" sons|strong="H1121" can|strong="H1121" share|strong="H5414" in|strong="H0413" these|strong="H1696" gifts. They|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" always|strong="H5769" belong to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414".<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121"

will bring gifts, grain offerings, sin offerings, and guilt offerings. These offerings are most holy. Your share in most holy offerings will come from the parts that are not burned. All these things will be for you and your sons. <sup>10</sup> Eat these things only in a very holy place. Every male in your family may eat them, but you must remember that these offerings are holy.

<sup>11</sup> The Israelites will bring special gifts that you will lift up to me. I will give these gifts to you and your sons and daughters. That is your share. Everyone in your family who is clean will be able to eat it.

<sup>12</sup> And I will give you all the best olive oil and the best new wine and grain.

These are the things that Israelites give to me, the LORD. These are the things that they gather in their harvest. When the people gather a harvest, they bring all the things to the LORD. So these things I will give to you. And everyone in your family who is clean may eat it.

<sup>14</sup> Anything in Israel is a special gift to God. <sup>1</sup> is yours.

<sup>15</sup> A woman's first baby and an animal's first baby must be given to the LORD. That baby will belong to you. If the first-born animal is unclean, then it must be bought back. If the baby is a child, that child must be bought back. <sup>16</sup> They must make the payment when the first-born animal is one month old. The cost will be 5 shekels of silver. You

<sup>1</sup> SPECIAL GIFT TO GOD Anything offered to God that could not be bought back. See Leviticus 27:28-29. <sup>II</sup> 5 SHEKELS 2 ounces (57.5 g).

must|strong="H1121" use|strong="H1931"  
 the|strong="H1121" official measure  
 to|strong="H1121" weigh this|strong="H1931" sil-  
 ver|strong="H3701". A|strong="H1121"  
 shekel|strong="H8255" by|strong="H1121"  
 the|strong="H1121" official measure  
 is|strong="H1931" 20 gerahs|strong="H1626".<sup>I</sup>  
<sup>17</sup> " But|strong="H0389" you|strong="H5921"  
 must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" make  
 a|strong="H0176" payment for|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H0853" firstborn|strong="H1060" cow,  
 sheep|strong="H3775", or|strong="H0176"  
 goat|strong="H5795". These|strong="H1992" animals  
 are|strong="H1992" holy|strong="H6944". Sprin-  
 kle|strong="H2236" their|strong="H3068"  
 blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196"  
 and|strong="H3068" burn|strong="H6999"  
 their|strong="H3068" fat|strong="H2459"  
 as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0176" sweet-smelling  
 gift|strong="H0801" to|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>18</sup>  
 But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961"  
 meat|strong="H1320" from|strong="H1961" these an-  
 imals|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961"  
 be|strong="H1961" yours. And|strong="H1320" also  
 the|strong="H1961" breast|strong="H2373"  
 that|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" lifted  
 up|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H1961" Lord|strong="H3225"  
 will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" yours.  
 And|strong="H1320" the|strong="H1961"  
 right|strong="H3225" thigh|strong="H7785"  
 from|strong="H1961" other offerings|strong="H8573"  
 will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" yours.<sup>19</sup>  
 I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H3605"  
 LORD|strong="H3068", give|strong="H5414"  
 you|strong="H0834" everything|strong="H3605"  
 that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H1121" offer|strong="H7311"  
 as|strong="H0834" holy|strong="H6944"  
 gifts|strong="H6944". This|strong="H1931"  
 is|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3068"  
 share|strong="H5414". I|strong="H0834"  
 give|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414"  
 to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834"  
 and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068"  
 sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daugh-  
 ters|strong="H1323". This|strong="H1931" law  
 will|strong="H3068" continue forev-  
 er|strong="H5769". It|strong="H5414"  
 is|strong="H0834" an|strong="H5414" agree-  
 ment|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854"  
 the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 that|strong="H0834" cannot be|strong="H1121" bro-  
 ken. <sup>II</sup> I|strong="H0834" make|strong="H5414"

<sup>I</sup> 20 GERAHS 2/5 of an ounce (11.5 g). <sup>II</sup> IT IS AN AGREEMENT ...  
 BROKEN Literally, "It is an eternal, salt agreement before the LORD."

this|strong="H1931" promise|strong="H1285"  
 to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834"  
 and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H3068"  
 your|strong="H3068" descendants|strong="H2233".<sup>20</sup>  
 The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" al-  
 so|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
 to|strong="H0413" Aaron|strong="H0175", "  
 You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068"  
 not|strong="H3808" get|strong="H8432"  
 any|strong="H1961" of|strong="H1121"  
 the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776".  
 And|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3808"  
 will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"  
 own|strong="H1961" anything|strong="H3808"  
 that|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" other peo-  
 ple|strong="H1121" own|strong="H1961".  
 I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589"  
 will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" yours.  
 The|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
 will|strong="H3068" get|strong="H8432"  
 the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776"  
 that|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589"  
 promised|strong="H0559", but|strong="H3808"  
 I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
 my|strong="H3068" gift|strong="H5159"  
 to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3808".

<sup>21</sup> " The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
 will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H5414" one-tenth  
 of|strong="H1121" everything|strong="H3605"  
 they|strong="H1992" have|strong="H0834".  
 So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0834"  
 give|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" one-tenth  
 to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605"  
 Levites|strong="H3878". This|strong="H0834"  
 is|strong="H0834" their|strong="H3605" payment  
 for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
 work|strong="H5656" that|strong="H0834"  
 they|strong="H1992" do|strong="H5647"  
 while|strong="H2009" they|strong="H1992"  
 serve|strong="H5647" at|strong="H3478"  
 the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150"  
 Tent|strong="H0168".<sup>22</sup> But|strong="H3808"  
 the|strong="H0413" other|strong="H5750" Is-  
 raelites|strong="H3478" must|strong="H4191" nev-  
 er|strong="H3808" go|strong="H7126"  
 near|strong="H7126" that|strong="H3808" Meet-  
 ing|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".  
 If|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3808" do,  
 they|strong="H3808" must|strong="H4191"  
 be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191"  
 to|strong="H0413" death|strong="H4191".<sup>23</sup>  
 The|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881"  
 will|strong="H3478" do|strong="H5647"  
 the|strong="H0853" work|strong="H5656"  
 of|strong="H1121" caring for|strong="H3808"  
 the|strong="H0853" Meeting|strong="H4150"  
 Tent|strong="H0168". They|strong="H1992"  
 must|strong="H0853" bear|strong="H5375"

the responsibility for anything done against it. This is a law that will continue forever. The Levites will not get any of the land that I promised to the Israelites. But the Israelites will give one-tenth of everything they have to the LORD, and I will give that one-tenth to the Levites. That is why I said these words about the Levites: They will not get the land that I promised to the Israelites."

<sup>25</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>26</sup> "Speak to the Levites and tell them: The Israelites will give one-tenth of everything they own to the LORD. That one-tenth will belong to the Levites. But you must give one-tenth of that to the LORD as your offering. <sup>27</sup> That tenth will be your offering to the LORD. It will be like

grain from your own threshing floor or wine from your own winepress. <sup>28</sup> In this way you will also give an offering to the LORD just as the other Israelites do. You will give one-tenth that the Israelites give to the LORD, and you will give one-tenth of that to Aaron the priest. <sup>29</sup> When the Israelites give you one-tenth of everything they own, then you must give the best and holiest part of these things as your gift to the LORD.

<sup>30</sup> "Moses, tell this to the Levites: When you give the best part of what you receive to the Lord, it will be the same as grain from your own threshing floor and wine from your own winepress. <sup>31</sup> You and your families can eat all that is left.

This *is* your payment for the work you do in the Tent. <sup>32</sup> And you always give the best part of it to the Lord, you will never be guilty. You will always remember that these gifts are holy offerings from the Israelites. And you will not die."

#### The Ashes of the Red Cow

**19** The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron. He said, <sup>2</sup> "These are the laws from the teachings that the LORD gave to the Israelites. Get a red cow that has nothing wrong with it. That cow must not have any bruises. And it must never have worn a yoke. <sup>3</sup> Give that cow to Eleazar, and he will take it outside the camp and kill it there. <sup>4</sup> Then Eleazar the priest must put some of

blood on his finger and sprinkle some of the blood toward the Holy Tent. He must do this seven times. <sup>5</sup> Then the whole cow must be burned in front of him; the skin, the meat, the blood, and the intestines must all be burned. <sup>6</sup> Then the priest must take a cedar stick, a hyssop branch, and some red string. He must throw these things into the fire where the cow is burning. <sup>7</sup> Then the priest must wash himself and his clothes with water. Then he must come back into the camp. He will be unclean until evening. <sup>8</sup> The man who burns that cow must wash himself and his clothes in water. He will be unclean until evening.

<sup>9</sup> " Then someone who is clean will collect the ashes from

the *cow* and put them in a clean place outside the camp. These ashes will be used when someone keeps a special ceremony to become clean. These ashes will be used to remove a person's sins.

<sup>10</sup> The man who collected the cow's ashes must wash his clothes. He will be unclean until evening.

" This rule will continue forever. This rule is for the citizens of Israel and for the foreigners living with you. Those who touch a dead body will be unclean for seven days. They must wash themselves with the special water on the third day and again on the seventh day. If they don't do this, they will remain unclean.

<sup>13</sup> Those who touch a body of someone who has died are unclean. If

clean and then go to the LORD'S Holy Tent, they make it unclean. So must be separated from the Israelites. Because the special water was not thrown on them, they remain unclean.

<sup>14</sup> " This is the rule about those who die in their tents: If someone dies in the tent, everyone in the tent will be unclean for seven days. And every jar or pot without a lid becomes unclean. If there is a body out in the field, whether the person died in battle or for some other reason, whoever touches that body, or its bones, or even its grave will be unclean for seven days.

<sup>17</sup> "If you have become unclean, someone must use the ashes from the burned cow to



you/strong="H5414" clean again. They/strong="H5921" must/strong="H3947" pour fresh water/strong="H4325"<sup>1</sup> over/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" ashes/strong="H6083" into/strong="H0413" a/strong="H3947" jar/strong="H3627".<sup>18</sup> That/strong="H0834" clean/strong="H2889" person/strong="H5315" must/strong="H4191" take/strong="H3947" a/strong="H1961" hyssop/strong="H0231" branch and/strong="H0376" dip/strong="H2881" it/strong="H5921" into/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" water/strong="H4325". The/strong="H3605" clean/strong="H2889" person/strong="H5315" must/strong="H4191" sprinkle it/strong="H5921" over/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" tent/strong="H0168", the/strong="H3605" dishes, and/strong="H0376" any/strong="H3605" people/strong="H0376" who/strong="H0834" were/strong="H0834" in/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" tent/strong="H0168". That/strong="H0834" clean/strong="H2889" person/strong="H5315" must/strong="H4191" do/strong="H3605" this/strong="H0834" for/strong="H5921" anyone/strong="H3605" who/strong="H0834" touches/strong="H5060" a/strong="H1961" dead/strong="H4191" body/strong="H6106", its/strong="H3605" bones/strong="H6106", or/strong="H0176" even/strong="H5921" a/strong="H1961" grave/strong="H6913".

<sup>19</sup> "Then that/strong="H3117" clean/strong="H2889" person must sprinkle/strong="H2398" this/strong="H3117" water/strong="H4325" on/strong="H5921" you/strong="H5921" on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" third/strong="H7992" day/strong="H3117" and/strong="H3117" again on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" seventh/strong="H7637" day/strong="H3117". On/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" seventh/strong="H7637" day/strong="H3117" you/strong="H5921" will/strong="H4325" become/strong="H2891" clean/strong="H2889". You/strong="H5921" must wash/strong="H3526" your/strong="H5921" clothes/strong="H0899" in/strong="H5921" water/strong="H4325" and/strong="H3117" you/strong="H5921" will/strong="H4325" become/strong="H2891" clean/strong="H2889" in/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" evening/strong="H6153".

<sup>20</sup> "Whoever/strong="H0834" becomes/strong="H2930" unclean/strong="H2931" and/strong="H3068" does/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" become/strong="H2930" clean must/strong="H0853" be/strong="H3808" separated from/strong="H5921" the/strong="H0853" communi-

<sup>1</sup> FRESH WATER Literally, "living water." This means fresh, flowing water.

ty/strong="H6951". If/strong="H3588" an/strong="H3588" unclean/strong="H2931" person/strong="H5315" is/strong="H0834" not/strong="H3808" sprinkled/strong="H2236" with/strong="H3068" that/strong="H0834" special water/strong="H4325" and/strong="H3068" does/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" become/strong="H2930" clean, that/strong="H0834" person/strong="H5315" might/strong="H3068" make/strong="H3772" the/strong="H0853" LORD'S/strong="H3068" Holy/strong="H4720" Tent unclean/strong="H2931".<sup>21</sup> This/strong="H2708" rule will/strong="H1961" be/strong="H1961" for/strong="H4325" you/strong="H5704" forever/strong="H5769". And/strong="H4325" whoever sprinkled the/strong="H5704" special water/strong="H4325" must wash/strong="H3526" their/strong="H1961" clothes/strong="H0899" because they/strong="H5704" will/strong="H1961" be/strong="H1961" unclean/strong="H2930" until/strong="H5704" evening/strong="H6153".<sup>22</sup> And/strong="H5315" whoever/strong="H3605" an/strong="H5704" unclean/strong="H2931" person/strong="H5315" touches/strong="H5060" will/strong="H0834" be/strong="H5315" unclean/strong="H2931" until/strong="H5704" evening/strong="H6153"."

#### Miriam Dies

<sup>20</sup> The/strong="H3605" Israelites/strong="H3478" arrived/strong="H0935" at/strong="H3427" the/strong="H3605" desert/strong="H4057" of/strong="H1121" Zin/strong="H6790" in/strong="H3427" the/strong="H3605" first/strong="H7223" month/strong="H2320" of/strong="H1121" the/strong="H3605" year. The/strong="H3605" people/strong="H5971" stayed/strong="H3427" at/strong="H3427" Kadesh/strong="H6946". Miriam/strong="H4813" died/strong="H4191" and/strong="H1121" was/strong="H3478" buried/strong="H6912" there/strong="H8033".

#### Moses Makes/strong="H3427" a/strong="H0935" Mistake

<sup>2</sup> There/strong="H1961" was/strong="H1961" not/strong="H3808" enough water/strong="H4325" for/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" people/strong="H3808" at/strong="H5921" that/strong="H3808" place/strong="H1961". So/strong="H1961" the/strong="H5921" people/strong="H3808" met together/strong="H5921" to/strong="H1961" complain against/strong="H5921" Moses/strong="H4872" and/strong="H4872" Aaron/strong="H0175".<sup>3</sup> The/strong="H0559" people/strong="H5971" argued with/strong="H5973"

Moses *and* said, "Maybe we should have died in front of the LORD like our brothers did. <sup>4</sup> Why did you bring LORD'S people into this desert? Do you want us and our animals to die here? Why did you bring us from Egypt? Why did you bring us to this bad place? There is no grain. There are no figs, grapes, or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink."

<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron left the crowd of people and went to the entrance of the Tent Meeting. They bowed down to the ground, and the Glory of the LORD appeared to them.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>8</sup> "Get the special walking stick. Take your brother Aaron and the crowd of people

and go to that rock to speak to the LORD in front of the people. Then water will flow from the rock, and you can give that water to the people and their animals."

<sup>9</sup> The walking stick was in the Holy Tent, in front of the LORD. Moses took the walking stick as the Lord said. <sup>10</sup> Moses and Aaron told the people to meet together in front of the rock. Then <sup>11</sup> Moses said, "You people are always complaining. Now listen to me. I will cause water to flow from this rock." <sup>11</sup> Moses lifted his arm and hit the rock twice. Water began flowing from the rock, and the people and their animals drank that water.

<sup>12</sup> But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "You did not trust me enough

to|strong="H0413" honor me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" show|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6942". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" show|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" power|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" water came|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413". So|strong="H3651" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" lead|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413"."

<sup>13</sup> This|strong="H0834" place was|strong="H0834" called the|strong="H0834" waters|strong="H4325" of|strong="H1121" Meribah|strong="H4809".<sup>I</sup> This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" Israelites|strong="H3478" argued with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H1121" where|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" showed them|strong="H1992" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" holy|strong="H6942".

#### Edom Will|strong="H3068" Not|strong="H4325" Let Israel|strong="H3478" Pass

<sup>14</sup> While|strong="H0834" Moses|strong="H4872" was|strong="H0834" at|strong="H0413" Kadesh|strong="H6946", he|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971" some|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" with|strong="H0413" a|strong="H4672" message to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Edom|strong="H0123". The|strong="H3605" message said|strong="H0559",  
 " This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3605" brothers|strong="H0251", the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478", say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" about|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" troubles we|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834".<sup>15</sup> Many|strong="H7227" years|strong="H3117" ago|strong="H3117" our|strong="H0001" ancestors|strong="H0001" went|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" into|strong="H4714"

I MERIBAH This name means "argument" or "rebellion."

Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H3117" we|strong="H3117" lived|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" for|strong="H4714" many|strong="H7227" years|strong="H3117". The|strong="H3117" people|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3117" Egypt|strong="H4714" were|strong="H4714" cruel to|strong="H3381" us|strong="H3117".<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H2009" we|strong="H0587" asked|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" help, and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" heard|strong="H8085" us|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" an|strong="H7971" angel|strong="H4397" to|strong="H0413" help us|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0413" Lord|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H3318" us|strong="H0413" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714".

" Now|strong="H2009" we|strong="H0587" are|strong="H3068" here|strong="H2009" at|strong="H0413" Kadesh|strong="H6946", where|strong="H2009" your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H1366" begins.<sup>17</sup> Please|strong="H4994" let|strong="H4994" us|strong="H4994" travel|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" your|strong="H0834" country|strong="H0776". We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" travel|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" any|strong="H3808" fields|strong="H7704" or|strong="H3808" vineyards|strong="H3754". We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" drink|strong="H8354" water|strong="H4325" from|strong="H5704" any|strong="H3808" of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H0834" wells|strong="H0875". We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" travel|strong="H5674" only|strong="H5704" along|strong="H5704" King's|strong="H4428" Road|strong="H1870". We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" leave that|strong="H0834" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" right|strong="H3225" or|strong="H3808" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" left|strong="H8040". We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" stay on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0834" road|strong="H1870" until|strong="H5704" we|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" traveled|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" your|strong="H0834" country|strong="H0776"."

<sup>18</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" king of|strong="H0559" Edom|strong="H0123" answered|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H3808" may|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" trav-

el|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" our|strong="H3318" land. If|strong="H6435" you|strong="H3808" try to|strong="H0413" travel|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" our|strong="H3318" land, we|strong="H6435" will|strong="H2719" come|strong="H3318" and|strong="H2719" fight you|strong="H3808" with|strong="H0413" swords|strong="H2719"."

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" answered|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3478" travel|strong="H5674" along|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" main road. If|strong="H0518" our|strong="H5414" animals drink|strong="H8354" any|strong="H0369" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H5414" water|strong="H4325", we|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3478" pay|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" for|strong="H0413" it|strong="H5414". We|strong="H0518" only|strong="H7535" want to|strong="H0413" walk through|strong="H5674" your|strong="H5414" country. We|strong="H0518" don't|strong="H0369" want to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H5927" it|strong="H5414" for|strong="H0413" ourselves."

<sup>20</sup> But|strong="H3808" again the|strong="H0559" king of|strong="H3027" Edom|strong="H0123" answered|strong="H0559", "We will|strong="H3027" not|strong="H3808" allow you|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" come|strong="H3318" through|strong="H3027" our|strong="H3318" country."

Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0559" king of|strong="H3027" Edom|strong="H0123" gathered a|strong="H3318" large|strong="H3515" and|strong="H3027" powerful|strong="H2389" army|strong="H5971" and|strong="H3027" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0559" fight against|strong="H7125" the|strong="H0559" Israelites. <sup>21</sup>

The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1366" Edom|strong="H0123" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H5921" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" travel|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" his|strong="H5414" country, so|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" turned|strong="H5186" around|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3478" went another way|strong="H5921".

### Aaron Dies

<sup>22</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" traveled|strong="H5265" from|strong="H5265" Kadesh|strong="H6946" to|strong="H0935" Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023". <sup>23</sup> Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023" was|strong="H3068" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" bor-

der|strong="H1366" of|strong="H0776" Edom|strong="H0123". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175", <sup>24</sup> " It|strong="H5414" is|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3478" for|strong="H3588" Aaron|strong="H0175" to|strong="H0413" die|strong="H0622" and|strong="H1121" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3808" with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5414" ancestors. Aaron|strong="H0175" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" enter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". Moses|strong="H3588", I|strong="H0834" say|strong="H6310" this|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" because|strong="H3588" both|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" fully obey the|strong="H0853" command|strong="H6310" I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" waters|strong="H4325" of|strong="H1121" Meribah|strong="H4809".

<sup>25</sup> "Now, bring|strong="H5927" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3947" son|strong="H1121" Eleazar|strong="H0499" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H1121" Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023". <sup>26</sup> Take|strong="H0622" Aaron's|strong="H0175" special clothes|strong="H0899" from|strong="H1121" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H1121" put|strong="H4191" these|strong="H4191" clothes|strong="H0899" on|strong="H3847" his|strong="H4191" son|strong="H1121" Eleazar|strong="H0499". Aaron|strong="H0175" will|strong="H1121" die|strong="H4191" there|strong="H8033" on|strong="H3847" the|strong="H0853" mountain. And|strong="H1121" he|strong="H8033" will|strong="H1121" go|strong="H0622" to|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" with|strong="H3847" his|strong="H4191" ancestors."

<sup>27</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" obeyed the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6680". Moses|strong="H4872", Aaron, and|strong="H3068" Eleazar went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" on|strong="H0413" Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites watched|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413"

go|strong="H5927".<sup>28</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" removed|strong="H6584" Aaron's|strong="H0175" special clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H1121" put|strong="H4191" them|strong="H0853" on|strong="H3847" Aaron's|strong="H0175" son|strong="H1121" Eleazar|strong="H0499". Then|strong="H0853" Aaron|strong="H0175" died|strong="H4191" there|strong="H8033" on|strong="H3847" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022". Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" Eleazar|strong="H0499" came|strong="H3381" back down|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022".<sup>29</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" learned that|strong="H3588" Aaron|strong="H0175" was|strong="H3478" dead. So|strong="H3588" everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" mourned|strong="H1058" for|strong="H3588" 30 days|strong="H3117".

### War With the Canaanites

**21** The|strong="H3588" Canaanite|strong="H3669" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Arad|strong="H6166" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3588" Negev|strong="H5045". He|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" coming|strong="H0935" on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H3588" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H0935" Atharim|strong="H0871", so|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428" went|strong="H0935" out|strong="H4480" and|strong="H0935" attacked|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" Israelites|strong="H3478". Arad|strong="H6166" captured|strong="H7617" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588" people|strong="H3427" and|strong="H0935" made|strong="H8085" them|strong="H7617" prisoners|strong="H7628".<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" made|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" special promise|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068": "Please help|strong="H5971" us|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" these|strong="H2088" people|strong="H5971". If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H5414" do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H2088", we|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H5892" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5414". We|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" totally destroy|strong="H2763" them|strong="H5414"."

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3068" helped them|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Canaanites|strong="H3669". They|strong="H3068" completely|strong="H8085" destroyed the|strong="H0853" Canaanites|strong="H3669" and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H5892". So|strong="H7121" that|strong="H8085" place|strong="H4725" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Hormah|strong="H2767".<sup>1</sup>

### The|strong="H0853" Bronze Snake

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites left|strong="H5265" Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023" and|strong="H0776" traveled|strong="H5265" on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853" road|strong="H1870" that|strong="H5315" goes to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Red Sea|strong="H3220". They|strong="H5971" did this to|strong="H0776" go|strong="H5437" around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H0853" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H0776" Edom|strong="H0123". But|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" became impatient.<sup>5</sup> They|strong="H3588" began complaining against|strong="H1696" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H4872" Moses|strong="H4872". The|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" said|strong="H1696", " Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" bring|strong="H5927" us|strong="H3588" out|strong="H4100" of|strong="H0430" Egypt|strong="H4714"? We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" die|strong="H4191" here|strong="H4191" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3588" desert|strong="H4057"! There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H4872" no|strong="H0369" water|strong="H4325"! And|strong="H4872" we|strong="H3588" hate this|strong="H3588" terrible food|strong="H3899"! "

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" poisonous|strong="H8314" snakes|strong="H5175" among|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". The|strong="H0853" snakes|strong="H5175" bit the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971", and|strong="H3068" many|strong="H7227" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" died|strong="H4191".<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" came|strong="H0935"

<sup>1</sup> HORMAH This name means "completely destroyed" or "a gift given totally to God." See Leviticus 27:28-29.

to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" sinned|strong="H2398" when|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" spoke|strong="H1696" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H0935" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588". Pray|strong="H6419" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Ask|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" these|strong="H1696" snakes|strong="H5175". So|strong="H0935" Moses|strong="H4872" prayed|strong="H6419" for|strong="H3588" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", " Make|strong="H7760" a|strong="H1961" bronze snake and|strong="H3068" put|strong="H7760" it|strong="H7760" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" pole. If|strong="H1961" anyone|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3068" bitten by|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" snake, that|strong="H3605" person|strong="H7200" should|strong="H3068" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" bronze snake on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" pole. Then|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3605" person|strong="H7200" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H1961" die." <sup>9</sup> So|strong="H6213" Moses|strong="H4872" made|strong="H6213" a|strong="H1961" bronze|strong="H5178" snake|strong="H5175" and|strong="H4872" put|strong="H7760" it|strong="H7760" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" pole. Then|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" snake|strong="H5175" bit anyone|strong="H0376", that|strong="H1961" person|strong="H0376" looked|strong="H5027" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" bronze|strong="H5178" snake|strong="H5175" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" pole and|strong="H4872" lived|strong="H1961".

#### The|strong="H0853" Trip to|strong="H0413" Moab

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H1121" Israelites|strong="H3478" left|strong="H5265" that|strong="H3478" place and|strong="H1121" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Oboth|strong="H0088". <sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H5265" they|strong="H0834" left|strong="H5265" Oboth|strong="H0088" and|strong="H6440" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Iye Abarim in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" desert|strong="H4057" east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H6440"

Moab|strong="H4124". <sup>12</sup> They|strong="H8033" left|strong="H5265" that|strong="H8033" place|strong="H8033" and|strong="H8033" camped|strong="H2583" in|strong="H2583" Zered|strong="H2218" Valley|strong="H5158". <sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H3318" they|strong="H0834" moved|strong="H5265" and|strong="H8033" camped|strong="H2583" across|strong="H5676" from|strong="H5265" the|strong="H0834" Arnon|strong="H0769" River|strong="H3588" in|strong="H2583" the|strong="H0834" desert|strong="H4057". This|strong="H3588" river|strong="H3588" started|strong="H3318" at|strong="H2583" the|strong="H0834" Ammonite border|strong="H1366". The|strong="H0834" valley was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" border|strong="H1366" between|strong="H0996" Moab|strong="H4124" and|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0834" Amorites|strong="H0567". <sup>14</sup> That|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3068" why|strong="H3651" these words are|strong="H3068" written in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Book|strong="H5612" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Wars|strong="H4421" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068": "... and|strong="H3068" Waheb|strong="H2052" in|strong="H5921" Suphah, and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Valleys|strong="H5158" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Arnon|strong="H0769", <sup>15</sup> and|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" hills by|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" valleys|strong="H5158" that|strong="H0834" lead to|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" town of|strong="H3427" Ar|strong="H6144". These|strong="H0834" places are|strong="H0834" at|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H3427" Moab|strong="H4124"."

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites left|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H5414" and|strong="H3068" traveled to|strong="H0559" Beer|strong="H0876". <sup>1</sup> There|strong="H8033" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" well|strong="H0875" in|strong="H3068" Beer|strong="H0876", where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872", " Bring|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" together|strong="H0622" here|strong="H8033", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" water|strong="H4325"." <sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H0227" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478"

<sup>1</sup> BEER This Hebrew name means "well."

sang|strong="H7891" this|strong="H2063"  
song|strong="H7892".

" Well|strong="H0875", flow with|strong="H3478"  
water!

Sing|strong="H7891" about|strong="H0227"  
it|strong="H5927"!

<sup>18</sup> Great men|strong="H5971" dug|strong="H2658"  
this well|strong="H0875".

Important leaders|strong="H8269"  
dug|strong="H2658" this well|strong="H0875".

They|strong="H5971" dug|strong="H2658" this  
well|strong="H0875" with|strong="H2710" their staffs  
and|strong="H8269" walking sticks.

It|strong="H2658" is a|strong="H2710" gift  
in|strong="H8269" the|strong="H5971"  
desert|strong="H4057".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>19</sup> The people traveled from Mat-  
tanah|strong="H4980" to|strong="H4980" Na-  
haliel|strong="H5160". Then they traveled from Na-  
haliel|strong="H5160" to|strong="H4980"  
Bamoth|strong="H1120".<sup>20</sup> They|strong="H0834"  
traveled from|strong="H5921"  
Bamoth|strong="H1120" to|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H6440" Valley|strong="H1516"  
of|strong="H7218" Moab|strong="H4124".  
In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H0834" place  
the|strong="H6440" top|strong="H7218"  
of|strong="H7218" the|strong="H6440" Pis-  
gah|strong="H6449" Mountain looks|strong="H8259"  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440"  
desert|strong="H3452".

#### Sihon and|strong="H7218" Og

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
sent|strong="H7971" some men|strong="H3478"  
to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Si-  
hon|strong="H5511" of|strong="H4428"  
the|strong="H0559" Amorites|strong="H0567".  
The|strong="H0559" men|strong="H3478"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428",

<sup>22</sup> "Allow us|strong="H7704" to|strong="H5704"  
travel|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674"  
your|strong="H0834" country|strong="H0776".  
We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776"  
not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5674"  
through|strong="H5674" any|strong="H3808"  
field|strong="H7704" or|strong="H3808" vine-  
yard|strong="H3754". We|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808"  
drink|strong="H8354" water|strong="H4325"  
from|strong="H5704" any|strong="H3808"  
of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H0834"  
wells|strong="H0875". We|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0776" travel|strong="H5674" on-  
ly|strong="H5704" along|strong="H5704"

King's|strong="H4428" Road|strong="H1870".  
We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" stay  
on|strong="H1870" that|strong="H0834"  
road|strong="H1870" until|strong="H5704"  
we|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" trav-  
eled|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674"  
your|strong="H0834" country|strong="H0776".<sup>23</sup>  
But|strong="H3808" King Sihon|strong="H5511"  
would|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" al-  
low|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0935" trav-  
el|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674"  
his|strong="H3605" country. He|strong="H3808"  
gathered|strong="H0622" together|strong="H0622"  
his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5971"  
and|strong="H0935" marched|strong="H3318"  
out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057"  
to|strong="H0935" fight|strong="H3898"  
against|strong="H7125" the|strong="H3605" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478". The|strong="H3605" king's  
army|strong="H5971" fought|strong="H3898"  
against|strong="H7125" the|strong="H3605" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" at|strong="H3478" Ja-  
haz|strong="H3096".

<sup>24</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" defeated|strong="H5221"  
the|strong="H0853" king and|strong="H1121"  
took|strong="H3423" his|strong="H5221"  
land|strong="H0776" from|strong="H3478"  
the|strong="H0853" Arnon|strong="H0769" Riv-  
er|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704"  
the|strong="H0853" Jabbok|strong="H2999" Riv-  
er|strong="H5704". The|strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" took|strong="H3423"  
the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"  
as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704"  
as|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" Am-  
monite|strong="H5983" border|strong="H1366".  
They|strong="H3588" stopped at|strong="H3478"  
that|strong="H3588" border|strong="H1366" be-  
cause|strong="H3588" it|strong="H3588"  
was|strong="H0776" strongly defended  
by|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" Am-  
monites|strong="H5983".<sup>25</sup> Israel|strong="H3478"  
took|strong="H3947" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" Amorite|strong="H0567"  
cities|strong="H5892" and|strong="H3478" began liv-  
ing|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"  
them|strong="H0853". They|strong="H0428"  
even|strong="H0853" defeated the|strong="H3605"  
city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1323" Hesh-  
bon|strong="H2809" and|strong="H3478"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" small  
towns|strong="H1323" around it|strong="H3947".<sup>26</sup>  
Heshbon|strong="H2809" was|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" where Si-  
hon|strong="H5511", the|strong="H3605" Amor-

I GIFT IN THE DESERT In Hebrew this is the name "Mattanah."

ite |strong="H0567" king |strong="H4428", lived. In |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" past |strong="H7223" Sihon |strong="H5511" had |strong="H4428" fought |strong="H3898" with |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Moab |strong="H4124". Sihon |strong="H5511" had |strong="H4428" taken |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" Arnon |strong="H0769" River |strong="H5704".<sup>27</sup> That |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" why |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" singers sing this |strong="H3651" song:  
 " Go |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" rebuild |strong="H1129" Heshbon |strong="H2809"!  
 Make |strong="H3559" Sihon's city |strong="H5892" strong.

<sup>28</sup> A |strong="H3588" fire |strong="H0784" began in |strong="H0784" Heshbon |strong="H2809".  
 That |strong="H3588" fire |strong="H0784" began in |strong="H0784" Sihon's city |strong="H7151".  
 The |strong="H3588" fire |strong="H0784" destroyed |strong="H0398" Ar |strong="H6144" in |strong="H0784" Moab |strong="H4124".  
 It |strong="H3588" burned the |strong="H3588" hills above Arnon |strong="H0769" River |strong="H3588".

<sup>29</sup> It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H4428" bad for |strong="H4428" you |strong="H5414", Moab |strong="H4124".

You |strong="H5414" lost |strong="H0006" Chemosh's people |strong="H5971".  
 His |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121" ran away.  
 His |strong="H5414" daughters |strong="H1323" were |strong="H1121" taken |strong="H5414" prisoners |strong="H7628" by |strong="H5414" Sihon |strong="H5511", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5414" Amorites |strong="H0567".

<sup>30</sup> But |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" defeated those |strong="H0834" Amorites.

We |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H0006" their |strong="H0834" towns from |strong="H5704" Heshbon |strong="H2809" to |strong="H5704" Dibon |strong="H1769",  
 from |strong="H5704" Nashim to |strong="H5704" Nophah |strong="H5302", near |strong="H5704" Medeba |strong="H4311".

<sup>31</sup> So |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0776" Israelites |strong="H3478" made their |strong="H3427" camp in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" Amorites |strong="H0567".

<sup>32</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" sent |strong="H7971" some |strong="H8033" men |strong="H3423" to |strong="H7971" look at |strong="H4872"

the |strong="H0853" town of |strong="H1323" Jazer |strong="H3270". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Israelites captured |strong="H3920" that |strong="H0834" town and |strong="H4872" the |strong="H0853" small towns |strong="H1323" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" around it |strong="H8033". They |strong="H0834" forced the |strong="H0853" Amorites |strong="H0567" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" living there |strong="H8033" to |strong="H7971" leave |strong="H3423".

<sup>33</sup> Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" Israelites traveled on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3605" road |strong="H1870" toward |strong="H1870" Bashan |strong="H1316". King |strong="H4428" Og |strong="H5747" of |strong="H4428" Bashan |strong="H1316" got |strong="H5927" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H5971" and |strong="H4428" marched |strong="H5927" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H1870" meet |strong="H7125" the |strong="H3605" Israelites. He |strong="H1931" fought against |strong="H7125" them |strong="H3318" at |strong="H4421" Edrei |strong="H0154".

<sup>34</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H4428" that |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" allow |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" defeat |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5414" his |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" army |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". Do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" Sihon |strong="H5511", the |strong="H3605" Amorite |strong="H0567" king |strong="H4428" who |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Heshbon |strong="H2809"."  
<sup>35</sup> So |strong="H1115" the |strong="H3605" Israelites defeated |strong="H5221" Og and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H5971". They |strong="H5704" killed |strong="H5221" him |strong="H5221", his |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H5971". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" Israelites



took|strong="H3423" all|strong="H3605"  
his|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776".

### Balaam and the King of Moab

22 Then|strong="H5265" the|strong="H5676" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" trav-  
eled|strong="H5265" to|strong="H3478"  
the|strong="H5676" Jordan|strong="H3383" Valley  
in|strong="H2583" Moab|strong="H4124".  
They|strong="H3478" camped|strong="H2583" near  
the|strong="H5676" Jordan|strong="H3383" Riv-  
er|strong="H3405" across|strong="H5676"  
from|strong="H5265" Jericho|strong="H3405".

2 Balak son of Zippor saw everything the Israelites  
had done to the Amorites. The king of Moab was very  
frightened of the Israelites because there were so  
many of them. He was very afraid.

4 The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H2205"  
of|strong="H1121" Midian|strong="H4080", "  
This|strong="H1931" large group of|strong="H1121"  
people|strong="H1121" will|strong="H4428" de-  
stroy|strong="H3605" everything|strong="H3605"  
around|strong="H5439" us|strong="H0413",  
the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605"  
an|strong="H0559" ox|strong="H7794" eats  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
grass|strong="H3418" in|strong="H0413"  
a|strong="H6256" field|strong="H7704"."

Balak|strong="H1111" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Zippor|strong="H6834"  
was|strong="H1931" the|strong="H3605"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121"  
Moab|strong="H4124" at|strong="H0413"  
this|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256". 5  
He|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971"  
some|strong="H2009" men|strong="H1121"  
to|strong="H0413" Balaam|strong="H1109"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Be-  
or|strong="H1160". Balaam|strong="H1109"  
was|strong="H0834" at|strong="H0413" Pethor,  
near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Eu-  
phrates|strong="H5104" River|strong="H5104".  
This|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0834"  
where|strong="H0834" Balaam's|strong="H1109"  
people|strong="H5971" lived|strong="H3427". I  
This|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0834" Balak's  
message:

" A|strong="H7121" new nation|strong="H5971"  
of|strong="H1121" people|strong="H5971"  
has|strong="H0834" come|strong="H3318"  
out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121"  
Egypt|strong="H4714". There|strong="H2009"  
are|strong="H0834" so|strong="H7971" many peo-

I This ... LIVED Or "This was the land of the Ammonites."

ple|strong="H5971" that|strong="H0834"  
they|strong="H0834" cover|strong="H3680"  
all|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0853"  
land|strong="H0776". They|strong="H0834"  
have|strong="H0834" camped  
next|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413". 6 Come|strong="H4994"  
and|strong="H0776" help|strong="H5971"  
me|strong="H4994". These|strong="H2088" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" are|strong="H0834"  
too|strong="H4480" powerful|strong="H6099"  
for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H4994".  
I|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
have|strong="H0834" great|strong="H6099" pow-  
er. If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834"  
bless|strong="H1288" people|strong="H5971",  
good things|strong="H0834" happen  
to|strong="H3201" them|strong="H0853".  
And|strong="H0776" if|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H0834" curse|strong="H0779" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971", bad things|strong="H0834"  
happen to|strong="H3201" them|strong="H0853".  
So|strong="H4480" come|strong="H4994"  
and|strong="H0776" curse|strong="H0779"  
these|strong="H2088" people|strong="H5971".  
Maybe|strong="H0194" then|strong="H6258"  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776"  
be|strong="H1288" able|strong="H3201"  
to|strong="H3201" defeat|strong="H5221"  
them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0776" force  
them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3201"  
leave|strong="H4480" my|strong="H3045" coun-  
try|strong="H0776"."

7 The|strong="H0413" leaders|strong="H2205"  
of|strong="H1697" Moab|strong="H4124"  
and|strong="H0935" Midian|strong="H4080"  
left|strong="H0935". They|strong="H0935"  
went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
talk|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Bal-  
aam|strong="H1109". They|strong="H0935" car-  
ried|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0413"  
them|strong="H0413" money to|strong="H0413" pay  
him|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413"  
his|strong="H0935" service|strong="H3027". II  
Then|strong="H1696" they|strong="H0935"  
told|strong="H1696" him|strong="H0413"  
what|strong="H1697" Balak|strong="H1111"  
had|strong="H3027" said|strong="H1696".

8 Balaam|strong="H1109" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", "  
Stay|strong="H3427" here|strong="H6311"  
for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"

II FOR HIS SERVICE Or "for the things he needed to make curses." In ancient times, when people asked bad things to happen to other people, they often wrote the curses on special bowls and used them in ceremonies. They did this to try to force these bad things to happen. See Deuteronomy 18:10.

night|strong="H3915". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" talk|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" answer|strong="H7725" he|strong="H0834" gives|strong="H7725" me|strong="H0413"." So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H3068" Moab|strong="H4124" stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" with|strong="H5973" Balaam|strong="H1109" that|strong="H0834" night|strong="H3915".

<sup>9</sup> God|strong="H0430" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Balaam|strong="H1109" and|strong="H0935" asked|strong="H0559", " Who|strong="H4310" are|strong="H0428" these|strong="H0428" men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5973"?"

<sup>10</sup> Balaam|strong="H1109" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430", " The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124", Balak|strong="H1111" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zippor|strong="H6834", sent|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" give me|strong="H0413" a|strong="H7971" message. <sup>11</sup> This|strong="H6258" is|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" message: A|strong="H0776" new nation|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5971" has|strong="H0776" come|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714". There|strong="H2009" are|strong="H5869" so|strong="H3318" many people|strong="H5971" that|strong="H5869" they|strong="H5971" cover|strong="H3680" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776". So|strong="H3318" come|strong="H3318" and|strong="H0776" curse|strong="H6895" these|strong="H5971" people|strong="H5971". Then|strong="H3318" maybe|strong="H0194" I|strong="H2009" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" able|strong="H3201" to|strong="H3201" fight|strong="H3898" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0776" force them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3201" leave|strong="H3318" my|strong="H3318" land|strong="H0776"."

<sup>12</sup> But|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Balaam|strong="H1109", " Don't|strong="H3808" go with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H0413". You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" curse|strong="H0779" those|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0430" my|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971"."

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0559" next|strong="H0413" morning|strong="H1242" Balaam|strong="H1109" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H1980" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" leaders|strong="H8269" from|strong="H1980" Balak|strong="H1111", " Go|strong="H1980" back|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" own|strong="H5973" country|strong="H0776". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3588" let|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H1980" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H3588"."

<sup>14</sup> So|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0559" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Moab|strong="H4124" went|strong="H1980" back|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" Balak|strong="H1111" and|strong="H1980" told|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0935". They|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Balaam|strong="H1109" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" with|strong="H5973" us|strong="H0413"."

<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H7971" Balak|strong="H1111" sent|strong="H7971" other|strong="H5750" leaders|strong="H8269" to|strong="H7971" Balaam. This|strong="H0428" time|strong="H5750" he|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971" many|strong="H7227" more|strong="H5750" than|strong="H7227" the|strong="H7971" first time|strong="H5750". And|strong="H7971" these|strong="H0428" leaders|strong="H8269" were|strong="H0428" much|strong="H7227" more|strong="H5750" important than|strong="H7227" the|strong="H7971" first ones he|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971". <sup>16</sup> They|strong="H0559" went|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" Balaam|strong="H1109" and|strong="H1980" said|strong="H0559", " This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H1121" what|strong="H3541" Balak|strong="H1111" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zippor|strong="H6834" says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0935": Please|strong="H4994" don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H4994" anything stop|strong="H0408" you|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" coming|strong="H0935". <sup>17</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" pay you|strong="H0834" very|strong="H3966" much|strong="H0834", I and|strong="H2088" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" whatever|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" ask|strong="H0559". Come|strong="H4994" and|strong="H2088" curse|strong="H6895"

I I WILL PAY YOU VERY MUCH Or "I will honor you very much."

these people for me."

<sup>18</sup> Balaam gave Balak's officials his answer. He said, "I must obey LORD my God. I cannot do anything or against his command if he gives his beautiful home filled with silver and gold will do against Lord's. But you can stay here like other men and during the night I will learn what LORD wants to tell me."

<sup>20</sup> That night, God came to Balaam. God said, "These men have again ask you to go with them. So you can go with them. But do only I tell you to do."

Balaam and His Donkey

<sup>21</sup> The next morning, Balaam got up, put a saddle on his donkey, and went with the Moabite leaders. <sup>22</sup> Balaam was riding on his donkey. Two of his servants were with him. While Balaam was traveling, God became angry. So the LORD'S angel stood in the road in front of Balaam to stop him.

<sup>23</sup> When Balaam's donkey saw the LORD'S angel standing in the road with a sword in his hand, the donkey turned from the road and went into the field. Balaam could not see the angel, so he was very angry at the donkey. He hit the donkey and forced it to go back on the road.

<sup>24</sup> Later, the LORD'S angel stood at a place

I STOP Or "oppose" or "accuse." Also in verse 32.

where *the* road became narrow. This was between two vineyards. There were walls on both sides of *the* road. <sup>25</sup> Again *the* donkey *saw* *the* LORD'S angel. So *the* donkey walked very close to *one* wall. This crushed Balaam's foot against *the* wall. So Balaam hit his donkey again.

<sup>26</sup> Later, *the* LORD'S angel stood at another place where *the* road became narrow. There *was* no place where *the* donkey could go around him. It could not turn to *the* left or to *the* right. <sup>27</sup> *The* donkey *saw* *the* LORD'S angel. So *the* donkey lay down with Balaam sitting on top of *it*. Balaam *was* very angry at *the* donkey. So *he* hit *it* with his walking stick.

<sup>28</sup> Then *the* LORD *caused* *the* donkey *to* speak. *The* donkey *said* to Balaam, "Why are

*you* angry at *me*? What *have* *you* done? *You* *have* hit *me* three times!"

<sup>29</sup> Balaam answered *the* donkey, "You *have* made *me* look foolish. If *I* had a sword in my hand, *I* would kill *you* now!"

<sup>30</sup> But *the* donkey *said* to Balaam, "Look, *I* am your donkey. You *have* ridden *me* for many years. And *you* know that *I* *have* never *this* *to* *you* before!"

"That *is* true," Balaam *said*.

<sup>31</sup> Then *the* LORD *allowed* Balaam *to* see *the* angel. *The* LORD'S angel *was* standing in *the* road, holding a sword in his hand. Balaam *bowed* low *to* *the* ground.

<sup>32</sup> Then *the* LORD'S angel *asked* Balaam, "Why *did* *you* hit *your* donkey three times? *I* am *the* one

who |strong="H3068" came |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" stop you |strong="H3588". But |strong="H3588" just |strong="H2088" in |strong="H5921" time |strong="H3318",<sup>33</sup> your |strong="H7200" donkey |strong="H0860" saw |strong="H7200" me |strong="H6440" and |strong="H6440" turned |strong="H5186" away |strong="H5186" from |strong="H6440" me |strong="H6440". That |strong="H3588" happened three |strong="H7969" times |strong="H7272". If |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" donkey |strong="H0860" had |strong="H3588" not |strong="H2088" turned |strong="H5186" away |strong="H5186", I |strong="H3588" probably would have |strong="H1571" killed |strong="H2026" you |strong="H3588" already |strong="H6258". And |strong="H6440" I |strong="H3588" would have |strong="H1571" let |strong="H6258" your |strong="H7200" donkey |strong="H0860" live |strong="H2421"."

<sup>34</sup> Then |strong="H6258" Balaam |strong="H1109" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" angel |strong="H4397", " I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5869" sinned |strong="H2398". I |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H5869" standing |strong="H5324" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" road |strong="H1870". If |strong="H0518" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068" doing |strong="H1870" wrong |strong="H7489", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725"."

<sup>35</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" angel |strong="H4397" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Balaam |strong="H1109", " No |strong="H0657", you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" go with |strong="H5973" these |strong="H1696" men |strong="H0376". But |strong="H1696" be |strong="H0376" careful. Speak |strong="H1696" only |strong="H0657" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559". So |strong="H0834" Balaam |strong="H1109" went |strong="H0413" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H8269" that |strong="H0834" Balak |strong="H1111" had |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H0559".

<sup>36</sup> Balak |strong="H1111" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H0834" Balaam |strong="H1109"

was |strong="H0834" coming |strong="H0935". So |strong="H3318" Balak |strong="H1111" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H7125" him |strong="H0413" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" Moabite |strong="H4124" town |strong="H5892"<sup>II</sup> near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" Arnon |strong="H0769" River |strong="H3588". This |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0834" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" northern border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1366" his |strong="H5921" country.<sup>37</sup> When |strong="H1980" Balak |strong="H1111" saw Balaam |strong="H1109", he |strong="H3808" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H3201" asked |strong="H0559" you |strong="H7971" before |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H1980". I |strong="H3201" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H7971" it |strong="H7121" was |strong="H3201" very |strong="H1980" important. Why |strong="H4100" didn't |strong="H3808" you |strong="H7971" come |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"? Did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H7971" think |strong="H0559" I |strong="H3201" might not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H0413" pay you |strong="H7971"?"

<sup>38</sup> Balaam |strong="H1109" answered |strong="H0559", " Well |strong="H0834", I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0430" here |strong="H2009" now |strong="H6258". I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935", but |strong="H1696" I |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3201" be |strong="H1697" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H3201" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H0559". I |strong="H0834" can |strong="H3201" only say |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" God |strong="H0430" tells |strong="H1696" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559"."

<sup>39</sup> Then |strong="H0935" Balaam |strong="H1109" went |strong="H0935" with |strong="H5973" Balak |strong="H1111" to |strong="H0935" Kiriath Huzoth.

<sup>40</sup> Balak |strong="H1111" killed some |strong="H1109" cattle |strong="H1241" and |strong="H7971" some |strong="H1109" sheep |strong="H6629" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H7971" sacrifice |strong="H2076". He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H7971" some |strong="H1109" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H0834" meat to |strong="H7971" Balaam |strong="H1109" and |strong="H7971"

I BUT JUST IN TIME Or "You should not be going this way," or "You are not doing right." The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

II MOABITE TOWN Or possibly, "Ar Moab."

some |strong="H1109" to |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0834" leaders |strong="H8269" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H7971".

<sup>41</sup> The |strong="H0853" next |strong="H7200" morning |strong="H1242" Balak |strong="H1111" took |strong="H3947" Balaam |strong="H1109" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" town of |strong="H5927" Bamoth |strong="H1120" Baal. From |strong="H3947" there |strong="H8033" they |strong="H8033" could |strong="H5971" see |strong="H7200" part of |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" Israelite camp.

### Balaam's First Message

**23** Balaam |strong="H1109" said |strong="H0559", " Build |strong="H1129" seven |strong="H7651" altars |strong="H4196" here |strong="H2088". And |strong="H4196" prepare |strong="H3559" seven |strong="H7651" bulls |strong="H6499" and |strong="H4196" seven |strong="H7651" rams |strong="H0352" for |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". " <sup>2</sup> Balak |strong="H1111" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" Balaam |strong="H1109" asked |strong="H1696". Then |strong="H1696" Balak |strong="H1111" and |strong="H4196" Balaam |strong="H1109" killed a |strong="H0834" ram |strong="H0352" and |strong="H4196" a |strong="H0834" bull |strong="H6499" on |strong="H5927" each of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0834" altars |strong="H4196".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Balaam |strong="H1109" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Balak |strong="H1111", "Stay here |strong="H5921" near |strong="H5921" this |strong="H1697" altar. I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H3068" go to |strong="H0559" another |strong="H5046" place. Then |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H7136" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5046", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H5046" what |strong="H4100" I |strong="H1697" must say |strong="H0559". " Then |strong="H0559" Balaam |strong="H1109" went |strong="H7125" away to |strong="H0559" a |strong="H7200" higher place.

<sup>4</sup> God |strong="H0430" came |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" Balaam |strong="H1109" at |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0559" place, and |strong="H0430" Balaam |strong="H1109" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0559" have |strong="H0430" prepared seven |strong="H7651" altars |strong="H4196". And |strong="H0430" I |strong="H0559" have |strong="H0430" killed a |strong="H5927" bull |strong="H6499" and |strong="H0430"

a |strong="H5927" ram |strong="H0352" as |strong="H5927" a |strong="H5927" sacrifice on |strong="H0413" each altar |strong="H4196". "

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H0559" Balaam |strong="H1109" a |strong="H7760" message |strong="H1697" for |strong="H0413" Balak |strong="H1111" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Balak |strong="H1111" and |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H1697" I |strong="H3541" have |strong="H3068" given you |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559". "

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H7725" Balaam |strong="H0413" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Balak. Balak was |strong="H1931" still |strong="H7725" standing |strong="H5324" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" altar, and |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H8269" Moab |strong="H4124" were |strong="H8269" standing |strong="H5324" there |strong="H2009" with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". <sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H5375" Balaam |strong="H5375" spoke |strong="H0559", and |strong="H3478" this was |strong="H3478" his |strong="H5375" message:

" Balak |strong="H1111", the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Moab |strong="H4124", brought |strong="H5375" me |strong="H4480" here from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" eastern mountains |strong="H2042" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758".

Balak |strong="H1111" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H4480", 'Come, curse |strong="H0779" Jacob |strong="H3290" for |strong="H4428" me |strong="H4480".

Come, speak |strong="H0559" against |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478". "

<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H3808" God |strong="H0410" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" against them |strong="H3068",

so |strong="H3808" I |strong="H4100" cannot |strong="H3808" speak against them |strong="H3068" either!

The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" asked |strong="H4100" for |strong="H3068" bad things |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" happen to |strong="H3068" these people |strong="H3808".

So I cannot do that either.

<sup>9</sup> I see these people from the mountain.

I see them from the hills.

They alone

They are not another nation.

<sup>10</sup> Who can count Jacob's people?

They as as dust of

No one can even fourth the Israelites.

Let die a good man.

Let my life as happy as theirs!

<sup>11</sup> Balak to you I you to my but have them

<sup>12</sup> But answered must the that LORD me say

<sup>13</sup> Then said him with to

place that you see of people You cannot all them can see them that you curse for So to top Mount There and bull a on as

<sup>15</sup> Then said Balak by while I go meet God there

<sup>16</sup> So LORD to and to Then told to back say things to still near The of were

I WATCHMEN HILLS Or "the fields of Zophim."

with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0413". Balak|strong="H1111" saw|strong="H0854" Balaam|strong="H0413" coming|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", "What|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559"?"

### Balaam's Second Message|strong="H3068"

18 Then|strong="H6965" Balaam|strong="H5375" said|strong="H0559" this:

"Stand|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965", Balak|strong="H1111", and|strong="H1121" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H6965".

Hear|strong="H8085" me|strong="H6965", Balak|strong="H1111" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zippor|strong="H6834".

19 God|strong="H0410" is|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H1696" man|strong="H0376";

he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" lie|strong="H3576".

God|strong="H0410" is|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H1696" human|strong="H0120" being|strong="H1121";

his|strong="H0376" decisions will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" change|strong="H5162".

If|strong="H0376" he|strong="H1931" says|strong="H0559" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0376" do|strong="H6213" something, then|strong="H6965" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0376" do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H1931".

If|strong="H0376" he|strong="H1931" makes|strong="H6213" a|strong="H1696" promise|strong="H1696",

then|strong="H6965" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0376" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H6213" he|strong="H1931" promised|strong="H1696".

20 He|strong="H3808" told me|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" bless|strong="H1288" them|strong="H7725".

He|strong="H3808" blessed|strong="H1288" them|strong="H7725", so|strong="H3947" I|strong="H2009" cannot|strong="H3808" change|strong="H7725" that|strong="H3808".

21 God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" no|strong="H3808" wrong|strong="H0205" in|strong="H0430" Jacob's|strong="H3290" people|strong="H3808".

He|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" no|strong="H3808" sin|strong="H0205" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H7200" Israelites|strong="H3478".

The|strong="H7200" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430",

and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0430" is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H7200".

The|strong="H7200" Great|strong="H0430" King|strong="H4428" is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H7200"!

22 God|strong="H0410" brought|strong="H3318" them|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0410" Egypt|strong="H4714".

They|strong="H3318" are|strong="H4714" as|strong="H3318" strong|strong="H0410" as|strong="H3318" a|strong="H3318" wild|strong="H7214" ox|strong="H7214".

23 There is|strong="H4100" no|strong="H3808" power|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3588" can|strong="H4100" defeat the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H6256" Jacob|strong="H3290".

There is|strong="H4100" no|strong="H3808" magic that|strong="H3588" can|strong="H4100" stop|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478".

People|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3478" say|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3588" about|strong="H6256" Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478":

"Look at|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0559" great things|strong="H3808" God|strong="H0410" did|strong="H4100"! 1

24 The|strong="H5704" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H3808" as|strong="H5704" strong as|strong="H5704" lions|strong="H0738", and|strong="H6965" they|strong="H3808" fight like|strong="H3808" lions|strong="H0738".

And|strong="H6965" a|strong="H5375" lion|strong="H0738" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" rest|strong="H7901" until|strong="H5704" it|strong="H0398" eats|strong="H0398" what it|strong="H0398" has|strong="H7901" caught,

until|strong="H5704" it|strong="H0398" drinks|strong="H8354" the|strong="H5704" blood|strong="H1818" of|strong="H1818" what it|strong="H0398" has|strong="H7901" killed|strong="H2491"."

25 Then|strong="H1571" Balak|strong="H1111" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Balaam|strong="H1109", "You|strong="H3808" didn't|strong="H3808" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0413" good things|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" happen to|strong="H0413" these people|strong="H3808", but|strong="H3808"

1 Or "There is no fortunetelling in Jacob, no magic in Israel. God tells them immediately what he plans to do."



you|strong="H3808" didn't|strong="H3808" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0413" bad things|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" happen to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" either|strong="H1571"!"

<sup>26</sup> Balaam|strong="H1109" answered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" before|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" only|strong="H3605" say|strong="H0559" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" tells|strong="H1696" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H0559"."

<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Balak|strong="H1111" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Balaam|strong="H1109", " So|strong="H3947" come|strong="H4994" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" another|strong="H0312" place|strong="H4725". Maybe|strong="H0194" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" pleased|strong="H5869" and|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" allow|strong="H4994" you|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0413" curse|strong="H6895" them|strong="H0413" from|strong="H3947" that|strong="H0559" place|strong="H4725"."<sup>28</sup> So|strong="H3947" Balak|strong="H1111" led|strong="H6440" Balaam|strong="H1109" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H7218" Mount Peor|strong="H6465", which|strong="H6465" looks|strong="H8259" out|strong="H8259" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H3452".

<sup>29</sup> Balaam|strong="H1109" said|strong="H0559", " Build|strong="H1129" seven|strong="H7651" altars|strong="H4196" here|strong="H2088". Then|strong="H2088" prepare|strong="H3559" seven|strong="H7651" bulls|strong="H6499" and|strong="H4196" seven|strong="H7651" rams|strong="H0352" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" altars|strong="H4196"."<sup>30</sup> Balak|strong="H1111" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" Balaam|strong="H1109" asked|strong="H0559". Balak|strong="H1111" offered|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0559" bulls|strong="H6499" and|strong="H4196" rams|strong="H0352" on|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0559" altars|strong="H4196".

### Balaam's Third Message

**24** Balaam|strong="H1109" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" wanted to|strong="H0413" bless|strong="H1288" Israel|strong="H3478", so|strong="H1980"

he|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" try to|strong="H0413" change that|strong="H3588" by|strong="H3068" using any|strong="H6440" kind of|strong="H3068" magic. But|strong="H3588" Balaam|strong="H1109" turned|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1980" looked|strong="H7200" toward|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057".<sup>2</sup> He|strong="H0430" looked|strong="H7200" out|strong="H5921" across|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" desert and|strong="H3478" saw|strong="H7200" all the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H5921" were|strong="H1961" camped|strong="H7931" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tribes|strong="H7626" in|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5375" different areas. Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" Spirit|strong="H7307" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" came|strong="H1961" on|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921",<sup>3</sup> and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0559" gave|strong="H0559" this|strong="H1397" message: " This|strong="H1397" message is|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" Balaam|strong="H1109" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Beor|strong="H1160".

I|strong="H0559" am speaking|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5375" things I|strong="H0559" see|strong="H5869" clearly.

<sup>4</sup> These|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" words|strong="H0561" I|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" from|strong="H8085" God|strong="H0410".

I|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H2372" what|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0410" All-Powerful<sup>1</sup> showed me|strong="H0834".

I|strong="H0834" humbly tell what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" clearly see|strong="H2372".

<sup>5</sup> "People of|strong="H0168" Jacob|strong="H3290", your|strong="H4100" tents|strong="H0168" are|strong="H4100" beautiful|strong="H2895"!

Israelites|strong="H3478", your|strong="H4100" homes|strong="H4908" are|strong="H4100" beautiful|strong="H2895"!

<sup>6</sup> You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3068" rows of|strong="H3068" palm trees planted|strong="H5193" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" streams|strong="H5104".

You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3068" gardens|strong="H1593" growing by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" rivers|strong="H5104".

You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3068" sweet-smelling bushes planted|strong="H5193" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>1</sup> GOD ALL-POWERFUL Literally, "El Shaddai." Also in verse 16.

You are like cedar trees growing by the water.

<sup>7</sup> You will always have enough water,

enough for your seeds to grow.

Your king will be greater than King Agag.

Your kingdom will be very great.

<sup>8</sup> "God brought them out of Egypt of

They are as wild ox

They will defeat all their enemies.

They will break their bones and shatter their arrows.

<sup>9</sup> Israel is like a lion,

curled up and lying down.

Yes, they are like a young lion, and one wants to wake him!

Anyone who blesses you will be blessed.

And anyone who curses you will have great troubles."

<sup>10</sup> When Balak heard this, he angrily struck his fist against his hand and said to Balaam, "I called you to come and curse my enemies."

But you have them have them times and home told that would a LORD your

<sup>12</sup> Balaam said to you, "You men ask to come. Don't you remember I told them said if gives his house with and I say what LORD me say cannot anything good bad must what LORD Now am back my But will you I these will to and

ple |strong="H5971" in |strong="H1980"  
the |strong="H0834" future |strong="H0319":."

### Balaam's Last |strong="H0319" Message

15 Then |strong="H5375" Balaam |strong="H1109"  
gave |strong="H0559" this |strong="H1397" message:  
" This |strong="H1397" message is |strong="H1121"  
from |strong="H1121" Balaam |strong="H1109"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Be-  
or |strong="H1160".

I |strong="H0559" am speaking |strong="H0559"  
about |strong="H5375" things I |strong="H0559"  
see |strong="H5869" clearly.

16 I |strong="H3045" heard |strong="H8085"  
this |strong="H3045" message from |strong="H8085"  
God |strong="H0410".

I |strong="H3045" learned |strong="H3045"  
what |strong="H1847" God |strong="H0410" Most  
High taught |strong="H3045" me |strong="H5869".

I |strong="H3045" saw |strong="H2372"  
what |strong="H1847" God |strong="H0410" All-Power-  
ful showed me |strong="H5869".

I |strong="H3045" humbly tell |strong="H3045"  
what |strong="H1847" I |strong="H3045" clear-  
ly |strong="H3045" see |strong="H2372".

17 " I |strong="H6258" see |strong="H7200"  
him |strong="H7200" coming, but |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" now |strong="H6258".

I |strong="H6258" see |strong="H7200"  
him |strong="H7200" coming, but |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" soon |strong="H6258".

A |strong="H7200" star |strong="H3556"  
will |strong="H3478" come |strong="H6965"  
from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" family  
of |strong="H1121" Jacob |strong="H3290".

A |strong="H7200" new ruler will |strong="H3478"  
come |strong="H6965" from |strong="H3478"  
the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".

He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3478" smash  
the |strong="H3605" heads of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H3605" Moabites |strong="H4124"  
and |strong="H1121" crush |strong="H4272"

the |strong="H3605" heads of |strong="H1121"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Sheth. I

18 Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H1961" grow  
strong |strong="H2428"!

He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1961" get  
the |strong="H1961" land of |strong="H2428"  
Edom |strong="H0123".

He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1961" get  
the |strong="H1961" land of |strong="H2428"  
Seir |strong="H8165", II his |strong="H1961" ene-  
my |strong="H0341".

I SONS OF SETH Or "Seth." Seth was Adam's third son. This might be like the phrases "son of Man" (Adam) and "son of Enosh" and mean simply "all these people." II SEIR Another name for Edom.

19 " A |strong="H3290" new ruler will |strong="H3290"  
come from |strong="H0006" the |strong="H0006" fami-  
ly of Jacob |strong="H3290".

That ruler will |strong="H3290" de-  
stroy |strong="H0006" the |strong="H0006" people  
left |strong="H8300" alive in |strong="H3290" that  
city |strong="H5892".

20 Then |strong="H0853" Balaam |strong="H5375"  
saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853"  
Amalekites |strong="H6002" and |strong="H7200"  
said |strong="H0559" this:

" Amalek |strong="H6002" is |strong="H6002"  
the |strong="H0853" strongest of |strong="H7225"  
all |strong="H5703" nations |strong="H1471",

but |strong="H7200" even |strong="H0853"  
Amalek |strong="H6002" will |strong="H1471"  
be |strong="H1471" destroyed!"

21 Then |strong="H0853" Balaam |strong="H5375"  
saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" Ken-  
ites |strong="H7017" and |strong="H7200"  
said |strong="H0559" this:

" You |strong="H7760" believe that |strong="H7200"  
your |strong="H7760" country is |strong="H0559" safe,  
like |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" bird's  
nest |strong="H7064" III high |strong="H5375"  
on |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7760" mountain.

22 But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" Kenites  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed,  
just as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588" Lord  
destroyed Cain |strong="H7014".

Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H1961"  
make |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" prison-  
ers."

23 Then |strong="H5375" Balaam |strong="H5375"  
said |strong="H0559" this:

" No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H0410"  
can |strong="H4310" live |strong="H2421"  
when |strong="H2421" God |strong="H0410" does this.

24 Ships |strong="H6716" will |strong="H1571"  
come from |strong="H3027" Cyprus |strong="H3794".  
IV

They |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1571" defeat As-  
syria |strong="H0804" and |strong="H3027"  
Eber |strong="H5677", V

but |strong="H1571" those |strong="H1931"  
ships |strong="H6716" will |strong="H1571" al-  
so |strong="H1571" be |strong="H1571" destroyed."

25 Then |strong="H1980" Balaam |strong="H1109"  
got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965"  
and |strong="H1980" went |strong="H1980"  
back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H4725",  
and |strong="H1980" Balak |strong="H1111"

III NEST, KENITE, CAIN A play on words. The names "Cain" and "Kenite" are like the Hebrew word meaning "nest." IV CYPRUS Literally, "Kittim." This might be Cyprus, Crete, or other places west of Israel in the Mediterranean Sea. V EBER This might mean the people living west of the Euphrates River, or it might mean the "Hebrews," the descendants of Eber. See Genesis 10:21.

went |strong="H1980" his |strong="H7725" own way |strong="H1870".

### Israel at Peor

25 While |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0413" Israelites |strong="H3478"

were |strong="H3478" camped near Acacia, the |strong="H0413" men |strong="H5971" committed sexual sins <sup>I</sup> with |strong="H0413"

Moabite |strong="H4124" women |strong="H1323".

<sup>2</sup> The Moabite women invited the men to come and join in their sacrifices to their false gods. So the Israelites joined in worshiping these false gods—they ate the sacrifices and worshiped these gods. There the Israelites began worshiping the false god, Baal of Peor. And the LORD became very angry with them.

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Get |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3068" these |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". Then |strong="H3947" kill them |strong="H0413" so |strong="H3947" that |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" can |strong="H3947" see. <sup>II</sup> Lay their |strong="H3605" bodies before |strong="H5048" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" not show his |strong="H3605" anger |strong="H0639" against |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".

<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Israel's |strong="H3478" judges |strong="H8199", " Each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0413" must find the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H2026" tribe who |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0376" led |strong="H8199" people |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" worship |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" false god |strong="H0559", Baal |strong="H1187" of |strong="H0376" Peor |strong="H1187". Then |strong="H4872" you |strong="H0413" must kill |strong="H2026" these men |strong="H0376".

<sup>6</sup> At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H4150" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" elders of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" gathered together |strong="H7126" at |strong="H0413"

<sup>I</sup> SEXUAL SINS Sexual sin was often connected with temples for false gods. So this can mean that the men were unfaithful to their wives and also that they were unfaithful to God by going to their temples. <sup>II</sup> SO THAT ALL THE PEOPLE CAN SEE Literally, "before the sun."

the |strong="H3605" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". An |strong="H7126" Israelite |strong="H3478" man |strong="H0376" brought |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" Midianite |strong="H4084" woman |strong="H4084" home |strong="H0168" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" brothers |strong="H0251". <sup>III</sup> He |strong="H0853" did |strong="H0376" this |strong="H3605" where |strong="H2009" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders could |strong="H0376" see |strong="H2009". Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" leaders were |strong="H3478" very sad. <sup>7</sup> Phinehas |strong="H6372" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H7200" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H7200" grandson |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175" the |strong="H7200" priest |strong="H3548". Phinehas |strong="H6372" saw |strong="H7200" this man |strong="H1121" bring |strong="H3947" the |strong="H7200" woman into |strong="H8432" camp. So |strong="H3947" he |strong="H3027" left |strong="H6965" the |strong="H7200" meeting and |strong="H1121" got |strong="H6965" his |strong="H3947" spear |strong="H7420". <sup>8</sup> He |strong="H0310" followed |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0853" Israelite |strong="H3478" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" tent |strong="H6898". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0310" used the |strong="H0853" spear to |strong="H0413" kill the |strong="H0853" Israelite |strong="H3478" man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Midianite woman |strong="H0802" in |strong="H5921" her |strong="H0413" tent |strong="H6898". <sup>IV</sup> He |strong="H0310" pushed the |strong="H0853" spear through |strong="H1856" both |strong="H8147" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H5921" bodies. At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3478" time |strong="H3478" there was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H0935" great sickness among |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". But |strong="H0376" when |strong="H0935" Phinehas killed these two |strong="H8147" people |strong="H0376", the |strong="H0853" sickness stopped |strong="H6113". <sup>9</sup> A |strong="H1961" total of |strong="H0505" 24,000 people |strong="H0702" died |strong="H4191" from |strong="H1961" that |strong="H1961" sickness.

<sup>III</sup> BROTHERS Or "family." <sup>IV</sup> HER TENT This was probably a special tent that showed this woman was a prostitute serving the false god, Baal of Peor.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>11</sup> "I was angry with the Israelites that I wanted to kill them. But Phinehas, son of Eleazar and Aaron, the priest, has saved them from my anger. He did this by showing that he feels strongly, just as I do, that my people must worship only me." <sup>12</sup> Tell Phinehas that I am making peace with him. <sup>13</sup> This the agreement: He and all his family who live after him will always be priests, because he had strong feelings for his God. And he did what was needed to make the Israelites pure."

<sup>14</sup> The Israelite man who was killed with the Midianite woman was named Zimri, son of Salu. He was the leader of a family in the tribe of Simeon. <sup>15</sup> And the

name of the woman was a Midianite who was killed. She was the daughter of Zur, the head of the tribe of Zur. Zur was the head of the family and leader of the Midianite tribe.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>17</sup> "The Midianites are your enemies. You must kill them." <sup>18</sup> They have already made their enemies. They tricked you at Peor. And they tricked you with the woman named Cozbi. She was the daughter of a Midianite leader, but she was killed when the sickness came to the Israelites. That sickness was caused because the people were tricked into worshiping the false god Baal of Peor."

### The People Are Counted

**26** After the great sickness, the LORD spoke to Moses and Eleazar, son of Aaron, the priest. <sup>2</sup> He said, "Count the Israelites." Count all the

I Cozbi This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "my lie."

men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H0001" older |strong="H4605" and |strong="H1121" list them |strong="H0853" by |strong="H8141" families |strong="H1004". These |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" able to |strong="H3478" serve in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478"."

<sup>3</sup> At |strong="H5921" this time the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1696" were |strong="H3383" camped in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Jordan |strong="H3383" Valley in |strong="H5921" Moab |strong="H4124". This was |strong="H4872" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3405", across |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" Jericho |strong="H3405". So |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H4872" Eleazar |strong="H0499" the |strong="H0559" priest |strong="H3548" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1696". They |strong="H5921" said |strong="H0559", <sup>4</sup> "You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" count |strong="H8141" every |strong="H8141" man |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" or |strong="H1121" older |strong="H4605". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872" this |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680"."

Here |strong="H3318" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" list of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714":

<sup>5</sup> These are |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1121" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205". ( Reuben |strong="H7205" was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1121" firstborn |strong="H1060" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".) The |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" were |strong="H3478"

Hanoch |strong="H2585"— the |strong="H1121" Hanochite family |strong="H4940" group;  
Pallu |strong="H6396"— the |strong="H1121" Palluite family |strong="H4940" group;

<sup>6</sup> Hezron |strong="H2696"— the |strong="H4940" Hezronite family |strong="H4940" group;

Carmi |strong="H3756"— the |strong="H4940" Carmite family |strong="H4940" group.

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H1961" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4940" men |strong="H6485" in |strong="H1961" these |strong="H0428" family |strong="H4940" groups from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H4940" Reuben |strong="H7206" was |strong="H1961" 43,730.

<sup>8</sup> Pallu's |strong="H6396" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Eliab |strong="H0446". <sup>9</sup> Eliab |strong="H0446" had |strong="H3068" three sons |strong="H1121"— Nemuel |strong="H5241", Dathan |strong="H1885", and |strong="H1121" Abiram |strong="H0048". Remember, Dathan |strong="H1885" and |strong="H1121" Abiram |strong="H0048" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" two leaders who |strong="H0834" turned against |strong="H5921" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175". They |strong="H0834" followed Korah |strong="H7141" when |strong="H0834" Korah |strong="H7141" turned against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>10</sup> That |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" earth |strong="H0776" opened |strong="H6605" and |strong="H3967" swallowed |strong="H1104" Korah |strong="H7141" and |strong="H3967" all |strong="H0398" of |strong="H0776" his |strong="H1961" followers. And |strong="H3967" 250 men |strong="H0376" died |strong="H4194"! That |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" warning |strong="H5251" to |strong="H1961" all |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" Israelites. <sup>11</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3808" other people |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3808" family |strong="H4191" of |strong="H1121" Korah |strong="H7141" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4191".

<sup>12</sup> These are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Simeon |strong="H8095":

Nemuel |strong="H5241"— the |strong="H1121" Nemuelite family |strong="H4940" group;  
Jamin |strong="H3226"— the |strong="H1121" Jaminite family |strong="H4940" group;  
Jakim |strong="H3199"— the |strong="H1121" Jakinite family |strong="H4940" group;

<sup>13</sup> Zerah |strong="H2226"— the |strong="H7586" Zerahite family |strong="H4940" group;

Shaul|strong="H7586"— the|strong="H7586" Shaulite family|strong="H4940" group.

14 The|strong="H0428" total number of|strong="H4940" men|strong="H0428" in|strong="H0428" these|strong="H0428" family|strong="H4940" groups from the|strong="H0428" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4940" Simeon|strong="H8099" was|strong="H4940" 22,200.

15 These are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410":

Zephon|strong="H6827"— the|strong="H1121" Zephonite family|strong="H4940" group;

Haggi|strong="H2291"— the|strong="H1121" Haggite family|strong="H4940" group;

Shuni|strong="H7764"— the|strong="H1121" Shunite family|strong="H4940" group;

16 Ozni— the|strong="H4940" Oznite family|strong="H4940" group;

Eri|strong="H6179"— the|strong="H4940" Erite family|strong="H4940" group;

17 Arodi|strong="H0722"— the|strong="H4940" Arodite family|strong="H4940" group;

Areli|strong="H0692"— the|strong="H4940" Arelite family|strong="H4940" group.

18 The|strong="H6485" total number|strong="H6485" of|strong="H1121" men|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1121" these|strong="H0428" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6485" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410" was|strong="H1121" 40,500.

19 These are the family groups from the tribe of Judah:

Shelah—the Shelanite family group;

Perez—the Perezite family group;

Zerah—the Zerahite family group.

(Two of Judah's sons, Er and Onan, died in Canaan.)

21 These are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1961" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" Perez|strong="H6557":

Hezron|strong="H2696"— the|strong="H1961" Hezronite family|strong="H4940" group;

Hamul|strong="H2538"— the|strong="H1961" Hamulite family|strong="H4940" group.

22 These|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" the|strong="H6485" family|strong="H4940" groups from|strong="H3063" the|strong="H6485" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4940" Judah|strong="H3063". The|strong="H6485" total number|strong="H6485" of|strong="H4940" men|strong="H6485" was|strong="H3063" 76,500.

23 The|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4940"

of|strong="H1121" Issachar|strong="H3485" were|strong="H1121"

Tola|strong="H8439"— the|strong="H1121" Tolaitite family|strong="H4940" group;

Puah|strong="H6312"— the|strong="H1121" Puite family|strong="H4940" group;

24 Jashub|strong="H3437"— the|strong="H4940" Jashubite family|strong="H4940" group;

Shimron|strong="H8110"— the|strong="H4940" Shimronite family|strong="H4940" group.

25 These|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" the|strong="H6485" family|strong="H4940" groups from the|strong="H6485" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4940" Issachar|strong="H3485". The|strong="H6485" total number|strong="H6485" of|strong="H4940" men|strong="H4940" was|strong="H4940" 64,300.

26 The|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" Zebulun|strong="H2074" were|strong="H1121"

Sered|strong="H5624"— the|strong="H1121" Seredite family|strong="H4940" group;

Elon|strong="H0356"— the|strong="H1121" Elonite family|strong="H4940" group;

Jahleel|strong="H3177"— the|strong="H1121" Jahleelite family|strong="H4940" group.

27 These|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" the|strong="H6485" family|strong="H4940" groups from the|strong="H6485" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4940" Zebulun. The|strong="H6485" total number|strong="H6485" of|strong="H4940" men|strong="H6485" was|strong="H4940" 60,500.

28 Joseph's|strong="H3130" two sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519" and|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669". Each son|strong="H1121" became a|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4940" with|strong="H4519" its own family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121". 29 Manasseh's|strong="H4519" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121"

Makir|strong="H4353"— the|strong="H0853" Makirite family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121". (Makir|strong="H4353" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H3205" of|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568".)

Gilead|strong="H1568"— the|strong="H0853" Gileadite|strong="H1569" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121".

30 The|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568" were|strong="H0428"

Iezer|strong="H0372"— the|strong="H1121" Iezerite family|strong="H4940" group;

Helek |strong="H2507"— the |strong="H1121" Helekite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 31 Asriel |strong="H0844"— the |strong="H4940" Asrielite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Shechem |strong="H7928"— the |strong="H4940" Shechemite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 32 Shemida |strong="H8061"— the |strong="H4940" Shemidaite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Hopher |strong="H2660"— the |strong="H4940" Hopherite family |strong="H4940" group.  
 33 Zelophehad |strong="H6765" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hopher |strong="H2660". But |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808" sons |strong="H1121"— on-ly |strong="H0518" daughters |strong="H1323". His |strong="H1961" daughters' names |strong="H8034" were |strong="H1961" Mahlah |strong="H4244", Noah |strong="H5270", Hoglah |strong="H2295", Milcah |strong="H4435", and |strong="H1121" Tirzah |strong="H8656".  
 34 These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0428" all |strong="H6485" the |strong="H6485" fami-ly |strong="H4940" groups from the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H4940" Man-asseh |strong="H4519". The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H4940" men |strong="H6485" was |strong="H4940" 52,700.  
 35 The |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" were |strong="H1121"  
 Shuthelah |strong="H7803"— the |strong="H1121" Shuthelahite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Beker |strong="H1071"— the |strong="H1121" Bekerite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Tahan |strong="H8465"— the |strong="H1121" Tahanite family |strong="H4940" group.  
 36 Eran |strong="H6197" was |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" Shuthelah's fami-ly |strong="H4940" group;  
 Eran |strong="H6197"— the |strong="H1121" Eranite family |strong="H4940" group.  
 37 These |strong="H0428" were |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6485" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669". The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H1121" men |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" 32,500.  
 These |strong="H0428" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh and |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" are |strong="H0428" all |strong="H6485"

the |strong="H6485" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130".  
 38 The |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" were |strong="H1121"  
 Bela |strong="H1106"— the |strong="H1121" Belaite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Ashbel |strong="H0788"— the |strong="H1121" Ash-belite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Ahiram |strong="H0297"— the |strong="H1121" Ahi-ramite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 39 Shupham— the |strong="H4940" Shuphamite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Hupham |strong="H2349"— the |strong="H4940" Huphamite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 40 The |strong="H1961" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" Bela |strong="H1106" were |strong="H1961" Ard |strong="H0714"— the |strong="H1961" Ardite family |strong="H4940" group;  
 Naaman |strong="H5283"— the |strong="H1961" Naamanite family |strong="H4940" group.  
 41 These |strong="H0428" were |strong="H0428" all |strong="H6485" the |strong="H6485" fami-ly |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6485" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Ben-jamin |strong="H1144". The |strong="H6485" total number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H1121" men |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" 45,600.  
 42 The |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835" were |strong="H1121"  
 Shuham |strong="H7748"— the |strong="H1121" Shuhamite family |strong="H4940" group.  
 That |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" group from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835".  
 43 There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H4940" many family |strong="H4940" groups in |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Shuhamite tribe |strong="H4940".  
 The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" num-ber |strong="H6485" of |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" was |strong="H3605" 64,400.  
 44 The |strong="H1121" family |strong="H4940" groups |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Asher |strong="H0836" were |strong="H1121"  
 Imnah |strong="H3232"— the |strong="H1121" Imnite family |strong="H4940" group;



Ishvi *strong*="H3440"— the *strong*="H1121" Ishvite family *strong*="H4940" group;  
Beriah *strong*="H1283"— the *strong*="H1121" Beri-  
ite family *strong*="H4940" group.

<sup>45</sup> The *strong*="H1121" family *strong*="H4940"  
groups *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H1121" Beri-  
ah *strong*="H1283" were *strong*="H1121"

Heber *strong*="H2268"— the *strong*="H1121"  
Heberite family *strong*="H4940" group;  
Malkiel— the *strong*="H1121" Malkielite fami-  
ly *strong*="H4940" group.

<sup>46</sup> ( Asher *strong*="H0836" also had a *strong*="H1323"  
daughter *strong*="H1323" named *strong*="H8034"  
Serah *strong*="H8294".) <sup>47</sup> These *strong*="H0428"  
were *strong*="H0428" the *strong*="H6485" fami-  
ly *strong*="H4940" groups *strong*="H1121"  
in *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H6485"  
tribe *strong*="H4940" of *strong*="H1121" Ash-  
er *strong*="H0836". The *strong*="H6485" total num-  
ber *strong*="H6485" of *strong*="H1121"  
men *strong*="H1121" was *strong*="H1121" 53,400.

<sup>48</sup> The *strong*="H1121" family *strong*="H4940"  
groups *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H1121"  
the *strong*="H1121" tribe *strong*="H4940"  
of *strong*="H1121" Naphtali *strong*="H5321"  
were *strong*="H1121"

Jahzeel *strong*="H3183"— the *strong*="H1121"  
Jahzeelite family *strong*="H4940" group;  
Guni *strong*="H1476"— the *strong*="H1121" Gunite  
family *strong*="H4940" group;

<sup>49</sup> Jezer *strong*="H3337"— the *strong*="H4940"  
Jezerite family *strong*="H4940" group;  
Shillem *strong*="H8006"— the *strong*="H4940"  
Shillemite family *strong*="H4940" group.

<sup>50</sup> These *strong*="H0428" were *strong*="H0428"  
the *strong*="H6485" family *strong*="H4940" groups  
from the *strong*="H6485" tribe *strong*="H4940"  
of *strong*="H4940" Naphtali *strong*="H5321".  
The *strong*="H6485" total number *strong*="H6485"  
of *strong*="H4940" men *strong*="H6485"  
was *strong*="H4940" 45,400.

<sup>51</sup> So *strong*="H6485" the *strong*="H6485" total  
number *strong*="H6485" of *strong*="H1121"  
men *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Is-  
rael *strong*="H3478" was *strong*="H3478" 601,730.

<sup>52</sup> The *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068"  
said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413"  
Moses *strong*="H4872", <sup>53</sup> " The *strong*="H8034"  
land *strong*="H0776" will *strong*="H0776"  
be *strong*="H8034" divided *strong*="H2505"  
and *strong*="H0776" given to *strong*="H0776"  
these *strong*="H0428" people *strong*="H0776". Each  
tribe will *strong*="H0776" get enough  
land *strong*="H0776" for *strong*="H0776" all  
the *strong*="H8034" people *strong*="H0776"  
who *strong*="H0428" were *strong*="H0428" count-  
ed *strong*="H4557". <sup>54</sup> A *strong*="H5414"  
large *strong*="H7227" tribe will *strong*="H0376"

*strong*="H4591" much *strong*="H7235"  
land *strong*="H5159", and *strong*="H0376"  
a *strong*="H5414" small *strong*="H4592" tribe  
will *strong*="H0376" get *strong*="H4591"  
less *strong*="H4591" land *strong*="H5159".  
The *strong*="H5414" land *strong*="H5159"  
that *strong*="H6485" they *strong*="H0376"  
get *strong*="H4591" will *strong*="H0376"  
be *strong*="H0376" equal to *strong*="H5414"  
the *strong*="H5414" number *strong*="H6485"  
of *strong*="H0376" people *strong*="H0376"  
who *strong*="H0376" were *strong*="H0376" count-  
ed *strong*="H6485". <sup>55</sup> But *strong*="H0389"  
you *strong*="H0853" must *strong*="H0853" use  
lots *strong*="H1486" to *strong*="H0776" decide which  
tribe *strong*="H0776" gets which part  
of *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H0853"  
land *strong*="H0776". Each tribe *strong*="H4294"  
will *strong*="H0776" get its *strong*="H0853" share  
of *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H0853"  
land *strong*="H0776", and *strong*="H0776"  
that *strong*="H0776" land *strong*="H0776"  
will *strong*="H0776" be *strong*="H8034" given  
the *strong*="H0853" name *strong*="H8034"  
of *strong*="H0776" that *strong*="H0776"  
tribe *strong*="H4294". <sup>56</sup> Land *strong*="H5159"  
will *strong*="H6310" be *strong*="H4592" given  
to *strong*="H5921" each tribe— large *strong*="H7227"  
and *strong*="H6310" small *strong*="H4592".  
And *strong*="H6310" you *strong*="H5921"  
will *strong*="H6310" throw lots *strong*="H1486"  
to *strong*="H5921" make *strong*="H1486"  
the *strong*="H5921" decisions."

<sup>57</sup> They *strong*="H0428" also count-  
ed *strong*="H6485" the *strong*="H6485"  
tribe *strong*="H4940" of *strong*="H4940"  
Levi *strong*="H3881". These *strong*="H0428"  
are *strong*="H0428" the *strong*="H6485" fami-  
ly *strong*="H4940" groups from *strong*="H3881"  
the *strong*="H6485" tribe *strong*="H4940"  
of *strong*="H4940" Levi *strong*="H3881":

Gershon *strong*="H1648"— the *strong*="H6485"  
Gershonite *strong*="H1649" family *strong*="H4940"  
group;

Kohath *strong*="H6955"— the *strong*="H6485" Ko-  
hathite *strong*="H6956" family *strong*="H4940"  
group;

Merari *strong*="H4847"— the *strong*="H6485" Mer-  
arite family *strong*="H4940" group.

<sup>58</sup> These *strong*="H0428" are *strong*="H0428" al-  
so *strong*="H0853" family *strong*="H4940" groups  
from *strong*="H3881" the *strong*="H0853"  
tribe *strong*="H4940" of *strong*="H3205"  
Levi *strong*="H3881":

the *strong*="H0853" Libnite family *strong*="H4940"  
group;  
the *strong*="H0853" Hebronite fami-  
ly *strong*="H4940" group;

the |strong="H0853" Mahlite family|strong="H4940" group;  
 the |strong="H0853" Mushite family|strong="H4940" group;  
 the |strong="H0853" Korahite |strong="H7145" family|strong="H4940" group.

Amram |strong="H6019" was |strong="H3205" from |strong="H3881" the |strong="H0853" Kohath |strong="H6955" family |strong="H4940" group.  
 59 Amram's |strong="H6019" wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Jochebed |strong="H3115". She |strong="H0834" was |strong="H8034" also |strong="H4872" from |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H1323" Levi |strong="H3878". She |strong="H0834" was |strong="H8034" born |strong="H3205" in |strong="H0802" Egypt |strong="H4714". Amram |strong="H6019" and |strong="H4872" Jochebed |strong="H3115" had |strong="H0834" two sons |strong="H3205", Aaron |strong="H0175" and |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H4872" had |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3205" daughter |strong="H1323", Miriam |strong="H4813".

60 Aaron |strong="H0175" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Nadab |strong="H5070", Abihu |strong="H0030", Eleazar |strong="H0499", and |strong="H0175" Ithamar |strong="H0385". 61 But |strong="H4191" Nadab |strong="H5070" and |strong="H3068" Abihu |strong="H0030" died |strong="H4191". They |strong="H3068" died |strong="H4191" because |strong="H6440" they |strong="H3068" made |strong="H7126" an |strong="H7126" offering |strong="H7126" to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" not allowed |strong="H3068".

62 The |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" number |strong="H6485" of |strong="H1121" males |strong="H2145" one |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" or |strong="H3808" older |strong="H4605" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" tribe of |strong="H1121" Levi was |strong="H1961" 23,000. But |strong="H3588" these |strong="H1992" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" counted |strong="H6485" with |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". They |strong="H1992" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" get |strong="H8432" a |strong="H1961" share |strong="H5159" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H5159" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Lord gave |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1961"

the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121".

63 Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" counted |strong="H6485" all |strong="H6485" these |strong="H0428" people |strong="H1121". They |strong="H0834" counted |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" while |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" Valley in |strong="H5921" Moab |strong="H4124". This |strong="H0428" was |strong="H0834" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3405" across |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" Jericho |strong="H3405".

64 Many years before |strong="H3808", in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H1121" Sinai |strong="H5514", Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" counted |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". But |strong="H3808" all |strong="H0376" these |strong="H0428" people |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0834" dead. Not |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H0853" was |strong="H1961" still alive, 65 because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H1992" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" would |strong="H3068" all |strong="H0376" die |strong="H4191" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" desert |strong="H4057". The |strong="H0559" only |strong="H0518" two |strong="H3808" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" left |strong="H3498" alive were |strong="H1121" Caleb |strong="H3612" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jephunneh |strong="H3312" and |strong="H1121" Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126".

#### Zelophehad's Daughters

27 Zelophehad |strong="H6765" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H7126" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hephher |strong="H2660". Hephher |strong="H2660" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H7126" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568". Gilead |strong="H1568" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H7126" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Makir |strong="H4353". Makir |strong="H4353" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H7126"

son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519". Manasseh |strong="H4519" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H7126" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130". Zelophehad |strong="H6765" had |strong="H3130" five daughters |strong="H1323". Their |strong="H7126" names |strong="H8034" were |strong="H1121" Mahlah |strong="H4244", Noah |strong="H5270", Hoglah |strong="H2295", Milcah |strong="H4435", and |strong="H1121" Tirzah |strong="H8656". <sup>2</sup> These |strong="H3605" five women went |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H4872" stood |strong="H5975" before |strong="H6440" Moses |strong="H4872", Eleazar |strong="H0499" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548", the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H5387", and |strong="H4872" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites.

The |strong="H3605" five daughters said |strong="H0559", <sup>3</sup> " Our |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" died |strong="H4191" while |strong="H1961" we |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" traveling through |strong="H8432" the |strong="H5921" desert |strong="H4057". He |strong="H1931" died |strong="H4191" a |strong="H1961" natural death |strong="H4191". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1931" joined Korah's |strong="H7141" group. ( Korah |strong="H7141" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" man |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1931" turned |strong="H1961" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068".) But |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" no |strong="H3808" sons |strong="H1121". <sup>4</sup> This |strong="H3588" means that |strong="H3588" our |strong="H5414" father's |strong="H0001" name |strong="H8034" will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H0369" continue. It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" fair that |strong="H3588" our |strong="H5414" father's |strong="H0001" name |strong="H8034" will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H0369" continue. His |strong="H5414" name |strong="H8034" will |strong="H1121" end because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0001" no |strong="H0369" sons |strong="H1121". So |strong="H5414" we |strong="H3588" ask you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0369" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" some of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H4940" that |strong="H3588" our |strong="H5414" fa-

ther's |strong="H0001" brothers |strong="H0251" will |strong="H1121" get |strong="H8432"."

<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H7126" Moses |strong="H4872" asked the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" what he |strong="H3068" should |strong="H3068" do. <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", <sup>7</sup> " The |strong="H0853" daughters |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" Zelophehad |strong="H6765" are |strong="H1323" right |strong="H3651". They |strong="H3651" should |strong="H0001" share |strong="H5159" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H5159" with |strong="H1696" their |strong="H5414" father's |strong="H0001" brothers |strong="H0251". So |strong="H3651" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H5159" that |strong="H3651" you |strong="H5414" would have |strong="H0001" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1696" their |strong="H5414" father |strong="H0001".

<sup>8</sup> " So |strong="H4191" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478", ' If |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" has |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" son |strong="H1121", when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" dies |strong="H4191" everything he |strong="H3588" owns will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H4191" given to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0376" daughter |strong="H1323". <sup>9</sup> If |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0518" has |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" daughter |strong="H1323", everything he |strong="H0518" owns will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0369" his |strong="H5414" brothers |strong="H0251". <sup>10</sup> If |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0518" has |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" brothers |strong="H0251", everything he |strong="H0518" owns will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0369" his |strong="H5414" father's |strong="H0001" brothers |strong="H0251". <sup>11</sup> If |strong="H0518" his |strong="H5414" father |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" no |strong="H0369" brothers |strong="H0251", everything |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" owns will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" closest relative |strong="H0251" in |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5414" family |strong="H4940". This |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" law among |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414"

this |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872"."

**Joshua Is |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0853" New |strong="H3423" Leader**

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" on |strong="H0413" one |strong="H2088" of |strong="H1121" mountains |strong="H2022" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" desert east of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Jordan River |strong="H0776". There |strong="H2088" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" giving |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". <sup>13</sup> After |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" seen |strong="H7200" this |strong="H0834" land, you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" die |strong="H0622" like |strong="H0834" your |strong="H0834" brother |strong="H0251" Aaron |strong="H0175". <sup>14</sup> Remember when |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" became |strong="H4784" angry at |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0834" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H5869" Zin |strong="H6790". Both you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H5869" Aaron refused to |strong="H4325" obey my |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6310". You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H4325" honor me |strong="H0834" and |strong="H5869" show |strong="H6942" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am holy |strong="H6942". ( This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" at |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" of |strong="H5869" Meribah |strong="H4809"<sup>I</sup> near Kadesh |strong="H6946" in |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0834" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H5869" Zin |strong="H6790".)

<sup>15</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", <sup>16</sup> " LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" who |strong="H3605" knows what |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" thinking. I |strong="H3068" pray that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" choose

a |strong="H5921" leader for |strong="H5921" these |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376". <sup>II</sup> I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" choose a |strong="H1961" leader who |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" lead |strong="H3318" them |strong="H6440" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3068" this |strong="H0834" land |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H6440" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" new land |strong="H6440". Then |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" sheep |strong="H6629" without |strong="H3808" a |strong="H1961" shepherd |strong="H7462"."

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126" is |strong="H0834" very wise. <sup>III</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" place |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" make |strong="H3947" him |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" new leader.

<sup>19</sup> Tell |strong="H3605" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H6440" stand |strong="H5975" before |strong="H6440" Eleazar |strong="H0499" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3548" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5869". Then |strong="H0853" make |strong="H5975" him |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" new leader.

<sup>20</sup> " Show |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H5414" are |strong="H3478" making |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" leader, <sup>IV</sup> then |strong="H4616" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3478" obey |strong="H8085" him |strong="H5414". <sup>21</sup> If |strong="H1121" Joshua needs to |strong="H0935" make |strong="H5975" a |strong="H0935" decision |strong="H4941", he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" Eleazar |strong="H0499" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548". Eleazar |strong="H0499" will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3605" Urim |strong="H0224" to |strong="H0935" learn the |strong="H3605"

<sup>II</sup> LORD, ... THESE PEOPLE Literally, "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all people, appoint a man for this community." <sup>III</sup> JOSHUA ... IS VERY WISE Literally, "Take Joshua son of Nun. He is a man with a spirit in him." This might mean that Joshua was very wise, or it might mean that God's Spirit was with him. <sup>IV</sup> SHOW ... LEADER Literally, "Give him some of your glory."

I WATER OF MERIBAH Or "water of rebellion."

LORD'S answer.  
 Then Joshua and all Israelites do things says he go they go And he go they go And he go they go as LORD told him

22 Moses obeyed the LORD. Moses told Joshua to stand before Eleazar priest and all Israelites. 23 Then Moses put his hands on him to show that he was the new leader. He did this as the LORD told him to.

### Daily Offerings

28 Then LORD spoke to Moses. He said, "Give this command to Israelites. Tell them to be sure to give grain and sacrifices to me at the right time as sweet-smelling gifts. These gifts are that they must give to LORD. Every

day they must give 2 lambs that are one old. There must be nothing wrong with them. Offer one of the lambs in the morning and the other lamb just before dark. 5 Also give a grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil. 6 They started giving the daily offerings at Mount Sinai as sweet-smelling gifts the LORD. 7 The people must also give the drink that they give. They must give 1 quart of every lamb. Pour that drink on the altar in the Holy Place. This is a gift to LORD. 8 Offer the second lamb just before dark. Offer it just in the morning offering. Also give the drink offering that it will be a sweet-smelling gift to the LORD.

I 8 cups Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l). Also in verses 13, 20-21, 29. II 1 quart Literally, "1/4 hin" (.8 l). Also in verse 14.

### Sabbath Offerings *strong="H0801"*

9 " On *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3117"* Sabbath *strong="H7676"* you *strong="H3117"* must *strong="H1121"* give 2 lambs *strong="H3532"* that *strong="H3117"* are *strong="H3117"* one *strong="H3532"* year *strong="H8141"* old *strong="H1121"*. There must *strong="H1121"* be *strong="H1121"* nothing wrong with *strong="H3117"* them *strong="H3117"*. You *strong="H3117"* must *strong="H1121"* also *strong="H3117"* give a *strong="H3117"* grain offering *strong="H4503"* of *strong="H1121"* 16 cups I of *strong="H1121"* fine *strong="H5560"* flour *strong="H5560"* mixed *strong="H1101"* with *strong="H3117"* olive *strong="H8081"* oil *strong="H8081"*, and *strong="H1121"* a *strong="H3117"* drink offering *strong="H4503"*.  
 10 This is *strong="H8548"* a *strong="H5921"* special offering for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* day of *strong="H5921"* rest. This offering is *strong="H8548"* in *strong="H5921"* addition *strong="H5921"* to *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* regular *strong="H8548"* daily *strong="H8548"* offering and *strong="H7676"* drink offering.

### Monthly Meetings

11 " On *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3068"* first *strong="H0259"* day *strong="H2320"* of *strong="H1121"* each *strong="H0259"* month *strong="H2320"* you *strong="H7126"* will *strong="H3068"* offer *strong="H7126"* a *strong="H7126"* special burnt *strong="H5930"* offering *strong="H7126"* to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3068"* LORD *strong="H3068"*. This *strong="H3068"* offering *strong="H7126"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H1121"* 2 male *strong="H3532"* bulls *strong="H6499"*, 1 ram *strong="H0352"*, and *strong="H1121"* 7 lambs *strong="H3532"* that *strong="H3068"* are *strong="H1121"* one *strong="H0259"* year *strong="H8141"* old *strong="H1121"*. There *strong="H3068"* must *strong="H1121"* be *strong="H1121"* nothing wrong with *strong="H3068"* them *strong="H7126"*.<sup>12</sup> With *strong="H8147"* each *strong="H0259"* bull *strong="H6499"*, you *strong="H8081"* must give a *strong="H0259"* grain offering *strong="H4503"* of *strong="H0259"* 24 cups II of *strong="H0259"* fine *strong="H5560"* flour *strong="H5560"* mixed *strong="H1101"* with *strong="H8147"* olive *strong="H8081"* oil *strong="H8081"*. And *strong="H8081"* with *strong="H8147"*

I 16 CUPS Literally, "2/10 of an ephah" (4.4 l). Also in verses 12, 20-21, 28. II 24 CUPS Literally, "3/10 of an ephah" (6.6 l). Also in verses 20-21, 28.

the *strong="H8147"* ram *strong="H0352"*, you *strong="H8081"* must give a *strong="H0259"* grain offering *strong="H4503"* of *strong="H0259"* 16 cups of *strong="H0259"* fine *strong="H5560"* flour *strong="H5560"* mixed *strong="H1101"* with *strong="H8147"* olive *strong="H8081"* oil *strong="H8081"*.<sup>13</sup> Also *strong="H3068"* give a *strong="H0259"* grain offering *strong="H3068"* of *strong="H3068"* 8 cups of *strong="H3068"* fine *strong="H5560"* flour *strong="H5560"* mixed *strong="H1101"* with *strong="H3068"* olive *strong="H8081"* oil *strong="H8081"* with *strong="H3068"* each *strong="H0259"* lamb *strong="H3532"*. This *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* a *strong="H0259"* sweet-smelling gift *strong="H4503"* to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3068"* LORD *strong="H3068"*.<sup>14</sup> The *strong="H1961"* drink offering will *strong="H1961"* be *strong="H1961"* 2 quarts III of *strong="H8141"* wine *strong="H3196"* with *strong="H1961"* each *strong="H3532"* bull *strong="H6499"*, 1 1/4 quarts IV of *strong="H8141"* wine *strong="H3196"* with *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H1961"* ram *strong="H0352"*, and *strong="H6499"* 1 quart of *strong="H8141"* wine *strong="H3196"* with *strong="H1961"* each *strong="H3532"* lamb *strong="H3532"*. That *strong="H8141"* is *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H1961"* burnt *strong="H5930"* offering that *strong="H8141"* must be *strong="H1961"* offered each *strong="H3532"* month *strong="H2320"* of *strong="H8141"* the *strong="H1961"* year *strong="H8141"*.<sup>15</sup> In *strong="H5921"* addition *strong="H5921"* to *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* regular *strong="H8548"* daily *strong="H8548"* burnt *strong="H5930"* offering *strong="H3068"* and *strong="H3068"* drink offering *strong="H3068"*, you *strong="H5921"* must also *strong="H3068"* give 1 male *strong="H8163"* goat *strong="H5795"* to *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* LORD *strong="H3068"*. That *strong="H3068"* goat *strong="H5795"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* a *strong="H5921"* sin *strong="H2403"* offering *strong="H3068"*.

### Passover

16 " The *strong="H3068"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Passover *strong="H6453"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* on *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3068"* 14th day *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3068"* first *strong="H7223"* month *strong="H2320"*.<sup>17</sup> The *strong="H3117"* Festival *strong="H2282"*

III 2 QUARTS Literally, "1/2 hin" (1.6 l). IV 1 1/4 QUARTS Literally, "1/3 hin" (1 l).

of|strong="H3117" unleavened|strong="H4682" bread|strong="H4682" begins on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" 15th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" month|strong="H2320". This|strong="H2088" festival|strong="H2282" lasts for|strong="H3117" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". The|strong="H3117" only bread|strong="H4682" you|strong="H3117" can eat|strong="H0398" is|strong="H2088" bread|strong="H4682" made without yeast. <sup>18</sup> You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3117" a|strong="H3808" special meeting on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H7223" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" this|strong="H3117" festival. You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" on|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117". <sup>19</sup> You|strong="H7126" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H1961" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H0801" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". The|strong="H3068" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H0801" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" 2 bulls|strong="H6499", 1 ram|strong="H0352", and|strong="H1121" 7 lambs|strong="H3532" that|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" one|strong="H0259" year|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121". There|strong="H1961" must|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1961" nothing wrong with|strong="H3068" them|strong="H7126". <sup>20</sup> You must also give a grain offering of 24 cups of fine flour mixed with olive oil with each bull, and 16 cups of fine flour mixed with oil with the ram, and 8 cups of fine flour mixed with oil for each lamb. <sup>22</sup> You|strong="H5921" must also give a|strong="H5921" male|strong="H8163" goat|strong="H8163" as|strong="H0259" a|strong="H5921" sin|strong="H2403" offering|strong="H0259" to|strong="H5921" make you|strong="H5921" pure. <sup>23</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" give these|strong="H0428" offerings|strong="H5930" in|strong="H0428" addition to|strong="H1242" the|strong="H0853" morning|strong="H1242" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H5930" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" give every|strong="H1242" day|strong="H1242". <sup>24</sup> In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H0428" way|strong="H5921", each|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" for|strong="H5921" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117", you|strong="H5921" must bring the|strong="H5921" food|strong="H3899" that|strong="H3117" is|strong="H3068" offered by|strong="H0801" fire|strong="H0801". The|strong="H5921" smell

of|strong="H3068" these|strong="H0428" offerings|strong="H0801" will|strong="H3068" please the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H5921" must give these|strong="H0428" offerings|strong="H0801" in|strong="H5921" addition|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" daily|strong="H3117" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H0801" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" drink offering|strong="H0801" that|strong="H3117" goes with|strong="H3068" it|strong="H5921".

<sup>25</sup> Then|strong="H1961", on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" this|strong="H3117" festival, you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" another|strong="H3808" special meeting. You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" on|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117".

#### Festival of|strong="H3117" Harvest

<sup>26</sup> The|strong="H3605" first|strong="H1061" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Festival of|strong="H3068" Harvest is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3605" bring|strong="H7126" the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H1061" of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" new|strong="H2319" crops and|strong="H3068" give|strong="H1961" them|strong="H7126" as|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" grain|strong="H3605" offering|strong="H4503" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". At|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" also|strong="H3068" call a|strong="H1961" special meeting. You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399" on|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117". <sup>27</sup> You|strong="H7126" must|strong="H1121" offer|strong="H7126" a|strong="H7126" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H7126" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H7126" sweet-smelling gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H7126" must|strong="H1121" offer|strong="H7126" 2 bulls|strong="H6499", 1 ram|strong="H0352", and|strong="H1121" 7 lambs|strong="H3532" that|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" one|strong="H0259" year|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121".

There **must** be nothing wrong with them. <sup>28</sup> You must also give 24 cups of fine flour mixed with oil with each bull, and 16 cups with each ram, and 8 cups with each lamb. <sup>30</sup> You must also sacrifice a male goat to make you pure. <sup>31</sup> You must give these offerings in addition to the daily burnt offerings and the grain offering you give with them. Be sure there is nothing wrong with the animals they drink that you give with them.

#### Festival of Trumpets

**29** " There will be a special meeting on the first day of the seventh month. You will not do any work on that day. That is the blowing of trumpets. <sup>12</sup> You will offer burnt offerings. Their smell will please the LORD. You will offer 1 bull, 1 ram,

lamb that are one year old. There be nothing wrong with them. <sup>3</sup> You will also offer 24 cups of fine flour mixed with oil with the bull, 16 cups with the ram, and 8 cups with the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Also offer a male goat as sin offering to make you pure. <sup>6</sup> These offerings are in addition to the New Moon sacrifice and its grain offering. And they are in addition to the daily sacrifice and its grain offerings and drink offerings. These must be done according to the rules. They will be sweet-smelling gifts to the LORD.

#### The Day of Atonement

<sup>7</sup> " There will be a special meeting on the tenth day of the seventh month. During that day you must not eat any food, and you must not do any work. <sup>8</sup>

I BLOWING THE TRUMPETS Or "shouting." This might mean this is a day for shouting and being happy.

II 24 CUPS Literally, "3/10 of an ephah" (6.6 l). Also in verses 9, 14. III 16 CUPS Literally, "2/10 of an ephah" (4.4 l). Also in verses 9, 14. IV 8 CUPS Literally, "1/10 of an ephah" (2.2 l). Also in verses 10, 15. V you ... FOOD Literally, "you will humble your souls."



You will offer burnt offerings. Their smell will please the LORD. You must offer 1 bull, 1 ram, and 7 lambs that are one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. You must also offer 24 cups of flour mixed with olive oil the bull, 16 cups with the ram, and 8 cups with each of the 7 lambs. You will also offer 1 male goat as sin offering. This will be in addition to the sin offering the Day of Atonement. This will also be in addition to the daily sacrifice and its grain offerings and drink offerings.

#### Festival of Shelters

12 There will be a special meeting on the 15th day of the 7th month. You must not do any work on that day. You must celebrate a special festival for the LORD for seven days.

<sup>1</sup> 15TH DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH This is the Festival of Shelters. See "Festival of Shelters" in the Word List.

will offer burnt offerings as sweet-smelling gifts to the LORD. You will offer 13 bulls, 2 rams, and 14 lambs that are one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. You must also offer 24 cups of flour mixed with oil each of the 13 bulls, 16 cups with the 2 rams, and 8 cups with each of the 14 lambs. You must also offer 1 male goat. This must be in addition to the daily sacrifice and its grain offerings and drink offerings.

17 On the second day of this festival, you must offer 12 bulls, 2 rams, and 14 lambs that are one year old. There must be nothing wrong with them. You must also give the right amount of grain and drink offerings with the bulls, rams, and lambs. You must also offer 1 male goat as sin offering. This must be in addition to the daily sacrifice and its grain offerings.

ings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H4503" drink offerings |strong="H4503".

<sup>20</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" third |strong="H7992" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" this |strong="H3117" festival, you |strong="H3117" must |strong="H1121" offer 11 bulls |strong="H6499", 2 rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" 14 lambs |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" one |strong="H3532" year |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". There must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" nothing wrong with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H3117". <sup>21</sup> You must also give the |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941" amount of |strong="H4557" grain and |strong="H4941" drink offerings |strong="H4503" with |strong="H6499" the |strong="H4941" bulls |strong="H6499", rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H4941" lambs |strong="H3532". <sup>22</sup> You must also give 1 goat |strong="H8163" as |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503". This must be |strong="H0259" in |strong="H4503" addition to |strong="H4503" the |strong="H0905" daily |strong="H8548" sacrifice |strong="H8548" and |strong="H4503" its grain |strong="H8548" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H4503" drink offerings |strong="H4503".

<sup>23</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" fourth |strong="H7243" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" this |strong="H3117" festival, you |strong="H3117" must |strong="H1121" offer 10 bulls |strong="H6499", 2 rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" 14 lambs |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" one |strong="H3532" year |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". There must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" nothing wrong with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H3117". <sup>24</sup> You must also give the |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941" amount of |strong="H4557" grain and |strong="H4941" drink offerings |strong="H4503" with |strong="H6499" the |strong="H4941" bulls |strong="H6499", rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H4941" lambs |strong="H3532". <sup>25</sup> You must also give 1 male |strong="H8163" goat |strong="H5795" as |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503". This must be |strong="H0259" in |strong="H4503" addition to |strong="H4503" the |strong="H0905" daily |strong="H8548" sacrifice |strong="H8548" and |strong="H4503" its grain |strong="H8548" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H4503" drink offerings |strong="H4503".

<sup>26</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" fifth |strong="H2549" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" this |strong="H3117" festival,

you |strong="H3117" must |strong="H1121" offer 9 bulls |strong="H6499", 2 rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" 14 lambs |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" one |strong="H3532" year |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". There must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" nothing wrong with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H3117". <sup>27</sup> You must also give the |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941" amount of |strong="H4557" grain and |strong="H4941" drink offerings |strong="H4503" with |strong="H6499" the |strong="H4941" bulls |strong="H6499", rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H4941" lambs |strong="H3532". <sup>28</sup> You must also give 1 male |strong="H8163" goat |strong="H8163" as |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503". This must be |strong="H0259" in |strong="H4503" addition to |strong="H4503" the |strong="H0905" daily |strong="H8548" sacrifice |strong="H8548" and |strong="H4503" its grain |strong="H8548" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H4503" drink offerings |strong="H4503".

<sup>29</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" sixth |strong="H8345" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" this |strong="H3117" festival, you |strong="H3117" must |strong="H1121" offer 8 bulls |strong="H6499", 2 rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" 14 lambs |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" one |strong="H3532" year |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". There must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" nothing wrong with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H3117". <sup>30</sup> You must also give the |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941" amount of |strong="H4557" grain and |strong="H4941" drink offerings |strong="H4503" for |strong="H4941" the |strong="H4941" bulls |strong="H6499", rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H4941" lambs |strong="H3532". <sup>31</sup> You must also give 1 male |strong="H8163" goat |strong="H8163" as |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503". This must be |strong="H0259" in |strong="H4503" addition to |strong="H4503" the |strong="H0905" daily |strong="H8548" sacrifice |strong="H8548" and |strong="H4503" its grain |strong="H8548" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H4503" drink offerings |strong="H4503".

<sup>32</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" this |strong="H3117" festival, you |strong="H3117" must |strong="H1121" offer 7 bulls |strong="H6499", 2 rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" 14 lambs |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117"

one |strong="H3532" year |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". There must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" nothing wrong with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H3117". <sup>33</sup> You must also give the |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941" amount of |strong="H4557" grain and |strong="H4941" drink offerings |strong="H4503" with |strong="H6499" the |strong="H4941" bulls |strong="H6499", rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H4941" lambs |strong="H3532". <sup>34</sup> You must also give 1 male |strong="H8163" goat |strong="H8163" as |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503". This must be |strong="H0259" in |strong="H4503" addition to |strong="H4503" the |strong="H0905" daily |strong="H8548" sacrifice |strong="H8548" and |strong="H4503" its grain |strong="H8548" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H4503" drink offerings |strong="H4503".

<sup>35</sup> " The |strong="H3605" eighth |strong="H8066" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" this |strong="H3117" festival is |strong="H3117" a |strong="H1961" very special meeting for |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3605". You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117". <sup>36</sup> You |strong="H7126" must |strong="H1121" offer |strong="H7126" a |strong="H7126" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H0801" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7126" sweet-smelling gift |strong="H0801" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H7126" must |strong="H1121" offer |strong="H7126" 1 bull |strong="H6499", 1 ram |strong="H0352", and |strong="H1121" 7 lambs |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" one |strong="H0259" year |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". There |strong="H3068" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" nothing wrong with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H7126". <sup>37</sup> You must also give the |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941" amount of |strong="H4557" grain and |strong="H4941" drink offerings |strong="H4503" with |strong="H6499" the |strong="H4941" bull |strong="H6499", ram |strong="H0352", and |strong="H4941" lambs |strong="H3532". <sup>38</sup> You must also give 1 male |strong="H8163" goat |strong="H8163" as |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4503". This must be |strong="H0259" in |strong="H4503" addition to |strong="H4503" the |strong="H0905" daily |strong="H8548" sacrifice |strong="H8548"

and |strong="H4503" its grain |strong="H8548" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H4503" drink offerings |strong="H4503".

<sup>39</sup> " At |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" special festivals |strong="H4150" you |strong="H6213" must bring your |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002", grain offerings |strong="H8002", drink offerings |strong="H8002", and |strong="H3068" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". You |strong="H6213" must give these |strong="H0428" offerings |strong="H8002" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" are |strong="H0428" in |strong="H3068" addition to |strong="H3068" any special gift |strong="H4503" you |strong="H6213" might |strong="H3068" want to |strong="H3068" give him |strong="H6213" and |strong="H3068" any offering |strong="H4503" that |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" part |strong="H0905" of |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" special promise |strong="H3068" you |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213"."

<sup>40</sup> Moses told the Israelites everything the LORD had commanded him.

### Special Promises

**30** Moses |strong="H4872" spoke |strong="H0559" with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Israelite |strong="H3478" tribes and |strong="H1121" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" about |strong="H0413" these |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>2</sup> " If |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1696" man |strong="H1121" makes |strong="H1696" a |strong="H1696" special promise |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" or |strong="H1121" makes |strong="H1696" a |strong="H1696" promise |strong="H1697" with |strong="H0413" an |strong="H2088" oath |strong="H1697", he |strong="H0834" must |strong="H1121" not |strong="H2088" break his |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H1697". He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H1121" do |strong="H6680" everything |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3478" do |strong="H6680".

<sup>3</sup> " A |strong="H3588" young woman might |strong="H3068" still be |strong="H3808" living |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" her |strong="H3605" father's house. And |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" young woman might |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3588" special promise |strong="H1697" to |strong="H5921" give something |strong="H1697"

to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>4</sup> If |strong="H3588" her |strong="H0802" father |strong="H0001" hears about |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" agrees, the |strong="H3588" young woman |strong="H0802" must do what |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" promised |strong="H3068". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="H8085" if |strong="H0834" her |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" hears |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" promise and |strong="H6965" does |strong="H0834" not |strong="H5315" agree |strong="H8085", she |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" free from |strong="H5921" her |strong="H3605" promise. She |strong="H0834" does |strong="H0834" not |strong="H5315" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H3605" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" promised. Her |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" stopped her |strong="H3605", so |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD will |strong="H0834" forgive her |strong="H3605".

<sup>6</sup> A |strong="H3588" woman might |strong="H3068" make |strong="H8085" a |strong="H3588" special promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5921" give |strong="H8085" something to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" and |strong="H6965" then |strong="H6965" get |strong="H6965" married. <sup>7</sup> If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0834" husband |strong="H0376" hears about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" promise and |strong="H0376" does |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0518" object, the |strong="H0834" woman must |strong="H0518" do |strong="H0518" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" promised. <sup>8</sup> But |strong="H0376" if |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" husband |strong="H0376" hears |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" promise and |strong="H6965" refuses to |strong="H5921" let |strong="H5315" her |strong="H5921" keep |strong="H8085" her |strong="H5921" promise, the |strong="H0834" wife does |strong="H0834" not |strong="H5315" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" promised. Her |strong="H5921" husband |strong="H0376" broke the |strong="H0834" promise— he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H5315" let |strong="H5315" her |strong="H5921" do |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" said |strong="H8085". So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD will |strong="H0834" forgive her |strong="H5921".

<sup>9</sup> A |strong="H8085" widow or |strong="H0518" a |strong="H8085" divorced woman might |strong="H3068" make |strong="H8085"

a |strong="H8085" special promise |strong="H3068". If |strong="H0518" she |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3068", she |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H0518" exactly |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H3068".

<sup>10</sup> A |strong="H0834" married woman might |strong="H0834" make |strong="H6965" a |strong="H0834" promise to |strong="H5921" give something to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Lord. <sup>11</sup> If |strong="H0518" her |strong="H5921" husband |strong="H0376" hears about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" promise and |strong="H1004" lets her |strong="H5921" keep her |strong="H5921" promise, she |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" do |strong="H0518" exactly what |strong="H5921" she |strong="H0518" promised |strong="H5087". She |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" give everything she |strong="H0518" promised |strong="H5087". <sup>12</sup> But |strong="H3808" if |strong="H0834" her |strong="H3605" husband |strong="H0376" hears |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" promise and |strong="H6965" refuses to |strong="H5921" let |strong="H3808" her |strong="H3605" keep |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" promise, she |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H3605" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" promised. It |strong="H5921" doesn't |strong="H3808" matter what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" promised to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H3605"; if |strong="H0834" her |strong="H3605" husband |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0834" against |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921", this |strong="H0834" ends her |strong="H3605" duty |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H3605" it |strong="H5921". And |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" LORD will |strong="H0834" forgive her |strong="H3605". <sup>13</sup> A |strong="H8085" married woman might |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" give |strong="H8085" something to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", or |strong="H0518" she |strong="H0518" might |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H0518" without |strong="H3808" something, <sup>1</sup> or |strong="H0518" she |strong="H0518" might |strong="H3068" make |strong="H8085" some |strong="H0376" other |strong="H3605" special promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" husband |strong="H0376" can |strong="H0518"

<sup>1</sup> DO WITHOUT SOMETHING Literally, "humble her soul." Usually this means to make the body suffer in some way, such as by not eating food.

stop|strong="H3808" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0376" these|strong="H3605" promises, and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H3605" husband|strong="H0376" can|strong="H0518" let|strong="H3808" her|strong="H3605" keep|strong="H8085" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0376" these|strong="H3605" promises. <sup>14</sup> How does|strong="H5315" the|strong="H3605" husband|strong="H0376" let|strong="H5315" his|strong="H3605" wife keep her|strong="H3605" promises? If|strong="H0376" he|strong="H0376" hears about|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" promises and|strong="H6965" does|strong="H5315" not|strong="H5315" stop them|strong="H0376", the|strong="H3605" woman must do|strong="H3605" exactly|strong="H3605" what she|strong="H6965" promised. <sup>15</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3605" husband|strong="H0376" hears|strong="H8085" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" promises and|strong="H6965" stops them|strong="H0413", he|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" responsible for|strong="H3588" breaking her|strong="H3605" promises." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>16</sup> These are|strong="H5771" the|strong="H0853" commands that|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" LORD gave|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" Moses. These are|strong="H5771" the|strong="H0853" commands about|strong="H8085" a|strong="H0518" man and|strong="H8085" his|strong="H5375" wife, and|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085" a|strong="H0518" father and|strong="H8085" his|strong="H5375" daughter who is|strong="H5771" still young and|strong="H8085" living at|strong="H5375" home in|strong="H8085" her|strong="H0518" father's house.

### Israel Fights Back Against the Midianites

**31** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> "Moses, tell|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" this: 'Go|strong="H0622" and|strong="H1121" attack the|strong="H0853" Midianites|strong="H4084", and|strong="H1121" do to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" what they|strong="H5971" did to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0853"! After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H3478" Moses, you|strong="H0853" will|strong="H3478" die|strong="H0622".'" <sup>II</sup>

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H1961" Moses|strong="H4872" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "Choose

I HE ... HER PROMISES Literally, "he carries her guilt." <sup>II</sup> YOU WILL DIE Literally, "you will be gathered to your people."

some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" your|strong="H3068" men|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961" soldiers|strong="H0376". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" use|strong="H1961" these|strong="H1696" men|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" do to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Midianites|strong="H4080" what|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" did|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". <sup>4</sup> Choose 1000 men|strong="H3605" from|strong="H3478" each|strong="H3605" of|strong="H4294" the|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H4294" of|strong="H4294" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>5</sup> There will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3478" total of|strong="H4294" 12,000 soldiers from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H8147" tribes|strong="H4294" of|strong="H4294" Israel|strong="H3478"."

<sup>6</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" sent|strong="H7971" these 12,000 men|strong="H1121" to|strong="H7971" war|strong="H6635". He|strong="H0853" sent|strong="H7971" Phineas son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Eleazar|strong="H0499" with|strong="H3027" them|strong="H0853" as|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548". Phineas took|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" horns and|strong="H1121" trumpets|strong="H2689" with|strong="H3027" him|strong="H7971". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelites fought|strong="H6633" the|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680". They|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H2026" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Midianite|strong="H4080" men|strong="H2145". <sup>8</sup> Among|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" they|strong="H5921" killed|strong="H2026" were|strong="H1121" Evi|strong="H0189", Rekem|strong="H7552", Zur|strong="H6698", Hur|strong="H2354", and|strong="H1121" Reba|strong="H7254"— the|strong="H0853" five|strong="H2568" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Midian|strong="H4080". They|strong="H5921" also|strong="H0853" killed|strong="H2026" Balaam|strong="H1109" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Beor|strong="H1160" with|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" sword|strong="H2719".

<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" took|strong="H7617" the|strong="H3605" Midianite|strong="H4080" women|strong="H0802" and|strong="H1121" children|strong="H1121"

as|strong="H1121" prisoners. They|strong="H3605" also|strong="H0853" took|strong="H7617" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" sheep, cattle|strong="H0929", and|strong="H1121" other|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605".<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3605" burned|strong="H8313" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H0784" villages.<sup>11</sup> They|strong="H3605" took|strong="H3947" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H0120" animals|strong="H0929"<sup>12</sup> and|strong="H1121" brought|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548", and|strong="H1121" all the|strong="H0853" other Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H0935" all the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" took|strong="H0853" in|strong="H5921" war to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" camp|strong="H4264" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H0834" camped in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" Valley in|strong="H5921" Moab|strong="H4124", on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" east side|strong="H3383" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3405" across|strong="H5921" from|strong="H0935" Jericho|strong="H3405".<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H3318" Moses|strong="H4872", Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548", and|strong="H4872" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H5387" of|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" to|strong="H0413" meet|strong="H7125" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" soldiers.

<sup>14</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" was|strong="H4872" very|strong="H2428" angry|strong="H7107" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H5921" army|strong="H2428", the|strong="H5921" commanders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" 1000 men|strong="H6485", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5921" commanders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" 100 men|strong="H6485", who|strong="H4421" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5921" war|strong="H4421".<sup>15</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", "Why did you|strong="H3605"

let the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H5347" live|strong="H2421"?<sup>16</sup> These|strong="H2007" are|strong="H3478" the|strong="H5921" women who|strong="H3068" listened to|strong="H1961" Balaam|strong="H1109" and|strong="H1121" caused|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H1961" turn|strong="H1961" away from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" that|strong="H1697" time|strong="H1961" at|strong="H5921" Peor|strong="H6465". The|strong="H5921" disease|strong="H1697" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" LORD'S|strong="H3068" people|strong="H1121" again|strong="H1961".<sup>17</sup> Now|strong="H6258", kill|strong="H2026" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Midianite boys, and|strong="H0376" kill|strong="H2026" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Midianite women|strong="H0802" who|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3045" had|strong="H3045" sexual relations|strong="H3045" with|strong="H0376" a|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376".<sup>18</sup> You|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" let|strong="H3808" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" young girls live|strong="H2421"— but|strong="H3808" only|strong="H3605" if|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" had|strong="H0834" sexual relations|strong="H3045" with|strong="H3045" any|strong="H3605" man|strong="H2145".<sup>19</sup> And|strong="H3117" then|strong="H0859", all|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0859" men|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" killed|strong="H2026" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5315" must|strong="H4264" stay outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" for|strong="H3117" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H4264" stay outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" even|strong="H7651" if|strong="H2398" you|strong="H0859" just|strong="H3605" touched|strong="H5060" a|strong="H3117" dead|strong="H5315" body|strong="H5315". On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" third|strong="H7992" day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3605" prisoners|strong="H7628" must|strong="H4264" make yourselves|strong="H5315" pure. You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H4264" do|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" same thing|strong="H3605" again on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" seventh|strong="H7637" day|strong="H3117".<sup>20</sup>

You *strong="H3605"* must wash all *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H3627"* your *strong="H3605"* clothes *strong="H0899"*. You *strong="H3605"* must wash anything *strong="H3605"* made *strong="H4639"* with *strong="H3627"* leather *strong="H5785"*, wool, or *strong="H6086"* wood *strong="H6086"*. You *strong="H3605"* must purify *strong="H2398"* yourselves *strong="H3605"*."

<sup>21</sup> Then *strong="H0853"* Eleazar *strong="H0499"* the *strong="H0853"* priest *strong="H3548"* spoke *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* soldiers *strong="H0376"*. He *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"*, "These *strong="H2063"* are *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* rules *strong="H2708"* that *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* gave *strong="H6680"* to *strong="H0413"* Moses *strong="H4872"* for *strong="H0413"* soldiers *strong="H0376"* coming *strong="H0935"* back *strong="H0935"* from *strong="H0935"* war *strong="H4421"*. <sup>22</sup> You must put gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, or lead into the fire and then wash these things with the special water to make them pure. If something can be put in the fire, you must put it in fire to purify it. If things cannot be put in fire, you must still wash them with the special water. <sup>24</sup> On *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H0413"* seventh *strong="H7637"* day *strong="H3117"* you *strong="H3117"* must *strong="H4264"* wash *strong="H3526"* all *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3117"* your *strong="H0935"* clothes *strong="H0899"*. Then *strong="H0935"* you *strong="H3117"* will *strong="H3117"* be *strong="H3117"* pure *strong="H2891"*. After *strong="H0310"* that *strong="H3117"* you *strong="H3117"* can *strong="H0935"* come *strong="H0935"* into *strong="H0413"* camp *strong="H4264"*."

<sup>25</sup> Then *strong="H4872"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* Moses *strong="H4872"*, <sup>26</sup> "You *strong="H0859"*, Eleazar *strong="H0499"* the *strong="H0853"* priest *strong="H3548"*, and *strong="H3548"* all the *strong="H0853"* leaders *strong="H7218"* should *strong="H3548"* count *strong="H7218"* all the *strong="H0853"* prisoners *strong="H7628"*, animals *strong="H0929"*, and *strong="H3548"* everything the *strong="H0853"* soldiers took *strong="H5375"* in *strong="H0001"* war. <sup>27</sup> Then *strong="H3318"* divide *strong="H2673"* these *strong="H3605"* things *strong="H3605"* between *strong="H0996"* the *strong="H3605"* soldiers *strong="H4421"* who *strong="H3605"* went *strong="H3318"* to *strong="H3318"* war *strong="H4421"* and *strong="H3318"* the *strong="H3605"* rest of *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* Israelites. <sup>28</sup> Take *strong="H7311"* part *strong="H4480"*

of *strong="H0376"* these things *strong="H0259"* from *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H0853"* soldiers *strong="H0376"* who *strong="H0376"* went *strong="H3318"* to *strong="H3068"* war *strong="H4421"*. That *strong="H4480"* part *strong="H4480"* will *strong="H3068"* belong to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*. His *strong="H3068"* share is *strong="H3068"* one *strong="H0259"* from *strong="H4480"* every *strong="H0376"* 500 items. This *strong="H3068"* includes people *strong="H0120"*, cattle *strong="H1241"*, donkeys *strong="H2543"*, and *strong="H3068"* sheep *strong="H6629"*. <sup>29</sup> Take *strong="H3947"* that *strong="H3068"* share *strong="H5414"* from *strong="H3947"* the *strong="H5414"* soldiers' half *strong="H4276"* of *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H5414"* things they *strong="H3068"* took *strong="H3947"* in *strong="H3068"* war. Then *strong="H3947"* give *strong="H5414"* these *strong="H3947"* things to *strong="H3068"* Eleazar *strong="H0499"* the *strong="H5414"* priest *strong="H3548"*. That *strong="H3068"* part will *strong="H3068"* belong to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H5414"* LORD *strong="H3068"*. <sup>30</sup> And *strong="H1121"* then *strong="H3947"*, from *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H3605"* people's half *strong="H4276"*, take *strong="H3947"* one *strong="H0259"* thing *strong="H0259"* for *strong="H3605"* every *strong="H3605"* 50 items. This *strong="H3068"* includes people *strong="H0120"*, cattle *strong="H0929"*, donkeys *strong="H2543"*, sheep *strong="H6629"*, or *strong="H0120"* any *strong="H3605"* other *strong="H0259"* animal *strong="H0929"*. Give *strong="H5414"* that *strong="H3605"* share *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3605"* Levites *strong="H3881"*, because *strong="H4480"* they *strong="H3068"* take *strong="H3947"* care *strong="H4931"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Holy Tent."

<sup>31</sup> So *strong="H6213"* Moses *strong="H4872"* and *strong="H3068"* Eleazar *strong="H0499"* did *strong="H6213"* what *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* commanded *strong="H6680"* Moses *strong="H4872"*. <sup>32</sup> The *strong="H0834"* soldiers *strong="H5971"* had *strong="H0834"* taken *strong="H1961"* 675,000 sheep *strong="H6629"*, <sup>33</sup> 72,000 cattle *strong="H1241"*, <sup>34</sup> 61,000 donkeys *strong="H2543"*, <sup>35</sup> and *strong="H0802"* 32,000 women *strong="H0802"*. ( These *strong="H3605"* are *strong="H0834"* only *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* women *strong="H0802"* who *strong="H0834"* had *strong="H0834"* not *strong="H3808"* had *strong="H0834"* sexual relations *strong="H3045"* with *strong="H3045"*

any|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0120".) 36 The|strong="H1961" soldiers|strong="H3967" who|strong="H6635" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H1961" war|strong="H6635" got|strong="H3318" 337,500 sheep|strong="H6629". 37 They|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H1961" 675 sheep|strong="H6629" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H4480" LORD|strong="H3068". 38 The|strong="H3068" soldiers got 36,000 cattle|strong="H1241". They|strong="H3068" gave 72 cattle|strong="H1241" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". 39 The|strong="H3068" soldiers|strong="H3967" got 30,500 donkeys|strong="H2543". They|strong="H3068" gave 61 donkeys|strong="H2543" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". 40 The|strong="H3068" soldiers got 16,000 women. They|strong="H3068" gave 32 women to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". 41 Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H5414" all these|strong="H0834" gifts for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548", as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" him|strong="H5414".

42 Then|strong="H4872" Moses|strong="H4872" counted the|strong="H0834" people's half|strong="H4276". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" their|strong="H0834" share|strong="H4276" that|strong="H0834" Moses|strong="H4872" had|strong="H0834" taken from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0834" soldiers|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" gone|strong="H4480" to|strong="H3478" war|strong="H6633". 43 The|strong="H4480" people got 337,500 sheep|strong="H6629", 44 36,000 cattle|strong="H1241", 45 30,500 donkeys|strong="H2543", 46 and|strong="H0120" 16,000 women. 47 Moses|strong="H4872" took|strong="H3947" one|strong="H0259" out|strong="H4480" of|strong="H1121" every|strong="H0259" 50 women and|strong="H1121" animals|strong="H0929". He|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" because|strong="H4480" they|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" care|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Tent. Moses|strong="H4872" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834"

the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680".

48 Then|strong="H4872" the|strong="H0834" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H0834" army|strong="H6635" ( the|strong="H0834" leaders|strong="H8269" over|strong="H0413" 1000 men|strong="H6485" and|strong="H4872" the|strong="H0834" leaders|strong="H8269" over|strong="H0413" 100 men|strong="H6485") came|strong="H7126" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872". 49 They|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872", " We|strong="H0834", your|strong="H0834" servants|strong="H5650", have|strong="H0834" counted|strong="H6485" our|strong="H4480" soldiers|strong="H5650". We|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" missed|strong="H6485" any|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0376" them|strong="H0413". 50 So|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" bringing the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" gift|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5921" every|strong="H0376" soldier. We|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" bringing things|strong="H3627" that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7126" of|strong="H0376" gold|strong="H2091"—armbands, bracelets|strong="H6781", rings|strong="H2885", earrings|strong="H5694", and|strong="H3068" necklaces|strong="H3558". This|strong="H0834" gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" to|strong="H5921" make us|strong="H5921" pure."

51 So|strong="H3947" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H4872" Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" accepted|strong="H3947" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" gold|strong="H2091" items|strong="H3627" from|strong="H3947" them|strong="H0853". 52 The|strong="H3605" gold|strong="H2091" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" commanders|strong="H8269" and|strong="H3068" captains|strong="H8269" gave|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" weighed about|strong="H1961" 424 pounds. III<sup>53</sup> The|strong="H0962" soldiers|strong="H0376" kept the|strong="H0962" rest of|strong="H0376" their|strong="H0962" share of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0962" things they|strong="H0376" took|strong="H0962" in|strong="H0376" war|strong="H6635". 54 Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" Eleazar|strong="H0499"

I COMMANDERS Literally, "leaders of 1000 men." II CAPTAINS Literally, "leaders of 100 men." III 424 POUNDS Literally, "16,750 shekels" (190 kg).



the priest took gold from the commanders and captains and then put gold in the Meeting Tent. This present was a memorial before the LORD for Israelites.

### Tribes East of the Jordan River

**32** The tribes of Reuben and Gad had many cattle. These people looked at the land near Jazer and Gilead. They saw that this land was their cattle. So the people of Reuben and Gad came to Moses. They spoke to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the leaders of the people. <sup>3</sup> They said, "We, your servants, have many cattle. And the land that the LORD let the people of Israel capture is good land for cattle. This land includes the area around Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sibmah, II Nebo, and Beon. <sup>5</sup> If it pleases you, we like land to be given to us. Don't take us to

I MEMORIAL Something that helps people remember things that happened in the past. II СІВМАН Or "Sebam."

the other side of the Jordan River."

<sup>6</sup> Moses told the people from the tribes of Reuben and Gad, "Will you let your brothers go to fight you while you settle here? <sup>7</sup> Why are you trying to discourage the Israelites? You will not want to cross the river and take the land that the LORD has given to them? <sup>8</sup> Your fathers the same thing to me. In Kadesh Barnea I sent spies to look at the land. <sup>9</sup> These men went as far as Eshcol Valley. They saw the land, and they discouraged the Israelites. These men made the Israelites not want to go into the land that the LORD had given to them. <sup>10</sup> The LORD became very angry with the people. He made this promise: <sup>11</sup> None of

the people who came from Egypt and are 20 years old or older will be allowed to see this land. I made a promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I promised to give land these, but they did not really follow me. <sup>12</sup> Only Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun really followed the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The LORD was angry with the Israelites. So he made the people stay in the desert for 40 years. He made them stay there until all the people who had sinned against the LORD were dead. <sup>14</sup> And you are doing the same thing that your fathers did. You sinful people, do you want the LORD to be more angry with his people? <sup>15</sup> If you stop following the Lord,

he will make Israel stay even longer in the desert. Then you will destroy all these people! <sup>16</sup> But the people from the tribes of Reuben and Gad went to Moses. They said, "We will build for our children and barns for our animals here. <sup>17</sup> Then our children can be safe from the other people who live in this land. But we will gladly come and help the other Israelites. We will bring them their land. <sup>18</sup> We will not back home until everyone in Israel has taken his part of the land. <sup>19</sup> We will not take any of the land west of the Jordan River. No, our part of the land is east of the Jordan River." <sup>20</sup> So Moses told them, "If you do these things, this

will|strong="H3068" belong to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0518". But|strong="H0518" your|strong="H3068" soldiers|strong="H4421" must|strong="H0853" go before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" into|strong="H0413" battle|strong="H4421". <sup>21</sup> Your|strong="H3068" soldiers must|strong="H0853" cross|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704" and|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" ready to|strong="H5704" fight for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H5704" forces the|strong="H3605" enemy|strong="H0341" to|strong="H5704" leave|strong="H3423". <sup>22</sup> After|strong="H0310" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" helps us|strong="H7725" all|strong="H0310" take|strong="H7725" the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776", you|strong="H6440" can go|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" home|strong="H0776". Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H1961" think that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H6440" are|strong="H3478" guilty|strong="H0310". And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H1961" you|strong="H6440" have|strong="H1961" this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H0776". <sup>23</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" sinning|strong="H2398" against|strong="H2398" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". And|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" for|strong="H0518" sure|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" punished for|strong="H0518" your|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2398". <sup>24</sup> Build|strong="H1129" cities|strong="H5892" for|strong="H1129" your|strong="H3318" children|strong="H2945" and|strong="H6310" barns for|strong="H1129" your|strong="H3318" animals. But then|strong="H3318", you|strong="H6213" must do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H6310" you|strong="H6213" promised."

<sup>25</sup> Then|strong="H4872" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" tribes of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410" and|strong="H1121" Reuben|strong="H7205" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", " We|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"

your|strong="H0834" servants|strong="H5650". You|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" our|strong="H0834" master|strong="H0113", so|strong="H6213" we|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559". <sup>26</sup> Our|strong="H3605" wives|strong="H0802", children|strong="H2945", and|strong="H0802" all|strong="H3605" our|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H0929" will|strong="H1961" stay in|strong="H0802" the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0802" Gilead|strong="H1568". <sup>27</sup> But|strong="H1696" we|strong="H0834", your|strong="H3068" servants|strong="H5650", will|strong="H3068" cross|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3605" Jordan River. We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" march before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" into|strong="H6635" battle|strong="H4421", as|strong="H0834" our|strong="H3068" master|strong="H0113" says|strong="H1696"."

<sup>28</sup> So|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872", Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548", Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126", and|strong="H1121" all the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" tribes|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" heard them|strong="H0853" make that|strong="H3478" promise. <sup>29</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410" and|strong="H1121" Reuben|strong="H7205" will|strong="H3068" cross|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776". They|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" march before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" into|strong="H0413" battle|strong="H4421". They|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" help|strong="H4421" you|strong="H5414" take|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776". And|strong="H1121" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568" as|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776". <sup>30</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" do|strong="H0518" not|strong="H3808" cross|strong="H5674" the|strong="H8432" river|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0518" ready

to|strong="H0776" fight, they|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" get|strong="H8432" any|strong="H3808" land|strong="H0776" on|strong="H0776" this|strong="H0518" side|strong="H0854". They|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0776" get|strong="H8432" only|strong="H0518" a|strong="H0518" share of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8432" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H8432" rest of|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0518".

<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410" and|strong="H1121" Reuben|strong="H7205" answered|strong="H0559"; " We|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H0559". <sup>32</sup> We|strong="H5168" will|strong="H3068" cross|strong="H5674" the|strong="H6440" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776" and|strong="H3068" march before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" into|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667". And|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" part of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" country|strong="H0776" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776" east|strong="H5676" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776".

<sup>33</sup> So|strong="H5414" Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410", to|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Reuben|strong="H7205", and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H5414" half|strong="H2677" the|strong="H0853" tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519". ( Manasseh|strong="H4519" was|strong="H0776" Joseph's|strong="H3130" son|strong="H1121".) That|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" included the|strong="H0853" kingdom|strong="H4467" of|strong="H1121" Sihon|strong="H5511" the|strong="H0853" Amorite|strong="H0567" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" kingdom|strong="H4467" of|strong="H1121" King|strong="H4428" Og|strong="H5747" of|strong="H1121" Bashan|strong="H1316" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892"

around|strong="H5439" that|strong="H0776" area|strong="H5439".

<sup>34</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410" built|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" cities of|strong="H1121" Dibon|strong="H1769", Ataroth|strong="H5852", Aroer|strong="H6177", <sup>35</sup> Atroth Shophan, Jazer|strong="H3270", Jogbehah|strong="H3011", <sup>36</sup> Beth Nimrah, and|strong="H6629" Beth Haran. They built cities|strong="H5892" with|strong="H6629" strong walls|strong="H1448", and|strong="H6629" they built barns for|strong="H1448" their animals.

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Reuben|strong="H7205" built|strong="H1129" Heshbon|strong="H2809", Elealeh|strong="H0500", Kiriathaim|strong="H7156", <sup>38</sup> Nebo|strong="H5015", Baal Meon, and|strong="H5437" Sibmah|strong="H7643". They|strong="H0834" used the|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" rebuilt|strong="H1129". But|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" changed|strong="H5437" the|strong="H0853" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H8034" Nebo|strong="H5015" and|strong="H5437" Baal Meon.

<sup>39</sup> People|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" Makir's|strong="H4353" family group went to|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568". <sup>1</sup> ( Makir|strong="H4353" was|strong="H0834" Manasseh's|strong="H4519" son|strong="H1121".) They|strong="H0834" defeated the|strong="H0853" city. They|strong="H0834" defeated the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567" who|strong="H0834" lived there|strong="H0834". <sup>40</sup> So|strong="H5414" Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H5414" Gilead|strong="H1568" to|strong="H5414" Makir|strong="H4353" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519", and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5414" family settled|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427". <sup>41</sup> Jair|strong="H2971", from|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" family of|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519", defeated the|strong="H0853" small towns|strong="H2333" there. Then|strong="H1980" he|strong="H0853" called|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0853" Towns|strong="H2333" of|strong="H1121" Jair|strong="H2971". <sup>42</sup> Nobah|strong="H5025" defeated Kenath|strong="H7079" and|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" small towns|strong="H1323" near|strong="H3920" it|strong="H7121". Then|strong="H1980" he|strong="H0853"

<sup>1</sup> GILEAD Here, this seems to refer to a city, perhaps Ramoth Gilead. But it might refer to the whole area. See Hosea 6:8.

called *that* place by *his* own name.

### Israel's Journey From Egypt

**33** Here *is* a list of the places the Israelites went when they left Egypt. They were organized in groups like an army and were led by Moses and Aaron. <sup>2</sup> Following the LORD'S command, Moses kept a record of each place they stayed before moving on to the next place. These are all the places they went:

<sup>3</sup> On the 15th day of the first month of the year, they left Rameses in the morning after the Passover, and the Israelites marched out of Egypt with their arms raised in victory. All the people of Egypt saw them. <sup>4</sup> The Egyptians were burying all the people the people killed. They were burying all their first-born sons. The LORD had shown his judgment against

the gods of Egypt.

<sup>5</sup> The Israelites left Rameses and traveled to Succoth. <sup>6</sup> From Succoth they traveled to Etham. They camped there at the edge of the desert. <sup>7</sup> They left Etham and went to Pi Hahiroth. This was near Baal Zephon. They camped near Migdol.

<sup>8</sup> They left Pi Hahiroth and walked through the middle of the sea. They went toward the desert. Then they traveled three days through the desert of Etham. The people camped at Marah.

<sup>9</sup> They left Marah and went to Elim. There were 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees.

<sup>10</sup> They left Elim and camped near the Red Sea.

<sup>11</sup> They left the Red Sea and camped in the western Sinai desert.

I GODS This might be the false gods of Egypt. Or here, it might mean the king and other powerful leaders in Egypt. II RED SEA Or "Reed Sea," but see 1 Kings 9:26. III WESTERN SINAI DESERT Literally, "desert of Sin."

12 They left |strong="H5265" there and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Dophkah |strong="H1850".

13 They left |strong="H5265" Dophkah |strong="H1850" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Alush |strong="H0442".

14 They |strong="H8033" left |strong="H5265" Alush |strong="H0442" and |strong="H8033" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Rephidim |strong="H7508". There |strong="H8033" was |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808" water |strong="H4325" for |strong="H4325" the |strong="H1961" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H1961" drink |strong="H8354" at |strong="H2583" that |strong="H3808" place |strong="H1961".

15 They left |strong="H5265" Rephidim |strong="H7508" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" in |strong="H2583" the desert |strong="H4057" of Sinai |strong="H5514".

16 They left |strong="H5265" the desert |strong="H4057" of Sinai |strong="H5514" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Kibroth Hattaavah.

17 They left |strong="H5265" Kibroth Hattaavah and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Hazeroth |strong="H2698".

18 They left |strong="H5265" Hazeroth |strong="H2698" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Rithmah |strong="H7575".

19 They left |strong="H5265" Rithmah |strong="H7575" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Rimmon Perez.

20 They left |strong="H5265" Rimmon Perez and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Libnah |strong="H3841".

21 They left |strong="H5265" Libnah |strong="H3841" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Risah |strong="H7446".

22 They left |strong="H5265" Risah |strong="H7446" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Kehelathah |strong="H6954".

23 They left |strong="H5265" Kehelathah |strong="H6954" and |strong="H2022" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Mount |strong="H2022" Shepher |strong="H8234".

24 They left |strong="H5265" Mount |strong="H2022" Shepher |strong="H8234" and |strong="H2022" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Haradah |strong="H2732".

25 They left |strong="H5265" Haradah |strong="H2732" and |strong="H5265"

camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Makheloth |strong="H4722".

26 They left |strong="H5265" Makheloth |strong="H4722" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Tahath |strong="H8480".

27 They left |strong="H5265" Tahath |strong="H8480" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Terah |strong="H8646".

28 They left |strong="H5265" Terah |strong="H8646" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Mithcah.

29 They left |strong="H5265" Mithcah and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Hashmonah |strong="H2832".

30 They left |strong="H5265" Hashmonah |strong="H2832" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Moseroth |strong="H4149".

31 They left |strong="H5265" Moseroth |strong="H4149" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Bene Jaakan.

32 They left |strong="H5265" Bene Jaakan and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Hor Haggidgad.

33 They left |strong="H5265" Hor Haggidgad and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Jotbathah |strong="H3193".

34 They left |strong="H5265" Jotbathah |strong="H3193" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Abronah |strong="H5684".

35 They left |strong="H5265" Abronah |strong="H5684" and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Ezion Geber.

36 They |strong="H1931" left |strong="H5265" Ezion Geber and |strong="H5265" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Kadesh |strong="H6946", in |strong="H2583" the |strong="H1931" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H1931" Zin |strong="H6790".

37 They |strong="H0776" left |strong="H5265" Kadesh |strong="H6946" and |strong="H0776" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Hor |strong="H2023". This was |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" mountain |strong="H2022" at |strong="H2583" the |strong="H0776" border |strong="H7097" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" Edom |strong="H0123". 38 Aaron |strong="H0175" the |strong="H5921" priest |strong="H3548" obeyed the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H3318" up |strong="H5921"

Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023". Aaron|strong="H0175" died|strong="H4191" at|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3068" place|strong="H8033" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" first|strong="H0259" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" fifth|strong="H2549" month|strong="H2320". That|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" 40th year|strong="H8141" after|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H3068" left|strong="H3318" Egypt|strong="H4714".<sup>39</sup> Aaron|strong="H0175" was|strong="H1121" 123 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H8141" died|strong="H4194" on|strong="H2022" Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023".

<sup>40</sup> Arad|strong="H6166" was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H8085" town in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H8085" Negev|strong="H5045", in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H8085" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Canaan|strong="H3667". The|strong="H8085" Canaanite|strong="H3669" king|strong="H4428" in|strong="H3427" that|strong="H1931" place|strong="H0935" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H1931" the|strong="H8085" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" coming|strong="H0935".<sup>41</sup> The|strong="H2022" people left|strong="H5265" Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023" and|strong="H2022" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Zalmonah|strong="H6758".

<sup>42</sup> They left|strong="H5265" Zalmonah|strong="H6758" and|strong="H5265" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Punon|strong="H6325".

<sup>43</sup> They left|strong="H5265" Punon|strong="H6325" and|strong="H5265" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Oboth|strong="H0088".

<sup>44</sup> They left|strong="H5265" Oboth|strong="H0088" and|strong="H5265" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Iye Abarim. This was|strong="H1366" at|strong="H2583" the border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H1366" the country of|strong="H1366" Moab|strong="H4124".

<sup>45</sup> They left|strong="H5265" Iye Abarim and|strong="H5265" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Dibon|strong="H1769" Gad|strong="H1410".

<sup>46</sup> They left|strong="H5265" Dibon|strong="H1769" Gad|strong="H1410" and|strong="H5265" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Almon Diblathaim.

<sup>47</sup> They|strong="H6440" left|strong="H5265" Almon Diblathaim and|strong="H6440" camped|strong="H2583" on|strong="H2022" the|strong="H6440" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Abarim|strong="H5682" near|strong="H6440" Nebo|strong="H5015".

<sup>48</sup> They|strong="H5921" left|strong="H5265" the|strong="H5921" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Abarim|strong="H5682" and|strong="H2022" camped|strong="H2583" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Jordan|strong="H3383" Valley in|strong="H5921" Moab|strong="H4124". This was|strong="H2022" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3405" across|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5265" Jericho|strong="H3405".<sup>49</sup> They|strong="H5921" camped|strong="H2583" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Jordan|strong="H3383" Valley in|strong="H5921" Moab|strong="H4124". Their|strong="H5921" camp|strong="H2583" went from|strong="H5921" Beth Jeshimoth to|strong="H5704" Acacia Field.

<sup>50</sup> There|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",<sup>51</sup> "Speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3588": You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" cross|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" go|strong="H5674" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Canaan|strong="H3667".<sup>52</sup> You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" take|strong="H3423" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" you|strong="H3605" find there|strong="H3427". You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H0853" destroy|strong="H8045" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H3605" carved|strong="H4906" statues and|strong="H0776" idols. You|strong="H3605" must|strong="H0853" destroy|strong="H8045" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116".<sup>53</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" take|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" settle|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427", be-

cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am giving |strong="H5414" this |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588". It |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" belong to |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" family groups. <sup>54</sup> Each of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940" groups will |strong="H1961" get |strong="H3318" part of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" throw lots |strong="H1486" to |strong="H0413" decide |strong="H3318" which |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940" group |strong="H7235" gets each part of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" country |strong="H0776". Large |strong="H7227" family |strong="H4940" groups will |strong="H1961" get |strong="H3318" large |strong="H7227" parts of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". Small |strong="H4592" family |strong="H4940" groups will |strong="H1961" get |strong="H3318" small |strong="H4592" parts of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". The |strong="H0853" lots |strong="H1486" will |strong="H1961" show |strong="H1961" which |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940" group |strong="H7235" gets which |strong="H0834" part of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". Each tribe |strong="H4294" will |strong="H1961" get |strong="H3318" its |strong="H0853" part of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776".

<sup>55</sup> " You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" force these |strong="H1992" other |strong="H6654" people |strong="H3427" to |strong="H1961" leave |strong="H3498" the |strong="H0853" country |strong="H0776". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" let |strong="H1961" them |strong="H1992" stay |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H5921" country |strong="H0776", they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H1961" many troubles to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" needle <sup>I</sup> in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H5921" eye |strong="H5869" and |strong="H0776" a |strong="H1961" thorn in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H5921" side |strong="H6654". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H1961" many troubles to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" country |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" living |strong="H3427". <sup>56</sup> I |strong="H0834" showed you |strong="H0834"

I NEEDLE A thin barb or thorn from a plant.

what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213"— and |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834"!

### The Borders of Canaan

**34** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> " Speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2063": You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0776" soon |strong="H3588" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Canaan |strong="H3667". I |strong="H0834" am giving |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0859" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1121" your |strong="H0834" very own. These |strong="H2063" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H1121" its |strong="H0853" borders |strong="H1367": <sup>3</sup> On |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" south |strong="H5045", you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" get part |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H3027" Zin |strong="H6790" near |strong="H5921" Edom |strong="H0123". Your |strong="H5921" southern |strong="H5045" border |strong="H1366" will |strong="H1961" start at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" south |strong="H5045" end |strong="H7097" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921" Dead Sea |strong="H3220". <sup>4</sup> It |strong="H5437" will |strong="H1961" cross |strong="H5674" south |strong="H5045" of |strong="H1366" Scorpion Pass |strong="H5674". It |strong="H5437" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H3318" through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H1961" town of |strong="H1366" Zin |strong="H6790" to |strong="H1961" Kadesh Barnea and |strong="H3318" then |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Hazar Addar, and |strong="H3318" then |strong="H1961" it |strong="H5437" will |strong="H1961" pass |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674" Azmon |strong="H6111". <sup>5</sup> From |strong="H1961" Azmon |strong="H6111" the |strong="H1961" border |strong="H6111" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H5437" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" River |strong="H5158" of |strong="H1366" Egypt |strong="H4714", <sup>II</sup> and |strong="H4714" it |strong="H5437" will |strong="H1961" end



at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" Mediter-  
 ranean Sea|strong="H3220". <sup>6</sup> Your|strong="H1961"  
 western|strong="H3220" border|strong="H1366"  
 will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H1961" Mediterranean  
 Sea|strong="H3220". <sup>7</sup> Your|strong="H4480" north-  
 ern|strong="H6828" border|strong="H1366"  
 will|strong="H1961" begin at|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H4480" Mediterranean  
 Sea|strong="H3220" and|strong="H1419"  
 go|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961"  
 Mount|strong="H2022" Hor|strong="H2023". <sup>8</sup>  
 From|strong="H0935" Mount|strong="H2022"  
 Hor|strong="H2023" it|strong="H1961"  
 will|strong="H1961" go|strong="H0935"  
 to|strong="H0935" Lebo Hamath|strong="H2574",  
 and|strong="H0935" then|strong="H1961"  
 to|strong="H0935" Zedad|strong="H6657". <sup>9</sup>  
 Then|strong="H1961" that|strong="H2088" bor-  
 der|strong="H1366" will|strong="H1961"  
 go|strong="H3318" to|strong="H1961"  
 Ziphron|strong="H2202" and|strong="H3318"  
 it|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961"  
 end|strong="H3318" at|strong="H1961" Hazar Enan.  
 So|strong="H1961" that|strong="H2088"  
 will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
 your|strong="H1961" northern|strong="H6828" bor-  
 der|strong="H1366". <sup>10</sup> Your eastern bor-  
 der|strong="H1366" will begin at Enan  
 and|strong="H1366" it|strong="H1366" will go  
 to|strong="H1366" Shepham|strong="H8221". <sup>11</sup>  
 From|strong="H5921" Shepham|strong="H8221"  
 the|strong="H5921" border|strong="H1366"  
 will|strong="H3220" go|strong="H3381"  
 east|strong="H6924" of|strong="H1366"  
 Ain|strong="H5871" to|strong="H3381" Ri-  
 blah|strong="H7247". The|strong="H5921" bor-  
 der|strong="H1366" will|strong="H3220" continue  
 along|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
 hills|strong="H3802" by|strong="H5921" Lake Galilee.  
<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" bor-  
 der|strong="H1366" will|strong="H1961" contin-  
 ue|strong="H1961" along the|strong="H1961" Jor-  
 dan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776".  
 It|strong="H3381" will|strong="H1961" end  
 at|strong="H3383" the|strong="H1961" Dead  
 Sea|strong="H3220". These|strong="H2063"  
 are|strong="H0776" the|strong="H1961" bor-  
 ders|strong="H1366" around|strong="H5439"  
 your|strong="H1961" country|strong="H0776"."

<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H5414" Moses|strong="H4872"  
 gave|strong="H5414" this|strong="H2063" com-  
 mand|strong="H6680" to|strong="H0559"  
 the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478", "  
 That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"

II RIVER OF EGYPT That is, the stream called "Wadi El-Arish."  
 LAKE GALILEE Literally, "Kinnereth Lake."

that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H3068" get. You|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H3068" throw lots|strong="H1486"  
 to|strong="H0559" divide|strong="H5157"  
 the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"  
 among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853"  
 nine|strong="H8672" tribes|strong="H4294"  
 and|strong="H1121" half|strong="H2677"  
 the|strong="H0853" tribe|strong="H4294"  
 of|strong="H1121" Manasseh, as|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" com-  
 manded|strong="H6680". <sup>14</sup> The|strong="H3588"  
 tribes|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121"  
 Reuben|strong="H7206" and|strong="H1121"  
 Gad|strong="H1425", and|strong="H1121"  
 half|strong="H2677" the|strong="H3588"  
 tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Man-  
 asseh|strong="H4519" have|strong="H0001" already  
 taken|strong="H3947" their|strong="H3947"  
 land|strong="H5159". <sup>15</sup> These|strong="H3947"  
 two|strong="H8147" and|strong="H3947"  
 a|strong="H3947" half|strong="H2677"  
 tribes|strong="H4294" took|strong="H3947"  
 the|strong="H3947" land|strong="H5159" near Jeri-  
 cho|strong="H3405"—they took|strong="H3947"  
 the|strong="H3947" land|strong="H5159"  
 east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H4294"  
 the|strong="H3947" Jordan|strong="H3383" Riv-  
 er|strong="H3405"."

<sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696"  
 to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872".  
 He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>17</sup> "  
 These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376"  
 who|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" help  
 you|strong="H0834" divide|strong="H5157"  
 the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776":  
 Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H0853"  
 priest|strong="H3548", Joshua|strong="H3091"  
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
 Nun|strong="H5126", <sup>18</sup> and|strong="H0776"  
 the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H5387"  
 of|strong="H0776" all|strong="H0259"  
 the|strong="H0853" tribes|strong="H4294". There  
 will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776"  
 one|strong="H0259" leader|strong="H5387"  
 from|strong="H3947" each|strong="H0259"  
 tribe|strong="H4294". These|strong="H3947"  
 men|strong="H3947" will|strong="H0776" di-  
 vide|strong="H5157" the|strong="H0853"  
 land|strong="H0776". <sup>19</sup> These|strong="H0428"  
 are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H8034"  
 names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121"  
 the|strong="H8034" leaders:

from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H8034"  
 tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Ju-  
 dah|strong="H3063"— Caleb|strong="H3612"

son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jephun-  
neh |strong="H3312";

20 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Sime-  
on |strong="H8095"— Shemuel |strong="H8050"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammi-  
hud |strong="H5989";

21 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Ben-  
jamin |strong="H1144"— Elidad |strong="H0449"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kislon;

22 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121"  
Dan |strong="H1835"— Bukki |strong="H1231"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
Jogli |strong="H3020";

23 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" de-  
scendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
Joseph |strong="H3130";

from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Man-  
asseh |strong="H4519"— Hanniel |strong="H2592"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
Ephod |strong="H0641";

24 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121"  
Ephraim |strong="H0669"— Ke-  
muel |strong="H7055" son |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" Shiptan |strong="H8204";

25 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Zebu-  
lun |strong="H2074"— Elizaphan |strong="H0469"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Par-  
nach |strong="H6535";

26 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Is-  
sachar |strong="H3485"— Paltiel |strong="H6409"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Az-  
zan |strong="H5821";

27 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Ash-  
er |strong="H0836"— Ahihud |strong="H0282"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shelo-  
mi |strong="H8015";

28 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Naph-  
tali |strong="H5321"— Pedahel |strong="H6300"  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammi-  
hud |strong="H5989".

29 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
chose these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H1121"  
to |strong="H3068" divide |strong="H5157"  
the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776"  
of |strong="H1121" Canaan |strong="H3667"  
among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites |strong="H3478".

## The Levites' Towns

35 The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413"  
Moses |strong="H4872". This |strong="H3068"  
was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" Jordan |strong="H3383" Valley  
in |strong="H5921" Moab |strong="H4124",  
near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Jor-  
dan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3405",  
across |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" Jeri-  
cho |strong="H3405". He |strong="H3068"  
said |strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> "Tell the |strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3478"  
they |strong="H3478" should |strong="H3478"  
give |strong="H5414" some of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0853" cities |strong="H5892"  
in |strong="H3427" their |strong="H5414" part  
of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853"  
land |strong="H5159" to |strong="H3478"  
the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881".  
The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"  
should |strong="H3478" give |strong="H5414" these  
cities |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0853" pastures around |strong="H5439"  
them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3478"  
the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881". <sup>3</sup>  
The |strong="H3605" Levites will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" able to |strong="H1961"  
live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
them |strong="H1961". And |strong="H4054"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cat-  
tle |strong="H0929" and |strong="H4054" oth-  
er |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929"  
that |strong="H3605" belong |strong="H1961"  
to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" Levites  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" able  
to |strong="H1961" eat from |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H3605" pastures around  
these |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892". <sup>4</sup>  
How |strong="H0834" much |strong="H0834"  
of |strong="H0505" your |strong="H5414" land should  
you |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414"  
to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0834"  
Levites |strong="H3881"? From |strong="H3881"  
the |strong="H0834" walls |strong="H7023"  
of |strong="H0505" the |strong="H0834"  
cities |strong="H5892", go out |strong="H2351" 1500  
feet |strong="H0520"<sup>1</sup>— all |strong="H5439"  
of |strong="H0505" that |strong="H0834" land  
will |strong="H0834" belong to |strong="H5414"  
the |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3881". <sup>5</sup> Mea-  
sure |strong="H4058" off |strong="H0853"  
an |strong="H1961" area around the |strong="H0853"  
city |strong="H5892" for |strong="H2088"  
the |strong="H0853" Levites. Start at |strong="H1961"

<sup>1</sup> 1500 FEET Literally, "1000 cubits" (444 m). The people probably let their sheep and cattle use this land.

the northeast corner and measure 3000 feet to the south from this corner, measure 3000 feet to the west. From there measure 3000 feet to the north from that corner to the east city will be in the center of this area. <sup>6</sup> Six of those cities will be cities of safety. If a person accidentally kills someone, that person can run to those towns for safety. In addition to those six cities, you will give 42 more cities to the Levites. <sup>7</sup> So you will give a total of 48 cities to the Levites. You will also give them the land around those cities. <sup>8</sup> The large tribes of Israel will get large pieces of land. The small tribes of Israel will get small pieces

<sup>1</sup> 3000 FEET Literally, "2000 cubits" (1037 m). The Levites probably used this land for gardens and vineyards.

of land. So the large tribes will give more cities to the small tribes. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>10</sup> "Tell the people: You will cross the Jordan and go into the land of Canaan. <sup>11</sup> You must choose towns to be cities of safety. If someone accidentally kills another person, that person can run to one of those towns for safety. <sup>12</sup> That person will be safe from anyone who wants to punish the killer until that person is judged in court. <sup>13</sup> There will be six cities of safety. <sup>14</sup> Three of them will be east of the Jordan and three will be west of the Jordan. <sup>15</sup> These cities will be

places of safety for citizens of Israel and foreigners and travelers. Any of these people will be able to run to one of these cities if they accidentally kill someone.

16 " If you use iron as a weapon to kill someone, you are a murderer, and you must die. If you use a rock large enough to kill someone and kill another person, you are a murderer, and you must die. If you use a piece of wood large enough to kill someone and kill another person, you are a murderer, and you must die. A member of the dead person's family can chase you and kill you.

20 "You might hit someone with your hand or push someone or throw something at them and kill them. If you did that from hate, you are a murderer, and you must be killed. A member of the dead person's family can chase you and kill you.

I IRON WEAPON This shows that the murderer chose a weapon he knew could kill the other person. II MEMBER OF THE DEAD PERSON'S FAMILY Literally, "the blood avenger." Also in verses 20-21, 24, 26-27.

22 " You might accidentally kill someone, maybe by pushing or by accidentally hitting them with a tool or weapon. Perhaps you threw a rock that was large enough to kill, but it hit someone you didn't see and they didn't plan to kill anyone. You didn't hate the person you killed—it was only an accident. If that happens, the community must decide what to do. The court must decide if a member of the dead person's family can kill you. If the community decides to protect you from the dead person's family, the community must take you back to your city of safety. You must stay there until the official high priest dies.

26 "You must never go outside the limits of your city of safety. If you do and if a member of the dead person's family catches you and kills you, that family member will not be guilty of murder. Whoever accidentally killed someone must stay in their city of safety until the high priest dies. After the high priest

III OFFICIAL HIGH PRIEST Literally, "the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil."

priest **strong="H3548"** dies **strong="H4194"**, that **strong="H3588"** person **strong="H0413"** can **strong="H3548"** go **strong="H7725"** back **strong="H7725"** to **strong="H0413"** their **strong="H3588"** own **strong="H0272"** land **strong="H0776"**. <sup>29</sup> These **strong="H0428"** rules **strong="H2708"** will **strong="H1961"** be **strong="H1961"** the **strong="H3605"** law forever **strong="H1755"** in **strong="H1755"** all **strong="H3605"** the **strong="H3605"** towns of **strong="H3605"** your **strong="H3605"** people.

<sup>30</sup> " A **strong="H5221"** killer should be **strong="H4191"** put **strong="H4191"** to **strong="H4191"** death **strong="H4191"** as **strong="H5315"** a **strong="H5221"** murderer **strong="H7523"** only **strong="H0259"** if there **strong="H3605"** are **strong="H6310"** witnesses **strong="H5707"**. No **strong="H3808"** one **strong="H0259"** can **strong="H3808"** be **strong="H4191"** put **strong="H4191"** to **strong="H4191"** death **strong="H4191"** if there **strong="H3605"** is **strong="H5315"** only **strong="H0259"** one **strong="H0259"** witness **strong="H5707"**.

<sup>31</sup> " A **strong="H3947"** murderer **strong="H7523"** must **strong="H4191"** be **strong="H4191"** put **strong="H4191"** to **strong="H4191"** death **strong="H4191"**. Don't **strong="H3808"** take **strong="H3947"** money to **strong="H4191"** change the **strong="H0834"** punishment. That **strong="H0834"** murderer **strong="H7523"** must **strong="H4191"** be **strong="H4191"** killed **strong="H4191"**.

<sup>32</sup> "If a **strong="H3947"** person **strong="H0413"** killed someone and **strong="H0776"** then **strong="H3947"** ran **strong="H5127"** to **strong="H0413"** one **strong="H3808"** of **strong="H0776"** the **strong="H0413"** cities **strong="H5892"** of **strong="H0776"** safety, don't **strong="H3808"** take **strong="H3947"** money to **strong="H0413"** let **strong="H3808"** that **strong="H3808"** person **strong="H0413"** go **strong="H7725"** home **strong="H0776"**. That **strong="H3808"** person **strong="H0413"** must **strong="H3947"** stay **strong="H3427"** in **strong="H3427"** that **strong="H3808"** city **strong="H5892"** until **strong="H5704"** the **strong="H0413"** high priest **strong="H3548"** dies **strong="H4194"**.

<sup>33</sup> " Don't **strong="H3808"** let **strong="H3808"** your **strong="H0834"** land **strong="H0776"** be **strong="H3808"** polluted **strong="H2610"** with **strong="H0776"** innocent blood **strong="H1818"**. If **strong="H0518"** a **strong="H3588"** person **strong="H1818"** murders someone, the **strong="H0853"** only **strong="H0518"** payment for **strong="H3588"** that **strong="H0834"** crime **strong="H1818"** is **strong="H0834"**

that **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H0853"** murderer must **strong="H0853"** be **strong="H3808"** killed! There **strong="H0834"** is **strong="H0834"** no **strong="H3808"** other payment that **strong="H0834"** will **strong="H0776"** free the **strong="H0853"** land **strong="H0776"** from **strong="H0776"** that **strong="H0834"** crime **strong="H1818"**. <sup>34</sup> I **strong="H0589"** am **strong="H0589"** the **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"**. I **strong="H0589"** will **strong="H3068"** be **strong="H3808"** living **strong="H3427"** in **strong="H3427"** your **strong="H3068"** country **strong="H0776"** with **strong="H3068"** the **strong="H0853"** Israelites **strong="H3478"**, so **strong="H3808"** don't **strong="H3808"** make **strong="H2930"** it **strong="H3588"** unclean **strong="H2930"** with **strong="H3068"** the **strong="H0853"** blood of **strong="H1121"** innocent people **strong="H1121"**."

### The Land of Zelophehad's Daughters

**36** Manasseh **strong="H4519"** was **strong="H3478"** Joseph's **strong="H3130"** son **strong="H1121"**. Makir **strong="H4353"** was **strong="H3478"** Manasseh's **strong="H4519"** son **strong="H1121"**. Gilead **strong="H1568"** was **strong="H3478"** Makir's **strong="H4353"** son **strong="H1121"**. The **strong="H6440"** leaders **strong="H7218"** of **strong="H1121"** Gilead's **strong="H1568"** family **strong="H4940"** went **strong="H6440"** to **strong="H1696"** talk **strong="H1696"** to **strong="H1696"** Moses **strong="H4872"** and **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H6440"** leaders **strong="H7218"** of **strong="H1121"** tribes **strong="H4940"** of **strong="H1121"** Israel **strong="H3478"**. <sup>2</sup> They **strong="H3068"** said **strong="H0559"**, " Sir **strong="H0113"**, the **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** commanded **strong="H6680"** us **strong="H5414"** to **strong="H0559"** get our **strong="H3068"** land **strong="H0776"** by **strong="H3068"** throwing lots **strong="H1486"**. And **strong="H1121"** sir **strong="H0113"**, the **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** commanded **strong="H6680"** that **strong="H3068"** the **strong="H0853"** land **strong="H0776"** of **strong="H1121"** Zelophehad **strong="H6765"** our **strong="H3068"** brother **strong="H0251"** be **strong="H1121"** given **strong="H5414"** to **strong="H0559"** his **strong="H5414"** daughters **strong="H1323"**. <sup>3</sup> Maybe a **strong="H1961"** man **strong="H1121"** from **strong="H5921"** one **strong="H0259"** of **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H0834"** other **strong="H0259"** tribes **strong="H7626"** will **strong="H1961"** marry **strong="H0802"** one **strong="H0259"** of **strong="H1121"** Zelophehad's daughters. Will **strong="H1961"** that **strong="H0834"**

land|strong="H5159" leave our|strong="H5921" family|strong="H0001"? Will|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" that|strong="H0834" other|strong="H0259" tribe|strong="H4294" get the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159"? Will|strong="H1961" we|strong="H0834" lose the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" got by|strong="H5921" throwing lots|strong="H1486"? 4 People|strong="H1121" might|strong="H1121" sell their|strong="H5921" land|strong="H5159", but|strong="H0518" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" Jubilee|strong="H3104" year, all the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159" is|strong="H0834" returned to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" tribe|strong="H4294" that|strong="H0834" really owns it|strong="H0518". At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H1961" who|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" get the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H0834" belongs|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" Zelophehad's daughters? Will|strong="H1961" our|strong="H5921" tribe|strong="H4294" lose that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159" forever?"

5 Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H6680" this|strong="H3651" command|strong="H6680" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478": "These|strong="H1696" men|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H3130" are|strong="H3478" right|strong="H3651". 6 This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6680" to|strong="H0559" Zelophehad's daughters|strong="H1323": If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" want to|strong="H0559" marry|strong="H0802" someone, you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0389" marry|strong="H0802" someone from|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" tribe|strong="H4294". 7 In|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3588" way land|strong="H5159" will|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" passed from|strong="H0376" tribe|strong="H4294" to|strong="H0413" tribe|strong="H4294" among|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" Israelites|strong="H3478". Each|strong="H0376" Israelite|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" keep the|strong="H3588" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H3588" belonged to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3588" own|strong="H0376" ancestors|strong="H0001". 8 And|strong="H1121"

if|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H0802" gets her|strong="H3605" father's|strong="H0001" land|strong="H5159", she must|strong="H1121" marry|strong="H0802" someone|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" her|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" tribe|strong="H4294". That|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" everyone|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" keep the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H3605" belonged|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001". 9 So|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3588" land|strong="H5159" must|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" passed from|strong="H0376" tribe|strong="H4294" to|strong="H3478" tribe|strong="H4294" among|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3588" Israelites|strong="H3478". Each|strong="H0376" Israelite|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" keep the|strong="H3588" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H3588" belonged to|strong="H3478" their|strong="H3588" own|strong="H0376" ancestors."

10 So|strong="H3651" Zelophehad's daughters|strong="H1323" obeyed the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6680" to|strong="H3068" Moses|strong="H4872".

11 Zelophehad's daughters|strong="H1323"—Mahlah|strong="H4244", Tirzah|strong="H8656", Hoglah|strong="H2295", Milcah|strong="H4435", and|strong="H1121" Noah|strong="H5270"—married|strong="H0802" their|strong="H1961" cousins on|strong="H1961" their|strong="H1961" father's side of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1961" family.

12 Their|strong="H5921" husbands were|strong="H1961" from|strong="H5921" Manasseh's|strong="H4519" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121", so|strong="H1961" their|strong="H5921" land|strong="H5159" remained|strong="H1961" within|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" father's|strong="H0001" family|strong="H4940" group and|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294".

13 So|strong="H0834" these|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" laws and|strong="H1121" commands|strong="H6680" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H6680" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" Jordan|strong="H3383" Valley in|strong="H5921" Moab|strong="H4124" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3405", across|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5921" Jericho|strong="H3405".

# Deuteronomy

## Moses Talks to the Israelites

**1** These are the commands that Moses gave the Israelites while they were in the Jordan Valley, in the desert east of the Jordan River. This was across the Suph, between the desert of Paran and the cities Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

**2** The trip from Mount Horeb through the mountains of Seir to Kadesh Barnea takes only eleven days. **3** But it was 40 years from the time the Israelites left Egypt until the time they came to this place. On the first day of the eleventh month of the 40th year, Moses spoke to the people and told them everything

the LORD commanded. **4** This was he defeated Sihon and Og. (Sihon was the king of the Amorites and lived in Heshbon. Og was the king of Bashan and lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei.) **5** The Israelites were in Moab on the east side of the Jordan River when Moses began to explain what God had commanded:

**6** "At Mount Horeb the LORD our God spoke to us. He said, 'You have stayed at this long mountain enough.' **7** Go to the hill country where the Amorites live and to the neighboring areas in the Jordan Valley, the hill country, the western slopes, the Negev

the|strong="H3605" seacoast. Go|strong="H0935" throughout|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan and|strong="H0935" Lebanon|strong="H3844" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" great|strong="H1419" river|strong="H5104", the|strong="H3605" Euphrates|strong="H6578".<sup>8</sup> Look|strong="H7200", I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H3068" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776". Go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3423" it|strong="H5414". It|strong="H5414" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", promised|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0935" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001"— Abraham|strong="H0085", Isaac|strong="H3327", and|strong="H0935" Jacob|strong="H3290". I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0935" give|strong="H5414" this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0935" them|strong="H5414" and|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" their|strong="H3068" descendants|strong="H2233".

#### Moses|strong="H5414" Chooses Leaders|strong="H0001"

<sup>9</sup> " At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256" I|strong="H3201" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3808", ' I|strong="H3201" can't|strong="H3808" take|strong="H5375" care of|strong="H6256" you|strong="H3808" by|strong="H0413" myself|strong="H0905".<sup>10</sup> And|strong="H3068" now|strong="H2009", there|strong="H2009" are|strong="H3117" even|strong="H0853" more|strong="H7230" of|strong="H0430" you|strong="H3117". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H3068" added|strong="H3117" more|strong="H7230" and|strong="H3068" more|strong="H7230" people, so|strong="H0853" that|strong="H3117" today|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" as|strong="H3068" many|strong="H7230" as|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" stars|strong="H3556" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" sky|strong="H8064".<sup>11</sup> May|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001", give|strong="H3254"

you|strong="H0834" 1000 times|strong="H6471" more|strong="H3254" people|strong="H0834" than|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" now|strong="H6471"! May|strong="H0430" he|strong="H0834" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H1696".<sup>12</sup> But|strong="H0349" I cannot take|strong="H5375" care of|strong="H0905" you|strong="H5375" and|strong="H0905" solve all your|strong="H5375" arguments by myself|strong="H0905".<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H7760" choose|strong="H3051" some|strong="H0376" men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" tribe|strong="H7626", and|strong="H0376" I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H0376" make|strong="H7760" them|strong="H7760" leaders|strong="H7218" over|strong="H7218" you|strong="H7760". Choose|strong="H3051" wise|strong="H2450" men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0376" experience|strong="H3045" who|strong="H0376" understand|strong="H0995" people|strong="H0376".

<sup>14</sup> " And|strong="H1697" you|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", ' That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2896" thing|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213".

<sup>15</sup> " So|strong="H3947" I|strong="H5414" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" wise|strong="H2450", experienced|strong="H3045" men|strong="H0376" you|strong="H5414" chose from|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5414" tribes|strong="H7626", and|strong="H3967" I|strong="H5414" made|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" leaders|strong="H7218". In|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3045" way|strong="H5921" I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" leaders|strong="H7218" over|strong="H5921" 1000 people|strong="H0376", over|strong="H5921" 100 people|strong="H0376", over|strong="H5921" 50 people|strong="H0376", and|strong="H3967" over|strong="H5921" 10 people|strong="H0376". I|strong="H5414" also|strong="H0853" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" officers|strong="H8269" for|strong="H5921" each|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" your|strong="H5414" tribes|strong="H7626".

<sup>16</sup> " At|strong="H0376" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256" I|strong="H6680" told|strong="H0559" these|strong="H1931" judges|strong="H8199", ' Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" arguments between|strong="H0996" your|strong="H8085" people|strong="H0376". Be|strong="H0376" fair when|strong="H8085" you|strong="H6680"



judge |strong="H8199" each |strong="H0376" case |strong="H8199". It |strong="H1931" doesn't matter if |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" problem is |strong="H1931" between |strong="H0996" two Israelites or |strong="H8085" between |strong="H0996" an |strong="H0376" Israelite and |strong="H0376" a |strong="H8085" foreigner |strong="H1616". You |strong="H6680" must |strong="H0853" judge |strong="H8199" each |strong="H0376" case |strong="H8199" fairly |strong="H6664".<sup>17</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" treat |strong="H4941" everyone |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" same |strong="H1931" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" judge |strong="H4941". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" carefully |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" everyone |strong="H0376"— whether |strong="H4480" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" important |strong="H1419" or |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808". Don't |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H1481" of |strong="H0376" anyone |strong="H0376", because |strong="H3588" your |strong="H0834" decision |strong="H4941" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H4480" God |strong="H0430". But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" there |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" case |strong="H1697" too |strong="H4480" hard |strong="H7185" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" judge |strong="H4941", bring |strong="H7126" it |strong="H1931" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0430" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" judge |strong="H4941" it |strong="H1931".<sup>18</sup> At |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" same |strong="H1931" time |strong="H6256" I |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" told |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H6213".

### The |strong="H3605" Spies Go to |strong="H6256" Canaan

<sup>19</sup> " So |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" obeyed the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H0834" left |strong="H5265" Mount |strong="H2022" Horeb |strong="H2722" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" Amorites |strong="H0567". You |strong="H0834" remember that |strong="H0834" big, terrible desert |strong="H4057" that |strong="H0834"

we |strong="H0834" walked through |strong="H0935". We |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" as |strong="H0834" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H0834" Kadesh Barnea.<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"; ' You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" now |strong="H5414" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" Amorites |strong="H0567". The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" this |strong="H0834" country |strong="H2022".<sup>21</sup> Look |strong="H7200", there |strong="H5927" it |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834"! Go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" for |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H6440". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001", told |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1696" do |strong="H0408" this |strong="H0834", so |strong="H5414" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" or |strong="H0408" worry |strong="H3372" about |strong="H1696" anything.'

<sup>22</sup> " But |strong="H0376" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", 'Let's send |strong="H7971" some |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" look |strong="H2658" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" first |strong="H6440". They |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" spy out |strong="H7971" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H0935" tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870" we |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" which |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H5892" we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413".'

<sup>23</sup> " I |strong="H1697" thought |strong="H5869" that |strong="H1697" was |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" good |strong="H3190" idea |strong="H1697". So |strong="H4480"

I chose twelve men from among you, one from each tribe.<sup>24</sup> Then they and I went up the hill of the country. They came to the Valley of Eshcol and explored it. They took some of the fruit of the land and brought back to us about the land and said, 'The LORD our God is giving us a good land.'

<sup>26</sup> But you refused to go into the land. You refused to obey the LORD your God.<sup>27</sup> You went to your tents and began to complain. You said, 'The LORD hates us! He brought us out of Egypt just to let the Amorites destroy us.'<sup>28</sup> Where can we go now? The men we sent

have frightened us with their report. They said, 'The people there are bigger and taller than we are. The cities are big and have walls as high as the sky. And we saw giants there!'

<sup>29</sup> 'So I said to you, 'Don't be afraid of those people.' The LORD your God is in front of you. He will fight for you just as he did in Egypt.<sup>31</sup> You saw what happened in the desert. You saw how the LORD your God carried you like a man his child. He brought you safely all the way to this place.'

<sup>32</sup> But you didn't trust the LORD your God then either.<sup>33</sup> But he was always in front of you, going ahead

<sup>1</sup> GIANTS Literally, "Anakites," descendants of Anak, a family famous for tall and powerful fighting men. See Num. 13:33.

to |strong="H1980" find|strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" place |strong="H4725" for |strong="H4725" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1980" camp |strong="H2583". At |strong="H2583" night |strong="H3915", he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0834" where |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1980" go |strong="H1980". And |strong="H1980" during the |strong="H6440" day |strong="H3119", he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" cloud |strong="H6051".

**People |strong="H0834" Not |strong="H1870" Allowed to |strong="H1980" Enter |strong="H1980" Canaan**

<sup>34</sup> " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085" what |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H7107". He |strong="H3068" made |strong="H7650" a |strong="H8085" vow |strong="H7650". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>35</sup> ' Not |strong="H2088" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" evil |strong="H7451" people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" alive |strong="H7200" now |strong="H2088" will |strong="H0776" go into |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001". <sup>36</sup> Only |strong="H2108" Caleb |strong="H3612" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jephunneh |strong="H3312" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" Caleb |strong="H3612" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" he |strong="H0834" walked |strong="H1869" on |strong="H0776", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5414" descendants |strong="H1121", because |strong="H3282" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" all |strong="H0310" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", commanded.'

<sup>37</sup> " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" also |strong="H1571" angry |strong="H0599" with |strong="H3068"

me |strong="H0935" because |strong="H1558" of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859". He |strong="H8033" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0935", ' Moses |strong="H0559", you |strong="H0859" cannot |strong="H3808" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" land, either |strong="H1571". <sup>38</sup> But |strong="H3588" your |strong="H0935" helper, Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126", will |strong="H3478" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H6440". Encourage |strong="H2388" Joshua |strong="H3091", because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3478" lead the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0935" take |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H6440" for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3588" own |strong="H5157". <sup>39</sup> You |strong="H0834" thought |strong="H0559" your |strong="H5414" little |strong="H2945" children |strong="H1121" would |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H1961" by |strong="H0935" your |strong="H5414" enemies. But |strong="H3808" those |strong="H0834" children |strong="H1121", who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" too |strong="H3808" young |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0559" know |strong="H3045" right |strong="H2896" from |strong="H0935" wrong |strong="H7451", will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" land. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H5414". Your |strong="H5414" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0559" land for |strong="H3117" their |strong="H5414" own |strong="H1961". <sup>40</sup> But |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859"— you |strong="H0859" must turn |strong="H6437" around |strong="H6437", take |strong="H5265" the |strong="H1870" road |strong="H1870" to |strong="H1870" the |strong="H1870" Red Sea |strong="H3220" and |strong="H1870" go |strong="H5265" back |strong="H6437" into |strong="H3220" the |strong="H1870" desert |strong="H4057".'

<sup>41</sup> " Then |strong="H6030" you |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", ' Moses |strong="H0559", we |strong="H0587" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", but |strong="H6030" now we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6680" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" command-

ed|strong="H6680" us|strong="H0413" before|strong="H0413"— we|strong="H0587" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H5927" and|strong="H3068" fight|strong="H3898".  
 " Then|strong="H6030" each|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" you|strong="H0834" put|strong="H2296" on|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" weapons|strong="H3627". You|strong="H0834" thought|strong="H0559" it|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3068" be|strong="H0376" easy|strong="H1951" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H5927" and|strong="H3068" take|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3605" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022".<sup>42</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", ' Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" there|strong="H0369" and|strong="H3068" fight|strong="H3898", because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" with|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". Their|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H0341" will|strong="H3068" defeat them|strong="H0413".<sup>43</sup> I|strong="H3808" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3808", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085". You|strong="H3808" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6310". You|strong="H3808" thought you|strong="H3808" could use your|strong="H3068" own power, so|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022".<sup>44</sup> The|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567" who|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" swarm of|strong="H3427" bees|strong="H1682" and|strong="H2022" chased|strong="H7291" you|strong="H0834" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H5704" from|strong="H3318" Seir|strong="H8165" to|strong="H5704" Hormah|strong="H2767".<sup>45</sup> Then|strong="H7725" you|strong="H6440" came|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" crying|strong="H1058" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" help, but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H6440"

LORD|strong="H3068" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H6440".<sup>46</sup> So|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" stayed|strong="H3427" at|strong="H3427" Kadesh|strong="H6946" for|strong="H3117" such|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" long|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117".

### Israel Wanders Through the Desert

2 " Then|strong="H1696" we|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H1696" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H1870". We|strong="H0834" went|strong="H5437" back|strong="H6437" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" road|strong="H1870" that|strong="H0834" leads to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Red Sea|strong="H3220". We|strong="H0834" traveled|strong="H5265" for|strong="H0413" many|strong="H7227" days|strong="H3117" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H5437" around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H0853" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H3068" Seir|strong="H8165".<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413",<sup>3</sup> ' You|strong="H0853" have|strong="H6437" traveled around|strong="H5437" these|strong="H2088" mountains|strong="H2022" long enough|strong="H7227". Turn|strong="H6437" north|strong="H6828".<sup>4</sup> Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" this: You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H1121" pass|strong="H5674" through|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H1366" of|strong="H1121" Seir|strong="H8165". This land|strong="H1366" belongs|strong="H4480" to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H8104" relatives|strong="H0251", the|strong="H0853" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Esau|strong="H6215". They|strong="H0559" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0859". Be|strong="H1121" very|strong="H3966" careful|strong="H8104".<sup>5</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" fight them|strong="H5414". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" any|strong="H5414" of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776"— not|strong="H3808"

I SEIR Another name for Edom.

even |strong="H5704" a |strong="H3588" foot |strong="H7272" of |strong="H0776" it |strong="H5414", because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" Seir |strong="H8165" to |strong="H5704" Esau |strong="H6215" to |strong="H5704" keep as |strong="H5704" his |strong="H5414" own |strong="H3425". <sup>6</sup> You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" pay |strong="H3701" the |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H4325" Esau for |strong="H4325" any |strong="H1571" food |strong="H0400" you |strong="H0853" eat |strong="H0398" or |strong="H1571" water |strong="H4325" you |strong="H0853" drink |strong="H8354" there. <sup>7</sup> Remember that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H8141" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3045" done |strong="H4639". He |strong="H3588" knows |strong="H3045" about |strong="H1697" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3588" happened |strong="H1697" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" trip through |strong="H3027" this |strong="H2088" great |strong="H1419" desert |strong="H4057". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" been |strong="H3808" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588" these |strong="H2088" 40 years |strong="H8141". You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3045" always had |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3588" needed.'

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H5674" we |strong="H0854" passed |strong="H5674" by |strong="H1870" our |strong="H0854" relatives |strong="H0251", the |strong="H1870" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Esau |strong="H6215" living |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Seir |strong="H8165". We |strong="H0854" left |strong="H3427" the |strong="H1870" road |strong="H1870" that |strong="H1121" leads from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1870" Jordan Valley to |strong="H1870" the |strong="H1870" towns of |strong="H1121" Elath |strong="H0359" and |strong="H1121" Ezion Geber. We |strong="H0854" turned |strong="H6437" onto the |strong="H1870" road |strong="H1870" that |strong="H1121" goes to |strong="H1870" the |strong="H1870" desert |strong="H6160" in |strong="H3427" Moab |strong="H4124".

### Israel at |strong="H3427" Ar

<sup>9</sup> " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", ' Don't |strong="H0408" bother the |strong="H0853" Moabites |strong="H4124". Don't |strong="H0408" start a |strong="H3588" war |strong="H4421" against |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" any |strong="H5414" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776". They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Lot |strong="H3876",<sup>1</sup> and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H1121" Ar |strong="H6144"."

<sup>10</sup> ( In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" past, the |strong="H6440" Emites lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Ar. They |strong="H5971" were |strong="H3427" strong |strong="H1419" people |strong="H5971", and |strong="H1419" there |strong="H3427" were |strong="H3427" many |strong="H7227" of |strong="H3427" them |strong="H6440". They |strong="H5971" were |strong="H3427" very |strong="H1419" tall |strong="H7311", like |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Anakites |strong="H6062".<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H7121" Anakites |strong="H6062" were |strong="H1992" part of |strong="H7121" the |strong="H7121" Rephaites |strong="H7497". People thought |strong="H2803" the |strong="H7121" Emites were |strong="H1992" also |strong="H0637" Rephaites |strong="H7497", but |strong="H1992" the |strong="H7121" people of |strong="H7121" Moab |strong="H4125" called |strong="H7121" them |strong="H1992" Emites. <sup>12</sup>

The |strong="H6440" Horites |strong="H2752" also |strong="H3068" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Seir |strong="H8165" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" past. Then |strong="H5414" Esau's |strong="H6215" people |strong="H1121" destroyed |strong="H8045" the |strong="H6440" Horites |strong="H2752", took |strong="H3423" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776", and |strong="H1121" settled |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> DESCENDANTS OF LOT Lot's sons were Moab and Ammon. See Genesis 19:30-38.

the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414".)

<sup>13</sup> " The |strong="H0853" Lord told me |strong="H6965", ' Now |strong="H6258", go |strong="H6965" to |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" other side of |strong="H6965" Zered |strong="H2218" Valley |strong="H5158"! So |strong="H6965" we |strong="H6258" crossed |strong="H5674" Zered |strong="H2218" Valley |strong="H5158". <sup>14</sup> It |strong="H5704" was |strong="H0834" 38 years |strong="H8141" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" we |strong="H0834" left |strong="H1980" Kadesh Barnea until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" we |strong="H0834" crossed |strong="H5674" Zered |strong="H2218" Valley |strong="H5158". As |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H7650", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" fighting men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H8141" our |strong="H3068" camp |strong="H4264" from |strong="H0376" that |strong="H0834" generation |strong="H1755" had |strong="H3068" died. <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" opposed those |strong="H1961" men |strong="H4264" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1961" all |strong="H5704" dead and |strong="H3068" gone |strong="H8552" from |strong="H3027" our |strong="H3068" camp |strong="H4264".

<sup>16</sup> " After |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" fighting men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H4191" and |strong="H0376" gone |strong="H8552", <sup>17</sup> the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", <sup>18</sup> ' Today |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" cross |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" border |strong="H1366" at |strong="H3117" Ar |strong="H6144" and |strong="H3117" go |strong="H5674" into Moab |strong="H4124". <sup>19</sup> You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" just across from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" Ammonites |strong="H5983". Don't |strong="H0408" bother them |strong="H5414" or |strong="H3808" fight with |strong="H0776" them |strong="H5414", because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" their |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0776". They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Lot |strong="H3876", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1121" given |strong="H5414"

that |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414"."

<sup>20</sup> ( That |strong="H1931" country |strong="H0776" is |strong="H1931" also |strong="H0637" known as |strong="H2803" the |strong="H6440" Land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Rephaim |strong="H7497". The |strong="H6440" Rephaites |strong="H7497" lived |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" past. The |strong="H6440" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0776" Ammon called |strong="H7121" them |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Zamzummites. <sup>21</sup> There |strong="H3427" were |strong="H3427" many |strong="H7227" Rephaites, and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" were |strong="H3427" very |strong="H1419" strong |strong="H1419" and |strong="H3068" tall |strong="H7311" like |strong="H8478" the |strong="H6440" Anakites |strong="H6062". But |strong="H7227" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" helped the |strong="H6440" Ammonites destroy |strong="H8045" them |strong="H6440". The |strong="H6440" Ammonites took |strong="H3423" that |strong="H3068" land |strong="H6440" and |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" now |strong="H7227". <sup>22</sup> God did |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H2088" thing |strong="H2088" for |strong="H8478" Esau's |strong="H6215" people |strong="H1121". In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" past the |strong="H0853" Horites |strong="H2752" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Seir |strong="H8165". <sup>1</sup> But |strong="H3117" Esau's |strong="H6215" people |strong="H1121" destroyed |strong="H8045" the |strong="H0853" Horites |strong="H2752", and |strong="H1121" Esau's |strong="H6215" descendants |strong="H1121" still |strong="H5704" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H2088" today |strong="H3117". <sup>23</sup> God did the |strong="H5704" same thing for |strong="H8478" some people |strong="H3427" from |strong="H3318" Crete |strong="H3731". The |strong="H5704" Avvites lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5704" towns around Gaza |strong="H5804", but the |strong="H5704" Creans destroyed |strong="H8045" them |strong="H3318", took |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5704" land, and |strong="H3318" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" now.)

#### Fighting the |strong="H5704" Amorites

<sup>24</sup> " The |strong="H0853" Lord told me |strong="H5414", ' Get |strong="H6965" ready to |strong="H5414" go |strong="H6965"

<sup>1</sup> SEIR The hill country of Edom.

across|strong="H5674" Arnon|strong="H0769" Valley|strong="H5158". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" Sihon|strong="H5511" the|strong="H0853" Amorite|strong="H0567", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Heshbon|strong="H2809". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" take|strong="H3423" his|strong="H5414" country|strong="H0776". So|strong="H5414" fight|strong="H4421" against|strong="H4421" him|strong="H5414" and|strong="H6965" take|strong="H3423" his|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776". <sup>25</sup> Today|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" everywhere|strong="H3605" afraid|strong="H6343" of|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" news|strong="H8088" about|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834", and|strong="H8064" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H8064" afraid|strong="H6343" and|strong="H8064" shake|strong="H7264" with|strong="H5921" fear|strong="H3374".

<sup>26</sup> "While we|strong="H1697" were|strong="H1697" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H4428" Kedemoth|strong="H6932", I|strong="H1697" sent|strong="H7971" messengers|strong="H4397" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Sihon|strong="H5511" of|strong="H4428" Heshbon|strong="H2809". The|strong="H0559" messengers|strong="H4397" offered peace|strong="H7965" to|strong="H0413" Sihon|strong="H5511". They|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", <sup>27</sup> 'Let|strong="H3808" us go|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" your|strong="H3808" land|strong="H0776". We|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" stay on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H5493" road|strong="H1870". We|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" turn|strong="H5493" off|strong="H5493" the|strong="H5493" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5493" right|strong="H3225" or|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5493" left|strong="H8040". <sup>28</sup> We will|strong="H5414" pay|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" in|strong="H5414" silver|strong="H3701" for|strong="H4325" any|strong="H5414" food|strong="H0400" we eat|strong="H0398" or|strong="H3701" any|strong="H5414" water|strong="H4325" we drink|strong="H8354". We only|strong="H7535" want

to|strong="H5414" march through|strong="H5674" your|strong="H5414" country. <sup>29</sup> Let|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" go|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776" until|strong="H5704" we|strong="H0834" go|strong="H5674" across|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0834" giving|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414". Other people|strong="H1121" have|strong="H0834" let|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" go|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776"— the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Esau|strong="H6215" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Seir|strong="H8165" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Moabites|strong="H4125" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Ar|strong="H6144".'

<sup>30</sup> " But|strong="H3588" King|strong="H4428" Sihon|strong="H5511" of|strong="H4428" Heshbon|strong="H2809" would|strong="H0014" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" pass|strong="H5674" through|strong="H3027" his|strong="H5414" country. The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" very|strong="H2088" stubborn|strong="H7185" and|strong="H3068" ready to|strong="H3068" fight. The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" this|strong="H2088" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" could|strong="H2088" help you|strong="H3588" defeat|strong="H5414" King|strong="H4428" Sihon|strong="H5511". And|strong="H3068" today|strong="H3117" we|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H2088" happened.

<sup>31</sup> " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", ' I|strong="H5414" am|strong="H3068" giving|strong="H5414" King Sihon|strong="H5511" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5414" country|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". Now|strong="H5414", go|strong="H2490" take|strong="H3423" his|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776"!

<sup>32</sup> " Then|strong="H3318" King Sihon|strong="H5511" and|strong="H3318" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" peo-

ple |strong="H5971" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H3318" fight |strong="H4421" against |strong="H7125" us |strong="H5971" at |strong="H4421" Jahaz |strong="H3096".<sup>33</sup> But |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" us |strong="H5414". We |strong="H3605" defeated |strong="H5221" King Sihon, his |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".<sup>34</sup> We |strong="H3605" captured |strong="H3920" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" that |strong="H3605" belonged to |strong="H6256" King Sihon at |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H6256". We |strong="H3605" completely |strong="H3605" destroyed the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" in |strong="H0802" every |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892"— the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H4962", women |strong="H0802", and |strong="H0802" children |strong="H2945". We |strong="H3605" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H7604" anyone |strong="H3605" alive |strong="H7604".<sup>35</sup> We |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3920" only |strong="H7535" the |strong="H0834" cattle |strong="H0929" and |strong="H0929" the |strong="H0834" valuable things |strong="H0834" from |strong="H0929" those |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H5892".<sup>36</sup> We |strong="H0834" defeated the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H7151" of |strong="H0430" Aroer |strong="H6177" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" edge |strong="H8193" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" Arnon |strong="H0769" Valley |strong="H5158" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" town |strong="H7151" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" middle of |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" valley |strong="H5158". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" between |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" Arnon |strong="H0769" Valley |strong="H5158" and |strong="H3068" Gilead |strong="H1568". No |strong="H3808" city |strong="H5892" was |strong="H1961" too |strong="H4480" strong for |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5414".<sup>37</sup> But |strong="H7535" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H0413"

the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammon |strong="H5983". You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" the |strong="H3605" shores of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Jab-bok |strong="H2999" River |strong="H5158" or |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022". You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" any |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3027" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" us |strong="H0413" have |strong="H0834".

### Fighting the People of Bashan

**3** " We |strong="H3605" turned |strong="H6437" and |strong="H4428" went |strong="H3318" on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3605" road |strong="H1870" to |strong="H1870" Bashan |strong="H1316". King |strong="H4428" Og |strong="H5747" of |strong="H4428" Bashan |strong="H1316" and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5971" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H1870" fight |strong="H4421" against |strong="H7125" us |strong="H5927" at |strong="H4421" Edrei |strong="H0154".<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", ' Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H4428" Og. I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" defeat |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" defeated Sihon |strong="H5511", the |strong="H3605" Amorite |strong="H0567" king |strong="H4428" who |strong="H0834" ruled |strong="H4428" in |strong="H3427" Heshbon |strong="H2809".'

<sup>3</sup> " So |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" let |strong="H5414"



us |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5221" King |strong="H4428" Og |strong="H5747" of |strong="H4428" Bashan |strong="H1316". We |strong="H5704" destroyed |strong="H5221" him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5971". Not |strong="H1115" one |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" them |strong="H5414" was |strong="H3068" left |strong="H7604".<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H1961" we |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Og |strong="H5747" at |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6256". We |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" from |strong="H3947" Og's people |strong="H0834"—60 cities |strong="H5892" in |strong="H5747" the |strong="H3605" area of |strong="H3605" Argob, Og's kingdom |strong="H4467" in |strong="H5747" Bashan |strong="H1316".<sup>5</sup> All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" cities |strong="H5892" were |strong="H0428" very |strong="H3966" strong. They |strong="H0428" had |strong="H0428" high |strong="H1364" walls |strong="H2346", gates |strong="H1817", and |strong="H1817" strong bars |strong="H1280" on |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" gates |strong="H1817". There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H0428" also many |strong="H7235" towns |strong="H5892" that |strong="H3605" did not have |strong="H3605" walls |strong="H2346".<sup>6</sup> We |strong="H0834" destroyed them |strong="H0853" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" destroyed the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Sihon |strong="H5511" of |strong="H4428" Heshbon |strong="H2809". We |strong="H0834" completely |strong="H3605" destroyed every |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" in |strong="H4428" them |strong="H0853", even |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" babies |strong="H0802".<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H3605" we |strong="H3605" kept all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H0929" and |strong="H0929" the |strong="H3605" valuable things |strong="H3605" from |strong="H0929" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" for |strong="H3605" ourselves.

<sup>8</sup> " In |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" way |strong="H5704" we |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853"

land |strong="H0776" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" Amorite |strong="H0567" kings |strong="H4428". We |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" east |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704", from |strong="H3027" Arnon |strong="H0769" Valley |strong="H5158" to |strong="H5704" Mount |strong="H2022" Hermon |strong="H2768".<sup>9</sup> ( The |strong="H7121" people from |strong="H0567" Sidon call |strong="H7121" Mount Hermon |strong="H2768", Sirion |strong="H8303", but the |strong="H7121" Amorites |strong="H0567" called |strong="H7121" it |strong="H7121" Senir |strong="H8149".)<sup>10</sup> We |strong="H5704" took all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" in |strong="H5747" the |strong="H3605" high plain |strong="H4334" and |strong="H1568" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" Gilead |strong="H1568". We |strong="H5704" took all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" Bashan |strong="H1316", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5704" Salecah |strong="H5548" and |strong="H1568" Edrei |strong="H0154". Salecah |strong="H5548" and |strong="H1568" Edrei |strong="H0154" were cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3605" Og's kingdom |strong="H4467" of |strong="H3605" Bashan |strong="H1316".

<sup>11</sup> ( Og |strong="H5747" was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3588" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Bashan |strong="H1316". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" few Rephaites |strong="H7497" still alive |strong="H7604". His |strong="H0376" bed |strong="H6210" was |strong="H1931" made from |strong="H0376" iron |strong="H1270", and |strong="H1121" it |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" over |strong="H4428" 13 feet |strong="H0520" long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H1121" 6 feet |strong="H0520" wide |strong="H7341".<sup>1</sup> The |strong="H3588" bed |strong="H6210" is |strong="H1931" still in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3588" city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" Rabbah |strong="H7237", where |strong="H2009" the |strong="H3588" Ammonites |strong="H5983" live.)

<sup>1</sup> 13 FEET LONG AND 6 FEET WIDE Literally, "9 cubits long and 4 cubits wide, following the measure of a man's cubit."

The **Land East of the Jordan River**

12 " So we took land be|gave of|the|Reuben|Gad|gave the|from|in|Arnon|to|hill|of|with|cities|it|the|Gilead|and|whole|of|to|the|of|kingdom|of|was|It|the|of|the|area|That|all|way|the|of|the|rites|the|It|

named|Jair|even|people|Bashan|of|15 " I|Gilead|Makir|to|tribe|of|and|tribe|I|the|that|Gilead|and|goes|Arnon|to|Jabbok|River|. The|of|valley|one|The|the|for|Jordan|near|desert|their|border|north|and|to|south|is|the|the|the|are|the|18 " At|time|gave|this|The|your|has|you|land|this|

I LAKE GALILEE Literally, "Kinnereth Lake." II DEAD SEA Literally, "Arabah Sea." Also called the "Salt Sea."

the |strong="H3605" Jordan River |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0559" live in |strong="H0430". But |strong="H0559" now |strong="H6256" your |strong="H3068" fighting men |strong="H1121" must |strong="H0853" take |strong="H3423" their |strong="H3605" weapons and |strong="H1121" lead the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0251" Israelite |strong="H3478" tribes across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H0776".<sup>19</sup> Your |strong="H5414" wives |strong="H0802", your |strong="H5414" little |strong="H2945" children |strong="H2945", and |strong="H0802" your |strong="H5414" cattle |strong="H4735" ( I |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7227" cattle |strong="H4735") will |strong="H0834" stay |strong="H3427" here in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H5892" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" help your |strong="H3068" Israelite relatives |strong="H0251" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H1992" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5117" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0251" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". Help them |strong="H5414" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gives |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" peace |strong="H5117" there |strong="H1992", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" for |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" here. Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0776" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" this |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>21</sup> " Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" Joshua |strong="H3091", ' You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" seen |strong="H7200" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0559" these |strong="H0428" two |strong="H8147" kings |strong="H4428". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"

do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H1931" thing |strong="H3651" to |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kingdoms |strong="H4467" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" enter.<sup>22</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" fear |strong="H3372" the |strong="H3588" kings of |strong="H0430" these |strong="H1931" lands, because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" fight |strong="H3898" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588".

**Moses |strong="H3588" Not |strong="H3808" Allowed |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0430" Canaan**

<sup>23</sup> " Then |strong="H0559" I |strong="H6256" begged the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" do something special for |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H6256" said |strong="H0559",<sup>24</sup> ' Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0410", I |strong="H0834" am your |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650". I |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" shown |strong="H7200" me |strong="H7200" only a |strong="H7200" small part |strong="H3027" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" wonderful and |strong="H0776" powerful |strong="H2389" things |strong="H4639" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H4310" do |strong="H6213". There |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" no |strong="H4310" god |strong="H0410" in |strong="H0776" heaven |strong="H8064" or |strong="H7200" earth |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" can |strong="H4310" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" great |strong="H2389" and |strong="H0776" powerful |strong="H2389" things |strong="H4639" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213".<sup>25</sup> Please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H4994" go |strong="H5674" across |strong="H5676" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0776" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H2088" side |strong="H5676". Let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H4994" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" beautiful hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" and |strong="H0776" Lebanon |strong="H3844".

<sup>26</sup> " But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" angry with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" because |strong="H4616" of |strong="H3068"

you *refused* to *listen* to me. The LORD said to me, 'That's enough! Don't say another word about this. Go up to the top of Mount Pisgah. Look to the west, north, south, and east. You see these things your eyes, but you can go the Jordan River must give instructions Joshua him. Make him strong, because Joshua must lead the people the Jordan River. You can see the land, but Joshua will lead them that land. He will help take the land and live in it.'

<sup>29</sup> So we stayed in the valley across from Beth Peor.

#### Moses' Warning to Obey God's Laws

**4** " Now, Israel, listen to

the laws and the commands I teach them. Obey them and will live. Then you can go in and take the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You must add what I command you. And you must take away anything that the LORD, the God of your fathers, I have given you. <sup>3</sup> You have seen the LORD did Baal. The LORD your God destroyed all your people who followed the false god Baal at that place. <sup>4</sup> But all of you who stayed with the LORD your God are alive today. <sup>5</sup> I taught you the laws and rules that the LORD

my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" command-  
ed |strong="H6680" me |strong="H0935".  
I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213"  
this |strong="H3651" so |strong="H3651"  
you |strong="H0859" could |strong="H4941"  
obey |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853"  
in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
land |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0859"  
are |strong="H0834" ready to |strong="H0935" en-  
ter |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935"  
take |strong="H3423" for |strong="H0776"  
your |strong="H3068" own. <sup>6</sup> Obey |strong="H8085"  
these |strong="H0428" laws |strong="H2706" careful-  
ly |strong="H8085". This |strong="H2088"  
will |strong="H0834" show |strong="H0995"  
the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"  
of |strong="H5869" the |strong="H3605" oth-  
er |strong="H2088" nations |strong="H1471"  
that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
are |strong="H0834" wise |strong="H2450"  
and |strong="H1419" sensible. They |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H8085"  
about |strong="H8085" these |strong="H0428"  
laws |strong="H2706" and |strong="H1419"  
say |strong="H0559", ' Truly |strong="H3588",  
the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"  
of |strong="H5869" this |strong="H2088"  
great |strong="H1419" nation |strong="H1471"  
are |strong="H0834" wise |strong="H2450"  
and |strong="H1419" sensible.'

<sup>7</sup> " The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
is |strong="H0834" near |strong="H7138"  
when |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" ask  
him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" help  
us |strong="H0413". No |strong="H4310" oth-  
er |strong="H3605" nation |strong="H1471"  
has |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588"  
god |strong="H0430" like |strong="H0834"  
that |strong="H0834"! <sup>8</sup> And |strong="H3117"  
no |strong="H4310" other |strong="H3605" na-  
tion |strong="H1471" is |strong="H0834"  
great |strong="H1419" enough to |strong="H5414"  
have |strong="H0834" laws |strong="H8451"  
and |strong="H3117" rules |strong="H2706"  
as |strong="H0834" good as |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451"  
I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414"  
you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117". <sup>9</sup>  
But |strong="H7535" you |strong="H0834"  
must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1121" care-  
ful |strong="H8104"! Be |strong="H1121"  
sure |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834"  
as |strong="H0834" long |strong="H3117"  
as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
live |strong="H2416" you |strong="H0834" nev-  
er |strong="H6435" forget |strong="H7911"  
what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"

have |strong="H0834" seen |strong="H7200".  
You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853"  
teach |strong="H3045" these |strong="H3605"  
things |strong="H1697" to |strong="H8104"  
your |strong="H3605" children |strong="H1121"  
and |strong="H1121" grandchildren |strong="H1121".  
<sup>10</sup> Remember the |strong="H3605"  
day |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0834"  
stood |strong="H5975" before |strong="H6440"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
at |strong="H0413" Mount Horeb |strong="H2722".  
The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413", ' Gather |strong="H6950"  
the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" togeth-  
er |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" lis-  
ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413"  
what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413"  
say |strong="H0559". Then |strong="H0853"  
they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068"  
learn |strong="H3925" to |strong="H0413" re-  
spect |strong="H6440" me |strong="H0413"  
as |strong="H0834" long |strong="H3117"  
as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992"  
live |strong="H2416" on |strong="H5921"  
earth |strong="H0127". And |strong="H1121"  
they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068"  
teach |strong="H3925" these |strong="H1992"  
things |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413"  
their |strong="H3605" children |strong="H1121". <sup>11</sup>  
You |strong="H5704" came |strong="H7126"  
near |strong="H7126" and |strong="H8064"  
stood |strong="H5975" at |strong="H5975"  
the |strong="H5704" bottom of |strong="H2022"  
the |strong="H5704" mountain |strong="H2022".  
The |strong="H5704" mountain |strong="H2022"  
burned |strong="H1197" with |strong="H8064"  
fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H0784"  
reached |strong="H5704" up |strong="H5975"  
to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704"  
sky |strong="H8064". There |strong="H5975"  
were |strong="H8064" thick |strong="H6205" black  
clouds |strong="H6051" and |strong="H8064" dark-  
ness |strong="H2822". <sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H1696"  
the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068"  
spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413"  
you |strong="H0859" from |strong="H8085"  
the |strong="H0413" fire |strong="H0784".  
You |strong="H0859" heard |strong="H8085"  
the |strong="H0413" sound |strong="H6963"  
of |strong="H3068" someone speak-  
ing |strong="H1696", but |strong="H7200"  
you |strong="H0859" did not |strong="H0369"  
see |strong="H7200" any |strong="H0369"  
form |strong="H8544". There |strong="H0369"  
was |strong="H0369" only |strong="H2108"

a voice.<sup>13</sup> The Lord told you about his agreement, which he commanded you to obey. He told you about the Ten Commandments, which he wrote on two stone tablets.<sup>14</sup> At that time LORD also commanded you the laws and rules you must follow the land you are going to and live in.

<sup>15</sup> "On the day LORD spoke to you from fire at Mount Horeb, you did see there no shape for God.<sup>16</sup> So be careful! Don't sin and destroy yourselves by making statues in the shape of any living thing.<sup>17</sup> Don't make an idol that looks like a man or a woman,<sup>17</sup> or like an animal or on earth, or like a bird flies in

the sky.<sup>18</sup> And don't make an idol that looks like anything that crawls on the ground or like a fish in the sea.<sup>19</sup> And be careful when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon, the stars—all the things in the sky.<sup>20</sup> Be careful that you are not tempted to worship and serve them.<sup>21</sup> The LORD your God lets the other people in the world do this.<sup>20</sup> But the LORD brought you out of Egypt to you his own special people.<sup>21</sup> He saved you from Egypt. It was as if he pulled you from a hot furnace.<sup>1</sup> And now you are his people.

<sup>21</sup> "The LORD was angry with me because of you. He swore I could not go

<sup>1</sup> FURNACE Literally, "iron furnace," that is, a furnace hot enough to soften iron.

across|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" good|strong="H2896" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0834" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834".<sup>22</sup> So|strong="H4191" I|strong="H0595" must|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191" here|strong="H2063" in|strong="H0776" this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0595" cannot|strong="H0369" go|strong="H5674" across|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776", but|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" soon|strong="H3588" go|strong="H5674" across|strong="H5674" it|strong="H3588" and|strong="H0776" take|strong="H3423" that|strong="H3588" good|strong="H2896" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" live there|strong="H0369".<sup>23</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3068" careful|strong="H8104" not|strong="H6435" to|strong="H3068" forget|strong="H7911" the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" made|strong="H6213" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6680". Don't|strong="H8104" make|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" idols|strong="H6459" in|strong="H0430" any|strong="H3605" form|strong="H8544",<sup>24</sup> because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" hates for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" people|strong="H1931" to|strong="H3068" worship other gods|strong="H0430". And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H1931" can be|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" fire|strong="H0784" that|strong="H3588" destroys!<sup>25</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" live in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776" a|strong="H3588" long|strong="H3462" time. You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H5869" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" grandchildren|strong="H1121" there|strong="H3068". After|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3588" time, be|strong="H1121" sure that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" do|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3588" then|strong="H6213" ruin|strong="H7843"

your|strong="H3068" lives by|strong="H3068" making|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" kind of|strong="H1121" idol|strong="H6459"! That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" something the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" considers evil|strong="H7451", and|strong="H1121" it|strong="H3588" would|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" him|strong="H3205" very angry|strong="H3707"!<sup>26</sup> So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0834" am warning you|strong="H0859" now|strong="H3117". Heaven|strong="H8064" and|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776" are|strong="H0834" my|strong="H5921" witnesses! If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" do such|strong="H0834" an|strong="H8033" evil thing|strong="H3588", you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" quickly|strong="H4118" be|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H8045"! You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" crossing|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776" now|strong="H3117" to|strong="H5921" take|strong="H3423" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776". But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" make|strong="H3588" any|strong="H3588" idols, you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" live|strong="H0748" there|strong="H8033" very long|strong="H3117". No|strong="H3808", you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H8045" completely|strong="H3423".<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" scatter|strong="H6327" you|strong="H0834" among|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471". And|strong="H3068" only a|strong="H0834" few|strong="H4557" of|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" left|strong="H7604" alive|strong="H7604" to|strong="H3068" go to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" countries where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" send you|strong="H0834".<sup>28</sup> There|strong="H8033" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" serve|strong="H5647" gods|strong="H0430" made|strong="H4639" by|strong="H3027" men|strong="H0120"— things|strong="H4639" made|strong="H4639" of|strong="H0430" wood|strong="H6086" and|strong="H0430" stone|strong="H0068" that|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" or|strong="H3808" hear|strong="H8085" or|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" or|strong="H3808" smell|strong="H7306"!<sup>29</sup> But|strong="H3588" there|strong="H8033"

in|strong="H0430" these|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" lands you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". And|strong="H3068" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0853" with|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3824" and|strong="H3068" soul|strong="H5315", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" find|strong="H4672" him|strong="H0853".<sup>30</sup> When|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3117" in|strong="H0430" trouble|strong="H6862"—when|strong="H3117" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697" happen|strong="H4672" to|strong="H5704" you|strong="H3605"—then|strong="H8085" you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H8085" him|strong="H7725".<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" merciful|strong="H7349" God|strong="H0430"! He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H7503" you|strong="H0834" there|strong="H3068" or|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7843" you|strong="H0834" completely. He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" forget|strong="H7911" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7650" with|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001".

**Think About the|strong="H0853" Great|strong="H0430" Things|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" Did|strong="H0834"**

<sup>32</sup> Has|strong="H0430" anything|strong="H1697" this|strong="H2088" great|strong="H1419" ever|strong="H2088" happened|strong="H1961" before|strong="H6440"? Never! Look|strong="H4994" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" past|strong="H7223". Think about|strong="H1961" everything|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H1961" before|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" born. Go|strong="H1961" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H6440" way|strong="H1697" back to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H6440" time|strong="H3117" when|strong="H3588"

God|strong="H0430" made|strong="H1961" people|strong="H0120" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" earth|strong="H0776". Look|strong="H4994" at|strong="H5921" everything|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0430" happened|strong="H1961" anywhere|strong="H0776" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" world|strong="H0776". Has|strong="H0430" anyone|strong="H0120" ever|strong="H2088" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H1961" anything|strong="H1697" as|strong="H0834" great|strong="H1419" as|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2088"? No|strong="H4480"!<sup>33</sup> You|strong="H0859" people|strong="H5971" heard|strong="H8085" God|strong="H0430" speaking|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0859" from|strong="H8085" a|strong="H8085" fire|strong="H0784", and|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" still alive|strong="H2421". Has|strong="H0430" that|strong="H0834" ever happened to|strong="H1696" anyone|strong="H0834" else? No!<sup>34</sup> Has|strong="H3068" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" god|strong="H0430" ever tried|strong="H5254" to|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" people|strong="H1471" for|strong="H3027" himself|strong="H3027" from|strong="H0935" inside|strong="H3027" another nation|strong="H1471"? No|strong="H3605"! But|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834" yourselves|strong="H5869" have|strong="H0834" seen|strong="H5869" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" did|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" showed you|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3605" power|strong="H3027" and|strong="H0935" strength|strong="H2220". You|strong="H0834" saw the|strong="H3605" troubles that|strong="H0834" tested|strong="H5254" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471". You|strong="H0834" saw miracles|strong="H4159" and|strong="H0935" wonders|strong="H4159". You|strong="H0834" saw war|strong="H4421" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H0935".<sup>35</sup> The|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" showed|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0859" all|strong="H3045" this|strong="H1931" so|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" would|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0369" God|strong="H0430".



There **is** no **god** like **him**. <sup>36</sup> He **let** you **hear** his **voice** from **heaven** so **that** he **could** **teach** you **a** **lesson**. On **earth** he **let** you **see** his **great** **fire**, and **he** **spoke** to you **from** it.

<sup>37</sup> He **loved** your **ancestors**. That **is** why **he** **chose** you, **their** **descendants**. And **that** **is** why **he** **brought** you **out** of **Egypt**. He **was** with you and **brought** you **out** with **his** **great** **power**. <sup>38</sup> When you **moved** **forward**, he **forced** out **nations** that **were** **greater** and **more** **powerful** than you. And **he** **led** you **into** their **land**. He **gave** you **their** **land** to **live** in, as **he** **is** **still** **doing** today.

<sup>39</sup> So **you** **must** **remember** and **accept** that **the** **LORD** **is** **God**.

He **is** **God** in **heaven** and **on** the **earth**. There **is** no **other** **god**. <sup>40</sup> And **you** **must** **obey** his **laws** and **commands** that **I** **give** you **today**. Then **everything** **will** **go** **well** with you and **your** **children** **who** **live** you **after** you **will** **live** a **long** **time** in **the** **land**. **LORD** **God** **is** **giving**—it **will** **be** **yours** **forever**.

#### Moses **Chooses** the **Cities** of **Safety**

<sup>41</sup> Then **Moses** **chose** **three** **cities** **on** **the** **east** **side** of **the** **Jordan** **River**. <sup>42</sup> Any **person** **killed** **by** **accident** and **not** **of** **hate** **could** **run** **away** to **one** of **these** **three** **cities** and **not** **be** **put** **to** **death**. <sup>43</sup> The **three** **cities** that **Moses** **chose** were **Bezer** **in** **the** **high** **plains** **for**

the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H0776" Reuben|strong="H7206", Ramoth|strong="H7216" in|strong="H0776" Gilead|strong="H1568" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H0776" Gad|strong="H1425", and|strong="H0776" Golan|strong="H1474" in|strong="H0776" Bashan|strong="H1316" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H0776" Manasseh.

#### Introduction to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Law of|strong="H0776" Moses

<sup>44</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H7760" God's law|strong="H8451" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H6440" Israelites|strong="H3478". <sup>45</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H3318" these|strong="H0428" teachings, laws|strong="H2706", and|strong="H1121" rules|strong="H2706" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1121" after|strong="H0413" they|strong="H0834" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714". <sup>46</sup> He|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H3318" them|strong="H5221" these|strong="H0834" laws while|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" east|strong="H5676" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776", in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" valley|strong="H1516" across|strong="H5676" from|strong="H3318" Beth Peor. They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Sihon|strong="H5511", the|strong="H0834" Amorite|strong="H0567" king|strong="H4428" who|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" at|strong="H3427" Heshbon|strong="H2809". Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H0834" defeated|strong="H5221" Sihon|strong="H5511" when|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714". <sup>47</sup> They|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3423" Sihon's land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0776" keep. They|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" took|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Og|strong="H5747" of|strong="H4428" Bashan|strong="H1316". These|strong="H0834" two|strong="H8147" Amorite|strong="H0567" kings|strong="H4428" lived on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H4217" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H4428"

the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776". <sup>48</sup> This|strong="H1931" land goes from|strong="H5921" Aroer|strong="H6177" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" edge|strong="H8193" of|strong="H2022" the|strong="H0834" Arnon|strong="H0769" Valley|strong="H5158" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" way|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5704" Mount|strong="H2022" Sirion, I that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834", Mount|strong="H2022" Hermon|strong="H2768". <sup>49</sup> This|strong="H3605" land|strong="H5676" also included|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" Valley on|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" east|strong="H4217" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704". To|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" south|strong="H3220", this|strong="H3605" land|strong="H5676" reached|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" Dead Sea|strong="H3220". <sup>II</sup> To|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" east|strong="H4217", it|strong="H5704" reached|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" foot|strong="H8478" of|strong="H8478" Mount Pisgah|strong="H6449".

#### The Ten Commandments

**5** Moses|strong="H4872" called|strong="H7121" together all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", "Israelites|strong="H3478", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" laws|strong="H2706" and|strong="H3478" rules|strong="H2706" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" today|strong="H3117". Learn|strong="H3925" these|strong="H1696" laws|strong="H2706" and|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" sure to|strong="H0413" obey|strong="H8085" them|strong="H0413". <sup>2</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" made|strong="H3772" an|strong="H3772" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H5973" us at|strong="H3068" Mount Horeb|strong="H2722". <sup>3</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H3772" this|strong="H2063" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854" our|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001", but|strong="H3588" with|strong="H0854"

I SIRION Or "Siyon." II DEAD SEA Literally, "Arabah Sea."

us|strong="H3588"— yes|strong="H3588", with|strong="H0854" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" us|strong="H3588" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3117" alive|strong="H2416" here|strong="H6311" today|strong="H3117".<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H6440" face|strong="H6440" to|strong="H1696" face|strong="H6440" at|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3068" mountain|strong="H2022". He|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H6440" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" fire|strong="H0784".<sup>5</sup> But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H2022" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784". And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022". So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0595" stood|strong="H5975" between|strong="H0996" you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H3588" what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559". He|strong="H1931" said|strong="H0559",

<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" freed you|strong="H0834" from|strong="H3318" Egypt|strong="H4714", where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" slaves|strong="H5650".

<sup>7</sup> You|strong="H6440" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" worship any|strong="H1961" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430" except|strong="H3808" me|strong="H6440".

<sup>8</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" idols|strong="H6459". Don't|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" any|strong="H3605" statues or|strong="H3808" pictures of|strong="H0776" anything|strong="H3605" up|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" sky|strong="H8064" or|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0776" anything|strong="H3605" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" or|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0776" anything|strong="H3605" down|strong="H4605" in|strong="H0776"

the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325".<sup>9</sup> Don't|strong="H3808" worship|strong="H7812" or|strong="H3808" serve|strong="H5647" idols of|strong="H1121" any|strong="H3588" kind, because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0595" hate|strong="H8130" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H1121" to|strong="H5921" worship|strong="H7812" other gods|strong="H0430".<sup>1</sup> People|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H5771" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" become|strong="H5647" my|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H8130". And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" them|strong="H5921", and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H3068" children|strong="H1121", their|strong="H3068" grandchildren|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" even|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3068" great-grandchildren.<sup>10</sup> But|strong="H4687" I will|strong="H0157" be very kind to|strong="H8104" people who|strong="H8104" love|strong="H0157" me|strong="H8104" and|strong="H4687" obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H8104" commands|strong="H4687". I will|strong="H0157" be kind to|strong="H8104" their|strong="H8104" families|strong="H0505" for|strong="H2617" thousands|strong="H0505" of|strong="H0505" generations|strong="H0157".<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" use|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" to|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5375" empty|strong="H7723" promises. If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" do, the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" go|strong="H5352" unpunished|strong="H5352".

<sup>12</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" keep|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" Sabbath|strong="H7676" a|strong="H0834" special day|strong="H3117" like|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" commanded|strong="H6680".<sup>13</sup> Work|strong="H4399" six|strong="H8337" days|strong="H3117" a|strong="H3117" week and|strong="H3117" do|strong="H6213" your|strong="H3605" job,<sup>14</sup> but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" sev-

I I HATE ... GODS Or "I am El Kanah—the Jealous God." II Or "But I will show mercy to thousands of people who love me and obey my commands."

enth |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117"  
 is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3644"  
 day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121"  
 rest |strong="H5117" in |strong="H0430" honor  
 of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430". So |strong="H4616"  
 on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834"  
 day |strong="H3117" no |strong="H3808"  
 one |strong="H3605" should |strong="H3068"  
 work |strong="H4399"— not |strong="H3808"  
 you |strong="H0859", your |strong="H3068"  
 sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daugh-  
 ters |strong="H1323", foreigners |strong="H1616"  
 living in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068"  
 cities |strong="H8179" or |strong="H3808"  
 your |strong="H3068" men |strong="H1121"  
 and |strong="H1121" women |strong="H1323"  
 slaves |strong="H5650". Not |strong="H3808"  
 even |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3068" cat-  
 tle |strong="H0929", donkeys |strong="H2543",  
 and |strong="H1121" other |strong="H3605" ani-  
 mals |strong="H0929" should |strong="H3068"  
 do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605"  
 work |strong="H4399"! Your |strong="H3068"  
 slaves |strong="H5650" should |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H3068"  
 rest |strong="H5117" just |strong="H0834"  
 as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859"  
 do |strong="H6213".<sup>15</sup> Don't forget  
 that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
 were |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650"  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
 land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776"  
 Egypt |strong="H4714". The |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" brought |strong="H3318"  
 you |strong="H3588" out |strong="H3318"  
 of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"  
 with |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921"  
 great |strong="H0430" power |strong="H3027"  
 and |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213"  
 you |strong="H3588" free |strong="H3318".  
 That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068"  
 why |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" commands |strong="H6680"  
 you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H1961" al-  
 ways |strong="H3117" make |strong="H6213"  
 the |strong="H0853" Sabbath |strong="H7676"  
 a |strong="H1961" special day |strong="H3117".

<sup>16</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853"  
 honor |strong="H3513" your |strong="H3068" fa-  
 ther |strong="H0001" and |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" mother |strong="H0517".  
 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 has |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680"

you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921"  
 do |strong="H3190" this |strong="H0834".  
 If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" fol-  
 low |strong="H3068" this |strong="H0834" com-  
 mand |strong="H6680", you |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H0748"  
 a |strong="H5414" long |strong="H3117"  
 time |strong="H3117", and |strong="H3068" every-  
 thing |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
 go |strong="H3190" well |strong="H3190"  
 for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834"  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
 land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 gives |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>17</sup> You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808"  
 not |strong="H3808" murder |strong="H7523" any-  
 one |strong="H7523".

<sup>18</sup> You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808"  
 not |strong="H3808" commit |strong="H5003"  
 the |strong="H3808" sin of |strong="H3808" adul-  
 tery |strong="H5003".

<sup>19</sup> You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808"  
 not |strong="H3808" steal |strong="H1589".

<sup>20</sup> You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808"  
 not |strong="H3808" tell lies |strong="H7723" about  
 other |strong="H7453" people |strong="H3808".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>21</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808"  
 not |strong="H3808" want another |strong="H7453"  
 man's |strong="H0802" wife |strong="H0802".  
 You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808"  
 not |strong="H3808" want his |strong="H3605"  
 house |strong="H1004", his |strong="H3605"  
 fields |strong="H7704", his |strong="H3605"  
 men |strong="H5650" and |strong="H1004"  
 women |strong="H0802" servants |strong="H5650",  
 his |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H7794",  
 or |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3605" don-  
 keys |strong="H2543". You |strong="H0834"  
 must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want  
 to |strong="H5650" take anything |strong="H3605"  
 that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H5650"  
 another |strong="H7453" person."

**The |strong="H3605" People |strong="H0834"  
 Were |strong="H0834" Afraid of |strong="H1004"  
 God |strong="H3808"**

<sup>22</sup> Moses |strong="H5414" said |strong="H1696", "  
 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 gave |strong="H5414" these |strong="H0428" com-  
 mands |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413"  
 all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068"  
 you |strong="H5414" when |strong="H1696"  
 you |strong="H5414" were |strong="H0428" togeth-  
 er |strong="H5921" there |strong="H2022"

<sup>I</sup> Or "You must not be a false witness against your neighbor."

at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" mountain|strong="H2022". He|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5414" loud|strong="H1419" voice|strong="H6963" that|strong="H3605" came|strong="H0413" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" fire|strong="H0784", the|strong="H3605" cloud|strong="H6051", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" thick|strong="H6205" darkness|strong="H6205". After|strong="H5921" he|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" these|strong="H0428" commands|strong="H1697", he|strong="H3068" didn't|strong="H3808" say|strong="H1696" any|strong="H3605" more|strong="H3254". He|strong="H3068" wrote|strong="H3789" his|strong="H3605" words|strong="H1697" on|strong="H5921" two|strong="H8147" stone|strong="H0068" tablets|strong="H3871" and|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".

<sup>23</sup> " You|strong="H3605" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" voice|strong="H6963" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" darkness|strong="H2822" while|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" mountain|strong="H2022" was|strong="H1961" burning|strong="H0784" with|strong="H0413" fire|strong="H0784". Then|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205" and|strong="H7218" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H2022" your|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H7626" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". <sup>24</sup> They|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", ' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H3068" shown|strong="H7200" us|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" glory|strong="H3519" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" greatness|strong="H1433"! We|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085" him|strong="H0853" speak|strong="H1696" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784". We|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3068" seen|strong="H7200" today|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3588" it|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" possible to|strong="H0559" continue living even|strong="H3588" after|strong="H3117" God|strong="H0430" speaks|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559" us|strong="H3588". <sup>25</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" we|strong="H0587" hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" speak

to|strong="H4191" us|strong="H3588" again|strong="H5750", surely|strong="H3588" we|strong="H0587" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191"! That|strong="H3588" terrible fire|strong="H0784" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H4191" us|strong="H3588". We|strong="H0587" don't want|strong="H6963" to|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191". <sup>26</sup> No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H3605" has|strong="H0430" ever|strong="H1320" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" God|strong="H0430" speak|strong="H1696" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" fire|strong="H0784" like|strong="H3644" we|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0430" still lived|strong="H2421"! <sup>27</sup> Moses|strong="H0559", you|strong="H0859" go|strong="H7126" near|strong="H7126" and|strong="H3068" hear|strong="H8085" everything|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" says|strong="H0559". Then|strong="H1696" tell|strong="H0559" us|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" tells|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0859". We|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859", and|strong="H3068" we|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0859" say|strong="H0559".'

The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" Speaks|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H0559"

<sup>28</sup> " The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" and|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413", ' I|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" said|strong="H0559". And|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" fine. <sup>29</sup> I|strong="H5414" only|strong="H3605" wanted|strong="H3824" to|strong="H1961" change|strong="H3190" their|strong="H3605" way|strong="H2088" of|strong="H1121" thinking—I|strong="H5414" wanted|strong="H3824" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1961" respect me|strong="H5414" and|strong="H1121" obey|strong="H8104" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H4687" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3824". Then|strong="H1961" everything|strong="H3605" would|strong="H4310"

be |strong="H1961" fine |strong="H1961"  
with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H5414"  
and |strong="H1121" with |strong="H3117"  
their |strong="H3605" descendants |strong="H1121"  
forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>30</sup> " Go |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725"  
tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people  
to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H7725"  
back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559"  
their |strong="H7725" tents |strong="H0168", <sup>31</sup>  
but |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859"  
stand |strong="H5975" here |strong="H6311"  
near |strong="H5975" me |strong="H0413".  
I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776"  
tell |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0859"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" com-  
mands |strong="H4687", laws |strong="H2706",  
and |strong="H0776" rules |strong="H2706"  
that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859"  
must |strong="H0853" teach |strong="H3925"  
them |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834"  
must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H6213"  
these |strong="H1696" things |strong="H3605"  
in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605"  
land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834"  
I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" giv-  
ing |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" live in |strong="H0413".

<sup>32</sup> " So |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853"  
be |strong="H3808" careful |strong="H8104"  
to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" every-  
thing |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680"  
you |strong="H0834". Do |strong="H6213"  
not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H5493" following  
God |strong="H0430". <sup>33</sup> You |strong="H0834"  
must |strong="H0853" live |strong="H2421"  
the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" com-  
manded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834".  
Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" continue |strong="H0748"  
to |strong="H3068" live |strong="H2421",  
and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" fine  
with |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834".  
You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
live |strong="H2421" a |strong="H0834"  
long |strong="H3117" life |strong="H3117"  
in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605"  
land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" belong |strong="H0430"  
to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834".

### Always Love and Obey God

**6** " These |strong="H2063" are |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" com-  
mands |strong="H6680", the |strong="H0853"  
laws |strong="H2706", and |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H0853" rules |strong="H2706"  
that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0430" told |strong="H6680"  
me |strong="H3925" to |strong="H3068"  
teach |strong="H3925" you |strong="H0859".  
Obey |strong="H6213" these |strong="H2063"  
laws |strong="H2706" in |strong="H0430"  
the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776"  
that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859"  
are |strong="H0834" entering to |strong="H3068" live  
in |strong="H0430". <sup>2</sup> You |strong="H0859"  
and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3068" descen-  
dants |strong="H1121" must |strong="H0853" respect  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
as |strong="H0834" long |strong="H3117"  
as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859"  
live |strong="H2416". You |strong="H0859"  
must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H8104"  
all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" laws  
and |strong="H1121" commands |strong="H6680"  
that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0859".  
If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859"  
do |strong="H6680" this |strong="H0834",  
you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068"  
have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834"  
long |strong="H3117" life |strong="H3117"  
in |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" new land. <sup>3</sup>  
Israelites |strong="H3478", listen |strong="H8085"  
carefully |strong="H8085" and |strong="H3068"  
obey |strong="H8085" these |strong="H1696" laws.  
Then |strong="H1696" everything |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" fine  
with |strong="H2100" you |strong="H0834".  
You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
have |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7235" children,  
and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" get the |strong="H0834"  
land |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H2100"  
many |strong="H7235" good |strong="H3190"  
things |strong="H0834"— just |strong="H0834"  
as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834"  
LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0834"  
God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776"  
your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001",  
promised |strong="H1696".

<sup>4</sup> "Listen, people of |strong="H0430" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478"! The |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" only God |strong="H0430". <sup>5</sup> You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824", with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" soul |strong="H5315", and |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" strength |strong="H5315". <sup>6</sup> Always |strong="H3117" remember these |strong="H0428" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117". <sup>7</sup> Be |strong="H1121" sure to |strong="H1696" teach |strong="H8150" them |strong="H3427" to |strong="H1696" your |strong="H6965" children |strong="H1121". Talk |strong="H1696" about |strong="H1870" these |strong="H1696" commands |strong="H1870" when |strong="H1696" you |strong="H1696" sit |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H6965" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1696" you |strong="H1696" walk |strong="H1870" on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H1870" road |strong="H1870". Talk |strong="H1696" about |strong="H1870" them |strong="H3427" when |strong="H1696" you |strong="H1696" lie |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901" and |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1696" you |strong="H1696" get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965". <sup>8</sup> Tie |strong="H7194" them |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" wear |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" foreheads to |strong="H1961" help you |strong="H5921" remember my |strong="H5921" teachings. <sup>9</sup> Write |strong="H3789" them |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" doorposts |strong="H4201" of |strong="H1004" your |strong="H5921" houses |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" gates |strong="H8179".

<sup>10</sup> " The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H5414" a |strong="H1961" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001", Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H0935" Jacob |strong="H3290". He |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650"

to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H0935" rich |strong="H1419" cities |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" build |strong="H1129". <sup>11</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H0398" you |strong="H0834" houses |strong="H1004" full |strong="H4392" of |strong="H1004" good |strong="H2898" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" put there |strong="H3605". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H0398" you |strong="H0834" wells that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" dig |strong="H2672". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H0398" you |strong="H0834" vineyards |strong="H3754" and |strong="H1004" olive |strong="H2132" trees |strong="H2132" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" plant |strong="H5193", and |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" plenty |strong="H7646" to |strong="H1004" eat |strong="H0398".

<sup>12</sup> " But |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3068" careful |strong="H8104"! Don't |strong="H8104" forget |strong="H7911" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H5650" in |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4714", but |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1004" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>13</sup> Respect the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" only him |strong="H0853". You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" use |strong="H5647" only his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5647" promises |strong="H7650". <sup>14</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H0310" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0834"

gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" live around|strong="H5439" you|strong="H0834".<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H3068" always with|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588" hates for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H5921" people to|strong="H5921" worship other gods|strong="H0430"!<sup>1</sup> So|strong="H6435" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" follow|strong="H3068" those|strong="H5921" other gods|strong="H0430", the|strong="H6440" Lord|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" become very|strong="H2734" angry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H8045" you|strong="H3588" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" face|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H6440" earth|strong="H0127".

<sup>16</sup> " You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" test|strong="H5254" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" like|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" tested|strong="H5254" him|strong="H0853" at|strong="H3068" Massah|strong="H4532".<sup>17</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3068" sure to|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" commands|strong="H6680" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" follow|strong="H3068" all the|strong="H0853" teachings and|strong="H3068" laws|strong="H2706" he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834".<sup>18</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" right|strong="H3477" and|strong="H0935" good|strong="H2896"—what|strong="H0834" pleases|strong="H5869" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H0853" everything|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H0935" well|strong="H3190" for|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0834", and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" good|strong="H2896" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"

I HE ... GODS Or "The LORD your God is El Kanah—the Jealous God."

promised|strong="H7650" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001".<sup>19</sup> And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" force out|strong="H6440" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H0341"; just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696".

Teach Your|strong="H3068" Children the|strong="H3605" Things|strong="H3605" God|strong="H3068" Did|strong="H0834"

<sup>20</sup> " In|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" future, your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H1121" might|strong="H3068" ask|strong="H7592" you|strong="H0834", ' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834" teachings, laws|strong="H2706", and|strong="H1121" rules|strong="H2706". What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0834" mean?<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3027" will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H3027", 'We were|strong="H1961" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" slaves|strong="H5650" in|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714", but|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H3318" us|strong="H0559" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714" with|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" great|strong="H2389" power|strong="H3027".<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" did great|strong="H1419" and|strong="H3068" amazing things|strong="H3605". We|strong="H3605" saw him|strong="H5414" do|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Egyptian|strong="H4714" people|strong="H5869", to|strong="H3068" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5869" in|strong="H3068" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" house|strong="H1004".<sup>23</sup> He|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H0935" us|strong="H5414" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0776" Egypt so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" could give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" our|strong="H5414" ancestors|strong="H0001".<sup>24</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" us|strong="H3117" to|strong="H3068" follow|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" teachings. We|strong="H3117"



must **strong="H0853"** respect the **strong="H3605"** LORD **strong="H3068"** our **strong="H3068"** God **strong="H0430"**. Then **strong="H2088"** he **strong="H3117"** will **strong="H3068"** always **strong="H3117"** keep **strong="H6213"** us **strong="H3117"** alive **strong="H2421"** and **strong="H3068"** doing **strong="H6213"** well **strong="H2896"**, as **strong="H3068"** we **strong="H3117"** are **strong="H3117"** today **strong="H3117"**. <sup>25</sup> If **strong="H3588"** we **strong="H3588"** carefully **strong="H6213"** obey **strong="H6213"** the **strong="H3605"** whole **strong="H3605"** law, exactly **strong="H0834"** as **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H3605"** LORD **strong="H3068"** our **strong="H3068"** God **strong="H0430"** told **strong="H6680"** us **strong="H3588"** to **strong="H1961"**, he **strong="H0834"** will **strong="H3068"** say that **strong="H0834"** we **strong="H3588"** have **strong="H1961"** done **strong="H6213"** a **strong="H1961"** very good thing **strong="H2063"**.<sup>1</sup>

### Israel, God's Special People

**7** " The **strong="H6440"** LORD **strong="H3068"** your **strong="H3068"** God **strong="H0430"** will **strong="H3068"** lead **strong="H0413"** you **strong="H0859"** into **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H6440"** land **strong="H0776"** that **strong="H0834"** you **strong="H0859"** are **strong="H0834"** entering **strong="H0935"** to **strong="H0413"** take **strong="H3423"** for **strong="H3588"** your **strong="H3068"** own **strong="H6440"**. He **strong="H0834"** will **strong="H3068"** force **strong="H1471"** out **strong="H4480"** many **strong="H7227"** nations **strong="H1471"** for **strong="H3588"** you **strong="H0859"**— the **strong="H6440"** Hittites **strong="H2850"**, Gergashites **strong="H1622"**, Amorites **strong="H0567"**, Canaanites **strong="H3669"**, Perizzites **strong="H6522"**, Hivites **strong="H2340"**, and **strong="H0935"** Jebusites **strong="H2983"**— seven **strong="H7651"** nations **strong="H1471"** greater **strong="H7227"** and **strong="H0935"** more **strong="H4480"** powerful **strong="H6099"** than **strong="H4480"** you **strong="H0859"**. <sup>2</sup> The **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** your **strong="H3068"** God **strong="H0430"** will **strong="H3068"** put **strong="H5414"** these nations under **strong="H6440"** your **strong="H3068"** power. And **strong="H3068"** you **strong="H5414"** will **strong="H3068"** defeat **strong="H5221"** them **strong="H5414"**. You **strong="H5414"** must **strong="H0853"** destroy **strong="H2763"** them **strong="H5414"** completely **strong="H2763"**. Don't **strong="H3808"** make **strong="H5414"**

<sup>1</sup> Or "The LORD our God will credit us with righteousness if we carefully obey the whole law, exactly as he commanded us."

an **strong="H5414"** agreement **strong="H1285"** with **strong="H3068"** them **strong="H5414"** or **strong="H3808"** show **strong="H5414"** them **strong="H5414"** mercy **strong="H2603"**. <sup>3</sup> Don't **strong="H3808"** marry **strong="H3947"** any **strong="H5414"** of **strong="H1121"** them **strong="H5414"**, and **strong="H1121"** don't **strong="H3808"** let **strong="H5414"** your **strong="H5414"** sons **strong="H1121"** or **strong="H3808"** daughters **strong="H1121"** marry **strong="H3947"** any **strong="H5414"** of **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H5414"** people **strong="H1121"** from **strong="H3947"** those **strong="H1121"** other nations. <sup>4</sup> If **strong="H3588"** you **strong="H3588"** do **strong="H5647"**, they **strong="H3588"** will **strong="H3068"** turn **strong="H5493"** your **strong="H3068"** children **strong="H1121"** away **strong="H5493"** from **strong="H5493"** following **strong="H0310"** me **strong="H0310"**. Then **strong="H0853"** your **strong="H3068"** children **strong="H1121"** will **strong="H3068"** serve **strong="H5647"** other **strong="H0312"** gods **strong="H0430"**, and **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** will **strong="H3068"** be **strong="H1121"** very **strong="H2734"** angry **strong="H2734"** with **strong="H3068"** you **strong="H3588"**. He **strong="H3588"** will **strong="H3068"** quickly **strong="H4118"** destroy **strong="H8045"** you **strong="H3588"**!

### Destroy **strong="H8045"** False Gods **strong="H0430"**

<sup>5</sup> " This **strong="H3541"** is **strong="H3541"** what **strong="H3541"** you **strong="H3588"** must **strong="H0518"** do **strong="H6213"** to **strong="H4196"** those **strong="H1992"** nations: You **strong="H3588"** must **strong="H0518"** smash **strong="H7665"** their **strong="H1992"** altars **strong="H4196"** and **strong="H4196"** break **strong="H7665"** their **strong="H1992"** memorial stones into **strong="H6456"** pieces **strong="H7665"**. Cut **strong="H1438"** down **strong="H5422"** their **strong="H1992"** Asherah **strong="H0842"** poles and **strong="H4196"** burn **strong="H8313"** their **strong="H1992"** statues. <sup>6</sup> Do **strong="H3605"** this **strong="H3588"** because **strong="H3588"** you **strong="H0859"** are **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H3605"** LORD'S **strong="H3068"** own **strong="H1961"** people **strong="H5971"**. From **strong="H5921"** all **strong="H3605"** the **strong="H3605"** people **strong="H5971"** on **strong="H5921"** earth **strong="H0127"**, the **strong="H3605"** LORD **strong="H3068"** your **strong="H3068"** God **strong="H0430"** chose **strong="H0977"** you **strong="H0859"** to **strong="H1961"** be **strong="H1961"** his **strong="H3605"** special peo-

ple|strong="H5971"— people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" belong|strong="H1961" only|strong="H3605" to|strong="H1961" him|strong="H5921".<sup>7</sup> Why|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" love and|strong="H3068" choose|strong="H0977" you|strong="H0859"? It|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3068" such|strong="H3605" a|strong="H3588" large|strong="H7230" nation|strong="H5971". You|strong="H0859" had|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" fewest|strong="H4592" of|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"!<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0834" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714" with|strong="H1004" great|strong="H2389" power|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H7650" you|strong="H0834" free|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" slavery|strong="H5650". He|strong="H0834" freed you|strong="H0834" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" control|strong="H3027" of|strong="H4428" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H0834" loves|strong="H0160" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834" wanted to|strong="H3068" keep|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" promise|strong="H7650" he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7650" to|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001".<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H3588" remember that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" only God|strong="H0430", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" can|strong="H3045" trust|strong="H0539" him|strong="H0157"! He|strong="H1931" keeps|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" agreement|strong="H1285". He|strong="H1931" shows|strong="H0157" his|strong="H8104" love|strong="H0157" and|strong="H3068" kindness|strong="H2617" to|strong="H3068" all|strong="H1755" people|strong="H3045" who|strong="H1931" love|strong="H0157" him|strong="H0157" and|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" commands|strong="H4687". He|strong="H1931" continues to|strong="H3068" show|strong="H3045"

his|strong="H8104" love|strong="H0157" and|strong="H3068" kindness|strong="H2617" through|strong="H1755" a|strong="H3588" thousand|strong="H0505" generations|strong="H1755",<sup>10</sup> but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H6440" LORD punishes people|strong="H3808" who|strong="H8130" hate|strong="H8130" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H0006" them|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" slow to|strong="H0413" punish those|strong="H8130" who|strong="H8130" hate|strong="H8130" him|strong="H0413".<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3117" careful|strong="H8104" to|strong="H8104" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" commands|strong="H6680", laws|strong="H2706", and|strong="H3117" rules|strong="H2706" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" give|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834" today|strong="H3117".

<sup>12</sup> If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1961" these|strong="H0428" laws, and|strong="H3068" if|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" careful|strong="H8104" to|strong="H1961" obey|strong="H8085" them|strong="H0853", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" keep|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" agreement|strong="H1285" of|strong="H0430" love|strong="H2617" with|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" this|strong="H0428" to|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001".<sup>13</sup> He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" love|strong="H0157" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0001" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" nation grow|strong="H1288". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bless|strong="H1288" your|strong="H5414" children. He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bless|strong="H1288" your|strong="H5414" fields|strong="H0127" with|strong="H5921" good crops and|strong="H0001" will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" grain|strong="H1715", new|strong="H8492" wine|strong="H8492", and|strong="H0001" oil|strong="H3323". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bless|strong="H1288" your|strong="H5414" cows with|strong="H5921" calves and|strong="H0001" your|strong="H5414" sheep|strong="H6629"

with |strong="H5921" lambs |strong="H6629".  
 You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" all |strong="H1288"  
 these |strong="H0834" blessings |strong="H1288"  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834"  
 land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834"  
 he |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650"  
 your |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001"  
 to |strong="H5921" give |strong="H5414"  
 you |strong="H0834".

<sup>14</sup> " You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961"  
 be |strong="H1961" blessed |strong="H1288"  
 more |strong="H3808" than |strong="H3808"  
 all |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".  
 Every |strong="H3605" husband and |strong="H0929"  
 wife will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" able  
 to |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" children.  
 Your |strong="H3605" cows |strong="H3605"  
 will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" able  
 to |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" calves. <sup>15</sup>  
 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5493"  
 away |strong="H5493" all |strong="H3605" sick-  
 ness |strong="H2483" from |strong="H4480"  
 you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068"  
 he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
 not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414"  
 you |strong="H0834" catch any |strong="H3605"  
 of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" terri-  
 ble |strong="H7451" diseases |strong="H4064"  
 that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
 had |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068"  
 Egypt |strong="H4714". But |strong="H3808"  
 he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
 make |strong="H7760" your |strong="H3068" ene-  
 mies |strong="H8130" catch those |strong="H3605"  
 diseases |strong="H4064". <sup>16</sup> You |strong="H0834"  
 must |strong="H0853" destroy |strong="H3605"  
 all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" helps you |strong="H0834" de-  
 feat |strong="H5414". Don't |strong="H3808"  
 feel |strong="H5869" sorry |strong="H2347"  
 for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H5414",  
 and |strong="H3068" don't |strong="H3808" wor-  
 ship |strong="H5647" their |strong="H3605"  
 gods |strong="H0430"! They |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" trap |strong="H4170"  
 you |strong="H0834"— they |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" ruin your |strong="H3068" life.

**The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" Promises  
 to |strong="H5921" Help |strong="H5971"  
 His |strong="H3605" People |strong="H5971"**

<sup>17</sup> "Don't say |strong="H0559" in |strong="H1471"  
 your |strong="H3588" heart |strong="H3824", '  
 These |strong="H0428" nations |strong="H1471"

are |strong="H0428" stronger than |strong="H4480"  
 we |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0428".  
 How |strong="H0349" can |strong="H3201"  
 we |strong="H3588" force |strong="H1471"  
 them |strong="H3423" out |strong="H4480"? <sup>18</sup>  
 You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853"  
 not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808"  
 afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0430"  
 them |strong="H1992". You |strong="H0834"  
 must |strong="H0853" remember |strong="H2142"  
 what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" did |strong="H6213"  
 to |strong="H3068" Pharaoh |strong="H6547"  
 and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068"  
 all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0430"  
 Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>19</sup> You |strong="H0859"  
 saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605"  
 great |strong="H1419" troubles |strong="H7200"  
 he |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6213"  
 them |strong="H6440" and |strong="H3068"  
 the |strong="H3605" amazing things |strong="H3605"  
 he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213".  
 You |strong="H0859" saw |strong="H7200"  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" use  
 his |strong="H3605" great |strong="H1419" pow-  
 er |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068"  
 strength |strong="H2220" to |strong="H3068"  
 bring |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0859"  
 out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0430" Egypt.  
 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 will |strong="H3068" use that |strong="H0834"  
 same |strong="H3651" power |strong="H3027"  
 against |strong="H6440" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"  
 you |strong="H0859" fear |strong="H3373".

<sup>20</sup> " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971"  
 the |strong="H0853" hornet |strong="H6880"<sup>1</sup>  
 against |strong="H6440" them |strong="H0853".  
 He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" do  
 this |strong="H3068" until |strong="H5704"  
 he |strong="H5704" destroys |strong="H0006"  
 all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" people  
 who |strong="H3068" escaped and |strong="H3068"  
 tried to |strong="H5704" hide |strong="H5641". <sup>21</sup>  
 Don't |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808"  
 afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0430"  
 them |strong="H6440", because |strong="H3588"  
 the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 is |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068"  
 you |strong="H3588". He |strong="H3588"

<sup>1</sup> HORNET A stinging insect like a large wasp or bee. Here, it might mean God's angel or his great power.

is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H3068" awesome |strong="H3372" God |strong="H0430".<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" force |strong="H1471" those |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H1471" to |strong="H5921" leave your |strong="H3068" country |strong="H7704" little |strong="H4592" by |strong="H5921" little |strong="H4592". You |strong="H6440" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" destroy |strong="H3615" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3615" at |strong="H5921" once. If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H6440" did |strong="H3808", the |strong="H0853" wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416" would |strong="H3068" grow to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H3808" too |strong="H5921" many |strong="H7235" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H6440".<sup>23</sup> But |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" those nations. He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" confuse |strong="H2000" them |strong="H5414" in |strong="H0430" battle, until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H8045".<sup>24</sup> He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H4428" help you |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" kings |strong="H4428". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428" kill them |strong="H5414", and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" world will |strong="H4428" forget they |strong="H3808" ever lived. No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5704" stop |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5414". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428" destroy |strong="H8045" them |strong="H5414" all |strong="H5704".<sup>25</sup>

<sup>25</sup> " You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3947" throw the |strong="H5921" statues of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3068" gods |strong="H0430" into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" fire |strong="H0784" and |strong="H3068" burn |strong="H8313" them |strong="H5921". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3947" not |strong="H3808" want to |strong="H5921" keep |strong="H3947" the |strong="H5921" silver |strong="H3701" or |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" gold |strong="H2091" that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" on |strong="H5921" those |strong="H5921" statues for |strong="H3588" yourselves |strong="H3068". It |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068"

be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3947" trap to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588"— it |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" ruin your |strong="H3068" life. The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" hates those |strong="H5921" idols |strong="H6456".<sup>26</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H0935" any |strong="H1961" of |strong="H1004" those |strong="H3588" disgusting |strong="H8441" idols into |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0935" homes |strong="H1004", or |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed just as |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" treat |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0413" as |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" disgusting |strong="H8441" things |strong="H8441" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1004"! They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" destroyed.

#### Remember the Lord

**8** " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117", because |strong="H0834" then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H2421" and |strong="H0935" grow to |strong="H0935" become |strong="H3423" a |strong="H0935" great nation. You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" get |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001".<sup>2</sup> And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H3605" entire |strong="H3605" trip that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" led you |strong="H0834" through |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2088" 40 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" testing |strong="H5254" you |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" wanted |strong="H3824" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" humble. He |strong="H0834" wanted |strong="H3824" to |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045"

what |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H8141" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824". He |strong="H0834" wanted |strong="H3824" to |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8104" his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687". <sup>3</sup> He |strong="H0834" humbled you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" let |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" hungry |strong="H7456". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" fed |strong="H0398" you |strong="H0834" with |strong="H3068" manna |strong="H4478"— something |strong="H3899" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" about |strong="H5921" before |strong="H5921". It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0834" something |strong="H3899" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" seen. Why |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H3588"? Because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" wanted |strong="H4616" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" just |strong="H0834" bread |strong="H3899" that |strong="H0834" keeps people |strong="H0120" alive |strong="H2421". People's lives |strong="H2421" depend on |strong="H5921" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H6310". <sup>4</sup> These |strong="H2088" past 40 years |strong="H8141", your |strong="H5921" clothes |strong="H8071" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" wear |strong="H1086" out |strong="H5921", and |strong="H8141" your |strong="H5921" feet |strong="H7272" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" swell |strong="H1216". <sup>5</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" remember that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" teaches and |strong="H1121" corrects |strong="H3256" you |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" father teaches and |strong="H1121" corrects |strong="H3256" his |strong="H3068" son |strong="H1121".

<sup>6</sup> " You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" commands |strong="H4687" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Follow |strong="H3068" him |strong="H0853" and |strong="H3068" respect him |strong="H0853". <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"

your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" bringing |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" into |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3588" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0776"— a |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" with |strong="H0413" rivers and |strong="H0935" pools of |strong="H0776" water |strong="H4325". Water |strong="H4325" flows |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" ground |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" valleys |strong="H1237" and |strong="H0935" hills |strong="H2022". <sup>8</sup> It is |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" with |strong="H0776" wheat |strong="H2406" and |strong="H0776" barley |strong="H8184", grapevines, fig |strong="H8384" trees |strong="H2132", and |strong="H0776" pomegranates |strong="H7416". It is |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" with |strong="H0776" olive |strong="H2132" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H0776" honey |strong="H1706". <sup>9</sup> There |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" have |strong="H0834" plenty |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" food |strong="H3899" and |strong="H0776" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" need |strong="H2637". It |strong="H0398" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" rocks |strong="H0068" are |strong="H0834" iron |strong="H1270". You |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" dig |strong="H2672" copper |strong="H5178" out |strong="H2672" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" hills |strong="H2042". <sup>10</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834" all |strong="H0398" you |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H5921" eat |strong="H0398". Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0776" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

**Don't Forget What |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" Did |strong="H0834"**

<sup>11</sup> " Be |strong="H3068" careful |strong="H8104". Don't |strong="H8104" forget |strong="H7911" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! Be |strong="H3068" careful |strong="H8104" to |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8104"

the **commands**, laws, and **rules** that **I** give you **today**. <sup>12</sup> Then you will have plenty to eat, and you will build good and live in your houses and cattle, sheep, and goats will grow large. You get plenty of gold and silver. You have plenty of everything. <sup>14</sup> When that happens, you must be careful not to become proud. You must not forget the LORD your God were in Egypt, but he made you free and brought you out of that land. <sup>15</sup> He led you through that great and terrible desert where there were poisonous snakes and scorpions. The ground was dry, and there was no water anywhere. But he gave you water out of a solid rock. <sup>16</sup> In the desert he fed you man-

na—something your ancestors had never seen. He tested you to make you humble so that everything would go well for you in the end. <sup>17</sup> Don't ever say to yourself, 'I got all this wealth by my own power and ability.' <sup>18</sup> Remember the LORD your God is one who gives you power to do these things. He does this because he wants to keep the agreement that he made with your ancestors, as he is doing today!

<sup>19</sup> "Don't ever forget the LORD your God. Don't ever follow other gods or worship and serve them. If you do, I will warn you today: You will surely be destroyed!" <sup>20</sup> The LORD is destroying other nations for you. But if you stop listening to the LORD

your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430",  
 you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H0006"  
 just |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3651"  
 them |strong="H6440"!

### The Lord Will Be With Israel

9 " Listen |strong="H8085", you |strong="H0859"  
 Israelites |strong="H3478"! You |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H1471" go |strong="H0935"  
 across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" Jor-  
 dan |strong="H3383" River today |strong="H3117".  
 You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1471"  
 go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935"  
 that |strong="H3117" land |strong="H8064"  
 to |strong="H0935" force |strong="H1471"  
 out |strong="H4480" nations |strong="H1471"  
 greater |strong="H1419" and |strong="H0935"  
 stronger |strong="H6099" than |strong="H4480"  
 you |strong="H0859". Their |strong="H8085"  
 cities |strong="H5892" are |strong="H3117" big  
 and |strong="H0935" have |strong="H1471" walls  
 as |strong="H0935" high |strong="H1419"  
 as |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
 sky |strong="H8064"! <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H6440" peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971" there |strong="H3045"  
 are |strong="H0834" tall |strong="H7311"  
 and |strong="H1121" strong |strong="H1419".  
 They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H6440" Anakites |strong="H6062".  
 You |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045"  
 about |strong="H8085" them |strong="H6440".  
 You |strong="H0859" heard |strong="H8085"  
 our |strong="H0834" spies say, ' No |strong="H4310"  
 one |strong="H1121" can |strong="H4310" win  
 against |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440"  
 Anakites |strong="H6062"! ' <sup>3</sup> But |strong="H3588"  
 you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834"  
 be |strong="H3068" sure |strong="H3045"  
 that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H1931"  
 is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" who |strong="H0834"  
 goes |strong="H6440" across |strong="H5674"  
 the |strong="H6440" river |strong="H3588" be-  
 fore |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834"—  
 and |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834"  
 a |strong="H3588" fire |strong="H0784"  
 that |strong="H0834" destroys |strong="H0006"!  
 He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" de-  
 stroy |strong="H8045" those |strong="H0834" nations  
 and |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3045"  
 them |strong="H6440" fall before |strong="H6440"  
 you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" force those |strong="H0834" na-  
 tions out |strong="H3423" and |strong="H3068" quick-  
 ly |strong="H4118" destroy |strong="H8045"

them |strong="H6440". The |strong="H6440"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068"  
 promised |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834"  
 that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H1931"  
 will |strong="H3068" happen.

<sup>4</sup> " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 will |strong="H3068" force |strong="H1471"  
 those |strong="H0428" nations |strong="H1471"  
 out |strong="H3423" for |strong="H0776"  
 you |strong="H6440". But |strong="H0935"  
 don't |strong="H0408" say |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0559" yourselves |strong="H3068", '  
 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 brought |strong="H0935" us |strong="H0935"  
 to |strong="H0559" live in |strong="H0935"  
 this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" be-  
 cause |strong="H6440" we |strong="H0776"  
 are |strong="H0428" such |strong="H0428" good peo-  
 ple |strong="H1471"! No |strong="H0408",  
 the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" forced  
 those |strong="H0428" nations |strong="H1471"  
 out |strong="H3423" because |strong="H6440"  
 they |strong="H3068" were |strong="H0428"  
 evil |strong="H7564", not |strong="H0408" be-  
 cause |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440"  
 were |strong="H0428" good. <sup>5</sup> You |strong="H0859"  
 are |strong="H0834" going |strong="H0935"  
 in |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
 take |strong="H3423" their |strong="H3068"  
 land |strong="H0776", but |strong="H3588"  
 not |strong="H3808" because |strong="H3588"  
 you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834"  
 good |strong="H6965" and |strong="H0935" live  
 right |strong="H6666". You |strong="H0859"  
 are |strong="H0834" going |strong="H0935"  
 in |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935"  
 the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 is |strong="H0834" forcing those |strong="H0428" peo-  
 ple |strong="H1471" out |strong="H3423" be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" of |strong="H0776"  
 the |strong="H0853" evil |strong="H7564"  
 way |strong="H1697" they |strong="H0834" lived.  
 And |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" wants to |strong="H0935"  
 keep |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
 promise |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0834"  
 made |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0935"  
 your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001",  
 Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327",  
 and |strong="H0935" Jacob |strong="H3290". <sup>6</sup>  
 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 is |strong="H3068" giving |strong="H5414"  
 you |strong="H0859" that |strong="H3588"  
 good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0776"  
 to |strong="H3068" live in |strong="H0430",

but you should not be-  
cause you are good.  
The truth is that you are  
very stubborn people!

**Remember the Lord's Anger**

7 "Remember how you made LORD God in desert. Never forget From day left land Egypt the you to place have obey You LORD at The was to you the made you on stayed the days nights did eat food drink

ter LORD me two tablets wrote the with LORD everything said you the when were together the 11 " So the of and the gave two tablets stones the agreement Then LORD to Get and go from The you out Egypt They so They and an themselves. 13 " The to I I watched people are stubborn food drink

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so |strong="H4480" no |strong="H4480"  
 one |strong="H4480" will |strong="H1471"  
 even |strong="H0853" remember  
 their |strong="H8478" names |strong="H8034".  
 Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H4480"  
 will |strong="H1471" make |strong="H6213" another  
 nation |strong="H1471" from |strong="H4480"  
 you |strong="H6213" that |strong="H4480"  
 is |strong="H8034" stronger |strong="H6099"  
 and |strong="H8064" greater |strong="H7227"  
 than |strong="H4480" these people |strong="H1471":'

### The |strong="H0853" Golden Calf

<sup>15</sup> " Then |strong="H6437" I |strong="H4480"  
 turned |strong="H6437" and |strong="H3027"  
 came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381"  
 from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H5921" moun-  
 tain |strong="H2022". The |strong="H5921" moun-  
 tain |strong="H2022" was |strong="H3027" burn-  
 ing |strong="H0784" with |strong="H1285"  
 fire |strong="H0784". And |strong="H3027"  
 the |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" stone  
 tablets |strong="H3871" of |strong="H3027"  
 the |strong="H5921" agreement |strong="H1285"  
 were |strong="H2022" in |strong="H5921"  
 my |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027". <sup>16</sup>  
 I |strong="H0834" looked |strong="H7200"  
 and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834"  
 saw |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0834"  
 had |strong="H3068" sinned |strong="H2398"  
 against |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0834"  
 saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853"  
 calf |strong="H5695" you |strong="H0834"  
 made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H4480" melted  
 gold! You |strong="H0834" stopped |strong="H5493"  
 obeying the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 so |strong="H4480" quickly |strong="H4118". <sup>17</sup>  
 So |strong="H5921" I |strong="H5921"  
 took |strong="H8610" the |strong="H5921"  
 two |strong="H8147" stone tablets |strong="H3871"  
 and |strong="H3027" threw |strong="H7993"  
 them |strong="H5921" down |strong="H7993". There  
 before |strong="H5869" your |strong="H5921"  
 eyes |strong="H5869" I |strong="H5921"  
 broke |strong="H7665" the |strong="H5921" stones in-  
 to |strong="H5921" pieces |strong="H7665". <sup>18</sup>  
 Then |strong="H5307" I |strong="H0834"  
 bowed |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" be-  
 fore |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068"  
 my |strong="H3605" face |strong="H6440"  
 to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground  
 for |strong="H5921" 40 days |strong="H3117"  
 and |strong="H3068" 40 nights |strong="H3915",  
 as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
 did |strong="H6213" before |strong="H6440".

I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213"  
 not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398"  
 any |strong="H3605" food |strong="H3899"  
 or |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354"  
 any |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325".  
 I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213"  
 this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H5921"  
 you |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068"  
 sinned |strong="H2398" so |strong="H6213" badly.  
 You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213"  
 the |strong="H3605" thing |strong="H7451"  
 that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834"  
 evil |strong="H7451" to |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068",  
 and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834"  
 made |strong="H6213" him |strong="H5921" an-  
 gry |strong="H3707". <sup>19</sup> I |strong="H0834"  
 was |strong="H0834" afraid |strong="H3025"  
 of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD'S |strong="H3068" terrible  
 anger |strong="H0639". He |strong="H0834"  
 was |strong="H0834" angry |strong="H7107"  
 enough |strong="H1571" to |strong="H0413" de-  
 stroy |strong="H8045" you |strong="H0834",  
 but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" listened |strong="H8085"  
 to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"  
 again |strong="H6440". <sup>20</sup> The |strong="H3068"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068"  
 very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H0599"  
 with |strong="H3068" Aaron |strong="H0175"—  
 enough |strong="H1571" to |strong="H3068" de-  
 stroy |strong="H8045" him |strong="H1931".  
 So |strong="H1571" I |strong="H6256" al-  
 so |strong="H1571" prayed |strong="H6419"  
 for |strong="H1157" Aaron |strong="H0175"  
 at |strong="H3068" that |strong="H1931"  
 time |strong="H6256". <sup>21</sup> I |strong="H0834"  
 took |strong="H3947" that |strong="H0834" terrible  
 thing |strong="H2912", the |strong="H0853"  
 calf |strong="H5695" you |strong="H0834"  
 made |strong="H6213", and |strong="H2022"  
 burned |strong="H8313" it |strong="H3381"  
 in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
 fire |strong="H0784". I |strong="H0834"  
 broke |strong="H3807" it |strong="H3381" in-  
 to |strong="H0413" small |strong="H3190"  
 pieces |strong="H3807". And |strong="H2022"  
 I |strong="H0834" crushed |strong="H3807"  
 the |strong="H0853" pieces |strong="H3807" un-  
 til |strong="H5704" they |strong="H0834"  
 were |strong="H0834" dust |strong="H6083".  
 Then |strong="H3947" I |strong="H0834"  
 threw |strong="H7993" the |strong="H0853"  
 dust |strong="H6083" into |strong="H0413"  
 the |strong="H0853" river |strong="H5704"  
 that |strong="H0834" came |strong="H3381"

down|strong="H3381" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022".

### Moses Asks God|strong="H3190" to|strong="H0413" Forgive Israel

22 " Also|strong="H3068", at|strong="H3068" Taberah|strong="H8404", Massah|strong="H4532", and|strong="H3068" Kibroth Hattaavah you|strong="H0853" made|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H7107". 23 And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8085" when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" leave|strong="H5927" Kadesh Barnea. He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", ' Go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" and|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H3068" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834". But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" trust|strong="H0539" him|strong="H5414". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H5414" command|strong="H6310". 24 All|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" time|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3045" I|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" known|strong="H3045" you|strong="H3117", you|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" refused to|strong="H1961" obey|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

25 " So|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" bowed|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" 40 days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3068" 40 nights|strong="H3915", because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" he|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H8045" you|strong="H0834". 26 I|strong="H0834" prayed|strong="H6419" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". I|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", ' Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068", don't|strong="H0408" destroy|strong="H7843" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971". They|strong="H0834" belong|strong="H0136" to|strong="H0413"

you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" freed them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H3318" them|strong="H0413" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714" with|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" great|strong="H2389" power|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3068" strength|strong="H3027". 27 Remember|strong="H2142" your|strong="H2142" promise to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H2142" servants|strong="H5650" Abraham|strong="H0085", Isaac|strong="H3327", and|strong="H5650" Jacob|strong="H3290". Forget how stubborn these|strong="H2088" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H5650". Don't|strong="H0408" look|strong="H6437" at|strong="H0413" their|strong="H2142" evil|strong="H7562" ways or|strong="H0408" their|strong="H2142" sins|strong="H2403". 28 If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" punish your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0853" Egyptians might|strong="H6435" say|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3201" able|strong="H3201" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H3318" his|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0834" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" he|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H1696" them|strong="H0413". And|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0834" hated|strong="H8135" them|strong="H0413". So|strong="H6435" he|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3318" them|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057" to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H4191" them|strong="H0413". 29 But|strong="H1992" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H0834" your|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971", Lord. They|strong="H1992" belong to|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H3318" them|strong="H1992" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H5159" Egypt with|strong="H3318" your|strong="H0834" great|strong="H1419" power|strong="H2220" and|strong="H1419" strength|strong="H2220".

### New Stone Tablets

10 " At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", ' You|strong="H6213" must cut|strong="H6458" out|strong="H0413" two|strong="H8147" stone|strong="H0068" tablets|strong="H3871" like|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0559" first|strong="H7223" two|strong="H8147" stones|strong="H0068". Then|strong="H6213"

you |strong="H6213" must come |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" mountain |strong="H2022". Also |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H5927" wooden |strong="H6086" box. <sup>2</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" write |strong="H3789" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" stone |strong="H0834" tablets |strong="H3871" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" stones— the |strong="H0853" stones you |strong="H0834" broke |strong="H7665". Then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" put |strong="H7760" these |strong="H0834" new stones in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Box.'

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H6213" I |strong="H3027" made |strong="H6213" a |strong="H5927" box from |strong="H3027" acacia |strong="H7848" wood |strong="H6086". I |strong="H3027" cut |strong="H6458" two |strong="H8147" stone |strong="H0068" tablets |strong="H3871" like |strong="H5927" the |strong="H5927" first |strong="H7223" two |strong="H8147" stones |strong="H0068". Then |strong="H6213" I |strong="H3027" went |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" on |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5927" mountain |strong="H2022". I |strong="H3027" had |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5927" two |strong="H8147" stone |strong="H0068" tablets |strong="H3871" in |strong="H0068" my |strong="H5927" hand |strong="H3027". <sup>4</sup> And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" wrote |strong="H3789" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" stones the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" written |strong="H3789" before |strong="H0413"— the |strong="H0853" Ten |strong="H6235" Commandments |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0834" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784", when |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" gathered |strong="H6951" together |strong="H5921" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" mountain |strong="H2022". Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8432" stone |strong="H0834" tablets |strong="H3871" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". <sup>5</sup> I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H1961" back |strong="H6437" down |strong="H3381"

from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" mountain |strong="H2022". I |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" stones in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Box I |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" me |strong="H4480" to |strong="H1961" put |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0853" there |strong="H8033". And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" stones are |strong="H0834" still there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" Box."

<sup>6</sup> ( The |strong="H8478" Israelites |strong="H3478" traveled |strong="H5265" from |strong="H5265" the |strong="H8478" wells of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H8478" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jaakan to |strong="H4191" Moserah |strong="H4149". There |strong="H8033" Aaron |strong="H0175" died |strong="H4191" and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H3478" buried |strong="H6912". Aaron's |strong="H0175" son |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499" served |strong="H3547" in |strong="H3478" Aaron's |strong="H0175" place |strong="H8478" as |strong="H3547" priest |strong="H3547". <sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H5265" the |strong="H4480" Israelites went |strong="H5265" from |strong="H4480" Moserah to |strong="H8033" Gudgodah |strong="H1412". And |strong="H0776" they |strong="H8033" went |strong="H5265" from |strong="H4480" Gudgodah |strong="H1412" to |strong="H8033" Jotbathah |strong="H3193", a |strong="H4480" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" rivers. <sup>8</sup> At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H6256" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" separated |strong="H0914" the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H3068" Levi |strong="H3878" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H2088" tribes |strong="H7626" for |strong="H3117" his |strong="H3068" special work. They |strong="H3117" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" work of |strong="H3068" carrying |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Box of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Agreement |strong="H1285". They |strong="H3117" also |strong="H3068" served |strong="H8334" as |strong="H5704" priests before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". And |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3117" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" work of |strong="H3068" blessing |strong="H1288" people |strong="H1931" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034". They |strong="H3117" still |strong="H5975" do |strong="H2088" this |strong="H2088" special work

today|strong="H3117".<sup>9</sup> That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" why|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" tribe|strong="H0251" of|strong="H0430" Levi|strong="H3881" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" get any|strong="H1961" share|strong="H2506" of|strong="H0430" land|strong="H5159" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" other|strong="H0251" tribes did|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" share|strong="H2506". That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" promised|strong="H1696" them|strong="H5921".)

<sup>10</sup> " I|strong="H0595" stayed|strong="H5975" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0413" mountain|strong="H2022" 40 days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3068" 40 nights|strong="H3915", like|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0413" first|strong="H7223" time|strong="H3117". The|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" also|strong="H1571" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" at|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117". He|strong="H1931" decided not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" destroy|strong="H7843" you|strong="H3117".<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", ' Go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" lead|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" on|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" trip. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" live in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001".

**What|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" Really|strong="H0559" Wants**

<sup>12</sup> " Now|strong="H6258", Is-raelites|strong="H3478", listen|strong="H3605"! What|strong="H4100" does|strong="H4100" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" really want|strong="H5315" from|strong="H5315" you|strong="H3588"? The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" wants you|strong="H3588"

to|strong="H3068" respect him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3068" do|strong="H5647" what|strong="H4100" he|strong="H3588" says. He|strong="H3588" wants you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H3068" love|strong="H0157" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" with|strong="H5973" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3824" and|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" soul|strong="H5315".<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H0834" obey|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" laws and|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H6680" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" giving|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834" today|strong="H3117". These|strong="H0834" laws and|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H6680" are|strong="H0834" for|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3068" own good|strong="H2896".

<sup>14</sup> " Everything|strong="H3605" belongs to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". The|strong="H3605" heavens|strong="H8064", even|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" highest|strong="H8064" heavens|strong="H8064", belong|strong="H0430" to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H3605". The|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" and|strong="H3068" everything|strong="H3605" on|strong="H0776" it|strong="H3068" belong|strong="H0430" to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H3605".<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" loved|strong="H0157" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" very|strong="H2088" much|strong="H3605". He|strong="H0310" loved|strong="H0157" them|strong="H0853" so|strong="H2088" much|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0310" chose|strong="H0977" you|strong="H3605", their|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H2233", to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". He|strong="H0310" chose|strong="H0977" you|strong="H3605" instead of|strong="H3068" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H2088" nation|strong="H5971", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3117" still his|strong="H3605" chosen|strong="H0977" people|strong="H5971" today|strong="H3117".

<sup>16</sup> " Stop|strong="H3808" being stubborn|strong="H7185". Give your|strong="H3808" hearts|strong="H3824" to|strong="H3824"

God |strong="H3808". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" gods |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H3068" of |strong="H0430" lords |strong="H0136". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" great |strong="H1419" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" amazing and |strong="H3068" powerful |strong="H1368" fighter. To |strong="H3068" him |strong="H6440" everyone is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" same |strong="H1931". He |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" accept |strong="H3947" money to |strong="H3068" change his |strong="H3947" mind |strong="H6440". <sup>18</sup> He |strong="H6213" defends |strong="H6213" widows |strong="H0490" and |strong="H4941" orphans |strong="H3490". He |strong="H6213" loves |strong="H0157" even |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5414" strangers |strong="H1616" living among us |strong="H5414". He |strong="H6213" gives |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" food |strong="H3899" and |strong="H4941" clothes |strong="H8071". <sup>19</sup> So |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" love |strong="H0157" them |strong="H0853", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" yourselves were |strong="H1961" strangers |strong="H1616" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>20</sup> " You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" respect the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" worship |strong="H5647" only him |strong="H0853". Never leave him |strong="H0853". When |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0853" make |strong="H5647" promises |strong="H7650", you |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" use |strong="H5647" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" only. <sup>21</sup> He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H1931" you |strong="H0834" should |strong="H6213" praise |strong="H8416". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" your |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0430" done |strong="H6213" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H0430" amazing things |strong="H0428" for |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" seen |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" with |strong="H0430"

your |strong="H0834" own |strong="H5869" eyes |strong="H5869". <sup>22</sup> When |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H4714" Egypt |strong="H4714", there |strong="H7230" were |strong="H8064" only 70 people |strong="H5315". Now |strong="H6258" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H7760" you |strong="H7760" as |strong="H5315" many |strong="H7230" as |strong="H5315" the |strong="H3068" stars |strong="H3556" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" sky |strong="H8064".

### Remember the Lord

**11** " So |strong="H0853" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H8104" what |strong="H4941" he |strong="H3117" tells you |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H8104" and |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117" obey |strong="H8104" his |strong="H3605" laws, rules |strong="H2708", and |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H4687". <sup>2</sup> Remember today |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" great |strong="H0430" things |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H3027" to |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834". It |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834", not |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121", who |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" those |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834" happen and |strong="H1121" lived through |strong="H3027" them |strong="H0853". You |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" how |strong="H0834" great |strong="H0430" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" how |strong="H0834" strong |strong="H2389" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" powerful |strong="H2389" things |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808". <sup>3</sup> You |strong="H0834", not |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3605" children, saw the |strong="H3605" miracles |strong="H0226" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" in |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

You *strong="H0834"* saw what *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H6213"* to *strong="H4714"* Pharaoh *strong="H6547"*, the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"* of *strong="H4428"* Egypt *strong="H4714"*, and *strong="H0776"* to *strong="H4714"* his *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* country *strong="H0776"*. <sup>4</sup> You *strong="H0834"*, not *strong="H2088"* your *strong="H3068"* children, saw what *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H6213"* to *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H0853"* Egyptian *strong="H4714"* army *strong="H2428"*— to *strong="H5704"* their *strong="H3068"* horses *strong="H5483"* and *strong="H3068"* chariots *strong="H7393"*. They *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* chasing *strong="H0310"* you *strong="H0834"*, but *strong="H3117"* you *strong="H0834"* saw him *strong="H5921"* cover them *strong="H0853"* with *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0853"* water *strong="H4325"* from *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* Red Sea *strong="H3220"*. You *strong="H0834"* saw how *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* completely destroyed *strong="H0006"* them *strong="H0853"*. <sup>5</sup> It *strong="H5704"* was *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"*, not *strong="H2088"* your *strong="H0834"* children, who *strong="H0834"* saw everything *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H6213"* for *strong="H2088"* you *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0834"* desert *strong="H4057"* until *strong="H5704"* you *strong="H0834"* came *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* this *strong="H2088"* place *strong="H4725"*. <sup>6</sup> You *strong="H0834"* saw what *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H6213"* to *strong="H3478"* Dathan *strong="H1885"* and *strong="H1121"* Abiram *strong="H0048"*, the *strong="H3605"* sons *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Eliab *strong="H0446"* from *strong="H3478"* Reuben's family *strong="H1004"*. All *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* watched as *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* ground *strong="H0776"* opened *strong="H6475"* up *strong="H1104"* like *strong="H0834"* a *strong="H0834"* mouth *strong="H6310"* and *strong="H1121"* swallowed *strong="H1104"* them *strong="H0853"*, their *strong="H3605"* families *strong="H1004"*, their *strong="H3605"* tents *strong="H0168"*, and *strong="H1121"* all *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H1121"* their *strong="H3605"* servants and *strong="H1121"* animals. <sup>7</sup> It *strong="H3588"* was *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"*, not *strong="H3588"* your *strong="H3068"* children, who *strong="H0834"* saw *strong="H7200"* all *strong="H3605"*

the *strong="H3605"* great *strong="H1419"* things *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* did *strong="H6213"*. <sup>8</sup> So *strong="H4616"* you *strong="H0859"* must *strong="H0853"* obey *strong="H8104"* every *strong="H3605"* command *strong="H6680"* I *strong="H0834"* tell *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H0859"* today *strong="H3117"*. Then *strong="H0853"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H0776"* be *strong="H0776"* *strong="H2388"*. And *strong="H0935"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H0776"* be *strong="H0776"* able to *strong="H0935"* go *strong="H0935"* across *strong="H5674"* the *strong="H3605"* Jordan River *strong="H0776"* and *strong="H0935"* take *strong="H3423"* the *strong="H3605"* land *strong="H0776"* that *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H0834"* ready to *strong="H0935"* enter *strong="H0935"*. <sup>9</sup> Then *strong="H4616"* you *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* live *strong="H0748"* a *strong="H5414"* long *strong="H3117"* life *strong="H3117"* in *strong="H5921"* that *strong="H0834"* country *strong="H0776"*. The *strong="H0834"* LORD *strong="H3068"* promised *strong="H7650"* to *strong="H5921"* give *strong="H5414"* that *strong="H0834"* land *strong="H0776"* to *strong="H5921"* your *strong="H3068"* ancestors *strong="H0001"* and *strong="H3068"* all *strong="H3117"* their *strong="H3068"* descendants *strong="H2233"*. It *strong="H5414"* is *strong="H0834"* a *strong="H5414"* land *strong="H0776"* filled with *strong="H2100"* many good things *strong="H0834"*. <sup>10</sup> The *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0776"* that *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H0776"* get *strong="H3318"* is *strong="H0834"* not *strong="H3808"* like *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0776"* of *strong="H0776"* Egypt *strong="H4714"* that *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0859"* came *strong="H0935"* from *strong="H0935"*. In *strong="H0935"* Egypt *strong="H4714"* you *strong="H0859"* planted *strong="H2232"* your *strong="H0834"* seeds *strong="H2233"* and *strong="H0935"* used your *strong="H0834"* feet *strong="H7272"* to *strong="H0935"* pump water *strong="H8248"* from *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0853"* canals to *strong="H0935"* water *strong="H8248"* your *strong="H0834"* fields like *strong="H0834"* a *strong="H3588"* vegetable *strong="H3419"* garden *strong="H1588"*. <sup>11</sup> But *strong="H0859"* the *strong="H0834"* land *strong="H0776"* that *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H0776"* soon get *strong="H0935"*

I LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834". In |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H8064" there |strong="H8033" are |strong="H0834" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H0935" valleys |strong="H1237", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" gets |strong="H0935" its |strong="H0935" water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" rain |strong="H4306" that |strong="H0834" falls from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" sky |strong="H8064".<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" cares |strong="H1875" for |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" watches over |strong="H0853" it |strong="H5704", from |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" beginning |strong="H7225" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" end |strong="H0319" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" year |strong="H8141".

<sup>13</sup> " The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" says, ' You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" listen |strong="H8085" carefully |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117": You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" him |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" soul |strong="H5315". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H5647" that |strong="H0834",<sup>14</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" send |strong="H5414" rain |strong="H4306" for |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0776" at |strong="H0622" the |strong="H5414" right time |strong="H6256". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" send |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" autumn |strong="H3138" rain |strong="H4306" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5414" spring |strong="H4456" rain |strong="H4306". Then |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" can gather |strong="H0622" your |strong="H5414" grain |strong="H1715", your |strong="H5414" new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H8492", and |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5414" oil |strong="H3323".<sup>15</sup> And |strong="H0398" I |strong="H5414"

will |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" grass |strong="H6212" grow in |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" fields |strong="H7704" for |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" cattle |strong="H0929". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" have |strong="H7646" plenty |strong="H7646" to |strong="H5414" eat |strong="H0398":

<sup>16</sup> " He |strong="H0430" says, ' Be |strong="H0430" careful |strong="H8104"! Don't |strong="H8104" be |strong="H0430" fooled. Don't |strong="H8104" turn |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" me |strong="H8104" to |strong="H8104" serve |strong="H5647" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H8104" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H8104" them |strong="H5647":<sup>17</sup> If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do that |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H1961" very |strong="H2734" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" shut |strong="H6113" the |strong="H0853" skies |strong="H5921", and |strong="H3068" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808" rain |strong="H4306". The |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H5414" a |strong="H1961" harvest, and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" soon |strong="H4120" die |strong="H0006" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>18</sup> "Remember these |strong="H0428" commands |strong="H1697" I |strong="H7760" give |strong="H7760" you |strong="H5921". Keep them |strong="H0853" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" hearts |strong="H3824". Write them |strong="H0853" down |strong="H7760" and |strong="H3027" tie |strong="H7194" them |strong="H0853" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" wear |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" foreheads as |strong="H1697" a |strong="H1961" way |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1961" remember my |strong="H7760" laws.<sup>19</sup> Teach |strong="H3925" these |strong="H1696" laws to |strong="H1696" your |strong="H6965" children |strong="H1121". Talk |strong="H1696" about |strong="H1870"

these things when you sit in your houses, when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. Write these commands on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates. Then you and your children will live a long time in the land that the LORD promised to give to your ancestors. You will live there as long as the skies are above the earth.

<sup>22</sup> Be careful to obey every I told to follow: Love the LORD your God, follow all his ways, and be faithful to him. <sup>23</sup> Then, when you go into the land, the LORD will force those other nations out. You will take the land from na-

tions that are larger and more powerful than you. <sup>24</sup> All the land you walk on will be yours. Your land will go from the desert in the south to Lebanon in the north. It will go from the Euphrates River in the east all the way to the Mediterranean Sea. <sup>25</sup> No one will be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will make the people you fear wherever you go in that land. That is what he promised you before.

#### Israel's Choice: Blessings or Curses

<sup>26</sup> Today I am giving you a choice: You may choose the blessing or the curse. <sup>27</sup> You will get the blessing if you listen and obey the commands of the LORD your God that I



have |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117".<sup>28</sup> But |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" get |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" curse |strong="H7045" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085" and |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" commands |strong="H6680" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". So |strong="H4480" don't |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H5493" living |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H1870" I |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117", and |strong="H3068" don't |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H0310" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045".

<sup>29</sup> " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" lead |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" soon |strong="H3588" go |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" top |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" Mount |strong="H2022" Gerizim |strong="H1630" and |strong="H0935" read the |strong="H0853" blessings |strong="H1293" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" from |strong="H0935" there |strong="H8033". And |strong="H0935" then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" top |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" Mount |strong="H2022" Ebal |strong="H5858" and |strong="H0935" read the |strong="H0853" curses |strong="H7045" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" from |strong="H0935" there |strong="H8033".<sup>30</sup> These |strong="H1992" mountains are |strong="H1992" on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0310" other |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0310" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0310" land |strong="H0776"

of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0310" Canaanites |strong="H3669" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0310" Jordan |strong="H3383" Valley. These |strong="H1992" mountains are |strong="H1992" toward |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0310" west |strong="H0310", not |strong="H3808" far from |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0310" oak |strong="H0436" trees of |strong="H0776" Moreh |strong="H4176" near |strong="H0681" the |strong="H0310" town of |strong="H0776" Gilgal |strong="H1537".<sup>31</sup> You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H0935" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859". This |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" belong |strong="H0430" to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859". When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776",<sup>32</sup> you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" carefully |strong="H6213" obey |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H2706" and |strong="H3117" rules |strong="H2706" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117".

### The Place for Worshiping God

**12** " These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H2706" and |strong="H3068" rules |strong="H2706" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0776" obey |strong="H6213" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" new |strong="H3423" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0776" carefully |strong="H6213" obey |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5414" as |strong="H0834" long |strong="H3117" as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" live |strong="H2416" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0428" land |strong="H0776". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" this |strong="H0428" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5921"

you |strong="H0859".<sup>2</sup> You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0430" take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H4725" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" live there |strong="H8033" now |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" completely |strong="H3605" destroy |strong="H0006" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" of |strong="H0430" these |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" worship |strong="H5647" their |strong="H3605" gods |strong="H0430". These |strong="H3605" places |strong="H4725" are |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" high |strong="H7311" mountains |strong="H2022", on |strong="H5921" hills |strong="H1389", and |strong="H0430" under |strong="H8478" green |strong="H7488" trees |strong="H6086".<sup>3</sup> You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" smash |strong="H7665" their |strong="H8313" altars |strong="H4196" and |strong="H0430" break |strong="H7665" their |strong="H8313" memorial |strong="H8034" stones into |strong="H6456" pieces |strong="H7665". You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" burn |strong="H8313" their |strong="H8313" Asherah |strong="H0842" poles and |strong="H0430" cut |strong="H1438" down |strong="H5422" the |strong="H0853" statues of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H8313" gods |strong="H0430". Wipe out |strong="H4480" everything that |strong="H1931" would |strong="H8034" remind you |strong="H0853" of |strong="H0430" those |strong="H4480" gods |strong="H0430".

<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H6213" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" worship |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3651" these people |strong="H3808" worship |strong="H3651" their |strong="H3068" gods |strong="H0430".<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977" a |strong="H3588" special place |strong="H4725" among |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" tribes |strong="H7626". That |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3605" home |strong="H4725" for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725" to |strong="H0413" worship him |strong="H0413".<sup>6</sup> There |strong="H8033"

you |strong="H0935" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5071", your |strong="H0935" sacrifices |strong="H2077", one-tenth of |strong="H3027" your |strong="H0935" crops and |strong="H0935" animals,<sup>1</sup> your |strong="H0935" special gifts |strong="H2077", any gifts |strong="H2077" you |strong="H0935" promised to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0853", any special gift you |strong="H0935" want to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" first animals born |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" herds |strong="H1241" and |strong="H0935" flocks |strong="H6629".<sup>7</sup> You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" families |strong="H1004" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" together at |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H3027", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1288" there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" enjoy sharing the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859" worked for |strong="H3027" there |strong="H8033". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" remember that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" blessed |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H8055" you |strong="H0859" these |strong="H3605" good things |strong="H3605".

<sup>8</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" continue to |strong="H0376" worship the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" we |strong="H0587" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" worshipping. Until now |strong="H3117" each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" us |strong="H3117" has |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" worshipping God |strong="H3808" any |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" we |strong="H0587" wanted.<sup>9</sup> This |strong="H6258" is |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3588" entered |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" peaceful land |strong="H5159" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".<sup>10</sup> But |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H5674"

<sup>1</sup> ONE-TENTH ... ANIMALS Or "tithes." Also in verse 11.

across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving you |strong="H0834". There |strong="H3427" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5117" you |strong="H0834" rest |strong="H5117" from |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341", and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" safe. <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977" a |strong="H1961" place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" home |strong="H4725" for |strong="H3027" his |strong="H3605" name |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" everything |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725". Bring |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8641", your |strong="H3068" sacrifices |strong="H2077", one-tenth of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" crops and |strong="H0935" animals |strong="H1961", your |strong="H3068" special gifts |strong="H2077", and |strong="H0935" any |strong="H3605" gifts |strong="H2077" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>12</sup> Come to |strong="H0369" that |strong="H0834" place with |strong="H0854" all your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121"— your |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121", all your |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Levites |strong="H3881" living in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" towns |strong="H1323". ( These |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3881" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" share |strong="H2506" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H5159" for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H6440".) Enjoy yourselves |strong="H0859" together |strong="H0854" there |strong="H0369" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". <sup>13</sup>

Be |strong="H3605" sure you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H8104" offer |strong="H5927" your |strong="H3605" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5930" in |strong="H4725" just |strong="H0834" any |strong="H3605" place |strong="H4725" you |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200". <sup>14</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977" his |strong="H3605" special place |strong="H4725" among |strong="H8033" your |strong="H3068" tribes |strong="H7626". Offer |strong="H5927" your |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" else |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" only |strong="H0518" in |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725".

<sup>15</sup> " Whenever |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" want |strong="H5315" to |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" meat |strong="H1320", you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" enjoy that |strong="H0834" blessing |strong="H1293" from |strong="H5315" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" wherever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" live. You |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" butcher the |strong="H3605" animal just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" gazelles |strong="H6643" and |strong="H3068" deer |strong="H0354", and |strong="H3068" anyone |strong="H3605", clean |strong="H2889" or |strong="H0398" unclean |strong="H2931", can |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" it |strong="H5414". <sup>16</sup> But |strong="H7535" you |strong="H5921" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818". You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H3808" pour |strong="H8210" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" water |strong="H4325".

<sup>17</sup> " Also |strong="H0834", the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" offering |strong="H8641" to |strong="H3201" God |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" eaten |strong="H0398" where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" live. These |strong="H3605" include the |strong="H3605" part |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H1715" that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H3201" God |strong="H3808", the |strong="H3605" part |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027"

your *new* wine oil that belongs to God, the first animals born in your herd or flock, any gift that you promised to God, any special gifts you want to give, or any other gifts God must eat these offerings only in his presence at the special place the LORD your God will choose. You must go there and eat together with your sons, your daughters, all your servants, the Levites living in your towns. Enjoy yourselves there with the LORD your God. Enjoy what you have worked for. <sup>19</sup> But be sure that you always share these meals with the Levites. Do as this long as you live in your land.

<sup>20</sup> "The LORD your God promised to make your country larger. When he does this, you might live too far from the place the LORD your God chooses to be the home for his name. If it is too far, and you are hungry for meat, you may eat any meat you have. You may kill any animal from the herd or flock that he has given you. Do this the way I have commanded you. You may eat this meat there where you live any time

you want. <sup>22</sup> You may eat this meat the same as you would eat gazelle or deer meat. Anyone can do this—people who are clean and people who are unclean. <sup>23</sup> But be especially careful not to eat the blood, because the life is in the blood. You must not eat meat that has its life in it. <sup>24</sup> Don't eat the blood. Pour it like water onto the ground. <sup>25</sup> So don't eat blood. You must do what the LORD says is right, and good things will happen to you and your descendants.

<sup>26</sup> "If you decide to give something special to God, you must go to the special place that the LORD your God will choose. And if you make a special promise, you must go to that place to

give |strong="H0935" that |strong="H0834" gift |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H3068". <sup>27</sup> You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H1818" offer |strong="H2077" your |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3068" place. Offer |strong="H2077" the |strong="H5921" meat |strong="H1320" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". For |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" other sacrifices |strong="H2077", you |strong="H5921" must |strong="H1818" pour |strong="H8210" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Then |strong="H6213" you |strong="H5921" may |strong="H0430" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H5921" meat |strong="H1320". <sup>28</sup> Carefully |strong="H8085" obey |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834". When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" good |strong="H2896" and |strong="H1121" right |strong="H3477"— what |strong="H0834" pleases |strong="H5869" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"— then |strong="H0853" everything |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3190" well |strong="H3190" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H1121" forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>29</sup> " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" going |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" take |strong="H3423" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776" from |strong="H0935" other people |strong="H1471". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3423" these |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1471" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" force |strong="H1471" them |strong="H0853" out |strong="H3423" of |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834"

land |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0935" then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033". <sup>30</sup> But |strong="H1571" be |strong="H1571" careful |strong="H8104" that |strong="H3651" you |strong="H6440" don't |strong="H8104" fall into the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H3651" trap they |strong="H3651" did |strong="H6213"! Don't |strong="H8104" go to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H6440" false gods |strong="H0430" for |strong="H3651" help. Don't |strong="H8104" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" yourself, ' They |strong="H3651" worshiped |strong="H5647" these |strong="H0428" gods |strong="H0430", so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0430" worship |strong="H5647" them |strong="H0853" too |strong="H1571"! ' <sup>31</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! These |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" do |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" bad things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" hates |strong="H8130". They |strong="H0834" even |strong="H1571" burn |strong="H8313" their |strong="H3605" children |strong="H1121" as |strong="H0834" sacrifices to |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" gods |strong="H0430"!

<sup>32</sup> "You must be careful to do everything I command you. Don't add anything to what I tell you, and don't take anything away.

### Don't Serve Other Gods

**13** " A |strong="H4480" prophet or |strong="H3808" someone who |strong="H0834" explains dreams might |strong="H0834" come to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1697" tell |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" show |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H4480" sign or |strong="H3808" a |strong="H4480" miracle. <sup>2</sup> And |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3588" sign |strong="H0226" or |strong="H0176" miracle |strong="H4159" they |strong="H3588" told |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" about |strong="H0413" might come |strong="H6965" true. Then |strong="H6965" they |strong="H3588" might ask you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" follow other gods (gods you |strong="H3588" don't know) and |strong="H6965" say |strong="H0176" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588", 'Let's serve these gods!' <sup>3</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" listen

to |strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", because |strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" LORD your |strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" testing you|strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" wants to |strong="H0413" know |strong="H3045" if|strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" love him|strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" all|strong="H3045" your |strong="H0834" heart and |strong="H0935" all|strong="H3045" your |strong="H0834" soul. <sup>4</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" follow |strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". Respect him |strong="H0413". Obey |strong="H8085" his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H1697" and |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3605" what |strong="H1697" he |strong="H1931" tells |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588". Serve the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", and |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" leave him |strong="H0413". <sup>5</sup> Also |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" kill that |strong="H8085" prophet |strong="H0430" or |strong="H8085" person who |strong="H3068" explains dreams, because |strong="H0310" they |strong="H3068" told you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3068" turn against |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". And |strong="H3068" it |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" who |strong="H3068" brought you |strong="H0853" out |strong="H0853" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" land of |strong="H0430" Egypt, where you |strong="H0853" were |strong="H0430" slaves |strong="H5647". They |strong="H3068" tried to |strong="H3068" pull you |strong="H0853" away |strong="H0310" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" life he |strong="H0310" commanded |strong="H4687" you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3068" live, so |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" kill them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3068" remove this |strong="H3068" evil from |strong="H8085" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H8085".

<sup>6</sup> "Someone |strong="H4191" close to |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" secretly persuade you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1696" worship other gods |strong="H0430". It |strong="H1931" might |strong="H3068" be |strong="H4191" your |strong="H3068" own brother, your |strong="H3068" son, your |strong="H3068" daughter |strong="H1004", the |strong="H0853" wife |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834" love,

or |strong="H0176" your |strong="H3068" closest friend. They |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" say |strong="H1696", 'Let's go |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3068" serve other gods |strong="H0430"! ( These |strong="H1931" are |strong="H0834" gods |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" ancestors never knew. <sup>7</sup> They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" live in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H0312" lands around you |strong="H0859", some |strong="H5315" near |strong="H3808" and |strong="H1121" some |strong="H5315" far away.) <sup>8</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0776" not |strong="H0776" agree with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". Don't listen to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" or |strong="H0176" feel sorry for |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". Don't let them |strong="H0413" go free or |strong="H0176" protect them |strong="H0413". <sup>9</sup> No, you must kill them with stones. You be the first one to pick up stones and throw at them. Then everyone must throw stones to kill them, because they tried to pull you away from the LORD your God. And it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H3318" all the |strong="H5921" Israelites will |strong="H3068" hear about |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" be |strong="H4191" afraid. And |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3588" do |strong="H3318" those |strong="H5921" evil things any |strong="H3318" more |strong="H5921".

<sup>12</sup> " The |strong="H3605" LORD your |strong="H3605" God |strong="H3808" has |strong="H3478" given |strong="H8085" you |strong="H3605" cities to |strong="H3478" live |strong="H7130" in |strong="H3478". Sometimes you |strong="H3605" might |strong="H3478" hear |strong="H8085" some |strong="H3605" bad |strong="H7451" news about |strong="H1697" one |strong="H2088" of |strong="H1697" these |strong="H2088" cities. You |strong="H3605" might |strong="H3478" hear |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3605" <sup>13</sup> some |strong="H0259" troublemakers from |strong="H8085" your |strong="H3068" own nation are |strong="H0834" persuading the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3068" city |strong="H5892" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H8085" bad things |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" peo-

ple |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3068" city |strong="H5892", 'Let's go and |strong="H3068" serve other |strong="H0259" gods |strong="H0430". ( These |strong="H0834" gods |strong="H0430" would |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" gods |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" never knew before |strong="H0430".) <sup>14</sup> If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" hear this |strong="H0834" kind of |strong="H1121" news |strong="H0559", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H5647" all |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" learn |strong="H3045" if |strong="H0834" it |strong="H3045" is |strong="H0834" true. If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" learn |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H3045" is |strong="H0834" true, if |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" prove |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" such |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" terrible thing really |strong="H0559" did |strong="H0834" happen, <sup>15</sup> then |strong="H2009" you |strong="H6213" must kill all |strong="H1697" the |strong="H1875" people of |strong="H1697" that |strong="H1697" city and |strong="H1697" their |strong="H7130" animals too. You |strong="H6213" must destroy |strong="H6213" that |strong="H1697" city completely. <sup>16</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" gather up |strong="H0853" every-thing |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3427" value and |strong="H2719" take |strong="H5221" it |strong="H1931" to |strong="H6310" the |strong="H3605" center of |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892". Burn the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H2719" every-thing |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3427" it |strong="H1931" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" burnt offering to |strong="H6310" the |strong="H3605" LORD your |strong="H3605" God. You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" turn that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" into |strong="H2719" an |strong="H5221" empty pile of |strong="H3427" rocks forever |strong="H3427", and |strong="H2719" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" must |strong="H0853" never be |strong="H3605" rebuilt. <sup>17</sup> Every-thing |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1961" destroyed as |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1129" offering |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430". So |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" keep any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605"

things |strong="H3605" for |strong="H0413" yourselves |strong="H3068". If |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3605" follow |strong="H1961" this |strong="H3068" command, the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" stop |strong="H3808" being |strong="H1961" so |strong="H1961" angry with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605". He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605". He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" feel sorry for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605". He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" nation grow larger, as |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0430" promised |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" ancestors. <sup>18</sup> This |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" happen if |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" listen to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068"— if |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" obey all |strong="H4480" his |strong="H5414" commands that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" today. You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" do |strong="H3027" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" says is |strong="H0834" right.

#### Israel, God's Special People

**14** " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H5869" the |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". When |strong="H1121" someone |strong="H4191" dies |strong="H4191", you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" cut |strong="H1413" yourselves |strong="H0859" or |strong="H3808" shave |strong="H1413" your |strong="H3068" heads <sup>I</sup> to |strong="H4191" show |strong="H7760" your |strong="H3068" sadness. <sup>2</sup> This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" different from |strong="H5921" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". You |strong="H0859" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". From |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" world, the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" chose |strong="H0977" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H1961"

<sup>I</sup> SHAVE YOUR HEADS Literally, "shave between your eyes."

be |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3605"  
own |strong="H1961" special people |strong="H5971".

Food the |strong="H3605" Israelites  
Are |strong="H0834" Allowed |strong="H3068"  
to |strong="H1961" Eat

<sup>3</sup> " Don't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any-  
thing |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" Lord hates. <sup>4</sup>  
You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0834"  
eat |strong="H0398" these |strong="H2063" ani-  
mals |strong="H0929": cattle |strong="H0929",  
sheep |strong="H7716", goats |strong="H5795", <sup>5</sup>  
deer |strong="H0354", gazelles |strong="H6643", roe  
deer |strong="H0354", wild |strong="H0689"  
sheep |strong="H2169", wild |strong="H0689" goats,  
antelopes, and mountain |strong="H2169"  
sheep |strong="H2169". <sup>6</sup> You |strong="H3605"  
may |strong="H0398" eat |strong="H0398"  
any |strong="H3605" animal |strong="H0929"  
that |strong="H3605" has |strong="H3605"  
hooves |strong="H6541" divided |strong="H6536" in-  
to |strong="H5927" two |strong="H8147"  
parts |strong="H6541" and |strong="H0398"  
that |strong="H3605" chews |strong="H5927"  
the |strong="H3605" cud |strong="H1625". <sup>7</sup>  
But |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" camels |strong="H1581", rabbits,  
or |strong="H3808" rock badgers.  
These |strong="H2088" animals chew |strong="H5927"  
the |strong="H0853" cud |strong="H1625",  
but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992"  
don't |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3588"  
split |strong="H8156" hooves |strong="H6541".  
So |strong="H3808" these |strong="H2088" animals  
are |strong="H1992" not |strong="H3808"  
a |strong="H3588" clean food |strong="H0398"  
for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588". <sup>8</sup>  
And |strong="H0398" you |strong="H3588"  
must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" pigs. Their |strong="H3588"  
hooves |strong="H6541" are |strong="H1320" divid-  
ed |strong="H6536", but |strong="H3588"  
they |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" chew  
the |strong="H0853" cud |strong="H1625".  
So |strong="H3808" pigs are |strong="H1320"  
not |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" clean  
food |strong="H0398" for |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H3588". Don't |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0398"  
meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H0398" pigs.  
Don't |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3588"  
touch |strong="H5060" a |strong="H3588" pig's  
dead |strong="H5038" body |strong="H1320".  
<sup>9</sup> " You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0834"  
eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" kind  
of |strong="H4325" fish that |strong="H0834"  
has |strong="H0834" fins |strong="H5579"

and |strong="H0398" scales |strong="H7193". <sup>10</sup>  
But |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" anything |strong="H3605" living  
in |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" water  
that |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834"  
fins |strong="H5579" and |strong="H0398"  
scales |strong="H7193". It |strong="H1931"  
is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808"  
a |strong="H0834" clean food |strong="H0398"  
for |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834".  
<sup>11</sup> " You |strong="H3605" may |strong="H2889"  
eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605"  
clean |strong="H2889" bird |strong="H6833". <sup>12</sup>  
But |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0398"  
of |strong="H0398" these |strong="H2088" birds: ea-  
gles |strong="H5404", vultures |strong="H5404", buz-  
zards, <sup>13</sup> red kites, falcons, any kind |strong="H4327"  
of |strong="H0853" kite, <sup>14</sup> any |strong="H3605"  
kind |strong="H4327" of |strong="H3605"  
raven |strong="H6158", <sup>15</sup> horned owls, screech owls,  
sea |strong="H7828" gulls, any kind |strong="H4327"  
of |strong="H1323" hawk |strong="H5322", <sup>16</sup> little  
owls |strong="H3244", great |strong="H3244"  
owls |strong="H3244", white |strong="H8580"  
owls |strong="H3244", <sup>17</sup> desert owls |strong="H6893",  
ospreys, cormorants, <sup>18</sup> storks, any  
kind |strong="H4327" of heron |strong="H0601",  
hoopoes, or bats |strong="H5847".  
<sup>19</sup> " All |strong="H3605" insects |strong="H8318"  
with |strong="H3605" wings |strong="H5775"  
are |strong="H5775" unclean |strong="H2931",  
so |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" them |strong="H0398". <sup>20</sup>  
But |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605"  
may |strong="H2889" eat |strong="H0398"  
any |strong="H3605" clean |strong="H2889"  
bird |strong="H5775".  
<sup>21</sup> " Don't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398"  
any |strong="H3605" animal that |strong="H0834"  
has |strong="H3068" died |strong="H5038"  
by |strong="H3068" itself. You |strong="H0859"  
may |strong="H0430" give |strong="H5414"  
the |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H5038" animal  
to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" foreign-  
er |strong="H5237" in |strong="H0430"  
your |strong="H3068" town |strong="H8179",  
and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834"  
can |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398"  
it |strong="H5414". Or |strong="H0176"  
you |strong="H0859" may |strong="H0430"  
sell |strong="H4376" the |strong="H3605"  
dead |strong="H5038" animal to |strong="H3068"  
a |strong="H3588" foreigner |strong="H5237".  
But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" your-  
selves |strong="H0859" must |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398"



the |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H5038" animal, because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" belong |strong="H0430" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" special people |strong="H5971".  
 " Don't |strong="H3808" cook |strong="H1310" a |strong="H3588" baby goat |strong="H1423" in |strong="H0430" its |strong="H3605" mother's |strong="H0517" milk |strong="H2461".

### Giving |strong="H5414" One-Tenth

22 " Every |strong="H3605" year |strong="H8141" you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3605" sure to |strong="H3318" save one-tenth of |strong="H8141" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" crops |strong="H8393" that |strong="H3605" grow |strong="H3318" in |strong="H8141" your |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704". 23 Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" go to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" place |strong="H4725" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" chooses |strong="H0977" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3605" home |strong="H4725" for |strong="H4616" his |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" go there |strong="H8033" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" tenth |strong="H4643" of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" crops—one-tenth of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" grain |strong="H1715", your |strong="H3068" new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H8492", your |strong="H3068" oil |strong="H3323", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H3117" animals born in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" herds |strong="H1241" and |strong="H3068" flocks |strong="H6629". In |strong="H0430" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117" remember to |strong="H3068" respect |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". 24 But |strong="H3588" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725" might |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" too |strong="H4480" far |strong="H7368" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" travel

to |strong="H3068". Maybe you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H3068" carry |strong="H5375" one-tenth of |strong="H0430" all |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0834" crops that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0834" with |strong="H3068". If |strong="H3588" that |strong="H0834" happens, 25 sell |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" part |strong="H3027" of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" crops and |strong="H1980" take |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0834" money |strong="H3701" with |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" special place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" chosen |strong="H0977". 26 Use |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" money |strong="H3701" to |strong="H3068" buy anything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859" want |strong="H5315"—cattle |strong="H1241", sheep |strong="H6629", wine |strong="H3196" or |strong="H3196" beer |strong="H7941" or |strong="H3196" any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" food |strong="H0398". Then |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004" should |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H3068" enjoy yourselves |strong="H5315" there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H5414" with |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". 27 But |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" forget the |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3881" living in |strong="H3881" your |strong="H0834" town |strong="H8179". Share |strong="H2506" your |strong="H0834" food with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" share |strong="H2506" of |strong="H8179" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H5159" like |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834".

28 " At |strong="H8179" the |strong="H3605" end |strong="H7097" of |strong="H8141" every |strong="H3605" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141", you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" gather one-tenth of |strong="H8141" your |strong="H3605" harvest |strong="H8393" for |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" year |strong="H8141". Store this |strong="H1931" food in |strong="H8141" your |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H8179". 29

Keep *strong="H6213"* this *strong="H3588"* food *strong="H0398"* for *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H3605"* Levites *strong="H3881"*, because *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H0834"* don't *strong="H0369"* have *strong="H0834"* any *strong="H3605"* land *strong="H5159"* of *strong="H0430"* their *strong="H3605"* own *strong="H5973"*. Also *strong="H3068"* keep *strong="H6213"* this *strong="H3588"* food *strong="H0398"* for *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H3605"* foreigners *strong="H1616"*, orphans *strong="H3490"*, and *strong="H0935"* widows *strong="H0490"* who *strong="H0834"* live in *strong="H0935"* your *strong="H3068"* towns *strong="H8179"*. This *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3068"* provide *strong="H6213"* enough *strong="H7646"* for *strong="H3588"* them *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* come *strong="H0935"* and *strong="H0935"* eat *strong="H0398"* all *strong="H3605"* they *strong="H0834"* want. If *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H6213"* this *strong="H3588"*, the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"* will *strong="H3068"* bless *strong="H1288"* you *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H0935"* everything *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H6213"*.

#### The Special Year of Canceling Debts

**15** " At *strong="H8141"* the *strong="H6213"* end *strong="H7093"* of *strong="H8141"* every *strong="H8141"* seven *strong="H7651"* years *strong="H8141"*, you *strong="H6213"* must cancel debts. <sup>2</sup> This *strong="H2088"* is *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* way *strong="H1697"* you *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H0853"* do *strong="H3027"* this *strong="H2088"*. Everyone *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H0834"* has *strong="H3068"* lent *strong="H5383"* money to *strong="H3068"* another *strong="H7453"* Israelite *strong="H3808"* must *strong="H0853"* cancel the *strong="H3605"* debt *strong="H3027"*. He *strong="H0834"* should *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* ask a *strong="H3588"* fellow *strong="H0251"* Israelite *strong="H3808"* to *strong="H3068"* repay the *strong="H3605"* debt *strong="H3027"*, because *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H1697"* to *strong="H3068"* cancel debts during *strong="H3605"* that *strong="H0834"* year *strong="H8058"*. <sup>3</sup> You *strong="H0834"* may *strong="H1961"* require a *strong="H1961"* foreigner *strong="H5237"* to *strong="H1961"* repay you *strong="H0834"*, but *strong="H1961"* you *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H0853"* cancel any *strong="H1961"* debt *strong="H3027"* anoth-

er *strong="H0251"* Israelite owes *strong="H0854"* you *strong="H0834"*. <sup>4</sup> There *strong="H1961"* should *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* be *strong="H1961"* any *strong="H1961"* poor *strong="H0034"* people *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H0430"* your *strong="H3068"* country *strong="H0776"*, because *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H0834"* LORD *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"* is *strong="H0834"* giving *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H0834"* this *strong="H3588"* land *strong="H0776"*. And *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0834"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* greatly *strong="H1288"* bless *strong="H1288"* you *strong="H0834"*. <sup>5</sup> But *strong="H0518"* this *strong="H2063"* will *strong="H3068"* happen only *strong="H7535"* if *strong="H0518"* you *strong="H0834"* obey *strong="H8085"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*. You *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H0853"* be *strong="H3068"* careful *strong="H8104"* to *strong="H3068"* obey *strong="H8085"* every *strong="H3605"* command *strong="H6680"* that *strong="H0834"* I *strong="H0834"* have *strong="H0834"* told *strong="H6680"* you *strong="H0834"* today *strong="H3117"*. <sup>6</sup> Then *strong="H1696"* the *strong="H0834"* LORD *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"* will *strong="H3068"* bless *strong="H1288"* you *strong="H0859"*, as *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* promised *strong="H1696"*. And *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H3068"* have *strong="H0834"* enough *strong="H7227"* money to *strong="H1696"* make *strong="H3588"* loans to *strong="H1696"* many *strong="H7227"* nations *strong="H1471"*. But *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* need to *strong="H1696"* borrow *strong="H5670"* from *strong="H3068"* anyone *strong="H3588"*. You *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H3068"* rule *strong="H4910"* over *strong="H4910"* many *strong="H7227"* nations *strong="H1471"*. But *strong="H3588"* none *strong="H3808"* of *strong="H0430"* these *strong="H1696"* nations *strong="H1471"* will *strong="H3068"* rule *strong="H4910"* over *strong="H4910"* you *strong="H0859"*.

<sup>7</sup> " When *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0834"* are *strong="H0834"* living in *strong="H0430"* the *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"* is *strong="H0834"* giving *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H0834"*, there *strong="H1961"* might *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H1961"*

some |strong="H0259" poor |strong="H0034" people |strong="H0834" living among |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" selfish. You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1961" give |strong="H5414" help to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5414". <sup>8</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3027" willing to |strong="H3027" share with |strong="H3027" them |strong="H0853". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" lend |strong="H5670" them |strong="H0853" whatever |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" need |strong="H4270".

<sup>9</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" ever refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" help someone |strong="H5414" simply because |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" seventh |strong="H7651" year |strong="H8141", the |strong="H0559" year |strong="H8141" for |strong="H5921" canceling debts, is |strong="H3068" near |strong="H7126". Don't |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" an |strong="H1961" evil |strong="H1100" thought |strong="H0559" like |strong="H1961" that |strong="H1697" enter your |strong="H3068" mind |strong="H3824". You |strong="H5414" must |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1961" bad thoughts |strong="H3824" about |strong="H1961" someone |strong="H5414" who |strong="H3068" needs |strong="H1961" help. You |strong="H5414" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" help them |strong="H0413". If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H5414" don't |strong="H3808" help the |strong="H0559" poor |strong="H0034", they |strong="H5921" might |strong="H6435" complain to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" judge you |strong="H5414" guilty of |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2399".

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H5414" be |strong="H3808" sure to |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" poor. Don't |strong="H3808" hesitate to |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5414", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" doing |strong="H3027" this |strong="H2088" good thing |strong="H1697". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068"

work |strong="H4639" and |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0430" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H4639". <sup>11</sup> There will |strong="H0776" always be |strong="H3808" poor |strong="H6041" people |strong="H3808" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0776" why |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0595" command |strong="H6680" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3808" ready to |strong="H0559" help your |strong="H5921" brother |strong="H0251" or |strong="H3808" sister. Give |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" poor |strong="H6041" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" who |strong="H0251" need |strong="H3651" help.

### Letting Slaves Go Free

<sup>12</sup> You |strong="H3588" might buy a |strong="H3588" Hebrew |strong="H5680" man |strong="H2670" or |strong="H0176" woman |strong="H5680" to |strong="H7971" serve |strong="H5647" you |strong="H3588" as |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" slave |strong="H5647". You |strong="H3588" may |strong="H0251" keep |strong="H5647" that |strong="H3588" person |strong="H7971" as |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" slave |strong="H5647" for |strong="H3588" six |strong="H8337" years |strong="H8141". But |strong="H3588" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3588" seventh |strong="H7637" year |strong="H8141", you |strong="H3588" must let |strong="H7971" that |strong="H3588" person |strong="H7971" go |strong="H7971" free |strong="H2670". <sup>13</sup> But |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" let |strong="H7971" your |strong="H3588" slave go |strong="H7971" free |strong="H2670", don't |strong="H3808" send |strong="H7971" him |strong="H7971" away |strong="H7971" with |strong="H5973" nothing |strong="H3808". <sup>14</sup> You |strong="H0834" must give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" some of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" animals, grain, and |strong="H3068" wine |strong="H3342". The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" blessed |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" plenty of |strong="H0430" good things |strong="H0834". In |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0834" same way you |strong="H0834" must give |strong="H5414" plenty of |strong="H0430" good things |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" slave. <sup>15</sup> Remember |strong="H2142", you |strong="H3588"

were **slaves** in **Egypt**. And **the LORD** **God** you set free. So that **why** **am** you giving **command** today.

<sup>16</sup> " But **one** of **your** **slaves** might say to **I** will **not** leave **you**. He **might** say **this** **because** **he** **loves** **you** and **your** **family** and **because** **he** **has** **a** **good** **life** **with** **you**. <sup>17</sup> Make **this** **servant** **put** **his** **ear** **against** **your** **door** and **use** **a** **sharp** **tool** **to** **make** **a** **hole** **in** **his** **ear**. **This** **will** **show** **that** **he** **is** **your** **slave** **forever**. **You** **must** **do** **this** **even** **to** **the** **women** **slaves** **who** **want** **to** **stay** **with** **you**.

<sup>18</sup> " Don't **regret** **letting** **your** **slave** **go** **free**. Remember, **he** **served** **you** **six** **years** **for** **half** **of** **what** **you** **would** **have** **paid** **a** **hired** **worker**. <sup>1</sup> The **LORD** **your**

**God** **will** **bless** **you** **in** **everything** **you** **do**.

#### Rules About **Firstborn** Animals

<sup>19</sup> " All **the** **first** **male** **animals** **born** **in** **your** **herd** **and** **flock** **are** **special**. **You** **must** **give** **to** **the** **LORD** **Don't** **use** **any** **of** **these** **animals** **for** **your** **work** **and** **don't** **cut** **wool** **from** **any** **of** **these** **sheep**. <sup>20</sup> Every **year** **you** **must** **take** **these** **animals** **to** **the** **place** **the** **LORD** **your** **God** **will** **choose**. **There** **with** **the** **LORD**, **you** **and** **your** **family** **will** **eat** **these** **animals**.

<sup>21</sup> " But **if** **an** **animal** **has** **something** **wrong** **with** **it** **—** **if** **it** **is** **crippled** **or** **blind** **or** **has** **something** **else** **wrong** **with** **it** **—** **then** **you** **must** **not** **sacrifice** **that** **animal** **to** **the** **LORD** **your** **God**. <sup>22</sup> But **you** **may** **eat** **the** **meat** **from** **that** **animal** **at** **home**. **Anyone** **may** **eat** **it** **—** **people**

<sup>1</sup> REMEMBER ... HIRED WORKER Or "Remember, he served you for six years for the same amount you would have paid a hired worker."

who |strong="H2931" are |strong="H8179" clean |strong="H2889" and |strong="H0398" people who |strong="H2931" are |strong="H8179" unclean |strong="H2931". The |strong="H0398" rules for |strong="H0398" eating |strong="H0398" this |strong="H0398" meat are |strong="H8179" the |strong="H0398" same as |strong="H8179" the |strong="H0398" rules for |strong="H0398" eating |strong="H0398" gazelles |strong="H6643" and |strong="H0398" deer |strong="H0354". <sup>23</sup> But |strong="H7535" you |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" animal. You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" pour |strong="H8210" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" out |strong="H8210" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" water |strong="H4325".

### Passover

**16** "Remember, in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H0430" Abib |strong="H0024" you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" celebrate Passover |strong="H6453" to |strong="H3068" honor the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". It |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" night |strong="H3915" in |strong="H0430" Abib |strong="H0024" when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H3588" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>2</sup> You |strong="H0834" must go to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0834" home |strong="H4725" for |strong="H8033" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034". There |strong="H8033" you |strong="H0834" must offer |strong="H2076" the |strong="H0834" Passover |strong="H6453" sacrifice |strong="H2076" to |strong="H3068" honor |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0834" must offer |strong="H2076" the |strong="H0834" cattle |strong="H1241" and |strong="H3068" goats. <sup>3</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" bread |strong="H3899" that |strong="H3588" has |strong="H0776" yeast in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3588" sacrifice. You |strong="H3588"

must |strong="H0853" eat |strong="H0398" unleavened |strong="H4682" bread |strong="H3899" for |strong="H3588" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". This |strong="H3588" bread |strong="H3899" is |strong="H0776" called 'Bread |strong="H3899" of |strong="H0776" Trouble.' It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0776" help you |strong="H3588" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H3605" troubles you |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714". Remember |strong="H2142" how |strong="H3588" quickly |strong="H2649" you |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5921" leave |strong="H3318" that |strong="H3588" country |strong="H0776". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" remember |strong="H2142" that |strong="H3588" day |strong="H3117" as |strong="H3117" long |strong="H3117" as |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3588" live |strong="H2416". <sup>4</sup> There |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" yeast |strong="H7603" in |strong="H3117" anyone's house anywhere |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" country for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". And |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" meat |strong="H1320" you |strong="H0834" sacrifice |strong="H2076" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" evening |strong="H6153" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" day |strong="H3117" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" eaten before |strong="H4480" morning |strong="H1242".

<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" sacrifice |strong="H2076" the |strong="H0853" Passover |strong="H6453" animal in |strong="H0430" any |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" towns |strong="H8179" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" gives |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". <sup>6</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" sacrifice |strong="H2076" the |strong="H0853" Passover |strong="H6453" animal only |strong="H0518" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" home |strong="H4725" for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034". There |strong="H8033" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" sacrifice |strong="H2076"

the |strong="H0853" Passover |strong="H6453" animal  
in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
evening |strong="H6153" when |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0853" sun |strong="H8121"  
goes |strong="H3318" down |strong="H7931".  
This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" festival |strong="H4150"  
when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" remem-  
ber that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430"  
brought |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834"  
out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0430"  
Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>7</sup> You |strong="H0834" must  
cook |strong="H1310" the |strong="H0834" meal  
and |strong="H1980" eat |strong="H0398"  
it |strong="H0398" at |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725"  
the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977".  
The |strong="H0834" next |strong="H6437" morn-  
ing |strong="H1242" you |strong="H0834"  
may |strong="H0430" go |strong="H1980"  
back |strong="H6437" home |strong="H4725". <sup>8</sup>  
You |strong="H3117" must |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" unleavened |strong="H4682"  
bread |strong="H4682" six |strong="H8337"  
days |strong="H3117". On |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3068" seventh |strong="H7637"  
day |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117"  
must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808"  
do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H0398"  
work |strong="H4399". On |strong="H3117"  
this |strong="H3068" day |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3068" people |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H3068" come together  
for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3068" special meet-  
ing to |strong="H3068" honor the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0430".

#### Festival of |strong="H0430" Harvest

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H7651" must count |strong="H5608"  
seven |strong="H7651" weeks |strong="H7620"  
from |strong="H5608" the |strong="H5608" time  
you |strong="H7651" begin |strong="H2490"  
to |strong="H5608" harvest the |strong="H5608"  
grain |strong="H7054". <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H5414" cele-  
brate |strong="H2282" the |strong="H0834" Festi-  
val |strong="H2282" of |strong="H0430" Harvest  
for |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834"  
LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0430". Do |strong="H6213"  
this |strong="H0834" by |strong="H3027" bring-  
ing |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414"  
some |strong="H3027" special gift |strong="H5414"  
you |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H3068"  
bring |strong="H5414". Decide how |strong="H0834"  
much |strong="H3027" to |strong="H3068"

give |strong="H5414" by |strong="H3027" thinking  
about how |strong="H0834" much |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
has |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288"  
you |strong="H0834". <sup>11</sup> Go to |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H6440" place |strong="H4725"  
the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977"  
to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034"  
the |strong="H6440" home |strong="H4725"  
for |strong="H8033" his |strong="H3068"  
name |strong="H8034". You |strong="H0859"  
and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3068" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" should |strong="H3068" enjoy  
yourselves |strong="H0859" together  
there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".  
Take |strong="H8055" all your |strong="H3068" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" with |strong="H3068"  
you |strong="H0859"— your |strong="H3068"  
sons |strong="H1121", your |strong="H3068" daugh-  
ters |strong="H1323", and |strong="H1121" all  
your |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650".  
And |strong="H1121" take |strong="H8055"  
the |strong="H6440" Levites |strong="H3881", foreign-  
ers |strong="H1616", orphans |strong="H3490",  
and |strong="H1121" widows |strong="H0490" liv-  
ing |strong="H7931" in |strong="H0430"  
your |strong="H3068" towns |strong="H1323". <sup>12</sup> Re-  
member |strong="H2142", you |strong="H3588"  
were |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650"  
in |strong="H5650" Egypt |strong="H4714".  
So |strong="H6213" be |strong="H1961" sure  
to |strong="H1961" obey |strong="H6213"  
these |strong="H0428" laws |strong="H2706".

#### Festival of |strong="H5650" Shelters

<sup>13</sup> Seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" af-  
ter |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117"  
have |strong="H3117" gathered |strong="H0622"  
your |strong="H3117" harvest |strong="H0622"  
in |strong="H3117" from |strong="H3117"  
your |strong="H3117" threshing |strong="H1637"  
floor |strong="H1637" and |strong="H3117"  
from |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3117" wine-  
press |strong="H3342", you |strong="H3117"  
should |strong="H6213" celebrate |strong="H2282"  
the |strong="H3117" Festival |strong="H2282"  
of |strong="H3117" Shelters |strong="H5521". <sup>14</sup> Enjoy  
yourselves |strong="H0859" at |strong="H8179"  
this |strong="H0834" festival |strong="H2282"—  
you |strong="H0859", your |strong="H0834"  
sons |strong="H1121", your |strong="H0834" daugh-  
ters |strong="H1323", all your |strong="H0834" ser-  
vants |strong="H5650", and |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3881", foreign-

ers|strong="H1616", orphans|strong="H3490", and|strong="H1121" widows|strong="H0490" living in|strong="H1121" your|strong="H0834" towns|strong="H1323". <sup>15</sup> Celebrate|strong="H2287" this|strong="H3588" festival|strong="H2287" for|strong="H3588" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" special place|strong="H4725" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" choose|strong="H0977". Do|strong="H4639" this|strong="H3588" to|strong="H1961" honor the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" blessed|strong="H1288" your|strong="H3068" harvest|strong="H8393" and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4639" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834", so|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" very happy|strong="H8056"!

<sup>16</sup> " Three|strong="H7969" times|strong="H6471" a|strong="H7200" year|strong="H8141" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" men|strong="H3605" must|strong="H0853" come to|strong="H3068" meet|strong="H6440" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" special place|strong="H4725" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" choose|strong="H0977". They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" come for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H0430" Unleavened|strong="H4682" Bread|strong="H4682", the|strong="H3605" Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H0430" Harvest, and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H0430" Shelters|strong="H5521". Everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" comes|strong="H6440" to|strong="H3068" meet|strong="H6440" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" must|strong="H0853" bring a|strong="H7200" gift|strong="H3068". <sup>17</sup> Each|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" should|strong="H0376" give|strong="H5414" as|strong="H0834" much|strong="H3027" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" should|strong="H0376" decide how|strong="H0834" much|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" by|strong="H3027" thinking about how|strong="H0834" much|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414".

Judges|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3068" Officers for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0834" People|strong="H0376"

<sup>18</sup> "Choose men|strong="H5971" to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" judges|strong="H8199" and|strong="H3068" officers|strong="H7860" in|strong="H0430" every|strong="H3605" town|strong="H8179" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" gives|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834". Every|strong="H3605" tribe|strong="H7626" must|strong="H0853" do|strong="H3605" this|strong="H0834". And|strong="H3068" these|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3068" fair in|strong="H0430" judging|strong="H8199" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". <sup>19</sup> You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3947" always be|strong="H3808" fair. You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3947" not|strong="H3808" favor|strong="H6440" some|strong="H1697" people|strong="H3808" over|strong="H6440" other people|strong="H3808". You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3947" not|strong="H3808" take|strong="H3947" money to|strong="H6440" change your|strong="H3947" mind|strong="H6440" in|strong="H1697" judgment|strong="H4941". Money blinds|strong="H5786" the|strong="H6440" eyes|strong="H5869" of|strong="H1697" wise|strong="H2450" people|strong="H3808" and|strong="H4941" changes what|strong="H1697" a|strong="H3947" good person will|strong="H5869" say|strong="H1697". <sup>20</sup> Goodness and|strong="H3068" Fairness|strong="H6664"! You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" try very hard to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" good and|strong="H3068" fair all the|strong="H0853" time. Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H2421" and|strong="H3068" keep the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0834" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834".

God|strong="H0430" Hates Idols

<sup>21</sup> " When|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" set|strong="H0834" up|strong="H3605" an|strong="H3068" altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" place|strong="H3605" beside|strong="H0681"

the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" wooden |strong="H6086" poles that |strong="H0834" honor the |strong="H3605" god-  
dess |strong="H0430" Asherah |strong="H0842".<sup>22</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" set |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" special stones for |strong="H0430" worshiping false gods |strong="H0430". The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" hates |strong="H8130" them |strong="H8130".

#### Use Only Good Animals for Sacrifices

**17** " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" sacrifice |strong="H2076" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" an |strong="H1961" ox |strong="H7794" or |strong="H3808" sheep |strong="H7716" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" anything |strong="H3605" wrong |strong="H7451" with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H1931". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" would |strong="H3068" hate |strong="H8441" that |strong="H0834".

#### Punishment for |strong="H3588" Worshiping Idols

<sup>2</sup> " You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" hear about an |strong="H5414" evil |strong="H7451" thing |strong="H0259" that |strong="H0834" hap-  
pens |strong="H6213" in |strong="H0430" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" cities |strong="H8179" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giv-  
ing |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" hear that |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" or |strong="H0176" woman |strong="H0802" in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" group has |strong="H3068" sinned against |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" hear that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" bro-  
ken |strong="H5674" his |strong="H5414" agree-  
ment |strong="H1285" or |strong="H0176"<sup>3</sup> that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H7812" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" or |strong="H0176" maybe the |strong="H3605" sun |strong="H8121", the |strong="H3605"

moon |strong="H3394" or |strong="H0176" the |strong="H3605" stars. I |strong="H0834" nev-  
er |strong="H3808" told |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0430" do |strong="H5647" that |strong="H0834"! <sup>4</sup> If |strong="H2009" you |strong="H5046" hear |strong="H8085" bad news like |strong="H3478" this |strong="H2063", you |strong="H5046" must check it |strong="H3559" carefully |strong="H8085". You |strong="H5046" must learn |strong="H8085" if |strong="H2009" it |strong="H3559" is |strong="H2009" true |strong="H0571" that |strong="H8085" this |strong="H2063" terrible thing |strong="H1697" has |strong="H3478" real-  
ly |strong="H0571" happened |strong="H1697" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478". If |strong="H2009" you |strong="H5046" prove that |strong="H8085" it |strong="H3559" is |strong="H2009" true |strong="H0571", <sup>5</sup> you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" punish the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" evil |strong="H7451" thing |strong="H1697". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" take |strong="H3318" that |strong="H0834" man |strong="H0376" or |strong="H0176" woman |strong="H0802" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0176" public place |strong="H2088" near the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H8179" gates |strong="H8179" and |strong="H0376" kill |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" stones |strong="H0068". <sup>6</sup> But |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" should be |strong="H4191" pun-  
ished with |strong="H5921" death |strong="H4191" if |strong="H0176" only |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" witness |strong="H5707" says |strong="H6310" that |strong="H3808" person did |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3808" evil thing |strong="H0259". But |strong="H3808" if |strong="H0176" two |strong="H8147" or |strong="H0176" three |strong="H7969" witness-  
es |strong="H5707" say |strong="H6310" it |strong="H5921" is |strong="H6310" true, the |strong="H5921" person must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191". <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" witnesses |strong="H5707" must |strong="H4191" throw the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" stones to |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" that |strong="H3605" per-  
son |strong="H3027". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" should throw stones to |strong="H4191" finish killing |strong="H4191" that |strong="H3605" person |strong="H3027". In |strong="H4191" this |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605"



will|strong="H1961" remove this|strong="H3605"  
evil|strong="H7451" from|strong="H3027"  
your|strong="H3605" group.

### Difficult Court Decisions

8 " There|strong="H5927" might|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1697" some|strong="H4480" problems  
that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
too|strong="H4480" hard|strong="H6381"  
for|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3068"  
courts|strong="H8179" to|strong="H0413"  
judge|strong="H4941". It|strong="H3588"  
might|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697"  
a|strong="H3588" murder case|strong="H7379"  
or|strong="H4480" an|strong="H4480" argument be-  
tween|strong="H0996" two|strong="H4480" peo-  
ple|strong="H0834". Or|strong="H4480"  
it|strong="H3588" might|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1697" a|strong="H3588" fight  
in|strong="H0413" which|strong="H0834" someone  
was|strong="H0834" hurt. When|strong="H3588"  
these|strong="H0834" cases|strong="H1697"  
are|strong="H0834" argued in|strong="H0413"  
your|strong="H3068" towns|strong="H8179",  
your|strong="H3068" judges|strong="H0430"  
there|strong="H5927" might|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3588" be|strong="H1697" able  
to|strong="H0413" decide|strong="H4941"  
what|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834"  
right|strong="H4941". Then|strong="H6965"  
you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H1818"  
go|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0834" special|strong="H6381"  
place|strong="H4725" that|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
will|strong="H3068" choose|strong="H0977". 9  
You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853"  
go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548"  
who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
Levites|strong="H3881" and|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
judge|strong="H8199" on|strong="H3117" du-  
ty|strong="H1697" at|strong="H0413"  
that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117".  
They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H1961" de-  
cide|strong="H8199" what|strong="H0834"  
to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H0935"  
about|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834" problem.  
10 There|strong="H3068" at|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" special  
place|strong="H4725" they|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H5046"  
you|strong="H0834" their|strong="H3605" decision.  
You|strong="H0834" must do|strong="H6213" what-  
ever|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834"  
say|strong="H6310". Be|strong="H1697" sure

to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H6213" every-  
thing|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0834"  
tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H0834"  
to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H6213". 11  
You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" accept  
their|strong="H5921" decision|strong="H4941"  
and|strong="H4941" follow their|strong="H5921" in-  
structions|strong="H1697" exactly|strong="H0834"—  
don't|strong="H3808" change any-  
thing|strong="H1697"!

12 " You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H4191" pun-  
ish anyone|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" re-  
fuses to|strong="H0413" obey|strong="H8085"  
the|strong="H0853" judge|strong="H8199"  
or|strong="H0176" the|strong="H0853"  
priest|strong="H3548" who|strong="H0834"  
is|strong="H0834" there|strong="H8033"  
at|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834"  
time|strong="H3478" serving|strong="H8334"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".  
That|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0376"  
must|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191".  
You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H4191" remove  
this|strong="H1931" evil|strong="H7451" per-  
son|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478". 13 All|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"  
will|strong="H3808" hear|strong="H8085"  
about|strong="H8085" this|strong="H3605" punish-  
ment and|strong="H8085" be|strong="H3808"  
afraid|strong="H3372". Then|strong="H8085"  
they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" stubborn  
anymore|strong="H5750".

### How to|strong="H8085" Choose a|strong="H8085" King

14 " You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" en-  
ter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
is|strong="H0834" giving|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3423"  
that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776"  
and|strong="H0935" live|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" it|strong="H7760".  
Then|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559",  
' We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
put|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588"  
king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921"  
us|strong="H5414", like|strong="H0834"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" na-  
tions|strong="H1471" around|strong="H5439"  
us|strong="H5414". 15 When|strong="H0834"

that happens, you must be sure to choose the king that the LORD your God chooses. The king over you must be one of your own people. You must not make a foreigner king. <sup>16</sup> The king must not get more horses and more horses for himself. And he must not send people to Egypt to get more horses, because the LORD has told you, 'You must never go back that way.' <sup>17</sup> Also, the king must not have too many wives, because that will turn away from the Lord. And he must not make himself rich with silver and gold.

<sup>18</sup> "When the king begins to rule, he must write a copy of the law for himself in a book. He must make that copy from the

books that the priests from the tribe of Levi keep. <sup>19</sup> He must keep that book with him and read it from it all his life, because he must learn to respect the LORD his God. He must learn to completely obey everything the law commands. Then the king will not think that he is better than any of his own people. He will not turn away from the law, but he will follow it exactly. Then he and his descendants will rule of Israel a long time.

#### Supporting the Priests and Levites

**18** "The tribe of Levi will not get any share of land in Israel. The priests come from that tribe and they will eat the special sacrifices that are offered as gifts to the LORD. That

is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" share |strong="H2506" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H3068" Levi |strong="H3878". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0834" tribe |strong="H0251" of |strong="H3068" Levi will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" get any |strong="H1961" share |strong="H5159" of |strong="H3068" land |strong="H7130" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0251" tribes. Their |strong="H3068" share |strong="H5159" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" himself |strong="H1931", as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" them |strong="H1961".

<sup>3</sup> " When |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5414" kill one |strong="H2088" of |strong="H2077" your |strong="H5414" sheep |strong="H7716" or |strong="H0518" cattle |strong="H7794" for |strong="H4941" a |strong="H1961" sacrifice |strong="H2077", you |strong="H5414" must |strong="H0853" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" these |strong="H2088" parts: the |strong="H0853" shoulder |strong="H2220", both cheeks |strong="H3895", and |strong="H4941" the |strong="H0853" stomach |strong="H6896". <sup>4</sup> You |strong="H5414" must give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" priests the |strong="H5414" first |strong="H7225" part of |strong="H7225" your |strong="H5414" harvest |strong="H1488". You |strong="H5414" must give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" first |strong="H7225" part of |strong="H7225" your |strong="H5414" grain |strong="H1715", your |strong="H5414" new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H8492", and |strong="H6629" your |strong="H5414" oil |strong="H3323". You |strong="H5414" must give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" Levites the |strong="H5414" first |strong="H7225" wool cut from |strong="H1715" your |strong="H5414" sheep |strong="H6629". <sup>5</sup> This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" looked at |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" tribes |strong="H7626" and |strong="H1121" chose |strong="H0977" Levi and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" descendants |strong="H1121" to |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H8334" him |strong="H3605" as |strong="H3068" priests forever |strong="H3117".

<sup>6</sup> " Any |strong="H3605" Levite |strong="H3881" living |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0935" any |strong="H3605" town |strong="H8179" any-

where |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" may |strong="H3068" leave his |strong="H3605" home |strong="H4725" and |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" special place |strong="H4725". He |strong="H0834" may |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H1931" anytime he |strong="H0834" wants. <sup>7</sup> And |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3068" Levite |strong="H3881" may |strong="H0430" serve |strong="H8334" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H8034" as |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" brother |strong="H0251" Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3068" duty before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>8</sup> And |strong="H0398" that |strong="H0001" Levite will |strong="H0001" get an |strong="H5921" equal |strong="H2506" share |strong="H2506" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" other Levites, in |strong="H5921" addition |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" share |strong="H2506" his |strong="H5921" family |strong="H0001" normally gets. <sup>1</sup>

#### Israel Must Not |strong="H0398" Live Like |strong="H0001" Other Nations

<sup>9</sup> " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859", don't |strong="H3808" learn |strong="H3925" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" terrible things |strong="H8441" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1471" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" other nations |strong="H1471" there |strong="H1992" do |strong="H6213". <sup>10</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" sacrifice your |strong="H3808" sons |strong="H1121" or |strong="H3808" daughters |strong="H1323" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3808" fires |strong="H0784" on |strong="H0784" your |strong="H3808" altars. Don't |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H1121" learn what will |strong="H1121" happen |strong="H4672" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3808" future by |strong="H0784" talking to |strong="H1121" a |strong="H4672" fortuneteller

<sup>1</sup> IN ADDITION ... GETS Or "without regard to gifts from family and friends."

or |strong="H3808" by|strong="H0784" going|strong="H4672" to|strong="H1121" a|strong="H4672" magician, a|strong="H4672" witch, or|strong="H3808" a|strong="H4672" sorcerer|strong="H3784". <sup>11</sup> Don't let anyone try to|strong="H0413" put|strong="H4191" magic spells|strong="H2267" on|strong="H0413" other people. Don't let any of|strong="H1875" your|strong="H0413" people become a|strong="H7592" medium|strong="H0178" or|strong="H4191" a|strong="H7592" wizard. And|strong="H4191" no one|strong="H2266" should|strong="H0413" try to|strong="H0413" talk with|strong="H0413" someone|strong="H4191" who|strong="H7592" has died|strong="H4191". <sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" hates anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" does|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H0428". And|strong="H3068" because|strong="H3588" these|strong="H0428" other|strong="H0428" nations do|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0428" terrible things|strong="H0428", the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" force them|strong="H0853" out|strong="H3423" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H6440" as|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" enter it|strong="H3588". <sup>13</sup> You|strong="H5973" must be|strong="H1961" faithful to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", never doing anything he|strong="H0430" considers wrong.

**The|strong="H3068" Lord's|strong="H3068" Special Prophet|strong="H0430"**

<sup>14</sup> " You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" force|strong="H1471" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0428" nations|strong="H1471" out|strong="H3423" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" land. They|strong="H0834" listen|strong="H0805" to|strong="H0413" people|strong="H1471" who|strong="H0834" use|strong="H7080" magic and|strong="H3068" try to|strong="H0413" tell|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" future. But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859" do|strong="H0805" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H0428". <sup>15</sup> The|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" send to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H7130" a|strong="H0805" prophet|strong="H5030". This|strong="H3068" prophet|strong="H5030"

will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H6965" from|strong="H8085" among|strong="H7130" your|strong="H3068" own people|strong="H0805", and|strong="H6965" he|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3644" me|strong="H0413". You|strong="H7130" must listen|strong="H0805" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". <sup>16</sup> God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" send you|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2063" prophet|strong="H0559" because|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H7592" him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H3254". When|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" gathered|strong="H6951" together|strong="H5973" at|strong="H3068" Mount Horeb|strong="H2722", you|strong="H0834" became|strong="H7200" frightened and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", ' Don't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" us|strong="H7200" hear|strong="H0805" the|strong="H3605" voice|strong="H6963" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" again|strong="H5750"! Don't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" us|strong="H7200" see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" great|strong="H1419" fire|strong="H0784" or|strong="H3808" we|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191"!'

<sup>17</sup> " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", ' What|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0413" is|strong="H0834" good|strong="H3190". <sup>18</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" send|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" a|strong="H5414" prophet|strong="H5030" like|strong="H3644" you|strong="H0834". This|strong="H1697" prophet|strong="H5030" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1697" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1697" their|strong="H3605" own people|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H1696" him|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" say|strong="H1696", and|strong="H6965" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" everything|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0834" command|strong="H6680". <sup>19</sup> This|strong="H1697" prophet|strong="H0376" will|strong="H1961" speak|strong="H1696" for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413",

and I will punish anyone who refuses to listen to my commands!

### How to Know False Prophets

<sup>20</sup> "But a prophet might say that I did not tell him to say. And he might tell people that he is speaking for me. If this prophet must be killed. Also a prophet come that speaks for other gods. That prophet must also be killed." <sup>21</sup> You might be thinking, 'How can we know if something a prophet says is from the LORD?' <sup>22</sup> If a prophet says he is speaking for the LORD, but what he says does not happen, you will know that the LORD did not say it. You will know that this prophet was speaking his own ideas.

You don't need to be afraid of him.

### Cities of Safety

**19** "The LORD your God is giving you land that belongs to other nations. The LORD your God will destroy those nations. You will live where these people lived. You will take their cities and their houses. When that happens, <sup>2</sup> you must divide the land that the LORD your God is giving you. Divide it into three parts and choose a city in the middle of each part that can be a place of safety. You must also build good roads to these cities. Then whoever kills another person may run to the closest city of safety.

<sup>4</sup> "This is the rule for someone who kills another person and runs to one of these three cities for safety: It must be someone who killed another person accidentally, not out of hatred. <sup>5</sup> Here is an example: A man goes into the forest with another person to cut wood. The man swings his ax to cut a tree down, but the head of the ax separates

from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" handle |strong="H6086". The |strong="H0853" ax head |strong="H1270" hits the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" person |strong="H3027" and |strong="H0935" kills |strong="H4191" him |strong="H0413". The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H4191" who |strong="H0834" swung the |strong="H0853" ax may |strong="H0834" then |strong="H0853" run |strong="H5127" to |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H3027" these |strong="H0428" three cities |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0935" be |strong="H4191" safe. <sup>6</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" city |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0369" too |strong="H3808" far away |strong="H0310", he |strong="H1931" might |strong="H6435" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0369" run |strong="H7291" there |strong="H0369" fast enough. A |strong="H3588" close |strong="H1350" relative |strong="H1350" of |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3588" person |strong="H5315" he |strong="H1931" killed |strong="H5221" might |strong="H6435" run |strong="H7291" after |strong="H0310" him |strong="H5221" and |strong="H4941" catch |strong="H5381" him |strong="H5221" before |strong="H3808" he |strong="H1931" reaches |strong="H5381" the |strong="H3588" city |strong="H1931". The |strong="H3588" relative |strong="H1350" might |strong="H6435" kill |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3588" man |strong="H5315" in |strong="H5315" anger |strong="H3824", even |strong="H3588" though |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" deserve |strong="H4941" to |strong="H0369" die |strong="H4194" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" mean to |strong="H0369" harm |strong="H5221" anyone |strong="H5315". <sup>7</sup> That |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" why |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0595" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" choose three |strong="H7969" special cities |strong="H5892".

<sup>8</sup> "The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" promised |strong="H1696" your |strong="H3068" fathers |strong="H0001" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776" larger |strong="H7337". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834"

I CLOSE RELATIVE Literally, "avenger of blood." When a person was killed, his relative had to be sure the killer was punished. Also in verse 12.

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1696" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". <sup>9</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" completely |strong="H3605" obey |strong="H6213" his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117"—if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117" live |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870" he |strong="H0834" wants. Then |strong="H0853", when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" gives you |strong="H0834" more |strong="H5750" land, you |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" choose three |strong="H7969" more |strong="H5750" cities |strong="H5892" for |strong="H3588" safety. They |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H5750" added |strong="H3254" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H3117" three |strong="H7969" cities |strong="H5892". <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H1961" innocent |strong="H5355" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" killed in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" guilty for |strong="H5921" any |strong="H1961" such |strong="H0834" deaths.

<sup>11</sup> "But |strong="H3588" suppose |strong="H3588" there |strong="H1961" is |strong="H0376" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" hates |strong="H8130" his |strong="H5921" neighbor |strong="H7453". That |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" might hide |strong="H0693" and |strong="H6965" wait |strong="H0693" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H4191" the |strong="H5921" person |strong="H5315" he |strong="H3588" hates |strong="H8130". If |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" kills |strong="H5221" that |strong="H3588" person |strong="H5315" and |strong="H6965" runs to |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0376" these |strong="H0411" cities |strong="H5892"

of|strong="H0376" safety,<sup>12</sup> the|strong="H0853" elders|strong="H2205" in|strong="H4191" his|strong="H5414" hometown must|strong="H4191" send|strong="H7971" someone|strong="H5414" to|strong="H4191" get|strong="H3947" him|strong="H5414" and|strong="H3027" take|strong="H3947" him|strong="H5414" away|strong="H7971" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3027" safety. These|strong="H3947" leaders|strong="H2205" must|strong="H4191" hand|strong="H3027" him|strong="H5414" over|strong="H3027" to|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" close|strong="H1350" relative|strong="H1350". He|strong="H8033" is|strong="H3027" a|strong="H3947" murderer and|strong="H3027" he|strong="H8033" must|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191".<sup>13</sup> Don't|strong="H3808" feel|strong="H5869" sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921". He|strong="H3808" is|strong="H2896" guilty of|strong="H5869" killing|strong="H1818" an|strong="H5921" innocent|strong="H5355" person|strong="H1818", and|strong="H3478" you|strong="H5921" must|strong="H3808" remove that|strong="H3808" guilt|strong="H1818" from|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478". Then|strong="H3808" everything will|strong="H3478" go well|strong="H2896" for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921".

#### Property Lines

<sup>14</sup> " You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" move|strong="H5253" the|strong="H0834" stones that|strong="H0834" mark your|strong="H3068" neighbor's|strong="H7453" property|strong="H5159". People|strong="H0834" put|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" there|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" past|strong="H7223" to|strong="H3068" mark each person's property|strong="H5159". These|strong="H0834" stones mark the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834".

#### Witnesses

<sup>15</sup> " If|strong="H0834" someone|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0834" accused of|strong="H0376" doing something|strong="H1697" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" law, one|strong="H0259" witness|strong="H5707" is|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" enough to|strong="H5921" prove that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" per-

son|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0834" guilty|strong="H5771". There|strong="H3605" must|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" two|strong="H8147" or|strong="H0176" three|strong="H7969" witnesses|strong="H5707" to|strong="H5921" prove that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" person|strong="H0376" really did|strong="H0834" wrong|strong="H5771".

<sup>16</sup> " A|strong="H3588" witness|strong="H5707" might try to|strong="H0376" hurt another|strong="H0376" person|strong="H0376" by|strong="H6965" lying and|strong="H6965" saying that|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" person|strong="H0376" did|strong="H0376" wrong|strong="H2555".<sup>17</sup> If|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" happens|strong="H1961", both|strong="H8147" of|strong="H0376" them|strong="H1992" must go|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440" LORD'S|strong="H3068" special house and|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" judged|strong="H8199" by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3068" judges|strong="H8199" who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" on|strong="H3117" duty at|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117".<sup>18</sup> When|strong="H2009" the|strong="H1875" judges|strong="H8199" carefully|strong="H1875" ask|strong="H1875" their|strong="H1875" questions, they might find that|strong="H2009" the|strong="H1875" witness|strong="H5707" lied against the|strong="H1875" other|strong="H0251" person|strong="H8199". If|strong="H2009" the|strong="H1875" witnesses|strong="H5707" tell lies|strong="H8267",<sup>19</sup> you|strong="H0834" must punish them|strong="H6213" with|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" same punishment the|strong="H0834" other|strong="H0251" person would|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" received. In|strong="H7130" this|strong="H0834" way you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remove this|strong="H0834" evil|strong="H7451" from|strong="H0251" your|strong="H0834" group.<sup>20</sup> Other|strong="H2088" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1697" hear|strong="H8085" about|strong="H1697" this|strong="H2088" and|strong="H1697" be|strong="H5750" afraid|strong="H3372", and|strong="H1697" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1697" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H1697" like|strong="H3808" that|strong="H8085" again|strong="H5750".

<sup>21</sup> " Don't|strong="H3808" feel|strong="H5869" sorry|strong="H2347" about punishing someone|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" does|strong="H3808" wrong. If a|strong="H3808"

life |strong="H5315" is |strong="H5315" taken, a |strong="H3808" life |strong="H5315" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" paid |strong="H3027" for |strong="H3027" it |strong="H3808". The |strong="H3027" rule |strong="H3027" is |strong="H5315" an eye |strong="H5869" for |strong="H3027" an eye |strong="H5869", a |strong="H3808" tooth |strong="H8127" for |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3808" tooth |strong="H8127", a |strong="H3808" hand |strong="H3027" for |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3808" hand |strong="H3027", a |strong="H3808" foot |strong="H7272" for |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3808" foot |strong="H7272"—the |strong="H3027" punishment |strong="H3027" must |strong="H3808" equal the |strong="H3027" crime.

### Rules for War

**20** " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5921" battle |strong="H4421" against |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341", and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" see |strong="H7200" horses |strong="H5483", chariots |strong="H7393", and |strong="H3068" many |strong="H7227" more |strong="H4480" people |strong="H5971" than |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0776", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0776" them |strong="H1992". The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588"— and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3588" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H3588" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>2</sup> " When |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0413" go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H4421", the |strong="H0413" priest |strong="H3548" must go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" soldiers |strong="H4421" and |strong="H3548" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0559" priest will |strong="H3478" say |strong="H0559", ' Men |strong="H3478" of |strong="H3117" Israel |strong="H3478", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"! Today |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3117" going against |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" enemies |strong="H0341" in |strong="H5921" battle |strong="H4421". Don't |strong="H0408"

lose |strong="H7401" your |strong="H5921" courage |strong="H3824". Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" troubled or |strong="H0408" upset. Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" enemy |strong="H0341". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" going |strong="H1980" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H1980" help |strong="H3467" you |strong="H3588" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5973" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H3467" you |strong="H3588" win!

<sup>5</sup> " The |strong="H0559" Levite officials |strong="H7860" will |strong="H4310" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" soldiers |strong="H0376", ' Is |strong="H0834" there |strong="H0834" any |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" here |strong="H4191" who |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" a |strong="H1129" new |strong="H2319" house |strong="H1004" but |strong="H3808" has |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3808" dedicated |strong="H2596" it |strong="H7725"? That |strong="H0834" man |strong="H0376" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0834" might |strong="H6435" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" battle |strong="H4421", and |strong="H7725" then |strong="H1696" another |strong="H0312" person |strong="H0376" will |strong="H4310" dedicate |strong="H2596" that |strong="H0834" man's |strong="H0376" house |strong="H1004". <sup>6</sup> Is |strong="H0834" there |strong="H0834" any |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" here |strong="H4191" who |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" planted |strong="H5193" a |strong="H0834" vineyard |strong="H3754" but |strong="H3808" has |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3808" gathered any |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" grapes? That |strong="H0834" man |strong="H0376" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H1004". If |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" man |strong="H0376" dies |strong="H4191" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" battle |strong="H4421", someone |strong="H0376" else |strong="H6435" will |strong="H4310" enjoy the |strong="H0834" fruit from |strong="H7725" his |strong="H7725" field. <sup>7</sup> Is |strong="H0834"



there |strong="H0834" any |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" here |strong="H4191" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" engaged |strong="H0781" to |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" married |strong="H3947"? That |strong="H0834" man |strong="H0376" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H1004". If |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" dies |strong="H4191" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" battle |strong="H4421", another |strong="H0312" man |strong="H0376" will |strong="H4310" marry |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0834" woman |strong="H0802" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" engaged |strong="H0781" to |strong="H4191"!

<sup>8</sup> " These |strong="H1696" Levite officials |strong="H7860" must |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971", ' Is |strong="H4310" there |strong="H7725" any |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" here who |strong="H4310" has |strong="H4310" lost his |strong="H7725" courage |strong="H3824" and |strong="H7725" is |strong="H4310" afraid |strong="H3373"? He |strong="H3808" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H1004". Then |strong="H1696" he |strong="H3808" will |strong="H4310" not |strong="H3808" cause |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0251" soldiers |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" lose |strong="H4549" their |strong="H7725" courage |strong="H3824" too |strong="H3808"! <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H1961", after |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" officers |strong="H8269" have |strong="H1961" finished |strong="H3615" speaking |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" army |strong="H6635", they |strong="H5971" must choose captains |strong="H8269" to |strong="H0413" lead |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" soldiers |strong="H5971".

<sup>10</sup> " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" go |strong="H7126" to |strong="H0413" attack |strong="H3898" a |strong="H3588" city |strong="H5892", you |strong="H3588" must first offer |strong="H7126" peace |strong="H7965" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" people there |strong="H7965". <sup>11</sup> If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" accept your |strong="H3605" offer |strong="H6030" and |strong="H7965" open |strong="H6605" their |strong="H3605" gates, all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H4672" that |strong="H3605" city will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3605"

slaves |strong="H5647" and |strong="H7965" be |strong="H1961" forced |strong="H4522" to |strong="H1961" work |strong="H5647" for |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0518". <sup>12</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H5921" city refuses to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" peace with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0518" and |strong="H4421" fights against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0518", you |strong="H0518" should |strong="H0518" surround the |strong="H5921" city. <sup>13</sup> And |strong="H3068" when |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" lets you |strong="H5414" take |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" city, you |strong="H5414" must |strong="H0853" kill |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0430" it |strong="H5414". <sup>14</sup> But |strong="H7535" you |strong="H0834" may |strong="H1961" take |strong="H0962" for |strong="H3605" yourselves |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802", the |strong="H3605" children |strong="H2945", the |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H0929", and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" else |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892". You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H1961" use |strong="H0398" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834". <sup>15</sup> That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H4480" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3966" far |strong="H7350" from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H0834"— the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" in |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" land where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" live.

<sup>16</sup> " But |strong="H7535" when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" take |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H5159" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834",

you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" kill every-one |strong="H3605". <sup>17</sup> You |strong="H0834" must completely |strong="H2763" destroy |strong="H2763" all the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834"—the |strong="H0834" Hittites |strong="H2850", Amor-ites |strong="H0567", Canaanites |strong="H3669", Perizzites |strong="H6522", Hivites |strong="H2340", and |strong="H3068" Jebusites |strong="H2983". The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6680" this |strong="H3588". <sup>18</sup> So |strong="H4616" then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3925" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" or |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" terrible things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" when |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" worship their |strong="H3605" gods |strong="H0430".

<sup>19</sup> " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3117" making |strong="H3772" war against |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3588" city |strong="H5892", you |strong="H3588" might sur-round that |strong="H3588" city |strong="H5892" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" cut |strong="H3772" down |strong="H3772" the |strong="H0853" fruit |strong="H4480" trees |strong="H6086" around |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" city |strong="H5892". You |strong="H3588" may |strong="H0120" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" fruit |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" these trees |strong="H6086", but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" cut |strong="H3772" them |strong="H0413" down |strong="H3772". These trees |strong="H6086" are |strong="H3117" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" enemy, so |strong="H4480" don't |strong="H3808" make |strong="H3772" war against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0413". <sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0834" cut |strong="H3772" down |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0853" trees |strong="H6086" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808"

fruit |strong="H3978" trees |strong="H6086". You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0834" use |strong="H1931" these |strong="H1931" trees |strong="H6086" to |strong="H5704" build |strong="H1129" weapons |strong="H4421" for |strong="H3588" making |strong="H3772" war |strong="H4421" against |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892". You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0834" use |strong="H1931" them |strong="H0853" un-till |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" falls |strong="H3381".

#### If Someone Is Found Murdered

**21** " In |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834", you |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" find |strong="H4672" a |strong="H3588" dead |strong="H2491" body in |strong="H0430" a |strong="H3588" field |strong="H7704", but |strong="H3588" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" knows |strong="H3045" who |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" that |strong="H0834" per-son |strong="H3045". <sup>2</sup> Your |strong="H0834" lead-ers |strong="H2205" and |strong="H3318" judges |strong="H8199" must come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3318" mea-sure |strong="H4058" the |strong="H0834" distance to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" towns |strong="H5892" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H2491" body. <sup>3</sup> When |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" learn which |strong="H0834" town |strong="H5892" is |strong="H0834" nearest |strong="H7138" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H2491" body, the |strong="H0834" lead-ers |strong="H2205" of |strong="H2205" that |strong="H0834" town |strong="H5892" must |strong="H3947" take |strong="H3947" a |strong="H1961" cow from |strong="H3947" their |strong="H3947" herds |strong="H1241". It |strong="H1931" must |strong="H3947" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" cow that |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" had |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" calf |strong="H5697" and |strong="H1241" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" nev-er |strong="H3808" been |strong="H1961" used |strong="H1961" for |strong="H0413" work |strong="H5647". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0853" lead-ers |strong="H2205" of |strong="H2205" that |strong="H0834" town |strong="H5892" must |strong="H0853" then |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0853" cow

down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0834" valley |strong="H5158" with |strong="H0413" running |strong="H0386" water |strong="H0386". It |strong="H1931" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H0834" valley |strong="H5158" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" been |strong="H0834" plowed |strong="H5647" or |strong="H3808" had |strong="H0834" anything |strong="H3808" planted |strong="H2232" in |strong="H0413" it |strong="H1931". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H2205" must |strong="H0853" break |strong="H6202" the |strong="H0853" cow's neck |strong="H6202" there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" valley |strong="H5158". <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", the |strong="H3605" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3878", must |strong="H1121" also |strong="H3068" go |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961". ( The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" chosen |strong="H0977" these |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" to |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H8334" him |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H1961" bless |strong="H1288" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" decide who |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3068" right in |strong="H5921" every |strong="H3605" lawsuit |strong="H7379" and |strong="H1121" whenever |strong="H3605" someone is |strong="H3068" hurt.) <sup>6</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" nearest |strong="H7138" the |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H2491" body must |strong="H0853" wash |strong="H7364" their |strong="H3605" hands |strong="H3027" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" cow that |strong="H3605" had |strong="H0853" its |strong="H3605" neck |strong="H6202" broken |strong="H6202" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" valley |strong="H5158". <sup>7</sup> These |strong="H2088" leaders must |strong="H0853" say |strong="H0559", ' We |strong="H7200" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H8210" this |strong="H2088" person |strong="H3027", and |strong="H3027" we |strong="H7200" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200" it |strong="H7200" happen. <sup>8</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0834" saved

your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" Israel |strong="H3478". Now |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" pure. Don't |strong="H0408" blame us |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3068" killing |strong="H1818" an |strong="H5414" innocent |strong="H5355" person |strong="H1818". In |strong="H3068" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6299" these |strong="H1992" men |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" blamed for |strong="H3068" killing |strong="H1818" an |strong="H5414" innocent |strong="H5355" person |strong="H1818". <sup>9</sup> In |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3588" way you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" remove that |strong="H3588" guilt |strong="H1818" from |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" group by |strong="H3068" doing |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3477" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

#### Women Captured in |strong="H3068" War

<sup>10</sup> " You |strong="H3588" might |strong="H3068" fight |strong="H4421" against |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" might |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3318" them |strong="H5414" as |strong="H3068" captives |strong="H7628". <sup>11</sup> You |strong="H7200" might see |strong="H7200" a |strong="H3947" beautiful |strong="H3303" woman |strong="H0802" among |strong="H3303" the |strong="H7200" captives |strong="H7633" who |strong="H0802" you |strong="H7200" want to |strong="H7200" be your |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802". <sup>12</sup> You |strong="H6213" must |strong="H0853" then |strong="H0853" bring |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0413" into |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0935" house |strong="H1004" where |strong="H0413" she will |strong="H1004" shave |strong="H1548" her |strong="H0413" head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H0935" cut |strong="H1548" her |strong="H0413" nails |strong="H6856". <sup>13</sup> She |strong="H0517" must |strong="H0853" change her |strong="H0413" clothes |strong="H8071" and |strong="H0935" take |strong="H5493" off |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" clothes |strong="H8071" she |strong="H0517" was |strong="H1961" wearing when |strong="H1961" she |strong="H0517" was |strong="H1961" captured in |strong="H3427" war. She |strong="H0517" will |strong="H1961" stay |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004"

and **be** sad about losing her father and her mother for a full month. After that you may go to her to be her husband, and she will be your wife. <sup>14</sup> If you are not pleased with and choose to divorce her, set her free. You cannot sell her. You had sexual relations with her, so you must not treat her like a slave.

#### The **Oldest Son**

<sup>15</sup> A man might have two wives. He might love one wife more than the other. Both wives have children for him, but the first-born son might be from the wife he does not love. <sup>16</sup> When a man divides his property among his children, he cannot give the rights of the first-born to

the son of his favorite wife. <sup>17</sup> The man must accept the firstborn son from the wife he does not love. The man must give his son a double share of everything he owns because that son is his first child. The right of the first-born belongs to that son.

#### **Children Who Refuse to Obey**

<sup>18</sup> A man might have a son who is stubborn and refuses to obey. This son does not obey his father or mother. They punish the son, but he still refuses to listen to them. <sup>19</sup> His father and mother must then take him to the leaders of the town at the town meeting place. <sup>20</sup> They must say to the leaders of the town: 'Our son is stubborn and refuses to obey. He does not

do|strong="H8085" anything we|strong="H8085"  
 tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413"  
 to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H8085".  
 He|strong="H0559" eats and|strong="H1121"  
 he|strong="H0559" drinks too much.<sup>21</sup>  
 Then|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605"  
 men|strong="H0376" in|strong="H3478"  
 the|strong="H3605" town|strong="H5892"  
 must|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191"  
 the|strong="H3605" son with|strong="H0376"  
 stones|strong="H0068". By|strong="H3478" do-  
 ing|strong="H7451" this|strong="H3605"  
 you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3478" remove  
 this|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H7451"  
 from|strong="H0376" your|strong="H3605" group.  
 Everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3478" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478"  
 hear|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085"  
 this|strong="H3605" and|strong="H3478"  
 be|strong="H4191" afraid|strong="H3372".

**Criminals Killed|strong="H4191" and|strong="H3478"  
 Hanged on|strong="H4191" a|strong="H8085" Tree**

<sup>22</sup> " A|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" might  
 be|strong="H1961" guilty of|strong="H0376"  
 a|strong="H1961" sin|strong="H2399"  
 that|strong="H3588" must|strong="H4191"  
 be|strong="H1961" punished by|strong="H5921"  
 death|strong="H4191". People|strong="H0376" might  
 kill|strong="H4191" him|strong="H5921"  
 and|strong="H4941" hang|strong="H8518"  
 his|strong="H5921" body|strong="H4191"  
 on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961"  
 tree|strong="H6086".<sup>23</sup> You|strong="H0834"  
 must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808"  
 let|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834"  
 body|strong="H5038" stay|strong="H3885"  
 on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
 tree|strong="H6086" overnight. You|strong="H0834"  
 must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3808" sure  
 to|strong="H5921" bury|strong="H6912"  
 this|strong="H1931" man on|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H1931"  
 day|strong="H3117", because|strong="H3588"  
 the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H3808"  
 who|strong="H0834" hangs|strong="H8518"  
 on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3588"  
 tree|strong="H6086" is|strong="H0834" cursed  
 by|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0430",  
 and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834"  
 must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808"  
 let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853"  
 land|strong="H0127" that|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
 is|strong="H0834" giving|strong="H5414"  
 you|strong="H0834" become|strong="H2930" un-  
 clean|strong="H2930".

**Other Laws**

<sup>22</sup> " If|strong="H0176" you|strong="H7725"  
 see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200"  
 your|strong="H7200" neighbor's ox|strong="H7794"  
 or|strong="H0176" sheep|strong="H7716"  
 is|strong="H0251" loose, you|strong="H7725"  
 must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" ig-  
 nore|strong="H5956" it|strong="H7725".  
 Be|strong="H3808" sure to|strong="H7725"  
 take|strong="H7725" it|strong="H7725"  
 back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725"  
 its|strong="H0853" owner.<sup>2</sup> If|strong="H0518"  
 the|strong="H0853" owner does|strong="H3808"  
 not|strong="H3808" live|strong="H7138"  
 near|strong="H7138" you|strong="H0518"  
 or|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518"  
 you|strong="H0518" don't|strong="H3808"  
 know|strong="H3045" who|strong="H0251"  
 it|strong="H0518" belongs|strong="H1961"  
 to|strong="H0413", take|strong="H7725"  
 the|strong="H0853" ox or|strong="H0518" sheep  
 to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3045"  
 house|strong="H1004". Keep it|strong="H0518"  
 there|strong="H1961" until|strong="H5704"  
 the|strong="H0853" owner comes|strong="H1961"  
 looking|strong="H1961" for|strong="H0413"  
 it|strong="H0518"; then|strong="H1961"  
 give|strong="H7725" it|strong="H0518"  
 back|strong="H7725".<sup>3</sup> You|strong="H0834"  
 must|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213"  
 the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H3651"  
 thing|strong="H3651" when|strong="H0834"  
 you|strong="H0834" find|strong="H4672" any-  
 thing|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834"  
 your|strong="H3605" neighbor  
 might|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
 lost|strong="H0006". Don't|strong="H3808" try selling  
 it|strong="H3651" to|strong="H3201"  
 your|strong="H3605" neighbor—  
 you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808"  
 give|strong="H0006" it|strong="H3651" back.  
<sup>4</sup> " If|strong="H0176" your|strong="H7200" neigh-  
 bor's donkey|strong="H2543" or|strong="H0176"  
 ox|strong="H7794" has|strong="H0251" fall-  
 en|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307"  
 on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853"  
 road|strong="H1870", you|strong="H5973"  
 must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" ig-  
 nore|strong="H5956" it|strong="H7200".  
 You|strong="H5973" must|strong="H0853"  
 help|strong="H6965" your|strong="H7200" neighbor  
 lift|strong="H6965" it|strong="H7200"  
 up|strong="H6965" again|strong="H6965".  
<sup>5</sup> " A|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H0802"  
 must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
 wear|strong="H3847" men's|strong="H1397"  
 clothes|strong="H8071", and|strong="H3068"

a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H1397" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" wear |strong="H3847" women's clothes |strong="H8071". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" disgusting |strong="H8441" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

6 " You |strong="H3588" might |strong="H1121" be |strong="H3808" walking along |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3947" path |strong="H1870" and |strong="H1121" find |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" bird's |strong="H6833" nest |strong="H7064" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3947" tree |strong="H6086" or |strong="H0176" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776". If |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" mother |strong="H0517" bird |strong="H6833" is |strong="H0776" sitting |strong="H7257" with |strong="H5921" her |strong="H3605" baby |strong="H1121" birds |strong="H6833" or |strong="H0176" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" eggs |strong="H1000", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" mother |strong="H0517" bird |strong="H6833" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" babies. 7 You |strong="H7971" may |strong="H1121" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" babies for |strong="H4616" yourself, but |strong="H3947" you |strong="H7971" must |strong="H0853" let |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" mother |strong="H0517" go |strong="H7971". If |strong="H1121" you |strong="H7971" obey these |strong="H3947" laws, things will |strong="H1121" go |strong="H7971" well |strong="H3190" for |strong="H4616" you |strong="H7971", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H7971" will |strong="H1121" live |strong="H0748" a |strong="H3947" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117".

8 " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" build |strong="H1129" a |strong="H3588" new |strong="H2319" house |strong="H1004", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" build |strong="H1129" a |strong="H3588" wall around your |strong="H7760" roof |strong="H1406".<sup>I</sup> Then |strong="H5307" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" guilty for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" death |strong="H1818" of |strong="H1004" a |strong="H3588" person |strong="H1818" who |strong="H3588"

falls |strong="H5307" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3588" house |strong="H1004".

**Things |strong="H2319" That |strong="H3588" Must |strong="H3808" Not |strong="H3808" Be |strong="H3808" Put |strong="H7760" Together**

9 " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" plant |strong="H2232" seeds |strong="H2233" of |strong="H2233" grain |strong="H2233" in |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0834" same fields as |strong="H0834" your |strong="H0834" grapevines. Why |strong="H0834"? Because |strong="H0834" then |strong="H3808" they |strong="H0834" become |strong="H6942" useless<sup>II</sup>—both the |strong="H0834" grapes and |strong="H3754" the |strong="H0834" grain |strong="H2233" produced by |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0834" seeds |strong="H2233" you |strong="H0834" planted |strong="H2232".

10 " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" plow |strong="H2790" with an ox |strong="H7794" and |strong="H7794" a |strong="H3808" donkey |strong="H2543" together |strong="H3162".

11 " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" wear |strong="H3847" clothes |strong="H3847" made by |strong="H3808" weaving together |strong="H3162" wool |strong="H6785" and |strong="H3808" linen |strong="H6593".

12 " Tie several pieces of |strong="H5921" thread together |strong="H5921". Then |strong="H6213" put these |strong="H0834" tassels |strong="H1434"<sup>III</sup> on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" four |strong="H0702" corners |strong="H3671" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" robes you |strong="H0834" wear.

### Marriage Laws

13 " A |strong="H3947" man |strong="H0376" might marry |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" woman |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0376" sexual |strong="H3947" relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H3588" might decide that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" does not |strong="H3588" like |strong="H0376" her |strong="H0413".<sup>14</sup> He |strong="H3808" might accuse |strong="H7760" her |strong="H0413" of |strong="H1697" doing |strong="H7451" wrong |strong="H7451" and |strong="H0802"

<sup>I</sup> WALL AROUND YOUR ROOF In ancient Israel, houses had flat roofs that were used as an extra room. This law made the roof a safer place.

<sup>II</sup> THEY BECOME USELESS Literally, "they become holy." This means these things belonged only to God, so they couldn't be used by the people. <sup>III</sup> TASSELS These pieces of string were made from different materials, so they became holy. This helped the people remember God and his commands.

say|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H7760" married|strong="H3947" this|strong="H2063" woman|strong="H0802", but|strong="H3808" when|strong="H3318" we|strong="H1697" had|strong="H0853" sexual|strong="H3947" relations|strong="H0413", I|strong="H7760" found|strong="H4672" she|strong="H3808" was|strong="H8034" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3947" virgin|strong="H1331".<sup>I</sup> By|strong="H5921" saying|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2063" against|strong="H5921" her|strong="H0413", people|strong="H3808" might think|strong="H0559" bad|strong="H7451" things|strong="H1697" about|strong="H5921" her|strong="H0413".<sup>15</sup> If this happens, the|strong="H0853" girl's|strong="H5291" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0001" mother|strong="H0517" must|strong="H0853" bring|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" proof that|strong="H0001" the|strong="H0853" girl|strong="H5291" was|strong="H0001" a|strong="H3947" virgin|strong="H1331" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" town|strong="H8179" elders|strong="H2205" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" meeting place of|strong="H0001" the|strong="H0853" town|strong="H8179".<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0853" girl's|strong="H5291" father|strong="H0001" must|strong="H0853" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H2205", ' I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" daughter|strong="H1323" to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2088" man|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0376" his|strong="H5414" wife|strong="H0802", but|strong="H0376" now|strong="H2088" he|strong="H5414" does|strong="H2088" not|strong="H2088" want her|strong="H0413".<sup>17</sup> This|strong="H0428" man|strong="H2205" accused my|strong="H7760" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323" doing wrong and|strong="H6440" said|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H2009" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" find|strong="H4672" the|strong="H0559" proof that|strong="H1931" your|strong="H7760" daughter|strong="H1323" is|strong="H1931" a|strong="H7760" virgin|strong="H1331".<sup>I</sup> But|strong="H3808" here|strong="H2009" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0559" proof that|strong="H1931" my|strong="H7760" daughter|strong="H1323" was|strong="H1931" a|strong="H7760" virgin|strong="H1331".<sup>I</sup> Then|strong="H2009" they|strong="H3808" should|strong="H0559" show|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0559" cloth|strong="H8071"<sup>I</sup>

I CLOTH The bloodstained bed cover that the bride kept from her wedding night to prove she was a virgin when she married.

to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" town|strong="H5892" leaders|strong="H2205".<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H0376" that|strong="H1931" town|strong="H5892" must|strong="H0853" take|strong="H3947" that|strong="H1931" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" punish|strong="H3256" him|strong="H0853".<sup>19</sup> They|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" fine|strong="H3701" him|strong="H5414" 40 ounces of|strong="H3117" silver|strong="H3701".<sup>II</sup> They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" money|strong="H3701" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" girl's|strong="H5291" father|strong="H0001" because|strong="H3588" her|strong="H3605" husband brought|strong="H3318" shame to|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" Israelite|strong="H3478" girl|strong="H5291". And|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" girl|strong="H5291" will|strong="H1961" continue|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" man's|strong="H0802" wife|strong="H0802". He|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" divorce|strong="H7971" her|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" rest|strong="H1961" of|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3605" life|strong="H3117".

<sup>20</sup> " But|strong="H0518" what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0518" husband said|strong="H1697" about|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" wife might be|strong="H1961" true|strong="H0571". The|strong="H0518" wife's parents might not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0518" proof that|strong="H1697" she|strong="H0518" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" virgin|strong="H1331". If|strong="H0518" this|strong="H2088" happens|strong="H1961",<sup>21</sup> the|strong="H0853" town|strong="H5892" leaders|strong="H0001" must|strong="H4191" bring|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" girl|strong="H5291" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" door|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1004" her|strong="H0413" father's|strong="H0001" house|strong="H1004". Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" town|strong="H5892" must|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191" her|strong="H0413" with|strong="H0413" stones|strong="H0068", because|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3478" done|strong="H6213"

II 40 OUNCES OF SILVER This is probably twice the amount of money that a man usually paid the father of the bride to seal the marriage agreement. See Deuteronomy 22:29.

a |strong="H3588" shameful thing |strong="H5039" in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478". She |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3478" acted |strong="H6213" like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3588" prostitute |strong="H2181" in |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" father's |strong="H0001" house |strong="H1004". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H4191" remove |strong="H5619" this |strong="H3588" evil |strong="H7451" from |strong="H3318" your |strong="H3588" group.

### Sexual Sins

22 " If |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" is |strong="H1571" found |strong="H4672" having |strong="H3588" sexual |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" another |strong="H0376" man's |strong="H0376" wife |strong="H0802", both |strong="H8147" of |strong="H0376" them |strong="H4672" must |strong="H4191" die |strong="H4191"— the |strong="H3588" woman |strong="H0802" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" had |strong="H3478" sexual |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" her |strong="H0802". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H4191" remove this |strong="H3588" evil |strong="H7451" from |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478".

23 " A |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" might meet |strong="H4672" a |strong="H1961" virgin |strong="H1330" girl |strong="H5291" engaged |strong="H0781" to |strong="H1961" another |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376". He |strong="H3588" might have |strong="H1961" sexual |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" her |strong="H1961". If |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" happens |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3588" city |strong="H5892", 24 you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" bring |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0413" both |strong="H8147" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" public place near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H0376" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892", and |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" stones |strong="H0068". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376", because |strong="H5921" he |strong="H0834" used another |strong="H7453" man's |strong="H0376" wife |strong="H0802" for |strong="H5921" sexual sin. And |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834"

must |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" girl |strong="H5291", because |strong="H5921" she |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" but |strong="H3808" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" call for |strong="H5921" help. You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191" remove |strong="H5619" this |strong="H1931" evil |strong="H7451" from |strong="H3318" your |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376".

25 " But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" man |strong="H0376" finds |strong="H4672" an |strong="H0376" engaged |strong="H0781" girl |strong="H5291" out |strong="H2388" in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704" and |strong="H0376" forces |strong="H2388" her |strong="H0518" to |strong="H4191" have |strong="H0834" sexual |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H0853", only |strong="H0905" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" must |strong="H4191" die |strong="H4191". 26 You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" girl |strong="H5291". She |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" nothing |strong="H3808" that |strong="H0834" deserves the |strong="H0834" punishment of |strong="H0376" death |strong="H4194". This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0369" like |strong="H3651" someone |strong="H0376" attacking their |strong="H5921" neighbor |strong="H7453" and |strong="H6965" killing them |strong="H5921". 27 The |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0369" found |strong="H4672" the |strong="H3588" engaged |strong="H0781" girl |strong="H5291" out |strong="H4672" in |strong="H4672" the |strong="H3588" field |strong="H7704" and |strong="H7704" attacked her |strong="H3588". Maybe she |strong="H3588" called |strong="H6817" for |strong="H3588" help |strong="H3467", but |strong="H3588" there |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" help |strong="H3467" her |strong="H3588".

28 " A |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" might |strong="H0834" find |strong="H4672" a |strong="H3588" virgin |strong="H1330" girl |strong="H5291" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" engaged |strong="H0781" and |strong="H0376" force her |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0834" sexual |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973". If |strong="H3588" oth-



er |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" see |strong="H0834" this |strong="H3588" happen |strong="H4672", <sup>29</sup> he |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" pay |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" girl's |strong="H5291" father |strong="H0001" 20 ounces of |strong="H0376" silver |strong="H3701". <sup>1</sup> And |strong="H3701" the |strong="H3605" girl |strong="H5291" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" man's |strong="H0376" wife |strong="H0802", because |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" used |strong="H1961" her |strong="H3605" for |strong="H8478" sexual |strong="H7901" sin. He |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" divorce |strong="H7971" her |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" life |strong="H3117".

<sup>30</sup> "A man must not bring shame to his father by marrying his father's wife.

### People Who Cannot Join in Worship

**23** " A |strong="H3947" man |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" crushed testicle or |strong="H3808" part of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3947" sex organ cut off |strong="H1540" may |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" join with |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Israel to |strong="H0376" worship the |strong="H0853" LORD. <sup>2</sup> If a |strong="H3772" man's parents were not |strong="H3808" legally married, that |strong="H3068" man may |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" join with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0935" men |strong="H3772" of |strong="H3068" Israel to |strong="H0935" worship the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068". And |strong="H0935" none |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" descendants to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" tenth generation— may |strong="H3068" join in |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3068" group.

<sup>3</sup> " An |strong="H0935" Ammonite or |strong="H3808" Moabite may |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" join with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0935" men of |strong="H3068" Israel when |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3808" gather to |strong="H0935" worship the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068". And |strong="H0935" none |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" descendants, to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" tenth |strong="H6224" generation |strong="H1755", may |strong="H3068" join in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" worship of |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> 20 OUNCES OF SILVER This money became the dowry, the money a man paid to a woman's father to seal the marriage agreement. Often the father saved this money to take care of the woman if something happened to her husband.

the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0935" Ammonites |strong="H5984" and |strong="H0935" Moabites |strong="H4125" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5704" bread and |strong="H0935" water on |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" trip at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0935" time |strong="H5769" you |strong="H5704" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" Egypt. They |strong="H1992" also |strong="H1571" tried to |strong="H0935" hire Balaam, the |strong="H0935" son of |strong="H3068" Beor from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Mesopotamian city of |strong="H3068" Pethor, to |strong="H0935" curse you |strong="H5704". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" LORD your |strong="H5921" God |strong="H3808" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H3318" what |strong="H0834" Balaam |strong="H1109" asked |strong="H1697". Instead |strong="H3808", the |strong="H0853" LORD changed the |strong="H0853" curse |strong="H7043" into |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0834" blessing for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834", because |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD your |strong="H5921" God |strong="H3808" loves you |strong="H0834". <sup>6</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" never |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H8085" peace |strong="H1293" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Ammonites or |strong="H3808" Moabites. As |strong="H3068" long |strong="H0413" as |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" live, don't |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" friendly to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".

People |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" Israelites Must |strong="H0853" Accept |strong="H0014"

<sup>7</sup> " You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" hate Edomites, because |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3605" relatives. You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" hate Egyptians, because |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3808" stranger in |strong="H3117" their |strong="H3605" land. <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H3588" children of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" third generation born |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" Edomites |strong="H0130" and |strong="H0776" Egyptians |strong="H4713" may |strong="H1961" join with |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0776" Israel to |strong="H1961" worship the |strong="H3588" LORD.

### Keeping the Army Camp Clean

9 "When your army goes to fight against your enemies, stay away from everything that would make you unclean. <sup>10</sup> If there is any man who is unclean because he had a flow of semen during the night, he must go out of camp. He must stay away from camp. <sup>11</sup> Then, when evening comes, the man must bathe himself in water. And the sun goes down, he may come into camp again. <sup>12</sup> You must have a place outside the camp where people can go to relieve themselves. <sup>13</sup> Among your weapons, you must also carry a stick to dig with. Then, when you relieve yourself, you must dig a hole and cover it up. <sup>14</sup> This is because the LORD your God is with you there with you in camp to save you and help

you defeat your enemies. So the camp must be holy. Then he will not see something disgusting and leave you.

### Other Laws

<sup>15</sup> If slaves run away and come to you, don't force them to go back to their masters. <sup>16</sup> Runaway slaves may live with you wherever they like in whatever city they choose. You must not trouble them.

<sup>17</sup> "An Israelite man or woman must never become a temple prostitute. <sup>18</sup> The money earned by a prostitute, either a male or female, must not be brought to the special house of the LORD your God. That money cannot be used to pay for a gift that was promised to the LORD your God, because that kind of sin is disgusting to him.

<sup>19</sup> "When you loan something to another Israelite, you must not charge interest. Don't charge interest on money, on food, or anything that may earn interest. <sup>20</sup>

You *may* *charge* *to* *But* *must* *charge* *to* *to* *Israelite* *you* *follow* *these* *rules*, *the* *LORD* *your* *will* *in* *you* *do* *in* *where* *are* *going* *to* *live*.

<sup>21</sup> " When *you* *make* *promise* *the* *your* *don't* *to* *you* *promised*. *The* *your* *will* *you* *pay* *it*. *You* *will* *sin* *if* *you* *don't* *pay* *what* *you* *promised*. <sup>22</sup> *If* *you* *don't* *make* *a* *promise*, *you* *are* *not* *sinning*. <sup>23</sup> *But* *you* *must* *do* *what* *you* *say* *you* *will* *do*. *If* *you* *choose* *to* *make* *a* *promise* *to* *the* *LORD* *your* *God*, *you* *must* *do* *what* *you* *promised*.

<sup>24</sup> " When *you* *go* *through* *person's* *vineyard*, *you* *may* *eat* *as* *many* *grapes* *as* *you* *want*. *But* *you* *cannot* *put* *any* *of* *the* *grapes* *in* *your* *basket*. <sup>25</sup> *When* *you*

*go* *through* *another* *person's* *field* *of* *grain*, *you* *may* *eat* *all* *the* *grain* *you* *can* *pick* *with* *your* *hands*. *But* *you* *cannot* *use* *a* *sickle* *to* *cut* *that* *person's* *grain* *and* *take* *it* *with* *you*.

<sup>24</sup> " A *man* *might* *marry* *a* *woman*, *and* *then* *find* *some* *secret* *thing* *about* *her* *that* *he* *does* *not* *like*. *If* *that* *man* *is* *not* *pleased* *with* *her*, *he* *must* *write* *the* *divorce* *papers* *and* *give* *them* *to* *her*. *Then* *he* *must* *send* *her* *from* *his* *house*. <sup>2</sup> *When* *she* *left* *his* *house*, *she* *may* *and* *become* *another* *man's* *wife*. <sup>3</sup> *But* *suppose* *the* *new* *husband* *also* *does* *not* *like* *her* *and* *sends* *her* *away*. *If* *that* *man* *divorces* *her*, *the* *first* *husband* *may* *not* *take* *her* *again* *to* *be* *his* *wife*. *Or* *if* *the* *new* *husband* *dies*, *her* *first* *husband* *may* *not* *take* *her* *again* *to* *be* *his* *wife*. *She* *has* *become* *unclean* *to* *him*. *If* *he* *married* *her* *again*, *he* *would* *be* *doing* *something* *the* *LORD* *hates*. *You* *must* *not* *sin* *like* *this* *in* *the* *land* *that* *the* *LORD* *your* *God* *is* *giving* *you*.

<sup>5</sup> " When *a* *man* *is* *newly* *married*, *he* *must* *not* *be* *sent* *into* *the* *army*. *And* *he* *must*

not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" given |strong="H8055" any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0259" special work |strong="H1697". For |strong="H3588" one |strong="H0259" year |strong="H8141" he |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1961" free |strong="H5355" to |strong="H1961" stay home |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" make |strong="H8055" his |strong="H3605" new |strong="H2319" wife |strong="H0802" happy |strong="H8055".

6 " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" lend someone |strong="H5315" something, you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" take |strong="H2254" as |strong="H5315" security <sup>1</sup> any |strong="H3588" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H5315" the |strong="H3588" stones used to |strong="H5315" grind flour. That |strong="H3588" would |strong="H5315" be |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3588" same |strong="H1931" as |strong="H5315" taking away their |strong="H3588" food.

7 " Someone |strong="H0376" might |strong="H1121" kidnap another |strong="H0251" Israelite |strong="H3478"— one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3588" own |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376". And |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3588" kidnapper might |strong="H1121" sell |strong="H4376" that |strong="H3588" person |strong="H5315" as |strong="H5315" a |strong="H3588" slave |strong="H5315". If |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" happens, that |strong="H3588" kidnapper must |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H4191" remove this |strong="H1931" evil |strong="H7451" from |strong="H0376" your |strong="H3588" group.

8 " When |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3966" bad skin disease |strong="H6883", be |strong="H3605" very |strong="H3966" careful |strong="H8104" to |strong="H8104" follow everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Levite |strong="H3881" priests |strong="H3548" teach |strong="H3384" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" follow carefully |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H6680" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" to |strong="H8104" do |strong="H6213". <sup>9</sup> Remember |strong="H2142" what |strong="H0834"

I SECURITY Anything someone gives as a promise to repay a loan. If the loan is not repaid, the lender keeps whatever was given. Also in verses 10, 17.

the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" Miriam |strong="H4813" <sup>II</sup> on |strong="H1870" your |strong="H3068" trip out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714".

10 " When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" give |strong="H0935" someone any |strong="H3972" kind |strong="H7453" of |strong="H1004" loan |strong="H4859", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" house |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H0935" security. <sup>11</sup> You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" stand |strong="H5975" outside |strong="H2351". Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" person |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" gave |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" loan |strong="H5383" to |strong="H0413" will |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" security to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859". <sup>12</sup> If |strong="H0518" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H0518" poor |strong="H6041" man |strong="H0376", then |strong="H0376" he |strong="H1931" might give the |strong="H0518" clothes that |strong="H1931" keep him |strong="H1931" warm . You |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808" keep that |strong="H1931" security overnight. <sup>13</sup> You |strong="H6440" must |strong="H0853" give |strong="H7725" his |strong="H3068" security back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0853" every evening. Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1961" clothes |strong="H8008" to |strong="H0935" sleep |strong="H7901" in |strong="H0935". He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H6440", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" accept this |strong="H3068" as |strong="H1961" living right |strong="H6666" and |strong="H0935" doing good.

14 " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" cheat a |strong="H0176" hired |strong="H7916" servant |strong="H7916" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" poor |strong="H6041" and |strong="H0776" needy |strong="H0034". It |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" matter if |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" an |strong="H0176" Is-

II MIRIAM See Num. 12:1-15.

raelite |strong="H3808" or |strong="H0176" if |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0176" foreigner |strong="H1616" living in |strong="H0776" one |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H8179". <sup>15</sup> Give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5414" pay |strong="H5414" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" before |strong="H0413" sunset, because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" poor |strong="H6041" and |strong="H0935" depends |strong="H5375" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" money. If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" pay |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413", he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" complain against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" guilty of |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2399".

<sup>16</sup> " Parents |strong="H0001" must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H4191" death |strong="H4191" for |strong="H5921" something their |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121" did |strong="H3808". And |strong="H1121" children |strong="H1121" must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H4191" death |strong="H4191" for |strong="H5921" something their |strong="H5921" parents |strong="H0001" did |strong="H3808". People |strong="H0376" should |strong="H0376" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H4191" death |strong="H4191" only for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" bad thing that |strong="H3808" they |strong="H5921" themselves |strong="H5921" did |strong="H3808".

<sup>17</sup> " You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" make |strong="H4941" sure that |strong="H3808" foreigners |strong="H1616" and |strong="H4941" orphans |strong="H3490" are |strong="H4941" treated fairly |strong="H4941". And |strong="H4941" you |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" take |strong="H2254" clothes |strong="H0899" from |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808" widow |strong="H0490" as |strong="H4941" security. <sup>18</sup> Remember |strong="H2142", you |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" poor slaves |strong="H5650" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714". And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" took |strong="H0853"

you |strong="H3588" from |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" place |strong="H1961" and |strong="H3068" set |strong="H6680" you |strong="H3588" free. That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0595" tell you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H1697" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" poor.

<sup>19</sup> " You |strong="H3588" might |strong="H4616" be |strong="H1961" gathering your |strong="H3068" harvest |strong="H7105" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" field |strong="H7704", and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" might |strong="H4616" forget |strong="H7911" and |strong="H3068" leave |strong="H4616" some |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H3605" there |strong="H1961". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3947" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" get |strong="H3947" it |strong="H3588". It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" foreigners |strong="H1616", the |strong="H3605" orphans |strong="H3490", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" widows |strong="H0490". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" leave |strong="H4616" some |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H3605" for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H7725", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H0430" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H4639". <sup>20</sup> When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" beat |strong="H2251" your |strong="H3588" olive |strong="H2132" trees |strong="H2132", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H1961" back |strong="H0310" to |strong="H1961" check the |strong="H3588" branches. The |strong="H3588" olives |strong="H2132" you |strong="H3588" leave will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" foreigners |strong="H1616", the |strong="H3588" orphans |strong="H3490", and |strong="H2132" the |strong="H3588" widows |strong="H0490". <sup>21</sup> When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" gather |strong="H1219" the |strong="H3588" grapes from |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3588" vineyard |strong="H3754", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H1961" back |strong="H0310" to |strong="H1961" gather |strong="H1219" the |strong="H3588" grapes you |strong="H3588" left |strong="H1961". They |strong="H3588"

will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" foreigners |strong="H1616", the |strong="H3588" orphans |strong="H3490", and |strong="H3754" the |strong="H3588" widows |strong="H0490".<sup>22</sup> Remember |strong="H2142" you |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" poor slaves |strong="H5650" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2088" why |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0595" tell you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H1697" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" poor.

**25** " When |strong="H3588" two people |strong="H0376" have |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" argument, they |strong="H3588" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" court |strong="H4941". The |strong="H0853" judges |strong="H8199" will |strong="H1961" decide |strong="H8199" which person |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0376" right |strong="H4941" and |strong="H4941" which is |strong="H0376" wrong.<sup>2</sup> If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H6440" judge |strong="H8199" decides a |strong="H1961" person |strong="H8199" must |strong="H0518" be |strong="H1961" beaten |strong="H5221" with |strong="H8199" a |strong="H1961" whip, the |strong="H6440" judge |strong="H8199" must |strong="H0518" make that |strong="H1961" person |strong="H8199" lie |strong="H1961" face |strong="H6440" down |strong="H5221". Someone |strong="H5307" will |strong="H1961" beat |strong="H5221" the |strong="H6440" guilty |strong="H7563" person |strong="H8199" while |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" judge |strong="H8199" watches. The |strong="H6440" number |strong="H4557" of |strong="H1121" times |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" be |strong="H1961" hit |strong="H5221" depends on |strong="H5307" the |strong="H6440" crime.<sup>3</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" hit |strong="H5221" anyone more |strong="H3254" than |strong="H3808" 40 times |strong="H0705" during |strong="H0428" punishment, because |strong="H5921" more |strong="H3254" than |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3808" means |strong="H5221" that |strong="H3808" their |strong="H5921" life is |strong="H4347" not |strong="H3808" important to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921".

<sup>4</sup> "When an animal is |strong="H3808" being used to |strong="H3808" separate grain, you |strong="H3808" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" cover its |strong="H3808" mouth to |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" it |strong="H3808" from |strong="H3808" eating.

<sup>5</sup> If |strong="H3588" two |strong="H3947" brothers |strong="H0251" live |strong="H3427" together |strong="H3162", and |strong="H1121" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H1992" dies |strong="H4191" without |strong="H3808" a |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121", the |strong="H5921" wife |strong="H0802" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" dead |strong="H4191" man |strong="H0376" must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" marry |strong="H3947" a |strong="H1961" stranger outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H5921" family |strong="H4191". Her |strong="H3947" husband's |strong="H2993" brother |strong="H0251" must |strong="H4191" take |strong="H3947" her |strong="H3947" as |strong="H1961" his |strong="H5921" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1961" sexual |strong="H3947" relations with |strong="H5921" her |strong="H3947". He |strong="H3588" must |strong="H4191" do |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" duty |strong="H2992" of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H1961" husband's |strong="H2993" brother |strong="H0251" for |strong="H3588" her |strong="H3947".<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" first son she |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" considered |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H4191" man's son in |strong="H5921" order to |strong="H4191" keep the |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H4191" man's name |strong="H8034" alive in |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>7</sup> If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want |strong="H2654" to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" brother's |strong="H0251" wife |strong="H2994", she |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0853" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" town |strong="H8179" meeting place and |strong="H6965" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H2205", ' My |strong="H3947" husband's |strong="H2993" brother |strong="H0251" refuses |strong="H3985" to |strong="H0413" keep |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" brother's |strong="H0251" name |strong="H8034" alive in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" duty |strong="H2992" of |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" husband's |strong="H2993" brother |strong="H0251" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413":<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H2205" the |strong="H0559"

city must call the man and talk to him. If the man is stubborn and says, 'I don't want to take her'; then his brother's wife must come to him of the leaders. She must take his off and spit in his face. She must say, 'This is being done to the man who will not give his brother a son!'<sup>10</sup> From then on, the brother's family will be known in Israel as the family of the man whose *sandal* was removed.

<sup>11</sup> Two men might be fighting against each other. One man's wife might come to help her husband, but she must not grab the other man's private parts.<sup>12</sup> If she does that, cut off her hand. Don't feel sorry for her.

<sup>13</sup> Don't use weights that are too heavy or too light.<sup>14</sup> Don't keep measures in your house that are too large or too small.<sup>15</sup> You must use weights and measures that are correct and accurate. Then you will live a long time in the land that the LORD God is giving you. The LORD your God hates people who cheat with false weights and measures. Yes, he hates all people who do wrong.

#### The Amalekites Must Be Destroyed

<sup>17</sup> Remember what Amalekites did to you when they were coming from Egypt.<sup>18</sup> The Amalekites did not respect God. They attacked you when you were weak and tired.<sup>19</sup> They killed all your people who were slow and walking behind every one else.<sup>20</sup> That's why you must destroy the memory of them.

Amalekites |strong="H6002" from |strong="H8478" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H0834" when |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" enter |strong="H5117" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". There |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" rest |strong="H5117" from |strong="H8478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341" around |strong="H5439" you |strong="H0834". But |strong="H3808" do |strong="H3605" not |strong="H3808" forget |strong="H7911" to |strong="H1961" destroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Amalekites |strong="H6002"!

### The First Harvest

**26** " You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" soon |strong="H3588" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H1961". <sup>2</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" gather the |strong="H3605" crops that |strong="H0834" grow |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3947" take |strong="H3947" some |strong="H8033" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7225" crops you |strong="H0834" gather and |strong="H1980" put |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H1980" baskets. Then |strong="H1980" take |strong="H3947" that |strong="H0834" part of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" harvest |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" chooses |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3605" home |strong="H4725" for |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605"

name |strong="H8034". <sup>3</sup> Go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" priest |strong="H3548" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" serving at |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117". Tell |strong="H5046" him |strong="H0413"; ' The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H7650" our |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" some |strong="H1992" land |strong="H0776". Today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" announce |strong="H5046" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776"!

<sup>4</sup> " Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H6440" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H6440" basket |strong="H2935" from |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440". He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H3240" it |strong="H3947" down |strong="H3027" in |strong="H0430" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". <sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H6030" there |strong="H8033" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" you |strong="H6440" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559": ' My |strong="H3068" ancestor was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" wandering |strong="H0006" Aramean |strong="H0761". <sup>1</sup> He |strong="H8033" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H4714" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H3068" stayed |strong="H1481" there |strong="H8033". When |strong="H1961" he |strong="H8033" went |strong="H3381" there |strong="H8033", he |strong="H8033" had |strong="H3068" only a |strong="H1961" few |strong="H4592" people |strong="H1471" in |strong="H0430" his |strong="H3068" family |strong="H0001". But |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714" he |strong="H8033" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" great |strong="H1419" nation |strong="H1471" — a |strong="H1961" powerful |strong="H6099" nation |strong="H1471"

<sup>1</sup> ARAMEAN A person from ancient Syria. Here, this might be Abraham, Isaac, or probably Jacob (Israel).



with *strong*="H3068" many *strong*="H7227" people *strong*="H1471". <sup>6</sup> The *strong*="H5921" Egyptians *strong*="H4713" treated *strong*="H0854" us *strong*="H5414" badly. They *strong*="H5921" made *strong*="H5414" us *strong*="H5414" slaves. They *strong*="H5921" hurt *strong*="H6031" us *strong*="H5414" and *strong*="H7186" forced us *strong*="H5414" to *strong*="H5921" work *strong*="H5656" very hard *strong*="H7186". <sup>7</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" we *strong*="H8085" prayed to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068", the *strong*="H0853" God *strong*="H0430" of *strong*="H0430" our *strong*="H3068" ancestors *strong*="H0001", and *strong*="H3068" complained about *strong*="H0413" them *strong*="H0413". And *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" heard *strong*="H8085" us *strong*="H0413". He *strong*="H0430" saw *strong*="H7200" our *strong*="H3068" trouble *strong*="H5999", our *strong*="H3068" hard work *strong*="H5999", and *strong*="H3068" our *strong*="H3068" suffering *strong*="H6040". <sup>8</sup> Then *strong*="H3318" the *strong*="H3068" LORD *strong*="H3068" brought *strong*="H3318" us *strong*="H3027" out *strong*="H3318" of *strong*="H3068" Egypt *strong*="H4714" with *strong*="H3068" his *strong*="H3068" great *strong*="H1419" power *strong*="H3027" and *strong*="H3068" strength *strong*="H2220". He *strong*="H3068" used great *strong*="H1419" miracles *strong*="H4159" and *strong*="H3068" wonders *strong*="H4159" and *strong*="H3068" did amazing things *strong*="H1419". <sup>9</sup> So *strong*="H5414" he *strong*="H5414" brought *strong*="H0935" us *strong*="H5414" to *strong*="H0413" this *strong*="H2088" place *strong*="H4725". He *strong*="H5414" gave *strong*="H5414" us *strong*="H5414" this *strong*="H2088" land *strong*="H0776"— a *strong*="H5414" land *strong*="H0776" filled with *strong*="H0413" many good things. <sup>10</sup> Now *strong*="H6258", LORD *strong*="H3068", I *strong*="H0834" bring *strong*="H0935" you *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" first *strong*="H7225" harvest *strong*="H0935" from *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0853" land *strong*="H0127" that *strong*="H0834" you *strong*="H0834" gave *strong*="H5414" me *strong*="H5414".

" Then *strong*="H2009" you *strong*="H0834" must *strong*="H0853" put *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H0853" harvest *strong*="H0935" down *strong*="H7812" before *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" your *strong*="H3068" God *strong*="H0430" and *strong*="H0935" bow *strong*="H7812"

I LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey." *Al-*so in verse 15.

down *strong*="H7812" to *strong*="H0935" worship *strong*="H7812" him *strong*="H5414". <sup>11</sup> Then *strong*="H0859" you *strong*="H0859" must have *strong*="H0834" a *strong*="H5414" meal together and *strong*="H3068" enjoy all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" good *strong*="H2896" things *strong*="H3605" that *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" your *strong*="H3068" God *strong*="H0430" has *strong*="H3068" given *strong*="H5414" to *strong*="H3068" you *strong*="H0859" and *strong*="H3068" your *strong*="H3068" family *strong*="H1004". You *strong*="H0859" must share *strong*="H5414" them *strong*="H5414" with *strong*="H1004" the *strong*="H3605" Levites *strong*="H3881" and *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3605" foreigners *strong*="H1616" living among *strong*="H7130" you *strong*="H0859".

<sup>12</sup> " Every *strong*="H3605" third *strong*="H7992" year *strong*="H8141" is *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" Year *strong*="H8141" of *strong*="H8141" Tithes *strong*="H4643". In *strong*="H8141" that *strong*="H3588" year *strong*="H8141", you *strong*="H3588" must *strong*="H0853" give *strong*="H5414" one-tenth of *strong*="H8141" your *strong*="H3605" harvest *strong*="H8393" to *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H3605" Levites *strong*="H3881", to *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H3605" foreigners *strong*="H1616" living in *strong*="H8141" your *strong*="H3605" country, and *strong*="H0398" to *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H3605" widows *strong*="H0490" and *strong*="H0398" orphans *strong*="H3490". Then *strong*="H0853" they *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H5414" have *strong*="H7646" plenty *strong*="H7646" to *strong*="H5414" eat *strong*="H0398" in *strong*="H8141" every *strong*="H3605" city *strong*="H8179". <sup>13</sup> You *strong*="H0834" must *strong*="H1571" say *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" your *strong*="H3068" God *strong*="H0430", ' I *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H0834" taken *strong*="H5674" out *strong*="H4480" of *strong*="H1004" my *strong*="H3605" house *strong*="H1004" the *strong*="H3605" holy *strong*="H6944" part *strong*="H4480" of *strong*="H1004" my *strong*="H3605" harvest. I *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H0834" given *strong*="H5414" it *strong*="H5414" to *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H3605" Levites *strong*="H3881", to *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H3605" foreigners *strong*="H1616", and *strong*="H3068" to *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H3605" orphans *strong*="H3490" and *strong*="H3068" widows *strong*="H0490". I *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H0834" followed all *strong*="H3605"

the|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" re-  
 fused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" obey  
 any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H6680".  
 I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" forgotten|strong="H7911" them|strong="H5414". <sup>14</sup> I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" eat-  
 en|strong="H0398" this|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0398" when|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" sad. <sup>I</sup>  
 I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" unclean|strong="H2931" when|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" collected  
 this|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0398". <sup>II</sup> I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" offered|strong="H5414" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0430" this|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0398" for|strong="H3605" dead|strong="H4191" peo-  
 ple|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" obeyed|strong="H8085" you|strong="H0834", LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430".  
 I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680" me|strong="H5414". <sup>15</sup> Look|strong="H8259" down|strong="H8259" from|strong="H4480" your|strong="H5414" holy|strong="H6944" home|strong="H0776", from|strong="H4480" heav-  
 en|strong="H8064", and|strong="H3478" bless|strong="H1288" your|strong="H5414" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478". And|strong="H3478" bless|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414".  
 You|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" our|strong="H5414" ancestors|strong="H0001" to|strong="H3478" give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776"— a|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776" filled with|strong="H2100" many good things|strong="H6944".

#### Obey the|strong="H0853" Lord's Commands

<sup>16</sup> Today|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" commands|strong="H6680" you|strong="H6680" to|strong="H3068"

<sup>I</sup> I HAVE ... SAD People ate this food to be happy about the many things God gave them, so it could not be from food used during a time of sadness. <sup>II</sup> I WAS ... FOOD This would mean other people could not eat this food during the celebration to honor the Lord.

obey|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" laws|strong="H2706" and|strong="H3068" rules|strong="H2706". Be|strong="H3068" careful|strong="H8104" to|strong="H3068" follow|strong="H3068" them|strong="H0853" with|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3824" and|strong="H3068" soul|strong="H5315". <sup>17</sup> Today|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". You|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" promised|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" live|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H1870" he|strong="H3117" wants. You|strong="H3117" promised|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" fol-  
 low|strong="H1961" his|strong="H8104" teach-  
 ings|strong="H1870" and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" obey|strong="H8085" his|strong="H8104" laws|strong="H2706" and|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H0559". You|strong="H3117" said|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3117" would|strong="H3068" do|strong="H8104" everything he|strong="H3117" tells|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3117" to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H8104". <sup>18</sup> And|strong="H3068" today|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" accepted you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971". He|strong="H0834" has|strong="H3068" promised|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" al-  
 so|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" must obey|strong="H8104" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H0559". <sup>19</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" greater than|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" na-  
 tions|strong="H1471" he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" praise|strong="H8416", fame|strong="H8034", and|strong="H3068" hon-  
 or|strong="H8597". And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" special people|strong="H5971", as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H1696".

## Stone Memorials for the People

27 Moses and the elders of Israel spoke to the people. Moses said, "Obey the commands that I give you today." <sup>2</sup> You will go across the Jordan River into the land that the LORD your God is giving you. On that day you put large stones with plaster. <sup>3</sup> Then write the stones all these and your must do when you go across the Jordan River. Then you may go into the land that the LORD your God is giving you— a land filled with many good things. <sup>1</sup> The LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised to give you this land.

<sup>4</sup> After you go across

I LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

the Jordan River, you must do what I command you today. You must set up the stones on Mount Ebal. You must cover these stones with plaster. <sup>5</sup> Also use some stones there to build an altar to the LORD your God. Don't use iron tools to cut the stones. <sup>6</sup> You must not use cut stones to build the altar for the LORD your God. Offer burnt offerings on this altar to the LORD your God. <sup>7</sup> And you must sacrifice and eat fellowship offerings there. Eat and enjoy yourselves there together with the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> You must write all these teachings on the stones that you set up. Write clearly so that they are easy to read."

**The People Must Agree to God's Rules**

<sup>9</sup> Moses and the Levite priests spoke

to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559", " Be |strong="H1961" quiet and |strong="H3068" listen |strong="H8085", Israel |strong="H3478"! Today |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3605" have |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" tells you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H0805" his |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H6680" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H2706" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" giving |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117"."

<sup>11</sup> That |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" Moses |strong="H4872" also |strong="H4872" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971", <sup>12</sup> " After |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H3063" gone across |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River, these |strong="H0428" tribes |strong="H5975" will |strong="H3063" stand |strong="H5975" on |strong="H5921" Mount |strong="H2022" Gerizim |strong="H1630" to |strong="H5921" read the |strong="H0853" blessings |strong="H1288" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971": Simeon |strong="H8095", Levi |strong="H3878", Judah |strong="H3063", Issachar |strong="H3485", Joseph |strong="H3130", and |strong="H3063" Benjamin |strong="H1144". <sup>13</sup> And |strong="H2022" these |strong="H0428" tribes |strong="H5975" will |strong="H2022" stand |strong="H5975" on |strong="H5921" Mount |strong="H2022" Ebal |strong="H5858" to |strong="H5921" read the |strong="H5921" curses |strong="H7045": Reuben |strong="H7205", Gad |strong="H1410", Asher |strong="H0836", Zebulun |strong="H2074", Dan |strong="H1835", and |strong="H2022" Naphtali |strong="H5321".

<sup>14</sup> " And |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" will |strong="H3478" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7311" loud |strong="H7311" voice |strong="H6963".

<sup>15</sup> " Cursed |strong="H0779" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H0376"

who |strong="H0834" makes |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" false god |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" puts |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" in |strong="H3068" its |strong="H3605" secret place |strong="H7760". These |strong="H3605" false gods are |strong="H0834" only |strong="H3605" statues that |strong="H0834" some |strong="H0376" worker makes |strong="H7760" from |strong="H0376" wood, stone |strong="H0834" or |strong="H0376" metal |strong="H6213". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" hates these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605"!

" Then |strong="H6030" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H6030", ' Amen |strong="H0543"!

<sup>16</sup> " The |strong="H3605" Levites will |strong="H0001" say |strong="H0559", ' Cursed |strong="H0779" is |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" does not show respect to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" or |strong="H0001" their |strong="H3605" mother |strong="H0517"!

" Then |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0001" answer |strong="H0559", ' Amen |strong="H0543"!

<sup>17</sup> " The |strong="H3605" Levites will |strong="H0779" say |strong="H0559", ' Cursed |strong="H0779" is |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" moves a |strong="H0779" neighbor's |strong="H7453" landmark <sup>1</sup>!

" Then |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0779" say |strong="H0559", ' Amen |strong="H0543"!

<sup>18</sup> " The |strong="H3605" Levites will |strong="H0779" say |strong="H0559", ' Cursed |strong="H0779" is |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" tricks a |strong="H0779" blind |strong="H5787" man |strong="H3605" into going the |strong="H3605" wrong way |strong="H1870"!

" Then |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0779" say |strong="H0559", ' Amen |strong="H0543"!

<sup>19</sup> " The |strong="H3605" Levites will |strong="H0779" say |strong="H0559", ' Cursed |strong="H0779" is |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" does not

<sup>1</sup> LANDMARK A stone or sign that showed where the limits of a person's property were.

give|strong="H5186" fair judgment|strong="H4941" for|strong="H4941" the|strong="H3605" foreigners|strong="H1616", orphans|strong="H3490", and|strong="H4941" widows|strong="H0490"!

" Then|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0779" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

20 " The|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H0802" say|strong="H0559", ' Cursed|strong="H0779" is|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" shames his|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" by|strong="H0802" having|strong="H3588" sexual|strong="H7901" relations|strong="H5973" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H3605" father's|strong="H0001" wife|strong="H0802"!

" Then|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0802" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

21 " The|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H0779" say|strong="H0559", ' Cursed|strong="H0779" is|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" has|strong="H3605" sexual|strong="H7901" relations|strong="H5973" with|strong="H5973" any|strong="H3605" kind of|strong="H3605" animal|strong="H0929"!

" Then|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0779" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

22 " The|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H1323" say|strong="H0559", ' Cursed|strong="H0779" is|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" has|strong="H0001" sexual|strong="H7901" relations|strong="H5973" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H3605" sister|strong="H0269" or|strong="H0176" half sister|strong="H0269"!

" Then|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1323" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

23 " The|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H0779" say|strong="H0559", ' Cursed|strong="H0779" is|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" has|strong="H3605" sexual|strong="H7901" relations|strong="H5973" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H3605" mother-in-law!

" Then|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"

will|strong="H0779" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

24 " The|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H0779" say|strong="H0559", ' Cursed|strong="H0779" is|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" kills|strong="H5221" anyone|strong="H3605", even|strong="H7453" if he|strong="H0559" is|strong="H3605" not caught!

" Then|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0779" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

25 " The|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H5315" say|strong="H0559", ' Cursed|strong="H0779" is|strong="H5315" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" takes|strong="H3947" money to|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H5221" an|strong="H5221" innocent|strong="H5355" person|strong="H5315"!

" Then|strong="H3947" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H5315" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

26 " The|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559", ' Cursed|strong="H0779" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" does|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" support this|strong="H2063" law|strong="H8451" and|strong="H6965" agree to|strong="H0559" obey|strong="H6213" it|strong="H6213"!

" Then|strong="H6965" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559", ' Amen|strong="H0543"!

### Blessings for Obeying the Law

28 " Now|strong="H1961", if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" careful|strong="H8104" to|strong="H1961" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3068" follow|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H6680" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" today|strong="H3117", the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" high|strong="H1471" above|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776". 2

If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" blessings |strong="H1293" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" and |strong="H0935" be |strong="H3068" yours |strong="H0428":

<sup>3</sup> " He |strong="H1288" will |strong="H7704" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0859" in |strong="H1288" the |strong="H1288" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H7704" in |strong="H1288" the |strong="H1288" field |strong="H7704".

<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H1288" will |strong="H0127" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H1288" and |strong="H6629" give you |strong="H1288" many children.

He |strong="H1288" will |strong="H0127" bless |strong="H1288" your |strong="H1288" land |strong="H0127"

and |strong="H6629" give you |strong="H1288" good crops.

He |strong="H1288" will |strong="H0127" bless |strong="H1288" your |strong="H1288" animals |strong="H0929"

and |strong="H6629" let them |strong="H1288" have |strong="H0929" many babies.

He |strong="H1288" will |strong="H0127" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H1288" with |strong="H6629" calves and |strong="H6629" lambs |strong="H6629".

<sup>5</sup> He |strong="H1288" will bless |strong="H1288" your |strong="H1288" baskets and |strong="H1288" pans

and |strong="H1288" fill them |strong="H1288" with |strong="H1288" food.

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3318" will |strong="H0935" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0859" at |strong="H0935" all |strong="H1288" times

in |strong="H0935" everything you |strong="H0859" do |strong="H0935".

<sup>7</sup> " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H6965" you |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" who |strong="H3068" come |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" fight against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414". Your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H3318" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414" one |strong="H0259" way |strong="H1870", but |strong="H1870" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" from |strong="H3318" you |strong="H5414" seven |strong="H7651" different ways |strong="H1870"!

<sup>8</sup> " The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" fill your |strong="H3068" barns |strong="H0618". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6680". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". <sup>9</sup> If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" follow |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H1980" obey |strong="H8104" his |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H4687", he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H8104" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6965" you |strong="H0834" his |strong="H8104" own special people |strong="H5971". <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H7200" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" called |strong="H7121" to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>11</sup> " And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" many good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" many children. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3068" cows many calves. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" good |strong="H2896" harvest in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H7650" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" to |strong="H5921" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" open |strong="H6605"

his |strong="H3605" storehouse |strong="H0214" where |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3068" keeps his |strong="H3605" rich blessings |strong="H1288". He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H5414" rain |strong="H4306" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H2896" time |strong="H6256" for |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776". He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859" do |strong="H4639". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0776" money to |strong="H3068" lend |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" many |strong="H7227" nations |strong="H1471". And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" need to |strong="H3068" borrow |strong="H3867" anything |strong="H3605" from |strong="H3027" them |strong="H5414".<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" head |strong="H7218", not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0834" tail |strong="H2180". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" on |strong="H3117" top |strong="H7218", not |strong="H3808" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" bottom |strong="H4295". This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" commands |strong="H6680" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" carefully |strong="H8085" obey |strong="H8085" these |strong="H0834" commands |strong="H6680".<sup>14</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" turn |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" teachings that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" turn |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" to |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H3225" or |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" left |strong="H8040". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H0310" oth-

er |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" to |strong="H3117" serve |strong="H5647" them |strong="H0853".

### Curses for |strong="H3117" Not |strong="H3808" Obeying the |strong="H3605" Law

<sup>15</sup> " But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0935" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" tells you |strong="H0834"— if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" and |strong="H0935" laws that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117"— then |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" bad things |strong="H0428" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>16</sup> " The |strong="H7704" Lord will |strong="H7704" curse |strong="H0779" you |strong="H0859" in |strong="H5892" the |strong="H7704" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H7704" in |strong="H5892" the |strong="H7704" field |strong="H7704".

<sup>17</sup> He will |strong="H0779" curse |strong="H0779" you

with empty baskets and |strong="H0779" pans.

<sup>18</sup> He |strong="H0990" will |strong="H0127" curse |strong="H0779" you |strong="H0990", and |strong="H6629" you |strong="H0990" will |strong="H0127" not have |strong="H6629" many children.

He |strong="H0990" will |strong="H0127" curse |strong="H0779" your |strong="H0779" land |strong="H0127",

and |strong="H6629" you |strong="H0990" will |strong="H0127" not have |strong="H6629" good crops.

He |strong="H0990" will |strong="H0127" curse |strong="H0779" your |strong="H0779" animals, and |strong="H6629" they will |strong="H0127" not have |strong="H6629" many babies.

He |strong="H0990" will |strong="H0127" curse |strong="H0779" your |strong="H0779" calves and |strong="H6629" lambs |strong="H6629".

<sup>19</sup> He |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0779" curse |strong="H0779" you |strong="H0859" at |strong="H0935" all times

in |strong="H0935" everything you |strong="H0859" do |strong="H0935".

<sup>20</sup> " If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7455" and |strong="H3068" turn away |strong="H7971"

from *strong="H6440"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, he *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* make *strong="H6213"* bad things *strong="H3605"* happen to *strong="H5704"* you *strong="H0834"*. You *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* have *strong="H0834"* frustration and *strong="H3068"* trouble in *strong="H3068"* everything *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H6213"*. He *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* continue to *strong="H5704"* do *strong="H6213"* this *strong="H0834"* until *strong="H5704"* you *strong="H0834"* are *strong="H0834"* quickly *strong="H4118"* and *strong="H3068"* completely *strong="H3605"* destroyed *strong="H8045"*. He *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* do *strong="H6213"* this *strong="H0834"* because *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* turned away *strong="H7971"* from *strong="H6440"* him *strong="H7971"* and *strong="H3068"* left *strong="H5800"* him *strong="H7971"*.<sup>21</sup> The *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* send you *strong="H0859"* terrible diseases *strong="H1698"* until *strong="H5704"* you *strong="H0859"* no longer exist, until *strong="H5704"* you *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H0834"* completely *strong="H3423"* gone *strong="H0935"* from *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0127"*.<sup>22</sup> The *strong="H3068"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* punish you *strong="H5704"* with *strong="H3068"* diseases, fever *strong="H6920"*, and *strong="H3068"* swelling. He *strong="H5704"* will *strong="H3068"* send you *strong="H5704"* terrible heat *strong="H2746"* and *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H5704"* will *strong="H3068"* have *strong="H3068"* no *strong="H0006"* rain. Your *strong="H3068"* crops will *strong="H3068"* die *strong="H0006"* from *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H3068"* heat *strong="H2746"* and *strong="H3068"* disease *strong="H3420"*.<sup>1</sup> All *strong="H5704"* these bad things will *strong="H3068"* happen until *strong="H5704"* you *strong="H5704"* are *strong="H3068"* destroyed *strong="H0006"*!<sup>23</sup> There *strong="H1961"* will *strong="H1961"* be *strong="H1961"* no clouds in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0834"* sky *strong="H8064"*— the *strong="H0834"* sky *strong="H8064"* will *strong="H1961"* look like *strong="H1961"* polished brass *strong="H5178"*. And *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H0834"* ground *strong="H0776"* under *strong="H8478"* you *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H1961"* be *strong="H1961"* hard like *strong="H1961"* iron *strong="H1270"*.<sup>24</sup> The *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"*

<sup>1</sup> DISEASE This might be mildew, a disease that turns the heads of grain yellow and stops them from growing seeds.

not *strong="H0776"* send *strong="H5414"* rain *strong="H4306"*— only *strong="H5704"* sand and *strong="H3068"* dust *strong="H6083"* will *strong="H3068"* fall *strong="H3381"* from *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H0853"* sky *strong="H8064"*. It *strong="H5414"* will *strong="H3068"* come *strong="H3381"* down *strong="H3381"* on *strong="H5921"* you *strong="H5414"* until *strong="H5704"* you *strong="H5414"* are *strong="H8064"* destroyed *strong="H8045"*.

<sup>25</sup> " The *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* let *strong="H5414"* your *strong="H3068"* enemies *strong="H0341"* defeat *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H5414"*. You *strong="H5414"* will *strong="H3068"* go *strong="H3318"* to *strong="H0413"* fight against *strong="H0413"* your *strong="H3068"* enemies *strong="H0341"* one *strong="H0259"* way *strong="H1870"*, but *strong="H1961"* you *strong="H5414"* will *strong="H3068"* run *strong="H5127"* away *strong="H5127"* from *strong="H3318"* them *strong="H0413"* seven *strong="H7651"* different ways *strong="H1870"*. The *strong="H3605"* bad things *strong="H3605"* that *strong="H3605"* happen *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H5414"* will *strong="H3068"* make *strong="H5414"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H0776"* on *strong="H0413"* earth *strong="H0776"* afraid.<sup>26</sup>

Your *strong="H3605"* dead *strong="H5038"* bodies *strong="H5038"* will *strong="H1961"* be *strong="H1961"* food *strong="H3978"* for *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H3605"* wild *strong="H0776"* birds *strong="H5775"* and *strong="H0776"* animals *strong="H0929"*. There *strong="H0369"* will *strong="H1961"* be *strong="H1961"* no *strong="H0369"* one *strong="H0369"* to *strong="H1961"* scare them *strong="H1961"* away *strong="H3605"* from *strong="H1961"* your *strong="H3605"* dead *strong="H5038"* bodies *strong="H5038"*.

<sup>27</sup> " The *strong="H0834"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* punish you *strong="H0834"* with *strong="H3068"* boils *strong="H7822"*, like *strong="H0834"* those *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* sent on *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0834"* Egyptians *strong="H4714"*. He *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* punish you *strong="H0834"* with *strong="H3068"* tumors, sores *strong="H6076"* that *strong="H0834"* run, and *strong="H3068"* an *strong="H5221"* itch that *strong="H0834"* cannot *strong="H3808"* be *strong="H3808"* cured.<sup>28</sup> The *strong="H3068"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* punish you *strong="H5221"* by *strong="H3068"* making you *strong="H5221"* crazy. He *strong="H3068"*



will|strong="H3068" make you|strong="H5221" blind and|strong="H3068" confused. <sup>29</sup> In|strong="H3117" daylight you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" feel|strong="H4959" your|strong="H3605" way|strong="H1870" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" blind|strong="H5787" man|strong="H3605". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" fail|strong="H3808" in|strong="H3117" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" do|strong="H3605". Again|strong="H1961" and|strong="H3117" again|strong="H1961" people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" hurt you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3117" steal|strong="H1497" from|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834". And|strong="H3117" there|strong="H0369" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H1961" save|strong="H3467" you|strong="H0834".

<sup>30</sup> " You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H3808" engaged|strong="H0781" to|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1129" woman|strong="H0802", but|strong="H3808" another|strong="H0312" man|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376" sexual relations with|strong="H1004" her|strong="H0802". You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129" house|strong="H1004", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" it|strong="H1129". You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" plant|strong="H5193" a|strong="H1129" vineyard|strong="H3754", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" gather anything|strong="H3808" from|strong="H0376" it|strong="H1129". <sup>31</sup> People|strong="H3808" will|strong="H5869" kill your|strong="H5414" cattle|strong="H7794" in|strong="H7725" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H5869" you|strong="H5414", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5869" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H4480" of|strong="H5869" the|strong="H6440" meat. People|strong="H3808" will|strong="H5869" take|strong="H7725" your|strong="H5414" donkeys|strong="H2543", and|strong="H7725" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H5869" not|strong="H3808" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" you|strong="H5414". Your|strong="H5414" enemies|strong="H0341" will|strong="H5869" get|strong="H7725" your|strong="H5414" sheep|strong="H6629",

and|strong="H7725" there|strong="H0369" will|strong="H5869" be|strong="H3808" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H7725" help|strong="H3467" you|strong="H5414".

<sup>32</sup> " Other|strong="H0312" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H5869" be|strong="H1121" allowed|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H7200" your|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3605" daughters|strong="H1323". Day|strong="H3117" after|strong="H0413" day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5869" look|strong="H7200" for|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3605" children|strong="H1121". You|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5869" look|strong="H7200" for|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" until your|strong="H3605" eyes|strong="H5869" become|strong="H7200" weak|strong="H3605" and|strong="H1121" blind|strong="H7200"—but|strong="H7200" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5869" not|strong="H0369" find|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413". And|strong="H1121" God|strong="H0410" will|strong="H5869" not|strong="H0369" help|strong="H5971" you|strong="H5414".

<sup>33</sup> " A|strong="H1961" nation|strong="H5971" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" crops and|strong="H0398" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" worked|strong="H3018" for|strong="H3117". People|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1961" treat|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" badly and|strong="H0398" abuse you|strong="H0834". <sup>34</sup> The|strong="H0834" things|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834" go|strong="H1961" crazy. <sup>35</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" punish you|strong="H0834" with|strong="H3068" sore boils|strong="H7822" that|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" healed|strong="H7495". These|strong="H0834" boils|strong="H7822" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" knees|strong="H1290" and|strong="H3068" legs|strong="H7272". The|strong="H0834" boils|strong="H7822" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" on|strong="H5921" every part|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" body—from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" bottom of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" feet|strong="H7272" to|strong="H5704"

the|strong="H0834" top|strong="H5921"  
of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
head|strong="H6936".

<sup>36</sup> " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" send you|strong="H0859"  
and|strong="H6965" your|strong="H3068"  
king|strong="H4428" away to|strong="H0413"  
a|strong="H0834" nation|strong="H1471"  
you|strong="H0859" don't|strong="H3808"  
know|strong="H3045". You|strong="H0859"  
and|strong="H6965" your|strong="H3068" ances-  
tors|strong="H0001" have|strong="H0834" nev-  
er|strong="H3808" seen that|strong="H0834" na-  
tion|strong="H1471". There|strong="H8033"  
you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068"  
serve|strong="H5647" false gods|strong="H0430"  
made|strong="H3045" of|strong="H4428"  
wood|strong="H6086" and|strong="H6965"  
stone|strong="H0068". <sup>37</sup> In|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" countries where|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" send you|strong="H0834",  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" shocked  
at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" terrible  
things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" hap-  
pen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961"  
you|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" laugh at|strong="H3068"  
you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3068" say bad  
things|strong="H3605" about|strong="H1961"  
you|strong="H0834".

#### The|strong="H3605" Curse of|strong="H3068" Failure

<sup>38</sup> " Your|strong="H3588" fields|strong="H7704"  
will|strong="H7704" produce plenty|strong="H7227"  
of|strong="H7704" grain|strong="H2233".  
But|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" har-  
vest|strong="H0622" will|strong="H7704"  
be|strong="H4592" small|strong="H4592", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" loc-  
usts|strong="H0697" will|strong="H7704" eat  
your|strong="H3588" harvest|strong="H0622". <sup>39</sup>  
You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808"  
plant|strong="H5193" vineyards|strong="H3754"  
and|strong="H0398" work|strong="H5647" hard  
in|strong="H3808" them|strong="H0398".  
But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" gath-  
er|strong="H0103" the|strong="H3588" grapes  
or|strong="H3808" drink|strong="H8354"  
the|strong="H3588" wine|strong="H3196"  
from|strong="H0398" them|strong="H0398", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
worms|strong="H8438" will|strong="H3808"  
eat|strong="H0398" them|strong="H0398". <sup>40</sup>  
You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
have|strong="H1961" olive|strong="H2132"

trees|strong="H2132" everywhere|strong="H3605"  
on|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H1366". But|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961"  
any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1366"  
the|strong="H3605" oil|strong="H8081"  
to|strong="H1961" use|strong="H1961", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605"  
olives|strong="H2132" will|strong="H1961"  
drop|strong="H5394" to|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H3605" ground and|strong="H8081" rot.  
<sup>41</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
have|strong="H1961" sons|strong="H1121"  
and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".  
But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808"  
be|strong="H1961" able to|strong="H1961" keep  
them|strong="H1961", because|strong="H3588"  
they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" captured and|strong="H1121"  
taken|strong="H1961" away. <sup>42</sup> Locusts  
will|strong="H0127" destroy|strong="H3605"  
all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605"  
trees|strong="H6086" and|strong="H6086"  
the|strong="H3605" crops in|strong="H6086"  
your|strong="H3605" fields|strong="H0127". <sup>43</sup>  
The|strong="H0834" foreigners|strong="H1616" liv-  
ing among|strong="H7130" you|strong="H0859"  
will|strong="H0834" get|strong="H5927"  
more|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3381"  
more|strong="H5921" power, and|strong="H3381"  
you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0834" lose  
the|strong="H0834" power you|strong="H0859"  
had|strong="H0834". <sup>44</sup> The|strong="H1961" foreign-  
ers will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" money  
to|strong="H1961" loan you|strong="H0859",  
but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0859"  
will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808"  
have|strong="H1961" any|strong="H1961" money  
to|strong="H1961" loan them|strong="H1961".  
They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" control  
you|strong="H0859" the|strong="H1961" way  
the|strong="H1961" head|strong="H7218" controls  
the|strong="H1961" body. You|strong="H0859"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961"  
tail|strong="H2180".

<sup>45</sup> " All|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" curs-  
es|strong="H7045" will|strong="H3068"  
come|strong="H0935" on|strong="H5921"  
you|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" keep|strong="H8104" chas-  
ing|strong="H7291" you|strong="H0834"  
and|strong="H0935" catching you|strong="H0834",  
until|strong="H5704" you|strong="H0834"  
are|strong="H0834" destroyed|strong="H8045", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834"

did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0935" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" told|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H6680" and|strong="H0935" laws that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834". <sup>46</sup> These curses will|strong="H1961" show|strong="H1961" people that|strong="H1961" God judged you|strong="H5704" and|strong="H5769" your|strong="H1961" descendants|strong="H2233" forever|strong="H5769". People will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" amazed at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5704" terrible things|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1961" happen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5704".

<sup>47</sup> " The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" gave you|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7230" blessings. But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" serve|strong="H5647" him|strong="H0853" with|strong="H3068" joy|strong="H8057" and|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0834" glad|strong="H2898" heart|strong="H3824". <sup>48</sup> So|strong="H7971" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" send|strong="H7971" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" hungry, thirsty|strong="H6772", naked|strong="H5903", and|strong="H3068" poor. He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" load on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" cannot be|strong="H3068" removed. You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" carry that|strong="H0834" load until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H0834" destroys you|strong="H0834". <sup>1</sup>

**The|strong="H3605" Curse of|strong="H3068" an|strong="H5414" Enemy|strong="H0341" Nation**

<sup>49</sup> " The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H5375" a|strong="H8085" nation|strong="H1471" from|strong="H5921" far|strong="H7350" away|strong="H5375" to|strong="H5921" fight you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" understand|strong="H8085" their|strong="H3068" lan-

<sup>1</sup> HE ... DESTROYS YOU Literally, "He will put an iron yoke on your neck until he destroys you."

guage|strong="H3956". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H7350" quickly, like|strong="H0834" an|strong="H5375" eagle|strong="H5404" coming down|strong="H1675" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" sky. <sup>50</sup> These|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1471" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3808" cruel. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" care about|strong="H5375" old|strong="H2205" people|strong="H1471" or|strong="H3808" show|strong="H5375" mercy|strong="H2603" to|strong="H6440" young|strong="H5288" children|strong="H5288". <sup>51</sup> They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" take|strong="H0006" your|strong="H0834" animals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" food|strong="H0398" you|strong="H0834" grow. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" take|strong="H0006" everything|strong="H0834" until|strong="H5704" they|strong="H0834" destroy|strong="H8045" you|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H7604" you|strong="H0834" any|strong="H0398" grain|strong="H1715", wine|strong="H8492", oil|strong="H3323", cattle|strong="H0929", sheep|strong="H6629", or|strong="H3808" goats. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" take|strong="H0006" everything|strong="H0834", until|strong="H5704" they|strong="H0834" destroy|strong="H8045" you|strong="H0834".

<sup>52</sup> " That|strong="H0834" nation will|strong="H3068" surround and|strong="H3068" attack your|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H8179". You|strong="H0859" think that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" tall, strong walls|strong="H2346" around your|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H8179" will|strong="H3068" protect you|strong="H0859". But|strong="H0859" those|strong="H3605" walls|strong="H2346" will|strong="H3068" fall|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381". The|strong="H3605" enemy|strong="H6887" will|strong="H3068" surround all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H8179" everywhere|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0834" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859". <sup>53</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" suffer very much|strong="H0834". The|strong="H0834" enemy|strong="H0341" will|strong="H3068" surround your|strong="H3068" cities. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0398" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" any|strong="H5414"

food |strong="H0398". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" get very hungry. You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" so |strong="H5414" hungry that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" your |strong="H3068" own sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323"— you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0834" bodies |strong="H1320" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" children |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>54</sup> "Even the |strong="H0834" most |strong="H3966" kind and |strong="H1121" gentle |strong="H7390" man |strong="H0376" among |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" become cruel. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" cruel to |strong="H0376" his |strong="H0834" family, and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" cruel to |strong="H0376" his |strong="H0834" wife |strong="H0802" he |strong="H0834" loves so |strong="H0834" much |strong="H0834". And |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" cruel to |strong="H0376" his |strong="H0834" children |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still alive.

<sup>55</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" nothing |strong="H3605" left |strong="H7604" to |strong="H5414" eat |strong="H0398", so |strong="H5414" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" his |strong="H3605" own children |strong="H1121". And |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0398" share |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" meat |strong="H1320" with |strong="H3605" anyone |strong="H3605"— not |strong="H0398" even the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0259" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H7604" his |strong="H3605" own family. All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H1992" bad things |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0834" happen when |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" enemy |strong="H0341" comes |strong="H1992" to |strong="H5414" surround your |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H8179" and |strong="H1121" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" suffer.

<sup>56</sup> " Even |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0834" most kind and |strong="H1121" gentle |strong="H7390" woman |strong="H1323" among |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" become cruel. She |strong="H0834" might |strong="H1323" be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H0834" lady

so |strong="H3808" gentle |strong="H7390" and |strong="H1121" delicate |strong="H6028" that |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" put |strong="H5254" her |strong="H5921" feet |strong="H7272" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" ground |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5921" walk anywhere |strong="H0776". But |strong="H3808" she |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" become cruel to |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" husband |strong="H0376" she |strong="H0834" loves so |strong="H3808" much |strong="H0834". And |strong="H1121" she |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" cruel to |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376" son |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughter |strong="H1323". <sup>57</sup> She |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" hide |strong="H5643" and |strong="H1121" give |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3588" baby |strong="H1121". And |strong="H1121" she |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" baby |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" comes |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" her |strong="H3605" body with |strong="H3605" it |strong="H3588". All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" bad things |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0834" happen when |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3605" enemy |strong="H0341" comes |strong="H3318" to |strong="H3205" surround your |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H8179" and |strong="H1121" make |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" suffer.

<sup>58</sup> " You |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0853" obey |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H1697" and |strong="H3068" teachings |strong="H8451" that |strong="H3605" are |strong="H1697" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H0430" this |strong="H2088" book |strong="H5612". And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0853" respect the |strong="H3605" wonderful and |strong="H3068" awesome |strong="H3372" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H6213", <sup>59</sup> the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" punish you |strong="H0853" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H2233" with |strong="H3068" terrible |strong="H7451" diseases. He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" cause you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3068" suffer illness-

es |strong="H2483" that |strong="H3068"  
 have |strong="H3068" no cure. And |strong="H3068"  
 you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3068" find no re-  
 lief for |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" misery!  
 60 He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"  
 bring |strong="H7725" on |strong="H3605"  
 you |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" diseases |strong="H4064"  
 you |strong="H0834" saw in |strong="H7725"  
 Egypt |strong="H4714" that |strong="H0834" filled  
 you |strong="H0834" with |strong="H4714" fear,  
 and |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H0834" not be |strong="H7725" able  
 to |strong="H7725" avoid them |strong="H0853". 61  
 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 will |strong="H3068" even |strong="H1571"  
 bring |strong="H5927" troubles and |strong="H3068"  
 diseases that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"  
 not |strong="H3808" written |strong="H3789"  
 in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063"  
 Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H3068" Teach-  
 ings |strong="H8451". He |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" continue to |strong="H5704"  
 do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H2063" un-  
 til |strong="H5704" you |strong="H0834"  
 are |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H8045". 62  
 You |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068"  
 have |strong="H1961" as |strong="H0834"  
 many |strong="H7230" people |strong="H0834"  
 as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834"  
 stars |strong="H3556" in |strong="H0430"  
 the |strong="H0834" sky |strong="H8064".  
 But |strong="H3588" only a |strong="H1961"  
 few |strong="H4592" of |strong="H0430"  
 you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H1961" left |strong="H7604", be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834"  
 did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" lis-  
 ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1961"  
 the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".  
 63 " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 was |strong="H1961" happy |strong="H3190"  
 to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H1961"  
 good |strong="H3190" to |strong="H0935"  
 you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H0935"  
 to |strong="H0935" make |strong="H3190"  
 your |strong="H3068" nation grow. In |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H3651"  
 way |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H1961" happy |strong="H3190"  
 to |strong="H0935" ruin and |strong="H0935" de-  
 stroy |strong="H8045" you |strong="H0859".  
 You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" go-  
 ing |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
 take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H0834"  
 land |strong="H0127" to |strong="H0935"

be |strong="H1961" yours |strong="H0859".  
 But |strong="H1961" people |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3423"  
 you |strong="H0859" out |strong="H3423"  
 of |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834"  
 land |strong="H0127"! 64 The |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" scat-  
 ter |strong="H6327" you |strong="H0859"  
 among |strong="H8033" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"  
 in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605"  
 world |strong="H0776". He |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" scatter |strong="H6327"  
 you |strong="H0859" from |strong="H5704"  
 one |strong="H3605" end |strong="H7097"  
 of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605"  
 earth |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5704"  
 the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0312".  
 There |strong="H8033" you |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" false  
 gods |strong="H0430" made |strong="H3045"  
 of |strong="H0776" wood |strong="H6086"  
 and |strong="H3068" stone |strong="H0068".  
 They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" false  
 gods |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834"  
 you |strong="H0859" or |strong="H3808"  
 your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" nev-  
 er |strong="H3808" worshiped |strong="H5647".  
 65 " You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068"  
 not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1961"  
 any |strong="H1961" peace among |strong="H8033"  
 these |strong="H1992" nations |strong="H1471".  
 You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068"  
 have |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808"  
 place |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1961"  
 rest |strong="H4494". The |strong="H5414"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" fill  
 your |strong="H3068" mind |strong="H3820"  
 with |strong="H3068" worry. Your |strong="H3068"  
 eyes |strong="H5869" will |strong="H3068"  
 feel |strong="H5869" tired. You |strong="H5414"  
 will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" very up-  
 set |strong="H5869". 66 You |strong="H3808"  
 will |strong="H1961" live |strong="H2416"  
 with |strong="H1961" danger and |strong="H3915" al-  
 ways be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H6342".  
 You |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961"  
 be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H6342"  
 night |strong="H3915" and |strong="H3915"  
 day |strong="H3119". You |strong="H3808"  
 will |strong="H1961" never |strong="H3808" feel  
 sure |strong="H0539" about |strong="H1961"  
 your |strong="H1961" life |strong="H2416". 67  
 In |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" morn-  
 ing |strong="H1242" you |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H4310" say |strong="H0559";  
 I |strong="H0834" wish |strong="H4310"  
 it |strong="H5414" were |strong="H0834"

evening |strong="H6153"! In |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" evening |strong="H6153" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H4310" say |strong="H0559"; ' I |strong="H0834" wish |strong="H4310" it |strong="H5414" were |strong="H0834" morning |strong="H1242"! This |strong="H0834" will |strong="H4310" happen because |strong="H0834" of |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0559" fear |strong="H6343" in |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" heart |strong="H3824" and |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0559" terrible things |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H4310" see |strong="H7200". <sup>68</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" send you |strong="H0834" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" Egypt |strong="H4714" in |strong="H3068" ships |strong="H0591". I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H8033" again |strong="H5750", but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" send you |strong="H0834" there |strong="H8033". In |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4714" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" try to |strong="H0559" sell |strong="H4376" yourselves |strong="H3068" as |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341", but |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0369" will |strong="H3068" buy |strong="H7069" you |strong="H0834"."

### The Agreement in Moab

**29** The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" an |strong="H7200" agreement with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" at |strong="H0413" Mount Horeb. In |strong="H0413" addition |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" agreement, he |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872" to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H6213" another agreement with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" while |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0413" Moab. This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" agreement. <sup>2</sup> Moses called together all |strong="H1419" the |strong="H0834" Israelites. He |strong="H0834" said to |strong="H7200" them |strong="H1992", " You |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" everything |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD did |strong="H0834" in |strong="H1419"

the |strong="H0834" land of |strong="H5869" Egypt. You |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" to |strong="H7200" Pharaoh, to |strong="H7200" Pharaoh's officers, and |strong="H1419" to |strong="H7200" his |strong="H0834" whole country. <sup>3</sup> You |strong="H5414" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H8085" great troubles |strong="H7200" he |strong="H5704" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". You |strong="H5414" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H8085" miracles and |strong="H3068" amazing things |strong="H0241" he |strong="H5704" did |strong="H3808". <sup>4</sup> But |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" today, you |strong="H5921" still don't |strong="H3808" understand what |strong="H5921" happened. The |strong="H0853" LORD has |strong="H7272" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921" really understand what |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" saw and |strong="H8141" heard. <sup>5</sup> He |strong="H3588" led you |strong="H3588" through |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" desert for |strong="H3588" 40 years, and |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0430" all |strong="H0398" that |strong="H3588" time, your |strong="H3068" clothes and |strong="H3068" sandals did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" wear out |strong="H3045". <sup>6</sup> You |strong="H0935" did not |strong="H2088" have |strong="H4428" any |strong="H5221" food with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935". You |strong="H0935" did not |strong="H2088" have |strong="H4428" any |strong="H5221" wine or |strong="H4421" anything else to |strong="H0413" drink. But |strong="H5221" he |strong="H0935" took |strong="H3318" care of |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0935" so |strong="H3318" that |strong="H2088" you |strong="H0935" would |strong="H4428" understand that |strong="H2088" he |strong="H0935" is |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0413" LORD your |strong="H0935" God |strong="H0413". <sup>7</sup> " You |strong="H5414" came to |strong="H5414" this place |strong="H5414", and |strong="H0776" King Sihon of |strong="H0776" Heshbon and |strong="H0776" King Og of |strong="H0776" Bashan came out |strong="H0853" to |strong="H5414" fight against us |strong="H5414". But |strong="H3947" we |strong="H0776" defeated them |strong="H5414". <sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H0853" we |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0853" their |strong="H3605" land and |strong="H1697" gave |strong="H6213" it |strong="H6213" to |strong="H8104" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" in |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" tribes of |strong="H1697" Reuben and |strong="H1697" Gad and |strong="H1697" to |strong="H8104" half

the *tribe of Manasseh*.<sup>9</sup> If you obey all the commands in this agreement, you will continue to succeed in everything you do.

<sup>10</sup> "Today all of you are standing here before the LORD your God. Your leaders, your officials, your elders, and all the other men are here. <sup>11</sup> Your wives and children are here and also the foreigners living among you—the people who cut your wood and bring you water. You are all here to enter into an agreement with the LORD your God. The LORD your God is making this agreement with you today."<sup>13</sup> With this agreement he is making you his own special people, and he himself will become your God. He told you this. He promised this to your ancestors—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.<sup>14</sup> The LORD is making this agreement with its promises with you people, but not only with you. <sup>15</sup> Yes, he is making this agreement with all of you who stand here

with us today before the LORD our God. But this agreement is also for our descendants who are not here with us today. <sup>16</sup> You remember how we lived in the land of Egypt. And you remember how we traveled through the countries that were on our way here. <sup>17</sup> You saw their hated things—the idols they had made from wood, stone, silver, and gold. <sup>18</sup> Be sure that there is no man, woman, family or tribe here today who turns away from the LORD our God. No one should and the gods of the other nations. People who do that are like a plant that grows bitter and poisonous fruit.

<sup>19</sup> "Some people might hear these curses and comfort themselves by saying, 'I will continue doing what I want.' Nothing bad will happen to me." But this attitude will bring total disaster. <sup>20</sup> The LORD will not forgive them for that. No, the LORD will be angry and upset with them and punish them. The LORD will separate them from the tribes of Israel. He will completely destroy them. All the curses that are written in this book will happen to them. They are a part of the agreement that is written in this *Book of Teachings*.

22 "In the future, your descendants and foreigners from faraway countries will see how land has been ruined. They will see the diseases that the LORD brought to it." 23 All the land will be useless—destroyed by burning sulfur and covered with salt. The land will have nothing planted in it. Nothing will be growing—not even weeds. The land will be destroyed like Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, the cities the LORD destroyed when he was very angry.

24 "All the other nations will ask, 'Why did the LORD do this to the land? Why was he so angry?' 25 The answer will be, 'This happened because the Israelites left the agreement of the LORD, the God of their ancestors. They stopped following the agreement he made with them when he brought them out of Egypt.' 26 The Israelites started serving other gods—gods they never worshiped before.

The LORD told his people not to worship those gods. 27 That is why the LORD became very angry with the people of the land. So he brought to them all the curses that are written in this book. 28 The LORD became very angry and upset with them. So he took them out of their land. He put them in another land, where they are today.

29 "There are some things that the LORD our God has kept secret. Only he knows these things. But he told us about some things. And these teachings are for us and our descendants forever. And we must obey all the commands in that law.

#### The Israelites Will Return to Their Land

30 "Everything that I have mentioned will happen to you—both the blessings and the curses. And you will remember these words when the LORD your God sends you away to other nations. 2 Then you and your descendants will turn back to the LORD your God. You will follow him with all your heart



your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824" and |strong="H1121" completely |strong="H3605" obey |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" given |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0859" today |strong="H3117".<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" kind to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834" free again |strong="H7725"! He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834" back |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971" where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834".<sup>4</sup> Even |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" were |strong="H1961" sent |strong="H3947" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3068" farthest parts of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" earth |strong="H8064", the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" gather |strong="H6908" you |strong="H0518" from |strong="H3947" there |strong="H8033" and |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H3947" you |strong="H0518" back |strong="H3947".<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H3423" yours. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3190" good |strong="H3190" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834" more |strong="H7235" than |strong="H7235" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834" more |strong="H7235" people |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" nation than |strong="H7235" they |strong="H0834" ever had |strong="H3068".<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" make you |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3068"

your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H2233" want |strong="H5315" to |strong="H3068" obey him |strong="H0853".<sup>1</sup> Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824". And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H2416"!

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" bad things |strong="H0428" happen to |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341", who |strong="H0834" hate |strong="H8130" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" cause |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" trouble.<sup>8</sup> And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" again |strong="H7725" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859" today |strong="H3117".<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834" successful in |strong="H5921" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H4639". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bless you |strong="H0834" with |strong="H3068" many children. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bless your |strong="H3068" cows |strong="H3605"—they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834" many calves. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bless your |strong="H3068" fields |strong="H0127"—they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" grow many good |strong="H2896" crops. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" again |strong="H7725" enjoy doing |strong="H3027" good |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834", the |strong="H3605" same as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" enjoyed doing |strong="H3027" good |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001".<sup>10</sup> But |strong="H3588"

<sup>1</sup> MAKE YOU ... OBEY HIM Literally, "circumcise the hearts of you and your seed."

you |strong="H3588" must do |strong="H8104"  
 what |strong="H2088" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" tells you |strong="H3588"  
 to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H8104".  
 You |strong="H3588" must obey |strong="H8085"  
 his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687"  
 and |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H3068"  
 the |strong="H3605" rules |strong="H2708"  
 that |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" writ-  
 ten |strong="H3789" in |strong="H0413"  
 this |strong="H2088" Book |strong="H5612"  
 of |strong="H0430" Teachings |strong="H8451".  
 You |strong="H3588" must obey |strong="H8085"  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605"  
 your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824"  
 and |strong="H3068" with |strong="H0413"  
 all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068"  
 soul |strong="H5315". Then |strong="H2088"  
 these |strong="H2088" good things |strong="H3605"  
 will |strong="H3068" happen to |strong="H0413"  
 you |strong="H3588".

**Life |strong="H5315" or |strong="H8085"  
 Death |strong="H5315"**

<sup>11</sup> " This |strong="H2063" command |strong="H6680"  
 that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
 give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" to-  
 day |strong="H3117" is |strong="H0834"  
 not |strong="H3808" too |strong="H4480"  
 hard |strong="H6381" for |strong="H3588"  
 you |strong="H0834". It |strong="H1931"  
 is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808"  
 a |strong="H3588" secret hidden in |strong="H3117"  
 some |strong="H4480" far |strong="H7350"  
 away |strong="H4480" land. <sup>12</sup> This |strong="H1931"  
 command |strong="H0559" is |strong="H1931"  
 not |strong="H3808" in |strong="H8085" heav-  
 en |strong="H8064" so |strong="H6213"  
 that |strong="H1931" you |strong="H6213"  
 should |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559", '   
 Who |strong="H4310" will |strong="H4310"  
 go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927"  
 to |strong="H0559" heaven |strong="H8064"  
 for |strong="H3808" us |strong="H0559"  
 and |strong="H8064" bring |strong="H5927"  
 it |strong="H1931" to |strong="H0559"  
 us |strong="H0559", so |strong="H6213"  
 that |strong="H1931" we |strong="H8085"  
 can |strong="H4310" hear |strong="H8085"  
 and |strong="H8064" do |strong="H6213"  
 it |strong="H1931"? <sup>13</sup> This |strong="H1931" com-  
 mand |strong="H0559" is |strong="H1931"  
 not |strong="H3808" on |strong="H0413"  
 the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H5676"  
 side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H0559"

the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220"  
 so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H1931"  
 you |strong="H6213" should |strong="H0559"  
 say |strong="H0559", ' Who |strong="H4310"  
 will |strong="H4310" go |strong="H5674"  
 across |strong="H5676" the |strong="H0853"  
 sea |strong="H3220" for |strong="H0413"  
 us |strong="H0413" and |strong="H8085"  
 bring |strong="H3947" it |strong="H1931"  
 to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413",  
 so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H1931"  
 we |strong="H8085" can |strong="H4310"  
 hear |strong="H8085" it |strong="H1931"  
 and |strong="H8085" do |strong="H6213"  
 it |strong="H1931"? <sup>14</sup> No, the |strong="H3588"  
 word |strong="H1697" is |strong="H1697"  
 very |strong="H3966" near |strong="H7138"  
 to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588".  
 It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H1697"  
 in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3588"  
 mouth |strong="H6310" and |strong="H1697"  
 in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3588"  
 heart |strong="H3824". So |strong="H6213"  
 you |strong="H3588" can |strong="H6213"  
 obey |strong="H6213" it |strong="H3588".

<sup>15</sup> " Today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H5414"  
 have |strong="H7200" given |strong="H5414"  
 you |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414"  
 choice |strong="H7200" between life |strong="H3117"  
 and |strong="H3117" death |strong="H4194", suc-  
 cess |strong="H2896" and |strong="H3117" disas-  
 ter |strong="H7451". <sup>16</sup> I |strong="H0834" com-  
 mand |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0859" to-  
 day |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0935"  
 love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0834" com-  
 mand |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0859"  
 to |strong="H0935" follow |strong="H3068"  
 him |strong="H0853" and |strong="H0935"  
 to |strong="H0935" obey |strong="H8104"  
 his |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H6680",  
 laws, and |strong="H0935" rules |strong="H2708".  
 Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H2421",  
 and |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" nation  
 will |strong="H3068" grow |strong="H1288" larger.  
 And |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068"  
 bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0859"  
 in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
 land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834"  
 you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" enter-  
 ing |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
 take |strong="H3423" for |strong="H0776"  
 your |strong="H3068" own. <sup>17</sup> But |strong="H0518"

if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" turn |strong="H6437" away |strong="H5080" from |strong="H8085" your |strong="H8085" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0430" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085", if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" are |strong="H0430" led |strong="H5080" away |strong="H5080" to |strong="H8085" worship |strong="H7812" and |strong="H0430" serve |strong="H5647" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430",<sup>18</sup> you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H0006". I |strong="H0834" am warning you |strong="H0859" today |strong="H3117", if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" turn |strong="H5674" away |strong="H5674" from |strong="H0935" God |strong="H3808", you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" live |strong="H0748" long |strong="H3117" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" across |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3588" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" ready to |strong="H0935" enter |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" take |strong="H3423" for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H5921" own.

<sup>19</sup> " Today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H5414" am giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859" a |strong="H5414" choice |strong="H0977" of |strong="H0776" two ways. And |strong="H0776" I |strong="H5414" ask heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5414" be |strong="H0776" witnesses of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5414" choice |strong="H0977". You |strong="H0859" can |strong="H2233" choose |strong="H0977" life |strong="H3117" or |strong="H3117" death |strong="H4194". The |strong="H0853" first |strong="H3117" choice |strong="H0977" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" blessing |strong="H1293". The |strong="H0853" other choice |strong="H0977" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" curse |strong="H7045". So |strong="H4616" choose |strong="H0977" life |strong="H3117"! Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5414" children |strong="H2233" will |strong="H0776" live |strong="H2421".<sup>20</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" him |strong="H5414". Never leave him |strong="H5414", because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834"

your |strong="H3068" life |strong="H3117". And |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" long |strong="H0753" life |strong="H3117" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H5921" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001"— Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290".

### Joshua Will Be the New Leader

**31** Then |strong="H1696" Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3478" spoke |strong="H1696" these |strong="H0428" words |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".<sup>2</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" now |strong="H3117" 120 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". I |strong="H0595" cannot |strong="H3808" lead |strong="H3318" you |strong="H3117" anymore |strong="H5750". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", ' You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H3318" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River.'<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" lead you |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1471" into |strong="H3423" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H6440". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H8045" these |strong="H0428" nations |strong="H1471" for |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3423" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H6440" away |strong="H5674" from |strong="H6440" them |strong="H0853". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696" that |strong="H0834" Joshua |strong="H3091" must |strong="H0853" lead you |strong="H0834".

<sup>4</sup> " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H8045" Sihon |strong="H5511" and |strong="H3068" Og |strong="H5747". He |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H8045" those |strong="H0834" Amorite |strong="H0567" kings |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3068"

he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" thing for |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" again! <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" help you |strong="H0834" defeat |strong="H5414" these |strong="H3605" nations. But |strong="H4687" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5414" everything |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213". <sup>6</sup> Be |strong="H3808" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H1980" be |strong="H3808" brave. Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0430" those |strong="H2388" people |strong="H3808" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" fail |strong="H7503" you |strong="H3588" or |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H1980" you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H2088" Moses |strong="H4872" called |strong="H7121" Joshua |strong="H3091". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" watched |strong="H0413" while |strong="H3588" Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091", " Be |strong="H3478" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H0935" brave. You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" lead |strong="H0413" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H5971" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" take |strong="H2388" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" divide |strong="H5157" it |strong="H5414" among |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0413". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" lead |strong="H1980" you |strong="H6440". He |strong="H1931" himself |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H6440". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" fail |strong="H7503" you |strong="H6440" or |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H1980" you |strong="H6440".

Don't |strong="H3808" worry |strong="H3372". Don't |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H3372"!"

**Moses |strong="H3808" Writes the |strong="H6440" Book of |strong="H3068" Teachings |strong="H1980"**

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H4872" wrote |strong="H3789" this |strong="H2063" Book of |strong="H1121" Teachings |strong="H8451" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" tribe of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3878". They |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" work |strong="H5414" of |strong="H1121" carrying |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Box of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Agreement |strong="H1285". Moses |strong="H4872" also |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Moses |strong="H4872" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" leaders. He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559", " At |strong="H4872" the |strong="H0853" end |strong="H7093" of |strong="H8141" every |strong="H8141" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141", in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" Year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H8141" Freedom, <sup>1</sup> read these teachings at |strong="H4872" the |strong="H0853" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H8141" Shelters |strong="H5521". <sup>11</sup> At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" must |strong="H0853" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H6440" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" at |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" special place |strong="H4725" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" choose |strong="H0977". Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" read |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" so |strong="H7121" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H0241" them |strong="H0853". <sup>12</sup> Bring togeth-

I YEAR OF FREEDOM That is, the year for canceling debts.

er |strong="H6950" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"— the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376", the |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802", the |strong="H3605" little |strong="H2945" children |strong="H2945", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" foreigners |strong="H1616" living |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" cities |strong="H8179". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" learn |strong="H3925" to |strong="H3068" respect the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" able to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0430" this |strong="H2063" Book of |strong="H0376" Teachings |strong="H8451".<sup>13</sup> If |strong="H0834" their |strong="H3605" descendants |strong="H1121" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3605" teachings, they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" hear |strong="H8085" them |strong="H0853", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" learn |strong="H3925" to |strong="H5921" respect |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" respect |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" as |strong="H0834" long |strong="H3117" as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" live |strong="H2416" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" country |strong="H0127". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" soon go |strong="H5674" across |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River and |strong="H1121" take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3068" own."

**The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" Calls Moses |strong="H3808" and |strong="H1121" Joshua**

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " Now |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" near |strong="H7126" for |strong="H7121" you |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4191". Get Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3068" come |strong="H7126" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168". I |strong="H2005"

will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" Joshua |strong="H3091" what he |strong="H3117" must |strong="H4191" do |strong="H6680". So |strong="H7121" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Joshua |strong="H3091" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168".

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Tent |strong="H0168" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H7200" tall cloud |strong="H6051". The |strong="H5921" tall cloud |strong="H6051" stood |strong="H5975" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" Tent |strong="H0168".<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H4872", " You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" die soon. And |strong="H0935" after |strong="H0310" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" gone |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001", these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H2088" continue |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3068" faithful to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" break |strong="H6565" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285" I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3772" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" leave |strong="H5800" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" begin worshipping other |strong="H2088" gods |strong="H0430"— the |strong="H0853" false gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" going |strong="H0935".<sup>17</sup> At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" become |strong="H1961" very |strong="H7227" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H1992", and |strong="H0430" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" leave |strong="H5800" them |strong="H1992". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" help them |strong="H1992", and |strong="H0430" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H0369". Terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H0428" will |strong="H0430" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559"

them |strong="H1992", and |strong="H0430" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H1961" many |strong="H7227" troubles. Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0430" say |strong="H0559", ' These |strong="H0428" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H0428" happened |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" us |strong="H5921" because |strong="H3588" our |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808" with |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921"! 18 And |strong="H0430" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" refuse to |strong="H0413" help them |strong="H0413", because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7451" and |strong="H0430" worshiped other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430".

19 " So |strong="H4616" write |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" this |strong="H2063" song |strong="H7892", and |strong="H1121" teach |strong="H3925" it |strong="H7760" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". Teach |strong="H3925" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1961" sing this |strong="H2063" song |strong="H7892". Then |strong="H1961" this |strong="H2063" song |strong="H7892" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" witness |strong="H5707" for |strong="H4616" me |strong="H7760" against the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". 20 I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" take |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H0398" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" ancestors |strong="H0001"— a |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0127" filled |strong="H7646" with |strong="H0413" many good things |strong="H0834". 1 And |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H0834" all |strong="H0398" they |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" rich |strong="H2100" life. But |strong="H3588" then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" turn |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0413" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0935" serve |strong="H5647" them |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" turn |strong="H6437" away |strong="H6437" from |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935"

I LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey."

break |strong="H6565" my |strong="H0834" agreement |strong="H1285". 21 Then |strong="H6030" many |strong="H7227" terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" many |strong="H7227" troubles. At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" their |strong="H3588" descendants |strong="H2233" will |strong="H1961" still know |strong="H3045" this |strong="H2063" song |strong="H7892", and |strong="H0935" it |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1961" show |strong="H3045" them |strong="H0413" how |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3588" taken |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0413" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413". But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" already know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" planning to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213" there |strong="H1961".

22 So |strong="H1931" that |strong="H3117" same |strong="H1931" day |strong="H3117" Moses |strong="H4872" wrote |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" the |strong="H0853" song |strong="H7892" and |strong="H1121" taught |strong="H3925" it |strong="H1931" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478".

23 Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Lord spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " Be |strong="H1961" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H1121" brave. You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" lead |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" them |strong="H0413", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859"."

**Moses |strong="H0559" Warns the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"**

24 Moses |strong="H4872" carefully wrote |strong="H3789" all |strong="H5704" these |strong="H2063" teachings |strong="H8451" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961"

book |strong="H5612". When |strong="H1961" he |strong="H5704" finished |strong="H3615",<sup>25</sup> he |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H6680" a |strong="H5375" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881". (These men |strong="H0559" carry |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Box of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Agreement |strong="H1285".) Moses |strong="H4872" said |strong="H0559",<sup>26</sup> "Take |strong="H3947" this |strong="H2088" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H0430" Teachings |strong="H8451" and |strong="H3068" put |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" by |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" side |strong="H6654" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Agreement |strong="H1285" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Then |strong="H1961" it |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" witness |strong="H5707" against you |strong="H7760".<sup>27</sup> I |strong="H0595" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3117" very |strong="H3045" stubborn |strong="H7186". I |strong="H0595" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" want to |strong="H1961" live |strong="H2416" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" way. Look |strong="H2005", you |strong="H3588" refused |strong="H6203" to |strong="H1961" obey |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" while |strong="H5750" I |strong="H0595" was |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588". So |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0595" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" refuse to |strong="H1961" obey |strong="H3045" him |strong="H0853" after |strong="H0310" I |strong="H0595" die |strong="H4194".<sup>28</sup> Bring together |strong="H6950" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H7860" and |strong="H0776" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626". I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H0776" tell |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697". And |strong="H0776" I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H0776" call heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1697" witnesses against |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".<sup>29</sup> I |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" after |strong="H0310" my |strong="H3068" death |strong="H4194"

you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" become evil |strong="H7451". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" turn |strong="H5493" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H1870" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H0310". Terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H4639" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H7122" to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" future |strong="H0319", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says is |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" him |strong="H0853" angry |strong="H3707" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H4639" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213"."

**The |strong="H0853" Song of |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H3588"**

<sup>30</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" gathered |strong="H6951" together, and |strong="H3478" Moses |strong="H4872" sang |strong="H1696" this |strong="H2063" whole |strong="H3605" song |strong="H7892" for |strong="H3605" them |strong="H0853":

**32** "Skies, listen |strong="H8085" and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H8085" will |strong="H0776" speak |strong="H1696". Earth |strong="H0776", hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" words |strong="H0561" of |strong="H0776" my |strong="H8085" mouth |strong="H6310".

<sup>2</sup> My |strong="H5921" teachings will come like |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" rain |strong="H4306",

like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" mist falling to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H5140",

like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" gentle rain |strong="H4306" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" soft grass |strong="H1877",

like |strong="H5921" rain |strong="H4306" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" green |strong="H1877" plants |strong="H6212".

<sup>3</sup> Praise |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" as |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" speak the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034"!

<sup>1</sup> PRAISE GOD Or "Give honor to God" or "Speak of the greatness of God."

4 "The Lord is Rock,

and his work is perfect!

Yes, all his ways are right!

God is true and faithful.

He is good and honest.

5 And you are really his children.

You are completely unfaithful to him.

You are crooked liars.

6 Is this the way you repay the LORD for all he has done for you?

You are stupid, foolish people.

He is your Father and your Creator.

He made you, and he supports you.

7 "Remember the days of the past.

Think about what happened so long ago.

Ask your father; he will tell you.

Ask your leaders; they will tell you.

8 God Most High separated the people on earth and gave each nation its land.

He set up borders for all people.

He made as many nations as there are angels.

9 The LORD chose his people to be his own.

The people of Jacob belong to him.

10 "The Lord found them in the desert, in a windy land.

He surrounded them and watched over them.

He protected them like a pupil of his eye,

11 like an eagle when she makes her young leave the nest to fly.

She stays close to them, ready to help.

She spreads her wings to catch them when they fall

and carries them to a safe place.

12 The LORD alone his people.

They had no help from any foreign god.

13 The Lord helped them take control of the hill country.

They took the harvest in the fields.

He gave them honey from the cliffs.

I ANGELS This is from the ancient Greek version. Some Hebrew copies at Qumran have "sons of God," which can also mean "angels." The standard Hebrew text has "sons of Israel."



and olive from the rocky ground.

<sup>14</sup> He gave his people butter from the herd milk from the flock.

He gave them lambs and goats.

They had the best rams from Bashan and the finest wheat.

They drank the best wine made from the juice of red grapes.

<sup>15</sup> "But Jeshurun became fat and kicked like a bull.

(Yes, you people were fed well and became full and fat.)

They left the God who made them!

They ran away from Rock who saved them.

<sup>16</sup> They made him jealous by worshiping other gods.

They made him angry with those disgusting idols.

<sup>17</sup> They offered sacrifices to demons—gods that are not God.

These were new gods they had known before, gods their ancestors never knew.

<sup>18</sup> You people left the Rock who made you; you forgot the God who gave you life.

<sup>19</sup> "The LORD saw and became upset.

His sons and daughters made him angry!

<sup>20</sup> So he said, 'I will turn away from them,

then let's see what happens!

They are a rebellious people.

They are like children who will not learn their lessons.

<sup>21</sup> They made me jealous with things that are not gods.

They made me angry with their worthless idols.

So I will use people who are not really a nation to make them jealous.

I will use a worthless nation to make them angry.

<sup>22</sup> My anger will burn like fire,

burning down to the deepest grave,

I JESHURUN Another name for Israel. It means "good" or "honest."

II WORTHLESS Literally, "foolish," used as a wordplay because in Hebrew it sounds like the word "worthless" used earlier in this verse.

burning |strong="H3344" the |strong="H3588" earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H5704" it |strong="H3588" produces, burning |strong="H3344" deep down |strong="H0639" below |strong="H8482" the |strong="H3588" mountains |strong="H2022".

<sup>23</sup> " I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5595" bring |strong="H7451" troubles to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Israelites.

I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5595" shoot all |strong="H3615" my |strong="H5921" arrows |strong="H2671" at |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921".

<sup>24</sup> They will |strong="H2534" become thin from |strong="H7971" hunger |strong="H7458".

Terrible diseases will |strong="H2534" destroy them |strong="H7971".

I |strong="H7971" will |strong="H2534" send |strong="H7971" wild animals |strong="H0929" against |strong="H5973" them |strong="H7971".

Poisonous snakes and |strong="H7971" lizards will |strong="H2534" bite them |strong="H7971".

<sup>25</sup> In |strong="H0376" the |strong="H1571" streets |strong="H2351", soldiers |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" kill |strong="H2719" them |strong="H7921".

In |strong="H0376" their |strong="H1571" houses, terrible |strong="H0367" things |strong="H5973" will |strong="H0376" happen.

Soldiers |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" kill |strong="H2719" young |strong="H0970" men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0376" women |strong="H1330".

They |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" kill |strong="H2719" babies and |strong="H0376" old |strong="H7872" people |strong="H0376".

<sup>26</sup> " I |strong="H0559" thought |strong="H0559" about destroying the |strong="H0559" Israelites so |strong="H7673" that |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0582" would |strong="H0559" forget |strong="H6284" them |strong="H0559" completely!

<sup>27</sup> But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0559" know |strong="H5234" what |strong="H2063" their |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341" would |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559".

The |strong="H3605" enemy |strong="H0341" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" understand.

They |strong="H3808" would |strong="H3068" brag and |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559",

" The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" destroy |strong="H3605" Israel.

We |strong="H6435" won by |strong="H3027" our |strong="H3068" own power |strong="H3027"! "

<sup>28</sup> " They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" foolish.

They |strong="H1992" don't |strong="H0369" understand |strong="H8394".

<sup>29</sup> If |strong="H3863" they were wise |strong="H2449",

they would |strong="H3863" understand |strong="H0995";

they would |strong="H3863" know what |strong="H2063" would |strong="H3863" happen to |strong="H0995" them |strong="H0995".

<sup>30</sup> Can |strong="H0518" one |strong="H0259" person chase |strong="H7291" away |strong="H5127" 1000 men |strong="H8147"?

Can |strong="H0518" two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H8147" cause 10,000

men |strong="H8147" to |strong="H3068" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127"?

It |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" happen only |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" gives them |strong="H7291" to |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" enemy.

This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" happen only |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" their |strong="H3068" Rock |strong="H6697" sells |strong="H4376" them |strong="H7291" like |strong="H3808" slaves.

<sup>31</sup> The |strong="H3588" 'rock' of |strong="H6697" our |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H0341" is |strong="H3588" not |strong="H3808" strong like |strong="H3808" our |strong="H3588" Rock |strong="H6697".

Even |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H0341" know that |strong="H3588".

<sup>32</sup> Their |strong="H3588" vines |strong="H1612" and |strong="H5467" fields |strong="H7709" will |strong="H1612" be |strong="H3588" destroyed like Sodom |strong="H5467" and |strong="H5467" Gomorrah |strong="H6017".

Their |strong="H3588" grapes |strong="H6025" are |strong="H6025" like bitter |strong="H4846" poison |strong="H7219".

<sup>33</sup> Their wine |strong="H3196" is |strong="H2534" like |strong="H2534" the poison |strong="H7219" of |strong="H2534" deadly |strong="H0393" snakes |strong="H8577".

<sup>34</sup> " The |strong="H3808" Lord says, ' I |strong="H3808" am saving that |strong="H1931" punishment.

I |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" it |strong="H1931" locked up |strong="H2856" in |strong="H3808" my |strong="H3808" storehouse |strong="H0214"!

<sup>35</sup> I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H7272" punish them |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" bad things |strong="H6264" they |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3117".

But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am saving that |strong="H3588" punishment for |strong="H3588"

when they slip and do bad things.

Their time of trouble is near.

Their punishment will come quickly!

<sup>36</sup> "The LORD will judge his people."

They are his servants, and he will show them mercy.

He will see that their power is gone.

He will see that they are all help-

less—the slaves and free people too.

<sup>37</sup> Then Lord will say, 'Where the false gods are?

Where is the rock that you ran to for protection?

<sup>38</sup> Those false gods ate fat of your sacrifices.

And drank the wine of your offerings.

So let them get up and help you!

Let them protect you!

<sup>39</sup> "Now, see that I, and only I, am God!"

There is no other God!

I put people to death,

and I let people live.

I can hurt people,

and I can make them well.

No one can save another person from my power!

<sup>40</sup> I will raise my hand toward heaven and this promise.

As surely as I live forever, these things will happen!

<sup>41</sup> I will swear,

I will sharpen my sword.

I will use it to punish my enemies.

I will give them the punishment they deserve.

<sup>42</sup> My enemies will be killed and taken as prisoners.

My arrows will be covered with their blood.

My sword will cut off the heads of their soldiers!

<sup>43</sup> "The whole world should be happy for God's people!"

God punishes people who kill his servants.

He gives his enemies the punishment they deserve.

And **he** makes his land and **people** pure."

**Moses Teaches the People His Song**

<sup>44</sup> Moses and Joshua son of Nun came and sang the words of this song for the Israelites to hear. <sup>45</sup> When Moses finished giving these teachings to the people, <sup>46</sup> he said to them, "You must to pay attention to all the commands I tell you today." And you must tell your children to obey the commands in Law. <sup>47</sup> Don't think these teachings are not important. They are your life through these teachings you will abide long time the land across the Jordan that you are ready to take.

**Moses on Mount Nebo**

<sup>48</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses that same day.

He said, <sup>49</sup> "Go to the Mountains of Moab across from the city of Jericho. Then you can look at the land of Canaan that I am giving to the Israelites to live in. You will die on that mountain. You will go to be with your people, the same as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor." <sup>51</sup> This is because you both sinned against me. You were at the waters of Meribah near Kadesh, in the desert of Zin. There, in front of the Israelites, you did not honor me and that I am holy. <sup>52</sup> So now you may see that the land that I am giving to the Israelites. But you cannot

go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413"  
that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776"."

### Moses Blesses the People

**33** This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" blessing |strong="H1293" that |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872", the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430", gave the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" before |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0834" died |strong="H4194":

<sup>2</sup> " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" Sinai |strong="H5514",

like |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0935" light shining at |strong="H3068" dawn over |strong="H3068" Seir |strong="H8165",

like |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0935" light shining from |strong="H0935" Mount |strong="H2022" Paran |strong="H6290".

He |strong="H3068" came |strong="H0935" with |strong="H3068" 10,000 holy |strong="H6944" ones |strong="H6944".<sup>I</sup>

God's mighty soldiers were |strong="H2022" by |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" side |strong="H3225".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Yes |strong="H0637", the |strong="H3605" Lord loves |strong="H2245" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

All |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" holy |strong="H6918" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H1992" in |strong="H3027" his |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027".

They |strong="H1992" sit |strong="H8497" at |strong="H5375" his |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272"

and |strong="H3027" learn his |strong="H3605" teachings!

<sup>4</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" gave |strong="H6680" us the |strong="H6680" law |strong="H8451".

These teachings |strong="H8451" are for |strong="H8451" Jacob's |strong="H3290" people.

<sup>5</sup> At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H1961" time |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" Israelites |strong="H3478"

and |strong="H3478" their |strong="H1961" leaders |strong="H7218" met together |strong="H3162",

and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1961" Lord became |strong="H1961" Jeshurun's<sup>III</sup> king |strong="H4428"!

<sup>I</sup> HOLY ONE Here, this probably means an angel. <sup>II</sup> HE CAME ... SIDE Or "He came from 10,000 holy angels where his troops were by his right side." <sup>III</sup> JESHURUN Another name for the people of Israel. It means "good" or "honest." Also in verse 26.

### Reuben's Blessing

<sup>6</sup> " Let |strong="H0408" Reuben |strong="H7205" live |strong="H2421", and |strong="H4191" not |strong="H0408" die |strong="H4191"!

But |strong="H1961" let |strong="H0408" there |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" only a |strong="H1961" few |strong="H4557" people |strong="H0408" in |strong="H4191" his |strong="H1961" tribe!"

### Judah's Blessing

<sup>7</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2063" about |strong="H1961" Judah |strong="H3063":

" LORD |strong="H3068", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" leader from |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" calls |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" help |strong="H5828".

Bring |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".

Make |strong="H8085" him |strong="H0413" strong, and |strong="H0935" help |strong="H5828" him |strong="H0413" defeat his |strong="H3068" enemies!"

### Levi's Blessing

<sup>8</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H0834" about |strong="H5921" Levi |strong="H3878":

" Levi |strong="H3878" is |strong="H0834" your |strong="H5921" true follower.

He |strong="H0834" keeps the |strong="H0559" Urim |strong="H0224" and |strong="H0376" Thummim |strong="H8550".

At |strong="H5921" Massah |strong="H4532" you |strong="H0834" tested |strong="H5254" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Levi |strong="H3878".

At |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" waters |strong="H4325" of |strong="H0376" Meribah |strong="H4809",<sup>IV</sup> you |strong="H0834" challenged |strong="H5254" them |strong="H5921".

<sup>9</sup> They |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1121" more |strong="H3808" loyal to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588", Lord, than |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H3588" own families |strong="H1121".

They |strong="H3588" ignored their |strong="H3588" fathers |strong="H0001" and |strong="H1121" mothers |strong="H0517".

<sup>IV</sup> MASSAH ... MERIBAH See Num. 20:1-13 for the story.

They|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" recognize|strong="H5234" their|strong="H3588" brothers|strong="H0251".

They|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" pay|strong="H8104" attention|strong="H8104" to|strong="H0559" their|strong="H3588" children|strong="H1121".

But|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" obeyed|strong="H8104" your|strong="H8104" commands|strong="H0559".

They|strong="H3588" kept|strong="H8104" your|strong="H8104" agreement|strong="H1285".

<sup>10</sup> They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3478" teach|strong="H3384" your|strong="H5921" rules to|strong="H5921" Jacob|strong="H3290"

and|strong="H3478" your|strong="H5921" Law|strong="H8451" to|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478".

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3478" burn in-cense|strong="H6988" before|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921".

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3478" offer burnt|strong="H3632" offerings|strong="H3478" on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" altar|strong="H4196".

<sup>11</sup> " LORD|strong="H3068", bless|strong="H1288" everything Levi has|strong="H3068".

Accept|strong="H7521" what|strong="H6467" he|strong="H3068" does|strong="H3068".

Destroy those|strong="H4480" who|strong="H3068" attack|strong="H6965" him|strong="H8130".

Defeat his|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H8130" so|strong="H4480" that|strong="H4480" they|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" never attack|strong="H6965" again|strong="H6965".

#### Benjamin's Blessing|strong="H1288"

<sup>12</sup> Moses|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3068" about|strong="H5921" Benjamin|strong="H1144":

" Benjamin|strong="H1144" is|strong="H3068" loved by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"

and|strong="H3068" lives|strong="H7931" close to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" safety|strong="H0983".

The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" protects him|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117"

like|strong="H3068" a|strong="H5921" child at|strong="H5921" rest|strong="H7931" on|strong="H5921" its|strong="H3605" mother's back." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> LIKE A CHILD ... BACK Literally, "and he rests between his shoulders." The metaphor may refer to the custom of a mother carrying her baby tied on her back as she works. See Psalm 131:2.

#### Joseph's Blessing

<sup>13</sup> Moses|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3068" about|strong="H3130" Joseph|strong="H3130":

" May|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" Joseph's|strong="H3130" land|strong="H0776" with|strong="H3068" rain from|strong="H8478" the|strong="H0559" skies above and|strong="H3068" water from|strong="H8478" the|strong="H0559" ground|strong="H0776" below|strong="H8478".

<sup>14</sup> Let the sun|strong="H8121" give them|strong="H8121" good fruit.

Let each month|strong="H3391" bring its best fruit.

<sup>15</sup> Let the|strong="H7218" hills|strong="H1389" and|strong="H7218" ancient|strong="H5769" mountains|strong="H2042"

produce their best|strong="H7218" fruit.

<sup>16</sup> Let the|strong="H0935" earth|strong="H0776" give|strong="H0935" its|strong="H0935" best|strong="H7218" to|strong="H0935" Joseph|strong="H3130".

He|strong="H0935" was|strong="H0776" separated|strong="H5139" from|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" brothers|strong="H0251".

So|strong="H0935" may|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0935" Lord in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" burning bush|strong="H5572" give|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" best|strong="H7218" to|strong="H0935" Joseph|strong="H3130".

<sup>17</sup> Joseph|strong="H5971" is|strong="H0776" like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H0776" powerful bull|strong="H7794".

His|strong="H4519" two sons are|strong="H1992" like|strong="H0776" bull's horns|strong="H7161".

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0776" attack other|strong="H0657" people|strong="H5971"

and|strong="H0776" push|strong="H5055" them|strong="H1992" to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" ends|strong="H0657" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

Yes, Manasseh|strong="H4519" has|strong="H0776" thousands|strong="H0505" of|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5971",

and|strong="H0776" Ephraim|strong="H0669" has|strong="H0776" ten|strong="H7233" thousands|strong="H0505".

#### Zebulun and|strong="H0776" Issachar's Blessing

<sup>18</sup> Moses|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" this about|strong="H3318" Zebulun|strong="H2074":

" Zebulun|strong="H2074", be happy|strong="H8055" when|strong="H3318"

you |strong="H8055" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318".

Issachar |strong="H3485", be happy |strong="H8055" in |strong="H8055" your |strong="H0559" tents |strong="H0168" at home |strong="H0168".

<sup>19</sup> They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H2022" call |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H8033" their |strong="H3588" mountain |strong="H2022".

There |strong="H8033" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H2022" offer |strong="H2076" good sacrifices |strong="H2077".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H2022" take riches from |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3588" sea |strong="H3220"

and |strong="H8033" treasures from |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3588" shore."

#### Gad's Blessing

<sup>20</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" this about Gad |strong="H1410":

" Praise |strong="H1288" God |strong="H0559" who |strong="H0559" gave |strong="H0559" Gad |strong="H1410" more |strong="H0637" land!

Gad |strong="H1410" is |strong="H1288" like |strong="H2220" a |strong="H0559" lion that |strong="H0559" lies |strong="H7931" down |strong="H7931" and |strong="H1410" waits.

Then |strong="H0559" he |strong="H0559" attacks and |strong="H1410" tears |strong="H2963" the |strong="H0559" animal in |strong="H7931" pieces |strong="H2963".

<sup>21</sup> He |strong="H3588" chose |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3588" best |strong="H7218" part for |strong="H3588" himself.

He |strong="H3588" took the |strong="H3588" king's share.

The |strong="H3588" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971" come |strong="H0857" to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H5973".

He |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H4941" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" says is |strong="H3068" good.

He |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H4941" is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H4941" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" Israelites |strong="H3478"."

#### Dan's Blessing

<sup>22</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" this about |strong="H4480" Dan |strong="H1835":

" Dan |strong="H1835" is |strong="H1835" a |strong="H4480" lion's |strong="H0738" cub |strong="H1482"

that |strong="H4480" jumps out |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" Bashan |strong="H1316"."

#### Naphtali's Blessing

<sup>23</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068" about Naphtali |strong="H5321":  
" Naphtali |strong="H5321", you |strong="H1293" will |strong="H3068" get all you |strong="H1293" want |strong="H3423".

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" really |strong="H0559" bless you |strong="H1293".

You |strong="H1293" will |strong="H3068" get the |strong="H0559" land by |strong="H3068" Lake Galilee."

#### Asher's Blessing |strong="H1293"

<sup>24</sup> Moses |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" this about |strong="H1961" Asher |strong="H0836":

" Asher |strong="H0836" <sup>1</sup> is |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" most blessed |strong="H1288" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" sons |strong="H1121".

Let |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" favorite of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1961" brothers |strong="H0251".

And |strong="H1121" let |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0559" wash his |strong="H1961" feet |strong="H7272" in |strong="H1121" olive |strong="H8081" oil |strong="H8081".

<sup>25</sup> Your |strong="H3117" gates will |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3117" locks |strong="H4515" made from |strong="H3117" iron |strong="H1270" and |strong="H3117" bronze |strong="H5178".

You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" strong all |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3117" life |strong="H3117"."

#### Moses Gives Praise to |strong="H3117" God

<sup>26</sup> " There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" like |strong="H8064" the |strong="H7392" God |strong="H0410" of |strong="H0410" Israel |strong="H8064"!

He |strong="H0369" rides |strong="H7392" on |strong="H7392" the |strong="H7392" clouds |strong="H7834" in |strong="H8064" his |strong="H7392" divine greatness.

He |strong="H0369" comes riding |strong="H7392" through the |strong="H7392" skies |strong="H7834" to |strong="H0369" help |strong="H5828" you.

<sup>27</sup> God |strong="H0430" lives forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>1</sup> ASHER This name means "blessed" or "happy."

He |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" your |strong="H6440" place |strong="H8478" of |strong="H0430" safety.

His |strong="H6440" power |strong="H2220" continues forever |strong="H5769"!

He |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" protecting you |strong="H6440".

He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" force your |strong="H6440" enemies |strong="H0341" to |strong="H0559" leave your |strong="H6440" land |strong="H6440".

He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" say |strong="H0559"; ' Destroy |strong="H8045" the |strong="H0559" enemy |strong="H0341"!

<sup>28</sup> So |strong="H0637" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H0776" live |strong="H7931" in |strong="H0413" safety |strong="H0983".

Jacob's |strong="H3290" well |strong="H0637" belongs to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".

They |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" get a |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" grain |strong="H1715" and |strong="H3478" wine |strong="H8492".

And |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3478" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" get plenty of |strong="H0776" rain.

<sup>29</sup> Israel |strong="H3478", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" blessed |strong="H0835".

No |strong="H4310" other nation |strong="H5971" is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3644" you |strong="H0859".

The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" saved |strong="H3467" you |strong="H0859".

He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3644" a |strong="H3644" strong shield |strong="H4043" protecting you |strong="H0859".

He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3644" a |strong="H3644" powerful sword |strong="H2719".

Your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" afraid of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859",

and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" put your |strong="H3068" foot |strong="H1869" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" backs! <sup>1</sup>

### Moses Dies

**34** Moses |strong="H4872" climbed |strong="H5927"

Mount |strong="H2022" Nebo |strong="H5015". Moses |strong="H4872" went |strong="H5927" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Jordan Valley in |strong="H5921" Moab |strong="H4124" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605"

top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0776" Mount |strong="H2022" Pisgah |strong="H6449". This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" across |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Jordan River |strong="H5704" from |strong="H5921" Jericho |strong="H3405". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" showed |strong="H7200" Moses |strong="H4872" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" from |strong="H5921" Gilead |strong="H1568" to |strong="H0413" Dan |strong="H1835". <sup>2</sup> He |strong="H5704" showed him |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Naphtali |strong="H5321", Ephraim |strong="H0669", and |strong="H3063" Manasseh |strong="H4519". He |strong="H5704" showed him |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220". <sup>3</sup> He |strong="H5704" showed Moses the |strong="H0853" Negev |strong="H5045" and |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" valley |strong="H1237" that |strong="H5704" goes from |strong="H5704" Zoar |strong="H6820" to |strong="H5704" Jericho |strong="H3405", the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3603" palm |strong="H8558" trees |strong="H8558". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Moses |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290". I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", ' I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H2233". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" go |strong="H5674" there |strong="H8033"."

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H4872" Moses |strong="H4872", the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650", died |strong="H4191" there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Moab |strong="H4124". The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> AND YOU ... BACKS Or "You will trample their holy places."



had |strong="H3068" told Moses |strong="H4872" this |strong="H3068" would |strong="H3068" happen.  
<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H5704" buried |strong="H6912" Moses |strong="H3808" in |strong="H0776" Moab |strong="H4124". This |strong="H2088" was |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" valley |strong="H1516" across from |strong="H0376" Beth Peor. But |strong="H3808" even |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117", no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" knows |strong="H3045" exactly where |strong="H3808" Moses' grave |strong="H6900" is |strong="H2088". <sup>7</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" was |strong="H4872" 120 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3808" died |strong="H4194". He |strong="H3808" was |strong="H4872" as |strong="H1121" strong as |strong="H1121" ever, and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3808" eyes |strong="H5869" were |strong="H1121" still good.  
<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" cried |strong="H1058" for |strong="H3117" Moses |strong="H4872" for |strong="H3117" 30 days |strong="H3117". They |strong="H3117" stayed in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" Jordan Valley in |strong="H3478" Moab |strong="H4124" until the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" sadness was |strong="H3478" finished |strong="H8552".

#### Joshua Becomes the |strong="H0853" New Leader

<sup>9</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H3068" put |strong="H6680" his |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H1121" appointed |strong="H6680" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" new leader. Then |strong="H0853" Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"

Nun |strong="H5126" was |strong="H0834" filled |strong="H4392" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" spirit |strong="H7307" of |strong="H1121" wisdom |strong="H2451". So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" began to |strong="H0413" obey |strong="H8085" Joshua |strong="H3091", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Moses |strong="H4872".

<sup>10</sup> Israel |strong="H3478" never |strong="H3808" had |strong="H3068" another |strong="H5750" prophet |strong="H5030" like |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872". The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" knew |strong="H3045" Moses |strong="H4872" face |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0413" face |strong="H6440". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" Moses to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" powerful miracles |strong="H4159" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". Pharaoh |strong="H6547", all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H5650", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4714" saw those |strong="H3605" miracles |strong="H4159". <sup>12</sup> No |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" prophet ever did |strong="H6213" as |strong="H0834" many |strong="H1419" powerful |strong="H2389" and |strong="H3478" amazing things |strong="H3605" as |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" did |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" see |strong="H5869".

# Joshua

## God Chooses Joshua to Lead Israel

1 Moses was the LORD'S servant, and Joshua son of Nun was Moses' helper. After Moses died, the LORD spoke to Joshua and said, "My servant Moses is dead. Now you and all these people must go across the Jordan River. You must go into the land I am giving to the Israelites." I promised that I would give you this land, so I will give you all the land wherever you go. All the land from the desert to Lebanon, the way to the great river (that is, the Euphrates River) and

the land of the Hittites will be yours. And all the land from here to the Mediterranean Sea in the west (that is, the place where the sun sets) will be within your borders as I was with Moses, I will be with you. No one will be able to stop you all your life. I will not abandon you. I will never leave you. "Joshua, you must be strong and brave! You must lead these people so they can take the land I promised their fathers. I would give this land to them. But you must be strong and brave about

obeying |strong="H8104" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" my |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" gave |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" follow his |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451" exactly |strong="H0834", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3605" be |strong="H0408" successful |strong="H7919" in |strong="H5650" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213". <sup>8</sup> Always remember what |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H3789" that |strong="H3588" book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H1870" law |strong="H8451". Speak |strong="H6310" about |strong="H1870" that |strong="H3588" book |strong="H5612" and |strong="H1870" study it |strong="H3588" day |strong="H3119" and |strong="H1870" night |strong="H3915". Then |strong="H0227" you |strong="H3588" can |strong="H6213" be |strong="H3808" sure to |strong="H8104" obey |strong="H6213" what |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088" written |strong="H3789" there |strong="H2088". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088", you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" wise |strong="H7919" and |strong="H1870" successful |strong="H6743" in |strong="H3789" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H6213". <sup>9</sup> Remember, I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H3068" brave. Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H3808" afraid, because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834" wherever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" go."

#### Joshua Takes |strong="H2388" Command |strong="H6680"

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H6680" Joshua |strong="H3091" gave |strong="H6680" orders |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" leaders of |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971": <sup>11</sup> " Go |strong="H0935" through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264" and |strong="H0935" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971": ' Get |strong="H0935" some |strong="H5971" food |strong="H6720" ready |strong="H3559". Three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117" from |strong="H0935" now |strong="H3117" we |strong="H3588"

will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H0935" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414"."

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Reuben |strong="H7206", Gad |strong="H1425", and |strong="H3091" half |strong="H2677" the |strong="H0559" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Manasseh |strong="H4519", <sup>13</sup> "Remember what the LORD'S servant Moses told you. He said that the LORD your God would give you a place to live. So he has given you this land east of the Jordan River. But now you must help your relatives get their land. Your wives and children can stay here with your animals. But all your fighting men must prepare for battle and lead the men of the other tribes across the river. <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" place |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5704" live, and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" for |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" brothers |strong="H0251". But |strong="H1992" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" help them |strong="H5414" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H1992" take |strong="H3423" control of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" giving |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H3068" settle |strong="H5117" here on |strong="H5117" the |strong="H0853" east |strong="H4217" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" river |strong="H5704". This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" said would |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1571" yours |strong="H5414"."

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H6030" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" answered |strong="H0559" Joshua |strong="H3091", " We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" whatever

er |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680" us |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213". We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" go |strong="H7971" wherever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H7971".<sup>17</sup> We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" whatever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" say, just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" obeyed |strong="H8085" Moses |strong="H4872". We |strong="H0834" only |strong="H7535" ask that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" Moses |strong="H4872".<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" refuses to |strong="H4191" obey |strong="H8085" your |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" or |strong="H3808" turns against |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191". Just |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H0376" brave!"

### Spies in Jericho

**2** Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" camped at |strong="H1004" Acacia.<sup>1</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" sent |strong="H7971" out |strong="H4480" two |strong="H8147" spies |strong="H7270". No |strong="H4480" one |strong="H0376" knew that |strong="H7200" Joshua |strong="H3091" sent |strong="H7971" out |strong="H4480" these men |strong="H0376". Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", "Go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H1121" look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776", especially |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H1121" Jericho |strong="H3405". So |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H1121" Jericho |strong="H3405" and |strong="H1121" stayed |strong="H7901" at |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121"

<sup>1</sup> ACACIA Or "Shittim," a town east of the Jordan River. Also in 3:1.

a |strong="H7200" prostitute |strong="H2181" named |strong="H8034" Rahab |strong="H7343".

<sup>2</sup> But |strong="H0376" someone |strong="H0376" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Jericho |strong="H3405", "Last night |strong="H3915" some |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" look |strong="H2009" for |strong="H0776" weaknesses in |strong="H0935" our |strong="H0935" country |strong="H0776"."

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Jericho |strong="H3405" sent |strong="H7971" this |strong="H3588" message to |strong="H0413" Rahab |strong="H7343". "Do |strong="H3318" not |strong="H3588" hide the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" stayed in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004". Bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" out |strong="H3318". They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" spy on |strong="H0413" our |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776"."

<sup>4</sup> Rahab had |strong="H3045" hidden |strong="H6845" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H0376", but |strong="H3808" she |strong="H3808" said |strong="H0559", "They |strong="H1992" did |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H3651", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3651" didn't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" where |strong="H0370" they |strong="H1992" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935".<sup>5</sup> In |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588" evening, when |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" time |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1980" close |strong="H5462" the |strong="H3588" city |strong="H8179" gate |strong="H8179", the |strong="H3588" men |strong="H0376" left |strong="H3318". I |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" where |strong="H0575" they |strong="H3588" went |strong="H1980". But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" go |strong="H1980" quickly |strong="H4118", maybe you |strong="H3588" can |strong="H1980" catch |strong="H5381" them |strong="H0310"."<sup>6</sup> (Rahab |strong="H5927" said this |strong="H1931", but |strong="H5921" really she |strong="H1931" had |strong="H1931" taken |strong="H5927" the |strong="H5921" men up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" roof |strong="H1406" and |strong="H6086"

had|strong="H1931" hidden|strong="H2934" them|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" flax|strong="H6593"<sup>1</sup> that|strong="H1931" she|strong="H1931" had|strong="H1931" piled up|strong="H5927" there|strong="H5927".)

<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0834" king's men|strong="H0376" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H8179", and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0376" closed|strong="H5462" the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179". The|strong="H0834" king's men|strong="H0376" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H5921" look for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" two men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H3318" Israel. They|strong="H0834" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" Jordan|strong="H3383" River and|strong="H0376" looked at|strong="H5921" all|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" places where|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0376" cross the|strong="H0834" river.

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H5921" two men were|strong="H1992" ready to|strong="H5921" sleep|strong="H7901" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" night, but|strong="H1992" Rahab|strong="H5927" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" roof|strong="H1406" to|strong="H5921" talk to|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992". <sup>9</sup> She|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H5414" this|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0376". You|strong="H3588" frighten us|strong="H5414". Everyone|strong="H3605" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" this|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776" is|strong="H3068" afraid of|strong="H0776" you|strong="H3588". <sup>10</sup> We|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0834" afraid because|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" ways that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" helped you|strong="H0834". We|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" dried|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001" the|strong="H0853" Red Sea|strong="H3220" when|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714".

<sup>1</sup> FLAX A plant used to make linen.

We|strong="H3588" also|strong="H3068" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" Amorite|strong="H0567" kings|strong="H4428", Sihon|strong="H5511" and|strong="H3068" Og|strong="H5747". We|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085" how|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" destroyed those|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" living east|strong="H5676" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3588". <sup>11</sup> When|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H5921" this|strong="H1931", we|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0376" very|strong="H4605" afraid. And|strong="H6965" now|strong="H3588", not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0776" our|strong="H3068" men|strong="H0376" is|strong="H3068" brave enough to|strong="H5921" fight you|strong="H3588", because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" rules the|strong="H6440" heavens|strong="H8064" above|strong="H5921" and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H6440" earth|strong="H0776" below|strong="H8478"<sup>12</sup> So|strong="H6213" now|strong="H6258", I|strong="H3588" want you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588" promise|strong="H7650" to|strong="H3068" me|strong="H5414". I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" kind to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H3068" helped you|strong="H0859". So|strong="H6213" promise|strong="H7650" me|strong="H5414" before|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1571" kind to|strong="H3068" my|strong="H5414" family|strong="H1004". Please|strong="H4994" tell|strong="H4994" me|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H6258". <sup>13</sup> Tell|strong="H3605" me|strong="H5315" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" allow my|strong="H3605" family|strong="H0001" to|strong="H0001" live|strong="H2421"— my|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001", mother|strong="H0517", brothers|strong="H0251", sisters|strong="H0269", and|strong="H0001" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" families|strong="H0001". Promise me|strong="H5315" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"

save |strong="H5315" us |strong="H5337"  
from |strong="H5315" death |strong="H4194"."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376"  
agreed and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", "  
We |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" trade  
our |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H5315"  
for |strong="H8478" yours |strong="H5414".  
Don't |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" any-  
one |strong="H0376" what |strong="H1697"  
we |strong="H0518" are |strong="H0376" do-  
ing |strong="H6213". Then |strong="H1961",  
when |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" gives |strong="H5414"  
us |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853"  
land |strong="H0776", we |strong="H0518"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" kind  
to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5414".  
You |strong="H5414" can |strong="H0518" trust  
us |strong="H5414"."

<sup>15</sup> Rahab's house |strong="H1004"  
was |strong="H1931" built into |strong="H3381"  
the |strong="H3588" city |strong="H1931"  
wall |strong="H2346", so |strong="H3588"  
she |strong="H1931" used a |strong="H3588" rope  
to |strong="H3381" let |strong="H3381"  
the |strong="H3588" men down |strong="H3381"  
through |strong="H1157" a |strong="H3588" win-  
dow |strong="H2474". <sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H0310"  
she |strong="H0310" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H7725", "  
Go |strong="H7725" into |strong="H7725"  
the |strong="H0559" hills |strong="H2022"  
so |strong="H6435" that |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H0559" king's men |strong="H0559"  
will |strong="H2022" not |strong="H6435" accidentally  
find you |strong="H3117". Hide |strong="H2247"  
there |strong="H8033" for |strong="H3117"  
three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117". Af-  
ter |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0559" king's  
men |strong="H0559" come |strong="H7725"  
back |strong="H7725", you |strong="H3117" can  
go |strong="H7725" on |strong="H3117"  
your |strong="H7725" way |strong="H1870"."

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376"  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
her |strong="H0413", " We |strong="H0587"  
made |strong="H7650" a |strong="H0834"  
promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413"  
you |strong="H0834". But |strong="H0376"  
you |strong="H0834" must do |strong="H2088"  
one |strong="H0376" thing |strong="H2088",  
or |strong="H0376" we |strong="H0587"  
will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H2088"  
be |strong="H0376" responsible for |strong="H0413"  
our |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H7650". <sup>18</sup>  
When |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0587"  
come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088"

land |strong="H0776", you |strong="H0834"  
must |strong="H0853" tie |strong="H7194"  
in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" win-  
dow |strong="H2474" this |strong="H2088"  
red |strong="H8144" rope |strong="H2339"  
you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" using  
to |strong="H0413" help us |strong="H0413" escape.  
You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853"  
bring |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" fa-  
ther |strong="H0001", your |strong="H3605" moth-  
er |strong="H0517", your |strong="H3605" broth-  
ers |strong="H0251", and |strong="H0935"  
all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" fami-  
ly |strong="H1004" into |strong="H0413"  
your |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004"  
with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". <sup>19</sup>  
We |strong="H0587" will |strong="H1961" protect  
everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834"  
stays |strong="H3027" in |strong="H1004"  
this |strong="H0834" house |strong="H1004".  
If |strong="H0518" anyone |strong="H3605"  
in |strong="H1004" your |strong="H3605"  
house |strong="H1004" is |strong="H0834" hurt,  
we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" responsible |strong="H1818".  
But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518"  
they |strong="H0834" go |strong="H3318"  
out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1004"  
your |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004"  
and |strong="H3027" are |strong="H0834" killed,  
we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H1961"  
not |strong="H0518" be |strong="H1961" responsi-  
ble |strong="H1818". It |strong="H0518"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
their |strong="H3605" own |strong="H1961" fault. <sup>20</sup>  
We |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" making  
this |strong="H2088" agreement |strong="H1697"  
with |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0834".  
But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518"  
you |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H5046" any-  
one |strong="H0834" about |strong="H1961"  
what |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834"  
are |strong="H0834" doing, we |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
free |strong="H5355" from |strong="H1961"  
this |strong="H2088" agreement |strong="H1697"."

<sup>21</sup> Rahab answered |strong="H0559", "  
I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1697" do  
just |strong="H1697" what |strong="H1697"  
you |strong="H7971" said |strong="H0559"."  
She |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559" goodbye,  
and |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853"  
men |strong="H0559" left her |strong="H7971" house.  
Then |strong="H0853" she |strong="H1931"  
tied |strong="H7194" the |strong="H0853"  
red |strong="H8144" rope |strong="H8615"  
in |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" win-  
dow |strong="H2474".

22 The men left her and went into the hills. They stayed for three days. The men looked all along the road. After three days they stopped and went back to the city. Then the men went back to Joshua left the hills and crossed the river. They went to Joshua and told him everything that had happened. They said to him, "The LORD really has given us all the land the people in that country are afraid of us."

#### Miracle at the Jordan River

3 Early next morning, Joshua and all the Israelites went up to Acacia. They traveled the Jordan River there before they crossed it. After three days the leaders went

through the camp. They gave orders to the people. "When you see the Levite priests carrying the Box of Agreement of LORD your God, follow them. But do not follow too closely. Stay about 1000 yards behind them. You have not been here before, but you follow them, you will know where to go."

5 Then Joshua told the people, "Make yourselves pure. Tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among us."

6 Then Joshua said to the priests, "Take the Box of Agreement across the river in front of the people. So the priests lifted the Box and carried it in front of the people."

7 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I

I 1000 YARDS Literally, "2000 cubits" (888 m).

will|strong="H3068" begin|strong="H2490"  
to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H3045"  
you|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961"  
great|strong="H1431" man|strong="H3605"  
for|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H5869".  
Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834"  
I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H1961"  
with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834"  
just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834"  
I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961"  
with|strong="H5973" Moses|strong="H4872".<sup>8</sup>  
The|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548"  
will|strong="H4325" carry|strong="H5375"  
the|strong="H0853" Box of|strong="H0727"  
the|strong="H0853" Agreement|strong="H1285".  
Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853"  
this|strong="H0935", "Walk to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0853" shore of|strong="H0727"  
the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" Riv-  
er|strong="H5704" and|strong="H0935"  
stop|strong="H5975" just|strong="H5975" be-  
fore|strong="H5704" you|strong="H0859" step in-  
to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" wa-  
ter|strong="H4325"."

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Joshua|strong="H3091"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478", "  
Come|strong="H5066" and|strong="H1121" lis-  
ten|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" words|strong="H1697"  
of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430".<sup>10</sup> Here|strong="H2063"  
is|strong="H0410" proof that|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H0853" living|strong="H2416"  
God|strong="H0410" is|strong="H0410" real-  
ly|strong="H0559" with|strong="H3045"  
you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H6440"  
that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H0410" surely|strong="H3588" defeat  
your|strong="H3045" enemies. He|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H0410" defeat the|strong="H0853"  
Canaanites|strong="H3669", Hittites|strong="H2850",  
Hivites|strong="H2340", Perizzites|strong="H6522",  
Girgashites|strong="H1622", Amor-  
ites|strong="H0567", and|strong="H6440" Je-  
busites|strong="H2983"; he|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H0410" force them|strong="H0853"  
to|strong="H0559" leave|strong="H3423"  
their|strong="H3588" land|strong="H7130".<sup>11</sup>  
The|strong="H3605" Box of|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3605" Agreement|strong="H1285"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605"  
Lord|strong="H0136" of|strong="H0776"

the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605"  
world|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776"  
go|strong="H5674" before|strong="H6440"  
you|strong="H3605" as|strong="H0776"  
you|strong="H3605" cross|strong="H5674"  
the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" Riv-  
er|strong="H0776".<sup>12</sup> Now|strong="H6258"  
choose|strong="H3947" twelve|strong="H6240"  
men|strong="H0376", one|strong="H0259"  
from|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3947"  
twelve|strong="H6240" tribes|strong="H7626"  
of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>13</sup>  
The|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"  
will|strong="H3068" carry|strong="H5375"  
the|strong="H3605" Holy Box of|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".  
He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605"  
whole|strong="H3605" world|strong="H0776".  
They|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" car-  
ry|strong="H5375" that|strong="H3605" Box  
in|strong="H3068" front of|strong="H0776"  
you|strong="H3605" into|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" Riv-  
er|strong="H0776". When|strong="H1961"  
they|strong="H3068" enter|strong="H5975"  
the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325",  
the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" Jor-  
dan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H3068" stop|strong="H5975" flow-  
ing|strong="H3381" and|strong="H3068" fill behind  
that|strong="H3605" place|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H1961" at|strong="H3068"  
a|strong="H1961" dam."

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" car-  
ried|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" Box  
of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H0853" Agree-  
ment|strong="H1285", and|strong="H3548"  
the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971"  
left|strong="H5265" the|strong="H0853"  
place|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5971"  
had|strong="H1961" camped. The|strong="H0853"  
people|strong="H5971" started|strong="H1961" go-  
ing across|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" Jor-  
dan|strong="H3383" River.<sup>15</sup> ( Dur-  
ing|strong="H3117" harvest|strong="H7105"  
time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" Jor-  
dan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704" overflows  
its|strong="H3605" banks|strong="H1415",  
so|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" riv-  
er|strong="H5704" was|strong="H3117"  
at|strong="H5921" its|strong="H3605" fullest.)  
The|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"  
who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H3117" carry-  
ing|strong="H5375" the|strong="H3605" Box



came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" shore of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H5704". When |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" stepped into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325", <sup>16</sup> immediately |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" stopped |strong="H5975" flowing |strong="H3381" and |strong="H6965" piled up |strong="H6965" like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3772" wall. The |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" piled up |strong="H6965" high |strong="H4605" a |strong="H3772" long way |strong="H5921" up |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0834" river |strong="H3405"— all |strong="H8552" the |strong="H0834" way |strong="H5921" to |strong="H3381" Adam |strong="H0121" ( a |strong="H3772" town |strong="H5892" near |strong="H5921" Zarethan |strong="H6891"). And |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" flowing |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0834" sea |strong="H3220" of |strong="H5921" Arabah |strong="H6160" ( the |strong="H0834" Dead Sea |strong="H3220") was |strong="H0834" completely |strong="H8552" cut |strong="H3772" off |strong="H3772". The |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0834" river |strong="H3405" near |strong="H5921" Jericho |strong="H3405". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H2724" at |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H5975" became dry |strong="H2724", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Agreement |strong="H1285" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H5704" and |strong="H3068" stopped |strong="H5975". They |strong="H0834" waited |strong="H5975" there |strong="H5975" while |strong="H5704" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" walked across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704" on |strong="H3068" dry |strong="H2724" land |strong="H2724".

#### Rocks to Remind the People

**4** After |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" had |strong="H3068" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River, the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"

said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091", <sup>2</sup> " Choose |strong="H3947" twelve |strong="H6240" men |strong="H0376", one |strong="H0259" from |strong="H4480" each |strong="H0376" tribe |strong="H7626". <sup>3</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0559" look |strong="H5375" in |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0853" river where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" were |strong="H0834" standing |strong="H4673" and |strong="H3548" get |strong="H8432" twelve |strong="H6240" rocks |strong="H0068" from |strong="H8432" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4411". Carry |strong="H5375" these |strong="H2088" rocks |strong="H0068" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3548" put |strong="H3240" them |strong="H0853" where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" stay |strong="H3885" tonight |strong="H3915"."

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H7121" Joshua |strong="H3091" chose one |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" each |strong="H0376" tribe |strong="H7626". Then |strong="H7121" he |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0834" twelve |strong="H6240" men |strong="H0376" together |strong="H0259". <sup>5</sup> He |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " Go |strong="H5674" out |strong="H6440" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" river where |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Holy Box of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068". Each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" you |strong="H6440" must |strong="H1121" find one |strong="H0259" rock |strong="H0068". There |strong="H8432" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0259" rock |strong="H0068" for |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" twelve tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Carry that |strong="H3068" rock |strong="H0068" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" shoulder |strong="H7926". <sup>6</sup> These |strong="H0428" rocks |strong="H0068" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" sign |strong="H0226" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588". In |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" future, your |strong="H3588" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" ask |strong="H7592" you |strong="H3588", ' What |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" these |strong="H0428" rocks |strong="H0068" mean? <sup>7</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H6440"

that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H3068" stopped the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H3772" flowing |strong="H4325" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" Holy Box of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0559" river |strong="H5704", the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" stopped flowing |strong="H4325". These |strong="H0428" rocks |strong="H0068" will |strong="H3068" help the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" remember this |strong="H0428" forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478" obeyed Joshua |strong="H3091". They |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" twelve |strong="H6240" rocks |strong="H0068" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" Jordan |strong="H3383" River. There |strong="H8033" was |strong="H0834" one |strong="H1121" rock |strong="H0068" for |strong="H0413" each |strong="H8147" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" twelve |strong="H6240" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3651" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Joshua |strong="H3091". The |strong="H0834" men |strong="H1121" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0834" rocks |strong="H0068" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H1696" they |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3240" the |strong="H0834" rocks |strong="H0068" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4411" where |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" their |strong="H3068" camp. <sup>9</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" also |strong="H2088" put |strong="H5375" twelve |strong="H6240" rocks |strong="H0068" in |strong="H8432" the |strong="H5704" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5704" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". He |strong="H5704" put |strong="H5375" them |strong="H5375" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5704" place |strong="H8478" where |strong="H8033" the |strong="H5704" priests |strong="H3548" had |strong="H1961" stood |strong="H6965" while |strong="H5704" carrying |strong="H5375" the |strong="H5704" Holy Box. These |strong="H2088" rocks |strong="H0068"

are |strong="H3117" still |strong="H5704" there |strong="H8033" today |strong="H3117".

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" Joshua |strong="H3091" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" what |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6680". This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696" Joshua |strong="H3091" must |strong="H0853" do |strong="H6680". So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" carrying |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Holy Box stood |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H5704" until |strong="H5704" everything |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0834" done |strong="H3605". Meanwhile, the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" hurried |strong="H4116" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H5704". <sup>11</sup> After |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" finished |strong="H8552" crossing |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" river, the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" carried the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Box to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H6440" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205", Gad |strong="H1410", and |strong="H1121" half |strong="H2677" the |strong="H6440" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" obeyed Moses |strong="H4872". These |strong="H1696" men |strong="H1121" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H6440" river in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" other people |strong="H1121". These |strong="H1696" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H0834" prepared for |strong="H0413" war. They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" going to |strong="H0413" help the |strong="H6440" rest of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" take the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H6440" God |strong="H0413" had |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413". <sup>13</sup> About |strong="H0413" 40,000 soldiers |strong="H4421", prepared for |strong="H0413" war |strong="H4421", passed |strong="H5674" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440"

LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" were |strong="H6440" marching toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" plains |strong="H6160" of |strong="H3068" Jericho |strong="H3405".

<sup>14</sup> That |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3605" Joshua |strong="H3091" a |strong="H0834" great |strong="H1431" man |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". From |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" on |strong="H3117", they |strong="H0834" respected |strong="H5869" Joshua |strong="H3091" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872".

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091", <sup>16</sup> "Command |strong="H6680" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" carrying |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" Box that |strong="H4480" holds the |strong="H0853" Agreement <sup>I</sup> to |strong="H4480" come |strong="H5927" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" river."

<sup>17</sup> So |strong="H4480" Joshua |strong="H3091" commanded |strong="H6680" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548", "Come |strong="H5927" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River."

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" obeyed Joshua. They |strong="H5921" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" out |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" river. When |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" touched the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H4725" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" side |strong="H3383" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" river, the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" river began |strong="H1961" flowing |strong="H4325" again |strong="H7725". The |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" again |strong="H7725" overflowed its |strong="H3605" banks |strong="H1415" just |strong="H3605" as |strong="H1961" it |strong="H5921" had |strong="H3068" before |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3709" crossed |strong="H3383".

<sup>I</sup> BOX THAT HOLDS THE AGREEMENT Literally, "Testimony." See "Agreement" in the Word List.

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H4480" people |strong="H5971" crossed |strong="H3383" the |strong="H4480" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3405" on |strong="H2583" the |strong="H4480" tenth |strong="H6218" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320" and |strong="H5927" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Gilgal |strong="H1537", east |strong="H4217" of |strong="H4480" Jericho |strong="H3405". <sup>20</sup> They |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H6965" with |strong="H8147" them |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" twelve |strong="H6240" rocks |strong="H0068" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H3947" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River, and |strong="H6965" Joshua |strong="H3091" set |strong="H6965" them |strong="H0853" up |strong="H6965" at |strong="H3383" Gilgal |strong="H1537". <sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joshua told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478", "In |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" future your |strong="H0834" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H0834" ask |strong="H7592" you |strong="H0834", 'What |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" these |strong="H0428" rocks |strong="H0068" mean?' <sup>22</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", 'These |strong="H2088" rocks help us |strong="H3045" remember the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River on |strong="H3383" dry |strong="H3004" land |strong="H3004".' <sup>23</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" caused |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" stop flowing |strong="H4325" so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" could cross |strong="H5674" it |strong="H5704" on |strong="H3068" dry |strong="H3001" land |strong="H6440"— just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" stopped the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Red Sea |strong="H3220" so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" could cross |strong="H5674" it |strong="H5704" on |strong="H3068" dry |strong="H3001" land |strong="H6440". <sup>24</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3117"

this|strong="H1931" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0430" this|strong="H1931" country|strong="H0776" would|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" very|strong="H3045" powerful|strong="H2389". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" always|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3027" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

5 So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" dried|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" finished crossing|strong="H5674" it|strong="H5921". The|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Amorites|strong="H0567" living west|strong="H3220" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Canaanites|strong="H3669" living by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Mediterranean Sea|strong="H3220" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H1961" this|strong="H0834" and|strong="H1121" became|strong="H1961" very|strong="H5704" frightened. After|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" brave enough to|strong="H5704" stand and|strong="H1121" fight against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478".

#### The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" Are|strong="H0834" Circumcised

2 At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091", " Make|strong="H6213" knives|strong="H2719" from|strong="H7725" flint|strong="H6697" rocks|strong="H6697" and|strong="H1121" circumcise|strong="H4135" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478"."

3 So|strong="H6213" Joshua|strong="H3091" made|strong="H6213" knives|strong="H2719" from|strong="H3478" flint|strong="H6697" rocks|strong="H6697" and|strong="H1121" circumcised|strong="H4135" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Is-

rael|strong="H3478" at|strong="H0413" Gibeath Haaraloth.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>4</sup> This is why Joshua circumcised the men: After the Israelites left Egypt, all the men who were able to serve in the army were circumcised. While in the desert, many of the fighting men did not listen to the LORD. So the LORD promised that they would not see the "land where much food grows." He promised our ancestors to give us that land, but because of those men, he forced the people to wander in the desert for 40 years. That way all those fighting men would die. So all the fighting men died, and their sons took their place. But none of the boys who were born in the desert on the trip from Egypt had been circumcised. So Joshua circumcised them.

<sup>8</sup> Joshua finished|strong="H8552" circumcising|strong="H4135" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471" camped at|strong="H3427" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H8478" until|strong="H5704" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0834" healed.

#### First Passover in|strong="H3427" Canaan

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091", " You|strong="H5921" were|strong="H4714" slaves in|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H3068" this|strong="H2088" made|strong="H7121" you|strong="H5921" ashamed. But|strong="H3117" today|strong="H3117" I|strong="H5704" have|strong="H3068" taken away|strong="H1556" that|strong="H3117" shame|strong="H2781". So|strong="H7121" Joshua|strong="H3091" named|strong="H8034" that|strong="H3117" place|strong="H4725" Gilgal|strong="H1537".<sup>II</sup> And|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3117" place|strong="H4725" is|strong="H3068" still|strong="H5704" named|strong="H8034" Gilgal|strong="H1537" today|strong="H3117".

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" celebrated|strong="H6213" Passover|strong="H6453" while|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3478" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Gilgal|strong="H1537" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" plains|strong="H6160" of|strong="H1121" Jericho|strong="H3405". This|strong="H3117" was|strong="H3478" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" evening|strong="H6153" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" 14th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" month|strong="H2320".<sup>11</sup>

<sup>I</sup> GIBEATH HAARALOTH This name means "Circumcision Hill." <sup>II</sup> GILGAL This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "to roll away."

The **day** **after** **Passover**, the **people** **ate** **food** that **grew in** that **land**. They **ate** **bread** **made without yeast** and **roasted** **grain**. **12** The **next** **morning**, the **mana** **from** **heaven** stopped coming. This **happened** the **first day** **after** the **people** **ate** **food** **that grew in** the **land** **of** **Canaan**. **From** that **time** **on**, the **Israelites** **did not** **get** the **mana** **from** **heaven**.

**The Commander of** the **Lord's Army**

**13** When **Joshua** **was** **near** **Jericho**, he **looked** **and** **saw** **a** **man** **standing** **in** **front** **of** **him**. The **man** **had** **a** **sword** **in** **his** **hand**. **Joshua** **went** **to** the **man** **and** **asked**, "Are **you** **a** **friend** **to** **our** **people** **or** **are** **you** **one** **of** **our** **enemies**?"

**14** The **man** **answered**, "I **am** **not** **an** **enemy**. I **am** the **commander** **of**

the **LORD'S** **army**. I **have** **now** **to** **you**."

Then **Joshua** **bowed** **his** **face** **to** the **ground** **to** **show respect** **and** **said**, "I **am** **your** **servant**. Does **my** **master** **have** **a** **command** **for** **me**?"

**15** The **commander** **of** the **LORD'S** **army** **answered**, "Take **off** **your** **sandals**. The **place** **where** **you** **are** **standing** **is** **holy**. So **Joshua** **obeyed** **him**."

**6** The **gates** **of** the **city** **of** **Jericho** **were** **closed**. The **people** **in** the **city** **were** **afraid** **because** the **Israelites** **were** **near**. No **one** **went** **into** the **city**, **and** **no** **one** **came** **out**.

**2** Then the **LORD** **said** **to** **Joshua**, "Look **I** **will** **let** **you** **defeat** the **city** **of** **Jericho**. **You** **will** **defeat** the **king** **and** **all** the **fighting** **men** **in** the **city**. **3** **March** **around** the **city** **with**

your army once every day six days. <sup>4</sup> Tell seven of the priests to carry trumpets made from the horns of sheep and march in front of the priests who are carrying the Holy Box. On the seventh day march around the city seven times and tell the priests to blow trumpets while they march. <sup>5</sup> They will make one loud noise from the trumpets. When you hear that noise, tell the people to begin shouting. When you do this, the walls of the city will fall down and your people will be able to go straight into the city."

**The Battle Against Jericho**

<sup>6</sup> So Joshua's son Nun called the priests together and said to them, "Carry the Holy Box

of the LORD. Tell seven priests to carry the trumpets and march in front of it."

<sup>7</sup> Then Joshua ordered the people, "Now go! March around the city. The soldiers will march with weapons in front of the Holy Box of the LORD."

<sup>8</sup> After finished speaking to the people, the seven priests with trumpets began marching before the LORD, blowing trumpets as they marched. The priests carrying the LORD'S Holy Box followed them. <sup>9</sup> The soldiers with weapons marched in front of the priests who were blowing the horns. And the rest of the men walked behind the Holy Box, marching and blowing their trumpets. <sup>10</sup> Joshua had told the people not to give a war cry. He said, "Don't shout. Don't say a word until the day"

I |strong="H5704" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H6680". Then |strong="H3318" you |strong="H6680" will |strong="H1697" shout |strong="H7321".

<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H0935" Joshua made |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" priests carry |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Holy Box of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" around |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" one |strong="H0259" time |strong="H6471". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264" and |strong="H0935" spent |strong="H3885" the |strong="H0853" night there |strong="H3068".

<sup>12</sup> Early |strong="H7925" the |strong="H0853" next morning |strong="H1242" Joshua |strong="H3091" got |strong="H7925" up |strong="H5375", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Box again |strong="H7925". <sup>13</sup> The |strong="H6440" seven |strong="H7651" priests |strong="H3548" with |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" trumpets |strong="H7782" marched |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Box, blowing |strong="H8628" their |strong="H3068" trumpets |strong="H7782". The |strong="H6440" soldiers with |strong="H1980" weapons marched |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" them |strong="H0310". The |strong="H6440" rest of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" people marched |strong="H1980" behind |strong="H0310" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Box. During the |strong="H6440" whole |strong="H6440" time they |strong="H3068" marched |strong="H1980", the |strong="H6440" priests |strong="H3548" were |strong="H0727" blowing |strong="H8628" the |strong="H6440" trumpets |strong="H7782". <sup>14</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" second |strong="H8145" day |strong="H3117", they |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3117" marched |strong="H5437" around |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" one |strong="H0259" time |strong="H3117". And |strong="H7725" then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H3117" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264". They |strong="H3117" continued to |strong="H7725" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3541" every |strong="H0259"

day |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" six |strong="H8337" days |strong="H3117".

<sup>15</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117", they |strong="H3117" got |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" at |strong="H3117" dawn |strong="H7837" and |strong="H3117" marched |strong="H5927" around |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H6471". They |strong="H3117" marched |strong="H5927" in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H1931" way |strong="H2088" they |strong="H3117" had |strong="H1961" marched |strong="H5927" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" days |strong="H3117" before |strong="H3117", but |strong="H7535" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" marched |strong="H5927" around |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H6471". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0853" seventh |strong="H7637" time |strong="H6471" they |strong="H3588" marched around |strong="H8628" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892", the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" blew |strong="H8628" their |strong="H3068" trumpets |strong="H7782". Then |strong="H1961" Joshua |strong="H3091" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" command |strong="H0559": " Now |strong="H1961", shout |strong="H7321"! The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" city |strong="H5892"! <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" is |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed as |strong="H0834" an |strong="H1961" offering |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Only |strong="H7535" Rahab |strong="H7343" the |strong="H3605" prostitute |strong="H2181" and |strong="H3068" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3068" her |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" left |strong="H1961" alive |strong="H2421". These |strong="H1931" people |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" killed because |strong="H3588" she |strong="H1931" helped the |strong="H3605" two |strong="H1004" spies |strong="H4397". <sup>18</sup> Remember, we |strong="H6435" must |strong="H0853" destroy |strong="H2763" everything else |strong="H6435". Don't |strong="H8104" take |strong="H3947" anything. If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H0859" take |strong="H3947" anything

and bring it into our camp, you yourselves will be destroyed, and you will cause trouble for the rest of our people. <sup>19</sup> All things from silver, gold, and iron belong to LORD'S. They must be put in LORD'S treasury."

<sup>20</sup> So then the priests blew the trumpets. When the people heard the trumpets, they began shouting. The walls fell down, and the people ran up into the city. So the Israelites defeated that city. <sup>21</sup> The people destroyed everything in the city. They destroyed everything that was there. They killed the young and old men, the young and old women, the cattle, sheep, and donkeys.

<sup>22</sup> Joshua talked to the two spies. He said, "You made a promise to the prostitutes

So go her house and bring her out and all those who are her."

<sup>23</sup> So the two men went into the house and brought her out, her father, mother, all her family, and all those who were with her. They put all the people a safe place outside the camp of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> Then the Israelites burned the whole city and everything in it except for the things made from silver, bronze, and iron. They put these things in the LORD'S treasury. <sup>25</sup> Joshua saved Rahab the prostitute, her family, and all those who were with her. Joshua let them live because Rahab helped the spies. Joshua had sent out to Jericho. Rahab still lives among



the Israelites today.

<sup>26</sup> At that time Joshua made important promise said, "Whoever rebuilds Jericho

will be in danger the LORD.

When he lays the foundation,

he will lose his oldest son.

When he sets up the gates,

he will lose his youngest son.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>27</sup> So the LORD with Joshua, and became famous throughout the whole country.

#### Achan's Sin

**7** But the Israelites did not obey God. There was a man from the tribe of Judah named Achan, son of Carmi, grandson of Zimri, great-grandson of Zerah. Achan kept some things that should have been destroyed. So the LORD became very angry with the Israelites.

<sup>2</sup> After they defeated Jericho,

Joshua sent some men to Ai near Beth Aven, east of Bethel. He told them, "Go to Ai and look for weaknesses in that area." So the men went to spy on the land.

<sup>3</sup> Later, the men came back to Joshua. They said, "Ai is a weak area. We will not need all our people to defeat them. Send 2000 or 3000 men to fight there. There is no need to use the whole army. There are only a few men there against us."

<sup>4</sup> So about 3000 men went to Ai, but the people of Ai killed about 36 men of Israel. And the Israelites ran away. The people of Ai chased them from the city gates all the way to the quarries. The people of Ai beat them badly.

When the people from Israel saw this, they became very frightened and lost their courage. When Joshua heard about this, he tore his clothes to show his sadness. He bowed down the ground before the Holy Box

<sup>1</sup> WHEN HE ... SON See 1 Kings 16:34.

<sup>II</sup> Ai The name of this town means "the ruins." <sup>III</sup> QUARRIES Places where people cut stones from the solid rock.

and|strong="H3068" stayed there|strong="H5927" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". The|strong="H6440" leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478" did|strong="H5307" the|strong="H6440" same|strong="H1931" thing|strong="H1931". They|strong="H5921" also|strong="H3068" threw|strong="H5307" dirt|strong="H6083" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" heads|strong="H7218" to|strong="H5704" show their|strong="H3068" sadness.

<sup>7</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" said|strong="H0559", " Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136", you|strong="H5414" brought|strong="H5414" our|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971" across|strong="H5676" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River. Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5414" bring|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" this|strong="H2088" far|strong="H4100" and|strong="H3027" then|strong="H2088" allow|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567" to|strong="H0559" destroy|strong="H0006" us|strong="H5414"? We should|strong="H4100" have|strong="H3027" been|strong="H0006" satisfied and|strong="H3027" stayed|strong="H3427" on|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H2088" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River. <sup>8</sup> I|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H0559" by|strong="H3478" my|strong="H0834" life, Lord|strong="H0136"! There|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" nothing I|strong="H0834" can|strong="H4100" say|strong="H0559" now|strong="H0310". Israel|strong="H3478" has|strong="H0834" surrendered to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" enemy|strong="H0341". <sup>9</sup> The|strong="H3605" Canaanites|strong="H3669" and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" this|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" hear|strong="H8085" about|strong="H5921" what|strong="H4100" happened. Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776" attack us|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0776" kill|strong="H3772" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" us|strong="H5921"! Then|strong="H0853" what|strong="H4100" will|strong="H0776" you|strong="H3605" do|strong="H6213" to|strong="H5921" protect your|strong="H3605" great|strong="H1419" name|strong="H8034"?"

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091", " Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859"

down|strong="H5307" there|strong="H2088" with|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" face|strong="H6440" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" ground? Stand|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965"! <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" sinned|strong="H2398" against|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" broken|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3478" obey. They|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H3627" the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H3627" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3478" destroy. They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" stolen|strong="H1589" from|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" lied|strong="H3584". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H3947" those|strong="H0834" things|strong="H3627" for|strong="H3627" themselves|strong="H7760". <sup>12</sup> That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1121" why|strong="H3588" the|strong="H6440" army of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" turned|strong="H6437" and|strong="H1121" ran|strong="H1961" away|strong="H6437" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" fight. They|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3254" that|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" done|strong="H1961" wrong. They|strong="H3588" should|strong="H0518" be|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H8045". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" continue|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" help|strong="H6965" you|strong="H3588" or|strong="H0518" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H3588" unless|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" destroy|strong="H8045" everything I|strong="H3588" commanded you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H1961" destroy|strong="H8045".

<sup>13</sup> " Now|strong="H3588" go|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" make|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" pure. Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", ' Make|strong="H6965" yourselves|strong="H4279" pure. Prepare|strong="H6942" for|strong="H3588" tomorrow|strong="H4279". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3588" some|strong="H5971" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H3478" keeping

things |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" commanded |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3808" destroyed. You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H0559" defeat your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" until |strong="H5704" you |strong="H3588" throw away |strong="H5493" those |strong="H0853" things |strong="H3808".

<sup>14</sup> " Tomorrow |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242" you |strong="H0834" must all |strong="H3920" stand before the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068". All |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0834" tribes |strong="H7626" will |strong="H3068" stand before the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" choose one |strong="H0834" tribe |strong="H7626". Only that |strong="H0834" tribe |strong="H7626" will |strong="H3068" stand before him |strong="H7126". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" choose one |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940" group from |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" tribe |strong="H7626". Only that |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940" group must stand before him |strong="H7126". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" look at |strong="H3068" each family |strong="H4940" in |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940" group, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" choose one |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" look at |strong="H3068" each man |strong="H1397" in |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" family |strong="H4940". <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3605" man |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" keeping those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1961" destroyed will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" caught |strong="H3920". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" destroyed by |strong="H3068" fire |strong="H0784", and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" owns will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" destroyed with |strong="H8313" him |strong="H0853". He |strong="H0834" broke |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H8313" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1961" very bad

thing |strong="H5039" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478"!"

<sup>16</sup> Early |strong="H7925" the |strong="H0853" next morning |strong="H1242", Joshua |strong="H3091" led out |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". Each tribe |strong="H7626" came |strong="H7126" forward |strong="H7126" to |strong="H3478" stand before the |strong="H0853" LORD, and |strong="H3063" he |strong="H0853" chose the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>17</sup> So |strong="H7126" then |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H4940" groups of |strong="H4940" Judah |strong="H3063" stood before the |strong="H0853" LORD, and |strong="H3063" he |strong="H0853" chose the |strong="H0853" Zerah family |strong="H4940" group. Then |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" families |strong="H4940" of |strong="H4940" the |strong="H0853" Zerah group stood before the |strong="H0853" LORD, and |strong="H3063" he |strong="H0853" chose the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H4940" of |strong="H4940" Zimri. <sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joshua told all |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1004" that |strong="H1121" family |strong="H1004" to |strong="H1004" come |strong="H7126" before the |strong="H0853" LORD. He |strong="H0853" chose Achan |strong="H5912" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Carmi |strong="H3756". ( Carmi |strong="H3756" was |strong="H3063" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zimri. And |strong="H1121" Zimri was |strong="H3063" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zerah |strong="H2226".)

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H5414" Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Achan |strong="H5912", " Son |strong="H1121", you |strong="H5414" must |strong="H1121" honor |strong="H3519" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Praise |strong="H8426" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" confess |strong="H5046" your |strong="H3068" sins to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". Tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413" what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5414" did |strong="H6213", and |strong="H1121" don't |strong="H0408" try to |strong="H0413" hide |strong="H3582" anything |strong="H4100" from |strong="H4480" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>20</sup> Achan |strong="H5912" answered |strong="H0559", " It |strong="H6213" is |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068"!"

I |strong="H0595" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H2063" I |strong="H0595" did |strong="H6213": 21 In |strong="H0776" Jericho, I |strong="H2009" saw |strong="H7200" a |strong="H3947" beautiful coat from |strong="H3947" Babylon, about |strong="H3947" 5 pounds <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H0776" silver |strong="H3701", and |strong="H3967" about |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" pound <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H0776" gold |strong="H2091". I |strong="H2009" wanted these |strong="H3947" things |strong="H2530" for |strong="H8478" myself, so |strong="H3947" I |strong="H2009" took |strong="H3947" them |strong="H7200". You |strong="H7200" will |strong="H0776" find |strong="H3947" them |strong="H7200" buried |strong="H2934" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H7200" ground |strong="H0776" under |strong="H8478" my |strong="H7200" tent |strong="H0168". The |strong="H7200" silver |strong="H3701" is |strong="H0776" under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H7200" coat." 22 So |strong="H7971" Joshua |strong="H3091" sent |strong="H7971" some |strong="H2009" men to |strong="H7971" the |strong="H8478" tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H7323" ran |strong="H7323" to |strong="H7971" the |strong="H8478" tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H3701" found the |strong="H8478" things hidden |strong="H2934" there |strong="H2009". The |strong="H8478" silver |strong="H3701" was |strong="H3091" under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H8478" coat. 23 The |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" out |strong="H3332" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H1121" took |strong="H3947" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". They |strong="H3068" threw them |strong="H0413" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" ground before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". 24 Then |strong="H3947" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" led Achan |strong="H5912" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zerah |strong="H2226" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Valley |strong="H6010" of |strong="H1121"

I ABOUT 5 POUNDS Literally, "200 shekels" (2.3 kg). II ABOUT A POUND Literally, "50 shekels" (575 g).

Achor |strong="H5911". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" silver |strong="H3701", the |strong="H3605" coat, the |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091", Achan's sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323", his |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H7794", his |strong="H3605" donkeys |strong="H2543", his |strong="H3605" sheep |strong="H6629", his |strong="H3605" tent |strong="H0168", and |strong="H1121" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" owned |strong="H0168". They |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Valley |strong="H6010" of |strong="H1121" Achor |strong="H5911" with |strong="H5973" Achan |strong="H5912". 25 Then |strong="H2088" Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H3605" caused much |strong="H4100" trouble |strong="H5916" for |strong="H3117" us |strong="H3117", but |strong="H3117" now |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5916" trouble |strong="H5916" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3605". " Then |strong="H2088" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people threw |strong="H5619" stones |strong="H0068" at |strong="H3478" Achan and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" family until they |strong="H3117" died. Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H3605" people burned |strong="H8313" them |strong="H0853" and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3117" owned. 26 After |strong="H5921" they |strong="H3651" burned Achan, they |strong="H3651" put |strong="H7725" many |strong="H1419" rocks |strong="H0068" over |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" body. The |strong="H5921" rocks |strong="H0068" are |strong="H3117" still |strong="H7725" there |strong="H2088" today |strong="H3117". That |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3651" it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H5921" Valley |strong="H6010" of |strong="H3068" Achor |strong="H5911". III After |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H8034" not |strong="H2088" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1931".

### Ai Destroyed

8 Then |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559"

III ACHOR This name means "trouble."

to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091"; " Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372"; don't|strong="H0408" give|strong="H5414" up|strong="H5927". Lead|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" fighting men|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0413" Ai|strong="H5857".<sup>1</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" help|strong="H5971" you|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Ai|strong="H5857". I|strong="H5414" am|strong="H3068" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971", his|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892", and|strong="H6965" his|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776".<sup>2</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" to|strong="H4428" Ai|strong="H5857" and|strong="H4428" its|strong="H7760" king|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" same thing you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H4428" Jericho|strong="H3405" and|strong="H4428" its|strong="H7760" king|strong="H4428". Only|strong="H7535" this|strong="H0834" time you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" take|strong="H7760" all|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0834" wealth and|strong="H4428" animals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H4428" keep|strong="H6213" it|strong="H7760" for|strong="H4428" yourselves. You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" share the|strong="H0834" wealth with|strong="H4428" your|strong="H7760" people|strong="H0834". Now|strong="H0310", tell some of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H7760" soldiers to|strong="H4428" hide|strong="H0693" behind|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892".

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H7971" Joshua|strong="H3091" led his|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" toward|strong="H5927" Ai|strong="H5857". Then|strong="H6965" Joshua|strong="H3091" chose|strong="H0977" 30,000 of|strong="H0376" his|strong="H3605" best fighting men|strong="H0376" and|strong="H6965" sent|strong="H7971" them|strong="H7971" out|strong="H7971" at|strong="H4421" night|strong="H3915".<sup>4</sup> Joshua gave|strong="H6680" them|strong="H0853" this|strong="H3605" command|strong="H6680": " Listen|strong="H3605" carefully|strong="H3966" to|strong="H0559" what|strong="H3559" I|strong="H6680" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" hide|strong="H0693" in|strong="H0693" the|strong="H3605" area behind|strong="H0310"

<sup>1</sup> Ai See Josh. 7:2. The name of this town means "the ruins."

the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892". Wait|strong="H0693" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" attack. Don't|strong="H0408" go|strong="H1961" far|strong="H7368" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892". Continue|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" watch|strong="H7200" and|strong="H7200" be|strong="H1961" ready|strong="H3559".<sup>5</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1961" lead|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H0413"; we|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" march|strong="H3318" toward|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892". The|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" will|strong="H1961" come|strong="H1961" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" fight against|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413". We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" turn|strong="H1961" and|strong="H6440" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127" from|strong="H3318" them|strong="H0413" as|strong="H0834" we|strong="H3588" did|strong="H0834" before|strong="H6440".<sup>6</sup> These|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0559" will|strong="H0834" chase us|strong="H3588" away|strong="H0310" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892", so|strong="H4480" we|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0834" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H0310". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" think|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" we|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0834" running away|strong="H0310" from|strong="H4480" them|strong="H0853" as|strong="H0834" we|strong="H3588" did|strong="H0834" before|strong="H6440".<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H6965" you|strong="H0859" should|strong="H3068" come|strong="H6965" out|strong="H3423" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" hiding place|strong="H5414" and|strong="H6965" take|strong="H3423" control|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859" the|strong="H0853" power|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3068" win.

<sup>8</sup> " You|strong="H6680" must|strong="H0853" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H1697". Watch|strong="H7200" me|strong="H7200" and|strong="H3068"



All the men of Ai and Bethel chased the army of Israel. The city was left open—no one stayed to protect the city.

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD to Joshua, "Hold your spear toward the city of Ai, because I will give you the city." So Joshua held his spear toward the city of Ai. <sup>19</sup> When the Israelites who were hiding saw this, they quickly came out from their hiding place and hurried toward the city. They entered the city and took control of it. Then the soldiers started fires to burn the city.

<sup>20</sup> The men of Ai looked back and saw their city burning. When they saw the smoke rising into the sky, they lost their strength and courage. They stopped chasing the men of Israel

rael. The Israelites stopped running away. They turned and went to fight the men of Ai. There was no safe place for the men of Ai to run. When Joshua and his army had taken control of the city and the smoke was rising from it, they stopped running away and turned to fight the men of Ai. <sup>22</sup> Then the men of Ai who were hiding came out of the city to help with the fight. The army of Israel was on both sides of the men of Ai—the men of Ai were trapped. Israel defeated them. They fought until none of the men of Ai were alive—none of the enemy escaped. <sup>23</sup> But the king of Ai was left alive. Joshua's men brought him to Joshua.

**A |strong="H7126" Review of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Fighting**

<sup>24</sup> During |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" fighting, the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3427" Israel |strong="H3478" chased |strong="H7291" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" from |strong="H7725" Ai |strong="H5857" into |strong="H5307" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704" and |strong="H3478" into |strong="H5307" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057". So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3427" Israel |strong="H3478" finished |strong="H3615" killing |strong="H2026" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" from |strong="H7725" Ai |strong="H5857" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" fields |strong="H7704" and |strong="H3478" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" Ai |strong="H5857" and |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H2026" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" still |strong="H7725" alive in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" city. <sup>25</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Ai |strong="H5857" died |strong="H5307" that |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117"; there |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" 12,000 men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H3117" women |strong="H0802". <sup>26</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" had |strong="H0834" held |strong="H5186" his |strong="H3605" spear |strong="H3591" toward |strong="H5704" Ai |strong="H5857" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" sign to |strong="H5704" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" to |strong="H5704" destroy |strong="H2763" the |strong="H3605" city. And |strong="H3027" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" until |strong="H5704" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3027" Ai |strong="H5857" were |strong="H0834" destroyed. <sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" kept the |strong="H0853" animals |strong="H0929" and |strong="H3068" other things |strong="H1697" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" for |strong="H3068" themselves |strong="H1992". This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"

said |strong="H1697" they |strong="H1992" could |strong="H1697" do |strong="H6680" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6680" Joshua |strong="H3091" the |strong="H0853" commands |strong="H6680". <sup>28</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joshua |strong="H3091" burned |strong="H8313" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H3117" Ai |strong="H5857". That |strong="H3117" city became an |strong="H7760" empty pile of |strong="H3117" rocks. It |strong="H7760" is |strong="H2088" still |strong="H5704" like |strong="H5704" that |strong="H3117" today |strong="H3117". <sup>29</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" hanged |strong="H8518" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Ai |strong="H5857" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" tree |strong="H6086" and |strong="H0935" left |strong="H3381" him |strong="H0413" hanging |strong="H8518" there |strong="H2088" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". At |strong="H0413" sunset |strong="H6153" Joshua |strong="H3091" told |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1419" to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" body |strong="H5038" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" tree |strong="H6086". They |strong="H3117" threw |strong="H7993" his |strong="H5921" body |strong="H5038" down |strong="H3381" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" gate |strong="H8179". Then |strong="H6965" they |strong="H3117" covered the |strong="H0853" body |strong="H5038" with |strong="H0413" many |strong="H1419" rocks |strong="H0068". That |strong="H3117" pile |strong="H1530" of |strong="H4428" rocks |strong="H0068" is |strong="H2088" still |strong="H5704" there |strong="H2088" today |strong="H3117".

**Reading the |strong="H0853" Blessings and |strong="H0935" Curses**

<sup>30</sup> Then |strong="H0227" Joshua |strong="H3091" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H0430" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196" on |strong="H3068" Mount |strong="H2022" Ebal |strong="H5858". <sup>31</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" told |strong="H6680" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" how |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" build al-



tars |strong="H4196". So |strong="H3808" Joshua built the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0834" explained in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Law |strong="H8451" <sup>1</sup> of |strong="H1121" Moses |strong="H4872". The |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" was |strong="H0834" made |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" stones |strong="H0068" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" cut. No |strong="H3808" tool |strong="H5130" had |strong="H3068" ever been |strong="H0834" used on |strong="H5921" those |strong="H0834" stones |strong="H0068". They |strong="H0834" offered |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" on |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H6680" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002".

<sup>32</sup> There |strong="H8033" Joshua copied onto |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" stones |strong="H0068" the |strong="H0853" law |strong="H8451" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789". This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" all the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H5921" see |strong="H0834". <sup>33</sup> The |strong="H3605" elders |strong="H2205", officers |strong="H7860", judges |strong="H8199", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H0834" standing |strong="H5975" around |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" standing |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H5048" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Holy Box. The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" were |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" standing |strong="H5975" there |strong="H2088". Half |strong="H2677" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" stood |strong="H5975"

<sup>1</sup> Law Or "Teachings." Also in verses 32, 34.

in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H5048" of |strong="H3068" Mount |strong="H2022" Ebal |strong="H5858" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H2088" half |strong="H2677" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" stood |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H5048" of |strong="H3068" Mount |strong="H2022" Gerizim |strong="H1630". The |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6680" this |strong="H2088". He |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6680" this |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1288" blessed |strong="H1288".

<sup>34</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joshua read |strong="H7121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" words |strong="H1697" from |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" law |strong="H8451". He |strong="H0310" read |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3605" blessings |strong="H1293" and |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" curses |strong="H7045". He |strong="H0310" read |strong="H7121" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1697" it |strong="H7121" was |strong="H1697" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H3789" the |strong="H3605" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451". <sup>35</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H0834" gathered |strong="H6951" together there |strong="H1961". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1980" children |strong="H2945" and |strong="H1980" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" foreigners |strong="H1616" who |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H1961" with |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H0834" there |strong="H1961". And |strong="H1980" Joshua |strong="H3091" read |strong="H7121" every |strong="H3605" command |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H0834" given |strong="H6680".

### The Gibeonites Trick Joshua

<sup>9</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" west |strong="H3220" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H1961" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605". They |strong="H0834"

were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Hittites |strong="H2850", Amorites |strong="H0567", Canaanites |strong="H3669", Perizzites |strong="H6522", Hivites |strong="H2340", and |strong="H4428" Jebusites |strong="H2983". They |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" and |strong="H4428" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" plains. They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H4428" lived |strong="H1961" along |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" seacoast of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220" as |strong="H0834" far |strong="H1419" as |strong="H0834" Lebanon |strong="H3844". <sup>2</sup> All |strong="H3162" these kings came together |strong="H3162" and |strong="H3478" made plans to |strong="H3478" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5973" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3091" Israelites |strong="H3478". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" from |strong="H0805" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H3427" Gibeon |strong="H1391" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" way Joshua |strong="H3091" had |strong="H0834" defeated Jericho |strong="H3405" and |strong="H3091" Ai |strong="H5857". <sup>4</sup> So |strong="H6213" they |strong="H1992" decided to |strong="H3196" try to |strong="H3196" trick the |strong="H3947" Israelites. This |strong="H6213" was |strong="H1571" their |strong="H1992" plan: They |strong="H1992" gathered together |strong="H1571" old wineskins |strong="H4997" that |strong="H1571" were |strong="H1992" cracked and |strong="H8242" broken |strong="H1234". They |strong="H1992" put |strong="H3947" these |strong="H1992" old wineskins |strong="H4997" on |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3947" backs of |strong="H3196" their |strong="H1992" animals. They |strong="H1992" put |strong="H3947" old pieces |strong="H1234" of |strong="H3196" cloth on |strong="H1571" their |strong="H1992" animals to |strong="H3196" look as |strong="H1571" if they |strong="H1992" had |strong="H3196" traveled from |strong="H3947" far away |strong="H3947". <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" put old sandals |strong="H5275" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" and |strong="H3899" wore |strong="H5921" old clothes |strong="H8008". They |strong="H5921" found some |strong="H3605" old bread |strong="H3899" that |strong="H3605" was |strong="H1961" dry |strong="H3001" and |strong="H3899" moldy. <sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H6258" they |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559"

camp |strong="H4264" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478". This |strong="H6258" camp |strong="H4264" was |strong="H0776" near Gilgal |strong="H1537".

The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " We |strong="H6258" have |strong="H0376" traveled |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3772" faraway country |strong="H0776". We |strong="H6258" want to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H3772" a |strong="H3772" peace agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935"."

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" these Hivite |strong="H2340" men |strong="H0376", " Maybe |strong="H0194" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" trying to |strong="H0413" trick us |strong="H0413". Maybe |strong="H0194" you |strong="H0859" live |strong="H3427" near |strong="H7130" us |strong="H0413". We |strong="H7130" cannot make |strong="H3772" a |strong="H3772" peace agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" until we |strong="H7130" know where |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" from |strong="H3772"."

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0559" Hivite men |strong="H5650" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091", " We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H5650" your |strong="H0935" servants |strong="H5650"."

But |strong="H0859" Joshua |strong="H3091" asked |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H4310" are |strong="H5650" you |strong="H0859"? Where |strong="H0370" do |strong="H4310" you |strong="H0859" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935"?"

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5650" answered |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650". We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" faraway country |strong="H0776". We |strong="H3588" came |strong="H0935" because |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H8085" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" great |strong="H3966" power of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" and |strong="H0935"

about everything he did in Egypt. <sup>10</sup> And we heard that he defeated the two kings of the east of the Amorites of the Jordan River. This was King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of Bashan in the land of Ashtaroath. <sup>11</sup> So our elders and our people said us, 'Take enough for your journey. Go and meet the Israelites.' Tell them, 'We are your servants. Make a peace agreement with us.'

<sup>12</sup> "Look at our bread. When we left home, it was warm and fresh. But you can see that it is dry and old. <sup>13</sup> Look at our wineskins. When we left home, they were new and filled with wine. But now you can see that they are old. Look at our clothes and sandals

of you. You can see that the long hair almost destroyed the things we wear."

<sup>14</sup> The men of Israel wanted to know if these men were telling the truth. So they tasted the bread— but they did not ask the LORD what they should do. <sup>15</sup> Joshua agreed to make peace with them. He agreed to let them live. The leaders of Israel agreed with this promise of Joshua.

<sup>16</sup> Three days later the Israelites learned that these men lived very near their camp. <sup>17</sup> So the Israelites went to the place where they lived. On the third day the Israelites came to the cities of Gibeon, Kephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath Jearim. <sup>18</sup> But the army of Israel did not try to fight against those cities. They had made a peace agreement with them. They had made a promise to them before

the LORD, the God of Israel.

All the people complained against the leaders who made agreement. <sup>19</sup> But the leaders answered, "We have given our promise before the LORD, the God of Israel. We cannot fight against them now. This is what we must do. We must let them live. We cannot hurt them or God will be angry with us because we broke the promise we made to them." <sup>21</sup> So let them live, but they will be our servants. They will cut wood and carry water for our people." So the leaders did not break their promise of peace to them.

<sup>22</sup> Joshua called the Gibeonites together. He said, "Why you us? Your land was near our camp. But you

told us you were from a faraway country. <sup>23</sup> Now your people will have many troubles. All of your people will be slaves— they will be cut down and carry water for the house of God!"

<sup>24</sup> The Gibeonites answered, "We lied to you because we were afraid you would kill us." We heard God command his servant Moses to give you all this land. And God told you to kill all the people who lived this land. That is why we lied to you. <sup>25</sup> Now we are your servants. You can do whatever you think is right."

<sup>26</sup> So the Gibeonites became slaves, but Joshua let them live. He did not allow the Israelites to kill them. <sup>27</sup> He made them slaves of the Israelites.

<sup>1</sup> HOUSE OF GOD This might mean the "family of God" (Israel), "the Holy Tent," or "the Temple."

cut|strong="H2404" wood|strong="H6086" and|strong="H3068" carried|strong="H0413" water|strong="H4325" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" Israelites|strong="H2088" and|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" altar|strong="H4196" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068"— wherever|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" chose|strong="H0977" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3068". They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" still|strong="H5704" slaves today|strong="H3117".

### The Day the Sun Stood Still

**10** At|strong="H3427" this|strong="H3651" time|strong="H1961" Adoni Zedek was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". He|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" Joshua|strong="H3091" had|strong="H0834" defeated Ai|strong="H5857" and|strong="H3478" completely|strong="H8085" destroyed it|strong="H3588". The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" learned that|strong="H0834" Joshua|strong="H3091" had|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H3651" thing|strong="H3651" to|strong="H1961" Jericho|strong="H3405" and|strong="H3478" its|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428". He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" learned that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Gibeonites had|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" a|strong="H1961" peace agreement with|strong="H0854" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3478" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" very|strong="H3651" near|strong="H0854" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". <sup>2</sup> So|strong="H4480" Adoni Zedek and|strong="H1419" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" were|strong="H0376" very|strong="H3966" frightened. Gibeon|strong="H1391" was|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" small town|strong="H5892" like|strong="H0376" Ai|strong="H5857". It|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H3966" big city|strong="H5892"— as|strong="H0376" big as|strong="H0376" any|strong="H3605" royal|strong="H4467" city|strong="H5892". <sup>1</sup> And|strong="H1419" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0376" that|strong="H3588" city|strong="H5892" were|strong="H0376" good fighters,

<sup>1</sup> **ROYAL CITY** A strong, well-protected city that controlled smaller towns nearby.

so|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" king was|strong="H1931" afraid|strong="H3372". <sup>3</sup> King|strong="H4428" Adoni Zedek of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" talked with|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Hoham|strong="H1944" of|strong="H4428" Hebron|strong="H2275". He|strong="H3389" also|strong="H4428" talked with|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Piram|strong="H6502" of|strong="H4428" Jarmuth|strong="H3412", King|strong="H4428" Japhia|strong="H3309" of|strong="H4428" Lachish|strong="H3923", and|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Debir|strong="H1688" of|strong="H4428" Eglon|strong="H5700". The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" begged these men|strong="H0559", <sup>4</sup> "Come|strong="H5927" with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" help|strong="H5826" me|strong="H0413" attack|strong="H5221" Gibeon|strong="H1391". Gibeon|strong="H1391" has|strong="H3478" made|strong="H5221" a|strong="H3588" peace agreement with|strong="H0854" Joshua|strong="H3091" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478"."

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="H5927" these|strong="H1992" five|strong="H2568" Amorite|strong="H0567" kings|strong="H4428" joined their|strong="H3605" armies|strong="H4264" together|strong="H0622". (The|strong="H3605" five|strong="H2568" kings|strong="H4428" were|strong="H1992" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Hebron|strong="H2275", the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Jarmuth|strong="H3412", the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Lachish|strong="H3923", and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Eglon|strong="H5700".) Their|strong="H3605" armies|strong="H4264" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5921" Gibeon|strong="H1391", surrounded the|strong="H3605" city, and|strong="H4428" began fighting|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921".

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H4428" Gibeon|strong="H1391" sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H3588" message to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091" at|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" at|strong="H0413" Gilgal|strong="H1537": "We|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0376" your|strong="H3605" ser-

vants |strong="H5650"! Don't |strong="H0408" leave |strong="H7503" us |strong="H0413" alone |strong="H7503". Come |strong="H5927" and |strong="H3027" help |strong="H5826" us |strong="H0413"! Hurry |strong="H4120"! Save |strong="H3467" us |strong="H0413"! All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Amorite |strong="H0567" kings |strong="H4428" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" have |strong="H0376" brought |strong="H5927" their |strong="H3605" armies |strong="H4264" together |strong="H6908" to |strong="H0413" fight |strong="H4264" against |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413"."

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H4480" Joshua |strong="H3091" marched |strong="H5973" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" Gilgal |strong="H1537" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428". His |strong="H3605" best fighting men |strong="H1368" were |strong="H2428" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091", " Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0376" those |strong="H0376" armies |strong="H3808". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" allow |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0376" them |strong="H0413" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" defeat |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>9</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H5927" marched |strong="H5927" all |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" to |strong="H0413" Gibeon, so |strong="H4480" it |strong="H3915" was |strong="H3605" a |strong="H0935" complete |strong="H3605" surprise when |strong="H0935" he |strong="H4480" attacked |strong="H5927" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H2000" those |strong="H7291" armies to |strong="H5704" be |strong="H3478" very |strong="H5704" confused |strong="H2000" when |strong="H5704" Israel |strong="H3478" attacked |strong="H5221". So |strong="H6440" Israel |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5221" them |strong="H5221" and |strong="H3068" won a |strong="H5221" great |strong="H1419" victory. Israel |strong="H3478" chased |strong="H7291" the |strong="H6440" enemy from |strong="H6440" Gibeon |strong="H1391" along |strong="H5704"

the |strong="H6440" road |strong="H1870" going up |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" Beth Horon. The |strong="H6440" army of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H5221" men |strong="H1419" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H6440" way |strong="H1870" to |strong="H5704" Azekah |strong="H5825" and |strong="H3068" Makkedah |strong="H4719". <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1992" chased the |strong="H6440" enemy down |strong="H7993" the |strong="H6440" road from |strong="H4480" Beth Horon to |strong="H5704" Azekah |strong="H5825". While |strong="H5704" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H0834" chasing the |strong="H6440" enemy, the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H1961" large |strong="H1419" hailstones |strong="H1259" to |strong="H5704" fall |strong="H1961" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H6440" sky |strong="H8064". Many |strong="H7227" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" enemy were |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2026" by |strong="H5921" these |strong="H1992" large |strong="H1419" hailstones |strong="H1259". More |strong="H4480" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2026" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" hailstones |strong="H1259" than |strong="H4480" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" swords |strong="H2719" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" soldiers of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>12</sup> On |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" Israel |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" victory against |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" Amorites |strong="H0567". Joshua |strong="H3091" stood before |strong="H6440" all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068":

" Sun |strong="H8121", stop over |strong="H5414" Gibeon |strong="H1391".

Moon |strong="H3394", stand still |strong="H0559" over |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Valley |strong="H6010" of |strong="H1121" Aijalon |strong="H0357"."

<sup>13</sup> So |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" sun |strong="H8121" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" move, and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" moon |strong="H3394" stopped |strong="H5975" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1471" defeated their |strong="H5921" enemies |strong="H0341". This |strong="H1931" story is |strong="H1931" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Book |strong="H5612"

of|strong="H3117" Jashar|strong="H3477". The|strong="H5921" sun|strong="H8121" stopped|strong="H5975" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" middle|strong="H2677" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921" sky|strong="H8064". It|strong="H1931" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" move for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0935" full|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117".<sup>14</sup> That|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" happened|strong="H1961" before|strong="H6440", and|strong="H3068" it|strong="H1931" has|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" happened|strong="H1961" again|strong="H0310". That|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440" day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" obeyed|strong="H8085" a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376". The|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" really was|strong="H1961" fighting|strong="H3898" for|strong="H3588" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>15</sup> After|strong="H0413" this|strong="H7725", Joshua|strong="H3091" and|strong="H3478" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H4264" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" at|strong="H0413" Gilgal|strong="H1537".<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H4428" during|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0428" fight, the|strong="H0428" five|strong="H2568" kings|strong="H4428" ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127". They|strong="H0428" hid|strong="H2244" in|strong="H4428" a|strong="H4428" cave|strong="H4631" near Makkedah|strong="H4719",<sup>17</sup> but|strong="H4428" someone found|strong="H4672" them|strong="H5046" hiding|strong="H2244" in|strong="H4428" that|strong="H0559" cave|strong="H4631". Joshua|strong="H3091" learned about|strong="H4428" this|strong="H5046".<sup>18</sup> He|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559", "Cover|strong="H0068" the|strong="H0559" entrance to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" cave|strong="H4631" with|strong="H0413" large|strong="H1419" rocks|strong="H0068". Put|strong="H6485" some|strong="H0376" men|strong="H0376" there to|strong="H0413" guard|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0559" cave|strong="H4631".<sup>19</sup> But|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H0408" stay|strong="H5975" there|strong="H5975" yourselves|strong="H0859". Continue|strong="H5975" chasing|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0853" enemy|strong="H0341" and|strong="H0935" attacking them|strong="H0413" from|strong="H0935" behind|strong="H0310". Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" enemy|strong="H0341"

get|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0310" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H5892". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859" the|strong="H0853" victory over|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413"."

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H1961" Joshua|strong="H3091" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" Israelites|strong="H3478" killed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0413" enemy. But|strong="H1961" some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H1121" them|strong="H0413" were|strong="H1961" able to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H1992" cities|strong="H5892" that|strong="H3478" had|strong="H1961" tall walls around them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" hide. These|strong="H1992" men|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" killed|strong="H5221".<sup>21</sup> After|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" fighting, Joshua's|strong="H3091" men|strong="H0376" came|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" at|strong="H0413" Makkedah|strong="H4719". Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3605" country was|strong="H3478" brave enough to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H3478" anything|strong="H3605" against|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478".

<sup>22</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" said|strong="H0559", "Move the|strong="H0853" rocks that|strong="H4480" are|strong="H0428" covering the|strong="H0853" entrance to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" cave|strong="H4631". Bring|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" five|strong="H2568" kings|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"."<sup>23</sup> So|strong="H3651" Joshua's men|strong="H0428" brought|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" five|strong="H2568" kings|strong="H4428" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" cave|strong="H4631"—the|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", Hebron|strong="H2275", Jarmuth|strong="H3412", Lachish|strong="H3923", and|strong="H4428" Eglon|strong="H5700".<sup>24</sup> When|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" brought|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" five kings|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091", he|strong="H0853" called|strong="H7121" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413"

come |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" place |strong="H7760". He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" officers of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4421", " Come |strong="H1980" here |strong="H7760"! Put |strong="H7760" your |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" necks |strong="H6677" of |strong="H4428" these |strong="H0428" kings |strong="H4428". So |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" officers of |strong="H4428" Joshua's |strong="H3091" army |strong="H4421" came |strong="H1961" close |strong="H7126" and |strong="H1980" put |strong="H7760" their |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" necks |strong="H6677" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428".

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605", " Be |strong="H0408" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H3068" brave! Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0859" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" fight |strong="H3898" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" future."

<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Joshua |strong="H3091" killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H5921" five |strong="H2568" kings and |strong="H6086" hanged |strong="H8518" their |strong="H5921" bodies on |strong="H5921" five |strong="H2568" trees |strong="H6086". He |strong="H5704" left |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5921" hanging |strong="H8518" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" trees |strong="H6086" until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". <sup>27</sup> At |strong="H0413" sunset Joshua |strong="H3091" told |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1419" to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0834" bodies down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" trees |strong="H6086". So |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" threw |strong="H7993" the |strong="H0834" bodies into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" cave |strong="H4631" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" kings had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H1961" hiding |strong="H2244" and |strong="H0935" covered the |strong="H0834" en-

trance |strong="H0935" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" cave |strong="H4631" with |strong="H0413" large |strong="H1419" rocks |strong="H0068". Their |strong="H5921" bodies are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H5704" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" cave |strong="H4631" today |strong="H3117".

<sup>28</sup> That |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117" Joshua |strong="H3091" defeated |strong="H5221" Makkedah |strong="H4719". He |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5315" in |strong="H4428" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H1931". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604". Joshua |strong="H3091" did |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H1931" thing |strong="H1931" to |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Makkedah |strong="H4719" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Jericho |strong="H3405".

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<sup>29</sup> Then |strong="H5674" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" traveled |strong="H5674" from |strong="H3478" Makkedah |strong="H4719" to |strong="H3478" Libnah |strong="H3841" and |strong="H3478" attacked |strong="H3898" that |strong="H3605" city. <sup>30</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" allowed |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3068" defeat |strong="H5221" that |strong="H0834" city and |strong="H3068" its |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428". They |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" city. No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604". And |strong="H3068" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" thing |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Jericho |strong="H3405".

<sup>31</sup> Then |strong="H5674" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605"



the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" left Libnah |strong="H3841" and |strong="H3478" went to |strong="H5921" Lachish |strong="H3923". Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3478" his |strong="H3605" army camped |strong="H2583" around |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605" city and |strong="H3478" attacked |strong="H3898" it |strong="H5921". <sup>32</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" allowed |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" defeat |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" city of |strong="H3068" Lachish |strong="H3923". They |strong="H0834" defeated |strong="H5221" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" second |strong="H8145" day |strong="H3117". The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H5221" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" city, just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" in |strong="H3068" Libnah |strong="H3841". <sup>33</sup> King |strong="H4428" Horam |strong="H2036" of |strong="H4428" Gezer |strong="H1507" came |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5704" help |strong="H5826" Lachish |strong="H3923", but |strong="H5221" Joshua |strong="H3091" also |strong="H0853" defeated |strong="H5221" him |strong="H5221" and |strong="H4428" his |strong="H5221" army |strong="H5971". No |strong="H1115" one |strong="H4428" was |strong="H4428" left |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604".

<sup>34</sup> Then |strong="H5674" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" traveled |strong="H5674" from |strong="H5921" Lachish |strong="H3923" to |strong="H5921" Eglon |strong="H5700". They |strong="H5921" camped |strong="H2583" around |strong="H5921" Eglon |strong="H5700" and |strong="H3478" attacked |strong="H3898" it |strong="H5921". <sup>35</sup> That |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117" they |strong="H0834" captured |strong="H3920" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H1931" and |strong="H3117" killed |strong="H5221" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H1931". This |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H1931" thing |strong="H1931" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3117" Lachish |strong="H3923".

<sup>36</sup> Then |strong="H5927" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" traveled from |strong="H5921" Eglon |strong="H5700" to |strong="H5921" Hebron |strong="H2275"

and |strong="H3478" attacked |strong="H5927" it |strong="H5921". <sup>37</sup> They |strong="H0834" captured |strong="H3920" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" small towns |strong="H5892" near |strong="H3920" Hebron. The |strong="H3605" Israelites killed |strong="H5221" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H4428" Eglon |strong="H5700". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604" there |strong="H3605". They |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H4428" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5315" in |strong="H4428" it |strong="H6213" as |strong="H0834" an |strong="H5221" offering to |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Lord.

<sup>38</sup> Then |strong="H7725" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Debir |strong="H1688" and |strong="H3478" attacked |strong="H3898" it |strong="H5921". <sup>39</sup> They |strong="H0834" captured |strong="H3920" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892", its |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428", and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" near |strong="H3920" Debir |strong="H1688". They |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H4428" Libnah |strong="H3841" and |strong="H4428" its |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604" there |strong="H3605". They |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H4428" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5315" in |strong="H4428" it |strong="H3651" as |strong="H0834" an |strong="H5221" offering to |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Lord.

<sup>40</sup> So |strong="H3808" Joshua |strong="H3091" defeated |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" cities

of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022", the|strong="H3605" Negev|strong="H5045", the|strong="H3605" western foothills|strong="H8219", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" eastern foothills|strong="H8219". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", had|strong="H3068" told|strong="H6680" Joshua|strong="H3091" to|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834", so|strong="H3808" Joshua|strong="H3091" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H7604" anyone|strong="H3605" alive|strong="H7604" in|strong="H0430" those|strong="H3605" places|strong="H3605".

<sup>41</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" captured all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cities from|strong="H5704" Kadesh Barnea to|strong="H5704" Gaza|strong="H5804". He|strong="H5704" captured all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cities from|strong="H5704" Goshen|strong="H1657"<sup>I</sup> to|strong="H5704" Gibeon|strong="H1391". <sup>42</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" captured|strong="H3920" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" cities and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" in|strong="H0430" one|strong="H0259" series of|strong="H4428" battles. He|strong="H3588" did this|strong="H0428" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", was|strong="H3068" fighting|strong="H3898" for|strong="H3588" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>43</sup> Then|strong="H7725" Joshua|strong="H3091" and|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" returned|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" at|strong="H0413" Gilgal|strong="H1537".

### Defeating the Northern Cities

**11** King|strong="H4428" Jabin|strong="H2985" of|strong="H4428" Hazor|strong="H2674" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H1961" everything that|strong="H8085" had|strong="H1961" happened|strong="H1961". So|strong="H7971" he|strong="H7971" decided to|strong="H0413" call|strong="H8085" together the|strong="H0413" armies of|strong="H4428" several kings|strong="H4428". He|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H1961" message

to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Jobab|strong="H3103" of|strong="H4428" Madon|strong="H4068" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Shimron|strong="H8110", to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Acshaph|strong="H0407",<sup>2</sup> and|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" north|strong="H6828" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" and|strong="H0413" the|strong="H4428" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" desert|strong="H6160". Jabin sent the|strong="H0834" message to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" Kinnereth|strong="H3672",<sup>II</sup> the|strong="H0834" Negev|strong="H5045", and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" western|strong="H3220" foothills|strong="H8219". He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H4428" sent the|strong="H0834" message to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Naphoth Dor|strong="H1756" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" west|strong="H3220".<sup>3</sup> Jabin sent the|strong="H8478" message to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" kings of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" Canaanites|strong="H3669" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" east|strong="H4217" and|strong="H0776" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" west|strong="H3220". He|strong="H4217" sent the|strong="H8478" message to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" Amorites|strong="H0567", Hittites|strong="H2850", Perizzites|strong="H6522", and|strong="H0776" Jebusites|strong="H2983" living in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022". He|strong="H4217" also sent the|strong="H8478" message to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" Hivites|strong="H2340" living below|strong="H8478" Mount|strong="H2022" Hermon|strong="H2768" near Mizpah|strong="H4709".<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" armies|strong="H4264" of|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H1992" kings came|strong="H3318" together|strong="H5973". There|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7227" fighting men|strong="H5971" and|strong="H7393" many|strong="H7227" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H7393" chariots|strong="H7393". It|strong="H5921" was|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" very|strong="H3966" large|strong="H7230" army|strong="H4264"—it|strong="H5921" looked as|strong="H0834"

I GOSHEN The northeastern part of Egypt.

II KINNERETH The area near the Sea of Galilee.

if|strong="H0834" there|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7227" men|strong="H5971" as|strong="H0834" grains of|strong="H5921" sand|strong="H2344" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" seashore|strong="H3220".

<sup>5</sup> All|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" kings|strong="H4428" met together|strong="H3162" at|strong="H2583" the|strong="H3605" small river of|strong="H4428" Merom|strong="H4792". They|strong="H0935" joined|strong="H0935" their|strong="H3605" armies together|strong="H3162" into|strong="H0413" one|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H2583" and|strong="H0935" made|strong="H3259" plans for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" battle|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091", "Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" army, because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068" allow|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" defeat|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413". By|strong="H3068" this|strong="H2063" time|strong="H6256" tomorrow|strong="H4279", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H2491" them|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" cut the|strong="H3605" legs of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H3068" burn|strong="H8313" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" chariots|strong="H4818"."

<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H0935" Joshua|strong="H3091" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5971" surprised the|strong="H3605" enemy and|strong="H0935" attacked|strong="H0935" them|strong="H5921" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" river of|strong="H5921" Merom|strong="H4792". <sup>8</sup> The|strong="H5414" LORD|strong="H3068" allowed|strong="H5414" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H5704" defeat|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5414". The|strong="H5414" army of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" defeated|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5414" and|strong="H3068" chased|strong="H7291" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5704" Greater|strong="H7227" Sidon|strong="H6721", Misrephoth|strong="H4956" Maim, and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5414" Valley|strong="H1237" of|strong="H3068" Mizpah|strong="H4708" in|strong="H3068"

the|strong="H5414" east|strong="H4217". The|strong="H5414" army of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" fought until|strong="H5704" none of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5414" enemy was|strong="H3068" left|strong="H7604" alive|strong="H7604". <sup>9</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213"; he|strong="H0834" cut the|strong="H0853" legs of|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H3068" burned|strong="H8313" their|strong="H3068" chariots|strong="H4818".

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Joshua|strong="H3091" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H4428" captured|strong="H3920" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H4428" Hazor|strong="H2674" and|strong="H4428" killed|strong="H5221" its|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428". ( Hazor|strong="H2674" was|strong="H1931" the|strong="H3605" leader|strong="H7218" of|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kingdoms|strong="H4467" that|strong="H3588" fought against|strong="H6440" Israel.) <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3605" army of|strong="H6310" Israel killed|strong="H5221" everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5315" that|strong="H0834" city and|strong="H2719" completely|strong="H3605" destroyed|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5315". There|strong="H3605" was|strong="H0834" nothing|strong="H3808" left|strong="H3498" alive|strong="H5315". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" burned|strong="H8313" the|strong="H3605" city.

<sup>12</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" captured|strong="H3920" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" cities|strong="H5892" and|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428". He|strong="H0834" completely|strong="H3605" destroyed|strong="H5221" everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3068" these|strong="H0428" cities|strong="H5892"—just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" Moses|strong="H4872", the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650", had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680". <sup>13</sup> But|strong="H7535" the|strong="H3605" army of|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" burn|strong="H8313" any|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" that|strong="H3605" were|strong="H3478" built on|strong="H5921" hills. The|strong="H3605" only|strong="H7535" city|strong="H5892" built on|strong="H5921"

a hill that they burned was. This the Joshua burned. The Israelites kept for all the things all animals found in cities. But they killed all the people there. They no alive the LORD commanded his servant to do this. Then Moses Joshua to do this. So Joshua obeyed God did that LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>16</sup> So Joshua defeated all the people that area had the hill country Negev the area of Goshen, the western foothills, the Jordan Valley, and the mountains of Israel and all hills near them. <sup>17</sup> Joshua had control of the land from Mount Halak near Seir to Baal Gad in

the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all the kings in that land and killed them. <sup>18</sup> Joshua fought against them many years. Only one city in all the land made a peace agreement with Israel. That was the Hivite city of Gibeon. All the other cities were defeated in war. <sup>20</sup> The LORD made those people feel brave enough to fight against Israel. This was so that Israel could destroy them completely without mercy as the LORD had commanded Moses to do. <sup>21</sup> The Anakites lived in the hill country in the area of Hebron, Debir, and Judah. Joshua fought them and completely destroyed all the people and their towns. <sup>22</sup> There were no Anakites left living in the land of Israel. The only

Anakites *strong*="H6062" who *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H3478" left *strong*="H7604" alive *strong*="H7604" were *strong*="H3478" in *strong*="H0776" Gaza *strong*="H5804", Gath *strong*="H1661", and *strong*="H1121" Ashdod *strong*="H0795". <sup>23</sup> Joshua *strong*="H3091" took *strong*="H3947" control of *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H3605" whole *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" of *strong*="H0776" Israel *strong*="H3478" as *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" had *strong*="H3068" told *strong*="H1696" Moses *strong*="H4872" long *strong*="H0413" ago. The *strong*="H3605" Lord *strong*="H3068" gave *strong*="H5414" that *strong*="H0834" land *strong*="H0776" to *strong*="H0413" Israel *strong*="H3478" as *strong*="H0834" he *strong*="H0834" promised *strong*="H1696". And *strong*="H3068" Joshua *strong*="H3091" divided the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" among *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H3605" tribes *strong*="H7626" of *strong*="H0776" Israel *strong*="H3478". Finally, the *strong*="H3605" fighting ended and *strong*="H3068" there *strong*="H3068" was *strong*="H0834" peace *strong*="H8252" in *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776".

#### Kings Defeated by Israel

**12** The *strong*="H3605" Israelites *strong*="H3478" had *strong*="H0834" taken *strong*="H5221" control of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" east *strong*="H4217" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H3605" Jordan *strong*="H3383" River *strong*="H5704". They *strong*="H0834" had *strong*="H0834" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" from *strong*="H3478" Arnon *strong*="H0769" Ravine to *strong*="H5704" Mount *strong*="H2022" Hermon *strong*="H2768" and *strong*="H1121" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" along *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H3605" eastern *strong*="H4217" side *strong*="H5676" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H3605" Jordan *strong*="H3383" Valley *strong*="H5158". These *strong*="H0428" are *strong*="H0834" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" kings *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H3605" Israelites *strong*="H3478" defeated *strong*="H5221" to *strong*="H5704" take *strong*="H3423" this *strong*="H0428" land *strong*="H0776":

<sup>2</sup> They *strong*="H0834" defeated King *strong*="H4428" Sihon *strong*="H5511" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0834" Amorites *strong*="H0567" living *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H0834" city

of *strong*="H1121" Heshbon *strong*="H2809". He *strong*="H0834" ruled *strong*="H4910" the *strong*="H0834" land *strong*="H1366" from *strong*="H5921" Aroer *strong*="H6177" at *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H0834" Arnon *strong*="H0769" Ravine to *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H0834" Jabbok *strong*="H2999" River *strong*="H5704". His *strong*="H5921" land *strong*="H1366" started in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H0834" center *strong*="H8432" of *strong*="H1121" that *strong*="H0834" ravine. This *strong*="H0834" was *strong*="H0834" their *strong*="H5921" border *strong*="H1366" with *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0834" Ammonites *strong*="H5983". Sihon *strong*="H5511" ruled *strong*="H4910" over *strong*="H5921" half *strong*="H2677" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0834" land *strong*="H1366" of *strong*="H1121" Gilead *strong*="H1568". <sup>3</sup> He *strong*="H5704" also ruled over *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" eastern *strong*="H4217" side *strong*="H3220" of *strong*="H1870" the *strong*="H5704" Jordan Valley from *strong*="H5704" Lake Galilee to *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" Dead Sea *strong*="H3220" ( Salt *strong*="H4417" Sea *strong*="H3220"). And *strong*="H1870" he *strong*="H5704" ruled from *strong*="H5704" Beth Jeshimoth to *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" south *strong*="H8486" to *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" hills of *strong*="H1870" Pisgah *strong*="H6449".

<sup>4</sup> They *strong*="H4428" also *strong*="H4428" defeated King *strong*="H4428" Og *strong*="H5747" of *strong*="H4428" Bashan *strong*="H1316". Og *strong*="H5747" was *strong*="H4428" from *strong*="H1366" the *strong*="H3427" Rephaites *strong*="H7497". He *strong*="H4428" ruled *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H3427" land *strong*="H1366" in *strong*="H3427" Ashteroth *strong*="H6252" and *strong*="H4428" Edrei *strong*="H0154". <sup>5</sup> Og ruled *strong*="H4910" over *strong*="H4910" Mount *strong*="H2022" Hermon *strong*="H2768", Salecah *strong*="H5548", and *strong*="H4428" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" area *strong*="H1366" of *strong*="H4428" Bashan *strong*="H1316". His *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H1366" ended where the *strong*="H3605" people of *strong*="H4428" Geshur and *strong*="H4428" Maacah lived. Og also *strong*="H4428" ruled *strong*="H4910" half *strong*="H2677" of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H1366" of *strong*="H4428" Gilead *strong*="H1568". This *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H1366" ended at *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H1366" of *strong*="H4428"

King |strong="H4428" Sihon |strong="H5511" of |strong="H4428" Heshbon |strong="H2809".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H5414" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5414" Israelites |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5221" all these kings. And |strong="H1121"

Moses |strong="H4872" gave |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3068" land to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5414" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7206", the |strong="H5414" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Gad |strong="H1425", and |strong="H1121" half |strong="H2677" the |strong="H5414" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519". Moses |strong="H4872" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" this |strong="H3068" land to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H3425".

<sup>7</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0834" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" west |strong="H3220" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". This |strong="H0428" land |strong="H0776" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" area |strong="H0776" west |strong="H3220" of |strong="H1121" Baal Gad in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" Lebanon |strong="H3844" Valley |strong="H1237" as |strong="H0834" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H0834" Mount |strong="H2022" Halak |strong="H2510" that |strong="H0834" rises |strong="H5927" toward |strong="H5927" Seir |strong="H8165". Joshua |strong="H3091" divided it |strong="H5414" among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" tribes |strong="H7626". <sup>8</sup> This included the |strong="H2022" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022", the |strong="H2022" western foothills |strong="H8219", the |strong="H2022" Jordan Valley, the |strong="H2022" eastern mountains |strong="H2022", the |strong="H2022" desert |strong="H6160", and |strong="H2022" the |strong="H2022" Negev |strong="H5045". This was |strong="H2022" where the |strong="H2022" Hittites |strong="H2850", Amorites |strong="H0567", Canaanites |strong="H3669", Perizzites |strong="H6522", Hivites |strong="H2340", and |strong="H2022" Jebusites |strong="H2983" had |strong="H0567" lived. These are |strong="H2022" the |strong="H2022" kings the |strong="H2022" Israelites defeated:

<sup>9</sup> the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Jericho |strong="H3405",

the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Ai |strong="H5857" near |strong="H6654" Bethel |strong="H1008",  
<sup>10</sup> the |strong="H3389" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", the |strong="H3389" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Hebron |strong="H2275",  
<sup>11</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Jarmuth |strong="H3412", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Lachish |strong="H3923",  
<sup>12</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Eglon |strong="H5700", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Gezer |strong="H1507",  
<sup>13</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Debir |strong="H1688", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Geder |strong="H1445",  
<sup>14</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Hormah |strong="H2767", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Arad |strong="H6166",  
<sup>15</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Libnah |strong="H3841", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Adullam |strong="H5725",  
<sup>16</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Makkedah |strong="H4719", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Bethel |strong="H1008",  
<sup>17</sup> the |strong="H8599" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Tappuah |strong="H8599", the |strong="H8599" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Hopher |strong="H2660",  
<sup>18</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aphek |strong="H0663", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Sharon |strong="H8289",  
<sup>19</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Madon |strong="H4068", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Hazor |strong="H2674",  
<sup>20</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Shimron Meron, the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Ashaph |strong="H0407",  
<sup>21</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Taanach |strong="H8590", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Megiddo |strong="H4023",  
<sup>22</sup> the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Kedesh |strong="H6943", the king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Jokneam |strong="H3362" in |strong="H4428" Carmel |strong="H3760",

23 the king of Dor at Mount Dor, the king of Goyim in Gil-gal,<sup>24</sup> and the king of Tirzah.  
The total number of kings was 31.

### Land Not Yet Taken

**13** When Joshua was very old, the LORD said to him, "You have grown but there is much for you to take control of. You have yet taken the land of Geshur or the land of the Philistines." You have not yet taken the area from the Shihor River to the border of Ekron and the land further north. That still belongs to the Canaanites. You must still defeat the five Philistine leaders at Gaza, Ashdod, Gath, Ekron. You must also defeat the Avvites who live

<sup>1</sup> SHIHOR RIVER Probably one of the eastern branches of the Nile River.

south of Canaanite land. And you must still go north to take Mearah, which the Sidonians control. From there you must still go as far as Apek on the Amorite border. You have yet defeated the area of the Gebalites. And you also there is the area of Lebanon east of Baal Gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo Hamath.

<sup>6</sup> The people of Sidon are living in the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim. But I will force them out for the Israelites. Be sure to remember this land when you divide the land among the Israelites. Do this as I told you. <sup>7</sup> Now divide the land among the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasse.

Dividing the Land

<sup>8</sup> The tribes of Reuben, Gad,

and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H5676" half of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" tribe of |strong="H3068" Manasseh had |strong="H3068" already received |strong="H3947" all their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H5159". The |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H3068", Moses |strong="H4872", gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H5159" east |strong="H4217" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" Jordan |strong="H3383" River. <sup>9</sup> Their |strong="H3605" land started at |strong="H5921" Aroer |strong="H6177" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Arnon |strong="H0769" Ravine and |strong="H3605" continued to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ravine. And |strong="H3605" it |strong="H5921" included |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" plain |strong="H4334" from |strong="H5921" Medeba |strong="H4311" to |strong="H5704" Dibon |strong="H1769". <sup>10</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" King |strong="H4428" Sihon |strong="H5511" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Amorites |strong="H0567" ruled |strong="H4427" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H4428" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H1366". He |strong="H0834" ruled |strong="H4427" in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" Heshbon |strong="H2809". The |strong="H3605" land |strong="H1366" continued to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" area |strong="H1366" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Ammonites |strong="H5983" lived. <sup>11</sup> Also the |strong="H3605" town of |strong="H2022" Gilead |strong="H1568" was |strong="H1366" in |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" land |strong="H1366". And |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3605" area |strong="H1366" where the |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H2022" Geshur and |strong="H2022" Maacah lived was |strong="H1366" in |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" land |strong="H1366". All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H2022" Mount |strong="H2022" Hermon |strong="H2768" and |strong="H2022" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H2022" Bashan |strong="H1316" as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" Salecah |strong="H5548" was |strong="H1366" in |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" land |strong="H1366". <sup>12</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4468" of |strong="H3605"

King |strong="H4427" Og |strong="H5747" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H7604" that |strong="H0834" land. King |strong="H4427" Og |strong="H5747" ruled |strong="H4427" in |strong="H7604" Bashan |strong="H1316". In |strong="H7604" the |strong="H3605" past he |strong="H0834" ruled |strong="H4427" in |strong="H7604" Ashtaroth |strong="H6252" and |strong="H4872" Edrei |strong="H0154". Og |strong="H5747" was |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3423" the |strong="H3605" Rephaites |strong="H7497". In |strong="H7604" the |strong="H3605" past Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H0834" defeated |strong="H5221" those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" and |strong="H4872" had |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H5221" their |strong="H3605" land. <sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force out |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Geshur |strong="H1650" and |strong="H1121" Maacah |strong="H4601". They |strong="H3117" still |strong="H5704" live |strong="H3427" among |strong="H7130" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" today |strong="H3117". <sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0834" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H0430" Levi |strong="H3878" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" only |strong="H7535" tribe |strong="H7626" that |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" get any |strong="H5414" land |strong="H5159". Instead |strong="H3808", the |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3878" were |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" all the |strong="H0834" animals offered |strong="H5414" by |strong="H0801" fire |strong="H0801" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Lord |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H1696" them |strong="H5414". <sup>15</sup> Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H4872" given |strong="H5414" each family |strong="H4940" group from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5414" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205" some land |strong="H4940". This is |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5414" land |strong="H4940" they received: <sup>16</sup> It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H1366" from |strong="H5921" Aroer |strong="H6177" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Arnon |strong="H0769" Ravine to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1366" Medeba |strong="H4311".



This *strong*="H0834" included *strong*="H1366" the *strong*="H3605" whole *strong*="H3605" plain *strong*="H4334" and *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" town *strong*="H5892" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" middle *strong*="H8432" of *strong*="H1366" the *strong*="H3605" ravine.<sup>17</sup> The *strong*="H3605" land continued to *strong*="H0834" Heshbon *strong*="H2809". It *strong*="H0834" included *strong*="H3605" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" towns *strong*="H5892" on *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" plain *strong*="H4334". Those *strong*="H3605" towns *strong*="H5892" were *strong*="H0834" Dibon *strong*="H1769", Bamoth *strong*="H1120" Baal, Beth Baal Meon,<sup>18</sup> Jahaz *strong*="H3096", Kedemoth *strong*="H6932", Mephaath *strong*="H4158",<sup>19</sup> Kiriathaim *strong*="H7156", Sibmah *strong*="H7643", Zereth Shajar on *strong*="H2022" the *strong*="H2022" hill *strong*="H2022" in *strong*="H2022" the *strong*="H2022" valley *strong*="H6010",<sup>20</sup> Beth Peor, the hills of *strong*="H0794" Pisgah *strong*="H6449", and *strong*="H6449" Beth Jeshimoth.<sup>21</sup> So *strong*="H0834" that *strong*="H0834" land *strong*="H0776" included *strong*="H3605" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" towns *strong*="H5892" on *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H3605" plain *strong*="H4334" and *strong*="H4872" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" area *strong*="H0776" that *strong*="H0834" King *strong*="H4428" Sihon *strong*="H5511" of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H3605" Amorites *strong*="H0567" had *strong*="H0834" ruled *strong*="H4427". He *strong*="H0834" ruled *strong*="H4427" in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H3605" town *strong*="H5892" of *strong*="H4428" Heshbon *strong*="H2809", but *strong*="H5221" Moses *strong*="H4872" had *strong*="H0834" defeated *strong*="H5221" him *strong*="H5221" and *strong*="H4872" the *strong*="H3605" leaders *strong*="H5387" of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H3605" Midianites *strong*="H4080". Those *strong*="H3605" leaders *strong*="H5387" were *strong*="H0834" Evi *strong*="H0189", Rekem *strong*="H7552", Zur *strong*="H6698", Hur *strong*="H2354", and *strong*="H4872" Reba *strong*="H7254". ( They *strong*="H0834" all *strong*="H3605" fought together with *strong*="H3427" Sihon *strong*="H5511".) All *strong*="H3605" of *strong*="H4428" them *strong*="H0853" lived *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" that *strong*="H0834" country *strong*="H0776".<sup>22</sup> The *strong*="H0853" Israelites *strong*="H3478" defeated Baalam *strong*="H1109" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Beor *strong*="H1160". ( Bal-

aam *strong*="H1109" tried to *strong*="H0413" use *strong*="H7080" magic to *strong*="H0413" tell *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0853" future.) The *strong*="H0853" Israelites *strong*="H3478" killed *strong*="H2026" many people *strong*="H1121" during the *strong*="H0853" fighting.<sup>23</sup> The *strong*="H1961" land *strong*="H5159" that *strong*="H1961" was *strong*="H1961" given to *strong*="H1961" Reuben *strong*="H7205" stopped at *strong*="H3383" the *strong*="H1961" shore of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H1961" Jordan *strong*="H3383" River. So *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" land *strong*="H5159" that *strong*="H1961" was *strong*="H1961" given to *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" family *strong*="H4940" groups *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Reuben *strong*="H7205" included *strong*="H1366" all these *strong*="H2063" towns *strong*="H5892" and *strong*="H1121" their *strong*="H1961" fields that *strong*="H1961" were *strong*="H1961" listed.

<sup>24</sup> This is *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H5414" land *strong*="H4940" Moses *strong*="H4872" gave *strong*="H5414" to *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H5414" tribe *strong*="H4294" of *strong*="H1121" Gad *strong*="H1410". He *strong*="H5414" gave *strong*="H5414" this land *strong*="H4940" to *strong*="H5414" each tribe *strong*="H4294".

<sup>25</sup> He *strong*="H0834" gave *strong*="H1961" them *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" of *strong*="H1121" Jazer *strong*="H3270", all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" towns *strong*="H5892" of *strong*="H1121" Gilead *strong*="H1568", and *strong*="H1121" half *strong*="H2677" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H3605" Ammonites *strong*="H5983" that *strong*="H0834" went *strong*="H6440" as *strong*="H0834" far *strong*="H5704" as *strong*="H0834" Aroer *strong*="H6177" near *strong*="H6440" Rabbah *strong*="H7237".<sup>26</sup> Their *strong*="H5704" land *strong*="H1366" included *strong*="H1366" the *strong*="H5704" area *strong*="H1366" from *strong*="H5704" Heshbon *strong*="H2809" to *strong*="H5704" Ramath Mizpah and *strong*="H2809" Betonim *strong*="H0993", from *strong*="H5704" Mahanaim *strong*="H4266" to *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" land *strong*="H1366" of *strong*="H1366" Debir *strong*="H1688",<sup>27</sup> the *strong*="H5704" valley *strong*="H6010" of *strong*="H4428" Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth *strong*="H5523" and *strong*="H4428" Zaphon *strong*="H6829", including *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" rest *strong*="H3499" of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H5704" kingdom *strong*="H4468"

of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Si-hon|strong="H5511" of|strong="H4428" Hesh-bon|strong="H2809", along|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" Jordan|strong="H3383" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" way|strong="H5704" up|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" Lake Galilee on|strong="H3220" the|strong="H5704" eastern|strong="H4217" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5704" river|strong="H5704".<sup>28</sup> All this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H5159" is|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" land|strong="H5159" Moses gave|strong="H5159" the|strong="H1121" family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gad|strong="H1410". That|strong="H1121" land|strong="H5159" included all the|strong="H1121" towns|strong="H5892" that|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" listed. Moses gave|strong="H5159" that|strong="H1121" land|strong="H5159" to|strong="H1121" each fami-ly|strong="H4940" group.

<sup>29</sup> This is|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5414" land|strong="H4940" Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1961" half|strong="H2677" the|strong="H5414" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Man-asseh|strong="H4519". Half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H1121" all the|strong="H5414" fami-lies|strong="H4940" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5414" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519" got this land|strong="H4940":

<sup>30</sup> The|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" start-ed|strong="H1961" at|strong="H4428" Ma-hanaim|strong="H4266". The|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" included|strong="H1366" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H4428" Bashan|strong="H1316", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" ruled|strong="H4428" by|strong="H1961" King|strong="H4428" Og|strong="H5747" of|strong="H4428" Bashan|strong="H1316", and|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" Jair|strong="H2971" in|strong="H4428" Bashan|strong="H1316". ( In|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605", there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H0834" 60 cities|strong="H5892".)<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H1121" land|strong="H4940" also|strong="H4519" included half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568", Ashtaroth|strong="H6252", and|strong="H1121" Edrei|strong="H0154". ( Gilead|strong="H1568", Ashtaroth|strong="H6252", and|strong="H1121" Edrei|strong="H0154" were|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" cities|strong="H5892" where King Og|strong="H5747"

had|strong="H4519" lived.) All this land|strong="H4940" was|strong="H1121" given to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" fami-ly|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" Makir|strong="H4353" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519". Half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H1121" all his|strong="H4519" sons|strong="H1121" got this land|strong="H4940".

<sup>32</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H5157" all this|strong="H0428" land|strong="H5676" to|strong="H3383" these|strong="H0428" tribes. He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0428" while|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" camped on|strong="H4872" the|strong="H0834" plains|strong="H6160" of|strong="H6160" Moab|strong="H4124". This|strong="H0428" was|strong="H0834" across|strong="H5676" the|strong="H0834" Jor-dan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3405", east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H6160" Jeri-cho|strong="H3405".<sup>33</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" give|strong="H5414" any|strong="H5414" land|strong="H5159" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0834" tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H0430" Levi|strong="H3878". The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068", God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Is-rael|strong="H3478", promised|strong="H1696" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" him-self|strong="H1931" would|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0834" gift|strong="H5159" for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H0430" Levi|strong="H3878".

**14** Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548", Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" lead-ers|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" all the|strong="H0853" tribes|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" decided what|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H3478" give|strong="H5157" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" peo-ple|strong="H1121".<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" com-manded|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872" long ago how|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" wanted the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" to|strong="H3068" choose their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H5159". The|strong="H0834" peo-ple|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" nine|strong="H8672" and|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0834"

half|strong="H2677" tribes|strong="H4294" threw lots|strong="H1486" to|strong="H3068" decide which|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159" they|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" get. <sup>3</sup> Moses|strong="H4872" had|strong="H4872" already given|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3588" two|strong="H8147" and|strong="H4872" a|strong="H3588" half|strong="H2677" tribes|strong="H4294" their|strong="H5414" land|strong="H5159" east|strong="H5676" of|strong="H4294" the|strong="H3588" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3588". The|strong="H3588" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H4294" Levi|strong="H3881" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" receive|strong="H5414" any|strong="H5414" land|strong="H5159" like|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3588" other|strong="H5676" tribes|strong="H4294". <sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3588" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H3130" had|strong="H1961" divided into|strong="H0776" two|strong="H8147" tribes|strong="H4294"—Manasseh|strong="H4519" and|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669". Each|strong="H8147" of|strong="H1121" these tribes|strong="H4294" received|strong="H1961" some land|strong="H0776"; the|strong="H3588" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3881" was|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" given|strong="H5414" any|strong="H1961" land|strong="H0776". They|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1961" given|strong="H5414" only|strong="H0518" some towns|strong="H5892" scattered throughout the|strong="H3588" other|strong="H8147" tribes|strong="H4294" and|strong="H1121" some fields around those|strong="H1121" towns|strong="H5892" for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H5414" animals|strong="H1961". <sup>5</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" told|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872" how|strong="H0834" to|strong="H3068" divide|strong="H2505" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" tribes of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" divided|strong="H2505" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H3651" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680".

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<sup>6</sup> One|strong="H0376" day|strong="H4872" some|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063"

went|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091" at|strong="H0413" Gilgal|strong="H1537". One|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" them|strong="H0413" was|strong="H0834" Caleb|strong="H3612", the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jephunneh|strong="H3312" the|strong="H0853" Kenizzite|strong="H7074". Caleb|strong="H3612" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091", " You|strong="H0859" remember what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" at|strong="H0413" Kadesh Barnea. The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0834" speaking|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Moses|strong="H4872", his|strong="H5921" servant. <sup>1</sup> The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0834" talking|strong="H1696" about|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" me|strong="H0413". <sup>7</sup> Moses|strong="H4872", the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650", sent|strong="H7971" me|strong="H7971" to|strong="H7725" look at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" going|strong="H7725". I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" 40 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" at|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H8141". When|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" came|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725", I|strong="H0834" told|strong="H1697" Moses|strong="H4872" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" thought|strong="H3824" about|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776". <sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0251" men|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" went|strong="H5927" with|strong="H5973" me|strong="H0310" told the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" things|strong="H5973" that|strong="H0834" made|strong="H0834" them|strong="H0853" afraid. But|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" really believed that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3068" allow us|strong="H0310" to|strong="H3068" take|strong="H5927" that|strong="H0834" land. <sup>9</sup> So|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117" Moses|strong="H4872" made|strong="H7650" a|strong="H1961" promise|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0310". He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", ' The|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" went|strong="H1961"

<sup>1</sup> HIS SERVANT Literally, "the man of God."

will|strong="H3068" become|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776". Your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" forever|strong="H5769". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5159" you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" really|strong="H0559" believed in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", my|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430":

<sup>10</sup> " Now|strong="H6258" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" kept me|strong="H0413" alive|strong="H2421" for|strong="H0413" 45 more years|strong="H8141"— as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696" he|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3478". During|strong="H3117" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117" we|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3117" wandered|strong="H1980" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057". Now|strong="H6258", here|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595", 85 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121". <sup>11</sup> I|strong="H0834" am still|strong="H5750" as|strong="H0834" strong|strong="H2389" today|strong="H3117" as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" day|strong="H3117" Moses|strong="H4872" sent|strong="H7971" me|strong="H7971" out|strong="H3318". I|strong="H0834" am as|strong="H0834" ready|strong="H6258" to|strong="H0935" fight|strong="H4421" as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" then|strong="H0227". <sup>12</sup> So|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" promised|strong="H1696" me|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117" ago|strong="H3117". At|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0859" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" strong|strong="H1419" Anakites|strong="H6062" lived there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892" were|strong="H0834" very|strong="H2088" big and|strong="H3068" well|strong="H0834" protected. But|strong="H3588" now|strong="H6258", maybe|strong="H0194" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"

with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H5414", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3423" that|strong="H0834" land just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696":

<sup>13</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" blessed|strong="H1288" Caleb|strong="H3612" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jephunneh|strong="H3312". Joshua|strong="H3091" gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H1121" Hebron|strong="H2275" as|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5414" own. <sup>14</sup> And|strong="H1121" that|strong="H0834" city still|strong="H5704" belongs|strong="H1961" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" family of|strong="H1121" Caleb|strong="H3612" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jephunneh|strong="H3312" the|strong="H0834" Kenizzite|strong="H7074". That|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159" still|strong="H5704" belongs|strong="H1961" to|strong="H5704" his|strong="H5921" people|strong="H1121" because|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0834" trusted and|strong="H1121" obeyed the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068", God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>15</sup> In|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" past that|strong="H1931" city|strong="H1931" was|strong="H8034" called|strong="H8034" Kiriath Arba. It|strong="H1931" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" greatest|strong="H1419" man|strong="H0120" among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" Anakites|strong="H6062"— a|strong="H0776" man|strong="H0120" named|strong="H8034" Arba.

After|strong="H0776" this|strong="H1931" there was|strong="H8034" peace|strong="H8252" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776".

#### Land for Judah

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H0413" land|strong="H4940" that|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" given to|strong="H0413" Judah|strong="H3063" was|strong="H1961" divided among|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" families|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" that|strong="H1961" tribe|strong="H4294". That|strong="H1961" land|strong="H4940" went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H1121" Edom|strong="H0123" and|strong="H1121" south|strong="H5045" all the|strong="H0413" way to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H1121" Zin|strong="H6790" at|strong="H0413"

the *edge of* Teman. <sup>2</sup> The *southern border* of *Judah's land* started at the *south* end of the *Dead Sea*. <sup>3</sup> The *border* went *south* to *Scorpion Pass* and *continued on* to *Zin*. Then the *border* continued *south* to *Kadesh Barnea*. It *continued past* Adzron *to* Adar *to* Adar *the border* turned and *continued to* Karka. <sup>4</sup> The *border* continued to *Azmon*, the *brook* of *Egypt*, then the *Mediterranean Sea*. All that *land* on *their* *southern* border.

<sup>5</sup> Their *eastern border* was the *shore of* the *Dead Sea* to the *area* where the *Jordan River* flowed into the *sea*.

Their *northern border* started at the *area* where the *Jordan River* flowed into the *Dead Sea*. <sup>6</sup> Then the *border* went to *Beth Hoglah* and *continued north* to *Beth Arabah*. The *border* continued to the *stone* of *Bohan*. (*Bohan* was the *son* of *Reuben*.) <sup>7</sup>

Then the *northern border* went through the *Valley* of *Achor* to *Debir*. There the *border* turned to the *north* and *continued on* to *Gilgal*. *Gilgal* is *across* from *the road* that *goes through* the *mountain of* Adummim. It *is* on *the* *south* side of the *brook*. The *border* continued along the *waters* of *En Shemesh*. The *border* stopped at *En Rogel*. <sup>8</sup> Then the *border* went through the *Valley* of *Ben Hinnom* beside the *southern* side of the *city* (*that is*, *Jerusalem*). There the *border* went to the *top* of the *hill* on the *west* side of the *Hinnom Valley*. This *city* was at *the* *northern* end of the *Rephaim Valley*. <sup>9</sup> From there the *border* went to the *spring* of *Nephtoah*. Then the *border* went to

the *cities* near Mount Ephron. There the border and went to Baalah. (Baalah is also called Kiriath Jearim.)<sup>10</sup> At the border turned and went to the hill country of Seir. The border continued along the north side of Mount Jearim and continued down to Beth Shemesh. From there the border went past Timnah. Then the border went to the hill north of Ekron. From there the border turned to Shikkeron and went past Mount Baalah. The border continued on to Jabneel and ended at the Mediterranean Sea.<sup>12</sup> The western border of Judah was these four borders. The families of Judah lived in this area.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD had Joshua to give Caleb son of Jephun-

neh part of the land in Judah. So Joshua gave Caleb the land God had commanded Joshua to give him the town of Kiriath Arba, that is Hebron. (Arba was the father of Anak.)<sup>14</sup> Caleb forced the three Anakite families living in Hebron to leave there. Those families were Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai. They were from the family of Anak.<sup>15</sup> Then Caleb fought against the people living in Debir. (In the past, Debir was also called Kiriath Sepher.)<sup>16</sup> Caleb said, "I will give my daughter in marriage to the man who attacks and conquers Kiriath Sepher."

<sup>17</sup> Othniel was the son of Caleb's brother Kenaz. Othniel defeated that city, so Caleb gave his daughter to Othniel to be his wife.<sup>18</sup> Acsah went to live with Othniel. Othniel told Acsah to ask her father Caleb for some more

I OTHNIEL TOLD ACSAH Or "Acsah told Othniel."

land|strong="H7704". Acsah went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" her|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001". When|strong="H1961" she|strong="H4100" got off|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" donkey|strong="H2543", Caleb|strong="H3612" asked|strong="H7592" her|strong="H5921", " What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5921" want?"  
<sup>19</sup> Acsah answered|strong="H0559", " Give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588" blessing|strong="H1293".<sup>1</sup> You|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" dry desert land|strong="H0776" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Negev|strong="H5045". Please give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" some land|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0776" water|strong="H4325" on|strong="H0776" it|strong="H5414"."  
 So|strong="H5414" Caleb gave|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" what|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" wanted. He|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" upper|strong="H5942" and|strong="H0776" lower|strong="H8482" pools of|strong="H0776" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776".

<sup>20</sup> The|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" got the|strong="H1121" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H4940" God promised them|strong="H1121". Each family|strong="H4940" group got part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" land|strong="H5159".

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H0413" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" got all the|strong="H0413" towns|strong="H5892" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" southern|strong="H5045" part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" Negev|strong="H5045". These towns|strong="H5892" were|strong="H1961" near the|strong="H0413" border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H1121" Edom|strong="H0123". Here is|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" list of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" towns|strong="H5892":

Kabzeel|strong="H6909", Eder|strong="H5740", Jagur|strong="H3017",<sup>22</sup> Kinah|strong="H7016", Dimonah|strong="H1776", Adadah|strong="H5735",<sup>23</sup> Kedesh|strong="H6943", Hazor|strong="H2674", Ithnan|strong="H3497",<sup>24</sup> Ziph|strong="H2128", Telem|strong="H2928", Bealoth|strong="H1175",<sup>25</sup> Hazor|strong="H2674" Hadattah, Kerioth|strong="H7152" Hezron|strong="H2696" ( Hazor|strong="H2674"),<sup>26</sup> Amam|strong="H0538",

<sup>1</sup> GIVE ME A BLESSING Or "Please welcome me" or "Give me a stream of water."

Shema|strong="H8090", Moladah|strong="H4137",<sup>27</sup> Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon|strong="H2829", Beth Pelet,<sup>28</sup> Hazar Shual, Beersheba|strong="H0884", Biziothiah|strong="H0964",<sup>29</sup> Baalah|strong="H1173", Iim|strong="H5864", Ezem|strong="H6107",<sup>30</sup> Eltolad|strong="H0513", Kesil|strong="H3686", Hormah|strong="H2767",<sup>31</sup> Ziklag|strong="H6860", Madmannah|strong="H4089", Sansannah|strong="H5578",<sup>32</sup> Lebaath|strong="H3822", Shilhim|strong="H7978", Ain|strong="H5871", and|strong="H3605" Rimmon|strong="H7417". In|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605", there|strong="H3605" were 29 towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" fields.

<sup>33</sup> The|strong="H8219" tribe of Judah also got these towns in the|strong="H8219" western foothills|strong="H8219":

Eshtaol|strong="H0847", Zorah|strong="H6881", Ashnah|strong="H0823",<sup>34</sup> Zanoah|strong="H2182", En Gannim, Tapuah|strong="H8599", Enam|strong="H5879",<sup>35</sup> Jarmuth|strong="H3412", Adullam|strong="H5725", Socoh|strong="H7755", Azekah|strong="H5825",<sup>36</sup> Shaaraim|strong="H8189", Adithaim|strong="H5723", and|strong="H8189" Gederah|strong="H1449" ( Gederothaim|strong="H1453"). In|strong="H5892" all, there were|strong="H0702" 14 towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H8189" all their fields.

<sup>37</sup> The tribe of Judah was also given these towns: Zenan|strong="H6799", Hadashah|strong="H2322", Migdal Gad,<sup>38</sup> Dilean|strong="H1810", Mizpah|strong="H4708", Joktheel|strong="H3371",<sup>39</sup> Lachish|strong="H3923", Bozkath|strong="H1218", Eglon|strong="H5700",<sup>40</sup> Cabbon|strong="H3522", Lahmas|strong="H3903", Kitlish|strong="H3798",<sup>41</sup> Gederoth|strong="H1450", Beth Dagon, Naamah|strong="H5279", and|strong="H1016" Makkedah|strong="H4719". In|strong="H4719" all, there were 16 towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1016" all the|strong="H5892" fields around them.

<sup>42</sup> The people of Judah also got these towns: Libnah|strong="H3841", Ether|strong="H6281", Ashan|strong="H6228",<sup>43</sup> Iphtah|strong="H3316", Ashnah|strong="H0823", Nezib|strong="H5334",<sup>44</sup> Keilah|strong="H7084", Aczib|strong="H0392", and|strong="H7084" Mareshah|strong="H4762". In|strong="H5892" all, there were nine|strong="H8672" towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H7084" all the|strong="H5892" fields around them.<sup>45</sup> The|strong="H6138" people of|strong="H1323" Judah also got the|strong="H6138" town of|strong="H1323" Ekron|strong="H6138" and|strong="H1323" all

the **small towns** and **fields** near it. <sup>46</sup> They **also** got the **area west** of **Ekrone** and **all** the **fields** and **towns** near **Ashdod**. <sup>47</sup> **All** the **area** around **Ashdod** the **small towns** there **part** of the **land** of **Judah**. The **people** of **Judah** **also** got the **area** around **Gaza** and the **fields** and **towns** that were **near** it. Their **land** continued to the **River** of **Egypt**. And **their** **land** continued along the **coast** of the **Mediterranean Sea**.

<sup>48</sup> The **people** of **Judah** were **also** given these towns in the **hill country**: **Shamir**, **Jattir**, **Socoh**, <sup>49</sup> **Dannah**, **Kiriath Sannah** (**Debir**), <sup>50</sup> **Anab**, **Eshtemoh**, **Anim**, <sup>51</sup> **Goshen**, **Holon**, and **Giloh**. In **all** these towns and **fields** around them.

<sup>52</sup> The people of **Judah** were also given these towns: **Arab**, **Dumah**, **Eschan**, <sup>53</sup> **Janim**, **Beth Tappuah**, **Aphekah**, <sup>54</sup> **Humtah**, **Kiriath Arba** (**Hebron**), and **Zior**. There were **nine** towns and **all** the **fields** around them.

<sup>55</sup> The people of **Judah** were also given these towns:

**Maon**, **Carmel**, **Ziph**, **Juttah**, <sup>56</sup> **Jezeel**, **Jokdeam**, **Zanoah**, <sup>57</sup> **Kain**, **Gibeah**, and **Timnah**. In **all** these towns and **fields** around them.

<sup>58</sup> The people of **Judah** were also given these towns: **Halhul**, **Beth Zur**, **Gedor**, <sup>59</sup> **Maarath**, and **Eltekon**. In **all** these towns and **fields** around them.

<sup>60</sup> The **people** of **Judah** were **also** given the **two** towns of **Rabbah** and **Kiriath Baal** (**Kiriath Jearim**).

<sup>61</sup> The people of **Judah** were **also** given these towns in the **desert**: **Beth Arabah**, **Middin**, **Secacah**, <sup>62</sup> **Nibshan**, **Salt**, and **En Gedi**. In **all** these towns and **fields** around them.

<sup>63</sup> The **army** of **Judah** was **not** able to force out **Jebusites** in **Jerusalem**. So **today** there **are** still **Jebusites** living among the **people** of **Judah** in **Jerusalem**.

#### Land for Ephraim and Manasseh

**16** This is the **land** that the **family** of **Joseph** received. This **land** started **at** the **River** near **Jericho** and



to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3318" waters|strong="H4325" of|strong="H1121" Jericho|strong="H3405". (This was|strong="H4325" just east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H1121" Jericho|strong="H3405".) The|strong="H3318" border went|strong="H3318" up|strong="H5927" from|strong="H3318" Jericho|strong="H3405" to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3318" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1121" Bethel|strong="H1008".<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0413" border|strong="H1366" continued from|strong="H3318" Bethel|strong="H1008" ( Luz|strong="H3870") to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" Arkite|strong="H0757" border|strong="H1366" at|strong="H0413" Ataroth|strong="H5852".<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0413" border|strong="H1366" went|strong="H3381" west|strong="H3220" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H1366" the|strong="H0413" Japhletites|strong="H3311". The|strong="H0413" border|strong="H1366" continued|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Lower|strong="H8481" Beth Horon. Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0413" border|strong="H1366" went|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" Gezer|strong="H1507" and|strong="H3381" continued|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" Mediterranean Sea|strong="H3220".

<sup>4</sup> So the|strong="H5157" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519" and|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669" got their|strong="H5157" land. ( Manasseh|strong="H4519" and|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669" were|strong="H1121" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H3130".)

<sup>5</sup> This is|strong="H0669" the|strong="H5704" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" given to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669": Their|strong="H1961" eastern|strong="H4217" border|strong="H1366" started|strong="H1961" at|strong="H1961" Ataroth Addar near|strong="H5704" Upper|strong="H5945" Beth Horon.<sup>6</sup> And|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" western|strong="H3220" border|strong="H1366" started|strong="H3318" at|strong="H3220" Micmethath. The|strong="H0853" border|strong="H1366" turned|strong="H5437" to|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H4217" to|strong="H3318" Taanath Shiloh and|strong="H3318" continued east|strong="H4217" to|strong="H3318" Janoah|strong="H3239".<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H3318" it|strong="H3381" went|strong="H3318"

from|strong="H3318" Janoah|strong="H3239" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" Ataroth|strong="H5852" and|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" Naarah|strong="H5292". The|strong="H3318" border continued until it|strong="H3381" touched|strong="H6293" Jericho|strong="H3405" and|strong="H3381" ended at|strong="H3383" the|strong="H3318" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3405".<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H1961" border|strong="H1366" went|strong="H1961" from|strong="H1121" Tapuah|strong="H8599" west|strong="H3220" to|strong="H1961" Kanah|strong="H7071" Ravine and|strong="H1121" ended at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" sea|strong="H3220". This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0669" all the|strong="H1961" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" given to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" Ephraimites|strong="H0669". Each family|strong="H4940" in|strong="H1121" that|strong="H1961" tribe|strong="H4294" got a|strong="H1961" part of|strong="H1121" this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H5159".<sup>9</sup> Many of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" border towns|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669" were|strong="H1121" actually in|strong="H8432" Manasseh's|strong="H4519" borders, but|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Ephraimites|strong="H0669" got the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" fields around them|strong="H8432".<sup>10</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" Ephraimites|strong="H0669" were|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H5704" force the|strong="H0853" Canaanites|strong="H3669" to|strong="H5704" leave|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H3117" Gezer|strong="H1507". So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" Canaanites|strong="H3669" still|strong="H5704" live|strong="H3427" among|strong="H7130" the|strong="H0853" Ephraimites|strong="H0669" today|strong="H3117", although|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3117" did|strong="H3808" become|strong="H1961" slaves|strong="H5647" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" Ephraimites|strong="H0669".

**17** Then|strong="H1961" land|strong="H1486" was|strong="H1961" given to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H0376" Manasseh|strong="H4519". Manasseh|strong="H4519" was|strong="H1961" Joseph's|strong="H3130" first son. Manasseh's|strong="H4519" first son was|strong="H1961" Makir|strong="H4353", the|strong="H3588" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H0376" Gilead|strong="H1568".<sup>1</sup> Makir|strong="H4353"

was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" great soldier |strong="H4421", so |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" areas of |strong="H0376" Gilead |strong="H1568" and |strong="H0376" Bashan |strong="H1316" were |strong="H1961" given to |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" family |strong="H0001".<sup>2</sup> Land |strong="H4940" was |strong="H1961" also |strong="H4519" given to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" other |strong="H0428" families |strong="H4940" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1961" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519". These |strong="H0428" families |strong="H4940" were |strong="H1961" Abiezer |strong="H0044", Helek |strong="H2507", Asriel |strong="H0844", Shechem |strong="H7928", Hephher |strong="H2660", and |strong="H1121" Shemida |strong="H8061". All these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" other |strong="H0428" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519", the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130". The |strong="H1961" families |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H1121" got their |strong="H1961" share of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1961" land |strong="H4940".

<sup>3</sup> Zelophehad |strong="H6765" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hephher |strong="H2660". Hephher |strong="H2660" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568". Gilead |strong="H1568" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Makir |strong="H4353", and |strong="H1121" Makir |strong="H4353" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519". Zelophehad |strong="H6765" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1961" any |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H1961" five daughters |strong="H1323". The |strong="H3588" daughters |strong="H1323" were |strong="H1961" named |strong="H8034" Mahlah |strong="H4244", Noah |strong="H5270", Hoglah |strong="H2295", Milcah |strong="H4435", and |strong="H1121" Tirzah |strong="H8656".<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0853" daughters went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Eleazar |strong="H0499" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548", Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H6310" the |strong="H0853" lead-

ers |strong="H5387". The |strong="H0853" daughters said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Moses |strong="H4872" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" land |strong="H5159" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" as |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" male |strong="H1121" relatives |strong="H0251"." So |strong="H5414" Eleazar |strong="H0499" obeyed the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" daughters some land |strong="H5159", just like |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3068" uncles.

<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" tribe of |strong="H0776" Manasseh |strong="H4519" had |strong="H0834" ten |strong="H6235" areas |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" west |strong="H5676" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" two more areas |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776", Gilead |strong="H1568" and |strong="H0776" Bashan |strong="H1316", on |strong="H5307" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776".<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H1961" these women |strong="H1323" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" tribe of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" got land |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" same as |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" men |strong="H1121". The |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568" was |strong="H1961" given to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" rest |strong="H3498" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" families |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H6440" lands of |strong="H3427" Manasseh |strong="H4519" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" area |strong="H1366" between |strong="H5921" Asher |strong="H0836" and |strong="H1980" Micmethath. This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" near |strong="H6440" Shechem |strong="H7927". The |strong="H6440" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H1980" south |strong="H3225" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" En Tappuah area |strong="H1366".<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0413" land |strong="H0776" around Tappuah |strong="H8599" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Manasseh |strong="H4519", but |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" town itself did not |strong="H1961". The |strong="H0413" town of |strong="H1121" Tappuah |strong="H8599"

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was |strong="H1961" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh's |strong="H4519" land |strong="H0776", and |strong="H1121" it |strong="H1961" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669".<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H8432" border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1366" Manasseh |strong="H4519" continued |strong="H1961" south |strong="H5045" to |strong="H1961" Kanah |strong="H7071" Ravine. This |strong="H0428" area |strong="H1366" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H8432" tribe of |strong="H1366" Manasseh |strong="H4519", but |strong="H1961" the |strong="H8432" cities |strong="H5892" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H8432" people of |strong="H1366" Ephraim |strong="H0669". Manasseh's |strong="H4519" border |strong="H1366" was |strong="H1961" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H8432" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6828" of |strong="H1366" the |strong="H8432" river |strong="H5158" and |strong="H3381" it |strong="H3381" continued |strong="H1961" west |strong="H3220" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H8432" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220".<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H1961" land |strong="H1366" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" south |strong="H5045" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Ephraim |strong="H0669". And |strong="H0669" the |strong="H1961" land |strong="H1366" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" north |strong="H6828" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Manasseh |strong="H4519". The |strong="H1961" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" western |strong="H3220" border |strong="H1366". The |strong="H1961" border |strong="H1366" touched |strong="H6293" Asher's |strong="H0836" land |strong="H1366" in |strong="H3220" the |strong="H1961" north |strong="H6828" and |strong="H0669" Issachar's |strong="H3485" land |strong="H1366" in |strong="H3220" the |strong="H1961" east |strong="H4217".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H1323" Manasseh |strong="H4519" had |strong="H1961" towns |strong="H1323" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" area of |strong="H1323" Issachar |strong="H3485" and |strong="H1323" Asher |strong="H0836". Beth Shean, Ibleam |strong="H2991", and |strong="H1323" the |strong="H0853" small towns |strong="H1323" around them |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853". The |strong="H0853" peo-

ple |strong="H3427" of |strong="H1323" Manasseh |strong="H4519" also |strong="H0853" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Dor |strong="H1756", Endor, Taanach |strong="H8590", Megiddo |strong="H4023", and |strong="H1323" the |strong="H0853" small towns |strong="H1323" around these cities. They also |strong="H0853" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" three |strong="H7969" towns |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" Naphoth.<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" were |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H3201" defeat those |strong="H0428" cities |strong="H5892". So |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" Canaanites |strong="H3669" continued to |strong="H3201" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427".<sup>13</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" grew strong |strong="H2388". When |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" happened |strong="H1961", they |strong="H3588" forced |strong="H4522" the |strong="H0853" Canaanites |strong="H3669" to |strong="H1961" work |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H5414". But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1961" leave |strong="H3423" that |strong="H3588" land.

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0559" tribe of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0559" Joshua |strong="H3091" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", "You |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" only |strong="H5704" one |strong="H0259" area of |strong="H1121" land |strong="H5159", but |strong="H1696" we |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971". Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" only |strong="H5704" one |strong="H0259" part of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H5159" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971"?"

<sup>15</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" answered |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", "If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0776" too |strong="H7227" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971", go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" wooded area |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" hill |strong="H2022" coun-

try|strong="H2022" and|strong="H0776" clear that|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" place|strong="H8033" to|strong="H0413" live. That|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" now|strong="H3588" belongs to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Perizzites|strong="H6522" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" Rephaites|strong="H7497". But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0559" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H0776" Ephraim|strong="H0669" is|strong="H0776" too|strong="H7227" small for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859", go|strong="H5927" take|strong="H5927" that|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776"."

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Joseph|strong="H3130" said|strong="H0559", " It|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" true that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1121" Ephraim is|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" large enough|strong="H4672" for|strong="H0776" us|strong="H0559". But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" Canaanites|strong="H3669" living|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" have|strong="H0834" powerful weapons—they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" iron|strong="H1270" chariots|strong="H7393"! And|strong="H1121" they|strong="H0834" control Jezreel|strong="H3157" Valley|strong="H6010", Beth Shean, and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" small towns|strong="H1323" in|strong="H3427" that|strong="H0834" area|strong="H0776"."

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Joshua|strong="H3091" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1004" Joseph|strong="H3130", the|strong="H0559" tribes of|strong="H1004" Ephraim|strong="H0669" and|strong="H1004" Manasseh|strong="H4519", " You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H1961" many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H1004" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1004" very|strong="H1419" strong|strong="H3581", so|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" should|strong="H0559" get more|strong="H3808" than|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" share of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H1486". <sup>18</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H3423" these|strong="H1931" mountains|strong="H2022". It|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" a|strong="H1961" forest|strong="H3293", but|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" can cut down|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" trees

and|strong="H7393" make|strong="H3588" it|strong="H1931" a|strong="H1961" good place|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" live. You|strong="H3588" can take|strong="H3423" it|strong="H1931" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" Canaanites|strong="H3669" and|strong="H7393" force them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H1961" leave|strong="H3423". You|strong="H3588" can defeat them|strong="H0853", even|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1270" strong|strong="H2389" and|strong="H7393" have|strong="H1961" iron|strong="H1270" chariots|strong="H7393"."

### Dividing the Rest of the Land

**18** All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" gathered|strong="H6950" together|strong="H6950" at|strong="H3478" Shiloh|strong="H7887" where|strong="H8033" they|strong="H8033" set|strong="H7931" up|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168". The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" controlled that|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776". They|strong="H8033" had|strong="H3478" defeated all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" enemies in|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776". <sup>2</sup> But|strong="H3808" at|strong="H3478" this|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3478" there|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" still seven|strong="H7651" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" that|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" yet|strong="H3808" received|strong="H3498" their|strong="H0834" land|strong="H5159".

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H5414" Joshua|strong="H3091" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478", " Why|strong="H0834" do|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" wait|strong="H7503" so|strong="H5414" long|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H3423" your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776"? The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001", has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H5414" this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859". <sup>4</sup> So|strong="H1980" each|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H0935" tribes|strong="H7626" should|strong="H0376" choose|strong="H3051" three|strong="H7969" men|strong="H0376". I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776"

send |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0413" out |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0413" study the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". They |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0776" describe |strong="H3789" that |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776", and |strong="H1980" then |strong="H1980" they |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". <sup>5</sup> They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1004" divide |strong="H2505" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H2506" into |strong="H5921" seven |strong="H7651" parts. The |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H1004" keep their |strong="H5921" land |strong="H2506" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" south |strong="H5045". The |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H1004" Joseph |strong="H3130" will |strong="H1004" keep their |strong="H5921" land |strong="H2506" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" north |strong="H6828". <sup>6</sup> But |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" should |strong="H3068" describe |strong="H3789" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" divide |strong="H2506" it |strong="H3068" into |strong="H0413" seven |strong="H7651" parts. Bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" map |strong="H3789" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H0935" we |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" throw lots |strong="H1486" to |strong="H0413" let the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" decide how to |strong="H0413" divide |strong="H2506" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" among |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" tribes. <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H0834" Levites |strong="H3881" don't |strong="H0369" get |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" share |strong="H2506" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H7130". Their |strong="H3068" share |strong="H2506" is |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" serve the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" as |strong="H0834" priests. Gad |strong="H1410", Reuben |strong="H7205", and |strong="H3068" half |strong="H2677" the |strong="H0834" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H3068" Manasseh |strong="H4519" have |strong="H0834" already received |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H7130" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0369" promised |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0369" them |strong="H5414". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" east |strong="H4217" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" Jor-

dan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3588". Moses |strong="H4872", the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650", gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H7130".

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0376" chosen went |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" look at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H1980" write |strong="H3789" down |strong="H7993" what they |strong="H0376" saw. Joshua |strong="H3091" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " Go |strong="H1980" through |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H1980" describe |strong="H3789" it |strong="H7725" in |strong="H1980" writing |strong="H3789". Then |strong="H1980" come |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" at |strong="H0413" Shiloh |strong="H7887". I |strong="H6680" will |strong="H3068" throw |strong="H7993" lots |strong="H1486" and |strong="H1980" let |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" decide how you |strong="H6680" will |strong="H3068" share the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776".

<sup>9</sup> So |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776". As |strong="H0935" they |strong="H5921" walked through |strong="H5674" it |strong="H5921", they |strong="H5921" wrote |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" what |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" saw. They |strong="H5921" listed all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" cities |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0935" divided the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" into |strong="H0413" seven |strong="H7651" parts. Then |strong="H0935" they |strong="H5921" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091" at |strong="H0413" Shiloh |strong="H7887". <sup>10</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" threw |strong="H7993" lots |strong="H1486" for |strong="H0776" them |strong="H0853" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" at |strong="H3478" Shiloh |strong="H7887". In |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3068" way |strong="H6440" Joshua |strong="H3091" divided |strong="H2505" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H1121" gave each tribe its |strong="H0853" part of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776".

Land |strong="H0776" for |strong="H0776" Benjamin

11 The |strong="H0996" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" was |strong="H3063" given the |strong="H0996" land |strong="H4940" that |strong="H5927" was |strong="H3063" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0996" areas |strong="H5927" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130". Each family |strong="H4940" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0996" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" got |strong="H5927" its |strong="H5927" land |strong="H4940". This is |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0996" land |strong="H4940" that |strong="H5927" was |strong="H3063" chosen for |strong="H3318" Benjamin |strong="H1144": 12 The |strong="H0413" northern |strong="H6828" border |strong="H1366" started |strong="H1961" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3405". It |strong="H1961" went |strong="H5927" along |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" northern |strong="H6828" edge of |strong="H2022" Jericho |strong="H3405". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H5927" west |strong="H3220" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022". It |strong="H1961" continued |strong="H1961" until it |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" just east of |strong="H2022" Beth Aven. 13 Then |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0834" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H3381" south |strong="H5045" to |strong="H0413" Luz |strong="H3870" ( Bethel |strong="H1008"), then |strong="H5674" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" Ataroth Addar. Ataroth Addar is |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" hill |strong="H2022" south |strong="H5045" of |strong="H2022" Lower |strong="H8481" Beth Horon. 14 At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" hill |strong="H2022" south |strong="H5045" of |strong="H1121" Beth Horon, the |strong="H6440" border |strong="H1366" turned |strong="H5437" south |strong="H5045" and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H5437" along |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" west |strong="H3220" side |strong="H6285" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" hill |strong="H2022". The |strong="H6440" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H5437" to |strong="H0413" Kiriath |strong="H7157" Baal ( also |strong="H2063" called Kiriath |strong="H7157" Jearim). This |strong="H2063" town |strong="H5892" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413"

the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". This |strong="H2063" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" western |strong="H3220" border |strong="H1366".

15 The |strong="H0413" southern |strong="H5045" border |strong="H1366" started |strong="H6285" near Kiriath |strong="H7157" Jearim and |strong="H4325" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" River of |strong="H1366" Nephthoah |strong="H5318". 16 Then |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" bottom of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" hill |strong="H2022" near |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" valley |strong="H6010" of |strong="H1121" Ben Hinnom |strong="H2011", north |strong="H6828" of |strong="H1121" Rephaim |strong="H7497" Valley |strong="H6010". It |strong="H5921" continued down |strong="H3381" Hinnom |strong="H2011" Valley |strong="H6010" just |strong="H0834" south |strong="H5045" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Jebusite |strong="H2983" city. Then |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H3381" on |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" En Rogel. 17 There |strong="H0834" it |strong="H3381" turned |strong="H0413" north |strong="H6828", went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" En Shemesh, and |strong="H1121" then |strong="H3318" continued on |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Geliloth |strong="H1553". ( Geliloth |strong="H1553" is |strong="H0834" near the |strong="H0834" Adummim |strong="H0131" Pass in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" mountains.) The |strong="H0834" border went |strong="H3318" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" Great Stone |strong="H0068" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" named for |strong="H0413" Bohan |strong="H0932", the |strong="H0834" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205". 18 It |strong="H3381" continued to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" northern |strong="H6828" part of |strong="H6160" Beth Arabah |strong="H6160". Then |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0413" border went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Jordan Valley. 19 Then |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1961" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" northern |strong="H6828" part of |strong="H1366" Beth Hoglah and |strong="H3220" ended at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" north |strong="H6828" shore of |strong="H1366" the |strong="H0413" Dead Sea |strong="H3220". This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088"

where *the* Jordan *that* *that* *That* *the* *border*

<sup>20</sup> *The* *River* *was* *the* *eastern* *border* *this* *was* *the* *land* *that* *was* *given* *to* *the* *tribe* *of* *Benjamin* *These* *were* *the* *borders* *on* *all* *sides* *Each* *family* *got* *its* *land* *their* *cities*: Jericho, Emek, Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel, <sup>23</sup> Avvim, Parah, <sup>24</sup> Kephrah, Ophrah, and <sup>24</sup> Kephrah Ammoni, Ophrah, and Geba. There were twelve cities and the fields around them.

<sup>25</sup> *The* *tribe* *of* *Benjamin* *also* *got* *Gibeon*, *Ramah*, *Beeroth*, <sup>26</sup> *Mizpah*, *Kephrah*, *Mozah*, <sup>27</sup> *Rekem*, *Irpeel*, *Tarah*, <sup>28</sup> *Zelah*, *Haeleph*, *the* *Je-busite* *city* *(* *that* *is* *)*, *Jerusalem*, *Gibeah*, *and* *Kiriath*. There were 14 cities and the fields around them. *The* *tribe* *of* *Benjamin* *got* *all* *these* *areas*.

#### Land for Simeon

**19** *Then* *Joshua* *gave* *all* *the* *families* *the* *tribe* *of* *Simeon* *their* *share* *of* *the* *land*

*land* *The* *land* *got* *was* *in-* *side* *the* *area* *that* *belonged* *to* *Judah*. <sup>2</sup> *This* *is* *the* *land* *that* *was* *given* *to* *the* *tribe* *of* *Beersheba* *(* *also* *called* *Sheba* *)*, *Moladah*, <sup>3</sup> *Hazar Shual*, *Balah*, <sup>4</sup> *Eltolad*, <sup>4</sup> *Bethul*, <sup>5</sup> *Ziklag*, <sup>6</sup> *Beth Lebaoth*, *and* *Sharuh*. There were 13 towns and fields around them.

<sup>7</sup> *They* *also* *got* *the* *towns* *of* *Ain*, *Rimon*, *Ether*, *and* *Ashan*. There were four towns and the fields around them. <sup>8</sup> *They* *also* *got* *all* *the* *cities* *as* *far* *as* *Baalath Beer* *(* *Ramah* *in* *the* *Negev* *)*. *So* *this* *was* *the* *area* *that* *was* *given* *to* *the* *tribe* *of* *Simeon*. *Each* *family* *got* *its* *land*. <sup>9</sup> *Simeon's* *share* *of* *the* *land* *was* *within* *the* *area* *that* *Judah* *got*. *The* *people* *of* *Judah* *had* *more* *land* *than* *they* *needed*, *so* *the* *people* *of* *Simeon* *got* *part* *of* *their* *land*.

Land **for** Zebulun

10 The next tribe to get their land was Zebulun. Each family in Zebulun got the land that was promised to them. The border of Zebulun went as far as Sarid. Then the border went west to Maralah and just touched Dabbesheth. Then it went along near Jokneam. Then the border turned to the east. It went to Sarid to Kisloth Tabor. Then it went to Daberath and Japhia. 13 Then the border continued to the east to Gath Hopher and Eth Kazin. It ended at Rimmon. Then it turned to the north and went to Hannathon, and then continued to the Valley of Iphtah El. 15 Inside this border were the towns of Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem. In all, there were twelve

towns and all the fields around them.

16 So these are the towns and fields around them that were given to Zebulun. Each family in Zebulun got its part of the land.

Land **for** Issachar

17 The fourth part of the land was given to the tribe of Issachar. Each family in Issachar got its part of the land. 18 This is the land that was given to the tribe: Jezreel, Kesulloth, Shunem, Hapharaim, Anaharath, Rabbith, Ebez, Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah, and Beth Pazzez.

22 The border of the land touched Tabor, and Beth Shemesh. It ended at the Jordan River. In all, there were 16 towns and 23 of these cities and towns were part of the land that was given to the tribe of Issachar. Each family got its part of the land.



**Land |strong="H5159" for |strong="H1121" Asher**

24 The |strong="H3318" fifth |strong="H2549" part |strong="H2549" of |strong="H1121" land |strong="H4940" was |strong="H1121" given to |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3318" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Asher |strong="H0836". Each family |strong="H4940" in |strong="H1121" that |strong="H4940" tribe |strong="H4294" got |strong="H3318" its |strong="H3318" part |strong="H2549" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3318" land |strong="H4940". 25 This is |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" land |strong="H1366" that |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" given to |strong="H1961" that |strong="H1961" tribe: Helkath |strong="H2520", Hali |strong="H2482", Beten |strong="H0991", Acshaph |strong="H0407", 26 Allammelech |strong="H0487", Amad |strong="H6008", and |strong="H3220" Mishal |strong="H4861".

The |strong="H6293" western |strong="H3220" border continued to |strong="H3220" Mount Carmel |strong="H3760" and |strong="H3220" Shihor Libnath. 27 Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0413" border turned |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" east |strong="H4217". It |strong="H7725" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" Beth Dagon. The |strong="H0413" border touched |strong="H6293" Zebulun |strong="H2074" and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0413" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H1516" Iphtah El. Then |strong="H3318" it |strong="H7725" went |strong="H3318" north |strong="H6828" of |strong="H1516" Beth Emek and |strong="H7725" Neiel. It |strong="H7725" passed north |strong="H6828" of |strong="H1516" Cabul |strong="H3521". 28 Then the |strong="H5704" border went to |strong="H5704" Abdon, 1 Rehob |strong="H7340", Hammon |strong="H2540", and |strong="H6721" Kanah |strong="H7071". It |strong="H5704" continued to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" Greater |strong="H7227" Sidon |strong="H6721" area. 29 Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" south |strong="H3220" to |strong="H5704" Ramah |strong="H7414". It |strong="H7725" continued |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" strong city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1366" Tyre |strong="H6865". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" border |strong="H1366" turned |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725" went |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" Hosah |strong="H2621".

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It |strong="H7725" ended at |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" sea |strong="H3220", near |strong="H5704" Aczib |strong="H0392", 30 Ummah |strong="H5981", Aphek |strong="H0663", and |strong="H8147" Rehob |strong="H7340".

In |strong="H5892" all there were |strong="H8147" 22 towns |strong="H5892" and |strong="H8147" the |strong="H8147" fields around them. 31 These |strong="H0428" cities |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" fields around them |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" given to |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" Asher |strong="H0836". Each family |strong="H4940" in |strong="H1121" that |strong="H4940" tribe |strong="H4294" got its |strong="H5892" share |strong="H5159" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" land |strong="H5159".

**Land |strong="H5159" for |strong="H1121" Naphtali**

32 The |strong="H3318" sixth |strong="H8345" part |strong="H8345" of |strong="H1121" land |strong="H4940" was |strong="H1121" given to |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3318" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H1121" Naphtali |strong="H5321". Each family |strong="H4940" in |strong="H1121" that |strong="H1121" tribe |strong="H4940" got |strong="H3318" its |strong="H3318" share of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3318" land |strong="H4940". 33 The |strong="H5704" border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1366" their |strong="H1961" land |strong="H1366" started |strong="H1961" at |strong="H3383" the |strong="H5704" large tree near |strong="H5704" Zaananim |strong="H6815". This is |strong="H1961" near |strong="H5704" Heleph |strong="H2501". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H1961" through Adami Nekeb |strong="H5346" and |strong="H3383" Jabneel |strong="H2995". It |strong="H5704" continued |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" Lakkum |strong="H3946" and |strong="H3383" ended at |strong="H3383" the |strong="H5704" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". 34 Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H7725" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H7725" west |strong="H3220" through |strong="H3318" Aznoth Tabor. It |strong="H7725" ended at |strong="H3383" Hukkok |strong="H2712". The |strong="H7725" southern |strong="H5045" border |strong="H1366" touched |strong="H6293" Zebulun |strong="H2074" and |strong="H3063" the |strong="H7725" western |strong="H3220" border |strong="H1366" touched |strong="H6293" Asher |strong="H0836". The |strong="H7725" border |strong="H1366" went |strong="H3318"

to|strong="H7725" Judah|strong="H3063", at|strong="H3383" the|strong="H7725" Jordan|strong="H3383" River to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H7725" east|strong="H4217".<sup>35</sup> There were some very strong cities|strong="H5892" inside these borders. They were Ziddim|strong="H6661", Zer|strong="H6863", Hammath|strong="H2575", Rakkath|strong="H7557", Kinnereth|strong="H3672",<sup>36</sup> Adamah|strong="H0128", Ramah|strong="H7414",<sup>36</sup> Hazor|strong="H2674",<sup>37</sup> Kedesh|strong="H6943", Edrei|strong="H0154", En Hazor,<sup>38</sup> Iron, Migdal El, Horem|strong="H2765", Beth Anath, and|strong="H1053" Beth Shemesh. In|strong="H5892" all, there were|strong="H1053" 19 towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1053" all the|strong="H5892" fields around them.

<sup>39</sup> These|strong="H2063" cities|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" fields around them|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" given to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Naphtali|strong="H5321". Each family|strong="H4940" in|strong="H1121" that|strong="H4940" tribe|strong="H4294" got its|strong="H5892" land|strong="H5159".

#### Land|strong="H5159" for|strong="H1121" Dan

<sup>40</sup> Then|strong="H3318" land|strong="H4940" was|strong="H1121" given to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3318" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835". Each family|strong="H4940" in|strong="H1121" that|strong="H4940" tribe|strong="H4294" got|strong="H3318" its|strong="H3318" land|strong="H4940".<sup>41</sup> This is|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" given to|strong="H1961" them|strong="H1961": Zorah|strong="H6881", Eshtaol|strong="H0847", Ir Shemesh,<sup>42</sup> Shaalabbin|strong="H8169", Aijalon|strong="H0357", Ithlah|strong="H3494",<sup>43</sup> Elon|strong="H0356", Timnah|strong="H8553", Ekron|strong="H6138",<sup>44</sup> Eltekeh|strong="H0514", Gibbethon|strong="H1405", Baalath|strong="H1191",<sup>45</sup> Jehud|strong="H3055", Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon,<sup>46</sup> Me|strong="H5973" Jarkon, Rakkon|strong="H7542", and|strong="H1366" the|strong="H5973" area|strong="H1366" near|strong="H5973" Joppa|strong="H3305".

<sup>47</sup> But|strong="H1992" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" had|strong="H0001" trouble taking their|strong="H1992" land|strong="H1366". There|strong="H5927" were|strong="H1121" strong enemies there|strong="H5927" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" could not|strong="H1121" easily defeat|strong="H5221"

them|strong="H1992". So|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0001" the|strong="H0853" northern part of|strong="H1121" Israel and|strong="H1121" fought|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5973" Laish.<sup>1</sup> They|strong="H1992" defeated|strong="H5221" Laish and|strong="H1121" killed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" lived|strong="H3427" there|strong="H5927". So|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H1121" Laish. They|strong="H1992" changed the|strong="H0853" name|strong="H8034" to|strong="H0001" Dan|strong="H1835" because|strong="H5973" that|strong="H7121" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H1992" tribe.<sup>48</sup> All these|strong="H0428" cities|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" fields around them|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" given to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835". Each family|strong="H4940" got its|strong="H5892" share|strong="H5159" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" land|strong="H5159".

#### Land|strong="H5159" for|strong="H1121" Joshua

<sup>49</sup> So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" leaders finished|strong="H3615" dividing|strong="H5157" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H1121" giving|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" different tribes. After|strong="H0776" they|strong="H0776" finished|strong="H3615", all|strong="H3615" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" decided|strong="H3615" to|strong="H3478" give|strong="H5414" Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126" some land|strong="H0776" too. This was|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3478" was|strong="H0776" promised|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3478" him|strong="H5414".<sup>50</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6310" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" get this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H8556". So|strong="H5414" they|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" Joshua

1 LAISH Or "Leshem."

the **town** of **Timnath Serah** in **the hill country of Ephraim**. This **town** that **Joshua** told them **he** wanted. So **he** built **the town** stronger and **lived there**.

<sup>51</sup> All **these lands** were given to **different tribes of Israel**. **Eleazar**, **Joshua** son of **Nun**, and **the leaders of each tribe** met together at **Shiloh** to **divide the land**. They met before **the LORD** at **the entrance of the Meeting Tent**. So they finished **dividing the land**.

### Cities of Safety

**20** Then **the LORD** said to **Joshua**: **"Through I told you some cities to be of safety. Anyone who kills someone accidentally can go to a city of safety to hide from the relatives who want to kill him."**

I TIMNATH SERAH Or "Timnath Heres."

**"If you accidentally kill someone and run away to one of those cities, you must stop at the entrance of the city and tell the leaders of the city what happened. Then the leaders can allow you to enter the city. They will give you a place to live among them."**

<sup>5</sup> If **someone** chases **you** and **follows you** that **city**, **the leaders of the city** must **not** give **you** up. They must protect **you** because **you** came to **them** for **safety** after **the killing** of **someone** by **accident**— **you** were **not** angry and **did not** plan to **kill** the **person**. It **was** something that **just happened**. <sup>6</sup> **You** should **stay** in **that city** until **the court** has **judged** you and **until** the **high priest** dies. Then **you** may **go** back

to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0834" hometown."<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" Israelites chose some cities to|strong="H3063" be|strong="H1931" called cities of|strong="H2022" safety. These|strong="H1931" are|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0853" cities: Kedesh|strong="H6943" in|strong="H3063" Galilee|strong="H1551" in|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Naphtali|strong="H5321"; Shechem|strong="H7927" in|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Ephraim|strong="H0669"; Kiriath Arba ( Hebron|strong="H2275") in|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Judah|strong="H3063";<sup>8</sup> Bezer|strong="H1221", east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H4294" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3405" across|strong="H5676" from|strong="H5414" Jericho|strong="H3405", in|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057" area in|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H5676" of|strong="H4294" Reuben|strong="H7205"; Ramoth|strong="H7216" in|strong="H5414" Gilead|strong="H1568" in|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H5676" of|strong="H4294" Gad|strong="H1410"; and|strong="H1568" Golan|strong="H1474" in|strong="H5414" Bashan|strong="H1316" in|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H5676" of|strong="H4294" Manasseh|strong="H4519".

<sup>9</sup> All|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" or|strong="H3808" any|strong="H3605" foreigners|strong="H1616" living|strong="H1481" among|strong="H8432" them|strong="H5221" who|strong="H3605" killed|strong="H5221" someone|strong="H5315" by|strong="H3027" accident were|strong="H1961" allowed to|strong="H5704" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127" to|strong="H5704" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" these|strong="H0428" cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" safety. They|strong="H8033" could be|strong="H1961" safe there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" killed|strong="H5221" by|strong="H3027" anyone|strong="H3605" chasing them|strong="H5221". The|strong="H3605" court in|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" would|strong="H3478" judge them|strong="H5221".

#### Towns for Priests and Levites

21 The|strong="H0413" family|strong="H0001" rulers|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121"

the|strong="H0413" Levite|strong="H3881" tribe|strong="H4294" went|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0413" talk to|strong="H0413" Eleazar|strong="H0499" the|strong="H0413" priest|strong="H3548", to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126", and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" rulers|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" other tribes|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>2</sup> At|strong="H0413" Shiloh|strong="H7887" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667", the|strong="H0559" Levite rulers|strong="H3427" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H5414" Moses|strong="H4872" a|strong="H5414" command|strong="H6680". He|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6680" that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" towns|strong="H5892" to|strong="H0413" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" fields where|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3068" animals|strong="H0929" can eat."<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" obeyed this|strong="H0428" command|strong="H6310" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H1121" gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" these|strong="H0428" towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H5159" around them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" animals:

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H4480" Kohath family|strong="H4940" groups|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1961" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" the|strong="H4480" priest|strong="H3548" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" tribe|strong="H4294" of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3881". Part|strong="H4480" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H4480" Kohath family|strong="H4940" was|strong="H1961" given 13 towns|strong="H5892" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H4480" areas that|strong="H4480" belonged|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" Judah|strong="H3063", Simeon|strong="H8099", and|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144".

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H1121" other Kohath|strong="H6955" families|strong="H4940" were|strong="H1121" given ten|strong="H6235"

towns/strong="H5892" in/strong="H1121" the/strong="H1121" areas that/strong="H1121" belonged to/strong="H1121" Ephraim/strong="H0669", Dan/strong="H1835", and/strong="H1121" half/strong="H2677" of/strong="H1121" Manasseh/strong="H4519".

<sup>6</sup> The/strong="H1121" people/strong="H1121" from/strong="H1121" the/strong="H1121" Gershon/strong="H1648" family/strong="H4940" were/strong="H1121" given 13 towns/strong="H5892". These towns/strong="H5892" were/strong="H1121" in/strong="H1121" the/strong="H1121" areas that/strong="H1121" belonged to/strong="H1121" Issachar/strong="H3485", Asher/strong="H0836", Naphtali/strong="H5321", and/strong="H1121" the/strong="H1121" half/strong="H2677" of/strong="H1121" Manasseh/strong="H4519" that/strong="H1121" was/strong="H1121" in/strong="H1121" Bashan/strong="H1316".

<sup>7</sup> The/strong="H1121" people/strong="H1121" from/strong="H1121" the/strong="H1121" Merari/strong="H4847" family/strong="H4940" were/strong="H1121" given 12 towns/strong="H5892". These towns/strong="H5892" came from/strong="H1121" the/strong="H1121" areas that/strong="H1121" belonged to/strong="H1121" Reuben/strong="H7205", Gad/strong="H1410", and/strong="H1121" Zebulun/strong="H2074".

<sup>8</sup> So/strong="H5414" the/strong="H0853" Israelites/strong="H3478" gave/strong="H5414" the/strong="H0853" Levites/strong="H3881" these/strong="H0428" towns/strong="H5892" and/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0853" fields around/strong="H3027" them/strong="H5414", just/strong="H0834" as/strong="H0834" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068" had/strong="H3068" told/strong="H6680" Moses/strong="H4872".

<sup>9</sup> These/strong="H0428" are/strong="H0834" the/strong="H0853" names/strong="H8034" of/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0853" towns/strong="H5892" that/strong="H0834" were/strong="H0834" in/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0853" areas that/strong="H0834" belonged to/strong="H5414" Judah/strong="H3063" and/strong="H1121" Simeon/strong="H8095". <sup>10</sup> The/strong="H3588" first/strong="H7223" choice/strong="H1486" of/strong="H1121" towns was/strong="H1961" given to/strong="H1961" the/strong="H3588" Levites/strong="H3878" from/strong="H1121" the/strong="H3588" Kohath family/strong="H4940" group. <sup>11</sup> They/strong="H1992" gave/strong="H5414" them/strong="H5414" Kiriath Arba. ( This/strong="H1931" is/strong="H1931" Hebron/strong="H2275". It/strong="H5414"

was/strong="H1931" named for/strong="H5414" a/strong="H5414" man named Arba. Arba was/strong="H1931" the/strong="H0853" father/strong="H0001" of/strong="H2022" Anak/strong="H6061".) They/strong="H1992" also/strong="H0853" gave/strong="H5414" them/strong="H5414" some/strong="H1992" land near/strong="H0854" the/strong="H0853" town for/strong="H5414" their/strong="H5414" animals. <sup>12</sup> But the/strong="H0853" fields/strong="H7704" and/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0853" small towns/strong="H5892" around the/strong="H0853" city/strong="H5892" of/strong="H1121" Kiriath Arba belonged to/strong="H5414" Caleb/strong="H3612" son/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121" Jephunneh/strong="H3312". <sup>13</sup> So/strong="H5414" they/strong="H3548" gave/strong="H5414" the/strong="H0853" city/strong="H5892" of/strong="H1121" Hebron/strong="H2275" to/strong="H5414" Aaron's/strong="H0175" descendants/strong="H1121". ( Hebron/strong="H2275" was/strong="H1121" a/strong="H5414" city/strong="H5892" of/strong="H1121" safety.) They/strong="H3548" also/strong="H0853" gave/strong="H5414" Aaron's/strong="H0175" descendants/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0853" towns/strong="H5892" of/strong="H1121" Libnah/strong="H3841", <sup>14</sup> Jattir/strong="H3492", Eshtemoa/strong="H0851", <sup>15</sup> Holon/strong="H2473", Debir/strong="H1688", <sup>16</sup> Ain/strong="H5871", Juttah/strong="H3194", and/strong="H4054" Beth Shemesh. They/strong="H0428" also/strong="H0853" gave them/strong="H0853" some/strong="H0428" of/strong="H7626" the/strong="H0853" land near these/strong="H0428" towns/strong="H5892" for their/strong="H8147" animals. These/strong="H0428" two/strong="H8147" tribes/strong="H7626" gave them/strong="H0853" nine/strong="H8672" towns/strong="H5892".

<sup>17</sup> They also/strong="H0853" gave Aaron's descendants cities that/strong="H4294" belonged to/strong="H4294" the/strong="H0853" tribe/strong="H4294" of/strong="H4294" Benjamin/strong="H1144". These cities were/strong="H1144" Gibeon/strong="H1391", Geba/strong="H1387", <sup>18</sup> Anathoth/strong="H6068", and/strong="H4054" Almon/strong="H5960". They gave them/strong="H0853" these four/strong="H0702" towns/strong="H5892" and/strong="H4054" some of/strong="H0853" the/strong="H0853" land near the/strong="H0853" towns/strong="H5892" for their animals. <sup>19</sup> In/strong="H1121" all/strong="H3605", they/strong="H3605" gave 13 towns/strong="H5892" to/strong="H1121" the/strong="H3605" priests/strong="H3548". ( All/strong="H3605" priests/strong="H3548" were/strong="H1121" descendants/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121"

Aaron (H0175).) They (H3605) also (H0175) gave them (H1121) some (H3605) land near each (H3605) town (H5892) for (H3605) their (H3605) animals.

<sup>20</sup> The (H1961) other people (H1121) from (H1121) the (H1961) Kohathite family (H4940) groups (H1121) were (H1961) given towns (H5892) that (H1961) were (H1961) in (H1121) the (H1961) areas that (H1961) belonged (H1961) to (H1961) the (H1961) tribe (H4294) of (H1121) Ephraim (H0669). They got these towns (H5892): <sup>21</sup> the (H0853) city (H5892) of (H2022) Shechem (H7927) from (H2022) the (H0853) hill (H2022) country (H2022) of (H2022) Ephraim (H0669) (which (H2022) was (H5414) a (H5414) city (H5892) of (H2022) safety), Gezer (H1507), <sup>22</sup> Kibzaim (H6911), and (H4054) Beth Horon. In (H5892) all, Ephraim gave them (H0853) four (H0702) towns (H5892) and (H4054) some land around each (H0702) town (H5892) for their animals.

<sup>23</sup> The (H0853) tribe (H4294) of (H4294) Dan (H1835) gave them (H0853) Eltekeh (H0514), Gibeon (H1405), <sup>24</sup> Aijalon (H0357), and (H4054) Gath Rimmon. In (H5892) all, Dan gave them (H0853) four (H0702) towns (H5892) and (H4054) some land around each (H0702) town (H5892) for their animals.

<sup>25</sup> Half (H4276) the (H0853) tribe (H4294) of (H4294) Manasseh (H4519) gave them (H0853) Taanach (H8590) and (H4054) Gath Rimmon. In (H4519) all, this half (H4276) of (H4294) Manasseh (H4519) gave them (H0853) two (H8147) towns (H5892) and (H4054) some land around each (H8147) town (H5892) for their (H8147) animals.

<sup>26</sup> In (H1121) all (H3605), the (H3605) rest (H3498) of (H1121) the (H3605) people (H1121) from (H1121) the (H3605) Kohath (H6955) family (H4940) groups (H1121) got ten (H6235) towns (H5892)

and (H1121) some (H3605) land (H4940) around each (H3605) town (H5892) for (H3605) their (H3605) animals.

<sup>27</sup> The (H0853) Gershon (H1648) family (H4940) groups (H1121) were (H1121) also (H0853) from (H1121) the (H0853) tribe (H4294) of (H1121) Levi (H3881). They got these towns (H5892):

Half (H2677) the (H0853) tribe (H4294) of (H1121) Manasseh (H4519) gave them (H0853) Golan (H1474) in (H1121) Bashan (H1316). (Golan (H1474) was (H1121) a (H2677) city (H5892) of (H1121) safety.) Manasseh (H4519) also (H0853) gave them (H0853) Be (H1121) Eshtarah. In (H1121) all, this half (H2677) of (H1121) Manasseh (H4519) gave them (H0853) two (H8147) towns (H5892) and (H1121) some land (H4940) around each (H8147) town (H5892) for (H3881) their (H8147) animals.

<sup>28</sup> The (H0853) tribe (H4294) of (H4294) Issachar (H3485) gave them (H0853) Kishion (H7191), Daberath (H1705), <sup>29</sup> Jar-muth (H3412), and (H4054) En Gan-nim. In (H5892) all, Issachar gave them (H0853) four (H0702) towns (H5892) and (H4054) some land around each (H0702) town (H5892) for their animals.

<sup>30</sup> The (H0853) tribe (H4294) of (H4294) Asher (H0836) gave them (H0853) Mishal (H4861), Abdon (H5658), <sup>31</sup> Helkath (H2520), and (H4054) Rehob (H7340). In (H5892) all, Asher gave them (H0853) four (H0702) towns (H5892) and (H4054) some land around each (H0702) town (H5892) for their animals.

<sup>32</sup> The (H0853) tribe (H4294) of (H4294) Naphtali (H5321) gave them (H0853) Kedesh (H6943) in (H6943) Galilee (H1551). (Kedesh (H6943) was a (H5321) city (H5892) of (H4294) safety.) Naphtali (H5321) also (H0853) gave them (H0853) Hammoth Dor and (H4054) Kartan (H7178). In (H6943) all, Naphtali (H5321) gave them (H0853) three (H7969)

towns/strong="H5892" and/strong="H4054" some land around each town/strong="H5892" for their animals.

<sup>33</sup> In/strong="H3605" all/strong="H3605", the/strong="H3605" Gershon family/strong="H4940" groups got 13 towns/strong="H5892" and/strong="H4054" some/strong="H3605" land/strong="H4940" around each/strong="H3605" town/strong="H5892" for/strong="H3605" their/strong="H3605" animals.

<sup>34</sup> The other Levite group was the Merari family group. They were given these towns: The tribe of Zebulun gave them Jokneam, Kartah, Dimnah, and Nahalal. In all, Zebulun gave them four towns and some land around each town for their animals. The tribe of Reuben gave them Bezer, Jahaz, Kedemoth, and Mephaath. In all, Reuben gave them four towns and some land around each town for their animals. The tribe of Gad gave them Ramoth in Gilead. (Ramoth was a city of safety.) They also gave them Mahanaim, Heshbon, and Jazer. In all, Gad gave them four towns and some land around each town for their animals.

<sup>40</sup> In/strong="H1121" all/strong="H3605", the/strong="H3605" last family/strong="H4940" of/strong="H1121" Levites/strong="H3881", the/strong="H3605" Merari/strong="H4847" family/strong="H4940", got 12 towns/strong="H5892".

<sup>41</sup> So the/strong="H3605" Levites/strong="H3881" were/strong="H3478" given a/strong="H3478" total/strong="H3605" of/strong="H1121" 48 towns/strong="H5892" and/strong="H1121" some/strong="H3605" land around each/strong="H3605" town/strong="H5892" for/strong="H3605" their/strong="H3605" animals. All/strong="H3605" these/strong="H3605" towns/strong="H5892" were/strong="H3478" in/strong="H3478" areas/strong="H4054" that/strong="H3605" belonged to/strong="H3478" the/strong="H3605" other/strong="H3605" tribes. <sup>42</sup> Each/strong="H3605" of/strong="H3605" these/strong="H0428" towns/strong="H5892" had/strong="H1961" some/strong="H0428" land in/strong="H1961" it/strong="H3651" for/strong="H3605" their/strong="H3605" animals/strong="H1961". That/strong="H3605" was/strong="H1961" true/strong="H3651" for/strong="H3605" every/strong="H3605" town/strong="H5892".

<sup>43</sup> So/strong="H5414" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" kept/strong="H5414" the/strong="H3605" promise/strong="H7650" that/strong="H0834" he/strong="H0834" had/strong="H3068" made/strong="H5414" to/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3605" Israelites/strong="H3478" and/strong="H3068" gave/strong="H5414" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" land/strong="H0776"

that/strong="H0834" he/strong="H0834" had/strong="H3068" promised/strong="H7650". The/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427" took/strong="H3423" the/strong="H3605" land/strong="H0776" and/strong="H3068" lived/strong="H3427" there/strong="H3427". <sup>44</sup> And/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" allowed/strong="H5414" them/strong="H5414" to/strong="H3068" have/strong="H0834" peace/strong="H5117" on/strong="H5117" all/strong="H3605" sides/strong="H5439" of/strong="H0376" their/strong="H3605" land/strong="H6440", just/strong="H0834" as/strong="H0834" he/strong="H0834" had/strong="H3068" promised/strong="H7650" their/strong="H3605" ancestors/strong="H0001". None/strong="H3808" of/strong="H0376" their/strong="H3605" enemies/strong="H0341" defeated them/strong="H5414". The/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" allowed/strong="H5414" the/strong="H3605" Israelites to/strong="H3068" defeat/strong="H5414" every/strong="H3605" enemy/strong="H0341". <sup>45</sup> The/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" kept every/strong="H3605" promise/strong="H1697" that/strong="H0834" he/strong="H0834" made/strong="H1696" to/strong="H0413" the/strong="H3605" Israelites/strong="H3478". There/strong="H3068" were/strong="H0834" no/strong="H3808" promises/strong="H1697" that/strong="H0834" he/strong="H0834" failed/strong="H5307" to/strong="H0413" keep/strong="H0935". Every/strong="H3605" promise/strong="H1697" came/strong="H0935" true/strong="H3068".

### Three Tribes Go Home

**22** Then/strong="H0227" Joshua/strong="H3091" called/strong="H7121" a/strong="H7121" meeting of/strong="H4294" all the/strong="H7121" people from/strong="H0227" the/strong="H7121" tribes/strong="H4294" of/strong="H4294" Reuben/strong="H7206", Gad/strong="H1425", and/strong="H3091" half/strong="H2677" the/strong="H7121" tribe/strong="H4294" of/strong="H4294" Manasseh/strong="H4519". <sup>2</sup> Joshua said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" them/strong="H0413", " Moses/strong="H4872" was/strong="H0834" the/strong="H3605" LORD'S/strong="H3068" servant/strong="H5650". You/strong="H0859" obeyed/strong="H8085" everything/strong="H3605" that/strong="H0834" Moses/strong="H4872" told/strong="H0559" you/strong="H0859" to/strong="H0413" do/strong="H6680". And/strong="H3068" you/strong="H0859" also/strong="H3068" obeyed/strong="H8085" all/strong="H3605"

of|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H6680".<sup>3</sup> All|strong="H5704" this|strong="H2088" time|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117" have|strong="H0251" supported all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H2088" Israelites|strong="H2088". You|strong="H3117" carefully|strong="H8104" obeyed|strong="H8104" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" commands|strong="H4687" that|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" gave you|strong="H3117".<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" promised|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0834" Israelites peace|strong="H5117". And|strong="H3068" now|strong="H6258", he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H3068" kept|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" promise|strong="H1696", so|strong="H5414" now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" go home|strong="H0168". The|strong="H0834" LORD'S|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" east|strong="H5676" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776". Now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" go home|strong="H0168" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776".<sup>5</sup> But|strong="H7535" remember—continue to|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" law|strong="H8451" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" love|strong="H0157" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H6213" his|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H6680". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" continue to|strong="H3068" follow|strong="H3068" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" him|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" very|strong="H3966" best that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834".

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H7971" Joshua|strong="H3091" said|strong="H0413" goodbye to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", and|strong="H7971" they left and|strong="H7971" went|strong="H0413" home|strong="H0168".<sup>7</sup> Moses|strong="H4872"

had|strong="H4872" given|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3588" land|strong="H5676" of|strong="H0168" Bashan|strong="H1316" to|strong="H0413" half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H3588" Manasseh|strong="H4519" tribe|strong="H7626". Joshua|strong="H3091" gave|strong="H5414" land|strong="H5676" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" west|strong="H3220" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H3588" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" other|strong="H0251" half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H3588" Manasseh|strong="H4519" tribe|strong="H7626". Joshua|strong="H3091" blessed|strong="H1288" them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H4872" sent|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" home|strong="H0168".<sup>8</sup> He|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H0251" become|strong="H7725" very|strong="H3966" rich. You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H0251" many|strong="H7227" animals. You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H0251" gold|strong="H2091", silver|strong="H3701", and|strong="H7725" expensive jewelry. You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H0251" many|strong="H7227" beautiful clothes|strong="H8008". You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H0251" taken many|strong="H7227" things|strong="H5973" from|strong="H7725" your|strong="H7725" enemies|strong="H0341". Go|strong="H7725" home|strong="H0168" and|strong="H7725" divide|strong="H2505" these things|strong="H5973" among|strong="H5973" yourselves|strong="H0251"."

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Reuben|strong="H7205", Gad|strong="H1410", and|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519" left|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H6310" Israelites|strong="H3478" at|strong="H0413" Shiloh|strong="H7887" in|strong="H5921" Canaan|strong="H3667". They|strong="H0834" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" home|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" Gilead|strong="H1568". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" their|strong="H3068" own|strong="H0272" land|strong="H0776", the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" Moses|strong="H4872" gave|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0413", as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H6310".



<sup>10</sup> They went to the place called Gililoth, near the Jordan River in the land of Canaan. There they built a beautiful altar. <sup>11</sup> But the Israelites who still at Shiloh heard about the altar that these three tribes built. They heard that the altar at the border of Canaan at the place called Gililoth was near the Jordan on Israel's side. <sup>12</sup> All the Israelites became very angry with these three tribes. They met together and decided to fight against them.

<sup>13</sup> So the Israelites sent some men to talk to the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh. The leader of these men was Phinehas, son of Eleazar the priest. <sup>14</sup> They also sent ten of the leaders of the tribes there. There was one man from each family group of Is-

rael who was at Shiloh.

<sup>15</sup> So these eleven men went to Gilead. They went to talk to the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh. The eleven men said to them, "All the LORD'S people us ask this: 'Why did you do this thing against the God of Israel?' Why you stop following the LORD? Why did you build altars for yourselves? You know that this is against the LORD'S command." <sup>17</sup> Remember what happened at Peor? Was sin committed there not because of that sin, the LORD punished his people with a terrible sickness. And we are still suffering from that sin. <sup>18</sup> And now you are doing the same thing. You are turning against the LORD. Will you refuse

to |strong="H0413" follow |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"? If |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859" don't stop |strong="H0310" what you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3117" doing, he |strong="H0310" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H7107" with |strong="H0413" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>19</sup> " If |strong="H0518" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0408" a |strong="H1129" good place |strong="H4908" to |strong="H0413" worship God |strong="H0430", come over |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776". This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Tent is |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0834" some |strong="H8033" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" live |strong="H7931" here |strong="H8033". But |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H0408" turn |strong="H5674" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" or |strong="H0518" against |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413" by |strong="H3068" building |strong="H1129" another |strong="H8432" altar |strong="H4196". We |strong="H0834" already have |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" Meeting Tent.

<sup>20</sup> "Remember how Achan |strong="H5912" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zerah |strong="H2226" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1961" obey the |strong="H3605" command |strong="H5921" about |strong="H1961" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1961" destroyed. That |strong="H3605" one |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0376" broke |strong="H4603" God's law, but |strong="H3808" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H1961" punished. Achan |strong="H5912" died |strong="H1478" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" sin |strong="H5771", but |strong="H3808" also |strong="H3478" many other |strong="H0259" people |strong="H0376" died |strong="H1478"."

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205", Gad |strong="H1410",

and |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" answered |strong="H6030" the |strong="H0853" eleven men |strong="H1121". They |strong="H3478" said |strong="H1696", <sup>22</sup> " The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! Again we |strong="H0518" say |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! I And |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" knows |strong="H3045" why we |strong="H0518" did |strong="H3117" this |strong="H2088" thing |strong="H2088". We |strong="H0518" want you |strong="H0518" to |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" also |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518" judge what |strong="H2088" we |strong="H0518" did |strong="H3117". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" think we |strong="H0518" did |strong="H3117" it |strong="H1931" because |strong="H3117" we |strong="H0518" are |strong="H3117" against |strong="H4604" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" or |strong="H0518" refuse to |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H3045" him |strong="H1931", you |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518" kill us |strong="H3045" today |strong="H3117". <sup>23</sup> Do |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0518" think we |strong="H0518" built |strong="H1129" our |strong="H3068" own altar |strong="H4196" because |strong="H5921" we |strong="H0518" want |strong="H1245" to |strong="H7725" turn |strong="H7725" away |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"? Do |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0518" think we |strong="H0518" built |strong="H1129" another altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H5921" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002", grain offerings |strong="H8002", and |strong="H3068" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002"? If |strong="H0518" that |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" why we |strong="H0518" built |strong="H1129" this |strong="H1931" altar |strong="H4196", we |strong="H0518" ask the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" himself |strong="H1931" to |strong="H7725" punish us |strong="H5921". <sup>24</sup> But |strong="H0518" that |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" why |strong="H4100" we |strong="H0518" built |strong="H6213" it |strong="H0518". We |strong="H0518" built |strong="H6213" it |strong="H0518" because |strong="H0559" we |strong="H0518" were |strong="H3478" afraid that |strong="H1697" in |strong="H0430"

<sup>1</sup> THE LORD IS OUR GOD Or "YAHWEH is the true God!" Literally, "El Elohim YAHWEH!"

the |strong="H0853" future your |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H1121" might |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" accept us |strong="H0559" as |strong="H1697" part of |strong="H1121" God's |strong="H0430" people |strong="H1121". So |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" might |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" our |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121"; ' You |strong="H0518" people |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1121" no |strong="H3808" reason |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" worship |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" separated you |strong="H5414" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205" and |strong="H1121" Gad |strong="H1410" from |strong="H1121" us |strong="H5414" by |strong="H3068" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H2506" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0369" side |strong="H3383" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River. So |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" are |strong="H1121" not |strong="H0369" part of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121". If |strong="H2506" your |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" said that |strong="H3068", it |strong="H5414" might |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" our |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" stop |strong="H1115" worshiping the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>26</sup> " So |strong="H6213" we |strong="H4994" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" build |strong="H1129" this |strong="H6213" altar |strong="H4196". But |strong="H3808" we |strong="H4994" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" plan to |strong="H0559" use it |strong="H6213" for |strong="H4196" burning offerings |strong="H5930" and |strong="H4196" sacrifices |strong="H2077". <sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0853" real reason we |strong="H3588" wanted our |strong="H3068" altar was |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0559" show our |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" worship |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H1931" God |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H5647". This |strong="H1931" altar will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" proof |strong="H5707" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588" and |strong="H1121" us |strong="H3588"

and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0559" all |strong="H1755" our |strong="H3068" future children |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" worship |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". We |strong="H3588" give our |strong="H3068" sacrifices |strong="H2077", grain offerings |strong="H8002", and |strong="H1121" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". We |strong="H3588" wanted your |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0559" grow up |strong="H0853" and |strong="H1121" know that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1121" also |strong="H3068" Israelites like |strong="H3808" yourselves |strong="H4279". <sup>28</sup> In |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" future, if |strong="H3588" it |strong="H1931" happens |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3068" children say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Israel, then |strong="H1961" our |strong="H3068" children can |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559", ' Look |strong="H7200", our |strong="H3068" fathers |strong="H0001" who |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H1961" before |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413" made |strong="H6213" an |strong="H1961" altar |strong="H4196". That |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" is |strong="H0834" exactly |strong="H0834" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Holy Tent. We |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" use |strong="H1931" this |strong="H1931" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H3588" sacrifices |strong="H2077"— this |strong="H1931" altar |strong="H4196" is |strong="H0834" proof |strong="H5707" that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0834" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H3068" Israel.'

<sup>29</sup> " The |strong="H6440" truth is |strong="H0834", we |strong="H0834" don't want to |strong="H7725" be |strong="H3068" against |strong="H4480" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". We |strong="H0834" don't want to |strong="H7725" stop |strong="H0310" following |strong="H0310" him |strong="H0310" now |strong="H3117". We |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" only |strong="H0905" true |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" one |strong="H4480" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0430" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" Holy Tent. That |strong="H0834"

altar |strong="H4196" belongs |strong="H4480"  
to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H6440"  
LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0430".

<sup>30</sup> Phinehas |strong="H6372" the |strong="H0853"  
priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H7218"  
with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0853"  
heard |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121"  
from |strong="H3478" Reuben |strong="H7205",  
Gad |strong="H1410", and |strong="H1121" Man-  
asseh |strong="H4519" said |strong="H1696".  
They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" satis-  
fied |strong="H3190" that |strong="H0834"  
they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834"  
telling |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" truth. <sup>31</sup>  
So |strong="H3808" Phinehas |strong="H6372"  
the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548"  
said |strong="H0559", " Now |strong="H3117"  
we |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045"  
that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834"  
with |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413"  
and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834"  
you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834"  
not |strong="H3808" turn against |strong="H0413"  
him |strong="H0413". We |strong="H3588"  
are |strong="H0834" happy that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"  
will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808"  
be |strong="H3808" punished by |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>32</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Phinehas |strong="H6372"  
and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" lead-  
ers |strong="H5387" left |strong="H7725"  
that |strong="H1697" place |strong="H0776"  
and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H7725"  
home |strong="H0776". They |strong="H0776"  
left |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
Reuben |strong="H7205" and |strong="H1121"  
Gad |strong="H1410" in |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776"  
of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568"  
and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H7725"  
back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413"  
Canaan |strong="H3667". They |strong="H0776"  
went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121"  
told |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413"  
what |strong="H1697" had |strong="H3478" hap-  
pened |strong="H1697". <sup>33</sup> The |strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H0834" al-  
so |strong="H0853" satisfied |strong="H3190".  
They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" hap-  
py |strong="H3190" and |strong="H1121"

thanked |strong="H1288" God |strong="H0430".  
They |strong="H0834" decided |strong="H0559"  
not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559"  
go |strong="H5927" and |strong="H1121" fight  
against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
Reuben |strong="H7205", Gad |strong="H1410",  
and |strong="H1121" Manasseh. They |strong="H0834"  
decided |strong="H0559" not |strong="H3808"  
to |strong="H0559" destroy |strong="H7843"  
the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776"  
where |strong="H0834" those |strong="H0834" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" live |strong="H3427".

<sup>34</sup> The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7205"  
and |strong="H1121" Gad |strong="H1410"  
named |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3588" al-  
tar |strong="H4196" " Proof |strong="H5707"  
That |strong="H3588" We |strong="H3588" Believe  
the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

### Joshua Encourages the People

**23** The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
gave |strong="H5117" Israel |strong="H3478"  
peace |strong="H5117" from |strong="H0935"  
their |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341"  
around |strong="H5439" them |strong="H0310".  
He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H1961" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" safe. Many |strong="H7227"  
years |strong="H3117" passed |strong="H1961",  
and |strong="H0935" Joshua |strong="H3091" be-  
came |strong="H1961" very |strong="H7227"  
old |strong="H2204". <sup>2</sup> At |strong="H0413"  
this |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117"  
Joshua |strong="H3091" called |strong="H7121"  
a |strong="H7121" meeting of |strong="H3117"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" old-  
er |strong="H2205" leaders |strong="H7218",  
heads |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3117" families,  
judges |strong="H8199", and |strong="H0935" offi-  
cers |strong="H7860" of |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".  
Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559", "  
I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0589"  
grown |strong="H2204" very old |strong="H2205". <sup>3</sup>  
You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834"  
seen |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068"  
our |strong="H3068" enemies. He |strong="H0834"  
did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0428"  
to |strong="H3068" help us |strong="H3588".  
The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
fought |strong="H3898" for |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H0859". <sup>4</sup> Remember  
that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" told

you |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" could have |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H5159" between |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River and |strong="H1419" the |strong="H3605" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220" in |strong="H7604" the |strong="H3605" west |strong="H3220". I |strong="H0834" promised to |strong="H7200" give |strong="H5159" you |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H5159", but |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0834" don't control it |strong="H7200" yet. I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" taken the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H5159" away |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H0428" nations |strong="H1471", but |strong="H7200" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H1471" living there |strong="H3605".<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" force the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" living there |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1696" leave |strong="H3423". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3423" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" force them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1696" leave |strong="H3423", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696".<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H8040" careful |strong="H8104" to |strong="H8104" obey |strong="H6213" every |strong="H3605" command written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H3789" the |strong="H3605" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451"<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H4480" Moses |strong="H4872". Never turn |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H4480" that |strong="H3605" law |strong="H8451".<sup>7</sup> There |strong="H7604" are |strong="H0428" still |strong="H1471" some |strong="H0428" people |strong="H1471" living among |strong="H0854" us |strong="H0935" who |strong="H0430" are |strong="H0428" not |strong="H3808" Israelites. They |strong="H3808" worship |strong="H7812" their |strong="H0935" own gods |strong="H0430". Don't |strong="H3808" become |strong="H5647" friends with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0935". Don't |strong="H3808" serve |strong="H5647" or |strong="H3808" worship |strong="H7812" their |strong="H0935" gods |strong="H0430".<sup>8</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0518" continue to |strong="H5704" follow |strong="H3068"

the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0834" past, and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0518" continue to |strong="H5704" do |strong="H6213" it |strong="H0518".

<sup>9</sup> " The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" helped you |strong="H0859" defeat many |strong="H1419" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H3068" powerful |strong="H6099" nations |strong="H1471". He |strong="H5704" forced them |strong="H6440" to |strong="H5704" leave |strong="H3423". No |strong="H3808" nation |strong="H1471" has |strong="H3068" been |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H5704" defeat you |strong="H0859".<sup>10</sup> With |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" help, one |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H4480" Israel could |strong="H0376" defeat 1000 enemy soldiers |strong="H0376", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" fights |strong="H3898" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834", as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696".<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H3966" you |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" continue to |strong="H3068" love |strong="H0157" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>12</sup> " Never |strong="H0518" stop following him |strong="H0935". Don't become |strong="H2859" friends with |strong="H0854" those |strong="H0428" people |strong="H1471" who |strong="H0428" did not |strong="H0518" leave |strong="H7604" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" took |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" land. They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" not |strong="H0518" part |strong="H1692" of |strong="H0935" Israel. Don't marry any |strong="H3588" of |strong="H0935" their |strong="H1992" people |strong="H1471". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" become |strong="H2859" friends with |strong="H0854" those |strong="H0428" people |strong="H1471",<sup>13</sup> the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" help you |strong="H0834" defeat |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3068" enemies. They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" trap |strong="H4170" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" cause |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" pain— like |strong="H1961"

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smoke and |strong="H3068" dust |strong="H0127" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" eyes |strong="H5869". And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" forced to |strong="H5704" leave |strong="H3423" this |strong="H2063" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0127". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0127". But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" lose it |strong="H5414" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H3045" this |strong="H2063" command |strong="H5921".

<sup>14</sup> " It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0834" almost |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5315" to |strong="H0935" die |strong="H5307". You |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" and |strong="H1980" really believe that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H1980" many great |strong="H0430" things |strong="H1697" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" failed |strong="H5307" in |strong="H5921" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3605" promises |strong="H1697". He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" kept every |strong="H3605" promise |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3045" to |strong="H0935" us |strong="H5921". <sup>15</sup> Every |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896" promise |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H5414" has |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" true |strong="H3068". But |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H1697", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" his |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" promises |strong="H1697" come |strong="H0935" true |strong="H3068": If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" wrong |strong="H7451", bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1697" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834".

You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" forced to |strong="H0413" leave this |strong="H2063" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". <sup>16</sup> This |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" happen if |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" refuse to |strong="H1980" keep |strong="H5647" your |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" lose this |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" if |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" serve |strong="H5647" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H0776" worship |strong="H7812" those |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H5647", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H5647" very |strong="H1980" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834". Then |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" quickly |strong="H4120" be |strong="H3068" forced to |strong="H1980" leave |strong="H1980" this |strong="H0834" good |strong="H2896" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834"."

### Joshua Says Goodbye

**24** Joshua |strong="H3091" called |strong="H7121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" meet |strong="H6440" together |strong="H0622" at |strong="H3478" Shechem |strong="H7927". Then |strong="H0853" Joshua |strong="H3091" called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3605" older |strong="H2205" leaders |strong="H7218", heads |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" families, judges |strong="H8199", and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H7860" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". These |strong="H3605" men |strong="H7218" stood |strong="H3320" before |strong="H6440" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>2</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Joshua |strong="H3091" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-

ple|strong="H5971". He|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" telling|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3605" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605": ' A|strong="H3068" long|strong="H5769" time|strong="H5769" ago|strong="H5769", your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" lived|strong="H3427" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0312" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" Euphrates|strong="H5104" River|strong="H5104". I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" talking about|strong="H0413" men|strong="H5971" like|strong="H3478" Terah|strong="H8646", the|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H0430" Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="H3068" Nahor|strong="H5152". At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H5769" they|strong="H3068" worshiped|strong="H5647" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". <sup>3</sup> But|strong="H3947" I|strong="H5414" took|strong="H3947" your|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" Abraham|strong="H0085" out|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H5676" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" River|strong="H5104". I|strong="H5414" led him|strong="H5414" through|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667" and|strong="H0776" gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" many|strong="H7235" children|strong="H2233". I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" Abraham|strong="H0085" his|strong="H3605" son Isaac|strong="H3327". <sup>4</sup> And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" Isaac|strong="H3327" two sons|strong="H1121", Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H1121" Esau|strong="H6215". To|strong="H3381" Esau|strong="H6215", I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" land around the|strong="H0853" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1121" Seir|strong="H8165". Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5414" sons|strong="H1121" did not|strong="H1121" live there|strong="H2022". They|strong="H3423" went|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" live in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" land of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714".

<sup>5</sup> " Then|strong="H3318" I|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H4872" Aaron|strong="H0175" to|strong="H7971" Egypt|strong="H4714". I|strong="H0834" wanted them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H7971" bring|strong="H3318" my|strong="H7971" people|strong="H0834" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H7130" Egypt|strong="H4714". I|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" many terrible things|strong="H0834" to|strong="H7971" happen to|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H7130" Egypt|strong="H4714". Then|strong="H3318" I|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H3318" your|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H7130" Egypt|strong="H4714". <sup>6</sup> When|strong="H0935" I|strong="H4714" brought|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" ancestors|strong="H0001" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0001" Egypt|strong="H4714", they|strong="H0935" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Red Sea|strong="H3220", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" men of|strong="H0001" Egypt|strong="H4714" were|strong="H4714" chasing|strong="H0310" them|strong="H0853". There were|strong="H4714" chariots|strong="H7393" and|strong="H0935" men on|strong="H0935" horses|strong="H6571". <sup>7</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3427" asked|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", for|strong="H5921" help. And|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" great|strong="H7227" trouble to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H6213" of|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714". I|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" sea|strong="H3220" to|strong="H0413" cover|strong="H3680" them|strong="H0413". You|strong="H0834" yourselves|strong="H5869" saw|strong="H7200" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3068" Egypt|strong="H4714".

" After|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H7760" long|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117". <sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H5414" brought|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"

of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567", east|strong="H5676" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776". Those|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3427" fought|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414", but|strong="H0935" I|strong="H5414" allowed|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" defeat|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413". I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" power|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" destroy|strong="H8045" them|strong="H0413", and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5414" took|strong="H3423" control|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776".

<sup>9</sup> " Then|strong="H6965" Balak|strong="H1111", the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zippor|strong="H6834", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124", prepared|strong="H6965" to|strong="H3478" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H3898" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" sent|strong="H7971" for|strong="H7121" Balaam|strong="H1109" the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Beor|strong="H1160" to|strong="H3478" curse|strong="H7043" you|strong="H7971", <sup>10</sup> but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3808" refused|strong="H0014" to|strong="H8085" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" Balaam's|strong="H1109" prayer. So|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" asked me|strong="H1288" to|strong="H8085" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H3808", and|strong="H3027" I|strong="H3808" saved|strong="H5337" you|strong="H3808" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" enemy.

<sup>11</sup> " Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H5414" went|strong="H0935" across|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3405" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H3027" Jericho|strong="H3405". The|strong="H0853" people in|strong="H0935" Jericho|strong="H3405" fought|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". Also|strong="H0853", the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567", Perizzites|strong="H6522", Canaanites|strong="H3669", Hittites|strong="H2850", Girgashites|strong="H1622", Hivites|strong="H2340", and|strong="H0935" Jebusites|strong="H2983" fought|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". But|strong="H0935" I|strong="H5414" al-

lowed|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" defeat|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" all. <sup>12</sup> As|strong="H6440" your|strong="H6440" army went|strong="H6440" forward|strong="H6440", I|strong="H3808" sent|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" Hornet|strong="H6880" <sup>¶</sup> ahead|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H4428" made the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" leave the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H6440", as|strong="H6440" I|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" to|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" Amorite|strong="H0567" kings|strong="H4428". <sup>11</sup> It|strong="H7971" was|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" your|strong="H6440" swords|strong="H2719" and|strong="H4428" bows|strong="H7198" that|strong="H3808" brought you|strong="H6440" victory!

<sup>13</sup> " I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" Lord, gave|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" didn't|strong="H3808" work|strong="H3021" for|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776"— I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" build|strong="H1129" those|strong="H0834" cities|strong="H5892"— I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859". And|strong="H0776" now|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" in|strong="H3427" those|strong="H0834" cities|strong="H5892". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" vineyards|strong="H3754" and|strong="H0776" olive|strong="H2132" trees|strong="H2132", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0859" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0834" to|strong="H5414" plant|strong="H5193" those|strong="H0834" gardens."

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H6258" Joshua said to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834", " Now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" heard the|strong="H0853" Lord's|strong="H3068" words. So|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"

<sup>¶</sup> HORNET A stinging insect like a large wasp or bee. Here, it probably means God's angel or his great power. <sup>11</sup> The Hebrew text here is hard to understand, but it may refer to the events described in Num. 21:21-35 and Deuteronomy 2:24-3:10.



must *strong="H0853"* respect the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* and *strong="H3068"* sincerely serve *strong="H5647"* him *strong="H0853"*. Throw away *strong="H5493"* the *strong="H0853"* false gods *strong="H0430"* that *strong="H0834"* your *strong="H3068"* ancestors *strong="H0001"* worshiped *strong="H5647"*. That *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H0834"* something that *strong="H0834"* happened a *strong="H0834"* long time *strong="H6258"* ago on *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0853"* other *strong="H5676"* side *strong="H5676"* of *strong="H0430"* the *strong="H0853"* Euphrates *strong="H5104"* River *strong="H5104"* and *strong="H3068"* in *strong="H0430"* Egypt *strong="H4714"*. Now *strong="H6258"* you *strong="H0834"* must *strong="H0853"* serve *strong="H5647"* only the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*.

<sup>15</sup> " But *strong="H0518"* maybe you *strong="H0859"* don't want to *strong="H3068"* serve *strong="H5647"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*. You *strong="H0859"* must *strong="H0853"* choose *strong="H0977"* for *strong="H0776"* yourselves *strong="H0859"* today *strong="H3117"*. Today *strong="H3117"* you *strong="H0859"* must *strong="H0853"* decide who *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H3068"* serve *strong="H5647"*. Will *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H0859"* serve *strong="H5647"* the *strong="H0853"* gods *strong="H0430"* that *strong="H0834"* your *strong="H3068"* ancestors *strong="H0001"* worshiped *strong="H5647"* when *strong="H3117"* they *strong="H0834"* lived *strong="H3427"* on *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H0853"* other *strong="H5676"* side *strong="H5676"* of *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H0853"* Euphrates *strong="H5104"* River *strong="H5104"*? Or *strong="H0518"* will *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H0859"* serve *strong="H5647"* the *strong="H0853"* gods *strong="H0430"* of *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H0853"* Amorites *strong="H0567"* who *strong="H0834"* lived *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* this *strong="H0834"* land *strong="H0776"*? You *strong="H0859"* must *strong="H0853"* choose *strong="H0977"* for *strong="H0776"* yourselves *strong="H0859"*. But *strong="H0518"* as *strong="H0834"* for *strong="H0776"* me *strong="H0977"* and *strong="H3068"* my *strong="H3068"* family *strong="H1004"*, we *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* serve *strong="H5647"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*."

<sup>16</sup> Then *strong="H6030"* the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H5971"* answered *strong="H0559"*, "We will *strong="H3068"* never stop following *strong="H0312"* the *strong="H0853"*

LORD *strong="H3068"*. We will *strong="H3068"* never serve *strong="H5647"* other *strong="H0312"* gods *strong="H0430"*! <sup>17</sup> We *strong="H3588"* know that *strong="H0834"* it *strong="H1931"* was *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"* who *strong="H0834"* brought *strong="H5927"* our *strong="H3068"* people *strong="H5971"* out *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H0776"* Egypt *strong="H4714"*. We *strong="H3588"* were *strong="H0834"* slaves *strong="H5650"* in *strong="H1980"* that *strong="H0834"* land *strong="H0776"*, but *strong="H3588"* he *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H6213"* great *strong="H1419"* things *strong="H0428"* for *strong="H3588"* us *strong="H3588"* there *strong="H5927"*. He *strong="H0834"* brought *strong="H5927"* us *strong="H3588"* out *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H0776"* that *strong="H0834"* land *strong="H0776"* and *strong="H1980"* protected *strong="H8104"* us *strong="H3588"* while *strong="H1931"* we *strong="H3588"* traveled *strong="H1980"* through *strong="H5674"* other *strong="H0428"* lands *strong="H0776"*. <sup>18</sup> The *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* helped us *strong="H3588"* defeat the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* living *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* these *strong="H1931"* lands *strong="H0776"*. He *strong="H1931"* helped us *strong="H3588"* defeat the *strong="H3605"* Amorites *strong="H0567"* who *strong="H3605"* lived *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* this *strong="H1931"* land *strong="H0776"* where we *strong="H0587"* are *strong="H3068"* now *strong="H1571"*. So *strong="H1571"* we *strong="H0587"* will *strong="H3068"* continue to *strong="H3068"* serve *strong="H5647"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, because *strong="H3588"* he *strong="H1931"* is *strong="H3068"* our *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*."

<sup>19</sup> Then *strong="H0853"* Joshua *strong="H3091"* said *strong="H0559"*, " You *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* be *strong="H3808"* able *strong="H3201"* to *strong="H0413"* continue serving *strong="H5647"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*. God *strong="H0430"* is *strong="H3068"* holy *strong="H6918"*. And *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"* hates his *strong="H3068"* people *strong="H5971"* worshiping *strong="H5647"* other gods *strong="H0430"*. He *strong="H1931"* will *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* forgive *strong="H5375"* you *strong="H3588"* if *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H3588"* turn against *strong="H0413"* him *strong="H0413"* like *strong="H3808"* that *strong="H3588"*. <sup>20</sup> If *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0834"*

leave |strong="H5800" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" other gods |strong="H0430", he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" cause |strong="H7725" terrible things |strong="H0834" to |strong="H7725" happen to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3615" you |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" been |strong="H3615" good |strong="H3190" to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834", but |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" turn |strong="H7725" against him |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3615" you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091", " No |strong="H3808", we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!"

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559", "Look around at |strong="H0413" yourselves |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859". Do |strong="H5647" you |strong="H0859" all know and |strong="H3068" agree that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0859" chosen |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0413" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"? Are |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" all witnesses |strong="H5707" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3588"?"

The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" answered |strong="H0559", " Yes |strong="H3588", it |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068". We |strong="H3588" all see that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" chosen |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0413" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"."

<sup>23</sup> Then |strong="H6258" Joshua said |strong="H0413", " So |strong="H0834" throw away |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" false gods |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" among |strong="H7130" you |strong="H0834". Love the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", with |strong="H0413" all your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824"."

<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" said |strong="H0559"

to |strong="H0413" Joshua |strong="H3091", " We |strong="H8085" will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H8085" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" him |strong="H0413"."

<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H7760" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" Joshua |strong="H3091" made |strong="H3772" an |strong="H7760" agreement |strong="H1285" for |strong="H4941" the |strong="H3117" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H1931" made |strong="H3772" this |strong="H1931" agreement |strong="H1285" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" town called Shechem |strong="H7927". It |strong="H7760" became a |strong="H3772" law for |strong="H4941" them |strong="H7760" to |strong="H3117" follow. <sup>26</sup> Joshua |strong="H3091" wrote |strong="H3789" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430". Then |strong="H6965" he |strong="H0834" found a |strong="H3947" large |strong="H1419" stone |strong="H0068" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" proof of |strong="H0430" this |strong="H0428" agreement |strong="H1697". He |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" stone |strong="H0068" under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H0853" oak |strong="H0427" tree near |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy |strong="H4720" Tent.

<sup>27</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Joshua |strong="H3091" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", " This |strong="H2063" stone |strong="H0068" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H5971" you |strong="H0834" remember what |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" today. This |strong="H2063" stone |strong="H0068" was |strong="H1961" here |strong="H2009" when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H1961" speaking |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413" today. So |strong="H6435" this |strong="H2063" stone |strong="H0068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" something that |strong="H0834" helps you |strong="H0834" remember what |strong="H0834" happened |strong="H1961" today. The |strong="H3605" stone |strong="H0068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" witness |strong="H8085" against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". It |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" stop

you |strong="H0834" from |strong="H8085" turning against |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

28 Then |strong="H0853" Joshua |strong="H3091" told the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H7971" go |strong="H7971" home. So |strong="H7971" everyone |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0376" back to |strong="H7971" his |strong="H7971" own |strong="H0376" land |strong="H5159".

#### Joshua |strong="H3091" Dies

29 After |strong="H0310" that |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126" died |strong="H4191". He |strong="H0310" was |strong="H1961" 110 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121". 30 Joshua was |strong="H0834" buried |strong="H6912" on |strong="H2022" his |strong="H0834" own land |strong="H5159" at |strong="H6912" Timnath Serah |strong="H0834", in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H2022" Ephraim |strong="H0669", north |strong="H6828" of |strong="H2022" Mount |strong="H2022" Gaash |strong="H1608".

31 The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" served |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" during |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" Joshua |strong="H3091" was |strong="H0834" living. After |strong="H0310" Joshua |strong="H3091" died, the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" continued to |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" while |strong="H3117" their |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H2205" were |strong="H0834" alive. These |strong="H3605" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H2205" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" seen what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068"

done |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3117" Israel |strong="H3478".

#### Joseph Comes |strong="H3117" Home |strong="H3068"

32 When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" left |strong="H1961" Egypt |strong="H4714", they |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" body |strong="H6106" of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130" with |strong="H4714" them |strong="H0853". They |strong="H0834" buried |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130" at |strong="H3478" Shechem |strong="H7927" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H7704" that |strong="H0834" Jacob |strong="H3290" had |strong="H0834" bought |strong="H7069" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hamor |strong="H2544", the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H1121" named Shechem |strong="H7927". Jacob |strong="H3290" had |strong="H0834" bought |strong="H7069" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H7704" for |strong="H4714" 100 pieces |strong="H7192" of |strong="H1121" pure silver. This |strong="H0834" land |strong="H7704" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Joseph's |strong="H3130" children |strong="H1121".

33 Aaron's |strong="H0175" son |strong="H1121", Eleazar |strong="H0499", died |strong="H4191" and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H0834" buried |strong="H6912" at |strong="H4191" Gibeah in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669". Gibeah had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" Eleazar's son |strong="H1121" Phinehas |strong="H6372".

# Judges

## Judah Fights the Canaanites

**1** After Joshua died, the Israelites prayed to the LORD, "Which of our tribes should be the first to go and fight for us against the Canaanites?"

**2** The LORD said to the Israelites, "The tribe of Judah will go. I will let them take this land."

**3** The men of Judah went to their relatives from the tribe of Simeon and asked for help. They said, "Brothers, if you will and help us fight the land God gave us, we will go and help you fight your land." The men of Simeon agreed and went with them.

**4** The LORD helped the men of Judah defeat the Canaanites and the Perizzites. They killed 10,000 men at the city of Bezek. **5** In the city of Bezek, they found the ruler of Bezek and fought him, and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

**6** The ruler of Bezek tried to escape, but Judah chased him and caught him. When they caught him, they cut off his thumbs and big toes. **7** Then the ruler of Bezek said, "I cut off my thumbs and big toes of 70 kings. And they had to eat pieces of food that fell from my table. Now God has paid

<sup>1</sup> RULER OF BEZEK Or "Adoni Bezek."

me |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" for |strong="H8478" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0935". The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0559" of |strong="H4428" Judah took |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" ruler of |strong="H4428" Bezek to |strong="H0559" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" died |strong="H4191" there |strong="H8033".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H3898" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H1121" captured |strong="H3920" it |strong="H7971". They |strong="H6310" used their |strong="H7971" swords |strong="H2719" to |strong="H7971" kill |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H6310" burned the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892". <sup>9</sup> Later |strong="H0310", they |strong="H0310" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H3898" some more Canaanites |strong="H3669" who |strong="H1121" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0310" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022", in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0310" Negev |strong="H5045", and |strong="H1121" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0310" western foothills |strong="H8219".

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" men of |strong="H3427" Judah |strong="H3063" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" fight against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Canaanites |strong="H3669" who |strong="H3427" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H3427" Hebron |strong="H2275". ( Hebron |strong="H2275" used to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H8034" called |strong="H8034" Kiriath Arba.) They |strong="H5221" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" men named |strong="H8034" Sheshai |strong="H8344", Ahiman |strong="H0289", and |strong="H3063" Talmai |strong="H8526". <sup>I</sup>

#### Caleb and |strong="H3063" His |strong="H5221" Daughter

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H6440" men of |strong="H3427" Judah left |strong="H8033" that |strong="H8033" place |strong="H8033". They |strong="H8033" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" city of |strong="H3427" Debir |strong="H1688" to |strong="H0413" fight

<sup>I</sup> SHESHAI, AHIMAN, TALMAI Three sons of a man named Anak. They were giants. See Num. 13:22.

against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033". ( In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" past, Debir |strong="H1688" was |strong="H8034" called |strong="H8034" Kiriath Sopher.) <sup>12</sup> Before they |strong="H0834" started to |strong="H0559" fight, Caleb |strong="H3612" made |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" promise |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0559". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" daughter |strong="H1323" Acsah |strong="H5915" in |strong="H0802" marriage |strong="H0802" to |strong="H0559" whoever |strong="H0834" attacks |strong="H5221" and |strong="H0802" conquers Kiriath Sopher."

<sup>13</sup> Caleb |strong="H3612" had |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" younger |strong="H6996" brother |strong="H0251" named Kenaz |strong="H7073". Kenaz |strong="H7073" had |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" son |strong="H1121" named Othniel |strong="H6274". Othniel |strong="H6274" captured |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H1121" Kiriath Sopher. So |strong="H4480" Caleb |strong="H3612" gave |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" daughter |strong="H1323" Acsah |strong="H5915" to |strong="H5414" Othniel |strong="H6274" to |strong="H5414" be |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" wife |strong="H0802".

<sup>14</sup> Acsah went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" live with |strong="H5921" Othniel. Othniel told |strong="H0559" Acsah <sup>II</sup> to |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H7592" her |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" for |strong="H5921" some land |strong="H7704". She |strong="H4100" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001". When |strong="H1961" she |strong="H4100" got off |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" donkey |strong="H2543", Caleb |strong="H3612" asked |strong="H7592" her |strong="H5921", " What |strong="H4100" is |strong="H4100" wrong?"

<sup>15</sup> Acsah answered |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5414", " Give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" a |strong="H3588" blessing |strong="H1293". <sup>III</sup> You |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" dry desert land |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Negev |strong="H5045". Please give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" some land |strong="H0776" with |strong="H0776" water |strong="H4325" on |strong="H0776" it |strong="H5414". So |strong="H5414" Caleb |strong="H3612" gave |strong="H5414"

<sup>II</sup> OTHNIEL TOLD ACSAH Or "Acsah told Othniel." <sup>III</sup> GIVE ME A BLESSING Or "Please welcome me" or "Give me a stream of water."

her|strong="H5414" what|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" wanted. He|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" upper|strong="H5942" and|strong="H0776" lower|strong="H8482" pools of|strong="H0776" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776".

16 The|strong="H0834" Kenites|strong="H7017" left|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Palm|strong="H8558" Trees|strong="H8558"<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H1121" went|strong="H5927" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". They|strong="H0834" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" to|strong="H1121" live|strong="H3427" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" there|strong="H5927". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" Negev|strong="H5045" near|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892" Arad|strong="H6166". ( The|strong="H0834" Kenites|strong="H7017" were|strong="H0834" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" family of|strong="H1121" Moses'|strong="H4872" father-in-law|strong="H2859".)

17 Some Canaanites|strong="H3669" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3427" Zephath|strong="H6857". The|strong="H0853" men|strong="H7121" of|strong="H3427" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" men|strong="H7121" from|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0853" tribe|strong="H0251" of|strong="H3427" Simeon|strong="H8095" attacked|strong="H5221" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3063" completely|strong="H2763" destroyed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". So|strong="H7121" they|strong="H2763" named|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" Hormah|strong="H2767".<sup>II</sup>

18 The|strong="H0853" men of|strong="H1366" Judah|strong="H3063" also|strong="H0853" captured|strong="H3920" the|strong="H0853" cities of|strong="H1366" Gaza|strong="H5804", Ashkelon|strong="H0831", and|strong="H3063" Ekron|strong="H6138" and|strong="H3063" all|strong="H3920" the|strong="H0853" small towns around them|strong="H0853".

I CITY OF PALM TREES Another name for Jericho. II HORMAH This name means "completely destroyed" or "a gift given totally to God." See Leviticus 27:28-29.

19 The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961" on|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" side|strong="H0854" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H3423" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" when|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" fought|strong="H0854". They|strong="H3588" took|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" land in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022", but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" failed|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1961" take|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" land in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" valleys|strong="H6010", because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" there|strong="H1961" had|strong="H3068" iron|strong="H1270" chariots|strong="H7393".

20 Moses|strong="H4872" had|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" land near|strong="H8033" Hebron|strong="H2275" to|strong="H1696" Caleb|strong="H3612", so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" land was|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1696" Caleb's|strong="H3612" family. The|strong="H0853" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Caleb|strong="H3612" forced the|strong="H0853" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Anak<sup>III</sup> to|strong="H1696" leave|strong="H3423" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H5414".

21 The|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144" could|strong="H2088" not|strong="H3808" force the|strong="H0853" Jebusites|strong="H2983" to|strong="H5704" leave|strong="H3423" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". So|strong="H3808" even|strong="H5704" today|strong="H3117",<sup>IV</sup> the|strong="H0853" Jebusites|strong="H2983" live|strong="H3427" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144" in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

#### Joseph's Descendants|strong="H1121" Capture Bethel

22 The|strong="H3068" descendants of|strong="H1004" Joseph|strong="H3130" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H3068" fight against|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3068" city of|strong="H1004" Bethel|strong="H1008", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H1992".<sup>23</sup>

III THREE SONS OF ANAK Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, mentioned above in verse 10. IV EVEN TODAY That is, at the time the book was written.

They sent some spies to the city of Bethel ( which was called Luz).<sup>24</sup> While spies were watching saw a man come out of the city. They said to the man, " Show us a secret way into the city. If you help us, we will not hurt you."

<sup>25</sup> The man showed the spies the secret way into the city. The men of Joseph used their swords to kill the people of Bethel. But they did not hurt the man who helped them or anyone in his family. The man and his family were allowed to go free.<sup>26</sup> He went to the land where the Hitites lived and built a city. He named Luz, and that is still called Luz today.

### Other Tribes Fight the Canaanites

<sup>27</sup> There were Canaanites living in the cities of Beth Shean, Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, Megiddo, and the small towns around the cities. The people from the tribe of Manasseh could not force those people to leave their towns. So the Canaanites stayed. They refused to leave their homes.

<sup>28</sup> Later, the Israelites grew stronger and forced the Canaanites to work for them. But the Israelites could not force all the Canaanites to leave their land.

<sup>29</sup> There were Canaanites living in Gezer. And the Ephraimites did not make all the Canaanites leave their land. So they continued to live in Gezer with the Ephraimites.

<sup>30</sup> Some Canaanites lived in the cities of Kitron and Nahalol. The people of Zebulun did not force those people to leave their land. They

stayed |strong="H3427" and |strong="H3427" lived |strong="H3427" with |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3427" Zebulun |strong="H2074". But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3427" Zebulun |strong="H2074" made |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853" work as |strong="H1961" slaves.

<sup>31</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3427" Asher |strong="H0836" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force the |strong="H0853" other people |strong="H3427" to |strong="H3427" leave |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" cities of |strong="H3427" Acco |strong="H5910", Sidon |strong="H6721", Ahlab |strong="H0303", Aczib |strong="H0392", Helbah |strong="H2462", Apeh |strong="H0663", and |strong="H3427" Rehob |strong="H7340". <sup>32</sup> The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0776" Asher did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force those |strong="H3588" Canaanites |strong="H3669" to |strong="H0776" leave |strong="H3423" their |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776", so |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3588" Canaanites |strong="H3669" continued to |strong="H0776" live |strong="H3427" with |strong="H3427" them |strong="H3423".

<sup>33</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0776" Naphtali |strong="H5321" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" to |strong="H1961" leave |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" cities of |strong="H0776" Beth Shemesh and |strong="H0776" Beth Anath, so |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0776" Naphtali |strong="H5321" continued |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" live |strong="H3427" with |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" those |strong="H0853" cities. Those |strong="H0853" Canaanites |strong="H3669" worked as |strong="H1961" slaves for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0776" Naphtali |strong="H5321".

<sup>34</sup> The |strong="H0853" Amorites |strong="H0567" forced |strong="H3905" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835" to |strong="H3381" live in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022". They |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" to |strong="H3381" stay in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" hills |strong="H2022" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Amorites |strong="H0567" would not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" come |strong="H3381"

down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" live in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" valleys |strong="H6010". <sup>35</sup> The |strong="H1961" Amorites |strong="H0567" decided to |strong="H1961" stay |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Mount |strong="H2022" Heres |strong="H2776", Aijalon |strong="H0357", and |strong="H3027" Shaal-bim |strong="H8169". Later |strong="H1961", when |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" descendants of |strong="H1004" Joseph |strong="H3130" grew |strong="H3513" stronger, they |strong="H3027" made |strong="H3513" the |strong="H1961" Amorites |strong="H0567" work as |strong="H1961" slaves for |strong="H3027" them |strong="H3027". <sup>36</sup> The |strong="H4605" land |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1366" the |strong="H4605" Amorites |strong="H0567" was |strong="H1366" from |strong="H1366" Scorpion Pass to |strong="H4605" Sela |strong="H5553" and |strong="H5553" up |strong="H4605" into the |strong="H4605" hill country past |strong="H4605" Sela |strong="H5553".

#### The Angel of the Lord at Bokim

**2** The |strong="H0853" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0776" Bokim |strong="H1066" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0776" Gilgal |strong="H1537". The |strong="H0853" angel |strong="H4397" spoke |strong="H0559" this |strong="H0834" message |strong="H3068" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Israelites: " I |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H0935" led |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" break |strong="H6565" my |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H0834". <sup>2</sup> But |strong="H3808" in |strong="H3427" return, you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3808" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1285" the |strong="H8085" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427"



in|strong="H3427" that|strong="H8085" land|strong="H0776". You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H6213" their|strong="H8085" altars|strong="H4196". I|strong="H0776" told|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0859" that|strong="H8085", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0859" didn't|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8085" me|strong="H6963".

<sup>3</sup> " Now|strong="H1961" I|strong="H1571" will|strong="H0430" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H6440" this, ' I|strong="H1571" will|strong="H0430" not|strong="H3808" force the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H6654" people|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" leave this land|strong="H6440" any|strong="H1571" longer|strong="H3808". These people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0430" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" problem for|strong="H0430" you|strong="H6440". They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" trap|strong="H4170" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H6440". Their|strong="H6440" false gods|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" become|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" net to|strong="H0559" trap|strong="H4170" you|strong="H6440"."

<sup>4</sup> After|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" angel|strong="H4397" gave|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" this|strong="H0428" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" cried|strong="H1058" loudly|strong="H6963". <sup>5</sup> So|strong="H7121" they|strong="H8033" named|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3068" place|strong="H4725" Bokim|strong="H1066". <sup>1</sup> There|strong="H8033" they|strong="H8033" offered|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2076" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".

#### Disobedience and|strong="H3068" Defeat

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Joshua|strong="H3091" told the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H3478" go|strong="H7971" home|strong="H0776", so|strong="H7971" each|strong="H0376" tribe went|strong="H0376" to|strong="H3478" take|strong="H3423" their|strong="H7971" area|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" land|strong="H0776". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" served|strong="H5647" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" as|strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> BOKIM This name means "people crying."

long|strong="H3117" as|strong="H0834" Joshua|strong="H3091" was|strong="H0834" alive|strong="H7200", and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H0834" continued serving|strong="H5647" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" lifetimes|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205" who|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H0310" after|strong="H0310" Joshua|strong="H3091" had|strong="H3068" died. These|strong="H3605" old|strong="H2205" men|strong="H5971" had|strong="H3068" seen|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" great|strong="H1419" things|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". <sup>8</sup> Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126", the|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068", died|strong="H4191" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" age|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" 110 years|strong="H8141". <sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites buried|strong="H6912" Joshua on|strong="H2022" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H2022" he|strong="H0853" had|strong="H0853" been given. That|strong="H2022" was|strong="H1366" at|strong="H6912" Timnath Heres, in|strong="H6912" the|strong="H0853" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Ephraim|strong="H0669", north|strong="H6828" of|strong="H2022" Mount|strong="H2022" Gaash|strong="H1608".

<sup>10</sup> After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H0834" whole|strong="H3605" generation|strong="H1755" died, the|strong="H3605" next|strong="H0312" generation|strong="H1755" grew up|strong="H6965". This|strong="H1931" new generation|strong="H1755" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" about|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" or|strong="H3808" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". <sup>11</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" did|strong="H6213" something very evil|strong="H7451" before|strong="H5869" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H3068" began serving|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" false god|strong="H3068" Baal|strong="H1168". <sup>12</sup> It|strong="H5439" was|strong="H0834"

the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068", the *strong*="H0853" God *strong*="H0430" their *strong*="H3068" ancestors *strong*="H0001" worshiped *strong*="H7812", who *strong*="H0834" had *strong*="H3068" brought *strong*="H3318" the *strong*="H0853" Israelites out *strong*="H3318" of *strong*="H0776" Egypt *strong*="H4714". But *strong*="H5800" they *strong*="H0834" stopped following *strong*="H0310" him *strong*="H0853" and *strong*="H3068" began to *strong*="H3068" worship *strong*="H7812" the *strong*="H0853" false gods *strong*="H0430" of *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H0853" people *strong*="H5971" living around *strong*="H5439" them *strong*="H0853". This *strong*="H0834" made *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" angry *strong*="H3707". <sup>13</sup> The *strong*="H0853" Israelites stopped following the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" and *strong*="H3068" began worshiping *strong*="H5647" Baal *strong*="H1168" and *strong*="H3068" Ashtoreth.

<sup>14</sup> The *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" was *strong*="H3068" angry *strong*="H2734" with *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" Israelites *strong*="H3478", so *strong*="H5414" he *strong*="H3068" let *strong*="H5414" enemies *strong*="H0341" attack them *strong*="H5414" and *strong*="H3068" take *strong*="H5414" their *strong*="H3068" possessions. He *strong*="H3068" let *strong*="H5414" their *strong*="H3068" enemies *strong*="H0341" who *strong*="H3068" lived around *strong*="H5439" them *strong*="H5414" defeat *strong*="H5414" them *strong*="H5414". The *strong*="H0853" Israelites *strong*="H3478" could *strong*="H3201" not *strong*="H3808" protect themselves from *strong*="H6440" their *strong*="H3068" enemies *strong*="H0341". <sup>15</sup> When *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H3605" Israelites went *strong*="H3318" out *strong*="H3318" to *strong*="H1696" fight, they *strong*="H0834" always lost. They *strong*="H0834" lost because *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" was *strong*="H1961" not *strong*="H1961" on *strong*="H3068" their *strong*="H3605" side *strong*="H3027". He *strong*="H0834" had *strong*="H3068" already warned *strong*="H1696" them *strong*="H3318" that *strong*="H0834" they *strong*="H0834" would *strong*="H3068" lose if *strong*="H0834" they *strong*="H0834" served *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H3605" gods of *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H0834" living around *strong*="H3027" them *strong*="H3318". The *strong*="H3605" Israelites suffered *strong*="H3334" very *strong*="H3966" much *strong*="H3027".

<sup>16</sup> Then *strong*="H6965" the *strong*="H3068" LORD *strong*="H3068" chose leaders *strong*="H8199"

called judges *strong*="H8199". These leaders *strong*="H8199" saved *strong*="H3467" the *strong*="H3068" Israelites from *strong*="H3027" the *strong*="H3068" enemies *strong*="H6965" who *strong*="H3068" took their *strong*="H3068" possessions. <sup>17</sup> But *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H0834" Israelites did *strong*="H6213" not *strong*="H3808" listen *strong*="H8085" to *strong*="H0413" their *strong*="H3068" judges *strong*="H8199". The *strong*="H0834" Israelites were *strong*="H0834" not *strong*="H3808" faithful to *strong*="H0413" God *strong*="H0430"— they *strong*="H0834" followed *strong*="H0310" other *strong*="H0312" gods *strong*="H0430". <sup>1</sup> In *strong*="H1980" the *strong*="H0834" past *strong*="H5493", the *strong*="H0834" ancestors *strong*="H0001" of *strong*="H0430" the *strong*="H0834" Israelites obeyed *strong*="H8085" the *strong*="H0834" LORD'S *strong*="H3068" commands *strong*="H4687". But *strong*="H3588" now *strong*="H1571" the *strong*="H0834" Israelites changed and *strong*="H1980" stopped *strong*="H5493" obeying *strong*="H8085" the *strong*="H0834" Lord *strong*="H3068".

<sup>18</sup> Many times *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3605" enemies *strong*="H0341" of *strong*="H3068" Israel did *strong*="H3117" bad things *strong*="H3605" to *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H3605" people, so *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H3605" Israelites would *strong*="H3068" cry for *strong*="H3588" help *strong*="H3467". And *strong*="H6965" each *strong*="H3605" time *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" felt sorry *strong*="H5162" for *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H3605" people and *strong*="H6965" sent *strong*="H3027" a *strong*="H1961" judge *strong*="H8199" to *strong*="H1961" save *strong*="H3467" them *strong*="H6440" from *strong*="H6440" their *strong*="H3605" enemies *strong*="H0341". The *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" was *strong*="H1961" always *strong*="H3117" with *strong*="H5973" those *strong*="H3605" judges *strong*="H8199". Each *strong*="H3605" time *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3605" Israelites were *strong*="H1961" saved *strong*="H3467" from *strong*="H6440" their *strong*="H3605" enemies *strong*="H0341". <sup>19</sup> But *strong*="H3808" when *strong*="H1961" each judge *strong*="H8199" died *strong*="H4191", the *strong*="H0310" Israelites again *strong*="H7725" sinned and *strong*="H0430" started *strong*="H1961" worshiping *strong*="H7812" the *strong*="H0310" false gods *strong*="H0430". They *strong*="H3808" acted *strong*="H7843" worse than *strong*="H3808" their *strong*="H7725" ancestors *strong*="H0001" did *strong*="H3808". The *strong*="H0310" Israelites

<sup>1</sup> WERE NOT FAITHFUL ... GODS Literally, "acted like a prostitute with other gods."

were **very stubborn** and **refused** to **change** their **evil ways**.

<sup>20</sup> So **the** **LORD** **became** **angry** **with** **the** **Israelites**, and **he** **said**, "This **nation** **has** **broken** **the** **agreement** **that** **I** **made** **with** **their** **ancestors**. They **have** **not** **listened** **me**.<sup>21</sup> So **I** **will** **no** **longer** **defeat** **the** **nations** **and** **clear** **the** **way** **for** **the** **Israelites**. Those **nations** **still** **in** **this** **land** **when** **Joshua** **died**, and **I** **will** **let** **in** **this** **land**.<sup>22</sup> **I** **will** **use** **them** **to** **test** **the** **Israelites**. **I** **will** **see** **if** **the** **Israelites** **can** **keep** **the** **LORD'S** **commands** **as** **their** **ancestors** **did**."<sup>23</sup> **The** **LORD** **allowed** **those** **nations** **to** **stay** **in** **the** **land**. **He** **did** **not** **quickly** **force** **them** **to** **leave** **the** **country**. **He** **did** **not** **help** **Joshua's** **army** **defeat** **them**.

**3** The LORD did not force all the other nations to leave Israel's land. He wanted to test the Is-

raelites. None of the Israelites living at this time had fought in the wars to take the land of Canaan. So he let those other nations stay in their country. (He did this to teach the Israelites who had not fought in those wars.) These are the nations the Lord left in the land:<sup>3</sup> **the** **five** **rulers** **of** **the** **Philistines**, **all** **the** **Canaanites**, **the** **people** **of** **Sidon**, and **the** **Hivites** **who** **lived** **in** **Lebanon** **mountains** **from** **Mount** **Baal Hermon** **to** **Lebo Hamath**.<sup>4</sup> **He** **left** **those** **nations** **in** **the** **land** **to** **test** **the** **Israelites**. **He** **wanted** **to** **see** **if** **the** **Israelites** **would** **obey** **the** **LORD'S** **commands** **that** **he** **had** **given** **to** **their** **ancestors** **through** **Moses**.

<sup>5</sup> **The** **Israelites** **lived** **with** **the** **Canaanites**, **Hittites**, **Amorites**, **Perizzites**, **Hivites**, and **Je-busites**.<sup>6</sup> **The** **Israelites** **began** **to** **marry** **the** **daughters** **of** **those** **people**. **They** **allowed** **their** **own** **daughters** **to** **marry** **the** **sons** **of** **those** **people**. **The** **Israelites** **also** **began** **to** **worship** **their** **gods**.

#### Othniel, the **First Judge**

<sup>7</sup> **The** **LORD** **saw** **that** **the** **Israelites** **did**

evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3478". They|strong="H3068" forgot|strong="H7911" about the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H1121" served|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" false gods|strong="H0430" Baal|strong="H1168" and|strong="H1121" Asherah|strong="H0842".<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478", so|strong="H3027" he|strong="H3068" allowed|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4428" Cushan Rishathaim of|strong="H1121" Aram Naharaim<sup>I</sup> to|strong="H3068" defeat the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H3068" rule|strong="H3027" over|strong="H3027" them|strong="H0853". The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" under|strong="H3027" that|strong="H3068" king's|strong="H4428" rule|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" eight|strong="H8083" years|strong="H8141".<sup>9</sup> But|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" cried|strong="H2199" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" help|strong="H3467", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" sent a|strong="H4480" man|strong="H1121" named Othniel|strong="H6274" to|strong="H0413" save|strong="H3467" them|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kenaz|strong="H7073", who|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" Caleb's|strong="H3612" younger|strong="H6996" brother|strong="H0251". Othniel|strong="H6274" saved|strong="H3467" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478".<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0853" Spirit|strong="H7307" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" filled Othniel, and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" became|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". He|strong="H3068" led|strong="H8199" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H1961" war|strong="H4421". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" helped|strong="H3027" Othniel defeat|strong="H5414" King|strong="H4428" Cushan Rishathaim of|strong="H4428" Aram|strong="H0758".<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" was|strong="H0776" at|strong="H4191" peace|strong="H8252"

I ARAM NAHARAIM The area in northern Syria between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

for|strong="H0776" 40 years|strong="H8141", until Othniel|strong="H6274" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kenaz|strong="H7073" died|strong="H4191".

### Ehud, the|strong="H0776" Judge

<sup>12</sup> Again|strong="H3254" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" did|strong="H6213" things|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" considered evil|strong="H7451", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" saw them|strong="H0853" doing|strong="H6213" these things|strong="H3478". So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H6213" King|strong="H4428" Eglon|strong="H5700" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124" power|strong="H2388" to|strong="H5921" defeat the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478".<sup>13</sup> Eglon got help from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Amalekites|strong="H6002". They|strong="H5221" joined him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" attacked|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". Eglon and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5221" army|strong="H0622" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" forced them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" leave|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Palm|strong="H8558" Trees|strong="H8558".<sup>14</sup> King|strong="H4428" Eglon|strong="H5700" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124" ruled|strong="H4428" over|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" for|strong="H4428" 18 years|strong="H8141".

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" cried|strong="H2199" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" help|strong="H3467", so|strong="H7971" he|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H7971" man|strong="H0376" named Ehud|strong="H0164" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gera|strong="H1617" to|strong="H0413" save|strong="H3467" them|strong="H0413". Ehud|strong="H0164" was|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H1121" Benjamin and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H3068" trained to|strong="H0413" fight with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3068" left|strong="H6965" hand|strong="H3027". The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478"

II CITY OF PALM TREES Another name for Jericho.

sent |strong="H7971" Ehud |strong="H0164" with |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7971" gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Eglon |strong="H5700" of |strong="H1121" Moab |strong="H4124".<sup>16</sup> Ehud |strong="H0164" made |strong="H6213" himself a |strong="H5921" sword |strong="H2719" with |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" sharp edges |strong="H6366" that |strong="H2719" was |strong="H0753" about |strong="H5921" 12 inches |strong="H0753" long |strong="H0753". He |strong="H6213" tied the |strong="H0853" sword |strong="H2719" to |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" right |strong="H3225" thigh |strong="H3409" and |strong="H2719" hid it |strong="H5921" under |strong="H8478" his |strong="H5921" uniform.

<sup>17</sup> So |strong="H3966" Ehud brought |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0376" King |strong="H4428" Eglon |strong="H5700" of |strong="H4428" Moab |strong="H4124". Eglon |strong="H5700" was |strong="H0376" a |strong="H7126" very |strong="H3966" fat |strong="H1277" man |strong="H0376".<sup>18</sup> After |strong="H1961" offering |strong="H4503" the |strong="H0853" gift |strong="H4503", Ehud |strong="H3615" left |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" palace with |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" gift |strong="H4503".<sup>19</sup> When |strong="H0834" Ehud reached |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" statues <sup>II</sup> near |strong="H5921" Gilgal |strong="H1537", he |strong="H0834" turned |strong="H7725" and |strong="H4428" went |strong="H3318" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Eglon |strong="H0559" and |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559", " King |strong="H4428", I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H4480" secret message |strong="H1697" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834"."

The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" told |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1697" quiet |strong="H2013" and |strong="H4428" then |strong="H3318" sent |strong="H3318" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" servants out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" room.<sup>20</sup> Ehud |strong="H0164" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H3678" Eglon |strong="H0559". The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H3678"

was |strong="H0834" sitting |strong="H3427" all |strong="H1697" alone |strong="H0905" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" upper |strong="H5944" room |strong="H5944" of |strong="H0430" his |strong="H5921" palace.

Then |strong="H6965" Ehud |strong="H0164" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0935" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0935" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834"." The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H3678" stood |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" from |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" throne |strong="H3678". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" very close to |strong="H0413" Ehud |strong="H0164".<sup>21</sup> As |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H5921" was |strong="H3027" getting up |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" throne, <sup>III</sup> Ehud |strong="H0164" reached |strong="H7971" with |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" left |strong="H8040" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" took |strong="H3947" out |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" sword |strong="H2719" that |strong="H3027" was |strong="H3027" tied to |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" right |strong="H3225" thigh |strong="H3409". Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0853" pushed the |strong="H0853" sword |strong="H2719" into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" king's belly |strong="H0990".<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H3588" sword |strong="H2719" went |strong="H3318" into |strong="H0935" Eglon's belly |strong="H0990" so |strong="H3808" far that |strong="H3588" even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3588" handle |strong="H5325" sank |strong="H3318" in |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" fat |strong="H2459" closed |strong="H5462" around |strong="H0310" it |strong="H3588". The |strong="H3588" point of |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" blade |strong="H3851" came |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" his |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0310". Ehud |strong="H3808" left |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3588" sword |strong="H2719" inside |strong="H0990" Eglon.<sup>23</sup> Then |strong="H3318" Ehud |strong="H0164" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1817" the |strong="H3318" private room |strong="H5944", closed |strong="H5462" the |strong="H3318" doors |strong="H1817" to |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" upper |strong="H5944" room |strong="H5944", and |strong="H3318" locked |strong="H5462" the |strong="H3318" king inside.<sup>24</sup> Ehud

I 12 INCHES Or 30 cm. Literally, "I gomed

II STATUES These were probably statues of gods or animals that "protected" the entrance to the city. Also in verse 26.

III HE WAS VERY CLOSE ... THRONE This section of the text is found in the ancient Greek version but not in the standard Hebrew text.

then the main room and the servants back in. The servants found the doors to the upper room locked, so they said, "The king must be relieving himself in his private toilet." <sup>25</sup> The servants waited for a long time, but the king never opened the doors to the upper room. Finally, the servants got worried. They got the key and unlocked the doors. When the servants entered, they saw their king lying dead on the floor.

<sup>26</sup> While the servants were waiting for the king, Ehud had time to escape. He passed the statues and went toward the place named Seirah. <sup>27</sup> When Ehud came to Seirah, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. The Israelites heard the trumpet and went down from the hills with Ehud leading them. <sup>28</sup> He said to

the Israelites, "Follow me! The LORD has helped us defeat our enemies, the Moabites."

So the Israelites followed Ehud. They went down with him to take control of the places where people cross the Jordan River into the land of Moab. The Israelites did not allow any one to go across the Jordan River into Moab. They killed about 10,000 brave men from Moab. Not one Moabite man escaped. <sup>30</sup> So on that day the Israelites began to rule over the Moabites, and there was peace in the land for 80 years.

#### Shamgar, the Judge

<sup>31</sup> After Ehud saved the Israelites, another man saved Israel. That man's name was Shamgar, son of Anath. <sup>1</sup> Shamgar used an ox goad

<sup>1</sup> ANATH The Canaanite goddess of war. Here, this might be Shamgar's father or mother, or it might mean "Shamgar the great soldier" or "Shamgar from the town of Anath."

to|strong="H1961" kill|strong="H5221" 600 Philistine|strong="H6430" men|strong="H0376".

### Deborah, the Judge

4 After Ehud|strong="H0164" died|strong="H4191", the|strong="H3068" people|strong="H1121" again|strong="H3254" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H7451" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" said was|strong="H3068" wrong|strong="H7451".<sup>2</sup> So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" allowed|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4428" Jabin|strong="H2985" of|strong="H4428" Canaan|strong="H3667" to|strong="H3068" defeat the|strong="H0834" Israelites. Jabin|strong="H2985" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H0834" city|strong="H1931" named Hazor|strong="H2674". A|strong="H0834" man named Sisera|strong="H5516" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Jabin's|strong="H2985" army|strong="H6635". Sisera|strong="H5516" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H0834" town called Harosheth Haggoyim.<sup>3</sup> Sisera|strong="H8672" had|strong="H3068" 900 iron|strong="H1270" chariots|strong="H7393", and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3068" very cruel to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" for|strong="H3588" 20 years|strong="H8141". So|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" cried|strong="H6817" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3588" help.<sup>4</sup> There was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3478" woman|strong="H0802" prophet named Deborah|strong="H1683". She|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" wife|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0802" a|strong="H3478" man named Lappidoth|strong="H3941". She|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3478" judge|strong="H8199" of|strong="H0802" Israel|strong="H3478" at|strong="H3478" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256".<sup>5</sup> One|strong="H1931" day Deborah|strong="H1683" was|strong="H3478" sitting|strong="H3427" under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H0413" Palm|strong="H8560" Tree|strong="H8560" of|strong="H1121" Deborah|strong="H1683", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" Israelites|strong="H3478" came|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" ask what|strong="H4941" to|strong="H0413" do about|strong="H0413" Sisera. (The|strong="H0413" Palm|strong="H8560" Tree|strong="H8560" of|strong="H1121" Debo-

rah|strong="H1683" is|strong="H1931" between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0413" cities of|strong="H1121" Ramah|strong="H7414" and|strong="H1121" Bethel|strong="H1008" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0413" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669".)<sup>6</sup> Deborah sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H3947" message|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3947" man|strong="H0376" named|strong="H7121" Barak|strong="H1301" and|strong="H1121" asked|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" come meet with|strong="H5973" her|strong="H0413". Barak|strong="H1301" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3947" man|strong="H0376" named|strong="H7121" Abinoam|strong="H0042". Barak|strong="H1301" lived in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" city of|strong="H1121" Kedesh|strong="H6943", which|strong="H2022" is|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" area|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1121" Naphtali|strong="H5321". Deborah said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Barak|strong="H1301", "The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", commands|strong="H6680" you|strong="H6680": 'Go|strong="H7971" and|strong="H1121" gather 10,000 men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" tribes of|strong="H1121" Naphtali|strong="H5321" and|strong="H1121" Zebulun|strong="H2074". Lead|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Mount|strong="H2022" Tabor|strong="H8396".<sup>7</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3027" make|strong="H5414" Sisera|strong="H5516", the|strong="H0853" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H3027" King Jabin's|strong="H2985" army|strong="H6635", come|strong="H6635" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3027" make|strong="H5414" Sisera|strong="H5516", his|strong="H5414" chariots|strong="H7393", and|strong="H3027" his|strong="H5414" army|strong="H6635" come|strong="H6635" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Kishon|strong="H7028" River|strong="H5158".<sup>1</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3027" help you|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" Sisera|strong="H5516" there."

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H1980" Barak|strong="H1301" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Deborah, "I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3808" go|strong="H1980" and|strong="H1980"

<sup>1</sup> KISHON RIVER A river about ten miles from Mount Tabor.

do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H0518"  
if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518"  
will|strong="H3808" go|strong="H1980"  
with|strong="H5973" me|strong="H0413".  
But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H1980"  
with|strong="H5973" me|strong="H0413",  
I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H1980"."

<sup>9</sup> " Of|strong="H3068" course|strong="H1870"  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"  
go|strong="H1980" with|strong="H5973"  
you|strong="H0859";" Deborah|strong="H1683" an-  
swered|strong="H0559". " But|strong="H3588" be-  
cause|strong="H3588" of|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" attitude|strong="H8597",  
you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" honored  
when|strong="H3588" Sisera|strong="H5516"  
is|strong="H0834" defeated. The|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" al-  
low|strong="H1980" a|strong="H1961"  
woman|strong="H0802" to|strong="H0559" defeat  
Sisera|strong="H5516"."

So|strong="H1980" Deborah|strong="H1683"  
went|strong="H1980" with|strong="H5973"  
Barak|strong="H1301" to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H3068"  
Kedesh|strong="H6943". <sup>10</sup> At|strong="H0376"  
the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H0376"  
Kedesh|strong="H6943", Barak|strong="H1301"  
called|strong="H2199" the|strong="H0853" tribes  
of|strong="H0376" Zebulun|strong="H2074"  
and|strong="H0376" Naphtali|strong="H5321" to-  
gether|strong="H2199". He|strong="H0853" gathered  
10,000 men|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0376" fol-  
low|strong="H7272" him|strong="H0853"  
from|strong="H0376" these tribes,  
and|strong="H0376" Deborah|strong="H1683" al-  
so|strong="H0853" went|strong="H5927"  
with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0853".

<sup>11</sup> There|strong="H5704" was|strong="H0834"  
a|strong="H0834" man|strong="H1121" named  
Heber|strong="H2268" who|strong="H0834"  
was|strong="H0834" from|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0834" Kenites|strong="H7017".  
The|strong="H0834" Kenites|strong="H7017"  
were|strong="H0834" descendants|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Moses'|strong="H4872" father-in-  
law|strong="H2859", <sup>1</sup> Hobab|strong="H2246".  
Heber|strong="H2268" had|strong="H0834"  
left|strong="H5186" the|strong="H0834" other Ken-  
ites|strong="H7017" and|strong="H1121"  
had|strong="H0834" made|strong="H0834"  
his|strong="H0834" home|strong="H0168"  
by|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> FATHER-IN-LAW Or possibly, "son-in-law."

oak|strong="H0436" tree in|strong="H1121" Zaanan-  
nim|strong="H6815", near|strong="H0854"  
the|strong="H0834" city of|strong="H1121"  
Kedesh|strong="H6943".

<sup>12</sup> Someone told|strong="H5046" Sis-  
era|strong="H5516" that|strong="H3588"  
Barak|strong="H1301" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Abinoam|strong="H0042"  
was|strong="H1121" at|strong="H1121"  
Mount|strong="H2022" Tabor|strong="H8396". <sup>13</sup>  
So|strong="H0834" Sisera|strong="H5516" gathered  
his|strong="H3605" 900 iron|strong="H1270" chari-  
ots|strong="H7393" and|strong="H3967"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
men|strong="H5971" with|strong="H0854"  
him|strong="H0413", and|strong="H3967"  
they|strong="H0834" marched from|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H3605"  
Harosheth Haggoyim to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" Kishon|strong="H7028" Riv-  
er|strong="H5158".

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Deborah|strong="H1683"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
Barak|strong="H1301", " Today|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" help|strong="H6965"  
you|strong="H0834" defeat|strong="H5414" Sis-  
era|strong="H5516". Surely|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H0834" know that|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" already cleared  
the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H2088"  
for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834"."  
So|strong="H5414" Barak|strong="H1301"  
led|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" 10,000  
men|strong="H0376" down|strong="H3381"  
from|strong="H3318" Mount|strong="H2022" Ta-  
bor|strong="H8396". <sup>15</sup> Barak|strong="H1301"  
and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605"  
men|strong="H3605" attacked Sis-  
era|strong="H5516". During|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" battle, the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" confused|strong="H2000" Sis-  
era|strong="H5516" and|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H4264"  
and|strong="H3068" chariots|strong="H7393".  
They|strong="H5921" did not know  
what|strong="H6310" to|strong="H3381"  
do|strong="H3381". Barak|strong="H1301"  
and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605"  
men|strong="H3605" defeated Sis-  
era's|strong="H5516" army|strong="H4264",  
but|strong="H5127" Sisera|strong="H5516"  
left|strong="H3381" his|strong="H3605" chari-  
ot|strong="H4818" and|strong="H3068"  
ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127"  
on|strong="H5921" foot|strong="H7272". <sup>16</sup>  
Barak|strong="H1301" continued fighting Sis-



era's army and his men chased Sisera's chariots and army the way to Harosheth Haggoyim. They used their swords to kill all of Sisera's men. Not one of Sisera's men was left alive.

<sup>17</sup> But Sisera ran away to the tent where a woman named Jael lived. Jael was her wife of Heber the Kenite. His family was at peace with King Jabin of Hazor. That is why Sisera ran to Jael's tent. <sup>18</sup> Jael saw him coming, so she went out to meet him and said, "Sir, come into my tent. Don't be afraid." So Sisera went into Jael's tent, and she covered him with a blanket.

<sup>19</sup> But first, Sisera asked Jael for a drink of water. Jael had some milk in a bottle

made from animal skin. So she gave him a drink of milk and then covered him up.

<sup>20</sup> Then Sisera said to Jael, "Go stand at the entrance of the tent. If anyone comes by and asks you, 'Is anyone there?' say, 'No.'

<sup>21</sup> But Jael found a peg and a hammer. She quietly went to Sisera. Sisera was very tired, so he was sleeping. She put the tent peg on the side of Sisera's head and hit it with a hammer. The tent peg went through the side of his head and into the ground. Sisera died.

<sup>22</sup> Just then Barak came by Jael's tent, looking for Sisera. Jael went out to meet Barak and said, "Come in here, and I will show you the man you are looking

for|strong="H0413"." So|strong="H3318"  
 Barak|strong="H1301" entered|strong="H0935"  
 the|strong="H0853" tent|strong="H3489"  
 with|strong="H0413" Jael|strong="H3278".  
 There|strong="H2009" Barak|strong="H1301" found  
 Sisera|strong="H5516" lying|strong="H5307"  
 dead|strong="H4191" on|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H0853" ground, with|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H0853" tent|strong="H3489"  
 peg|strong="H3489" through|strong="H0935"  
 the|strong="H0853" side of|strong="H0376"  
 his|strong="H0834" head|strong="H5307".  
 23 On|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117"  
 day|strong="H3117" God|strong="H0430" defeated  
 King|strong="H4428" Jabin|strong="H2985"  
 of|strong="H1121" Canaan|strong="H3667"  
 for|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" Is-  
 raelites|strong="H3478". 24 So|strong="H1980"  
 the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" be-  
 came|strong="H1980" stronger and|strong="H1980"  
 stronger until|strong="H5704" they|strong="H0834"  
 defeated King|strong="H4428" Jabin|strong="H2985"  
 of|strong="H1121" Canaan|strong="H3667".  
 The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" final-  
 ly|strong="H5704" destroyed|strong="H3772"  
 him|strong="H5921".

### The Song of Deborah

5 <sup>I</sup> On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559"  
 day|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117"  
 the|strong="H0559" Israelites defeated Sisera, Debo-  
 rah|strong="H1683" and|strong="H1121"  
 Barak|strong="H1301" son|strong="H1121"  
 of|strong="H1121" Abinoam|strong="H0042"  
 sang|strong="H7891" this|strong="H1931"  
 song|strong="H7891":  
 2 " The|strong="H3068" men|strong="H5971"  
 of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" prepared  
 for|strong="H3068" battle. II  
 They|strong="H3068" volunteered|strong="H5068"  
 to|strong="H3068" go to|strong="H3068" war.  
 Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H3068"  
 LORD|strong="H3068"!  
 3 " Listen|strong="H8085", kings|strong="H4428".  
 Pay|strong="H8085" attention|strong="H8085",  
 rulers|strong="H7336".  
 I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068"  
 sing|strong="H2167".  
 I|strong="H0595" myself|strong="H0595"  
 will|strong="H3068" sing|strong="H2167"  
 to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085"  
 LORD|strong="H3068".

I CHAPTER 5 This is a very old song, and many of the lines are hard to understand in the Hebrew text. II THE MEN ... BATTLE This might also mean "When leaders led in Israel" or "When men wore long hair in Israel." Soldiers often dedicated their hair as a special gift to God.

I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068"  
 make|strong="H8085" music to|strong="H3068"  
 the|strong="H8085" LORD|strong="H3068",  
 to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085"  
 God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428"  
 the|strong="H8085" Israelites|strong="H3478".  
 4 " LORD|strong="H3068", in|strong="H3068"  
 the|strong="H3068" past you|strong="H0776"  
 came|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318"  
 Seir|strong="H8165". III

You|strong="H0776" marched|strong="H6805"  
 from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3068"  
 land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776"  
 Edom|strong="H0123".

You|strong="H0776" marched|strong="H6805"  
 and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
 earth|strong="H0776" shook|strong="H7493".

The|strong="H3068" skies rained.

The|strong="H3068" clouds|strong="H5645"  
 dropped|strong="H5197" water|strong="H4325".

5 The|strong="H6440" mountains|strong="H2022"  
 shook before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440"  
 LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H6440"  
 God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430"  
 Mount|strong="H2022" Sinai|strong="H5514",  
 before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440"  
 LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H6440"  
 God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478".

6 " In|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3117"  
 days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" Sham-  
 gar|strong="H8044" son|strong="H1121"  
 of|strong="H1121" Anath|strong="H6067", IV  
 and|strong="H1980" in|strong="H1980"  
 the|strong="H3117" days|strong="H3117"  
 of|strong="H1121" Jael|strong="H3278",  
 the|strong="H3117" main roads  
 were|strong="H1121" empty.

Caravans|strong="H0734" and|strong="H1980"  
 travelers|strong="H1980" traveled|strong="H1980"  
 on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117"  
 back|strong="H1980" roads.

7 " There|strong="H5704" were|strong="H3478"  
 no|strong="H2308" soldiers in|strong="H3478" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478"  
 until|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5704" came,  
 Deborah|strong="H1683",

until|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5704" came  
 to|strong="H5704" be|strong="H3478"  
 a|strong="H5704" mother|strong="H0517"  
 to|strong="H5704" Israel|strong="H3478". V

8 " God|strong="H0430" chose|strong="H0977"  
 new|strong="H2319" leaders

III SEIR Another name for the land of Edom. IV SHAMGAR SON OF ANATH A judge of Israel. See Judges 3:31. V UNTIL YOU ... TO ISRAEL OR "until I came, Deborah, until I came, mother of Israel." Or "until I established you, Deborah, until I established you, mother of Israel."

to|strong="H3478" fight at|strong="H3478" the|strong="H7200" city|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179".<sup>I</sup>

No|strong="H0518" one|strong="H0518" could find|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" shield|strong="H4043" or|strong="H0518" a|strong="H7200" spear|strong="H7420" among|strong="H3478" the|strong="H7200" 40,000 soldiers of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>9</sup> " My|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3820" is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" commanders|strong="H2710" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478".

They|strong="H3068" volunteered|strong="H5068" to|strong="H3068" go to|strong="H3068" war.

Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"!

<sup>10</sup> "Pay attention|strong="H1870" you|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3427" riding|strong="H7392" on|strong="H5921" white|strong="H6715" donkeys|strong="H0860", sitting|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" saddle|strong="H3427" blankets,<sup>II</sup>

and|strong="H1980" walking|strong="H1980" along|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" road|strong="H1870".

<sup>11</sup> At|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3068" watering|strong="H4857" holes for|strong="H8033" the|strong="H3068" animals,

we|strong="H8033" hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3068" music of|strong="H3068" cymbals.

People|strong="H5971" sing about|strong="H8033" the|strong="H3068" victories of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068",

the|strong="H3068" victories of|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" soldiers|strong="H5971" in|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478"

when|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" fought at|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3068" city|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179" and|strong="H3068" won!

<sup>12</sup> " Wake|strong="H5782" up|strong="H6965", wake|strong="H5782" up|strong="H6965", Deborah|strong="H1683"!

Wake|strong="H5782" up|strong="H6965", wake|strong="H5782" up|strong="H6965", sing|strong="H1696" the|strong="H1696" song|strong="H7892"!

Get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965", Barak|strong="H1301"!

Go|strong="H6965" capture|strong="H7617" your|strong="H6965" enemies|strong="H6965",

son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Abinoam|strong="H0042"!

<sup>13</sup> " Now|strong="H0227", survivors|strong="H8300", go to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" leaders.

People|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068", come with|strong="H3068" me and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" soldiers|strong="H5971".

<sup>14</sup> " The|strong="H4480" men|strong="H5971" of|strong="H7626" Ephraim|strong="H0669" came|strong="H3381" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" hill country of|strong="H7626" Amalek|strong="H6002".<sup>III</sup>

Benjamin|strong="H1144", those|strong="H4480" men|strong="H5971" followed|strong="H0310" you|strong="H4480" and|strong="H3381" your|strong="H4480" people|strong="H5971".

And|strong="H3381" there were|strong="H0669" commanders|strong="H2710" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" family of|strong="H7626" Makir|strong="H4353".<sup>IV</sup>

Leaders|strong="H2710" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H7626" Zebulun|strong="H2074" came|strong="H3381" with|strong="H3381" their|strong="H0310" bronze clubs.

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H7971" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Issachar|strong="H3485" were|strong="H7272" with|strong="H5973" Deborah|strong="H1683".

The|strong="H7971" family of|strong="H8269" Issachar|strong="H3485" was|strong="H3820" true|strong="H3651" to|strong="H7971" Barak|strong="H1301".

Those|strong="H5973" men|strong="H1419" marched|strong="H5973" to|strong="H7971" the|strong="H7971" valley|strong="H6010" on|strong="H7971" foot|strong="H7272".

" Reuben|strong="H7205", there are|strong="H7272" many|strong="H1419" brave soldiers in|strong="H1419" your|strong="H7971" army|strong="H6010" groups.

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="H3427" why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H4100" sit|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" against|strong="H3427" the|strong="H8085" walls of|strong="H3427" your|strong="H8085" sheep pens?<sup>V</sup>

The|strong="H8085" brave soldiers of|strong="H3427" Reuben|strong="H7205" thought|strong="H3820" hard|strong="H1419" about|strong="H8085" war.

But|strong="H8085" they|strong="H4100" stayed|strong="H3427" home listen-

<sup>I</sup> GOD CHOSE ... GATES Or "They chose to follow new gods. So they had to fight at their city gates." The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. <sup>II</sup> SADDLE BLANKETS The meaning of this Hebrew word is uncertain.

<sup>III</sup> HILL COUNTRY OF AMALEK The area settled by the tribe of Ephraim. See Judges 12:15. <sup>IV</sup> MAKIR This family was part of the tribe of Manasseh that settled in the area east of the Jordan River. <sup>V</sup> WALLS OF YOUR SHEEP PENS Or "campfires" or "saddlebags."

ing |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085"  
the |strong="H8085" music they |strong="H4100"  
played for |strong="H3427" their |strong="H8085"  
sheep.

17 The |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3427"  
of |strong="H3427" Gilead |strong="H1568"<sup>I</sup>  
stayed |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
their |strong="H5921" camps on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" other |strong="H5676"  
side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H3427"  
the |strong="H5921" Jordan |strong="H3383" River.

As |strong="H3427" for |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H5921", people |strong="H3427"  
of |strong="H3427" Dan |strong="H1835",  
why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100"  
you |strong="H5921" stay |strong="H3427"  
by |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921"  
ships |strong="H0591"?

The |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3427"  
of |strong="H3427" Asher |strong="H0836" re-  
mained |strong="H3427" by |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" sea |strong="H3220",  
camped |strong="H7931" near |strong="H5921"  
their |strong="H5921" safe harbors.

18 " But |strong="H4191" the |strong="H5921"  
men |strong="H5971" of |strong="H5921" Zebu-  
lun |strong="H2074" and |strong="H7704" Naph-  
tali |strong="H5321" risked their |strong="H5921"  
lives |strong="H5315"

fighting on |strong="H5921" those |strong="H5921"  
hills.

19 The |strong="H5921" kings |strong="H4428"  
of |strong="H4428" Canaan |strong="H3667"  
came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
fight |strong="H3898",

but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H5921"  
didn't |strong="H3808" carry |strong="H3947"  
any |strong="H3808" treasures home.

They |strong="H5921" fought |strong="H3898"  
at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" city  
of |strong="H4428" Taanach |strong="H8590",

by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" wa-  
ters |strong="H4325" of |strong="H4428" Megid-  
do |strong="H4023".

20 The |strong="H4480" stars |strong="H3556"  
fought |strong="H3898" them |strong="H4480"  
from |strong="H4480" heaven |strong="H8064".

From |strong="H4480" their |strong="H4480" paths  
across the |strong="H4480" sky |strong="H8064",  
they |strong="H4546" fought |strong="H3898"  
against |strong="H5973" Sisera |strong="H5516".

21 The |strong="H1869" Kishon |strong="H7028" Riv-  
er |strong="H5158", that |strong="H5315" an-  
cient |strong="H6917" river |strong="H5158",  
swept |strong="H1640" Sisera's men  
away |strong="H1640".

My |strong="H5315" soul |strong="H5315",  
march |strong="H1869" on |strong="H1869"  
with |strong="H5315" strength |strong="H5797"! II

22 The |strong="H0227" horses'  
hooves |strong="H6119" hammered  
the |strong="H0227" ground.

Sisera's mighty |strong="H0047" hors-  
es |strong="H5483" ran and ran.

23 " The |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397"  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559",  
' Curse |strong="H0779" the |strong="H0559" city  
of |strong="H3068" Meroz |strong="H4789".

Curse |strong="H0779" its |strong="H0935" peo-  
ple |strong="H3427"!

They |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0559" help |strong="H5833"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" fight.'

They |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" help |strong="H5833"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
against |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3068" power-  
ful |strong="H1368" enemies.

24 Jael |strong="H3278" was |strong="H0802"  
the |strong="H1288" wife |strong="H0802"  
of |strong="H0168" Heber |strong="H2268"  
the |strong="H1288" Kenite |strong="H7017".

She will |strong="H0802" be |strong="H1288"  
blessed |strong="H1288" above all |strong="H1288"  
women |strong="H0802".

25 Sisera asked |strong="H7592" for |strong="H4325"  
water |strong="H4325".

Jael gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414"  
milk |strong="H2461".

In |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414"  
bowl |strong="H5602" fit for |strong="H4325"  
a |strong="H5414" ruler,

she |strong="H5602" brought |strong="H7126"  
him |strong="H5414" cream.

26 Then |strong="H7971" Jael  
reached |strong="H7971" out |strong="H7971"  
and |strong="H3027" took a |strong="H7971"  
tent |strong="H3489" peg |strong="H3489".

Her |strong="H7971" right |strong="H3225"  
hand |strong="H3027" reached |strong="H7971"  
for |strong="H3027" a |strong="H7971" workman's  
hammer |strong="H1989".

She put |strong="H7971" the |strong="H7971"  
peg |strong="H3489" against |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H7971" side |strong="H3225"  
of |strong="H3027" Sisera's |strong="H5516"  
head |strong="H7218"

and |strong="H3027" hit it |strong="H7971"  
with |strong="H3027" the |strong="H7971" ham-  
mer |strong="H1989".

I GILEAD This area was east of the Jordan River.

II MY SOUL ... STRENGTH Or with some changes it could be, "His mighty charging horses marched forward."

27 He sank between Jael's feet.

He fell, and there he lay.

He sank down between her feet.

He fell there.

Where Sisera fell, and he

and there he lay, dead!

28 "There is Sisera's mother, looking out the

the window, looking through the curtains and crying.

'Why is Sisera's chariot so late?

Why can't I hear his wagons?

29 " Her wisest servant girl answers her.

Yes, the servant gives her an answer:

30 'I'm sure they won

and they are now taking things from the people they defeated.

They are dividing those things among

Each soldier is taking a girl or two.

Maybe Sisera found a piece of cloth dyed

That's it! Sisera found a piece of fancy cloth, or maybe two, to wear around his neck in victory.'

31 " May all your enemies

die like this! LORD!

But may all those who you love, as strong as the sun!

And there was in the land 40 years.

### The Midianites Fight Israel

6 Again the Israelites did what LORD said was wrong for seven years. LORD allowed the Midianites to defeat the Israelites.

2 The Midianites were very powerful and were cruel to the Israelites. So the Israelites made many hiding places in the mountains. They hid their food in caves and places that were hard to find. 3 They did that because the Midianites and Amalekites from the east always came and destroyed their crops. 4 They camped in the land and destroyed the crops that the Israelites had planted. They ruined the crops of the Israelites as far

the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0776" Gaza |strong="H5804". They |strong="H5921" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H7604" anything |strong="H3808" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0935" eat. They |strong="H5921" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H5704" leave |strong="H7604" them |strong="H0853" any |strong="H3808" sheep |strong="H7716", cattle |strong="H7794", or |strong="H3808" donkeys |strong="H2543".<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3588" Midianites came |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0935" their |strong="H1992" families, animals, and |strong="H0935" tents |strong="H0168". They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" swarm of |strong="H0776" locusts |strong="H0697"! They |strong="H1992" and |strong="H0935" their |strong="H1992" camels |strong="H1581" were |strong="H1992" too many |strong="H7230" to |strong="H0935" count |strong="H4557". They |strong="H1992" came |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" ruined |strong="H7843" it |strong="H3588".<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" became very |strong="H3966" poor because |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Midianites |strong="H4080". So |strong="H3966" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" cried |strong="H2199" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H0413" help.  
<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H5921" Midianites |strong="H4080" did all these bad things |strong="H1961", so |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478" cried |strong="H2199" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" help.<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" prophet |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": ' You |strong="H7971" were |strong="H3478" slaves |strong="H5650" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0595" made |strong="H5927"

I These verses do not appear in the oldest Hebrew copy of the book of Judges, the Dead Sea Scroll fragment, 4QJudgesA.

you |strong="H7971" free |strong="H7971" and |strong="H1121" brought |strong="H3318" you |strong="H7971" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3068" land.<sup>9</sup> I |strong="H5414" saved |strong="H5337" you |strong="H5414" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" powerful Egyptians |strong="H4713". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" Canaanites hurt you |strong="H5414", so |strong="H5414" I |strong="H5414" saved |strong="H5337" you |strong="H5414" again |strong="H6440". I |strong="H5414" made |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" leave their |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". And |strong="H0776" I |strong="H5414" gave |strong="H5414" their |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414":<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0589" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859", ' I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Amorites |strong="H0567", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" worship |strong="H3372" their |strong="H3068" false gods |strong="H0430". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H0805" me |strong="H6963"."

**The |strong="H0853" Angel of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" Visits Gideon |strong="H0559"**

<sup>11</sup> One time the angel of the LORD came to a place called Ophrah and sat under an oak tree. This oak tree belonged to a man named Joash from the Abiezer family. His son Gideon was beating some wheat <sup>II</sup> in a winepress. He was hiding so that the Midianites could not see the wheat. The angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon and said, "The LORD be with you, brave soldier."

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H6258" Gideon |strong="H1439" said |strong="H0559", "Pardon me |strong="H0413", sir |strong="H0113", but |strong="H3808" if |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H5414", why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" having |strong="H3808" so |strong="H5414" many |strong="H4100" troubles?"

II BEATING SOME WHEAT That is, separating the grains of wheat from the hulls. Usually this is done near the top of a hill.

We **H0834** heard that **H0834** he **H0834** did **H4100** wonderful **H6381** things **H3605** for **H0413** our **H3068** ancestors **H0001**. They **H0834** tell **H0559** us **H5414** that **H0834** the **H3605** LORD **H3068** took **H5927** them **H0413** out **H4100** of **H3068** Egypt **H4714**. But **H3808** now **H6258** it **H5414** seems **H3605** the **H3605** LORD **H3068** has **H3068** left **H5203** us **H5414** and **H3068** is **H0834** letting the **H3605** Midianites **H4080** defeat **H5414** us **H5414**."

<sup>14</sup> The **H0853** LORD **H3068** turned **H6437** toward **H0413** Gideon **H0559** and **H3068** said **H0559**, " Then **H2088** use **H7971** your **H3068** great power **H3581** and **H3068** go **H7971** save **H3467** the **H0853** Israelites **H3478** from **H3478** the **H0853** Midianites **H4080**. I **H2088** am **H3068** sending **H7971** you **H7971** to **H0413** save **H3467** them **H0413**."

<sup>15</sup> But **H2009** Gideon **H0559** answered **H0559** and **H3478** said **H0559**, "Pardon me **H0413**, sir. <sup>I</sup> How **H4100** can **H4100** I **H0595** save **H3467** Israel **H3478**? My **H3467** family **H1004** group is **H4100** the **H0853** weakest in **H0413** the **H0853** tribe of **H1004** Manasseh **H4519**, and **H3478** I **H0595** am **H0595** the **H0853** youngest **H6810** one **H6810** in **H0413** my **H3467** family **H1004**."

<sup>16</sup> The **H0853** LORD **H3068** answered **H0559** Gideon **H0559** and **H3068** said **H0559**, " I **H3588** will **H3068** be **H1961** with **H5973** you **H3588**, so **H1961** you **H3588** can **H0376** defeat **H5221** the **H0853** Midianites **H4080** as **H1961** easily as **H1961** if **H3588** they **H3588** were **H1961** on-

ly **H0259** one **H0259** man **H0376**."

<sup>17</sup> Then **H1696** Gideon **H0559** said **H0559** to **H0413** him **H0413**, " If **H0518** you **H0859** would **H0559**, please **H4994** give **H4994** me **H0413** some proof that **H0559** you **H0859** really **H0559** are **H5869** the **H0559** Lord. <sup>18</sup> Please **H4994** wait **H3427** here **H2088**. Don't **H0408** go **H3318** away **H7725** until **H5704** I **H0595** come **H0935** back **H7725** to **H0413** you **H6440**. Let **H4994** me **H0413** bring **H0935** my **H7725** offering **H4503** and **H0935** set **H0935** it **H7725** down **H3427** in **H3427** front **H6440** of **H3427** you **H6440**."

And **H0935** the **H0853** Lord said **H0559**, " I **H0595** will **H5704** wait **H3427** until **H5704** you **H6440** come **H0935** back **H7725**."

<sup>19</sup> So **H6213** Gideon **H1439** went **H3318** in **H0935** and **H0935** cooked a **H7760** young **H1423** goat **H5795** in **H0935** boiling water. He **H6213** also **H6213** took **H3318** about **H0413** 20 pounds <sup>II</sup> of **H8478** flour **H7058** and **H0935** made **H6213** bread **H4682** without yeast. Then **H3318** he **H6213** put **H7760** the **H0413** meat **H1320** into **H0413** a **H7760** basket **H5536** and **H0935** the **H0413** broth **H4839** from **H0935** the **H0413** meat **H1320** into **H0413** a **H7760** pot **H6517**. He **H6213** brought **H0935** out **H3318** the **H0413** meat **H1320**, the **H0413** broth **H4839**, and **H0935** the **H0413** bread **H4682** without yeast and **H0935** gave **H7760** them **H0413** to **H0413** the **H0413** Lord under **H8478** the **H0413** oak **H0424** tree.

I SIR Or "LORD," a title for God.

II 20 POUNDS Literally, "1 ephah" (22 l).

20 The **angel** **God** said **to** **Gideon**, " **Put** **the** **meat** **and** **the** **bread** **on** **that** **rock** **over** **there**. **Then** **pour** **the** **broth** **on** **it**. **Gideon** **did** **as** **he** **was** **told**.

21 The **angel** **LORD** **was** **walking** **in** **his** **hand** **touched** **the** **meat** **and** **the** **bread** **with** **the** **end** **of** **the** **stick**, **and** **he** **jumped** **up** **and** **out** **of** **the** **rock** **and** **burned** **up** **the** **meat** **and** **the** **bread**. **Then** **the** **angel** **of** **the** **LORD** **disappeared**.

22 **Then** **Gideon** **realized** **that** **he** **had** **been** **talking** **to** **the** **angel** **of** **the** **LORD**. **So** **Gideon** **he** **shouted**, " **Oh** **Lord** **GOD**! **I** **have** **seen** **the** **angel** **of** **the** **LORD** **face** **to** **face**!"

23 **But** **the** **LORD** **said** **to** **Gideon**, " **Calm** **down!** **Don't** **be** **afraid** **You** **will** **not** **die** **because** **he** **had** **seen** **the** **LORD** **face** **to** **face**. **III** **CHOOSE ... SEVEN YEARS OLD** **This** **translation** **follows** **one** **ancient** **Greek** **version**. **The** **standard** **Hebrew** **text** **has** " **Take** **the** **bull** **of** **the** **bull[s]**, **the** **second** **bull**, **the** **seven-year-old** **one**." **Adding** **different** **vowels** **to** **the** **Hebrew** **text** **gives** **a** **meaning** **similar** **to** **that** **in** **the** **translation** **above**.

I CALM DOWN Literally, "Peace."

**will** **not** **die** **because** **he** **had** **seen** **the** **LORD** **face** **to** **face**. **III** **CHOOSE ... SEVEN YEARS OLD** **This** **translation** **follows** **one** **ancient** **Greek** **version**. **The** **standard** **Hebrew** **text** **has** " **Take** **the** **bull** **of** **the** **bull[s]**, **the** **second** **bull**, **the** **seven-year-old** **one**." **Adding** **different** **vowels** **to** **the** **Hebrew** **text** **gives** **a** **meaning** **similar** **to** **that** **in** **the** **translation** **above**.

24 **So** **Gideon** **built** **an** **altar** **there** **to** **worship** **the** **LORD** **and** **named** **it** **LORD** **is** **Peace** **It** **stands** **in** **the** **city** **of** **Ophrah**, **where** **the** **Abiezer** **family** **lives**.

**Gideon** **Tears** **Down** **the** **Altar** **of** **Baal**

25 **That** **night** **the** **LORD** **said** **to** **Gideon**, " **Choose** **your** **father's** **best** **bull**, **the** **one** **that** **is** **seven** **years** **old**. **First**, **use** **it** **to** **pull** **down** **the** **altar** **your** **father** **built** **to** **worship** **Baal**. **Also**, **cut** **down** **the** **Asherah** **pole** **beside** **the** **altar**. **Then** **build** **the** **right** **kind** **of** **altar** **for** **the** **LORD** **your** **God**. **Build** **it** **on** **this** **high** **ground**. **Then** **kill** **and** **burn** **the** **bull** **on** **this** **altar**. **Use** **the** **wood**

II YOU WILL NOT DIE Gideon thought he would die because he had seen the LORD face to face. III CHOOSE ... SEVEN YEARS OLD This translation follows one ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "Take the bull of the bull[s], the second bull, the seven-year-old one." Adding different vowels to the Hebrew text gives a meaning similar to that in the translation above.



from the Asherah pole to burn your offering."

<sup>27</sup> So Gideon took of his servants did the LORD had him do Gideon afraid his and men the might what was so did all night in daytime.

<sup>28</sup> The men of the city got up the next morning and saw that the altar of Baal had been destroyed. They also saw the Asherah pole had been cut down. It had been sitting next to the altar for Baal. They also saw the altar that Gideon had built. And they saw the bull that had been sacrificed on that altar.

<sup>29</sup> The men of the city looked at each other and asked, "Who pulled down our altar? Who cut down our Asherah pole? Who sacrificed this bull on this new altar?" They asked many questions and tried to learn who did this.

Someone told them, "Gideon son of Joash did this."

<sup>30</sup> So the men of the city came to Joash and said, "You must bring your son out. He pulled down the altar for Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole that was beside it. So your son must die."

<sup>31</sup> Then Joash spoke to the crowd that was standing around him. Joash said, "Are you going to take Baal's side? Are you going to rescue Baal? If anyone takes Baal's side, let him be put to death by morning. If Baal really is a

god|strong="H0430", let him|strong="H5921" defend|strong="H5975" himself|strong="H1931" when|strong="H3588" someone|strong="H4191" pulls down|strong="H5422" his|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196"."<sup>32</sup> Joash said|strong="H0559", "If|strong="H3588" Gideon|strong="H0559" pulled|strong="H5422" Baal's altar|strong="H4196" down|strong="H5422", let Baal|strong="H1168" argue|strong="H7378" with|strong="H3117" him|strong="H0853"." On|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" Joash gave|strong="H0559" Gideon|strong="H0559" a|strong="H3588" new name|strong="H0559". He|strong="H1931" called|strong="H7121" him|strong="H0853" Jerub-Baal|strong="H3378".<sup>1</sup>

### Gideon|strong="H0559" Defeats the|strong="H0853" Midianites

<sup>33</sup> The|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080", Amalekites|strong="H6002", and|strong="H1121" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" east|strong="H6924" joined together|strong="H3162" to|strong="H1121" fight against|strong="H2583" the|strong="H3605" Israelites. They|strong="H3605" went across|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3605" Jordan River and|strong="H1121" camped|strong="H2583" in|strong="H2583" the|strong="H3605" Jezreel|strong="H3157" Valley|strong="H6010".<sup>34</sup> The|strong="H0853" Spirit|strong="H7307" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" filled Gideon|strong="H1439". So|strong="H0853" Gideon|strong="H1439" blew|strong="H8628" a|strong="H3068" trumpet|strong="H7782" to|strong="H3068" call|strong="H2199" the|strong="H0853" family of|strong="H3068" Abiezer|strong="H0044" to|strong="H3068" follow|strong="H0310" him|strong="H0853".<sup>35</sup> He|strong="H1931" sent|strong="H7971" messengers|strong="H4397" to|strong="H7971" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H2199" of|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tribe of|strong="H3605" Manasseh|strong="H4519" and|strong="H7971" told them|strong="H7971" to|strong="H7971" get|strong="H5927" their|strong="H3605" weapons and|strong="H7971" prepare for|strong="H7971" battle. Gideon|strong="H7971" also|strong="H1571" sent|strong="H7971" messengers|strong="H4397" to|strong="H7971" the|strong="H3605" tribes of|strong="H3605" Asher|strong="H0836", Zebulun|strong="H2074", and|strong="H7971" Naphtali|strong="H5321". The|strong="H3605" messengers|strong="H4397" took|strong="H5927"

<sup>1</sup> JERUB-BAAL This is like the Hebrew words meaning "Let Baal argue." The same verb is translated "take one's side" and "defend" in verse 31.

the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H1931" message to|strong="H7971" them|strong="H7971". So|strong="H7971" they|strong="H0310" also|strong="H1571" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H7971" meet|strong="H7125" Gideon|strong="H7971" and|strong="H7971" his|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605".

<sup>36</sup> Then|strong="H1696" Gideon|strong="H1439" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430", " You|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3478" help|strong="H3467" me|strong="H0413" save|strong="H3467" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". Give|strong="H1696" me|strong="H0413" proof.<sup>37</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" put|strong="H3322" a|strong="H1961" sheepskin on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637". If|strong="H0518" there|strong="H2009" is|strong="H0834" dew|strong="H2919" only|strong="H0905" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sheepskin, while|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0834" dry|strong="H2721", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" use|strong="H1961" me|strong="H5921" to|strong="H1696" save|strong="H3467" Israel|strong="H3478", as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696"."

<sup>38</sup> And|strong="H7925" that|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" exactly|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3651" happened|strong="H1961". Gideon got|strong="H7925" up|strong="H7925" early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H4283" morning|strong="H4283" and|strong="H7925" squeezed|strong="H2115" the|strong="H0853" sheepskin. He|strong="H3651" was|strong="H1961" able to|strong="H1961" drain|strong="H4680" a|strong="H1961" bowl|strong="H5602" full|strong="H4393" of|strong="H4480" water|strong="H4325" from|strong="H4480" it|strong="H4393".

<sup>39</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Gideon|strong="H1439" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430", " Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H0413" ask|strong="H0559" just|strong="H0389" one|strong="H3605" more|strong="H6471" thing|strong="H4994". Let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H0413" test|strong="H5254" you|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605"

more |strong="H6471" time|strong="H6471" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" sheepskin. This|strong="H6471" time|strong="H6471" let|strong="H4994" the|strong="H3605" sheepskin be|strong="H1961" dry|strong="H2721", while|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776" around|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921" gets wet with|strong="H0413" dew|strong="H2919".

<sup>40</sup> That|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915" God|strong="H0430" did|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3605" very|strong="H3651" thing|strong="H3651". Just|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" sheepskin was|strong="H1961" dry|strong="H2721", but|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776" around|strong="H5921" it|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1961" wet with|strong="H0413" dew|strong="H2919".

**7** Early|strong="H7925" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" morning|strong="H7925" Jerub-Baal|strong="H3378" ( Gideon|strong="H1439") and|strong="H7925" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" set|strong="H0834" up|strong="H7925" their|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" at|strong="H2583" the|strong="H3605" spring of|strong="H5921" Harod. The|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080" were|strong="H0834" camped|strong="H2583" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" valley|strong="H6010" at|strong="H2583" the|strong="H3605" bottom of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" hill|strong="H1389" called Moreh|strong="H4176", north|strong="H6828" of|strong="H5921" Gideon|strong="H1439" and|strong="H7925" his|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971".

<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gideon|strong="H1439", " I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H3068" going to|strong="H0413" help|strong="H3467" your|strong="H3068" men|strong="H5971" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Midianites|strong="H4080", but|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" too|strong="H5921" many|strong="H7227" men|strong="H5971". I|strong="H0834" don't want the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" forget me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" brag|strong="H6286" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" saved|strong="H3467" themselves|strong="H5921". <sup>3</sup> So|strong="H4480" make|strong="H7725" an|strong="H4480" announcement to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H7725" men|strong="H5971". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H7725", 'Anyone who|strong="H4310"

is|strong="H4310" afraid|strong="H3373" may|strong="H4994" leave|strong="H7604" Mount|strong="H2022" Gilead|strong="H1568" and|strong="H7725" go|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" home|strong="H7725".'

At|strong="H7725" that|strong="H4480" time|strong="H6258" 22,000 men|strong="H5971" left|strong="H7604" Gideon|strong="H0559" and|strong="H7725" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" home|strong="H7725", but|strong="H6258" 10,000 still|strong="H7725" remained|strong="H7604".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gideon|strong="H1439", " There|strong="H8033" are|strong="H0834" still|strong="H5750" too|strong="H7227" many|strong="H7227" men|strong="H5971". Take|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" test|strong="H6884" them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" there|strong="H8033". If|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559", ' This|strong="H2088" man|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H3381" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834"; he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H3381". But|strong="H3808" if|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559", ' That|strong="H0834" one|strong="H2088" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H3381" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834"; then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H3381".'

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="H4480" Gideon|strong="H1439" led the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325". There|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " Separate|strong="H0905" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" like|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834": Those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" drink|strong="H8354" the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325" by|strong="H5921" using their|strong="H3605" tongue|strong="H3956" to|strong="H0413" lap|strong="H1290" it|strong="H5921" up|strong="H5921" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H4480" dog|strong="H3611" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"

in|strong="H5921" one|strong="H3605" group. And|strong="H3068" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" bend down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" drink|strong="H8354" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" group."

<sup>6</sup> There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" 300 men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" used|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" bring|strong="H1961" water|strong="H4325" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3605" mouth|strong="H6310" and|strong="H3967" lapped|strong="H3952" it|strong="H5921" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" dog does. All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" bent down|strong="H3766" and|strong="H3967" drank|strong="H8354" the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gideon|strong="H1439", "I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" use the|strong="H3605" 300 men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" lapped|strong="H3952" the|strong="H3605" water like|strong="H0376" a|strong="H5414" dog. I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" use them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" save|strong="H3467" you|strong="H5414", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" allow|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080". Let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" go home|strong="H4725"."

<sup>8</sup> So|strong="H3947" Gideon|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" home|strong="H0168". He|strong="H0853" kept the|strong="H3605" 300 men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0376" him|strong="H7971". Those|strong="H3605" 300 men|strong="H0376" kept the|strong="H3605" supplies|strong="H6720" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" trumpets|strong="H7782" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" went|strong="H0376" home|strong="H0168".

The|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080" were|strong="H1961" camped in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" valley|strong="H6010" below|strong="H8478" Gideon's camp|strong="H4264".

<sup>9</sup> During|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" night|strong="H3915" the|strong="H0559"

LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gideon|strong="H0559" and|strong="H6965" said|strong="H0559", "Get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" Midianite army|strong="H4264". Go|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" camp|strong="H4264". <sup>10</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0859" afraid|strong="H3373" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H3381" alone, take|strong="H3381" your|strong="H0518" servant|strong="H5288" Purah|strong="H6513" with|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859". Go|strong="H3381" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" camp|strong="H4264" of|strong="H4264" the|strong="H0413" Midianites.

<sup>11</sup> Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" what|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" saying|strong="H1696". After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not be|strong="H3027" afraid to|strong="H0413" attack them|strong="H0413"."

So|strong="H0834" Gideon and|strong="H3027" his|strong="H8085" servant|strong="H5288" Purah|strong="H6513" went|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" edge of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0834" enemy camp|strong="H4264".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080", the|strong="H3605" Amalekites|strong="H6002", and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" east|strong="H6924" were|strong="H1121" camped in|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3605" valley|strong="H6010". There|strong="H0369" were|strong="H1121" so|strong="H0369" many|strong="H7230" people|strong="H1121" that|strong="H3605" they|strong="H5921" seemed like|strong="H5307" a|strong="H5921" swarm of|strong="H1121" locusts|strong="H0697". It|strong="H5921" seemed like|strong="H5307" they|strong="H5921" had|strong="H0369" as|strong="H7230" many|strong="H7230" camels|strong="H1581" as|strong="H7230" there|strong="H0369" are|strong="H1121" grains of|strong="H1121" sand|strong="H2344" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" seashore|strong="H3220".

<sup>13</sup> Gideon|strong="H1439" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" enemy camp|strong="H4264", and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H5704" heard a|strong="H0935" man|strong="H0376" talking. That|strong="H0559"

man |strong="H0376" was |strong="H0376" telling |strong="H0559" his |strong="H0376" friend |strong="H7453" about |strong="H5221" a |strong="H0935" dream |strong="H2472" that |strong="H0559" he |strong="H5704" had |strong="H0376". He |strong="H5704" was |strong="H0376" saying |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H5704" dreamed |strong="H2492" that |strong="H0559" a |strong="H0935" round loaf |strong="H6742" of |strong="H0376" bread |strong="H3899" came |strong="H0935" rolling into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" camp |strong="H4264" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" Midianites |strong="H4080". That |strong="H0559" loaf |strong="H6742" of |strong="H0376" bread |strong="H3899" hit |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0559" tent |strong="H0168" so |strong="H0935" hard that |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" tent |strong="H0168" turned |strong="H2015" over |strong="H4605" and |strong="H0935" fell |strong="H5307" flat |strong="H5307"."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H3605" man's |strong="H0376" friend |strong="H7453" knew the |strong="H3605" meaning of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" dream. He |strong="H0518" said |strong="H0559", " Your |strong="H3605" dream can |strong="H0518" only |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" meaning. Your |strong="H3605" dream is |strong="H0369" about |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478". It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0369" about |strong="H3605" Gideon |strong="H1439" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joash |strong="H3101". It |strong="H5414" means |strong="H3027" that |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" let |strong="H5414" Gideon |strong="H1439" defeat |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4264" of |strong="H1121" Midian |strong="H4080"."

<sup>15</sup> After |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H3478" talking about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" dream |strong="H2472" and |strong="H6965" what |strong="H3588" it |strong="H5414" meant, Gideon |strong="H1439" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H1961" Gideon |strong="H1439" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H6965" called |strong="H0559" out |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H8085", "

Get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965"! The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H6965" us |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Midianites |strong="H4080".<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Gideon divided |strong="H2673" the |strong="H3605" 300 men |strong="H0376" into |strong="H8432" three |strong="H7969" groups |strong="H7218". He |strong="H5414" gave |strong="H5414" each |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" a |strong="H5414" trumpet |strong="H7782" and |strong="H3967" an |strong="H5414" empty |strong="H7386" jar |strong="H3537" with |strong="H0376" a |strong="H5414" burning |strong="H3940" torch |strong="H3940" inside |strong="H8432" it |strong="H5414".<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Gideon |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0559", " Watch |strong="H7200" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213". Follow |strong="H1961" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" edge of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" enemy camp |strong="H4264". When |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" get |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" edge of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" camp |strong="H4264", do |strong="H6213" exactly |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213".<sup>18</sup> You |strong="H0859" men |strong="H3605" surround |strong="H5439" the |strong="H3605" enemy camp |strong="H4264". I |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" blow |strong="H8628" our |strong="H3068" trumpets |strong="H7782". When |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" blow |strong="H8628" our |strong="H3068" trumpets |strong="H7782", you |strong="H0859" blow |strong="H8628" your |strong="H3068" trumpets |strong="H7782" too |strong="H1571". Then |strong="H0859" shout these |strong="H3605" words: ' For |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3605" Gideon |strong="H1439"!'

<sup>19</sup> So |strong="H0834" Gideon |strong="H1439" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" 100 men |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0853" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" edge of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" enemy camp |strong="H4264". They |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" there |strong="H0834"

just|strong="H0834" after|strong="H7097" the|strong="H0853" enemy changed guards|strong="H8104". It|strong="H8104" was|strong="H0834" during|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" middle|strong="H8484" watch|strong="H8104" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" night. Gideon|strong="H1439" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H8104" men|strong="H0376" blew|strong="H8628" their|strong="H0935" trumpets|strong="H7782" and|strong="H0935" smashed their|strong="H0935" jars|strong="H3537".<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H3068" all three|strong="H7969" groups|strong="H7218" of|strong="H3068" Gideon's men|strong="H7218" blew|strong="H8628" their|strong="H3068" trumpets|strong="H7782" and|strong="H3068" smashed|strong="H7665" their|strong="H3068" jars|strong="H3537". The|strong="H3068" men|strong="H7218" held|strong="H2388" the|strong="H3068" torches|strong="H3940" in|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" left|strong="H8040" hands|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" trumpets|strong="H7782" in|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" right|strong="H3225" hands|strong="H3027". As|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068" blew|strong="H8628" their|strong="H3068" trumpets|strong="H7782", they|strong="H3068" shouted|strong="H7121", "A|strong="H7121" sword|strong="H2719" for|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" a|strong="H7121" sword|strong="H2719" for|strong="H7121" Gideon|strong="H1439!"

<sup>21</sup> Gideon's men|strong="H0376" stayed|strong="H5975" where|strong="H8478" they|strong="H0376" were|strong="H0376". But|strong="H0376" inside the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264", the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Midian began shouting|strong="H7321" and|strong="H0376" running|strong="H7323" away|strong="H5127".<sup>22</sup> When|strong="H5704" Gideon's 300 men|strong="H0376" blew|strong="H8628" their|strong="H3605" trumpets|strong="H7782", the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" caused the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Midian to|strong="H5704" kill|strong="H2719" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453" with|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" swords|strong="H2719". The|strong="H3605" enemy army|strong="H4264" ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H0376" Beth Shittah, which|strong="H2719" is|strong="H3068" toward|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H0376" Zererah|strong="H6888".

They|strong="H5921" ran|strong="H5127" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" border of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H0376" Abel Meholah, which|strong="H2719" is|strong="H3068" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H0376" Tabbath|strong="H2888".

<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H0310" soldiers|strong="H0376" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" tribes of|strong="H0376" Naphtali|strong="H5321", Asher|strong="H0836", and|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0376" Manasseh|strong="H4519" were|strong="H3478" told to|strong="H3478" chase|strong="H7291" the|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080".<sup>24</sup> Gideon|strong="H1439" sent|strong="H7971" messengers|strong="H4397" through|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H0376" Ephraim|strong="H0669". The|strong="H3605" messengers|strong="H4397" said|strong="H0559", "Come|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" and|strong="H7971" attack the|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080". Take|strong="H3920" control of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" river|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" Beth Barah and|strong="H7971" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704". Do|strong="H3381" this|strong="H3605" before|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" Midianites|strong="H4080" get|strong="H7971" there|strong="H2022"."

So|strong="H7971" they|strong="H0376" called|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3605" tribe of|strong="H0376" Ephraim|strong="H0669". They|strong="H0376" took|strong="H3920" control of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" river|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" Beth Barah.<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H0853" men|strong="H7218" of|strong="H8269" Ephraim caught|strong="H3920" two|strong="H8147" of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H0853" Midianite|strong="H4080" leaders|strong="H7218" named Oreb|strong="H6159" and|strong="H0935" Zeeb|strong="H2062". They|strong="H0935" killed|strong="H2062" Oreb|strong="H6159" at|strong="H0413" a|strong="H0935" place|strong="H0935" named the|strong="H0853" Rock|strong="H6697" of|strong="H8269" Oreb|strong="H6159" and|strong="H0935" Zeeb|strong="H2062" at|strong="H0413" a|strong="H0935" place|strong="H0935" named the|strong="H0853" Winepress|strong="H3342" of|strong="H8269"

Zeeb |strong="H2062". They |strong="H0935" continued chasing |strong="H7291" the |strong="H0853" Midianites |strong="H4080", but |strong="H0935" first |strong="H7218" they |strong="H0935" cut off |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" heads |strong="H7218" of |strong="H8269" Oreb |strong="H6159" and |strong="H0935" Zeeb |strong="H2062" and |strong="H0935" took |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" heads |strong="H7218" to |strong="H0413" Gideon |strong="H1439". Gideon |strong="H1439" was |strong="H7218" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H0935" where |strong="H0413" people cross the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River.

8 The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Ephraim |strong="H0669" were |strong="H0376" angry with |strong="H0854" Gideon |strong="H0559". When |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" found him |strong="H0413", they |strong="H3588" asked |strong="H0559", "Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H3588" treat |strong="H6213" us |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" way |strong="H1697"? Why |strong="H4100" didn't you |strong="H3588" call |strong="H7121" us |strong="H0413" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" went |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Midianites |strong="H4080"?"

2 But |strong="H3808" Gideon |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0559" of |strong="H0559" Ephraim |strong="H0669", "I |strong="H6258" have |strong="H6258" not |strong="H3808" done |strong="H6213" as |strong="H6258" well |strong="H2896" as |strong="H6258" you |strong="H6213". You |strong="H6213" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0559" Ephraim |strong="H0669" have |strong="H6258" a |strong="H3808" much |strong="H4100" better |strong="H2896" harvest |strong="H1210" than |strong="H3808" my |strong="H6258" family, the |strong="H0559" Abiezers. At |strong="H0413" harvest |strong="H1210" time |strong="H6258" you |strong="H6213" leave more |strong="H3808" grapes in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" vineyard than |strong="H3808" my |strong="H6258" family gathers! Isn't |strong="H3808" that |strong="H0559" true? 3 In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H2088" way |strong="H1697" you |strong="H5414" have |strong="H1697" a |strong="H5414" better |strong="H3027" harvest now |strong="H2088". God |strong="H0430" allowed |strong="H3201" you |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1696" capture Oreb |strong="H6159" and |strong="H0430" Zeeb |strong="H2062",

the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0430" Midian |strong="H4080". How |strong="H4100" can |strong="H3201" I |strong="H5414" compare my |strong="H5414" success with |strong="H5921" what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5414" did |strong="H6213"?" When |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0430" Ephraim heard Gideon's answer |strong="H1697", they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1697" not |strong="H3201" as |strong="H1697" angry as |strong="H1697" they |strong="H5921" had |strong="H0430" been.

#### Gideon Captures Two |strong="H2088" Kings of |strong="H0430" Midian |strong="H4080"

4 Then |strong="H0935" Gideon |strong="H1439" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0834" 300 men |strong="H0376" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" Jordan |strong="H3383" River and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" across |strong="H5674" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0376" side |strong="H3383", but |strong="H0376" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" tired |strong="H5889" and |strong="H0935" hungry. 15 Gideon |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H4428" Succoth |strong="H5523", "Give |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" soldiers |strong="H0376" something |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0559" eat. They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" very tired |strong="H5889". We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" chasing |strong="H0310" Zebah |strong="H2078" and |strong="H4428" Zalmunna |strong="H6759", kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Midian |strong="H4080"."

6 But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H3027" Succoth |strong="H5523" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Gideon |strong="H0559", "Why |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" give |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" soldiers something |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0559" eat? You |strong="H3588" haven't caught Zebah |strong="H2078" and |strong="H3027" Zalmunna |strong="H6759" yet |strong="H3588"."

7 Then |strong="H0853" Gideon |strong="H1439" said |strong="H0559", "The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" help

1 HUNGRY This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "chasing."

me |strong="H5414" capture Zebah |strong="H2078" and |strong="H3068" Zalmunna |strong="H6759". And |strong="H3068" since |strong="H3651" you |strong="H5414" would |strong="H3068" not give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" any |strong="H5414" food, I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" come back and |strong="H3068" beat you |strong="H5414" with |strong="H0854" thorns |strong="H6975" and |strong="H3068" briers |strong="H1303" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057".

<sup>8</sup> Gideon left |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0376" Succoth |strong="H5523" and |strong="H0376" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0376" Penuel |strong="H6439". He |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Penuel |strong="H6439" for |strong="H0413" food, just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Succoth |strong="H5523". But |strong="H6030" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Penuel |strong="H6439" gave Gideon the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" answer |strong="H6030" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Succoth |strong="H5523" had |strong="H0834" given. <sup>9</sup> So |strong="H1571" Gideon |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Penuel |strong="H6439", "After I |strong="H2088" win the |strong="H0853" victory |strong="H1571", I |strong="H2088" will |strong="H0376" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" here |strong="H2088" and |strong="H7725" pull |strong="H5422" this |strong="H2088" tower |strong="H4026" down |strong="H5422"."

<sup>10</sup> Zebah |strong="H2078" and |strong="H1121" Zalmunna |strong="H6759" and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4264" were |strong="H1121" in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" city of |strong="H1121" Karkor. Their |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4264" had |strong="H0376" 15,000 soldiers |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0376" it |strong="H1121". These |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" left |strong="H3498" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4264" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" east |strong="H6924". 120,000

soldiers |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4264" had |strong="H0376" already been |strong="H3605" killed |strong="H2719". <sup>11</sup> Gideon |strong="H1439" and |strong="H1870" his |strong="H1961" men |strong="H4264" used |strong="H1961" Tent |strong="H0168" Dwellers' Road |strong="H1870", which is |strong="H1870" east |strong="H6924" of |strong="H0168" the |strong="H0853" cities of |strong="H0168" Nobah |strong="H5025" and |strong="H1870" Jogbehah |strong="H3011" and |strong="H1870" attacked |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" enemy at |strong="H4264" Karkor. The |strong="H0853" enemy army |strong="H4264" did not |strong="H1961" expect the |strong="H0853" attack |strong="H5221". <sup>12</sup> Zebah |strong="H2078" and |strong="H4428" Zalmunna |strong="H6759", kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Midianites |strong="H4080", ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H0310". But |strong="H4428" Gideon chased |strong="H7291" and |strong="H4428" caught |strong="H3920" them |strong="H0853". Gideon and |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" defeated the |strong="H3605" enemy army |strong="H4264".

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H7725" Gideon |strong="H1439" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joash |strong="H3101" returned |strong="H7725" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" battle |strong="H4421". He |strong="H4480" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H7725" men |strong="H1121" returned |strong="H7725" by |strong="H7725" going |strong="H7725" through |strong="H4480" a |strong="H4480" mountain pass |strong="H7725" called the |strong="H4480" Pass |strong="H7725" of |strong="H1121" Heres. <sup>14</sup> Gideon captured |strong="H3920" a |strong="H0376" young |strong="H5288" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0376" Succoth |strong="H5523". He |strong="H0853" asked |strong="H7592" the |strong="H0853" young |strong="H5288" man |strong="H0376" some |strong="H0376" questions. The |strong="H0853" young |strong="H5288" man |strong="H0376" wrote |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" some |strong="H0376" names for |strong="H0413" Gideon. The |strong="H0853" young |strong="H5288" man |strong="H0376" wrote |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" the |strong="H0853" names of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H8269" and |strong="H0376" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0376" Succoth |strong="H5523". He |strong="H0853" gave Gideon the |strong="H0853" names of |strong="H0376" 77 men |strong="H0376".



15 When Gideon came to the city of Succoth, he said to the men of that city, "Here are the Zebah and Zalmunna. You made me by saying, 'Why should we give to your tired soldiers have not caught Zebah and Zalmunna yet.'" 16 Gideon took the elders of the city of Succoth and beat them with thorns and briers from the desert. 17 Gideon also pulled down the tower of the city of Penuel and killed the men living in that city.

18 Then Gideon said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "You killed some men on Mount Tabor. What were they like?"

Zebah and Zalmunna answered, "They were like you. Each one of them seemed like a prince."

19 Gideon said, "Those were my brothers, my

sons! As LORD lives, if I would not kill you now."

20 Then Gideon turned to Jether, his oldest son, and said, "Kill these kings." But Jether was only a boy and afraid, so he would not take out his sword.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said to Gideon, "Come on us, kill us yourself. You are a man and strong enough to do the job." So Gideon got up and killed Zebah and Zalmunna. Then Gideon took the decorations shaped like the moon off their camels' necks.

#### Gideon Makes an Ephod

22 The Israelites said to Gideon, "You saved us from the Midianites. So now rule over us." We want you, your son, and your grand-son to rule over us.

rule |strong="H4910" over |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413"."

<sup>23</sup> But |strong="H3808" Gideon |strong="H1439" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites, " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3068" ruler |strong="H4910". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" rule |strong="H4910" over |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3808", and |strong="H1121" my |strong="H3068" son |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" rule |strong="H4910" over |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3808"."

<sup>24</sup> Some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Israel defeated were |strong="H0376" Ishmaelites |strong="H3459". And |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" Ishmaelite |strong="H3459" men |strong="H0376" wore gold |strong="H2091" earrings |strong="H5141". So |strong="H4480" Gideon |strong="H1439" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Israelites, " I |strong="H3588" want you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" do this |strong="H3588" one |strong="H0376" thing |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3588" want each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3588" gold |strong="H2091" earring |strong="H5141" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H1992" you |strong="H3588" took |strong="H5414" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" battle."

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelites said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Gideon |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0376" gladly give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" what you |strong="H5414" want." So |strong="H5414" they |strong="H8033"

put |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" coat down |strong="H7993" on |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" ground, and |strong="H0376" each |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" threw |strong="H7993" an |strong="H5414" earring |strong="H5141" onto the |strong="H0853" coat.

<sup>26</sup> When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" earrings |strong="H5141" were |strong="H0834" gathered up |strong="H5921", they |strong="H0834" weighed |strong="H4948" about |strong="H1961" 43 pounds. <sup>I</sup> This |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H1961" include |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" other gifts the |strong="H0834"

I 43 POUNDS Literally, "1700 shekels

Israelites gave |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Gideon. They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H4428" gave |strong="H1961" him |strong="H5921" jewelry |strong="H5188" shaped like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" moon and |strong="H3967" jewelry |strong="H5188" shaped like |strong="H1961" teardrops. And |strong="H3967" they |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H1961" him |strong="H5921" purple |strong="H0713" robes |strong="H0899". The |strong="H0834" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" Midianites |strong="H4080" had |strong="H0834" worn these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H1961". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H4428" gave |strong="H1961" him |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" chains from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" camels |strong="H1581" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" Midianite |strong="H4080" kings |strong="H4428".

<sup>27</sup> Gideon |strong="H1439" used |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" gold to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" an |strong="H1961" ephod |strong="H0646", <sup>II</sup> which |strong="H8033" he |strong="H0310" put |strong="H3322" in |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" hometown, the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" called |strong="H8033" Ophrah |strong="H6084". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" worshiped |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3605" ephod |strong="H0646". In |strong="H1004" this |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H1961" not |strong="H1961" faithful to |strong="H1961" God— they |strong="H8033" worshiped |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3605" ephod |strong="H0646". <sup>III</sup> The |strong="H3605" ephod |strong="H0646" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" trap |strong="H4170" that |strong="H3605" caused |strong="H1961" Gideon |strong="H1439" and |strong="H3478" his |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" to |strong="H1961" sin.

#### The |strong="H3605" Death of |strong="H1004" Gideon |strong="H1439"

<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H6440" Midianites |strong="H4080" were |strong="H3478" forced to |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3808" under |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" rule of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478". The |strong="H6440" Midianites |strong="H4080" did |strong="H3254" not |strong="H3808" cause trouble anymore |strong="H3254". And |strong="H1121"

II EPHOD This may have been a special vest or coat like that worn by the high priest (see Exodus 28:2-14), or it may have been a kind of idol. III WERE NOT FAITHFUL ... EPHOD Literally, "acted like a prostitute to it."

the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776" was|strong="H0776" at|strong="H3478" peace|strong="H8252" for|strong="H0776" 40 years|strong="H8141", as|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117" as|strong="H3117" Gideon|strong="H1439" was|strong="H0776" alive.

<sup>29</sup> Gideon<sup>I</sup> son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Joash|strong="H3101" went|strong="H1004" home|strong="H1004". <sup>30</sup> Gideon|strong="H1439" had|strong="H1961" 70 sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H1961" own|strong="H1961". He|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1961" so|strong="H1961" many|strong="H7227" sons|strong="H1121" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1961" many|strong="H7227" wives|strong="H0802". <sup>31</sup> He|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H7760" slave woman|strong="H8034" who|strong="H0834" lived in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927". He|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H7760" son|strong="H1121" by|strong="H1571" her|strong="H1571". He|strong="H0834" named|strong="H8034" that|strong="H0834" son|strong="H1121" Abimelech|strong="H0040".

<sup>32</sup> So|strong="H4191" Gideon|strong="H1439" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Joash|strong="H3101" died|strong="H4191" at|strong="H4191" a|strong="H4191" good|strong="H2896" old|strong="H1121" age|strong="H1121". He|strong="H0001" was|strong="H1121" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H4191" the|strong="H4191" tomb|strong="H6913" that|strong="H1121" Joash|strong="H3101", his|strong="H4191" father|strong="H0001", owned. That|strong="H1121" tomb|strong="H6913" is|strong="H2896" in|strong="H4191" the|strong="H4191" city of|strong="H1121" Ophrah|strong="H6084", where the|strong="H4191" family|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1121" Abiezer lives. <sup>33</sup> As|strong="H0834" soon as|strong="H0834" Gideon|strong="H1439" died|strong="H4191", the|strong="H0834" Israelites|strong="H3478" again|strong="H7725" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H1961" faithful to|strong="H4191" God|strong="H0430"— they|strong="H0834" followed|strong="H0310" Baal|strong="H1168". <sup>II</sup> They|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7760" Baal|strong="H1168" Berith<sup>III</sup> their|strong="H7760" god|strong="H0430". <sup>34</sup> The|strong="H3605" Is-

<sup>I</sup> GIDEON Literally, "Jerub-Baal," a nickname given to Gideon earlier (see 6:32). Also throughout chapter 9. <sup>II</sup> WERE NOT FAITHFUL ... BAAL Literally, "they acted like a prostitute to Baal." <sup>III</sup> BAAL BERITH A name that means "Lord of the Agreement." It shows that the people were confusing the worship of the true God with the worship of local idols. Also in 9:4.

raelites|strong="H3478" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430", who|strong="H3605" had|strong="H3068" saved|strong="H5337" them|strong="H0853" from|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341" living around|strong="H5439" them|strong="H0853". <sup>35</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" loyal|strong="H2617" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Jerub-Baal|strong="H3378" ( Gideon|strong="H1439"), even|strong="H3808" though he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" many good|strong="H2896" things|strong="H3605" for|strong="H1004" them|strong="H6213".

### Abimelech Becomes King

<sup>9</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" was|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gideon|strong="H0559". Abimelech|strong="H0040" went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" uncles who|strong="H3605" lived in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927". He|strong="H1004" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" uncles and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" mother's|strong="H0517" family|strong="H4940", <sup>2</sup> "Ask the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H1167" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927" this|strong="H3588" question: ' Is|strong="H4100" it|strong="H0518" better|strong="H2896" for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H1696" be|strong="H0376" ruled|strong="H4910" by|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" 70 sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gideon or|strong="H0518" to|strong="H1696" be|strong="H0376" ruled|strong="H4910" by|strong="H3605" only|strong="H0518" one|strong="H0259" man|strong="H0376"? Remember|strong="H2142", I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" your|strong="H3605" relative|strong="H1167"."

<sup>3</sup> Abimelech's|strong="H0040" uncles spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H1167" of|strong="H1697" Shechem|strong="H7927" and|strong="H0251" asked|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853" that|strong="H3588" question|strong="H1697". The|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H1167" of|strong="H1697"

Shechem |strong="H7927" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" follow |strong="H0310" Abimelech |strong="H0040". They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " After |strong="H0310" all |strong="H3605", he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" our |strong="H3605" brother |strong="H0251"."<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" leaders of |strong="H1004" Shechem gave |strong="H5414" Abimelech |strong="H0040" 70 pieces of |strong="H1004" silver |strong="H3701". That |strong="H0310" silver |strong="H3701" was |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5414" temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5414" god |strong="H5414" Baal Berith. Abimelech |strong="H0040" used |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" silver |strong="H3701" to |strong="H5414" hire |strong="H7936" some |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376". These men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0376" worthless |strong="H7386", reckless |strong="H6348" men |strong="H0376". They |strong="H0376" followed |strong="H0310" Abimelech |strong="H0040" wherever he |strong="H0310" went |strong="H0376".

<sup>5</sup> Abimelech went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" father's |strong="H0001" house |strong="H1004" at |strong="H5921" Ophrah |strong="H6084" and |strong="H1121" murdered |strong="H2026" his |strong="H5921" brothers |strong="H0251". He |strong="H3588" killed |strong="H2026" the |strong="H0853" 70 sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" Gideon. He |strong="H3588" killed |strong="H2026" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H0259" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0259" time,<sup>I</sup> but |strong="H3588" Gideon's youngest |strong="H6996" son |strong="H1121" hid |strong="H2244" from |strong="H0935" Abimelech and |strong="H1121" escaped |strong="H3498". The |strong="H0853" youngest |strong="H6996" son's |strong="H1121" name was |strong="H0376" Jotham |strong="H3147".

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H1167" in |strong="H1004" Shechem |strong="H7927" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H4428" Millo |strong="H4407"<sup>II</sup> came together |strong="H0622". Everyone |strong="H3605" gathered |strong="H0622" beside |strong="H5973" the |strong="H3605" big tree of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" pillar |strong="H5324" in |strong="H1004"

I ALL AT THE SAME TIME Literally, "on one stone." Also in verse 18.  
II MILLO This was probably a well-protected part of the city, perhaps even the palace area. It might have been in the city itself or somewhere near the city.

Shechem |strong="H7927" and |strong="H4428" made |strong="H3605" Abimelech |strong="H0040" their |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428".

### Jotham's Story

<sup>7</sup> Jotham |strong="H3147" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0559" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H0430" Shechem |strong="H7927" had |strong="H0430" made |strong="H7121" Abimelech king. When |strong="H8085" he |strong="H0430" heard |strong="H8085" this |strong="H5046", he |strong="H0430" went |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0430" stood |strong="H5975" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0430" Mount |strong="H2022" Gerizim |strong="H1630"<sup>III</sup> and |strong="H0430" shouted |strong="H7121" out |strong="H0413" this |strong="H5046" story to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H8085".

" Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5046" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H0430" Shechem |strong="H7927". Then |strong="H5375" let |strong="H5046" God |strong="H0430" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5046".

<sup>8</sup> " One |strong="H4428" day the |strong="H0559" trees |strong="H6086" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" choose a |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H0559" rule |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921". The |strong="H0559" trees |strong="H6086" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" olive |strong="H2132" tree |strong="H6086", ' You |strong="H5921" be |strong="H4428" king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921".'

<sup>9</sup> " But |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" olive |strong="H2132" tree |strong="H6086" said |strong="H0559", ' My |strong="H5921" oil is |strong="H0834" used to |strong="H0559" honor |strong="H3513" gods |strong="H0430" and |strong="H1980" humans. Should |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0834" stop |strong="H2308" making my |strong="H5921" oil just |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" sway over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0376" trees |strong="H6086"?'

<sup>10</sup> " Then |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" trees |strong="H6086" said |strong="H0559"

III MOUNT GERIZIM This mountain is right beside the city of Shechem.

to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" fig |strong="H8384" tree |strong="H6086", 'Come and |strong="H6086" be |strong="H6086" our |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4427".'

11 " But |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" fig |strong="H8384" tree |strong="H6086" answered |strong="H0559", ' Should |strong="H1980" I |strong="H0559" stop |strong="H2308" making my |strong="H5921" good |strong="H2896", sweet fruit |strong="H8570" just to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" sway over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" other trees |strong="H6086"?'

12 " Then |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" trees |strong="H6086" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" vine |strong="H1612", 'Come and |strong="H6086" be |strong="H6086" our |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4427".'

13 " But |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" vine |strong="H1612" answered |strong="H0559", ' My |strong="H5921" wine |strong="H8492" makes |strong="H8055" men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H1980" kings happy |strong="H8055". Should |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0559" stop |strong="H2308" making my |strong="H5921" wine |strong="H8492" just to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" sway over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" trees |strong="H6086"?'

14 "Finally, all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" thornbush, 'Come and |strong="H6086" be |strong="H3605" our |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4427".'

15 " But |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" thornbush said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" trees |strong="H6086", ' If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" really |strong="H0571" want to |strong="H0413" make me |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859", come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" find shelter |strong="H6738" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" shade |strong="H6738". But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" don't |strong="H0369" want to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H0518" this |strong="H0398", let fire |strong="H0784" come |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" thornbush. Let the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784" burn even |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" cedar |strong="H0730" trees |strong="H6086" of |strong="H4428" Lebanon |strong="H3844".'

16 " Now |strong="H6258" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" were |strong="H3027" complete-

ly honest when |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" made |strong="H6213" Abimelech |strong="H0040" king |strong="H4427", may |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0518" be |strong="H3027" happy with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H0853". And |strong="H3027" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" been |strong="H6258" fair |strong="H2895" to |strong="H3027" Gideon and |strong="H3027" his |strong="H0518" family |strong="H1004", and |strong="H3027" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" treated |strong="H6213" him |strong="H0853" as |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0518" should |strong="H0518", this |strong="H6258" is |strong="H3027" also |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2895". 17 But |strong="H0834" remember what |strong="H0834" my |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" did |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834". He |strong="H0834" fought |strong="H3898" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3027" risked his |strong="H5921" life |strong="H5315" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" saved |strong="H5337" you |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Midianites |strong="H4080". 18 But |strong="H3588" now |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0001" turned |strong="H1004" against |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H1004". You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0001" killed |strong="H2026" 70 of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3117" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H1931" time |strong="H3117". You |strong="H0859" made Abimelech |strong="H0040" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" Shechem |strong="H7927". He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" only |strong="H0259" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" my |strong="H5921" father's |strong="H0001" slave |strong="H0519" girl. But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" made him |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4427" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" your |strong="H5921" relative |strong="H0251". 19 So |strong="H6213" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" have |strong="H1571" been completely honest to |strong="H3117" Gideon and |strong="H1004" his |strong="H0518" family |strong="H1004" today |strong="H3117", then |strong="H2088" may |strong="H1571" you |strong="H0518" be |strong="H1571" hap-

py|strong="H8055" with|strong="H5973" Abimelech|strong="H0040" as|strong="H3117" your|strong="H0518" king. And|strong="H1004" may|strong="H1571" he|strong="H1931" be|strong="H1571" happy|strong="H8055" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0518".<sup>20</sup> But|strong="H0518" leaders|strong="H1167" of|strong="H1004" Shechem|strong="H7927" and|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Millo|strong="H4407",<sup>1</sup> if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" have|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" acted right, may|strong="H1004" Abimelech|strong="H0040" destroy you|strong="H0518". And|strong="H1004" may|strong="H1004" Abimelech|strong="H0040" be|strong="H1004" destroyed|strong="H0369" too!"

<sup>21</sup> After Jotham|strong="H3147" had|strong="H0251" said this, he|strong="H8033" ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H1272" and|strong="H0251" escaped|strong="H5127" to|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" city named Beer|strong="H0876". He|strong="H8033" stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033" because|strong="H6440" he|strong="H8033" was|strong="H6440" afraid of|strong="H3427" his|strong="H6440" brother|strong="H0251" Abimelech|strong="H0040".

### Abimelech|strong="H0040" Fights Against|strong="H6440" Shechem

<sup>22</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" ruled the|strong="H5921" Israelites|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" three|strong="H7969" years|strong="H8141".<sup>23</sup> Abimelech had killed Gideon's 70 sons—and they were his own brothers. The leaders of Shechem had supported him in doing this evil thing. So God caused trouble between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem. And they began planning ways to hurt Abimelech.<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H2022" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H2022" Shechem|strong="H7927" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H1870" like|strong="H0834" Abimelech|strong="H0040" anymore. They|strong="H0834" put|strong="H7760" men|strong="H1167" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" hilltops to|strong="H5921" attack and|strong="H7218" rob|strong="H1497" everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" went by|strong="H5921". Abimelech|strong="H0040" found out|strong="H5921" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" attacks.

<sup>26</sup> A|strong="H0935" man|strong="H1121" named Gaal|strong="H1603" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ebed|strong="H5651"

I HOUSE OF MILLO Or "Royal Family of Millo."

and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0935" brothers|strong="H0251" moved|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" city of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927". The|strong="H0935" leaders|strong="H1167" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0935" city of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927" decided to|strong="H0935" trust|strong="H0982" and|strong="H1121" follow Gaal|strong="H1603".

<sup>27</sup> One|strong="H1004" day the|strong="H0853" people of|strong="H1004" Shechem went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" vineyards|strong="H3754" to|strong="H0935" pick|strong="H1219" grapes. They|strong="H0935" squeezed the|strong="H0853" grapes to|strong="H0935" make|strong="H6213" wine. And|strong="H0935" then|strong="H3318" they|strong="H0935" had|strong="H0430" a|strong="H0935" party at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" their|strong="H0398" god|strong="H0430". The|strong="H0853" people ate|strong="H0398" and|strong="H0935" drank|strong="H8354" and|strong="H0935" cursed|strong="H7043" Abimelech|strong="H0040".

<sup>28</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Gaal|strong="H1603" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ebed|strong="H5651" said|strong="H0559", "We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927". Why|strong="H4069" should|strong="H0376" we|strong="H0587" obey Abimelech|strong="H0040"? Who|strong="H4310" does|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3588" think|strong="H0559" he|strong="H3588" is|strong="H4310"? Abimelech|strong="H0040" is|strong="H4310" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Gideon's sons|strong="H1121", right? And|strong="H1121" Abimelech|strong="H0040" made|strong="H5647" Zebul|strong="H2083" his|strong="H0376" officer|strong="H6496", right? We|strong="H0587" should|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" obey Abimelech|strong="H0040". We|strong="H0587" should|strong="H0376" follow our|strong="H3588" own|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376", men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" Hamor|strong="H2544".<sup>II</sup> (Hamor|strong="H2544" was|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H0001" of|strong="H1121" Shechem|strong="H7927".)<sup>29</sup> If you|strong="H5414" make|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" commander of|strong="H3027"

II MEN FROM HAMOR This refers to native born citizens of Shechem. Hamor was the father of Shechem in a story in Genesis 34. The city of Shechem is said to have been named after Hamor's son.

these people, I will destroy Abimelech. I will say to him, 'Get your army ready and come out to battle.'

<sup>30</sup> Zebul was the governor of the city of Shechem. Zebul heard what Gaal's son Ebed said, and he became very angry. <sup>31</sup> Zebul sent messengers to Abimelech in the city of Arumah. <sup>1</sup> This is the message:

"Gaal's son Ebed and Gaal's brothers have come to the city of Shechem. They are making trouble for you. Gaal is turning the whole city against you. <sup>32</sup> So now you and your men should come and hide in the fields outside the city. <sup>33</sup> When the sun goes up in the morning, attack the city. Gaal and his men will come out of the city to fight you."

<sup>1</sup> IN THE CITY OF ARUMAH Or "secretly" or "in Tormah," the town where Abimelech lived as king. It was probably about eight miles south of Shechem.

When they come out to fight, do what you can to them."

<sup>34</sup> So Abimelech and all his soldiers got up during the night and went to the city. The soldiers separated into four groups. They hid near the city of Shechem. <sup>35</sup> Gaal's son Ebed went out and was standing at the entrance to the gate of the city of Shechem. While Gaal was standing there, Abimelech and his soldiers came out of their hiding places.

<sup>36</sup> When Gaal saw the soldiers, he said to Zebul, "Look, there are people coming down the mountains." But Zebul said, "You are only seeing the shadows of the mountains. The shadows just look like people."

<sup>37</sup> But Gaal said, "Look, there are some people coming down from

that place over by And I by head by Magician's Tree. <sup>38</sup> Zebul to Gaal, " Why aren't you bragging now? You Who is Abimelech should we obey him made these Now out fight <sup>39</sup> So led Shechem to fight Abimelech and his chased his men. Gaal's men ran the of city but were before gate <sup>40</sup> Abimelech and his men chased his men. Gaal's men ran the of city but were before gate

<sup>41</sup> Then Abimelech returned to the city of Arumah. Zebul forced Gaal and his brothers to leave the city of Shechem.

<sup>42</sup> The next day the people of Shechem went out to the fields to work. Abimelech found out about it. <sup>43</sup> So Abimelech separated his

I LAND'S NAVEL ... MAGICIAN'S TREE Two places in the hills near Shechem.

men into three groups. He wanted to attack the people of Shechem by surprise. So he hid his men in the fields. When he saw the people coming out of the city, he jumped up and attacked them and his group ran to a place near the gate to Shechem. The other two groups ran out to the people in the fields and killed them. <sup>44</sup> Abimelech and his men fought against the city of Shechem all day. They captured the city and its people. Then Abimelech tore down the city and threw salt over the ruins.

<sup>46</sup> There were some people who lived at the Tower of Shechem. When they heard what had happened to Shechem, they gathered together in the safest room

II TOWER OF SHECHEM This was probably a place near Shechem but not actually part of the city.



of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" god|strong="H0410" El|strong="H0410" Berith.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>47</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" heard|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H1167" of|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Tower|strong="H4026" of|strong="H3605" Shechem|strong="H7927" had|strong="H3588" gathered|strong="H6908" together|strong="H6908".<sup>48</sup> So|strong="H6213" Abimelech|strong="H0040" and|strong="H3027" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" Mount|strong="H2022" Zalmon|strong="H6756".<sup>II</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" took|strong="H3947" an|strong="H7760" ax and|strong="H3027" cut|strong="H3772" off|strong="H3772" some|strong="H3605" branches and|strong="H3027" carried|strong="H5375" them|strong="H0413" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" shoulders|strong="H7926". Then|strong="H3947" Abimelech|strong="H0040" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0413", "Hurry|strong="H4116"! Do|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H1931" thing|strong="H1931" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213"."<sup>49</sup> So|strong="H1571" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" cut|strong="H3772" branches and|strong="H0376" followed|strong="H0310" Abimelech|strong="H0040". They|strong="H5921" piled the|strong="H3605" branches against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" safest room of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" temple of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" god El Berith. Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H5921" set|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" branches on|strong="H5921" fire|strong="H0784" and|strong="H0376" burned|strong="H3341" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" room. About|strong="H5921" 1000 men|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" women|strong="H0802" living|strong="H0376" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Tower|strong="H4026" of|strong="H0376" Shechem|strong="H7927" died|strong="H4191".

III SAFEST ROOM The meaning of this Hebrew word is uncertain. Also in verse 49. I EL BERITH Another name for the god Baal Berith mentioned in verses 4 and 8:33. The name here means "God of the Agreement." Also in verse 49. II MOUNT ZALMON This is probably another name for Mount Ebal, a mountain near Shechem.

### Abimelech's|strong="H0040" Death|strong="H4191"

<sup>50</sup> Then|strong="H0040" Abimelech|strong="H0040" and|strong="H0040" his|strong="H0413" men went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" city of|strong="H0413" Thebez|strong="H8405" and|strong="H0040" captured|strong="H3920" that|strong="H0040" city.<sup>51</sup> But|strong="H1961" inside|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" there|strong="H8033" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" strong|strong="H5797" tower|strong="H4026", so|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H1167" and|strong="H0376" other|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" women|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0376" that|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" ran|strong="H5127" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" tower|strong="H4026". When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1961" inside|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3605" tower|strong="H4026", they|strong="H8033" locked|strong="H5462" the|strong="H3605" door behind|strong="H1157" them|strong="H5921". Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H8033" climbed|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" roof|strong="H1406" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" tower|strong="H4026".<sup>52</sup> Abimelech|strong="H0040" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" men came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" tower|strong="H4026" to|strong="H0935" attack|strong="H0935" it|strong="H5704". Abimelech|strong="H0040" went|strong="H0935" up|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" door|strong="H6607" of|strong="H4026" the|strong="H0935" tower|strong="H4026" to|strong="H0935" burn|strong="H8313" it|strong="H5704".<sup>53</sup> But|strong="H5921", while|strong="H5921" Abimelech|strong="H0040" was|strong="H0259" standing at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" door of|strong="H7218" the|strong="H0853" tower, a|strong="H5921" woman|strong="H0802" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" roof dropped|strong="H7993" a|strong="H5921" grinding stone on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" head|strong="H7218". The|strong="H0853" grinding stone crushed|strong="H7533" his|strong="H5921" skull|strong="H1538".<sup>54</sup> Abimelech quickly|strong="H4120" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" servant|strong="H5288" who|strong="H5288" carried|strong="H5375" his|strong="H5375"

weapons |strong="H3627", " Take |strong="H5375" out |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5375" sword |strong="H2719" and |strong="H0802" kill |strong="H2026" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0559" want you |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H2026" me |strong="H0413" so |strong="H6435" that |strong="H7121" people |strong="H5288" will |strong="H2719" not |strong="H6435" say |strong="H0559", ' A |strong="H5375" woman |strong="H0802" killed |strong="H2026" Abimelech." So |strong="H6435" the |strong="H0559" servant |strong="H5288" stabbed |strong="H1856" Abimelech with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5375" sword |strong="H2719", and |strong="H0802" he |strong="H0802" died |strong="H4191".<sup>55</sup> The |strong="H3588" Israelites |strong="H3478" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" Abimelech |strong="H0040" was |strong="H3478" dead |strong="H4191", so |strong="H4191" they |strong="H3588" all |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0376" back home |strong="H4725".

<sup>56</sup> In |strong="H0430" that |strong="H0834" way God |strong="H0430" punished Abimelech |strong="H0040" for |strong="H0430" all the |strong="H0853" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213". Abimelech |strong="H0040" sinned against his |strong="H7725" own father |strong="H0001" by |strong="H7451" killing |strong="H2026" his |strong="H7725" 70 brothers |strong="H0251".<sup>57</sup> God |strong="H0430" also |strong="H0853" punished the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" city of |strong="H1121" Shechem |strong="H7927" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0376" had |strong="H0430" done |strong="H7451". So |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" said |strong="H0413" by |strong="H0413" Jotham |strong="H3147" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gideon came |strong="H0935" true.

### Tola, the Judge

**10** After |strong="H0310" Abimelech |strong="H0040" died, God sent another |strong="H0376" judge to |strong="H3478" save |strong="H3467" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". His |strong="H0376" name was |strong="H3478" Tola |strong="H8439". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Puah |strong="H6312", who |strong="H0376" was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121"

of |strong="H1121" Dodo |strong="H1734". Tola |strong="H8439" was |strong="H3478" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H1121" Issachar |strong="H3485" and |strong="H1121" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" Shamir, in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669".<sup>2</sup> Tola was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H3478" judge |strong="H8199" for |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" for |strong="H4191" 23 years |strong="H8141". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" died |strong="H4191" and |strong="H3478" was |strong="H3478" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H8141" Shamir.

### Jair, the |strong="H0853" Judge |strong="H8199"

<sup>3</sup> After |strong="H0310" Tola died, God sent another judge |strong="H8199". His |strong="H6965" name was |strong="H3478" Jair |strong="H2971", and |strong="H6965" he |strong="H0310" lived |strong="H0310" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" area of |strong="H8141" Gilead. He |strong="H0310" was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H3478" judge |strong="H8199" for |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" for |strong="H6965" 22 years |strong="H8141".<sup>4</sup> Jair had |strong="H0834" 30 sons |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" rode |strong="H7392" 30 donkeys |strong="H5895".<sup>1</sup> These |strong="H2088" 30 sons |strong="H1121" controlled 30 towns in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" area |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568". These |strong="H2088" towns are |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0834" Towns of |strong="H1121" Jair to |strong="H5704" this |strong="H2088" very |strong="H2088" day |strong="H3117".<sup>5</sup> Jair |strong="H2971" died |strong="H4191" and |strong="H4191" was buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H4191" city of |strong="H4191" Kamon |strong="H7056".

### The |strong="H4191" Ammonites Fight Against Israel

<sup>6</sup> Again |strong="H3254" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7451" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H3068" wrong |strong="H7451". They |strong="H3808" began

<sup>1</sup> 30 SONS WHO RODE 30 DONKEYS This showed that these men were important leaders, possibly the mayors of the 30 towns in Gilead.

worshiping |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" false gods |strong="H0430" Baal |strong="H1168" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Ashtoreth. They |strong="H3808" also |strong="H3068" worshiped |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758", the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Sidon |strong="H6721", the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Moabites |strong="H4124", the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430". The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" left |strong="H5800" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" stopped |strong="H6430" serving |strong="H5647" him |strong="H0853".

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" became |strong="H2734" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" allowed |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" Philistines |strong="H6430" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3068" Ammonites |strong="H5983" to |strong="H3068" defeat them |strong="H3027". <sup>8</sup> In |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" same |strong="H1931" year |strong="H8141" those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" destroyed the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" lived on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" east |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H0776", in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" area |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Amorites |strong="H0567" had |strong="H0834" lived. The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" suffered for |strong="H0776" 18 years |strong="H8141". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" then |strong="H0853" went |strong="H1004" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River to |strong="H3478" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H3898" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", Benjamin |strong="H1144", and |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669".

The |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" brought many troubles to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478".

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" cried |strong="H2199" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" help. They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", "God |strong="H0430", we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1121" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588". We |strong="H3588" left |strong="H5800" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H1121" worshiped |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" false god |strong="H0430" Baal |strong="H1168"."

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478", "You |strong="H3808" cried to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" when |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" Egyptians |strong="H4714", the |strong="H0559" Amorites |strong="H0567", the |strong="H0559" Ammonites |strong="H5983", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" Philistines |strong="H6430" hurt you |strong="H3808". I |strong="H4714" saved you |strong="H3808" from |strong="H4480" these people |strong="H1121". <sup>12</sup> You |strong="H0853" cried |strong="H6817" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" when |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H3027" Sidon, the |strong="H0853" Amalekites |strong="H6002", and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" Midianites <sup>I</sup> hurt you |strong="H0853". I |strong="H3027" also |strong="H0853" saved |strong="H3467" you |strong="H0853" from |strong="H3027" those |strong="H0853" people. <sup>13</sup> But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" left |strong="H5800" me |strong="H3254" and |strong="H0430" started worshiping |strong="H5647" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430", so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0430" save |strong="H3467" you |strong="H0859" again |strong="H3254". <sup>14</sup> You |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" worshiping those |strong="H0834" gods |strong="H0430", so |strong="H0834" go call |strong="H2199" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" help |strong="H3467". Let |strong="H6256" them |strong="H0413" save |strong="H3467" you |strong="H0834" when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0413" trouble |strong="H6869"."

<sup>I</sup> MIDIANITES This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "The Maonites."

15 But the Israelites said to the LORD, "We have sinned whatever you do to us, but please us today." Then the Israelites threw away the gods and began to worship the LORD again. So he felt sorry for them when he saw them suffer-ing.

**Jephthah Is Chosen  
as a Leader**

17 The Ammonites gathered together for war. Their camp was in the area of Gilead. The Israelites gathered together. Their camp was at the city of Mizpah. The leaders of the people living in the area of Gilead said, "Whoever leads us in the attack against the Ammonites will become the head of all the people living in Gilead."

11 Jephthah was from the tribe of Gilead. He was a soldier. But

Jephthah was the son of a prostitute. His father was a man named Gilead's wife. He had several sons. When they grew up, they did not like Jephthah. They forced Jephthah to leave his hometown. They said to him, "You will not get any of our father's property, because you are the son of another woman." So Jephthah went away because of his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. In the land of Tob, some rough men began to follow Jephthah.

4 After a time the Ammonites fought with the Israelites. The Ammonites were fighting against Israel, so the elders of Gilead went to Jephthah. They wanted Jephthah to leave the land of Tob and come back to Gilead.

6 The elders said to Jephthah,

Come **and** **be** **our** **leader** **so** **that** **we** **can** **fight** **the** **Ammonites**."

<sup>7</sup> **But** **Jephthah** **said** **to** **the** **elders** **of** **Gilead**, "**You** **forced** **me** **to** **leave** **my** **father's** **house**. **You** **hate** **me**. **So** **why** **are** **you** **coming** **to** **me** **now** **that** **you** **are** **having** **trouble**?"

<sup>8</sup> **The** **elders** **from** **Gilead** **said** **to** **Jephthah**, "**That** **is** **the** **reason** **we** **have** **to** **you** **now**. **Please** **come** **with** **us** **and** **fight** **against** **the** **Ammonites**. **You** **will** **be** **the** **commander** **over** **all** **the** **people** **living** **in** **Gilead**."

<sup>9</sup> **Then** **Jephthah** **said** **to** **the** **elders** **from** **Gilead**, "**If** **you** **want** **me** **to** **come** **to** **Gilead** **and** **fight** **the** **Ammonites**, **I** **will** **do** **it**. **But** **if** **the** **LORD** **helps** **me** **to** **win**, **I** **will** **be** **your** **new** **leader**."

<sup>10</sup> **The** **elders** **from** **Gilead** **said** **to** **Jephthah**, "**The** **LORD** **is** **listening** **to** **everything** **we** **are** **saying**. **And** **we** **promise** **to** **do** **everything** **you** **tell** **us** **to** **do**."

<sup>11</sup> **So** **Jephthah** **went** **with** **the** **elders** **from** **Gilead**, **and** **made** **him** **their** **leader** **and** **commander**. **Jephthah** **repeated** **all** **of** **his** **words** **in** **front** **of** **the** **LORD** **at** **the** **city** **of** **Mizpah**.

**Jephthah** **Warns** **the** **King** **of** **Ammon**

<sup>12</sup> **Jephthah** **sent** **messengers** **to** **the** **king** **of** **H1121** **the** **Ammonites** **with** **this** **message**: "**What** **is** **the** **problem** **between** **the** **Ammonites** **and** **the** **Israelites**? **Why** **have** **you** **come** **to** **fight** **in** **our** **land**?"

<sup>13</sup> **The** **king** **of** **H1121** **the** **Ammonites** **said** **to** **the** **messengers** **of** **H1121** **Jephthah**, "**We** **are** **fighting** **Israel** **because** **the** **Israelites** **took** **our** **land** **when** **they** **were** **fighting** **Israel**."

came |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" from |strong="H7725" Egypt |strong="H4714". They |strong="H3588" took |strong="H3947" our |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" Arnon |strong="H0769" River |strong="H5704" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Jab-bok |strong="H2999" River |strong="H5704" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". Now |strong="H6258", tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H7725" our |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413" without fighting for |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588".

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0413" messen-gers |strong="H4397" of |strong="H1121" Jeph-thah |strong="H3316" took this message back |strong="H5750" to |strong="H0413" Jeph-thah |strong="H3316". <sup>1</sup> Then |strong="H7971" Jeph-thah |strong="H3316" sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0413" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0413" Ammonites |strong="H5983" again |strong="H5750". <sup>15</sup> They |strong="H3808" took |strong="H3947" this |strong="H3541" message:

" This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0776" what |strong="H3541" Jephthah |strong="H3316" says |strong="H0559": Israel |strong="H3478" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Moabites |strong="H4124" or |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983".

<sup>16</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" Is-raelites |strong="H3478" came |strong="H0935" out |strong="H0935" of |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" land of |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714", they |strong="H3588" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" desert |strong="H4057". They |strong="H3588" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" Red Sea |strong="H3220". Then |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3588" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Kadesh |strong="H6946". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Edom |strong="H0123". The |strong="H0559" mes-

sengers |strong="H4397" asked |strong="H0559" for |strong="H0413" a |strong="H8085" fa-vor |strong="H4428". They |strong="H3808" said |strong="H0559", ' Let |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" cross |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674" your |strong="H8085" land |strong="H0776". But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Edom |strong="H0123" didn't |strong="H3808" let |strong="H7971" us |strong="H4994" go |strong="H7971" through |strong="H5674" his |strong="H8085" land |strong="H0776". We |strong="H8085" also |strong="H1571" sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" same message to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Moab |strong="H4124". But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Moab |strong="H4124" would |strong="H0014" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H7971" us |strong="H4994" go |strong="H7971" through |strong="H5674" his |strong="H8085" land |strong="H0776" ei-ther |strong="H1571". So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" stayed |strong="H3427" at |strong="H0413" Kadesh |strong="H6946".

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Is-raelites went |strong="H0935" through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057" and |strong="H0935" around |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" edges of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Edom |strong="H0123" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Moab |strong="H4124". They |strong="H3588" traveled |strong="H0935" east |strong="H4217" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Moab |strong="H4124". They |strong="H3588" made |strong="H5437" their |strong="H3588" camp |strong="H2583" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" oth-er |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Arnon |strong="H0769" River |strong="H0776". They |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" cross the |strong="H0853" bor-der |strong="H1366" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Moab |strong="H4124". ( The |strong="H0853" Arnon |strong="H0769" Riv-er |strong="H0776" was |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853"

I SO THE MESSENGERS ... JEPHTHAH This is from the ancient Greek version.

land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Moab|strong="H4124".)

19 " Then|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" sent|strong="H7971" messengers|strong="H4397" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Sihon|strong="H5511" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" Amorites|strong="H0567". Sihon|strong="H5511" was|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" city of|strong="H4428" Heshbon|strong="H2809". The|strong="H0559" messengers|strong="H4397" asked|strong="H0559" Sihon|strong="H5511", ' Let|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" pass|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" your|strong="H4994" land|strong="H0776". We|strong="H5704" want to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" our|strong="H7971" land|strong="H0776". 20 But|strong="H3808" King Sihon|strong="H5511" of|strong="H1366" the|strong="H3605" Amorites would|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" cross|strong="H5674" his|strong="H3605" borders|strong="H1366". So|strong="H3808" Sihon|strong="H5511" gathered|strong="H0622" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1366" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H3478" made|strong="H3605" a|strong="H3808" camp|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Jahaz|strong="H3096". Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" Amorites fought|strong="H3898" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". 21 But|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478", helped|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" defeat|strong="H5221" Sihon|strong="H5511" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5971". So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" Amorites|strong="H0567" became the|strong="H3605" property of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". 22 The|strong="H3605" Israelites got all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" of|strong="H1366" the|strong="H3605" Amorites|strong="H0567" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" Arnon|strong="H0769" River|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" Jabbok|strong="H2999" River|strong="H5704". The|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" also|strong="H0853" went

from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5704".

23 " It|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", who|strong="H3068" forced the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567" to|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H3423" their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H6440". And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0430" gave the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H6440" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". Do you|strong="H0859" think you|strong="H0859" can make the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" leave|strong="H3423" this|strong="H6258" land|strong="H6440"? 24 Surely|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" live in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H6440" that|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3068" god|strong="H0430" Chemosh|strong="H3645" has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H3423" to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834". So|strong="H3808" we|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" live in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H6440" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H3423" to|strong="H3068" us|strong="H6440". 25 Are|strong="H3478" you|strong="H0859" any better|strong="H2896" than|strong="H2896" Balak|strong="H1111" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zippor|strong="H6834"? He|strong="H0518" was|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0518" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0518" land of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124". Did he|strong="H0518" argue|strong="H7378" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0518" Israelites|strong="H3478"? Did he|strong="H0518" actually fight|strong="H3898" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0518" Israelites|strong="H3478"? 26 The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" have|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1323" Heshbon|strong="H2809" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H1323" around|strong="H5921" it|strong="H1931" for|strong="H5921" 300 years|strong="H8141". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605"

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city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1323" Aroer|strong="H6177" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H1323" around|strong="H5921" it|strong="H1931" for|strong="H5921" 300 years|strong="H8141". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" along|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" side|strong="H3027" of|strong="H1323" the|strong="H3605" Arnon|strong="H0769" River for|strong="H5921" 300 years|strong="H8141". Why|strong="H4069" have|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" tried to|strong="H5921" take|strong="H5337" these|strong="H1931" cities|strong="H5892" in|strong="H3427" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H6256"? <sup>27</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" have|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" sinned|strong="H2398" against|strong="H2398" you|strong="H0859". But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3117" doing|strong="H6213" a|strong="H3068" very bad|strong="H7451" thing|strong="H7451" against|strong="H2398" them|strong="H0853". May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" true|strong="H3068" Judge|strong="H8199", decide|strong="H8199" whether|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" or|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983" are|strong="H3117" right."

<sup>28</sup> The|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" Ammonites|strong="H5983" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H8085" Jephthah|strong="H3316".

#### **Jephthah's|strong="H3316" Promise|strong="H1697"**

<sup>29</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" Spirit|strong="H7307" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" on|strong="H5921" Jephthah|strong="H3316", and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3068" passed|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" area of|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568" and|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519". He|strong="H3068" went|strong="H1961" through|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H1121" Mizpah|strong="H4708" in|strong="H5921" Gilead|strong="H1568" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" way|strong="H5921" to|strong="H1961"

the|strong="H0853" land of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983".

<sup>30</sup> Jephthah|strong="H3316" made|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" promise|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0518" said|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983", <sup>31</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H7725" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" first thing that|strong="H0834" comes|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H3068" house|strong="H1004" when|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" come|strong="H1961" back|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" victory. I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H7725" it|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927"."

<sup>32</sup> Then|strong="H5414" Jephthah|strong="H3316" went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" land of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" Ammonites|strong="H5983". He|strong="H3068" fought|strong="H3898" the|strong="H0413" Ammonites|strong="H5983", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" helped|strong="H3027" him|strong="H0413" defeat|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413". <sup>33</sup> He|strong="H5704" defeated|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5221" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Aroer|strong="H6177" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Minnith|strong="H4511". Jephthah captured 20 cities|strong="H5892".

Then|strong="H0935" he|strong="H5704" fought the|strong="H6440" Ammonites|strong="H5983" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Abel Keramim. The|strong="H6440" Israelites|strong="H3478" defeated|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5221". It|strong="H5704" was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H0935" very|strong="H3966" great|strong="H1419" defeat|strong="H5221" for|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" Ammonites|strong="H5983".

<sup>34</sup> Jephthah|strong="H3316" went|strong="H3318" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Mizpah|strong="H4709". He|strong="H1931" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0935" house|strong="H1004",



and his daughter came out to meet her. She was playing a tambourine and dancing. She was his only daughter and Jephthah loved her very much. He did not have any other sons or daughters. <sup>35</sup> When Jephthah saw that his daughter was the first thing to come out of his house, he tore his clothes to show his sadness. Then he said, "Oh my daughter! You have ruined me! You have made me very sad! I made a promise to the LORD, and I cannot change it!"

<sup>36</sup> Then his daughter said to Jephthah, "Father, you have made a promise to the LORD, so keep your promise. Do what you said you would do." After all, the LORD did help you defeat your enemies, the Ammonites."

<sup>37</sup> Then Jephthah's daughter said to

her father, "But this thing me let be for two months. Let me go to the mountains will not marry and let and go together."

<sup>38</sup> Jephthah said, "Go away for two months. Jephthah's daughter and her friends stayed in the mountains. They cried for her because she would not marry and have children."

<sup>39</sup> At the end of two months, Jephthah's daughter returned to her father and he promised his daughter never to have sexual relations with anyone. So this became a custom in Israel. <sup>40</sup> Every year young women of Israel would go out for four days to remember the daughter of Jephthah from Gilead

and |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" cry for |strong="H3117" her |strong="H3117".

### Jephthah and Ephraim

12 The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" tribe of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" called |strong="H7121" all |strong="H0376" their |strong="H5921" soldiers |strong="H0376" together |strong="H5973". Then |strong="H0559" they |strong="H5921" went |strong="H0376" across |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" river to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H1121" Zaphon. They |strong="H5921" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Jephthah |strong="H3316", " Why |strong="H4069" didn't |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921" call |strong="H7121" us |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" help you |strong="H5921" fight |strong="H3898" the |strong="H0559" Ammonites |strong="H5983"? We will |strong="H0376" burn |strong="H8313" your |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004" down |strong="H8313" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921"."

2 Jephthah |strong="H3316" answered |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " The |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" giving us |strong="H0413" many problems. So |strong="H1961" my |strong="H1961" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0589" fought against |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0589" called |strong="H2199" you |strong="H3808", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" didn't |strong="H3808" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" help |strong="H3467" us |strong="H0413". 3 I |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0369" help |strong="H3467" us |strong="H5414", so |strong="H5414" I |strong="H3588" risked my |strong="H5414" own |strong="H5315" life |strong="H5315". I |strong="H3588" went |strong="H5927" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3588" river |strong="H7760" to |strong="H0413" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" Ammonites |strong="H5983". The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" helped |strong="H3467" me |strong="H0413" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413". Now |strong="H3117" why |strong="H4100" have |strong="H0369" you |strong="H3588" come |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" today |strong="H3117"?"

4 Then |strong="H0853" Jephthah |strong="H3316" called |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Gilead |strong="H1568" together |strong="H6908". They |strong="H3588" fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" tribe of |strong="H0376" Ephraim |strong="H0669" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" insulted the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Gilead |strong="H1568". They |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Gilead |strong="H1568" are |strong="H0376" nothing |strong="H3605" but |strong="H3588" survivors |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Ephraim |strong="H0669". Part |strong="H8432" of |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0859" belongs to |strong="H0559" Ephraim |strong="H0669", and |strong="H0376" part |strong="H8432" of |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0859" belongs to |strong="H0559" Manasseh |strong="H4519". The |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Gilead |strong="H1568" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Ephraim |strong="H0669".

5 The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Gilead |strong="H1568" captured |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" places |strong="H0559" where |strong="H3808" people |strong="H0376" cross |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3588". Those |strong="H0376" places |strong="H0559" led to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" country of |strong="H0376" Ephraim |strong="H0669". Any |strong="H0376" time |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" survivor from |strong="H0376" Ephraim |strong="H0669" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" river |strong="H3588" and |strong="H0376" said |strong="H0559", " Let |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961" cross |strong="H5674", the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Gilead |strong="H1568" would |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0853", " Are |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0859" from |strong="H0376" Ephraim |strong="H0669"? If |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", 6 they |strong="H3651" would |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559", " Say |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" word |strong="H1696" 'Shibboleth.'" The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H8147"

of|strong="H6256" Ephraim|strong="H0669" could|strong="H3559" not|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" that|strong="H1931" word|strong="H1696" correctly|strong="H3651". They|strong="H3651" pronounced|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" word|strong="H1696"" Sibboleth|strong="H5451"." So|strong="H3651" if|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" man said|strong="H0559", " Sibboleth|strong="H5451";" then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H8147" of|strong="H6256" Gilead knew he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" from|strong="H0413" Ephraim|strong="H0669". So|strong="H3651" they|strong="H3651" would|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H7819" him|strong="H0413" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" crossing place|strong="H3559". They|strong="H3651" killed|strong="H7819" 42,000 men|strong="H8147" from|strong="H0413" Ephraim|strong="H0669".

<sup>7</sup> Jephthah|strong="H3316" was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3478" judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" for|strong="H4191" six|strong="H8337" years|strong="H8141". Then|strong="H0853" Jephthah|strong="H3316" from|strong="H3478" Gilead|strong="H1568" died|strong="H4191" and|strong="H3478" was|strong="H3478" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H8141" his|strong="H3478" town|strong="H5892" in|strong="H8141" Gilead|strong="H1568".

**Ibzan|strong="H8199", the|strong="H0853" Judge|strong="H8199"**

<sup>8</sup> After|strong="H0310" Jephthah, a|strong="H3478" man named Ibzan|strong="H0078" was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3478" judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H8199" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". Ibzan|strong="H0078" was|strong="H3478" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H8199" Bethlehem|strong="H1035".<sup>9</sup> Ibzan|strong="H8199" had|strong="H1961" 30 sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" 30 daughters|strong="H1323". He|strong="H4480" told his|strong="H1961" 30 daughters|strong="H1323" to|strong="H0935" marry men|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" relatives|strong="H1121". And|strong="H1121" he|strong="H4480" found 30 women|strong="H1323" who|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" relatives|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H1961" sons|strong="H1121" married these women|strong="H1323". Ibzan|strong="H8199" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"

judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" for|strong="H7971" seven|strong="H7651" years|strong="H8141".<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H4191" Ibzan|strong="H0078" died|strong="H4191" and|strong="H4191" was buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H4191" the|strong="H4191" city of|strong="H4191" Bethlehem|strong="H1035".

**Elon, the|strong="H4191" Judge**

<sup>11</sup> After|strong="H0310" Ibzan|strong="H8199", a|strong="H3478" man named Elon|strong="H0356" was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3478" judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H8199" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". Elon|strong="H0356" was|strong="H3478" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H8141" Zebulun. He|strong="H0310" was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3478" judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H8199" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" for|strong="H8199" ten|strong="H6235" years|strong="H8141".<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H4191" Elon from|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" tribe of|strong="H0776" Zebulun|strong="H2074" died|strong="H4191" and|strong="H0776" was|strong="H0776" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" city of|strong="H0776" Aijalon|strong="H0357" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Zebulun|strong="H2074".

**Abdon, the|strong="H0776" Judge**

<sup>13</sup> After|strong="H0310" Elon died, a|strong="H3478" man|strong="H1121" named Abdon|strong="H5658" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hillel|strong="H1985" was|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3478" judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H8199" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". Abdon|strong="H5658" was|strong="H3478" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H1121" Pirathon.<sup>14</sup> Abdon had|strong="H1961" 40 sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" 30 grandsons|strong="H1121". They|strong="H5921" rode|strong="H7392" on|strong="H5921" 70 donkeys|strong="H5895".<sup>1</sup> Abdon was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" judge|strong="H8199" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" eight|strong="H8083" years|strong="H8141".<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H4191" Abdon|strong="H5658" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hillel|strong="H1985"

<sup>1</sup> THEY RODE ON 70 DONKEYS This showed that they were important leaders, possibly mayors of their towns.

died |strong="H4191" and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H0776" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" city of |strong="H1121" Pirathon |strong="H6552". Pirathon |strong="H6552" is |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" where the |strong="H0776" Amalekites |strong="H6003" lived.

### The Birth of Samson

**13** Again |strong="H3254" the |strong="H5414" people |strong="H1121" started doing |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7451" the |strong="H5414" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H3068" wrong |strong="H7451". So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5414" LORD |strong="H3068" allowed |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" Philistines |strong="H6430" to |strong="H3068" rule |strong="H3027" over |strong="H3027" them |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3027" 40 years |strong="H8141".

<sup>2</sup> There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" named |strong="H8034" Manoah |strong="H4495" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3205" city of |strong="H0376" Zorah |strong="H6881". He |strong="H3808" was |strong="H8034" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3205" tribe |strong="H4940" of |strong="H0376" Dan. Manoah |strong="H4495" had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" wife |strong="H0802", but |strong="H3808" she |strong="H3808" was |strong="H8034" not |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" any |strong="H0376" children |strong="H3205". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" Manoah's |strong="H3205" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" been |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0413" have |strong="H1121" children |strong="H1121". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H3205" pregnant |strong="H2029" and |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121". <sup>4</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" drink |strong="H8354" any |strong="H3605" wine |strong="H3196" or |strong="H0408" any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" strong |strong="H7941" drink |strong="H8354". Don't |strong="H0408" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" food |strong="H0398"

that |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" unclean |strong="H2931", <sup>5</sup> because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3478" pregnant |strong="H2029", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" dedicated |strong="H5139" to |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" special way |strong="H5921". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" a Nazirite |strong="H5139". So |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" never |strong="H3808" cut his |strong="H5921" hair |strong="H7218". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" God's |strong="H0430" special person |strong="H3027" from |strong="H4480" before |strong="H4480" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" born |strong="H3205". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0430" save |strong="H3467" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" power |strong="H3027" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430".

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" husband |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H5046" him |strong="H0413" what |strong="H2088" had |strong="H0430" happened |strong="H0935". She |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", " A |strong="H0935" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H1931" looked |strong="H4758" like |strong="H4758" the |strong="H0853" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H1931" frightened me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H2088" didn't |strong="H3808" ask |strong="H7592" him |strong="H0413" where |strong="H0335" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H8034" from |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H1931" didn't |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0376" name |strong="H8034". <sup>7</sup> But |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H4480", ' You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3117" pregnant |strong="H2029" and |strong="H1121" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121". Don't |strong="H0408" drink |strong="H8354" any |strong="H3605"

wine|strong="H3196" or|strong="H0408" other|strong="H3605" strong|strong="H7941" drink|strong="H8354". Don't|strong="H0408" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H3605" food|strong="H0398" that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0430" unclean|strong="H2932", because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" boy|strong="H5288" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" dedicated|strong="H5139" to|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0430" a|strong="H1961" special way|strong="H3605". The|strong="H3605" boy|strong="H5288" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" God's|strong="H0430" special person|strong="H0398" from|strong="H4480" before|strong="H5704" he|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0430" born|strong="H3205" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" he|strong="H3588" dies|strong="H4194"."

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0935" Manoah|strong="H4495" prayed|strong="H6279" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", " Lord|strong="H3068", I|strong="H0834" beg|strong="H4994" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" send|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H4994" again|strong="H5750". We|strong="H0834" want him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" teach|strong="H3384" us|strong="H4994" what|strong="H4100" we|strong="H0834" should|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" boy|strong="H5288" who|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" soon|strong="H3205" be|strong="H5750" born|strong="H3205"."

<sup>9</sup> God|strong="H0430" heard|strong="H8085" Manoah's|strong="H4495" prayer. The|strong="H0413" angel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" woman|strong="H0802" again|strong="H5750". She|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0369" sitting|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H8085" field|strong="H7704" and|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0413" husband|strong="H0376" Manoah|strong="H4495" was|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" with|strong="H5973" her|strong="H0413". <sup>10</sup> So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" woman|strong="H0802" ran|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0413" tell|strong="H5046" her|strong="H0413" husband|strong="H0376", " The|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0834"

back|strong="H0935"! The|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" other|strong="H0376" day|strong="H3117" is|strong="H0834" here|strong="H2009"."

<sup>11</sup> Manoah|strong="H4495" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H0935" followed|strong="H0310" his|strong="H0834" wife|strong="H0802". When|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376", he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", " Are|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" the|strong="H0559" same man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H0834" wife|strong="H0802" before|strong="H0413"?"

The|strong="H0559" angel said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"."

<sup>12</sup> So|strong="H1961" Manoah|strong="H4495" said|strong="H0559", " May|strong="H1961" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0935" say|strong="H0559" happen|strong="H1961". Tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0935", what|strong="H4100" kind|strong="H4941" of|strong="H1697" life|strong="H4941" will|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" boy|strong="H5288" live? What|strong="H4100" will|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0559" do|strong="H4100"?"

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3605" angel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Manoah|strong="H4495", " Your|strong="H3068" wife|strong="H0802" must do|strong="H8104" everything|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" her|strong="H3605". <sup>14</sup> She|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" anything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" grows|strong="H3318" on|strong="H3605" a|strong="H0834" grapevine. She|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" drink|strong="H8354" any|strong="H3605" wine|strong="H3196" or|strong="H3808" strong|strong="H7941" drink|strong="H8354". She|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H3605" food|strong="H0398" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" unclean|strong="H2932". She|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" do|strong="H0408" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680"

her|strong="H3605" to|strong="H8104"  
do|strong="H0408".

15 Then|strong="H0853" Manoah|strong="H4495"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" angel|strong="H4397"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068", " We|strong="H4994"  
would|strong="H3068" like|strong="H6440"  
for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H6440"  
to|strong="H0413" stay a|strong="H3068" while.  
We|strong="H4994" want to|strong="H0413" cook  
a|strong="H3068" young|strong="H1423"  
goat|strong="H5795" for|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0413" eat."

16 The|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Manoah|strong="H4495", "  
Even|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H3588" keep|strong="H6213"  
me|strong="H0413" from|strong="H0413" leaving,  
I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398"  
your|strong="H3068" food|strong="H3899".  
But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H3588" want to|strong="H0413" pre-  
pare|strong="H6213" something|strong="H3899", of-  
fer|strong="H5927" a|strong="H3588"  
burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068"." ( Manoah|strong="H4495"  
did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" under-  
stand|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H0559" man was|strong="H3068" real-  
ly|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068".)

17 Then|strong="H0935" Manoah|strong="H4495"  
asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", "  
What|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034"?  
We|strong="H3588" want to|strong="H0413" know  
so|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3588"  
we|strong="H3588" can|strong="H4310" hon-  
or|strong="H3513" you|strong="H3588"  
when|strong="H3588" what|strong="H1697"  
you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H0559" really|strong="H0559" hap-  
pens."

18 The|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "  
Why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100"  
you|strong="H4100" ask|strong="H7592"  
my|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034"?  
It|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" too amazing

for|strong="H7592" you|strong="H4100"  
to|strong="H0559" believe. I<sup>1</sup>

19 Then|strong="H3947" Manoah|strong="H4495"  
sacrificed|strong="H5927" a|strong="H3947"  
young|strong="H1423" goat|strong="H5795"  
on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947"  
rock|strong="H6697". He|strong="H6213" of-  
fered|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0853"  
goat|strong="H5795" and|strong="H3068"  
a|strong="H3947" grain offering|strong="H4503"  
as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3947"  
gift|strong="H4503" to|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" One|strong="H0802"  
Who|strong="H3068" Does|strong="H6213" Amaz-  
ing|strong="H6381" Things|strong="H6381". II<sup>20</sup>  
Manoah|strong="H4495" and|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802"  
were|strong="H1961" watching what|strong="H5921"  
happened|strong="H1961". As|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H6440" flames|strong="H3851"  
went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927"  
to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440"  
sky|strong="H8064" from|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H6440" altar|strong="H4196",  
the|strong="H6440" angel|strong="H4397"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440"  
LORD|strong="H3068" went|strong="H5927"  
up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H1961" heav-  
en|strong="H8064" in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H6440" fire.

When|strong="H1961" Manoah|strong="H4495"  
and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5921"  
wife|strong="H0802" saw|strong="H7200"  
that|strong="H7200", they|strong="H5921"  
bowed|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307"  
with|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068"  
faces|strong="H6440" to|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H6440" ground|strong="H0776". 21  
He|strong="H1931" finally under-  
stood|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H3588" man|strong="H7200"  
was|strong="H3068" really the|strong="H3588" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068".  
The|strong="H3588" angel|strong="H4397"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3254"  
not|strong="H3808" appear|strong="H7200"  
to|strong="H0413" Manoah|strong="H4495"  
and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068"  
wife|strong="H0802" again|strong="H5750". 22

I IT IS ... BELIEVE Or "It is Pelei." This means "amazing" or "wonderful." This is like the name "Wonderful Counselor" in Isaiah 9:6.  
II THE LORD ... AMAZING THINGS Or "the LORD Who Does Amazing Things." Both of these are names for God, but Manoah didn't know the man was really the angel of the LORD.

Manoah |strong="H4495" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7200" wife |strong="H0802", " We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H7200" seen |strong="H7200" God |strong="H0430". Surely |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" die |strong="H4191" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H0430" this |strong="H3588"."

<sup>23</sup> But |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3605" wife |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0853", " The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want |strong="H2654" to |strong="H0559" kill |strong="H4191" us |strong="H7200". If |strong="H3863" he |strong="H3068" wanted |strong="H2654" to |strong="H0559" kill |strong="H4191" us |strong="H7200", he |strong="H3068" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3068" accepted |strong="H3947" our |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H4503" and |strong="H3068" grain |strong="H3605" offering |strong="H4503". He |strong="H3068" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3068" shown |strong="H7200" us |strong="H7200" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" or |strong="H3808" told |strong="H0559" us |strong="H7200" this |strong="H2063"."

<sup>24</sup> So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" had |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3205" boy |strong="H5288". She |strong="H7121" named |strong="H8034" him |strong="H3205" Samson |strong="H8123". He |strong="H3068" grew |strong="H1431" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" blessed |strong="H1288" him |strong="H3205". <sup>25</sup> The |strong="H3068" Spirit |strong="H7307" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" began |strong="H2490" to |strong="H3068" work in |strong="H3068" Samson while he |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" city of |strong="H3068" Mahaneh Dan |strong="H1835". That |strong="H3068" city is |strong="H3068" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H3068" cities of |strong="H3068" Zorah |strong="H6881" and |strong="H3068" Esh-  
taol |strong="H0847".

### Samson's Marriage

**14** Samson |strong="H8123" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H7200" city of |strong="H1323" Timnah |strong="H8553". He |strong="H0802" saw |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" young Philistine |strong="H6430"

woman |strong="H0802" there. <sup>2</sup> When |strong="H7200" he |strong="H0853" returned |strong="H5927" home |strong="H0001", he |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3947" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0802" mother |strong="H0517", " I |strong="H6258" saw |strong="H7200" a |strong="H3947" Philistine |strong="H6430" woman |strong="H0802" in |strong="H0802" Timnah |strong="H8553". I |strong="H6258" want you |strong="H5046" to |strong="H0559" get |strong="H3947" her |strong="H5046" for |strong="H0802" me |strong="H5046". I |strong="H6258" want to |strong="H0559" marry |strong="H3947" her |strong="H5046"."

<sup>3</sup> His |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H1980" his |strong="H3605" mother |strong="H0517" answered |strong="H0559", " But |strong="H3588" surely |strong="H3588" there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3947" woman |strong="H0802" from |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" Israelites you |strong="H0859" can |strong="H0369" marry |strong="H3947". Do |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0413" marry |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" woman |strong="H0802" from |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430"? Their |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5971" are |strong="H5869" not |strong="H0369" even |strong="H3588" circumcised."

But |strong="H3588" Samson |strong="H8123" said |strong="H0559", " Get |strong="H3947" that |strong="H3588" woman |strong="H0802" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H0413"! She |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0369" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H0369" I |strong="H3588" want!" <sup>4</sup> (Samson's parents |strong="H0001" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" wanted |strong="H1245" this |strong="H1931" to |strong="H3068" happen. He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H3068" looking |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" way to |strong="H3068" do something against the |strong="H3588" Philistines |strong="H6430". They |strong="H3588" were |strong="H3478" ruling |strong="H4910" over |strong="H4910" the |strong="H3588" Israelites |strong="H3478" at |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H6256".)

<sup>5</sup> Samson |strong="H8123" went |strong="H0935" down |strong="H3381" with |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0935" mother |strong="H0517"

to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" city of |strong="H0001" Timnah |strong="H8553". They |strong="H5704" went |strong="H0935" as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0935" vineyards |strong="H3754" near |strong="H5704" that |strong="H5704" city. There |strong="H2009" a |strong="H0935" young |strong="H3715" lion |strong="H0738" suddenly |strong="H2009" roared |strong="H7580" and |strong="H0935" jumped at |strong="H0935" Samson |strong="H8123"! <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" Spirit |strong="H7307" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H7307" on |strong="H5921" Samson with |strong="H3068" great power |strong="H3027". He |strong="H0834" tore |strong="H8156" the |strong="H0853" lion apart |strong="H7307" with |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921" bare hands |strong="H3027". It |strong="H5921" seemed easy to |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0369" as |strong="H0834" easy as |strong="H0834" tearing apart |strong="H7307" a |strong="H0834" young |strong="H1423" goat |strong="H1423". But |strong="H3808" Samson did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" his |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" or |strong="H3808" mother |strong="H0517" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213".

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H3381" Samson |strong="H8123" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H1696" city and |strong="H5869" talked |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H1696" Philistine woman |strong="H0802". She pleased |strong="H5869" him |strong="H3381". <sup>8</sup> Several days |strong="H3117" later, Samson came |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" marry |strong="H3947" her |strong="H3947". On |strong="H3117" his |strong="H3947" way, he |strong="H3117" went |strong="H7725" over |strong="H0853" to |strong="H7725" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" dead lion |strong="H0738". He |strong="H3117" found a |strong="H3947" swarm |strong="H5712" of |strong="H3117" bees |strong="H1682" in |strong="H3117" its |strong="H0853" body. They |strong="H3117" had |strong="H0853" made |strong="H7725" some |strong="H2009" honey |strong="H1706". <sup>9</sup> Samson got |strong="H1980" some of |strong="H0001" the |strong="H3588" honey |strong="H1706" with |strong="H1980" his |strong="H5414" hands |strong="H3709". He |strong="H3588" walked |strong="H1980" along |strong="H1980" eating |strong="H0398"

the |strong="H3588" honey |strong="H1706". When |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" came |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5414" parents |strong="H0001", he |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" some of |strong="H0001" the |strong="H3588" honey |strong="H1706", and |strong="H1980" they |strong="H3588" ate |strong="H0398" it |strong="H5414" too |strong="H3808". But |strong="H3588" Samson did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" his |strong="H5414" parents |strong="H0001" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0001" taken |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3588" honey |strong="H1706" from |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588" body of |strong="H0001" the |strong="H3588" dead lion |strong="H0738".

<sup>10</sup> Samson's |strong="H8123" father |strong="H0001" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" see the |strong="H3588" Philistine woman |strong="H0802". The |strong="H3588" custom |strong="H3651" was |strong="H0802" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" bridegroom to |strong="H0413" give a |strong="H3588" party. So |strong="H3651" Samson |strong="H8123" gave |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3588" party. <sup>11</sup> When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Philistines saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" he |strong="H0853" was |strong="H1961" having |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" party, they |strong="H7200" sent |strong="H3947" 30 men |strong="H3947" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0853".

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Samson |strong="H8123" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" 30 men |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0518" want to |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" story. This |strong="H3117" party will |strong="H5414" last for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". Try to |strong="H0559" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" answer |strong="H0559" during |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H5414" can |strong="H0518" answer |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" riddle |strong="H2420" in |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" 30 linen |strong="H5466" shirts and |strong="H3117" 30 changes |strong="H2487" of |strong="H3117" clothes |strong="H0899". <sup>13</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" can-



not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" answer |strong="H0559", you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0518" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" 30 linen |strong="H5466" shirts and |strong="H8085" 30 changes |strong="H2487" of |strong="H0559" clothes |strong="H0899"." So |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" 30 men |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Tell |strong="H5046" us |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" riddle |strong="H2420", we |strong="H0518" want to |strong="H0559" hear |strong="H8085" it |strong="H5414"."

<sup>14</sup> Samson told |strong="H5046" them |strong="H3318" this |strong="H3117" riddle |strong="H2420":

" Out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" eater |strong="H0398" came |strong="H3318" something |strong="H4966" to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398".

Out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" strong |strong="H5794" came |strong="H3318" something |strong="H4966" sweet |strong="H4966"."

The |strong="H0559" 30 men |strong="H5794" tried for |strong="H3117" three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0559" find the |strong="H0559" answer |strong="H0559", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3117" couldn't |strong="H3808".

<sup>15</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" fourth |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117",<sup>1</sup> the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" Samson's |strong="H8123" wife |strong="H0802". They |strong="H3117" said |strong="H0559", " Did |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3117" invite |strong="H7121" us |strong="H5046" here just to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H5046" us |strong="H5046" poor |strong="H3423"? You |strong="H3117" must |strong="H0853" trick your |strong="H3808" husband |strong="H0376" into |strong="H0376" telling |strong="H5046" us |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0853" answer |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" riddle |strong="H2420". If |strong="H0376" you |strong="H3117" don't |strong="H3808" get the |strong="H0853" answer |strong="H0559" for |strong="H7121" us |strong="H5046", we |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" burn |strong="H8313" you |strong="H3117" and |strong="H1004" everyone |strong="H0376" in |strong="H1004" your |strong="H3808" father's |strong="H0001" house |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0559" death."

<sup>1</sup> FOURTH DAY This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "seventh day."

<sup>16</sup> So |strong="H3808" Samson's |strong="H8123" wife |strong="H0802" went to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" began crying |strong="H1058". She |strong="H0517" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H5921" just hate |strong="H8130" me |strong="H5046"! You |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H3808" really |strong="H0559" love |strong="H0157" me |strong="H5046"! You |strong="H5921" told |strong="H5046" my |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" a |strong="H5921" riddle |strong="H2420", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" answer |strong="H0559"."

Samson |strong="H8123" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H5046", " Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H2009" have |strong="H0001" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" told |strong="H5046" my |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H1121" mother |strong="H0517". So |strong="H3808" why |strong="H3808" should |strong="H0001" I |strong="H2009" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H5921"?"

<sup>17</sup> Samson's wife cried |strong="H1058" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0834" rest |strong="H1961" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" party. So |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" finally gave |strong="H1961" her |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0834" answer to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" riddle |strong="H2420" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117". He |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" her |strong="H5046" because |strong="H3588" she |strong="H0834" kept bothering him |strong="H5921".

Then |strong="H1961" she |strong="H0834" went |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" her |strong="H5046" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H1121" told |strong="H5046" them |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" answer to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" riddle |strong="H2420".

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3808" before |strong="H2962" the |strong="H0559" sun went |strong="H0935" down on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" party, the |strong="H0559" Philistine men |strong="H0376" had |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" answer |strong="H0559". They |strong="H3117" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" Samson and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559",

"What is sweet-  
er than honey?"

What is  
stronger than  
a lion's roar?"

Then Samson said  
to them,  
"If you  
had not  
plowed with  
my cow,

you would  
not have solved  
my riddle!"

<sup>19</sup> Samson was  
very angry.  
The Spirit of  
LORD came  
on Samson with  
great power. He  
went down  
to the city  
of Ashkelon  
and killed 30 Philis-  
tine men.  
He took all  
the clothes and  
property from  
the dead bodies  
and gave them  
to the men  
who had  
his riddle.  
Then he  
went to  
his father's  
house.  
<sup>20</sup> So Sam-  
son's wife  
was given  
his best man.

#### Samson Makes Trouble for the Philistines

**15** At the  
time of  
the wheat  
harvest,  
Samson  
went to  
visit his  
wife.  
He took  
a young  
goat with  
him as  
a gift.  
He

said, "I  
am going  
to my  
wife's room."

But her  
father would  
not let  
Sam-  
son go in.  
<sup>2</sup> He  
said, "I  
thought you  
hated  
her, so  
let her  
marry  
the best  
man at  
the wedding.  
Her younger  
sister is  
more beautiful.  
Take her  
younger  
sister."

<sup>3</sup> But Samson  
said to  
him, "Now  
I have  
a good reason  
to hurt you.  
No one will  
blame  
me now."

<sup>4</sup> So Samson  
went out  
and caught  
300 fox-  
es. He  
took two  
foxes at  
a time  
and tied their  
tails together  
to make  
pairs. Then  
he tied a  
torch  
between  
the tails  
of each  
pair of  
foxes.  
<sup>5</sup> He lit  
the torches  
that were  
between  
the foxes'  
tails and  
let them  
run through  
the grain  
fields of  
the Philis-  
tines.  
In this  
way he  
burned  
the plants  
growing  
in their  
fields.

and *the* stacks of *grain* they had cut. He also burned up their vineyards and their olive trees.

<sup>6</sup> The Philistines asked, "Who is this?"

Someone told them, "Samson, the son-in-law of the man from Timnah, did this."

He did this because his father-in-law gave Samson's wife to the best man at his wedding. So the Philistines burned Samson's wife and her father to death.

<sup>7</sup> Then Samson said to the Philistines, "You did this bad thing to me, so now I will do bad things to you." Then I will be finished with you!

<sup>8</sup> Samson attacked the Philistines and killed many of them. Then he went and stayed in a cave in a place named Rock of Etam.

<sup>9</sup> The Philistines went to the land of Judah and stopped near a place named Lehi.

Their army camped there. <sup>10</sup> The men of the tribe of Judah asked them, "Why have you Philistines come here to fight us?"

They answered, "We have come to get Samson. We want to make him our prisoner. We want to punish him for what he has done to our people."

<sup>11</sup> Then 3000 men from the tribe of Judah went to the cave near the Rock of Etam and said to Samson, "What have you done to us? Don't you know that the Philistines rule over us?"

Samson answered, "I only punished them for what they did to me."

<sup>12</sup> Then they said to Samson, "We have come to tie you up. We will give you to the Philistines."

Samson said to the Philistines,

men |strong="H0559" from |strong="H3381" Judah, " Promise |strong="H7650" me |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" yourselves |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3027" not |strong="H6435" hurt me |strong="H5414"."

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H8147" from |strong="H4480" Judah said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H3588" agree. We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3027" just tie |strong="H0631" you |strong="H3588" up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H3027" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Philistines. We |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3027" not |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H4191" you |strong="H3588". So |strong="H4480" they |strong="H3588" tied |strong="H0631" Samson with |strong="H3027" two |strong="H8147" new |strong="H2319" ropes |strong="H5688" and |strong="H3027" led him |strong="H5414" up |strong="H5927" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" cave in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0559" rock |strong="H5553".

<sup>14</sup> When |strong="H1961" Samson came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" place |strong="H1961" called Lehi |strong="H3896", the |strong="H0834" Philistines |strong="H6430" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H7125" him |strong="H5921". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" shouting |strong="H7321" with |strong="H3068" joy |strong="H7321". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" Spirit |strong="H7307" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H0935" on |strong="H5921" Samson with |strong="H3068" great power |strong="H3027". Samson broke the |strong="H0834" ropes |strong="H5688"— they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" like |strong="H1961" burned |strong="H1197" strings falling from |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" arms |strong="H2220" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" ropes |strong="H5688" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" seemed to |strong="H0935" melt |strong="H4549" away |strong="H4549". <sup>15</sup> Samson found |strong="H4672" a |strong="H3947" jawbone |strong="H3895" of |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" dead donkey |strong="H2543" and |strong="H3027" killed |strong="H5221" 1000 Philistine men |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0376" it |strong="H4672".

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Samson |strong="H8123" said |strong="H0559",  
" With |strong="H0376" a |strong="H5221" donkey's |strong="H2543" jawbone |strong="H3895",

I |strong="H0559" killed |strong="H5221" 1000 men |strong="H0376"!

With |strong="H0376" a |strong="H5221" donkey's |strong="H2543" jawbone |strong="H3895",

I |strong="H0559" piled <sup>I</sup> them |strong="H5221" into |strong="H0376" a |strong="H5221" tall pile."

<sup>17</sup> When |strong="H1961" Samson finished |strong="H3615" speaking |strong="H1696", he |strong="H1931" threw |strong="H7993" the |strong="H7121" jawbone |strong="H3895" down |strong="H7993". So |strong="H7121" that |strong="H1931" place |strong="H4725" was |strong="H1961" named |strong="H7121" Ramath |strong="H7437" Lehi. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Samson was |strong="H3068" very |strong="H3966" thirsty |strong="H6770". So |strong="H7121" he |strong="H3068" cried |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H5414" am |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650". You |strong="H0859" gave |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2063" great |strong="H1419" victory |strong="H8668". Please don't let |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4191" from |strong="H3027" thirst |strong="H6772" now |strong="H6258". Please don't let |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" be |strong="H4191" captured by |strong="H3027" men |strong="H1419" who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3027" not even |strong="H0853" circumcised."

<sup>19</sup> There |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7121" hole in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ground at |strong="H5921" Lehi |strong="H3896". God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H7725" that |strong="H0834" hole crack open |strong="H1234", and |strong="H0430" water |strong="H4325" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318". Samson drank |strong="H8354" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" and |strong="H0430" felt better |strong="H5921". He |strong="H0834" felt strong again |strong="H7725". So |strong="H3651" he |strong="H0834" named |strong="H8034" that |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" spring |strong="H3318" En Hakkore. <sup>III</sup> It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0834" still |strong="H7725" there |strong="H2088" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0430" Lehi |strong="H3896" today |strong="H3117".

<sup>20</sup> Samson was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H3117" judge |strong="H8199" for |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478"

<sup>I</sup> PILED In Hebrew, the word "pile" is like the word "donkey." <sup>II</sup> RAMATH LEHI This name means "Jawbone Heights." <sup>III</sup> EN HAKKORE This name means "The spring of the one who calls."

for |strong="H3117" 20 years |strong="H8141" during |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430".

### Samson Goes to the City of Gaza

**16** One |strong="H0802" day Samson |strong="H8123" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" city of |strong="H0802" Gaza |strong="H5804". He |strong="H8033" saw |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" prostitute |strong="H2181" there |strong="H8033" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" stay the |strong="H0413" night with |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413". <sup>2</sup> Someone told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H8179" Gaza, " Samson |strong="H8123" has |strong="H3605" come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2008"." They |strong="H5704" wanted to |strong="H0559" kill |strong="H2026" him |strong="H0935", so |strong="H0935" they |strong="H5704" surrounded |strong="H5437" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892". They |strong="H5704" hid near |strong="H2008" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" gate |strong="H8179" and |strong="H0935" waited |strong="H0693" all |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" for |strong="H3605" him |strong="H0935". They |strong="H5704" were |strong="H8179" very |strong="H5704" quiet all |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" long |strong="H5704". They |strong="H5704" had |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" each |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605", " When |strong="H0935" morning |strong="H1242" comes |strong="H0935", we |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" kill |strong="H2026" Samson |strong="H8123"." <sup>3</sup> But |strong="H0834" Samson |strong="H8123" only |strong="H5704" stayed |strong="H7901" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H6440" prostitute until |strong="H5704" midnight. Then |strong="H6965" he |strong="H0834" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H6965" grabbed the |strong="H6440" doors |strong="H1817" of |strong="H2022" the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892" gate |strong="H8179" and |strong="H6965" pulled |strong="H5265" them |strong="H0413" loose |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5265" the |strong="H6440" wall. He |strong="H0834" pulled |strong="H5265" down |strong="H7901" the |strong="H6440" doors |strong="H1817", the |strong="H6440" two |strong="H8147" posts |strong="H4201", and |strong="H6965" the |strong="H6440" bars |strong="H1280" that |strong="H0834" lock the |strong="H6440" doors |strong="H1817" shut.

He |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" shoulders |strong="H3802" and |strong="H6965" carried |strong="H5927" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H2022" the |strong="H6440" hill |strong="H2022" near |strong="H5973" the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H2022" Hebron |strong="H2275".

### Samson |strong="H8123" and |strong="H6965" Delilah

<sup>4</sup> Later |strong="H0310", Samson fell |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0802" love |strong="H0157" with |strong="H0802" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H0802" named |strong="H8034" Delilah |strong="H1807", who |strong="H0802" was |strong="H8034" from |strong="H1961" Sorek Valley |strong="H5158".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0853" rulers of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" Delilah and |strong="H3967" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0587" want to |strong="H0413" know what |strong="H4100" makes |strong="H5414" Samson so |strong="H5414" strong |strong="H3581". Try to |strong="H0413" trick him |strong="H0413" into |strong="H0413" telling |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" secret. Then |strong="H0853" we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H0376" know how |strong="H4100" to |strong="H0413" capture him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3967" tie |strong="H0631" him |strong="H0413" up |strong="H5927". Then |strong="H0853" we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H0413" control him |strong="H0413". If |strong="H0376" you |strong="H5414" do |strong="H4100" this |strong="H0376", each |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" us |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0376" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" 28 pounds <sup>1</sup> of |strong="H0376" silver |strong="H3701"."

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H4994" Delilah |strong="H1807" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Samson |strong="H8123", " Tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413" why |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5046" are |strong="H4100" so |strong="H4994" strong |strong="H3581". How |strong="H4100" could |strong="H4100" someone tie |strong="H0631" you |strong="H5046" up |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1419" make |strong="H5046" you |strong="H5046" helpless |strong="H3581"?"

<sup>1</sup> 28 POUNDS Literally, "1100 shekels

7 Samson answered, "Someone would have to tie me up with fresh bowstrings. If someone did that, I would be as weak as any other man."

8 Then the Philistines brought seven fresh bowstrings, and she tied Samson with the bowstrings. 9 Some men were hiding in the next room. Delilah said to Samson, "Samson, the Philistine men are going to capture you! But Samson easily broke the bowstrings. They snapped like a string when it comes too close to a flame. So the Philistines did not find out the secret of Samson's strength."

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, "You lied to me. You made me look foolish. Please tell me the truth. How could you up?"

<sup>1</sup> FRESH, NEW BOWSTRINGS Bowstrings were often made from sinew (tendons) which is brittle after it becomes old and dry.

11 Samson said, "Someone would have to tie me up with new ropes. They would have to tie me with ropes that not been used before. If I did that, I would become weak as any other man."

12 So Delilah took some new ropes and tied Samson up. Some men were hiding in the next room. Then Delilah called him, "Samson, the Philistine men are going to capture you! But he broke the ropes easily as if they were threads."

13 Then Delilah said to Samson, "You lied to me again. You made me look foolish. Now tell me how someone could tie you up."

Samson said, "If you use the loom to weave the seven braids of hair on my head and tighten

it |strong="H0518" with |strong="H5973"  
a |strong="H0518" pin, I |strong="H0518"  
will |strong="H4100" become as |strong="H5704" weak  
as |strong="H5704" any other |strong="H2008"  
man |strong="H7218".

<sup>14</sup> Later, Samson |strong="H8123"  
went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413"  
sleep |strong="H8142", so |strong="H5921" Delilah  
used the |strong="H0559" loom |strong="H0708"  
to |strong="H0413" weave the |strong="H0559" seven  
braids of |strong="H5921" hair on |strong="H5921"  
his |strong="H5921" head. <sup>I</sup> Then |strong="H0559"  
Delilah fastened |strong="H8628" the |strong="H0559"  
loom |strong="H0708" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" ground with |strong="H0854"  
a |strong="H5921" tent |strong="H3489"  
peg |strong="H3489". Again she  
called |strong="H0559" out |strong="H5265"  
to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Sam-  
son |strong="H8123", the |strong="H0559" Philis-  
tine |strong="H6430" men |strong="H0559"  
are |strong="H6430" going to |strong="H0413" capture  
you |strong="H5921"!" Samson |strong="H8123"  
pulled |strong="H5265" up |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" tent |strong="H3489"  
peg |strong="H3489", the |strong="H0559"  
loom |strong="H0708", and |strong="H6430"  
the |strong="H0559" shuttle |strong="H0708". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H2088" Delilah  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Samson, "  
How |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100"  
you |strong="H5046" say |strong="H0559", '  
I |strong="H2088" love |strong="H0157"  
you |strong="H5046", when |strong="H0559"  
you |strong="H5046" don't |strong="H3808"  
even |strong="H3808" trust me |strong="H0413"?  
You |strong="H5046" refuse |strong="H3808"  
to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H5046"  
me |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0157" secret.  
This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0369"  
the |strong="H0559" third |strong="H7969"  
time |strong="H6471" you |strong="H5046"  
made |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413" look fool-  
ish. You |strong="H5046" haven't |strong="H3808"  
told |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" secret of |strong="H3820"  
your |strong="H0157" great |strong="H1419"  
strength |strong="H3581". <sup>16</sup> She |strong="H3588"  
kept bothering Samson day |strong="H3117" af-  
ter |strong="H1961" day |strong="H3117".  
He |strong="H3588" got so |strong="H1961" tired  
of |strong="H3117" her |strong="H3605" asking  
him |strong="H4191" about |strong="H1961"  
his |strong="H3605" secret that |strong="H3588"  
he |strong="H3588" felt like |strong="H1961"

I SO DELILAH ... HEAD This is found in the ancient Greek version but not in the standard Hebrew text. II SHUTTLE The tool used to pull the threads back and forth on a loom to make cloth.

he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" going  
to |strong="H4191" die |strong="H4191". <sup>17</sup> Finally,  
Samson told |strong="H5046" Delilah every-  
thing |strong="H3605". He |strong="H3588"  
said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589"  
have |strong="H1961" never |strong="H3808"  
had |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3605"  
hair |strong="H7218" cut |strong="H1548".  
I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H1961" dedicat-  
ed |strong="H5139" to |strong="H0559"  
God |strong="H0430" before |strong="H4480"  
I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H1961"  
born |strong="H3808". If |strong="H0518" some-  
one |strong="H0120" shaved |strong="H1548"  
my |strong="H3605" head |strong="H7218",  
I |strong="H0589" would |strong="H0559" lose  
my |strong="H3605" strength |strong="H3581".  
I |strong="H0589" would |strong="H0559" be-  
come |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961"  
weak |strong="H3808" as |strong="H1961"  
any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605"  
man |strong="H0120".

<sup>18</sup> Delilah |strong="H1807" saw |strong="H7200"  
that |strong="H3588" Samson had |strong="H3588"  
told |strong="H5046" her |strong="H3605"  
his |strong="H3605" secret. She |strong="H3588"  
sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H3588" message  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" rulers  
of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605"  
Philistines |strong="H6430". She |strong="H3588"  
said |strong="H0559", " Come |strong="H5927"  
back |strong="H5927" again |strong="H7971". Samson  
has |strong="H3820" told |strong="H5046"  
me |strong="H0413" everything |strong="H3605".  
So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H3605" rulers  
of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605"  
Philistines |strong="H6430" came |strong="H5927"  
back |strong="H5927" and |strong="H3027"  
brought |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" mon-  
ey |strong="H3701" that |strong="H3588"  
they |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588"  
promised |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
give |strong="H5046" her |strong="H3605".

<sup>19</sup> Delilah got Samson to |strong="H5921"  
go |strong="H2490" to |strong="H5921"  
sleep |strong="H3462" with |strong="H5921"  
his |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218" lying  
in |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921"  
lap |strong="H1290". Then |strong="H0853"  
she |strong="H7121" called |strong="H7121"  
in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H7121"  
man |strong="H0376" to |strong="H5921"  
shave |strong="H1548" off |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0853" seven |strong="H7651"  
braids |strong="H4253" of |strong="H0376" Samson's  
hair |strong="H7218". In |strong="H5921"  
this |strong="H0376" way |strong="H5921"  
she |strong="H7121" made |strong="H7121" Samson

weak, and his strength left him. <sup>20</sup> Then Delilah called out to him, "Samson, the Philistine men are going to capture you! He woke up and thought, "I will escape as I did and myself not that LORD left him.

<sup>21</sup> The Philistine men captured Samson. They tore out his eyes and took him down to the city of Gaza. Then they put chains on him to keep him from running away. They put him in prison and made him work grinding grain. <sup>22</sup> But his hair began to grow again.

<sup>23</sup> The Philistine rulers came together to celebrate. They were going to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon. They said, "Our god helped us defeat Samson our enemy." <sup>24</sup> When

the Philistines saw Samson, they praised their god. They said,

"This man destroyed our people!

He killed many of our people!

But our god helped us

take our enemy!"

<sup>25</sup> The people were a good time the celebration. So they said, "Bring out Samson!" We want to make fun of him!" So they brought Samson from the prison and made him fun of. They made him stand between the columns in the temple of the god Dagon. <sup>26</sup>

A servant was holding his hand. Samson said to him, "Put me where I can feel the columns that this temple is up to." I want to lean against them."

<sup>27</sup> The temple was crowded with men and women. All the Philistine rulers were there.



There **H8033** were **H0376** about **H5921** 3000 men **H0376** and **H1004** women **H0802** on **H5921** the **H3605** roof **H1406** of **H1004** the **H3605** temple **H1004**. They **H8033** were **H0376** laughing and **H1004** making **H3605** fun of **H1004** Samson **H8123**. <sup>28</sup> Then **H2088** Samson **H8123** said **H0559** a **H7121** prayer to **H0413** the **H0559** LORD **H3068**, " Lord **H3068** GOD **H0430**, remember **H2142** me **H0413**. God **H0430**, please **H4994** give **H4994** me **H0413** strength **H3605** one **H0259** more **H6471** time **H6471**. Let **H4994** me **H0413** do **H4994** this **H2088** one **H0259** thing **H2088** to **H0413** punish these **H2088** Philistines **H6430** for **H7121** tearing out **H2388** both **H8147** of **H0430** my **H3068** eyes **H5869**" <sup>29</sup> Then **H0853** Samson **H8123** took **H0853** hold **H1004** of **H1004** the **H0853** two **H8147** columns **H5982** in **H5921** the **H0853** center **H8432** of **H1004** the **H0853** temple **H1004** that **H0834** supported **H3943** the **H0853** whole temple **H1004**. He **H0834** braced **H5564** himself **H8432** between **H8432** the **H0853** two **H8147** columns **H5982**. One **H0259** column **H5982** was **H0834** at **H5921** his **H5921** right **H3225** side **H3225** and **H1004** the **H0853** other **H0259** at **H5921** his **H5921** left **H8040** side **H3225**. <sup>30</sup> Samson **H8123** said **H0559**, " Let **H1961** me **H5315** die **H4191** with **H5973** these **H3605** Philistines **H6430**!" Then **H1961** he **H0834** pushed as **H0834** hard **H1004** as **H0834** he **H0834** could **H5971**, and **H1004** the **H3605** temple **H1004** fell **H5307** on **H5921** the **H3605** rulers and **H1004** everyone **H3605** in **H5921** it **H5921**.

In **H5921** this **H0834** way **H3605** Samson **H8123** killed **H4191** many **H7227** more **H5921** Philistines **H6430** when **H1961** he **H0834** died **H4191** than **H5921** when **H1961** he **H0834** was **H1961** alive **H2416**.

<sup>31</sup> Samson's brothers **H0251** and **H3478** all **H3605** the **H3605** people **H1931** in **H8141** his **H3605** father's **H0001** family **H1004** went **H5927** down **H3381** to **H3381** get **H5927** his **H3605** body. They **H8141** brought **H5927** him **H0853** back **H5927** and **H3478** buried **H6912** him **H0853** in **H8141** his **H3605** father's **H0001** tomb **H6913**, which **H1931** is **H1931** between **H0996** the **H3605** cities of **H1004** Zorah **H6881** and **H3478** Eshtaol **H0847**. Samson was **H3478** a **H5375** judge **H8199** for **H1004** the **H3605** Israelites **H3478** for **H1004** 20 years **H8141**.

#### Micah's Idols

**17** There **H1961** was **H8034** a **H1961** man **H0376** named **H8034** Micah **H4319** who **H0376** lived **H1961** in **H0376** the **H1961** hill **H2022** country **H2022** of **H0376** Ephraim **H0669**. <sup>2</sup> Micah said **H0559** to **H0559** his **H3947** mother **H0517**, " Do **H0589** you **H0859** remember that **H0834** someone stole **H3947** 28 pounds <sup>1</sup> of **H1121** silver **H3701** from **H1121** you **H0859**? I **H0589** heard you **H0859** say **H0559** a **H3947** curse **H1288** about **H3947** that **H0834**. Well **H1571**, I **H0589** have **H0834** the **H0559** silver **H3701**. I **H0589** took **H3947** it **H3947**."

His **H3947** mother **H0517** said **H0559**, " The **H0559** LORD **H3068** bless **H1288**

<sup>1</sup> 28 POUNDS Literally, "1100 shekels

you|strong="H0859", my|strong="H3068"  
son|strong="H1121"."

<sup>3</sup> Micah gave|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853"  
28 pounds of|strong="H1121" silver|strong="H3701"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0559"  
his|strong="H3068" mother|strong="H0517".  
Then|strong="H6258" she|strong="H0517"  
said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H6258"  
will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H7725"  
this|strong="H6258" silver|strong="H3701"  
as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" special  
gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".  
I|strong="H6258" will|strong="H3068"  
give|strong="H7725" it|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3068"  
son|strong="H1121" so|strong="H6213"  
that|strong="H3068" he|strong="H6213"  
can|strong="H6213" make|strong="H6213"  
a|strong="H3068" statue and|strong="H1121" cover  
it|strong="H7725" with|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" silver|strong="H3701".  
So|strong="H6213" now|strong="H6258",  
son|strong="H1121", I|strong="H6258"  
give|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" sil-  
ver|strong="H3701" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H7725"."

<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H1961" Micah|strong="H4319"  
gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" sil-  
ver|strong="H3701" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H7725" his|strong="H5414" moth-  
er|strong="H0517". So|strong="H6213"  
she|strong="H0517" took|strong="H3947"  
about|strong="H1961" 5 pounds<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H0853" silver|strong="H3701"  
and|strong="H3967" gave|strong="H5414"  
them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H7725"  
a|strong="H1961" silversmith|strong="H6884".<sup>II</sup>  
He|strong="H6213" used|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" silver|strong="H3701"  
to|strong="H7725" make|strong="H5414"  
a|strong="H1961" statue covered  
with|strong="H1004" silver|strong="H3701".  
The|strong="H0853" statue was|strong="H1961"  
put|strong="H5414" in|strong="H1004" Micah's  
house|strong="H1004".<sup>5</sup> Micah|strong="H4318"  
had|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" for|strong="H3027" worshiping  
idols|strong="H8655". He|strong="H0430"  
made|strong="H6213" an|strong="H1961"  
ephod|strong="H0646"<sup>III</sup> and|strong="H1121"  
some|strong="H0376" house|strong="H1004"  
idols|strong="H8655". Then|strong="H1961" Mic-

<sup>I</sup> ABOUT 5 POUNDS Literally, "200 shekels      <sup>II</sup> SILVER-  
SMITH A person who makes things from silver. <sup>III</sup> EPHOD This may  
have been a special vest or coat like that worn by the high priest  
(see Exodus 28:2-14), or it may have been a kind of idol. Also in  
18:14.

ah|strong="H4318" chose|strong="H6213"  
one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H1121"  
his|strong="H1961" sons|strong="H1121"  
to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
his|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548".<sup>6</sup> ( At|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" did|strong="H6213"  
not|strong="H0369" have|strong="H0369"  
a|strong="H0369" king|strong="H4428",  
so|strong="H6213" everyone|strong="H0376"  
did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H3477"  
they|strong="H1992" thought|strong="H5869"  
was|strong="H0369" right|strong="H3477".)

<sup>7</sup> There|strong="H8033" was|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" young|strong="H5288"  
man|strong="H5288" who|strong="H1931"  
was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"  
Levite|strong="H3881" from|strong="H3881"  
the|strong="H1961" city|strong="H1931"  
of|strong="H4940" Bethlehem|strong="H1035"  
in|strong="H1035" Judah|strong="H3063".  
He|strong="H1931" had|strong="H1961"  
been|strong="H1961" living|strong="H1481"  
among|strong="H8033" the|strong="H1961"  
tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4940" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063".<sup>8</sup> He|strong="H0834"  
left|strong="H4672" Bethlehem|strong="H1035"  
to|strong="H0935" look for|strong="H1004" anoth-  
er|strong="H0376" place|strong="H1004"  
to|strong="H0935" live|strong="H1481".  
As|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"  
was|strong="H0834" traveling, he|strong="H0834"  
came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Mic-  
ah's|strong="H4318" house|strong="H1004"  
in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834"  
hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0834" land  
of|strong="H1004" Ephraim|strong="H0669".<sup>9</sup> Mic-  
ah|strong="H4318" asked|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H0413", " Where|strong="H0834"  
have|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935"?"

The|strong="H0559" young man an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834"  
am|strong="H0595" a|strong="H4672"  
Levite|strong="H3881" from|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0559" city of|strong="H0935" Bethle-  
hem|strong="H1035" in|strong="H1980" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063". I|strong="H0834"  
am|strong="H0595" looking|strong="H4672"  
for|strong="H0413" a|strong="H4672"  
place|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
live|strong="H1980"."

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Micah|strong="H4318"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H5414", " Live|strong="H3427"  
with|strong="H3117" me|strong="H5414".

Be |strong="H1961" my|strong="H5414" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" and|strong="H3701"  
my|strong="H5414" priest|strong="H3548".  
I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H1961"  
give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" 4 ounces <sup>I</sup>  
of|strong="H3117" silver|strong="H3701"  
each|strong="H3117" year|strong="H3117".  
I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H1961" al-  
so|strong="H3117" give|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H5414" clothes|strong="H0899"  
and|strong="H3701" food."

The|strong="H0559" Levite|strong="H3881"  
did|strong="H3117" what|strong="H6187" Mic-  
ah|strong="H4318" asked|strong="H0559". <sup>11</sup>  
The|strong="H1961" young|strong="H5288"  
Levite|strong="H3881" agreed|strong="H2974"  
to|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3427"  
with|strong="H0854" Micah. He|strong="H0376" be-  
came|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H1121" Micah's  
own|strong="H1961" sons|strong="H1121". <sup>12</sup> Mic-  
ah|strong="H4318" chose him|strong="H0853"  
to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
his|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548".  
So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853"  
young|strong="H5288" man|strong="H5288" be-  
came|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"  
priest|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3027"  
lived|strong="H1961" in|strong="H1004" Mic-  
ah's|strong="H4318" house|strong="H1004". <sup>13</sup>  
And|strong="H3068" Micah|strong="H4318"  
said|strong="H0559", " Now|strong="H6258"  
I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1961" good|strong="H3190"  
to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H1961".  
I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045"  
this|strong="H6258" because|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" man from|strong="H3881"  
the|strong="H0559" tribe of|strong="H3068"  
Levi|strong="H3881" to|strong="H0559"  
be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3068"  
priest|strong="H3548"."

#### Dan Captures the City of Laish

**18** At|strong="H3427" that|strong="H3588"  
time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0369"  
a|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428".  
And|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3588"  
tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H4428" Dan  
was|strong="H0369" still|strong="H5704" look-  
ing|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588"

<sup>I</sup> 4 OUNCES Literally, "10 shekels

a|strong="H3588" place to|strong="H5704"  
live|strong="H3427". They|strong="H1992"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
have|strong="H0369" their|strong="H1992" own  
land|strong="H5159" yet|strong="H3588".  
The|strong="H3588" other|strong="H0369"  
tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H4428" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478" already had|strong="H3478"  
their|strong="H1992" land|strong="H5159",  
but|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H4428" Dan  
had|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" tak-  
en|strong="H3427" their|strong="H1992"  
land|strong="H5159" yet|strong="H3588".

<sup>2</sup> So|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853"  
tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121"  
Dan|strong="H1835" sent|strong="H7971"  
five|strong="H2568" soldiers|strong="H0376"  
to|strong="H0413" look for|strong="H0413"  
some|strong="H0376" land|strong="H0776".  
They|strong="H8033" went|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" search|strong="H2713"  
for|strong="H0413" a|strong="H0935" good  
place|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0413" live. These  
five|strong="H2568" men|strong="H0376"  
were|strong="H1121" from|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H0935"  
of|strong="H1121" Zorah|strong="H6881"  
and|strong="H1121" Eshtaol|strong="H0847".  
They|strong="H8033" were|strong="H1121" chosen  
because|strong="H0413" they|strong="H8033"  
were|strong="H1121" from|strong="H0935"  
all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" fami-  
lies|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121"  
Dan|strong="H1835". They|strong="H8033"  
were|strong="H1121" told|strong="H0559", "  
Go|strong="H0935", look for|strong="H0413"  
some|strong="H0376" land|strong="H0776"."

The|strong="H0853" five|strong="H2568"  
men|strong="H0376" came|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022"  
of|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669".  
They|strong="H8033" came|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" Micah's|strong="H4318"  
house|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1121"  
spent|strong="H3885" the|strong="H0853" night  
there|strong="H8033". <sup>3</sup> When|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0853" five men|strong="H5288"  
came|strong="H0935" close|strong="H5973"  
to|strong="H0559" Micah's|strong="H4318"  
house|strong="H1004", they|strong="H1992"  
heard|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0853"  
voice|strong="H6963" of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H0853" young|strong="H5288"  
Levite|strong="H3881". They|strong="H1992" recog-  
nized|strong="H5234" his|strong="H0935"  
voice|strong="H6963", so|strong="H6213"

they|strong="H1992" stopped|strong="H5493" at|strong="H1004" Micah's|strong="H4318" house|strong="H1004". They|strong="H1992" asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" young|strong="H5288" man|strong="H5288", "Who|strong="H4310" brought|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H1004"? What|strong="H4100" are|strong="H1992" you|strong="H0859" doing|strong="H6213"? Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H1992" you|strong="H0859" here|strong="H6311"?"

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0559" young man told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" what|strong="H2088" Micah|strong="H4318" had|strong="H1961" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". " Micah|strong="H4318" hired|strong="H7936" me|strong="H0413";" he|strong="H6213" said|strong="H0559". " I|strong="H2088" am|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548"."

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="H1980" they|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5921", " Please|strong="H4994" ask|strong="H7592" God|strong="H0430" if|strong="H0834" our|strong="H5921" search for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0834" place to|strong="H0559" live|strong="H1980" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" successful|strong="H6743"."

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H0559" priest|strong="H3548" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" five men|strong="H0559", "Yes. Go in|strong="H3068" peace|strong="H7965". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" lead you|strong="H0834" on|strong="H1870" your|strong="H3068" way|strong="H1870"."

<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" five|strong="H2568" men|strong="H0376" left|strong="H0935". They|strong="H1992" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H0776" Laish and|strong="H0935" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" city lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" safety|strong="H0983". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" ruled by|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0776" Sidon. Everything|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0369" peaceful|strong="H3427" and|strong="H0935" quiet|strong="H8252". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" had|strong="H0834" plenty of|strong="H0776" everything|strong="H0834", and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H1992" didn't

have|strong="H0834" any|strong="H0376" enemies nearby|strong="H7130" to|strong="H0935" hurt them|strong="H1992". Also|strong="H0853" they|strong="H1992" lived|strong="H3427" a|strong="H7200" long|strong="H7350" way|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H0776" Sidon, and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H1992" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0369" have|strong="H0834" any|strong="H0376" agreements with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0776" Aram. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0559" five men|strong="H0559" went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" cities|strong="H0935" of|strong="H0251" Zorah|strong="H6881" and|strong="H0935" Esh-taol|strong="H0847". Their|strong="H0935" relatives|strong="H0251" asked|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", " What|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" learn?"

<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0853" five men|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0776" found some|strong="H2009" land|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0935" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0776" very|strong="H3966" good|strong="H2896". We|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3588" attack|strong="H5927" them|strong="H0853". Don't|strong="H0408" wait! Let's go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3423" that|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776"! <sup>10</sup> When|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H4725", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" see|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834" there|strong="H8033" is|strong="H0369" plenty|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776". There|strong="H8033" is|strong="H0369" plenty|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" everything|strong="H3605" there|strong="H8033". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" also|strong="H0430" see|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0369" expecting an|strong="H5414" attack|strong="H0935". Surely|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" given|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H5414"."

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H5265" 600 men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5265" the|strong="H8033" tribe|strong="H4940" of|strong="H0376" Dan left|strong="H5265" the|strong="H8033" cities

<sup>1</sup> THEY DID NOT HAVE ... ARAM Or "they did not have any dealings with people."

of|strong="H0376" Zorah|strong="H6881" and|strong="H3967" Eshtaol|strong="H0847". They|strong="H8033" were|strong="H0376" ready for|strong="H8033" war|strong="H4421".<sup>12</sup> On|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" way|strong="H2088" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921" city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H3117" Laish, they|strong="H3651" stopped near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H3117" Kiriath|strong="H7157" Jearim in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" land|strong="H4725" of|strong="H3117" Judah|strong="H3063". They|strong="H3651" set|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" a|strong="H7121" camp|strong="H2583" there|strong="H2009". That|strong="H3117" is|strong="H2088" why|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5921" place|strong="H4725" west|strong="H0310" of|strong="H3117" Kiriath|strong="H7157" Jearim is|strong="H2088" named|strong="H7121" Mahaneh Dan<sup>1</sup> to|strong="H5704" this|strong="H2088" very|strong="H2088" day|strong="H3117".<sup>13</sup> From|strong="H0935" there|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0935" 600 men traveled|strong="H5674" on|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1004" Ephraim|strong="H0669". Then|strong="H0935" they|strong="H8033" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Micah's|strong="H4318" house|strong="H1004".<sup>14</sup> So|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" five|strong="H2568" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" had|strong="H3588" explored the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" around|strong="H1980" Laish spoke|strong="H0559". They|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3588" relatives|strong="H0251", " There|strong="H3426" is|strong="H4100" an|strong="H3588" ephod|strong="H0646" in|strong="H1980" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0776" these|strong="H0428" houses|strong="H1004". And|strong="H1980" there|strong="H3426" are|strong="H0428" also|strong="H0853" household|strong="H1004" gods|strong="H1980", a|strong="H3588" carved|strong="H6459" statue, and|strong="H1980" a|strong="H3588" silver idol|strong="H6459". You|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4100" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213".<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H0935" they|strong="H8033" stopped|strong="H5493" at|strong="H0413" Micah's|strong="H4318" house|strong="H1004", where|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0413" young|strong="H5288" Levite|strong="H3881" lived.

I MAHANEH DAN This name means "The Camp of Dan."

They|strong="H8033" asked|strong="H7592" the|strong="H0413" young|strong="H5288" man|strong="H5288" how|strong="H7965" he|strong="H8033" was|strong="H1004".<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0834" 600 men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" tribe of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" stood|strong="H5324" at|strong="H4421" the|strong="H0834" entrance|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" gate|strong="H8179". They|strong="H0834" all|strong="H0376" had|strong="H0834" their|strong="H0834" weapons|strong="H3627" and|strong="H1121" were|strong="H0834" ready for|strong="H3627" war|strong="H4421".<sup>17</sup> The five spies went into the house. The priest stood just outside by the gate with the 600 men who were ready for war. The men took the carved idol, the ephod, the household idols, and the silver idol. The young Levite priest said, "What are you doing?"

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0559" five men|strong="H0376" answered|strong="H0559", " Be|strong="H1961" quiet! Don't say|strong="H0559" a|strong="H1961" word|strong="H6310". Come|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" us|strong="H5921". Be|strong="H1961" our|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H3478" our|strong="H5921" priest|strong="H3548". You|strong="H5921" must choose. Is|strong="H0376" it|strong="H7760" better|strong="H2896" for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548" for|strong="H5921" just one|strong="H0259" man|strong="H0376" or|strong="H0176" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" whole tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1004" Israelites|strong="H3478" with|strong="H5973" many family|strong="H4940" groups?"

<sup>20</sup> This|strong="H0935" made|strong="H3190" the|strong="H0853" Levite happy|strong="H3190". So|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0853" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" ephod|strong="H0646", the|strong="H0853" household|strong="H8655" idols|strong="H8655", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" idol|strong="H6459". He|strong="H0853" went|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H5971" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H3820" Dan.

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" 600 men from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H6440" Dan and|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" Levite priest turned|strong="H6437" and|strong="H6440" left Micah's house. They|strong="H6440" put|strong="H7760" their|strong="H7760" little|strong="H2945" chil-

dren|strong="H2945", their|strong="H7760" animals, and|strong="H6440" all their|strong="H7760" things in|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" them|strong="H0853".

<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" went|strong="H7368" a|strong="H0834" long way from|strong="H0376" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H1004". But|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" living|strong="H0376" near|strong="H5973" Micah|strong="H4318" met together|strong="H2199". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H1992" began chasing the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" and|strong="H1121" caught|strong="H5973" up|strong="H0853" with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H1992". <sup>23</sup> The|strong="H0559" men|strong="H1121" with|strong="H0413" Micah|strong="H4318" were|strong="H1121" shouting|strong="H2199" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835". The|strong="H0559" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" turned|strong="H5437" around|strong="H5437" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Micah|strong="H4318", "What's|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" problem? Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" shouting|strong="H2199"?"

<sup>24</sup> Micah answered|strong="H0559", "You|strong="H0834" men|strong="H3947" from|strong="H3947" Dan took|strong="H3947" my|strong="H3947" idols. I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413" myself. You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" taken|strong="H3947" my|strong="H3947" priest|strong="H3548". What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" left|strong="H5750" now|strong="H2088"? How|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0834" ask|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413", 'What's|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0853" problem?"

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" tribe of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" answered|strong="H0559", "You|strong="H5973" had|strong="H0376" better not|strong="H0408" argue with|strong="H5973" us|strong="H0413". Some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" our|strong="H8085" men|strong="H0376" become angry easily. If|strong="H0376" you|strong="H5973" shout|strong="H6963" at|strong="H0413"

us|strong="H0413", they|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" attack|strong="H6293" you|strong="H5973". You|strong="H5973" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H8085" families|strong="H1004" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0408" killed."

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3588" men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Dan|strong="H1835" turned|strong="H6437" around|strong="H7725" and|strong="H1121" went|strong="H7725" on|strong="H0413" their|strong="H1992" way|strong="H1870". Micah|strong="H4318" knew that|strong="H3588" these|strong="H1992" men|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" too|strong="H4480" strong|strong="H2389" for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0413", so|strong="H4480" he|strong="H3588" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" home|strong="H1004".

<sup>27</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H5971" of|strong="H5921" Dan took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" idols|strong="H6310" that|strong="H0834" Micah|strong="H4318" made|strong="H6213". They|strong="H1992" also|strong="H0853" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H1961" with|strong="H8313" Micah|strong="H4318". Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H1992" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Laish. They|strong="H1992" attacked|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" living in|strong="H5921" Laish. Those|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" were|strong="H0834" at|strong="H5921" peace|strong="H8252". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H1961" expecting an|strong="H1961" attack|strong="H5221". The|strong="H0853" men|strong="H5971" of|strong="H5921" Dan killed|strong="H5221" them|strong="H1992" with|strong="H8313" their|strong="H1992" swords|strong="H2719" and|strong="H0935" then|strong="H1961" burned|strong="H8313" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". <sup>28</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Laish did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0369" have|strong="H0834" anyone|strong="H0120" to|strong="H0369" rescue|strong="H5337" them|strong="H0853". They|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" too far|strong="H7350" from|strong="H5337" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1697" Sidon|strong="H6721" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" there|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0369" help. And|strong="H0120" the|strong="H0853" peo-

ple |strong="H0120" of |strong="H1697" Laish did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0834" any |strong="H0369" agreements with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0120" of |strong="H1697" Aram—so |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" help them |strong="H0853". The |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1697" Laish was |strong="H0369" in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H3588" valley |strong="H6010", which |strong="H0834" belonged to |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0853" town |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1697" Beth Rehob. The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0120" from |strong="H5337" Dan built |strong="H1129" a |strong="H3588" new city |strong="H5892" in |strong="H3427" that |strong="H0834" place, and |strong="H0120" it |strong="H1931" became |strong="H1697" their |strong="H3588" home. <sup>29</sup> The |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3205" Dan |strong="H1835" gave |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" a |strong="H3205" new name |strong="H8034". That |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" Laish, but |strong="H0199" they |strong="H0834" changed the |strong="H0834" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H3478" Dan |strong="H1835". They |strong="H0834" named |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" after |strong="H8034" their |strong="H0834" ancestor Dan |strong="H1835", one |strong="H7223" of |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0834" sons |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835" set |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" idol |strong="H6459" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835". They |strong="H3117" made |strong="H1961" Jonathan |strong="H3129" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gershom |strong="H1647" their |strong="H1961" priest |strong="H3548". Gershom |strong="H1647" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Moses. <sup>1</sup> Jonathan |strong="H3129" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" priests |strong="H3548" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Dan |strong="H1835" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853"

<sup>1</sup> MOSES Or "Manasseh."

time |strong="H3117" when |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Israelites were |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H1961" into |strong="H1540" captivity |strong="H1540". <sup>31</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H1004" Dan set |strong="H7760" up |strong="H7760" for |strong="H1004" themselves |strong="H7760" the |strong="H3605" idol |strong="H6459" that |strong="H0834" Micah |strong="H4318" had |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213". That |strong="H0834" idol |strong="H6459" was |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0430" Shiloh |strong="H7887".

#### A Levite and His Woman Servant

**19** At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3947" Israelites |strong="H3478" did |strong="H0376" not |strong="H0369" have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428". There |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" a |strong="H1961" Levite |strong="H3881" who |strong="H0376" lived |strong="H1481" far |strong="H3411" back |strong="H3947" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3947" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H4428" Ephraim |strong="H0669". He |strong="H3117" had |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H3947" as |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" wife |strong="H0802" a |strong="H1961" slave woman |strong="H0802". She was |strong="H0369" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3947" city of |strong="H4428" Bethlehem |strong="H1035" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3947" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>2</sup> But |strong="H1961" his |strong="H5921" slave woman |strong="H1004" had |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" argument with |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". She |strong="H2320" left |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3063" went |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" father's |strong="H0001" house |strong="H1004" in |strong="H5921" Bethlehem |strong="H1035" in |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063". She |strong="H2320" stayed there |strong="H8033" for |strong="H5921" four |strong="H0702" months |strong="H2320". <sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H6965" her |strong="H5921" husband |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" after |strong="H0310" her |strong="H5921". He |strong="H0310" wanted to |strong="H0935"

speak|strong="H1696" kindly|strong="H3820" to|strong="H0935" her|strong="H5921" so|strong="H6965" that|strong="H7200" she|strong="H3820" would|strong="H0376" come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H5921". He|strong="H0310" took|strong="H0935" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5288" and|strong="H0935" two|strong="H6776" donkeys|strong="H2543". The|strong="H5921" Levite came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" her|strong="H5921" father's|strong="H0001" house|strong="H1004". Her|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H5921" Levite and|strong="H0935" came|strong="H0935" out|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" greet him|strong="H5921". The|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" was|strong="H3820" very|strong="H8055" happy|strong="H8055".<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3117" woman's father|strong="H0001" led the|strong="H3117" Levite into his|strong="H2388" house. The|strong="H3117" Levite's father-in-law|strong="H2859" invited him|strong="H0854" to|strong="H3117" stay|strong="H3427". So|strong="H3427" he|strong="H3117" stayed|strong="H3427" for|strong="H3117" three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117". He|strong="H3117" ate|strong="H0398", drank|strong="H8354", and|strong="H0398" slept in|strong="H3427" his|strong="H2388" father-in-law's house.

<sup>5</sup> On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" fourth|strong="H7243" day|strong="H3117", they|strong="H3117" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" early|strong="H7925" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" morning|strong="H1242". The|strong="H0559" Levite was|strong="H1961" getting ready to|strong="H0413" leave. But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" young|strong="H5291" woman's father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H1961" son-in-law|strong="H2860", "Eat something|strong="H3899" first|strong="H3117". After|strong="H0310" you|strong="H3117" eat, you|strong="H3117" can go|strong="H6965"."<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" Levite and|strong="H0398" his|strong="H0376" father-in-law sat|strong="H3427" down|strong="H3427" to|strong="H0413" eat|strong="H0398" and|strong="H0398" drink|strong="H8354" together|strong="H3162". After|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" young|strong="H5291" woman's father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Levite, "Please|strong="H4994" stay|strong="H3427" tonight. Relax and|strong="H0398" enjoy your-

self|strong="H0413". So|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" two|strong="H8147" men|strong="H0376" ate|strong="H0398" together|strong="H3162".<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H7725" Levite got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" to|strong="H7725" leave, but|strong="H0376" his|strong="H7725" father-in-law|strong="H2859" persuaded him|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" stay|strong="H3885" the|strong="H7725" night again|strong="H7725".

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0559", on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" fifth|strong="H2549" day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0559" Levite got|strong="H7925" up|strong="H7925" early|strong="H7925" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" morning|strong="H1242". He|strong="H5704" was|strong="H3117" ready to|strong="H0559" leave. But|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" woman's father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H5186" son-in-law, "Eat|strong="H0398" something first|strong="H3117". Relax and|strong="H0398" stay until|strong="H5704" this|strong="H3117" afternoon." So|strong="H5704" they|strong="H3117" both|strong="H8147" ate|strong="H0398" together again|strong="H7925".

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0559" Levite, his|strong="H0376" slave woman|strong="H5291", and|strong="H1980" his|strong="H0376" servant|strong="H5288" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" to|strong="H0559" leave|strong="H1980". But|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" young|strong="H5288" woman's father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559", "It|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" almost|strong="H3117" dark|strong="H0168". The|strong="H0559" day|strong="H3117" is|strong="H1931" almost|strong="H3117" gone|strong="H1980". So|strong="H1980" stay|strong="H3885" the|strong="H0559" night here|strong="H6311" and|strong="H1980" enjoy yourself|strong="H3824". Tomorrow|strong="H4279" morning|strong="H7925" you|strong="H3117" can|strong="H4994" get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" early|strong="H7925" and|strong="H1980" go|strong="H1980" on|strong="H3117" your|strong="H4994" way|strong="H1870"."

<sup>10</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0935" Levite did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" want|strong="H0014" to|strong="H0935" stay|strong="H3885" another|strong="H0376" night. He|strong="H1931" took|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0376" two|strong="H6776" donkeys|strong="H2543" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0376" slave woman. He|strong="H1931" traveled|strong="H0935" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704"



the <sup>H0935</sup> city <sup>H1931</sup> of <sup>H0376</sup> Jebus <sup>H2982</sup> (that <sup>H1931</sup> is <sup>H1931</sup>, Jerusalem <sup>H3389</sup>). <sup>11</sup> The <sup>H0559</sup> day <sup>H3117</sup> was <sup>H5288</sup> almost <sup>H3966</sup> over <sup>H0413</sup>. They <sup>H1992</sup> were <sup>H1992</sup> near <sup>H5973</sup> the <sup>H0559</sup> city <sup>H5892</sup> of <sup>H3117</sup> Jebus <sup>H2982</sup>. So <sup>H3966</sup> the <sup>H0559</sup> servant <sup>H5288</sup> said <sup>H0559</sup> to <sup>H0413</sup> his <sup>H5493</sup> master <sup>H0113</sup>, the <sup>H0559</sup> Levite, "Let's <sup>H4994</sup> stop <sup>H5493</sup> at <sup>H0413</sup> this <sup>H2063</sup> Jebusite <sup>H2983</sup> city <sup>H5892</sup>. Let's <sup>H4994</sup> stay <sup>H3885</sup> the <sup>H0559</sup> night here <sup>H2063</sup>."

<sup>12</sup> But <sup>H3808</sup> his <sup>H0834</sup> master <sup>H0113</sup>, the <sup>H0559</sup> Levite man <sup>H1121</sup>, said <sup>H0559</sup>, "No <sup>H3808</sup>, we <sup>H0834</sup> will <sup>H0834</sup> not <sup>H3808</sup> go <sup>H5674</sup> inside a <sup>H0834</sup> strange city <sup>H5892</sup>. Those <sup>H0834</sup> people <sup>H1121</sup> are <sup>H0834</sup> not <sup>H3808</sup> Israelites <sup>H3478</sup>. We <sup>H0834</sup> will <sup>H0834</sup> go <sup>H5674</sup> to <sup>H0413</sup> the <sup>H0559</sup> city <sup>H5892</sup> of <sup>H1121</sup> Gibeah <sup>H1390</sup>." <sup>I</sup> <sup>13</sup> The <sup>H0559</sup> Levite said <sup>H0559</sup>, "Come <sup>H7126</sup> on <sup>H0259</sup>. Let's try to <sup>H0559</sup> make it <sup>H7126</sup> to <sup>H0559</sup> Gibeah <sup>H1390</sup> or <sup>H0176</sup> Ramah <sup>H7414</sup>. We can <sup>H0259</sup> stay <sup>H3885</sup> the <sup>H0559</sup> night in <sup>H0176</sup> one <sup>H0259</sup> of <sup>H4725</sup> those <sup>H7126</sup> cities."

<sup>14</sup> So <sup>H0834</sup> the <sup>H0834</sup> Levite and <sup>H0935</sup> those <sup>H0834</sup> with <sup>H0935</sup> him <sup>H0935</sup> traveled <sup>H5674</sup> on <sup>H0935</sup>. The <sup>H0834</sup> sun <sup>H8121</sup> was <sup>H0834</sup> going <sup>H0935</sup> down just <sup>H0834</sup> as <sup>H0834</sup> they <sup>H0834</sup> entered <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0834</sup> city of <sup>H0935</sup> Gibeah <sup>H1390</sup>. Gibeah <sup>H1390</sup> is <sup>H0834</sup> in <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0834</sup> area that <sup>H0834</sup> belongs to <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0834</sup> tribe of <sup>H0935</sup> Benjamin <sup>H1144</sup>. <sup>15</sup> They <sup>H8033</sup> planned to <sup>H0935</sup>

stop <sup>H5493</sup> there <sup>H8033</sup> and <sup>H0935</sup> stay <sup>H3427</sup> the <sup>H0853</sup> night. They <sup>H8033</sup> came <sup>H0935</sup> to <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0853</sup> city <sup>H5892</sup> square <sup>H7339</sup> and <sup>H0935</sup> sat <sup>H3427</sup> down <sup>H3427</sup>, but <sup>H0369</sup> no <sup>H0369</sup> one <sup>H0376</sup> invited <sup>H0622</sup> them <sup>H0853</sup> home <sup>H1004</sup> to <sup>H0935</sup> stay <sup>H3427</sup> the <sup>H0853</sup> night.

<sup>16</sup> That <sup>H1931</sup> evening <sup>H6153</sup> an <sup>H4480</sup> old <sup>H2205</sup> man <sup>H0376</sup> came <sup>H0935</sup> in- to <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> city <sup>H1931</sup> from <sup>H4480</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> fields <sup>H7704</sup>. His <sup>H0376</sup> home <sup>H4725</sup> was <sup>H1931</sup> in <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> hill <sup>H2022</sup> coun- try <sup>H2022</sup> of <sup>H0376</sup> Ephraim <sup>H0669</sup>, but <sup>H0376</sup> now <sup>H2009</sup> he <sup>H1931</sup> was <sup>H1931</sup> living <sup>H1481</sup> in <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> city <sup>H1931</sup> of <sup>H0376</sup> Gibeah <sup>H1390</sup>. ( The <sup>H0935</sup> men <sup>H0376</sup> of <sup>H0376</sup> Gibeah <sup>H1390</sup> were <sup>H0376</sup> from <sup>H4480</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> tribe of <sup>H0376</sup> Benjamin.) <sup>17</sup> The <sup>H0853</sup> old <sup>H2205</sup> man <sup>H0376</sup> saw <sup>H7200</sup> the <sup>H0853</sup> traveler <sup>H0732</sup> in <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0853</sup> pub- lic <sup>H7200</sup> square <sup>H7339</sup> and <sup>H0935</sup> asked <sup>H0559</sup>, "Where <sup>H0575</sup> are <sup>H0376</sup> you <sup>H0935</sup> going <sup>H0935</sup>? Where <sup>H0575</sup> did <sup>H0376</sup> you <sup>H0935</sup> come <sup>H0935</sup> from <sup>H0935</sup>?"

<sup>18</sup> The <sup>H0853</sup> Levite an- swered <sup>H0559</sup>, " We <sup>H0587</sup> have <sup>H0369</sup> come <sup>H1980</sup> from <sup>H0376</sup> Bethlehem <sup>H1035</sup> in <sup>H1980</sup> Judah <sup>H3063</sup>, where <sup>H8033</sup> I <sup>H0589</sup> went <sup>H1980</sup> for <sup>H0413</sup> a <sup>H5704</sup> visit <sup>H0413</sup>. Now <sup>H0369</sup> I <sup>H0589</sup> am <sup>H0589</sup> on <sup>H0413</sup> my <sup>H3068</sup> way <sup>H1980</sup> home <sup>H1004</sup>, <sup>II</sup> which <sup>H8033</sup> is <sup>H0369</sup> a <sup>H5704</sup>

I GIBEAH Gibeah was a few miles north of Jebus. Jebus was the old name for Jerusalem.

II HOME This is from the ancient Greek version, which has "to my house." The standard Hebrew text has "to the LORD'S house."



her|strong="H3605" outside|strong="H2351" with|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". They|strong="H3808" hurt her|strong="H3605" and|strong="H7971" raped|strong="H3045" her|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915" long|strong="H5704". Then|strong="H3318", at|strong="H0413" dawn|strong="H7837", they|strong="H3808" let|strong="H7971" her|strong="H3605" go|strong="H3318".<sup>26</sup> At|strong="H1004" dawn|strong="H0216", the|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H6437" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" house|strong="H1004" where|strong="H0834" her|strong="H0802" master|strong="H0113" was|strong="H0834" staying|strong="H8033". She|strong="H0834" fell|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307" at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0834" front door|strong="H6607" and|strong="H0935" lay|strong="H5307" there|strong="H8033" until|strong="H5704" it|strong="H8033" was|strong="H0834" daylight|strong="H0216".

<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H5921" Levite got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" early|strong="H1242" the|strong="H5921" next|strong="H5921" morning|strong="H1242". He|strong="H5921" wanted to|strong="H5921" go|strong="H3318" home|strong="H1004". He|strong="H5921" opened|strong="H6605" the|strong="H5921" door|strong="H1817" to|strong="H5921" go|strong="H3318" outside|strong="H3318", and|strong="H6965" a|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027" fell|strong="H5307" across|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" threshold of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" door|strong="H1817". There|strong="H2009" was|strong="H0802" his|strong="H5921" slave woman|strong="H0802". She|strong="H6965" had|strong="H3027" fallen|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" door|strong="H1817".<sup>28</sup> The|strong="H0559" Levite said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413", "Get|strong="H3947" up|strong="H6965"; let's go|strong="H6965". But|strong="H0369" there|strong="H0369" was|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" answer|strong="H6030".

The|strong="H0559" Levite put|strong="H3947" her|strong="H0413" body on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" donkey|strong="H2543" and|strong="H6965" went|strong="H6965" home|strong="H4725".<sup>29</sup> When|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0853" arrived|strong="H0935" at|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004", he|strong="H0853" took|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" knife|strong="H3979" and|strong="H0935"

cut|strong="H5408" her|strong="H3605" body|strong="H6106" into|strong="H0413" 12 parts|strong="H5409". Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0853" sent|strong="H7971" the|strong="H3605" 12 parts|strong="H5409" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" woman|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0413" each|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" areas where|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" lived.<sup>30</sup> Everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" saw|strong="H7200" this|strong="H2088" said|strong="H0559", "Nothing|strong="H3808" like|strong="H1961" this|strong="H2088" has|strong="H1961" ever|strong="H2088" happened|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" before|strong="H5704". We|strong="H5704" haven't|strong="H3808" seen|strong="H7200" anything|strong="H3605" like|strong="H1961" this|strong="H2088" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" we|strong="H5704" came|strong="H1961" out|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714". Discuss|strong="H1696" this|strong="H2088" and|strong="H1121" tell|strong="H0559" us|strong="H5921" what|strong="H2088" to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H3605"."

#### The War Between Israel and Benjamin

**20** So|strong="H3318" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" joined together|strong="H0259". They|strong="H0376" all|strong="H3605" came|strong="H3318" together|strong="H0259" to|strong="H0413" stand before|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H1121" Mizpah|strong="H4709". People|strong="H0376" came|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" everywhere|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0413" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>1</sup> Even|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" from|strong="H3318" Gilead|strong="H1568"<sup>II</sup> were|strong="H3478" there|strong="H3068".<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H3605" leaders of|strong="H0376" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" there|strong="H3605". They|strong="H0376" took|strong="H3320" their|strong="H3605" places|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" public meeting of|strong="H0376" God's|strong="H0430" people|strong="H5971". There|strong="H3605" were|strong="H3478" 400,000 sol-

<sup>I</sup> FROM EVERYWHERE IN ISRAEL Literally, "from Dan to Beersheba."  
<sup>II</sup> GILEAD This area was east of the Jordan River.

diers |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0376" swords |strong="H2719" in |strong="H0430" that |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605".<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" tribe of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" heard |strong="H0805" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H1961" meeting together in |strong="H3478" Mizpah |strong="H4709". The |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559", " Tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H3588" how |strong="H0349" this |strong="H2063" terrible |strong="H7451" thing |strong="H2063" happened |strong="H1961"."

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" Levite |strong="H3881", the |strong="H0559" husband |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" murdered |strong="H7523", told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" story. He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H0834" slave woman |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0589" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H0376" Gibeah |strong="H1390" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" area of |strong="H0376" Benjamin |strong="H1144". We |strong="H0834" spent |strong="H3885" the |strong="H0559" night there |strong="H0834".<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H4191" during |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" night |strong="H3915" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1167" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H1004" Gibeah |strong="H1390" came to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" where |strong="H5921" I |strong="H5921" was |strong="H1004" staying. They |strong="H5921" surrounded |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004", and |strong="H6965" they |strong="H5921" wanted to |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H2026" me |strong="H5921". They |strong="H5921" raped my |strong="H5921" slave woman |strong="H1004", and |strong="H6965" she |strong="H6965" died |strong="H4191".<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H6213" I |strong="H3588" took |strong="H0270" her |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3478" cut |strong="H5408" her |strong="H3605" into pieces |strong="H5408". Then |strong="H7971" I |strong="H3588" sent |strong="H7971" one |strong="H3605" piece to |strong="H3478" each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H7704" the |strong="H3605" tribes of |strong="H7704" Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H3588" sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H3605" 12

pieces |strong="H5408" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" lands |strong="H7704" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3478" received. I |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" that |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5159" of |strong="H7704" Benjamin have |strong="H3478" done |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3588" terrible thing |strong="H5039" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>7</sup> Now |strong="H2009", all |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", speak |strong="H1697" up |strong="H1121". Give |strong="H3051" your |strong="H3605" decision about |strong="H1697" what |strong="H1697" we |strong="H3605" should |strong="H3478" do |strong="H3605"."

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H6965" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" stood |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" at |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0259" time. They |strong="H3808" said |strong="H0559" together |strong="H0259", " None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1004" us |strong="H0559" will |strong="H0376" go |strong="H6965" home |strong="H1004". No |strong="H3808", not |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1004" us |strong="H0559" will |strong="H0376" go |strong="H6965" back |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004".<sup>9</sup> Now |strong="H6258" this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" city of |strong="H1697" Gibeah |strong="H1390". We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" throw lots |strong="H1486" to |strong="H5921" let |strong="H6258" God show |strong="H6213" us |strong="H5921" who |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" lead the |strong="H0834" attack.<sup>10</sup> We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" choose |strong="H3947" ten |strong="H6235" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" every |strong="H3605" 100 from |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478". And |strong="H0935" we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" choose |strong="H3947" 100 men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" every |strong="H3605" 1000. We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" choose |strong="H3947" 1000 men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" every |strong="H3605" 10,000. These |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" we |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" chosen |strong="H3947" will |strong="H0834"

get *supplies* for *the army*. Then *the army* will go to *the city* of *Gibeah* in *the area* of *Benjamin*. *The army* will punish those *people* for *the terrible thing* they *did* among *the Israelites*.<sup>11</sup> So *all* *the men* of *Israel* gathered at *the city* of *Gibeah*, united and *in* *agreement* as *to* what they *were* doing.<sup>12</sup> *The tribes* of *Israel* sent *men* to *the tribe* of *Benjamin* with *this* message: "What *about* *this* terrible *thing* that *some* of *your* *men* have *done*?"<sup>13</sup> Send *the bad* *men* from *the city* of *Gibeah* to *us* so *that* we *can* put *to* *death*. We *must* remove *the evil* from *among* *the Israelites*.  
 But *the people* from *the tribe* of *Benjamin* would *not* listen to *the messengers*

from *their relatives*, *the other* *Israelites*.<sup>14</sup> *The people* from *the tribe* of *Benjamin* left *their cities* and *went* to *the city* of *Gibeah*. They *went* to *the city* of *Gibeah* to *fight* against *the other tribes* of *Israel*.<sup>15</sup> *The people* from *the tribe* of *Benjamin* got 26,000 *soldiers* who *were* trained for *war*. They *also* had *700* trained *soldiers* from *the city* of *Gibeah*.<sup>16</sup> There *were* *also* *700* trained *soldiers* who *were* trained to *fight with* *their* left hand.<sup>1</sup> Each *one* of *them* could *use* a *sling* with *great* skill. They *all* could *use* a *sling* to *throw* a *stone* at *a* *hair* and *not* miss!<sup>17</sup> All *the tribes* of *Israel*, except *Benjamin*, gathered *together* 400,000 *fighting men* with *swords*. Each *one* was *a* trained *soldier*.<sup>18</sup> *The Israelites* went *up* to *the city* of *Bethel*. At *Bethel* they *asked*

<sup>1</sup> TRAINED ... LEFT HAND Literally, "restrained in their right hand."

God |strong="H0430", " Which |strong="H4310" tribe will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" first |strong="H8462" to |strong="H0559" attack |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0559" tribe of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144"?"

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" tribe of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H5927" first |strong="H8462":"

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" morning |strong="H1242" the |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965". They |strong="H5921" made a |strong="H5921" camp |strong="H2583" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" city of |strong="H1121" Gibeah |strong="H1390". <sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H4421" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478" took |strong="H3318" their |strong="H0413" positions for |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H4421" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H4421" of |strong="H0376" Benjamin |strong="H1144" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0376" Gibeah |strong="H1390". <sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H4480" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H4480" city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" Gibeah |strong="H1390". The |strong="H4480" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" killed 22,000 men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H4480" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" during |strong="H3117" the |strong="H4480" battle |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117".

<sup>22</sup> The Israelites went to the LORD and cried until evening. They asked the LORD, "Should we go to fight the people of Benjamin again? They are our relatives."

The LORD answered, "Go fight against them." The men of Israel encouraged each other. So they again went out to fight, as they had done the first day.

<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0413" army of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" came |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0413" army of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144". This |strong="H3117" was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0413" second |strong="H8145" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0413" war. <sup>25</sup> The |strong="H3605" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" city

of |strong="H1121" Gibeah |strong="H1390" to |strong="H3478" attack the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" second |strong="H8145" day |strong="H3117". This |strong="H0428" time |strong="H3117", the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" killed |strong="H2719" another |strong="H8145" 18,000 men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" trained soldiers |strong="H0376".

<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" went |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" Bethel |strong="H1008". There |strong="H8033" they |strong="H8033" sat |strong="H3427" down |strong="H3427" and |strong="H1121" cried |strong="H1058" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H8033" did |strong="H3117" not |strong="H1121" eat anything |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117", until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". They |strong="H8033" also |strong="H3068" offered |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H1121" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>27</sup> The |strong="H3068" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" asked |strong="H7592" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" question |strong="H7592". ( In |strong="H0430" those |strong="H1992" days |strong="H3117" God's |strong="H0430" Box of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" was |strong="H3068" there |strong="H8033" at |strong="H3478" Bethel. <sup>28</sup> Phinehas |strong="H6372" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" priest who |strong="H3068" served |strong="H5975" God |strong="H3068" there |strong="H5927". Phinehas |strong="H6372" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499". Eleazar |strong="H0499" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175".) The |strong="H0559" Israelites asked |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559"

people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" are |strong="H3117" our |strong="H3068" relatives |strong="H0251". Should |strong="H0518" we |strong="H3588" again |strong="H5750" go |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0559" fight |strong="H4421" against |strong="H5973" them |strong="H5414"? Or |strong="H0518" should |strong="H0518" we |strong="H3588" stop |strong="H2308" fighting?"

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H3318". Tomorrow |strong="H4279" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H4421" you |strong="H3588" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414"."

<sup>29</sup> Then |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0413" army of |strong="H1390" Israel |strong="H3478" hid |strong="H7760" some men |strong="H3478" all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H0413" city of |strong="H1390" Gibeah |strong="H1390". <sup>30</sup> The |strong="H0413" army |strong="H5927" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" fight against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" city of |strong="H1121" Gibeah |strong="H1390" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0413" third |strong="H7992" day |strong="H3117". They |strong="H3117" got |strong="H5927" ready for |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H3117" as |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" had |strong="H3478" done before |strong="H0413". <sup>31</sup> The |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" Gibeah |strong="H1390" to |strong="H3478" fight the |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" backed up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H1121" let |strong="H6471" the |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" chase them |strong="H5221". In |strong="H3478" this |strong="H6471" way the |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" was |strong="H0834" tricked into |strong="H0376" leaving |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" far behind them |strong="H5221".

The |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" began |strong="H2490" to |strong="H3478" kill |strong="H5221" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3478"

the |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" done before |strong="H4480". They |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" about |strong="H4480" 30 men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H4480" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H5221" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" fields |strong="H7704", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H5221" on |strong="H0259" the |strong="H0834" roads. One |strong="H0259" road led |strong="H3318" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" Bethel |strong="H1008". The |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0259" road led |strong="H3318" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" Gibeah |strong="H1390". <sup>32</sup> The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" said |strong="H0559", "We are |strong="H1992" winning as |strong="H1121" before |strong="H6440"."

The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" running away |strong="H4480", but |strong="H1992" it |strong="H6440" was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H4480" trick. They |strong="H1992" wanted to |strong="H0413" lead |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" away |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" their |strong="H1992" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1121" onto |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" roads. <sup>33</sup> So |strong="H6965" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" ran away |strong="H3605". They |strong="H0376" stopped at |strong="H3478" a |strong="H3478" place |strong="H4725" named Baal Tamar. Some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" hiding west of |strong="H0376" Gibeah |strong="H1390". They |strong="H0376" ran from |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3605" hiding places |strong="H4725". <sup>34</sup> 10,000 of |strong="H0376" Israel's |strong="H3478" best-trained soldiers |strong="H0376" attacked |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" city of |strong="H0376" Gibeah |strong="H1390". The |strong="H3605" fighting was |strong="H3478" very |strong="H3045" heavy |strong="H3513". But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4421"

of|strong="H0376" Benjamin did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" terrible|strong="H7451" thing|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3478" about|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" happen to|strong="H0935" them|strong="H1992".

<sup>35</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" used|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" army of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" defeated|strong="H5062" the|strong="H3605" army of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144". On|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" army of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" killed|strong="H2719" 25,100 soldiers|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" Benjamin|strong="H1144". All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" them|strong="H0853" had|strong="H3068" been|strong="H3605" trained for|strong="H3117" war|strong="H2719". <sup>36</sup> So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" defeated|strong="H5062".

The|strong="H0834" army of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" had|strong="H0834" moved back|strong="H0413" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" depending on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" surprise attack. They|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0376" hiding near Gibeah|strong="H1390". <sup>37</sup> The|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H2719" hiding rushed|strong="H6584" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H6310" Gibeah|strong="H1390". They|strong="H3605" spread out|strong="H0413" and|strong="H2719" killed|strong="H5221" everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" with|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3605" swords|strong="H2719". <sup>38</sup> Now|strong="H1961" the|strong="H4480" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" had|strong="H1961" made|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" plan|strong="H5927" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H4480" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1961" hiding. The|strong="H4480" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1961" hiding were|strong="H1961" supposed to|strong="H1961" send|strong="H5927" a|strong="H1961" special signal|strong="H4864". They|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1961" supposed to|strong="H1961"

make a|strong="H1961" big cloud|strong="H4864" of|strong="H0376" smoke|strong="H6227".

<sup>39</sup> The army of Benjamin had killed about 30 Israelite soldiers. So the men of Benjamin were saying, "We are winning, as before." But then a big cloud of smoke began to rise from the city. The men of Benjamin turned around and saw the smoke. The whole city was on fire. Then the army of Israel stopped running away. They turned around and began to fight. The men of Benjamin were afraid because they knew that a terrible thing had happened to them.

<sup>42</sup> So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H4421" of|strong="H0376" Benjamin ran away|strong="H6437" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H4421" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478". They|strong="H0834" ran toward|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057". But|strong="H0376" they|strong="H0834" could|strong="H0376" not|strong="H1870" escape the|strong="H0853" fighting. And|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" came|strong="H0413" out|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892" and|strong="H3478" killed them|strong="H0413". <sup>43</sup> The|strong="H0853" men of|strong="H1390" Israel surrounded|strong="H3803" the|strong="H0853" men of|strong="H1390" Benjamin|strong="H1144" and|strong="H0853" began chasing|strong="H7291" them|strong="H0853". They|strong="H5704" did not let them|strong="H0853" rest|strong="H4496". They|strong="H5704" defeated them|strong="H0853" in|strong="H1144" the|strong="H0853" area east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H1390" Gibeah|strong="H1390". <sup>44</sup> So|strong="H0853" 18,000 brave|strong="H2428" and|strong="H0376" strong|strong="H2428" fighters from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H0376" Benjamin|strong="H1144" were|strong="H0428" killed|strong="H5307".

<sup>45</sup> The|strong="H0413" army of|strong="H0376" Benjamin turned|strong="H6437" around|strong="H0310" and|strong="H0376" ran|strong="H5127" toward|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" desert|strong="H4057". They|strong="H0376" ran|strong="H5127" to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H4480" place called the|strong="H0413" Rock|strong="H5553" of|strong="H0376" Rimmon|strong="H7417", but|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0413" army of|strong="H0376" Israel killed|strong="H5221" 5000 soldiers|strong="H0376" from|strong="H4480" Benjamin along|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0413" roads. They|strong="H0376" kept chasing|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0413" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Benjamin.



They|strong="H0376" chased them|strong="H0413" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704" a|strong="H4480" place named Gidom|strong="H1440". The|strong="H0413" army of|strong="H0376" Israel killed|strong="H5221" 2000 more|strong="H4480" men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H4480" Benjamin in|strong="H0413" that|strong="H4480" place.

<sup>46</sup> On|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" 25,000 men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H0376" Benjamin|strong="H1144" were|strong="H1961" killed|strong="H2719". All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0376" them|strong="H0853" fought bravely with|strong="H0376" their|strong="H3605" swords|strong="H2719". <sup>47</sup> But|strong="H0376" 600 men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" Benjamin ran|strong="H5127" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" desert|strong="H4057" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" place called the|strong="H0413" Rock|strong="H5553" of|strong="H0376" Rimmon|strong="H7417" and|strong="H3967" stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" for|strong="H0413" four|strong="H0702" months|strong="H2320". <sup>48</sup> The|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" land of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144". They|strong="H0376" killed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H0929" in|strong="H0413" every|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892". They|strong="H0376" destroyed|strong="H5221" everything|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0376" could|strong="H1571" find|strong="H4672" and|strong="H1121" burned every|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" they|strong="H0376" came|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413".

#### Getting Wives for the Men of Benjamin

**21** At|strong="H3478" Mizpah|strong="H4709", the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" made|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" promise|strong="H7650". This|strong="H0376" was|strong="H3478" their|strong="H5414" promise|strong="H7650": " Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" us|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3478" let|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" daughter|strong="H1323" marry|strong="H0802" a|strong="H5414" man|strong="H0376"

from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559" tribe of|strong="H0376" Benjamin|strong="H1144"."

<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H6440" Israelites went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" city of|strong="H0430" Bethel|strong="H1008". There|strong="H8033" they|strong="H8033" sat|strong="H3427" before|strong="H6440" God|strong="H0430" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". They|strong="H8033" cried|strong="H1058" loudly|strong="H6963" as|strong="H5704" they|strong="H8033" sat|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033". <sup>3</sup> They|strong="H3117" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430", " LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478". Why|strong="H4100" has|strong="H3068" this|strong="H2063" terrible thing|strong="H0259" happened|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" us|strong="H3117"? Why|strong="H4100" has|strong="H3068" one|strong="H0259" tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" been|strong="H1961" taken|strong="H1961" away?"

<sup>4</sup> Early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H1129" next|strong="H4283" day|strong="H4283", the|strong="H1129" Israelites built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" altar|strong="H4196". They|strong="H8033" put|strong="H5927" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H4196" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" to|strong="H1961" God on|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1961" altar|strong="H4196". <sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559", " Are|strong="H0834" there|strong="H1961" any|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" who|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" come|strong="H1961" here|strong="H4191" to|strong="H0413" meet with|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413" before|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"? " They|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3588" question because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" serious promise|strong="H3068". They|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" promised|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" come|strong="H1961" together with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605"

tribes |strong="H7626" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" city of |strong="H1121" Mizpah |strong="H4709" would |strong="H3478" be |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H4191".

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" felt sorry |strong="H5162" for |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3117" relatives |strong="H0251", the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144". They |strong="H3117" said |strong="H0559", " Today |strong="H3117", one |strong="H0259" tribe |strong="H7626" has |strong="H3478" been separated from |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>7</sup> We |strong="H0587" made |strong="H6213" a |strong="H5414" promise |strong="H7650" with |strong="H3068" an |strong="H5414" oath |strong="H7650" before the |strong="H5414" LORD |strong="H3068". We |strong="H0587" promised |strong="H7650" not |strong="H1115" to |strong="H3068" allow |strong="H5414" our |strong="H3068" daughters |strong="H1323" to |strong="H3068" marry |strong="H0802" a |strong="H5414" man from |strong="H3068" Benjamin. How |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" we |strong="H0587" make |strong="H5414" sure that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5414" men |strong="H6213" of |strong="H3068" Benjamin will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" wives |strong="H0802"?"

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" asked |strong="H0559", " Which |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2009" to |strong="H0413" Mizpah |strong="H4709"? We |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" together |strong="H0259" before |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". Surely |strong="H2009" one |strong="H0259" family was |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" here |strong="H2009"! Then |strong="H2009" they |strong="H0834" found that |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H0376" Jabesh |strong="H3003" Gilead |strong="H1568" had |strong="H3068" met together |strong="H0259" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H0259" Israelites |strong="H3478". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H6485" Israelites counted |strong="H6485" every-one |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0369" see |strong="H2009" who |strong="H0376" was |strong="H0369" there |strong="H8033" and |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376"

was |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369". They |strong="H8033" found |strong="H0369" that |strong="H6485" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" Jabesh |strong="H3003" Gilead |strong="H1568" was |strong="H0369" there |strong="H8033". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" Israelites sent |strong="H7971" 12,000 soldiers |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H1121" Jabesh |strong="H3003" Gilead |strong="H1568". They |strong="H8033" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" soldiers |strong="H0376", " Go |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0559" Jabesh |strong="H3003" Gilead |strong="H1568", and |strong="H1121" use |strong="H7971" your |strong="H7971" swords |strong="H2719" to |strong="H0559" kill |strong="H5221" everyone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" lives |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033", even |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" women |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" children |strong="H1121". <sup>11</sup> You |strong="H0834" must do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088"! You |strong="H0834" must kill every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H2145" in |strong="H0802" Jabesh Gilead and |strong="H0802" every |strong="H3605" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" sexual relations |strong="H3045" with |strong="H3045" a |strong="H0834" man |strong="H2145". But |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" not |strong="H2088" kill any |strong="H3605" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" never had |strong="H0834" sex with |strong="H3045" a |strong="H0834" man |strong="H2145". So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" soldiers did |strong="H6213" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H1697". <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853" 12,000 soldiers |strong="H0376" found |strong="H4672" 400 young |strong="H5291" women |strong="H1330" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0776" Jabesh |strong="H3003" Gilead |strong="H1568" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" had |strong="H0834" sex with |strong="H0413" a |strong="H4672" man |strong="H0376". They |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" these |strong="H0834" women |strong="H1330" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264" at |strong="H0413" Shiloh |strong="H7887" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667".

<sup>1</sup> BUT DO NOT KILL ... THESE THINGS This is from the ancient Greek version.

<sup>13</sup> Then the Israelites sent a message to the men of Benjamin. They offered to make peace with the men of Benjamin. The men of Benjamin were at the place named Rock of Rimmon. <sup>14</sup> So the men of Benjamin came back to Israel. The Israelites gave them the women of Jabesh Gilead who had not been killed. But there were not enough for all the men of Benjamin.

<sup>15</sup> The Israelites felt sorry for the men of Benjamin. They felt sorry for them because the LORD had separated them from the other tribes of Israel. <sup>16</sup> The elders of the Israelites said, "The women of the tribe of Benjamin have been killed. Where can we get wives for the men of Benjamin who are still alive?" <sup>17</sup> The men of Benjamin who are still alive must have children to

continue their families. This must be done so that a tribe of Israel will not die out! <sup>18</sup> But we cannot allow our daughters to marry men of Benjamin. We have made this promise: 'Bad things will happen to anyone who gives a wife to a man of Benjamin.' <sup>19</sup> We have an idea! This is the time for the festival of the LORD at Shiloh. This festival is celebrated every year there. (The city of Shiloh is north of the city of Bethel and east of the road that goes from Bethel to Shechem. And it is also the south of the city of Lebonah.)

<sup>20</sup> So the elders told the men of Benjamin about their idea. They said, "Go and hide in the vineyards." <sup>21</sup> Watch for the time during the fes-

tival when the young women from Shiloh come out to join the dancing. Then they run out from where you are hiding in the vineyards. Each of you should take one of the young women from the city of Shiloh. Take them to the land of Benjamin and marry them. 22 The fathers or brothers of the young women will come and complain to us. But we will say, 'Be kind to the men of Benjamin. Let them marry women. We could get for each of them during the war. And you did not willingly give the women

to the men of Benjamin, so you did not break your promise.' 23 So is the what the men of the tribe of Benjamin did. While the young women were dancing, each man caught one of them. They took away and married them. Then they went back to their land. The men of Benjamin built cities again in that land, and they lived in them. 24 Then the Israelites went home. They went to their own land and tribe. 25 In those days the Israelites did not have a king, so everyone did whatever they thought was right.

# Ruth

## Famine in Judah

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, during the time judges ruled there, a famine in the land of a man named Elimelech left the town of Bethlehem in Judah. He, his wife, and his two sons moved to the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup> The man's wife was named Naomi, and his two sons were named Mahlon and Kilion. They were from the Ephrathah family of Bethlehem in Judah. The family traveled to the hill country of Moab and stayed there.

<sup>3</sup> Later, Naomi's husband, Elimelech, died, so only Naomi and her two sons left. <sup>4</sup> Her sons married women from the country of Moab. One wife's

name was Orpah, and the other was Ruth. They lived in Moab about ten years; <sup>5</sup> then Mahlon and Kilion died. So Naomi was left alone without her husband or her two sons.

## Naomi Goes Home

<sup>6</sup> While Naomi was in the country of Moab, she heard that the LORD had helped his people. He had given to his people in Judah. So Naomi decided to leave the hill country of Moab and go home. Her daughters-in-law also decided to go with her. <sup>7</sup> They left the place they had been living and started walking back to the land of Judah.

8 Then Naomi told her daughters-in-law, "Each of you should go back home to your mother. You have been very kind to me and my sons who are now dead. So I pray that the LORD will be as you pray. I pray the LORD will help each of you find a good home." Naomi kissed her daughters-in-law, and they all started crying.

10 Then the daughters said, "But we want to come with you and go to your family."

11 But Naomi said, "No, daughters, go back to your own homes. Why should you go with me? I can't have any sons to be your husbands." 12 Go back home. I am too old to have a new husband. Even I thought I could

be married again, I could not help you. If I became pregnant tonight and had two sons, you would have to wait until they grew to become men before you could marry them. I cannot make you wait that long for husbands. That would make me very sad. And I am already sad enough— the LORD has done many things to me!

14 So they cried very much. Then Orpah kissed Naomi goodbye, but Ruth hugged her and stayed.

15 Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her own people and her own gods. You should do the same."

16 But Ruth said, "Don't force me to leave you! Don't force me to go back to my own people. Let me go with you." Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you sleep, I will sleep. Your people will

be |strong="H0408" my |strong="H7725" people |strong="H5971". Your |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0408" my |strong="H7725" God |strong="H0430". <sup>17</sup> Where |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" die |strong="H4191", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191", and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" where |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H4191" buried |strong="H6912". I |strong="H0834" ask the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H4191" punish me |strong="H3254" if |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" don't keep |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3541" promise |strong="H3068": Only death |strong="H4191" will |strong="H3068" separate |strong="H6504" us |strong="H3588".<sup>1</sup>

### The |strong="H0834" Homecoming

<sup>18</sup> Naomi saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" Ruth |strong="H0553" wanted very much to |strong="H0413" go with |strong="H0854" her |strong="H0413". So |strong="H3588" Naomi stopped |strong="H2308" arguing with |strong="H0854" her |strong="H0413". <sup>19</sup> Naomi |strong="H5281" and |strong="H0935" Ruth traveled |strong="H0935" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H5921" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" of |strong="H5921" Bethlehem |strong="H1035". When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" two |strong="H8147" women entered |strong="H0935" Bethlehem |strong="H1035", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people were |strong="H1961" very |strong="H5704" excited. They |strong="H5921" said |strong="H0559", " Is |strong="H3605" this |strong="H2063" Naomi |strong="H5281"?"

<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3588" Naomi |strong="H5281" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0408", " Don't |strong="H0408" call |strong="H7121" me |strong="H0413" Naomi |strong="H5281";<sup>II</sup> call |strong="H7121" me |strong="H0413" Marah. <sup>III</sup> Use this |strong="H3588" name |strong="H0559" because |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0559" All-Powerful has |strong="H3588" made |strong="H4843" my |strong="H3588" life very |strong="H3966" sad. <sup>21</sup> I |strong="H0589" had |strong="H3068" everything I |strong="H0589" wanted when |strong="H7725" I |strong="H0589" left |strong="H1980", but |strong="H6030" now |strong="H0589",

I I ASK ... SEPARATE US Literally, "May the LORD do this to me, and even more, unless death separates us!"<sup>II</sup> NAOMI This name means "Happy" or "Pleasant."<sup>III</sup> MARAH This name means "Bitter" or "Sad."

the |strong="H0589" LORD |strong="H3068" brings me |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725" with |strong="H1980" nothing |strong="H7387". The |strong="H0589" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725" sad, so |strong="H1980" why |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100" you |strong="H7725" call |strong="H7121" me |strong="H7725" 'Happy' <sup>IV</sup>? God |strong="H3068" All-Powerful has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H7121" much |strong="H4100" trouble to |strong="H1980" me |strong="H7725".

<sup>22</sup> So |strong="H0935" Naomi |strong="H5281" and |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0935" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618" Ruth |strong="H7327", the |strong="H0935" Moabite |strong="H4125", came |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0935" hill country |strong="H7704" of |strong="H7704" Moab |strong="H4124". These |strong="H1992" two women came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Bethlehem |strong="H1035" at |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0935" beginning |strong="H8462" of |strong="H7704" the |strong="H0935" barley |strong="H8184" harvest |strong="H7105".

### Ruth Meets Boaz

<sup>2</sup> There |strong="H3045" was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H0376" rich man |strong="H0376" named |strong="H8034" Boaz |strong="H1162" living |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0376" Bethlehem. Boaz |strong="H1162" was |strong="H8034" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Naomi's |strong="H5281" close relatives |strong="H4940"<sup>V</sup> from |strong="H0376" Elimelech's family |strong="H4940".

<sup>2</sup> One |strong="H0834" day Ruth |strong="H7327", the |strong="H0559" Moabite |strong="H4125", said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Naomi |strong="H5281", " I |strong="H0834" think |strong="H5869" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" go |strong="H4994" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" fields |strong="H7704". Maybe I |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" find |strong="H4672" someone who |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4994" kind to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H5869" let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H0413" gather |strong="H3950" the |strong="H0559" grain |strong="H7641" they |strong="H0834" leave in |strong="H0413" their |strong="H0310" field |strong="H7704"."

<sup>IV</sup> HAPPY This is the meaning of the name Naomi. <sup>V</sup> CLOSE RELATIVES If a man died without children, one of his close relatives would take the dead man's wife so that she could have children. He would care for this family, but this family and their property would not belong to him. They would all be in the dead man's name.

Naomi |strong="H5281" said |strong="H0559", "Fine, daughter |strong="H1323", go |strong="H4994" ahead."

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H0834" Ruth went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" fields |strong="H7704". She |strong="H0834" followed |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0834" workers who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" cutting the |strong="H0834" grain and |strong="H0935" gathered |strong="H3950" the |strong="H0834" grain that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" left |strong="H0935". <sup>1</sup> It |strong="H0310" happened |strong="H7136" that |strong="H0834" part of |strong="H7704" the |strong="H0834" field |strong="H7704" belonged to |strong="H0935" Boaz |strong="H1162", the |strong="H0834" man from |strong="H0935" Elimelech's family |strong="H4940".

<sup>4</sup> Later, Boaz |strong="H1162" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" field from |strong="H0935" Bethlehem |strong="H1035" and |strong="H0935" greeted |strong="H1288" his |strong="H3068" workers. He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1288" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5973"!"

And |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" workers answered |strong="H0559", " And |strong="H0935" may |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H5973"!"

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Boaz |strong="H1162" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5921" servant |strong="H5288" who |strong="H4310" was |strong="H5288" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" workers. He |strong="H5921" asked |strong="H0559", " Whose |strong="H4310" girl |strong="H5291" is |strong="H4310" that |strong="H0559"?"

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0559" servant |strong="H5288" answered |strong="H0559", " She |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H0559" Moabite |strong="H4125" woman |strong="H5291" who |strong="H1931" came |strong="H7725" with |strong="H5973" Naomi |strong="H5281" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0559" country |strong="H7704" of |strong="H5921" Moab |strong="H4124". <sup>7</sup> She |strong="H0310" came |strong="H0935" early |strong="H1242" this |strong="H2088" morning |strong="H1242" and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H0559" me |strong="H4994" if |strong="H0227" she |strong="H0310" could |strong="H2088" follow |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0559" workers

I There was a law that a farmer must leave some grain in his field during harvest, so poor people and travelers could find something to eat. See Leviticus 19:9; 23:22.

and |strong="H0935" gather |strong="H0622" the |strong="H0559" grain that |strong="H2088" was |strong="H1004" left |strong="H0935" on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" ground. She |strong="H0310" rested only |strong="H5704" a |strong="H0935" short time |strong="H6258" in |strong="H3427" that |strong="H2088" shelter |strong="H1004"." II

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H2088" Boaz |strong="H1162" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ruth |strong="H7327", " Listen |strong="H8085", child. Stay |strong="H1692" here |strong="H2088" in |strong="H0413" my |strong="H8085" field |strong="H7704" to |strong="H0413" gather |strong="H3950" grain for |strong="H0413" yourself |strong="H0413". There |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088" no |strong="H3808" need for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5973" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H5674" to |strong="H0413" any |strong="H1571" other |strong="H0312" field |strong="H7704". Continue |strong="H5674" following |strong="H0312" behind my |strong="H8085" women |strong="H1323" workers.

<sup>9</sup> Watch |strong="H5869" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H5869" which |strong="H0834" fields |strong="H7704" they |strong="H0834" go |strong="H1980" into |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" cut the |strong="H0853" grain and |strong="H1980" follow |strong="H0310" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" warned the |strong="H0853" young |strong="H5288" men |strong="H5288" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" bother |strong="H5060" you |strong="H0834". When |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" thirsty |strong="H6770", go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" drink |strong="H8354" from |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" water |strong="H7579" jug my |strong="H0834" men |strong="H5288" drink |strong="H8354" from |strong="H1980"."

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H5307" Ruth |strong="H5234" bowed |strong="H7812" very low |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" ground |strong="H0776". She |strong="H6440" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Boaz, " I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" a |strong="H4672" foreigner |strong="H5237", so |strong="H6440" I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" surprised you |strong="H6440" even |strong="H0776" noticed |strong="H5869" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>11</sup> Boaz |strong="H1162" answered |strong="H0559" her |strong="H3605", " I |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" about |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"

II SHE ... SHELTER Or "That is her house over there."



help|strong="H6030" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" given to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3605" mother-in-law|strong="H2545" Naomi. I|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0834" helped her|strong="H3605" even|strong="H3808" after|strong="H0310" your|strong="H3605" husband|strong="H0376" died|strong="H4194". And|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" left|strong="H5800" your|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0776" mother|strong="H0517" and|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3605" own|strong="H0376" country|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" came|strong="H0413" here to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0834" country|strong="H0776". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" anyone|strong="H3605" from|strong="H0376" this|strong="H0834" country|strong="H0776", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0413" here with|strong="H0854" Naomi. <sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" reward|strong="H7999" you|strong="H0834" for|strong="H8478" all the|strong="H0834" good things|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" done|strong="H1961". The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", will|strong="H3068" pay|strong="H7999" you|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0935" full|strong="H8003". You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935" for|strong="H8478" safety, <sup>1</sup> and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" protect you|strong="H0834"."

<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Ruth said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0595" hope I|strong="H0595" can|strong="H5869" continue|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" please|strong="H0595" you|strong="H3588", sir|strong="H0113". You|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5869" very kind. I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" only|strong="H0259" a|strong="H1961" servant|strong="H8198" and|strong="H5869" not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3588" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H5869" your|strong="H5921" own|strong="H1961" servants|strong="H8198". But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" said|strong="H0559" kind words to|strong="H0559"

I YOU HAVE ... FOR SAFETY Literally, "You have come under his wings for safety."

me|strong="H5921" and|strong="H5869" comforted|strong="H5162" me|strong="H5921"."

<sup>14</sup> At|strong="H3427" mealtime, Boaz|strong="H1162" told|strong="H0559" Ruth, " Come|strong="H5066" and|strong="H0398" eat|strong="H0398" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H3427" our|strong="H4480" bread|strong="H3899". Here|strong="H1988", dip|strong="H2881" your|strong="H0398" bread|strong="H3899" in|strong="H3427" our|strong="H4480" vinegar|strong="H2558"." So|strong="H4480" Ruth sat|strong="H3427" down|strong="H3427" with|strong="H7646" the|strong="H0559" workers. Boaz|strong="H1162" gave|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0398" some|strong="H4480" roasted|strong="H7039" grain|strong="H7039". Ruth ate|strong="H0398" until she|strong="H6256" was|strong="H3427" full|strong="H7646", and|strong="H0398" there|strong="H3427" was|strong="H3427" some|strong="H4480" food|strong="H3899" left|strong="H3498". <sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Ruth got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" went|strong="H6965" back to|strong="H0559" work.

Then|strong="H6965" Boaz|strong="H1162" told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H6680" servants|strong="H5288", " Let|strong="H3808" Ruth gather|strong="H3950" even|strong="H1571" around|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0853" piles of|strong="H0559" grain. Don't|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" her|strong="H0996". <sup>16</sup> And|strong="H1571" make her|strong="H1571" work easier by|strong="H1571" dropping some|strong="H4480" full heads of|strong="H4480" grain for|strong="H3808" her|strong="H1571". Let|strong="H3808" her|strong="H1571" gather|strong="H3950" that|strong="H4480" grain. Don't|strong="H3808" tell her|strong="H1571" to|strong="H4480" stop|strong="H3808"."

#### Naomi Hears About|strong="H4480" Boaz

<sup>17</sup> Ruth worked|strong="H5704" in|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" fields|strong="H7704" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". Then|strong="H1961" she|strong="H0834" separated the|strong="H0853" grain from|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" chaff. There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" about|strong="H1961" one-half bushel|strong="H0374" <sup>II</sup> of|strong="H7704" barley|strong="H8184". <sup>18</sup> Ruth carried|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" grain into|strong="H0935" town|strong="H5892" to|strong="H0935" show|strong="H7200" her|strong="H5414" mother-in-law|strong="H2545" what|strong="H0834" she|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" gath-

II ONE-HALF BUSHEL Literally, "one ephah" (22 l).

ered |strong="H3950". She |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" gave |strong="H5414" her |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" food that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" left |strong="H3498" from |strong="H0935" lunch.

<sup>19</sup> Her |strong="H5046" mother-in-law |strong="H2545" asked |strong="H0559" her |strong="H5046", " Where |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" gather |strong="H3950" all |strong="H3117" this |strong="H0834" grain? Where |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" work? Bless |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" noticed |strong="H5234" you |strong="H0834"."

Then |strong="H1961" Ruth |strong="H5234" told |strong="H5046" her |strong="H5046" who |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" worked |strong="H6213" with |strong="H5973". She |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0834" worked |strong="H6213" with |strong="H5973" today |strong="H3117" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" named |strong="H8034" Boaz |strong="H1162"."

<sup>20</sup> Naomi |strong="H5281" told |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0559" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" him |strong="H0854"! He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" continued |strong="H0559" showing his |strong="H3068" kindness |strong="H2617" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" living |strong="H2416" as |strong="H0834" well |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" dead |strong="H4191". Then |strong="H0559" Naomi |strong="H5281" told |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0559" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618", "Boaz is |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" our |strong="H3068" relatives |strong="H1350". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" our |strong="H3068" protectors. <sup>I</sup>"

<sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Ruth |strong="H7327" said |strong="H0559", "Boaz also |strong="H1571" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H3615" back |strong="H0413" and |strong="H5288" continue working. He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0518" work closely |strong="H1692" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H3605" ser-

<sup>I</sup> PROTECTORS Or "redeemers," those who cared for and protected the family of a dead relative. Often they bought back (redeemed) the poor relatives from slavery, making them free again.

vants |strong="H5288" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" harvest |strong="H7105" is |strong="H0834" finished |strong="H3615"."

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H3318" Naomi |strong="H5281" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618" Ruth |strong="H7327", " It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2896" good |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" continue working with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H3588" women |strong="H1323" servants. If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" work in |strong="H0413" another |strong="H0312" field |strong="H7704", some man might |strong="H1323" hurt you |strong="H3588". <sup>23</sup> So |strong="H3427" Ruth continued working closely |strong="H1692" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H5704" women |strong="H5291" servants of |strong="H3427" Boaz |strong="H1162". She |strong="H5704" gathered |strong="H3950" grain |strong="H2406" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" barley |strong="H8184" harvest |strong="H7105" was |strong="H5291" finished |strong="H3615". She |strong="H5704" also worked |strong="H5704" there |strong="H3427" through the |strong="H5704" end |strong="H3615" of |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5704" wheat |strong="H2406" harvest |strong="H7105". Ruth continued living |strong="H3427" with |strong="H0854" her |strong="H5704" mother-in-law |strong="H2545" Naomi.

### The Threshing Floor

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Naomi |strong="H5281", Ruth's mother-in-law |strong="H2545", said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H1245" daughter |strong="H1323", maybe I |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0559" find |strong="H1245" a |strong="H0834" husband and |strong="H1323" a |strong="H0834" good |strong="H3190" home for |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834". That |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3808" good |strong="H3190" for |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834". <sup>2</sup> Boaz |strong="H1162" is |strong="H0834" our |strong="H1961" close relative. <sup>II</sup> You |strong="H0834" worked with |strong="H0854" his |strong="H1961" women |strong="H5291" servants. Tonight |strong="H3915" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" working at |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" threshing |strong="H1637" floor |strong="H1637". <sup>3</sup> Go |strong="H3381" wash |strong="H7364" your-

<sup>II</sup> CLOSE RELATIVE, PROTECTOR A close relative who could marry Ruth so that she could have children. This man would care for this family, but this family and their property would not belong to him. They would belong to Ruth's dead husband. Also in 3:9, 12; 4:1, 3, 6.

self|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0398" get dressed. Put|strong="H7760" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H7760" nice dress, and|strong="H0398" go|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637". But|strong="H0376" don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" Boaz see|strong="H3045" you|strong="H5921" until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H5704" has|strong="H0376" finished|strong="H3615" eating|strong="H0398" his|strong="H5921" dinner. <sup>4</sup> After|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" eats, he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" lie|strong="H7901" down|strong="H7901" to|strong="H0935" rest|strong="H7901". Watch|strong="H3045" him|strong="H0853" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" know|strong="H3045" where|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" lies|strong="H7901" down|strong="H7901". Go|strong="H0935" there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H0935" lift|strong="H1540" the|strong="H0853" cover off|strong="H1540" his|strong="H1961" feet|strong="H4772". <sup>1</sup> Then|strong="H1961" lie|strong="H7901" down|strong="H7901" there|strong="H8033" with|strong="H0935" Boaz. He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" should|strong="H6213" do|strong="H6213" about|strong="H1961" marriage."

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Ruth answered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559"."

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H6213" Ruth went|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3605" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637" and|strong="H3381" did|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" her|strong="H3605" mother-in-law|strong="H2545" told|strong="H6680" her|strong="H3605" to|strong="H3381" do|strong="H6213". <sup>7</sup> After|strong="H7097" eating|strong="H0398" and|strong="H0935" drinking|strong="H8354", Boaz|strong="H1162" was|strong="H3820" very|strong="H3190" satisfied|strong="H3190". He|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" lie|strong="H7901" down|strong="H7901" near the|strong="H0935" pile of|strong="H3820" grain|strong="H6194". Then|strong="H0935" Ruth went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935" very|strong="H3190" quiet-

<sup>1</sup> LIFT THE COVER OFF HIS FEET Literally, "uncover his legs." This showed that Ruth was asking Boaz to be her protector.

ly|strong="H3909" and|strong="H0935" lifted|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" cover from|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" feet|strong="H4772" and|strong="H0935" lay|strong="H7901" down|strong="H7901" by|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" feet|strong="H4772".

<sup>8</sup> About|strong="H1961" midnight, Boaz rolled over in|strong="H0376" his|strong="H1961" sleep|strong="H7901" and|strong="H0376" woke up|strong="H1961". He|strong="H0376" was|strong="H1961" very surprised. There|strong="H2009" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H0802" lying|strong="H7901" near his|strong="H1961" feet|strong="H4772". <sup>9</sup> Boaz said|strong="H0559", " Who|strong="H4310" are|strong="H4310" you|strong="H0859"?"

She|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" Ruth|strong="H7327", your|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H0519" girl. Spread|strong="H6566" your|strong="H5921" cover over|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". <sup>11</sup> You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H4310" my|strong="H5921" protector."

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H0859" Boaz said|strong="H0559", " May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0859", young|strong="H0970" woman|strong="H1323". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0859" been|strong="H3068" very|strong="H3190" kind to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4480". Your|strong="H3068" kindness|strong="H2617" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4480" is|strong="H3068" greater than|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559" kindness|strong="H2617" you|strong="H0859" showed to|strong="H0559" Naomi in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" beginning|strong="H7223". You|strong="H0859" could have|strong="H0859" looked for|strong="H0518" a|strong="H0518" young|strong="H0970" man|strong="H0970" to|strong="H0559" marry, rich|strong="H6223" or|strong="H0518" poor|strong="H1800". But|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" did not|strong="H1115". <sup>11</sup> Now|strong="H6258", young woman|strong="H0802", don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" ask|strong="H0559". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0802" our|strong="H3605" town|strong="H8179"

<sup>11</sup> SPREAD YOUR COVER OVER ME Or "Spread your wing over me." This showed that Ruth was asking for help and protection. See Ruth 2:12.

know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" very |strong="H6258" good woman |strong="H0802".<sup>12</sup> And |strong="H1571" it |strong="H0518" is |strong="H3426" true |strong="H0551" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" a |strong="H3588" close |strong="H7138" relative |strong="H1350". But |strong="H3588" there |strong="H3426" is |strong="H3426" a |strong="H3588" man who |strong="H7138" is |strong="H3426" a |strong="H3588" closer |strong="H7138" relative |strong="H1350" to |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588" than |strong="H4480" I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595".<sup>13</sup> Stay |strong="H3885" here |strong="H1350" tonight |strong="H3915". In |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" morning |strong="H1242" we |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" help<sup>I</sup> you |strong="H0518". If |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0518" decides to |strong="H5704" help you |strong="H0518", that |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" fine |strong="H1961". If |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0518" refuses to |strong="H5704" help, I |strong="H0595" promise |strong="H3068", as |strong="H5704" surely |strong="H0518" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416", I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3068" marry you |strong="H0518" and |strong="H3068" buy |strong="H1350" back |strong="H1350" Elimelech's land for |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518".<sup>II</sup> So |strong="H1961" lie |strong="H7901" here |strong="H1350" until |strong="H5704" morning |strong="H1242".

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H6965" Ruth |strong="H5234" lay |strong="H7901" near |strong="H5704" Boaz's feet |strong="H4772" until |strong="H5704" morning |strong="H1242". She |strong="H3588" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" while |strong="H5704" it |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0376" still |strong="H7901" dark, before |strong="H5704" it |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0376" light enough for |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" recognize |strong="H5234" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H7453".

Boaz said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0802", " We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0376" keep |strong="H0935" it |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" secret

I HELP Or "redeem." This meant the close relative would care for and protect the dead man's family and property, but that property would not be his. II I WILL MARRY ... YOU Literally, "I will redeem you."

that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" came |strong="H0935" here to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0935" last |strong="H6965" night." <sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " Bring |strong="H0935" me |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" coat. Now |strong="H0935", hold |strong="H0270" it |strong="H5921" open."

So |strong="H0834" Ruth held |strong="H0270" her |strong="H5921" coat open, and |strong="H0935" Boaz measured |strong="H4058" out |strong="H5921" about |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" bushel of |strong="H5921" barley |strong="H8184"<sup>III</sup> as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0935" gift to |strong="H0559" Naomi, her |strong="H5921" mother-in-law. Boaz then |strong="H0935" wrapped it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" Ruth's coat, and |strong="H0935" put |strong="H0935" it |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" back |strong="H0935". Then |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892".

<sup>16</sup> Ruth went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" home of |strong="H0376" her |strong="H3605" mother-in-law |strong="H2545", Naomi. Naomi went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" door and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H0559", "Who's there |strong="H3605"?"

Ruth went |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" telling |strong="H5046" Naomi every-thing |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" Boaz did |strong="H6213" for |strong="H0413" her |strong="H3605".<sup>17</sup> She |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", "Boaz gave |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0428" barley |strong="H8184" as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588". He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" must not |strong="H0408" go |strong="H0935" home with-out |strong="H7387" bringing |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>18</sup> Naomi said |strong="H0559", " Daughter |strong="H1323", be |strong="H3808" patient un-till |strong="H5704" we |strong="H3588" hear what |strong="H0834" happens |strong="H3117". Boaz will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" rest |strong="H8252" until |strong="H5704" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" fin-ished |strong="H3615" doing what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0376" do |strong="H0518". We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045"

III BUSHEL OF BARLEY Literally, "six measures

what |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" hap-  
pen |strong="H1697" before |strong="H5704"  
the |strong="H0559" day |strong="H3117"  
is |strong="H0834" ended |strong="H3615"."

#### Boaz and Naomi's Close Relative

**4** Boaz |strong="H1162" went |strong="H5927"  
to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559"  
place |strong="H8033" where |strong="H0834" peo-  
ple |strong="H3427" gather near |strong="H8033"  
the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H8179"  
gates |strong="H8179". He |strong="H0834"  
sat |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033" until  
the |strong="H0559" close |strong="H1350" rela-  
tive |strong="H1350" he |strong="H0834"  
had |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" Ruth  
about |strong="H8033" passed |strong="H5674"  
by |strong="H3427". Boaz |strong="H1162"  
called |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
him |strong="H0559", " Come |strong="H5927"  
and |strong="H8033" sit |strong="H3427"  
here |strong="H6311", friend."

<sup>2</sup> Boaz also gathered ten |strong="H6235"  
of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" el-  
ders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H0376"  
the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892".  
He |strong="H0376" told |strong="H0559"  
them |strong="H3947", " Sit |strong="H3427"  
here |strong="H6311"! So |strong="H3947"  
they |strong="H0376" sat |strong="H3427"  
down |strong="H3427".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Boaz  
spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Nao-  
mi's |strong="H5281" close |strong="H1350" rela-  
tive |strong="H1350". He |strong="H0834"  
said |strong="H0559", " Naomi |strong="H5281"  
came |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0559" hill coun-  
try |strong="H7704" of |strong="H7704"  
Moab |strong="H4124". She |strong="H0834" wants  
to |strong="H0559" sell |strong="H4376"  
the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H7704"  
that |strong="H0834" belonged to |strong="H0559"  
our |strong="H0834" relative |strong="H1350" Elim-  
elech |strong="H0458". <sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0589" decid-  
ed |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H3588"  
about |strong="H3045" this |strong="H3588"  
in |strong="H3427" front |strong="H5048"  
of |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" living |strong="H3427"  
here |strong="H1350" and |strong="H3045"  
in |strong="H3427" front |strong="H5048"  
of |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" el-  
ders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H3427"  
our |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971".  
If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" want  
to |strong="H0559" pay |strong="H0241"

the |strong="H0559" widow for |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0559" land and |strong="H3045" keep  
it |strong="H0518" in |strong="H3427"  
the |strong="H0559" family, then |strong="H0310"  
pay |strong="H0241" her |strong="H1540"  
for |strong="H3588" it |strong="H0518".  
If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588"  
don't |strong="H3808" want to |strong="H0559"  
buy |strong="H7069" the |strong="H0559" land,  
tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H5046", be-  
cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559"  
next |strong="H1350" one |strong="H0369"  
in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" family  
who |strong="H0369" has |strong="H0369"  
the |strong="H0559" right to |strong="H0559"  
buy |strong="H7069" it |strong="H0518".  
If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588"  
don't |strong="H3808" buy |strong="H7069"  
the |strong="H0559" land from |strong="H1540"  
her |strong="H1540", I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H0369"."

Naomi's closest |strong="H1350" rela-  
tive |strong="H1350" said |strong="H0559", "  
I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0369"  
buy |strong="H7069" the |strong="H0559" land  
from |strong="H1540" her |strong="H1540"."

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H6965" Boaz |strong="H1162"  
said |strong="H0559", "If you |strong="H5921"  
buy |strong="H7069" the |strong="H0559"  
land |strong="H7704" from |strong="H5921"  
her |strong="H5921", you |strong="H5921"  
must |strong="H4191" also |strong="H3117" mar-  
ry |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0559"  
dead |strong="H4191" man's |strong="H0802"  
wife |strong="H0802", Ruth |strong="H7327",  
the |strong="H0559" Moabite |strong="H4125"  
woman |strong="H0802". Then |strong="H6965"  
the |strong="H0559" first |strong="H3117" child  
will |strong="H3027" get |strong="H6965"  
the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H7704",  
and |strong="H6965" it |strong="H5921"  
will |strong="H3027" stay |strong="H0854"  
in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559"  
dead |strong="H4191" man's |strong="H0802" fami-  
ly |strong="H4191"."

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" close |strong="H1350" rela-  
tive |strong="H1350" answered |strong="H0559", "  
Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H3588" can-  
not |strong="H3808" buy |strong="H1350"  
the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H5159".  
If |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"  
do |strong="H3201", I |strong="H3588"  
might |strong="H6435" lose my |strong="H3588" own  
land |strong="H5159". So |strong="H6435"  
I |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808"  
do |strong="H3201" it |strong="H3588".  
You |strong="H0859" buy |strong="H1350"

the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H5159".<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H6965" he|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" Boaz some-thing|strong="H1697" to|strong="H5921" show|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H5414" was|strong="H3478" serious. Dur-ing|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3478" in|strong="H5921" Is-rael|strong="H3478", when|strong="H0376" peo-ple|strong="H0376" bought|strong="H5414" proper-ty, one|strong="H0376" person|strong="H0376" took|strong="H5414" off|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5414" sandal|strong="H5275" and|strong="H6965" gave|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H7453" per-son|strong="H0376". This|strong="H2063" was|strong="H3478" like|strong="H3478" signing an|strong="H5414" agreement|strong="H1697".<sup>8</sup> So|strong="H1350" when|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" close|strong="H1350" rela-tive|strong="H1350" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Boaz|strong="H1162", " You|strong="H1350" buy|strong="H7069" the|strong="H0559" land," he|strong="H0559" took off his|strong="H8025" sandal|strong="H5275" and|strong="H0559" gave|strong="H0559" it|strong="H1350" to|strong="H0559" Boaz|strong="H1162".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Boaz|strong="H1162" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205" and|strong="H3027" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971", " You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" witness-es|strong="H5707" today|strong="H3117" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" am buy-ing|strong="H7069" from|strong="H3027" Na-omi|strong="H5281" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" belonged to|strong="H0559" Elimelech|strong="H0458", Kilion|strong="H3630", and|strong="H3027" Mahlon|strong="H4248".<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H3117" also|strong="H1571" take|strong="H6965" Ruth|strong="H7327" to|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" my|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802". Then|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" dead|strong="H4191" man's|strong="H0802" proper-ty|strong="H5159" will|strong="H1571" contin-ue|strong="H6965" to|strong="H4191" belong to|strong="H4191" his|strong="H5921" fami-ly|strong="H4191". And|strong="H6965" he|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1571" al-ways|strong="H3117" be|strong="H4191" remem-bered by|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" fami-ly|strong="H4191" and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808"

I AND GAVE IT TO BOAZ This is from the ancient Greek version.

in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" home-town|strong="H4725". You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3117" all|strong="H3117" witness-es|strong="H5707" of|strong="H3117" what|strong="H1571" I|strong="H3117" am doing to-day|strong="H3117"."

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" peo-ple|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" near the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179" said|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" witnesses|strong="H5707" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" this|strong="H0834". And|strong="H0935" may|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" bless this|strong="H0834" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" com-ing|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" home|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H8034" like|strong="H0834" Rachel|strong="H7354" and|strong="H0935" Leah|strong="H3812". They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" ones who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" many children|strong="H1129" to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" strong|strong="H2428". And|strong="H0935" may|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" be-come|strong="H7121" powerful|strong="H2428" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" tribe of|strong="H1004" Ephrathah|strong="H0672" and|strong="H0935" famous|strong="H8034" in|strong="H0935" Bethlehem|strong="H1035".<sup>12</sup> May|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" bless you|strong="H0834" with|strong="H1004" many children|strong="H2233" through|strong="H4480" Ruth. May|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004" be-come|strong="H1961" great like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Perez|strong="H6557",<sup>II</sup> the|strong="H0834" son Tamar|strong="H8559" bore|strong="H3205" for|strong="H1004" Ju-dah|strong="H3063"."

<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H3947" Boaz|strong="H1162" mar-ried|strong="H3947" Ruth|strong="H7327". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" al-lowed|strong="H5414" Ruth|strong="H7327" to|strong="H0413" become|strong="H1961" preg-nant, and|strong="H1121" she had|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121".<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0559" women|strong="H0802"

II PEREZ One of Boaz's ancestors.

there |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Naomi |strong="H5281"; " Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" who |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" child |strong="H7121".<sup>1</sup> I May |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" become |strong="H7121" famous |strong="H8034" in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>15</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834" alive |strong="H5315" again |strong="H7725" and |strong="H1121" care for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5315" your |strong="H0834" old |strong="H1121" age |strong="H1121". Your |strong="H0834" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618" made |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1931" happen |strong="H1961" because |strong="H3588" she |strong="H1931" bore |strong="H3205" this |strong="H1931" child |strong="H1121" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834". She |strong="H1931" loves |strong="H0157" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H1121" she |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" better |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" than |strong="H2896" seven |strong="H7651" sons |strong="H1121"."

<sup>16</sup> Naomi |strong="H5281" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H3206", held |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H0539" her |strong="H3947" arms |strong="H2436", and |strong="H0853" cared for |strong="H3947" him |strong="H0853".<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0559" neighbors |strong="H7934" gave |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0559" boy his |strong="H1732" name |strong="H8034". These |strong="H1931" women |strong="H7934" said |strong="H0559", " Naomi |strong="H5281" has |strong="H0001" a |strong="H3205"

I CHILD Literally, "protector" or "redeemer." This might refer to Boaz, or the women might have used this name for the baby because he would be the one to care for Naomi and her family and to carry on the name of Elimelech.

son |strong="H1121" now!"<sup>II</sup> They |strong="H0559" named |strong="H8034" him |strong="H3205" Obed |strong="H5744". Obed |strong="H5744" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0559" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" Jesse |strong="H3448", and |strong="H1121" Jesse |strong="H3448" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0559" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732".

#### The |strong="H0559" Family |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" Ruth and |strong="H1121" Boaz

<sup>18</sup> This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H0428" the |strong="H0853" family history |strong="H8435" of |strong="H3205" Perez |strong="H6557".

Perez |strong="H6557" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Hezron |strong="H2696".

<sup>19</sup> Hezron |strong="H2696" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Ram |strong="H7410".

Ram |strong="H7410" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Amminadab |strong="H5992".

<sup>20</sup> Amminadab |strong="H5992" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Nahshon |strong="H5177".

Nahshon |strong="H5177" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Salmon |strong="H8009".

<sup>21</sup> Salmon |strong="H8012" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Boaz |strong="H1162".

Boaz |strong="H1162" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Obed |strong="H5744".

<sup>22</sup> Obed |strong="H5744" was |strong="H1732" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Jesse |strong="H3448".

Jesse |strong="H3448" was |strong="H1732" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" David |strong="H1732".

II NAOMI ... NOW Literally, "A son was born for Naomi."

# 1 Samuel

## Elkanah's Family Worships at Shiloh

**1** There *was* a *man* named *Elkanah* from *the* *Zuph* family who lived *in* *Ramah* *in* *the* *hill* *country* of *Ephraim*. *Elkanah* *was* *the* *son* of *Jeroham*, *the* *son* of *Elihu*, *the* *son* of *Tohu*, *the* *son* of *Zuph* from *the* *tribe* of *Ephraim*.

**2** *Elkanah* had *two* *wives*. One *wife* named *Hannah* and *the* *other* *wife* *was* named *Peninnah*. *Peninnah* had *children*, but *Hannah* did not.

**3** Every *year* *Elkanah* left *his* *town* and *went* up *to* *Shiloh*. He *worshiped* *the* *LORD* *All-Powerful* at *Shiloh* and *offered* *sacrifices* *to* *the* *Lord* there *was* *where* *Eli's* *sons*, *Hoph-*

*ni* and *Phinehas*, served as *priests* of *the* *LORD*. **4** Whenever *Elkanah* *offered* *his* *sacrifices*, he *always* *gave* *one* *share* of *the* *food* *to* *his* *wife* *Peninnah* and *the* *share* of *the* *food* *to* *each* *of* *Peninnah's* *children*. **5** *Elkanah* always *gave* *an* *equal* *share* of *the* *food* *to* *Hannah*. He *did* *this* *because* he *loved* *her* very much, even *though* *the* *LORD* had *let* *Hannah* *have* *any* *children*.

## Peninnah Upsets Hannah

**6** *Peninnah* always *upset* *Hannah* and *made* *her* feel bad *because* *the* *LORD* had *not* *made* *her* *able* *to* *have* *children*. **7** *This* *happened* every *year* when *their* *family* *went* *to* *the* *LORD'S* *house* at *Shiloh*. *Peninnah*

I EQUAL SHARE Or "double share."



would|strong="H3068" upset|strong="H3707" Hannah|strong="H5927" so|strong="H3651" much that|strong="H3651" she|strong="H3808" would|strong="H3068" begin to|strong="H3068" cry and|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" anything|strong="H0398". One|strong="H3808" year|strong="H8141" when|strong="H3068" this|strong="H3651" happened,<sup>8</sup> her|strong="H0398" husband|strong="H0376" Elkanah|strong="H0511" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0398", " Hannah|strong="H2584", why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3808" crying|strong="H1058"? Why|strong="H4100" won't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398"? Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3808" so|strong="H3808" sad? You|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0376" me|strong="H0398". Isn't|strong="H3808" that|strong="H0559" better|strong="H2896" than|strong="H3808" having|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" ten|strong="H6235" sons|strong="H1121"?"

#### Hannah's Prayer

<sup>9</sup> After|strong="H0310" eating|strong="H0398" and|strong="H6965" drinking|strong="H8354", Hannah|strong="H2584" quietly got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" went|strong="H6965" to|strong="H5921" pray to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Lord|strong="H3068".<sup>1</sup> Eli|strong="H5941" the|strong="H5921" priest|strong="H3548" was|strong="H3068" sitting|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" chair|strong="H3678" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" door|strong="H4201" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Building.<sup>10</sup> Hannah was|strong="H3068" so|strong="H1931" sad that|strong="H1931" she|strong="H1931" cried|strong="H1058" the|strong="H5921" whole time she|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3068" praying|strong="H6419" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>11</sup> She|strong="H0518" made|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" special promise|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" God|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, you|strong="H5414" can|strong="H0518" see|strong="H7200" how sad I|strong="H0518" am|strong="H3068". Remember|strong="H2142"

I WENT TO PRAY TO THE LORD This is from the ancient Greek version. II HOLY BUILDING This could mean the Holy Tent at Shiloh where people went to worship the Lord or a larger area where they put the Holy Tent.

me|strong="H5414". Don't|strong="H3808" forget|strong="H7911" me|strong="H5414". If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" son, I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5414". He|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" yours|strong="H5414" his|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" life|strong="H3117", and|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H5414" Nazirite, he|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" drink wine or|strong="H0518" strong drink,<sup>III</sup> and|strong="H3068" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" will|strong="H3068" ever|strong="H7911" cut his|strong="H3605" hair|strong="H7218"."

<sup>12</sup> Hannah prayed|strong="H6419" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1961" long|strong="H6440" time|strong="H1961". Eli|strong="H5941" was|strong="H1961" watching|strong="H8104" her|strong="H1961" mouth|strong="H6310" while|strong="H1961" she|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1961" praying|strong="H6419".<sup>13</sup> Hannah|strong="H2584" was|strong="H1931" praying|strong="H1696" in|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" heart|strong="H3820". Her|strong="H5921" lips|strong="H8193" were|strong="H8193" moving|strong="H5128", but|strong="H7535" since she|strong="H1931" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" say|strong="H1696" the|strong="H5921" words|strong="H8193" out|strong="H5921" loud, Eli|strong="H5941" thought|strong="H3820" she|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" drunk|strong="H7910".<sup>14</sup> He|strong="H5704" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413", " You|strong="H5921" have|strong="H5921" had|strong="H0853" too|strong="H5921" much|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" drink. It|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0559" time|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0413" put|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" the|strong="H0853" wine|strong="H3196"."

<sup>15</sup> Hannah|strong="H2584" answered|strong="H0559", " Sir|strong="H0113", I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" drunk|strong="H8354" any|strong="H6440" wine|strong="H3196" or|strong="H3808" beer|strong="H7941". I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" deeply trou-

III HE ... STRONG DRINK This is found in the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran but not in the standard Hebrew text.

bled, and I told my LORD about all my problems.<sup>16</sup>

Don't think I am a bad woman. I have been praying so long because I have many troubles and I am very sad."

<sup>17</sup> Eli answered, "Go in peace. May God of Israel give you what you asked for."

<sup>18</sup> Hannah said, "May you be happy with me." Then she and I ate something. She was not sad anymore.

<sup>19</sup> Early the next morning Elkanah's family got up. They worshiped LORD and then went back to home to Ramah.

### Samuel's Birth

Elkanah had sexual relations with his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered Hannah. By that time the following year, Hannah had become pregnant and had a son named Samuel. She named him Samuel. His name is Samuel. Samuel was born.

I SAMUEL This name means "His name is El (God)." But in Hebrew it is like "heard by God."

cause I asked LORD for him."

<sup>21</sup> Elkanah went to Shiloh to offer the sacrifice for that year and gift he had promised to LORD. He took his family with him. But Hannah did not go. She told Elkanah, "When the boy is old enough to eat solid food, I will take him to Shiloh. Then I will give him to the LORD." He will become a Nazirite. He will stay there at Shiloh.

<sup>23</sup> Hannah's husband Elkanah said to her, "Do you think is best. You may stay home until the boy is old enough to eat solid food. May the LORD do what you have said." So Hannah stayed at home to nurse her son until he was five years old.

II HE WILL BECOME A NAZIRITE This is found in the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran but not in the standard Hebrew text. III you This is from the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran. The standard Hebrew text has "he."

was |strong="H3068" old |strong="H1121" enough |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0559" eat solid food.

**Hannah Takes Samuel |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Eli |strong="H0559" at |strong="H3427" Shiloh**

24 When |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" boy |strong="H5288" was |strong="H0834" old enough to |strong="H0935" eat solid food |strong="H1004", Hannah |strong="H5927" took |strong="H5927" him |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004" at |strong="H3068" Shiloh |strong="H7887". She |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" took |strong="H5927" a |strong="H0935" bull |strong="H6499" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" three |strong="H7969" years old, 20 pounds <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H1004" flour |strong="H7058", and |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" bottle of |strong="H1004" wine |strong="H3196".

25 They |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" before |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Lord. Elkanah killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" sacrifice to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Lord as |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0853" usually did |strong="H5288". <sup>II</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Hannah gave |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" to |strong="H0413" Eli |strong="H5941". <sup>26</sup> She |strong="H5973" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", "Pardon me |strong="H0413", sir |strong="H0113". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559" same |strong="H2088" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H3068" stood |strong="H5324" near |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5973" praying |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" promise |strong="H3068" that |strong="H2088" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" telling |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" truth. <sup>27</sup> I |strong="H0834" prayed |strong="H6419" for |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" child |strong="H5288", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" answered my |strong="H5414" prayer. He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" child |strong="H5288". <sup>28</sup> And |strong="H3068" now |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1931" child to |strong="H1961"

<sup>I</sup> 20 POUNDS Literally, "an ephah" (22 l). <sup>II</sup> THEY WENT ... HE USUALLY DID This is found in the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran but not in the standard Hebrew text.

the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H1961" <sup>III</sup> the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" life |strong="H3117".

Then |strong="H1961" Hannah left |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" boy there |strong="H8033" <sup>IV</sup> and |strong="H3068" worshiped |strong="H7812" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

**Hannah Gives Thanks**

2 Hannah |strong="H2584" said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3820" is |strong="H3068" happy |strong="H8055" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068".

I |strong="H3588" feel very |strong="H8055" strong |strong="H7161" <sup>V</sup> in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068".

I |strong="H3588" laugh at |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341". <sup>VI</sup>

I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068" very |strong="H8055" happy |strong="H8055" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" victory |strong="H3444".

2 There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" holy |strong="H6918" God |strong="H0430" like |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068".

There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" God |strong="H0430" but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588".

There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" Rock |strong="H6697" like |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

3 Don't |strong="H0408" continue bragging.

Don't |strong="H0408" speak |strong="H1696" proud |strong="H1364" words |strong="H6310", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0410" knows everything.

He |strong="H3588" leads |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3068" judges people |strong="H3808".

4 The bows |strong="H7198" of |strong="H1368" strong |strong="H2428" soldiers |strong="H2428" break,

and |strong="H7198" weak |strong="H3782" people become strong |strong="H2428".

5 People |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" had |strong="H3205" plenty |strong="H7227" of |strong="H1121" food |strong="H3899"

<sup>III</sup> SERVE Or "belong to." <sup>IV</sup> LEFT THE BOY THERE This is found in a Hebrew scroll from Qumran but not in the standard Hebrew text.

<sup>V</sup> I FEEL VERY STRONG Literally, "In the LORD my horn is lifted high." The horn is a symbol of strength. <sup>VI</sup> I LAUGH AT MY ENEMIES Literally, "My mouth is wide open over my enemies."

in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3205"  
past|strong="H2308"

must|strong="H1121" now|strong="H7227" work  
to|strong="H5704" get food|strong="H3899".

But|strong="H3205" those|strong="H1121"  
who|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" hun-  
gry|strong="H7457" in|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H3205" past|strong="H2308"  
now|strong="H7227" grow fat on|strong="H3205"  
food|strong="H3899".

The|strong="H3205" woman|strong="H6135"  
who|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121"  
not|strong="H2308" able to|strong="H5704"  
have|strong="H1121" children|strong="H1121"  
now|strong="H7227" has|strong="H3205" sev-  
en|strong="H7651" children|strong="H1121".

But|strong="H3205" the|strong="H3205"  
woman|strong="H6135" who|strong="H1121"  
had|strong="H3205" many|strong="H7227" chil-  
dren|strong="H1121"

is|strong="H1121" sad because  
her|strong="H5704" children|strong="H1121"  
are|strong="H1121" gone.

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" causes  
people to|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191",  
and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" causes  
them|strong="H3381" to|strong="H4191"  
live|strong="H2421".

He|strong="H3068" sends people  
down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H4191"  
the|strong="H3068" grave,

and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" can raise  
them|strong="H3381" up|strong="H5927"  
to|strong="H4191" live|strong="H2421" again.

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
makes|strong="H6238" some poor|strong="H3423",  
and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068"  
makes|strong="H6238" others rich|strong="H6238".

He|strong="H3068" humbles|strong="H8213" some  
people,  
and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" honors  
others.

<sup>8</sup> He|strong="H3588" raises|strong="H6965"  
the|strong="H5921" poor|strong="H0034"  
from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
dust|strong="H6083",

and|strong="H6965" he|strong="H3588" takes  
away|strong="H5973" their|strong="H3068" sadness.

<sup>I</sup> He|strong="H3588" makes|strong="H3427"  
them|strong="H5921" important

and|strong="H6965" seats them|strong="H5921"  
with|strong="H5973" princes|strong="H5081"  
and|strong="H6965" at|strong="H3427"  
the|strong="H5921" places for|strong="H3588" hon-  
ored guests.

I HE ... SADNESS Literally, "he picks up the poor from the ashes."

The|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068"  
made|strong="H7896" the|strong="H5921" whole  
world|strong="H8398",

and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H5921" whole  
world|strong="H8398" belongs to|strong="H5921"  
him|strong="H5921". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>9</sup> He|strong="H3588" protects|strong="H8104"  
his|strong="H8104" holy|strong="H2623" peo-  
ple|strong="H0376".

He|strong="H3588" keeps|strong="H8104"  
them|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" stum-  
bling.

But|strong="H3588" evil|strong="H7563" peo-  
ple|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376"  
be|strong="H3808" destroyed.

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" fall  
in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3588" dark-  
ness|strong="H2822".

Their|strong="H3588" power|strong="H3581"  
won't|strong="H3808" help them|strong="H0376"  
win.

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" de-  
stroys his|strong="H5414" enemies.

God|strong="H3068" Most|strong="H4428"  
High|strong="H7311" will|strong="H3068" thun-  
der|strong="H7481" in|strong="H5921" heav-  
en|strong="H8064" against|strong="H5921" peo-  
ple|strong="H0776".

The|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" judge|strong="H1777"  
even|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921"  
lands|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3068"  
are|strong="H8064" far|strong="H5921" away.

He|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
give|strong="H5414" power|strong="H5797"  
to|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414"  
king|strong="H4428".

He|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
make|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" cho-  
sen|strong="H4899" king|strong="H4428"<sup>III</sup>  
strong|strong="H5797".

<sup>11</sup> Elkanah|strong="H0511" and|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H5921" family|strong="H1004"  
went|strong="H6440" home|strong="H1004"  
to|strong="H1961" Ramah|strong="H7414",  
but|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853"  
boy|strong="H5288" stayed in|strong="H5921" Shiloh  
and|strong="H3068" served|strong="H8334"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" un-  
der|strong="H5921" Eli|strong="H5941"  
the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548".

#### Eli's|strong="H5941" Evil Sons

<sup>12</sup> Eli's|strong="H5941" sons|strong="H1121"  
were|strong="H1121" evil|strong="H1100"

II THE LORD MADE ... TO HIM Literally, "The whole world, even to its foundations, belongs to the LORD. He set the world on those pillars." III CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one."

men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" care about |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>13</sup> They |strong="H0376" did |strong="H0376" not care |strong="H3027" about |strong="H0935" how priests |strong="H3548" were |strong="H0376" supposed to |strong="H0935" treat |strong="H4941" people |strong="H5971". Whenever |strong="H3605" someone |strong="H0376" brings |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" sacrifice |strong="H2077", priests |strong="H3548" are |strong="H0376" supposed to |strong="H0935" put |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" meat |strong="H1320" in |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" pot of |strong="H0376" boiling |strong="H1310" water. Then |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5288" is |strong="H0376" supposed to |strong="H0935" get |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" three-pronged fork |strong="H4207"<sup>14</sup> and |strong="H0935" use |strong="H3947" it |strong="H8033" to |strong="H0935" get |strong="H3947" some |strong="H8033" meat out |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" pot |strong="H6517" or |strong="H0176" kettle |strong="H1731". The |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" is |strong="H0834" supposed to |strong="H0935" take |strong="H3947" whatever |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" helper removes from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" pot |strong="H6517" with |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" special fork |strong="H4207". This |strong="H3602" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" should |strong="H3548" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" offer |strong="H5927" sacrifices at |strong="H3478" Shiloh |strong="H7887". <sup>15</sup> But |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" what |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0853" sons of |strong="H0376" Eli |strong="H0559" did |strong="H3808". Even |strong="H1571" before |strong="H2962" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" was |strong="H0376" burned |strong="H6999" on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" altar, their |strong="H5414" servant |strong="H5288" would |strong="H0559" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" offering |strong="H2076" sacrifices |strong="H6999" and |strong="H0935" say |strong="H0559", " Give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" some |strong="H4480" meat |strong="H1320" to |strong="H0559" roast |strong="H6740".

The |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" won't |strong="H3808" accept |strong="H3947" boiled |strong="H1310" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>16</sup> Maybe the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" offering |strong="H6999" the |strong="H0559" sacrifice |strong="H6999" would |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559", " Burn |strong="H6999" the |strong="H0559" fat |strong="H2459"<sup>1</sup> first |strong="H3117", and |strong="H3117" then |strong="H6258" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0518" take |strong="H3947" whatever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" want |strong="H5315". " But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" servant would |strong="H0559" answer |strong="H0559": " No |strong="H3808", give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" meat now |strong="H6258". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", I'll take |strong="H3947" it |strong="H5414" from |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834"!"

<sup>17</sup> In |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3588" way |strong="H6440" Hophni and |strong="H3068" Phinehas showed that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" did |strong="H0376" not |strong="H1961" respect |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" offerings |strong="H4503" made |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" terrible sin |strong="H2403" against |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>18</sup> But |strong="H3068" Samuel |strong="H8050" served |strong="H8334" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" helper who |strong="H3068" wore the |strong="H0853" linen |strong="H0906" ephod |strong="H0646". <sup>19</sup> Every |strong="H0376" year |strong="H3117" Samuel's mother |strong="H0517" made |strong="H6213" a |strong="H2076" robe |strong="H4598" for |strong="H3117" Samuel. She |strong="H0517" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" little |strong="H6996" robe |strong="H4598" to |strong="H0376" Samuel when |strong="H3117" she |strong="H0517" went |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0376" Shiloh with |strong="H0854" her |strong="H3117" husband |strong="H0376" for |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" sacrifice |strong="H2077" every |strong="H0376" year |strong="H3117".

<sup>1</sup> BURN THE FAT The fat was the part of the animal that belonged only to God. It was supposed to be burned first as an offering to him.

20 Eli|strong="H5941" would|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" Elkanah|strong="H0511" and|strong="H1980" his|strong="H3068" wife|strong="H0802". He|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559", " May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" give|strong="H7760" you|strong="H0834" more|strong="H4480" children|strong="H2233" through|strong="H4480" Hannah who|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" boy she|strong="H0834" prayed|strong="H0559" for|strong="H8478" and|strong="H1980" gave|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

Elkanah|strong="H0511" and|strong="H1980" Hannah went|strong="H1980" home|strong="H4725". 21 The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" kind to|strong="H3068" Hannah|strong="H2584", and|strong="H1121" she|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3068" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" two|strong="H8147" daughters|strong="H1323". The|strong="H0853" boy|strong="H5288" Samuel|strong="H8050" grew|strong="H1431" up|strong="H1431" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" holy place near|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

#### Eli Fails to|strong="H3068" Control His|strong="H3068" Evil Sons|strong="H1121"

22 Eli|strong="H5941" was|strong="H0834" very|strong="H3966" old|strong="H1121". He|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H0834" doing|strong="H6213" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" at|strong="H3478" Shiloh and|strong="H1121" how|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H0834" having sexual|strong="H7901" relations with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0834" served|strong="H6633" at|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" door|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168".

23 Eli|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3605" sons, " The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" here told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H1697" about|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H1697"

you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213". Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" doing|strong="H6213" such|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697"? 24 Sons|strong="H1121", stop|strong="H0408" that|strong="H0834"! The|strong="H0834" LORD'S|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H0834" saying bad things|strong="H0834" about|strong="H8085" you|strong="H0834". 25 If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" sin|strong="H2398" against|strong="H2398" other|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376", God|strong="H0430" might|strong="H3068" protect you|strong="H3588". But|strong="H3588" who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" help you|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" sin|strong="H2398" against|strong="H2398" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068"?"

Eli's sons|strong="H0001" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H4191" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H4191" him|strong="H6963", so|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" decided to|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191" them|strong="H0376".

26 The|strong="H3068" boy|strong="H5288" Samuel|strong="H8050" kept growing|strong="H1980". He|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" pleasing to|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0376".

#### The|strong="H3068" Terrible Prophecy About|strong="H1980" Eli's Family

27 A|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1004" God|strong="H0430" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Eli|strong="H5941" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H3541" appeared|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" when|strong="H1961" they|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1961" slaves of|strong="H1004" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". 28 From|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", I|strong="H5414" chose|strong="H0977" your|strong="H3605" tribe|strong="H7626" to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H1121" my|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548". I|strong="H5414" chose|strong="H0977" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5921" offer|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999"

1 ANCESTORS Literally, "father's house." See "ancestor" in the Word List.

on|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196", to|strong="H5921" burn|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H7004", and|strong="H1121" wear|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3605" ephod|strong="H0646". I|strong="H5414" also|strong="H0853" let|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" tribe|strong="H7626" have|strong="H0001" the|strong="H3605" meat from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sacrifices|strong="H6999" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5414".<sup>29</sup> So|strong="H4480" why|strong="H4100" don't you|strong="H0834" respect these|strong="H3605" gifts|strong="H4503" and|strong="H1121" sacrifices|strong="H2077"? You|strong="H0834" honor|strong="H3513" your|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" more|strong="H4480" than|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480". You|strong="H0834" become fat eating the|strong="H3605" best parts of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" meat that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" bring to|strong="H3478" me|strong="H4480".

<sup>30</sup> "The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478", promised|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3068" father's|strong="H0001" family|strong="H1004" would|strong="H3478" serve|strong="H1980" him|strong="H6440" forever|strong="H5769". But|strong="H3588" now|strong="H6258" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", 'That|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H5769" be|strong="H3478"! I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" honor|strong="H3513" people who|strong="H3068" honor|strong="H3513" me|strong="H6440", but|strong="H3588" bad things|strong="H3513" will|strong="H3068" happen to|strong="H0559" those|strong="H3588" who|strong="H3068" refuse to|strong="H0559" respect|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440".<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0853" time|strong="H3117" is|strong="H3117" coming|strong="H0935" when|strong="H1961" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" destroy all|strong="H3117" your|strong="H0935" descendants. No one|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" family|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3117" to|strong="H0935" be|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" old|strong="H2205" man|strong="H2205".<sup>32</sup> Good|strong="H3190" things|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" happen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" Israel|strong="H3478", but|strong="H3808"

you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" see|strong="H5027" bad things|strong="H3605" happening at|strong="H3478" home|strong="H1004".<sup>I</sup> No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3605" in|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1961" live|strong="H4583" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" old|strong="H2205" man|strong="H2205".<sup>33</sup> There|strong="H3605" is|strong="H0376" only|strong="H3605" one|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H0376" save|strong="H5315" to|strong="H4191" serve as|strong="H5315" priest at|strong="H1004" my|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196". He|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" live until his|strong="H3605" eyes|strong="H5869" wear out|strong="H3605" and|strong="H1004" his|strong="H3605" strength|strong="H5315" is|strong="H0376" gone|strong="H3808". But|strong="H3808" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3605" descendants will|strong="H0376" die|strong="H4191" by|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" sword.<sup>II34</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0935" sign|strong="H0226" to|strong="H0413" show that|strong="H0834" these|strong="H2088" things|strong="H8147" will|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" true. Your|strong="H0834" two|strong="H8147" sons|strong="H1121", Hophni|strong="H2652" and|strong="H1121" Phinehas|strong="H6372", will|strong="H0834" die|strong="H4191" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834" same|strong="H0259" day|strong="H3117".<sup>35</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" choose a|strong="H1129" priest|strong="H3548" I|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" trust|strong="H0539". This|strong="H0834" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H0834" listen|strong="H3605" to|strong="H1980" me|strong="H5315" and|strong="H1980" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" want|strong="H5315". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H6213" his|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" strong, and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" always|strong="H3117" serve|strong="H1980" before|strong="H6440" my|strong="H3605" chosen|strong="H4899" king.<sup>III36</sup> Then|strong="H1961"

I BUT YOU ... AT HOME These words are not in the ancient Greek version or the Hebrew scrolls from Qumran. II BY THE SWORD This is found in the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran. The standard Hebrew text has "like III CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one."

whoever |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" left |strong="H3498" in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" before |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0398" priest and |strong="H0935" beg |strong="H4994" for |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" little money |strong="H3701" or |strong="H3899" a |strong="H1961" piece |strong="H6595" of |strong="H1004" bread |strong="H3899". They |strong="H0559" will |strong="H1961" say |strong="H0559", " Please |strong="H4994" give |strong="H0398" me |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" job as |strong="H1961" priest so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0259" can |strong="H4994" have |strong="H1961" some |strong="H0259" food |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398"."

### God Calls Samuel

**3** The |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" Samuel |strong="H8050" was |strong="H0369" Eli's |strong="H5941" helper and |strong="H3068" served |strong="H8334" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068" him |strong="H0853". At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H5288" not |strong="H0369" speak |strong="H1697" directly to |strong="H1961" people |strong="H5288" very often. There |strong="H0369" were |strong="H1961" very few visions |strong="H2377".

**2** Eli's |strong="H5941" eyes |strong="H5869" were |strong="H1961" getting so |strong="H1961" weak |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3117" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1961" almost |strong="H3117" blind |strong="H7200". One |strong="H3808" night he |strong="H1931" went |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" room |strong="H4725" to |strong="H1961" go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" bed |strong="H7901". **3** The |strong="H0834" special lamp |strong="H5216" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" temple |strong="H1964" <sup>I</sup> was |strong="H0834" still |strong="H7901" burning, so |strong="H0834" Samuel |strong="H8050" lay |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0834" temple |strong="H1964" near |strong="H8033" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Holy Box was |strong="H0834". **4** The |strong="H0559"

<sup>I</sup> TEMPLE This could mean the Holy Tent at Shiloh where people went to worship the Lord or a larger area where they put the Holy Tent.

LORD |strong="H3068" called |strong="H7121" Samuel |strong="H8050", and |strong="H3068" Samuel |strong="H8050" answered |strong="H0559", " Here |strong="H2005" I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H3068". " **5** Samuel |strong="H0559" thought |strong="H0559" Eli |strong="H5941" was |strong="H5941" calling |strong="H7121" him |strong="H0413", so |strong="H7121" he |strong="H3588" ran |strong="H7323" to |strong="H0413" Eli |strong="H5941" and |strong="H7725" said |strong="H0559", " Here |strong="H2005" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H2005". You |strong="H3588" called |strong="H7121" me |strong="H0413"."

But |strong="H3588" Eli |strong="H5941" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808" call |strong="H7121" you |strong="H3588". Go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" bed |strong="H7901"."

So |strong="H7121" Samuel |strong="H0559" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" bed |strong="H7901". **6** Again |strong="H5750" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" called |strong="H7121", " Samuel |strong="H8050"! " Again |strong="H5750" Samuel |strong="H8050" ran to |strong="H0413" Eli |strong="H5941" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " Here |strong="H2005" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068". You |strong="H3588" called |strong="H7121" me |strong="H0413"."

Eli |strong="H5941" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808" call |strong="H7121" you |strong="H3588". Go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" bed |strong="H7901"."

**7** Samuel |strong="H8050" did not |strong="H3045" yet |strong="H2962" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" because |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3045" spoken |strong="H1697" directly to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" before |strong="H2962". <sup>II</sup>

**8** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" called |strong="H7121" Samuel |strong="H8050" the |strong="H0559" third |strong="H7992" time |strong="H7992". Again |strong="H3254" Samuel |strong="H8050" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" went |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0413" Eli |strong="H5941" and |strong="H6965" said |strong="H0559", " Here |strong="H2005" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068"."

<sup>II</sup> THE LORD ... HIM BEFORE Literally, "the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him."



You *strong="H3588"* called *strong="H7121"* me *strong="H0413"*."

Finally, Eli *strong="H5941"* understood *strong="H0995"* that *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* was *strong="H3068"* calling *strong="H7121"* the *strong="H0559"* boy *strong="H5288"*.<sup>9</sup> Eli *strong="H5941"* told *strong="H0559"* Samuel *strong="H8050"*, " Go *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H0413"* bed *strong="H7901"*. If *strong="H0518"* he *strong="H3588"* calls *strong="H7121"* you *strong="H3588"* again *strong="H1961"*, say *strong="H0559"*, ' Speak *strong="H1696"*, LORD *strong="H3068"*. I *strong="H3588"* am *strong="H1961"* your *strong="H3068"* servant *strong="H5650"*, and *strong="H3068"* I *strong="H3588"* am *strong="H1961"* listening *strong="H8085"*."

So *strong="H7121"* Samuel *strong="H8050"* went *strong="H0413"* back *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* bed *strong="H7901"*.<sup>10</sup> The *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* came *strong="H0935"* and *strong="H0935"* stood *strong="H3320"* there *strong="H3068"*. He *strong="H3588"* called *strong="H7121"* as *strong="H0935"* he *strong="H3588"* did before, saying *strong="H0559"*, " Samuel *strong="H8050"*, Samuel *strong="H8050"*!"

Samuel *strong="H8050"* said *strong="H0559"*, " Speak *strong="H1696"*. I *strong="H3588"* am *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* servant *strong="H5650"*, and *strong="H0935"* I *strong="H3588"* am *strong="H3068"* listening *strong="H8085"*."

<sup>11</sup> The *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* Samuel *strong="H8050"*, " I *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* soon do *strong="H6213"* things *strong="H1697"* in *strong="H0413"* Israel *strong="H3478"* that *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* shock anyone *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H0834"* hears *strong="H8085"* about *strong="H0413"* them *strong="H0413"*.<sup>12</sup> I *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H3605"* everything *strong="H3605"* I *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H1696"* I *strong="H0834"* would *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H3605"* against *strong="H0413"* Eli *strong="H5941"* and *strong="H6965"* his *strong="H3605"* family *strong="H1004"*, everything *strong="H3605"* from *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* beginning *strong="H2490"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* end *strong="H3615"*.<sup>13</sup> I *strong="H0589"* told *strong="H5046"* Eli I *strong="H0589"* would *strong="H0834"* punish his *strong="H0834"* family *strong="H1004"* forever *strong="H5769"*. I *strong="H0589"* will *strong="H0834"*

do *strong="H0589"* this *strong="H3588"* because *strong="H3588"* Eli knew *strong="H3045"* his *strong="H0834"* sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H0834"* saying and *strong="H1121"* doing bad things *strong="H1992"* against *strong="H5046"* God *strong="H3808"*. But *strong="H3588"* he *strong="H0834"* failed *strong="H3808"* to *strong="H5704"* control them *strong="H1992"*.<sup>14</sup> That *strong="H3651"* is *strong="H3651"* why *strong="H3651"* I *strong="H0518"* swore *strong="H7650"* an *strong="H7650"* oath *strong="H7650"* that *strong="H3651"* sacrifices *strong="H2077"* and *strong="H1004"* offerings *strong="H4503"* will *strong="H1004"* never *strong="H5769"* take *strong="H7650"* away the *strong="H5704"* sins *strong="H5771"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H5704"* people *strong="H0518"* in *strong="H1004"* Eli's *strong="H5941"* family *strong="H1004"*.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Samuel *strong="H8050"* lay *strong="H7901"* down *strong="H7901"* in *strong="H0413"* bed *strong="H7901"* until *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H0853"* morning *strong="H1242"* came *strong="H0413"*. He *strong="H5704"* got up *strong="H5704"* early *strong="H1242"* and *strong="H3068"* opened *strong="H6605"* the *strong="H0853"* doors *strong="H1817"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* house *strong="H1004"*. Samuel *strong="H8050"* was *strong="H3068"* afraid *strong="H3372"* to *strong="H0413"* tell *strong="H5046"* Eli *strong="H5941"* about *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* vision *strong="H4759"*.

<sup>16</sup> But *strong="H0559"* Eli *strong="H5941"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* Samuel *strong="H8050"*, " Samuel *strong="H8050"*, my *strong="H7121"* son *strong="H1121"*."

Samuel *strong="H8050"* answered *strong="H0559"*, " Yes *strong="H2005"*, sir."

<sup>17</sup> Eli *strong="H0559"* asked *strong="H0559"*, " What *strong="H4100"* did *strong="H6213"* God *strong="H0430"* say *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H0834"*? Don't *strong="H0408"* hide *strong="H3582"* it *strong="H0518"* from *strong="H4480"* me *strong="H0413"*. God *strong="H0430"* will *strong="H0430"* punish you *strong="H0834"* if *strong="H0518"* you *strong="H0834"* hide *strong="H3582"* anything *strong="H3605"* from *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H3605"* message *strong="H1697"* he *strong="H0834"* spoke *strong="H1696"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H0834"*."

<sup>1</sup> Or "That is why I swore an oath that Eli's family would not be forgiven for their sins against the offerings and sacrifices."

18 So **Samuel** told **Eli** everything **he** did **not** hide anything from **him**.

**Eli** said, "He is **the** LORD **Let** **him** do whatever **he** thinks is **right**."

19 **The** LORD **was** **Samuel** **he** **up** **did** **let** **of** **Then** **Israel** **Dan** **that** **was** **true** **of** **LORD** **the** **LORD** **continued** **to** **appear** **Samuel** **Shiloh** **he** **Samuel** **he** would announce the LORD'S message **to** **all** **the** **people** **of** **Israel**. **When** **Eli** was very old, **his** sons lived **more** **and** **more** **a** **the** LORD considered **evil**.

4 **Then** **Samuel** would announce the LORD'S message **to** **all** **the** **people** **of** **Israel**. **When** **Eli** was very old, **his** sons lived **more** **and** **more** **a** **the** LORD considered **evil**.

I WORD OF THE LORD This often means simply "a message from God." But sometimes it may mean a special way God spoke to his prophets. II WHEN ELI ... EVIL The ancient Greek version has these words at the end of chapter 3.

**The** **Philistines** **Defeat** **the** **Israelites**

**At** **that** **time** **the** **Israelites** **went** **out** **to** **fight** **against** **the** **Philistines**. **The** **Israelites** **made** **their** **camp** **at** **Ebenezer**. **The** **Philistines** **made** **their** **camp** **at** **Aphek**. **The** **Philistines** **lined** **up** **their** **soldiers** **in** **front** **of** **the** **Israelites** **and** **they** **began** **the** **attack**.

**The** **Philistines** **defeated** **the** **Israelites**. **They** **killed** **about** **4000** **soldiers** **from** **Israel's** **army**. **The** **rest** **of** **the** **Israelite** **soldiers** **went** **back** **to** **their** **camp**. **The** **elders** **of** **Israel** **asked** **Why** **did** **the** **LORD** **let** **the** **Philistines** **defeat** **us**? **Let's** **bring** **the** **LORD'S** **Box** **of** **Agreement** **from** **Shiloh**. **God** **will** **go** **with** **us** **into** **the** **battle** **and** **save** **us** **from** **our** **enemies**.

4 **So** **the** **people** **sent** **men** **to** **Shiloh**. **The** **men** **brought** **back** **the** **LORD** **All-Powerful's** **Box** **of** **the**

Agreement |strong="H1285". On |strong="H3427" top of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Box are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels. They |strong="H8033" are |strong="H1121" like |strong="H5973" a |strong="H5375" throne where |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" sits |strong="H3427". Eli's |strong="H5941" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121", Hophni |strong="H2652" and |strong="H1121" Phinehas |strong="H6372", came with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" Box.

<sup>5</sup> When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Box of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" Agreement |strong="H1285" came |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" camp |strong="H4264", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" gave |strong="H7321" a |strong="H1961" great |strong="H1419" shout |strong="H7321" loud |strong="H1419" enough to |strong="H0413" make the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776" shake. <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" heard |strong="H8085" Israel's shout |strong="H8643" and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H0559", " Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H8085" so |strong="H0935" excited in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Hebrew |strong="H5680" camp |strong="H4264"?"

Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" learned |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Box had |strong="H3068" been |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" Israel's camp |strong="H4264". <sup>7</sup> They |strong="H3588" became |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H3372" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " Gods |strong="H0430" have |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" camp |strong="H4264"! We're in |strong="H0935" trouble. This |strong="H2063" has |strong="H0430" never |strong="H3808" happened |strong="H1961" before |strong="H0413". <sup>8</sup> We |strong="H3605" are |strong="H1992" worried. Who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" save |strong="H5337" us |strong="H5337" from |strong="H3027" these |strong="H0428" powerful |strong="H0117" gods |strong="H0430"? These |strong="H0428" gods |strong="H0430" are |strong="H1992" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0428" ones |strong="H0117" that |strong="H3605" gave the |strong="H3605" Egyptians |strong="H4714" those |strong="H0428" diseases and |strong="H0430" terrible sicknesses. <sup>9</sup>

I HEBREW Or "Israelite."

Be |strong="H1961" brave, Philistines |strong="H6430". Fight |strong="H3898" like |strong="H1961" men |strong="H0376". In |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0834" past they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" our |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5647", so |strong="H6435" fight |strong="H3898" like |strong="H1961" men |strong="H0376" or |strong="H6435" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" their |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5647".  
<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" Philistines |strong="H6430" fought |strong="H3898" very |strong="H3966" hard |strong="H1419" and |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5062" the |strong="H1961" Israelites |strong="H3478". The |strong="H1961" Israelite |strong="H3478" soldiers |strong="H0376" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5307" and |strong="H3478" went |strong="H0376" home |strong="H0168". It |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" terrible defeat for |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478". 30,000 Israelite |strong="H3478" soldiers |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H5307". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3947" Philistines took |strong="H3947" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box and |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H4191" Eli's |strong="H5941" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121", Hophni |strong="H2652" and |strong="H1121" Phinehas |strong="H6372".

<sup>12</sup> One |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" ran |strong="H7323" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" battle |strong="H4634" was |strong="H1931" a |strong="H0935" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" tribe of |strong="H0376" Benjamin |strong="H1144". He |strong="H1931" tore |strong="H7167" his |strong="H5921" clothes |strong="H4055" and |strong="H0935" put |strong="H0935" dust |strong="H0127" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218" to |strong="H0935" show his |strong="H5921" great sadness. <sup>13</sup> Eli |strong="H5941" was |strong="H1961" worried about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" Holy Box, so |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" sitting |strong="H3427" there |strong="H2009" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" gate waiting and |strong="H0935" watching |strong="H6822" when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Benjamite man |strong="H0376" came |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" Shiloh and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H5046" the |strong="H3605" bad news. All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3427"

town/strong="H5892" began/strong="H1961" to/strong="H0935" cry/strong="H2199" loudly. <sup>14</sup> Eli was 98 years old. He was blind, so he could not see what was happening, but he could hear the loud noise of the people crying. Eli asked, "Why are the people making this loud noise?"

The Benjamite man ran to Eli and told him what happened. <sup>16</sup> He/strong="H3117" said/strong="H0559", "I/strong="H0589" am/strong="H0589" the/strong="H0559" man/strong="H0376" who/strong="H0376" just/strong="H1697" came/strong="H0935" from/strong="H4480" the/strong="H0559" battle/strong="H4634". I/strong="H0589" ran/strong="H5127" away/strong="H4480" from/strong="H4480" the/strong="H0559" battle/strong="H4634" today/strong="H3117"."

Eli/strong="H5941" asked/strong="H0559", "What/strong="H4100" happened/strong="H1961", son/strong="H1121"?"

<sup>17</sup> The/strong="H0559" Benjamite man/strong="H1121" answered/strong="H0559", "Israel/strong="H3478" ran/strong="H5127" away/strong="H3947" from/strong="H6440" the/strong="H0559" Philistines/strong="H6430". The/strong="H0559" Israelite/strong="H3478" army/strong="H5971" has/strong="H0430" lost many/strong="H1419" soldiers/strong="H5971". Your/strong="H3947" two/strong="H8147" sons/strong="H1121" are/strong="H3478" both/strong="H8147" dead/strong="H4191", and/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0559" Philistines/strong="H6430" took/strong="H3947" God's/strong="H0430" Holy Box."

<sup>18</sup> When/strong="H3588" the/strong="H0853" Benjamite man/strong="H0376" mentioned/strong="H2142" God's/strong="H0430" Holy Box, Eli/strong="H5307" fell/strong="H5307" backward/strong="H0322" off/strong="H5921" his/strong="H5921" chair/strong="H3678" near/strong="H5921" the/strong="H0853" gate/strong="H8179" and/strong="H3478" broke/strong="H7665" his/strong="H5921" neck/strong="H4665". Eli/strong="H5307" was/strong="H1961" old/strong="H2204" and/strong="H3478" fat, so/strong="H1961" he/strong="H1931" died/strong="H4191". He/strong="H1931" had/strong="H1961" led/strong="H8199" Israel/strong="H3478" for/strong="H3588" 20 years/strong="H8141". <sup>I</sup>

**The/strong="H0853" Glory Is/strong="H1931" Gone/strong="H5307"**

<sup>19</sup> Eli's daughter-in-law/strong="H3618", the/strong="H0853" wife/strong="H0802" of/strong="H0376" Phinehas/strong="H6372",

<sup>I</sup> 20 YEARS This is found in the ancient Greek version and Josephus. The standard Hebrew text has "40 years."

was/strong="H0430" pregnant/strong="H2030". It/strong="H5921" was/strong="H0430" nearly time for/strong="H3588" her/strong="H0413" baby to/strong="H0413" be/strong="H4191" born/strong="H3205". She/strong="H3588" heard/strong="H8085" the/strong="H0853" news/strong="H8052" that/strong="H3588" God's/strong="H0430" Holy Box was/strong="H0430" taken/strong="H3947". She/strong="H3588" also/strong="H0853" heard/strong="H8085" that/strong="H3588" her/strong="H0413" father-in-law/strong="H2524" Eli and/strong="H0430" her/strong="H0413" husband/strong="H0376" Phinehas/strong="H6372" were/strong="H0376" both/strong="H4191" dead/strong="H4191". As/strong="H0376" soon/strong="H3205" as/strong="H0376" she/strong="H3588" heard/strong="H8085" the/strong="H0853" news/strong="H8052", her/strong="H0413" pain started and/strong="H0430" she/strong="H3588" began giving/strong="H3205" birth/strong="H3205" to/strong="H0413" her/strong="H0413" baby. <sup>20</sup> She/strong="H3588" was/strong="H3820" about/strong="H5921" to/strong="H1696" die/strong="H4191" when/strong="H3588" the/strong="H5921" women who/strong="H1121" were/strong="H1121" helping her/strong="H5921" said/strong="H1696", "Don't/strong="H0408" worry/strong="H3372", you/strong="H3588" have/strong="H1121" given/strong="H3205" birth/strong="H3205" to/strong="H1696" a/strong="H3588" son/strong="H1121"."

But/strong="H3588" she/strong="H3588" did/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" answer/strong="H6030" or/strong="H3808" pay/strong="H7896" attention/strong="H3820". <sup>21</sup> She/strong="H7121" named/strong="H7121" the/strong="H0559" baby Ichabod/strong="H0350", <sup>II</sup> that/strong="H7121" is/strong="H0430" to/strong="H0413" say/strong="H0559", "Israel's/strong="H3478" glory/strong="H3519" has/strong="H0430" been taken/strong="H3947" away/strong="H1540"." <sup>III</sup> She/strong="H7121" did/strong="H0376" this/strong="H0376" because/strong="H0413" God's/strong="H0430" Holy Box was/strong="H3478" taken/strong="H3947" away/strong="H1540" and/strong="H3478" because/strong="H0413" both her/strong="H0413" father-in-law/strong="H2524" and/strong="H3478" her/strong="H0413" husband/strong="H0376" were/strong="H3478" dead. <sup>22</sup> She/strong="H3588" said/strong="H0559", "Israel's/strong="H3478" glory/strong="H3519" has/strong="H0430" been taken/strong="H3947" away/strong="H1540" because/strong="H3588" the/strong="H0559" Philistines

<sup>II</sup> ICHABOD This name means "No glory." The Greek has "Ouai Barchaboth." <sup>III</sup> THAT IS ... TAKEN AWAY This is not in the ancient Greek version.

had|strong="H0430" taken|strong="H3947"  
God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box.

### The Holy Box Troubles the Philistines

5 The|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" carried|strong="H0935" God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box, from|strong="H0935" Ebenezer|strong="H0072" to|strong="H0935" Ashdod|strong="H0795".<sup>2</sup> They|strong="H0935" carried|strong="H0935" God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Dagon|strong="H1712" and|strong="H0935" put|strong="H0935" it|strong="H3947" next to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" statue of|strong="H1004" Dagon|strong="H1712".<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H0853" next|strong="H4283" morning|strong="H4283", the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Ashdod|strong="H0796" got|strong="H3947" up|strong="H7925" and|strong="H3068" found Dagon|strong="H1712" lying|strong="H5307" face|strong="H6440" down|strong="H5307" on|strong="H5307" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Box.

The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Ashdod|strong="H0796" put|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" statue of|strong="H0776" Dagon|strong="H1712" back|strong="H7725" in|strong="H3068" its|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725".<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H7535" the|strong="H6440" next|strong="H4283" morning|strong="H1242" when|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Ashdod got|strong="H7925" up|strong="H7925", they|strong="H5921" found Dagon|strong="H1712" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" ground|strong="H0776" again|strong="H7925". Dagon|strong="H1712" had|strong="H3068" fallen|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Box. This|strong="H3068" time|strong="H7218", Dagon's|strong="H1712" head|strong="H7218" and|strong="H3068" hands|strong="H3027" were|strong="H3027" broken off|strong="H3772" and|strong="H3068" were|strong="H3027" lying|strong="H5307" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" doorway. Only|strong="H7535" his|strong="H5921" body was|strong="H3068" still in|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0776" piece|strong="H0776".<sup>5</sup> That|strong="H3605" is|strong="H2088" why|strong="H3651", even|strong="H5704" today|strong="H3117", the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"

or|strong="H3808" other|strong="H2088" people|strong="H3808" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0935" step on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" threshold|strong="H4670" when|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3651" enter|strong="H0935" Dagon's|strong="H1712" temple|strong="H1004" at|strong="H5921" Ashdod|strong="H0795".

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3513" life hard for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" people of|strong="H3068" Ashdod|strong="H0795" and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" neighbors. He|strong="H3068" gave them|strong="H0413" many troubles and|strong="H3068" caused them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" get tumors. He|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H3027" mice to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0853" mice ran all over|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" ships and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H0853" onto|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H1366". The|strong="H0853" people in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" city were|strong="H3027" very afraid.<sup>17</sup> They|strong="H3588" saw|strong="H7200" what|strong="H5921" was|strong="H3478" happening and|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559", "The|strong="H0559" Holy Box of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" can't|strong="H3808" stay|strong="H3427" here|strong="H5921". God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0430" punishing us|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3478" Dagon|strong="H1712" our|strong="H5921" god|strong="H0430"."

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H0430" Ashdod called|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" five Philistine|strong="H6430" rulers|strong="H0430" together|strong="H0622" and|strong="H3478" asked|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", "What|strong="H4100" must|strong="H0853" we|strong="H3605" do|strong="H6213" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Holy Box of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478"?"

The|strong="H3605" rulers|strong="H0430" answered|strong="H0559", "Move|strong="H5437" the|strong="H3605" Holy Box of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" Gath|strong="H1661". So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" moved God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box.

I HE ALSO SENT ... AFRAID This is from the ancient Greek version.

9 But *after* Philistines had moved God's Holy Box to Gath, the LORD punished that city. The people became very frightened. God caused many troubles for all the people—young and old. He caused the people in Gath to have tumors. 10 So the Philistines sent God's Holy Box to Ekron. But when God's Holy Box came into Ekron, the people of Ekron complained. They said, "Why are you bringing the Box of God of Israel to our city Ekron? Do you want to kill us and our people?" 11 The people of Ekron called all the Philistine rulers together and said to the rulers, "Send the Box of God of Israel back home before it kills us and our people!" 12 The people of Ekron were deathly afraid because God severely punished them there. 12 Many people died, and those who

did not have tumors. The people of Ekron cried loudly to heaven.

### God's Holy Box Is Sent Back Home

6 The Philistines kept the LORD'S Holy Box in their land for seven months. 2 The Philistines called their priests and magicians and said, "What must we do with the LORD'S Box? Tell us how to send it back home!"

3 The priests and magicians answered, "If you send it back the Holy Box of God of Israel, don't send it away empty. You must offer gifts to God of Israel. Then you will be healed." You must do this so that you will stop punishing you. 4 The Philistines asked, "What kind of gifts should we send for Israel's God to forgive us?"

The priests and magicians answered, "

<sup>1</sup> YOU MUST DO ... PUNISHING YOU This is found in the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran. The standard Hebrew text has "Then you will know why God did not stop punishing you."

There *are* *five* *Philistine* *leaders*, one *leader* for *each* *city*. All *of* *you* *and* *your* *leaders* *had* *the* *same* *problems*. So *you* *must* *make* *five* *gold* *models* to *look* *like* *five* *tumors*. And *you* *must* *make* *five* *gold* *models* to *look* *like* *five* *mice*.<sup>5</sup> So *make* *models* of *the* *tumors* and *models* of *the* *mice* *that* *are* *ruining* *the* *country*. Give *these* *gold* *models* to *the* *God* *of* *Israel* *as* *payment*. Then *maybe* *the* *God* *of* *Israel* *will* *stop* *punishing* *you*, *your* *gods*, and *your* *land*.<sup>6</sup> Don't *be* *stubborn* *like* *Pharaoh* and *the* *Egyptians*. God *punished* *the* *Egyptians*. That *is* *why* *the* *Egyptians* *let* *the* *Israelites* *leave* *Egypt*.

<sup>7</sup> " You *must* *build* *a* *new* *wagon* *and* *get* *two* *cows* *that* *have* *just* *had* *calves*. These *must* *be* *cows* *that* *have* *never* *worked* *in* *the* *fields*. Tie *the* *cows* *to*

*the* *wagon* *so* *they* *can* *pull* *it*. Then *take* *the* *calves* *back* *home* *and* *put* *them* *in* *their* *pen*. Don't *let* *them* *follow* *their* *mothers*.<sup>18</sup> Put *the* *LORD'S* *Holy* *Box* *on* *the* *wagon*. You *must* *put* *the* *golden* *models* *in* *the* *bag* *beside* *the* *Box*. They *are* *your* *gifts* *for* *God* *to* *forgive* *your* *sins*. Send *the* *wagon* *its* *way*.<sup>9</sup> Watch *the* *wagon* *goes* *toward* *Beth Shemesh* *in* *Israel's* *own* *land*, then *it* *is* *their* *God* *who* *has* *given* *us* *this* *great* *sickness*. But *if* *the* *cows* *don't* *go* *straight* *to* *Beth Shemesh*, *we* *will* *know* *it* *was* *not* *their* *God* *who* *brought* *this* *sickness* *to* *us*. It *was* *just* *one* *of* *those* *things* *that* *sometimes* *happen*."

<sup>1</sup> DON'T LET ... MOTHERS The Philistines thought if the cows did not try to find their calves it would prove that God was leading them and that he had accepted their gifts.

<sup>10</sup> The Philistines did what the priests and magicians said. They found two cows that had just calved and tied them to the wagon along with the bag of golden models of the tumors and mice. <sup>12</sup> The cows went straight to Beth Shemesh. The cows stayed on the road, mooing the way they did not turn right or left. The Philistine rulers followed the cows as far as the city limits of Beth Shemesh.

<sup>13</sup> The people of Beth Shemesh were harvesting their wheat in the valley. They looked up and saw the Holy Box. They were very happy to see it again. They ran to get it. <sup>14</sup> The wagon came to the field that belonged to Joshua of Beth Shemesh and stopped there near a large rock.

Some Levites took down the LORD'S Holy Box and the bag that had the golden models. The Levites put the LORD'S Box and the bag that was with it on the large rock.

The people of Beth Shemesh cut up the wagon and killed the cows. That day, they sacrificed the cows as burnt offerings to the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> The five Philistine rulers watched the people of Beth Shemesh do this and then went back to Ekron that same day.

<sup>17</sup> In this way the Philistines sent golden models of tumors as gifts for their sins to the LORD. They sent one golden model of a tumor for each of the Philistine towns of Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron. <sup>18</sup> The Philistines also sent golden models of mice. The number of these golden mice was the same as the number of the towns that the five Philistine rulers. These towns had walls around them, and each town had villages around it.

The people of Beth Shemesh put the LORD'S Holy Box on a rock. That rock is still in the



field |strong="H7704" of |strong="H3068" Joshua |strong="H3091" from |strong="H5921" Beth Shemesh. <sup>19</sup> But |strong="H3588" no priests <sup>I</sup> were |strong="H0376" there |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" lead the |strong="H3588" celebration <sup>II</sup> when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Beth Shemesh saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Box. So |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H5221" 70 men |strong="H0376" <sup>III</sup> from |strong="H0376" Beth Shemesh. The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0376" Beth Shemesh cried loudly |strong="H1419" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H0376" this |strong="H3588" hard |strong="H1419" punishment. <sup>20</sup> They |strong="H5921" said |strong="H0559", " Where |strong="H2088" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H2088" priest who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" care |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Holy |strong="H6918" Box? Where |strong="H2088" should |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" Box go |strong="H5927" from |strong="H5921" here |strong="H2088"?"

<sup>21</sup> There |strong="H5927" was |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7971" priest at |strong="H0413" Kiriath |strong="H7157" Jearim. The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3068" Beth Shemesh sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3068" Kiriath |strong="H7157" Jearim. The |strong="H0853" messengers |strong="H4397" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" have |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H5927" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Box. Come |strong="H5927" down |strong="H3381" and |strong="H3068" take |strong="H7725" it |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" city."

**7** The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" Kiriath |strong="H7157" Jearim came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H1121" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy |strong="H6942" Box up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H1389" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Abinadab |strong="H0041" the |strong="H0853" priest. They |strong="H0376" per-

formed |strong="H8104" a |strong="H0935" special ceremony to |strong="H0413" prepare |strong="H6942" Abinadab's son |strong="H1121", Eleazar |strong="H0499", to |strong="H0413" guard |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy |strong="H6942" Box. <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3605" Box stayed |strong="H3427" there |strong="H1961" at |strong="H3427" Kiriath |strong="H7157" Jearim for |strong="H1004" a |strong="H1961" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117".

**The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" Saves the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478"**

Twenty |strong="H6242" years |strong="H8141" passed |strong="H1961" while |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" Holy Box was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H3427" Kiriath |strong="H7157" Jearim, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" follow |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" again |strong="H0310". <sup>3</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478", " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" really |strong="H0559" coming back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824", you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" throw away |strong="H5493" your |strong="H3068" foreign |strong="H5236" gods |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" idols of |strong="H1004" Ash-toreth. You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" give |strong="H7725" yourselves |strong="H0859" fully to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" only |strong="H0905" him |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H5337" you |strong="H0859" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430"."

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" threw away |strong="H5493" their |strong="H3068" statues of |strong="H1121" Baal |strong="H1168" and |strong="H1121" Ashtoreth. The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" served |strong="H5647" only |strong="H0905" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>5</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559", " All |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478" must |strong="H0853" meet |strong="H6908" at |strong="H0413" Mizpah |strong="H4709". I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H3068" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413"

<sup>I</sup> NO PRIESTS Only priests were allowed to carry the Box of the Agreement. <sup>II</sup> BUT THERE ... CELEBRATION This is based on the ancient Greek version and Josephus. <sup>III</sup> This is found in a few Hebrew copies. Most Hebrew copies and the ancient versions have "70 men, 50,000 men."

the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H1157" you |strong="H3605".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" met together |strong="H6908" at |strong="H3478" Mizpah |strong="H4709". They |strong="H8033" got water |strong="H4325" and |strong="H1121" poured |strong="H8210" it |strong="H1931" out |strong="H8210" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". In |strong="H3068" this |strong="H1931" way |strong="H6440" they |strong="H8033" began a |strong="H3068" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" fasting |strong="H6684". They |strong="H8033" did |strong="H3117" not |strong="H4325" eat any |strong="H6440" food that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H8033" confessed their |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2398". They |strong="H8033" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H3117" have |strong="H1121" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". So |strong="H6440" Samuel |strong="H8050" served |strong="H6440" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" judge |strong="H8199" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" at |strong="H3478" Mizpah |strong="H4709".

<sup>7</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" Philistines |strong="H6430" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" meeting at |strong="H0413" Mizpah |strong="H4709", they |strong="H3588" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" fight them |strong="H0413". The |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" frightened when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H6440" Philistines |strong="H6430" were |strong="H3478" coming |strong="H5927"<sup>8</sup> and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Samuel |strong="H8050", " Don't |strong="H0408" stop |strong="H0408" praying to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413".

Ask |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" save |strong="H3467" us |strong="H0413" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" Philistines |strong="H6430".

<sup>9</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" took |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" baby lamb |strong="H2924" and |strong="H3068" offered |strong="H5927" it |strong="H3947" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3947" whole |strong="H3632" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3068" prayed

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H1157" Israel |strong="H3478", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H6030" his |strong="H3947" prayer. <sup>10</sup> The |strong="H6440" Philistines |strong="H6430" came |strong="H1961" closer |strong="H5066" and |strong="H3068" closer |strong="H5066" to |strong="H1961" fight |strong="H4421" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" while |strong="H1961" Samuel |strong="H8050" offered |strong="H5927" the |strong="H6440" sacrifice. But |strong="H1961" then |strong="H1961", the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" loud |strong="H1419" clap of |strong="H3068" thunder |strong="H6963" to |strong="H1961" hit near |strong="H5066" the |strong="H6440" Philistines |strong="H6430". The |strong="H6440" thunder |strong="H6963" scared the |strong="H6440" Philistines |strong="H6430", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3117" became |strong="H1961" confused |strong="H2000", so |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5062" them |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" battle |strong="H4421". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478" ran out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0376" Mizpah |strong="H4709" and |strong="H3478" chased |strong="H7291" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" Beth Car. They |strong="H0376" killed |strong="H5221" Philistine |strong="H6430" soldiers |strong="H0376" all |strong="H5704" along |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H5704".

Peace Comes |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5704" Israel |strong="H3478"

<sup>12</sup> After |strong="H5704" this |strong="H3068" Samuel |strong="H8050" set |strong="H7760" up |strong="H5704" a |strong="H3947" special stone |strong="H0068" to |strong="H0559" help |strong="H5826" people remember what God |strong="H3068" did. Samuel |strong="H8050" put |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" stone |strong="H0068" between |strong="H0996" Mizpah |strong="H4709" and |strong="H3068" Shen |strong="H8129"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="H3068" named |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" stone |strong="H0068" " Stone |strong="H0068" of |strong="H3068" Help |strong="H5826". <sup>11</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> SHEN Or "Jeshanah," a town about 17 miles north of Jerusalem.  
<sup>11</sup> STONE OF HELP Or "Ebenezer."

helped|strong="H5826" us|strong="H7760" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H2008" to|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3068" place|strong="H7760".  
<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" were|strong="H1961" defeated and|strong="H0935" did|strong="H3254" not|strong="H3808" enter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" again|strong="H5750". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961" against|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" rest|strong="H1961" of|strong="H3068" Samuel's|strong="H8050" life|strong="H3117".<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H3947" some|strong="H3027" cities|strong="H5892" from|strong="H7725" Israel|strong="H3478", but|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" won them|strong="H0853" back|strong="H7725". They|strong="H0834" recovered|strong="H7725" those|strong="H0834" cities|strong="H5892" throughout|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430" area|strong="H1366", from|strong="H7725" Ekron|strong="H6138" to|strong="H5704" Gath|strong="H1661".

There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" also|strong="H0853" peace|strong="H7965" between|strong="H0996" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567".

<sup>15</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" led|strong="H8199" Israel|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" life|strong="H3117".<sup>16</sup> He|strong="H0853" went|strong="H1980" from|strong="H1980" place|strong="H4725" to|strong="H1980" place|strong="H4725" judging|strong="H8199" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". Every|strong="H3605" year|strong="H8141" he|strong="H0853" traveled|strong="H1980" around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H3605" country|strong="H4725". He|strong="H0853" went|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980" Bethel|strong="H1008", Gilgal|strong="H1537", and|strong="H1980" Mizpah|strong="H4709" and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H0853" judged|strong="H8199" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" in|strong="H1980" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" places|strong="H4725".<sup>17</sup> But|strong="H3588" Samuel always went|strong="H1004" back|strong="H1004" to|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" home|strong="H1004" in|strong="H3068" Ramah|strong="H7414". There|strong="H8033"

he|strong="H3588" built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" altar|strong="H4196" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" judged|strong="H8199" Israel|strong="H3478".

### Israel Asks for a King

**8** When|strong="H1961" Samuel|strong="H8050" was|strong="H1961" old|strong="H1121", he|strong="H0834" appointed|strong="H7760" his|strong="H7760" sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" judges|strong="H8199" for|strong="H1961" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>2</sup> Samuel's first son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Joel|strong="H3100". His|strong="H1961" second|strong="H4932" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Abijah|strong="H0029". Joel|strong="H3100" and|strong="H1121" Abijah|strong="H0029" were|strong="H1961" judges|strong="H8199" in|strong="H1121" Beersheba|strong="H0884".<sup>3</sup> But|strong="H3808" Samuel's sons|strong="H1121" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" live|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3947" same way|strong="H1870" he|strong="H0310" did|strong="H3808". Joel and|strong="H1980" Abijah accepted|strong="H3947" bribes|strong="H7810". They|strong="H3808" took|strong="H3947" money secretly and|strong="H1980" changed their|strong="H3947" decisions|strong="H4941" in|strong="H1980" court|strong="H4941". They|strong="H3808" cheated people|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1980" court|strong="H4941".<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H2205" Israel|strong="H3478" met together|strong="H6908" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Ramah|strong="H7414" to|strong="H0413" meet|strong="H6908" with|strong="H0413" Samuel|strong="H8050".<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" elders said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Samuel|strong="H0559", "You're old|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1980" your|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" don't|strong="H3808" live|strong="H1980" right|strong="H2009". They|strong="H3808" are|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0859". Now|strong="H6258", give|strong="H7760" us|strong="H0413" a|strong="H7760" king|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0413" rule|strong="H8199" us|strong="H0413" like|strong="H3808" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471"."

6 So the elders asked for a king to lead them. Samuel thought this was a bad idea, so he prayed. The LORD told Samuel, "Do what the people you tell them to have rejected. They have rejected me. They don't want to be their king." 8 They are doing the same thing they have always done. I took them out of Egypt, but they left me and served other gods. They are doing the same to you. 9 So listen to the people and do what they say. But give a warning. Tell the people what a king will do to them. Tell them how a king rules people.

10 Those people asked for a king to lead them.

So Samuel told them everything the LORD said. 11 Samuel said, "If you have a king, he will rule over you, this is what he will do." He will take away your sons and force them to serve him. He will force them to be soldiers—they must fight from his chariots and become his horse soldiers in his army. Your sons will become guards running in front of the king's chariot. 12 " A king will force your sons to become soldiers. He will choose which of your sons will be officers over 1000 men and which will be officers over 50 men. " A king will force some of your sons to plow his fields and gather his harvest. He will force some of your sons to make weapons for war and make things for his chariots. 13 " A king will take your daughters and force some of them to make perfume

for |strong="H3947" him |strong="H0853" and |strong="H1323" some to |strong="H1323" cook and |strong="H1323" bake |strong="H0644" for |strong="H3947" him |strong="H0853".

<sup>14</sup> " A |strong="H3947" king will |strong="H5650" take |strong="H3947" your |strong="H5414" best |strong="H2896" fields |strong="H7704", vineyards |strong="H3754", and |strong="H5650" olive |strong="H2132" groves |strong="H2132". He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5650" take |strong="H3947" them |strong="H5414" from |strong="H3947" you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H5650" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" officers |strong="H5650". <sup>15</sup> He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5650" take |strong="H6237" one-tenth of |strong="H5650" your |strong="H5414" grain |strong="H2233" and |strong="H5650" grapes, and |strong="H5650" he |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5650" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" officers |strong="H5631" and |strong="H5650" servants |strong="H5650".

<sup>16</sup> " A |strong="H3947" king will |strong="H5650" take |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" men |strong="H0970" and |strong="H5650" women |strong="H8198" servants |strong="H5650". He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H5650" take |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" best |strong="H2896" cattle |strong="H4399"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="H5650" your |strong="H3947" donkeys |strong="H2543". He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H5650" use |strong="H4399" them |strong="H0853" all for |strong="H5650" his |strong="H3947" own work |strong="H4399". <sup>17</sup> He will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H1961" one-tenth of |strong="H5650" your |strong="H1961" flocks |strong="H6629".

" And |strong="H5650" you |strong="H0859" yourselves |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650" of |strong="H5650" this king. <sup>18</sup>

When |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" comes |strong="H6440", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" cry |strong="H2199" because |strong="H0834" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977". But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" won't |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H6030" you |strong="H0834" at |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117"."

<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" would |strong="H0559"

<sup>1</sup> CATTLE This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "young men."

not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0559" Samuel |strong="H0805". They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", we |strong="H3588" want |strong="H6963" a |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H0559" rule |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921". <sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H1961" we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" as |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471". Our |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H1961" lead |strong="H3318" us |strong="H6440". He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H3318" before |strong="H6440" us |strong="H6440" and |strong="H4428" fight |strong="H3898" our |strong="H3605" battles |strong="H4421"."

<sup>21</sup> Samuel |strong="H0805" listened |strong="H0805" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" then |strong="H1696" repeated |strong="H1696" their |strong="H3605" words |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H0559", " Listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" give |strong="H0805" them |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0805" king |strong="H4428"."

Then |strong="H0805" Samuel |strong="H0805" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478", " You |strong="H0413" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0805" king |strong="H4428". Now |strong="H0805" go home |strong="H3068"."

### Saul Looks for His Father's Donkeys

<sup>9</sup> Kish |strong="H7027" was |strong="H8034" an |strong="H1961" important man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H1961" tribe of |strong="H1121" Benjamin. He |strong="H0376" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abiel |strong="H0022". Abiel |strong="H0022" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeror. Zeror was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Becorath |strong="H1064". Becorath |strong="H1064" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Aphiah, a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> Kish had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961"

son |strong="H1121" named |strong="H8034" Saul |strong="H7586", who |strong="H3605" was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H1961" handsome |strong="H2896" young |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0376". There |strong="H0369" was |strong="H8034" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" more |strong="H4480" handsome |strong="H2896" than |strong="H4480" Saul |strong="H7586". He |strong="H4480" stood a |strong="H1961" head taller |strong="H1364" than |strong="H4480" any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>3</sup> One |strong="H0259" day Kish's donkeys |strong="H0860" got |strong="H6965" lost |strong="H0006". So |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3947" son |strong="H1121" "Saul |strong="H7586", "Take |strong="H3947" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" servants |strong="H5288" and |strong="H1121" go |strong="H6965" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" donkeys |strong="H0860"."<sup>4</sup> Saul went to |strong="H0369" look for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H4672" donkeys. He |strong="H3808" walked through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H4672" hills |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" Ephraim |strong="H0669" and |strong="H0776" through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H4672" area |strong="H0776" around Shalisha. But |strong="H3808" Saul and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H4672" servant could not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" Kish's donkeys. So |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" went to |strong="H0369" the |strong="H4672" area |strong="H0776" around Shaalim |strong="H8171", but |strong="H3808" the |strong="H4672" donkeys were |strong="H2022" not |strong="H3808" there |strong="H0369" either. Then |strong="H5674" Saul traveled |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H4672" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Benjamin, but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H4672" servant still could not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H4672" donkeys.

<sup>5</sup> Finally, Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" servant |strong="H5288" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" town named Zuph |strong="H6689". Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H7725" servant |strong="H5288", "Let's go |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725". My |strong="H7725" father |strong="H0001" will |strong="H0776" stop |strong="H2308" worry-

ing |strong="H4480" about |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" donkeys |strong="H0860" and |strong="H0935" start worrying |strong="H4480" about |strong="H4480" us |strong="H7725"."

<sup>6</sup> But |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" servant answered |strong="H0559", "A |strong="H0935" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" town |strong="H5892". People |strong="H0376" respect |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". Everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" says |strong="H0559" comes |strong="H0935" true, so |strong="H1980" let's |strong="H1980" go |strong="H1980" into |strong="H0935" town |strong="H5892". Maybe |strong="H0194" the |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" tell |strong="H5046" us |strong="H4994" where |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H1980" next |strong="H5921"."

<sup>7</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H0376" servant |strong="H5288", "Sure, we |strong="H3588" can |strong="H4100" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" town, but |strong="H3588" what |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" we |strong="H3588" give |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0935"? We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" gift |strong="H8670" to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430". Even |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" food |strong="H3899" in |strong="H0935" our |strong="H0430" bags |strong="H3627" is |strong="H0369" gone |strong="H0935". What |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" we |strong="H3588" give |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935"?"

<sup>8</sup> Again |strong="H3254" the |strong="H0853" servant |strong="H5288" answered |strong="H0559" Saul |strong="H7586". "Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H5414" have |strong="H0376" a |strong="H5414" little bit of |strong="H0376" money |strong="H3701".<sup>1</sup> Let's give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430". Then |strong="H6030" he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" tell |strong="H5046" us |strong="H5414" where |strong="H2009" we |strong="H4672" should |strong="H0376" go |strong="H2009"."

<sup>1</sup> A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY Literally, "1/4 shekel of silver" (about 1/10 of an ounce).

<sup>9</sup> Saul said to his servant, "That is a good idea. Let's go." So they went to the town where the man of God was.

Saul and the servant were walking up the hill toward town when they met some young women on the road. The young women were coming out to get water. Saul and the servant asked the young women, "Is the seer here?" (In the past, people in Israel called a prophet a "seer." So if they wanted to ask something from God, they would say, "Let's go to the seer.")

<sup>12</sup> The young women answered, "Yes, the seer is here." He just up the road. He came to town today. Some people are meeting together today to share in a fellowship offering at the place for worship.

<sup>13</sup> So go into town and you will find him. If you hurry, you can catch him before he goes up to eat at the place for worship. The seer blesses the sacrifice, so the people won't begin eating until he gets there. If you hurry, you can find him."

<sup>14</sup> Saul and his servant started walking up the hill to town. Just as they came into town, they saw Samuel

coming out of town, walking toward them. He was on his way to the place for worship.

<sup>15</sup> The day before LORD had told Samuel, "At 16 o'clock this morning I will send a man you will see from the tribe of Benjamin. You must anoint him and make him the new leader over my people Israel. This man will save my people from the Philistines. I have seen my people suffering, and I have heard for help."

<sup>17</sup> When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to Samuel, "This is the man I told you about. He will rule my people."

<sup>18</sup> Saul went up a near gate to ask directions. This man happened to be Samuel. Saul

I PLACE FOR WORSHIP Or "high place." See "high place" in the Word List. Also in verses 14, 19, 25.

II SUFFERING This is from the ancient Greek version.

said |strong="H0559", "Excuse me |strong="H4994". Could |strong="H2088" you |strong="H5046" tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H4994" where |strong="H0335" the |strong="H0853" seer's house |strong="H1004" is |strong="H2088"?"

<sup>19</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" the |strong="H3605" seer. Go |strong="H5927" on |strong="H3117" up |strong="H5927" ahead |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3117" me |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" place |strong="H1116" for |strong="H7971" worship. You |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0398" your |strong="H3605" servant will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H7971" today |strong="H3117". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" let |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" go |strong="H5927" home tomorrow |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" answer |strong="H6030" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" questions.

<sup>20</sup> And |strong="H3478" don't |strong="H0408" worry about |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" donkeys |strong="H0860" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" lost |strong="H0006" three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117" ago |strong="H3117". They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0001" been |strong="H3808" found |strong="H4672". Now |strong="H3117", there |strong="H4672" is |strong="H4310" something that |strong="H3588" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" is |strong="H4310" looking |strong="H4672" for |strong="H3588" and |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3588" something is |strong="H4310" you |strong="H3588" and |strong="H3478" your |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004"."

<sup>21</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" answered |strong="H0559", " But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" a |strong="H1696" member of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1697" Benjamin |strong="H1144". It |strong="H1696" is |strong="H2088" the |strong="H3605" smallest tribe |strong="H7626" in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478". And |strong="H3478" my |strong="H3605" family |strong="H4940" is |strong="H2088" the |strong="H3605" smallest in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1697" Benjamin |strong="H1144". Why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3605" say |strong="H0559" Israel |strong="H3478" wants me |strong="H0413"?"

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H3947" Samuel |strong="H8050" took |strong="H3947" Saul |strong="H7586"

and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5414" servant |strong="H5288" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" eating area |strong="H4725". About |strong="H0935" 30 people |strong="H0376" had |strong="H7586" been invited |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0935" eat together and |strong="H0935" share |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" sacrifice. Samuel |strong="H8050" gave |strong="H5414" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5414" servant |strong="H5288" the |strong="H0853" most important place |strong="H4725" at |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" table. <sup>23</sup>

Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" cook |strong="H2876", " Bring |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" meat I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834". It |strong="H7760" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" share |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" save."

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H0853" cook |strong="H2876" brought |strong="H7760" out |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" thigh |strong="H7785"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="H0398" put |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" table |strong="H6440" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3117" Saul |strong="H7586". Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559", " Eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" meat that |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1931" put |strong="H7760" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3588". It |strong="H7760" was |strong="H1931" saved for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" this |strong="H1931" special time |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" together |strong="H5973". So |strong="H7121" Saul |strong="H7586" ate |strong="H0398" with |strong="H5973" Samuel |strong="H8050" that |strong="H3588" day |strong="H3117".

<sup>25</sup> After |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" finished eating, they |strong="H5921" came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" place |strong="H1116" for |strong="H5921" worship and |strong="H3381" went |strong="H3381" back to |strong="H1696" town |strong="H5892". Samuel made |strong="H1696" a |strong="H1696" bed

<sup>1</sup> THIGH This was probably the left thigh that was reserved for important guests. The right thigh was reserved for the priest who sacrificed the animal. This priest helped kill the animal and put the fat from the animal on the altar as a gift to God.



for|strong="H5921" Saul|strong="H7586"  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
roof|strong="H1406",<sup>26</sup> and|strong="H6965"  
Saul|strong="H7586" went|strong="H3318"  
to|strong="H0413" sleep.<sup>I</sup>

Early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H0559"  
next|strong="H7971" morning|strong="H7837",  
Samuel|strong="H8050" shouted|strong="H7121"  
to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586"  
on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559"  
roof|strong="H1406" and|strong="H6965"  
said|strong="H0559", " Get|strong="H6965"  
up|strong="H5927". I|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H1961" send|strong="H7971"  
you|strong="H7971" on|strong="H0413"  
your|strong="H7971" way|strong="H7971"."  
Saul|strong="H7586" got|strong="H6965"  
up|strong="H5927" and|strong="H6965"  
went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318"  
of|strong="H8147" the|strong="H0559" house  
with|strong="H0413" Samuel|strong="H8050".

<sup>27</sup> Saul|strong="H7586", his|strong="H8085" ser-  
vant|strong="H5288", and|strong="H0430"  
Samuel|strong="H8050" were|strong="H1992" walk-  
ing together near|strong="H6440"  
the|strong="H0853" edge|strong="H6440"  
of|strong="H0430" town|strong="H5892".  
Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", "  
Tell|strong="H0559" your|strong="H8085" ser-  
vant|strong="H5288" to|strong="H0413"  
go|strong="H3381" on|strong="H3117"  
ahead|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0430"  
us|strong="H0413". I|strong="H3117"  
have|strong="H0859" a|strong="H8085" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" for|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H0859" from|strong="H3381"  
God|strong="H0430". So|strong="H5975"  
the|strong="H0853" servant|strong="H5288" walked  
ahead|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0430"  
them|strong="H0413".

### Samuel Anoints Saul

**10** Samuel|strong="H8050"  
took|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" jar  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" special  
oil|strong="H8081" and|strong="H3068"  
poured|strong="H3332" the|strong="H0853"  
oil|strong="H8081" on|strong="H5921"  
Saul's|strong="H7218" head|strong="H7218".  
Samuel|strong="H8050" kissed|strong="H5401"  
Saul|strong="H0559" and|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" anoint-

<sup>I</sup> MADE ... TO SLEEP This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "Samuel spoke with Saul on the roof." In ancient Israel, houses had flat roofs that were used as an extra room.

ed|strong="H4886" you|strong="H3588"  
to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3808"  
the|strong="H0853" leader|strong="H5057"  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" peo-  
ple|strong="H3808" who|strong="H3068" belong  
to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5921".  
You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" control  
the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808".  
You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" save  
them|strong="H0853" from|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" enemies that|strong="H3588"  
are|strong="H3068" all around|strong="H5921"  
them|strong="H0853". He|strong="H3588"  
has|strong="H3068" anointed|strong="H4886"  
you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559"  
be|strong="H3808" ruler|strong="H5057"  
over|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" peo-  
ple|strong="H3808". Here|strong="H5921"  
is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3947" sign  
that|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" prove  
this|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
true|strong="H3068".<sup>II</sup> After|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H0834" leave|strong="H1980"  
me|strong="H0413" today|strong="H3117",  
you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
meet|strong="H4672" two|strong="H8147"  
men|strong="H0376" near|strong="H5973"  
Rachel's|strong="H7354" tomb|strong="H6900"  
on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" bor-  
der|strong="H1366" of|strong="H1121" Ben-  
jamin|strong="H1144" at|strong="H0413"  
Zelzah|strong="H6766". The|strong="H0853"  
two|strong="H8147" men|strong="H0376"  
will|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834", ' Some-  
one|strong="H0376" found|strong="H4672"  
the|strong="H0853" donkeys|strong="H0860"  
you|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" look-  
ing|strong="H1245" for|strong="H0413".  
Your|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001" stopped  
worrying about|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0834"  
donkeys|strong="H0860". Now|strong="H2009"  
he|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" worrying  
about|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834".  
He|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" say-  
ing|strong="H0559": What|strong="H4100"  
will|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834"  
do|strong="H6213" about|strong="H0413"  
my|strong="H1245" son|strong="H1121"?"  
<sup>3</sup> Samuel said|strong="H0413", "  
Then|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5704"  
will|strong="H0430" go|strong="H0935" un-  
til|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5704"  
come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0413" large oak|strong="H0436" tree  
at|strong="H0413" Tabor|strong="H8396".

<sup>II</sup> YOU WILL CONTROL ... TRUE This is from the ancient Greek ver-  
sion.

Three |strong="H7969" men |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0430" meet |strong="H4672" you |strong="H5704" there |strong="H8033". They |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0376" on |strong="H0413" their |strong="H5375" way |strong="H5704" to |strong="H0413" worship God |strong="H0430" at |strong="H0413" Bethel |strong="H1008". One |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0376" carrying |strong="H5375" three |strong="H7969" young |strong="H1423" goats |strong="H1423". The |strong="H0413" second man |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0376" carrying |strong="H5375" three |strong="H7969" loaves |strong="H3899" of |strong="H0376" bread |strong="H3899". And |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" third |strong="H7969" man |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H0376" a |strong="H4672" leather bag full of |strong="H0376" wine |strong="H3196".<sup>4</sup> These |strong="H3947" three men |strong="H8147" will |strong="H3027" say hello to |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414". They |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3027" offer |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" two |strong="H8147" bread |strong="H3899" offerings reserved for |strong="H3027" priests,<sup>I</sup> and |strong="H3027" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3027" accept |strong="H3947" that |strong="H3027" bread |strong="H3899".<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Gibeath Elohim |strong="H0430". There |strong="H8033" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" Philistine |strong="H6430" fort in |strong="H0935" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H1116". When |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" this |strong="H3651" town |strong="H5892", a |strong="H1961" group of |strong="H0430" prophets |strong="H5030" will |strong="H0430" come |strong="H0935" out |strong="H6440". These |strong="H1992" prophets |strong="H5030" will |strong="H0430" come |strong="H0935" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" place |strong="H1116" for |strong="H8033" worship |strong="H3651".<sup>II</sup> They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" prophesying |strong="H5012".<sup>III</sup> They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0430"

<sup>I</sup> TWO BREAD OFFERINGS ... PRIESTS This is from the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran. The standard Hebrew text has "two of bread."<sup>II</sup> PLACE FOR WORSHIP Or "high places," places for worshipping God or false gods. These places were often on the hills and mountains. <sup>III</sup> PROPHECYING This usually means "speaking for God." But here, this also means that the Spirit of God took control of people, causing them to sing and dance. Also in verses 11, 13.

be |strong="H1961" playing harps |strong="H3658", tambourines |strong="H8596", flutes |strong="H2485", and |strong="H0935" lyres |strong="H3658".<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Spirit |strong="H7307" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H2015" on |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5973" great power. You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" changed |strong="H2015". You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" like |strong="H5973" a |strong="H5921" different |strong="H0312" man |strong="H0376". You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" begin to |strong="H5921" prophesy |strong="H5012" with |strong="H5973" these prophets.<sup>7</sup> After |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" happens |strong="H1961", you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" whatever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" choose to |strong="H0935" do |strong="H6213", because |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>8</sup> Go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Gilgal |strong="H1537" before |strong="H6440" me |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" there |strong="H2009" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". And |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" offer |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H0935" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". But |strong="H2009" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" wait |strong="H3176" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". Then |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" tell |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213".

#### Saul Becomes |strong="H3045" Like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Prophets

<sup>9</sup> Just |strong="H3605" as |strong="H1961" Saul |strong="H1931" turned |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0935" leave Samuel |strong="H8050", God |strong="H0430" turned |strong="H6437" Saul's life |strong="H3117" around |strong="H6437". All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" happened |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117".<sup>10</sup> When |strong="H0935" Saul |strong="H5012" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" servant came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Gibeath

Elohim|strong="H0430", Saul|strong="H5012" met|strong="H7122" a|strong="H0935" group of|strong="H0430" prophets|strong="H5030". God's|strong="H0430" Spirit|strong="H7307" came|strong="H0935" on|strong="H5921" Saul|strong="H5012" with|strong="H5921" great|strong="H0430" power, and|strong="H0935" Saul|strong="H5012" prophesied|strong="H5012" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" prophets|strong="H5030".<sup>11</sup> Some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H3605" had|strong="H1961" known|strong="H3045" Saul|strong="H7586" before|strong="H0413" saw|strong="H7200" him|strong="H0413" prophesying|strong="H5012" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030". So|strong="H1961" they|strong="H0376" asked|strong="H0559" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H2088", " What|strong="H4100" has|strong="H1961" happened|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Kish's son|strong="H1121"? Is|strong="H2088" Saul|strong="H7586" also|strong="H1571" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030"?"

<sup>12</sup> A|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" living|strong="H0376" in|strong="H5921" Gibeath Elohim said|strong="H0559", " Yes|strong="H1571", and|strong="H0376" it|strong="H5921" seems that|strong="H3651" he|strong="H8033" is|strong="H4310" their|strong="H5921" leader."<sup>1</sup> That|strong="H3651" is|strong="H4310" why|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" became|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" famous saying|strong="H0559": " Is|strong="H4310" Saul|strong="H7586" also|strong="H1571" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" prophets|strong="H5030"?"

#### **Saul|strong="H7586" Arrives Home|strong="H0001"**

<sup>13</sup> After Saul|strong="H5012" finished|strong="H3615" prophesying|strong="H5012", he|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" place|strong="H1116" of|strong="H0935" worship.

<sup>14</sup> Saul's|strong="H7586" uncle|strong="H1730" asked|strong="H0559" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H1980" his|strong="H0935" servant|strong="H5288", " Where|strong="H0575" have|strong="H0369" you|strong="H3588" been?"

Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", " We|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0369" looking|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" donkeys|strong="H0860". When|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" couldn't

<sup>1</sup> YES ... LEADER Literally, "And who is their father?" Often the man who taught and led other prophets was called "father."

find|strong="H1245" them|strong="H0413", we|strong="H3588" went|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H7200" Samuel|strong="H8050"."

<sup>15</sup> Saul's|strong="H7586" uncle|strong="H1730" said|strong="H0559", " Please|strong="H4994" tell|strong="H5046" me|strong="H4994", what|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" Samuel|strong="H8050" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5046"?"

<sup>16</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" answered|strong="H0559", " Samuel|strong="H8050" told|strong="H5046" us|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" donkeys|strong="H0860" were|strong="H0834" already found|strong="H4672". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5046" his|strong="H0834" uncle|strong="H1730" everything|strong="H0834". Saul|strong="H7586" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5046" him|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559" about|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" kingdom|strong="H4410".

#### **Samuel|strong="H8050" Announces|strong="H5046" Saul|strong="H7586" as|strong="H0834" King|strong="H4410"**

<sup>17</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" told|strong="H0413" all the|strong="H0853" Israelites to|strong="H0413" meet together|strong="H6817" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" at|strong="H0413" Mizpah|strong="H4709".<sup>18</sup> Samuel|strong="H0559" told|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478", " The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" says|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H0595" led Israel|strong="H3478" out|strong="H0413" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714". I|strong="H0595" saved|strong="H5337" you|strong="H3605" from|strong="H3478" Egypt's|strong="H4714" control|strong="H3027" and|strong="H1121" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" kingdoms|strong="H4467" that|strong="H3605" tried to|strong="H0413" hurt you|strong="H3605".<sup>19</sup> But|strong="H3588" today|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" rejected|strong="H3988" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". Your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" saves|strong="H3467" you|strong="H0859" from|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" troubles and|strong="H3068" problems|strong="H6869". But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" said|strong="H0559", ' No|strong="H3605",

we |strong="H3588" want a |strong="H3588" king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H0559" rule |strong="H4428" us |strong="H5921".  
Now |strong="H6258" come, stand |strong="H3320" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" family |strong="H0505" groups and |strong="H3068" tribes |strong="H7626".

<sup>20</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" brought |strong="H7126" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Israel |strong="H3478" near |strong="H7126". Then |strong="H0853" Samuel |strong="H8050" began |strong="H7126" to |strong="H3478" choose the |strong="H3605" new king. First, the |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Benjamin |strong="H1144" was |strong="H3478" chosen. <sup>21</sup> Samuel told each family |strong="H4940" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" tribe |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" to |strong="H1245" pass by |strong="H7126". Matri's family |strong="H4940" was |strong="H7586" chosen. Then |strong="H0853" Samuel told each man |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1121" Matri's family |strong="H4940" to |strong="H1245" walk by |strong="H7126". Saul |strong="H7586" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kish |strong="H7027" was |strong="H7586" chosen.

But |strong="H3808" when |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" looked |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3808" Saul |strong="H7586", they |strong="H3808" could not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" him |strong="H0853". <sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H2009" they |strong="H0376" asked |strong="H7592" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", "Has |strong="H3068" Saul |strong="H0559" come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2009" yet |strong="H5750"?"

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", "Saul |strong="H0559" is |strong="H3068" hiding |strong="H2244" behind the |strong="H0559" supplies."

<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" ran |strong="H7323" and |strong="H8033" took |strong="H3947" Saul out |strong="H3605" from |strong="H3947" behind the |strong="H3605" supplies. Saul stood |strong="H3320" up |strong="H3605" among |strong="H8432" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H8033" was |strong="H3605" a |strong="H3947" head taller than |strong="H3605" anyone |strong="H3605" else |strong="H3605".

<sup>24</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", "See |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605"

man |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" chosen |strong="H0977". There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" like |strong="H3644" Saul |strong="H0559" among |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

Then |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" shouted |strong="H7321", "Long |strong="H0413" live |strong="H2421" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428"!"

<sup>25</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" explained the |strong="H3605" rules of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4410" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H3068" wrote |strong="H3789" the |strong="H3605" rules in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7971" book |strong="H5612" and |strong="H3068" put |strong="H7971" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H1696" Samuel |strong="H8050" told |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H7971" home |strong="H1004".

<sup>26</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" also |strong="H1571" went |strong="H1980" to |strong="H1980" his |strong="H0834" home |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1980" Gibeah |strong="H1390". God |strong="H0430" touched |strong="H5060" the |strong="H0834" hearts |strong="H3820" of |strong="H1004" brave |strong="H2428" men |strong="H1980" who |strong="H0834" then |strong="H1980" began to |strong="H1980" follow |strong="H1980" Saul |strong="H7586". <sup>27</sup> But |strong="H3808" some troublemakers said |strong="H0559", "How |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" this |strong="H2088" man |strong="H1121" save |strong="H3467" us |strong="H0935"?" They |strong="H3808" said |strong="H0559" bad things |strong="H1961" about |strong="H1961" Saul |strong="H0559" and |strong="H1121" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" bring |strong="H0935" gifts |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0935". But |strong="H3808" Saul |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" nothing |strong="H3808".

**Nahash, King of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" Ammonites**

King Nahash of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" Ammonites had |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" hurting the |strong="H0559" tribes of |strong="H1121" Gad and |strong="H1121" Reuben. Nahash poked out |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0559" right eye of |strong="H1121"

each |strong="H2088" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" did|strong="H4100" not|strong="H3808" allow anyone to|strong="H0559" help|strong="H3467" them|strong="H0935". He|strong="H3808" poked out|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" right eye of|strong="H1121" every Israelite|strong="H3808" man|strong="H1121" living in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" area east of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" Jordan River. But|strong="H3808" 7000 Is-raelite|strong="H3808" men|strong="H1121" ran|strong="H1961" away|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" Am-monites and|strong="H1121" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" Jabesh Gilead.<sup>1</sup>

**11** About|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3772" month later, Nahash|strong="H5176" the|strong="H3605" Ammonite|strong="H5984" and|strong="H0376" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5927" surrounded Jabesh|strong="H3003" Gilead|strong="H1568". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-ple|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Jabesh|strong="H3003" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Nahash|strong="H5176", "If|strong="H0376" you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0376" make|strong="H3772" a|strong="H3772" treaty|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413", we|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0376" serve|strong="H5647" you|strong="H3605"."

<sup>2</sup> But|strong="H3225" he|strong="H5921" an-swered|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3478" make|strong="H7760" a|strong="H3772" treaty with|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5869" on-ly|strong="H3605" if|strong="H7760" I|strong="H7760" can|strong="H5869" poke out|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" right|strong="H3225" eye|strong="H5869" of|strong="H5869" each|strong="H3605" per-son|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" ashamed."

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H3117" Jabesh|strong="H3003" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Nahash, "Let|strong="H7971" us|strong="H0413" have|strong="H0369" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". We|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3478" send|strong="H7971" messen-gers|strong="H4397" through|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478". If|strong="H0518" no|strong="H0369"

one|strong="H0369" comes|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" help|strong="H3467" us|strong="H0413", we|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3478" come|strong="H3318" up|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0518" and|strong="H3478" surren-der|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0518"."

**Saul|strong="H0559" Saves|strong="H3467" Jabesh|strong="H3003" Gilead**

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3605" messengers|strong="H4397" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Gibeah|strong="H1390" where Saul|strong="H7586" lived. They|strong="H0935" told|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" news|strong="H6963" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" peo-ple|strong="H5971". The|strong="H3605" peo-ple|strong="H5971" cried|strong="H1058" loud-ly|strong="H6963".<sup>5</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" had|strong="H3588" been out|strong="H4480" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" with|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0376" oxen|strong="H1241". When|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" came|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" he|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" peo-ple|strong="H5971" crying|strong="H1058" and|strong="H0935" asked|strong="H0559", "What's|strong="H4100" wrong with|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971"? Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" they|strong="H3588" crying|strong="H1058"?"

Then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0853" peo-ple|strong="H5971" told|strong="H0559" Saul|strong="H7586" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0853" messengers|strong="H0935" from|strong="H4480" Jabesh|strong="H3003" said|strong="H0559".<sup>6</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" lis-tened|strong="H0805" to|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" story. Then|strong="H0853" God's|strong="H0430" Spirit|strong="H7307" came|strong="H7307" on|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" with|strong="H5921" great|strong="H3966" power. Saul|strong="H7586" became|strong="H2734" very|strong="H3966" an-gry|strong="H2734".<sup>7</sup> He|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" pair|strong="H6776" of|strong="H0376" ox-en|strong="H1241" and|strong="H3068" cut|strong="H5408" them|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" pieces|strong="H5408". Then|strong="H3318" he|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" pieces|strong="H5408" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" oxen|strong="H1241"

<sup>1</sup> NAHASH ... CAME TO JABESH GILEAD This is found in some ancient versions and in a Hebrew scroll from Qumran but not in the standard Hebrew text.

to|strong="H0559" messengers|strong="H4397". He|strong="H0834" ordered|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" messengers|strong="H4397" to|strong="H0559" carry|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" pieces|strong="H5408" throughout|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478". He|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0559" give|strong="H5307" this|strong="H3541" message|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478": "Come|strong="H3318" follow|strong="H0310" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H3068" Samuel|strong="H8050". If|strong="H0834" anyone|strong="H3605" doesn't come|strong="H3318" and|strong="H3068" help|strong="H5971" them|strong="H5921", this|strong="H3541" same|strong="H0259" thing|strong="H0259" will|strong="H3068" happen to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3605" oxen|strong="H1241"."

A|strong="H3947" great|strong="H6343" fear|strong="H6343" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H3318" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". They|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" came|strong="H3318" together|strong="H0259" like|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0259" person|strong="H0376". <sup>8</sup> Saul gathered|strong="H6485" the|strong="H1961" men|strong="H0376" together at|strong="H3478" Bezek|strong="H0966". There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" 300,000 men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" 30,000 men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" Judah|strong="H3063".

<sup>9</sup> Saul|strong="H0559" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H1961" army told|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0559" messengers|strong="H4397" from|strong="H0935" Jabesh|strong="H3003", "Tell|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0376" at|strong="H1961" Jabesh|strong="H3003" in|strong="H0935" Gilead|strong="H1568" that|strong="H0559" by|strong="H0935" noon tomorrow|strong="H4279", you|strong="H5046" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" saved."

The|strong="H0559" messengers|strong="H4397" told|strong="H5046" Saul's message to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0376" at|strong="H1961" Jabesh|strong="H3003", and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1961" very|strong="H8055" happy|strong="H8055". <sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376"

Jabesh|strong="H3003" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Nahash the|strong="H3605" Ammonite, "Tomorrow|strong="H4279" we|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0376" come|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605", and|strong="H5869" you|strong="H3605" can|strong="H6213" do|strong="H6213" whatever|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" want to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413"."

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" next|strong="H4283" morning|strong="H1242" Saul|strong="H7586" separated his|strong="H7760" soldiers|strong="H5971" into|strong="H0935" three|strong="H7969" groups|strong="H7218". At|strong="H3117" sunrise, Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H7760" soldiers|strong="H5971" entered|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Ammonite|strong="H5983" camp|strong="H4264". Saul|strong="H7586" attacked|strong="H5221" while|strong="H5704" they|strong="H3117" were|strong="H1961" changing guards that|strong="H3117" morning|strong="H1242". He|strong="H5704" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H7760" soldiers|strong="H5971" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983" before|strong="H5704" noon|strong="H3117". The|strong="H0853" Ammonite|strong="H5983" soldiers|strong="H5971" all|strong="H3162" ran|strong="H1961" away|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" different directions— no|strong="H3808" two|strong="H8147" soldiers|strong="H5971" stayed together|strong="H3162".

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Samuel|strong="H8050", "Where|strong="H0413" are|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H4310" said|strong="H0559" they|strong="H5921" didn't want Saul|strong="H7586" to|strong="H0413" rule|strong="H4427" as|strong="H0376" king|strong="H4427"? Bring|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" here|strong="H4191", and|strong="H0376" we|strong="H4191" will|strong="H4310" kill|strong="H4191" them|strong="H0413"."

<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3588" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "No|strong="H3808", don't|strong="H3808" kill|strong="H4191" anyone|strong="H0376" today|strong="H3117"! The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" saved Israel|strong="H3478" today|strong="H3117"."

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971", "Come, let's go to|strong="H0413" Gilgal|strong="H1537"."

At|strong="H0413" Gilgal|strong="H1537" we|strong="H8033" will|strong="H8033" again make Saul|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4410".

<sup>15</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" went|strong="H0376" to|strong="H5704" Gilgal|strong="H1537". There|strong="H8033" in|strong="H3068" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" made|strong="H8055" Saul|strong="H7586" king|strong="H4427". They|strong="H8033" offered|strong="H2076" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H3068" a|strong="H2076" great|strong="H3966" celebration.

### Samuel Speaks About the King

**12** Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478": " I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H3605" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" wanted me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H3605". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" put a|strong="H8085" king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834". <sup>2</sup> Now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H6440" have|strong="H1121" a|strong="H2088" king|strong="H4428" to|strong="H5704" lead|strong="H1980" you|strong="H6440". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" old|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1980" gray|strong="H7867", but|strong="H2009" my|strong="H6258" sons|strong="H1121" are|strong="H3117" here|strong="H2009" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H6440". I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H1121" been|strong="H6258" your|strong="H6440" leader since|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H4428" young|strong="H1121". <sup>3</sup> Here|strong="H2005" I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H3068". If|strong="H2005" I|strong="H2005" have|strong="H5869" done|strong="H3027" anything wrong, you|strong="H7725" must|strong="H0853" tell these|strong="H3947" things to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3947" chosen|strong="H3947" king. <sup>1</sup> Did I|strong="H2005" steal|strong="H3947" anyone's ox|strong="H7794"

<sup>1</sup> CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one." Also in verse 5.

or|strong="H2543" donkey|strong="H2543"? Did I|strong="H2005" hurt or|strong="H2543" cheat anyone|strong="H2005"? Did I|strong="H2005" ever|strong="H7725" take|strong="H3947" money, or|strong="H2543" even|strong="H0853" a|strong="H3947" pair of|strong="H3068" sandals, to|strong="H7725" do|strong="H4310" something wrong? If|strong="H2005" I|strong="H2005" did any of|strong="H3068" these|strong="H3947" things, I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7725" it|strong="H7725" right|strong="H5869".

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0559" Israelites answered|strong="H0559", " No|strong="H3808", you|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" anything|strong="H3972" bad to|strong="H0559" us|strong="H0559". You|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" cheated us|strong="H0559" or|strong="H3808" took|strong="H3947" things|strong="H3808" from|strong="H0376" us|strong="H0559".

<sup>5</sup> Samuel|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H2088", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" chosen|strong="H4899" king are|strong="H3117" witnesses|strong="H5707" today|strong="H3117". They|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H3588" what|strong="H2088" you|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559"— that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" found|strong="H4672" nothing|strong="H3808" wrong with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808" answered|strong="H0559", " Yes|strong="H3588", the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" witness|strong="H5707"! "

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971", " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" seen what|strong="H0834" happened. He|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" chose|strong="H6213" Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H5927" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" out|strong="H0413" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714". <sup>7</sup> Now|strong="H6258", stand|strong="H3320" there|strong="H3068". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" accuse you|strong="H0834" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" about|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" good

things |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H6213"  
for |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834"  
and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" ances-  
tors |strong="H0001".

<sup>8</sup> " Jacob |strong="H3290" went |strong="H3318"  
to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". Later,  
the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714"  
made |strong="H0834" life hard for |strong="H0413"  
his |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H3318".  
So |strong="H7971" they |strong="H0834"  
cried |strong="H2199" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
for |strong="H0413" help. The |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971"  
Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H0935"  
Aaron |strong="H0175", and |strong="H0935"  
they |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3318"  
your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001"  
out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3068"  
Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H0935"  
led |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H2088"  
place |strong="H4725".

<sup>9</sup> " But |strong="H4428" your |strong="H3068" ances-  
tors forgot |strong="H7911" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0430". So |strong="H3027"  
he |strong="H0430" let them |strong="H0853" become  
the |strong="H0853" slaves of |strong="H4428" Sis-  
era |strong="H5516", the |strong="H0853" comman-  
der |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428"  
the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H6635"  
at |strong="H3068" Hazor |strong="H2674".  
Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853"  
Lord |strong="H3068" let them |strong="H0853" be-  
come the |strong="H0853" slaves of |strong="H4428"  
the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430"  
and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428"  
Moab |strong="H4124". They |strong="H3068" all  
fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H3027"  
your |strong="H3068" ancestors. <sup>10</sup>

But |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3068" ancestors  
cried |strong="H2199" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
for |strong="H3588" help. They |strong="H3588"  
said |strong="H0559", ' We |strong="H3588"  
have |strong="H3068" sinned |strong="H2398".  
We |strong="H3588" left |strong="H5800"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068",  
and |strong="H3068" we |strong="H3588"  
served |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" false  
gods Baal |strong="H1168" and |strong="H3068" Ash-  
toreth. But |strong="H3588" now |strong="H6258"

II AND I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT This is from the ancient Greek ver-  
sion.

save |strong="H5337" us |strong="H0413"  
from |strong="H3027" our |strong="H3068" ene-  
mies |strong="H0341", and |strong="H3068"  
we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068"  
serve |strong="H5647" you |strong="H3588".'

<sup>11</sup> " So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971"  
Gideon |strong="H7971", <sup>I</sup> Barak |strong="H0917", <sup>II</sup>  
Jephthah |strong="H3316", and |strong="H3068"  
Samuel |strong="H8050". <sup>III</sup> He |strong="H3068"  
saved |strong="H5337" you |strong="H7971"  
from |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3068" ene-  
mies |strong="H0341" around |strong="H5439"  
you |strong="H7971", and |strong="H3068"  
you |strong="H7971" lived |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" safety |strong="H0983". <sup>12</sup>  
But |strong="H3588" then |strong="H0935"  
you |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200"  
King |strong="H4428" Nahash |strong="H5176"  
of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" Am-  
monites |strong="H5983" coming |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0559" fight against |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H3588". You |strong="H3588"  
said |strong="H0559", ' No |strong="H3808",  
we |strong="H3588" want a |strong="H3588"  
king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H0559"  
rule |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921"  
us |strong="H5921"! You |strong="H3588"  
said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588",  
even |strong="H3588" though |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
was |strong="H3068" already your |strong="H3068"  
king |strong="H4428". <sup>13</sup> Now |strong="H6258",  
here |strong="H2009" is |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428"  
you |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977".  
The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068"  
put |strong="H5414" this |strong="H6258"  
king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H0834". <sup>14</sup> You |strong="H0859"  
must |strong="H0853" fear |strong="H3372"  
and |strong="H3068" respect |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".  
You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853"  
serve |strong="H5647" him |strong="H5921"  
and |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085"  
his |strong="H5921" commands. You |strong="H0859"  
must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808"  
turn |strong="H1961" against |strong="H5921"  
him |strong="H5921". You |strong="H0859"  
and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428" ruling over |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" fol-

I GIDEON Literally, "Jerub-Baal," a nickname given to Gideon ear-  
lier. (See Judges 6:32). II BARAK This is found in the ancient Greek  
and Syriac versions. The Hebrew has "Bedan." III SAMUEL The Syri-  
ac version and some copies of the Greek version have "Samson."



low|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430". If|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H0859" do|strong="H5647",  
God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" save  
you|strong="H0859". <sup>15</sup> But|strong="H0518"  
if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518"  
don't|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H8085"  
LORD|strong="H3068", if|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H0518" refuse|strong="H3808"  
to|strong="H1961" do|strong="H0518"  
what|strong="H6963" the|strong="H8085"  
LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H6310",  
he|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1961" against|strong="H0854"  
you|strong="H0518". The|strong="H8085"  
LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" destroy  
you|strong="H0518" and|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" king.

<sup>16</sup> " Now|strong="H6258" stand|strong="H3320"  
still|strong="H1571" and|strong="H3068"  
see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853"  
great|strong="H1419" thing|strong="H1697"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" be-  
fore|strong="H5869" your|strong="H3068"  
eyes|strong="H5869". <sup>17</sup> Now|strong="H3117"  
is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834"  
time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H4428"  
the|strong="H0834" wheat|strong="H2406" har-  
vest|strong="H7105". <sup>II</sup> I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" pray|strong="H7592"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834"  
LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068"  
ask|strong="H7592" him|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" send|strong="H5414" thun-  
der|strong="H6963" and|strong="H3068"  
rain|strong="H4306". Then|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"  
know|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0834"  
did|strong="H6213" a|strong="H3588"  
very|strong="H7227" bad|strong="H7451"  
thing|strong="H3588" against|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068"  
when|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834"  
asked|strong="H7592" for|strong="H3588"  
a|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428".

<sup>18</sup> So|strong="H7121" Samuel|strong="H8050"  
prayed|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".  
That|strong="H3605" same|strong="H1931"  
day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H5414" thun-  
der|strong="H6963" and|strong="H3068"

I IF YOU DO, GOD WILL SAVE YOU This is from the ancient Greek version. II TIME OF ... HARVEST This was the dry time of year when no rains fell.

rain|strong="H4306". And|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" became  
very|strong="H3966" afraid|strong="H3372"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068"  
Samuel|strong="H8050". <sup>19</sup> All|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
Samuel|strong="H8050", " Pray|strong="H6419"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430" for|strong="H3588"  
us|strong="H0413", your|strong="H3068" ser-  
vants|strong="H5650". Don't|strong="H0408"  
let|strong="H0408" us|strong="H0413"  
die|strong="H4191"! We|strong="H3588"  
have|strong="H5650" sinned|strong="H2403" many  
times. And|strong="H3068" now|strong="H3588"  
we|strong="H3588" have|strong="H5650"  
added|strong="H3254" to|strong="H0413"  
these|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2403"—  
we|strong="H3588" have|strong="H5650"  
asked|strong="H7592" for|strong="H3588"  
a|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428".

<sup>20</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " Don't|strong="H0408"  
be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372".  
It|strong="H6213" is|strong="H3068"  
true|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3605"  
you|strong="H0859" did|strong="H6213"  
all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H2063"  
bad|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605",  
but|strong="H0389" don't|strong="H0408"  
stop|strong="H5493" following|strong="H0310"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".  
Serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" with|strong="H0413"  
all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068"  
heart|strong="H3824". <sup>21</sup> Idols are|strong="H0834"  
only|strong="H5337" statues— they|strong="H1992"  
can't|strong="H3808" help|strong="H3276"  
you|strong="H0834". So|strong="H3808"  
don't|strong="H3808" worship them|strong="H1992".  
Idols can't|strong="H3808" help|strong="H3276"  
you|strong="H0834" or|strong="H3808"  
save|strong="H5337" you|strong="H0834".  
They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H0834" noth-  
ing|strong="H3808"!

<sup>22</sup> " But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" won't|strong="H3808"  
leave|strong="H5203" his|strong="H3068" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971". No|strong="H3808",  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
was|strong="H8034" pleased|strong="H2974"  
to|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213"  
you|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" own peo-  
ple|strong="H5971". So|strong="H6213"  
for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" own good

name |strong="H8034", he |strong="H3588" won't |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H5203" you |strong="H3588". <sup>23</sup> And |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3068" for |strong="H1157" me |strong="H1157", I |strong="H0595" would |strong="H3068" never |strong="H2308" stop |strong="H2308" praying |strong="H6419" for |strong="H1157" you |strong="H0853". If |strong="H2398" I |strong="H0595" stopped |strong="H2308" praying |strong="H6419" for |strong="H1157" you |strong="H0853", I |strong="H0595" would |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1571" sinning |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3068" continue to |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3384" you |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" right |strong="H3477" way |strong="H1870" to |strong="H3068" live |strong="H1870" a |strong="H1571" good |strong="H2896" life. <sup>24</sup> But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" honor the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" serve |strong="H5647" him |strong="H0853" sincerely with |strong="H5973" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824". Remember the |strong="H3605" wonderful things |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H3605" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834". <sup>25</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1571" stubborn and |strong="H4428" do |strong="H0518" evil |strong="H7489", God will |strong="H4428" throw you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H4428" your |strong="H0518" king |strong="H4428" away |strong="H5595", like dirt swept |strong="H5595" out with |strong="H4428" a |strong="H0518" broom."

### Saul Makes His First Mistake

**13** <sup>I</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" was |strong="H3478" 30 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H5921" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H5921" ruled |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478" 42 years |strong="H8141". <sup>II</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" chose |strong="H0977" 3000 men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478". There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" 2000 men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" stayed

I 30 This first number and part of the second number in this verse are missing in the Hebrew text. The whole verse is missing from most copies of the ancient Greek version, but a few late Greek copies have the numbers 30 and 42. Acts 13:21 says that Saul was king for forty years. II HE RULED ... 42 YEARS Or "After he had ruled over Israel for 2 years, ...."

with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H7971" at |strong="H3478" Micmash |strong="H4363" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1961" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0376" Bethel |strong="H1008". There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" 1000 men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" stayed with |strong="H5973" Jonathan |strong="H3129" at |strong="H3478" Gibeah |strong="H1390" in |strong="H3478" Benjamin |strong="H1144". Saul |strong="H7586" sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H1961" other |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1961" army |strong="H5971" back home |strong="H0168".

<sup>3</sup> Jonathan |strong="H3129" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430" at |strong="H7586" their |strong="H3605" camp in |strong="H0776" Geba |strong="H1387". The |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430" heard |strong="H0805" about |strong="H0805" this |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "The |strong="H3605" Hebrews |strong="H5680" have |strong="H0834" rebelled." <sup>III</sup>

Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559", "Let the |strong="H3605" Hebrew |strong="H5680" people |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H0805" what |strong="H0834" happened." So |strong="H0834" Saul |strong="H7586" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0559" blow |strong="H8628" trumpets |strong="H7782" through |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Israel. <sup>4</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" heard |strong="H0805" this |strong="H3605" news |strong="H0559". "Saul |strong="H7586" has |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" Philistine |strong="H6430" leader. Now |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430" will |strong="H3478" really |strong="H0559" hate the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478"!"

The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" called |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" join Saul |strong="H7586" at |strong="H3478" Gilgal |strong="H1537". <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0834" Philistines |strong="H6430" gathered |strong="H0622" to |strong="H5921" fight |strong="H3898" Israel |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0834" Philistines |strong="H6430" camped |strong="H2583" at |strong="H2583" Micmash |strong="H4363", east |strong="H6926" of |strong="H5921" Beth Aven. They |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" 3000 <sup>IV</sup> chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H3478" 6000 horse sol-

III THEY SAID ... REBELLED This is from the ancient Greek version.

diers|strong="H5971". There|strong="H5927" were|strong="H0834" so|strong="H5927" many|strong="H7230" Philistines|strong="H6430" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" like|strong="H0834" sand|strong="H2344" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" seashore|strong="H3220".

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3588" Israelites|strong="H3478" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H3478" in|strong="H3478" trouble|strong="H6862". They|strong="H3588" felt trapped. They|strong="H3588" ran away to|strong="H3478" hide|strong="H2244" in|strong="H3478" caves|strong="H4631" and|strong="H3478" cracks in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3588" rock|strong="H5553". They|strong="H3588" hid|strong="H2244" among|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3588" rocks|strong="H5553", in|strong="H3478" wells, and|strong="H3478" in|strong="H3478" other|strong="H0376" holes in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3588" ground. <sup>7</sup> Some|strong="H3605" Hebrews|strong="H5680" even|strong="H5750" went across|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3605" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Gad|strong="H1410" and|strong="H0776" Gilead|strong="H1568". Saul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H0776" still|strong="H5750" at|strong="H3383" Gilgal|strong="H1537". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0776" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5971" were|strong="H0776" shaking with|strong="H0776" fear|strong="H2729".

<sup>8</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" said he|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0834" meet Saul at|strong="H5921" Gilgal|strong="H1537". Saul waited|strong="H3176" there|strong="H0834" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". But|strong="H3808" Samuel|strong="H8050" had|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" yet|strong="H5921" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Gilgal|strong="H1537", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" soldiers|strong="H5971" began|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" leave Saul. <sup>9</sup> So|strong="H5927" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "Bring|strong="H5927" me|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H7586" the|strong="H0559" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002". Then|strong="H0559" Saul|strong="H7586" offered|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0559" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927". <sup>10</sup> As|strong="H1961" soon

as|strong="H1961" Saul|strong="H7586" finished|strong="H3615" offering|strong="H5927" that|strong="H1961" sacrifice, Samuel|strong="H8050" arrived|strong="H0935". Saul|strong="H7586" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0935" meet|strong="H7122" him|strong="H0935".

<sup>11</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" asked|strong="H0559", "What|strong="H4100" have|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" done|strong="H6213"?"

Saul|strong="H7586" answered|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H3588" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0559" soldiers|strong="H5971" leaving me|strong="H5921". You|strong="H0859" were|strong="H6430" not|strong="H3808" here|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" time|strong="H3117", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" Philistines|strong="H6430" were|strong="H6430" gathering|strong="H0622" at|strong="H5921" Micmash|strong="H4363". <sup>12</sup> I|strong="H6258" thought|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" myself, 'The|strong="H0559" Philistines|strong="H6430" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H5927" here|strong="H6258" and|strong="H3068" attack|strong="H5927" me|strong="H0413" at|strong="H0413" Gilgal|strong="H1537", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H6258" haven't|strong="H3808" asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" help us|strong="H0413" yet|strong="H6258".

So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H6258" forced|strong="H0662" myself to|strong="H0413" offer|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0559" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927"."

<sup>13</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559", "You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" foolish|strong="H5528" thing|strong="H3588". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H3559" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3478" have|strong="H0834" let|strong="H6258" your|strong="H3068" family rule|strong="H4467" Israel|strong="H3478" forever|strong="H5769". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="H3588" now|strong="H6258" your|strong="H3068" kingdom|strong="H4467" won't|strong="H3808" continue|strong="H6965". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0834" looking|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" wants to|strong="H5921"

IV 3000 This is found in some copies of the ancient Greek version and the Syriac version. The standard Hebrew text has "30,000."

obey|strong="H8104" him|strong="H5921".<sup>I</sup> He|strong="H0834" has|strong="H3068" found that|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376"—and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" chosen him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" new leader|strong="H5057" of|strong="H0376" his|strong="H8104" people|strong="H5971", because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" didn't|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" command|strong="H6680".<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Samuel|strong="H8050" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H5927" and|strong="H6965" left|strong="H4672" Gilgal|strong="H1537".

### The|strong="H0853" Battle at|strong="H8050" Micmash

Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" rest of|strong="H0376" his|strong="H0376" army|strong="H5971" left|strong="H4672" Gilgal|strong="H1537"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="H6965" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0376" Gibeah|strong="H1390" in|strong="H0376" Benjamin|strong="H1144". Saul|strong="H7586" counted|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" were|strong="H0376" still with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0853". There|strong="H5927" were|strong="H0376" about|strong="H4480" 600.<sup>16</sup> Saul|strong="H7586", his|strong="H4672" son|strong="H1121" Jonathan|strong="H3129", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" soldiers|strong="H5971" went to|strong="H1121" Geba|strong="H1387" in|strong="H3427" Benjamin|strong="H1144".

The|strong="H5973" Philistines|strong="H6430" were|strong="H1121" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Micmash|strong="H4363".<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H3318" their|strong="H0413" best|strong="H7218" soldiers began the|strong="H0413" attack. The|strong="H0413" Philistine|strong="H6430" army|strong="H4264" split into|strong="H0413" three|strong="H7969" groups|strong="H7218". One|strong="H0259" group went|strong="H3318" north on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H0413" Ophrah|strong="H6084", near Shual|strong="H7777".<sup>18</sup> The|strong="H5921" second group went southeast on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H5921" Beth Horon, and|strong="H7218" the|strong="H5921" third group went east

<sup>I</sup> A MAN WHO WANTS TO OBEY HIM Literally, "a man according to his heart." This could also mean "a man of his own choosing."<sup>II</sup> SAUL AND THE REST OF HIS ARMY LEFT GILGAL This is found in the ancient Greek version but not in the standard Hebrew text.

on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" road|strong="H1870" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" border|strong="H1366". That|strong="H6437" road|strong="H1870" looks|strong="H8259" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Valley|strong="H1516" of|strong="H7218" Zeboim|strong="H6650" toward|strong="H1870" the|strong="H5921" desert|strong="H4057".

<sup>19</sup> There|strong="H4672" were|strong="H3478" no|strong="H3808" blacksmiths|strong="H2796" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" would|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" allow them|strong="H4672" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H3478" afraid the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" would|strong="H3478" make|strong="H6213" iron swords|strong="H2719" and|strong="H3478" spears|strong="H2595".<sup>20</sup> Only|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" could|strong="H0376" sharpen|strong="H3913" iron tools. So|strong="H3381" if|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" needed to|strong="H3381" sharpen|strong="H3913" their|strong="H3605" plows, hoes, axes|strong="H7134", or|strong="H0376" sickles, they|strong="H0376" had|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3381" go|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430".<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H1961" Philistine blacksmiths charged 1/3 ounce<sup>III</sup> of|strong="H6310" silver for|strong="H1961" sharpening plows and|strong="H6310" hoes and|strong="H6310" 1/6 ounce<sup>IV</sup> of|strong="H6310" silver for|strong="H1961" sharpening picks, axes|strong="H7134", and|strong="H6310" the|strong="H1961" iron tip on|strong="H1961" ox goads.<sup>22</sup> So|strong="H1961" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" battle|strong="H4421", none|strong="H3808" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Israelite|strong="H3808" soldiers|strong="H4421" with|strong="H0854" Saul|strong="H7586" had|strong="H0834" iron swords|strong="H2719" or|strong="H3808" spears|strong="H2595". Only|strong="H3605" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" Jonathan|strong="H3129" had|strong="H0834" such|strong="H0834" weapons|strong="H4421".<sup>23</sup> A|strong="H3318" group of|strong="H0413" Philistine|strong="H6430" soldiers guarded the|strong="H0413" mountain pass at|strong="H0413" Micmash|strong="H4363".

<sup>III</sup> 1/3 OUNCE Literally, "1 pim "1/3 shekel" (3.8 g).

<sup>IV</sup> 1/6 OUNCE Literally,

## Jonathan Attacks the Philistines

**14** That day, Saul's son Jonathan was talking with the young man who his weapons. Jonathan said, "Let's go to the Philistine camp on the other side of the valley." But Jonathan did not tell his father.

<sup>2</sup> Saul was sitting under a pomegranate tree at the threshing floor at the edge of the hill. Saul had about 600 men with him. <sup>3</sup> One of the men named Ahijah was a son of Icha-bod's brother Ahitub was the son of Phinehas. Phinehas was the son of Eli had the LORD'S Shiloh. Now Ahijah the priest who wore the ephod.

These men did not know Jonathan left was planning to

I AT THE THRESHING FLOOR Or "in Migron." II EDGE OF THE HILL Or "the edge of Gibeah."

go through a pass to the Philistine camp. There was a large rock on each side of the pass. The large rock on one side was named Bozez. The large rock on the other side was named Seneh. <sup>5</sup> One of the rocks faced north toward Mic-mash, and the other faced south toward Geba.

<sup>6</sup> Jonathan said to his young helper who carried his weapons, "Come on, let's go to the camp of those foreigners. Maybe the LORD will use us to defeat them. Nothing can stop the LORD—it doesn't matter if we have soldiers or just a few soldiers."

<sup>7</sup> The young man who Jonathan's weapons said to him, "Do what you think is best. Whatever you decide, I am with you."

III FOREIGNERS Literally, "uncircumcised." This means people who did not share in the agreement God made with Israel. See "circumcise, circumcision" in the Word List.

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605".

<sup>8</sup> Jonathan |strong="H3083" said |strong="H0559", "Let's go |strong="H1540"! We'll cross |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0559" valley and |strong="H0376" go |strong="H1540" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Philistine guards. We'll let |strong="H1540" them |strong="H0413" see |strong="H2009" us |strong="H0413". <sup>9</sup> If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413", ' Stay |strong="H5975" there |strong="H5927" until |strong="H5704" we |strong="H0518" come |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0518"; we |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" stay |strong="H5975" where |strong="H8478" we |strong="H0518" are |strong="H5975". We |strong="H0518" won't |strong="H3808" go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". <sup>10</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0559" Philistine men |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559", ' Come |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" here |strong="H2088"; then |strong="H2088" we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" climb |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H5414". That |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3588" sign |strong="H0226" from |strong="H5921" God |strong="H3068". That |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" mean that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" allow |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414"."

<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H4480" Jonathan |strong="H0559" and |strong="H8033" his |strong="H0834" helper let |strong="H1540" the |strong="H0559" Philistines |strong="H6430" see |strong="H2009" them |strong="H0413". The |strong="H0559" Philistine |strong="H6430" guards said |strong="H0559", " Look |strong="H2009"! The |strong="H0559" Hebrews |strong="H5680" are |strong="H0834" coming |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" holes |strong="H2356" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" hiding |strong="H2244" in |strong="H0413"." <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853" Philistines in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" fort shouted |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" Jonathan |strong="H3129" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5414" helper, " Come |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" here. We'll teach |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" lesson."

Jonathan |strong="H3129" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5414" helper, " Follow |strong="H0310" me |strong="H0413" up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" hill. The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" letting Israel |strong="H3478" defeat |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Philistines."

<sup>13</sup> So Jonathan climbed up the hill with his hands and feet, and his helper was right behind him. Jonathan and his helper attacked them. In the first attack, they killed 20 Philistines in an area about one-half acre in size. Jonathan fought the men who attacked from the front. His helper came behind him and killed the men who were only wounded.

<sup>15</sup> Great |strong="H0430" fear |strong="H2729" spread among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" Philistine soldiers |strong="H5971"— those |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" field |strong="H7704", in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" camp |strong="H4264", and |strong="H0430" at |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" fort. Even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3605" bravest soldiers |strong="H5971" were |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H2729". The |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" shake |strong="H7264", and |strong="H0430" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1961" completely |strong="H3605" overcome with |strong="H0430" fear |strong="H2729".

<sup>16</sup> Saul's |strong="H7586" guards at |strong="H7200" Gibeah |strong="H1390" in |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" land of |strong="H1995" Benjamin |strong="H1144" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" Philistine soldiers running away |strong="H4127" in |strong="H7200" different ways. <sup>17</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" army |strong="H5971" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H0854", " Count |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H5971". I |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H0559" know |strong="H0854" who |strong="H0834" left |strong="H1980" camp."

They |strong="H0834" counted |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H5971". Jonathan |strong="H3129" and |strong="H1980" his |strong="H5375" helper were |strong="H0834" gone |strong="H1980".

<sup>18</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Ahijah |strong="H0281", " Bring |strong="H5066" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box!" ( At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box was |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" with |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478".) <sup>19</sup> Saul |strong="H7586"

was talking Ahijah the priest waiting for God's advice from God. But the noise and confusion in the Philistine camp was growing and Saul's growing was becoming impatient. Finally, he said to Ahijah the priest, "That's enough." Put your hand down and stop praying."

<sup>20</sup> Saul gathered his army together and went to the battle. The Philistine soldiers were very confused. They were even fighting each other with swords. <sup>21</sup> There were Hebrews who served the Philistines in the past and who stayed in the Philistine camp. But now these Hebrews joined the Israelites with Saul and Jonathan. <sup>22</sup> All the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard the Philistine soldiers running away. So these Israelites also joined in the battle

I The ancient Greek and Latin versions have "Saul said to Ahijah, 'Bring the ephod!' (At that time Ahijah was wearing the ephod.)"

and began chasing the Philistines.

<sup>23</sup> So the LORD saved the Israelites that day. The battle moved on past Beth Aven. The whole army was with Saul now— he had about 10,000 men. The battle spread to every city in the hill country of Ephraim. <sup>I</sup>

### Saul Makes Another Mistake

<sup>24</sup> But Saul made a big mistake that day. He made this oath: "If any man eats food before evening, before I finish defeating my enemies, he will be under a curse." He made the soldiers promise not to eat. So none of them ate anything.

<sup>25</sup> Because of the fighting, the people went into some woods. Then they saw a honeycomb on the ground. The Israelites went up to the honeycomb, but they didn't eat any of it. They were afraid to break the promise. <sup>27</sup> But Jonathan didn't know about the oath. He didn't hear his father's make the soldiers

I THE WHOLE ARMY ... EPHRAIM This is from the ancient Greek version. II BUT SAUL ... THAT DAY This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "The Israelites were very tired and hungry that day."

diers |strong="H5971" promise |strong="H7650" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" eat. Jonathan |strong="H3129" had |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7200" stick in |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7725" hand |strong="H3027", so |strong="H7971" he |strong="H0834" dipped |strong="H2881" the |strong="H0853" end |strong="H7097" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" stick into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" honeycomb |strong="H3295" and |strong="H3027" pulled out |strong="H7971" some |strong="H5971" honey |strong="H1706". He |strong="H0834" ate the |strong="H0853" honey |strong="H1706" and |strong="H3027" began to |strong="H0413" feel |strong="H5869" much |strong="H3027" better |strong="H3027".

<sup>28</sup> One |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" soldiers |strong="H0376" told |strong="H0559" Jonathan |strong="H0559", "Your |strong="H0834" father |strong="H0001" forced the |strong="H0853" soldiers |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" make a |strong="H0834" special promise |strong="H7650". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" any |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" eats |strong="H0398" today |strong="H3117" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" under |strong="H7650" a |strong="H0834" curse |strong="H0779". So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0398" eaten |strong="H0398" anything |strong="H3899". That's |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" weak."

<sup>29</sup> Jonathan |strong="H3129" said |strong="H0559", "My |strong="H7200" father |strong="H0001" has |strong="H0776" brought |strong="H5916" a |strong="H3588" lot of |strong="H0776" trouble |strong="H5916" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". See |strong="H7200" how |strong="H3588" much better I |strong="H3588" feel |strong="H5869" after |strong="H3588" tasting just |strong="H2088" a |strong="H3588" little |strong="H4592" of |strong="H0776" this |strong="H2088" honey |strong="H1706". <sup>30</sup> It |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3863" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H6258" much |strong="H7235" better for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0834" men |strong="H5971" to |strong="H3117" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0834" food |strong="H0398" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0398" from |strong="H3117" their |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H0341" today |strong="H3117". We |strong="H3588" could |strong="H5971"

have |strong="H0834" killed more |strong="H0637" Philistines |strong="H6430"."

<sup>31</sup> That |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5221" Israelites defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H5221" Philistines |strong="H6430". They |strong="H3117" fought them |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5221" way from |strong="H3117" Micmash |strong="H4363" to |strong="H3117" Ajalon |strong="H0357". So |strong="H3966" the |strong="H5221" people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H6430" very |strong="H3966" tired |strong="H5774" and |strong="H3117" hungry. <sup>32</sup> They |strong="H5921" had |strong="H1121" taken |strong="H3947" sheep |strong="H6629", cattle |strong="H1241", and |strong="H1121" calves |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Philistines. Now they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1121" so |strong="H6213" hungry that |strong="H0776" they |strong="H5921" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H5921" animals on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H0776" and |strong="H1121" ate |strong="H0398" them |strong="H0413". And |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" was |strong="H0776" still in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" animals.

<sup>33</sup> Someone said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586", "Look |strong="H2009", the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H5971" are |strong="H3117" sinning |strong="H2398" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". They're eating |strong="H0398" meat that |strong="H3117" still |strong="H0559" has |strong="H3068" blood |strong="H1818" in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921"!"

Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559", "You |strong="H5921" have |strong="H3068" sinned |strong="H2398". Roll |strong="H1556" a |strong="H5921" large |strong="H1419" stone |strong="H0068" over |strong="H5921" here |strong="H2009" now |strong="H2009"!" <sup>34</sup> Then |strong="H2088" Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559", "Go |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" each |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376" must |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H5066" his |strong="H3605" bull |strong="H7794" and |strong="H3068" sheep |strong="H7716" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" must |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H7819" their |strong="H3605" bulls |strong="H7794"



and|strong="H3068" sheep|strong="H7716" here|strong="H2088". Don't|strong="H3808" sin|strong="H2398" against|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"! Don't|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" meat that|strong="H3605" still|strong="H0559" has|strong="H3068" blood|strong="H1818" in|strong="H0413" it|strong="H0398".

That|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915" everyone|strong="H3605" brought|strong="H5066" their|strong="H3605" animals and|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H7819" them|strong="H0413" there|strong="H8033".<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Saul|strong="H7586" built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Saul|strong="H7586" himself began|strong="H2490" building|strong="H1129" that|strong="H3068" altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>36</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "Let's go|strong="H3381" after|strong="H0310" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" tonight|strong="H3915". We|strong="H5704" will|strong="H0430" take|strong="H0962" everything|strong="H3605" from|strong="H3381" them|strong="H0413". We|strong="H5704" will|strong="H0430" kill them|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605"."

The|strong="H3605" army answered|strong="H0559", "Do|strong="H6213" whatever|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" think|strong="H5869" is|strong="H0430" best|strong="H2896"."

But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" said|strong="H0559", "Let's ask|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430"."

<sup>37</sup> So|strong="H5414" Saul|strong="H7586" asked|strong="H7592" God|strong="H0430", "Should|strong="H3478" I|strong="H5414" go|strong="H3381" chase the|strong="H5414" Philistines|strong="H6430"? Will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H5414" let|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" Philistines|strong="H6430"? But|strong="H3808" God|strong="H0430" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030" Saul|strong="H7586" that|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117".

<sup>38</sup> So|strong="H1961" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "Bring|strong="H5066" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaders to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H7200"! Let's find|strong="H3045" who|strong="H3605" committed|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" sin|strong="H2403" today|strong="H3117".<sup>39</sup> I|strong="H3588" swear|strong="H3588"

by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" who|strong="H3605" saves|strong="H3467" Israel|strong="H3478", that|strong="H3588" even|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" my|strong="H3605" own son|strong="H1121" Jonathan|strong="H3129" sinned, he|strong="H3588" must|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191". None|strong="H0369" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" said|strong="H6030" a|strong="H3588" word.

<sup>40</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478", "You|strong="H0859" stand on|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3605" side|strong="H5676". I|strong="H0589" and|strong="H1121" my|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" Jonathan|strong="H3129" will|strong="H1961" stand on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0259" side|strong="H5676"."

The|strong="H3605" soldiers|strong="H5971" answered|strong="H0559", "As|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" wish, sir."

<sup>41</sup> Then|strong="H3318" Saul|strong="H7586" prayed|strong="H0559", "LORD|strong="H3068", God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", why haven't you|strong="H0413" answered|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" today? Show us|strong="H0413" who|strong="H3068" sinned. If it|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0559" or|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" son Jonathan|strong="H3129", give|strong="H3051" Urim. But|strong="H0559" if it|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478" who|strong="H3068" sinned, give|strong="H3051" Thummim."<sup>I</sup>

Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H3068" Jonathan|strong="H3129" were|strong="H3478" shown to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0559" ones who|strong="H3068" sinned, and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" went|strong="H3318" free|strong="H3318".<sup>42</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "Throw|strong="H5307" them|strong="H5307" again to|strong="H0559" show the|strong="H0559" guilty one|strong="H1121"—me|strong="H1121" or|strong="H0996" my|strong="H0996" son|strong="H1121" Jonathan|strong="H3129". Jonathan|strong="H3129" was|strong="H7586" shown to|strong="H0559"

<sup>I</sup> THEN SAMUEL PRAYED ... GIVE THUMMIM This is found in the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has, "Then Samuel prayed to the Lord, God of Israel, 'Give the right answer.'"

be |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H1121".

<sup>43</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jonathan |strong="H3129", " Tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413" what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213". " Jonathan |strong="H3129" told |strong="H5046" Saul |strong="H7586", " I |strong="H0834" only tasted |strong="H2938" a |strong="H0834" little |strong="H4592" honey |strong="H1706" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0559" end |strong="H7097" of |strong="H3027" my |strong="H0834" stick. Should |strong="H4100" I |strong="H0834" die |strong="H4191" for |strong="H0413" doing |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834"?"

<sup>44</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588" made |strong="H6213" an |strong="H3588" oath and |strong="H0430" asked |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" to |strong="H0559" punish me |strong="H3254" if |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" didn't keep |strong="H6213" it |strong="H3588". Jonathan |strong="H3129", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H4191" die |strong="H4191". "

<sup>45</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" soldiers |strong="H5971" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586", " Jonathan |strong="H3129" led Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3588" great |strong="H1419" victory |strong="H3444" today |strong="H3117". Must |strong="H4191" Jonathan |strong="H3129" die |strong="H4191"? Never |strong="H3808"! As |strong="H0834" surely |strong="H3588" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416", not |strong="H3808" one |strong="H2088" hair |strong="H8185" of |strong="H0776" Jonathan's head |strong="H7218" will |strong="H3068" fall |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H0776"! God |strong="H0430" helped Jonathan |strong="H3129" fight against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Philistines today |strong="H3117". "

So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" saved Jonathan |strong="H3129" from |strong="H3478" death |strong="H4191".

<sup>46</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" did |strong="H1980" not chase the |strong="H0310" Philistines |strong="H6430". The |strong="H0310" Philistines |strong="H6430" went |strong="H1980" back |strong="H0310" to |strong="H1980" their |strong="H0310" place |strong="H4725".

### Saul |strong="H7586" Fights Israel's Enemies

<sup>47</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" took |strong="H3920" full |strong="H3605" control of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" fought |strong="H3898" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341" who |strong="H0834" lived around |strong="H5439" Israel |strong="H3478". Saul |strong="H7586" fought |strong="H3898" Moab |strong="H4124", the |strong="H3605" Ammonites |strong="H5983", Edom |strong="H0123", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Zobah |strong="H6678", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430". He |strong="H0834" defeated Israel's |strong="H3478" enemies |strong="H0341" wherever |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" went. <sup>48</sup> Saul was |strong="H3478" very |strong="H2428" brave |strong="H2428". He |strong="H6213" saved |strong="H5337" Israel |strong="H3478" from |strong="H3027" all |strong="H5337" the |strong="H0853" enemies who |strong="H3478" tried to |strong="H3478" take |strong="H5221" things |strong="H3478" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". He |strong="H6213" even |strong="H0853" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Amalekites |strong="H6002".

<sup>49</sup> Saul's |strong="H7586" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" Jonathan |strong="H3129", Ishvi |strong="H3440", and |strong="H1121" Malki Shua. Saul's |strong="H7586" older daughter |strong="H1323" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Merab |strong="H4764". Saul's |strong="H7586" younger |strong="H6996" daughter |strong="H1323" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Michal |strong="H4324". <sup>50</sup> Saul's |strong="H7586" wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Ahinoam |strong="H0293". Ahinoam |strong="H0293" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H8034" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Ahimaaz |strong="H0290".

The |strong="H8034" commander |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" Saul's |strong="H7586" army |strong="H6635" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Abner |strong="H0074" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ner |strong="H5369". Ner |strong="H5369" was |strong="H8034" Saul's |strong="H7586" uncle |strong="H1730". <sup>51</sup> Saul's |strong="H7586" father |strong="H0001" Kish |strong="H7027" and |strong="H1121" Abner's |strong="H0074" father |strong="H0001" Ner |strong="H5369" were |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abiel |strong="H0022".

<sup>52</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" was |strong="H1961" brave |strong="H2428" all |strong="H3605"

his **life**. He **fought hard** against **the Philistines**. Any **time** **Saul** **saw** a **man** **who** **was** **or** **he** **took** **that** **and** **him** **the** **soldiers** **near** **king** **him**.

### Saul Destroys the Amalekites

**15** One **day** **Samuel** **said** **to** **The** **sent** **to** **you** **over** **people**. **Now** **to** **message** **LORD** **says** **the** **came** **of** **the** **to** **from** **to** **what** **Amalekites** **Now** **against** **Amalekites** **must** **destroy** **Amalekites** **everything** **belongs** **Don't** **anything** **must** **all** **men** **women** **all**.

their **children** **and** **babies**. **You** **must** **kill** **all** **their** **and** **and** **of** **camels** **and** **donkeys**.

**4** **Saul** **gathered** **the** **together** **Telaim** **200,000** **foot** **soldiers** **other** **men**, including **the** **men** **from** **Judah**. **5** **Then** **Saul** **went** **to** **the** **city** **of** **Amalek** **and** **waited** **in** **the** **valley**. **6** **He** **said** **to** **the** **Kenites**, **Go** **away** **!** **Leave** **the** **Amalekites**. **Then** **I** **won't** **destroy** **you** **with** **the** **Amalekites**. **You** **showed** **kindness** **to** **the** **Israelites** **when** **they** **came** **out** **of** **Egypt**. **So** **the** **Kenites** **left** **the** **Amalekites**. **7** **Saul** **defeated** **the** **Amalekites**. **He** **fought** **them** **and** **chased** **them** **all** **the** **way** **from** **Havilah** **to** **Shur**, **at** **the** **border** **of** **Egypt**. **8** **Agag** **was** **the** **king** **of** **the** **Amalekites**. **Saul** **captured** **Agag** **alive**.

live|strong="H2416", but|strong="H4428" he|strong="H0853" killed|strong="H2719" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" in|strong="H4428" Agag's|strong="H2763" army|strong="H5971".<sup>9</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H6629" the|strong="H3605" Israelite|strong="H3808" soldiers|strong="H5971" felt bad about|strong="H5921" destroying everything|strong="H3605". So|strong="H3808" they|strong="H5921" let|strong="H3808" Agag|strong="H0090" live. They|strong="H5921" also|strong="H0853" kept the|strong="H3605" fat cattle|strong="H1241", the|strong="H3605" best|strong="H4315" sheep|strong="H6629", and|strong="H6629" the|strong="H3605" lambs|strong="H3733". They|strong="H5921" kept everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" was|strong="H7586" worth keeping. They|strong="H5921" didn't|strong="H3808" want|strong="H0014" to|strong="H5921" destroy|strong="H2763" those|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605". They|strong="H5921" destroyed only|strong="H3605" what|strong="H2896" was|strong="H7586" not|strong="H3808" worth keeping.

**Samuel Tells Saul|strong="H7586"  
About|strong="H5921" His|strong="H3605" Sin**

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Samuel|strong="H8050" received|strong="H1961" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>11</sup> "Saul|strong="H7586" has|strong="H3068" stopped|strong="H7725" following|strong="H0310" me|strong="H0413", so|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" sorry|strong="H5162" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" made|strong="H7725" him|strong="H0413" king|strong="H4428". He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" doing what|strong="H1697" I|strong="H3588" tell|strong="H3605" him|strong="H0413". Samuel|strong="H8050" became|strong="H2734" angry|strong="H2734" and|strong="H6965" cried|strong="H2199" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915".

<sup>12</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" got|strong="H7925" up|strong="H7925" early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H3027" morning|strong="H1242" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" meet|strong="H7122" Saul|strong="H7586". But|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" people told|strong="H5046" Samuel|strong="H8050", "Saul|strong="H7586" went|strong="H0935"

to|strong="H0559" Carmel|strong="H3760". He|strong="H1242" went|strong="H0935" there|strong="H2009" to|strong="H0559" set|strong="H5324" up|strong="H7925" a|strong="H0935" stone monument|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0559" honor himself|strong="H3027". Then|strong="H2009" he|strong="H1242" left|strong="H3381" there|strong="H2009" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0559" Gilgal|strong="H1537"."

So|strong="H0935" Samuel|strong="H8050" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" Saul|strong="H7586". Saul|strong="H7586" had|strong="H7586" just offered the|strong="H0559" first part|strong="H3027" of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" things he|strong="H1242" took|strong="H3381" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" Amalekites as|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" burnt offering to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Lord.<sup>13</sup> When|strong="H0935" Samuel|strong="H8050" came|strong="H0935" near to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", Saul|strong="H7586" greeted|strong="H1288" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", "The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H0859"! I|strong="H1697" have|strong="H0859" obeyed the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H0559"."

<sup>14</sup> But|strong="H8085" Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559", "Then|strong="H2088" what|strong="H4100" is|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" sound|strong="H6963" I|strong="H0834" hear|strong="H8085"? Why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0834" hear|strong="H8085" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H6963" cattle|strong="H1241"?"

<sup>15</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "The|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H5971" took|strong="H0853" them|strong="H0853" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Amalekites|strong="H6003". They|strong="H0834" saved|strong="H3498" the|strong="H0853" best|strong="H4315" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H0935" cattle|strong="H1241" to|strong="H0559" burn as|strong="H0834" sacrifices|strong="H2076" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". But|strong="H3498" we|strong="H0834" destroyed everything|strong="H0834" else."

<sup>16</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", "Stop! Let|strong="H7503" me|strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> SAUL HAD JUST OFFERED ... LORD This is from the ancient Greek version.

tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H5046" me|strong="H0413" last night|strong="H3915".

Saul|strong="H7586" answered|strong="H0559", "Tell|strong="H5046" me|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559"."

<sup>17</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H0559", "In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" past you|strong="H0859" didn't|strong="H3808" think|strong="H5869" that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859" were|strong="H3478" important, but|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" chose|strong="H4886" you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428". So|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0859" became the|strong="H0559" leader|strong="H7218" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>18</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" you|strong="H7971" on|strong="H1870" a|strong="H7971" special mission|strong="H1870". He|strong="H5704" said|strong="H0559", 'Go|strong="H7971" and|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3615" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" Amalekites|strong="H6002". They|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" evil people. Destroy|strong="H3615" them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H5704"! Fight|strong="H3898" them|strong="H0853" until|strong="H5704" they|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" completely|strong="H3615" finished|strong="H3615". <sup>19</sup> So|strong="H6213" why|strong="H4100" didn't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H6213" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068"? You|strong="H6213" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0413" is|strong="H3068" wrong|strong="H7451" because|strong="H0413" you|strong="H6213" wanted to|strong="H0413" keep|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H6213" took in|strong="H0413" battle."

<sup>20</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "But|strong="H8085" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"! I|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935" where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0834" destroyed all the|strong="H0853" Amalekites|strong="H6002". I|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H0935"

back|strong="H0935" only one|strong="H0834"—their|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4428" Agag|strong="H0090". <sup>21</sup> And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3947" soldiers|strong="H5971" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3947" best sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H3068" cattle|strong="H1241" to|strong="H3068" sacrifice|strong="H2076" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3947" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" at|strong="H3068" Gilgal|strong="H1537"."

<sup>22</sup> But|strong="H2009" Samuel|strong="H8050" answered|strong="H0559", "Which pleases the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" more: burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" sacrifices|strong="H2077" or|strong="H8085" obeying|strong="H8085" his|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H0559"? It|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" better|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0559" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" than|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0559" offer|strong="H2077" sacrifices|strong="H2077" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H6963". It|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" better|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0559" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H6963" than|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0559" offer|strong="H2077" the|strong="H0559" fat|strong="H2459" from|strong="H8085" rams|strong="H0352". <sup>23</sup> Refusing to|strong="H3068" obey is|strong="H3068" as|strong="H1697" bad as|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" sin|strong="H2403" of|strong="H4428" sorcery. Being stubborn and|strong="H3068" doing what|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" want is|strong="H3068" like|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" sin|strong="H2403" of|strong="H4428" worshiping idols|strong="H8655". You|strong="H3588" refused to|strong="H3068" obey the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H1697", so|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" now|strong="H3588" refuses to|strong="H3068" accept you|strong="H3588" as|strong="H1697" king|strong="H4428"."

<sup>24</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Samuel|strong="H8050", "I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1697" sinned|strong="H2398". I|strong="H3588" did not|strong="H3588" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H0559", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" did not|strong="H3588" do|strong="H8085" what|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068"

afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" did what |strong="H1697" they |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559". <sup>25</sup> Now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H6258" beg |strong="H4994" you |strong="H7725", forgive |strong="H5375" me |strong="H4994" for |strong="H3068" doing this |strong="H6258" sin |strong="H2403". Come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H4994", so |strong="H6258" I |strong="H6258" may |strong="H4994" worship |strong="H7812" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>26</sup> But |strong="H3588" Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586", " I |strong="H3588" won't |strong="H3808" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588". You |strong="H3588" rejected |strong="H3988" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" command |strong="H1697", and |strong="H3068" now |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" rejects |strong="H3988" you |strong="H3588" as |strong="H1697" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>27</sup> When Samuel |strong="H8050" turned |strong="H5437" to |strong="H5437" leave, Saul |strong="H2388" caught |strong="H2388" Samuel's |strong="H8050" robe |strong="H4598". The |strong="H2388" robe |strong="H4598" tore |strong="H7167".<sup>28</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H0559", " In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3068" same |strong="H4480" way |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" torn |strong="H7167" the |strong="H0853" kingdom |strong="H4468" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H5414" today |strong="H3117". He |strong="H3117" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" kingdom |strong="H4468" to |strong="H0413" one |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" friends |strong="H7453", a |strong="H5414" man who |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5414" better |strong="H2896" person |strong="H0413" than |strong="H4480" you |strong="H5414".<sup>29</sup> The |strong="H3588" one |strong="H0120" who |strong="H1931" lives forever |strong="H5331", the |strong="H3588" God |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3808" Israel |strong="H3478", does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" lie |strong="H8266" and |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H3808"

change |strong="H5162" his |strong="H3588" mind |strong="H5162". He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0120" who |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" always |strong="H5331" changing his |strong="H3588" mind |strong="H5162".<sup>30</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Saul |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", "All right, I |strong="H6258" sinned |strong="H2398"! But |strong="H3513" please |strong="H4994" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H4994". Show |strong="H5973" me |strong="H4994" some |strong="H5973" respect in |strong="H0430" front |strong="H5048" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" leaders |strong="H2205" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478". Come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H4994" so |strong="H6258" that |strong="H3068" I |strong="H6258" may |strong="H4994" worship |strong="H7812" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".<sup>31</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" with |strong="H3068" Saul |strong="H7586", and |strong="H3068" Saul |strong="H7586" worshiped |strong="H7812" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>32</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559", " Bring |strong="H5066" King |strong="H4428" Agag |strong="H0090" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Amalekites |strong="H6002" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".<sup>33</sup>

Agag |strong="H0090" came |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" Samuel |strong="H8050". Agag |strong="H0090" was |strong="H4428" tied with |strong="H0413" chains and |strong="H4428" thought |strong="H0559", " Surely |strong="H0403" he |strong="H0853" won't kill me |strong="H0413".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>33</sup> But |strong="H3651" Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Agag |strong="H0090", " Your |strong="H3068" sword |strong="H2719" took |strong="H0853" babies |strong="H0802" from |strong="H6440" their |strong="H3068" mothers |strong="H0517". So |strong="H3651" now |strong="H0802", your |strong="H3068" mother |strong="H0517" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834" no children |strong="H7921".<sup>1</sup> And |strong="H3068" Samuel |strong="H8050" cut Agag |strong="H0090" to |strong="H0559" pieces |strong="H8158" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" at |strong="H3068" Gilgal |strong="H1537".

<sup>1</sup> SURELY ... KILL ME The ancient Greek version has "This treatment is worse than death."



Samuel |strong="H0559" saw |strong="H7200" Eliab |strong="H0446" and |strong="H0935" thought |strong="H0559", " Surely |strong="H0389" this |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H7200" who |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" chosen |strong="H4899".

7 But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Samuel |strong="H8050", "Eliab is |strong="H0834" tall |strong="H6967" and |strong="H3068" handsome |strong="H4758", but |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" judge by |strong="H3068" things |strong="H0834" like |strong="H4758" that |strong="H0834". God |strong="H3068" doesn't |strong="H3808" look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0120" see |strong="H7200". People |strong="H0120" judge by |strong="H3068" what |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" outside |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" looks |strong="H7200" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" heart |strong="H3824". Eliab is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" right |strong="H5869" man |strong="H0120".

8 Then |strong="H2088" Jesse |strong="H3448" called |strong="H7121" his |strong="H3068" second son, Abinadab |strong="H0041". Abinadab |strong="H0041" walked by |strong="H3068" Samuel |strong="H8050". But |strong="H3808" Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" man who |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" chose |strong="H0977".

9 Then |strong="H2088" Jesse |strong="H3448" told |strong="H0559" Shammah |strong="H8048" to |strong="H0559" walk by |strong="H3068" Samuel |strong="H0559". But |strong="H3808" Samuel |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" choose |strong="H0977" this |strong="H2088" man, either |strong="H1571".

10 Jesse |strong="H3448" showed seven |strong="H7651" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" Samuel |strong="H8050". But |strong="H3808" Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jesse |strong="H3448", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" chosen |strong="H0977"

any |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H1121".

11 Then |strong="H2009" he |strong="H3588" asked |strong="H0559" Jesse |strong="H3448", " Are |strong="H5288" these |strong="H3947" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0559" sons you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5288"? " Jesse |strong="H3448" answered |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5288" another |strong="H5750" son— my |strong="H3947" youngest |strong="H6996", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2009" out |strong="H7971" taking |strong="H3947" care of |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" sheep |strong="H6629".

Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559", " Send |strong="H7971" for |strong="H3588" him |strong="H0413". Bring |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413" here |strong="H6311". We |strong="H3588" won't |strong="H3808" sit |strong="H5437" down |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0413" eat until |strong="H5704" he |strong="H3588" arrives |strong="H0935".

12 Jesse sent |strong="H7971" someone to |strong="H0559" get |strong="H6965" his |strong="H3068" youngest son. This |strong="H2088" son was |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" good-looking |strong="H2896", healthy <sup>1</sup> young man. He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H3068" very |strong="H2088" handsome |strong="H3303".

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Samuel |strong="H0559", " Get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H0935" anoint |strong="H4886" him |strong="H7971". He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H2088".

13 Samuel |strong="H8050" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" horn |strong="H7161" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" oil |strong="H8081" in |strong="H0413" it |strong="H1931", and |strong="H6965" poured |strong="H4886" the |strong="H0853" special oil |strong="H8081" on |strong="H3117" Jesse's youngest son in |strong="H0413" front of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3947" brothers |strong="H0251". The |strong="H0853" Spirit |strong="H7307" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H0413" on |strong="H3117" David |strong="H1732" with |strong="H0413" great power from |strong="H3947" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" on |strong="H3117". Then |strong="H6965" Samuel |strong="H8050" went |strong="H6965" back |strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> HEALTHY The Hebrew word means "red," "ruddy," or "red-haired."



home |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413"  
Ramah |strong="H7414".

**An |strong="H6965" Evil Spirit |strong="H7307" Both-  
ers Saul |strong="H1931"**

14 The |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068"  
Spirit |strong="H7307" left |strong="H5493"  
Saul |strong="H7586". Then |strong="H0853"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" sent  
an |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7451" spir-  
it |strong="H7307" to |strong="H3068"  
Saul |strong="H7586" that |strong="H3068" caused  
him |strong="H0853" much trouble |strong="H7451".

15 Saul's |strong="H7586" servants |strong="H5650"  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
him |strong="H0413", " An |strong="H0559"  
evil |strong="H7451" spirit |strong="H7307"  
from |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430"  
is |strong="H0430" bothering you |strong="H0413". 16  
Give |strong="H1961" us |strong="H4994"  
the |strong="H0559" command |strong="H3027"  
and |strong="H0430" we |strong="H4994"  
will |strong="H0430" look |strong="H1245"  
for |strong="H5921" someone |strong="H0376"  
who |strong="H0376" can |strong="H4994"  
play |strong="H5059" the |strong="H0559"  
harp |strong="H3658". If |strong="H0376"  
the |strong="H0559" evil |strong="H7451" spir-  
it |strong="H7307" from |strong="H5921"  
God |strong="H0430" comes |strong="H1961"  
on |strong="H5921" you |strong="H6440",  
this |strong="H3045" person |strong="H0376"  
will |strong="H0430" play |strong="H5059" music  
for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H6440".  
Then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H6440"  
will |strong="H0430" feel better |strong="H3027"."

17 So |strong="H0935" Saul |strong="H7586"  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
his |strong="H0376" servants |strong="H5650", "  
Find |strong="H7200" someone |strong="H0376"  
who |strong="H0376" plays |strong="H5059" music  
well |strong="H3190" and |strong="H0935"  
bring |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"."

18 One |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0559" servants |strong="H5288"  
said |strong="H0559", " There |strong="H2009"  
is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7200"  
man |strong="H0376" named Jesse |strong="H3448"  
living |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3068" Bethlehem.  
I |strong="H2009" saw |strong="H7200"  
Jesse's |strong="H3448" son |strong="H1121".  
He |strong="H3068" knows |strong="H3045"  
how |strong="H2009" to |strong="H0559"  
play |strong="H5059" the |strong="H0559" harp.  
He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" al-  
so |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7200"  
brave |strong="H2428" man |strong="H0376"

and |strong="H1121" fights well |strong="H3045".  
He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" smart  
and |strong="H1121" handsome |strong="H8389",  
and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068"  
with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973"."

19 So |strong="H7971" Saul |strong="H7586"  
sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397"  
to |strong="H0413" Jesse |strong="H3448".  
They |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559"  
Jesse |strong="H3448", " You |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7971"  
son |strong="H1121" named David |strong="H1732".  
He |strong="H0834" takes care of |strong="H1121"  
your |strong="H0834" sheep |strong="H6629".  
Send |strong="H7971" him |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"."

20 So |strong="H3947" Jesse |strong="H3448"  
got |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0259"  
things |strong="H0259" as |strong="H1121"  
a |strong="H3947" gift for |strong="H0413"  
Saul |strong="H7586". Jesse |strong="H3448"  
got |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" don-  
key |strong="H2543", some |strong="H0259"  
bread |strong="H3899" and |strong="H1121"  
a |strong="H3947" leather bag full of |strong="H1121"  
wine |strong="H3196", and |strong="H1121"  
a |strong="H3947" young |strong="H1121"  
goat |strong="H5795". He |strong="H1732"  
gave |strong="H3947" them |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732"  
and |strong="H1121" sent |strong="H7971"  
him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413"  
Saul |strong="H7586". 21 So |strong="H1961"  
David |strong="H1732" went |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586"  
and |strong="H0935" stood |strong="H5975"  
in |strong="H0935" front |strong="H6440"  
of |strong="H3627" him |strong="H0413".  
Saul |strong="H7586" loved |strong="H0157"  
David |strong="H1732" very |strong="H3966"  
much |strong="H3966". David |strong="H1732" be-  
came |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" helper  
who |strong="H5975" carried |strong="H5375"  
Saul's |strong="H7586" weapons |strong="H3627". 22  
Saul |strong="H7586" sent |strong="H7971"  
a |strong="H3588" message to |strong="H0413"  
Jesse |strong="H3448". " Let |strong="H7971"  
David |strong="H1732" stay |strong="H5975"  
and |strong="H7971" serve |strong="H6440"  
me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3588"  
like |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0413" very much."

23 Any |strong="H1961" time |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H0853" evil |strong="H7451" spir-  
it |strong="H7307" from |strong="H5493"  
God |strong="H0430" came |strong="H1961"  
on |strong="H5921" Saul |strong="H7586",  
David |strong="H1732" would |strong="H7307"

take|strong="H3947" his|strong="H5921" harp|strong="H3658" and|strong="H0430" play|strong="H5059" it|strong="H5921". The|strong="H0853" evil|strong="H7451" spirit|strong="H7307" would|strong="H7307" leave|strong="H5493" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H0430" he|strong="H0430" would|strong="H7307" begin to|strong="H0413" feel better|strong="H3027".

### Goliath Challenges Israel

**17** The|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" gathered|strong="H0622" their|strong="H0834" armies|strong="H4264" together|strong="H0622" for|strong="H4264" war|strong="H4421". They|strong="H0834" met at|strong="H2583" Socoh|strong="H7755" in|strong="H2583" Judah|strong="H3063". Their|strong="H0834" camp|strong="H4264" was|strong="H0834" between|strong="H0996" Socoh|strong="H7755" and|strong="H3063" Azekah|strong="H5825", at|strong="H2583" a|strong="H0834" town called Ephes Dammim.

<sup>2</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H7122" Israelite|strong="H3478" soldiers|strong="H0376" also|strong="H3478" gathered|strong="H0622" together|strong="H0622". Their|strong="H0622" camp|strong="H2583" was|strong="H3478" in|strong="H2583" the|strong="H7122" Valley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H0376" Elah|strong="H0425". Saul's|strong="H7586" soldiers|strong="H0376" were|strong="H3478" lined up|strong="H6186" and|strong="H3478" ready to|strong="H3478" fight|strong="H4421" the|strong="H7122" Philistines|strong="H6430". <sup>3</sup> The|strong="H0413" Philistines|strong="H6430" were|strong="H3478" on|strong="H0413" one|strong="H2088" hill|strong="H2022". The|strong="H0413" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" other|strong="H2088" hill|strong="H2022". The|strong="H0413" valley|strong="H1516" was|strong="H3478" between|strong="H0996" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3318" Philistines|strong="H6430" had|strong="H6430" a|strong="H3318" champion fighter named|strong="H8034" Goliath|strong="H1555", who|strong="H0376" was|strong="H8034" from|strong="H3318" Gath|strong="H1661". He|strong="H0376" was|strong="H8034" over 9 feet|strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> tall|strong="H1363". Goliath|strong="H1555"

<sup>I</sup> OVER 9 FEET Literally, "6 cubits and 1 span" (2.9 m). Josephus, most copies of the ancient Greek version, and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran all have "4 cubits and 1 span." This is 6' 6" (2 m) for the short cubit or 7' 7" (2.33 m) for the long cubit.

came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3318" Philistine|strong="H6430" camp|strong="H4264". <sup>5</sup> He|strong="H1931" had|strong="H1931" a|strong="H5921" bronze|strong="H5178" helmet|strong="H3553" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" head|strong="H7218". He|strong="H1931" wore|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" coat of|strong="H7218" armor|strong="H8302" that|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" made like|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" scales|strong="H7193" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" fish. This|strong="H1931" armor|strong="H8302" was|strong="H1931" made of|strong="H7218" bronze|strong="H5178" and|strong="H7218" weighed|strong="H4948" about|strong="H5921" 125 pounds. <sup>II6</sup> Goliath wore|strong="H5921" bronze|strong="H5178" protectors on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" legs|strong="H7272". He|strong="H5921" had a|strong="H5921" bronze|strong="H5178" javelin|strong="H3591" tied on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" back. <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H6440" wooden part of|strong="H6440" his|strong="H5375" spear|strong="H2595" was|strong="H6440" as|strong="H1980" big as|strong="H1980" a|strong="H5375" weaver's|strong="H0707" rod. The|strong="H6440" spear's blade weighed 15 pounds. <sup>III</sup> Goliath's helper walked|strong="H1980" in|strong="H1980" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" him|strong="H6440", carrying|strong="H5375" Goliath's shield|strong="H6793".

<sup>8</sup> Each|strong="H0376" day|strong="H3381" Goliath|strong="H5975" would|strong="H3478" come|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" and|strong="H3478" shout a|strong="H7121" challenge to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Israelite|strong="H3478" soldiers|strong="H5650". He|strong="H3808" would|strong="H3478" say|strong="H0559", "Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H3478" all|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" your|strong="H3808" soldiers|strong="H5650" lined up|strong="H5975" ready for|strong="H7121" battle|strong="H4421"? You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478" Saul's|strong="H7586" servants|strong="H5650". I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" a|strong="H7121" Philistine|strong="H6430". So|strong="H7121" choose|strong="H1262" one|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H3478" send|strong="H3318" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H4421" me|strong="H0413". <sup>9</sup> If|strong="H0518" that|strong="H1961" man kills|strong="H5221" me|strong="H0589",

<sup>II</sup> 125 POUNDS Literally, "5000 shekels" (57.5 kg). <sup>III</sup> 15 POUNDS Literally, "600 shekels" (6.9 kg).

he |strong="H0518" wins and |strong="H5650" we |strong="H0518" Philistines will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" your |strong="H0518" slaves |strong="H5650". But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0589" kill |strong="H5221" your |strong="H0518" man, then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" win, and |strong="H5650" you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" our |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650". You |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H5647" us |strong="H5647"."

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0853" Philistine |strong="H6430" also |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559", " To-day |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0589" stand and |strong="H3478" make |strong="H5414" fun of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H4634" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0589" dare you |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" send |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" your |strong="H5414" men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H3478" let |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" fight |strong="H3898"."

<sup>11</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Israelite |strong="H3478" soldiers heard |strong="H8085" what |strong="H1697" Goliath said |strong="H1697", and |strong="H3478" they |strong="H0428" were |strong="H3478" very |strong="H3966" afraid |strong="H3372".

#### David Goes to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Battle Front

<sup>12</sup> I David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0935" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jesse |strong="H3448". Jesse |strong="H3448" was |strong="H8034" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Ephrathah family in |strong="H0935" Bethlehem |strong="H1035", Judah |strong="H3063". Jesse |strong="H3448" had |strong="H1732" eight |strong="H8083" sons |strong="H1121". In |strong="H0935" Saul's |strong="H7586" time |strong="H3117" Jesse |strong="H3448" was |strong="H8034" an |strong="H0935" old |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0376". <sup>13</sup> Jesse's |strong="H3448" three |strong="H7969" oldest |strong="H1419" sons |strong="H1121" went |strong="H1980" with |strong="H1980" Saul |strong="H7586" to |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0834" war |strong="H4421". The |strong="H0834" first son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H8034" Eliab |strong="H0446", the |strong="H0834" second |strong="H4932"

I The oldest copies of the ancient Greek version do not have 17:12-31, 41, 48b, 50, 55-58; 18:1-5, 10-11, 17-19, 29b-30.

was |strong="H8034" Abinadab |strong="H0041", and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0834" third |strong="H7992" was |strong="H8034" Shammah |strong="H8048". <sup>14</sup> David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H1732" the |strong="H0310" youngest |strong="H6996" son. The |strong="H0310" three |strong="H7969" oldest |strong="H1419" sons were |strong="H1732" in |strong="H1980" Saul's |strong="H7586" army, <sup>15</sup> but |strong="H5921" David |strong="H1732" left |strong="H1980" Saul |strong="H7586" from |strong="H7725" time to |strong="H1980" time to |strong="H1980" take |strong="H7725" care |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0001" his |strong="H5921" father's |strong="H0001" sheep |strong="H6629" at |strong="H5921" Bethlehem |strong="H1035".

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H3117" Philistine |strong="H6430" came |strong="H5066" out every |strong="H3117" morning |strong="H7925" and |strong="H3117" evening |strong="H6150" and |strong="H3117" stood |strong="H3320" before |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" Israelite army. Goliath insulted Israel like this |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" 40 days |strong="H3117".

<sup>17</sup> One |strong="H2088" day Jesse |strong="H3448" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3947" son |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732", " Take |strong="H3947" this |strong="H2088" basket |strong="H0374" of |strong="H1121" cooked grain |strong="H7039" and |strong="H1121" these |strong="H2088" ten |strong="H6235" loaves |strong="H3899" of |strong="H1121" bread |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H3947" brothers |strong="H0251" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" camp |strong="H4264". <sup>18</sup> Also |strong="H0853" take |strong="H3947" these |strong="H0428" ten |strong="H6235" pieces of |strong="H8269" cheese |strong="H2461" for |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" officer |strong="H8269" who |strong="H0428" commands your |strong="H3947" brothers' |strong="H0251" group of |strong="H8269" 1000 soldiers |strong="H6235". See |strong="H0935" how |strong="H7965" your |strong="H3947" brothers |strong="H0251" are |strong="H0428" doing. Bring |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" something to |strong="H0935" show me |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3947" brothers |strong="H0251" are |strong="H0428" all |strong="H6485" right. <sup>19</sup> Your |strong="H3605" brothers are |strong="H1992" with |strong="H5973" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelite |strong="H3478" soldiers |strong="H0376" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Valley |strong="H6010" of |strong="H0376" Elah |strong="H0425".

II BASKET Literally, "ephah."

They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" there|strong="H1992" to|strong="H3478" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430".

<sup>20</sup> Early|strong="H7925" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" morning|strong="H1242", David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H0834" another shepherd take|strong="H5375" care|strong="H8104" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sheep|strong="H6629" while|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" took|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" food and|strong="H0935" left|strong="H3318" as|strong="H0834" Jesse|strong="H3448" had|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413". David|strong="H1732" drove their|strong="H5375" wagon to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" camp|strong="H4570". The|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H4421" were|strong="H0834" going|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H5375" battle|strong="H4421" positions just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" David|strong="H1732" arrived|strong="H0935". The|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H4421" began|strong="H0935" shouting|strong="H7321" their|strong="H5375" war|strong="H4421" cry|strong="H7321". <sup>21</sup> The|strong="H7122" Israelites|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3478" Philistines|strong="H6430" were|strong="H3478" lined up|strong="H6186" and|strong="H3478" ready for|strong="H3478" battle|strong="H4634".

<sup>22</sup> David|strong="H1732" left|strong="H5203" the|strong="H0853" food with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" man who|strong="H8104" kept|strong="H8104" supplies. Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H1732" ran|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H3027" where|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Israelite soldiers were|strong="H3027" and|strong="H0935" asked|strong="H7592" about|strong="H5921" his|strong="H8104" brothers|strong="H0251". <sup>23</sup> While|strong="H1931" David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H8034" talking|strong="H1696" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H1732" brothers, the|strong="H8085" Philistine|strong="H6430" champion fighter came|strong="H5927" out|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H8085" Philistine|strong="H6430" army|strong="H5927". This|strong="H0428" was|strong="H8034" Goliath|strong="H1555", the|strong="H8085" Philistine|strong="H6430" from|strong="H0376" Gath|strong="H1661". Goliath|strong="H1555" shouted things|strong="H1697" against|strong="H5973" Israel as|strong="H1697" usual. David|strong="H1732" heard|strong="H8085"

what|strong="H1697" he|strong="H1931" said|strong="H1696".

<sup>24</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelite|strong="H3478" soldiers|strong="H0376" saw|strong="H7200" Goliath and|strong="H3478" ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127". They|strong="H0376" were|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H0376" him|strong="H0853". <sup>25</sup> One|strong="H0376" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" Israelite|strong="H3478" men|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559", " Did|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376"? Look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H3478" him|strong="H5414"! He|strong="H0834" comes|strong="H1961" out|strong="H7200" each|strong="H0376" day and|strong="H3478" makes|strong="H5414" fun of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". Whoever|strong="H0834" kills|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" get|strong="H5927" rich|strong="H6238". King|strong="H4428" Saul|strong="H0559" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" a|strong="H1961" lot of|strong="H4428" money. Saul|strong="H0559" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H0853" let|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" daughter|strong="H1323" marry|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" kills|strong="H5221" Goliath. He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H0853" make|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" man's|strong="H0376" family|strong="H1004" free|strong="H2670" from|strong="H0376" taxes in|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>26</sup> David|strong="H1732" asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" standing|strong="H5975" near|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0413", " What|strong="H4100" did|strong="H6213" he|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559"? What|strong="H4100" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" reward for|strong="H3588" killing|strong="H5221" this|strong="H2088" Philistine|strong="H6430" and|strong="H3478" taking away|strong="H5493" this|strong="H2088" shame|strong="H2781" from|strong="H5493" Israel|strong="H3478"? Who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2088" Goliath|strong="H5975" anyway? He|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" only some|strong="H0376" foreigner, <sup>1</sup> nothing but|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" Philistine|strong="H6430". Why|strong="H4100"

<sup>1</sup> FOREIGNER Literally, "uncircumcised." This means a person who did not share in the agreement God made with Israel. See "circumcise, circumcision" in the Word List. Also in verse 36.

does|strong="H6213" he|strong="H0834" think|strong="H0559" he|strong="H0834" can|strong="H4310" speak|strong="H0559" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H4634" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" living|strong="H2416" God|strong="H0430"?"

<sup>27</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" Israelite told|strong="H0559" David about|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0559" reward for|strong="H0376" killing|strong="H5221" Goliath. <sup>28</sup>

David's|strong="H1732" oldest|strong="H1419" brother|strong="H0251" Eliab|strong="H0446" heard|strong="H8085" David|strong="H1732" talking|strong="H1696" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H0376" and|strong="H1419" became|strong="H2734" angry|strong="H2734". Eliab|strong="H0446" asked|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732", " Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" come|strong="H3381" here|strong="H2088"? Who|strong="H4310" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" leave|strong="H5203" those|strong="H0376" few|strong="H4592" sheep|strong="H6629" with|strong="H0413" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057"? I|strong="H0589" know|strong="H3045" why|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" came|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" here|strong="H2088". You|strong="H3588" didn't want to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H4100" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0376" told|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H4100". You|strong="H3588" just|strong="H1696" wanted|strong="H3824" to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" here|strong="H2088" to|strong="H0413" watch|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" battle|strong="H4421"."

<sup>29</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", " What|strong="H4100" did|strong="H6213" I|strong="H1697" do|strong="H6213" now|strong="H6258"? I|strong="H1697" didn't|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H1697" wrong! I|strong="H1697" was|strong="H1732" only talking." <sup>30</sup> He|strong="H0559" turned|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" some|strong="H5971" other|strong="H0312" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H7725" asked|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" same|strong="H2088" questions|strong="H1697". They|strong="H0559" gave|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" same|strong="H2088" answers|strong="H0559" as|strong="H1697" before|strong="H0413".

<sup>31</sup> Some|strong="H1697" men|strong="H3947" heard|strong="H8085" David|strong="H1732" talking|strong="H1696". They|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" David|strong="H1732" to|strong="H1696" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H1732" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H5046" what|strong="H0834" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696". <sup>32</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", " People|strong="H0120" shouldn't let|strong="H0408" Goliath discourage them|strong="H0413". I|strong="H5650" am your|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650". I|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650" go|strong="H5307" fight|strong="H3898" this|strong="H2088" Philistine|strong="H6430"."

<sup>33</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" answered|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0859" can't|strong="H3808" go out|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0376" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2088" Philistine|strong="H6430". You're not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" soldier|strong="H4421"! <sup>1</sup> Goliath has|strong="H0376" been|strong="H3808" fighting|strong="H3898" in|strong="H0413" wars|strong="H4421" since|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1732" a|strong="H3588" boy|strong="H5288"."

<sup>34</sup> But|strong="H1961" David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", " There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" times when|strong="H1961" I|strong="H5650" was|strong="H1961" taking|strong="H0935" care of|strong="H0001" my|strong="H1961" father's|strong="H0001" sheep|strong="H6629" that|strong="H0559" wild animals|strong="H1961" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H5375" some sheep|strong="H6629" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" flock|strong="H6629". Once|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" lion|strong="H0738" and|strong="H0935" another|strong="H7716" time|strong="H1961", a|strong="H1961" bear|strong="H5375". <sup>35</sup> I|strong="H0310" chased that|strong="H0310" wild animal, attacked|strong="H5221" it|strong="H5921", and|strong="H6965" took|strong="H3318" the|strong="H5921" sheep from|strong="H3318" its|strong="H5921" mouth|strong="H6310". The|strong="H5921" wild animal jumped on|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921", but|strong="H2388" I|strong="H0310" caught|strong="H2388" it|strong="H5921".

<sup>1</sup> YOU'RE NOT EVEN A SOLDIER Or "You are only a boy!" The Hebrew word for "boy" often means "servant" or "the helper who carries a soldier's weapons."

by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" fur under|strong="H5921" its|strong="H5921" mouth|strong="H6310". And|strong="H6965" I|strong="H0310" hit|strong="H5221" it|strong="H5921" and|strong="H6965" killed|strong="H5221" it|strong="H5921".<sup>36</sup> I|strong="H3588" killed|strong="H5221" both|strong="H1571" a|strong="H1961" lion|strong="H0738" and|strong="H0430" a|strong="H1961" bear|strong="H1677" like|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3588"! And|strong="H0430" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" kill|strong="H5221" that|strong="H3588" foreigner, Goliath, just|strong="H1571" like|strong="H1961" them|strong="H1992". Goliath will|strong="H0430" die|strong="H5221" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" made|strong="H1961" fun of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H4634" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" living|strong="H2416" God|strong="H0430".<sup>37</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" saved|strong="H5337" me|strong="H0413" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" lion|strong="H0738" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" bear|strong="H1677". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" me|strong="H0413" from|strong="H3027" this|strong="H2088" Philistine|strong="H6430"."

Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732", "Go|strong="H1961" and|strong="H3068" may|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834"."<sup>38</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" put|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" own clothes|strong="H3847" on|strong="H5921" David|strong="H1732". He|strong="H1732" put|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" bronze|strong="H5178" helmet|strong="H6959" on|strong="H5921" David's|strong="H1732" head|strong="H7218" and|strong="H7218" armor|strong="H8302" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414" body|strong="H8302".<sup>39</sup> David|strong="H1732" put|strong="H5493" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sword|strong="H2719" and|strong="H1732" tried|strong="H5254" to|strong="H0413" walk around|strong="H5921". He|strong="H3588" tried|strong="H5254" to|strong="H0413" wear Saul's|strong="H7586" uniform, but|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1732" not|strong="H3808" used|strong="H5254" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3201" those|strong="H0428" heavy things|strong="H0428".

David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", "I|strong="H3588" can't|strong="H3808" fight in|strong="H5921" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H0428". I'm not|strong="H3808" used|strong="H5254" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". So|strong="H3808" David|strong="H1732" took|strong="H5493" them|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3201" off|strong="H5921".<sup>40</sup> He|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" his|strong="H3947" walking stick|strong="H4731" in|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3947" hand|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" went|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0413" find|strong="H3947" five|strong="H2568" smooth|strong="H2512" stones|strong="H0068" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" stream|strong="H5158". He|strong="H0834" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" five|strong="H2568" stones|strong="H0068" in|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3947" shepherd's bag|strong="H3627" and|strong="H3027" held his|strong="H3947" sling in|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3947" hand|strong="H3027". Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0834" went|strong="H5066" out|strong="H4480" to|strong="H0413" meet the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430".

#### David|strong="H3027" Kills Goliath

<sup>41</sup> The|strong="H6440" Philistine|strong="H6430" slowly walked|strong="H1980" closer and|strong="H1980" closer to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732". Goliath's helper walked|strong="H1980" in|strong="H1980" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0376" him|strong="H0413", carrying|strong="H5375" a|strong="H5375" large shield|strong="H6793".<sup>42</sup> Goliath looked|strong="H7200" at|strong="H1732" David|strong="H1732" with|strong="H5973" disgust. He|strong="H3588" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1961" only a|strong="H1961" handsome|strong="H3303", healthy<sup>I</sup> boy|strong="H5288".<sup>II</sup><sup>43</sup> Goliath said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732", "What|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0430" that|strong="H3588" stick|strong="H4731" for|strong="H3588"? Did you|strong="H0859" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" chase me|strong="H0413" away|strong="H0935" like|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3588" dog|strong="H3611"? Then|strong="H0853" Goliath used the|strong="H0853" names of|strong="H0430" his|strong="H1732" gods|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H0559" curs-

<sup>I</sup> HEALTHY The Hebrew word means "red," "ruddy," or "red-haired." <sup>II</sup> BOY Or "teenager" or "soldier's helper."

es|strong="H7043" against|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732". <sup>44</sup> He|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732", "Come here, and|strong="H8064" I'll feed your|strong="H5414" body|strong="H1320" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" birds|strong="H5775" and|strong="H8064" wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H0929"."

<sup>45</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Philistine|strong="H6430", " You|strong="H0859" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" using sword|strong="H2719", spear|strong="H2595", and|strong="H0935" javelin|strong="H3591". But|strong="H0859" I|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" armies|strong="H6635" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" bad things|strong="H0834" about|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". <sup>46</sup> Today|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5221" you|strong="H3588". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H5221" you|strong="H3588". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" cut|strong="H5493" off|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" head|strong="H7218" and|strong="H3068" feed your|strong="H3068" body to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775" and|strong="H3068" wild|strong="H0776" animals|strong="H2416". And|strong="H3068" we|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H2088" thing|strong="H2088" to|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H2088" Philistines|strong="H6430" too|strong="H5921". Then|strong="H2088" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" world|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" there|strong="H3426" is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430" in|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>47</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" gathered|strong="H6951" here|strong="H2088" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"

doesn't|strong="H3808" need swords|strong="H2719" or|strong="H3808" spears|strong="H2595" to|strong="H3068" save|strong="H3467" people|strong="H3808". The|strong="H3605" battle|strong="H4421" belongs to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" help|strong="H3467" us|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588"."

<sup>48</sup> Goliath the|strong="H3588" Philistine|strong="H6430" started|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" attack|strong="H6965" David|strong="H1732". He|strong="H3588" slowly walked closer and|strong="H6965" closer toward|strong="H7122" David|strong="H1732", but|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" ran|strong="H7323" out|strong="H6965" to|strong="H1961" meet|strong="H7122" Goliath.

<sup>49</sup> David|strong="H1732" took|strong="H3947" out|strong="H7971" a|strong="H3947" stone|strong="H0068" from|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" bag|strong="H3627". He|strong="H8033" put|strong="H7971" it|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" sling and|strong="H0776" swung the|strong="H0853" sling. The|strong="H0853" stone|strong="H0068" flew from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sling and|strong="H0776" hit|strong="H5221" Goliath right between|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" eyes. The|strong="H0853" stone|strong="H0068" sank|strong="H2883" deep into|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5921" head|strong="H6440", and|strong="H0776" Goliath fell|strong="H5307" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776"— face|strong="H6440" down|strong="H5221".

<sup>50</sup> So|strong="H4480" David|strong="H1732" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430" with|strong="H3027" only a|strong="H4480" sling and|strong="H3027" one|strong="H0369" stone|strong="H0068"! He|strong="H1732" hit|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430" and|strong="H3027" killed|strong="H5221" him|strong="H0853". David|strong="H1732" didn't have|strong="H0369" a|strong="H4480" sword|strong="H2719", <sup>51</sup> so|strong="H3947" he|strong="H3588" ran|strong="H7323" and|strong="H7218" stood|strong="H5975" beside|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430". Then|strong="H3947" David|strong="H1732" took|strong="H3947" Goliath's|strong="H2719" own sword|strong="H2719" out|strong="H0413" of|strong="H7218" its|strong="H0853" sheath|strong="H8593"

and|strong="H7218" used|strong="H3947" it|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" cut|strong="H3772" off|strong="H3772" his|strong="H3947" head|strong="H7218". That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H7218" how|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" killed|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430".

When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" other Philistines|strong="H6430" saw|strong="H7200" their|strong="H3947" hero was|strong="H1732" dead|strong="H4191", they|strong="H3588" turned|strong="H0413" and|strong="H7218" ran|strong="H7323".<sup>52</sup> The|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063" shouted|strong="H7321" and|strong="H0935" started|strong="H6965" chasing|strong="H7291" the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430". The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" chased|strong="H7291" them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H1870" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H8179" limits of|strong="H0376" Gath|strong="H1661" and|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H0376" Ekron|strong="H6138". They|strong="H0376" killed|strong="H2491" many of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430". Their|strong="H0935" bodies were|strong="H3478" scattered along|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" Shaaraim|strong="H8189" road|strong="H1870" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H1870" to|strong="H0935" Gath|strong="H1661" and|strong="H0935" Ekron|strong="H6138".<sup>53</sup> After|strong="H0310" chasing|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430", the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" came|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430" camp|strong="H4264" and|strong="H1121" took|strong="H0853" many things|strong="H3478" from|strong="H7725" that|strong="H3478" camp|strong="H4264".

<sup>54</sup> David|strong="H1732" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" Philistine's|strong="H6430" head|strong="H7218" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", but|strong="H0935" he|strong="H1732" kept the|strong="H0853" Philistine's|strong="H6430" weapons|strong="H3627" at|strong="H1732" home|strong="H0168".

**Saul Begins|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Fear David|strong="H1732"**

<sup>55</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" watched|strong="H7200" David|strong="H1732" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" fight Goliath. Saul|strong="H7586" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Abner|strong="H0074", the|strong="H0853" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H6635". "Abner|strong="H0074", who|strong="H4310" is|strong="H2088" that|strong="H3045" young|strong="H5288" man's|strong="H5315" father?"

Abner|strong="H0074" answered|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H0518" swear I|strong="H0518" don't know|strong="H3045", sir."

<sup>56</sup> King|strong="H4428" Saul|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", "Find out who|strong="H4310" his|strong="H4428" father is|strong="H2088"."

<sup>57</sup> When|strong="H0935" David|strong="H1732" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" after|strong="H6430" killing|strong="H5221" Goliath, Abner|strong="H0074" brought|strong="H0935" him|strong="H5221" to|strong="H0935" Saul|strong="H7586". David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1732" still|strong="H7725" holding the|strong="H0853" Philistine's|strong="H6430" head|strong="H7218".

<sup>58</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" asked|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", "Young|strong="H5288" man|strong="H5288", who|strong="H4310" is|strong="H4310" your|strong="H0413" father?"

David|strong="H1732" answered|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H5650" am the|strong="H0559" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H0413" servant|strong="H5650" Jesse|strong="H3448", from|strong="H1121" Bethlehem."

### David and Jonathan Become Friends

**18** Saul decided to take David with him. He would not let David go back home to his father. After David finished talking with Saul, Jonathan developed a strong friendship with David.<sup>13</sup>

Jonathan|strong="H3083" loved David|strong="H1732" as|strong="H5315" much as|strong="H5315" himself|strong="H5315", so|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3772" made|strong="H3772" a|strong="H3772" special agreement|strong="H1285".<sup>4</sup>

Jonathan|strong="H3083" took|strong="H0853" off|strong="H6584" the|strong="H0853" coat he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" wearing and|strong="H1732" gave|strong="H5414"

<sup>1</sup> JONATHAN ... WITH DAVID Literally, "Jonathan's soul was tied to David's soul."



it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5704" David |strong="H1732". In |strong="H5921" fact, Jonathan |strong="H3083" gave |strong="H5414" David |strong="H1732" his |strong="H5414" whole uniform— including |strong="H5704" his |strong="H5414" sword |strong="H2719", his |strong="H5414" bow |strong="H7198", and |strong="H1732" even |strong="H5704" his |strong="H5414" belt.

#### Saul Notices David's |strong="H1732" Success

<sup>5</sup> David |strong="H1732" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5921" fight |strong="H4421" wherever |strong="H0834" Saul |strong="H7586" sent |strong="H7971" him |strong="H5921". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3190" successful |strong="H7919", so |strong="H7971" Saul |strong="H7586" put |strong="H7760" him |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H5650". This |strong="H0834" pleased |strong="H3190" everyone |strong="H3605", even |strong="H1571" Saul's |strong="H7586" officers |strong="H5650". <sup>6</sup> David |strong="H1732" would |strong="H3478" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" fight against |strong="H7122" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430". On |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" home |strong="H7725", after |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" battles, women |strong="H0802" in |strong="H0935" every |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" in |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" would |strong="H3478" come |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H7122" him |strong="H5221". They |strong="H0935" sang |strong="H7891" and |strong="H0935" danced |strong="H4246" for |strong="H3605" joy |strong="H8057" as |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0935" played |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3605" tambourines |strong="H8596" and |strong="H0935" lyres. They |strong="H0935" did this |strong="H7725" right |strong="H7122" in |strong="H0935" front of |strong="H4428" Saul |strong="H7586"! <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H0559" women |strong="H0802" sang, " Saul |strong="H7586" has |strong="H7586" killed |strong="H5221" his |strong="H1732" thousands |strong="H0505", but |strong="H6030" David |strong="H1732" has |strong="H7586" killed |strong="H5221" tens of |strong="H0802" thousands |strong="H0505"."

<sup>8</sup> This |strong="H2088" song |strong="H1697" upset |strong="H5869" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H5869" he |strong="H1732" became |strong="H2734" very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H2734". Saul |strong="H7586"

thought |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" women give |strong="H5414" David |strong="H1732" credit for |strong="H5414" killing tens of |strong="H1697" thousands |strong="H0505" of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" enemy, and |strong="H5869" they |strong="H0559" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" credit for |strong="H5414" only |strong="H0389" thousands |strong="H0505". A |strong="H5414" little more |strong="H5750" of |strong="H1697" this |strong="H2088" and |strong="H5869" they |strong="H0559" will |strong="H5869" give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" kingdom |strong="H4410" itself |strong="H2088"! " <sup>9</sup> So |strong="H1961" from |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" on |strong="H3117", Saul |strong="H7586" watched David |strong="H1732" very closely.

#### Saul |strong="H7586" Is |strong="H1931" Afraid of |strong="H3117" David |strong="H1732"

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0413" next |strong="H4283" day |strong="H3117", an |strong="H1961" evil |strong="H7451" spirit |strong="H7307" from |strong="H3027" God |strong="H0430" took |strong="H1961" control |strong="H3027" of |strong="H1004" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H3117" went |strong="H0413" wild <sup>II</sup> in |strong="H0413" his |strong="H1732" house |strong="H1004". David |strong="H1732" played |strong="H0509" the |strong="H0413" harp to |strong="H0413" calm him |strong="H0413" as |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3117" usually did |strong="H3117", <sup>11</sup> but |strong="H5221" Saul |strong="H7586" had |strong="H1732" a |strong="H5221" spear |strong="H2595" in |strong="H6440" his |strong="H1732" hand. He |strong="H1732" thought |strong="H0559", "I'll pin |strong="H5221" David |strong="H1732" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H7023"." Saul |strong="H7586" threw |strong="H2904" the |strong="H0853" spear |strong="H2595" twice |strong="H6471", but |strong="H5221" David |strong="H1732" jumped out |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H6440" both times |strong="H6471".

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" left |strong="H5493" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H3068" was |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" David |strong="H1732",

<sup>I</sup> A LITTLE MORE ... ITSELF This is not in one of the oldest and best copies of the ancient Greek version. <sup>II</sup> SAUL ... WILD Or "Saul prophesied." The Hebrew word means that the person lost control of what they said and did. Usually this meant God was using them to give a special message to other people.



He |strong="H1732" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559"; " Look |strong="H2009", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" likes you |strong="H6680". His |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H5650" like |strong="H0157" you |strong="H6680". You |strong="H6680" should |strong="H0559" marry his |strong="H3605" daughter."

<sup>23</sup> Saul's |strong="H7586" officers |strong="H5650" said |strong="H0559" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" David |strong="H1732", but |strong="H1696" David |strong="H1732" answered |strong="H0559", "Do you |strong="H0853" think |strong="H5869" it |strong="H1696" is |strong="H0376" easy |strong="H7043" to |strong="H0559" become |strong="H2859" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" son-in-law |strong="H2859"? I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" just |strong="H1697" a |strong="H1696" poor |strong="H7326", ordinary |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376"."

<sup>24</sup> Saul's |strong="H7586" officers |strong="H5650" told |strong="H5046" Saul |strong="H7586" what |strong="H1697" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559". <sup>25</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", " Say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541" to |strong="H0559" David |strong="H1732", ' David |strong="H1732", the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" doesn't want you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0559" pay money for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H1732" daughter. <sup>I</sup> He |strong="H3588" wants |strong="H2656" to |strong="H0559" get even |strong="H3588" with |strong="H3027" his |strong="H1732" enemy |strong="H0341", so |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" price for |strong="H3588" marrying his |strong="H1732" daughter is |strong="H0369" 100 Philistine |strong="H6430" foreskins |strong="H6190". That |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0369" Saul's |strong="H7586" secret plan |strong="H2803". He |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" would |strong="H0559" kill David |strong="H1732".

<sup>26</sup> Saul's officers |strong="H5650" told |strong="H5046" this |strong="H0428" to |strong="H3117" David |strong="H1732". David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H1732" happy that |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" had |strong="H1732" a |strong="H3808" chance to |strong="H3117" become |strong="H2859" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" son-in-law |strong="H2859", so |strong="H3808" immediately

<sup>I</sup> MONEY FOR HIS DAUGHTER In Bible times a man usually had to give money to a woman's father before he could marry her.

<sup>27</sup> he |strong="H1931" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5414" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" out |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0935" fight the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430". They |strong="H0376" killed |strong="H5221" 200 <sup>II</sup> Philistines |strong="H6430". David |strong="H1732" took |strong="H0853" these |strong="H1931" Philistine |strong="H6430" foreskins |strong="H6190" and |strong="H0935" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0935" Saul |strong="H7586". He |strong="H1931" did |strong="H0376" this |strong="H1931" because he |strong="H1931" wanted to |strong="H0935" become |strong="H2859" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" son-in-law |strong="H2859".

Saul |strong="H7586" let |strong="H5414" David |strong="H1732" marry |strong="H0802" his |strong="H5414" daughter |strong="H1323" Michal |strong="H4324". <sup>28</sup> He |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3588" also |strong="H3068" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3068" daughter |strong="H1323", Michal |strong="H4324", loved |strong="H0157" David |strong="H1732". <sup>29</sup> So |strong="H1961" Saul |strong="H7586" became |strong="H1961" even |strong="H5750" more |strong="H5750" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H3117" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3117" was |strong="H1961" against |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117".

<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H3605" Philistine |strong="H6430" commanders |strong="H8269" continued |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H1961" fight the |strong="H3605" Israelites, but |strong="H1961" David |strong="H1732" defeated them |strong="H3318" every |strong="H3605" time |strong="H1961". He |strong="H1732" became |strong="H1961" famous |strong="H8034" as |strong="H1961" Saul's |strong="H7586" best officer |strong="H8269".

### Jonathan Helps David

<sup>19</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" told |strong="H1696" his |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3129" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H4191" David |strong="H1732". But |strong="H1696" Jonathan |strong="H3129" liked |strong="H2654"

<sup>II</sup> 200 The ancient Greek version has "100."

David|strong="H1732" very|strong="H3966" much|strong="H3605", <sup>2</sup> so he warned him. "Be careful! Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. In the morning go into the field and hide. I will go out into the field with my father. We will stand in the field where you are hiding. I will talk to my father about you, and I will tell you what I learn."

<sup>4</sup> Jonathan|strong="H3083" talked|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H1732" father|strong="H0001" Saul|strong="H7586". Jonathan|strong="H3083" said|strong="H0559" good|strong="H2896" things|strong="H4639" about|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732". He|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", "You|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5650" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428". David|strong="H1732" is|strong="H4428" your|strong="H3588" servant|strong="H5650". David|strong="H1732" hasn't|strong="H3808" done|strong="H4639" anything|strong="H3808" wrong|strong="H2398" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588", so|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H0408" do|strong="H0408" anything|strong="H3808" wrong|strong="H2398" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3588" has|strong="H4428" always been|strong="H3808" good|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588". <sup>5</sup> He|strong="H6213" risked his|strong="H3605" life|strong="H5315" when|strong="H7200" he|strong="H6213" killed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" Philistine|strong="H6430". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" won a|strong="H7760" great|strong="H1419" victory|strong="H8668" for|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478". You|strong="H3605" saw|strong="H7200" it|strong="H7760", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3605" were|strong="H3478" happy|strong="H8055". Why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H3605" want|strong="H5315" to|strong="H4191" hurt David|strong="H1732"? He's innocent|strong="H5355". There|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" no|strong="H3605" reason to|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191" him|strong="H5221"."

<sup>6</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H4191" Jonathan|strong="H3083" and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H7650" a|strong="H8085" promise|strong="H7650". He|strong="H0518" said|strong="H8085", "As|strong="H3068" surely|strong="H4191" as|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085" LORD|strong="H3068" lives|strong="H2416", David won't be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191"."

<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H7121" Jonathan|strong="H3083" called|strong="H7121" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0935" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" was|strong="H1961" said|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H1961" Jonathan|strong="H3083" brought|strong="H0935" David|strong="H1732" to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", and|strong="H0935" David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1961" with|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586" as|strong="H1697" before|strong="H6440".

Saul|strong="H7586" Tries Again|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0413" Kill David|strong="H1732"

<sup>8</sup> Once|strong="H1961" again|strong="H3254" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" war|strong="H4421" with|strong="H1732" the|strong="H6440" Philistines|strong="H6430", and|strong="H1419" David|strong="H1732" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H1961" fight|strong="H3898". He|strong="H1732" defeated|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5221" badly, and|strong="H1419" they|strong="H5221" ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127". <sup>9</sup> Later|strong="H1961", in|strong="H3427" Saul's|strong="H7586" house|strong="H1004", David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1961" playing|strong="H5059" the|strong="H0413" harp. Saul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3068" spear|strong="H2595" in|strong="H3427" his|strong="H3068" hand|strong="H3027". Then|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" evil|strong="H7451" spirit|strong="H7307" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" on|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586". <sup>10</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" threw his|strong="H1732" spear|strong="H2595" at|strong="H1732" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H1732" tried|strong="H1245" to|strong="H6440" pin|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5221" to|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H7023". David|strong="H1732" jumped out|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H6440", so|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" spear|strong="H2595" missed him|strong="H5221" and|strong="H1732" stuck|strong="H5221" in|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H7023". That|strong="H1931" night|strong="H3915", David|strong="H1732" ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127".

<sup>11</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" sent|strong="H7971" men|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" watch|strong="H8104" David's|strong="H1732"

house |strong="H1004". They |strong="H0518" stayed there |strong="H0369" all night |strong="H3915". They |strong="H0518" were |strong="H0802" waiting |strong="H8104" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H4191" David |strong="H1732" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" morning |strong="H1242", but |strong="H0518" David's |strong="H1732" wife |strong="H0802" Michal |strong="H4324" warned |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413". She |strong="H0518" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H4191" run |strong="H4422" away |strong="H7971" tonight |strong="H3915" and |strong="H1004" save |strong="H4422" your |strong="H8104" life |strong="H5315". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" don't |strong="H0369", you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191" tomorrow |strong="H4279"." <sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Michal |strong="H4324" let |strong="H3381" David |strong="H1732" down |strong="H3381" out |strong="H0853" of |strong="H1732" a |strong="H1732" window |strong="H2474", and |strong="H1732" he |strong="H1732" escaped |strong="H4422" and |strong="H1732" ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272". <sup>13</sup> Michal |strong="H4324" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" household |strong="H8655" god |strong="H0413", put |strong="H7760" clothes |strong="H0899" on |strong="H0413" it |strong="H7760", and |strong="H0853" put |strong="H7760" goats' |strong="H5795" hair on |strong="H0413" its |strong="H0853" head |strong="H4763". Then |strong="H3947" she put |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" statue in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" bed |strong="H4296".

<sup>14</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0559" take |strong="H3947" David |strong="H1732" prisoner. But |strong="H3947" Michal said |strong="H0559", " David |strong="H1732" is |strong="H1931" sick |strong="H2470"."

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0559" went |strong="H5927" and |strong="H7971" told |strong="H0559" Saul |strong="H7586", but |strong="H7200" he |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" messengers |strong="H4397" back |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200" David |strong="H1732". Saul |strong="H7586" told |strong="H0559" these |strong="H4191" men |strong="H0559", " Bring |strong="H5927" David |strong="H1732" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". Bring |strong="H5927" him |strong="H0413" lying on |strong="H0413" his |strong="H1732" bed |strong="H4296" if |strong="H7200" you |strong="H7971"

must |strong="H4191", even |strong="H0853" if |strong="H7200" it |strong="H7200" kills |strong="H4191" him |strong="H0413"."

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0413" messengers |strong="H4397" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" David's house. They |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" inside |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413", but |strong="H2009" they |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H2009" it |strong="H0935" was |strong="H4397" only a |strong="H0935" statue and |strong="H0935" that |strong="H2009" its |strong="H0935" hair was |strong="H4397" only goat's |strong="H5795" hair.

<sup>17</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Michal |strong="H4324", " Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H7971" trick me |strong="H0413" like |strong="H3602" this |strong="H1931"? You |strong="H7971" let |strong="H7971" my |strong="H7971" enemy |strong="H0341" escape |strong="H4422", and |strong="H7971" now he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" gone."

Michal |strong="H4324" answered |strong="H0559" Saul |strong="H7586", " David |strong="H7971" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" he |strong="H1931" would |strong="H4100" kill |strong="H4191" me |strong="H0413" if |strong="H1931" I |strong="H0559" didn't help him |strong="H0413" escape |strong="H4422"."

**David |strong="H7971" Goes to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Camps at |strong="H0413" Ramah**

<sup>18</sup> David |strong="H1732" escaped |strong="H4422" and |strong="H0935" ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" to |strong="H0413" Samuel |strong="H8050" at |strong="H0413" Ramah |strong="H7414". He |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" Samuel |strong="H8050" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" Saul |strong="H7586" had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0853" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0935" Samuel |strong="H8050" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" camps where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" prophets stayed |strong="H3427". David |strong="H1732" stayed |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427".

<sup>19</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" heard |strong="H5046" that |strong="H0559" David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H1732" there |strong="H2009" in |strong="H5121" the |strong="H0559" camps near Ramah |strong="H7414". <sup>20</sup> So |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0430" sent |strong="H7971" some |strong="H1992" men |strong="H3947"

to|strong="H1961" arrest David|strong="H1732". But|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961" they|strong="H1992" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" camps, there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" group of|strong="H0430" prophets|strong="H5030" prophesying|strong="H5012".<sup>1</sup> Samuel|strong="H8050" was|strong="H1961" standing|strong="H5975" there|strong="H1961" leading the|strong="H0853" group. The|strong="H0853" Spirit|strong="H7307" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" came|strong="H1961" on|strong="H5921" Saul's|strong="H7586" messengers|strong="H4397" and|strong="H0430" they|strong="H1992" began|strong="H1961" prophesying|strong="H5012".

<sup>21</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" heard|strong="H5046" about this|strong="H5046", so|strong="H7971" he|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971" other|strong="H0312" messengers|strong="H4397", but|strong="H1992" they|strong="H1992" also|strong="H1571" began prophesying|strong="H5012". So|strong="H7971" Saul|strong="H7586" sent|strong="H7971" messengers|strong="H4397" a|strong="H7971" third|strong="H7992" time|strong="H7992", and|strong="H7971" they|strong="H1992" also|strong="H1571" began prophesying|strong="H5012".<sup>22</sup> Finally|strong="H5704", Saul|strong="H0559" himself|strong="H1931" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" Ramah|strong="H7414". Saul|strong="H0559" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" big well|strong="H1571" by|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" threshing floor at|strong="H1732" Secu|strong="H7906". He|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H7592", "Where|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" Samuel|strong="H8050" and|strong="H0935" David|strong="H1732"?"

The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0834" answered|strong="H0559", "In|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" camps near|strong="H5704" Ramah|strong="H7414"."

<sup>23</sup> So|strong="H1980" Saul|strong="H5012" went|strong="H1980" out|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5921" camps near|strong="H5921" Ramah|strong="H7414". The|strong="H5921" Spirit|strong="H7307" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" came|strong="H0935" on|strong="H5921" Saul|strong="H5012", and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H1931" also|strong="H1571" began|strong="H1961" prophesying|strong="H5012". He|strong="H1931" prophesied|strong="H5012"

<sup>1</sup> PROPHECYING This usually means "speaking for God." But here, this also means that the Spirit of God took control of the people, causing them to sing and dance. Also in verse 23.

all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921" way|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5921" camps at|strong="H0413" Ramah|strong="H7414".<sup>24</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" even|strong="H1571" took off|strong="H6584" his|strong="H3605" clothes|strong="H0899". He|strong="H1931" lay|strong="H5307" there|strong="H3605" naked|strong="H6174" all|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3117" through|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915". So|strong="H3651" even|strong="H1571" Saul|strong="H7586" prophesied|strong="H5012" there|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3117" Samuel|strong="H8050".

That|strong="H3605" is|strong="H1931" why|strong="H3651" people|strong="H1931" say|strong="H0559", "Is|strong="H1931" Saul|strong="H7586" also|strong="H1571" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030"?"

#### David and Jonathan Make an Agreement

**20** David|strong="H1732" ran|strong="H1272" away|strong="H1272" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" camps at|strong="H1732" Ramah|strong="H7414" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" Jonathan|strong="H3083" and|strong="H0935" asked|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853", "What|strong="H4100" have|strong="H0001" I|strong="H3588" done|strong="H6213" wrong|strong="H5771"? What|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" my|strong="H1245" crime? Why|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" your|strong="H0935" father|strong="H0001" trying to|strong="H0559" kill me|strong="H5315"?"

<sup>2</sup> Jonathan|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559", "That|strong="H1697" can't|strong="H3808" be|strong="H4191" true! My|strong="H5641" father|strong="H0001" isn't|strong="H3808" trying to|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H4191" you|strong="H6213". My|strong="H5641" father|strong="H0001" doesn't|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H1697" without|strong="H3808" first|strong="H2088" telling|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4480". It|strong="H6213" doesn't|strong="H3808" matter|strong="H1697" how|strong="H2009" important|strong="H1419" it|strong="H6213" is|strong="H0369", my|strong="H5641" father|strong="H0001" always tells|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4480". Why|strong="H4069" would|strong="H0559" my|strong="H5641" father|strong="H0001" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559"

tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4480" that|strong="H1697" he|strong="H6213" wants to|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H4191" you|strong="H6213"? No|strong="H3808", it|strong="H6213" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H3808" true!"

<sup>3</sup> But|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" answered|strong="H0559", " Your|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001" knows|strong="H3045" very|strong="H3045" well|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" friend|strong="H3045". Your|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" himself|strong="H5315", ' Jonathan|strong="H3083" must not|strong="H0408" know|strong="H3045" about|strong="H3045" it|strong="H3588". If|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" knows|strong="H3045", he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732"! I But|strong="H3588" as|strong="H5315" surely|strong="H3588" as|strong="H5315" you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" are|strong="H5869" alive|strong="H2416", I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" very|strong="H3045" close to|strong="H0559" death|strong="H4194"."

<sup>4</sup> Jonathan|strong="H3083" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732", " I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H5315" do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H4100" you|strong="H6213" want|strong="H5315" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213"."

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H2009" David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", " Look|strong="H2009", tomorrow|strong="H4279" is|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320" celebration. I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" supposed to|strong="H0413" eat|strong="H0398" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428", but|strong="H2009" let|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" hide|strong="H5641" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" field|strong="H7704" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0559" evening|strong="H6153". <sup>6</sup> If|strong="H0518" your|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" notices I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H6485" gone|strong="H4480", tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H3605", ' David|strong="H1732" wanted to|strong="H0559" go home|strong="H0001" to|strong="H0559" Bethlehem|strong="H1035". His|strong="H3605" fami-

ly|strong="H4940" is|strong="H3117" having|strong="H3588" its|strong="H3605" own feast for|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" monthly sacrifice|strong="H2077". David|strong="H1732" asked|strong="H7592" me|strong="H4480" to|strong="H0559" let|strong="H6485" him|strong="H3605" run|strong="H7323" down|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559" Bethlehem|strong="H1035" and|strong="H3117" join his|strong="H3605" family|strong="H4940". <sup>7</sup> If|strong="H0518" your|strong="H3045" father says|strong="H0559", 'Fine,' then|strong="H0559" I|strong="H3588" am safe|strong="H7965". But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" your|strong="H3045" father comes|strong="H3045" angry|strong="H2734", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5650" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" wants to|strong="H0559" hurt me|strong="H5973". <sup>8</sup> Jonathan, be|strong="H4191" kind to|strong="H0935" me|strong="H5921". I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0001" made|strong="H6213" an|strong="H0935" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H5973" me|strong="H5921" before|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" guilty|strong="H5771", you|strong="H0859" may|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H4191" me|strong="H5921" yourself|strong="H0859", but|strong="H3588" don't take|strong="H0935" me|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001"."

<sup>9</sup> Jonathan|strong="H3083" answered|strong="H0559", " No|strong="H3808", never|strong="H3808"! If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" learn|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" my|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" plans to|strong="H0559" hurt you|strong="H3588", I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" warn you|strong="H3588"."

<sup>10</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", " Who|strong="H4310" will|strong="H4310" warn me|strong="H0413" if|strong="H0176" your|strong="H5046" father|strong="H0001" says|strong="H0559" bad things to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5046"?"

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H3318" Jonathan|strong="H3083" said|strong="H0559", " Come|strong="H3318", let's go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" field|strong="H7704". So|strong="H3318" Jonathan|strong="H3083" and|strong="H1732" David|strong="H1732" went|strong="H3318" togeth-

I HE WILL TELL DAVID This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text here has "he will be upset."

er into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" field |strong="H7704".

12 Jonathan |strong="H3083" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " I |strong="H3588" make |strong="H1540" this |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H3068" before |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" learn how |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" feels about |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" learn if |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" feels good |strong="H2896" about |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" or |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808". Then |strong="H0227", in |strong="H0413" three |strong="H7992" days, I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" a |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" field. 13 If |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" wants to |strong="H0413" hurt you |strong="H0834", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" know. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" leave |strong="H1980" in |strong="H5921" safety |strong="H7965". May |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" punish me |strong="H0413" if |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" don't do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3541". May |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" been |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" my |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001". 14 As long as I live, show me the same kindness the LORD does. And if I die, never stop showing this kindness to my family. Be faithful to us, even when the LORD destroys all your enemies I from the earth." 16 So |strong="H3027" Jonathan |strong="H3083" made |strong="H3772" this |strong="H3068" agreement with |strong="H5973" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" asked the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" hold |strong="H1004" them |strong="H3027" responsible for |strong="H3027" keeping it |strong="H3772". II

I ENEMIES Or "descendants."

17 Jonathan |strong="H3083" loved |strong="H0157" David |strong="H1732" as |strong="H5315" himself |strong="H5315", and |strong="H1732" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H5315" this |strong="H3588" love |strong="H0157", he |strong="H3588" asked David |strong="H1732" to |strong="H1732" repeat this |strong="H3588" agreement for |strong="H3588" himself |strong="H5315".

18 Jonathan |strong="H3083" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" David, " Tomorrow |strong="H4279" is |strong="H2320" the |strong="H0559" New |strong="H2320" Moon |strong="H2320" celebration. Your |strong="H3588" seat |strong="H4186" will |strong="H2320" be |strong="H3588" empty |strong="H6485", so |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3588" father will |strong="H2320" see |strong="H6485" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3083" gone. 19 On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" third |strong="H8027" day |strong="H3117" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" same place |strong="H4725" you |strong="H0834" hid |strong="H5641" when |strong="H3117" this |strong="H0834" trouble began |strong="H0935". Wait |strong="H3427" by |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" hill. 20 On |strong="H7969" the |strong="H0589" third |strong="H7969" day I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" go |strong="H7971" to |strong="H7971" that |strong="H7971" hill and |strong="H7971" shoot |strong="H3384" three |strong="H7969" arrows |strong="H2678" as |strong="H0589" if I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" shooting at |strong="H7969" a |strong="H7971" target |strong="H4307". 21 Then |strong="H2009" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H0935" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" arrows |strong="H2678". If |strong="H0518" everything is |strong="H0369" fine |strong="H4480", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288", ' You |strong="H3588" went |strong="H0935" too |strong="H4480" far! The |strong="H0853" arrows |strong="H2678" are |strong="H1697" closer to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H7971". Come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" get |strong="H3947" them |strong="H0853". If |strong="H0518" I |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588", you |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0518" come |strong="H0935" out |strong="H4480"

II The Hebrew text here is unclear, and several different translations are possible.



of|strong="H3068" hiding. I|strong="H3588" promise|strong="H1697", as|strong="H1697" surely|strong="H3588" as|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" lives|strong="H2416", you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1697" safe|strong="H7965". There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" danger. <sup>22</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" there|strong="H2009" is|strong="H3068" trouble, I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" boy|strong="H5958", ' The|strong="H0559" arrows|strong="H2678" are|strong="H3068" farther away|strong="H7971". Go|strong="H7971" get|strong="H7971" them|strong="H7971".' If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" say|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3588", you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0518" leave|strong="H4480". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" sending|strong="H7971" you|strong="H3588" away|strong="H7971". <sup>23</sup> Remember this|strong="H1697" agreement|strong="H1697" between|strong="H0996" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H3068" me|strong="H0589". The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" our|strong="H3068" witness forever|strong="H5769"."

<sup>24</sup> Then|strong="H1961" David|strong="H1732" hid|strong="H5641" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" field|strong="H7704".

#### Saul's Attitude at|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" Celebration

The|strong="H5921" time|strong="H1961" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320" celebration came|strong="H1961", and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" sat|strong="H3427" down|strong="H3427" to|strong="H1961" eat|strong="H0398". <sup>25</sup> He|strong="H1732" sat|strong="H3427" next|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5921" wall|strong="H7023" where|strong="H4725" he|strong="H1732" usually sat|strong="H3427", and|strong="H6965" Jonathan|strong="H3083" sat|strong="H3427" across|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5921" him|strong="H0413". Abner|strong="H0074" sat|strong="H3427" next|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586", but|strong="H4428" David's|strong="H1732" place|strong="H4725" was|strong="H1732" empty|strong="H6485". <sup>26</sup> That|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" nothing|strong="H3808". He|strong="H1931" thought|strong="H0559", "Maybe

something|strong="H3972" happened to|strong="H0559" David|strong="H3117" so|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" clean|strong="H2889"."

<sup>27</sup> On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H4283" day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0559" second|strong="H8145" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" month|strong="H2320", David's|strong="H1732" place|strong="H4725" was|strong="H1961" empty|strong="H6485" again|strong="H8145". Then|strong="H1961" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H1732" son|strong="H1121" Jonathan|strong="H3083", " Why|strong="H4069" didn't|strong="H3808" Jesse's|strong="H3448" son|strong="H1121" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320" celebration yesterday|strong="H8543" or|strong="H3808" today|strong="H3117"?"

<sup>28</sup> Jonathan|strong="H3083" answered|strong="H6030", " David|strong="H1732" asked|strong="H7592" me|strong="H5978" to|strong="H5704" let him|strong="H0853" go to|strong="H5704" Bethlehem|strong="H1035". <sup>29</sup> He|strong="H1931" said|strong="H0559", ' Let|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935". Our|strong="H5921" family|strong="H4940" is|strong="H1931" having|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3588" sacrifice|strong="H2077" in|strong="H5921" Bethlehem. My|strong="H5921" brother|strong="H0251" ordered|strong="H6680" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3808" there|strong="H4672". Now|strong="H6258" if|strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" am your|strong="H5921" friend, please|strong="H4994" let|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" see|strong="H7200" my|strong="H5921" brothers|strong="H0251". That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1931" why|strong="H3651" David|strong="H7971" has|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" table|strong="H7979"."

<sup>30</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H7586" very|strong="H2734" angry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H3045" Jonathan|strong="H3083" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0859" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3588" twisted, rebellious|strong="H4780" woman! I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"

you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H3045" chosen |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0559" support that |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jesse |strong="H3448".<sup>1</sup> This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1121" bring |strong="H3045" shame |strong="H1322" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H3045" mother |strong="H0517".<sup>31</sup> As |strong="H0834" long |strong="H3117" as |strong="H0834" Jesse's |strong="H3448" son |strong="H1121" lives |strong="H4194", you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" king |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" kingdom |strong="H4438". Now |strong="H6258", bring |strong="H3947" David |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"! He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" dead |strong="H4194" man |strong="H1121"."

<sup>32</sup> Jonathan |strong="H3083" asked |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3083" father |strong="H0001", "Why |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100" David be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191"? What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" he |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" wrong?"

<sup>33</sup> But |strong="H3588" Saul |strong="H7586" threw |strong="H2904" his |strong="H5921" spear |strong="H2595" at |strong="H5921" Jonathan |strong="H3083" and |strong="H1732" tried to |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5921". So |strong="H4191" Jonathan |strong="H3083" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" his |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" wanted very |strong="H3045" much |strong="H5921" to |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" David |strong="H1732".<sup>34</sup> Jonathan |strong="H3083" became angry |strong="H0639" and |strong="H6965" left |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3588" table |strong="H7979". He |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1732" so |strong="H3808" upset and |strong="H6965" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H1732" father |strong="H0001" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0398" food |strong="H3899" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3588" second |strong="H8145" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3588" festival. He |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1732" angry |strong="H0639" because |strong="H3588" Saul humiliated |strong="H3637" him |strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> THAT SON OF JESSE Saul refers to David by his father's name, intending it as an insult.

and |strong="H6965" because |strong="H3588" Saul wanted to |strong="H0413" kill David |strong="H1732".

### David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H6965" Jonathan |strong="H3083" Say Goodbye

<sup>35</sup> The |strong="H1961" next morning |strong="H1242" Jonathan |strong="H3083" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" field |strong="H7704" to |strong="H1961" meet |strong="H3318" David |strong="H1732" as |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1242" had |strong="H1961" agreed. Jonathan |strong="H3083" brought |strong="H3318" a |strong="H1961" little |strong="H6996" boy |strong="H5288" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973".<sup>36</sup> He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288", "Run |strong="H7323". Go |strong="H5674" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" arrows |strong="H2678" I |strong="H0834" shoot |strong="H3384". The |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" began to |strong="H0559" run |strong="H7323", and |strong="H5288" Jonathan |strong="H0559" shot |strong="H3384" the |strong="H0853" arrows |strong="H2678" over |strong="H5674" his |strong="H0834" head.<sup>37</sup> The |strong="H0559" boy |strong="H5288" ran to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" place |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" arrows |strong="H2678" fell, but |strong="H3808" Jonathan |strong="H3083" called |strong="H7121", "The |strong="H0559" arrows |strong="H2678" are |strong="H0834" farther away |strong="H0310"."<sup>38</sup> Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0310" shouted |strong="H7121", "Hurry |strong="H2363"! Go |strong="H0935" get |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413". Don't |strong="H0408" just |strong="H5975" stand |strong="H5975" there |strong="H5975". The |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" picked |strong="H3950" up |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" arrows |strong="H2678" and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0310" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0935" master |strong="H0113".<sup>39</sup> The |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" knew |strong="H3045" nothing |strong="H3808" about |strong="H1697" what |strong="H1697" went on |strong="H0389". Only |strong="H0389" Jonathan |strong="H3083" and |strong="H1732" David |strong="H1732" knew |strong="H3045".<sup>40</sup> Jonathan |strong="H3083" gave |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" bow and |strong="H0935" arrows to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H0559"

him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" town |strong="H5892".

<sup>41</sup> When |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" left |strong="H0935", David |strong="H1732" came |strong="H0935" out |strong="H6965" from |strong="H0935" his |strong="H1732" hiding place |strong="H0935" on |strong="H5307" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H7453" side |strong="H0681" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" hill. David |strong="H1732" gave |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" formal greeting by |strong="H0935" bowing |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H0776" three |strong="H7969" times |strong="H6471" to |strong="H0935" show his |strong="H1732" respect for |strong="H0776" Jonathan. But |strong="H0376" then |strong="H6965" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0935" Jonathan kissed |strong="H5401" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H7453" and |strong="H0935" cried |strong="H1058" together. It |strong="H5704" was |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0935" very |strong="H5704" sad goodbye, especially |strong="H0853" for |strong="H0776" David |strong="H1732".

<sup>42</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Jonathan |strong="H3083" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" David |strong="H1732", " Go |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" peace |strong="H7965". We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" oath |strong="H7650" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1961" friends forever |strong="H5769". We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H1961" asked |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" witness between |strong="H0996" us |strong="H0996" and |strong="H1980" our |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H2233" forever |strong="H5769"."

#### David Goes to See Ahimelech the Priest

**21** Then |strong="H6965" David left |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" Jonathan |strong="H3083" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" town |strong="H5892". David went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" town |strong="H5892" named Nob <sup>I</sup> to |strong="H0935" see |strong="H0935" Ahimelech the |strong="H0935" priest.

Ahimelech went |strong="H0935" out |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0935" meet David.

<sup>I</sup> Nob A city near Ranah where many priests lived. See 1 Sam. 22:19.

He |strong="H0935" was |strong="H3083" afraid of |strong="H0935" David and |strong="H0935" asked, "Why are |strong="H3083" you |strong="H0935" alone? Why isn't anyone with |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0935"?"

<sup>2</sup> David |strong="H1732" answered |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", " The |strong="H0559" king gave |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" special order |strong="H0559". He |strong="H1732" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413", ' Don't |strong="H0369" let anyone |strong="H0376" know |strong="H0854" about |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0935" mission. No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" must know |strong="H0854" what I |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H0935"! I |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" my |strong="H1732" men |strong="H0376" where |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H7122" me |strong="H0413". <sup>3</sup> Now, what |strong="H0834" food do |strong="H0408" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"? Give |strong="H6680" me |strong="H0413" five loaves of |strong="H4428" bread or |strong="H0408" whatever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" eat."

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H5414" priest said to |strong="H5414" David |strong="H3027", " I |strong="H5414" don't have |strong="H3426" any |strong="H3426" ordinary bread |strong="H3899" here |strong="H6258", but |strong="H6258" I |strong="H5414" do |strong="H4100" have |strong="H3426" some |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5414" holy bread |strong="H3899". Your |strong="H5414" officers can |strong="H4100" eat it |strong="H5414" if |strong="H0176" they |strong="H4100" have |strong="H3426" not had |strong="H5414" sexual relations with |strong="H3027" any |strong="H3426" women." <sup>II</sup>

<sup>5</sup> David |strong="H1732" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548", " We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" been |strong="H3426" with |strong="H0413" any |strong="H3426" women |strong="H0802". My |strong="H8104" men |strong="H5288" keep |strong="H8104" their |strong="H3588" bodies <sup>III</sup> holy |strong="H6944" every |strong="H0802" time we |strong="H3588" go out |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" fight, even |strong="H3588" on |strong="H0413" ordinary |strong="H2455" missions. <sup>IV</sup> And |strong="H3027" this |strong="H3588"

<sup>II</sup> YOUR OFFICERS ... WOMEN This would make the men unclean and not able to eat any food that had been made holy by offering it to God. See Leviticus 7:21; 15:1-33. <sup>III</sup> BODIES Literally, "vessels" or

is especially true today."

<sup>6</sup> There was no bread except the holy bread, so the priest gave David this bread. This was the bread that the priests put on the holy table before the LORD. Each day they took this bread away and put fresh bread in its place.

<sup>7</sup> One of Saul's officers was there that day.

He was Doeg the Edomite, the leader of Saul's shepherds. <sup>I</sup> He had been kept there before the LORD. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>8</sup> David asked Ahimelech, "Do you have a spear or sword here?" The king's business is very important. I had to leave quickly, and I didn't bring my sword or any other weapon."

<sup>9</sup> The priest answered, "The only sword here is the sword of Goliath the Philistine. It is the sword you took from him when you killed him in the Valley

"weapons." <sup>IV</sup> MY MEN ... MISSIONS See 2 Sam. 11:11 and the rules in Deuteronomy 23:9-14. <sup>I</sup> SHEPHERDS Or "messengers." <sup>II</sup> KEPT THERE BEFORE THE LORD This might mean that Doeg was there as part of a special promise to God or some other religious reason. Or it might mean he was being held there because of some crime, such as accidentally killing a man.

of Elah. That sword is behind the ephod, wrapped in a cloth. You may take it if you want to."

David said, "Go, liath's sword—there's not another one like it. Give it to me."

**David Runs Away to the Enemy at Gath**

<sup>10</sup> That day David ran away from Saul and went to King Achish of Gath. <sup>11</sup> Achish's officers said, "Isn't this David, the king of the land of Israel? He is the one the Israelites sing about. They dance and sing this song about him."

"Saul has killed thousands of enemies," but David has killed tens of thousands."

<sup>12</sup> David paid close attention to what they said. He was afraid of King Achish of Gath, <sup>13</sup> so he pretended to be crazy in front of Achish and his officers. While David was with them, he acted like a crazy man. He spat on the doors of the gate.

He *let* spit fall down *his* beard.

<sup>14</sup> Achish said *to* his officers, "Look *at* the man *is* crazy. Why did *you* bring *him* *me*? <sup>15</sup> I *have* enough crazy men *I* don't need *you* *to* bring *this* man *to* my house *to* act *crazy* in front of *me*. Don't let *this* man *come* *into* my house again."

#### David Goes to Different Places

**22** David *left* Gath and *ran* away *to* the cave of Adullam *and* his brothers *heard* that David was *at* Adullam *and* he *went* *to* see him *there*. <sup>2</sup> Many people *joined* David. There *were* men *who* *in* some kind of trouble, men *who* owed a lot of money, and men *who* were *not* satisfied with *life*. All *kinds* of people *joined* David, and he *became* their leader. He *had* about 400 men *with* him.

I CAVE Or possibly, "fortress."

<sup>3</sup> David *left* Adullam and *went* *to* Mizpah in Moab. David said *to* the king of Moab, "Please *let* my father *and* mother *and* I *stay* with *you* until I *learn* what God *is* going *to* do *to* me." <sup>4</sup> So David *left* his parents with the king of Moab. They *stayed* with the king of Moab as long as David *was* at the fort. <sup>5</sup> But the prophet Gad said *to* David, "Don't *stay* in the fort. Go *to* the land of Judah." So David *left* and *went* *to* Hereth Forest.

#### Saul Destroys Ahimelech's Family

<sup>6</sup> Saul *heard* the report about David *and* his men *while* he *was* sitting under the tree on the hill at Gibeah. Saul *had* his spear *in* his hand *and* *was* *at* Gibeah.

his|strong="H3605" officers|strong="H5650" were|strong="H0834" standing|strong="H5324" around|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921".<sup>7</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3605" officers|strong="H8269" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1121" standing|strong="H5324" around|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5414", "Listen|strong="H8085", men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Benjamin. Do|strong="H3605" you|strong="H5414" think|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jesse|strong="H3448" will|strong="H1571" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" fields|strong="H7704" and|strong="H1121" vineyards|strong="H3754"? He|strong="H5414" is|strong="H1571" not|strong="H1571" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" us|strong="H5414", so|strong="H5414" don't think|strong="H0559" he|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1571" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" anything|strong="H3605" or|strong="H8085" make|strong="H7760" you|strong="H5414" officers|strong="H8269" over|strong="H5921" 1000 or|strong="H8085" even|strong="H1571" 100 men|strong="H1121".<sup>8</sup> No|strong="H0369", but|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3117" plotting against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". None|strong="H0369" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3588" told|strong="H0241" me|strong="H5921" about|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" Jonathan and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" agreement he|strong="H3588" made|strong="H3772" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jesse|strong="H3448". None|strong="H0369" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3588" cares enough about|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" tell|strong="H3605" me|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3605" own|strong="H5973" son|strong="H1121" Jonathan encouraged David|strong="H3117" to|strong="H5921" turn against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" and|strong="H1121" attack|strong="H6965" me|strong="H5921". And|strong="H1121" that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0369" what|strong="H2088" David|strong="H3117" is|strong="H0369" doing now|strong="H3117"."

<sup>9</sup> Doeg|strong="H1673" the|strong="H0853" Edomite|strong="H0130" was|strong="H1931" standing|strong="H5324" there with|strong="H0413"

I THAT SON OF JESSE As usual, Saul refers to David by his father's name, intending it as an insult.

Saul's|strong="H7586" officers|strong="H5650". Doeg|strong="H1673" said|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H7200" saw|strong="H7200" Jesse's|strong="H3448" son|strong="H1121" at|strong="H0413" Nob|strong="H5011". David came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H7200" Ahimelech|strong="H0288" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahitub|strong="H0285".<sup>10</sup> Ahimelech prayed to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H7592" David and|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" some food|strong="H6720". He|strong="H3068" even|strong="H0853" gave|strong="H5414" David the|strong="H0853" sword|strong="H2719" of|strong="H3068" Goliath|strong="H1555" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430"."

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0853" King|strong="H4428" Saul ordered|strong="H7971" some|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" bring|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". Saul told|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" bring|strong="H0935" Ahimelech|strong="H0288" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahitub|strong="H0285" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" relatives|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" priests|strong="H3548" at|strong="H0413" Nob|strong="H5011". So|strong="H7971" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" them|strong="H0413" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428".<sup>12</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Ahimelech, "Listen|strong="H8085" now|strong="H4994", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahitub|strong="H0285"."

Ahimelech answered|strong="H0559", "Yes|strong="H2005", sir|strong="H0113"."

<sup>13</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", "Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" Jesse's|strong="H3448" son|strong="H1121" make|strong="H5414" secret plans against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413"? You|strong="H0859" gave|strong="H5414" David|strong="H3117" bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H1121" a|strong="H5414" sword|strong="H2719". You|strong="H0859" prayed|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430" for|strong="H5921" him|strong="H0413". And|strong="H1121" right now|strong="H3117", David|strong="H3117"

is|strong="H2088" waiting to|strong="H0413" attack|strong="H6965" me|strong="H0413".

<sup>14</sup> Ahimelech|strong="H0288" answered|strong="H0559", " David|strong="H1732" is|strong="H4310" very faithful|strong="H0539" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605". Not|strong="H1732" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" officers|strong="H5650" is|strong="H4310" as|strong="H1004" faithful|strong="H0539" as|strong="H1004" David|strong="H1732". He|strong="H1732" is|strong="H4310" your|strong="H3605" own son-in-law|strong="H2860" and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" captain of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H3605" bodyguards. Your|strong="H3605" own family|strong="H1004" respects David|strong="H1732".<sup>15</sup>

That|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0430" not|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3588" prayed to|strong="H3117" God|strong="H0430" for|strong="H3588" David|strong="H3117". Not|strong="H3808" at|strong="H3117" all|strong="H3605"! Don't|strong="H0408" blame me|strong="H7760" or|strong="H0176" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H4428" my|strong="H3605" relatives. We|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3605" servants|strong="H5650". I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" nothing|strong="H3808" about|strong="H1697" what|strong="H1697" is|strong="H0430" happening."

<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H0859" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559", " Ahimelech|strong="H0288", you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" relatives must|strong="H4191" die|strong="H4191".<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" told|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" guards|strong="H7323" at|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" side|strong="H3027", " Go|strong="H7971" and|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" David's|strong="H1732" side|strong="H3027" too|strong="H1571". They|strong="H3588" knew|strong="H3045" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3068" running|strong="H7323" away|strong="H7971", but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" didn't|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H7971".

The|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" officers|strong="H5650" refused|strong="H0014"

to|strong="H0559" hurt the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>18</sup> So|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" gave|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" order|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Doeg|strong="H1673". Saul|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Doeg|strong="H1673", you|strong="H0859" go|strong="H5437" kill|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0559" priests|strong="H3548". So|strong="H4191" Doeg|strong="H1673" the|strong="H0559" Edomite|strong="H0130" went|strong="H5437" and|strong="H4428" killed|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0559" priests|strong="H3548". That|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" he|strong="H1931" killed|strong="H4191" 85 men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" were|strong="H0376" priests|strong="H3548".<sup>19</sup> Nob|strong="H5011" was|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548". Doeg killed|strong="H5221" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Nob|strong="H5011". He|strong="H5704" used his|strong="H0376" sword|strong="H2719" and|strong="H3548" killed|strong="H5221" men|strong="H0376", women|strong="H0802", children|strong="H5768" and|strong="H3548" small babies|strong="H0802". He|strong="H5704" even|strong="H5704" killed|strong="H5221" their|strong="H5221" cattle|strong="H7794", donkeys|strong="H2543", and|strong="H3548" sheep|strong="H7716".

<sup>20</sup> But Abiathar|strong="H0054" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahimelech|strong="H0288" escaped|strong="H4422". He|strong="H0310" ran|strong="H1272" away|strong="H0310" and|strong="H1121" joined David|strong="H1732".<sup>21</sup> Abiathar|strong="H0054" told|strong="H5046" David|strong="H1732" that|strong="H3588" Saul|strong="H7586" had|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H2026" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" priests|strong="H3548".<sup>22</sup> Then|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732" told|strong="H5046" Abiathar|strong="H0054", " I|strong="H0595" saw Doeg|strong="H1673" the|strong="H3605" Edomite|strong="H0130" at|strong="H1732" Nob that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117". I|strong="H0595" knew|strong="H3045" he|strong="H1931" would|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H5046" Saul|strong="H7586"! I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" responsible for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" death|strong="H5315" of|strong="H1004"

I PRIESTS Literally, "men who wore the linen ephod."

your father's family".<sup>23</sup> Stay with me. Don't be afraid the man who tried to kill you is the same man who wants to kill me. I will protect you if you stay with me.

### David at Keilah

**23** People told David,

"Look, Philistines are fighting the city of Keilah. They are robbing grain from the threshing floors."

<sup>2</sup> David asked the LORD, "Should I go and fight these Philistines?"

The LORD answered David, "Yes, go attack the Philistines. Save Keilah."

<sup>3</sup> But David's men said to him, "Look, our men are afraid here in Judah." Just think, we will be afraid if we go to Keilah, where the Philistine army is lined up and ready for battle."

<sup>4</sup> David asked the LORD, "And

the LORD answered David, "Go to Keilah. I will help you defeat the Philistines." So David and his men went to Keilah. David's men fought the Philistines and they took their cattle. In this way David saved the people of Keilah. (When Abiathar ran away to David, Abiathar took an ephod with him.)

<sup>7</sup> People told Saul that David was at Keilah. Saul said, "God has given to David. David trapped himself when he went into a city surrounded by a wall with gates and bars to lock them." Saul called all his army together for battle. They prepared to go down to Keilah to attack David and his men.

<sup>9</sup> David learned that Saul

I WHEN ABIATHAR ... HIM This means that Abiathar could go before God for David and ask for advice.



was **making plans against him**. David **then said** to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod."

<sup>10</sup> David **prayed**, "LORD, God of Israel, I have heard that Saul plans to come to Keilah and destroy the town because of me." <sup>11</sup> Will Saul come to Keilah? Will the people of Keilah give me to Saul? LORD, God of Israel, I am your servant. Please tell me!

The LORD answered, "Saul will come."

<sup>12</sup> Again David asked the people of Keilah give me and my men to Saul?

The LORD answered, "They will."

<sup>13</sup> So David and his men left Keilah. There were about 600 men who went with David. They kept moving from place to place. Saul learned that David had escaped from Keilah, so he

did not go to that city.

### Saul Chases David

<sup>14</sup> David went into the desert of Ziph and stayed in the mountains and fortresses there. Saul looked for David the whole time, but the Lord didn't let Saul catch him.

<sup>15</sup> David was at Horesh in the desert of Ziph. He was afraid because Saul was coming to kill him. <sup>16</sup> But Saul's son Jonathan went to see David at Horesh and encouraged him to have a stronger faith in God. <sup>17</sup> Jonathan told David, "Don't be afraid. My father won't hurt you. You will become king of Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father knows this."

<sup>18</sup> Jonathan and David made an agreement before

<sup>1</sup> THE LORD From the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew copy from Qumran. The standard Hebrew text has "God."

the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".  
Then |strong="H1980" Jonathan |strong="H3083"  
went |strong="H1980" home |strong="H1004",  
and |strong="H1980" David |strong="H1732"  
stayed |strong="H3427" at |strong="H3427" Hore-  
sh |strong="H2793".

**The |strong="H6440" People |strong="H3427"  
of |strong="H1004" Ziph Tell Saul  
About |strong="H1980" David |strong="H1732"**

<sup>19</sup> Some people |strong="H0834"  
from |strong="H0413" Ziph went |strong="H5927"  
to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586"  
at |strong="H0413" Gibeah |strong="H1390"  
and |strong="H1732" told |strong="H0559"  
him |strong="H0413", " David |strong="H1732"  
is |strong="H0834" hiding |strong="H5641"  
in |strong="H0413" our |strong="H0834" area.  
He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834"  
at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" fortresses  
of |strong="H0559" Horesh |strong="H2793"  
on |strong="H0413" Hakilah Hill |strong="H1389",  
south |strong="H3225" of |strong="H0559" Jeshi-  
mon |strong="H3452". <sup>20</sup> Now |strong="H6258",  
King |strong="H4428", come |strong="H3381"  
down |strong="H3381" any |strong="H3605"  
time |strong="H6258" you |strong="H3605"  
want |strong="H5315". It |strong="H3381"  
is |strong="H5315" our |strong="H3605" duty  
to |strong="H3381" give David |strong="H3027"  
to |strong="H3381" you |strong="H3605"."

<sup>21</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" answered |strong="H0559",  
" May |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288"  
you |strong="H0859" for |strong="H3588" helping  
me |strong="H5921". <sup>22</sup> Go |strong="H1961"  
and |strong="H8033" learn |strong="H3045"  
more |strong="H5750" about |strong="H1961" David.  
Keep |strong="H7200" track of |strong="H4725"  
where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" goes  
and |strong="H8033" who |strong="H0834" goes  
to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200"  
him |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834"  
am |strong="H1961" told |strong="H0559"  
that |strong="H0834" David is |strong="H0834" smart  
and |strong="H8033" that |strong="H0834"  
he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" trying  
to |strong="H0413" trick me |strong="H0413". <sup>23</sup>  
Find |strong="H3045" all |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" hiding |strong="H2244"  
places |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" David  
uses. Then |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1980"  
back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1980"  
tell |strong="H3045" me |strong="H0413" every-  
thing |strong="H3605". Then |strong="H1961" I'll  
go |strong="H1980" with |strong="H0854"  
you |strong="H0834". If |strong="H0518" David

is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H1980"  
the |strong="H3605" area |strong="H0776",  
I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961"  
find |strong="H3045" him |strong="H0413",  
even |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518"  
I |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853"  
go |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413"  
every |strong="H3605" family |strong="H0505" group  
in |strong="H1980" Judah |strong="H3063"."

<sup>24</sup> So |strong="H6965" those |strong="H0376" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376" went |strong="H6965"  
back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413"  
Ziph |strong="H2128" before |strong="H6440"  
Saul |strong="H7586".

David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H6965"  
his |strong="H1732" men |strong="H0376"  
were |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H6440" desert |strong="H6160"  
of |strong="H0376" Maon |strong="H4584",  
south |strong="H3225" of |strong="H0376" Jeshi-  
mon |strong="H3452". <sup>25</sup> Saul |strong="H7586"  
and |strong="H0376" his |strong="H8085"  
men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H3381"  
to |strong="H3381" look |strong="H1245"  
for |strong="H3427" David |strong="H1732",  
but |strong="H0376" the |strong="H8085" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376" warned him |strong="H0310".  
They |strong="H0376" told |strong="H5046"  
David |strong="H1732" that |strong="H8085"  
Saul |strong="H7586" was |strong="H1732" look-  
ing |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3427"  
him |strong="H0310". So |strong="H3381"  
David |strong="H1732" then |strong="H0310"  
went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381"  
to |strong="H3381" " The |strong="H8085"  
Rock |strong="H5553" in |strong="H3427"  
the |strong="H8085" desert |strong="H4057"  
of |strong="H0376" Maon |strong="H4584".  
Saul |strong="H7586" heard |strong="H8085"  
that |strong="H8085" David |strong="H1732"  
had |strong="H1732" gone |strong="H3381"  
there |strong="H3427", so |strong="H3381"  
Saul |strong="H7586" went |strong="H3381"  
to |strong="H3381" that |strong="H8085" place  
to |strong="H3381" find |strong="H1245"  
him |strong="H0310".

<sup>26</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" was |strong="H1961"  
on |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0376"  
side |strong="H6654" of |strong="H0376"  
the |strong="H6440" mountain |strong="H2022".  
David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0376"  
his |strong="H1732" men |strong="H0376"  
were |strong="H1961" on |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H6440" other |strong="H2088"  
side |strong="H6654" of |strong="H0376"  
the |strong="H6440" same |strong="H2088" moun-  
tain |strong="H2022". David |strong="H1732"  
was |strong="H1961" moving as |strong="H1961"

quickly as *strong*="H1961" possible to *strong*="H0413" get away *strong*="H2648" from *strong*="H0376" Saul *strong*="H7586". But *strong*="H1961" Saul *strong*="H7586" and *strong*="H0376" his *strong*="H1732" soldiers *strong*="H0376" were *strong*="H1961" going around *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H6440" mountain *strong*="H2022" to *strong*="H0413" cut them *strong*="H0413" off and *strong*="H0376" trap David *strong*="H1732" and *strong*="H0376" his *strong*="H1732" men *strong*="H0376".

<sup>27</sup> Then *strong*="H0935" a *strong*="H3588" messenger *strong*="H4397" arrived *strong*="H0935" and *strong*="H0935" told *strong*="H0559" Saul *strong*="H7586", " Come *strong*="H0935" quickly *strong*="H4116"! The *strong*="H0559" Philistines *strong*="H6430" are *strong*="H0776" attacking."

<sup>28</sup> So *strong*="H3651" Saul *strong*="H7586" stopped *strong*="H6430" chasing *strong*="H0310" David *strong*="H1732" and *strong*="H7725" went *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H7725" fight the *strong*="H5921" Philistines *strong*="H6430". That *strong*="H1931" is *strong*="H1931" why *strong*="H3651" people *strong*="H1931" call *strong*="H7121" this *strong*="H3651" place *strong*="H4725" "Slippery Rock." <sup>129</sup> David left the desert of Maon and went to the fortresses near En Gedi.

### David Shames Saul

**24** After Saul had *strong*="H1732" chased the *strong*="H8033" Philistines away *strong*="H5927", people *strong*="H3427" told him *strong*="H1732", " David *strong*="H1732" is *strong*="H8033" in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H8033" desert area near *strong*="H8033" En Gedi."

<sup>2</sup> So *strong*="H1961" Saul *strong*="H7586" chose 3000 men *strong*="H0559" from *strong*="H7725" all *strong*="H2009" over Israel and *strong*="H7725" began *strong*="H1961" searching for *strong*="H1732" David *strong*="H1732" and *strong*="H7725" his *strong*="H7725" men *strong*="H0559". They *strong*="H0834" looked *strong*="H2009" near Wild Goat Rocks. <sup>3</sup> Saul *strong*="H7586" came *strong*="H0376" to *strong*="H5921" some *strong*="H0376" sheep pens beside *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" road. There *strong*="H3605" was *strong*="H3478" a *strong*="H3947" cave near *strong*="H6440" there *strong*="H3605", so *strong*="H3947" Saul *strong*="H7586" went *strong*="H0376" in *strong*="H5921" to *strong*="H5921" relieve himself *strong*="H6440". David *strong*="H1732" and *strong*="H3478" his *strong*="H3605"

men *strong*="H0376" were *strong*="H3478" deep inside *strong*="H6440" that *strong*="H3605" same *strong*="H0853" cave. <sup>4</sup>

David's *strong*="H1732" men *strong*="H0376" told *strong*="H0413" him *strong*="H0413", " This *strong*="H0935" is *strong*="H0376" day the *strong*="H0853" LORD told *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H5921" about *strong*="H5921" when *strong*="H0935" he *strong*="H8033" said *strong*="H0413", ' I *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H0376" give *strong*="H0935" your *strong*="H5921" enemy to *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H5921", and *strong*="H0935" you *strong*="H5921" can *strong*="H0935" do *strong*="H0935" whatever you *strong*="H5921" want to *strong*="H0413" him *strong*="H0413"."

So *strong*="H0935" David *strong*="H1732" crawled closer and *strong*="H0935" closer to *strong*="H0413" Saul *strong*="H7586" and *strong*="H0935" cut off *strong*="H5921" a *strong*="H0935" corner of *strong*="H0376" Saul's *strong*="H7586" robe. Saul *strong*="H7586" didn't notice what *strong*="H5921" happened *strong*="H0935".

<sup>5</sup> Later, David *strong*="H1732" felt bad about *strong*="H0413" what *strong*="H0834" he *strong*="H0834" did *strong*="H6213". <sup>6</sup> He *strong*="H0834" said *strong*="H3651" to *strong*="H1961" his *strong*="H5921" men *strong*="H3772", " I *strong*="H0834" pray the *strong*="H0853" LORD never lets me *strong*="H5921" do anything like *strong*="H1961" that *strong*="H0834" to *strong*="H1961" my *strong*="H5921" master again *strong*="H0310". I *strong*="H0834" must *strong*="H0853" not *strong*="H1961" do anything against *strong*="H5921" Saul *strong*="H7586", because *strong*="H5921" he *strong*="H0834" is *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" LORD'S chosen king *strong*="H5921". <sup>II</sup> <sup>7</sup> David *strong*="H3027" said *strong*="H0559" these *strong*="H2088" things *strong*="H1697" to *strong*="H0559" stop his *strong*="H3068" men *strong*="H0376". He *strong*="H1931" would *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H2088" let *strong*="H7971" his *strong*="H3068" men *strong*="H0376" hurt Saul *strong*="H0559".

Saul *strong*="H0559" left the *strong*="H0853" cave and *strong*="H3068" went *strong*="H0376" on *strong*="H3068" his *strong*="H3068" way *strong*="H1697". <sup>8</sup> Later, David *strong*="H1732" came *strong*="H0413" out *strong*="H0413" of *strong*="H0376" the *strong*="H0853" cave *strong*="H4631" and *strong*="H6965" called out *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" Saul *strong*="H7586", " My *strong*="H5414" lord the *strong*="H0853" king!"

I SLIPPERY ROCK Or "Sela Hammahlekoth."

II CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one." Also in verse 10.

Saul *looked back*. David *bowed with his face to the ground to show his respect*.<sup>9</sup> David *said*, "Why *do you listen when people say*, 'David *plans to hurt you? You can see with your own eyes that is not true*. The *LORD put you within my grasp today in the cave, but I refused to kill you*. I *was merciful to you*. I *said*, 'I *won't hurt my master*. Saul *is the LORD'S chosen king*.'<sup>11</sup> Look *at this piece of cloth in my hand*. I *cut off the corner of your robe*. I *could have killed you*, but *I didn't*. Now *I want you to understand this*. I *want you to know that I am not planning anything against you*. I *did nothing wrong to you*, but *you are hunting me and trying to kill me*.<sup>12</sup> Let *the LORD be the judge*. I *hope the LORD will punish you for the wrong you*

*did to me*, but *I won't fight you myself*.<sup>13</sup> There *is an old saying*: "Bad things *come from bad people*." "I *haven't done anything bad, and I won't hurt you*".<sup>14</sup> Who *are you chasing? Did the king of Israel bring an army to chase a single flea or a dying dog*?<sup>15</sup> Let *the LORD be the judge*. Let *him decide between you and me*. He *will support me and show that I am right*. He *will save me from you*."

<sup>16</sup> When *David finished speaking*, Saul *asked*, "Is *that your voice, David my son?*" Then *Saul lifted his voice and began to cry*.<sup>17</sup> He *said*, "You *are right, and I am wrong*. You *were good to me*, even *though I have been bad to you*".<sup>18</sup> You *yourself said it when told about the good things you did*. The *LORD put my life in your hands, but you did not kill me*.<sup>19</sup> This *shows that you are not my enemy*. A *man*

doesn't catch his enemy, and just let him go. He doesn't do good for his enemy. May LORD reward you for being good to me today.<sup>20</sup> Now I know that you will become the new king. You will rule the kingdom of Israel.<sup>21</sup> Now a promise me an oath using the LORD'S name. Promise that you will not kill my descendants, even after I die. Promise that you will not erase my name from my father's family."

<sup>22</sup> So David made a promise to Saul. He promised that he would not kill Saul's family. Then Saul went home. David and his men went up to the fort.

#### David and Nabal the Fool

**25** Samuel died. All the Israelites met together and mourned his death. They buried him at home in Ramah.

Then David moved to the desert of Maon.<sup>12</sup>

There was a rich man living in Maon. He had 3000 sheep and 1000 goats. That man was Carmel taking care of some business. He went there to cut the wool from his sheep.<sup>3</sup> This man's name was Nabal. He was from Caleb's family. Nabal's wife was Abigail. She was a wise and beautiful woman, but Nabal was a mean and cruel man.

<sup>4</sup> David was in the desert when he heard that Nabal was cutting the wool from his sheep.<sup>5</sup> David sent ten young men to talk to Nabal. He told them, "Go to Carmel. Find Nabal and tell him 'Hello' for me." David gave them this message for Nabal: "May you and your family be well and all that you own be well."<sup>7</sup> I heard

<sup>1</sup> MAON This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "Paran."<sup>12</sup> NABAL This name means "foolish."

that you are cutting wool from your sheep. Your shepherds were with us for a while, and did nothing wrong to them. We never took from your shepherds while they were at Carmel. <sup>8</sup> Ask your servants and they tell you this is true. Please be kind to my young men. We come to you now, at this happy time. Please give these young men anything you can. Please do for me, your friend <sup>1</sup> David.

<sup>9</sup> David's men went to Nabal. They gave his message to Nabal, <sup>10</sup> but Nabal said, "Who is David? Who is this son of Jesse? There are many slaves who have run away from their masters these days. <sup>11</sup> I have bread and water, and I have the

meat I killed for my servants who cut the wool from my sheep. But I won't give them to men I don't know."

<sup>12</sup> David's men went back and told him everything that Nabal had said. <sup>13</sup> David's response was, "Put on your swords." So David and his men put on their swords. About 400 men went with David while 200 of them stayed with the supplies.

#### Abigail Prevents Trouble

<sup>14</sup> One of Nabal's servants spoke to Nabal's wife Abigail. The servant said, "David sent messengers from the desert to meet our master, but Nabal was rude to them." <sup>15</sup> These men were very good to us while we were out in the fields with the sheep. David's men were with us, and they never

<sup>1</sup> FRIEND Literally, "son."

did|strong="H3808" anything|strong="H3605" wrong to|strong="H1980" us|strong="H3117". They|strong="H3117" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" take|strong="H1980" anything|strong="H3605" from|strong="H0376" us|strong="H3117".<sup>16</sup> His|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" protected us|strong="H5921" night|strong="H3915" and|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117". They|strong="H3117" were|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" wall|strong="H2346" around|strong="H5921" us|strong="H5921"—they|strong="H3117" protected us|strong="H5921" while|strong="H1961" we|strong="H3117" were|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H5921" caring for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sheep|strong="H6629".<sup>17</sup> Nabal was|strong="H1931" foolish to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H1696" what|strong="H4100" he|strong="H1931" did|strong="H6213". Terrible|strong="H7451" trouble|strong="H7451" is|strong="H1931" coming to|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3605" master|strong="H0113" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004". You|strong="H3588" need to|strong="H0413" think|strong="H7200" of|strong="H1121" something to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213".

<sup>18</sup> Abigail|strong="H0026" quickly|strong="H4116" gathered up|strong="H5921" 200 loaves|strong="H3899" of|strong="H5921" bread|strong="H3899", two|strong="H8147" full wine|strong="H3196" bags, five|strong="H2568" cooked sheep|strong="H6629", about|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947" bushel<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H5921" cooked grain|strong="H7039", about|strong="H5921" 2 quarts<sup>II</sup> of|strong="H5921" raisins|strong="H6778", and|strong="H3967" 200 cakes|strong="H1690" of|strong="H5921" pressed figs|strong="H1690". She put|strong="H7760" them|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" donkeys|strong="H2543".<sup>19</sup> Then|strong="H0935" Abigail told|strong="H5046" her|strong="H5046" servants|strong="H5288", "Go|strong="H0935" on|strong="H0935". I'll follow|strong="H0310" you|strong="H6440". But|strong="H3808" she|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5046" her|strong="H5046" husband|strong="H0376".

<sup>20</sup> Abigail rode|strong="H7392" her|strong="H5921" donkey|strong="H2543" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0376" side of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" mountain|strong="H2022". She|strong="H1931" met|strong="H6298" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0376"

his|strong="H5921" men|strong="H0376" coming|strong="H3381" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0376" direction.<sup>21</sup> David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H0834" saying|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H0834" protected|strong="H8104" Nabal's property|strong="H0834" in|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057". I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6485" sure not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H2088" of|strong="H8478" his|strong="H3605" sheep was|strong="H0834" missing|strong="H6485". I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" for|strong="H8478" nothing|strong="H3808". I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853", but|strong="H0389" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" rude to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H7725".<sup>22</sup> I|strong="H0834" swear,<sup>III</sup> I|strong="H0834" won't let even|strong="H5704" one|strong="H3605" man|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0430" Nabal's family live until|strong="H5704" tomorrow|strong="H1242" morning|strong="H1242"."

<sup>23</sup> Just then|strong="H0853" Abigail|strong="H0026" arrived. When|strong="H7200" she|strong="H6440" saw|strong="H7200" David|strong="H1732", she|strong="H6440" quickly|strong="H4116" got off|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" donkey|strong="H2543" and|strong="H0776" bowed|strong="H7812" down|strong="H3381" with|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" face|strong="H6440" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0776" him|strong="H5921".<sup>24</sup> Abigail fell|strong="H5307" at|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" feet|strong="H7272" and|strong="H1697" said|strong="H0559", "Sir|strong="H0113", please|strong="H4994" let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H4994" talk|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5921". Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" what|strong="H1697" I|strong="H0589" say|strong="H0559". Blame|strong="H5771" me|strong="H4994" for|strong="H5921" what|strong="H1697" happened|strong="H1697".<sup>25</sup> I|strong="H0589" didn't|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" you|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971". Sir|strong="H0113", don't|strong="H0408" pay|strong="H7760" any|strong="H0376" attention|strong="H3820" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" worth-

I ABOUT A BUSHEL Literally, "5 seahs|strong="H5429"  
II ABOUT 2 QUARTS Literally, "1 omer" (2.2 l).

III I SWEAR Literally, "May God do so and so for David's enemies if ...."

less |strong="H1100" man |strong="H0376", Nabal |strong="H5037". His |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034" means 'Foolish,' and |strong="H7971" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834". <sup>26</sup> The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" kept |strong="H4513" you |strong="H0834" from |strong="H0935" killing |strong="H1818" innocent people |strong="H5315". As |strong="H0834" surely |strong="H1961" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H5315" and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" well |strong="H0834", may |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" and |strong="H0935" anyone |strong="H5315" else |strong="H3027" who |strong="H0834" wants to |strong="H0413" harm |strong="H7451" you |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1961" as |strong="H0834" cursed as |strong="H0834" Nabal |strong="H5037" is |strong="H0834". <sup>27</sup> Now |strong="H6258", I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H1980" bringing |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2063" gift |strong="H1293" to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834". Please give |strong="H5414" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H5414" men |strong="H5288". <sup>28</sup> Please |strong="H4994" forgive |strong="H5375" me |strong="H4994" for |strong="H3588" doing |strong="H6213" wrong |strong="H7451". I |strong="H3588" know the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004" strong because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" fight |strong="H3898" his |strong="H3068" battles |strong="H4421". People |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" anything |strong="H3808" bad |strong="H7451" about |strong="H1004" you |strong="H3588" as |strong="H3068" long |strong="H3117" as |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" live |strong="H3117". <sup>29</sup> If |strong="H1961" someone |strong="H0120" chases |strong="H7291" you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1961" kill you |strong="H0853", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H5315" your |strong="H3068" life |strong="H5315". But |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" throw |strong="H7049" away your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" stone from |strong="H5315" a |strong="H1961" sling. <sup>30</sup> The |strong="H3605"

LORD |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" do |strong="H6213" many good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3605" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" keep |strong="H6213" his |strong="H3605" promises. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" leader |strong="H5057" over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>31</sup> So |strong="H1961" don't |strong="H3808" do |strong="H3190" anything |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3068" would |strong="H3068" make |strong="H2142" you |strong="H0853" guilty of |strong="H3068" killing |strong="H8210" innocent |strong="H2600" people |strong="H3808". Please |strong="H3190" don't |strong="H3808" fall |strong="H1961" into |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3068" trap. Please |strong="H3190" remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H2600" when |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" blesses you |strong="H0853"."

<sup>32</sup> David |strong="H1732" answered |strong="H0559" Abigail |strong="H0026", "Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". Praise |strong="H1288" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H7971" sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" meet |strong="H7122" me |strong="H7971". <sup>33</sup> God |strong="H3027" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0859" for |strong="H3027" your |strong="H0834" good judgment |strong="H0935". You |strong="H0859" kept |strong="H3607" me |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" killing |strong="H1818" innocent people |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117".

<sup>34</sup> As |strong="H0834" surely |strong="H3588" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", lives |strong="H2416", if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" hadn't come |strong="H0935" quickly |strong="H4116" to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H7122" me |strong="H0935", not |strong="H0518" one |strong="H3588" man in |strong="H0935" Nabal's |strong="H5037" family would |strong="H3478" have |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H2416" until |strong="H5704" tomorrow |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242". But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" prevented |strong="H4513" me |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" hurting you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>35</sup> Then |strong="H3947" David |strong="H1732" accepted |strong="H3947" Abigail's gifts. He |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559"



her|strong="H3947", " Go|strong="H0935" home|strong="H1004" in|strong="H0935" peace|strong="H7965". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H0834" request|strong="H6440", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H3027" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H0559"."

### Nabal's Death

<sup>36</sup> Abigail|strong="H0026" went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Nabal|strong="H5037", who|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" house|strong="H1004". He|strong="H1931" had|strong="H4428" been|strong="H3808" eating like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H0935" king|strong="H4428", and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" drunk|strong="H7910" and|strong="H0935" feeling good|strong="H2896". So|strong="H3808" Abigail|strong="H0026" told|strong="H5046" Nabal|strong="H5037" nothing|strong="H3808" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921" next|strong="H5921" morning|strong="H1242". <sup>37</sup> The|strong="H0853" next morning|strong="H1242", Nabal|strong="H5037" was|strong="H1961" sober, so|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" wife|strong="H0802" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H0853" everything. He|strong="H1931" had|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" heart|strong="H3820" attack and|strong="H0802" became|strong="H1961" as|strong="H1697" stiff as|strong="H1697" a|strong="H1961" rock|strong="H0068". <sup>38</sup> About|strong="H1961" ten|strong="H6235" days|strong="H3117" later|strong="H1961", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H1961" him|strong="H0853" a|strong="H1961" stroke and|strong="H3068" Nabal|strong="H5037" died|strong="H4191".

<sup>39</sup> When|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" Nabal|strong="H5037" was|strong="H0834" dead|strong="H4191", he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", " Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"! He|strong="H0834" judged Nabal|strong="H5037" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H4191" wrong|strong="H7451" for|strong="H3588" insulting me|strong="H7971" and|strong="H3068" kept|strong="H2820" me|strong="H7971" from|strong="H7725" doing|strong="H7451" something wrong|strong="H7451". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H1696" Nabal|strong="H5037" pay|strong="H8085"

for|strong="H3588" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834"."

Then|strong="H1696" David|strong="H1732" sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H3947" message|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" Abigail|strong="H0026" and|strong="H3068" asked|strong="H0559" her|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H4191" his|strong="H3947" wife|strong="H0802". <sup>40</sup> His|strong="H3947" servants|strong="H5650" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Carmel|strong="H3760" with|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0935" message, " David|strong="H1732" sent|strong="H7971" us|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H3947" you|strong="H7971". He|strong="H1732" wants you|strong="H7971" his|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1732" his|strong="H3947" wife|strong="H0802"."

<sup>41</sup> Abigail bowed|strong="H7812" her|strong="H0559" face|strong="H0639" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" ground|strong="H0776". She|strong="H6965" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2009" am willing to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H0776" your|strong="H0559" slave|strong="H5650" woman, even|strong="H0776" if|strong="H2009" it|strong="H6965" is|strong="H0776" only to|strong="H0559" wash|strong="H7364" the|strong="H0559" feet|strong="H7272" of|strong="H0776" my|strong="H6965" master's|strong="H0113" servants|strong="H5650"."

<sup>42</sup> Abigail|strong="H0026" quickly|strong="H4116" got|strong="H6965" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" donkey|strong="H2543" and|strong="H1980" brought|strong="H1980" five|strong="H2568" of|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" maids|strong="H5291" with|strong="H1980" her|strong="H5921". They|strong="H5921" followed|strong="H0310" David's|strong="H1732" messengers|strong="H4397". So|strong="H1980" Abigail|strong="H0026" became|strong="H1961" David's|strong="H1732" wife|strong="H0802". <sup>43</sup> David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H1961" also|strong="H1571" married|strong="H3947" Ahinoam|strong="H0293" of|strong="H0802" Jezreel|strong="H3157". Both|strong="H8147" Ahinoam|strong="H0293" and|strong="H1732" Abigail were|strong="H1961" David's|strong="H1732" wives|strong="H0802". <sup>44</sup> David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" married|strong="H0802" to|strong="H5414" Saul's|strong="H7586" daughter|strong="H1323" Michal|strong="H4324", but|strong="H0834" Saul|strong="H7586" had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H5414" her|strong="H0802" away from|strong="H1121" him|strong="H5414" and|strong="H1121"

had |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" her |strong="H0802" to |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" man |strong="H1121" named Palti |strong="H6406", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Laish. Palti |strong="H6406" was |strong="H0834" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" town named Gal- lim |strong="H1554".

### David and Abishai Enter Saul's Camp

**26** The |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H6440" Ziph went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H0935" Saul |strong="H7586" at |strong="H0413" Gibeah |strong="H1390" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " David |strong="H1732" is |strong="H6440" hiding |strong="H5641" on |strong="H5921" Hakilah Hill |strong="H1389", across |strong="H5921" from |strong="H0935" Jeshimon |strong="H3452"."

<sup>2</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" gathered 3000 of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" best sol- diers |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0413" Is- rael |strong="H3478" and |strong="H6965" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057" of |strong="H0376" Ziph |strong="H2128" to |strong="H0413" search |strong="H1245" for |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" there. <sup>3</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" set |strong="H0935" up |strong="H7200" his |strong="H5921" camp |strong="H2583" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" road |strong="H1870" at |strong="H2583" Hakilah Hill |strong="H1389", across |strong="H5921" from |strong="H0935" Jeshimon |strong="H3452".

David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H0834" out |strong="H6440" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H6440" desert |strong="H3452" and |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" Saul |strong="H7586" had |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" out |strong="H6440" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" desert |strong="H3452" af- ter |strong="H0310" him |strong="H5921". <sup>4</sup> So |strong="H7971" David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" out |strong="H7971" spies |strong="H7270" to |strong="H0413" know |strong="H3045" for |strong="H3588" cer- tain |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" Saul |strong="H7586" had |strong="H1732" come |strong="H0935" after |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" again |strong="H7971". <sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H6965" David |strong="H1732" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" where |strong="H0834" Saul |strong="H7586" had |strong="H0834" set |strong="H6965"

up |strong="H6965" his |strong="H1732" camp |strong="H2583". David |strong="H1732" saw |strong="H7200" where |strong="H0834" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1121" Abner |strong="H0074" were |strong="H0834" sleeping. ( Abner |strong="H0074" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ner |strong="H5369" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" comman- der |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" Saul's |strong="H7586" army |strong="H6635".) Saul |strong="H7586" was |strong="H0834" sleeping in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" center of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H7200" cir- cle |strong="H4570" of |strong="H1121" men |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" surround- ed |strong="H5439" him |strong="H0413".

<sup>6</sup> David |strong="H1732" talked to |strong="H0413" Ahimelech |strong="H0288" the |strong="H0559" Hit- tite |strong="H2850" and |strong="H1121" Abishai |strong="H0052" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruiah |strong="H6870". ( Abishai |strong="H0052" was |strong="H1732" Joab's |strong="H3097" brother |strong="H0251".) He |strong="H1732" asked |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " Who |strong="H4310" would |strong="H4310" like |strong="H5973" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" camp |strong="H4264" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413" af- ter |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586"?"

Abishai |strong="H0052" answered |strong="H0559", "I'll go |strong="H3381" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5973"."

<sup>7</sup> When |strong="H0935" night |strong="H3915" came |strong="H0935", David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0935" Abishai |strong="H0052" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" Saul's |strong="H7586" camp |strong="H4570". Saul |strong="H7586" was |strong="H0776" asleep |strong="H3463" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" middle of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0413" circle |strong="H4570" of |strong="H0776" men |strong="H5971". His |strong="H1732" spear |strong="H2595" was |strong="H0776" stuck |strong="H4600" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" ground |strong="H0776" near |strong="H4763" his |strong="H1732" head |strong="H4763". Abner |strong="H0074" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" other soldiers |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0776" asleep |strong="H3463" around |strong="H5439" Saul |strong="H7586". <sup>8</sup> Abishai |strong="H0052" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " To- day |strong="H3117" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" given |strong="H5462" your |strong="H4994" enemy |strong="H0341"

to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3117".  
Let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H0413"  
pin|strong="H5221" Saul|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
ground|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0413"  
his|strong="H1732" spear|strong="H2595". I'll on-  
ly|strong="H0259" do|strong="H8138"  
it|strong="H5221" once|strong="H0259"!"

<sup>9</sup> But|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
Abishai|strong="H0052", " Don't|strong="H0408"  
kill|strong="H7843" Saul|strong="H0559"! Any-  
one|strong="H3588" who|strong="H4310" hurts  
the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" cho-  
sen|strong="H4899" king<sup>1</sup> must be|strong="H0408"  
punished. <sup>10</sup> As|strong="H0935" sure-  
ly|strong="H3588" as|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
lives|strong="H2416", the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" himself|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H3068" punish Saul|strong="H0559".  
Maybe Saul|strong="H0559" will|strong="H3068"  
die|strong="H4191" naturally or|strong="H0176"  
maybe he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191"  
in|strong="H0935" battle|strong="H4421". <sup>11</sup>  
But|strong="H3947" I|strong="H0834"  
pray|strong="H4994" that|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" never  
lets|strong="H7971" me|strong="H4994" hurt  
the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" cho-  
sen|strong="H3947" king. Now|strong="H6258"  
pick|strong="H3947" up|strong="H0853"  
the|strong="H0853" spear|strong="H2595"  
and|strong="H3068" water|strong="H4325"  
jug|strong="H6835" by|strong="H3027" Saul's  
head|strong="H4763" and|strong="H3068"  
let's|strong="H4994" go|strong="H7971"."

<sup>12</sup> So|strong="H3947" David|strong="H1732"  
took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605"  
spear|strong="H2595" and|strong="H3068" wa-  
ter|strong="H4325" jug|strong="H6835"  
that|strong="H3588" were|strong="H4325"  
near|strong="H5921" Saul's|strong="H7586"  
head|strong="H5307", and|strong="H3068"  
then|strong="H3947" David|strong="H1732"  
and|strong="H3068" Abishai left  
Saul's|strong="H7586" camp. No|strong="H0369"  
one|strong="H0369" knew|strong="H3045"  
what|strong="H5921" had|strong="H3068" hap-  
pened. No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369"  
saw|strong="H7200" it|strong="H5921".  
No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369"  
even|strong="H3588" woke up|strong="H7200".  
Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H3068"  
all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H3605" soldiers slept|strong="H3462" be-

cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068"  
put|strong="H3947" them|strong="H0853" in-  
to|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947"  
deep|strong="H8639" sleep|strong="H3462".

David|strong="H1732" Shames Saul|strong="H7586"  
Again

<sup>13</sup> David|strong="H1732" crossed|strong="H5674"  
over|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" other|strong="H5676"  
side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H2022"  
the|strong="H5921" valley. He|strong="H1732"  
stood|strong="H5975" on|strong="H5921"  
top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H2022"  
the|strong="H5921" mountain|strong="H2022"  
across|strong="H5676" the|strong="H5921" valley  
from|strong="H5921" Saul's|strong="H7218" camp.  
David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H7218"  
Saul's|strong="H7218" camp were|strong="H2022"  
far|strong="H7350" apart. <sup>14</sup> David|strong="H1732"  
shouted|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" army|strong="H5971"  
and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" Abn-  
er|strong="H0074" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Ner|strong="H5369", " An-  
swer|strong="H6030" me|strong="H0413", Abn-  
er|strong="H0074"!"

Abner|strong="H0074" answered|strong="H0559", "  
Who|strong="H4310" are|strong="H1121"  
you|strong="H0859"? Why|strong="H3808"  
are|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0859" call-  
ing|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0559"  
king|strong="H4428"?"

<sup>15</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", "  
You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478"  
an|strong="H0935" important man|strong="H0376",  
aren't you|strong="H0859"? You|strong="H0859"  
are|strong="H3478" better than|strong="H3808"  
any|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0259"  
man|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0935" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478". Is|strong="H4310"  
that|strong="H3588" right? So|strong="H3808"  
why|strong="H4100" didn't|strong="H3808"  
you|strong="H0859" guard|strong="H8104"  
your|strong="H8104" master|strong="H0113",  
the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"?  
An|strong="H0935" ordinary|strong="H0376"  
man|strong="H0376" came|strong="H0935" in-  
to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H8104" camp  
to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H7843"  
your|strong="H8104" master|strong="H0113",  
the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428". <sup>16</sup>  
You|strong="H0859" made|strong="H6213"  
a|strong="H3588" big mistake. As|strong="H0834"  
surely|strong="H3588" as|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H0834" alive|strong="H2416",

I CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one." Also in verses 16, 23.

you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" men|strong="H1121" should|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4194", because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" didn't|strong="H3808" protect|strong="H8104" your|strong="H3068" master|strong="H0113", the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" chosen|strong="H4899" king|strong="H4428". Look|strong="H7200" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" spear|strong="H2595" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" water|strong="H4325" jug|strong="H6835" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" near|strong="H5921" Saul's head|strong="H4763". Where|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834"?"

<sup>17</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" knew David's|strong="H1732" voice|strong="H6963" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559", "Is|strong="H2088" that|strong="H2088" your|strong="H0559" voice|strong="H6963", David|strong="H1732" my|strong="H1732" son|strong="H1121"?"

David|strong="H1732" answered|strong="H0559", "Yes, it|strong="H5234" is|strong="H2088" my|strong="H1732" voice|strong="H6963", my|strong="H1732" lord|strong="H0113" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428".<sup>18</sup> Sir|strong="H0113", why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" chasing|strong="H0310" me|strong="H0310"? What|strong="H4100" wrong|strong="H7451" have|strong="H5650" I|strong="H3588" done|strong="H6213"? What|strong="H4100" am I|strong="H3588" guilty|strong="H0310" of|strong="H3027"?<sup>19</sup> My|strong="H8085" lord|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4994". If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" caused|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1121" angry with|strong="H3068" me|strong="H4994", let|strong="H4994" him|strong="H0853" accept|strong="H8085" an|strong="H3588" offering|strong="H4503". But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" men|strong="H0120" caused|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1121" angry with|strong="H3068" me|strong="H4994", I|strong="H3588" ask|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" curse|strong="H0779" them|strong="H1992" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" forced me|strong="H4994" to|strong="H0559" leave the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H5159" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853"

LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4994" and|strong="H1121" told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4994" to|strong="H0559" go|strong="H4994" serve|strong="H5647" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430".<sup>20</sup> Now|strong="H6258" don't|strong="H0408" make|strong="H3588" me|strong="H6440" die|strong="H5307" far away|strong="H5307" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" presence|strong="H6440". The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478" has|strong="H3068" come|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" looking|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" flea|strong="H6550". You|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0259" hunting partridges in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" mountains|strong="H2022".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H2009" Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559", "David|strong="H1732", my|strong="H7725" son|strong="H1121"! I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" sinned|strong="H2398". Come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725". Today|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0834" showed me|strong="H5315" that|strong="H0834" my|strong="H7725" life|strong="H5315" is|strong="H0834" important to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834", so|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0834" won't|strong="H3808" try to|strong="H0559" hurt you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" acted|strong="H5528" foolishly|strong="H5528". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7725" a|strong="H3588" big mistake|strong="H7686"."

<sup>22</sup> David|strong="H1732" answered|strong="H0559", "Here|strong="H2009" is|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" king's|strong="H4428" spear|strong="H2595". Let one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H3947" young|strong="H5288" men|strong="H5288" come here|strong="H2009" and|strong="H4428" get|strong="H3947" it|strong="H3947".<sup>23</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" pays|strong="H7725" every|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" for|strong="H3027" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" does|strong="H3808"—he|strong="H0834" rewards him|strong="H5414" if|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> HUNTING PARTRIDGES IN THE MOUNTAINS People hunted these birds until the birds became too tired to go on. Then they killed the birds. Saul was chasing David the same way. This is also a wordplay. The Hebrew word for "partridge" is like the word for "calling" in verse 14.

does |strong="H3808" right|strong="H6666", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" punishes him |strong="H5414" if |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808" wrong. The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H7725" me |strong="H5414" today |strong="H3117", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" wouldn't harm |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" chosen |strong="H4899" king. <sup>24</sup> Today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" showed you |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3068" life |strong="H5315" is |strong="H0834" important to |strong="H3068" me |strong="H5315". In |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H2088" way |strong="H2088" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" show that |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3605" life |strong="H5315" is |strong="H0834" important to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H3605". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315" from |strong="H5315" every |strong="H3605" trouble |strong="H6869"."

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H0859" Saul |strong="H7586" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " God |strong="H0559" bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0859", David |strong="H1732" my |strong="H7725" son |strong="H1121". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1571" do |strong="H6213" great things and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1571" win."

David |strong="H1732" went |strong="H7725" on |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7725" way |strong="H1870", and |strong="H1121" Saul |strong="H7586" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H4725".

#### David Lives With the Philistines

**27** But |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" thought |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" himself |strong="H3820", " Saul |strong="H7586" will |strong="H0776" catch me |strong="H0413" some |strong="H4480" day |strong="H3117". The |strong="H3605" best |strong="H2896" thing |strong="H0259" I |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0369" do |strong="H3027" is |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0413" escape |strong="H4422" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430". Then |strong="H6258" Saul |strong="H7586" will |strong="H0776" give up |strong="H4480" looking |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478".

That |strong="H3588" way |strong="H3605" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" escape |strong="H4422" from |strong="H4480" Saul |strong="H7586"."

<sup>2</sup> So |strong="H0834" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1732" 600 men |strong="H0376" left |strong="H6965" Israel and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0413" Achish |strong="H0397" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Maach |strong="H4582". Achish |strong="H0397" was |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Gath |strong="H1661". <sup>3</sup> David |strong="H1732", his |strong="H1732" men |strong="H0376", and |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3427" families |strong="H1004" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Gath |strong="H1661" with |strong="H5973" Achish |strong="H0397". David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H1732" his |strong="H1732" two |strong="H8147" wives |strong="H0802" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973"— Ahi-noam |strong="H0293" of |strong="H1004" Jezreel and |strong="H1004" Abigail |strong="H0026" of |strong="H1004" Carmel. Abigail |strong="H0026" was |strong="H1732" the |strong="H5973" widow |strong="H0802" of |strong="H1004" Nabal |strong="H5037". <sup>4</sup> People |strong="H3808" told |strong="H5046" Saul |strong="H7586" that |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H1732" run away |strong="H1272" to |strong="H1732" Gath |strong="H1661", so |strong="H3808" Saul |strong="H7586" stopped looking |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3588" him |strong="H5046".

<sup>5</sup> David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Achish |strong="H0397", " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H5414" are |strong="H4100" pleased |strong="H5869" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413", give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5414" place |strong="H4725" in |strong="H3427" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" country |strong="H7704" towns |strong="H5892". I |strong="H0518" am only |strong="H0518" your |strong="H5414" servant |strong="H5650". I |strong="H0518" should |strong="H4100" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033", not |strong="H0518" here |strong="H4725" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5414" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H4994" royal |strong="H4467" city |strong="H5892"."

<sup>6</sup> That |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" Achish |strong="H0397" gave |strong="H5414" David |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" town of |strong="H4428" Ziklag |strong="H6860". And |strong="H3063" Ziklag |strong="H6860"

has|strong="H1961" belonged|strong="H1961" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" ever|strong="H2088" since|strong="H3117".<sup>7</sup> David|strong="H1732" lived|strong="H3427" with|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834" Philistines|strong="H6430" one|strong="H1961" year|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3117" four|strong="H0702" months|strong="H2320".

### David|strong="H1732" Fools King Achish

<sup>8</sup> David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H1732" men|strong="H0376" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" fight the|strong="H0834" Amalekites|strong="H6003" and|strong="H0935" Geshurites|strong="H1651" who|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" area|strong="H0776" from|strong="H0935" Telem<sup>I</sup> near|strong="H5704" Shur|strong="H7793" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" way|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714". David's|strong="H1732" men|strong="H0376" defeated them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" took|strong="H5927" their|strong="H3588" wealth.<sup>9</sup> David|strong="H1732" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0935" that|strong="H1732" area|strong="H0776". He|strong="H1732" took|strong="H3947" all|strong="H0376" their|strong="H3947" sheep|strong="H6629", cattle|strong="H1241", donkeys|strong="H2543", camels|strong="H1581", and|strong="H0935" clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H0935" brought|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" Achish|strong="H0397". But|strong="H3808" David|strong="H1732" didn't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" any|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0776" those|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376" live|strong="H2421".

<sup>10</sup> David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H3117" this|strong="H3117" many times|strong="H3117". Each|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" Achish|strong="H0397" asked|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732" where|strong="H0413" he|strong="H3117" fought and|strong="H3063" took those|strong="H5921" things. David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3117" fought against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" southern|strong="H5045" part|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3117" Judah|strong="H3063", or|strong="H0408" " I|strong="H3117" fought against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" south-

<sup>I</sup> TELEM This is found in copies of the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "long ago."

ern|strong="H5045" part|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3117" Jerahmeel," or|strong="H0408" " I|strong="H3117" fought against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" southern|strong="H5045" part|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" Kenizzites."<sup>11</sup> David|strong="H1732" never|strong="H3808" brought|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" man|strong="H0376" or|strong="H3808" woman|strong="H0802" alive|strong="H2421" to|strong="H0559" Gath|strong="H1661". He|strong="H0834" thought|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" let|strong="H3808" anyone|strong="H3605" live|strong="H3427", they|strong="H0834" might|strong="H6435" tell|strong="H5046" Achish what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" really|strong="H0559" did|strong="H6213".

David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3541" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" Philistine|strong="H6430" land|strong="H7704".<sup>12</sup> Achish|strong="H0397" began|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" trust|strong="H0539" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" himself|strong="H0887", " Now|strong="H1961" David's|strong="H1732" own|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5971" hate him|strong="H0559". The|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" hate him|strong="H0559" very much. Now|strong="H1961" he|strong="H1732" will|strong="H1961" serve|strong="H1961" me|strong="H1961" forever|strong="H5769".

### The Philistines Prepare for War

<sup>28</sup> Later|strong="H1961", the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" gathered|strong="H6908" their|strong="H1992" armies|strong="H6635" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" Israel|strong="H3478". Achish|strong="H0397" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732", " Do|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0859" understand|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H3478" your|strong="H3045" men|strong="H0376" must|strong="H0853" go|strong="H3318" with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" Israel|strong="H3478"?"

<sup>II</sup> JUDAH, JERAHMEEL, KENIZZITES All these places belonged to Israel. David made Achish think he had fought against his own people, the Israelites.

2 David|strong="H1732" answered|strong="H0559", "Certainly, then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0859" can|strong="H0834" see|strong="H3045" for|strong="H0413" yourself|strong="H0859" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213"."

Achish|strong="H0397" said|strong="H0559", "Fine, I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H7760" you|strong="H0859" my|strong="H3605" permanent bodyguard."

**Saul|strong="H0559" and|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" Woman at|strong="H0413" Endor**

3 After|strong="H0776" Samuel|strong="H8050" died|strong="H4191", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" mourned|strong="H5594" for|strong="H0776" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3478" buried|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0853" in|strong="H0776" Ramah|strong="H7414", his|strong="H3605" hometown.

Saul|strong="H7586" had|strong="H3478" removed|strong="H5493" the|strong="H3605" mediums|strong="H0178" and|strong="H3478" fortunetellers from|strong="H5493" Israel|strong="H3478".

4 The|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" prepared for|strong="H3605" war.

They|strong="H0935" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Shunem|strong="H7766" and|strong="H0935" made|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" that|strong="H3605" place|strong="H0935". Saul|strong="H7586" gathered|strong="H6908" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" together|strong="H6908" and|strong="H0935" made|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" Gilboa|strong="H1533".<sup>5</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430" army|strong="H4264", and|strong="H7200" he|strong="H0853" was|strong="H7586" afraid|strong="H3372". His|strong="H7200" heart|strong="H3820" pounded with|strong="H3820" fear|strong="H3372".<sup>6</sup> He|strong="H3068" prayed to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068", but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030" him|strong="H7592". God|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" talk to|strong="H3068" Saul|strong="H7586" in|strong="H3068" dreams|strong="H2472". God|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" use the|strong="H3068"

Urim|strong="H0224" to|strong="H3068" give|strong="H6030" him|strong="H7592" an|strong="H3068" answer|strong="H6030", and|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" use prophets|strong="H5030" to|strong="H3068" speak to|strong="H3068" Saul|strong="H7586".<sup>7</sup> Finally, Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H1245" officers|strong="H5650", " Find|strong="H1245" me|strong="H0413" a|strong="H1245" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H5650" is|strong="H2009" a|strong="H1245" medium|strong="H0178". Then|strong="H2009" I|strong="H2009" can|strong="H5650" go|strong="H2009" ask|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0413" what will|strong="H5650" happen."

His|strong="H1245" officers|strong="H5650" answered|strong="H0559", " There|strong="H2009" is|strong="H2009" a|strong="H1245" medium|strong="H0178" at|strong="H0413" Endor.<sup>1</sup>"

<sup>8</sup> That|strong="H0834" night|strong="H3915", Saul|strong="H7586" put|strong="H3847" on|strong="H0413" different|strong="H0312" clothes|strong="H0899" so|strong="H5927" that|strong="H0834" no one|strong="H0376" would|strong="H0559" know who|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834". Then|strong="H0853" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H0935" two|strong="H8147" of|strong="H0376" his|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0376" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802". Saul|strong="H7586" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413", " I|strong="H0834" want you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" bring|strong="H0935" up|strong="H5927" a|strong="H0935" ghost who|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" happen in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" future. You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" call|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" ghost of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" person|strong="H0376" I|strong="H0834" name|strong="H0559"."

<sup>9</sup> But|strong="H0859" the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" Saul|strong="H7586" forced all|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" medi-

<sup>1</sup> ENDOR A town around the mountain from Shunem, where the Philistines were camped. Saul had to go around them to get to Endor.

ums |strong="H0178" and |strong="H0776" fortunetellers to |strong="H0413" leave |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Israel. You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" trying to |strong="H0413" trap me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0776" kill |strong="H4191" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>10</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" used |strong="H7650" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" make a |strong="H0518" promise |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H2088". He |strong="H0518" said |strong="H0559", " As |strong="H1697" surely |strong="H0518" as |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416", you |strong="H0518" won't be |strong="H1697" punished for |strong="H0518" doing this |strong="H2088"."

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" asked |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H4310" do |strong="H4310" you |strong="H0853" want me |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0559" bring |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" for |strong="H0802" you |strong="H0853"?"

Saul |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", " Bring |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" Samuel |strong="H8050"."

<sup>12</sup> And |strong="H1419" it |strong="H7200" happened— the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" saw |strong="H7200" Samuel |strong="H8050" and |strong="H1419" screamed. She |strong="H4100" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586", " You |strong="H0859" tricked me |strong="H0413"! You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100" Saul |strong="H7586"."

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802", " Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372"! What |strong="H4100" do |strong="H0408" you |strong="H3588" see |strong="H7200"?"

The |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588" see |strong="H7200" a |strong="H3588" spirit coming |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" ground |strong="H0776".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" asked |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" does |strong="H4100" he |strong="H1931" look like |strong="H0776"?"

The |strong="H0559" woman answered |strong="H0559", " He |strong="H1931" looks like |strong="H0776" an |strong="H3588" old |strong="H2205" man |strong="H0376" wearing a |strong="H3588" special robe |strong="H4598"."

<sup>1</sup> GROUND Or "Sheol, the place of death."

Then |strong="H0559" Saul |strong="H7586" knew |strong="H3045" it |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0776" Samuel |strong="H8050", and |strong="H0776" he |strong="H1931" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812". His |strong="H0376" face |strong="H0639" touched the |strong="H0559" ground |strong="H0776".<sup>15</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586", " Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H5921" bother me |strong="H0413"? Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H5921" bring |strong="H5927" me |strong="H0413" up |strong="H5927"?"

Saul |strong="H7586" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3045" am |strong="H0430" in |strong="H5921" trouble |strong="H6887"! The |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" have |strong="H1571" come |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" fight |strong="H3898" me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" left |strong="H5493" me |strong="H0413". God |strong="H0430" won't |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H6030" me |strong="H0413" anymore |strong="H5750". He |strong="H0430" won't |strong="H3808" use prophets |strong="H5030" or |strong="H3808" dreams |strong="H2472" to |strong="H0413" answer |strong="H6030" me |strong="H0413", so |strong="H6213" I |strong="H3045" called |strong="H7121" you |strong="H5921". I |strong="H3045" want you |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" what |strong="H4100" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213"."

<sup>16</sup> Samuel |strong="H8050" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" left |strong="H5493" you |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" now |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" enemy, so |strong="H1961" why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5921" asking |strong="H7592" me |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" advice?<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" used |strong="H6213" me |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1696" tell |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213", and |strong="H3068" now |strong="H5414" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" tearing the |strong="H0853" kingdom |strong="H4467" out |strong="H3027"



of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" hands|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3068" giving|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1696" your|strong="H3068" neighbor|strong="H7453", David|strong="H1732".<sup>18</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0834" angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" Amalekites|strong="H6002" and|strong="H3068" told|strong="H1697" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H5921" destroy|strong="H6213" them|strong="H5921". But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8085" him|strong="H5921". That's|strong="H0834" why|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" doing|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088" to|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834" today|strong="H3117".<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" defeat|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H4264" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" today. Tomorrow|strong="H4279", you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" sons|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1571" here with|strong="H5973" me|strong="H5414"."

<sup>20</sup> Saul|strong="H7586" quickly|strong="H4116" fell|strong="H5307" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" lay|strong="H5307" stretched out|strong="H3605" there|strong="H1961". Saul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H1961" afraid|strong="H3372" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0776" what|strong="H1697" Samuel|strong="H8050" said|strong="H1697". Saul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H1961" also|strong="H1571" very|strong="H3966" weak|strong="H3808" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" eaten|strong="H0398" any|strong="H3605" food|strong="H3899" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H0776" night|strong="H3915".

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802" came|strong="H0935" over|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H0935" saw|strong="H7200" how|strong="H0834" afraid he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834". She|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "Look|strong="H2009", I|strong="H0834" am your|strong="H0834" servant|strong="H8198". I|strong="H0834"

have|strong="H0834" obeyed|strong="H8085" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" risked my|strong="H8085" life|strong="H5315" and|strong="H0935" did|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H8085".<sup>22</sup> Please|strong="H4994", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H4994". You|strong="H0859" need to|strong="H1961" eat|strong="H0398". Let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H4994" get you|strong="H0859" some food|strong="H3899". Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" enough|strong="H1571" strength|strong="H3581" to|strong="H1961" go|strong="H1961" on|strong="H1870" your|strong="H7760" way|strong="H1870"."

<sup>23</sup> But|strong="H3808" Saul|strong="H0559" refused|strong="H3985". He|strong="H3808" said|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H5650" won't|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398"."

Saul's officers|strong="H5650" joined|strong="H1571" the|strong="H0559" woman|strong="H0802" and|strong="H6965" begged him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" eat|strong="H0398". Finally|strong="H1571", Saul|strong="H0559" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3808" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0559" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H6965" sat|strong="H3427" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" bed|strong="H4296".<sup>24</sup> The|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802" had|strong="H0802" a|strong="H3947" calf|strong="H5695" that|strong="H5695" she had|strong="H0802" been fattening. She quickly|strong="H4116" killed the|strong="H3947" calf|strong="H5695". She took|strong="H3947" some flour|strong="H7058" and|strong="H1004" pressed it|strong="H3947" with|strong="H1004" her|strong="H3947" hands. Then|strong="H3947" she baked|strong="H0644" some bread|strong="H4682" without yeast.<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H6440" woman put|strong="H5066" the|strong="H6440" food|strong="H0398" before|strong="H6440" Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H6965" his|strong="H6440" officers|strong="H5650" and|strong="H6965" they|strong="H3915" ate|strong="H0398". Then|strong="H6965" they|strong="H3915" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" left|strong="H6965" during|strong="H6965" the|strong="H6440" night|strong="H3915".

## David Can't Come With Us

29 Meanwhile, the Philistines

had gathered all their army camps at Aphek. The Israelites camped there near Jezreel.<sup>2</sup> The Philistine rulers were marching in divisions and 1000 men. David and his men were there back with Achish.

<sup>3</sup> The Philistine captains asked, "What are these Hebrews doing here?"

Achish told the Philistine captains, "This is David. He was one of Saul's officers, but he has been with me for a long time. I found nothing David is doing wrong since the time he left Saul and came to me."

<sup>4</sup> But the Philistine captains were angry with Achish. They said, "Send him back. Let him go back to the city you gave him, but he

can't go into battle with us. As long as he is here, we have an enemy in our own camp. He would make his king happy by killing our men." Isn't David the one Israelites sing about? They dance and sing: 'Saul has killed thousands of enemies,

but David has killed tens of thousands.'

<sup>6</sup> So Achish called David and said, "As surely as LORD lives, you are loyal to me. I would be pleased to have you in my army haven't found anything wrong with you since the day you came to me. The Philistine rulers also think you are a good man. Go back in peace. Don't do anything against

<sup>1</sup> THE PHILISTINE ... MAN This is from the ancient Greek version. The Philistine rulers were pleased with David. It was the Philistine army commanders who were against him. The standard Hebrew text has "The Philistine rulers do not think you are a good man."

the **Philistine** rulers."

<sup>8</sup> David asked, "What have I done? Have you found anything wrong with me since that day I came to you? So why won't you let me go to fight the enemies of the lord king?"

<sup>9</sup> Achish answered, "I believe that you are a good man. You like an angel from God. But the **Philistine** captains say, 'David can't go with us into battle.'"<sup>10</sup> Early the morning, you and your men should go back to the city I gave you. Don't pay attention to the bad things the captains say about you. You are a good man, but you must leave as soon as there is enough light in the morning."

<sup>11</sup> So David and his men went up early in the morn-

ing and went back to the country of the **Philistines**, and the **Philistines** went up to **Jezreel**.

### The Amalekites Attack Ziklag

<sup>30</sup> As David and his men arrived at **Ziklag** on the third day, they saw that the **Amalekites** had attacked **Ziklag**. The **Amalekites** invaded the **Negev** area, attacked **Ziklag**, and burned the city.<sup>2</sup> They took all the women in **Ziklag**, both young and old, as prisoners. They didn't kill anyone; they only took them as prisoners.

<sup>3</sup> When David and his men went to **Ziklag**, they found the city burning. Their wives, sons, and daughters were gone. The **Amalekites** had taken David and his men to the city. David and his men went in, and David cried loudly until they were too weak to cry anymore.<sup>5</sup> The **Amalekites** had taken David's

two|strong="H8147" wives|strong="H0802", Ahinoam|strong="H0293" of|strong="H0802" Jezreel and|strong="H1732" Abigail|strong="H0026", who|strong="H0802" had|strong="H1732" been the|strong="H1732" wife|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0802" Nabal|strong="H5037" from|strong="H0802" Carmel.

<sup>6</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5971" were|strong="H1121" sad and|strong="H1121" angry because|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323" were|strong="H1121" taken|strong="H2388" as|strong="H5315" prisoners. The|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1121" talking about|strong="H5921" killing David|strong="H1732" with|strong="H3068" stones|strong="H5619". This|strong="H3588" upset|strong="H3334" David|strong="H1732" very|strong="H3966" much|strong="H3605", but|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" found strength|strong="H2388" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430". <sup>7</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Abiathar|strong="H0054" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548", "Bring|strong="H5066" the|strong="H0853" ephod|strong="H0646"." So|strong="H5066" Abiathar|strong="H0054" brought|strong="H5066" it|strong="H1121".

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H2088" David|strong="H1732" prayed|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". "Should|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" chase|strong="H7291" the|strong="H0559" people who|strong="H3068" took|strong="H7291" our|strong="H3068" families? Will|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" catch|strong="H5381" them|strong="H0310"?"

The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H3068" answered|strong="H0559", "Chase|strong="H7291" them|strong="H0310". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" catch|strong="H5381" them|strong="H0310", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" your|strong="H3068" families."

#### David|strong="H1732" Finds an|strong="H3588" Egyptian Slave

<sup>9</sup> David took the 600 men with him and went to Besor Ravine. About 200 of his men stayed there because they were too weak and tired to continue. But David and the other 400 men continued to chase the Amalekites.

<sup>11</sup> David's|strong="H1732" men|strong="H0376" found|strong="H4672" an|strong="H5414" Egypt-

ian|strong="H4713" in|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3947" field|strong="H7704" and|strong="H0398" took|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732". They|strong="H0376" gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Egyptian|strong="H4713" some|strong="H0376" water|strong="H4325" to|strong="H0413" drink|strong="H8248" and|strong="H0398" some|strong="H0376" food|strong="H3899" to|strong="H0413" eat|strong="H0398". <sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3588" Egyptian had|strong="H3588" not|strong="H3808" had|strong="H3588" any|strong="H5414" food|strong="H3899" or|strong="H3808" water|strong="H4325" for|strong="H3588" three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H7725" nights|strong="H3915", so|strong="H5414" they|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3588" piece|strong="H6400" of|strong="H3117" fig|strong="H1690" cake|strong="H1690" and|strong="H7725" two|strong="H8147" clusters|strong="H6778" of|strong="H3117" raisins|strong="H6778". He|strong="H3588" felt better after|strong="H0413" eating|strong="H0398".

<sup>13</sup> David|strong="H1732" asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Egyptian|strong="H4713", "Who|strong="H4310" is|strong="H2088" your|strong="H3588" master|strong="H0113"? Where|strong="H0335" do|strong="H4310" you|strong="H0859" come from|strong="H0376"?"

The|strong="H0559" Egyptian|strong="H4713" answered|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" an|strong="H3588" Egyptian|strong="H4713", the|strong="H0559" slave|strong="H5650" of|strong="H0376" an|strong="H3588" Amalekite|strong="H6003". Three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117" ago|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0595" got sick|strong="H2470", and|strong="H3117" my|strong="H1732" master|strong="H0113" left|strong="H5800" me|strong="H5650" behind. <sup>14</sup> We|strong="H0587" had|strong="H0834" attacked the|strong="H0853" Negev|strong="H5045" area where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Kerethites <sup>1</sup> live. We|strong="H0587" also|strong="H0853" attacked Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0853" Negev|strong="H5045" area where|strong="H0834" Caleb's|strong="H3612" people|strong="H0834" live. We|strong="H0587" burned|strong="H8313" Ziklag|strong="H6860"."

<sup>15</sup> David|strong="H1732" asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Egyptian, "Will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0518" lead|strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> KERETHITES Or "people from Crete." These were one of the groups of Philistines. Some of David's best soldiers were Kerethites.

me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0518" who |strong="H0430" took |strong="H3381" our |strong="H0430" families?"

The |strong="H0559" Egyptian answered |strong="H0559", " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" make |strong="H3381" a |strong="H0518" special promise |strong="H7650" before |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0430" help you |strong="H0518" find them |strong="H0413". But |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H4191" promise |strong="H7650" that |strong="H2088" you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H2088" kill |strong="H4191" me |strong="H0413" or |strong="H0518" give me |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H1732" master |strong="H0113"."

#### David |strong="H1732" Defeats the |strong="H0559" Amalekites

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H3605" Egyptian led |strong="H6440" David to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3605" Amalekites. They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" lying around |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776", eating |strong="H0398" and |strong="H3063" drinking |strong="H8354". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" celebrating with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" many |strong="H1419" things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H3947" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430" and |strong="H3063" from |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>17</sup> David |strong="H1732" attacked |strong="H5221" them |strong="H1992" and |strong="H3967" killed |strong="H5221" them |strong="H1992". They |strong="H1992" fought from |strong="H5921" sunrise until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0834" evening |strong="H6153" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0834" next |strong="H4283" day |strong="H4283". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0834" Amalekites escaped |strong="H4422", except |strong="H0518" for |strong="H3588" 400 young |strong="H5288" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" jumped onto |strong="H5921" their |strong="H1992" camels |strong="H1581" and |strong="H3967" rode |strong="H7392" away |strong="H5127".

<sup>18</sup> David |strong="H1732" got |strong="H3947" back |strong="H3947" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Amalekites |strong="H6002" had |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H3947", including |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605"

two |strong="H8147" wives |strong="H0802". <sup>19</sup> Nothing |strong="H3808" was |strong="H0834" missing |strong="H5737". They |strong="H0834" found all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" children |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" old |strong="H1121" people |strong="H1121", all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" valuables. They |strong="H0834" got |strong="H3947" back |strong="H7725" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Amalekites had |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H3947". David |strong="H1732" brought |strong="H7725" everything |strong="H3605" back |strong="H7725". <sup>20</sup> He |strong="H1931" took |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H1732" cattle |strong="H1241". His |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" led |strong="H5090" these |strong="H2088" animals to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" group and |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088" David's |strong="H1732" prize."

#### All |strong="H3605" Men |strong="H3605" Will |strong="H1931" Share Equally

<sup>21</sup> David |strong="H1732" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" 200 men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" stayed |strong="H3427" at |strong="H0413" Besor |strong="H1308" Ravine. These |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" too weak and |strong="H0935" tired to |strong="H0413" follow |strong="H0310" David |strong="H1732". They |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H7122" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" soldiers |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" went |strong="H3318" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834" greeted David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H1732" army |strong="H5971" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" approached |strong="H5066". <sup>22</sup> There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H0834" some |strong="H0376" troublemakers in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" group who |strong="H0834" went |strong="H1980" with |strong="H5973" David |strong="H1732" who |strong="H0834" started complaining, " These |strong="H3605" 200 men |strong="H0376" didn't |strong="H3808" go |strong="H1980" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H5414",

so |strong="H1980" we |strong="H3588" why |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0376" we |strong="H3588" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" we |strong="H3588" took |strong="H0853". These |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" get |strong="H1980" nothing |strong="H3808" but |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3605" own |strong="H0376" wives |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1980" children |strong="H1121".

<sup>23</sup> David |strong="H1732" answered |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", my |strong="H8104" brothers |strong="H0251". Don't |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834"! Think |strong="H0559" about |strong="H5921" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414". He |strong="H0834" let |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" enemy that |strong="H0834" attacked |strong="H0935" us |strong="H5414". <sup>24</sup> No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H2088" will |strong="H4310" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3381" what |strong="H1697" you |strong="H3588" say |strong="H1697". The |strong="H5921" share |strong="H2506" will |strong="H4310" be |strong="H1697" the |strong="H5921" same |strong="H2088" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" man who |strong="H4310" stayed |strong="H3427" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" supplies and |strong="H8085" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" man who |strong="H4310" went |strong="H3381" into |strong="H5921" battle |strong="H4421". Everyone will |strong="H4310" share |strong="H2506" alike |strong="H3162". <sup>25</sup> David |strong="H3117" made |strong="H7760" this |strong="H2088" an |strong="H1961" order |strong="H4941" and |strong="H3478" rule |strong="H4941" for |strong="H4941" Israel |strong="H3478". This |strong="H2088" rule |strong="H4941" continues even |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117".

<sup>26</sup> When |strong="H0935" David |strong="H1732" got to |strong="H0413" Ziklag |strong="H6860", he |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" some |strong="H2009" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" things he |strong="H3068" took |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" Amalekites to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3068" friends |strong="H7453", the |strong="H0559" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063". David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559", " Here |strong="H2009" is |strong="H3068"

a |strong="H0935" present |strong="H1293" for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7971" that |strong="H3068" we took |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341".

<sup>27</sup> David sent some of |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" gifts to |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" leaders in |strong="H0834" Bethel |strong="H1008", Ramoth |strong="H7418" in |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Negev |strong="H7418", Jattir |strong="H3492", <sup>28</sup> Aroer |strong="H6177", Siphmoth |strong="H8224", Eshtemoa |strong="H0851", <sup>29</sup> Racal |strong="H7403", the |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Jerahmeelites |strong="H3397" and |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Kenites |strong="H7017", <sup>30</sup> Hormah |strong="H2767", Bor Ashan, Athach |strong="H6269", <sup>31</sup> and |strong="H1980" Hebron |strong="H2275", and |strong="H1980" to |strong="H1980" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" places |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1980" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" had |strong="H0834" stayed.

### The Death of Saul

**31** Meanwhile |strong="H0376", the |strong="H6440"

Philistines |strong="H6430" fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478", and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" ran |strong="H5127" from |strong="H0376" them |strong="H6440". There |strong="H2022" were |strong="H3478" many dead |strong="H2491" bodies that |strong="H3478" fell |strong="H5307" at |strong="H3478" Mount |strong="H2022" Gilboa |strong="H1533". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" fought hard against |strong="H7586" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5221" sons |strong="H1121". They |strong="H5221" killed |strong="H5221" Jonathan |strong="H3083", Abinadab |strong="H0041", and |strong="H1121" Malki Shua.

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H4421" grew |strong="H3513" even more |strong="H3966" intense around |strong="H3384" Saul |strong="H7586". The |strong="H0413" archers |strong="H3384" closed in |strong="H0413" on |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H0376" wounded him |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" many arrows |strong="H7198". <sup>4</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" boy who |strong="H0428" carried |strong="H5375"

his armor Take your sword and kill me or these do and as But was and to him Saul out sword fell it

<sup>5</sup> When helper Saul dead took his sword on and with So his sons the carried died that

**The Philistines Rejoice  
at Saul's Death**

<sup>7</sup> The who on other of the army They that and sons dead they their and away

the came lived their

<sup>8</sup> The day Philistines back take from dead found and three dead Mount The cut Saul's and all the to Philistines to the of idols put in the Temple The hung the of

<sup>11</sup> The Jabesh heard the did Saul all Jabesh to marched night to wall and down bodies Saul his Then

<sup>I</sup> BETH SHAN Or possibly, "Beth Shean." Also in verse 12.

ried *to* them *to* Jabesh. There *the* the people *of* Jabesh *burned* the *bodies* of *Saul* and *his* three sons *buried* the

bones *of* Saul and *his* three sons *under* the *big* tree *in* Jabesh. Then *Jabesh* the *people* of *Jabesh* showed *their* sadness— *they* *did* not eat *for* seven *days*.



## 2 Samuel

### David Learns About Saul's Death

**1** After **1** David **1** defeated **1** the **1** Amalekites **1**, he **1** went **1** to **1** Ziklag **1**. This **1** was **1** just **1** after **1** Saul **1** had **1** been **1** killed **1**. David **1** had **1** been **1** there **1** two **1** days **1**. **2** Then **1**, on **1** the **1** third **1** day **1**, a **1** young **1** soldier **1** from **1** Saul's **1** camp **1** to **1** Ziklag. His **1** clothes **1** were **1** torn **1**, and **1** he **1** had **1** dirt **1** on **1** his **1** head **1**. He **1** came **1** to **1** David **1** and **1** bowed **1** with **1** his **1** face **1** to **1** the **1** ground **1**.

**3** David **1** asked **1** him **1**, "Where **1** have **1** you **1** come **1** from **1**?"

The **1** man **1** answered **1**, "I **1** just **1** came **1** from **1** the **1** Israelite **1** camp **1**."

**4** David **1** asked **1** him **1**, "Please **1** tell **1** me **1**, who **1** won **1** the **1** battle **1**?"

The **1** man **1** answered **1**, "Our **1** peo-

ple **1** ran **1** away **1** from **1** the **1** battle **1**. Many **1** of **1** them **1** were **1** killed **1** in **1** the **1** battle **1**. Even **1** Saul **1** and **1** his **1** son **1** Jonathan **1** are **1** dead **1**."

**5** David **1** said **1** to **1** the **1** young **1** soldier **1**, "How **1** do you **1** know **1** Saul **1** and **1** his **1** son **1** Jonathan **1** are **1** dead **1**?"

**6** The **1** young **1** soldier **1** said **1**, "I **1** happened **1** to **1** be **1** on **1** Mount **1** Gilboa **1**. I **1** saw **1** Saul **1** leaning **1** on **1** his **1** spear **1**.

The **1** Philistine **1** chariots **1** and **1** horse **1** soldiers **1** were **1** coming **1** closer **1** and **1** closer **1** to **1** Saul **1**.

Saul **1** looked **1** back **1** and **1** saw **1** me **1**. He **1** called **1** to **1** me **1** and **1** I **1** answered **1** him **1**."

**7** Then **1** Saul **1** asked **1** me **1** who **1** I **1** was **1**. I **1** told **1** him **1** that **1** I **1** was **1** an **1** Amalekite **1**.

**8** Then **1** Saul **1** asked **1** me **1** who **1** I **1** was **1**. I **1** told **1** him **1** that **1** I **1** was **1** an **1** Amalekite **1**. **9** Then **1** Saul **1** said **1**,

**I** CLOTHES ... HEAD This showed that the man was very sad.

Please kill me. I am hurt badly. And I am about to die anyway.<sup>10</sup> He was hurt so badly that I knew he wouldn't live. So I stopped and killed him. Then I took the crown and his head and bracelet from his arm and brought them here you, my lord.

<sup>11</sup> Then David tore his clothes and showed he was very sad. All the men with him did the same thing. They were very sad and cried. They did not eat until evening. They cried because and his son Jonathan were dead. David and his men cried for the LORD'S people and they cried for Israel. They cried because Saul, his son Jonathan, and many Israelites had killed in battle.

### David Orders the Amalekite Killed

<sup>13</sup> Then David talked with the young soldier who had told him about Saul's death. David asked, "Where are you from?"

The young soldier answered, "I am the son of a foreigner."

<sup>14</sup> David said to the young soldier, "Why were you not afraid to kill the LORD'S chosen king?"

<sup>15</sup> Then David told the Amalekite, "You are responsible for your own death. You said you killed the LORD'S chosen king, so your own words prove you are guilty." Then David called one of his young servants and told him to kill the Amalekite. So the young Israelite killed him.

### David's Song About Saul and Jonathan

<sup>17</sup> David sang a sad song about Saul and his son Jonathan.

<sup>18</sup> David told his men to teach the song to the people of Judah. This song is called "The Bow" and it is written in the Book of Jashar.

<sup>19</sup> "Israel, your beauty was ruined on your hills.

I CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one." II BOOK OF JASHAR An ancient book about the wars of Israel.

Oh, how those heroes fell!

20 Don't tell the news in Gath.

Don't announce it in the streets of Ashkelon.

Those Philistine cities would be happy!

Those foreigners would be glad.

21 "May no rain or dew fall on you, mountains of Gilboa.

May there be no offerings coming from your fields.

The shields of heroes rusted there.

Saul's shield was not rubbed with oil.

22 Jonathan's bow killed its share of enemies,

and Saul's sword killed its share!

They have spilled the blood of men now dead.

They cut into the fat of strong men.

23 "Saul and Jonathan—how dear they were to us!

In life they loved being together,

and even death did

not separate them!

They were faster than eagles and stronger than lions.

24 Daughters of Israel, cry for Saul!

Saul gave you beautiful red dresses

and covered them with gold jewelry!

25 "Strong men have fallen in the battle.

Jonathan is dead on Gilboa's hills.

26 Jonathan, my brother, I miss you!

I enjoyed your friendship so much.

Your love for me was stronger than the love of women.

27 Heroes have fallen in battle.

Their weapons of war are lost.

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### David Is Anointed King of Judah

2 Later, David asked LORD David, "Should I take any of the cities of Judah?"

The LORD said to David, "Yes, David!"

David asked, "Where should I go?"

David said, "Where should I go?"

David said, "Where should I go?"

IV TAKE CONTROL Literally, "go up against."

I GATH The Philistine capital city. II ASHKELON One of the five major Philistine cities. III FOREIGNERS Literally, "uncircumcised." This shows that the Philistines had not shared in Israel's agreement with God.

The **Lord** answered, "To **Hebron**."

<sup>2</sup> So **David** and **two** of his **wives** moved to **Hebron**. (His **wives** were **Ahinoam** and **Abigail**, who **had** been **the** wife of **Nabal**.) <sup>3</sup> **David** brought **men** and **their** **All** them **their** in **and** towns

<sup>4</sup> The **men** of **Judah** came and **anointed** **David** **king** of **Judah**. Then **they** **David** **men** **Jabesh** **Gilead** **buried** **Saul**

<sup>5</sup> **David** sent **messengers** **the** **of** **Gilead** **messengers** **the** **in** **The** **will** **kind**

<sup>I</sup> BURYING HIM The bodies of both Saul and Jonathan were burned and their bones were buried. See 1 Sam. 31:12.

**true** **you** **so** **I** **Now** **be** **and** **Your** **Saul** **dead** **the** **Judah** **anointed** **to** **their**

#### Ish Bosheth Becomes **King**

<sup>8</sup> **Abner** **son** **of** **Ner** **was** **the** **captain** **Saul's** **army**. **Abner** **son** **of** **Saul** **Mahanaim** **made** **king** **Gilead**, **Asher**, **Jezreel**, **Ephraim**, **Benjamin** **all** **Israel**

<sup>10</sup> **Ish Bosheth** **son** **of** **Saul** **was** **40** **years** **old** **when** **he** **began** **to** **rule** **over** **Israel**. **He** **ruled** **Israel** **two** **years** **the** **tribe** **of** **Judah** **followed** **David** **ruled** **over** **the** **tribe** **of** **Judah** **from** **Hebron** **for** **seven** **and** **six** **months**

<sup>II</sup> ISH BOSHETH In the ancient Greek version and 1 Chron. 8:33; 9:39, his name is Ish Baal or Eshbaal. Later Hebrew scribes substituted Bosheth ("shame") for Baal ("Lord"), because Baal was also the name for a Canaanite god. <sup>III</sup> ISRAEL Sometimes this means the whole country, Judah and Israel. Here, it means only the tribes that were not united with Judah.

### The **H0834** Deadly Contest

<sup>12</sup> Abner **H0074** son **H1121** of **H1121** Ner **H5369** and **H1121** the **H3318** officers **H5650** of **H1121** Ish Bosheth son **H1121** of **H1121** Saul **H7586** left **H3318** Mahanaim **H4266** and **H1121** went **H3318** to **H5650** Gibeon **H1391**. <sup>13</sup> Joab **H3097**, Zeruiah's **H6870** son **H1121**, and **H1121** the **H5921** officers **H5650** of **H1121** David **H1732** also **H1732** went **H3318** to **H5921** Gibeon **H1391**. They **H5921** met **H6298** Abner and **H1121** Ish Bosheth's officers **H5650** at **H3427** the **H5921** pool **H1295** of **H1121** Gibeon **H1391**. Abner's group sat **H3427** on **H5921** one **H2088** side **H2088** of **H1121** the **H5921** pool **H1295**. Joab's **H3097** group sat **H3427** on **H5921** the **H5921** other **H2088** side **H2088**.

<sup>14</sup> Abner **H0074** said **H0559** to **H0413** Joab **H3097**, "Let's **H4994** have **H5288** the **H0559** young **H5288** soldiers **H5288** get **H6965** up **H6965** and **H6965** have **H5288** a **H5288** contest **H7832** here."

Joab **H3097** said **H0559**, "Yes, let's **H4994** have **H5288** a **H5288** contest **H7832**."

<sup>15</sup> So **H6965** the **H6965** young **H1121** soldiers **H5650** got **H6965** up **H6965**. The **H6965** two **H8147** groups **H1121** counted **H4557** their **H1732** men **H1121** for **H5650** the **H6965** contest. They **H5674** chose twelve **H6240** men **H1121** from **H1121** the **H6965** tribe of **H1121** Benjamin **H1144** to **H5650** fight for **H5650** Ish Bosheth son **H1121** of **H1121** Saul **H7586**, and **H1121** they **H5674** chose twelve **H6240** men **H1121** from **H1121** David's **H1732** officers **H5650**. <sup>16</sup> Each **H0376** of **H0376** the **H0834** men **H0376** grabbed **H2388**

his **H0834** opponent's **H7453** head **H7218** and **H0376** stabbed him **H7121** in **H0376** the **H0834** side **H6654** with **H0376** his **H0834** sword **H2719**, and **H0376** then **H5307** they **H0834** fell **H5307** down **H5307** together **H3162**. That **H0834** is **H0834** why **H0834** this **H1931** place **H4725** in **H0376** Gibeon **H1391** is **H0834** called **H7121** "The **H0834** Field of **H0376** the **H0834** Sharp Knives **H2719**." <sup>17</sup> That **H3117** contest turned **H1961** into **H0376** a **H1961** terrible battle **H4421** and **H3478** David's **H1732** officers **H5650** defeated **H5062** Abner **H0074** and **H3478** the **H6440** Israelites **H3478** that **H3117** day **H3117**.

### Abner **H0074** Kills Asahel

<sup>18</sup> Zeruiah **H6870** had **H0834** three **H7969** sons **H1121**, Joab **H3097**, Abishai **H0052**, and **H1121** Asahel **H6214**. Asahel **H6214** was **H1961** a **H1961** fast **H7031** runner, as **H0834** fast **H7031** as **H0834** a **H1961** wild **H7704** deer. <sup>19</sup> Asahel **H6214** ran straight toward **H5921** Abner **H0074** and **H3225** began chasing **H0310** him **H5921**. <sup>20</sup> Abner **H0074** looked **H6437** back **H6437** and **H6437** asked **H0559**, "Is **H2088** that **H2088** you **H0859**, Asahel **H6214**?"

Asahel **H6214** said **H0559**, "Yes, it's me **H0310**."

<sup>21</sup> Abner **H0074** didn't **H3808** want **H0014** to **H0559** hurt Asahel **H6214**, so **H3947** he **H0310** said **H0559** to **H0559** Asahel **H6214**, "Stop **H5493** chasing **H0310** me **H5921**— go **H5493** after **H0310** one **H0259** of **H5921** the **H0853** young **H5288** soldiers **H5288**. You **H5921** could **H5288** easily take **H3947** his **H5921** armor

for|strong="H5921" yourself|strong="H5921".  
But|strong="H3808" Asahel|strong="H6214" re-  
fused|strong="H0014" to|strong="H0559"  
stop|strong="H5493" chasing|strong="H0310" Abner|  
strong="H0074".

<sup>22</sup> Abner|strong="H0074" again|strong="H5750"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Asa-  
hel|strong="H6214", " Stop|strong="H5493" chas-  
ing|strong="H0310" me|strong="H0413",  
or|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0776"  
to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H5221"  
you|strong="H6440". Then|strong="H5375"  
I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776"  
not|strong="H3254" be|strong="H5750" able  
to|strong="H0413" look|strong="H5375"  
your|strong="H6440" brother|strong="H0251"  
Joab|strong="H3097" in|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" face|strong="H6440"  
again|strong="H5750".

<sup>23</sup> But|strong="H1961" Asahel|strong="H6214" re-  
fused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H0413"  
stop|strong="H5975" chasing|strong="H0310" Abner|  
strong="H0074". So|strong="H1961" Abner|  
strong="H0074" used|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H3605" back|strong="H0310"  
end|strong="H0310" of|strong="H8478"  
his|strong="H3605" spear|strong="H2595"  
and|strong="H0935" pushed it|strong="H8033" in-  
to|strong="H0413" Asahel's|strong="H6214" stomach.  
The|strong="H3605" spear|strong="H2595"  
went|strong="H3318" deep into|strong="H0413" Asa-  
hel's|strong="H6214" stomach and|strong="H0935"  
came|strong="H0935" out|strong="H3318"  
of|strong="H8478" his|strong="H3605"  
back|strong="H0310". Asahel|strong="H6214"  
died|strong="H4191" right|strong="H8478"  
there|strong="H8033".

#### Joab and|strong="H0935" Abishai Chase Abner|strong="H0074"

Asahel's|strong="H6214" body|strong="H4191"  
lay|strong="H5307" on|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H4725". Every-  
one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834"  
came|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834"  
way|strong="H3605" stopped|strong="H5975"  
to|strong="H0413" look|strong="H5307"  
at|strong="H0413" Asahel|strong="H6214", <sup>24</sup>  
but|strong="H1992" Joab|strong="H3097"  
and|strong="H0935" Abishai|strong="H0052"<sup>1</sup> contin-  
ued chasing|strong="H0310" Abner|strong="H0074".  
The|strong="H6440" sun|strong="H8121"  
was|strong="H0834" just|strong="H0834" go-  
ing|strong="H0935" down|strong="H1870"  
when|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992"

<sup>1</sup> JOAB AND ABISHAI Brothers of Asahel, the man who Abner killed. See verse 18.

came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Ammah  
Hill|strong="H1389". (Ammah Hill|strong="H1389"  
is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921"  
front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1870" Gi-  
ah|strong="H1520" on|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H6440" way|strong="H1870"  
to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440"  
desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H1870"  
Gibeon|strong="H1391".) <sup>25</sup> The|strong="H5921"  
men|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" tribe of|strong="H1121" Ben-  
jamin|strong="H1144" gathered|strong="H6908"  
around|strong="H5921" Abner|strong="H0074"  
at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H5921" hill|strong="H1389".

<sup>26</sup> Abner|strong="H0074" shouted|strong="H7121"  
to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097"  
and|strong="H7725" said|strong="H0559", " Must|  
strong="H3808" we|strong="H3588" fight  
and|strong="H7725" kill|strong="H2719"  
each|strong="H5971" other|strong="H0251" forev-  
er|strong="H5331"? Surely|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H1961" only|strong="H5704"  
end|strong="H5331" in|strong="H0413" sadness.  
Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0413"  
stop|strong="H3808" chasing|strong="H0310"  
their|strong="H3588" own|strong="H1961" broth-  
ers|strong="H0251".

<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H0227" Joab|strong="H3097"  
said|strong="H0559", " As|strong="H0376" sure-  
ly|strong="H3588" as|strong="H0376"  
God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0430"  
alive|strong="H2416", if|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" had|strong="H0430"  
not|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559" something,  
people|strong="H5971" would|strong="H0559"  
still|strong="H0559" be|strong="H0376" chas-  
ing|strong="H0310" their|strong="H3588" broth-  
ers|strong="H0251" in|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H0559" morning|strong="H1242". <sup>28</sup>  
So|strong="H3808" Joab|strong="H3097"  
blew|strong="H8628" a|strong="H5750" trum-  
pet|strong="H7782", and|strong="H3478"  
his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"  
stopped|strong="H5975" chasing|strong="H0310"  
the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478".  
They|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3254"  
not|strong="H3808" try to|strong="H3478"  
fight|strong="H3898" the|strong="H3605" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" anymore|strong="H5750".

<sup>29</sup> Abner|strong="H0074" and|strong="H1980"  
his|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376"  
marched|strong="H1980" all|strong="H3605"  
night|strong="H3915" through|strong="H5674"

the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" Valley. They |strong="H0376" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River and |strong="H1980" then |strong="H1980" marched |strong="H1980" all |strong="H3605" day until they |strong="H0376" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Mahanaim |strong="H4266".

<sup>30</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" stopped |strong="H7725" chasing |strong="H0310" Abner |strong="H0074" and |strong="H7725" turned |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725". Joab |strong="H3097" had |strong="H1732" gathered |strong="H6908" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H7725" learned that |strong="H3605" 19 of |strong="H0376" David's |strong="H1732" officers |strong="H6485" were |strong="H0376" missing |strong="H6485", including |strong="H3605" Asahel |strong="H6214". <sup>31</sup> But |strong="H0376" David's |strong="H1732" officers |strong="H5650" had |strong="H1732" killed |strong="H5221" 360 of |strong="H0376" Abner's |strong="H0074" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5221" tribe of |strong="H0376" Benjamin |strong="H1144". <sup>32</sup> David's officers took |strong="H5375" Asahel |strong="H6214" and |strong="H0376" buried |strong="H6912" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H3605" tomb |strong="H6913" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" at |strong="H5375" Bethlehem |strong="H1035".

Joab |strong="H3097" and |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" marched all |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915". The |strong="H3605" sun came |strong="H0376" up |strong="H5375" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" reached Hebron |strong="H2275".

### War Between Israel and Judah

<sup>3</sup> There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" war |strong="H4421" for |strong="H1004" a |strong="H1961" long |strong="H0752" time |strong="H1961" between |strong="H0996" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1980" David's |strong="H1732" family |strong="H1004". David |strong="H1732" became |strong="H1961" stronger |strong="H2390" and |strong="H1980" stronger |strong="H2390", but |strong="H1961" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H1004" became |strong="H1961" weaker |strong="H1800" and |strong="H1980" weaker |strong="H1800".

### David's |strong="H1732" Six Sons Born at |strong="H1732" Hebron

<sup>2</sup> These are |strong="H1121" David's |strong="H1732" sons |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" born |strong="H3205" at |strong="H1732" Hebron |strong="H2275".

The |strong="H3205" first son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1961" Amnon |strong="H0550". Amnon's |strong="H0550" mother was |strong="H1961" Ahinoam |strong="H0293" from |strong="H1121" Jezreel.

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H1121" second |strong="H4932" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H4428" Kileab. His |strong="H4428" mother was |strong="H4428" Abigail |strong="H0026", who |strong="H1121" had |strong="H4428" been the |strong="H1121" wife |strong="H0802" of |strong="H1121" Nabal |strong="H5037" from |strong="H1121" Carmel. The |strong="H1121" third |strong="H7992" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H4428" Absalom |strong="H0053". Absalom's |strong="H0053" mother was |strong="H4428" Maacah |strong="H4601" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Talmai |strong="H8526" of |strong="H1121" Geshur |strong="H1650".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H1121" fourth |strong="H7243" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Adonijah |strong="H0138". Adonijah's |strong="H0138" mother was |strong="H1121" Haggith |strong="H2294".

The |strong="H1121" fifth |strong="H2549" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Shephatiah |strong="H8203". Shephatiah's mother was |strong="H1121" Abital |strong="H0037".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3205" sixth |strong="H8345" son was |strong="H1732" Ithream |strong="H3507". Ithream's mother was |strong="H1732" David's |strong="H1732" wife |strong="H0802" Eglah |strong="H5698".

These |strong="H0428" sons |strong="H3205" were |strong="H0428" all born |strong="H3205" at |strong="H1732" Hebron |strong="H2275".

### Abner Decides to |strong="H3205" Join David |strong="H1732"

<sup>6</sup> As |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0996" families |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1004" David |strong="H1732" fought each other, Abner |strong="H0074" became |strong="H1961" more and |strong="H1004" more powerful |strong="H2388" in |strong="H1004" Saul's |strong="H7586" army |strong="H4421". <sup>7</sup> Saul |strong="H7586" had |strong="H0001" a |strong="H0935" slave

woman |strong="H1323" named |strong="H8034" Rizpah |strong="H7532" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" Aiah |strong="H0345". Ish Bosheth said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Abner |strong="H0074", " Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H4069" you |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0001" sexual relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" my |strong="H0935" father's |strong="H0001" servant woman |strong="H1323"?"

<sup>8</sup> This |strong="H1697" made |strong="H6213" Abner |strong="H0074" very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H2734". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" loyal |strong="H2617" to |strong="H0413" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H3063" his |strong="H5921" family |strong="H1004". I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" give you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732". I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" not |strong="H3808" a |strong="H4672" traitor working for |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063".<sup>I</sup> But |strong="H3808" now |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H1697" bad thing |strong="H1697".<sup>9</sup> The LORD promised with an oath that he would take the kingdom away from Saul's family and give it to David. And I swear I will make sure that happens. God will make David king of Judah and Israel. He will rule from Dan to Beersheba.<sup>II</sup> <sup>11</sup> Ish Bosheth was |strong="H1697" too |strong="H5750" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H1697" Abner |strong="H0074" to |strong="H7725" say |strong="H1697" anything |strong="H1697" in |strong="H1697" response.

<sup>12</sup> Abner |strong="H0074" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H4310" do |strong="H4310" you |strong="H3605" think |strong="H0559" should |strong="H0559" rule |strong="H3027" this |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776"? Make |strong="H3772" an |strong="H7971" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H3478" I |strong="H2009" will |strong="H4310" help you |strong="H3605" become the |strong="H3605" ruler of |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-

ple |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478"."

<sup>13</sup> David answered |strong="H0559", " Good |strong="H2896"! I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1697" make |strong="H3772" an |strong="H7200" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588". But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" ask |strong="H7592" you |strong="H3588" only |strong="H0389" one |strong="H0259" thing |strong="H1697": I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1697" not |strong="H3808" meet |strong="H6440" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588" until you |strong="H3588" bring |strong="H0935" Saul's |strong="H7586" daughter |strong="H1323" Michal |strong="H4324" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H6440"."

<sup>14</sup> David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" Saul's |strong="H7586" son |strong="H1121" Ish Bosheth. David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559", " Give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5414" wife |strong="H0802" Michal |strong="H4324". She |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" killed 100 Philistines |strong="H6430" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H7971" her |strong="H0413"."<sup>III</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H3947" Ish Bosheth told the |strong="H3947" men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H7971" go |strong="H7971" and |strong="H1121" take |strong="H3947" Michal from |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3947" man |strong="H0376" named Paltiel |strong="H6409" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Laish. <sup>16</sup> Michal's husband |strong="H0376", Paltiel, followed |strong="H0310" them |strong="H0413", crying |strong="H1058" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0559" way |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" Bahurim |strong="H0980". Finally |strong="H5704", Abner |strong="H0074" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Go |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725". So |strong="H1980" Paltiel went |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725".

<sup>17</sup> Abner |strong="H0074" sent |strong="H0559" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559", " For |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" long time |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1961" wanted |strong="H1245" to |strong="H0559" make

<sup>I</sup> I AM NOT ... JUDAH Literally, "Am I a dog's head of Judah?"<sup>II</sup> DAN TO BEERSHEBA This means the whole nation of Israel, north and south. Dan was a town in the northern part of Israel and Beersheba was in the southern part of Judah.

<sup>III</sup> I KILLED ... TO GET HER Literally, "I paid for her with 100 Philistine foreskins." See 1 Sam. 18:20-30; 25:44.



David|strong="H1732" your|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428".<sup>18</sup> Now|strong="H6258" do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588"! The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" talking about|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732" when|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H3467" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H6258" through|strong="H3027" my|strong="H3605" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732".'

<sup>19</sup> Abner|strong="H0074" said|strong="H1696" these|strong="H1696" things|strong="H3605" to|strong="H1696" David|strong="H1732" in|strong="H1004" Hebron|strong="H2275", and|strong="H3478" he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696" these|strong="H1696" things|strong="H3605" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" tribe of|strong="H1004" Benjamin|strong="H1144". The|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" Abner|strong="H0074" said|strong="H1696" sounded good|strong="H2896" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" tribe of|strong="H1004" Benjamin|strong="H1144" and|strong="H3478" to|strong="H1696" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H0935" Abner|strong="H0074" came|strong="H0935" up|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732" at|strong="H0413" Hebron|strong="H2275". Abner|strong="H0074" brought|strong="H0935" 20 men|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0413". David|strong="H1732" gave|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0935" party for|strong="H0413" Abner|strong="H0074" and|strong="H0935" for|strong="H0413" all|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0413".

<sup>21</sup> Abner|strong="H0074" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732", ' My|strong="H3605" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H6965" king|strong="H4428", let|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971" bring all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478"

to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". Then|strong="H6965" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H3772" an|strong="H6965" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834", and|strong="H6965" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" rule|strong="H4428" over|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478", as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" wanted."

So|strong="H7971" David|strong="H1732" let|strong="H7971" Abner|strong="H0074" leave in|strong="H0413" peace|strong="H7965".

#### Abner's|strong="H0074" Death|strong="H5315"

<sup>22</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" and|strong="H0935" David's|strong="H1732" officers|strong="H5650" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" battle. They|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1732" many|strong="H7227" valuable things|strong="H5973" that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1732" taken from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" enemy. David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H1732" just let|strong="H7971" Abner|strong="H0074" leave in|strong="H0935" peace|strong="H7965". So|strong="H7971" Abner|strong="H0074" was|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" there|strong="H0369" in|strong="H0935" Hebron|strong="H2275" with|strong="H5973" David|strong="H1732".<sup>23</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H6635" arrived|strong="H0935" at|strong="H0413" Hebron. The|strong="H3605" army|strong="H6635" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097", ' Abner|strong="H0074" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ner|strong="H5369" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H7971", and|strong="H1121" David|strong="H7971" let|strong="H7971" Abner|strong="H0074" leave in|strong="H0935" peace|strong="H7965".'

<sup>24</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H1980" said|strong="H0559", ' What|strong="H4100" have|strong="H4428" you|strong="H7971" done|strong="H6213"? Abner|strong="H0074" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H7971", but|strong="H2009" you|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971" him|strong="H0413" away|strong="H7971" without hurting him|strong="H0413"! Why|strong="H4100"?<sup>25</sup> You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" Abner|strong="H0074" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ner|strong="H5369".

He |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" trick you |strong="H0859". He |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" learn |strong="H3045" all |strong="H3605" about |strong="H3045" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213".<sup>26</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" left |strong="H3318" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H7725" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H7725" Abner |strong="H0074" at |strong="H1732" the |strong="H0853" well |strong="H3045" of |strong="H4397" Sirah |strong="H5626". The |strong="H0853" messengers |strong="H4397" brought |strong="H3318" Abner |strong="H0074" back |strong="H7725", but |strong="H3808" David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" this |strong="H3045".<sup>27</sup> When |strong="H1696" Abner |strong="H0074" arrived at |strong="H0413" Hebron |strong="H2275", Joab |strong="H3097" met him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" gateway |strong="H8179", pulled him |strong="H0413" aside |strong="H5186" to |strong="H0413" talk |strong="H1696" in |strong="H0413" private, and |strong="H7725" then |strong="H1696" stabbed |strong="H5221" him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" stomach. So |strong="H7725" he |strong="H8033" got his |strong="H7725" revenge against |strong="H0413" Abner |strong="H0074". Joab |strong="H3097" killed |strong="H5221" Abner |strong="H0074" because |strong="H0413" Abner |strong="H0074" had |strong="H3097" killed |strong="H5221" Joab's |strong="H3097" brother |strong="H0251" Asahel |strong="H6214".

**David Cries for |strong="H0413" Abner |strong="H0074"**

<sup>28</sup> Later |strong="H0310" David |strong="H1732" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0559" news |strong="H0559" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H8085" kingdom |strong="H4467" and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0595" are |strong="H3068" innocent |strong="H5355" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" death |strong="H1818" of |strong="H1121" Abner |strong="H0074" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ner |strong="H5369". The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" knows this |strong="H3651".<sup>29</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" and |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" are |strong="H1004" responsible |strong="H7218" for |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3605", and |strong="H1004" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H0408" cursed. Many

troubles will |strong="H2719" come |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004". His |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0408" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H0408" sick with |strong="H0413" leprosy, crippled, killed |strong="H2719" in |strong="H5921" war |strong="H2719", and |strong="H1004" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H0001" enough food |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0413" eat!"<sup>30</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" and |strong="H0251" his |strong="H5921" brother |strong="H0251" Abishai |strong="H0052" killed |strong="H2026" Abner |strong="H0074" because |strong="H5921" Abner |strong="H0074" had |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2026" their |strong="H5921" brother |strong="H0251" Asahel |strong="H6214" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" battle |strong="H4421" at |strong="H5921" Gibeon |strong="H1391".

<sup>31</sup> David said to Joab and to all the people with Joab, "Tear your clothes and put on sackcloth. Cry for Abner." They buried Abner in Hebron. David went to the funeral. King David and all the people cried at Abner's grave.

<sup>33</sup> King |strong="H4428" David sang this sad song at |strong="H0413" Abner's |strong="H0074" funeral: "Did Abner |strong="H0074" die |strong="H4191" like |strong="H4191" some foolish |strong="H5036" criminal?"

<sup>34</sup> Abner, your |strong="H3605" hands |strong="H3027" were |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" tied |strong="H0631".

Your |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" were |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" put |strong="H5066" in |strong="H5921" chains |strong="H5178".

No |strong="H3808", Abner, evil |strong="H5766" men |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H5307" you |strong="H3605"!

Then |strong="H5307" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" cried |strong="H1058" again |strong="H3254" for |strong="H5921" Abner.<sup>35</sup> All |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" long |strong="H3117" people |strong="H5971" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" encourage David |strong="H1732" to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H1262" food |strong="H3899". But |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H0430" made |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3588" special promise |strong="H7650". He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " May |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430" punish me |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0935" give |strong="H3254" me |strong="H6440" many troubles if |strong="H0518" I |strong="H3588" eat |strong="H1262" bread |strong="H3899" or |strong="H0176" any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H5750"

food |strong="H3899" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" sun |strong="H8121" goes |strong="H0935" down |strong="H6440".<sup>36</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" saw what |strong="H0834" happened, and |strong="H4428" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" pleased |strong="H3190" with |strong="H3605" what |strong="H0834" King |strong="H4428" David had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213".<sup>37</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Judah and |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" understood |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H3117" had |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" killed |strong="H4191" Abner |strong="H0074" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ner |strong="H5369".

<sup>38</sup> King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H3117" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3588" officers |strong="H8269", "You |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" very |strong="H2088" important |strong="H1419" leader |strong="H8269" died |strong="H5307" today |strong="H3117" in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>39</sup> And |strong="H1121" it |strong="H6213" was |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H4480" very same |strong="H0428" day |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0595" was |strong="H3068" anointed |strong="H4886" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" the |strong="H4480" king |strong="H4428". These |strong="H0428" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruiah |strong="H6870" have |strong="H0376" caused me |strong="H4480" a |strong="H4480" lot of |strong="H1121" trouble |strong="H7451". May |strong="H0376" the |strong="H4480" LORD |strong="H3068" give |strong="H7186" them |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" punishment they |strong="H3117" deserve |strong="H0376"."

#### Troubles Come to Saul's Family

**4** Saul's |strong="H7586" son |strong="H1121" Ish Bosheth heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" Abner |strong="H0074" had |strong="H3478" died |strong="H4191" at |strong="H3478" Hebron |strong="H2275". Ish Bosheth and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" became very afraid.<sup>2</sup> Two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0376" to |strong="H1961" see to |strong="H1961" Saul's |strong="H7586" son |strong="H1121". These two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1961" captains |strong="H8269"

in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" army. They |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" Recab |strong="H7394" and |strong="H1121" Baanah |strong="H1196", the |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Rimmon |strong="H7417" from |strong="H5921" Beeroth |strong="H0881". ( They |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" Benjamites because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" town Beeroth |strong="H0881" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" tribe of |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144".<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H1961" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" people in |strong="H3117" Beeroth ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" to |strong="H5704" Gittaim |strong="H1664", and |strong="H3117" they |strong="H8033" are |strong="H3117" still |strong="H5704" living |strong="H1481" there |strong="H8033" today |strong="H3117".)

<sup>4</sup> Saul's |strong="H7586" son |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3083" had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" named |strong="H8034" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648". He |strong="H8141" was |strong="H8034" five |strong="H2568" years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0935" news |strong="H8052" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" Jezreel |strong="H3157" that |strong="H8141" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3083" had |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H5307". The |strong="H0935" woman |strong="H8034" who |strong="H1121" cared for |strong="H7272" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648" picked |strong="H5375" him |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5375" and |strong="H1121" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5375". But |strong="H1961" while |strong="H1961" running |strong="H1961" away |strong="H5375", she dropped |strong="H5307" the |strong="H0935" boy, and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H8141" became |strong="H1961" crippled |strong="H5223" in |strong="H8141" both feet |strong="H7272".

<sup>5</sup> Recab |strong="H7394" and |strong="H1121" Baanah |strong="H1196", sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Rimmon |strong="H7417" from |strong="H0935" Beeroth, went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Ish Bosheth's house |strong="H1004" at |strong="H0413" noon |strong="H6672". Ish Bosheth was |strong="H1931" resting |strong="H4904" because |strong="H0413" it |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" hot |strong="H2527".<sup>6</sup> Recab and Baanah came into the house as if they were going to get some wheat. Ish Bosheth was lying on his bed in his bedroom, and they stabbed and killed him. Then

they cut off his head and took it with them. They traveled all night on the road through the Jordan Valley. <sup>8</sup> When *they* arrived *at* Hebron, they gave Ish Bosheth's head *to* David.

Recab and Baanah said *to* King David, "Here *is* the head of *your* enemy *of* Saul, Ish Bosheth son *of* Saul." He *tried* *to* kill you, but *the* LORD *has* punished Saul and *his* family *for* you *today*."

<sup>9</sup> But David told Recab and Baanah, "As *surely* as the LORD *lives*, he *is* the *one* who *has* rescued *me* from *all* my troubles! <sup>10</sup> Once *before* a *man* thought *he* would *bring* me *good* news. He *told* me, 'Look *!* Saul *is* dead.' He *thought* I would *reward* him *for* bringing me *news*. But I *grabbed* this *man* and *killed* him *at* Ziklag. <sup>11</sup> I *will* kill you

*and* remove *this* evil *from* our *land* because you *evil* men *killed* a *good* man *sleeping* on *his* own *bed*, *in* his *own* house."

<sup>12</sup> So David *commanded* his *young* helpers *to* kill Recab and Baanah. The *young* men *cut* off *hands* and *feet* of Recab and Baanah and *hanged* them *by* a pool of water. Then they *took* the head of Ish Bosheth and *buried* it where *Abner* was *buried* at Hebron.

### The Israelites Make David King

<sup>5</sup> All the tribes of Israel came *to* David *at* Hebron. They *said* *to* David, "Look *!* we *are* one family! <sup>2</sup> Even *when* Saul *was* our *king*, you *were* the *one* who *led* us *into* battle. And *you* were *one* who *brought* Israel

<sup>1</sup> YOUNG HELPERS Young men who carried a soldier's weapons into battle but were not yet soldiers themselves. <sup>II</sup> ONE FAMILY Literally, "your flesh and blood."

back |strong="H0935" home |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0935" war. The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" himself said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859", ' You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" shepherd |strong="H7462" of |strong="H4428" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971", the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" ruler |strong="H5057" over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478".'

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H6440" with |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" at |strong="H0413" Hebron |strong="H2275". He |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3772" an |strong="H0935" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H5921" Hebron |strong="H2275" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H0935" they |strong="H5921" anointed |strong="H4886" David |strong="H1732" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>4</sup> David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H1732" 30 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H1732" began to |strong="H1732" rule |strong="H4427". He |strong="H1732" was |strong="H1732" king |strong="H4427" for |strong="H1732" 40 years |strong="H8141". <sup>5</sup> In |strong="H5921" Hebron |strong="H2275" he |strong="H5921" ruled |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063" for |strong="H5921" 7 years |strong="H8141" and |strong="H3063" 6 months |strong="H2320", and |strong="H3063" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" he |strong="H5921" ruled |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063" for |strong="H5921" 33 years |strong="H8141".

#### David Captures Jerusalem |strong="H3389"

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H1732" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" fight against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Jebusites |strong="H2983" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"

Jerusalem |strong="H3389". The |strong="H0559" Jebusites |strong="H2983" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " You |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" our |strong="H3588" city. <sup>I</sup> Even |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3588" blind |strong="H5787" and |strong="H0935" crippled people |strong="H0376" can |strong="H0518" stop |strong="H5493" you |strong="H3588". " ( They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" would |strong="H0559" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0413" enter |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" city. <sup>7</sup> But |strong="H1931" David |strong="H1732" did take |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" fort of |strong="H1732" Zion |strong="H6726". This |strong="H1931" fort became the |strong="H0853" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1732" David |strong="H1732". )

<sup>8</sup> That |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605", " Whenever |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" strike |strong="H5221" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Jebusites |strong="H2983", aim for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" throat |strong="H5315" and |strong="H0935" kill |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0413". " <sup>II</sup> David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3651" because |strong="H5921" he |strong="H1931" hates |strong="H8130" to |strong="H0413" have |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5315" left |strong="H0935" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3117" crippled and |strong="H0935" blind |strong="H5787". That |strong="H3605" is |strong="H1931" why |strong="H3651" people |strong="H5315" now |strong="H3117" say |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H3605" lame |strong="H6455" and |strong="H0935" blind |strong="H5787" are |strong="H3117" not |strong="H3808" allowed in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" temple |strong="H1004". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>9</sup> David |strong="H1732" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H4480" fort and |strong="H1004" called |strong="H7121" it |strong="H7121". " The |strong="H4480" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1004" David |strong="H1732". " David |strong="H1732"

<sup>I</sup> YOU CANNOT COME ... CITY The city of Jerusalem was built on a hill. It had high walls around it, making it hard to capture. <sup>II</sup> WHENEVER ... THROAT Or "Whoever wants to attack the Jebusites must go through the shaft." This might refer to a tunnel or shaft leading up into the city through Gihon Spring, which was outside the city walls. <sup>III</sup> TEMPLE Or "the king's palace."

built |strong="H1129" up |strong="H1129" the |strong="H4480" city |strong="H5892" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" Millo |strong="H4407"<sup>I</sup> inward |strong="H1004".<sup>II</sup> He |strong="H0430" became |strong="H1980" stronger and |strong="H1980" stronger because |strong="H5973" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful was |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973".

<sup>11</sup> King |strong="H4428" Hiram |strong="H2438" of |strong="H4428" Tyre |strong="H6865" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732". He |strong="H1732" also |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" cedar |strong="H0730" trees |strong="H6086", carpenters |strong="H2796", and |strong="H4428" stonemasons |strong="H7023". They |strong="H4428" built |strong="H1129" a |strong="H1129" house |strong="H1004" for |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732".<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H5375" David |strong="H1732" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" really made |strong="H3045" him |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3045" him |strong="H5921" ruler over |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" kingdom |strong="H4467" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" good of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971", Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>13</sup> David |strong="H1732" moved |strong="H3389" from |strong="H0935" Hebron |strong="H2275" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". In |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", he |strong="H0310" got |strong="H3947" more |strong="H5750" slave women |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" wives |strong="H0802".

So |strong="H3947" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H1732" more |strong="H5750" children |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" born |strong="H3205" in |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>14</sup> David's sons who |strong="H0428" were |strong="H0428" born |strong="H3209" in |strong="H8034" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" are |strong="H0428" Shammua |strong="H8051", Shobab |strong="H7727", Nathan |strong="H5416", Solomon |strong="H8010",<sup>15</sup> Ibhar |strong="H2984", Elishua |strong="H0474", Nepheg |strong="H5298", Japhia |strong="H3309",<sup>16</sup> Elishama |strong="H0476",

Eliada |strong="H0450", and |strong="H0450" Eliphelet |strong="H0467".

### David Fights Against the |strong="H0476" Philistines

<sup>17</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3478" anointed |strong="H4886" David |strong="H1732" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430" went |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" kill him |strong="H0413". David |strong="H1732" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3588" and |strong="H3478" went |strong="H5927" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" fort at |strong="H0413" Jerusalem.<sup>18</sup>

The |strong="H0935" Philistines |strong="H6430" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" camped in |strong="H0935" Rephaim |strong="H7497" Valley |strong="H6010".

<sup>19</sup> David |strong="H1732" asked |strong="H7592" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", saying |strong="H0559", "Should |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" fight against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430"? Will |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" help me |strong="H0413" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413"?"

The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H0559", "Yes |strong="H3588", I |strong="H3588" certainly |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" help you |strong="H3588" defeat |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430"."

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H0853" David |strong="H1732" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" Baal Perazim and |strong="H0935" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Philistines in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H1931" place |strong="H4725". He |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", "The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" broke |strong="H6555" through |strong="H6555" my |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" like |strong="H3651" water |strong="H4325" breaking |strong="H6555" through |strong="H6555" a |strong="H7121" dam." That |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3651" David |strong="H1732" named |strong="H8034" that |strong="H1931" place |strong="H4725" "Baal Perazim."<sup>III</sup><sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0853" Philistines

I MILLO This is probably the stone foundation walls that were built on the steep slopes on the east side of the City of David. II INWARD Or "toward the Temple."

III BAAL PERAZIM This name means "the Lord breaks through."

left |strong="H5800" the |strong="H0853" statues of |strong="H0376" their |strong="H5375" gods behind at |strong="H1732" Baal Perazim.

David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0376" his |strong="H5375" men |strong="H0376" took |strong="H5375" them |strong="H0853" away |strong="H5375".

<sup>22</sup> Again |strong="H5750" the |strong="H5927" Philistines |strong="H6430" came |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" and |strong="H6430" camped in |strong="H5750" Rephaim |strong="H7497" Valley |strong="H6010".

<sup>23</sup> David |strong="H1732" prayed |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" again |strong="H0310" and |strong="H0935" got |strong="H5927" this |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H0559": "Don't |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0559" valley. Go |strong="H0935" around |strong="H5437" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" other side |strong="H0310" of |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" army |strong="H5927". Attack |strong="H5927" them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" other side |strong="H0310" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" balsam |strong="H1057" trees |strong="H1057". <sup>24</sup> When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" sound |strong="H6963" of |strong="H3068" marching in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" tops |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" balsam |strong="H1057" trees |strong="H1057", you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" act |strong="H1961" quickly because |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" sign that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" gone |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H1961" defeat |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430". <sup>I</sup>

<sup>25</sup> David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0935" do |strong="H6213", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430". He |strong="H0834" chased them |strong="H0853" from |strong="H0935" Geba |strong="H1387"

<sup>I</sup> Or "From the top of the balsam trees you will be able to hear them marching into battle. Then you must act quickly, because at that time the LORD will go ahead of you and defeat the Philistines for you."

to |strong="H0935" Gezer |strong="H1507", killing |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H5704" along |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H3651".

### God's Holy Box Is Moved to Jerusalem

<sup>6</sup> David |strong="H1732" again |strong="H5750" gathered all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" best soldiers |strong="H5750" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478". There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" 30,000 men |strong="H0970". <sup>2</sup> Then |strong="H6965" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H6965" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5971" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" Baalah in |strong="H3427" Judah <sup>II</sup> to |strong="H5921" take |strong="H5927" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box there |strong="H8033". The |strong="H3605" Holy Box is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" God's |strong="H0430" throne — people |strong="H5971" go |strong="H5927" there |strong="H8033" to |strong="H5921" call |strong="H7121" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful who |strong="H0834" sits |strong="H3427" as |strong="H0834" king |strong="H5921" above |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" Box. <sup>3</sup> David's men |strong="H1121" brought |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" Holy Box out |strong="H0413" of |strong="H1121" Abinadab's house |strong="H1004" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H1389". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7392" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5375" new |strong="H2319" wagon |strong="H5699". Uzzah |strong="H5798" and |strong="H1121" Ahio |strong="H0283", sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abinadab |strong="H0041", were |strong="H0834" driving the |strong="H0853" new |strong="H2319" wagon |strong="H5699".

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H1980" they |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H6440" Holy Box out |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1004" Abinadab's house |strong="H1004" on |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" hill |strong="H1389". The |strong="H6440" sons of |strong="H1004" Abinadab |strong="H0041", Uzzah and |strong="H1980" Ahio |strong="H0283", drove |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" new wagon.

<sup>II</sup> BAALAH IN JUDAH Another name for Kiriath Jearim. See 1 Chron. 13:6.

Ahio <sup>5</sup> was walking in front of the Holy Box. David and all the Israelites were dancing in front of the LORD and playing kinds of musical instruments. There were lyres, harps, drums, rattles, instruments made of cypress wood, and cymbals. <sup>6</sup> When David's men came to the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and God's Holy Box began to fall off the wagon. Uzzah caught the Holy Box. <sup>7</sup> But the LORD was angry with Uzzah and killed him for that mistake. Uzzah showed he did not honor God when he touched the Holy Box, so he died there by God's Holy Box. <sup>8</sup> David was upset because the LORD had killed Uzzah. David called that place "Perez Uzzah." <sup>1</sup> It is still called Perez Uzzah today.

<sup>9</sup> David became afraid of the LORD that day, and he

I PEREZ UZZAH This name means "The Punishment of Uzzah."

said, "How can I bring God's Holy Box here now?" <sup>10</sup> So David would not move the LORD'S Holy Box into the City of David. He put the Holy Box at house of Obed Edom from Gath. <sup>11</sup> The LORD'S Holy Box stayed in Obed Edom's house for three months. The LORD blessed Obed Edom and his family.

<sup>12</sup> Later people told David, "The LORD has blessed the family of Obed Edom and everything he owns, because God's Holy Box is there." So David went and brought God's Holy Box from Obed Edom's house. David was very happy and excited.

When the men who carried the LORD'S Holy Box had walked six steps, they stopped and David sacrificed a bull and a fat calf. <sup>14</sup> David was dancing in front of the LORD. He was wearing a linen ephod.

<sup>15</sup> David and all the Israelites were excit-

II OBED EDMOM FROM GATH A person from the tribe of Levi who lived near Jerusalem.



ed— they|strong="H3068" shouted|strong="H8643" and|strong="H3068" blew the|strong="H3605" trumpet|strong="H7782" as|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Box into|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3605" city. <sup>16</sup> Saul's|strong="H7586" daughter|strong="H1323" Michal|strong="H4324" was|strong="H1961" looking|strong="H7200" out|strong="H8259" the|strong="H0853" window|strong="H2474". While|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Box was|strong="H1961" being|strong="H1961" carried|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892", David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1961" jumping and|strong="H0935" dancing|strong="H3769" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Michal|strong="H4324" saw|strong="H7200" this|strong="H3068", and|strong="H0935" she|strong="H3820" was|strong="H1961" upset at|strong="H3068" David|strong="H1732".

<sup>17</sup> David|strong="H1732" put|strong="H0935" up|strong="H5927" a|strong="H0935" tent|strong="H0168" for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Holy Box. The|strong="H0853" Israelites put|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Box in|strong="H0935" its|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725" under|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" tent|strong="H0168". Then|strong="H0853" David|strong="H1732" offered|strong="H5927" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H0935" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>18</sup> After|strong="H8034" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H3068" finished|strong="H3615" offering|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0853" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002", he|strong="H3068" blessed|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful. <sup>19</sup> He|strong="H5704" also|strong="H3478" gave a|strong="H5704" share of|strong="H1004" bread|strong="H3899", a|strong="H5704" raisin|strong="H0809" cake|strong="H2471", and|strong="H3478" some|strong="H0376" date bread|strong="H3899" to|strong="H5704" every|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H3478" woman|strong="H0802" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478". Then|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605"

the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" went|strong="H0376" home|strong="H1004".

### Michal Scolds David

<sup>20</sup> David|strong="H1732" went|strong="H3318" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0559" bless|strong="H1288" his|strong="H7725" house|strong="H1004", but|strong="H3513" Saul's|strong="H7586" daughter|strong="H1323" Michal|strong="H4324" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0559" meet|strong="H7125" him|strong="H0853". She|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478" did|strong="H4100" not|strong="H1732" honor|strong="H3513" himself|strong="H1540" today|strong="H3117"! You|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3318" off|strong="H1540" your|strong="H0834" clothes in|strong="H1004" front of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H0834" servants'|strong="H5650" girls. You|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" fool who|strong="H0834" takes off|strong="H1540" his|strong="H7725" clothes without shame!"

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H0853" David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Michal|strong="H4324", "The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" chose|strong="H0977" me|strong="H0413", not|strong="H1732" your|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001" or|strong="H0001" anyone|strong="H3605" from|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" chose|strong="H0977" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3478" leader|strong="H5057" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971", the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". So|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" continue dancing and|strong="H3068" celebrating|strong="H7832" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>22</sup> I|strong="H0834" might|strong="H0834" do things|strong="H5973" that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" even|strong="H5750" more|strong="H5750" embarrassing! Maybe you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" respect me|strong="H5973", but|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" girls you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" talking about|strong="H1961" are|strong="H0834" proud|strong="H5869" of|strong="H5869" me|strong="H5973"! "

<sup>23</sup> Saul's|strong="H7586" daughter|strong="H1323" Michal|strong="H4324" never|strong="H3808"

had|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" child|strong="H3206". She|strong="H3808" died|strong="H4194" without|strong="H3808" having|strong="H1961" any|strong="H1961" children|strong="H3206".

### David Wants to Build a Temple

7 After|strong="H1961" King|strong="H4428" David moved into|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3605" new house|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H5117" him|strong="H5117" some|strong="H3605" relief|strong="H5117" from|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341" around|strong="H5439" him|strong="H5117".<sup>2</sup> King|strong="H4428" David said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Nathan|strong="H5416" the|strong="H0559" prophet|strong="H5030", " Look|strong="H7200", I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H7200" fancy house|strong="H1004" made of|strong="H4428" cedar|strong="H0730" wood, but|strong="H7200" God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box is|strong="H0430" still|strong="H0559" kept in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H7200" tent|strong="H3407"!"

<sup>3</sup> Nathan|strong="H5416" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H5973", " Do|strong="H6213" whatever|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" want to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834"."  
4 But|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1931" night|strong="H3915", the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" word|strong="H1697" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Nathan|strong="H5416".

<sup>5</sup> "Go and|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732", ' This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3068" not|strong="H1732" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129" house|strong="H1004" for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427".<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H1961" house|strong="H1004" at|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853"

time|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3588" took|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" out|strong="H3427" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714". No|strong="H3808", I|strong="H3588" traveled|strong="H1980" around|strong="H1980" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H1961" tent|strong="H0168". I|strong="H3588" used|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" tent|strong="H0168" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H1961" home|strong="H1004".<sup>7</sup> I|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" told|strong="H0559" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0559" build|strong="H1129" me|strong="H1696" a|strong="H1129" fancy house|strong="H1004" made|strong="H1696" from|strong="H1980" cedar|strong="H0730" wood.'

<sup>8</sup> " You|strong="H5921" must|strong="H3947" say|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3541" to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732": ' This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful says|strong="H0559": I|strong="H0589" chose you|strong="H5921" while|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5921" were|strong="H1961" out|strong="H4480" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" pasture following|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0559" sheep|strong="H6629". I|strong="H0589" took|strong="H3947" you|strong="H5921" from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H4480" job and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" leader|strong="H5057" of|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971", the|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478".<sup>9</sup> I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834" every|strong="H3605" place|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" went|strong="H1980". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" defeated your|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341" for|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" most famous|strong="H8034" people|strong="H0834" on|strong="H1980" earth|strong="H0776".<sup>10</sup> And I chose a place for my people, the Israelites. I planted the Israelites. I gave them their own place to live so that they will not have to move from place to place anymore. In

the past, I sent judges to lead my people, but evil people gave them many troubles. That will not happen now. I am giving you peace from all of your enemies. I promise that I will make your family a family of kings. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>12</sup> "When **your** **life** **is** **finished**, **you** **will** **die** **and** **be** **buried** **with** **your** **ancestors**. **But** **then** **I** **will** **make** **one** **of** **your** **children** **become** **the** **king**. <sup>13</sup> **He** **will** **build** **a** **house** **for** **my** **name**, **and** **I** **will** **make** **his** **kingdom** **strong** **forever**. <sup>14</sup> **I** **will** **be** **his** **father**, **and** **he** **will** **be** **my** **son**. <sup>II</sup> **When** **he** **sins**, **I** **will** **use** **other** **people** **to** **punish** **him**. **They** **will** **be** **my** **whips**. <sup>15</sup> **But** **I** **will** **never** **stop** **loving** **him**. **I** **will** **continue** **to** **be** **loyal** **to** **him**. **I** **took** **away** **my** **love** **and** **kindness** **from** **Saul**. **I** **pushed** **Saul** **away** **when** **I** **turned** **you** **family** **of** **kings** **will** **continue**—

<sup>I</sup> MAKE ... FAMILY OF KINGS Literally, "make a house for you." <sup>II</sup> FATHER ... SON God "adopted" the kings from David's family, and they became his "sons." See Psalm 2:7.

**you** **can** **depend** **on** **that** **For** **you**, **your** **kingdom** **will** **continue** **forever**. **Your** **throne** **will** **stand** **forever**. <sup>17</sup> **Nathan** **told** **David** **about** **that** **vision**. **He** **told** **David** **everything** **God** **had** **said**.

**David** **Prays to** **God**

<sup>18</sup> **Then** **King** **David** **went** **in** **and** **sat** **in** **front** **of** **the** **LORD**. **David** **said**, " **Lord** **GOD**, **why** **am** **I** **so** **important** **to** **you**? **Why** **is** **my** **family** **important**? **Why** **have** **you** **made** **me** **so** **important**? **I** **am** **nothing** **but** **a** **servant**, **but** **Lord** **GOD**, **you** **have** **also** **said** **these** **kind** **things** **about** **my** **future** **family**. **Lord** **GOD**, **you** **don't** **always** **talk** **like** **this** **to** **people**, **do** **you**? **How** **can** **I** **continue** **talking** **to** **you**? **Lord** **GOD**, **you** **know** **I** **am** **only** **a** **servant**. **You** **will** **do** **all** **these** **wonder-**

ful things |strong="H1697" be-  
 cause |strong="H5668" you |strong="H3605"  
 said |strong="H1697" you |strong="H3605"  
 would |strong="H3605" do |strong="H6213"  
 them |strong="H0853" and |strong="H5650" be-  
 cause |strong="H5668" you |strong="H3605" want  
 to |strong="H3820" do |strong="H6213"  
 them |strong="H0853". And |strong="H5650"  
 you |strong="H3605" decided to |strong="H3820" let  
 me |strong="H5650" know |strong="H3045"  
 about |strong="H1697" all |strong="H3605"  
 these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H1697".<sup>22</sup>  
 Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0430",  
 this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H0369"  
 why |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
 are |strong="H0834" so |strong="H3651"  
 great |strong="H1431"! There |strong="H0369"  
 is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369"  
 one |strong="H0369" like |strong="H3644"  
 you |strong="H0834". There |strong="H0369"  
 is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369"  
 god |strong="H0430" except |strong="H2108"  
 you |strong="H0834"! We |strong="H3588" know  
 that |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588"  
 of |strong="H0430" what |strong="H0834"  
 we |strong="H3588" ourselves  
 have |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H0805"  
 about |strong="H5921" what |strong="H0834"  
 you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834".

<sup>23</sup> " And |strong="H1980" there |strong="H0834"  
 is |strong="H0834" no |strong="H4310" na-  
 tion |strong="H1471" on |strong="H1980"  
 earth |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0834"  
 your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971", Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0834"  
 are |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7760" special peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834"  
 were |strong="H0834" slaves, but |strong="H0834"  
 you |strong="H0834" took |strong="H7760"  
 them |strong="H6440" out |strong="H6440"  
 of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"  
 and |strong="H1980" made |strong="H6213"  
 them |strong="H6440" free. You |strong="H0834"  
 made |strong="H6213" them |strong="H6440"  
 your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971".  
 You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213"  
 great |strong="H1420" and |strong="H1980" won-  
 derful things |strong="H1420" for |strong="H0776"  
 the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478"  
 and |strong="H1980" for |strong="H0776"  
 your |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776".<sup>24</sup>  
 You |strong="H0859" made |strong="H3559"  
 the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971"  
 of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478"  
 your |strong="H3068" very |strong="H5704"  
 own |strong="H1961" people |strong="H5971" for-  
 ever |strong="H5769", and |strong="H3068"  
 LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0859" be-

came |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430".

<sup>25</sup> " Now |strong="H6258", LORD |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430", you |strong="H0834"  
 promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H5704"  
 do |strong="H6213" something |strong="H1697"  
 for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921",  
 your |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650",  
 and |strong="H6965" for |strong="H5921"  
 my |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004".  
 Now |strong="H6258" please do |strong="H6213"  
 what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
 promised |strong="H1696"— make |strong="H6213"  
 my |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004"  
 a |strong="H1696" family |strong="H1004"  
 of |strong="H1004" kings forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068"  
 name |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H1961" honored forev-  
 er |strong="H5769". People will |strong="H3068"  
 say |strong="H0559", ' The |strong="H0559"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" All-  
 Powerful rules |strong="H5769" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478"! And |strong="H3068"  
 may |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" fami-  
 ly |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004"  
 your |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650"  
 David |strong="H1732" continue |strong="H1961"  
 to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1961" strong  
 in |strong="H5921" serving you |strong="H6440".'

<sup>27</sup> " You |strong="H0859", LORD |strong="H3068"  
 All-Powerful, the |strong="H0853"  
 God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1004" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478", have |strong="H5650" shown  
 things |strong="H1540" to |strong="H0413"  
 me |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0859"  
 said |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H1540"  
 your |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004"  
 great |strong="H0430". That |strong="H3588"  
 is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3651"  
 I |strong="H3588", your |strong="H3068" ser-  
 vant |strong="H5650", decided |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0413" pray |strong="H6419"  
 this |strong="H2063" prayer |strong="H8605"  
 to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859".<sup>28</sup>  
 Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0430",  
 you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697"  
 God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H0430"  
 I |strong="H1697" can |strong="H5650" trust  
 what |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0859"  
 say |strong="H1696". And |strong="H0430"  
 you |strong="H0859" said |strong="H1696"  
 that |strong="H1931" these |strong="H2063"  
 good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H1697"  
 would |strong="H5650" happen |strong="H1961"  
 to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413",  
 your |strong="H1961" servant |strong="H5650".<sup>29</sup>

Now |strong="H6258", please |strong="H2974", bless |strong="H1288" my |strong="H1961" family |strong="H1004". Let |strong="H6258" them |strong="H0853" stand before |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H1004" serve |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859" forever |strong="H5769". Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136", you |strong="H0859" yourself |strong="H0859" said |strong="H1696" these |strong="H1696" things |strong="H1961". You |strong="H0859" yourself |strong="H0859" blessed |strong="H1288" my |strong="H1961" family |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" a |strong="H1961" blessing |strong="H1293" that |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" continue |strong="H1961" forever |strong="H5769".

### David Wins Many Wars

**8** Later |strong="H0310" David |strong="H1732" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" and |strong="H3027" took |strong="H3947" control |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" a |strong="H1961" large area of |strong="H3027" land around |strong="H3027" Gath. <sup>12</sup> He |strong="H1732" also |strong="H0853" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Moabites |strong="H4124". He |strong="H1732" forced them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H4191" lie |strong="H7901" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" a |strong="H1961" long row. Using a |strong="H1961" rope to |strong="H4191" measure |strong="H4058", those |strong="H0853" within two |strong="H8147" lengths of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" rope were |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H5221" and |strong="H0776" those |strong="H0853" within every third length were |strong="H1961" allowed to |strong="H4191" live |strong="H2421". So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Moabites |strong="H4124" became |strong="H1961" servants |strong="H5650" of |strong="H0776" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0776" paid tribute |strong="H4503" to |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5221".

<sup>3</sup> David |strong="H1732" went |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" an |strong="H5221" area near the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H5104" to |strong="H7725" set |strong="H7725" up |strong="H0853" a |strong="H5221" monument |strong="H3027" for |strong="H3027" himself |strong="H3027". <sup>11</sup> At |strong="H1732" that |strong="H1732" time he |strong="H1732" defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853"

I AREA OF LAND AROUND GATH Or "villages controlled by the mother city" or "Metheg-Ammah." See 1 Chron. 18:1. II DAVID WENT ... FOR HIMSELF Or "David went to take control of the area near the Euphrates River."

king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Zobah |strong="H6678", Hadadezer |strong="H1909" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Rehob |strong="H7340". <sup>4</sup> David |strong="H1732" took |strong="H3920" 1000 chariots |strong="H7393", 7000 horse soldiers |strong="H0376", <sup>III</sup> and |strong="H3967" 20,000 foot |strong="H7273" soldiers |strong="H0376" from |strong="H4480" Hadadezer. He |strong="H1732" crippled all |strong="H3605" but |strong="H0376" 100 of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" chariot |strong="H7393" horses |strong="H6571". <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Arameans |strong="H0758" from |strong="H0935" Damascus |strong="H1834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" help |strong="H5826" King |strong="H4428" Hadadezer |strong="H1909" of |strong="H4428" Zobah |strong="H6678", but |strong="H0376" David |strong="H1732" defeated |strong="H5221" those |strong="H0376" 22,000 Arameans |strong="H0758". <sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H1961" David |strong="H1732" put |strong="H7760" his |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H5650" in |strong="H1980" Damascus |strong="H1834", Aram |strong="H0758". The |strong="H3605" Arameans |strong="H0758" became |strong="H1961" David's |strong="H1732" servants |strong="H5650" and |strong="H1980" brought |strong="H1980" tribute |strong="H4503". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H7760" victory |strong="H3467" to |strong="H1980" David |strong="H1732" wherever |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" went |strong="H1980".

<sup>7</sup> David |strong="H1732" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" gold |strong="H2091" shields |strong="H7982" <sup>V</sup> that |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Hadadezer's |strong="H1909" servants |strong="H5650" and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>8</sup> David |strong="H1732" also |strong="H1732" took |strong="H3947" many |strong="H7235" things made |strong="H3947" of |strong="H4428" bronze |strong="H5178" from |strong="H3947" Tebah <sup>VI</sup> and |strong="H4428" Berothai. (Tebah and |strong="H4428" Berothai were |strong="H1732" cities |strong="H5892" that |strong="H1732" had |strong="H1732" belonged to |strong="H1732" Hadadezer |strong="H1909".)

<sup>9</sup> King |strong="H4428" Toi |strong="H8583" of |strong="H4428" Hamath |strong="H2574" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H1732" defeat-

III DAVID ... SOLDIERS This is found in the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran. The standard Hebrew text has "1700 horse soldiers." IV HE CRIPPLES ... HORSES Or "He destroyed all but 100 chariots." V SHIELDS Or "bow cases." VI TEBAH This is found in some ancient Greek copies. The standard Hebrew text has "Betah." See 1 Chron. 18:8.

ed |strong="H5221" Hadadezer's |strong="H1909" whole |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2426".<sup>10</sup> Hadadezer |strong="H1909" had |strong="H0834" fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5921" Toi |strong="H8583" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" past, so |strong="H7971" Toi |strong="H8583" sent |strong="H7971" his |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" Joram |strong="H3141" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732". Joram |strong="H3141" greeted |strong="H1288" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" blessed |strong="H1288" him |strong="H0413" because |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H0834" fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5921" Hadadezer |strong="H1909" and |strong="H1121" defeated |strong="H5221" him |strong="H0413". Joram |strong="H3141" brought |strong="H1961" gifts of |strong="H1121" silver |strong="H3701", gold |strong="H2091", and |strong="H1121" bronze |strong="H5178".<sup>11</sup> David |strong="H1732" took |strong="H0853" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3068" dedicated |strong="H6942" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H3605" with |strong="H5973" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" taken from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" defeated:<sup>12</sup> Aram |strong="H0758", Moab |strong="H4124", Ammon |strong="H5983", Philistia, and |strong="H1121" Amalek |strong="H6002". He |strong="H1121" had |strong="H4428" also |strong="H4428" defeated Hadadezer |strong="H1909" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Rehob |strong="H7340", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Zobah |strong="H6678".<sup>13</sup> David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H1732" defeated |strong="H5221" 18,000 Edomites<sup>I</sup> in |strong="H8034" Salt |strong="H4417" Valley |strong="H1516". He |strong="H6213" was |strong="H8034" famous |strong="H8034" when |strong="H7725" he |strong="H6213" came |strong="H7725" home |strong="H8034".<sup>14</sup> He |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760" teams of |strong="H3068" soldiers |strong="H5650" throughout |strong="H3605" Edom |strong="H0123", and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" nation became |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650". The |strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> EDOMITES This is found in the ancient Greek and Syriac versions and a few Hebrew copies. The standard Hebrew text has "Arameans."

LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H7760" victory |strong="H3467" to |strong="H1980" him |strong="H0853" wherever |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" went |strong="H1980".

### David's |strong="H1732" Rule

<sup>15</sup> David |strong="H1732" ruled |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478", and |strong="H3478" he |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" good and |strong="H3478" fair decisions |strong="H4941" for |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".<sup>16</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruiah |strong="H6870" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" captain over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" army |strong="H6635". Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahilud |strong="H0286" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" historian.<sup>17</sup> Zadok |strong="H6659" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahitub |strong="H0285" and |strong="H1121" Ahimelech |strong="H0288" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abiathar |strong="H0054" were |strong="H1121" priests |strong="H3548". Seraiah |strong="H8304" was |strong="H1121" secretary |strong="H5608".<sup>18</sup> Benaiah |strong="H1141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H1121" charge of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1961" Kerethites and |strong="H1121" Pelethites |strong="H6432",<sup>II</sup> and |strong="H1121" David's |strong="H1732" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" priests |strong="H3548".<sup>III</sup>

### David Is Kind to Saul's Family

<sup>9</sup> David |strong="H1732" asked |strong="H0559", "Is |strong="H0834" there |strong="H3426" anyone |strong="H3588" still |strong="H5750" left |strong="H3498" in |strong="H1004" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H1004"? I |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H0559" show |strong="H6213" kindness |strong="H2617" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3588" person. I |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213" it |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" Jonathan |strong="H3083".<sup>2</sup> There was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H7121" servant |strong="H5650" named |strong="H8034" Ziba |strong="H6717" from |strong="H0413" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H1004". David's |strong="H1732" servants |strong="H5650"

<sup>II</sup> KERETHITES AND PELETHITES These were David's special bodyguards. An ancient Aramaic version has "the archers and stone throwers." This would mean these men were specially trained in using bows and arrows and slings. <sup>III</sup> PRIESTS Or "important leaders."

called |strong="H7121" Ziba |strong="H6717" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732". King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ziba |strong="H6717", " Are |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0859" Ziba |strong="H6717"?"

Ziba |strong="H6717" said |strong="H0559", "Yes, I |strong="H5650" am your |strong="H0413" servant |strong="H5650" Ziba |strong="H6717"."

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559", " Is |strong="H0430" there |strong="H0657" anyone |strong="H0376" left |strong="H5750" in |strong="H0413" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H1004"? I |strong="H0559" want to |strong="H0413" show |strong="H6213" God's |strong="H0430" kindness |strong="H2617" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0376" person |strong="H0376"."

Ziba |strong="H6717" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H5973", " Jonathan |strong="H3083" has |strong="H0430" a |strong="H5750" son |strong="H1121" still |strong="H5750" living |strong="H0376". He |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" crippled |strong="H5223" in |strong="H0413" both feet |strong="H7272"."

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ziba |strong="H6717", " Where |strong="H0375" is |strong="H1931" this |strong="H1931" son |strong="H1121"?"

Ziba |strong="H6717" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428", " He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Makir |strong="H4353" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammiel |strong="H5988" in |strong="H0413" Lo |strong="H2009" Debar."

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H3947" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" some of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3947" officers to |strong="H7971" Lo Debar to |strong="H7971" bring |strong="H3947" Jonathan's son |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3947" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Makir |strong="H4353" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammiel |strong="H5988". <sup>6</sup> Jonathan's |strong="H3083" son |strong="H1121" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648"

came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" bowed |strong="H7812" with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5921" face |strong="H6440" low to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" floor.

David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559", " Mephibosheth |strong="H4648"?"

Mephibosheth |strong="H4648" said |strong="H0559", " Yes |strong="H2009" sir, it |strong="H5921" is |strong="H2009" I |strong="H2009", your |strong="H5921" servant |strong="H5650" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648"."

<sup>7</sup> David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Mephibosheth, "

Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H7704" be |strong="H0408" kind to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H0001" your |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" Jonathan |strong="H3083". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H7704" give |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H7704" of |strong="H0001" your |strong="H3605" grandfather |strong="H0001" Saul |strong="H7586". And |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H7704" always |strong="H8548" be |strong="H0408" able to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398" at |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979"."

<sup>8</sup> Mephibosheth bowed |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0413" David again and |strong="H5650" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" am no better than |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" dead |strong="H4191" dog |strong="H3611", but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" being very kind to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H1961" King |strong="H4428" David called |strong="H7121" Saul's |strong="H7586" servant |strong="H5288" Ziba |strong="H6717" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" given |strong="H5414" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" owns to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3605" master's |strong="H0113" grandson |strong="H1121", Mephibosheth. <sup>10</sup> You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" farm the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0127" for |strong="H5921" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648". Your |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" servants |strong="H5650" will |strong="H1961" do |strong="H5647" this |strong="H0398" for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" harvest |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" crops. Then |strong="H1961" your |strong="H5921" master's |strong="H0113" grandson |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" plenty |strong="H0398" of |strong="H1121"

food to eat, but Mephibosheth will always be allowed to eat at my table."

Ziba's 15 sons and 20 servants. <sup>11</sup> He said to King David, "I am your servant. I will do everything that my lord the king commands."

So Mephibosheth ate like one of the king's sons. <sup>12</sup> Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. All the people in Ziba's family became Mephibosheth's servants. <sup>13</sup> Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem. He was crippled in both feet, and every day he ate at the king's table.

#### Hanun Shames David's Men

**10** Later Nahash of Ammonites died. His son Hanun became the new king after him. <sup>2</sup> David said, "Nahash was kind to me, so I will be kind to his son Hanun." So David sent his officers

to Hanun about his father's death.

David's officers went to the land of Ammonites. <sup>3</sup> But the Ammonite leader said to Hanun, "Do you think that David is trying to honor your father by sending some men to comfort you? No, David sent these men to spy on your city. They plan to make war against you."

<sup>4</sup> So Hanun took David's officers and shaved off their beards. He cut off their clothes at the hips. Then he sent them away.

<sup>5</sup> When the people David sent to meet his officers. He did this because these men were very ashamed. King David said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards grow again. Then come back home."



**War Against the Ammonites**

6 The Ammonites saw that they had become David's enemies, so they hired Arameans from Beth Rehob and Zobah. There were 20,000 Aramean foot soldiers. The Ammonites also hired the king of Maacah with 1000 men and 12,000 men from Tob.

7 David heard about this, so he sent Joab and the whole of his powerful men. 8 The Ammonites came out and got ready for the battle. They stood at the city gate. The Arameans from Zobah and Rehob and the men from Tob and Maacah did not stand together with the Ammonites in the field.

9 Joab saw that there were enemies in front of him and behind him. So he chose of the best Israelite soldiers and lined them up for bat-

tle against the Arameans. 10 Then Joab gave the other men his brother Abishai to lead against the Ammonites. 11 Joab said to Abishai, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, you will help me." If the Ammonites are too strong for you, I will come and help you. 12 Be and let us fight bravely for our people for the cities of our God. The LORD will do what he decides is right.

13 Then Joab and his men attacked the Arameans. The Arameans ran away from Joab and his men. 14 The Ammonites saw that the Arameans were running away, so they ran away from Abishai and went back to their city.

So Joab came back from the battle with the Ammonites and

went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

**The |strong="H6440" Arameans |strong="H0758" De-  
cide |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0935" Fight  
Again |strong="H7725"**

<sup>15</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" Arameans |strong="H0758" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5062" them |strong="H6440", they |strong="H3588" came together |strong="H3162" into |strong="H7200" one |strong="H7200" big army |strong="H0622". <sup>16</sup> Hadadezer |strong="H1909" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Arameans |strong="H0758" who |strong="H0834" lived on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104". These |strong="H0834" Arameans |strong="H0758" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Helam |strong="H2431". Their |strong="H6440" leader |strong="H8269" was |strong="H0834" Shobach |strong="H7731", the |strong="H0853" captain |strong="H8269" of |strong="H8269" Hadadezer's |strong="H1909" army |strong="H6635".

<sup>17</sup> When |strong="H0935" David |strong="H1732" heard |strong="H5046" about |strong="H0935" this |strong="H5046", he |strong="H1732" gathered |strong="H0622" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" together |strong="H0622". They |strong="H0935" crossed |strong="H5674" over |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Helam |strong="H2431".

There |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Arameans |strong="H0758" prepared for |strong="H3605" battle |strong="H3898" and |strong="H0935" attacked |strong="H0935", <sup>18</sup> but |strong="H5221" David |strong="H1732" defeated |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0853", and |strong="H3478" they |strong="H8033" ran |strong="H5127" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". David |strong="H1732" killed |strong="H2026" 700 chariot |strong="H7393" drivers and |strong="H3478" 40,000 horse soldiers |strong="H3967" as |strong="H6440" well as |strong="H6440" Shobach |strong="H7731", the |strong="H0853" captain |strong="H8269" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H6635".

<sup>1</sup> HADADEZER The ancient Greek version has "Hadarezer." Also in verse 19.

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" who |strong="H3605" served |strong="H5647" Hadadezer |strong="H1909" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5062" them |strong="H0853", so |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" made |strong="H3605" peace with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" became |strong="H7200" their |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650". The |strong="H3605" Arameans |strong="H0758" were |strong="H3478" afraid |strong="H3372" to |strong="H3478" help |strong="H3467" the |strong="H3605" Ammonites |strong="H5983" again |strong="H5750".

### David Meets Bathsheba

<sup>11</sup> In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" spring |strong="H8666", when |strong="H1961" kings |strong="H4428" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H1961" war, David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" Joab |strong="H3097", his |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H5650", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H1961" destroy |strong="H7843" the |strong="H3605" Ammonites |strong="H5983". Joab's |strong="H3097" army |strong="H3389" surrounded their |strong="H3605" capital |strong="H3427" city, Rabbah |strong="H7237".

David |strong="H1732" stayed |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>2</sup> One |strong="H0802" evening |strong="H6153" he |strong="H1732" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" from |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" bed |strong="H4904" and |strong="H1980" walked |strong="H1980" around |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" roof |strong="H1406" of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004". From |strong="H5921" there |strong="H1961" he |strong="H1732" saw |strong="H7200" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H0802" bathing |strong="H7364". She |strong="H1980" was |strong="H1961" very |strong="H3966" beautiful |strong="H4758", <sup>3</sup> so |strong="H7971" David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" for |strong="H7971" his |strong="H1732" officers and |strong="H7971" asked |strong="H0559" them |strong="H7971" who |strong="H0802" she |strong="H3808" was |strong="H1732". An |strong="H7971" officer answered |strong="H0559", " That |strong="H0559" is |strong="H1732" Bathsheba |strong="H1339", daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323"

Eliam |strong="H0463". She |strong="H3808" is |strong="H1732" the |strong="H0559" wife |strong="H0802" of |strong="H1323" Uriah |strong="H0223" the |strong="H0559" Hit-tite |strong="H2850".

<sup>4</sup> David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" mes-sengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" Bathsheba to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". She |strong="H1931" had |strong="H1732" just purified |strong="H6942" herself |strong="H1931" after |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" monthly time of |strong="H1004" bleeding. She |strong="H1931" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", he |strong="H1931" had |strong="H1732" sexu-al |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" her |strong="H0413", and |strong="H0935" then |strong="H3947" she |strong="H1931" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" house |strong="H1004". <sup>5</sup> Later, Bathsheba became pregnant |strong="H2030". She sent |strong="H7971" word |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H7971" say-ing |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" pregnant |strong="H2030".

**David |strong="H1732" Tries to |strong="H0559" Hide His |strong="H1732" Sin**

<sup>6</sup> David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" message to |strong="H0413" Joab |strong="H3097". " Send |strong="H7971" Uriah |strong="H0223" the |strong="H0853" Hit-tite |strong="H2850" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".

So |strong="H7971" Joab |strong="H3097" sent |strong="H7971" Uriah |strong="H0223" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732". <sup>7</sup> When |strong="H0935" Uriah |strong="H0223" came |strong="H0935", David |strong="H1732" asked |strong="H7592" him |strong="H0413" how |strong="H7965" Joab |strong="H3097" was |strong="H1732", how |strong="H7965" the |strong="H0413" soldiers |strong="H4421" were |strong="H1732", and |strong="H0935" how |strong="H7965" the |strong="H0413" war |strong="H4421" was |strong="H1732" go-ing |strong="H0935". <sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H3318" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Uriah |strong="H0223", " Go |strong="H3318" home |strong="H1004" and |strong="H4428" relax. <sup>1</sup>

So |strong="H3318" Uriah |strong="H0223" left |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004".

<sup>1</sup> RELAX Literally, "wash your feet."

The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" al-so |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3318" gift |strong="H4864" to |strong="H0559" Uriah |strong="H0223". <sup>9</sup> But |strong="H3808" Uriah |strong="H0223" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H3381" home |strong="H1004". He |strong="H3808" slept |strong="H7901" out-side |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" door |strong="H6607" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004", as |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" rest |strong="H7901" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" servants |strong="H5650" did |strong="H3808". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0559" servants told |strong="H5046" David |strong="H1732", " Uriah |strong="H0223" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" home |strong="H1004".

Then |strong="H0935" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Uriah |strong="H0223", " You |strong="H0859" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" long |strong="H0413" trip. Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" home |strong="H1004"?"

<sup>11</sup> Uriah |strong="H0223" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " The |strong="H0853" Holy Box and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" soldiers |strong="H5650" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063" are |strong="H3478" staying |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" tents. My |strong="H5921" lord |strong="H0113" Joab |strong="H3097" and |strong="H0935" my |strong="H5921" lord's |strong="H0113" officers |strong="H5650" are |strong="H3478" camping |strong="H2583" out |strong="H6440" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704". So |strong="H6213" it |strong="H0518" is |strong="H2088" not |strong="H2088" right for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H0935" home |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0935" drink |strong="H8354" and |strong="H0935" sleep |strong="H7901" with |strong="H5973" my |strong="H5921" wife |strong="H0802". As |strong="H1697" surely |strong="H0518" as |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0518" live |strong="H3427", I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H2088" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088".

<sup>12</sup> David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Uriah |strong="H0223", "

Stay|strong="H3427" here|strong="H2088" today|strong="H3117". Tomorrow|strong="H4279" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1571" send|strong="H7971" you|strong="H7971" back|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" battle|strong="H3117".  
 Uriah|strong="H0223" stayed|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" until the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H4283" morning|strong="H4283".<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H3318" David|strong="H1732" called|strong="H7121" Uriah to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H3318" and|strong="H1004" see him|strong="H0413". Uriah ate|strong="H0398" and|strong="H1004" drank|strong="H8354" with|strong="H5973" David|strong="H1732". David|strong="H1732" got|strong="H3318" him|strong="H0413" drunk|strong="H7937", but|strong="H3808" Uriah still|strong="H7901" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H3318" home|strong="H1004". That|strong="H7121" evening|strong="H6153", Uriah again|strong="H6440" slept|strong="H7901" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" palace|strong="H1004" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H6440" rest|strong="H7901" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" king's servants|strong="H5650".

#### David|strong="H1732" Plans Uriah's Death

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0413" next|strong="H3027" morning|strong="H1242" David|strong="H1732" wrote|strong="H3789" a|strong="H1961" letter|strong="H5612" to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097" and|strong="H3027" made|strong="H1961" Uriah|strong="H0223" carry the|strong="H0413" letter|strong="H5612".<sup>15</sup> In|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" letter|strong="H5612" David wrote|strong="H3789": "Put|strong="H4191" Uriah|strong="H0223" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" front|strong="H6440" lines where|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" fighting is|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" hardest. Then|strong="H0853" leave him|strong="H0413" there|strong="H7725" alone, and|strong="H7725" let him|strong="H0413" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H5221" in|strong="H0413" battle|strong="H4421"."

<sup>16</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" watched|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H0376" saw where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" bravest Ammonites were|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" chose Uriah|strong="H0223" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H4725".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H4480" men|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H4480"

city|strong="H5892" came|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H4191" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0854" Joab|strong="H3097". Some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0376" David's|strong="H1732" men|strong="H0376" were|strong="H0376" killed|strong="H4191". Uriah|strong="H0223" the|strong="H4480" Hittite|strong="H2850" was|strong="H1732" one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" them|strong="H3318".

<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Joab|strong="H3097" sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H7971" report|strong="H1697" to|strong="H7971" David|strong="H1732" about|strong="H1697" what|strong="H1697" happened|strong="H1697" in|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" battle|strong="H4421".<sup>19</sup> Joab|strong="H0559" told|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" messenger|strong="H4397" to|strong="H0413" tell|strong="H0559" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H3615" what|strong="H1697" had|strong="H4428" happened|strong="H1697" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" battle|strong="H4421".<sup>20</sup> "The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" might|strong="H0834" get|strong="H5927" upset and|strong="H4428" ask|strong="H0559", 'Why|strong="H4069" did|strong="H0834" Joab's army|strong="H5927" go|strong="H5927" that|strong="H0834" close|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H3898"? Surely|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0834" knows|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" there|strong="H1961" are|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0559" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" walls|strong="H2346" who|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0518" shoot|strong="H3384" arrows down|strong="H3384" at|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5921" men|strong="H0559"?<sup>21</sup> Surely|strong="H4191" he|strong="H3808" remembers that|strong="H0559" at|strong="H0413" Thebez|strong="H8405" a|strong="H5221" woman|strong="H0802" killed|strong="H5221" Abimelech|strong="H0040" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jerub Besheth when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3808" threw|strong="H7993" the|strong="H0853" top|strong="H5921" part|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1121" a|strong="H5221" grinding stone down|strong="H5221" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346". So|strong="H3808" why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" he|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5066" that|strong="H0559" close|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346"?"

If **strong="H1121"** King **strong="H5921"** David says **strong="H0559"** something like **strong="H3808"** that **strong="H0559"**, tell **strong="H0559"** him **strong="H0413"**, ' Your **strong="H5921"** officer, Uria **strong="H0223"** the **strong="H0853"** Hittite **strong="H2850"**, also **strong="H1571"** died **strong="H4191"**.'"

<sup>22</sup> The **strong="H3605"** messenger **strong="H4397"** went **strong="H0935"** in **strong="H0935"** and **strong="H0935"** told **strong="H5046"** David **strong="H1732"** everything **strong="H3605"** Joab **strong="H3097"** told **strong="H5046"** him **strong="H7971"** to **strong="H0935"** say. <sup>23</sup> The **strong="H0559"** messenger **strong="H4397"** told **strong="H0559"** David **strong="H1732"**, " The **strong="H0559"** men **strong="H0376"** of **strong="H0376"** Ammon attacked **strong="H0413"** us **strong="H0413"** in **strong="H5921"** the **strong="H0559"** field **strong="H7704"**. We **strong="H3588"** fought them **strong="H0413"** and **strong="H0376"** chased them **strong="H0413"** all **strong="H5704"** the **strong="H0559"** way **strong="H5921"** to **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H0559"** city **strong="H8179"** gate **strong="H8179"**. <sup>24</sup> Then **strong="H1571"** the **strong="H5921"** men **strong="H5650"** on **strong="H5921"** the **strong="H5921"** city wall **strong="H2346"** shot **strong="H3384"** arrows at **strong="H0413"** your **strong="H5921"** officers **strong="H5650"**. Some of **strong="H4428"** your **strong="H5921"** officers **strong="H5650"** were **strong="H5650"** killed **strong="H4191"**, including **strong="H1571"** Uria **strong="H0223"** the **strong="H5921"** Hittite **strong="H2850"**."

<sup>25</sup> David **strong="H1732"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H0853"** messenger **strong="H4397"**, " Give **strong="H0398"** this **strong="H2088"** message **strong="H1697"** to **strong="H0413"** Joab **strong="H3097"**: ' Don't **strong="H0408"** be **strong="H0408"** too upset **strong="H5869"** about **strong="H0413"** this **strong="H2088"**. A **strong="H3588"** sword **strong="H2719"** can **strong="H5869"** kill **strong="H2719"** one **strong="H2088"** person **strong="H0398"** as **strong="H1697"** well as **strong="H1697"** the **strong="H0853"** next **strong="H0413"**. Make **strong="H2388"** a **strong="H3588"** stronger **strong="H2388"** attack **strong="H4421"** against **strong="H0413"** Rabbah and **strong="H0398"** you **strong="H3588"** will **strong="H5869"** win.' Encourage **strong="H2388"** Joab **strong="H3097"** with **strong="H0413"** these **strong="H2088"** words **strong="H1697"**."

#### David **strong="H1732"** Marries Bathsheba

<sup>26</sup> Bathsheba heard **strong="H8085"** that **strong="H3588"** her **strong="H5921"** husband **strong="H0376"** Uria **strong="H0223"**

had **strong="H3588"** died **strong="H4191"**, so **strong="H4191"** she **strong="H3588"** mourned **strong="H5594"** for **strong="H3588"** him **strong="H5921"**. <sup>27</sup> After **strong="H1961"** her **strong="H0413"** time **strong="H1961"** of **strong="H1121"** sadness, David **strong="H1732"** sent **strong="H7971"** servants to **strong="H0413"** bring **strong="H3205"** her **strong="H0413"** to **strong="H0413"** his **strong="H3068"** house **strong="H1004"**. She **strong="H0834"** became **strong="H3205"** David's **strong="H1732"** wife **strong="H0802"** and **strong="H1121"** gave **strong="H3205"** birth **strong="H3205"** to **strong="H0413"** a **strong="H1961"** son **strong="H1121"** for **strong="H0413"** David **strong="H1732"**. But **strong="H1961"** the **strong="H0834"** LORD **strong="H3068"** did **strong="H6213"** not **strong="H1961"** like **strong="H1961"** what **strong="H0834"** David **strong="H1732"** had **strong="H3068"** done **strong="H6213"**.

#### Nathan Speaks to David

<sup>12</sup> The **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** sent **strong="H7971"** Nathan **strong="H5416"** to **strong="H0413"** David **strong="H1732"**. Nathan **strong="H5416"** went **strong="H0935"** to **strong="H0413"** him **strong="H0413"** and **strong="H0935"** said **strong="H0559"**, " There **strong="H1961"** were **strong="H1961"** two **strong="H8147"** men **strong="H0376"** in **strong="H0935"** a **strong="H1961"** city **strong="H5892"**. One **strong="H0259"** man **strong="H0376"** was **strong="H1961"** rich **strong="H6223"**, but **strong="H1961"** the **strong="H0853"** other **strong="H0259"** man **strong="H0376"** was **strong="H1961"** poor **strong="H7326"**. <sup>2</sup> The **strong="H1961"** rich **strong="H6223"** man **strong="H6223"** had **strong="H1961"** lots of **strong="H6629"** sheep **strong="H6629"** and **strong="H6629"** cattle **strong="H1241"**. <sup>3</sup> But **strong="H3588"** the **strong="H3605"** poor **strong="H7326"** man **strong="H1121"** had **strong="H0834"** nothing **strong="H0369"** except **strong="H0518"** one **strong="H0259"** little **strong="H6996"** female **strong="H1323"** lamb **strong="H3535"** that **strong="H0834"** he **strong="H0834"** bought **strong="H7069"**. The **strong="H3605"** poor **strong="H7326"** man **strong="H1121"** fed **strong="H0398"** the **strong="H3605"** lamb **strong="H3535"**, and **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H3605"** lamb **strong="H3535"** grew **strong="H1431"** up **strong="H1431"** with **strong="H5973"** this **strong="H3588"** poor **strong="H7326"** man **strong="H1121"** and **strong="H1121"** his **strong="H3605"** children **strong="H1121"**. She **strong="H0834"**

ate |strong="H0398" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" poor |strong="H7326" man's food |strong="H0398" and |strong="H1121" drank |strong="H8354" from |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" cup |strong="H3563". The |strong="H3605" lamb |strong="H3535" slept |strong="H7901" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" poor |strong="H7326" man's chest. The |strong="H3605" lamb |strong="H3535" was |strong="H0369" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" daughter |strong="H1323" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" poor |strong="H7326" man |strong="H1121".

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" traveler |strong="H1982" stopped |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" visit |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" rich |strong="H6223" man |strong="H0376". The |strong="H0853" rich |strong="H6223" man |strong="H0376" wanted to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H0935" food to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" traveler |strong="H1982", but |strong="H0376" he |strong="H6213" did |strong="H6213" not want to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H3947" any |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3947" own |strong="H0376" sheep |strong="H6629" or |strong="H0376" cattle |strong="H1241" to |strong="H0413" feed the |strong="H0853" traveler |strong="H1982". No, the |strong="H0853" rich |strong="H6223" man |strong="H0376" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" lamb |strong="H3535" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" poor |strong="H7326" man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0935" cooked it |strong="H6213" for |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3947" visitor."

<sup>5</sup> David |strong="H1732" became |strong="H2734" very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" rich man |strong="H0376". He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Nathan |strong="H5416", " As |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416", the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063" should |strong="H0376" die |strong="H4194"! <sup>6</sup> He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" pay |strong="H7999" four times the |strong="H0853" price of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" lamb |strong="H3535" because |strong="H5921" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" terrible thing |strong="H1697" and |strong="H1697" because |strong="H5921" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808" mercy |strong="H2550"."

### Nathan Tells David About |strong="H5921" His |strong="H5921" Sin

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H0859" Nathan |strong="H5416" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3068" rich man |strong="H0376"! This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H0595" chose |strong="H4886" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0595" saved |strong="H5337" you |strong="H0859" from |strong="H5921" Saul |strong="H7586". <sup>8</sup> I |strong="H0518" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" take |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" family |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3063" his |strong="H5414" wives |strong="H0802", and |strong="H3063" I |strong="H0518" made |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" king of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063". As |strong="H1004" if |strong="H0518" that |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3478" not |strong="H3254" been |strong="H4592" enough |strong="H4592", I |strong="H0518" would |strong="H3478" have |strong="H3478" given |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" more |strong="H3254" and |strong="H3063" more |strong="H3254". <sup>9</sup> So |strong="H6213" why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" ignore my |strong="H3068" command |strong="H1697"? Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H1697" I |strong="H1697" say |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" wrong |strong="H7451"? You |strong="H6213" let the |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" kill |strong="H2026" Uriah |strong="H0223" the |strong="H0853" Hittite |strong="H2850", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H6213" took |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3947" wife |strong="H0802". It |strong="H6213" is |strong="H3068" as |strong="H1697" if |strong="H1121" you |strong="H6213" yourself killed |strong="H2026" Uriah |strong="H0223" in |strong="H3068" war |strong="H2719". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3947" family |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1961" never |strong="H3808"

<sup>1</sup> CHOSE Literally, "anointed." See "anoint" in the Word List.

have |strong="H1961" peace! When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" took |strong="H3947" Uri-ah's |strong="H0223" wife |strong="H0802", you |strong="H3588" showed that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" respect me |strong="H3947":

<sup>11</sup> " This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H3068" bringing |strong="H5414" trouble |strong="H7451" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414". This |strong="H2063" trouble |strong="H7451" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H6965" from |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H5869" family |strong="H1004". I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3068" wives |strong="H0802" from |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H6965" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" someone |strong="H5414" who |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" very close |strong="H5973" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5414". He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H5869" sexual |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" your |strong="H3068" wives |strong="H0802", and |strong="H6965" everyone |strong="H0802" will |strong="H3068" know it |strong="H5414"! <sup>12</sup> You |strong="H0859" had |strong="H3478" sexual relations with |strong="H1697" Bathsheba in |strong="H3478" secret, but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3478" punish you |strong="H0859" so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H1697" Israel |strong="H3478" can |strong="H6213" see it |strong="H3588"." <sup>II</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H1571" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Nathan |strong="H5416", " I |strong="H1571" have |strong="H1571" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"."

Nathan |strong="H5416" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" forgive you |strong="H3808", even |strong="H1571" for |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398". You |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4191". <sup>14</sup> But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" did things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H3588"

made |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" lose their |strong="H3068" respect for |strong="H3588" him |strong="H0853", so |strong="H1571" your |strong="H3068" new ba-by |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191"."

David and |strong="H1121" Bathsheba's Ba-by |strong="H1121" Dies |strong="H4191"

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Nathan |strong="H5416" went |strong="H0413" home |strong="H1004". And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" baby boy |strong="H3206" who |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" born |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3068" Uri-ah's |strong="H0223" wife |strong="H0802" to |strong="H0413" become |strong="H3205" very sick |strong="H0605". <sup>16</sup> David |strong="H1732" prayed |strong="H1245" to |strong="H0935" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H1157" the |strong="H0853" baby. David |strong="H1732" re-fused to |strong="H0935" eat or |strong="H0776" drink. He |strong="H0430" went |strong="H0935" in-to |strong="H0935" his |strong="H1732" house and |strong="H0935" stayed |strong="H7901" there and |strong="H0935" lay |strong="H7901" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H0776" all |strong="H7901" night.

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H5921" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H0776" David's family |strong="H1004" came and |strong="H6965" tried to |strong="H5921" pull David up |strong="H6965" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H0776", but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H4480" re-fused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H5921" get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965". He |strong="H4480" refused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H5921" eat with |strong="H0854" these leaders |strong="H2205". <sup>18</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" baby died |strong="H4191". David's |strong="H1732" ser-vants |strong="H5650" were |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H3372" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H5046" him |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" baby was |strong="H1961" dead |strong="H4191". They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " Look |strong="H2009", we |strong="H3588" tried to |strong="H0413" talk |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" while |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" baby was |strong="H1961" alive |strong="H2416", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" re-fused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" lis-

I AND EVERYONE WILL KNOW IT Literally, "in the sight of the sun."

II SO THAT ALL ... CAN SEE IT Literally, "before all Israel and before the sun."

ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413". If |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" tell |strong="H5046" David |strong="H1732" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" baby is |strong="H3117" dead |strong="H4191", he |strong="H3588" might do |strong="H6213" something bad |strong="H7451" to |strong="H0413" himself |strong="H3117"."

<sup>19</sup> David |strong="H1732" saw |strong="H7200" his |strong="H1732" servants |strong="H5650" whispering |strong="H3907" and |strong="H5650" understood |strong="H0995" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" baby was |strong="H1732" dead |strong="H4191". So |strong="H4191" David |strong="H1732" asked |strong="H0559" his |strong="H1732" servants |strong="H5650", "Is |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0559" baby dead |strong="H4191"?"

The |strong="H0559" servants |strong="H5650" answered |strong="H0559", "Yes |strong="H3588", he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H5650" dead |strong="H4191"."

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H6965" David |strong="H1732" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" floor |strong="H0776". He |strong="H3068" washed |strong="H7364" himself |strong="H7812". He |strong="H3068" changed |strong="H2498" his |strong="H3068" clothes |strong="H8071" and |strong="H0935" got |strong="H6965" dressed. Then |strong="H6965" he |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD'S |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0413" worship |strong="H7812". After |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" home |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H7592" for |strong="H0413" something |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398". His |strong="H3068" servants gave |strong="H7760" him |strong="H0413" some food |strong="H3899", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H3068" ate |strong="H0398".

<sup>21</sup> David's servants |strong="H5650" asked |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", "Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088"? When |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" baby was |strong="H0834" alive |strong="H2416", you |strong="H0834" cried |strong="H1058" and |strong="H6965" refused to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398". But |strong="H4191" when |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" baby died |strong="H4191" you |strong="H0834" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" ate |strong="H0398" food |strong="H3899"."

<sup>22</sup> David said |strong="H0559", "While |strong="H5750" the |strong="H0559" baby was |strong="H3068" still |strong="H5750" living |strong="H2416", I |strong="H3588" cried |strong="H1058" and |strong="H3068" refused to |strong="H0559" eat because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H0559", 'Who |strong="H4310" knows |strong="H3045'? Maybe the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" feel sorry for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H2603" and |strong="H3068" let the |strong="H0559" baby live |strong="H2416'." <sup>23</sup> But |strong="H3808" now |strong="H6258" the |strong="H0413" baby is |strong="H2088" dead |strong="H4191", so |strong="H1980" why |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100" I |strong="H0589" refuse |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" eat? Can |strong="H3201" I |strong="H0589" bring |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0413" baby back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" life |strong="H5750"? No |strong="H3808". Some day I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3808" go |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H1931" cannot |strong="H3808" come |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"."

**Solomon Is |strong="H2088" Born |strong="H3808"**

<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H0853" David |strong="H1732" comforted |strong="H5162" Bathsheba |strong="H1339" his |strong="H3068" wife |strong="H0802". He |strong="H3068" slept |strong="H7901" with |strong="H5973" her |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" had |strong="H3068" sexual |strong="H7901" relations |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" her |strong="H0413". Bathsheba |strong="H1339" became |strong="H3205" pregnant again and |strong="H1121" had |strong="H3068" another |strong="H0802" son |strong="H1121". David |strong="H1732" named |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" boy Solomon |strong="H8010". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" loved |strong="H0157" Solomon |strong="H8010" <sup>25</sup> and |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" word for |strong="H7121" Nathan |strong="H5416" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" to |strong="H3068" give Solomon |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" name |strong="H8034" Jedidah |strong="H3041". <sup>1</sup> So |strong="H7971" Nathan |strong="H5416" did this |strong="H3068" for |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>1</sup> JEDIDIAH This name means "loved by the LORD."



### David **Captures Rabbah**

<sup>26</sup> Rabbah was the capital city of the Ammonites. Joab fought against Rabbah and captured it. Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah and have captured its water supply." <sup>28</sup> Now bring rest to the army and attack Rabbah. Capture this city before I do, or else it will be by my name.

<sup>29</sup> So David gathered the soldiers together and went to Rabbah. He fought against Rabbah and captured the city. David took the crown of their king's head. <sup>I</sup> The crown was gold and weighed about 75 pounds. <sup>II</sup> This crown had precious stones in it. They put the crown on David's head. David took many valuable things

<sup>I</sup> THEIR KING'S HEAD Or "Milcom's head." Milcom was a false god that the Ammonites worshiped. <sup>II</sup> 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg).

out of the city.

<sup>31</sup> David also brought the people of the city of them with iron and axes. He forced them to build things with bricks. He did the same thing all the Ammonite cities. Then David and his army went back to Jerusalem.

### Amnon and Tamar

<sup>13</sup> David had a son named Absalom. Absalom had a beautiful sister named Tamar. Another one of David's sons, Amnon, was in love with Tamar. She was a virgin. Amnon wanted her very much, but he did not think it was possible for him to have her. He thought so much that he made himself sick.

<sup>III</sup> AMNON Amnon was half-brother to Absalom and Tamar. They all had David as their father, but Amnon had a different mother. See 2 Sam. 3:2, 3. <sup>IV</sup> HE THOUGHT ... SICK Or "Amnon thought of a plan to pretend he was sick."

<sup>3</sup> Amnon |strong="H0550" had |strong="H1732" a |strong="H0376" friend |strong="H7453" named |strong="H8034" Jonadab |strong="H3122" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shimeah |strong="H8093". ( Shimeah |strong="H8093" was |strong="H8034" David's |strong="H1732" brother |strong="H0251".) Jonadab |strong="H3122" was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H0376" very |strong="H3966" clever man |strong="H0376". <sup>4</sup> He |strong="H3808" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Amnon |strong="H0550", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" son |strong="H1121". So |strong="H3808" why |strong="H4069" do |strong="H0589" you |strong="H0859" always look so |strong="H3808" sad? Tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H5046" what the |strong="H0853" trouble is |strong="H4428"!"

Amnon |strong="H0550" told |strong="H5046" Jonadab, " I |strong="H0589" love |strong="H0157" Tamar |strong="H8559". But |strong="H3808" she |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" sister |strong="H0269" of |strong="H1121" my |strong="H5046" half-brother Absalom |strong="H0053"."

<sup>5</sup> Jonadab |strong="H3082" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Amnon, " Go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" bed |strong="H4904". Pretend you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" sick |strong="H2470". Then |strong="H0853" your |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" will |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0834". Tell |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", ' Please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H4994" my |strong="H5921" sister |strong="H0269" Tamar |strong="H8559" come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0398" me |strong="H0413" food |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398". Let |strong="H4994" her |strong="H0413" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" food |strong="H3899" in |strong="H5921" front of |strong="H3027" me |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" it |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" eat |strong="H0398" it |strong="H5921" from |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0413" hand |strong="H3027"."

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H0935" Amnon |strong="H0550" lay |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901" in |strong="H0935" bed |strong="H7901" and |strong="H0935" pretended to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3027" sick |strong="H2470". King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H3027" came |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935"

to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200" Amnon |strong="H0550". He |strong="H8147" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H3027", " Please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H4994" my |strong="H7200" sister |strong="H0269" Tamar |strong="H8559" come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935". Let |strong="H4994" her |strong="H0413" make |strong="H7200" two |strong="H8147" cakes |strong="H3834" for |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" while |strong="H5869" I |strong="H7200" watch |strong="H7200". Then |strong="H0935" I |strong="H7200" can |strong="H7200" eat |strong="H1262" from |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0413" hands |strong="H3027"."

<sup>7</sup> David |strong="H1732" sent |strong="H7971" messengers to |strong="H0413" Tamar's house |strong="H1004". They |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0413", " Go |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H4994" brother |strong="H0251" Amnon's |strong="H0550" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" make |strong="H6213" some food |strong="H1279" for |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413"."

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H3947" Tamar |strong="H8559" went |strong="H1004" to |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" her |strong="H3947" brother |strong="H0251" Amnon |strong="H0550". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" in |strong="H1004" bed |strong="H7901". Tamar |strong="H8559" took |strong="H3947" some dough |strong="H1217", pressed it |strong="H1931" together with |strong="H1004" her |strong="H3947" hands, and |strong="H1004" cooked the |strong="H0853" cakes |strong="H3834". She |strong="H1931" did this |strong="H1931" while |strong="H1931" he |strong="H1931" watched. <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H3318" Tamar took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" cakes out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" pan |strong="H4958" and |strong="H0398" set |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0853" out |strong="H3318" for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". But |strong="H0376" he |strong="H0853" refused |strong="H3985" to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398". He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H0376", " Get |strong="H3947" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0376" here |strong="H3318". Leave |strong="H3318" me |strong="H6440" alone!" So |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H0376" left |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" room.

**Amnon |strong="H0550" Rapes Tamar**

10 Then |strong="H3947" Amnon |strong="H0550" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Tamar |strong="H8559", " Bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" food |strong="H1279" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" bedroom |strong="H2315" and |strong="H0935" feed me |strong="H0413" by |strong="H3027" hand |strong="H3027"."

So |strong="H6213" Tamar |strong="H8559" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" cakes |strong="H3834" she |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" brother's |strong="H0251" bedroom |strong="H2315". 11 She |strong="H7901" started to |strong="H0413" feed |strong="H0398" Amnon, but |strong="H2388" he |strong="H0559" grabbed |strong="H2388" her |strong="H0413" hand. He |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413", " Sister |strong="H0269", come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" sleep |strong="H7901" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413"."

12 Tamar said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Amnon, " No |strong="H3808", brother |strong="H0251"! Don't |strong="H0408" force me |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063". Don't |strong="H0408" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063" shameful thing |strong="H5039"! Terrible things |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3651" this |strong="H2063" should |strong="H3588" never |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" done |strong="H6213" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478"! 13 I |strong="H0589" would |strong="H3478" never |strong="H3808" get rid of |strong="H4428" my |strong="H1961" shame |strong="H2781", and |strong="H3478" people |strong="H3808" would |strong="H3478" think that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" just |strong="H6258" a |strong="H1961" common criminal. Please |strong="H4994", talk |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" let |strong="H4994" you |strong="H0859" marry me |strong="H0413"."

14 But |strong="H3808" Amnon refused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" Tamar. He |strong="H4480" was |strong="H6963" stronger |strong="H2388" than |strong="H4480" she |strong="H7901" was |strong="H6963", so |strong="H4480" he |strong="H4480" forced her |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085"

have |strong="H3808" sexual |strong="H7901" relations with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0854". 15 Then |strong="H6965" Amnon |strong="H0550" began to |strong="H0559" hate |strong="H8130" Tamar. He |strong="H0834" hated |strong="H8130" her |strong="H0559" much |strong="H0834" more |strong="H3966" than |strong="H1419" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" loved |strong="H0157" her |strong="H0559" before. Amnon |strong="H0550" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0559", " Get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" get |strong="H6965" out |strong="H6965" of |strong="H0559" here!"

16 Tamar said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Amnon, " No |strong="H3808"! Don't |strong="H0408" send |strong="H7971" me |strong="H7971" away |strong="H7971" like |strong="H0834" this |strong="H2063". That |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0014" be |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" worse |strong="H7451" than |strong="H3808" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" before |strong="H5973"."

But |strong="H3808" Amnon refused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H0559" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" Tamar. 17 He |strong="H0310" called |strong="H7121" his |strong="H5921" servant |strong="H5288" and |strong="H7971" said |strong="H0559", " Get |strong="H7971" this |strong="H2063" girl out |strong="H7971" of |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" room, now |strong="H4994"! And |strong="H7971" lock the |strong="H0853" door |strong="H1817" after |strong="H0310" her |strong="H7971"."

18 So |strong="H3651" Amnon's servant |strong="H8334" led |strong="H3318" Tamar out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" room and |strong="H4428" locked the |strong="H0853" door |strong="H1817".

Tamar was |strong="H4428" wearing a |strong="H3588" long robe |strong="H4598" with |strong="H3847" many colors. <sup>1</sup> The |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" virgin |strong="H1330" daughters |strong="H1323" wore |strong="H5921" robes |strong="H4598" like |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651". 19 Tamar |strong="H8559" tore |strong="H7167" her |strong="H3947" robe |strong="H3801" of |strong="H3027" many colors and |strong="H1980" put |strong="H7760" ashes |strong="H0665" on |strong="H5921" her |strong="H3947" head |strong="H7218". Then |strong="H1980" she |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760" her |strong="H3947" hand |strong="H3027" on |strong="H5921" her |strong="H3947"

<sup>1</sup> MANY COLORS Or "stripes."

head/strong="H7218" and/strong="H1980" began crying/strong="H2199".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Then/strong="H1961" Tamar's brother/strong="H0251" Absalom/strong="H0053" said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" her/strong="H0413", " Have/strong="H1961" you/strong="H5973" been/strong="H1961" with/strong="H5973" your/strong="H1961" brother/strong="H0251" Amnon/strong="H0550"? Did he/strong="H1931" hurt you/strong="H5973"? Now/strong="H6258", calm down/strong="H3427" sister/strong="H0269". Amnon/strong="H0550" is/strong="H2088" your/strong="H1961" brother/strong="H0251", so/strong="H1961" we/strong="H6258" will/strong="H1961" take/strong="H1961" care of/strong="H1004" this/strong="H2088". Don't/strong="H0408" let/strong="H0408" it/strong="H1931" upset/strong="H1697" you/strong="H5973" too much/strong="H1697". So/strong="H1961" Tamar/strong="H8559" did not/strong="H0408" say/strong="H0559" anything/strong="H1697". She/strong="H1931" quietly went/strong="H0413" to/strong="H0413" live/strong="H3427" at/strong="H0413" Absalom's/strong="H0053" house/strong="H1004".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>21</sup> King/strong="H4428" David/strong="H1732" heard/strong="H8085" the/strong="H3605" news and/strong="H4428" became/strong="H2734" very/strong="H3966" angry/strong="H2734", but/strong="H8085" he/strong="H1732" did not/strong="H1732" want to/strong="H8085" say/strong="H1697" anything/strong="H3605" to/strong="H8085" upset/strong="H1697" Amnon, because/strong="H3605" he/strong="H1732" loved him/strong="H0853" since he/strong="H1732" was/strong="H1732" his/strong="H3605" firstborn son.<sup>III</sup><sup>22</sup> Absalom/strong="H0053" began to/strong="H5704" hate/strong="H8130" Amnon/strong="H0550". Absalom/strong="H0053" did/strong="H0834" not/strong="H3808" say/strong="H1696" one/strong="H3808" word/strong="H1697", good/strong="H2896" or/strong="H3808" bad/strong="H7451", to/strong="H5704" Amnon/strong="H0550", but/strong="H3588" he/strong="H0834" hated/strong="H8130" him/strong="H5921" because/strong="H3588" Amnon/strong="H0550" had/strong="H0834" raped his/strong="H5921" sister/strong="H0269" Tamar/strong="H8559".

<sup>I</sup> TAMAR TORE ... CRYING This was the way people showed how very sad and upset they were. <sup>II</sup> SHE ... ABSALOM'S HOUSE Or "She lived in her brother Absalom's house, a ruined woman." <sup>III</sup> BUT HE DID NOT ... SON This is found in the ancient Greek version and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran but not in the standard Hebrew text.

### Absalom's/strong="H0053" Revenge

<sup>23</sup> Two years/strong="H8141" later/strong="H1961", Absalom/strong="H0053" had/strong="H0834" some/strong="H3605" men/strong="H1121" come/strong="H1961" to/strong="H1961" Baal Hazor to/strong="H1961" cut/strong="H1494" the/strong="H3605" wool from/strong="H1121" his/strong="H3605" sheep. He/strong="H0834" invited/strong="H7121" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" king's/strong="H4428" sons/strong="H1121" to/strong="H1961" come/strong="H1961" and/strong="H1121" watch.<sup>24</sup> Absalom/strong="H0053" went/strong="H0935" to/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0559" king/strong="H4428" and/strong="H0935" said/strong="H0559", " I/strong="H2009" have/strong="H5650" some/strong="H2009" men/strong="H5650" coming/strong="H0935" to/strong="H0413" cut/strong="H1494" the/strong="H0559" wool from/strong="H0935" my/strong="H0935" sheep. Please/strong="H4994" come/strong="H0935" with/strong="H5973" your/strong="H0935" servants/strong="H5650" and/strong="H0935" watch/strong="H2009"."

<sup>25</sup> King/strong="H4428" David said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" Absalom/strong="H0053", " No/strong="H3808", son/strong="H1121". We/strong="H4994" will/strong="H4428" not/strong="H3808" all/strong="H3605" go/strong="H4994". It/strong="H5921" will/strong="H4428" be/strong="H3808" too/strong="H5921" much/strong="H3605" trouble for/strong="H5921" you/strong="H3605"."

Absalom/strong="H0053" begged David to/strong="H0413" go/strong="H4994". David did/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" go/strong="H4994", but/strong="H3808" he/strong="H3808" did/strong="H3808" give/strong="H4994" his/strong="H3605" blessing/strong="H1288".

<sup>26</sup> Absalom/strong="H0053" said/strong="H0559", "If you/strong="H5973" don't/strong="H3808" want to/strong="H0559" go/strong="H4994", please/strong="H4994" let/strong="H4994" my/strong="H0854" brother/strong="H0251" Amnon/strong="H0550" go/strong="H4994" with/strong="H5973" me/strong="H4994"."

King/strong="H4428" David/strong="H5973" asked/strong="H0559" Absalom/strong="H0053", " Why/strong="H4100" should/strong="H4100" he/strong="H3808" go/strong="H4994" with/strong="H5973" you/strong="H5973"?"

<sup>27</sup> Absalom/strong="H0053" kept begging David/strong="H7971". Finally, David/strong="H7971" let/strong="H7971" Amnon/strong="H0550" and/strong="H1121" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" king's/strong="H4428" oth-

er |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" go |strong="H7971" with |strong="H0854" Absalom |strong="H0053".

### Amnon |strong="H0550" Is |strong="H3605" Murdered

<sup>28</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Absalom |strong="H0053" gave |strong="H6680" this |strong="H3588" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H1961" servants |strong="H5288", " Watch |strong="H7200" Amnon |strong="H0550". When |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3820" drunk |strong="H3196" and |strong="H1121" feeling good |strong="H2896" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" wine |strong="H3196", I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H1961" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" command |strong="H6680". You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H4191" attack |strong="H5221" Amnon |strong="H0550" and |strong="H1121" kill |strong="H4191" him |strong="H0413". Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H1121" being |strong="H1961" punished. After |strong="H1961" all, you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" only be |strong="H1961" obeying |strong="H3372" my |strong="H7200" command |strong="H6680". Now |strong="H4994", be |strong="H1961" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H1121" brave |strong="H2428".

<sup>29</sup> So |strong="H6213" Absalom's |strong="H0053" young |strong="H5288" soldiers |strong="H0376" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said. They |strong="H0834" killed Amnon |strong="H0550". But |strong="H0376" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" David's other |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" escaped |strong="H5127". Each |strong="H0376" son |strong="H1121" got |strong="H6965" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" mule |strong="H6505" and |strong="H1121" escaped |strong="H5127".

### David Hears About |strong="H5921" Amnon's |strong="H0550" Death

<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" still |strong="H0559" on |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870" into |strong="H0413" town. But |strong="H3808" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" got a |strong="H1961" message |strong="H8052" about |strong="H1961" what |strong="H8052" happened |strong="H1961". But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" message |strong="H8052" was |strong="H1961", " Absalom |strong="H0053" has |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H5221"

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" sons |strong="H1121"! Not |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1961" left |strong="H3498" alive."

<sup>31</sup> King |strong="H4428" David tore |strong="H7167" his |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899" and |strong="H6965" lay |strong="H7901" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776".<sup>1</sup> All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" David's officers |strong="H5650" standing |strong="H5324" near him |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" tore |strong="H7167" their |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899".

<sup>32</sup> But |strong="H3588" then |strong="H6030" Jonadab |strong="H3122", the |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" David's |strong="H1732" brother |strong="H0251" Shimeah |strong="H8093", said |strong="H0559", " Don't |strong="H0408" think |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H4191"! Only |strong="H0905" Amnon |strong="H0550" is |strong="H3117" dead |strong="H4191". Absalom |strong="H0053" has |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" planning |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3588" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3588" Amnon |strong="H0550" raped his |strong="H3605" sister |strong="H0269" Tamar |strong="H8559".<sup>33</sup> My |strong="H3605" lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4428", don't |strong="H0408" think |strong="H3820" that |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" are |strong="H1121" dead |strong="H4191". Only |strong="H0905" Amnon |strong="H0550" is |strong="H3820" dead |strong="H4191"."

<sup>34</sup> Absalom |strong="H0053" ran |strong="H1980" away |strong="H1980".

There |strong="H2009" was |strong="H5288" a |strong="H7200" guard standing on |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" city wall. He |strong="H0310" saw |strong="H7200" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" coming |strong="H1980" from |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H6654" side |strong="H6654" of |strong="H2022" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022", and |strong="H1980" went |strong="H1980" to |strong="H1980" tell |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" king.<sup>35</sup> So |strong="H3651" Jonadab |strong="H3122"

<sup>1</sup> TORE HIS CLOTHES ... GROUND This showed that he was very sad and upset.

said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David, " Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H2009" was |strong="H1961" right |strong="H3651"! The |strong="H0559" king's |strong="H4428" sons |strong="H1121" are |strong="H1697" coming |strong="H0935".

<sup>36</sup> The |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" sons |strong="H1121" came |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" just |strong="H3605" af- ter |strong="H1961" Jonadab said |strong="H1696" that |strong="H3605". They |strong="H0935" were |strong="H1961" crying |strong="H1058" loud- ly |strong="H6963". David |strong="H3615" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" offi- cers |strong="H5650" began |strong="H1961" cry- ing |strong="H1058". They |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" cried |strong="H1058" very |strong="H3966" hard |strong="H1419". <sup>37</sup> David |strong="H3117" cried for |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" every |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117".

#### Absalom |strong="H0053" Escapes to |strong="H0413" Geshur |strong="H1650"

Absalom |strong="H0053" ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" to |strong="H0413" Tal- mai |strong="H8526" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammihud, the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Geshur |strong="H1650". <sup>38</sup> After |strong="H1961" Absalom |strong="H0053" had |strong="H1961" run away |strong="H1272" to |strong="H1961" Geshur |strong="H1650", he |strong="H8033" stayed there |strong="H8033" for |strong="H8033" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141". <sup>39</sup> King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H1732" comforted |strong="H5162" af- ter |strong="H5921" Amnon |strong="H0550" died |strong="H4191", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" missed Absalom |strong="H0053" very much |strong="H5921".

#### Joab Sends a Wise Woman to David

**14** Joab |strong="H3097" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruiah |strong="H6870" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" King |strong="H4428" David missed Absa- lom |strong="H0053" very |strong="H3045" much |strong="H5921". <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H3947" Joab |strong="H3097" sent |strong="H7971" messen- gers to |strong="H0413" Tekoa |strong="H8620" to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H3947" a |strong="H1961" wise |strong="H2450" woman |strong="H0802" from |strong="H5921"

<sup>1</sup> TALMAI ... KING OF GESHUR Talmi was Absalom's grandfather. See 2 Sam. 3:3.

there |strong="H8033". Joab |strong="H3097" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" wise |strong="H2450" woman |strong="H0802", " Please |strong="H4994" pretend |strong="H0056" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" very |strong="H2088" sad |strong="H0060". Put |strong="H4191" on |strong="H5921" sackcloth. Don't |strong="H0408" dress |strong="H3847" up |strong="H5921". Act |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0802" has |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" crying many |strong="H7227" days |strong="H3117" for |strong="H5921" some- one |strong="H4191" who |strong="H0802" died |strong="H4191". <sup>3</sup> Go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H0935" talk |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" using these |strong="H2088" words |strong="H1697" that |strong="H1697" I |strong="H7760" tell |strong="H1696" you |strong="H7760". Then |strong="H1696" Joab |strong="H3097" told |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" wise woman |strong="H2088" what |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H1696".

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H5307" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" from |strong="H5921" Tekoa |strong="H8621" talked to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428". She bowed |strong="H7812" with |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" face |strong="H0639" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" ground |strong="H0776". Then |strong="H5307" she said |strong="H0559", " King |strong="H4428", please help |strong="H3467" me |strong="H0413"!"

<sup>5</sup> King |strong="H4428" David said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0802", " What's |strong="H4100" your |strong="H0559" prob- lem?"

The |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H0376" wid- ow |strong="H0490". My |strong="H0559" hus- band |strong="H0376" is |strong="H4100" dead |strong="H4191". <sup>6</sup> I |strong="H0259" had |strong="H0369" two |strong="H8147" sons |strong="H1121". They |strong="H0369" were |strong="H1121" out |strong="H8147" in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704" fighting |strong="H5327". There |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0259" to |strong="H4191" stop them |strong="H0853". One |strong="H0259" son |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" oth- er |strong="H0259" son |strong="H1121". <sup>7</sup>

Now *the whole family is against me*. They said *me*, 'Bring us *the son who his and will kill him*, because *he killed his brother*! My *son is like last a fire*. If they *kill my son*, that *fire will burn out* and *be finished*. *He is the only son left to his father's property*. So *my dead husband's will go to someone else* and *his name will be removed from the land*."

<sup>8</sup> Then *the king* said *to the woman*, "Go home. I *will take care of* things for *you*."

<sup>9</sup> The *woman* said *to the king*, "Let *the blame be on me*, my *lord king* and *your kingdom* are *innocent*."

<sup>10</sup> King *David* said *to the woman*, "If anyone is

saying *bad things to you*, bring *them to me*. They *will not bother you* again."

<sup>11</sup> The *woman* said *to the LORD God* and *swear that you will stop these people*. They *want to punish my son* for *murdering his brother*. Swear *that you will not let them destroy my son*."

*David said to the LORD*, "As *the LORD lives*, no *one will hurt your son*. Not *even one hair from his head will fall to the ground*."

<sup>12</sup> The *woman* said *to the lord king*, please *let me say something to you*."

The *king* said *to the woman*, "Speak."

<sup>13</sup> Then *the woman* said *to the king*, "Why *you planned these things against the people God*? When *you say these things*, you *show you are guilty* because

have |strong="H1697" not |strong="H1115" brought |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" son who |strong="H0430" you |strong="H5921" forced to |strong="H0559" leave home |strong="H7725". <sup>14</sup> We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" all |strong="H0622" die |strong="H4191" some |strong="H4480" day. We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H4191" like |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" spilled |strong="H5064" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" ground |strong="H0776". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" can |strong="H0834" gather |strong="H0622" this |strong="H3588" water |strong="H4325" back from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" ground |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0834" know God |strong="H0430" forgives |strong="H5375" people |strong="H5315". God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H0834" plans |strong="H4284" for |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5315" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" forced to |strong="H4191" run away |strong="H5375" for |strong="H3588" safety— God |strong="H0430" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force them |strong="H5375" to |strong="H4191" run away |strong="H5375" from |strong="H4480" him |strong="H4191"! <sup>15</sup> My |strong="H0834" lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H0935" king |strong="H4428", I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559" these |strong="H2088" words |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" made |strong="H6213" me |strong="H0413" afraid |strong="H3372". I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" myself, ' I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" talk |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". Maybe |strong="H0194" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H0834" help |strong="H5971" me |strong="H0413". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H0430" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" me |strong="H5337" and |strong="H1121" save |strong="H5337" me |strong="H5337" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" wants to |strong="H8085" kill me |strong="H5337" and |strong="H1121" my |strong="H8085" son |strong="H1121". That |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" just wants to |strong="H8085" keep |strong="H8085" us |strong="H3588" from |strong="H0376" getting what |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H8085"

us |strong="H3588"! <sup>17</sup> I |strong="H3588" know that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" words |strong="H1697" of |strong="H4428" my |strong="H8085" lord |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H8085" me |strong="H4994" rest |strong="H4496", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1697" like |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" angel |strong="H4397" from |strong="H8085" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H3588" know what |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896" and |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" bad |strong="H7451". And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>18</sup> King |strong="H4428" David answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802", " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" answer |strong="H6030" the |strong="H0853" question |strong="H1697" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" ask |strong="H7592" you |strong="H0834"."

The |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H0834" lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H4428" king |strong="H4428", please |strong="H4994" ask |strong="H7592" your |strong="H0834" question |strong="H1697"."

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559", " Did |strong="H0834" Joab |strong="H3097" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697"?"

The |strong="H3605" woman |strong="H0802" answered |strong="H0559", " As |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" live |strong="H2416", my |strong="H3605" lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H3027" king |strong="H4428", you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3231". Your |strong="H3605" officer Joab |strong="H3097" did |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5315" to |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697". <sup>20</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834" see |strong="H3045" things |strong="H1697" differently. My |strong="H3605" lord |strong="H0113", you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" wise |strong="H2450" as |strong="H0834" God's |strong="H0430" an-



gel|strong="H4397". You|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" happens|strong="H6213" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

### Absalom Returns to|strong="H0430" Jerusalem

21 The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097", " Look|strong="H2009", I|strong="H2009" will|strong="H4428" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H1697" I|strong="H2009" promised|strong="H0559". Now|strong="H4994" please|strong="H4994" bring|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" young|strong="H5288" man|strong="H5288" Absalom|strong="H0053".

22 Joab|strong="H3097" bowed|strong="H7812" with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0834" face|strong="H6440" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776". He|strong="H0834" blessed|strong="H1288" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H3117", and|strong="H0776" said|strong="H0559", " To-day|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" pleased|strong="H5869" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H0559".

23 Then|strong="H6965" Joab|strong="H3097" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Geshur|strong="H1650" and|strong="H0935" brought|strong="H0935" Absalom|strong="H0053" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". 24 But|strong="H3808" King|strong="H4428" David said|strong="H0559", " Absalom|strong="H0053" must|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5437" back|strong="H5437" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H7200" own|strong="H6440" house|strong="H1004". He|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808" come|strong="H5437" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H7200" me|strong="H0413". So|strong="H3808" Absalom|strong="H0053" went|strong="H5437" back|strong="H5437" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H7200" own|strong="H6440" house|strong="H1004", but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" could not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5437" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428".

25 People|strong="H0376" really|strong="H3966" bragged about|strong="H1961" how good-looking Absalom|strong="H0053" was|strong="H1961".

No|strong="H3808" man|strong="H0376" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478" was|strong="H1961" as|strong="H5704" handsome|strong="H3303" as|strong="H5704" Absalom|strong="H0053". Every|strong="H3605" part of|strong="H0376" his|strong="H3605" body was|strong="H1961" perfect|strong="H3971"—from|strong="H0376" his|strong="H3605" head|strong="H6936" to|strong="H5704" his|strong="H3605" feet|strong="H7272". 26 At|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" end|strong="H7093" of|strong="H4428" every|strong="H3117" year|strong="H3117", Absalom cut|strong="H1548" the|strong="H0853" hair|strong="H8181" from|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" head|strong="H7218" and|strong="H3967" weighed|strong="H8254" it|strong="H5921". The|strong="H0853" hair|strong="H8181" weighed|strong="H8254" about|strong="H1961" five pounds. 27 Absalom|strong="H0053" had|strong="H1961" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" one|strong="H0259" daughter|strong="H1323". Her|strong="H0802" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Tamar|strong="H8559", and|strong="H1121" she|strong="H1931" was|strong="H8034" a|strong="H1961" beautiful|strong="H3303" woman|strong="H0802".

### Absalom|strong="H0053" Forces Joab to|strong="H1961" Come|strong="H1961" See|strong="H4758" Him|strong="H3205"

28 Absalom|strong="H0053" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" for|strong="H3117" two|strong="H3808" full|strong="H3117" years|strong="H8141" without|strong="H3808" being allowed to|strong="H3389" visit|strong="H7200" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H3117". 29 Absalom|strong="H0053" sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H0935" message to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097", asking for|strong="H0413" permission|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428", but|strong="H3808" Joab|strong="H3097" refused|strong="H0014" to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" see|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413". So|strong="H7971" Absalom|strong="H0053" sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H0935" second|strong="H8145" message to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097". Again|strong="H5750", Joab|strong="H3097" refused|strong="H0014" to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" see|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413".

I FIVE POUNDS Literally, "200 shekels by the king's weight."

30 Then Absalom said to his servants, "Look, Joab's field next to my field. He has barley growing in that field. Go burn the barley."

So Absalom's servants went and started a fire in Joab's field.<sup>31</sup> Joab got up and came to Absalom's house. He said to him, "Why did your servants burn my field?"

<sup>32</sup> Absalom said to Joab, "I sent a message to you. I asked to come here. I wanted to send you the king to ask him why he asked me to come home from Geshur. I cannot see him, so I would have been better for me to stay in Geshur. Now let me see the king. If I have sinned, he can kill me!"

### Absalom Visits King David

<sup>33</sup> Then Joab came to the king and told him what Absalom said. The king called for Absalom. Absalom came to the king and bowed low on the ground before the king. The king kissed him.

### Absalom Makes Many Friends

**15** After Absalom got a chariot and horses for himself. He had 50 men in front of him while he drove the chariot.<sup>2</sup> Absalom would get up early and stand near the gate.<sup>1</sup> He would watch for anyone with problems who was going to King David for judgment. Then Absalom would talk to them and say, "What city are you from?" They would say they were from such

<sup>1</sup> GATE This was where people came to do all of their business. This was also where many court cases were held.

and |strong="H0935" such |strong="H2088" tribe |strong="H7626" in |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Absalom |strong="H0053" would |strong="H0053" say |strong="H0559"; " Look |strong="H7200", you |strong="H0853" are |strong="H1697" right |strong="H5228", but |strong="H7200" King |strong="H4428" David will |strong="H4428" not |strong="H0369" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0853"."

<sup>4</sup> Absalom |strong="H0053" would |strong="H0053" also |strong="H0935" say |strong="H0559"; " Oh |strong="H4310", I |strong="H0834" wish |strong="H4310" someone |strong="H0376" would |strong="H0053" make |strong="H7760" me |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" judge |strong="H8199" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776"! Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" could |strong="H4310" help everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" comes |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" problem. I |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0053" help them |strong="H5921" get |strong="H0935" a |strong="H1961" fair solution to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H3605" problem."

<sup>5</sup> And |strong="H3027" if |strong="H0376" anyone |strong="H0376" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Absalom and |strong="H3027" started |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H1961" him |strong="H7971", Absalom would |strong="H0376" treat |strong="H1961" him |strong="H7971" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" close |strong="H7126" friend |strong="H0376"— he |strong="H0853" would |strong="H0376" reach |strong="H1961" out |strong="H2388" and |strong="H3027" touch him |strong="H7971" and |strong="H3027" kiss him |strong="H7971".<sup>6</sup> Absalom |strong="H0053" did |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David for |strong="H0413" judgment |strong="H4941". In |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2088" way |strong="H1697" Absalom |strong="H0053" won |strong="H1589" the |strong="H3605" hearts |strong="H3820" of |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478".

**Absalom |strong="H0053" Plans |strong="H4941" to |strong="H0413" Take |strong="H0935" David's Kingdom |strong="H4428"**

<sup>7</sup> After |strong="H7093" four |strong="H0705" years |strong="H8141",<sup>1</sup> Absalom |strong="H0053" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David, " Please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H0413" go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Hebron |strong="H2275" to |strong="H0413" complete a |strong="H1961" special promise |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5087" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H3588" made |strong="H5087" that |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H3068" while |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" still |strong="H7725" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Geshur |strong="H1650" in |strong="H3427" Aram |strong="H0758". I |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559"; ' If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" brings me |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H3588" special way."

<sup>9</sup> King |strong="H4428" David said |strong="H0559"; " Go |strong="H6965" in |strong="H4428" peace |strong="H7965"."

Absalom went |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0559" Hebron |strong="H2275".<sup>10</sup> But |strong="H8085" he |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" sent |strong="H7971" spies |strong="H7270" to |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H8085"; " When |strong="H8085" you |strong="H3605" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" trumpet |strong="H7782", say |strong="H0559"; ' Absalom |strong="H0053" is |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4427" in |strong="H3478" Hebron |strong="H2275"!"

<sup>11</sup> Absalom |strong="H0053" invited |strong="H7121" 200 men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H1980" go |strong="H1980" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0854". They |strong="H3808" left |strong="H1980" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0854", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808"

<sup>1</sup> FOUR YEARS This is found in several ancient versions. The standard Hebrew text has "40 years."

not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045"  
 what |strong="H1697" he |strong="H3808"  
 was |strong="H0376" planning. <sup>12</sup>  
 Ahithophel |strong="H0302" was |strong="H1961"  
 one |strong="H1961" of |strong="H2077"  
 David's |strong="H1732" advisors. He |strong="H1732"  
 was |strong="H1961" from |strong="H1980"  
 the |strong="H0853" town |strong="H5892"  
 of |strong="H2077" Giloh |strong="H1542".  
 While |strong="H1961" Absalom |strong="H0053"  
 was |strong="H1961" offering |strong="H2076" sacri-  
 fices |strong="H2077", he |strong="H1732" invited  
 Ahithophel |strong="H0302" to |strong="H1980"  
 join |strong="H1980". Absalom's |strong="H0053"  
 plans were |strong="H1961" working  
 very |strong="H7227" well and |strong="H1980"  
 more |strong="H7227" and |strong="H1980"  
 more |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" be-  
 gan |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1980" support  
 him |strong="H7971".

#### David |strong="H1732" Learns About |strong="H1961" Absalom's |strong="H0053" Plans

<sup>13</sup> A |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376"  
 came |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935"  
 to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H5046"  
 the |strong="H0559" news |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732".  
 The |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376"  
 said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" are |strong="H3478" beginning  
 to |strong="H0413" follow |strong="H0310" Absa-  
 lom |strong="H0053". "

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H1961" David |strong="H1732"  
 said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
 all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H6440"  
 his |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H5650"  
 who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834"  
 still |strong="H0559" in |strong="H5921"  
 Jerusalem |strong="H3389" with |strong="H0854"  
 him |strong="H5921", " Come |strong="H1961"  
 on |strong="H5921", we |strong="H3588" can-  
 not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H1961"  
 him |strong="H5921" trap us |strong="H5921"  
 here |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921"  
 Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Hurry |strong="H4116"  
 up |strong="H6965", before |strong="H6440"  
 he |strong="H0834" catches us |strong="H5921".  
 He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" de-  
 stroy |strong="H5221" us |strong="H5921"  
 all |strong="H3605", and |strong="H6965"  
 Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H1961"  
 be |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H5221"  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" battle. "

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" offi-  
 cers |strong="H5650" told |strong="H0559"  
 him |strong="H0413", " We |strong="H0834"

will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" whatev-  
 er |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
 tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413". "

#### David and |strong="H4428" His |strong="H3605" Peo- ple |strong="H0834" Escape

<sup>16</sup> King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H5800"  
 left |strong="H3318" with |strong="H1004" every-  
 one |strong="H3605" in |strong="H1004"  
 his |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004", except  
 ten |strong="H6235" of |strong="H4428"  
 his |strong="H3605" slave women |strong="H0802".  
 He |strong="H0853" left |strong="H3318"  
 them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H8104"  
 take |strong="H8104" care |strong="H8104"  
 of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605"  
 house |strong="H1004". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H3605"  
 king |strong="H4428" left |strong="H3318"  
 with |strong="H3605" everyone |strong="H3605"  
 in |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" house follow-  
 ing |strong="H7272" him |strong="H3605"  
 on |strong="H5975" foot |strong="H7272".  
 They |strong="H5971" stopped |strong="H5975"  
 at |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605"  
 last |strong="H5975" house. <sup>18</sup> All |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" offi-  
 cers |strong="H5650" passed |strong="H5674"  
 by |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".  
 And |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" Kerethites, all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" Pelethites |strong="H6432",  
 and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Git-  
 tites |strong="H1663" (600 men |strong="H0376"  
 from |strong="H0935" Gath |strong="H1661")  
 passed |strong="H5674" by |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428"  
 said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" It-  
 tai |strong="H0863" from |strong="H7725"  
 Gath |strong="H1663", " Why |strong="H4100"  
 are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" al-  
 so |strong="H1571" going |strong="H7725"  
 with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H0413"?  
 You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100"  
 a |strong="H3588" foreigner |strong="H5237";  
 this |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4100"  
 not |strong="H3588" your |strong="H7725" homeland.  
 Go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
 and |strong="H4428" stay |strong="H3427"  
 with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0559" new  
 king |strong="H4428". <sup>20</sup> You |strong="H0834"  
 came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
 join |strong="H1980" me |strong="H7725" only yester-  
 day |strong="H8543". You |strong="H0834" don't need  
 to |strong="H0935" wander |strong="H5128"  
 from |strong="H7725" place |strong="H0935"  
 to |strong="H0935" place |strong="H0935"  
 with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H7725".

Take |strong="H7725" your |strong="H5921" brothers |strong="H0251" and |strong="H1980" go |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725". Go |strong="H1980" with |strong="H5973" my |strong="H5921" faithful |strong="H2617", loving kindness |strong="H2617"."

<sup>21</sup> But |strong="H3588" Ittai |strong="H0863" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428", " As |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416", and |strong="H3068" as |strong="H0834" long as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" live |strong="H2416", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" stay with |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834", in |strong="H3068" life |strong="H2416" or |strong="H0518" death |strong="H4194"."

<sup>22</sup> David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ittai |strong="H0863", " Then |strong="H0559" come, let's go |strong="H5674" cross |strong="H5674" Kidron Brook."

So |strong="H0834" Ittai |strong="H0863" from |strong="H0376" Gath |strong="H1663" and |strong="H0376" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3605" children |strong="H2945" crossed |strong="H5674" over |strong="H0413" Kidron Brook. <sup>23</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0776" crying |strong="H1058" loudly |strong="H6963". Then |strong="H0853" King |strong="H4428" David crossed |strong="H5674" over |strong="H5921" Kidron |strong="H6939" Brook |strong="H5158", and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" went |strong="H6440" out |strong="H6440" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057". <sup>24</sup> Zadok |strong="H6659" and |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0853" were |strong="H3881" carrying |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H0430" God's |strong="H0430" Agreement |strong="H1285". They |strong="H5704" set |strong="H3332" down |strong="H3332" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box, and |strong="H0430" Abiathar |strong="H0054" said prayers <sup>I</sup> until |strong="H5704" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" had |strong="H0430" left |strong="H5927" Jerusalem.

<sup>25</sup> King |strong="H4428" David said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Zadok |strong="H6659", "

I PEOPLE Literally, "country." II SAID PRAYERS Literally, "went up." This could mean "burn incense," "offer sacrifices," or it might mean simply that Abiathar stood to one side, by the Holy Box, until all the people passed by.

Take |strong="H7725" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" Jerusalem. If |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" pleased |strong="H5869" with |strong="H3068" me |strong="H7725", he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H3068" let me |strong="H7725" see |strong="H7200" Jerusalem and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" Temple. <sup>26</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0834" says |strong="H0559" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" pleased |strong="H2896" with |strong="H5869" me |strong="H3808", let |strong="H3808" him |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213" whatever |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" wants to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H3808"."

<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Zadok |strong="H6659" the |strong="H0559" priest |strong="H3548", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" a |strong="H7200" seer. Go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892" in |strong="H0413" peace |strong="H7965". <sup>III</sup> Take |strong="H7725" your |strong="H7200" son |strong="H1121" Ahimaaz |strong="H0290" and |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3083" the |strong="H0559" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abiathar |strong="H0054". <sup>28</sup> I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H1697" be |strong="H1697" waiting |strong="H5704" near |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0935" places where people |strong="H7200" cross the |strong="H0935" river |strong="H5704" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" desert |strong="H4057". I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H1697" wait |strong="H4102" there |strong="H5704" until |strong="H5704" I |strong="H0595" hear |strong="H5046" from |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5704"."

<sup>29</sup> So |strong="H7725" Zadok |strong="H6659" and |strong="H0430" Abiathar |strong="H0054" took |strong="H0853" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H0430" stayed |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033".

#### David's Prayer Against |strong="H3389" Ahithophel

<sup>30</sup> David |strong="H1732" walked |strong="H1980" up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" path to |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" Mount |strong="H5927" of |strong="H0376"

III YOU ARE A SEER ... PEACE Or "You do see, don't you, that you should go back to the city in peace."

Olives |strong="H2132". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" crying |strong="H1058", his |strong="H3605" head |strong="H7218" was |strong="H0834" covered |strong="H2645", and |strong="H1980" he |strong="H0834" went |strong="H1980" without sandals on |strong="H1980" his |strong="H3605" feet. All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" with |strong="H0854" David |strong="H1732" also |strong="H1732" covered |strong="H2645" their |strong="H3605" heads |strong="H7218" and |strong="H1980" were |strong="H0834" crying |strong="H1058" as |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" walked |strong="H1980" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0854".

<sup>31</sup> Someone told |strong="H5046" David |strong="H1732", " Ahithophel |strong="H0302" is |strong="H3068" one |strong="H3068" who |strong="H3068" joined |strong="H7194" in |strong="H3068" Absalom's |strong="H0053" plot against |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5046"." Then |strong="H0853" David |strong="H1732" prayed |strong="H0559", " LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5046" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H5046" Ahithophel |strong="H0302" give |strong="H5046" only foolish |strong="H5528" advice |strong="H6098"." <sup>32</sup> When |strong="H1961" David |strong="H1732" got to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0834" mountain, he |strong="H0834" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0935" worship |strong="H7812" God |strong="H0430". Then |strong="H1961" David |strong="H1732" noticed Hushai |strong="H2365" the |strong="H0834" Arkite |strong="H0757". Hushai's coat |strong="H3801" was |strong="H1961" torn |strong="H7167", and |strong="H0935" there |strong="H8033" was |strong="H1961" dust |strong="H0127" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218". <sup>1</sup>

<sup>33</sup> David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Hushai, " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" go |strong="H1961" with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H5921", you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" just one |strong="H0518" more |strong="H5921" person to |strong="H0559" care |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921". <sup>34</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" Jerusalem, you |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518" disagree with |strong="H0001" Ahithophel |strong="H0302" and |strong="H4428" make |strong="H7725"

I COAT WAS TORN ... HEAD This showed that he was very sad.

his |strong="H7725" advice |strong="H6098" useless. Tell |strong="H0559" Absalom |strong="H0053", ' King |strong="H4428", I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H7725" servant |strong="H5650". I |strong="H0589" served |strong="H1961" your |strong="H7725" father |strong="H0001", but |strong="H0518" now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0518".' <sup>35</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" Zadok |strong="H6659" and |strong="H4428" Abiathar |strong="H0054" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" them |strong="H1961" every- thing |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H8085" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". <sup>36</sup> Zadok's |strong="H6659" son |strong="H1121" Ahimaaz |strong="H0290" and |strong="H1121" Abiathar's |strong="H0054" son |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3083" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1121" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" send |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H3605" me |strong="H0413" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H8085"." <sup>37</sup> So |strong="H0935" David's |strong="H1732" friend |strong="H7463" Hushai |strong="H2365" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" city |strong="H5892", just as |strong="H0935" Absalom |strong="H0053" arrived |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

### Ziba Meets David

**16** David |strong="H1732" went a |strong="H5921" short way |strong="H5921" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H5921" Mount of |strong="H7218" Olives and |strong="H3967" met |strong="H7122" Ziba |strong="H6717", the |strong="H5921" servant |strong="H5288" of |strong="H7218" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648". Ziba |strong="H6717" had |strong="H1732" two |strong="H6776" donkeys |strong="H2543" with |strong="H5921" saddles on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921". The |strong="H5921" donkeys |strong="H2543" also |strong="H1732" carried |strong="H5921" 200 loaves |strong="H3899" of |strong="H7218" bread |strong="H3899", 100 bunches |strong="H6778" of |strong="H7218" raisins |strong="H6778", 100 summer |strong="H7019" fruits, and |strong="H3967" a |strong="H5921" wineskin full |strong="H7218"

of |strong="H7218" wine |strong="H3196".<sup>2</sup> King |strong="H4428" David said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ziba |strong="H6717", " What |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0428" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" for |strong="H0413"?"

Ziba |strong="H6717" answered |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" donkeys |strong="H2543" are |strong="H0428" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king's |strong="H4428" family |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0413" ride |strong="H7392" on |strong="H0413". The |strong="H0559" bread |strong="H3899" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" summer |strong="H7019" fruit |strong="H3899" are |strong="H0428" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" servants |strong="H5288" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398". And |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" wine |strong="H3196" is |strong="H4100" refreshment for |strong="H0413" whoever |strong="H3287" begins to |strong="H0413" feel weak in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" desert |strong="H4057"."

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" asked |strong="H0559", " And |strong="H1121" where |strong="H0346" is |strong="H3117" Mephibosheth <sup>1</sup>?"

Ziba |strong="H6717" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428", "Mephibosheth is |strong="H3117" staying |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", ' Today |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H4428" give |strong="H7725" my |strong="H7725" father's |strong="H0001" kingdom |strong="H4468" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Ziba |strong="H6717", " All |strong="H3605" right |strong="H5869", I |strong="H0834" now |strong="H2009" give you |strong="H0834" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" belonged to |strong="H0559" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648"."

Ziba |strong="H6717" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" bow |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" pray I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" always be |strong="H0113" able to |strong="H0559" please you |strong="H0834"."

#### Shimei Curses David

<sup>5</sup> As |strong="H5704" David |strong="H1732" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"

Bahurim |strong="H0980", a |strong="H0935" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H4940", Shimei |strong="H8096" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gera |strong="H1617", came |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" cursing |strong="H7043" David |strong="H1732" again and |strong="H1121" again.

<sup>6</sup> Shimei began throwing stones |strong="H0068" at |strong="H1732" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H5650". Both |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H5650" gathered around David |strong="H1732" to |strong="H5650" protect him |strong="H0853"— they |strong="H5971" were |strong="H5650" all |strong="H3605" around him |strong="H0853".<sup>7</sup> Shimei |strong="H8096" cursed |strong="H7043" David. He |strong="H0376" said |strong="H0559", " Get |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318", get |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318", you |strong="H0376" no-good murderer <sup>II</sup>! <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" punishing |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859" because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" killed people |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" Saul's |strong="H7586" family |strong="H1004". You |strong="H0859" stole Saul's |strong="H7586" place |strong="H8478" as |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4427". But |strong="H3588" now |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0834" happening to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4410" to |strong="H7725" your |strong="H3068" son |strong="H1121" Absalom |strong="H0053", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" murderer."

<sup>9</sup> Abishai |strong="H0052" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruiah |strong="H6870" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428", " Why |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100" this |strong="H2088" dying |strong="H4191" dog |strong="H3611" curse |strong="H7043" you |strong="H0853", my |strong="H5493" lord |strong="H0113" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428"? Let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H0413" go |strong="H5674" over |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" cut |strong="H5493" off |strong="H5493" Shimei's head |strong="H7218"."

I MEPHIBOSHETH Literally, "your master's grandson."

II MURDERER Literally, "man of blood."

<sup>10</sup> But the king answered, "What can I do, sons of Zeruiah? Yes, Shimeis cursing me, but the LORD told him to curse me. And who can ask why he did that?" <sup>11</sup> David said to Abishai, "All his servants, my own son is trying to kill me, why should this man from the tribe of Benjamin want to do the same to him?" Leave him alone. Let him continue to curse me. The LORD told him to do this. <sup>12</sup> Maybe the LORD will see the wrong things that are happening to me and give me something good for every bad thing that Shimei says today."

<sup>13</sup> So David and his men went on their way down the road. Shimei kept following David. He walked on the oth-

er side of the road by the side of the hill. He kept cursing David on his way. Shimei also threw stones and dirt at David.

<sup>14</sup> King David and his people came to the Jordan River. They were tired, so they rested and refreshed themselves there.

<sup>15</sup> Meanwhile, Absalom, Ahithophel, and all the Israelites came to Jerusalem. David's friend Hushai, Arkite, came to Absalom and told him to live in the king's palace. Long live the king!

<sup>17</sup> Absalom answered, "Why are you not loyal to your friend David? Why did you not leave Jerusalem with your friend?"

<sup>18</sup> Hushai said, "I belong to the one that the LORD chooses. These people and the people of Israel



chose |strong="H0977" you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" stay |strong="H3427" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H0834".<sup>19</sup> In |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" past, I |strong="H0589" served |strong="H5647" your |strong="H0834" father |strong="H0001". So |strong="H3651" now |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H4310" serve |strong="H5647" you |strong="H0834", David's son |strong="H1121".

#### Absalom Asks Ahithophel for |strong="H3651" Advice

<sup>20</sup> Absalom |strong="H0053" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ahithophel |strong="H0302", "Please tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413" what |strong="H4100" we |strong="H6213" should |strong="H4100" do |strong="H6213"."

<sup>21</sup> Ahithophel |strong="H0302" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Absalom |strong="H0053", "Your |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" left |strong="H3240" some |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" slave women here to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H2388" care |strong="H3027" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004". Go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0834" sexual relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H8085" how |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" humiliated your |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001", and |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3478" encouraged |strong="H2388" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H8104" you |strong="H0834" more |strong="H3588" support |strong="H2388"."

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H0935" they |strong="H5921" put |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" tent |strong="H0168" for |strong="H5921" Absalom |strong="H0053" up |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" roof |strong="H1406" of |strong="H0168" the |strong="H3605" house. Absalom |strong="H0053" had |strong="H3478" sexual relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" father's |strong="H0001" wives<sup>I</sup> so |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" could see |strong="H5869" what |strong="H5921" happened |strong="H0935".<sup>23</sup> So |strong="H3651" in |strong="H0430" those |strong="H3605" days |strong="H3117"

I WIVES Or "concubines." See "slave woman" in the Word List.

Ahithophel's |strong="H0302" advice |strong="H6098" was |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3651" important. Both |strong="H1571" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0430" Absalom |strong="H0053" accepted his |strong="H3605" advice |strong="H6098" as |strong="H0834" though |strong="H1571" it |strong="H3651" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430".

#### Ahithophel's Advice About David

<sup>17</sup> Ahithophel |strong="H0302" also |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Absalom |strong="H0053", "Now |strong="H4994", let |strong="H4994" me |strong="H0413" choose |strong="H0977" 12,000 men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" chase |strong="H7291" David |strong="H1732" tonight |strong="H3915".<sup>2</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" catch him |strong="H5921" while |strong="H1931" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" tired and |strong="H0935" weak |strong="H3605". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" frighten |strong="H2729" him |strong="H5921", and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0834" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127". But |strong="H5221" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" kill |strong="H5221" only |strong="H0905" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H3027".<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859". If |strong="H0834" David is |strong="H0834" dead, all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" back |strong="H7725" in |strong="H0413" peace |strong="H7965"."

<sup>4</sup> This |strong="H1697" plan |strong="H1697" seemed |strong="H5869" good |strong="H3474" to |strong="H3478" Absalom |strong="H0053" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H1697" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H8085" Absalom |strong="H0053" said |strong="H0559", "Now |strong="H4994" call |strong="H7121" Hushai |strong="H2365" the |strong="H0559" Arkite |strong="H0757". I |strong="H1571" also |strong="H1571" want to |strong="H0559" hear |strong="H8085" what |strong="H4100" he |strong="H1931" says |strong="H0559"."

**Hushai |strong="H2365" Ruins Ahithophel's Advice |strong="H6310"**

6 Hushai |strong="H2365" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Absalom |strong="H0053". Absalom |strong="H0053" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Hushai |strong="H2365", " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0853" plan |strong="H1697" Ahithophel |strong="H0302" gave |strong="H0559". Should |strong="H0518" we |strong="H0518" follow it |strong="H0518"? If |strong="H0518" not |strong="H0369", tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413"."

7 Hushai |strong="H2365" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Absalom |strong="H0053", " Ahithophel's |strong="H0302" advice |strong="H6098" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" good |strong="H2896" this |strong="H2063" time |strong="H6471"." 8 Hushai |strong="H2365" added |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3045" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0376" his |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376" are |strong="H1992" strong |strong="H1368" men |strong="H0376". They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" as |strong="H5315" dangerous as |strong="H5315" a |strong="H3588" wild |strong="H7704" bear |strong="H1677" when |strong="H3588" something has |strong="H0376" taken its |strong="H0853" cubs. Your |strong="H3045" father |strong="H0001" is |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3588" skilled fighter. He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" stay |strong="H3885" all |strong="H3045" night with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971". 9 He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" probably already |strong="H6258" hiding |strong="H2244" in |strong="H8085" a |strong="H1961" cave or |strong="H0176" some |strong="H0259" other |strong="H0259" place |strong="H4725". If |strong="H2009" your |strong="H0834" father attacks your |strong="H0834" men |strong="H5971" first |strong="H0259", people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0559" news |strong="H0559" and |strong="H8085" think |strong="H0559", ' Absalom's |strong="H0053" followers are |strong="H0834" losing!' 10 Then |strong="H1571" even |strong="H1571" your |strong="H3605" bravest men |strong="H1368" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1571" frightened, because |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" power-

ful |strong="H1368" soldier and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1368" are |strong="H0834" very |strong="H2428" brave |strong="H2428".

11 " This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" suggest: You |strong="H0834" must gather |strong="H0622" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" together |strong="H0622" from |strong="H5921" Dan |strong="H1835" to |strong="H5704" Beersheba |strong="H0884". 1 Then |strong="H1980" there |strong="H7230" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3478" many |strong="H7230" people |strong="H0834", like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" sand |strong="H2344" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sea |strong="H3220". Then |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834" yourself |strong="H5921" must go |strong="H1980" into |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" battle |strong="H7128". 12 We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" catch David wherever |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" hiding and |strong="H0935" attack |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0854" so |strong="H3808" many soldiers |strong="H0376" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" dew |strong="H2919" that |strong="H0834" covers the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0127". We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" kill David and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376"—no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" left |strong="H3498" alive. 13 But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" David |strong="H0622" escapes into |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0518" city |strong="H5892", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" can |strong="H0518" bring |strong="H5375" ropes |strong="H2256" to |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H3478" pull its |strong="H3605" walls down into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" valley |strong="H5158". Not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H1571" a |strong="H0518" small stone |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" left |strong="H4672" in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892"."

14 Absalom |strong="H0053" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Is-

1 DAN TO BEERSHEBA This means the whole nation of Israel, north and south. Dan was a town in the northern part of Israel, and Beersheba was in the southern part of Judah.

raelites |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559", "Hushai's advice |strong="H6098" is |strong="H3068" better |strong="H2896" than |strong="H2896" Ahithophel's |strong="H0302"." Actually |strong="H0935", Ahithophel's |strong="H0302" advice |strong="H6098" was |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896", but |strong="H0376" they |strong="H0376" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068" because |strong="H5668" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" make Ahithophel's |strong="H0302" advice |strong="H6098" useless. He |strong="H3068" did |strong="H0376" this |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" punish Absalom |strong="H0053".

**Hushai |strong="H2365" Sends a |strong="H0935" Warning |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David**

<sup>15</sup> Hushai |strong="H2365" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548", Zadok |strong="H6659" and |strong="H3478" Abiathar |strong="H0054", what |strong="H2063" was |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559". He |strong="H0853" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" what |strong="H2063" Ahithophel |strong="H0302" suggested to |strong="H0413" Absalom |strong="H0053" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H2205" Israel |strong="H3478". Hushai |strong="H2365" also |strong="H0853" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" what |strong="H2063" he |strong="H0853" himself |strong="H0413" had |strong="H3478" suggested. He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559", <sup>16</sup> "Send |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" message to |strong="H0559" David |strong="H1732" now |strong="H6258"! Tell |strong="H5046" him |strong="H7971" not |strong="H0408" to |strong="H0559" spend |strong="H3885" the |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" at |strong="H1732" the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H0559" where |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" cross |strong="H5674" into |strong="H3915" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H6160". Tell |strong="H5046" him |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H7971" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan River at |strong="H1732" once. If |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" crosses the |strong="H3605" river, the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1571" caught."

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H3588" priests' sons, Jonathan |strong="H3083" and |strong="H1980" Ahi-

maaz |strong="H0290", did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H3808" seen |strong="H7200" going |strong="H1980" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" town |strong="H5892", so |strong="H1980" they |strong="H1992" waited |strong="H5975" at |strong="H1732" En Rogel. A |strong="H3588" servant |strong="H8198" girl |strong="H8198" went |strong="H1980" out |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0935" them |strong="H1992" and |strong="H1980" gave |strong="H0935" them |strong="H1992" the |strong="H3588" message. Then |strong="H1980" Jonathan |strong="H3083" and |strong="H1980" Ahimaaz |strong="H0290" carried |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" message to |strong="H0935" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732".

<sup>18</sup> But |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" boy |strong="H5288" saw |strong="H7200" Jonathan and |strong="H0935" Ahimaaz and |strong="H0935" ran to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H5046" Absalom |strong="H0053". Jonathan and |strong="H0935" Ahimaaz ran away |strong="H0935" quickly |strong="H4120". They |strong="H8033" arrived |strong="H0935" at |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7200" man's |strong="H0376" house |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0935" Bahurim |strong="H0980". The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" had |strong="H0376" a |strong="H7200" well |strong="H0875" in |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0376" courtyard |strong="H2691".<sup>1</sup> Jonathan and |strong="H0935" Ahimaaz went |strong="H0935" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" this |strong="H5046" well |strong="H0875".<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0853" man's |strong="H0802" wife |strong="H0802" spread |strong="H6566" a |strong="H3947" sheet over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" mouth |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" well |strong="H0875" and |strong="H0802" covered it |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" grain |strong="H7383". The |strong="H0853" well |strong="H0875" looked like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3947" pile of |strong="H1697" grain |strong="H7383", so |strong="H3947" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" would |strong="H1697" know |strong="H3045" to |strong="H5921" look there |strong="H3045".<sup>20</sup> Absalom's |strong="H0053" servants |strong="H5650" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" house |strong="H1004". They |strong="H3808" asked |strong="H0559", "Where |strong="H0346" are |strong="H5650" Ahi-

<sup>1</sup> COURTYARD An open area outside the house. Many houses were built around courtyards so that people could work, cook, or eat outside.

maaz |strong="H0290" and |strong="H0935" Jonathan |strong="H3083"?"

The |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Absalom's |strong="H0053" servants |strong="H5650", "They |strong="H3808" have |strong="H5650" already crossed |strong="H5674" over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" brook |strong="H4323"."

Absalom's |strong="H0053" servants |strong="H5650" then |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H0413" Jonathan |strong="H3083" and |strong="H0935" Ahimaaz |strong="H0290", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" could not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" them |strong="H0413". So |strong="H3808" Absalom's |strong="H0053" servants |strong="H5650" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>21</sup> After |strong="H0310" Absalom's servants left |strong="H1961", Jonathan |strong="H0559" and |strong="H6965" Ahimaaz climbed |strong="H5927" out |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" well |strong="H0875" and |strong="H6965" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732". They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", "Hurry |strong="H4120", go |strong="H5927" across |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" river |strong="H3588". Ahithophel |strong="H0302" is |strong="H4428" planning |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" do something to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>22</sup> So |strong="H3808" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H6965" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" crossed |strong="H5674" over |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". By |strong="H1242" sunrise, all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" David's |strong="H1732" people |strong="H5971" had |strong="H0834" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" was |strong="H0834" left |strong="H6965" behind.

#### Ahithophel Kills Himself |strong="H3808"

<sup>23</sup> When |strong="H3588" Ahithophel |strong="H0302" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Israelites did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" suggested, he |strong="H3588" saddled |strong="H2280" his |strong="H7200" donkey |strong="H2543" and |strong="H6965"

went |strong="H6965" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7200" hometown. He |strong="H3588" made |strong="H6213" plans |strong="H6098" for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H7200" family |strong="H1004" and |strong="H6965" then |strong="H6965" hanged himself |strong="H0413". They |strong="H3588" buried |strong="H6912" him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7200" father's |strong="H0001" tomb |strong="H6913".

#### Absalom Crosses the |strong="H0853" Jordan River |strong="H3588"

<sup>24</sup> David |strong="H1732" arrived |strong="H0935" at |strong="H3478" Mahanaim |strong="H4266" just |strong="H3605" as |strong="H0935" Absalom |strong="H0053" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H0853" crossed |strong="H5674" over |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River. <sup>25</sup> Absalom and the Israelites made their camp in the land of Gilead. Absalom had made Amasa the new captain of the army. He took Joab's place. <sup>I</sup> Amasa was the son of Ithra the Ishmaelite. <sup>II</sup> His mother was Abigail, the daughter of Nahash, the sister of Joab's mother, Zeruiah. <sup>III</sup>

#### Shobi, Makir, and Barzillai

<sup>27</sup> When |strong="H1961" David |strong="H1732" arrived |strong="H0935" at |strong="H1732" Mahanaim |strong="H4266", Shobi |strong="H7629", Makir |strong="H4353", and |strong="H1121" Barzillai |strong="H1271" were |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961". Shobi |strong="H7629" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nahash |strong="H5176" was |strong="H1961" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Ammonite |strong="H5983" town of |strong="H1121" Rabbah |strong="H7237". Makir |strong="H4353" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ammiel |strong="H5988" was |strong="H1961" from |strong="H0935" Lo Debar. Barzillai |strong="H1271" was |strong="H1961" from |strong="H0935" Rogelim |strong="H7274" in |strong="H0935" Gilead. <sup>28</sup> These three men said, "The people are tired, hungry, and thirsty from the desert." So they brought many things to David and those with him. They brought beds, bowls, and other kinds of dishes. They also brought wheat, barley, flour,

<sup>I</sup> HE TOOK JOAB'S PLACE Joab still supported David. Joab was one of the three captains in David's army when David was running away from Absalom. See 2 Sam. 18:2. <sup>II</sup> ISHMAELITE This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "Israelite," but see 1 Chron. 2:17. <sup>III</sup> HIS MOTHER ... ZERUIAH Literally, "Ithra had sexual relations with Abigail, the daughter of Nahash sister of Zeruiah."

roasted grain, beans, lentils, dried seeds, honey, butter, sheep, and cheese made from cow's milk.

### David Gets Ready for Battle

**18** David *counted* his *men* and *chose captains* over 1000 and *chose* 100 *captains* to lead them. <sup>2</sup> He *separated* the *people* into *three* groups and *sent* them out. Joab *led* a *third* of the *men*. Joab's *brother*, Abishai *son* of *Zeruiah*, *led* another *third*. And *Ittai* from *Gath* *led* the *last third*. King David *said* to the *people*, "I *will* also *go* with you." <sup>3</sup> But they *said*, "No! You *must* not *go* with us. If *we* *run* away *in* the *battle*, Absalom's *men* *will* not *care*. No, *even* if *only* *half* of *us* *are* killed, Absalom's *men* *will* not *care*. But *you* *are* worth 10,000 of *us*. It *is* better *for* you *to* *stay* in *the* *city*, if *we* *need* help, you

*can* *come* to *us*."

<sup>4</sup> The *king* *said* to them, "I *will* do *what* you *think* best."

Then the *king* *stood* by *the* *gate* the *army* *went* in *groups* of 100 and 1000.

<sup>5</sup> The *king* *gave* a *command* Joab, Abishai, and *Ittai*, "He *said*, "Do *this* for *me*. Be *gentle* with *young* Absalom. Everyone *heard* the *king's* *orders* about Absalom the *captains*."

### David's Army Defeats Absalom's Army

<sup>6</sup> David's *army* *went* out *into* the *field* against Absalom's *Israelites*. They *fought* in the *forest* of *Ephraim*. <sup>7</sup> David's *army* *defeated* the *Israelites*. It *was* a *great* *defeat* because 20,000 *men* *were* killed that *day*. <sup>8</sup> The *battle* *spread* throughout the *country*, but *more* *men* *died* in the *forest* than

by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sword|strong="H2719".

<sup>9</sup> It|strong="H5414" so|strong="H5414" happened|strong="H7122" that|strong="H0834" David's|strong="H1732" officers|strong="H5650" found Absalom|strong="H0053". Absalom|strong="H0053" jumped on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414" mule|strong="H6505" and|strong="H0935" tried to|strong="H0935" escape, but|strong="H2388" the|strong="H6440" mule|strong="H6505" went|strong="H0935" under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H6440" branches|strong="H7730" of|strong="H0776" a|strong="H5414" large|strong="H1419" oak|strong="H0424" tree. The|strong="H6440" branches|strong="H7730" were|strong="H0834" thick|strong="H7730", and|strong="H0935" Absalom's|strong="H0053" head|strong="H7218" got caught|strong="H2388" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" tree. His|strong="H5414" mule|strong="H6505" ran out|strong="H2388" from|strong="H0935" under|strong="H8478" him|strong="H5414", so|strong="H5414" Absalom|strong="H0053" was|strong="H0834" left|strong="H5414" hanging|strong="H5414" above|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" ground|strong="H0776".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Someone|strong="H0376" saw|strong="H7200" this|strong="H5046" happen and|strong="H0376" told|strong="H5046" Joab|strong="H3097", "I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H7200" Absalom|strong="H0053" hanging|strong="H8518" in|strong="H0376" an|strong="H7200" oak|strong="H0424" tree."

<sup>11</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376", "Why|strong="H4069" didn't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H5414" kill|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5414" and|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" fall to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" ground|strong="H0776"? I|strong="H5414" would|strong="H0559" have|strong="H0376" given|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" belt and|strong="H0776" ten|strong="H6235" pieces of|strong="H0776" silver|strong="H3701"!"

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097", "I|strong="H0595" would|strong="H3863" not|strong="H3808" try to|strong="H0413" hurt the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" son|strong="H1121" even|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H6680" me|strong="H0413" 1000 pieces of|strong="H1121" silver|strong="H3701". We|strong="H3588"

I ABOVE THE GROUND Literally, "between heaven and earth."

heard|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" command|strong="H6680" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588", Abishai|strong="H0052", and|strong="H1121" Ittai|strong="H0863". The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559", 'Be|strong="H3808" careful|strong="H8104" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" hurt young|strong="H5288" Absalom|strong="H0053":<sup>13</sup> If|strong="H0176" I|strong="H1697" had|strong="H4428" killed Absalom, the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" himself|strong="H5315" would|strong="H5315" find out|strong="H4480", and|strong="H4428" you|strong="H0859" would|strong="H5315" punish me|strong="H5315".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" said|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3820" not|strong="H3808" waste|strong="H3176" my|strong="H3947" time|strong="H3820" here|strong="H3651" with|strong="H3651" you|strong="H6440"!"

Absalom|strong="H0053" was|strong="H3820" still|strong="H5750" alive|strong="H2416" and|strong="H6440" hanging in|strong="H5750" the|strong="H0559" oak|strong="H0424" tree. Joab|strong="H3097" took|strong="H3947" three|strong="H7969" sticks in|strong="H5750" his|strong="H3947" hand|strong="H3709" and|strong="H6440" hit him|strong="H6440" in|strong="H5750" the|strong="H0559" heart|strong="H3820".<sup>15</sup> Ten|strong="H6235" of|strong="H3627" Joab's|strong="H3097" young|strong="H5288" helpers gathered|strong="H5437" around|strong="H5437" Absalom|strong="H0053" and|strong="H3097" killed|strong="H5221" him|strong="H0853".

<sup>16</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" blew|strong="H8628" the|strong="H0853" trumpet|strong="H7782" and|strong="H3478" called the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H7725" stop|strong="H0310" chasing|strong="H0310" Israelites|strong="H3478".<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Joab's men|strong="H0376" took|strong="H3947" Absalom's|strong="H0053" body and|strong="H3478" threw|strong="H7993" it|strong="H5921" into|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3947" large|strong="H1419" hole in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" forest|strong="H3293" and|strong="H3478" covered it|strong="H5921" with|strong="H0413" stones|strong="H0068".

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" ran|strong="H5127" away|strong="H7993" and|strong="H3478" went|strong="H0413" home|strong="H0168".

<sup>18</sup> While|strong="H5704" Absalom|strong="H0053" was|strong="H8034" alive|strong="H2416"

II YOU WOULD PUNISH ME Or "you would have opposed me."

he|strong="H0834" put|strong="H3947" up|strong="H5704" a|strong="H3947" memorial|strong="H3027" stone|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" King's|strong="H4428" Valley|strong="H6010". He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" no|strong="H0369" son|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0559" keep|strong="H2142" my|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034" alive|strong="H2416"." So|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0834" named|strong="H8034" that|strong="H0834" monument|strong="H3027" after|strong="H5921" himself|strong="H3027". It|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0369" called|strong="H7121" Absalom's|strong="H0053" Monument|strong="H3027" even|strong="H5704" today|strong="H3117".

**Joab|strong="H0559" Sends the|strong="H0853" News|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" David|strong="H3117"**

19 Ahimaaz|strong="H0290" the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zadok|strong="H6659" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Joab|strong="H0559", " May|strong="H4994" I|strong="H3588" run|strong="H7323" and|strong="H1121" take the|strong="H0853" news|strong="H1319" to|strong="H0559" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H3027"? I'll tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" destroyed the|strong="H0853" enemy|strong="H0341" for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0853"."

20 Joab|strong="H3097" answered|strong="H0559" Ahimaaz, " No|strong="H3808", you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" carry|strong="H1319" the|strong="H0559" message today|strong="H3117". You|strong="H0859" can|strong="H1121" do|strong="H2088" it|strong="H5921" some|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0312" time|strong="H3117", but|strong="H3588" not|strong="H3808" today|strong="H3117" because|strong="H3588" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" king's|strong="H4428" son|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0376" is|strong="H2088" dead|strong="H4191"."

21 Then|strong="H0559" Joab|strong="H3097" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" a|strong="H7200" man|strong="H7200" from|strong="H7200" Ethiopia|strong="H3569", "Go, tell|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" seen|strong="H7200"."

So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" Ethiopian|strong="H3569" bowed|strong="H7812"

to|strong="H0559" Joab|strong="H3097" and|strong="H4428" ran|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H5046" David.

22 But|strong="H1961" Ahimaaz|strong="H0290" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zadok|strong="H6659" begged Joab|strong="H3097" again|strong="H5750", " No|strong="H0369" matter what|strong="H4100" happens|strong="H1961", please|strong="H4994" let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H0413" also|strong="H1571" run|strong="H7323" after|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0559" Ethiopian|strong="H3569"! Joab|strong="H3097" said|strong="H0559", " Son|strong="H1121", why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" want|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0413" carry|strong="H1309" the|strong="H0559" news|strong="H1309"? You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H0369" get any|strong="H5750" reward|strong="H1309" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" news|strong="H1309" you|strong="H0859" bring|strong="H1961"."

23 Ahimaaz|strong="H0290" answered|strong="H0559", "No matter what|strong="H4100" happens|strong="H1961", I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H1961" run|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0559" David."

Joab|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Ahimaaz|strong="H0290", "All right, run|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0559" David!"

Then|strong="H1961" Ahimaaz|strong="H0290" ran|strong="H7323" through|strong="H5674" Jordan Valley|strong="H3603" and|strong="H1870" passed|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" Ethiopian|strong="H3569".

**David Hears the|strong="H0853" News|strong="H0559"**

24 David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1732" sitting|strong="H3427" between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H8147" gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H8179". The|strong="H0853" watchman|strong="H6822" went|strong="H0413" up|strong="H5375" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" roof|strong="H1406" over|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" gate|strong="H8179" walls|strong="H2346" and|strong="H0376" saw|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" man|strong="H0376" running|strong="H7323" alone|strong="H0905". 25 The|strong="H0559" watchman|strong="H6822" shouted|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H5046" King|strong="H4428" David.

King|strong="H4428" David said|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0559" man

is|strong="H4428" alone|strong="H0905",  
he|strong="H0518" is|strong="H4428" bringing  
news|strong="H1309".

The|strong="H0559" man came|strong="H1980"  
closer and|strong="H1980" closer to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0559" city. <sup>26</sup> But|strong="H7200"  
then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" watch-  
man|strong="H6822" saw|strong="H7200" anothe-  
r|strong="H0312" man|strong="H0376" run-  
ning|strong="H7323". He|strong="H0376"  
called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" gatekeeper|strong="H7778", "  
Look|strong="H2009"! Another|strong="H0312"  
man|strong="H0376" is|strong="H2088" run-  
ning|strong="H7323" alone|strong="H0905".

The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428"  
said|strong="H0559", " He|strong="H0376"  
is|strong="H2088" also|strong="H1571" bring-  
ing|strong="H1319" news|strong="H1319".

<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H0853" watchman|strong="H6822"  
said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589"  
think|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853"  
first|strong="H7223" man|strong="H0376"  
runs|strong="H0935" like|strong="H0376" Ahi-  
maaz|strong="H0290" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Zadok|strong="H6659".

The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"  
said|strong="H0559", " Ahimaaz|strong="H0290"  
is|strong="H2088" a|strong="H7200"  
good|strong="H2896" man|strong="H0376",  
he|strong="H0853" must|strong="H0853"  
be|strong="H0376" bringing|strong="H0935"  
good|strong="H2896" news|strong="H1309".

<sup>28</sup> Ahimaaz|strong="H0290" called|strong="H7121"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
king|strong="H4428", " All|strong="H0376"  
is|strong="H0834" well|strong="H7965"! Ahi-  
maaz|strong="H0290" bowed|strong="H7812"  
with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3068"  
face|strong="H0639" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776"  
in|strong="H0413" front of|strong="H4428"  
the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"  
and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "  
Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430"! The|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" defeated  
the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376"  
who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834"  
against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834",  
my|strong="H3068" lord|strong="H3068"  
and|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4428".

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"  
asked|strong="H0559", " Is|strong="H4100"  
young|strong="H5288" Absalom|strong="H0053"  
all|strong="H3045" right?"

Ahimaaz|strong="H0290" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " When|strong="H7200"  
Joab|strong="H3097" sent|strong="H7971"  
me|strong="H7971", I|strong="H3045"  
saw|strong="H7200" some great|strong="H1419" ex-  
citement, but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3045"  
don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045"  
what|strong="H4100" it|strong="H3045"  
was|strong="H4428".

<sup>30</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559"  
king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559", "Step  
over|strong="H5437" here|strong="H3541"  
and|strong="H4428" wait|strong="H5975". Ahimaaz  
went|strong="H5437" there|strong="H5975"  
and|strong="H4428" stood|strong="H5975" waiting.

<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H3605" Ethiopian|strong="H3569"  
arrived|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935"  
said|strong="H0559", " News|strong="H1319"  
for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3605"  
lord|strong="H3068" and|strong="H0935"  
king|strong="H4428". Today|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" punished all|strong="H3605"  
those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605"  
were|strong="H3117" against|strong="H5921"  
you|strong="H3588".

<sup>32</sup> The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428"  
asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" Ethiopi-  
an|strong="H3569", " Is|strong="H0834"  
young|strong="H5288" Absalom|strong="H0053"  
all|strong="H3605" right?"

The|strong="H3605" Ethiopian|strong="H3569" an-  
swered|strong="H0559", " May|strong="H1961"  
your|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341",  
or|strong="H4428" whoever|strong="H3605" tries  
to|strong="H0413" hurt you|strong="H0834", suf-  
fer|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" same  
as|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834"  
young|strong="H5288" man|strong="H5288"  
did|strong="H0834".

<sup>33</sup> So the king knew Absalom was dead and he be-  
came very upset. He went upstairs to the room over  
the gate, crying, "O my son Absalom! My son Absalom,  
I wish I had died instead of you! O Absalom, my son,  
my son!"

### Joab Scolds David

**19** People|strong="H1121" told|strong="H0559"  
Joab|strong="H0559" what|strong="H4310"  
had|strong="H4428" happened, "Look,  
the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428"  
is|strong="H4310" crying|strong="H1058"  
and|strong="H1121" mourning for|strong="H5921"  
Absalom|strong="H0053". <sup>2</sup> So|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" joy|strong="H5921"  
of|strong="H4428" victory turned to|strong="H5921"  
sadness for|strong="H5921" everyone.  
It|strong="H5921" was|strong="H4428"



a very sad day because the people heard, "The king is mourning for his son."

<sup>3</sup> The people came into the city quietly as if they were the ones who had been defeated in battle. <sup>4</sup> The king had his face covered his face and was crying loudly, "O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

<sup>5</sup> Joab came into the king's palace and said to the king, "You are humiliating every one of your officers! Look, they saved your life today and the lives of your sons and daughters and your wives and slave women. <sup>6</sup>

It seems that you love those who hate you, and you hate those who love you! Today you have made it clear to your officers and men that they mean nothing to you. It appears as if you would have been perfectly happy if Absalom had lived the rest of us had been killed today! <sup>7</sup> Now get up and go encourage

your officers. I swear by the LORD, if you don't go out and do that right now, not one man will be with you tonight. And that will be worse for you than all the trouble you have since you were a child."

<sup>8</sup> So the king went to the city gate. <sup>1</sup> The news spread that the king was at the gate, so all the people came to see him, except for the Israelites who had run away to their homes.

#### David Is King Again

<sup>9</sup> The tribes of Israel began discussing what to do next. They said, "King David saved us from the Philistines and our other enemies. David left the country because he was running away from Absalom. <sup>10</sup> We anointed Absalom to be king, but he killed in battle. So we should

<sup>1</sup> CITY GATE This was where the public meetings were held.

bring |strong="H1961" David back to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" again |strong="H1961".

<sup>11</sup> King |strong="H4428" David sent |strong="H7725" a |strong="H0834" message to |strong="H4191" Zadok and |strong="H4428" Abiathar the |strong="H0853" priests. David said, "Speak to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" leaders of |strong="H4428" Judah and |strong="H4428" tell them |strong="H0853", ' Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0853" last tribe to |strong="H4191" bring |strong="H7725" King |strong="H4428" David back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725"? See |strong="H0834", all the |strong="H0853" Israelites are |strong="H0834" talking about |strong="H5921" bringing |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725". <sup>12</sup> You |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" my |strong="H3605" brothers, my |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004", so |strong="H7971" why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H3478" you |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" last |strong="H0314" tribe to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" back |strong="H7725"? <sup>13</sup> Also |strong="H0853" tell Amasa, ' You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100" part |strong="H0859" of |strong="H4428" my |strong="H1961" family. I |strong="H4100" swear that |strong="H1961" I |strong="H4100" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859" captain of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" army in |strong="H4428" Joab's |strong="H0251" place |strong="H1961"."

<sup>14</sup> David |strong="H3117" touched the |strong="H3605" hearts of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1320" of |strong="H0430" Judah, and |strong="H0430" they |strong="H0518" all |strong="H3605" agreed as |strong="H1961" one |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1320" of |strong="H0430" Judah sent |strong="H0559" a |strong="H1961" message to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" king, saying |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H8269" come |strong="H1961" back!"

<sup>15</sup> King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H7971" came |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Jordan River. The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" came |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Gilgal to |strong="H0413" meet the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3063" take |strong="H7725" him |strong="H0413" across the |strong="H3605" Jordan River.

Shimei Asks David |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0413" Forgive Him |strong="H0413"

<sup>16</sup> Shimei son of |strong="H4428" Gera, from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H4428" Benjamin, lived in |strong="H0935" Bahurim. Shimei rushed down to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H7125" King |strong="H4428" David, with |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" rest of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>17</sup> About |strong="H4428" 1000 people |strong="H0376" from |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0834" tribe of |strong="H1121" Benjamin came |strong="H3381" with |strong="H5973" Shimei |strong="H8096". Ziba the |strong="H0834" servant from |strong="H3381" Saul's family also |strong="H1732" came |strong="H3381". Ziba brought |strong="H3381" his |strong="H1732" 15 sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" 20 servants |strong="H0376" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973". All |strong="H0376" these |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0376" hurried |strong="H4116" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0834" Jordan River to |strong="H3381" meet |strong="H7125" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732".

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H6440" people |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0376" across |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Jordan |strong="H3383" River to |strong="H0376" help bring the |strong="H6440" king's |strong="H4428" family |strong="H1004" back |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0376" Judah. They |strong="H0376" did |strong="H0376" whatever the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428" wanted. While |strong="H5973" the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428" was |strong="H7586" crossing the |strong="H6440" river, Shimei son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gera came |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0376" meet |strong="H6440" him |strong="H6440". He |strong="H0376" bowed down |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" ground in |strong="H1004" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428". <sup>19</sup> Shimei |strong="H8096" said to |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428", " My |strong="H6440" lord, don't think |strong="H5869" about |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" wrong things I |strong="H1121" did |strong="H6213". My |strong="H6440" lord and |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4428", don't remember the |strong="H0853" bad things I |strong="H1121" did |strong="H6213" when |strong="H1121" you |strong="H6440" left Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup> I |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" sinned. That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" am

the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H3117" person|strong="H3820" from|strong="H3318" Joseph's family<sup>I</sup> to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H3318" down|strong="H7760" and|strong="H4428" meet|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0834", my|strong="H7760" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428".

<sup>21</sup> Abishai son of|strong="H4428" Zeruiah said, "Let's kill him|strong="H0935" for|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605" he|strong="H3588" said about|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H0113" chosen|strong="H3045" king|strong="H4428".<sup>II</sup>"

<sup>22</sup> David said|strong="H0559", "What|strong="H2063" should|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" do with|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588", sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zeruiah|strong="H6870"? Are|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3588" trying to|strong="H0559" cause me|strong="H4191" trouble? No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H0559" death|strong="H4191" in|strong="H3068" Israel today! Today I|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" king over|strong="H0853" Israel."

<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Shimei, "You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191". The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" made|strong="H3045" a|strong="H1961" promise|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Shimei that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" himself|strong="H3045" would|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" kill|strong="H4191" Shimei.<sup>III</sup>

**Mephibosheth|strong="H3808" Goes to|strong="H0559" See|strong="H3045" David|strong="H1732"**

<sup>24</sup> Saul's grandson,<sup>IV</sup> Mephibosheth|strong="H3808", came|strong="H0413" down to|strong="H0413" meet King|strong="H4428" David. Mephibosheth|strong="H3808" had|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" cared for|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3808" feet, trimmed his|strong="H3808" mustache, or|strong="H3808" washed his|strong="H3808" clothes since the|strong="H0559" day

<sup>I</sup> JOSEPH'S FAMILY This probably means the Israelites who followed Absalom. Many times the name Ephraim (a son of Joseph) is used for all the tribes in northern Israel. <sup>II</sup> CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one."<sup>III</sup> David did not kill Shimei. But a few years later, David's son Solomon ordered Shimei to be put to death. See 1 Kings 2:44-46. <sup>IV</sup> GRANDSON Literally, "son."

the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" left Jerusalem.<sup>25</sup> When|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834" met|strong="H7125" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" at|strong="H3117" Jerusalem, the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said, "Mephibosheth|strong="H4648", why|strong="H0834" didn't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" go|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0935" me|strong="H4480" when|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0834" ran away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" Jerusalem?"

<sup>26</sup> Mephibosheth|strong="H4648" answered|strong="H0559", "My|strong="H1961" lord and|strong="H1980" king|strong="H4428", my|strong="H1961" servant tricked me|strong="H0935". I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H1961" crippled so|strong="H1980" I|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H1961" servant, Ziba, 'Go|strong="H1980" saddle a|strong="H1961" donkey for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H0935" so|strong="H1980" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" can|strong="H4100" go|strong="H1980" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428".'<sup>27</sup> But|strong="H3588" my|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650" tricked me|strong="H5921" and|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559" bad things about|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". My|strong="H5921" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428", you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5650" like|strong="H5921" an|strong="H3588" angel from|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0559". Do whatever you|strong="H3588" think|strong="H0559" is|strong="H4428" right.<sup>28</sup> You|strong="H6213" could have|strong="H5869" killed all my|strong="H5650" grandfather's<sup>V</sup> family, but|strong="H4428" you|strong="H6213" did|strong="H6213" not do|strong="H6213" that|strong="H5869". Instead|strong="H0430", you|strong="H6213" included me|strong="H0413" among|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" people|strong="H5869" who|strong="H5650" eat at|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0413" own|strong="H5869" table. So|strong="H6213" I|strong="H5650" don't have|strong="H5869" a|strong="H4428" right|strong="H5869" to|strong="H0413" complain to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" king|strong="H4428" about|strong="H0413" anything."

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Mephibosheth|strong="H3808", "Don't|strong="H3808" say anything|strong="H3605" more|strong="H5750" about|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3605" prob-

<sup>V</sup> GRANDFATHER'S Literally, "father's."

lems. *This* is *what* I *have* and *and* Ziba will *divide* the *land*.

<sup>30</sup> Mephibosheth said *to* the *king* and *it* *that* *have* peace. Let Ziba *the* *land*.

**David Asks *to* *Him***

<sup>31</sup> Barzillai of *Gilead* came *down from* *Rogelim* *to* *Jordan River* with *King* David and *send him* *his* *home* was *was* *80 years old*. He *given the* and *other things* when *David* was *staying at* *Mahanaim*. Barzillai *could do* *this because he* was *a* *very rich man*.  
<sup>33</sup> David said *to* Barzillai *the* *river* with *me* I *will* *take care of* *you* *if* *you* *will* *live in* *Jerusalem* with *me*.

<sup>34</sup> But *Barzillai* said *to* the *king* "Do *you* *know* *how old I* *am*? Do *you* *think* *I* *can go* *with* *you* *to* *Jerusalem* *am* *80 years* *old*? I *am* *too old to* *tell* *what* *is* *bad* *or* *good*. I *cannot taste what* I *eat*

*or* *hear the* *voices of* *men* *and* *women* *singers*. Why *should* *you* *be* *bothered with* *me*?  
<sup>36</sup> I *don't need any* *of* *the* *things* *that* *you* *want* *to* *give* *me*. I *will* *cross the* *Jordan River* with *you*.  
<sup>37</sup> Then *please let me* *go* *back so* *that* *I* *can* *die in* *my* *own town* and *be* *buried in* *the* *grave of* *my* *father* and *mother*. But *here* *is* *Kimham*; take *him* *back with* *you* *as* *a* *servant*, *my* *lord* and *king*.  
*Do* *you* *whatever* *you* *want with* *him*.

<sup>38</sup> The *king* answered *Kimham* *will* *go* *back* *with* *me* *I* *will* *be* *kind* *to* *him* *for* *you* *I* *will* *do* *anything for* *you*.

**David *Goes Back* *Home***

<sup>39</sup> The *king* *kissed Barzillai* and *blessed him*. Barzillai *went back home*, and *the* *king* and *all* *the* *people* *went across* *the* *river*.

<sup>40</sup> The *king* *crossed* *the* *Jordan* *River* *to* *Gilgal*. Kimham *went with* *the* *king*

him |strong="H0853". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H4428" Judah and |strong="H4428" half the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H5971" led David across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" river.

**Israelites Argue With |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" People |strong="H5971" of |strong="H4428" Judah**

41 All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" came to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3063" said to |strong="H3478" him |strong="H0853", "Why did our |strong="H3605" brothers, the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063", steal you |strong="H3605" away |strong="H5973"? Why did they |strong="H5971" bring you |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3063" your |strong="H3605" family back across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan River with |strong="H5973" your |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5971"?"

42 All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478", "We |strong="H3605" did |strong="H4069" it |strong="H0935" because |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" is |strong="H0376" our |strong="H3605" close |strong="H5973" relative |strong="H0251". Why |strong="H4069" are |strong="H3478" you |strong="H3605" angry with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H0413" about |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3605"? We |strong="H3605" have |strong="H0376" not |strong="H1732" eaten food |strong="H1004" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" expense. The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" did |strong="H4069" not |strong="H1732" give |strong="H0935" us |strong="H0413" any |strong="H3605" gifts."

43 The |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" answered |strong="H6030", "We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0376" ten shares in |strong="H5921" David, <sup>I</sup> so |strong="H4480" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0376" more |strong="H4480" right to |strong="H0413" David than |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588" do |strong="H4100". Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" ignore us |strong="H0413"? We |strong="H3588" were |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H2088" ones |strong="H7138" to |strong="H0413"

<sup>I</sup> TEN SHARES IN DAVID Judah and Benjamin were two of the tribes that later became the kingdom of Judah after the kingdom split. The other ten tribes were in the kingdom of Israel.

talk |strong="H1697" about |strong="H5921" bringing |strong="H5375" our |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" back |strong="H0413"."

But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" replied |strong="H6030" with |strong="H0413" words |strong="H1697" that |strong="H3588" were |strong="H3478" even |strong="H3588" louder and |strong="H3063" angrier than |strong="H4480" those |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".

**Sheba Leads Israel Away From David**

20 At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0559" place |strong="H8033" there |strong="H8033" was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H3808" man |strong="H0376" named |strong="H8034" Sheba |strong="H7652" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bicri. Sheba |strong="H7652" was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H3808" worthless |strong="H1100" troublemaker from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" tribe of |strong="H1121" Benjamin. He |strong="H8033" blew |strong="H8628" a |strong="H3808" trumpet |strong="H7782" to |strong="H0559" gather the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0376" together and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", "We |strong="H8033" have |strong="H0369" no |strong="H3808" share |strong="H2506" in |strong="H3478" David |strong="H1732".

We |strong="H8033" have |strong="H0369" no |strong="H3808" part in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jesse |strong="H3448". Israel |strong="H3478", let's all |strong="H0376" go home |strong="H0168"."

<sup>2</sup> So |strong="H4480" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" <sup>II</sup> left |strong="H5927" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" followed |strong="H0310" Sheba |strong="H7652" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bicri. But |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" from |strong="H4480" Judah |strong="H3063" stayed |strong="H1692" with |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>3</sup> David |strong="H1732" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H8104" house |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>II</sup> ISRAELITES Here, this means the tribes not united with Judah.



with **a** kiss. <sup>10</sup> Amasa didn't see **the** knife that now **in** Joab's hand **stabbed** **him** **in** **the** belly, and **Amasa's intestines** spilled out **on** **the** ground. There **no** need for Joab **to** stab **him**; **he** was already dead **H4191**.

**David's Men** Continue **to** Look for **Sheba**

Then **Joab** and **his** brother **Abishai** resumed **the** chase **after** **Sheba** son **of** **Bicri**. <sup>11</sup> One **of** **Joab's** young soldiers **stood by** Amasa's body and said, "All **of** you **who** support **Joab** and **David**, let's follow **Joab**!"

<sup>12</sup> Amasa was **there** **in** **the** middle **of** **his** own **blood**. **The** young soldier noticed **that** **all** **the** people **kept** stopping **to** look **at** **the** body, so **he** rolled **the** body off **the** road and **into** **the** field and **covered it** with **a** cloth. <sup>13</sup> Once **He**

**the** body was **out** **of** **the** way, **the** people simply passed **it** **by** and **joined up** with **Joab** **to** go **after** **Sheba** son **of** **Bicri**.

**Sheba** Escapes **to** **Abel Beth Maacah**

<sup>14</sup> **Sheba** son **of** **Bicri** passed **through** **the** tribes **of** **Israel** **on** **his** way **to** **Abel** **Beth Maacah**. **All** **the** **Berites** <sup>1</sup> joined **together** and **followed** **Sheba**.

<sup>15</sup> When **Joab** and **his** men **came** **to** **Abel** **Beth Maacah**, they **surrounded** **the** town. **They** piled dirt up **against** **the** city wall and **began** breaking stones out **of** **the** wall **to** make **it** fall down.

<sup>16</sup> But **there** was **a** very wise woman **in** **that** city **who** shouted **out** **to** **them** and said, "Listen **to** me!" Tell **Joab** **to** come **here**. I want **to** talk **with** **him**.

<sup>1</sup> BERITES The Greek and Latin versions have "Bicrites."

17 Joab |strong="H3097" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" talk |strong="H1697" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802". She asked |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", " Are |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0859" Joab |strong="H3097"?"

Joab |strong="H3097" answered |strong="H0559", "Yes, I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"."

Then |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559", " Listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"."

Joab |strong="H3097" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" listening |strong="H0805"."

18 Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" woman said |strong="H0559", " In |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0559" past |strong="H7223" people |strong="H1696" would |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559", ' Ask |strong="H7592" for |strong="H7592" help in |strong="H1696" Abel |strong="H0059" and |strong="H1696" you |strong="H3651" will get what |strong="H3651" you |strong="H3651" need |strong="H3651".' 19 I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" one |strong="H3068" of |strong="H3068" many |strong="H4100" peaceful, loyal |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5159" in |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3068" town |strong="H5892". You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" trying to |strong="H4191" destroy |strong="H4191" an |strong="H1245" important city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478". Why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" want |strong="H1245" to |strong="H4191" destroy |strong="H4191" something that |strong="H3068" belongs to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"?"

20 Joab |strong="H3097" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0518" don't want to |strong="H0559" destroy |strong="H7843" anything. I |strong="H0518" don't want to |strong="H0559" ruin |strong="H7843" your |strong="H0518" city. 21 But |strong="H3588" there |strong="H2009" is |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5414" city |strong="H5892" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669". He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0376" named |strong="H8034" Sheba |strong="H7652" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bicri. He |strong="H3588" rebelled against |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732". Bring |strong="H5375" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H1121"

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" leave the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" alone |strong="H0905"."

The |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Joab |strong="H3097", " All |strong="H1697" right |strong="H3651". His |strong="H5414" head |strong="H7218" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808" thrown |strong="H7993" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588"."

22 Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" woman |strong="H0802" spoke |strong="H0413" very wisely |strong="H2451" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892". They |strong="H5921" cut |strong="H3772" off |strong="H3772" the |strong="H3605" head |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" Sheba |strong="H7652" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bicri and |strong="H1121" threw |strong="H7993" it |strong="H5921" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" wall to |strong="H0413" Joab |strong="H3097".

So |strong="H0935" Joab |strong="H3097" blew |strong="H8628" the |strong="H3605" trumpet |strong="H7782" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H5971" left |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892". The |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" home |strong="H0168", and |strong="H1121" Joab |strong="H3097" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

#### The |strong="H3605" People |strong="H5971" on |strong="H5921" David's Staff

23 Joab |strong="H3097" was |strong="H3478" captain of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Benaiah |strong="H1141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" led the |strong="H3605" Kerethites and |strong="H1121" Pelethites |strong="H6432". 24 Adoniram |strong="H0151" led the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" forced |strong="H4522" to |strong="H5921" do hard work. Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahilud |strong="H0286" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" historian. 25 Sheva was |strong="H3548" the |strong="H6659"



secretary|strong="H5608". Zadok|strong="H6659" and|strong="H3548" Abiathar|strong="H0054" were|strong="H0054" the|strong="H6659" priests|strong="H3548". <sup>26</sup> And|strong="H3548" Ira|strong="H5896" from|strong="H1961" Jair was|strong="H1961" David's|strong="H1732" personal priest|strong="H3548".<sup>I</sup>

### Saul's Family Punished

**21** While|strong="H1961" David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1961" king|strong="H5921", there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" famine|strong="H7458" that|strong="H0834" continued|strong="H1961" for|strong="H5921" three|strong="H7969" years|strong="H8141". So|strong="H1961" David|strong="H1732" prayed|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" answered|strong="H0559", "Saul|strong="H7586" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5921" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" murderers II are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" reason|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" famine|strong="H7458", because|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" Gibeonites|strong="H1393".<sup>2</sup> (The|strong="H0559" Gibeonites|strong="H1393" were|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3588" group of|strong="H1121" Amorites|strong="H0567". The|strong="H0559" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H3478" promised|strong="H7650" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" hurt them|strong="H0413", III but|strong="H3588" Saul|strong="H7586" tried|strong="H1245" to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0559" Gibeonites|strong="H1393". He|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" this|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H7121" strong feelings for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063".)

King|strong="H4428" David called|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0559" Gibeonites|strong="H1393" together and|strong="H1121" talked to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413".<sup>3</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Gibeonites|strong="H1393", "

I PERSONAL PRIEST Or "chief servant" or "advisor." II FAMILY OF MURDERERS Literally, "house of blood." III THE ISRAELITES ... THEM This happened in Joshua's time when the Gibeonites tricked the Israelites. Read Josh. 9:3-15.

What|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H6213"? What|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0413" take away Israel's sin, so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H6213" can|strong="H4100" bless|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5159"?"  
<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0559" Gibeonites|strong="H1393" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" David|strong="H5973", "There|strong="H0369" isn't enough|strong="H6213" gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3478" silver|strong="H3701" for|strong="H1004" Saul's|strong="H7586" family|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0559" pay|strong="H3701" for|strong="H1004" what|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0376" did|strong="H6213". But|strong="H0369" we|strong="H4191" don't|strong="H0369" have|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0559" right to|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H4191" anyone|strong="H0376" else in|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478"."

David|strong="H5973" said|strong="H0559", "Well|strong="H5973", what|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" for|strong="H1004" you|strong="H0859"?"

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" Gibeonites said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H3615", "The|strong="H3605" person|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" plotted|strong="H3615" against|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413" was|strong="H0834" Saul|strong="H0559". He|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" tried to|strong="H0413" destroy|strong="H8045" all|strong="H3605" our|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" living|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>6</sup> Give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" seven|strong="H7651" of|strong="H1121" Saul's|strong="H7586" sons|strong="H1121". Saul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" chosen|strong="H0972" king|strong="H4428", IV so|strong="H5414" we|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" hang|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" sons|strong="H1121" in|strong="H3068" front of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"

IV CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one."

on |strong="H3068" Mount Gibeah |strong="H1390" of |strong="H1121" Saul |strong="H7586".

King |strong="H4428" David said |strong="H0559"; "All |strong="H0376" right, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5414".<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" protected Jonathan's |strong="H3083" son |strong="H1121"; Mephibosheth |strong="H4648". Jonathan |strong="H3083" was |strong="H0834" Saul's |strong="H7586" son |strong="H1121"; and |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3083" a |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name to |strong="H5921" Jonathan |strong="H3083".<sup>1</sup> So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H1732" let them |strong="H5921" hurt Mephibosheth |strong="H4648".<sup>8</sup> David gave |strong="H3205" them |strong="H0853" Armoni |strong="H0764" and |strong="H1121" Mephibosheth |strong="H4648".<sup>II</sup> These |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1121" Rizpah |strong="H7532". Saul |strong="H7586" also |strong="H0853" had |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" daughter |strong="H1323" named Merab |strong="H4324" who |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" married |strong="H3947" to |strong="H3205" Adriel |strong="H5741" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Barzilai |strong="H1271", from |strong="H1121" Meholah. David took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" five |strong="H2568" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Merab |strong="H4324" and |strong="H1121" Adriel |strong="H5741".<sup>9</sup> David |strong="H3117" gave |strong="H5414" these |strong="H1992" seven |strong="H7651" men to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H6440" Gibeonites |strong="H1393" who |strong="H3068" then |strong="H5307" brought |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" Mount |strong="H2022" Gibeah and |strong="H3068" hanged |strong="H3363" them |strong="H5414" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". Those |strong="H1992" seven |strong="H7651" men died |strong="H4191" together |strong="H3162" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" spring, during |strong="H3117"

I DAVID HAD MADE ... TO JONATHAN David and Jonathan promised each other they would not harm each other's families. Read 1 Sam. 20:12-23, 42. II MEPIBOSHETH This is another man named Mephibosheth, not Jonathan's son.

the |strong="H6440" first |strong="H7223" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" barley |strong="H8184" harvest |strong="H7105".

David |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" Rizpah

<sup>10</sup> Rizpah |strong="H7532" the |strong="H0853" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" Aiah |strong="H0345" took |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" mourning cloth and |strong="H8064" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" rock |strong="H6697".<sup>III</sup> That |strong="H4480" cloth stayed on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" rock |strong="H6697" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" harvest |strong="H7105" began |strong="H8462" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" rains came |strong="H0413". Rizpah |strong="H7532" watched |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" bodies day |strong="H3119" and |strong="H8064" night |strong="H3915". She |strong="H3808" protected them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" wild |strong="H7704" birds |strong="H5775" during the |strong="H0853" day |strong="H3119" and |strong="H8064" the |strong="H0853" wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416" at |strong="H0413" night |strong="H3915".

<sup>11</sup> People |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" David |strong="H1732" what |strong="H0834" Saul's |strong="H7586" slave woman |strong="H1323" Rizpah |strong="H7532" was |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213".<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H3947" David |strong="H1732" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" of |strong="H1121" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3083" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jabesh |strong="H3003" Gilead |strong="H1568". ( The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jabesh |strong="H3003" Gilead |strong="H1568" got |strong="H3947" these |strong="H0834" bones |strong="H6106" after |strong="H3117" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3083" were |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" at |strong="H1732" Gilboa |strong="H1533". The |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" had |strong="H0834" hanged |strong="H8518" the |strong="H0853" bodies of |strong="H1121" Saul |strong="H7586" and |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3083" on |strong="H3117"

III ROCK This might be the Big Rock at Gibeon (read 2 Sam. 20:8), the rock that the bodies were lying on, or a rock that marked the place where her sons were buried.

a wall in Beth Shan. <sup>I</sup> But the men of Beth Shan went there and stole the bodies from that public area.) <sup>13</sup> David brought bones of Saul his son Jonathan Jabesh Gilead and them the the who hanged buried bones Saul his son Jonathan the of Benjamin, in of the tunnels in grave Saul's Kish the commanded that again to prayers the in land

#### War With the Philistines

<sup>15</sup> The Philistines started war with Israel and his men went out to fight the Philistines, but David became very tired and weak. <sup>16</sup> Ishbi-Benob was one of

I BETH SHAN Or possibly, "Beth Shean."

the giants. <sup>II</sup> His spear over He put on armor and thought he would be able to kill David. <sup>17</sup> But Abishai son of Zeruiah killed this giant Philistine and saved David's life.

Then David's men him that would go to battle anymore. They said, "If you do, Israel its brightest leader."

<sup>18</sup> Later, there was another battle the Philistines at Gath. Sibbecai the Hushathite Saph, another one of the giants.

<sup>19</sup> Later, there was another battle Gath against the Philistines. Elhanan the son of Jaare Oregim from Bethlehem killed Lahmi, the brother of Goliath from Gath. <sup>IV</sup> His spear was as big as a post. <sup>V</sup> <sup>20</sup> There was another battle at Gath.

II ONE OF THE GIANTS Or "a son of Rapha (Rephaim)." Also in verses 18, 20, 22. III OVER 7 POUNDS Literally, "300 shekels of bronze" (3.45 kg). IV LAHMI ... GATH See 1 Chron. 20:5. V post Literally, "a weaver's rod," the large beam across a loom.

There **was** a **very** large man **who** had **six** fingers **on** each **hand** and **six** toes **on** each **foot**. He had **24** fingers **and** toes **in** all **man** **was** also **one** of **the** giants. <sup>21</sup> This man **challenged** Is-rael **and** made **fun** of **them**, but **Jonathan** **killed** this man. (This **was** **Jonathan**, the **son** of **David's** brother Shimei.)

<sup>22</sup> All **four** these **men** were **giants** from **Gath**. They **were** **killed** by **David** and **his** men.

#### David's Song of Praise to the Lord

**22** <sup>1</sup> **David** **sang** this **song** to **LORD** when **he** **saved** **him** from **Saul** and **all** his **other** ene- mies.

<sup>2</sup> **The** **LORD** **is** **my** **Rock**, **my** **fortress**, **my** **place** of **safety**.

<sup>3</sup> **He** **is** **my** **God**, **the** **Rock** **I** **run** to **for** **protection**.

I CHAPTER 22 This song is also found in Psalm 18.

**He** **is** **my** **shield**; **by** **his** **power** **I** **am** **saved**. <sup>II</sup>

**He** **is** **my** **hiding** **place**, **my** **place** of **safety**, **high** **in** **the** **hills**.

**He** **is** **my** **savior**, **the** **one** **who** **rescues** **me** **from** **the** **cruel** **ene- my**.

<sup>4</sup> **I** **called** **to** **the** **LORD** **for** **help**,

**and** **he** **saved** **me** **from** **my** **ene- mies**.

**He** **is** **worth** **of** **my** **praise**!

<sup>5</sup> **Waves** of **death** **were** **crashing** **around** **me**.

**A** **flood** **was** **carrying** **me** **away**.

<sup>6</sup> **The** **ropes** of **the** **grave** **wrapped** **around** **me**.

**Death** **set** **its** **trap** **right** **there** **in** **front** of **me**.

<sup>7</sup> **In** **my** **trou- ble** **I** **called** **to** **the** **LORD**.

**Yes**, **I** **cried** **out** **to** **my** **God** **for** **help**.

**There** **in** **his** **temple** **he** **heard** **my** **voice**.

**He** **heard** **my** **cry** **for** **help**.

<sup>8</sup> **The** **earth** **shook** **and** **shivered**.

<sup>II</sup> BY HIS POWER I AM SAVED Literally, "He is the horn of my salva- tion."

The foundations of heaven trembled.

They shook because he was angry!

<sup>9</sup> Smoke came from his nose.

Burning flames came from his mouth.

Red-hot coals fell from him.

<sup>10</sup> He tore open the sky and came down.

He stood on a thick, dark cloud.

<sup>11</sup> He flew across the sky, riding on a Cherub angel,

gliding on the wings of the wind.

<sup>12</sup> He wrapped himself in darkness that covered him like a tent.

He was hidden by dark clouds filled with water.

<sup>13</sup> Out of the brightness before him, flashes of lightning came down.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD thundered from the sky.

God Most High let his voice be heard.

<sup>15</sup> He scattered the enemy with his arrows—

the lightning bolts that threw them into confusion.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD shouted his command,

and a powerful wind began to blow.

<sup>17</sup> Then the bottom of the sea could be seen,

and the earth's foundations were uncovered.

The Lord reached down from above and grabbed me.

He pulled me from the deep water.

<sup>18</sup> He saved me from my powerful enemies, who hated me.

They were too strong for me, so he saved me.

<sup>19</sup> They attacked me in my time of trouble,

but the LORD was there to support me.

<sup>20</sup> He was pleased with me, so he rescued me.

He took me to a safe place.

<sup>21</sup> The LORD rewarded me for doing what is right.

He was good to me because I am innocent.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD did this because I have obeyed him.

I AND ... BLOW Or "and a blast of breath came from his nose."

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" turned against |strong="H8104" my |strong="H8104" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>23</sup> I |strong="H3588" always remembered his |strong="H3605" laws.

I |strong="H3588" never |strong="H3808" stopped |strong="H5493" following his |strong="H3605" rules |strong="H2708".

<sup>24</sup> He knows I |strong="H1961" did |strong="H8104" nothing that |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" wrong |strong="H5771".

I |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" kept |strong="H8104" myself from |strong="H1961" sinning.

<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" rewarded |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725" for |strong="H3068" doing what is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H6666".

He |strong="H3068" could see |strong="H5869" that |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3068" am |strong="H3068" innocent |strong="H6666".

<sup>26</sup> Lord, you |strong="H5973" are |strong="H1368" faithful to |strong="H5973" those |strong="H5973" who |strong="H1368" are |strong="H1368" faithful.

You |strong="H5973" are |strong="H1368" good to |strong="H5973" those |strong="H5973" who |strong="H1368" are |strong="H1368" good.

<sup>27</sup> You |strong="H5973" never do wrong to |strong="H5973" those |strong="H5973" who |strong="H6141" have |strong="H5973" done no wrong.

But |strong="H6617" you |strong="H5973" outsmart the |strong="H5973" wicked, no matter how clever they are |strong="H5973".

<sup>28</sup> You |strong="H5921" help |strong="H3467" those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H6041" are |strong="H5869" humble |strong="H6041",

but |strong="H5921" as soon as you |strong="H5921" see |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0853" proud |strong="H7311", you |strong="H5921" humiliate them |strong="H0853".

<sup>29</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" lamp |strong="H5216".

You |strong="H0859", LORD |strong="H3068", turn the |strong="H3588" darkness |strong="H2822" around me |strong="H3588" into light |strong="H5050".

<sup>30</sup> With |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3588" help I |strong="H3588" can defeat an |strong="H3588" army.

If |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" with |strong="H0430" me |strong="H3588", I |strong="H3588" can climb over enemy walls |strong="H7791".

<sup>31</sup> God's |strong="H0410" way |strong="H1870" is |strong="H3068" perfect |strong="H8549".

The |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H0565" always proves to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068".

He |strong="H1931" protects those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" trust in |strong="H3068" him |strong="H3605".

<sup>32</sup> There |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" no |strong="H4310" God |strong="H0430" except |strong="H1107" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068".

There |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" no |strong="H4310" Rock |strong="H6697" except |strong="H1107" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>33</sup> God |strong="H0410" is |strong="H1870" my |strong="H1870" strong |strong="H2428" fortress |strong="H4581".

He |strong="H0410" clears the |strong="H1870" path |strong="H1870" I |strong="H1870" need to |strong="H1870" take.

<sup>34</sup> He |strong="H5921" makes my |strong="H5921" feet |strong="H7272" as |strong="H5975" steady as |strong="H5975" those |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" deer |strong="H0355".

Even |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" steep mountains he |strong="H5921" keeps me |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" falling.

<sup>35</sup> He |strong="H3027" trains |strong="H3925" me |strong="H3925" for |strong="H3027" war |strong="H4421"

so |strong="H3027" that |strong="H3027" my |strong="H3027" arms |strong="H2220" can |strong="H2220" bend |strong="H5181" the |strong="H3027" most powerful bow |strong="H7198".

<sup>36</sup> Lord, you |strong="H5414" have |strong="H5414" given |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" shield |strong="H4043" to |strong="H5414" protect me |strong="H5414".

It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H4043" your |strong="H5414" help that |strong="H5414" has |strong="H5414" made |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" great.

<sup>37</sup> You |strong="H3808" cleared a |strong="H3808" path for |strong="H8478" my |strong="H8478" feet |strong="H7166"

so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3808" I |strong="H8478" could walk without |strong="H3808" stumbling.

<sup>38</sup> I |strong="H5704" chased |strong="H7291" my |strong="H7725" enemies |strong="H0341" and |strong="H7725" defeated them |strong="H7725".

I |strong="H5704" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H3808" were |strong="H7291" destroyed |strong="H8045".

<sup>39</sup> I destroyed my enemies.

I struck them down.

They did not get up again.

They fell under my feet.

<sup>40</sup> Lord, you made me in battle.

You made my enemies fall before me.

<sup>41</sup> You made my enemies turn and run away.

I destroyed those who hated me.

<sup>42</sup> They looked for help,

but there was no one to save them.

They cried out to LORD,

but he did not answer them.

<sup>43</sup> I beat my enemies to pieces

like dust on the ground.

I smashed them and walked on them

like mud in the streets.

<sup>44</sup> You saved me from those who fought against me.

You made me the ruler over nations.

People I never knew now serve me.

<sup>45</sup> Foreigners fall helpless before me

as soon as they heard

about me; they were ready to obey.

<sup>46</sup> They lose all their courage and come out of their hiding places shaking with fear.

<sup>47</sup> The LORD lives!

I praise Rock!

How great is God, the Rock who saves me!

<sup>48</sup> He is God who punishes my enemies for me,

the one who puts people under my rule.

<sup>49</sup> He saves me from my enemies!

You help me defeat those who attack me.

You save me from cruel people.

<sup>50</sup> LORD, that is why I praise you among the nations.

That is why I sing praise to your name.

<sup>51</sup> You help your king win battle after battle.

You show your love to your chosen one,

to David and his descendants forever!

## David's Last Words

23 These are the last words David:

"This message is from David son of Jesse,

This message is from the man who God made great.

He is the king chosen by God of Jacob,

the sweet singer of Israel.

2 The LORD'S Spirit through me

His word was my tongue.

3 The God of Israel spoke.

The Rock of Israel said to me,

"Whoever rules fairly, who with respect for God,

4 is like the morning light at dawn,

like a morning cloud.

He is like the sunshine after rain

that makes tender grass grow from the ground."

I THE SWEET SINGER OF ISRAEL Or "The most pleasant of the songs of Israel."

5 "God made my family strong and secure." II

He made an agreement with me forever.

God made me sure this agreement was

good and secure every way.

So he will give me every victory.

He will give me everything I want!

6 "But evil people are like thorns.

People don't hold thorns.

They throw them away.

7 If someone touches them, it hurts like a spear made of wood and iron.

Yes, evil people are like thorns.

They will be thrown into the fire,

and they will be completely burned."

## The Three Heroes

8 These are the names of David's special soldiers:

Josheb Basshebeth the Tahkemonite was captain of the king's special forces. He used

II GOD ... SECURE Or "Hasn't God made my family strong?" III JOSHEB BASSHEBETH THE TAHKEMONITE Or "Jashobeam the Hacmonite." See 1 Chron. 11:11. IV KING'S SPECIAL FORCES A special group of soldiers who formed three-man squads and went on special missions for the king.



his <sup>8</sup> spear to kill 800 men at one time. <sup>9</sup>

Next, there <sup>9</sup> was Eleazar <sup>10</sup> son of Dodai <sup>11</sup> who was there with David when he challenged the Philistines who had gathered for battle. The Israelites but Eleazar stood and fought the Philistines until his hand became so tired that it cramped around his sword handle. The LORD great victory that day. The people of Israel came back, but only to take things from the dead.

Next there <sup>11</sup> was Shammah son of Agee <sup>12</sup> from Harar. The Philistines came together to fight. They fought in a field of lentils. The people ran away from the Philistines. <sup>12</sup> But Shammah stood in the middle of the field and defended it. He defeated the Philistines. The LORD gave Israel

a great victory that day.

Once during harvest time David was at the cave of Adullam, and three of the thirty Heroes went down to meet him there. At the same time the Philistine army camped in the Valley of Rephaim.

Another time David was in the fortress, and a group of Philistines soldiers was stationed in Bethlehem. David was thirsty for some water from his hometown, so he said, "Oh, if I could have some water from that well by the gate in Bethlehem." So the three Heroes fought their way through the Philistine army and got some water from the well near the city gate in Bethlehem. They took it, but he refused to drink it.

I JOSHEB BASSHEBETH ... TIME The Hebrew text here is unclear. The translation follows 1 Chron. 11:11 and the ancient Greek version.

II ELEAZAR SON OF DODAI Or "Eleazar his cousin." III LENTILS Small round beans.

IV THIRTY HEROES Or "the king's special forces." These men were David's famous group of very brave soldiers. Also in verses 23, 24. V THREE ... REPHAIM The Hebrew text here is hard to understand, but compare 1 Chron. 11:15. VI THREE HEROES These were David's three bravest soldiers. Also in verses 18, 22.

He poured it on the ground as an offering to the LORD. <sup>17</sup> David said, "LORD, I cannot drink this water. It would be like drinking blood of the men who risked their lives for me." This is why David refused to drink the water. The Heroes did many brave things that

#### Other Brave Soldiers

<sup>18</sup> Abishai was the brother of Joab son of Zeruah. Abishai was the leader of the Three Heroes. He used his spear against 300 enemies and killed them. He became as famous as the Three Heroes. <sup>19</sup> Abishai was as famous as the Three Heroes. He became their leader, even though he was not one of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then there was son of Benaiah the Jehoiada from Kabzeel. He was the son of the powerful man

Benaiah did many brave things. He killed two of the best soldiers in Moab. One day when it was snowing, Benaiah went down into a hole in the ground and killed a lion. Benaiah also killed a big Egyptian soldier. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, and Benaiah only had a club. He grabbed the Egyptian's hands and took it away from him. Then Benaiah killed the Egyptian with his own spear. <sup>22</sup> Benaiah son of Jehoiada did many more brave things that he was famous as the Three Heroes. <sup>23</sup> Benaiah was even more famous than the Thirty Heroes, but he did not become a member of the Three Heroes. David made Benaiah the leader of his bodyguards.

#### The Thirty Heroes

<sup>24</sup> The following men were

<sup>1</sup> POWERFUL MAN That is, a man from the warrior class. He is ready to protect his people in war.

among|strong="H0251" the|strong="H3097" Thir-  
ty|strong="H7970" Heroes:  
Asahel|strong="H6214", the|strong="H3097" broth-  
er|strong="H0251" of|strong="H1121"  
Joab|strong="H3097";  
Elhanan|strong="H0445" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Dodo|strong="H1734"  
from|strong="H1121" Bethlehem|strong="H1035";  
25 Shammah|strong="H8048" the|strong="H8048"  
Harodite|strong="H2733";  
Elika|strong="H0470" the|strong="H8048" Haro-  
dite|strong="H2733";  
26 Helez|strong="H2503" the|strong="H1121"  
Paltite|strong="H6407";  
Ira|strong="H5896" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Ikkesh|strong="H6142"  
from|strong="H1121" Tekoa|strong="H8621";  
27 Abiezer|strong="H0044" from  
Anathoth|strong="H6069";  
Mebunnai|strong="H4012" the|strong="H0044"  
Hushathite|strong="H2843";  
28 Zalmon|strong="H6756" the|strong="H4121"  
Ahohite|strong="H0266";  
Maharai|strong="H4121" from Netophah;  
29 Heled|strong="H2460" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Baanah|strong="H1196"  
from|strong="H1121" Netophah;  
Ithai|strong="H0863" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Ribai|strong="H7380"  
from|strong="H1121" Gibeah|strong="H1390"  
of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144";  
30 Benaiah|strong="H1141" the|strong="H1141" Pi-  
rathonite|strong="H6553";  
Hiddai|strong="H1914" from the|strong="H1141"  
Brooks of Gaash|strong="H1608";  
31 Abi Albon the|strong="H0045" Ar-  
bathite|strong="H6164";  
Azmaveth|strong="H5820" the|strong="H0045"  
Barhumite;  
32 Elisha|strong="H0455" the|strong="H3083"  
Shaalbonite|strong="H8170";  
the|strong="H3083" sons|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Jashen|strong="H3464";  
Jonathan|strong="H3083"<sup>33</sup> the|strong="H1121"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Shammah|strong="H8048" from|strong="H1121"  
Harar;  
Ahiam|strong="H0279" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Sharar|strong="H8325"  
from|strong="H1121" Harar;  
34 Eliphelet|strong="H0467" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Ahasbai|strong="H0308"  
the|strong="H1121" Maacathite|strong="H4602";  
Eliam|strong="H0463" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Ahithophel|strong="H0302"  
the|strong="H1121" Gilonite|strong="H1526";  
35 Hezro|strong="H2695" the|strong="H2695"  
Carmelite|strong="H3761";

Paarai|strong="H6474" the|strong="H2695" Ar-  
bite|strong="H0701";  
36 Igal|strong="H3008" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Nathan|strong="H5416"  
of|strong="H1121" Zobah|strong="H6678";  
Bani|strong="H1137" the|strong="H5416" Ga-  
dite|strong="H1425";  
37 Zelek|strong="H6768" the|strong="H5375" Am-  
monite|strong="H5984";  
Naharai|strong="H5171" from|strong="H1121"  
Beeroth ( Naharai|strong="H5171" car-  
ried|strong="H5375" the|strong="H5375" ar-  
mor|strong="H3627" for|strong="H3627"  
Joab|strong="H3097" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Zeruiah|strong="H6870");  
38 Ira|strong="H5896" the|strong="H5896"  
Ithrite|strong="H3505";  
Gareb|strong="H1619" the|strong="H5896"  
Ithrite|strong="H3505";  
39 and|strong="H3605" Uriah|strong="H0223"  
the|strong="H3605" Hittite|strong="H2850".  
There|strong="H3605" were 37 in|strong="H3605"  
all|strong="H3605".

#### David Decides to Count His Army

**24** The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
was|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H2734"  
with|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478"  
again|strong="H3254". He|strong="H3068" caused  
David|strong="H1732" to|strong="H0559" turn  
against|strong="H2734" the|strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478". He|strong="H3068"  
told|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732", "Go  
count|strong="H4487" the|strong="H0853" people  
of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478"  
and|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063"."  
2 King|strong="H4428" David said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097",  
the|strong="H3605" captain|strong="H8269"  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605"  
army|strong="H2428", " Go|strong="H4994"  
through|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H7626"  
of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478"  
from|strong="H3478" Dan|strong="H1835"  
to|strong="H0413" Beersheba|strong="H0884", I  
and|strong="H3478" count|strong="H4557"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971".  
Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045"  
how|strong="H0834" many|strong="H4557" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" there|strong="H3605"  
are|strong="H0834"."

3 But|strong="H7200" Joab|strong="H3097"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> DAN TO BEERSHEBA This means the whole nation of Israel, north and south. Dan was a town in the northern part of Israel, and Beersheba was in the southern part of Judah. Also in verse 15.

the king, " May the LORD your God you as people how there And your see thing But do want do

<sup>4</sup> King David ly and the other captains of the army to count the people they went out from the king to count the people of Israel. <sup>5</sup> After they crossed over the Jordan, they made their camp in on the right of city. ( The city in the middle of the valley of Gad, on the way to Jazer.)

<sup>6</sup> Then they went east to Gilead, all the way to Tahtim Hodshi. Then they went north to Dan Jaan and around to Sidon. <sup>7</sup> They went to the fort of Tyre.

They went to all the cities of Hivites and of the Canaanites. Then they went south to Beersheba in the southern part of Judah. <sup>8</sup> It took them nine months and 20 days for them to go through the country. After nine months and 20 days they came back to Jerusalem.

<sup>9</sup> Joab gave the list of the people to the king. There were 800,000 men in Israel who could use the sword. And there were 500,000 men in Judah.

#### The Lord Punishes David

<sup>10</sup> David felt ashamed after he had counted the people and said, " LORD, I have sinned greatly in what I did! LORD, I beg you, forgive me for my sin." I have been very foolish.

<sup>11</sup> When David got up

in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" morn-  
ing|strong="H1242", the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H0559"  
this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697"  
to|strong="H0413" Gad|strong="H1410",  
David's|strong="H1732" seer|strong="H2374": 12 "  
Go|strong="H1980" and|strong="H1980"  
tell|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732", '  
This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":  
There|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992"  
three|strong="H7969" ways you|strong="H5921"  
can|strong="H6213" be|strong="H3068" punished.  
Choose|strong="H0977" the|strong="H0559"  
one|strong="H0259" you|strong="H5921" want."

13 So|strong="H7971" Gad|strong="H1410"  
went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0935"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
him|strong="H0413", "Choose one|strong="H1931"  
of|strong="H0776" these|strong="H1931"  
three|strong="H7969": seven|strong="H7651"<sup>I</sup>  
years|strong="H8141" of|strong="H0776"  
famine|strong="H7458" for|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H0518" and|strong="H0935"  
your|strong="H7200" country|strong="H0776", be-  
ing|strong="H1961" chased|strong="H7291"  
by|strong="H0413" your|strong="H7200" enemies  
for|strong="H0413" three|strong="H7969"  
months|strong="H2320", or|strong="H0518"  
three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117"  
of|strong="H0776" disease|strong="H1697"  
in|strong="H8141" your|strong="H7200" coun-  
try|strong="H0776". Think|strong="H7200"  
about|strong="H1961" it|strong="H1931",  
and|strong="H0935" decide|strong="H7200"  
which|strong="H1931" one|strong="H1931"  
you|strong="H0518" want. I|strong="H0518"  
must|strong="H0518" give|strong="H7725"  
your|strong="H7200" answer|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559"  
one|strong="H1931" who|strong="H1931"  
sent|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413":."

14 David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Gad|strong="H1410", "  
This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
a|strong="H3588" terrible situation  
to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0408"  
in|strong="H0413". But|strong="H3588"  
it|strong="H3588" would|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H0408" better|strong="H3027"  
to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0408" punished  
by|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" than|strong="H7227"  
by|strong="H3027" anyone|strong="H0120"

I SEVEN 1 Chron. 21:12 and the ancient Greek version have "three."

else|strong="H3027", because|strong="H3588"  
he|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
very|strong="H3966" merciful."

15 So|strong="H4480" the|strong="H5414"  
LORD|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H5414"  
a|strong="H5414" disease against|strong="H4480" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478". It|strong="H5414" began  
in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5414" morn-  
ing|strong="H1242" and|strong="H3068" continued  
until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5414" chosen  
time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H5704" stop.  
From|strong="H4480" Dan|strong="H1835"  
to|strong="H5704" Beersheba|strong="H0884"  
70,000 people|strong="H5971" died|strong="H4191".

16 The|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397" raised  
his|strong="H3068" arm|strong="H3027"  
over|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"  
and|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961"  
ready|strong="H6258" to|strong="H0413" de-  
stroy|strong="H7843" it|strong="H1961",  
but|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" felt very|strong="H7227" sor-  
ry|strong="H5162" about|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0559" bad|strong="H7451"  
things|strong="H5973" that|strong="H3068"  
had|strong="H3068" happened|strong="H1961".  
He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" who|strong="H3068" de-  
stroyed|strong="H7843" the|strong="H0559" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971", "That's enough|strong="H7227".  
Put|strong="H7971" down|strong="H7971"  
your|strong="H3068" arm|strong="H3027":."  
The|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" was|strong="H1961"  
by|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" thresh-  
ing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637"  
of|strong="H3068" Araunah|strong="H0728"<sup>II</sup>  
the|strong="H0559" Jebusite|strong="H2983".<sup>III</sup>

#### David|strong="H5973" Buys Araunah's Thresh- ing|strong="H1637" Floor|strong="H1637"

17 When|strong="H1961" he|strong="H6213"  
saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" an-  
gel|strong="H4397" who|strong="H3068"  
killed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971", David|strong="H1732"  
spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".  
David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", "  
I|strong="H0595" sinned|strong="H2398"!  
I|strong="H0595" did|strong="H6213"  
wrong|strong="H2398"! And|strong="H3068"  
these|strong="H0428" people|strong="H5971" only  
did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4100"

II ARAUNAH Also spelled "Ornan." Also in verses 18, 22, 24. III JEBUSITE A person who lived in Jerusalem before the Israelites took the city. "Jebus" was the old name for Jerusalem.

I |strong="H0595" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413"— they |strong="H3068" only followed me |strong="H0413" like |strong="H1961" sheep |strong="H6629". They |strong="H3068" did |strong="H6213" nothing wrong |strong="H2398". Please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H4994" your |strong="H3068" punishment |strong="H3027" be |strong="H1961" against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H1004".

<sup>18</sup> That |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" Gad |strong="H1410" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" build |strong="H6965" an |strong="H0935" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" threshing |strong="H1637" floor |strong="H1637" of |strong="H3068" Araunah |strong="H0728" the |strong="H0559" Jebusite |strong="H2983". <sup>19</sup> So |strong="H5927" David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" Gad |strong="H1410" told |strong="H6680" him |strong="H6680" to |strong="H3068". David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" wanted and |strong="H3068" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H3068" see |strong="H0834" Araunah. <sup>20</sup> Araunah |strong="H0728" looked |strong="H7200" and |strong="H0776" saw |strong="H7200" King |strong="H4428" David and |strong="H0776" his |strong="H5921" officers |strong="H5650" coming |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". Araunah |strong="H0728" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H0776" bowed |strong="H7812" his |strong="H5921" face |strong="H0639" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H0776". <sup>21</sup> He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Why |strong="H4069" has |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" lord |strong="H3068" and |strong="H0935" king |strong="H4428" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"?"

David |strong="H1732" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H5650" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" buy |strong="H7069" the |strong="H0853" threshing |strong="H1637" floor |strong="H1637" from |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5921". Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H5650" can |strong="H0935" build |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" disease will |strong="H3068" stop |strong="H6113"."

<sup>22</sup> Araunah |strong="H0728" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732", " My |strong="H7200" lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H4428" king |strong="H4428", you |strong="H7200" can |strong="H7200" take |strong="H3947" anything |strong="H3627" you |strong="H7200" want for |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3947" sacrifice. Here are |strong="H5869" some oxen |strong="H1241" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H5927", and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" threshing |strong="H4173" boards and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" yokes |strong="H3627" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" wood |strong="H6086". <sup>23</sup> O |strong="H3068" King |strong="H4428", I |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" everything |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5414"! Araunah |strong="H0728" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428", " May |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" be |strong="H3068" pleased |strong="H7521" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5414"."

<sup>24</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Araunah |strong="H0728", " No |strong="H3808"! I |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" pay |strong="H3701" you |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" everything. I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" offer |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" that |strong="H3588" cost |strong="H4242" me |strong="H0413" nothing |strong="H3808"."

So |strong="H3808" David |strong="H1732" bought |strong="H7069" the |strong="H0853" threshing |strong="H1637" floor |strong="H1637" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" oxen |strong="H1241" for |strong="H3588" 50 shekels |strong="H8255" of |strong="H4428" silver |strong="H3701". <sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H5927" David |strong="H1732" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" there |strong="H8033" and |strong="H3068" offered |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H3068" peace |strong="H8002" offerings |strong="H8002".

The LORD answered his prayer for the country.

He stopped the disease in Israel.

# 1 Kings

## Adonijah Wants to Be King

**1** King David was very old and could not keep warm. His servants covered him with blankets, but he was still cold. **2** So they said to him, "We will find a young woman to care for you." She will lie next to you and keep you warm." **3** So the king's servants began looking everywhere in the country of Israel for a beautiful young woman to keep the king warm. They found a young woman named Abishag, from the town of Shunem, and brought her to the king. **4** She was very beautiful. She cared for the king and served him, but King David did not have sexual re-

lations with her.

**5** Adonijah was the son of King David and his wife Haggith. He was born after Absalom. Adonijah was a very handsome man. King David never corrected his son Adonijah, and he never made him explain his actions. Adonijah became very proud and decided that he would be the next king. He wanted very much to be the king, so he got himself a chariot, horses, and 50 men to run ahead of him.

**7** Adonijah talked with Joab son of Zeruah and Abiathar the priest. They decided to help make him the new king, but several important men did not join Adonijah. They were Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Rei, and King David's special guard. **1**

**9** One day, at Zoheleth near En Rogel, Adonijah sacrificed some sheep, cattle, and fat calves as a fellowship offering. He invited his brothers (the other sons of King David) and all the officers from Ju-

**I** SHIMEI, REI ... GUARD Or "Shimei and his friends, the Heroes."

**II** EN ROGEL A spring of water in the valley south of Jerusalem, about 1/4 mile from Gihon Spring.



dah|strong="H3063". <sup>10</sup> But|strong="H3808" he|strong="H8010" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" invite|strong="H7121" his|strong="H7121" brother|strong="H0251" Solomon|strong="H8010", Nathan|strong="H5416" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H5030", Benaiah|strong="H1141", or|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H1368" in|strong="H0251" the|strong="H0853" king's special guard.

#### Nathan|strong="H5416" Advises Bathsheba

<sup>11</sup> When|strong="H3588" Nathan|strong="H5416" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3588", he|strong="H3588" went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Solomon's|strong="H8010" mother|strong="H0517" Bathsheba|strong="H1339" and|strong="H1121" asked|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0413", " Have|strong="H3045" you|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H3045" Haggith's|strong="H2294" son|strong="H1121", Adonijah|strong="H0138", is|strong="H1121" doing? He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1121" making himself|strong="H3045" king|strong="H4427". And|strong="H1121" our|strong="H3588" master|strong="H0113", King|strong="H4427" David|strong="H1732", knows|strong="H3045" nothing|strong="H3808" about|strong="H0413" it|strong="H3588". <sup>12</sup> You|strong="H0853" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H4994" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010" are|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5315" danger, but|strong="H6258" I|strong="H6258" will|strong="H1121" tell|strong="H4994" you|strong="H0853" what to|strong="H1121" do|strong="H4994" to|strong="H1121" save|strong="H4422" yourself|strong="H5315". <sup>13</sup> Go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H1121" tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", ' My|strong="H5921" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H1121" king|strong="H4428", you|strong="H0859" promised|strong="H7650" me|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588" my|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010" would|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" after|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0859". So|strong="H3808" why|strong="H4069" is|strong="H1931" Adonijah|strong="H0138" becoming the|strong="H0559" new king|strong="H4428"? <sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H1696" while|strong="H5750" you|strong="H5973" are|strong="H1697" still|strong="H5750" talking|strong="H1696" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0853", I|strong="H0589"

will|strong="H4428" come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935". After|strong="H0310" you|strong="H5973" leave I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H4428" tell|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" what|strong="H1697" has|strong="H4428" happened|strong="H1697". This|strong="H1697" will|strong="H4428" show|strong="H5973" that|strong="H1697" what|strong="H1697" you|strong="H5973" said|strong="H1696" is|strong="H2009" true."

<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H0935" Bathsheba|strong="H1339" went|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" in|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" bedroom|strong="H2315". The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" was|strong="H4428" very|strong="H3966" old|strong="H2204". Abishag|strong="H0049", the|strong="H0853" girl from|strong="H0935" Shunem, was|strong="H4428" caring for|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" there. <sup>16</sup> Bathsheba|strong="H1339" bowed|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" before the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428". The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" asked|strong="H0559", " What|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0559" do|strong="H4100" for|strong="H4428" you|strong="H4100"?"

<sup>17</sup> Bathsheba answered|strong="H0559", " Sir|strong="H0113", you|strong="H0859" used|strong="H7650" the|strong="H0559" name|strong="H0559" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H1121" made|strong="H7650" a|strong="H3588" promise|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5921". You|strong="H0859" said|strong="H0559", ' Your|strong="H3068" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4427" after|strong="H0310" me|strong="H5921". He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" sit|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3068" throne|strong="H3678". <sup>18</sup> Now|strong="H6258", you|strong="H3045" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" this|strong="H6258", but|strong="H3808" Adonijah|strong="H0138" is|strong="H2009" making himself|strong="H3045" king|strong="H4428". <sup>19</sup> He|strong="H3808" is|strong="H3605" giving a|strong="H7121" big fellowship meal. He|strong="H3808" has|strong="H6635" killed many|strong="H7230" cattle|strong="H7794" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" best

sheep|strong="H6629", and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3808" has|strong="H6635" invited|strong="H7121" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H5650" the|strong="H3605" meal. He|strong="H3808" also|strong="H8010" invited|strong="H7121" Abiathar|strong="H0054" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" and|strong="H1121" Joab|strong="H3097", the|strong="H3605" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3605" army|strong="H6635", but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" invite|strong="H7121" your|strong="H3605" faithful son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010".<sup>20</sup> Now|strong="H0310", my|strong="H3605" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H3478" king|strong="H4428", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" are|strong="H3478" watching|strong="H5869" you|strong="H0859". They|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3478" waiting for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H5921" decide who|strong="H4310" will|strong="H4310" be|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" next|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" after|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0859".<sup>21</sup> If|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5973" don't decide, then|strong="H1961" after|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5973" are|strong="H1121" buried, these men|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1961" say that|strong="H1961" Solomon|strong="H8010" and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0589" are|strong="H1121" criminals|strong="H2400".

<sup>22</sup> While|strong="H5750" Bathsheba was|strong="H4428" still|strong="H5750" talking|strong="H1696" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0935" king|strong="H4428", Nathan|strong="H5416" the|strong="H0935" prophet|strong="H5030" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" see|strong="H2009" him|strong="H5973".<sup>23</sup> The|strong="H0559" servants told|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428", "Nathan|strong="H5416" the|strong="H0559" prophet|strong="H5030" is|strong="H0776" here|strong="H2009". Nathan|strong="H5416" went|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0559" speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428". He|strong="H5921" bowed|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428"<sup>24</sup> and|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559", "My|strong="H5921" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428", did you|strong="H0859" announce|strong="H0559"

that|strong="H1931" Adonijah|strong="H0138" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H0113" the|strong="H0559" new king|strong="H4428" after|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0859"? Have|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" decided|strong="H0559" that|strong="H1931" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H4428" rule|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3427" now|strong="H0310"?<sup>25</sup> Today|strong="H3117" he|strong="H3588" went|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" into|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3605" valley to|strong="H0559" offer|strong="H2076" many|strong="H7230" cattle|strong="H7794" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" best sheep|strong="H6629" as|strong="H7230" fellowship offerings|strong="H3588". He|strong="H3588" invited|strong="H7121" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121", the|strong="H3605" commanders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H6635", and|strong="H1121" Abiathar|strong="H0054" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548". They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3117" now|strong="H2009" eating|strong="H0398" and|strong="H1121" drinking|strong="H8354" with|strong="H3117" him|strong="H6440". And|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3117" saying|strong="H0559", 'Long|strong="H3117" live|strong="H2421" King|strong="H4428" Adonijah|strong="H0138"!'<sup>26</sup> But|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" invite|strong="H7121" me|strong="H7121", or|strong="H3808" Zadok|strong="H6659" the|strong="H0589" priest|strong="H3548", or|strong="H3808" Benaiah|strong="H1141" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehoiada|strong="H3077", or|strong="H3808" your|strong="H3808" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010".<sup>27</sup> My|strong="H5921" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428", did|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0518" do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H2088" without|strong="H3808" telling us|strong="H5921"? Please tell|strong="H3045" us|strong="H5921", who|strong="H4310" will|strong="H4310" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" after|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0518"?"

<sup>28</sup> Then|strong="H6030" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", "Tell|strong="H0559" Bathsheba|strong="H1339" to|strong="H0559" come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935"! So|strong="H7121" she|strong="H7121" came|strong="H0935"

in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" stood|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428".

<sup>29</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" made|strong="H7650" a|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H7650": " The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" saved me|strong="H5315" from|strong="H5315" every|strong="H3605" danger|strong="H6869". As|strong="H0834" surely|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" lives|strong="H5315", I|strong="H0834" make this|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834". <sup>30</sup> Today|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" you|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" past. I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H7650" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" power|strong="H3478" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" that|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3068" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010" would|strong="H3478" be|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4427" after|strong="H0310" me|strong="H5921". I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H7650" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3478" take|strong="H7650" my|strong="H3068" place|strong="H8478" on|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3068" throne|strong="H3678", and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" keep|strong="H6213" my|strong="H3068" promise|strong="H7650"! "

<sup>31</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Bathsheba|strong="H1339" bowed|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" before|strong="H0639" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H0776" said|strong="H0559", " Long|strong="H5769" live|strong="H2421" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732"! "

#### Solomon Is|strong="H0776" Anointed King|strong="H4428"

<sup>32</sup> Then|strong="H0935" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", " Tell|strong="H0559" Zadok|strong="H6659" the|strong="H0559" priest|strong="H3548", Nathan|strong="H5416" the|strong="H0559" prophet|strong="H5030", and|strong="H1121" Bena-

iah|strong="H1141" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehoiada|strong="H3077" to|strong="H0559" come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" here." So|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0559" three men|strong="H1121" came|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" meet|strong="H6440" with|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428". <sup>33</sup> Then|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " Take|strong="H3947" my|strong="H5921" officers|strong="H5650" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834". Put|strong="H7392" my|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010" on|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" mule|strong="H6506" and|strong="H1121" take|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" Gihon|strong="H1521" Spring. <sup>34</sup> There|strong="H8033" Zadok|strong="H6659" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3478" Nathan|strong="H5416" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H5030" will|strong="H4428" anoint|strong="H4886" him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" new king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". Blow|strong="H8628" the|strong="H0853" trumpet|strong="H7782" and|strong="H3478" announce|strong="H0559", 'This is|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" new king|strong="H4428", Solomon|strong="H8010"! ' <sup>35</sup> Then|strong="H1961" come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0310" here|strong="H5921" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H5921". Solomon will|strong="H1961" sit|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" throne|strong="H3678" and|strong="H0935" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" new king|strong="H4427" in|strong="H3427" my|strong="H5921" place|strong="H8478". I|strong="H6680" have|strong="H1961" chosen him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" ruler|strong="H5057" of|strong="H3427" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063". "

<sup>36</sup> Benaiah|strong="H1141" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehoiada|strong="H3077" answered|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428", " Amen|strong="H0543"! It|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" true|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" if|strong="H1121"

<sup>1</sup> GIHON SPRING A spring of water just outside the city walls in the valley east of Jerusalem. It was the main source of water for the city of Jerusalem.

the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" himself had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" it |strong="H3651", my |strong="H3068" lord |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4428".<sup>37</sup> My |strong="H3068" lord |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" king |strong="H4428", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" been |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H3068" now |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" Solomon |strong="H8010"! And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" King |strong="H4428" Solomon's |strong="H8010" kingdom |strong="H4428" will |strong="H3068" grow |strong="H1431" and |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" even |strong="H3651" more |strong="H3651" powerful than |strong="H4428" yours, my |strong="H3068" lord |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" king |strong="H4428".

<sup>38</sup> So |strong="H3381" Zadok |strong="H6659", Nathan |strong="H5416", Benaiah |strong="H1141", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" officers obeyed King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732". They |strong="H5921" put |strong="H7392" Solomon |strong="H8010" on |strong="H5921" David's |strong="H1732" mule |strong="H6506" and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H3381" with |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" Gihon |strong="H1521" Spring.<sup>39</sup> Zadok |strong="H6659" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" carried |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" oil |strong="H8081" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H4428" poured |strong="H4886" it |strong="H3947" on |strong="H3605" Solomon's |strong="H8010" head to |strong="H0559" show that |strong="H3605" he |strong="H4480" was |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" new king |strong="H4428". They |strong="H0559" blew |strong="H8628" the |strong="H3605" trumpet |strong="H7782" and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" shouted, "Long live |strong="H2421" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010"!"<sup>40</sup> Then |strong="H0310" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" followed |strong="H0310" Solomon back |strong="H0310" into |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" city. They |strong="H0310" were |strong="H0776" very |strong="H1419" happy |strong="H8056" and |strong="H0776" excited. They |strong="H0310" were |strong="H0776" play-

ing |strong="H2490" flutes |strong="H2485" and |strong="H0776" making |strong="H3605" so |strong="H5927" much |strong="H3605" noise |strong="H6963" that |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776" shook |strong="H1234".

<sup>41</sup> Meanwhile, Adonijah |strong="H0138" and |strong="H0398" his |strong="H3605" guests |strong="H7121" were |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" finishing their |strong="H3605" meal. They |strong="H1992" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" sound |strong="H6963" of |strong="H6963" the |strong="H3605" trumpet |strong="H7782", and |strong="H0398" Joab |strong="H3097" asked |strong="H0559", "What |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" noise |strong="H6963"? What |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" happening in |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H7151"?"

<sup>42</sup> While |strong="H5750" Joab |strong="H0559" was |strong="H0376" still |strong="H5750" speaking |strong="H1696", Jonathan |strong="H3129", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abiathar |strong="H0054" the |strong="H0559" priest |strong="H3548", arrived |strong="H0935". Adonijah |strong="H0138" said |strong="H0559", "Come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2009"! You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3588" good |strong="H2896" man |strong="H0376",<sup>1</sup> so |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H1121" be |strong="H5750" bringing |strong="H0935" good |strong="H2896" news |strong="H1319".

<sup>43</sup> But |strong="H6030" Jonathan |strong="H3129" answered |strong="H0559", "No |strong="H0061", it is |strong="H4428" not |strong="H1732" good news |strong="H0559" for |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0853"! King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" has |strong="H4428" made Solomon |strong="H8010" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4428".<sup>44</sup> King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H7971" sent |strong="H7971" Zadok |strong="H6659" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548", Nathan |strong="H5416" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030", Benaiah |strong="H1141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077", and |strong="H1121" all the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" officers with |strong="H0854" Solomon |strong="H7971" out |strong="H7971" to |strong="H5921" Gihon Spring. They |strong="H5921" put |strong="H7971" Solomon |strong="H7971" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" mule |strong="H6506".<sup>45</sup> Zadok |strong="H6659"

<sup>1</sup> GOOD MAN Or "important man." This Hebrew word means a person from an important family.

the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon at Gihon Spring and then went back into the city of H7151. The people followed them, and now everyone in the city is celebrating. That is the noise you hear.<sup>46</sup> Solomon is sitting on the king's throne and the king's officers are congratulating King David, saying, 'King David, you are a great king! And now we pray that your God will make Solomon a great king too. We pray your God will make him even more famous than you. And we pray that his kingdom will be even greater than yours is! Even King David was there. From his bed, the king bowed before Solomon<sup>48</sup> and said, 'Praise the LORD God of Israel. He has put one of my own sons on throne, and he let me live to see it.'

<sup>49</sup> All Adonijah's guests were and<sup>50</sup> Adonijah was also of Solomon, so he went to the altar and held onto the horns of the altar.<sup>51</sup> Then someone told Solomon, "Adonijah is afraid of you, King Solomon." He is

the Holy Tent holding onto the horns of the altar, and he refuses to leave. Adonijah says, 'Tell King Solomon to promise that he will not kill me.'

<sup>52</sup> So Solomon answered, "If Adonijah shows that he is a good man, I will promise that I will not hurt him. But if he does anything wrong, he will die." <sup>53</sup> Then King Solomon sent some men to get Adonijah and brought him in. He approached the king and bowed before him. Then Solomon said, "Go home."

### King David Dies

**2** The time came for David to die, so he gave these commands to Solomon,<sup>2</sup> "I am about to die, like all men must. But you are growing and becoming a man. Now, carefully

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Carefully |strong="H6213" obey |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H8451", commands |strong="H4687", decisions |strong="H4941", and |strong="H3068" agreements. Obey |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H0430" Moses |strong="H4872". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0834", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" successful |strong="H7919" at |strong="H3068" whatever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" and |strong="H3068" wherever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" go. <sup>4</sup> And |strong="H1121" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H8104" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" keep |strong="H8104" his |strong="H3605" promise |strong="H1697" about |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5315". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", ' If |strong="H0518" your |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121" carefully |strong="H8104" live |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870" I |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", sincerely, with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3824", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H3678" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" always be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3772" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" family.' "

<sup>5</sup> David also |strong="H1571" said, " You |strong="H0859" remember what |strong="H0834" Joab |strong="H3097" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruiah |strong="H6870" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3478" me |strong="H5414". He |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2026" two |strong="H8147" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" commanders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" Israel's |strong="H3478" army |strong="H6635", Abner |strong="H0074" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ner |strong="H5369" and |strong="H1121" Amasa |strong="H6021" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jether |strong="H3500". Remember, it |strong="H7760" was |strong="H0834" during a |strong="H5414" time |strong="H3478"

of |strong="H1121" peace |strong="H7965" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" spilled the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" that |strong="H0834" splattered onto his |strong="H5414" sword belt and |strong="H1121" army |strong="H6635" boots. I |strong="H0834" should |strong="H6213" have |strong="H0834" punished him |strong="H5414" then |strong="H0853". <sup>6</sup> Use your |strong="H3808" wisdom |strong="H2451", but |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3381" him |strong="H3381" die peacefully |strong="H7965" of |strong="H2451" old |strong="H7872" age |strong="H7872".

<sup>7</sup> " Also |strong="H6213", be |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" children |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Barzillai |strong="H1271" from |strong="H6440" Gilead. Be |strong="H1961" friends with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", and |strong="H1121" let |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398" at |strong="H0413" your |strong="H6440" table |strong="H7979", because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" helped me |strong="H0413" when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" from |strong="H6440" your |strong="H6440" brother |strong="H0251" Absalom |strong="H0053".

<sup>8</sup> " And |strong="H1121" remember, Shimei |strong="H8096" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Gera |strong="H1617" is |strong="H3068" still |strong="H0559" around. He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Benjamite |strong="H1145" from |strong="H3381" Bahurim |strong="H0980" who |strong="H1931" cursed |strong="H7043" me |strong="H5973" when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0518" ran away |strong="H5973" to |strong="H0559" Mahanaim |strong="H4266". But |strong="H0518" when |strong="H3117" he |strong="H1931" came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0559" meet |strong="H7125" me |strong="H5973" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Jordan |strong="H3383" River, I |strong="H0518" made |strong="H7650" a |strong="H0518" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5973" before |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0518" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0518" kill |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5973". <sup>9</sup> Now |strong="H6258", don't |strong="H0408" leave |strong="H5352" him |strong="H0853" unpunished |strong="H5352". You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" wise |strong="H2450" man |strong="H0376". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834"

know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" do|strong="H6213", but|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" him|strong="H0853" die peacefully of|strong="H0376" old|strong="H7872" age|strong="H7872".

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H1732" David|strong="H1732" died and|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1732" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H6912" the|strong="H5973" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0001" David|strong="H1732". <sup>11</sup> David|strong="H1732" ruled|strong="H4427" Israel|strong="H3478" 40 years|strong="H8141". He|strong="H0834" ruled|strong="H4427" seven|strong="H7651" years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H5921" Hebron|strong="H2275" and|strong="H3478" 33 years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

#### Solomon and|strong="H3478" Adonijah

<sup>12</sup> Now Solomon|strong="H8010" was|strong="H1732" king|strong="H4428". He|strong="H1732" sat|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" throne|strong="H3678" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H4428" was|strong="H1732" in|strong="H3427" complete control of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5921" kingdom|strong="H4428".

<sup>13</sup> One|strong="H1121" day Adonijah|strong="H0138", the|strong="H0559" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Haggith|strong="H2294", went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Solomon's|strong="H8010" mother|strong="H0517", Bathsheba|strong="H1339". She|strong="H0517" asked|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", " Do|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" peace|strong="H7965"?"

Adonijah|strong="H0138" answered|strong="H0559", "Yes, this|strong="H0935" is|strong="H1121" a|strong="H0935" peaceful|strong="H7965" visit|strong="H0935". <sup>14</sup> I|strong="H1697" have|strong="H1697" something|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" ask|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0413"."

Bathsheba said|strong="H0559", " Then|strong="H1696" speak|strong="H1696"."

<sup>15</sup> Adonijah said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" at|strong="H5921" one|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" kingdom|strong="H4410" was|strong="H1961" mine. All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3045" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" wanted

me|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4427". But|strong="H3588" things|strong="H3605" have|strong="H1961" changed|strong="H5437", and|strong="H3068" now|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" brother|strong="H0251" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4427". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" chose him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" king|strong="H4427". <sup>16</sup> But|strong="H1696" now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H6258" one|strong="H0259" thing|strong="H0259" to|strong="H0413" ask|strong="H7592" you|strong="H6440". Please|strong="H0595" don't|strong="H0408" refuse|strong="H7725" me|strong="H0413"."

Bathsheba answered|strong="H0559", " What|strong="H1696" do|strong="H0408" you|strong="H6440" want?"

<sup>17</sup> Adonijah said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3588" know that|strong="H3588" King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" will|strong="H4428" do|strong="H4994" whatever you|strong="H3588" ask|strong="H0559". So|strong="H5414" please|strong="H4994" ask|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H5414" marry|strong="H0802" Abishag|strong="H0049", the|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H0802" from|strong="H7725" Shunem."

<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H1696" Bathsheba|strong="H1339" said|strong="H0559", "Very well|strong="H2896", I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H4428" speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921"."

<sup>19</sup> So|strong="H6965" Bathsheba|strong="H1339" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" to|strong="H0413" talk|strong="H1696" with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". When|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" saw her|strong="H0413", he|strong="H8010" stood|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965", bowed|strong="H7812" before|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413", and|strong="H0935" then|strong="H6965" sat|strong="H3427" back|strong="H0935" down|strong="H7812". He|strong="H8010" told|strong="H1696" some servants to|strong="H0413" bring|strong="H0935" another throne|strong="H3678" for|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" mother|strong="H0517", and|strong="H0935" she|strong="H0517"

sat down at his right side.

<sup>20</sup> Bathsheba said to him, "I have one small thing to ask of you. Please don't refuse me."

The king answered, "Ask whatever you want, mother. I will refuse you not."

<sup>21</sup> So Bathsheba said to your brother Adonijah Abishag the woman from Shunem.

<sup>22</sup> King Solomon answered his mother, "Why are you asking to give Abishag to Adonijah? Why don't you just ask me to give him the whole kingdom? After all, he is my older brother, and both Abiathar the priest and Joab support him!"

<sup>23</sup> Then Solomon said, "By the LORD, I swear I'll make Adonijah pay for this with his life!" <sup>24</sup> The LORD made me king of Israel. He gave me the throne of

my father David. The LORD kept his promise and gave the kingdom to me and my family. Now, as surely as the LORD lives, I swear I will die today!"

<sup>25</sup> King Solomon gave the command to Benaiah, and Benaiah went out and killed Adonijah.

<sup>26</sup> Then King Solomon said to Abiathar the priest, "I should you, but I will let you go back to home in Anathoth. I will not kill you now because you helped carry the Holy Box of the LORD while marching with my father David." And I know that in hard times with my father David. So told that he could not continue to serve as a priest of the LORD. This happened as the LORD said it



would|strong="H3068" when|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" told|strong="H1696" Eli|strong="H5941" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" what|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" happen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1696" him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5921" family|strong="H1004".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>28</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" had|strong="H3068" supported|strong="H0310" Adonijah|strong="H0138", but|strong="H3588" not|strong="H3808" Absalom|strong="H0053". But|strong="H3588" when|strong="H3588" Joab|strong="H3097" heard|strong="H3588" what|strong="H8052" happened|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Abiathar, he|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" frightened and|strong="H0935" ran|strong="H5127" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" tent|strong="H0168" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" hold|strong="H2388" on- to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" horns|strong="H7161" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" altar|strong="H4196".<sup>29</sup> Some- one told|strong="H5046" King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" that|strong="H3588" Joab|strong="H3097" was|strong="H3068" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" al- tar|strong="H4196" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Tent|strong="H0168". So|strong="H7971" Solomon|strong="H8010" ordered|strong="H0559" Benaiah|strong="H1141" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971" and|strong="H1121" kill|strong="H6293" him|strong="H0413".

<sup>30</sup> Benaiah|strong="H1141" went|strong="H3318" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Tent|strong="H0168" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Joab|strong="H3097", " The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" says|strong="H0559", ' Come|strong="H0935" out|strong="H3318"!"

But|strong="H3588" Joab|strong="H3097" answered|strong="H0559", " No|strong="H3808", I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191" here|strong="H6311"."

Benaiah|strong="H1141" went|strong="H3318" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H0935" told|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" what|strong="H1697" Joab|strong="H3097" had|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559".<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" commanded|strong="H0559" Benaiah, " Do|strong="H6213" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" says|strong="H0559"!"

<sup>1</sup> THIS ... FAMILY See 1 Sam. 2:27-36.

Kill|strong="H6293" him|strong="H5921" there|strong="H0834" and|strong="H4428" take|strong="H5493" him|strong="H5921" out|strong="H8210" to|strong="H0559" bury|strong="H6912" him|strong="H5921". Then|strong="H1696" my|strong="H5921" fami- ly|strong="H1004" and|strong="H4428" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0001" free|strong="H2600" of|strong="H4428" Joab's|strong="H3097" guilt|strong="H1818" from|strong="H5493" killing|strong="H8210" innocent|strong="H2600" peo- ple|strong="H0834".<sup>32</sup> Joab killed|strong="H2026" two|strong="H8147" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" much|strong="H0834" better|strong="H2896" than|strong="H4480" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H2026" Abner|strong="H0074" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ner|strong="H5369", the|strong="H0853" comman- der|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H6635" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", and|strong="H1121" Amasa|strong="H6021" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jether|strong="H3500", the|strong="H0853" comman- der|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H6635" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" without|strong="H3808" my|strong="H3068" father's|strong="H0001" knowl- edge|strong="H3045". But|strong="H3808" now the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" punish Joab for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376" he|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H2026".<sup>33</sup> He|strong="H5704" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004" will|strong="H3068" always|strong="H5769" be|strong="H1961" guilty for|strong="H1004" their|strong="H3068" deaths. But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7725" peace|strong="H7965" to|strong="H5704" David|strong="H1732", his|strong="H3068" descen- dants|strong="H2233", his|strong="H3068" fami- ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" kings, and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" kingdom forever|strong="H5769"."

<sup>34</sup> So|strong="H5927" Benaiah|strong="H1141" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehoia- da|strong="H3077" killed|strong="H4191" Joab, and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H1004" was|strong="H1004" buried|strong="H6912" near his|strong="H4191" home|strong="H1004" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5927"

desert |strong="H4057". <sup>35</sup> Solomon then |strong="H0853" made |strong="H5414" Benaiah |strong="H1141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" the |strong="H0853" commander of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H6635" in |strong="H5921" Joab's place |strong="H8478". Solomon also |strong="H0853" made |strong="H5414" Zadok |strong="H6659" the |strong="H0853" new high priest |strong="H3548" in |strong="H5921" Abiathar's |strong="H0054" place |strong="H8478". <sup>36</sup> Next |strong="H7971", the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" sent |strong="H7971" for |strong="H7121" Shimei |strong="H8096" and |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H7971", "Build |strong="H1129" yourself |strong="H8033" a |strong="H1129" house |strong="H1004" here |strong="H8033" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" to |strong="H0559" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" and |strong="H4428" don't |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559" city. <sup>37</sup> If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" leave |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" city and |strong="H3117" go |strong="H3318" any |strong="H1961" further than |strong="H3588" Kidron |strong="H6939" Brook |strong="H5158", you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H4191", and |strong="H3117" it |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3045" own |strong="H1961" fault." <sup>38</sup> Shimei |strong="H8096" answered |strong="H0559", "Yes |strong="H3651", my |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834". So |strong="H3651" Shimei |strong="H8096" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H1696" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117". <sup>39</sup> But |strong="H1961" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141" later |strong="H7093", two |strong="H8147" of |strong="H1121" Shimei's slaves |strong="H5650" ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272". They |strong="H0559" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Achish |strong="H0397" of |strong="H1121" Gath |strong="H1661", who |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Maacah |strong="H4601". Shimei |strong="H8096" heard |strong="H5046" that |strong="H8141" his |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650" were |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" Gath |strong="H1661", <sup>40</sup> so |strong="H6965"

he |strong="H0853" saddled |strong="H2280" his |strong="H0935" donkey |strong="H2543" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" King Achish |strong="H0397" at |strong="H0413" Gath |strong="H1661" to |strong="H0413" find |strong="H1245" them |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0853" found them |strong="H0413" there and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0935" home.

<sup>41</sup> But |strong="H3588" someone told |strong="H5046" Solomon |strong="H8010" that |strong="H3588" Shimei |strong="H8096" had |strong="H8010" left |strong="H1980" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H1980" gone |strong="H1980" to |strong="H1980" Gath |strong="H1661" and |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725". <sup>42</sup> So |strong="H1980" Solomon |strong="H7971" sent |strong="H7971" for |strong="H3588" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1980" said |strong="H0559", "I |strong="H3588" made |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H1697" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H0559" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" leave |strong="H1980" Jerusalem. And |strong="H1980" I |strong="H3588" warned |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" went |strong="H1980" anywhere |strong="H0575", you |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191". And |strong="H1980" you |strong="H3588" agreed |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" what |strong="H1697" I |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559". You |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0413". <sup>43</sup> So |strong="H3808" why |strong="H4069" didn't |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H8104" me |strong="H5921"? Why |strong="H4069" did |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" break your |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"? <sup>44</sup> You |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732". Now |strong="H0859" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" punish you |strong="H0859" for |strong="H0413" it |strong="H7725". <sup>45</sup> But |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068"

will|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" me|strong="H6440" and|strong="H3068" keep David's|strong="H1732" throne|strong="H3678" before|strong="H6440" him|strong="H6440" forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>46</sup> Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" ordered|strong="H6680" Benaiah|strong="H1141" to|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191" Shimei, and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H8010" did. So|strong="H3318" Solomon|strong="H8010" had|strong="H8010" full|strong="H3559" control|strong="H3027" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3027" kingdom|strong="H4467".

### Solomon Asks for Wisdom

**3** Solomon|strong="H8010" made|strong="H1129" a|strong="H3947" peace treaty with|strong="H0854" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714", by|strong="H3068" marrying his|strong="H3947" daughter|strong="H1323". Solomon|strong="H8010" brought|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732". This|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" when|strong="H0935" Solomon|strong="H8010" was|strong="H3068" still|strong="H5704" building|strong="H1129" his|strong="H3947" palace|strong="H1004", the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346" around|strong="H5439" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".  
<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H3588" Temple|strong="H1004" to|strong="H5704" honor|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" yet|strong="H3588" been|strong="H3808" finished, so|strong="H3808" people|strong="H5971" were|strong="H1992" still|strong="H5704" making animal sacrifices|strong="H2076" on|strong="H3117" altars at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116".  
<sup>3</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" showed that|strong="H1931" he|strong="H1931" loved|strong="H0157" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" by|strong="H3068" obeying everything his|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001" David|strong="H1732" told him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3068" do, except|strong="H7535" that|strong="H1931" Solomon|strong="H8010" continued to|strong="H3068" go to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" to|strong="H3068" of-

fer|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" burn|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999".

<sup>4</sup> King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5921" Gibeon|strong="H1391" to|strong="H5921" offer|strong="H5927" a|strong="H3588" sacrifice|strong="H2076" because|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1931" the|strong="H5921" most|strong="H4428" important|strong="H1419" high|strong="H1116" place|strong="H1116". He|strong="H1931" offered|strong="H5927" a|strong="H3588" thousand|strong="H0505" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3588" altar|strong="H4196".  
<sup>5</sup> While Solomon|strong="H8010" was|strong="H3068" at|strong="H0413" Gibeon|strong="H1391", the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" at|strong="H0413" night|strong="H3915" in|strong="H0413" a|strong="H5414" dream|strong="H2472". God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", "Solomon|strong="H8010", ask|strong="H7592" me|strong="H0413" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5414" want me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414"."

<sup>6</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" answered|strong="H0559", "You|strong="H0859" were|strong="H0834" very|strong="H2088" kind and|strong="H1980" loyal|strong="H2617" to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H5414" servant|strong="H5650", my|strong="H8104" father|strong="H0001" David|strong="H1732". He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" faithful|strong="H2617" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1980" lived|strong="H3427" a|strong="H5414" good, honest|strong="H2617" life|strong="H3117". And|strong="H1980" you|strong="H0859" showed|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" greatest|strong="H1419" kindness|strong="H2617" when|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0859" let|strong="H5414" his|strong="H8104" son|strong="H1121" take|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" place|strong="H5414" as|strong="H0834" king|strong="H3678".  
<sup>7</sup> LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0001" made|strong="H3045" me|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4427" in|strong="H0935" my|strong="H3068" father's|strong="H0001" place|strong="H8478", but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" like|strong="H3318"

a child I don't have the wisdom I need to do what I must do. I am your servant here among your chosen people. There are many that they cannot be counted. So I ask you to give me the wisdom to rule and judge them and help me know the difference between right and wrong. Without such great wisdom, it would be impossible to rule this great nation."

<sup>10</sup> The LORD was that asked Solomon

<sup>11</sup> So God said him, "You did ask long and for yourself. You did not ask for the death of your enemies. You asked for the wisdom to listen and make the right decisions." <sup>12</sup> So I will give you

what you asked for. I will make you wise and intelligent. I will make you wiser than anyone who ever lived or will live. And I will also give you what you did ask for. You have and all your life will be no other king the world as great as you. And I will give you a long life if you follow me and obey my laws and commands as your father David did."

<sup>15</sup> Solomon woke up and knew that God had spoken to him in a dream. Then Solomon went to Jerusalem and stood before the Box of Agreement. He offered a burnt offering and fellowship offerings to the Lord and then

gave *a* party for all his officials.

### Proof of Solomon's Wisdom

<sup>16</sup> One day two prostitutes came to Solomon and stood before the king. <sup>17</sup> One of the women said, "Sir, this woman and I live in the same house. We were both pregnant and ready to give birth to our babies. I had my baby while she was with me. Three days later she also gave birth to her baby. There was one else in the house with us, just two of us." <sup>19</sup> One night this woman was asleep with her baby, the baby died. <sup>20</sup> That night I was asleep, she took my son from me and put him in her bed. Then she put the dead baby in her

bed. <sup>21</sup> In the morning I woke up and was about to feed the baby when I saw he was dead. When I looked at him more closely, I saw that he was not my baby.

<sup>22</sup> But the other woman said, "No! The dead baby is yours, and the one still alive is mine!"

But the first woman said, "No, you are wrong! The dead baby is yours! The one that is still alive is mine." So the two women argued in front of the king.

<sup>23</sup> Then King Solomon said, "Each of you says that the living baby is your own and that the dead baby belongs to the other woman." <sup>24</sup> Then King Solomon sent his servant to get a sword. <sup>25</sup> He told the servant, "Cut the liv-

ing |strong="H2416" baby in |strong="H4428" two |strong="H8147" and |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5414" one |strong="H0259" half |strong="H2677" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" baby to |strong="H0559" each |strong="H0259" woman."

<sup>26</sup> The |strong="H0853" second woman |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559", " Yes |strong="H3588", cut |strong="H1504" him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H5921" two |strong="H3808". Then |strong="H1961" neither |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1121" us |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0413"." But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" first woman |strong="H0802", the |strong="H0853" real mother, loved her |strong="H0413" son |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428", "Please, sir |strong="H0113", don't |strong="H0408" kill |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" baby |strong="H1121"! Give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413"."

<sup>27</sup> Then |strong="H6030" King |strong="H4428" Solomon said |strong="H0559", " Stop |strong="H3808", don't |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" baby. Give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H1931" woman. She |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H0853" real mother |strong="H0517"."

<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" respected the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H8085" this |strong="H3588" decision |strong="H4941". They |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" wisdom |strong="H2451" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430"<sup>1</sup> to |strong="H3478" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H4941" decisions |strong="H4941".

### Solomon's Kingdom

**4** King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" ruled |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>2</sup> These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" names of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0834" leading |strong="H8269" officials |strong="H8269".

<sup>1</sup> THE WISDOM OF GOD Or "very great wisdom."

Azariah |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zadok |strong="H6659" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548";  
<sup>3</sup> Elihoreph |strong="H0456" and |strong="H1121" Ahijah |strong="H0281", sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shisha |strong="H7894", had |strong="H1121" the |strong="H2142" job of |strong="H1121" writing notes about |strong="H5608" what happened in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H2142" courts; Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahilud |strong="H0286" wrote notes about |strong="H5608" the |strong="H2142" history of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H2142" people |strong="H1121";  
<sup>4</sup> Benaiah |strong="H1141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" commander of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" army |strong="H6635"; Zadok |strong="H6659" and |strong="H1121" Abiathar |strong="H0054" were |strong="H1121" priests |strong="H3548";

<sup>5</sup> Azariah |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nathan |strong="H5416" was |strong="H4428" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" district |strong="H5324" governors; Zabud |strong="H2071" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nathan |strong="H5416" was |strong="H4428" a |strong="H5921" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121" an |strong="H5921" advisor to |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" Solomon;

<sup>6</sup> Ahishar |strong="H0301" was |strong="H1004" responsible for |strong="H5921" everything in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" king's palace |strong="H1004"; Adoniram |strong="H0141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abda |strong="H5653" was |strong="H1004" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" slaves |strong="H1121".

<sup>7</sup> Israel |strong="H3478" was |strong="H1961" divided into |strong="H5921" twelve |strong="H6240" districts. Solomon |strong="H8010" chose governors to |strong="H1961" rule |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0259" district |strong="H5324". These |strong="H3605" governors were |strong="H1961" ordered to |strong="H1961" gather food |strong="H1004" from |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" districts and |strong="H3478" give |strong="H1961" it |strong="H5921" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3478" his |strong="H3605" fami-

ly|strong="H1004". Each|strong="H0259" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" twelve|strong="H6240" governors was|strong="H1961" responsible for|strong="H5921" giving food|strong="H1004" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" one|strong="H0259" month|strong="H2320" each|strong="H0259" year|strong="H8141".<sup>8</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H8034" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H2022" the|strong="H8034" twelve gover-  
nors:

Ben Hur was|strong="H8034" governor of|strong="H2022" the|strong="H8034" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Ephraim|strong="H0669".

<sup>9</sup> Ben Deker was governor of Makaz|strong="H4739", Shaalbim|strong="H8169", Beth Shemesh, and|strong="H1053" Elon Beth-hanan.

<sup>10</sup> Ben Hesed was|strong="H0776" governor of|strong="H0776" Arubboth|strong="H0700", So-coh|strong="H7755", and|strong="H0776" Heph-her|strong="H2660".

<sup>11</sup> Ben Abinadab was|strong="H1961" governor of|strong="H1323" Naphoth Dor|strong="H1756". He|strong="H8010" was|strong="H1961" mar-ried|strong="H0802" to|strong="H1961" Taphath|strong="H2955", daugh-ter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323" Solomon|strong="H8010".

<sup>12</sup> Baana|strong="H1195" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahilud|strong="H0286" was|strong="H0834" governor of|strong="H1121" Taanach|strong="H8590" and|strong="H1121" Megiddo|strong="H4023" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" Beth Shean next to|strong="H5704" Zarethan|strong="H6891". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" be-low|strong="H8478" Jezreel|strong="H3157", from|strong="H1121" Beth Shean to|strong="H5704" Abel Meholah across|strong="H5676" from|strong="H1121" Jok-meam|strong="H3361".

<sup>13</sup> Ben Geber was|strong="H0834" governor of|strong="H1121" Ramoth|strong="H7433" Gilead|strong="H1568". He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" governor of|strong="H1121" all|strong="H1419" the|strong="H0834" towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" vil-lages of|strong="H1121" Jair|strong="H2971" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Man-asseh|strong="H4519" in|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568". He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0834" governor of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" district of|strong="H1121" Argob in|strong="H1121" Bashan|strong="H1316". In|strong="H1121"

this|strong="H0834" area there|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" 60 cities|strong="H5892" with|strong="H1280" big walls|strong="H2346" around them|strong="H1121".

These|strong="H0834" cities|strong="H5892" al-so|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" bronze|strong="H5178" bars|strong="H1280" on the|strong="H0834" gates.

<sup>14</sup> Ahinadab|strong="H0292" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Iddo|strong="H5714" was|strong="H1121" governor of|strong="H1121" Mahanaim|strong="H4266".

<sup>15</sup> Ahimaaz|strong="H0290" was|strong="H1931" governor of|strong="H1323" Naph-tali|strong="H5321". He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" married|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0802" Basemath|strong="H1315" the|strong="H0853" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323" Solomon|strong="H8010".

<sup>16</sup> Baana|strong="H1195" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hushai|strong="H2365" was|strong="H1121" governor of|strong="H1121" Asher|strong="H0836" and|strong="H1121" Aloth.

<sup>17</sup> Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Paru-ah|strong="H6515" was|strong="H1121" governor of|strong="H1121" Issachar|strong="H3485".

<sup>18</sup> Shimei|strong="H8096" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ela|strong="H0414" was|strong="H1121" governor of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144".

<sup>19</sup> Geber|strong="H1398" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Uri|strong="H0221" was|strong="H0834" governor of|strong="H1121" Gilead|strong="H1568". There|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" two kings|strong="H4428" in|strong="H0776" this|strong="H0834" area|strong="H0776", King|strong="H4428" Sihon|strong="H5511" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" Amor-ites|strong="H0567" and|strong="H1121" King|strong="H4428" Og|strong="H5747" of|strong="H1121" Bashan|strong="H1316", but|strong="H4428" Solomon appointed on-ly|strong="H0259" one|strong="H0259" governor for|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" district.

<sup>20</sup> In|strong="H5921" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" Israel|strong="H3478" there|strong="H7230" were|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7227" peo-ple|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" sand|strong="H2344" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" seashore|strong="H3220". The|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" happy|strong="H8056" and|strong="H3063" had|strong="H0834" plen-ty|strong="H7227" to|strong="H5921"

eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H3063"  
drink |strong="H8354".

<sup>21</sup> Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates River to the land of the Philistines. His kingdom went as far as the border of Egypt. These countries sent gifts to Solomon, and they obeyed him all of his life. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>22</sup> This is the amount of food that Solomon needed each day for himself and for everyone who ate at his table: 150 bushels <sup>II</sup> of fine flour, 300 bushels <sup>III</sup> of flour, 10 cattle that were fed grain, 20 cattle that were raised in the fields, 100 sheep, wild animals such as deer, gazelles, roebucks, <sup>IV</sup> and game birds.

<sup>24</sup> Solomon ruled over all the countries west of the Euphrates River, from Tiphseh to Gaza. And Solomon had peace along all the borders of his kingdom.

<sup>25</sup> During Solomon's life everyone in Judah and Israel, all the way from Dan to Beersheba, lived in peace and security. The people were at peace sitting under their own fig trees and grapevines.

<sup>26</sup> Solomon had places to keep 4000 <sup>V</sup> horses for his chariots and he had 12,000 horse soldiers. <sup>27</sup> And each month one of the twelve district governors gave King Solomon everything he needed for all the people who ate at the king's table. <sup>28</sup> The district governors also gave the king enough straw and barley for the chariot horses and the riding horses. Everyone brought this grain to the necessary places.

### Solomon's Wisdom

<sup>29</sup> God made Solomon very wise. Solomon could understand more than you can imagine. <sup>30</sup> He was wiser than anyone in the East <sup>VI</sup> or in Egypt. <sup>31</sup> He was wiser than anyone on earth, even Ethan the Ezrahite and the sons of Mahol—Heman, Calcol, and Darda. King Solomon became famous in all the surrounding countries. <sup>32</sup> By the end of his life, he had written <sup>VII</sup> 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs.

<sup>33</sup> Solomon also knew very much about nature. He taught about many different kinds of plants—everything from the great cedar trees of Lebanon to the little vines that grow out of the walls. He also taught about animals, birds, and snakes. <sup>VIII</sup><sup>34</sup> People from every nation came to listen to Solomon's wisdom. Kings all over the world sent their people to listen to him.

<sup>I</sup> SENT GIFTS ... LIFE This showed that these countries had made peace agreements with Solomon because of his great power. <sup>II</sup> 150 BUSHELS Literally, "30 cors" <sup>III</sup> 300 BUSHELS Literally, "60 cors" <sup>IV</sup> DEER, GAZELLES, ROEBUCKS Different kinds of wild deer. <sup>V</sup> 4000 This is found in some copies of the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has 40,000, but see 2 Chronicles 9:25. <sup>VI</sup> EAST The area between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers as far east as the Persian Gulf. <sup>VII</sup> WRITTEN Literally, "spoken." <sup>VIII</sup> SNAKES Literally, "creeping things." These can be anything: insects, lizards, snakes, or fish.

### Solomon and Hiram

<sup>5</sup> Hiram was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" king of |strong="H0776" Tyre. He |strong="H5704" had |strong="H1961" always |strong="H3117" been |strong="H1961" David's friend. So |strong="H4480" when |strong="H1961" Hiram heard that |strong="H3605" Solomon |strong="H8010" had |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" new king after |strong="H4480" David |strong="H3117", he |strong="H5704" sent his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5647" to |strong="H5704" Solomon |strong="H8010". <sup>2</sup> This |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" what Solomon |strong="H8010" said to |strong="H1961" King Hiram:

<sup>3</sup> "You remember that my father, King David, had |strong="H6629" to |strong="H0905" fight many wars all around him. So he |strong="H1241" was |strong="H6629" never able to |strong="H0905" build a temple to |strong="H0905" honor the |strong="H0905" LORD his God. King David was |strong="H6629" waiting until the |strong="H0905" LORD allowed him to |strong="H0905" defeat all his enemies. <sup>4</sup> But |strong="H3588" now |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD my |strong="H3605" God has |strong="H1961" given me |strong="H1961" peace |strong="H7965" along |strong="H5704" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" borders of |strong="H4428" my |strong="H3605" country. I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3605" enemies, and |strong="H4428" my |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1931" are |strong="H4428" in |strong="H4428" no |strong="H3605" danger.

<sup>5</sup> " The |strong="H3605" LORD made |strong="H3605" a |strong="H5704" promise to |strong="H5704" my |strong="H3605" father David |strong="H3117". He |strong="H5704" said, ' I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3478" make your |strong="H3605" son king after |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3605", and |strong="H3063" he |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3478" build a |strong="H5704" temple to |strong="H5704" honor me |strong="H8478". Now |strong="H3117", I |strong="H5704" plan to |strong="H5704" build that |strong="H3605" temple to |strong="H5704" honor the |strong="H3605" LORD my |strong="H3605" God. <sup>6</sup> And |strong="H0505" so |strong="H1961" I |strong="H8147" ask you |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" help me |strong="H1961". Send your |strong="H1961" men |strong="H8147" to |strong="H1961" Lebanon to |strong="H1961" cut down cedar trees for |strong="H8010" me |strong="H1961". My |strong="H1961" servants will |strong="H1961" work with |strong="H8147"



yours. I will pay you any price that you decide as your servants' wages, but I need your help. Our carpenters<sup>1</sup> are not as good as the carpenters of Sidon."

<sup>7</sup> Hiram was very happy when he heard what Solomon asked. He said, "I praise the LORD today for giving David a wise son to rule this great nation!"<sup>8</sup> Then Hiram sent this message to Solomon:

"I heard what you asked for. I will give you all the cedar trees and the fir trees you want.<sup>9</sup> My servants will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea. Then I will tie them and float them down the shore to the place you choose. There I will separate the logs, and you can take them from there. As payment for this, you will give food to all those who live in my palace."

<sup>10</sup> So Hiram gave Solomon all the cedar

and fir logs that he wanted.

<sup>11</sup> Solomon gave Hiram about 120,000 bushels<sup>II</sup> of wheat and about 120,000 gallons<sup>III</sup> of pure olive oil every year for his family.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD made Solomon wise as he had promised. Hiram and Solomon made a treaty between them and were at peace with one another.

<sup>13</sup> King Solomon forced 30,000 men of Israel to help in this work.<sup>14</sup> He chose a man named Adoniram to be in charge of them. Solomon divided the men into three groups with 10,000 men in each group. Each group worked one month in Lebanon and then went home for two months.<sup>15</sup> Solomon also forced 80,000 men to work in the hill country cutting stone. There were also 70,000 men to carry the stones.<sup>16</sup> There were 3300 men to supervise the workers.<sup>17</sup> King Solomon commanded them to cut large, expensive stones for the foundation of the Temple.<sup>18</sup> Then Solomon and Hiram's builders and the men from Byblos<sup>IV</sup> carved the stones and prepared them and

<sup>I</sup> CARPENTERS People who work with wood. In ancient times, this also meant that they cut the trees.

<sup>II</sup> 120,000 BUSHELS Literally, "20,000 cors  
120,000 GALLONS Literally, "20,000 baths" (440,000 l). <sup>III</sup> BYBLOS Literally, "GebaI."

the logs for use in building the Temple.

### Solomon Builds the Temple

**6** So the month of the second month of the year, during Solomon's fourth year as king, he began work on the Temple. This was 480 years after the Israelites left Egypt.<sup>12</sup> The Temple was 60 cubits long, 20 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high.<sup>3</sup> The porch of the Temple was 20 cubits long and 10 cubits wide. The porch ran along the front of the main part of the Temple itself. Its length was equal to the width of the Temple. There were narrow windows in the Temple. These windows were smaller on the inside of the wall than on the outside.<sup>15</sup> Then Solomon built a row of rooms around

I 480 YEARS ... EGYPT This was about 960 B.C. II 60 CUBITS 102' 3/8" (31.1 m). III 20 CUBITS 34' 1/8" (10.37 m). Also in verses 16, 20. IV 30 CUBITS 51' 3/16" (15.55 m). The ancient Greek version has "25 cubits." V 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m). Also in verses 23, 24-26. VI THESE WINDOWS ... OUTSIDE Or "These windows had lattice work over them."

the main part of the Temple. This row of rooms was three stories tall with the other rooms built one above the other.<sup>6</sup> The rooms touched the Temple wall, but their beams were not built into that wall. The Temple wall became thinner at the top, so the rooms on upper floors were larger than the ones below them. The rooms on the bottom floor were 5 cubits wide. The rooms on the middle floor were 6 cubits wide. The rooms above that were 7 cubits wide.<sup>7</sup> The stones were completely finished before they were brought into the Temple area, so there was no noise of hammers, axes, or any other iron tools in the Temple.

<sup>8</sup> The entrance to these rooms was on the bottom floor at the south side of the Temple. Inside there were stairs that went

VII 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). Also in verses 10, 24-26. VIII 6 CUBITS 10' 2 7/16" (3.11 m). IX 7 CUBITS 11' 10 13/16" (3.63 m).

up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" second |strong="H8484" floor |strong="H8484" and |strong="H1004" from |strong="H4480" there |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" third |strong="H7992" floor |strong="H8484".

<sup>9</sup> Solomon finished |strong="H3615" building |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" main part of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" then |strong="H0853" covered |strong="H5603" it |strong="H1129" inside |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" cedar boards. <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" finished building |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" rooms |strong="H1004" around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004". Each |strong="H3605" story was |strong="H1004" 5 cubits |strong="H0520" tall |strong="H6967". The |strong="H3605" cedar |strong="H0730" beams |strong="H6086" in |strong="H5921" these |strong="H3605" rooms |strong="H1004" rested on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1129" ledge of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" wall.

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Solomon |strong="H8010", <sup>12</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" obey |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" laws and |strong="H6965" commands |strong="H4687", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" your |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732". <sup>13</sup> I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3478" live |strong="H7931" among |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0853" children |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" in |strong="H3478" this Temple that |strong="H3478" you |strong="H3808" are |strong="H3478" building, and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3478" never |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H5800" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478"."

<sup>14</sup> When |strong="H3615" Solomon |strong="H8010" finished |strong="H3615" the |strong="H0853" stonework on |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004", <sup>15</sup> the |strong="H0853" stone walls |strong="H7023" inside |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" were |strong="H1004" covered with |strong="H1004" cedar |strong="H0730" boards |strong="H6763" from |strong="H5704" floor |strong="H7172" to |strong="H5704" ceiling |strong="H7023". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" stone

floor |strong="H7172" was |strong="H1004" covered with |strong="H1004" pine boards |strong="H6763". <sup>16</sup> They |strong="H5704" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" inner |strong="H1687" room |strong="H1004" 20 cubits |strong="H0520" long |strong="H5704" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" back |strong="H1004" part |strong="H3411" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004". This |strong="H6944" room |strong="H1004" was |strong="H1004" called the |strong="H0853" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944". They |strong="H5704" covered the |strong="H0853" walls |strong="H7023" in |strong="H1004" this |strong="H6944" room |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" cedar |strong="H0730" boards |strong="H6763", from |strong="H4480" floor |strong="H7172" to |strong="H5704" ceiling |strong="H7023". <sup>17</sup> In |strong="H1004" front of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H1961" Most Holy Place |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" main part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H1961" Temple |strong="H1004". This |strong="H1931" room |strong="H1004" was |strong="H1961" 40 cubits |strong="H0520" long. <sup>18</sup> They |strong="H3605" covered the |strong="H3605" walls in |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3605" room |strong="H1004" with |strong="H0413" cedar |strong="H0730" boards— none |strong="H0369" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" stones |strong="H0068" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" walls could be |strong="H1004" seen |strong="H7200". They |strong="H3605" carved |strong="H4734" pictures of |strong="H1004" flowers and |strong="H1004" gourds |strong="H6497" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" cedar |strong="H0730".

<sup>19</sup> Solomon finished the |strong="H0853" inner |strong="H1687" room |strong="H1004" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" back |strong="H1004" part |strong="H8432" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004". This |strong="H3068" room |strong="H1004" was |strong="H3068" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" <sup>20</sup> This room was |strong="H6440" 20 cubits |strong="H0520" long |strong="H0753", 20 cubits |strong="H0520" wide |strong="H7341", and |strong="H2091" 20 cubits |strong="H0520" high |strong="H6967". Solomon covered this room with |strong="H6823" pure |strong="H5462" gold |strong="H2091". He |strong="H1687" also covered the |strong="H6440" cedar |strong="H0730" altar |strong="H4196"

I 40 CUBITS 68' 1/4" (20.73 m).

with gold. He covered the inside of the Temple with gold pure gold and gold wrapped around it. The inside of the Temple was covered with gold, and the altar in front of the Most Holy Place was covered with gold.

The workers made two statues of Cherub angels with wings. They made the statues from olive wood and put them in the Most Holy Place. Each angel was 10 cubits tall. Both Cherub angels were the same size and built the same way. Each one had two wings. Each wing was 5 cubits long. From the end of one wing to the end of the other wing was 10 cubits. And each Cherub angel was 10 cubits tall. They put the Cherub angels beside one another in the Most Holy Place. Their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. The other two wings touched each side wall. The two Cherub angels were covered with gold.

The walls around the main room and the inner room were carved with pictures of Cherub angels, palm trees,

flowers. The floor of both rooms was covered with gold.

The workers made two doors from olive wood. They put these doors at the entrance of the Most Holy Place. The frame around the doors was made with five sides. They made two doors from olive wood. The workers carved pictures of Cherub angels, palm trees, and flowers on the doors. Then they covered the doors with gold.

They also made doors for the entrance to the main room. They used olive wood to make a square door-frame. There were two doors made from pine. Each door had two parts that folded together. They carved pictures of Cherub angels, palm trees, and flowers on the doors. Then they covered them with gold.

Then they built a wall around the inner yard. Each wall was made from three rows of cut stones and one

I THE FRAME ... SIDES This probably means there were three sections that formed an arch at the top of the door.

row of cedar timbers.

<sup>37</sup> They started working on the LORD'S Temple in the month Ziv, the second month of the year. This was during Solomon's fourth year as king of Israel. <sup>38</sup> The Temple was finished in the month of Bul, the eighth month of the year, in Solomon's eleventh year as king. It took seven years to build the Temple. It was built exactly as planned.

#### Solomon's Palace

<sup>7</sup> King Solomon also built a palace for himself. It took 13 years to build Solomon's palace. He built the building called the Forest of Lebanon. It was 100 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. It had four rows of cedar columns. On top of each column was a cedar capital.

I 100 cubits 170' 5/8" (51.83 m). II 50 cubits 85' 5/16" (25.92 m). Also in verse 6. III 30 cubits 51' 3/16" (15.55 m). Also in verses 6, 23.

There were cedar beams going across the rows of columns. There were 15 beams for each section of columns, making a total of 45 beams. On top of these beams there were cedar boards for the ceiling. There were three rows of windows across from each other on the side walls. There were three doors at each end. All the door openings and frames were square.

<sup>6</sup> Solomon also built a porch. Columns were 50 cubits long and 30 cubits wide. Along the front of the porch, there was a covering supported by columns.

<sup>7</sup> He also built a throne room where he judged the people. He called this the Judgment Hall. The room was covered with cedar from the floor to the ceiling.

<sup>8</sup> Behind the Judgment Hall was a courtyard. The palace where Solomon lived

was *built* around that *courtyard* and *looked like* the *Judgment Hall*. He *also built* the *same* kind of *palace* for *his* wife, the *daughter* of *the* king of *Egypt*.

<sup>9</sup> All *these* *buildings* were *made* *expensive* blocks of *stone*. The *stones* were *cut* to *the* right size *with* a *saw* and then *smoothed on* front and *back*. These *expensive* *stones* went *from* the *foundation* *all* the *way* up *to* the *top layer* of *the* wall. Even *the* wall around the *yard* was *made* *with* *expensive* blocks of *stone*. <sup>10</sup> The *foundations* were *made* *with* *large*, *expensive* *stones*. Some of *the* *stones* were *10 cubits* long and *the* others were *8 cubits* long. <sup>11</sup> On *top* of *these* *stones* there *were* other *expensive* *stones* and *cedar* beams. <sup>12</sup> There *were* walls around *the* *palace* yard and *around* the *yard* and *porch* of *the* LORD'S *Temple*. The *walls* were *built*

I 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m). Also in verse 23. II 8 CUBITS 13' 7 1/4" (4.2 m).

*with* *three* *rows* of *stone* and *one* of *cedar* timbers.

<sup>13</sup> King *Solomon* sent *for* a *man* named Hiram <sup>III</sup> who *lived in* Tyre and *brought* him *to* Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> Hiram's mother was *an* Israelite from *the* tribe of *Naph-tali*. His *dead* father *was* from *Tyre*. Hiram *made* *things* from *bronze*. He *was* a *very skilled* and *experienced* builder. So *Solomon* asked *him* to *come*, and *Hiram* accepted. King *Solomon* put *him* in *charge* of *all* the *bronze* work, and *Hiram* did *all* the *work* *he* was *given* to *do*.

<sup>15</sup> Hiram *made* *two* *bronze* columns *for* the *porch*. Each *column* *was* 18 *cubits* tall and *12 cubits* around *the* columns *were* hollow and *their* metal walls were *3 inches* thick. <sup>VI</sup> He *also* *made* *two* *bronze* capitals *that* were *5 cubits* tall *the*

III HURAM Or "Hiram." Also in verses 15, 23, 27, 37, 38, 40-45. IV 18 CUBITS 30' 7 5/16" (9.33 m). V 12 CUBITS 20' 4 7/8" (6.22 m). VI 3 INCHES Literally, "1 handbreadth" (7.4 cm). Also in verse 26. VII THE COLUMNS ... 3 INCHES THICK This is from the ancient Greek version. VIII 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). Also in verses 19, 23.

He put these capitals on top of the columns. 17 He made two nets of chain to cover the capitals on top of the columns. 18 Then he made two rows of bronze pomegranates. He put the bronze pomegranates on the nets of each column to cover the capitals at the top of the columns, above the bowl-shaped net. There were 200 pomegranates in two rows around the capitals. 21 Hiram put these two bronze columns at the porch of the Temple. One column was put on the south side of the entrance and one was put on the north side of it. The column on the south side was named Jakin. The column on the north side was

Boaz. 22 They put the flower-shaped capitals on top of the columns, and the work on the two columns was finished.

23 Then Hiram melted bronze and poured it into a huge mold to make a tank, which was called "The Sea." The tank was about 30 cubits around, 10 cubits across and 5 cubits deep. 24 There was a rim around the outer edge of the tank. Under this rim there were two rows of bronze gourds all around the tank. The bronze gourds were made in one piece as part of the tank. 25 The tank rested on the backs of 12 bronze bulls. All 12 of the bulls were looking out away from the tank. Three were looking north, three east, three south, and three west. 26 The sides of the tank were 3 inches thick. The rim around the tank was like the rim of a cup or like the petals on a flower.

I TANK A very large container for water.

The tank held about 11,000 gallons<sup>I</sup> of water.

<sup>27</sup> Then Hiram made ten bronze carts. Each cart was 4 cubits<sup>II</sup> long, 4 cubits<sup>III</sup> wide, and 3 cubits<sup>III</sup> high. <sup>28</sup> The carts were made with square panels set in frames. <sup>29</sup> On the panels and frames were bronze bulls, lions, and Cherubim and angels. There were designs of flowers hammered into the bronze above and below the bulls and lions. <sup>30</sup> Each cart had four wheels with bronze axles. At the corners there were bronze supports for a large bowl. The supports had designs of flowers hammered into the bronze. <sup>31</sup> There was a frame around the top with an opening for the bowl. The frame was 1 cubit<sup>IV</sup> tall, and the opening was 1 1/2 cubits<sup>V</sup> in diameter. There were designs carved into the bronze on the frame. The frame was square, not round. <sup>32</sup> There

I 11,000 GALLONS Literally, "2000 baths" (44,000 l). II 4 CUBITS 6' 9 5/8" (2.1 m). Also in verse 38. III 3 CUBITS 5' 1 3/16" (1.55 m). IV 1 CUBIT 20 3/8" (51.83 cm). V 1 1/2 CUBITS 30 5/8" (77.75 cm).

were four wheels under the frame. The wheels were 1 1/2 cubits<sup>III</sup> in diameter. The axles were between the wheels and were made as one piece with the cart. <sup>33</sup> The wheels were like Hiram's wheels. The wheels were on a chariot. Everything on the wheels— the axles, rims, spokes, and hubs were made from bronze.

<sup>34</sup> There were supports at each corner of the carts. They were made as one piece with the cart. <sup>35</sup> There was a strip of bronze around the top of each cart. It was made as one piece with the cart. <sup>36</sup> The sides of the cart and the frames had pictures of Cherubim and angels, lions, palm trees carved into the bronze. These pictures were carved all over the carts—wherever there was room. And there were flowers carved on the frame around the cart. <sup>37</sup> Hiram made ten bronze carts, and they were all the same. Each cart



was made from bronze. The bronze was melted and poured into a mold. So all the carts were the same size and shape.

<sup>38</sup> Hiram also made ten bowls. There was one bowl for each of ten carts. Each bowl was across and could hold about 230 gallons. <sup>39</sup> He put five carts on the south side of the Temple and five carts on the north side. He put the large tank in the southeast corner of the Temple. <sup>40</sup> Hiram also made pots, small shovels, and small bowls. He finished making all the things King Solomon wanted him to make. This is a list of the things that Hiram made for the Temple of the LORD:

- 2 columns;
- 2 capitals shaped like bowls for the top of the columns;
- 2 nets to go around the capitals;
- 400 pomegranates for the two nets (two rows of pomegranates for each net to cover the two bowls for the capitals on top of the columns);
- 10 carts with a bowl on each cart;
- the large tank with 12 bulls under it;
- the pots, small shovels, small bowls, and all the dishes for the LORD'S Temple.

Hiram made everything King Solomon wanted. They were all made from polished bronze. <sup>46</sup> Solomon never weighed the bronze that was used to make these things. There was too much to weigh. So the total weight of all the bronze was never known. The king ordered these things to be made near the Jordan River between Succoth and Zarethan. They made them by melting the bronze and pouring it into molds in the ground.

<sup>48</sup> Solomon also commanded that all these things be made from gold for the Temple:

I 230 GALLONS Literally, "40 baths" (880 l).

the golden altar;  
the golden table that held the special bread offered to God;  
the lampstands of pure gold (five on the south side and five on the north side in front of the Most Holy Place);  
the gold flowers, lamps, and tongs;  
the pure gold bowls, lamp snuffers, small bowls, pans, and dishes for carrying coals;  
the gold hinges for the doors to the inner room (the Most Holy Place) and for the doors to the main room of the Temple.

<sup>51</sup> So King Solomon finished all work he wanted to do for the LORD'S Temple. Then he took his father David's special purpose and put them in the Temple. He put the silver and gold in the special storage rooms in the Temple. LORD'S Temple.

#### The Box of the Agreement in the Temple

**8** Then King Solomon told all the elders of Israel, the heads of the tribes, and the leaders of the families of Israel to come together in Jerusalem. Solomon wanted them to join in moving the Box of the LORD'S Agreement from the City of Jerusalem to the City of David.

David |strong="H1732" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Temple. <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H1931" during |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" special festival |strong="H2282" <sup>I</sup> in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" Ethanim |strong="H0388", the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" year |strong="H7637", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" came |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" meeting with |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010".

<sup>3</sup> When all the elders of Israel arrived, the priests and Levites carried the Holy Box of the LORD up to the Temple. They also carried the Meeting Tent and all the holy things that were in it up to the Temple. <sup>5</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478" met together |strong="H3259" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Agreement and |strong="H3478" sacrificed |strong="H2076" so |strong="H3808" many |strong="H7230" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H3478" cattle |strong="H1241" that |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0834" able to |strong="H5921" count |strong="H5608" them |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605". <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" carried |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" to |strong="H0413" its |strong="H0853" proper place |strong="H4725" inside |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H4725" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004", under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H0853" wings |strong="H3671" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels. <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H5921" wings |strong="H3671" of |strong="H0727" the |strong="H5921" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels spread |strong="H6566" out |strong="H5921" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Holy Box, and |strong="H4725" they |strong="H3588" covered the |strong="H5921" Holy Box and |strong="H4725" its |strong="H5921" carrying poles |strong="H0905". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H6440" poles |strong="H0905" are |strong="H3117" still |strong="H5704" there |strong="H8033" today |strong="H3117". They |strong="H8033" are |strong="H3117"

too |strong="H4480" long |strong="H5704" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944", so |strong="H4480" anyone |strong="H7200" standing in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H6440" ends |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H6440" poles |strong="H0905", although |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H2088" outside |strong="H2351" can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200" them |strong="H5921". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0834" only |strong="H7535" things |strong="H8147" inside |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" Holy Box are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" two |strong="H8147" tablets |strong="H3871" that |strong="H0834" Moses |strong="H4872" put |strong="H3318" there |strong="H8033" at |strong="H3478" Matthew Horeb |strong="H2722". This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0369" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3772" his |strong="H3068" agreement with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478" after |strong="H0776" they |strong="H0834" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>10</sup> When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" came |strong="H1961" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944", the |strong="H0853" cloud |strong="H6051" <sup>II</sup> filled |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" could |strong="H3201" not |strong="H3808" continue |strong="H5975" their |strong="H3068" work because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" was |strong="H3068" filled |strong="H4390" with |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H0227" Solomon |strong="H8010" said |strong="H0559",  
 " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" caused the |strong="H0559" sun to |strong="H0559" shine in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" sky, but |strong="H0559" he |strong="H3068" chose to |strong="H0559" live |strong="H7931" in |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" dark |strong="H6205" cloud |strong="H6205". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>II</sup> CLOUD The special sign that showed God was with his people.

<sup>III</sup> THE LORD ... DARK CLOUD This is from the ancient Greek version, which places verses 12-13 after verse 53. In verse 12 the standard Hebrew text has only "The LORD said he would live in darkness."

<sup>I</sup> THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL That is, the Festival of Shelters. See "Festival of Shelters" in the Word List.

<sup>13</sup> Now, Lord, I have built a Temple for you,

where you may live forever."

<sup>14</sup> Then Solomon turned toward the people who were standing there and asked God to bless them. <sup>15</sup> He then prayed this long prayer to the Lord:

"The LORD, the God of Israel, is great. He has done what he promised my father David told me. I brought my people out of Egypt. I had not chosen a city among the tribes of Israel for a temple to honor me. And I had not chosen a man to be leader over my people, Israel. But I have chosen Jerusalem to be the city where I will be honored. <sup>1</sup> And I have chosen David

to rule over my people, Israel."

<sup>17</sup> "My father David wanted very much to build a temple to honor LORD, the God of Israel. But the LORD said to my father, 'I know that you want very much to build a temple to honor me, and it is good that you want to build it.' <sup>19</sup> But you are not one to build a temple. Your son will build my temple."

<sup>20</sup> "So the LORD has kept his promises. I am the king now in place of my father David. I rule the people of Israel as the LORD promised. And I have built the Temple for the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>21</sup> I have

<sup>1</sup> AND I ... HONORED This is from the ancient Greek version. It is found in the standard Hebrew text of 2 Chronicles 6:5-6, but not here.

made|strong="H3772" a|strong="H3772" place|strong="H4725" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Temple for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Holy Box. In-side|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" Holy Box is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" agree-ment|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3772" with|strong="H5973" our|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H3318" them|strong="H0853" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714".

<sup>22</sup> Then|strong="H5975" Solomon|strong="H8010" stood|strong="H5975" in|strong="H3068" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" whole|strong="H3605" assembly|strong="H6951" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3068" faced|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" al-tar|strong="H4196". Solomon|strong="H8010" spread|strong="H6566" his|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3709" and|strong="H3068" looked toward|strong="H6440" heaven|strong="H8064"<sup>23</sup> and|strong="H1980" said|strong="H0559",

" LORD|strong="H3068", God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478", there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" other|strong="H3605" god|strong="H0430" like|strong="H3644" you|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921" heav-en|strong="H8064" or|strong="H0369" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776". You|strong="H3605" keep|strong="H8104" the|strong="H3605" agree-ment|strong="H1285" that|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" made|strong="H3605" with|strong="H1980" your|strong="H3068" peo-ple|strong="H0776". You|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3478" kind and|strong="H1980" loy-al|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" fol-low|strong="H1980" you|strong="H3605" with|strong="H1980" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820". <sup>24</sup> You|strong="H0834" made|strong="H1696" a|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" your|strong="H0834" ser-vant|strong="H5650", my|strong="H8104" fa-ther|strong="H0001" David|strong="H1732", and|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0834" kept|strong="H8104" that|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H1696". You|strong="H0834" made|strong="H1696" that|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H1696" with|strong="H4390" your|strong="H0834" own mouth|strong="H6310", and|strong="H3027" with|strong="H4390"

your|strong="H0834" own hands|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0834" made|strong="H1696" it|strong="H1696" come|strong="H4390" true to-day|strong="H3117". <sup>25</sup> Now|strong="H6258", LORD|strong="H3068", God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", keep|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" oth-er|strong="H0376" promises you|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3772" to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732", my|strong="H8104" fa-ther|strong="H0001". You|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", ' David|strong="H1732", if|strong="H0518" your|strong="H3068" sons|strong="H1121" carefully|strong="H8104" obey|strong="H8104" me|strong="H6440" as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" always|strong="H7535" have|strong="H0834" someone|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" fami-ly|strong="H0001" ruling|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>26</sup> Again|strong="H1696", God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", I|strong="H0834" ask you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H1696" keep the|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H1697" you|strong="H0834" made|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" your|strong="H0834" servant|strong="H5650", my|strong="H1732" father|strong="H0001" David|strong="H1732".

<sup>27</sup> " But|strong="H3588", God|strong="H0430", will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0834" real-ly|strong="H2088" live|strong="H3427" here|strong="H2009" with|strong="H1004" us|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" earth|strong="H0776"? The|strong="H0834" whole sky|strong="H8064" and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" high-est|strong="H8064" heaven|strong="H8064" can-not|strong="H3808" contain|strong="H3557" you|strong="H0834". Certainly|strong="H3588" this|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" cannot|strong="H3808" con-tain|strong="H3557" you|strong="H0834" ei-ther|strong="H3588". <sup>28</sup> But|strong="H6437" please|strong="H8085" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H8085" prayer|strong="H8605" and|strong="H3068" my|strong="H8085" request|strong="H6440". I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H8085"

God |strong="H0430". Hear |strong="H8085" this |strong="H0834" prayer |strong="H8605" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" praying |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117". <sup>29</sup> In |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" past you |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" honored there |strong="H8033"! So |strong="H1961" please |strong="H8085" watch |strong="H5869" over |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004", night |strong="H3915" and |strong="H1004" day |strong="H3117". And |strong="H1004" please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H8085" prayer |strong="H8605" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" turn |strong="H1961" toward |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". <sup>30</sup> And |strong="H3478" please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" our |strong="H0834" prayers in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0834" future when |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3478" your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" Israel |strong="H3478" turn to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725" and |strong="H3478" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859". We |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" heaven |strong="H8064". We |strong="H0834" ask you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" hear |strong="H8085" our |strong="H0834" prayer there |strong="H2088" and |strong="H3478" forgive |strong="H5545" us |strong="H0413".

<sup>31</sup> " Those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H2398" others will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2088" altar |strong="H4196". If |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H2088" guilty, they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" make an |strong="H0935" oath |strong="H0423" and |strong="H0935" promise that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" innocent. <sup>32</sup> Please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" from |strong="H8085" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H8064" judge |strong="H8199" them |strong="H5414". If they |strong="H6213" are |strong="H7563" guilty |strong="H7563", please |strong="H8085" show |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" that |strong="H8085"

they |strong="H6213" are |strong="H7563" guilty |strong="H7563". And |strong="H8064" if they |strong="H6213" are |strong="H7563" innocent |strong="H6663", please |strong="H8085" show |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" that |strong="H8085" they |strong="H6213" are |strong="H7563" not |strong="H1870" guilty |strong="H7563".

<sup>33</sup> "Sometimes your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2398" against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H3478" their |strong="H6440" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H0834" defeat them |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0834" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3478" praise |strong="H3034" you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>34</sup> Please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" in |strong="H0413" heaven |strong="H8064", please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" prayers of |strong="H0001" your |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971" Israel |strong="H3478". Forgive |strong="H5545" them |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" their |strong="H5414" sins |strong="H2403" and |strong="H3478" let |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" have |strong="H0834" their |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0127" again |strong="H7725". You |strong="H0859" gave |strong="H5414" this |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001".

<sup>35</sup> "Sometimes they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" sin |strong="H2398" against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588", and |strong="H7725" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" stop |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" rain |strong="H4306" from |strong="H7725" falling on |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" land |strong="H4725". Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" pray |strong="H6419" toward |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725" and |strong="H7725" praise |strong="H3034" your |strong="H7725" name |strong="H8034". You |strong="H3588" make |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0413" suffer |strong="H1961", and |strong="H7725" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" sorry for |strong="H3588"

their|strong="H3588" sins|strong="H2398".<sup>36</sup> So|strong="H5414" please|strong="H8085" listen|strong="H8085" in|strong="H5921" heaven|strong="H8064" to|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5414" prayer. Then|strong="H0853" forgive|strong="H5545" us|strong="H5414" for|strong="H3588" our|strong="H5414" sins|strong="H2403". Teach|strong="H3384" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H5921" live|strong="H1870" right|strong="H2896". Then|strong="H0853", Lord, please|strong="H8085" send|strong="H5414" rain|strong="H4306" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0859" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414".

<sup>37</sup> "The|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" might become|strong="H1961" very dry and|strong="H0776" no|strong="H3605" food will|strong="H1961" grow on|strong="H0776" it|strong="H3588". Or|strong="H5061" maybe a|strong="H1961" great sickness|strong="H4245" will|strong="H1961" spread among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776". Maybe all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" food that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0776" growing will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" destroyed by|strong="H1961" insects. Or|strong="H5061" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776" might be|strong="H1961" attacked in|strong="H0776" some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H8179" by|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341". Or|strong="H5061" many of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776" might get sick.<sup>38</sup> When|strong="H1961" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" these|strong="H2088" things|strong="H3605" happen|strong="H1961", and|strong="H3478" people|strong="H5971" feel|strong="H3824" compelled in|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3605" hearts|strong="H3824" to|strong="H0413" spread|strong="H6566" their|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3709" in|strong="H0413" prayer|strong="H8605" toward|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004",<sup>39</sup> please|strong="H8085" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" their|strong="H3605" prayer. Listen|strong="H8085" while|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3427" your|strong="H3605" home in|strong="H3427" heaven|strong="H8064" and|strong="H1121" forgive|strong="H5545" them|strong="H5414" and|strong="H1121" help them|strong="H5414". Only|strong="H0905" you|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0120"

are|strong="H0834" really thinking, so|strong="H6213" only|strong="H0905" you|strong="H0859" can|strong="H0834" judge|strong="H6213" them|strong="H5414" fairly.<sup>40</sup> Do|strong="H3605" this|strong="H0834" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" fear|strong="H3372" and|strong="H3117" respect|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992" live|strong="H2416" in|strong="H5921" this|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0127" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5921" our|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001".

<sup>41</sup> "People from other places will hear about your greatness and your power. They will come from far away to pray at this Temple.<sup>43</sup> From|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3605" home|strong="H1004" in|strong="H3427" heaven|strong="H8064", please|strong="H8085" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3605" prayers. Please|strong="H8085" do|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" from|strong="H5921" other|strong="H2088" places|strong="H1004" ask you|strong="H0859". Then|strong="H2088" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" fear|strong="H3372" and|strong="H3478" respect|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0859" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H2088" as|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H3427" Israel|strong="H3478". Then|strong="H2088" all|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" everywhere|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" this|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0413" honor|strong="H8034" you|strong="H0859".

<sup>44</sup> "Sometimes you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" command|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H3318" and|strong="H3068" fight|strong="H4421" against|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H0341". Then|strong="H3318" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" turn toward|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" chosen|strong="H0977" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" Temple|strong="H1004" that|strong="H0834"

I |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" honor |strong="H8034", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834", LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>45</sup> Please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" their |strong="H8085" prayers |strong="H8605" from |strong="H8085" your |strong="H8085" home in |strong="H8085" heaven |strong="H8064", and |strong="H8064" help them |strong="H0853".

<sup>46</sup> " Your |strong="H5414" people |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0776" sin |strong="H2398" against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" know this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" everyone |strong="H0120" sins |strong="H2398". And |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" angry |strong="H0599" with |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" people |strong="H0120". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" let |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413". Their |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" prisoners and |strong="H0776" carry them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" some faraway land |strong="H0776".<sup>47</sup> In |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" faraway land |strong="H0776", your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" think |strong="H3820" about |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" happened |strong="H2398". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3820" sorry for |strong="H0413" their |strong="H7725" sins |strong="H2398", and |strong="H0776" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" pray to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" say |strong="H0559", ' We |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" sinned |strong="H2398" and |strong="H0776" done |strong="H2398" wrong |strong="H2398".'<sup>48</sup> They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H8034" in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" faraway land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341", but |strong="H1870" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" turn |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" feel |strong="H3824" sorry for |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" sins with |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605"

heart |strong="H3824" and |strong="H0776" soul |strong="H5315". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" turn |strong="H7725" toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" their |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" look toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" you |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" and |strong="H0776" toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" I |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129", and |strong="H0776" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834".<sup>49</sup> Please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" their |strong="H8085" prayers |strong="H8605" from |strong="H8085" your |strong="H8085" home in |strong="H3427" heaven |strong="H8064", and |strong="H8064" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H4941" is |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941".<sup>50</sup> Forgive |strong="H5545" your |strong="H3605" sinful |strong="H2398" people |strong="H5971" for |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H3605" against |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834". Make |strong="H5414" their |strong="H3605" enemies be |strong="H5414" kind to |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414".<sup>51</sup> Remember that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H4714" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H3318" them |strong="H1992" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H8432" Egypt |strong="H4714". It |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" saved them |strong="H1992" by |strong="H3588" pulling them |strong="H1992" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H8432" a |strong="H3588" hot oven!

<sup>52</sup> " Please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3605" prayers and |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" prayers of |strong="H5869" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" Israel |strong="H3478". Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" prayers any |strong="H3605" time |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3605" they |strong="H5971" ask you |strong="H3605" for |strong="H7121" help |strong="H5971".<sup>53</sup> You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" chosen them |strong="H0853" from |strong="H3318"

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peoples |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" to |strong="H1696" be |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3605" own special people |strong="H5971". Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136", you |strong="H0859" promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" do |strong="H3318" that |strong="H0834" for |strong="H3588" us |strong="H3588". You |strong="H0859" used |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" to |strong="H1696" make |strong="H0914" that |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H1696" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" brought |strong="H3318" our |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>54</sup> When |strong="H1961" Solomon |strong="H8010" prayed |strong="H6419" this |strong="H2063" prayer |strong="H8605" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", he |strong="H3068" was |strong="H1961" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" knees |strong="H1290" in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H6965" his |strong="H3605" arms were |strong="H1961" raised |strong="H6965" toward |strong="H0413" heaven |strong="H8064". When |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" finished |strong="H3615" praying |strong="H6419", he |strong="H3068" stood |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965". <sup>55</sup> Then |strong="H0853", in |strong="H3478" a |strong="H5975" loud |strong="H1419" voice |strong="H6963", he |strong="H0853" asked |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" bless |strong="H1288" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H6963" Israel |strong="H3478".

Solomon |strong="H5975" said |strong="H0559",  
<sup>56</sup> " Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"! He |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" give |strong="H5414" rest |strong="H4496" to |strong="H1696" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", Israel |strong="H3478". And |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" rest |strong="H4496"! He |strong="H0834" used |strong="H5414" his |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" made |strong="H5414" many good |strong="H2896" promises |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"

of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478". And |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" kept |strong="H5414" every |strong="H3605" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5414"! <sup>57</sup> I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H0834", as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" our |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H0408" leave |strong="H5800" us |strong="H0834". <sup>58</sup> I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" turn |strong="H5186" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H4941" follow him |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0853" we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H8104" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H2706", decisions |strong="H4941", and |strong="H4941" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6680" our |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001". <sup>59</sup> I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117" remember this |strong="H0428" prayer and |strong="H3068" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" asked |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697" for |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650", the |strong="H6440" king, and |strong="H3068" for |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971", Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0834" pray that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0428" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117". <sup>60</sup> If |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3605" these |strong="H1931" things |strong="H3605", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0369" the |strong="H3605" only |strong="H3605"



true |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". <sup>61</sup> You |strong="H3117" people must be |strong="H1961" loyal |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H3117" must always |strong="H3117" follow |strong="H1961" and |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8104" all |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0430" his |strong="H8104" laws |strong="H2706" and |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H4687". You |strong="H3117" must continue |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" obey |strong="H8104" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" future as |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3117" do |strong="H8104" now |strong="H1961"."

<sup>62</sup> Then |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Solomon and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H6440" offered |strong="H2076" sacrifices |strong="H2077" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>63</sup> Solomon |strong="H8010" killed 22,000 cattle |strong="H1241" and |strong="H1121" 120,000 sheep |strong="H6629" as |strong="H0834" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". In |strong="H3068" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" showed that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" dedicated |strong="H2596" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>64</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon also |strong="H3068" dedicated |strong="H6942" the |strong="H0853" yard right in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0834" offered burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002", grain offerings |strong="H8002", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" fat |strong="H2459" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" animals that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" used |strong="H6213" as |strong="H0834" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". King |strong="H4428" Solomon made |strong="H6213" these |strong="H1931" offerings |strong="H8002" there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" yard. He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H1931" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853"

bronze |strong="H5178" altar |strong="H4196" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H0834" too small |strong="H6996" to |strong="H3068" hold |strong="H3557" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3117".

<sup>65</sup> So |strong="H6213" there |strong="H3068" at |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Temple, King Solomon |strong="H8010" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0702" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" celebrated |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" festival |strong="H2282". <sup>1</sup> People |strong="H0702" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" away |strong="H5973" as |strong="H5704" Hamath |strong="H2574" Pass |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" north and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" border |strong="H0935" of |strong="H0430" Egypt |strong="H4714" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" south. This |strong="H1931" huge crowd |strong="H6951" of |strong="H0430" people |strong="H0702" ate, drank, and |strong="H0935" enjoyed themselves together |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H4714" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H3117" stayed for |strong="H4714" another seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". They |strong="H3117" celebrated |strong="H6213" for |strong="H4714" a |strong="H0935" total |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" 14 days |strong="H3117". <sup>1166</sup> The |strong="H3605" next |strong="H5921" day |strong="H3117" Solomon |strong="H7971" told |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H5921" go |strong="H7971" home |strong="H0168". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" thanked |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428", said goodbye, and |strong="H3068" went home |strong="H0168". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" happy |strong="H8056" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" for |strong="H5921" David |strong="H1732" his |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" and |strong="H3068" for |strong="H5921"

<sup>1</sup> FESTIVAL The Festival of Shelters. See verse 2. <sup>1166</sup> THEN ... 14 DAYS This is not in the ancient Greek version.

his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" Israel |strong="H3478".

### God Comes to Solomon Again

9 So |strong="H6213" Solomon |strong="H8010" finished |strong="H3615" building |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" own |strong="H1961" palace |strong="H1004". Solomon |strong="H8010" built |strong="H1129" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" wanted |strong="H2654" to |strong="H1961" build |strong="H1129".<sup>2</sup> Then |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" appeared |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" Solomon |strong="H8010" again |strong="H8145", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" at |strong="H0413" Gibeon |strong="H1391".<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413",  
 " I |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" your |strong="H3068" prayer |strong="H8605" and |strong="H3068" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H3605". You |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" made |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" a |strong="H1961" holy |strong="H6942" place |strong="H7760". So |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" honored there |strong="H8033" forever |strong="H5769". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" watch |strong="H5869" over |strong="H0413" it |strong="H7760" and |strong="H3068" think |strong="H3820" of |strong="H1004" it |strong="H7760" always |strong="H5769".<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0518" serve |strong="H1980" me |strong="H6440" with |strong="H1980" a |strong="H0518" pure and |strong="H1980" honest |strong="H4941" heart |strong="H3824", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H6213". You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0518" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H2706" and |strong="H1980" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0859".<sup>5</sup> If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do, I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"

make |strong="H3772" sure that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H5921" family |strong="H0001" will |strong="H0834" always |strong="H5769" rule |strong="H4467" Israel |strong="H3478", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" your |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732" when |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" Israel |strong="H3478" would |strong="H3478" always |strong="H5769" be |strong="H3808" ruled by |strong="H5921" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H5921" descendants.

<sup>6</sup> But if you or your children stop following me, and don't obey the laws and commands that I have given you, and if you serve and worship other gods, I will force Israel to leave the land that I have given to them. Israel will be an example to other people. Other people will make jokes about Israel. I made the Temple holy. It is the place where people honor me. But I will tear it down.<sup>8</sup> This |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" destroyed. Every-one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" sees it |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" amazed. They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" ask |strong="H0559", ' Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" terrible thing |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" temple |strong="H1004"?<sup>9</sup> People |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H2063" happened |strong="H0935" because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" left |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714", but |strong="H2388" they |strong="H0834" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" follow |strong="H3068" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H7812" and |strong="H0935" served |strong="H5647" those |strong="H3605" gods |strong="H0430". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2063" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605"

to|strong="H0559" happen to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853"."

<sup>10</sup> It|strong="H1961" took|strong="H0853" 20 years|strong="H8141" for|strong="H1004" King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" to|strong="H1961" build|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004". <sup>11</sup> Hiram|strong="H2438" supplied|strong="H5414" Solomon|strong="H8010" with|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cedar|strong="H0730", pine and|strong="H0776" gold|strong="H2091" that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H5414" wanted, so|strong="H5414" Solomon|strong="H8010" gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" 20 cities|strong="H5892" in|strong="H0776" Galilee|strong="H1551". <sup>12</sup> So|strong="H5414" Hiram|strong="H2438" traveled from|strong="H3318" Tyre|strong="H6865" to|strong="H5414" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" Solomon|strong="H8010" had|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414". But|strong="H3808" Hiram|strong="H2438" was|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" pleased|strong="H5869" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" them|strong="H5414". <sup>13</sup> King Hiram said|strong="H0559", "What|strong="H4100" are|strong="H0834" these|strong="H0428" towns|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414", my|strong="H5414" brother|strong="H0251"?" King Hiram named|strong="H7121" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" Land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Cabul|strong="H3521". <sup>1</sup> And|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" area|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0834" still|strong="H5704" called|strong="H7121" Cabul|strong="H3521" today|strong="H3117". <sup>14</sup> Hiram|strong="H2438" had|strong="H4428" sent|strong="H7971" King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H7971" about|strong="H4428" 9000 pounds <sup>II</sup> of|strong="H4428" gold|strong="H2091" to|strong="H7971" use|strong="H7971" in|strong="H4428" building the|strong="H7971" Temple.

<sup>15</sup> King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" forced|strong="H4522" slaves to|strong="H3068" work|strong="H1697" for|strong="H1004" him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3068" build|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" Tem-

<sup>I</sup> CABUL This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "worthless." <sup>II</sup> 9000 POUNDS Literally, "120 talents" (4140 kg).

ple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" palace|strong="H1004". Then|strong="H2088" he|strong="H0834" used these|strong="H2088" slaves to|strong="H3068" build|strong="H1129" many other|strong="H2088" things|strong="H1697". He|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" Millo|strong="H4407" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" city wall|strong="H2346" around Jerusalem|strong="H3389". Then|strong="H2088" he|strong="H0834" rebuilt|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" cities of|strong="H4428" Hazor|strong="H2674", Megiddo|strong="H4023", and|strong="H3068" Gezer|strong="H1507".

<sup>16</sup> In|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" past the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714" had|strong="H8010" fought against|strong="H4714" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" Gezer|strong="H1507" and|strong="H4428" burned|strong="H8313" it|strong="H5414". He|strong="H5414" killed|strong="H2026" the|strong="H0853" Canaanites|strong="H3669" who|strong="H3427" lived|strong="H3427" there|strong="H5927". When|strong="H3427" Solomon|strong="H8010" married|strong="H0802" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" daughter|strong="H1323", Pharaoh|strong="H6547" gave|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0784" city|strong="H5892" as|strong="H3427" a|strong="H5414" wedding present|strong="H5414". <sup>17</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" rebuilt|strong="H1129" Gezer|strong="H1507" and|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H1129" Lower|strong="H8481" Beth Horon. <sup>18</sup> He|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" built the|strong="H0853" cities of|strong="H0776" Baalath|strong="H1191" and|strong="H0776" Tamar|strong="H8559" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Judean desert|strong="H4057".

<sup>19</sup> He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" built|strong="H1129" cities|strong="H5892" where|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" could store|strong="H4543" grain|strong="H3605", and|strong="H0776" he|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" places|strong="H3605" for|strong="H0776" his|strong="H3605" chariots|strong="H7393" and|strong="H0776" his|strong="H3605" horses|strong="H6571". King Solomon|strong="H8010" also|strong="H0853" built|strong="H1129" whatever|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" wanted|strong="H2836" in|strong="H0776" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", Lebanon|strong="H3844", and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" places|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" ruled.

<sup>20</sup> There|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" left|strong="H3498"

in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" land who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" Israelites|strong="H3478". There|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" Amorites|strong="H0567", Hittites|strong="H2850", Perizzites|strong="H6522", Hivites|strong="H2340", and|strong="H1121" Jebusites|strong="H2983".<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H0834" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" been|strong="H0834" able|strong="H3201" to|strong="H5704" destroy|strong="H2763" them|strong="H0310", but|strong="H3808" Solomon|strong="H8010" forced|strong="H4522" them|strong="H0310" to|strong="H5704" work|strong="H5647" for|strong="H0776" him|strong="H0310" as|strong="H0834" slaves|strong="H5647". They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" still|strong="H5704" slaves|strong="H5647" today|strong="H3117".<sup>22</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" force any|strong="H0376" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3808" his|strong="H5414" slaves|strong="H5650". The|strong="H3588" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" soldiers|strong="H5650", government officials|strong="H8269", officers|strong="H8269", captains|strong="H8269", and|strong="H1121" chariot|strong="H7393" commanders|strong="H8269" and|strong="H1121" drivers.<sup>23</sup> There|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" 550 supervisors over|strong="H5921" Solomon's|strong="H8010" projects. They|strong="H0834" supervised|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0834" work|strong="H4399".

<sup>24</sup> Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" daughter|strong="H1323" moved from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1004" David|strong="H1732" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" palace|strong="H1004" that|strong="H0834" Solomon had|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" for|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H0227" he|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" Millo|strong="H4407".

<sup>25</sup> Three|strong="H7969" times|strong="H6471" each|strong="H6471" year|strong="H8141" Solomon|strong="H8010" offered|strong="H5927" burned|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" and|strong="H3068" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

King|strong="H5921" Solomon|strong="H8010" also|strong="H3068" burned|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" supplied what|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" needed for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004".

<sup>26</sup> King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" also|strong="H8010" built|strong="H6213" ships|strong="H0590" at|strong="H5921" Ezion Geber. This|strong="H0834" town is|strong="H0834" near|strong="H5921" Elath|strong="H0359" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" shore|strong="H8193" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" Red Sea|strong="H3220", in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Edom|strong="H0123".<sup>27</sup> King Hiram|strong="H2438" had|strong="H8010" some|strong="H0376" skilled sailors who|strong="H0376" knew|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" sea|strong="H3220" well|strong="H3045". He|strong="H8010" sent|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H7971" serve in|strong="H0376" Solomon's|strong="H8010" navy and|strong="H7971" work with|strong="H5973" Solomon's|strong="H8010" men|strong="H0376".<sup>28</sup> Solomon's|strong="H8010" ships went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Ophir|strong="H0211" and|strong="H0935" brought|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" about|strong="H0413" 16 tons<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H4428" gold|strong="H2091" for|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413".

#### The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

**10** The|strong="H0853" queen|strong="H4436" of|strong="H3068" Sheba|strong="H7614" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085" Solomon|strong="H8010", so|strong="H0935" she came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" test|strong="H5254" him|strong="H0853" with|strong="H3068" hard questions|strong="H2420".<sup>2</sup> She|strong="H0834" traveled|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" with|strong="H5973" a|strong="H1961" very|strong="H3966" large|strong="H3515" group of|strong="H3605" servants. There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7227" camels|strong="H1581" carrying|strong="H5375" spices|strong="H1314", jewels, and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H1961" lot of|strong="H3605" gold|strong="H2091". She|strong="H0834" met|strong="H5375" Solomon|strong="H8010" and|strong="H0935" asked|strong="H1696"

<sup>I</sup> 16 TONS Literally, "420 talents" (14,490 kg).

him |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" questions that |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" could |strong="H5375" think |strong="H3824" of |strong="H3605".<sup>3</sup> Solomon |strong="H8010" answered |strong="H5046" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" questions |strong="H1697". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H4428" her |strong="H3605" questions |strong="H1697" was |strong="H1961" too |strong="H4480" hard for |strong="H3605" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1961" explain |strong="H5046".<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3605" queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H1004" Sheba |strong="H7614" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" Solomon |strong="H8010" was |strong="H0834" very wise |strong="H2451". She |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" beautiful palace |strong="H1004" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129".<sup>5</sup> She |strong="H0834" saw the |strong="H0834" food |strong="H3978" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" king's table |strong="H7979". She |strong="H0834" saw his |strong="H3068" officials |strong="H5650" meeting together. She |strong="H0834" saw the |strong="H0834" servants |strong="H5650" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" good clothes they |strong="H0834" wore. She |strong="H0834" saw his |strong="H3068" parties and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" sacrifices that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" offered |strong="H5927" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". She |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" so |strong="H1961" amazed, she |strong="H0834" could hardly breathe!

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H1961" she |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Solomon, " The |strong="H0559" stories I |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H8085" country |strong="H0776" about |strong="H1961" your |strong="H5921" great works |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5921" wisdom |strong="H2451" are |strong="H0834" true |strong="H0571".<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" believe |strong="H0539" it |strong="H5704" until |strong="H5704" I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H7200" it |strong="H5704" with |strong="H0413" my |strong="H8085" own |strong="H5869" eyes |strong="H5869". Now |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H5704" is |strong="H0834"

even |strong="H5704" greater than |strong="H3808" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085". Your |strong="H0834" wealth |strong="H3808" and |strong="H0935" wisdom |strong="H2451" are |strong="H0834" much |strong="H1697" greater than |strong="H3808" people |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413".<sup>8</sup> Your |strong="H8085" wives<sup>I</sup> and |strong="H0376" officers |strong="H5650" are |strong="H0428" very fortunate, because |strong="H6440" they |strong="H0376" serve |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0376" hear |strong="H8085" your |strong="H8085" wisdom |strong="H2451" every |strong="H0376" day.<sup>9</sup> Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" pleased |strong="H2654" to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H7760" you |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". Because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" unending |strong="H5769" love |strong="H0160" for |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478", he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H1961" rule |strong="H4428" with |strong="H3068" justice |strong="H4941" and |strong="H3068" fairness |strong="H6666".

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" Queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H4428" Sheba |strong="H7614" gave |strong="H5414" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" 4 1/2 tons<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H4428" gold |strong="H2091", a |strong="H5414" huge amount |strong="H7230" of |strong="H4428" spices |strong="H1314", and |strong="H0935" precious |strong="H3368" stones |strong="H0068". She |strong="H1931" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" more |strong="H5750" spices |strong="H1314" than |strong="H3808" anyone |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" ever |strong="H5750" brought |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" Israel.

<sup>11</sup> Hiram's |strong="H2438" ships |strong="H0590" brought |strong="H0935" gold |strong="H2091" from |strong="H0935" Ophir |strong="H0211". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H1571" brought |strong="H0935" jewels and |strong="H0935" a |strong="H5375" special kind of |strong="H6086" wood |strong="H6086".<sup>III</sup><sup>12</sup> Solomon used |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" special wood |strong="H6086" to |strong="H0935" build sup-

<sup>I</sup> WIVES This is from the ancient Greek version. The Hebrew text has "men." <sup>II</sup> 4 1/2 TONS Literally, "120 talents" (4140 kg). <sup>III</sup> SPECIAL ... WOOD Literally, "almug." No one knows exactly what type of wood this was, but it might have been sandalwood.

ports |strong="H4552" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" palace |strong="H1004" as |strong="H5704" well |strong="H3651" as |strong="H5704" harps |strong="H3658" and |strong="H0935" lyres |strong="H3658" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" singers |strong="H7891". That |strong="H3117" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" last time |strong="H3117" such |strong="H2088" a |strong="H7200" large |strong="H1004" shipment of |strong="H4428" that |strong="H3117" kind of |strong="H4428" wood |strong="H6086" was |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Israel. There |strong="H2088" hasn't |strong="H3808" been |strong="H3808" any |strong="H3808" seen |strong="H7200" around here |strong="H2088" since |strong="H3117" then |strong="H2088".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>13</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" Queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H4428" Sheba |strong="H7614" everything |strong="H3605" she |strong="H1931" asked |strong="H7592" for |strong="H0776". He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" her |strong="H3605" more than |strong="H4428" she |strong="H1931" brought |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" Queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H4428" Sheba |strong="H7614" and |strong="H0776" her |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" left |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0776" went back |strong="H6437" to |strong="H5414" their |strong="H3605" own country |strong="H0776".

#### Solomon's |strong="H8010" Great Wealth

<sup>14</sup> Every |strong="H0259" year |strong="H8141" King Solomon |strong="H8010" received |strong="H0935" almost 25 tons<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H8141" gold |strong="H2091".<sup>15</sup> In |strong="H0776" addition to |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" gold brought in |strong="H0776" by |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" traveling merchants |strong="H7402" and |strong="H0776" traders |strong="H7402", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Arabia |strong="H6152" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" governors |strong="H6346" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" also |strong="H4428" brought gold and |strong="H0776" silver to |strong="H0376" Solomon.

<sup>I</sup> SINCE THEN Literally, "to this day," that is, when the book of Kings was written. <sup>II</sup> ALMOST 25 TONS Literally, "666 talents" (22,977 kg).

<sup>16</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" made |strong="H6213" 200 large shields |strong="H6793" of |strong="H4428" hammered gold |strong="H2091". He |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" about |strong="H5921" 15 pounds<sup>III</sup> of |strong="H4428" gold |strong="H2091" for |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0259" shield |strong="H6793".<sup>17</sup> He |strong="H5414" also |strong="H4428" made |strong="H5414" 300 smaller shields |strong="H4043" of |strong="H4428" hammered gold |strong="H2091". He |strong="H5414" used |strong="H5414" almost 4 pounds<sup>IV</sup> of |strong="H4428" gold |strong="H2091" for |strong="H5921" each |strong="H0259" shield |strong="H4043". The |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" put |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Forest-of-Lebanon House |strong="H1004".<sup>V</sup>

<sup>18</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon also |strong="H4428" built |strong="H6213" a |strong="H4428" large |strong="H1419" throne |strong="H3678" with |strong="H6823" ivory |strong="H8127" decorations. It |strong="H6213" was |strong="H4428" covered with |strong="H6823" pure gold |strong="H2091".<sup>19</sup> There |strong="H2088" were |strong="H3027" six |strong="H8337" steps |strong="H4609" leading |strong="H7218" up |strong="H5975" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" throne |strong="H3678". The |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0310" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0413" throne |strong="H3678" was |strong="H4725" round |strong="H5696" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" top |strong="H7218". There |strong="H2088" were |strong="H3027" armrests |strong="H7675" on |strong="H0413" both |strong="H8147" sides |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0413" throne |strong="H3678", and |strong="H3027" there |strong="H2088" were |strong="H3027" lions |strong="H0738" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" sides |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0413" throne |strong="H3678" under |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0413" armrests |strong="H7675".<sup>20</sup> There |strong="H8033" were |strong="H0738" also |strong="H2088" two |strong="H8147" lions |strong="H0738" on |strong="H5921" each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" six |strong="H8337" steps |strong="H4609", one |strong="H2088" at |strong="H5921" each |strong="H3605" end. There |strong="H8033" was |strong="H4467" noth-

<sup>III</sup> ABOUT 15 POUNDS Literally, "600 shekels

<sup>IV</sup> ALMOST 4 POUNDS Literally, "3 minas |strong="H4488"

<sup>V</sup> FOREST-OF-LEBANON HOUSE The largest of king Solomon's palace buildings. See 1 Kings 7:2-5.

ing |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3651"  
it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921"  
any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H2088" king-  
dom |strong="H4467".

<sup>21</sup> All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428"  
Solomon's |strong="H8010" cups |strong="H4945"  
and |strong="H4428" glasses were |strong="H3117"  
made |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428"  
gold |strong="H2091", and |strong="H4428"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" dishes <sup>I</sup>  
in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" building  
called the |strong="H3605" Forest |strong="H3293"  
of |strong="H4428" Lebanon |strong="H3844"  
were |strong="H3117" made |strong="H3605"  
from |strong="H3117" pure |strong="H5462"  
gold |strong="H2091". Nothing |strong="H3808"  
in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605"  
palace |strong="H1004" was |strong="H0369"  
made |strong="H3605" from |strong="H3117" sil-  
ver |strong="H3701". There |strong="H0369"  
was |strong="H0369" so |strong="H3808"  
much |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091"  
that |strong="H3605" in |strong="H1004"  
Solomon's |strong="H8010" time |strong="H3117" peo-  
ple |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" think |strong="H2803" sil-  
ver |strong="H3701" was |strong="H0369" important.

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H3588" king |strong="H4428" al-  
so |strong="H4428" had |strong="H4428" many cargo  
ships |strong="H0590"<sup>II</sup> that |strong="H3588"  
he |strong="H3588" sent out |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0935" trade things |strong="H7969"  
with |strong="H5973" other |strong="H0259" coun-  
tries. These were |strong="H7969" Hi-  
ram's |strong="H2438" ships |strong="H0590".  
Every |strong="H0259" three |strong="H7969"  
years |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3588"  
ships |strong="H0590" would |strong="H4428"  
come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935"  
with |strong="H5973" a |strong="H3588" new  
load |strong="H5375" of |strong="H4428"  
gold |strong="H2091", silver |strong="H3701",  
ivory |strong="H8143", and |strong="H0935"  
apes |strong="H6971" and |strong="H0935" baboons.

<sup>23</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010"  
became |strong="H1431" greater |strong="H1431"  
in |strong="H0776" riches |strong="H6239"  
and |strong="H0776" wisdom |strong="H2451"  
than |strong="H4428" any |strong="H3605" oth-  
er |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428"  
on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776". <sup>24</sup> Peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" everywhere |strong="H3605"  
wanted |strong="H1245" to |strong="H8085"  
see |strong="H0834" King Solomon |strong="H8010"  
and |strong="H0430" listen |strong="H8085"  
to |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> DISHES The Hebrew word can mean "dishes," "tools," or  
"weapons." <sup>II</sup> CARGO SHIPS Literally, "ships of Tarshish."

great |strong="H0430" wisdom |strong="H2451"  
that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430"  
had |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414"  
him |strong="H5414". <sup>25</sup> Every |strong="H0376"  
year |strong="H8141" people |strong="H0376"  
came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
see |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" king  
and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935"  
gifts |strong="H4503" made |strong="H3627"  
from |strong="H0935" gold |strong="H2091"  
and |strong="H0935" silver |strong="H3701",  
clothes |strong="H8008", weapons |strong="H3627",  
spices |strong="H1314", horses |strong="H5483",  
and |strong="H0935" mules |strong="H6505".

<sup>26</sup> Solomon |strong="H8010" had |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" great number of |strong="H4428"  
chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H3967" hors-  
es |strong="H6571". He |strong="H8010"  
had |strong="H1961" 1400 chariots |strong="H7393"  
and |strong="H3967" 12,000 horse sol-  
diers |strong="H3967". He |strong="H8010" built spe-  
cial cities |strong="H5892" for |strong="H4428" these  
chariots |strong="H7393". So |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H1961" chariots |strong="H7393"  
were |strong="H1961" kept in |strong="H4428" these  
cities |strong="H5892". King |strong="H4428"  
Solomon |strong="H8010" also |strong="H8010" kept  
some of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H1961" chari-  
ots |strong="H7393" with |strong="H5973"  
him |strong="H5973" in |strong="H4428"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428" made |strong="H5414" Israel  
very rich. In |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" city  
of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", sil-  
ver |strong="H3701" was |strong="H0834"  
as |strong="H0834" common as |strong="H0834"  
rocks |strong="H0068" and |strong="H4428"  
cedar |strong="H0730" wood was |strong="H0834"  
as |strong="H0834" common as |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" many |strong="H7230" fig  
trees |strong="H8256" growing on |strong="H0068"  
the |strong="H0853" hills. <sup>28</sup>  
Solomon |strong="H8010" brought |strong="H3947"  
horses |strong="H5483" from |strong="H3947"  
Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H4428" Kue.  
His |strong="H3947" traders |strong="H5503" bought  
them |strong="H3947" in |strong="H4428" Kue  
and |strong="H4428" brought |strong="H3947"  
them |strong="H3947" to |strong="H4714" Israel. <sup>29</sup>  
A |strong="H5927" chariot |strong="H4818"  
from |strong="H3318" Egypt |strong="H4714" cost  
about |strong="H4428" 15 pounds of |strong="H4428"  
silver |strong="H3701", and |strong="H3967"  
a |strong="H5927" horse |strong="H5483" cost almost  
4 pounds <sup>III</sup> of |strong="H4428" sil-  
ver |strong="H3701". Solomon sold |strong="H3318"  
horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H3967" chari-

<sup>III</sup> ALMOST 4 POUNDS Literally, "150 shekels" (1.725 kg).

ots|strong="H4818" to|strong="H4714"  
the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Hit-  
tites|strong="H2850" and|strong="H3967"  
the|strong="H3605" Arameans|strong="H0758".

### Solomon and His Many Wives

11 King|strong="H4428"  
Solomon|strong="H8010"  
loved|strong="H0157" many|strong="H7227" for-  
eign|strong="H5237" women|strong="H0802", includ-  
ing|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" daugh-  
ter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H4428"  
Pharaoh|strong="H6547" and|strong="H4428"  
women|strong="H0802" from|strong="H0802"  
Moab|strong="H4125", Ammon|strong="H4125",  
Edom, Sidon, and|strong="H4428"  
the|strong="H0853" Hittites|strong="H2850".<sup>2</sup>  
In|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" past  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
had|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478", " You|strong="H0834"  
must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" marry  
people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H4480" other  
nations|strong="H1471". If|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0834" do|strong="H0935",  
they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" cause  
you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" fol-  
low|strong="H0310" their|strong="H3068"  
gods|strong="H0430". But|strong="H3808"  
Solomon|strong="H8010" fell in|strong="H0935"  
love|strong="H0160" with|strong="H0413"  
these|strong="H1992" women.<sup>3</sup> He|strong="H0853"  
had|strong="H1961" 700 wives|strong="H0802"  
who|strong="H0802" were|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" daughters of|strong="H0802"  
leaders from|strong="H1961" other nations.  
He|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853"  
had|strong="H1961" 300 slave  
women|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0802"  
were|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
wives|strong="H0802" to|strong="H1961"  
him|strong="H0853". His|strong="H1961"  
wives|strong="H0802" caused|strong="H1961"  
him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H1961"  
turn|strong="H5186" away|strong="H5186"  
from|strong="H1961" God.<sup>4</sup> When|strong="H1961"  
Solomon|strong="H8010" was|strong="H1961"  
old|strong="H2209", his|strong="H3068"  
wives|strong="H0802" caused|strong="H1961"  
him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H1961" fol-  
low|strong="H0310" other|strong="H0312"  
gods|strong="H0430", so|strong="H1961"  
he|strong="H0310" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" follow|strong="H0310"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" comple-  
tely|strong="H8003" as|strong="H1961"

his|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001"  
David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H3808".<sup>5</sup>  
Solomon|strong="H8010" worshiped|strong="H0310"  
Ashtoreth, the|strong="H0310" god-  
dess|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Sidon,  
and|strong="H0430" Milcom|strong="H4445",  
the|strong="H0310" horrible god|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0310" Am-  
monites|strong="H5984".<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H6213"  
Solomon|strong="H8010" did|strong="H6213"  
what|strong="H7451" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said was|strong="H3068"  
wrong|strong="H7451". He|strong="H0310"  
did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" fol-  
low|strong="H0310" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068" completely as|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001"  
David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H6213".

<sup>7</sup> On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" moun-  
tain|strong="H2022" next|strong="H5921"  
to|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389",  
Solomon|strong="H8010" built|strong="H1129"  
a|strong="H1129" place|strong="H1116"  
for|strong="H5921" worshiping  
Chemosh|strong="H3645", that|strong="H0834" hor-  
rible idol|strong="H8251" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H6440" Moabites|strong="H4124".  
On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" same moun-  
tain|strong="H2022", Solomon|strong="H8010"  
built|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129"  
place|strong="H1116" for|strong="H5921" worship-  
ing Molech|strong="H4432", that|strong="H0834"  
horrible idol|strong="H8251" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H6440" Ammonites|strong="H5983".  
<sup>8</sup> Solomon did|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605"  
same|strong="H3651" thing|strong="H3651"  
for|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605"  
of|strong="H0430" his|strong="H3605" oth-  
er|strong="H3605" foreign|strong="H5237"  
wives|strong="H0802" who|strong="H3605"  
burned|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999"  
and|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H6213" sacri-  
fices|strong="H6999" to|strong="H0430"  
their|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430".

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H3588" Solomon|strong="H8010" did  
not|strong="H3588" remain faithful  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3588"  
God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478", even|strong="H3588"  
though|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430"  
had|strong="H3068" appeared|strong="H7200"  
to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413"  
twice|strong="H6471". The|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068" became|strong="H7200" an-  
gry|strong="H0599" with|strong="H5973"  
him|strong="H0413".<sup>10</sup> He|strong="H0834"  
had|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0413" Solomon



that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H0310" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430", but |strong="H3808" Solomon did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" command |strong="H6680".  
 11 So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Solomon |strong="H8010", " You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" chosen to |strong="H0559" break your |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H5414". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" obeyed |strong="H8104" my |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H6680". So |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H1285" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" tear |strong="H7167" your |strong="H3068" kingdom |strong="H4467" away |strong="H5973" from |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" one |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650".  
 12 But |strong="H0389" I |strong="H3117" loved your |strong="H3808" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732", so |strong="H4616" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" take your |strong="H3808" kingdom away |strong="H7167" from |strong="H3027" you |strong="H3117" while |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" alive. I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1121" wait until your |strong="H3808" son |strong="H1121" becomes |strong="H3027" king |strong="H4616". Then |strong="H4616" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1121" take it |strong="H6213" from |strong="H3027" him |strong="H1732".  
 13 Still, I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" tear |strong="H7167" away |strong="H7167" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4467" from |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" leave |strong="H4616" him |strong="H5414" one |strong="H0259" tribe |strong="H7626" to |strong="H5414" rule |strong="H4467". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H0834" for |strong="H4616" my |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" for |strong="H4616" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", the |strong="H3605" city I |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977"."

### Solomon's Enemies |strong="H3389"

14 Then |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" raised |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" Hadad |strong="H1908" the |strong="H0853" Edomite |strong="H0130" to |strong="H3068" become Solomon's |strong="H8010" enemy |strong="H7854". Hadad |strong="H1908" was |strong="H3068" from |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" royal |strong="H4428" family |strong="H2233" of |strong="H4428" Edom |strong="H0123".  
 15 This |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" how it |strong="H1961" happened |strong="H1961". In |strong="H6912" the |strong="H3605" past David |strong="H1732" fought |strong="H0854" against |strong="H0854" Edom |strong="H0123". Joab |strong="H3097" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" commander |strong="H8269" of |strong="H8269" David's |strong="H1732" army |strong="H6635". Joab |strong="H3097" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H1961" Edom |strong="H0123" to |strong="H1961" bury |strong="H6912" his |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H2491" soldiers |strong="H5927". While |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" Joab |strong="H3097" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Edomite men |strong="H2145" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1961" still alive.  
 16 Joab |strong="H3097" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H2145" of |strong="H3427" Israel |strong="H3478" stayed |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Edom |strong="H0123" for |strong="H3588" six |strong="H8337" months |strong="H2320" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H3588" killed all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H2145" of |strong="H3427" Edom |strong="H0123".  
 17 At |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" time Hadad |strong="H1908" was |strong="H1931" only a |strong="H0935" young |strong="H5288" boy |strong="H5288". He |strong="H1931" and |strong="H0935" some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H0376" father's |strong="H0001" servants |strong="H5650" ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714".  
 18 They |strong="H0376" left |strong="H5414" Midian |strong="H4080" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Paran |strong="H6290". In |strong="H0935" Paran |strong="H6290" some |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" joined |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" whole group went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413"

Egypt|strong="H4714". They|strong="H0376" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H0935" asked|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0413" help|strong="H6965". Pharaoh|strong="H6547" gave|strong="H5414" Hadad a|strong="H3947" house|strong="H1004", some|strong="H0376" land|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0935" food|strong="H3899" to|strong="H0413" eat.

<sup>19</sup> Pharaoh|strong="H6547" liked|strong="H5869" Hadad|strong="H1908" so|strong="H5414" much|strong="H3966" that|strong="H5869" he|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" Hadad|strong="H1908" a|strong="H5414" wife|strong="H0802". She was|strong="H0802" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" sister-in-law. ( Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" wife|strong="H0802" was|strong="H0802" Queen|strong="H1377" Tahpenes|strong="H8472".) <sup>20</sup> Hadad and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" sister|strong="H0269" of|strong="H1121" Tahpenes|strong="H8472" had|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121" named Genubath|strong="H1592". Queen Tahpenes|strong="H8472" let|strong="H1961" Genubath|strong="H1592" grow up|strong="H0853" in|strong="H1004" Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" house|strong="H1004" with|strong="H1004" his|strong="H1961" children|strong="H1121".

<sup>21</sup> In|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714" Hadad|strong="H1908" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H1732" died|strong="H4191" and|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3588" Joab|strong="H3097", the|strong="H0559" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" army|strong="H6635", was|strong="H0776" dead|strong="H4191". So|strong="H7971" Hadad|strong="H1908" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", " Let|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971" home|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H8085" own|strong="H5973" country|strong="H0776"."

<sup>22</sup> But|strong="H3588" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" answered|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0776" given you|strong="H0859" everything you|strong="H0859" need here|strong="H2005". Why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" want|strong="H1245" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971" back|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3588" own|strong="H5973" country|strong="H0776"?"

Hadad answered|strong="H0559", "Please, just let|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971" home|strong="H0776"."

<sup>23</sup> God|strong="H0430" also|strong="H0853" raised|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" another man|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0430" become one|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Solomon's enemies|strong="H6965". This|strong="H0834" man|strong="H1121" was|strong="H0834" Rezon|strong="H7331", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Eliada|strong="H0450". Rezon|strong="H7331" ran|strong="H1272" away|strong="H1272" from|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0834" master|strong="H0113", King|strong="H4428" Hadadezer|strong="H1909" of|strong="H1121" Zobah|strong="H6678". <sup>24</sup> After|strong="H5921" David|strong="H1732" defeated the|strong="H0853" army|strong="H3427" of|strong="H0376" Zobah, Rezon gathered|strong="H6908" some|strong="H0376" men|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" became|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" leader|strong="H8269" of|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1961" small army|strong="H3427". He|strong="H1732" went|strong="H0376" to|strong="H1961" Damascus|strong="H1834" and|strong="H0376" stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" rule|strong="H4427" from|strong="H5921" Damascus|strong="H1834". <sup>25</sup> Rezon became|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4427" of|strong="H3117" Aram|strong="H0758". He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" enemy|strong="H7854" of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478" throughout|strong="H3605" Solomon's|strong="H8010" life|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3478" added|strong="H3117" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" trouble|strong="H7451" that|strong="H0834" Hadad|strong="H1908" created for|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>26</sup> There was|strong="H8034" also|strong="H8010" another|strong="H0802" person|strong="H3027" who|strong="H1121" became|strong="H7311" an|strong="H4480" enemy of|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010". He|strong="H4480" was|strong="H8034" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028". He|strong="H4480" was|strong="H8034" an|strong="H4480" Ephraimite|strong="H0673" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" town of|strong="H1121" Zeredah|strong="H6868". His|strong="H3027" mother|strong="H0517" was|strong="H8034" a|strong="H4480" widow|strong="H0490" named|strong="H8034" Zeruah|strong="H6871". He|strong="H4480" was|strong="H8034"

one |strong="H0802" of |strong="H1121" Solomon's |strong="H8010" servants |strong="H5650", but |strong="H4428" he |strong="H4480" rebelled against |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" king |strong="H4428".

<sup>27</sup> This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" story about |strong="H1697" how |strong="H0834" Jeroboam turned against |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". Solomon |strong="H8010" was |strong="H0834" building |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" Millo |strong="H4407" and |strong="H3027" repairing the |strong="H0853" wall around |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732", his |strong="H1732" father |strong="H0001". <sup>28</sup> Jeroboam |strong="H3379" was |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3588" free man |strong="H0376". <sup>1</sup> Solomon |strong="H8010" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" this |strong="H1931" young |strong="H5288" man |strong="H0376" was |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3588" skilled worker |strong="H4399", so |strong="H6213" he |strong="H1931" made |strong="H6213" him |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" supervisor over |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" workers |strong="H4399" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" tribes that |strong="H3588" descended from |strong="H0376"

Joseph |strong="H3130". <sup>29</sup> One |strong="H1931" day |strong="H6256" as |strong="H1961" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" was |strong="H1961" leaving |strong="H3318" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" Ahijah |strong="H0281" from |strong="H3318" Shiloh met |strong="H4672" him |strong="H0853" on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0853" road |strong="H1870". They |strong="H6256" were |strong="H1961" alone |strong="H0905" out |strong="H3318" in |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0853" country |strong="H7704", and |strong="H3389" Ahijah |strong="H0281" was |strong="H1961" wearing a |strong="H1961" new |strong="H2319" coat.

<sup>30</sup> Ahijah |strong="H0281" took |strong="H8610" his |strong="H5921" new |strong="H2319" coat and |strong="H7167" tore |strong="H7167" it |strong="H5921" into |strong="H5921" twelve |strong="H6240" pieces |strong="H7168". <sup>31</sup> Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Jeroboam |strong="H3379", " Take |strong="H3947" ten |strong="H6235" pieces |strong="H7168" of |strong="H0430" this |strong="H3541" coat for |strong="H3588" yourself |strong="H5414" be-

<sup>1</sup> FREE MAN Or "a nobleman," someone who could be called to war to protect his people.

cause |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" tear |strong="H7167" the |strong="H0853" kingdom |strong="H4467" away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3478" Solomon |strong="H8010", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" ten |strong="H6235" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" tribes |strong="H7626". <sup>32</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" let |strong="H1961" David's |strong="H1732" family keep only |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" tribe |strong="H7626". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H0834" of |strong="H7626" my |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3478" because |strong="H0834" of |strong="H7626" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" from |strong="H3478" among |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>33</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" take |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0834" kingdom from |strong="H1980" Solomon because |strong="H3282" he |strong="H0834" stopped following |strong="H1980" me |strong="H3808" and |strong="H1980" began worshiping |strong="H7812" Ashtoreth, the |strong="H0834" goddess |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Sidon; Chemosh |strong="H3645", the |strong="H0834" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Moab |strong="H4124"; and |strong="H1980" Milcom |strong="H4445", the |strong="H0834" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" Ammonites |strong="H5983". Solomon stopped following |strong="H1980" my |strong="H1732" ways |strong="H1870" and |strong="H1980" doing |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" say is |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3477". He |strong="H0834" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H1732" laws and |strong="H1980" commands |strong="H1870" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H1732" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H6213". <sup>34</sup> So |strong="H4616" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4467" away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3027"

Solomon's family. I|strong="H0834" chose|strong="H0977" David|strong="H1732" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H0834" obeyed|strong="H8104" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" laws and|strong="H3027" commands|strong="H4687". So|strong="H4616" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3605" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" let|strong="H3808" Solomon be|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4616" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" rest of|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3605" life|strong="H3117".<sup>35</sup> But|strong="H3947" Jeroboam, I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1121" take|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" ten|strong="H6235" tribes|strong="H7626" away|strong="H3947" from|strong="H3027" his|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414".<sup>36</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" let|strong="H5414" Solomon's son|strong="H1121" keep one|strong="H0259" tribe|strong="H7626" to|strong="H1961" rule over|strong="H5414". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" do|strong="H3605" this|strong="H0834" for|strong="H4616" my|strong="H3605" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732", so|strong="H4616" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" always|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" someone|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1961" rule near|strong="H6440" me|strong="H5414" in|strong="H3117" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" chose|strong="H0977" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961".<sup>37</sup> But|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H3947" you|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>I</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" rule|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" want|strong="H5315".<sup>38</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" live|strong="H1980" right|strong="H3477" and|strong="H1980" obey|strong="H8085" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H6680" as|strong="H0834" David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H6213", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H1980" make|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" fami-

ly|strong="H1004" a|strong="H1961" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" kings, just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" for|strong="H1004" David|strong="H1732". And|strong="H1980" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" Israel|strong="H3478" as|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3605" kingdom.<sup>39</sup> I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3808" punish David's|strong="H1732" descendants|strong="H2233" because|strong="H4616" of|strong="H3117" what|strong="H2233" Solomon did|strong="H3808", but|strong="H0389" not|strong="H3808" forever|strong="H3117"."

### Solomon's Death

<sup>40</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" tried|strong="H1245" to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H4191" Jeroboam|strong="H3379", but|strong="H1961" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" ran|strong="H1272" away|strong="H1272" to|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714". He|strong="H5704" went|strong="H6965" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Shishak|strong="H7895" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H6965" stayed there|strong="H1961" until|strong="H5704" Solomon|strong="H8010" died|strong="H4191".

<sup>41</sup> Everything|strong="H3605" else|strong="H3605" Solomon|strong="H8010" did|strong="H6213", from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" beginning to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" end, is|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H1697" Solomon|strong="H8010".<sup>42</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" over|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" 40 years|strong="H8141".<sup>43</sup> Then|strong="H1732" he|strong="H1732" died<sup>II</sup> and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1732" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H6912" the|strong="H8478" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" David|strong="H1732", his|strong="H1732" father|strong="H0001". Then|strong="H1732" Solomon's|strong="H8010" son|strong="H1121", Rehoboam|strong="H7346", became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" next king|strong="H4427" after him|strong="H5973".

### Civil War

**12** Jeroboam son of Nebat was still in Egypt where he had run away from Solomon. When

I ISRAEL That is, the northern ten tribes.

II DIED Literally, "slept with his ancestors."

he heard about Solomon's death, he returned to his city, Zeredah, in the hills of Ephraim. <sup>1</sup>

Rehoboam and all the Israelites went to Shechem to make him the king. The people said to Rehoboam, <sup>4</sup> "Your <sup>4</sup> father forced us to work very hard. Now, make it easier for us. Stop the heavy work that your father forced us to do and will you serve?"

<sup>5</sup> Rehoboam answered, "Come to me in three days. I will answer you. So the people left."

<sup>6</sup> There were some men who had helped Solomon make decisions when he was alive. So King Rehoboam asked these men what he should do. He said, "How do you think I should answer the people?"

<sup>7</sup> They answered, "If you are like a servant to them today, they will sincerely serve you. If you speak kindly to them, they will always"

work for you."

<sup>8</sup> But Rehoboam did not listen to the advice from the older men. He asked the young men who his friends. <sup>9</sup> Rehoboam asked them, "The people said, 'Give us easier work than your father gave us.' How do you think I should answer them? What should I tell them?"

<sup>10</sup> Then the young men who grew up with him answered, "Those people came to you and said, 'Your father forced us to work very hard. Now make our work easier.' So should you tell them, 'My little finger is stronger than my father's whole body.' <sup>11</sup> My father forced you to work hard, but I will make you work much harder! My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with whips that have sharp metal tips."

<sup>1</sup> TO HIS CITY ... EPHRAIM This is from the ancient Greek version.

12 Three days later and the people came as Rehoboam had said. 13 King Rehoboam did not listen to the advice from the older men, and he was rude to the people. 14 He did his friends told him to do and said, "My father forced you to work hard, but I will make you work much harder! My father punished you with whips I will punish you with whips that have sharp metal tips." 15 So the king did do the people wanted. The LORD this happened in to the promise he made to Jeroboam son of Nebat when he sent the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh to speak to him.

16 The Israelites saw the new king refused to lis-

ten them, so they said to him, "We are not David's family are we?"

We don't get of Jesse's land, do we?

So people of Israel, let's go home

and let David's son rule his own people!"

So the Israelites went home. 17 But Rehoboam still ruled over the Israelites who lived in the cities of Judah.

18 A man named Adoniram was one of the men who directed the workers. King Rehoboam sent Adoniram to talk to the people, but he threw stones at him until he died. King Rehoboam ran to his chariot and escaped to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the family of David, and this is how things are even today.

20 When all the Israelites heard that Jeroboam came back, they called him a meeting and made king over all Israel. The tribe of Judah was to follow the family of David.

21 Rehoboam went back to Jerusalem and gathered together his army of 180,000 men from the families of Judah and Benjamin. Rehoboam wanted to go fight against the Israelites and take back his kingdom. <sup>22</sup> But God spoke to a prophet named Shemaiah. He said, <sup>23</sup> "Talk to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to the men of Judah and Benjamin. <sup>24</sup> Say to them, 'The LORD says you must not go to war against your brothers. Everyone

home! I made this happen.' So all the men in Rehoboam's army obeyed the LORD. They went home, just as the LORD commanded.

<sup>25</sup> Jeroboam rebuilt the city of Shechem, in the hill country of Ephraim, and there he went to the city of Penuel and rebuilt it.

<sup>26</sup> Jeroboam said to himself, "If the people keep going to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices at the LORD'S Temple, someday they will want to be ruled by their old masters. They will want to be ruled by King Rehoboam of Judah. And then they will kill me." <sup>28</sup> So the king's advisors told him to do this. They gave him their advice, and King Jeroboam made two golden calves. He said to the people, "You don't have to go to Jerusalem to worship anymore. Israel, these are the gods brought out of Egypt." <sup>29</sup> King Jeroboam put one golden calf in Bethel and the other

I PENUEL Or "Peniel." II ISRAEL ... OUT OF EGYPT This is exactly the same thing that Aaron said at the time he made the golden calf in the desert. See Exodus 32:4.

er |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" in |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0259" Dan |strong="H1835".<sup>130</sup> What |strong="H1697" a |strong="H1961" terrible sin |strong="H2403" this |strong="H2088" was |strong="H1961", because |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H2088" started |strong="H1961" going to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H6440" cities of |strong="H1697" Dan |strong="H1835" and |strong="H6440" Bethel II to |strong="H5704" worship the |strong="H6440" calves.

<sup>31</sup> Jeroboam also |strong="H0853" built |strong="H6213" temples |strong="H1004" at |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" and |strong="H1121" chose |strong="H6213" priests |strong="H3548" from |strong="H1121" among |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" different tribes of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H5971". ( He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" choose priests |strong="H3548" only from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3878". )<sup>32</sup> Then |strong="H0853" King |strong="H5921" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" started a |strong="H2076" new |strong="H2320" festival |strong="H2282" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" festival |strong="H2282"<sup>III</sup> in |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063", but |strong="H3651" it |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" 15th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" eighth |strong="H8066" month |strong="H2320". At |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3651" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H5921" offered |strong="H5927" sacrifices |strong="H2076" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" at |strong="H5921" Bethel |strong="H1008". He |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3063" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" he |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H6213" offered |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" sacrifices |strong="H2076" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" calves |strong="H5695" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" set |strong="H5975" up |strong="H5927" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213".<sup>33</sup> So |strong="H6213"

I BETHEL, DAN Bethel was a city in the southern part of Israel, near Judah. Dan was in the northern part of Israel. II AND BETHEL This is from the ancient Greek version. III THE FESTIVAL Probably the Festival of Shelters. See "Festival of Shelters" in the Word List.

King |strong="H5921" Jeroboam chose |strong="H6213" his |strong="H5921" own time |strong="H3117" for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0834" festival |strong="H2282" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478", the |strong="H0834" 15th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" eighth |strong="H8066" month |strong="H2320". And |strong="H1121" during |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" he |strong="H0834" offered |strong="H5927" sacrifices |strong="H6999" and |strong="H1121" burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" built |strong="H6213" at |strong="H5921" Bethel |strong="H1008".

### God Speaks Against Bethel

**13** The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded a |strong="H0935" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" from |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" city of |strong="H0376" Bethel |strong="H1008". King |strong="H5921" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" was |strong="H3068" standing |strong="H5975" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" offering |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" when |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" arrived |strong="H0935".<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0120" of |strong="H1121" God |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" speak |strong="H0559" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559",

" Altar |strong="H4196", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5921": ' David's |strong="H1732" family |strong="H1004" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121". His |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" Josiah |strong="H2977". The |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" are |strong="H1121" now |strong="H2009" burning |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" on |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921", but |strong="H2009" Josi-



ah |strong="H2977" will |strong="H3068" of  
fer |strong="H6999" the |strong="H0853"  
priests |strong="H3548" on |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121"  
burn |strong="H8313" human |strong="H0120"  
bones |strong="H6106" on |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H5921", so |strong="H3541"  
you |strong="H5921" can |strong="H0120" never  
be |strong="H8034" used again!"

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0559" man of |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" proof  
to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834"  
this |strong="H2088" would |strong="H3068" happen.  
He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "  
This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0559" proof that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5414"  
about |strong="H5921". He |strong="H0834"  
said |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H2088" al-  
tar |strong="H4196" will |strong="H3068" break  
apart |strong="H7167", and |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H0559" ashes |strong="H1880"  
on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5414"  
will |strong="H3068" fall onto |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" ground."

<sup>4</sup> When |strong="H1961" King |strong="H4428" Jer-  
oboam |strong="H3379" heard |strong="H8085"  
the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H1697"  
from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428"  
God |strong="H0430" about |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196"  
in |strong="H5921" Bethel |strong="H1008",  
he |strong="H0834" took |strong="H8610"  
his |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027"  
off |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" al-  
tar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H0430" pointed  
at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376". He |strong="H0834"  
said |strong="H0559", "Arrest that |strong="H0834"  
man |strong="H0376"! But |strong="H3808"  
when |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559"  
this |strong="H1697", his |strong="H5921"  
arm |strong="H3027" became |strong="H1961" para-  
lyzed. He |strong="H0834" could |strong="H3201"  
not |strong="H3808" move it |strong="H5921". <sup>5</sup>  
Then |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0834" al-  
tar |strong="H4196" broke into |strong="H0376"  
pieces, and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H1697"  
its |strong="H5414" ashes |strong="H1880" fell onto  
the |strong="H0834" ground. This |strong="H1697"  
proved that |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0834" man |strong="H0376"  
of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430"  
had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1697"

came |strong="H0376" from |strong="H4480"  
the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>6</sup>  
Then |strong="H6030" King |strong="H4428" Jeroboam  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376"  
of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430", "  
Please |strong="H4994" pray |strong="H6419"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H1157"  
me |strong="H0413". Ask |strong="H0559"  
him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" heal  
my |strong="H3068" arm |strong="H3027"."

So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428"  
God |strong="H0430" prayed |strong="H6419"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428"  
arm |strong="H3027" was |strong="H1961" healed,  
as |strong="H1961" it |strong="H7725"  
was |strong="H1961" before |strong="H6440". <sup>7</sup>  
Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0413"  
king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H1696"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413"  
man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428"  
God |strong="H0430", "Please come |strong="H0935"  
home |strong="H1004" with |strong="H0854"  
me |strong="H0413". Come |strong="H0935"  
and |strong="H0935" eat with |strong="H0854"  
me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H5414"  
will |strong="H0430" give |strong="H5414"  
you |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414"  
gift |strong="H4991"."

<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428"  
God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428", " I |strong="H0518"  
will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808"  
go |strong="H0935" home |strong="H1004"  
with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H5414",  
even |strong="H3808" if |strong="H0518"  
you |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414"  
me |strong="H0413" half |strong="H2677"  
of |strong="H4428" your |strong="H5414" king-  
dom |strong="H4428"! I |strong="H0518"  
will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808"  
eat |strong="H0398" or |strong="H0518"  
drink |strong="H8354" anything |strong="H3899"  
in |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2088"  
place |strong="H4725". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680"  
me |strong="H7725" not |strong="H3808"  
to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398"  
or |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354" any-  
thing |strong="H1697" here |strong="H1870".  
He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" command-

ed |strong="H6680" me |strong="H7725" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H1870" I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H1980"." <sup>10</sup> So |strong="H3808" he |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" different |strong="H0312" road |strong="H1870" home |strong="H7725". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0834" same way |strong="H1870" he |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Bethel |strong="H1008".

<sup>11</sup> There |strong="H3427" was |strong="H0834" an |strong="H0935" old |strong="H1121" prophet |strong="H5030" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Bethel |strong="H1008". His |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H1121" told |strong="H1696" him |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430" did |strong="H6213" in |strong="H3427" Bethel |strong="H1008" and |strong="H1121" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Jeroboam.

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853" old |strong="H1121" prophet |strong="H0376" said |strong="H1696", " Which |strong="H0834" way |strong="H1870" did |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" go |strong="H1980" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" left |strong="H1980"?" So |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" sons |strong="H1121" showed |strong="H7200" their |strong="H0935" father |strong="H0001" which |strong="H0834" road |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430" from |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063" had |strong="H0834" taken. <sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0559" old |strong="H1121" prophet |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" saddle |strong="H2280" his |strong="H5921" donkey |strong="H2543". They |strong="H5921" put |strong="H7392" the |strong="H0559" saddle |strong="H2280" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" donkey |strong="H2543", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H0559" left.

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0559" old prophet |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H0834"

found |strong="H4672" him |strong="H0413" sitting |strong="H3427" under |strong="H8478" an |strong="H0935" oak |strong="H0424" tree and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", " Are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" who |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063"?"

The |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" answered |strong="H0559", "Yes, I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"."

<sup>15</sup> So the |strong="H0559" old prophet |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "Please come home |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" eat |strong="H0398" with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>16</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" man of |strong="H4325" God |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3201" cannot |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" home |strong="H4725" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H7725". I |strong="H3201" cannot |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" or |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354" anything |strong="H3899" in |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", ' You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" or |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354" anything |strong="H1697" in |strong="H1980" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H8033", and |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" go |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725" on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3588" different road |strong="H1870"."

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H0559" old prophet |strong="H5030" lied |strong="H3584" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " But |strong="H1696" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H3644" prophet |strong="H5030" like |strong="H3644" you |strong="H7725". And |strong="H3068" an |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725" home |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" give |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725" some-

thing |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413"  
eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H3068"  
drink |strong="H8354".

<sup>19</sup> So |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0398" man  
of |strong="H1004" God went |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0398" old prophet's  
house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H7725"  
ate |strong="H0398" and |strong="H7725"  
drank |strong="H8354" with |strong="H0854"  
him |strong="H0854". <sup>20</sup> While |strong="H1961"  
they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H0834" sit-  
ting |strong="H3427" at |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0834" table |strong="H7979",  
the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068"  
spoke |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0834" old prophet |strong="H5030", <sup>21</sup>  
and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" old  
prophet |strong="H0376" spoke |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376"  
God |strong="H0430" from |strong="H0935" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063". He |strong="H0834"  
said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559"  
that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808"  
obey |strong="H8104" him |strong="H0413"!  
You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834"  
not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6680"  
what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" command-  
ed |strong="H6680". <sup>22</sup> He |strong="H0834"  
told |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834"  
not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413"  
eat |strong="H0398" or |strong="H3808"  
drink |strong="H8354" anything |strong="H3899"  
in |strong="H0935" this |strong="H0834"  
place |strong="H4725", but |strong="H3808"  
you |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935"  
back |strong="H7725" here |strong="H4725"  
and |strong="H0935" ate |strong="H0398"  
and |strong="H0935" drank |strong="H8354".  
So |strong="H3808" your |strong="H0834"  
body |strong="H5038" will |strong="H0834"  
not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" buried  
in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0834" fami-  
ly |strong="H0001" grave |strong="H6913".

<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H0834" man of |strong="H3899"  
God finished eating |strong="H0398"  
and |strong="H7725" drinking |strong="H8354".  
Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" old  
prophet |strong="H5030" saddled |strong="H2280"  
the |strong="H0834" man's donkey |strong="H2543"  
for |strong="H3899" him |strong="H0310"  
and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0834" man  
left |strong="H7725". <sup>24</sup> On |strong="H1870"  
the |strong="H1961" way |strong="H1870" home,  
a |strong="H1961" lion |strong="H0738" at-  
tacked |strong="H5975" and |strong="H1870"

killed |strong="H4191" the |strong="H1961"  
man |strong="H4191" of |strong="H1870" God.  
His |strong="H1961" body |strong="H5038"  
was |strong="H1961" lying |strong="H7993"  
on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H1961"  
road |strong="H1870" while |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H1961" lion |strong="H0738"  
stood |strong="H5975" next to |strong="H4191"  
it |strong="H1961". The |strong="H1961" don-  
key |strong="H2543" stood |strong="H5975" nearby.  
<sup>25</sup> Some |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376"  
came |strong="H0935" walking by |strong="H1870"  
and |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H7200"  
the |strong="H0853" body |strong="H5038"  
and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" li-  
on |strong="H0738" standing |strong="H5975"  
by |strong="H1870" it |strong="H7200".  
They |strong="H0834" went |strong="H0935" in-  
to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
city |strong="H5892" where |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" old |strong="H2205"  
prophet |strong="H5030" lived |strong="H3427"  
and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H1696" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376" what |strong="H0834"  
they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834"  
seen |strong="H7200" on |strong="H1870"  
the |strong="H0853" road |strong="H1870".

<sup>26</sup> The |strong="H0853" old  
prophet |strong="H5030" heard |strong="H8085"  
the |strong="H0853" story and |strong="H3068"  
said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H1931"  
is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376"  
God |strong="H0430" who |strong="H0834"  
did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H1870"  
obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" command |strong="H6310",  
so |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H5414"  
a |strong="H5414" lion |strong="H0738"  
to |strong="H0559" attack him |strong="H5414".  
The |strong="H0853" lion |strong="H0738"  
has |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H4191"  
him |strong="H5414", just |strong="H0834"  
as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559"  
would |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1697". <sup>27</sup>  
Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853"  
prophet |strong="H1696" told |strong="H0559"  
his |strong="H0413" sons |strong="H1121"  
to |strong="H0413" saddle |strong="H2280"  
his |strong="H0413" donkey |strong="H2543",  
and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0559" did  
so |strong="H1696". <sup>28</sup> The |strong="H0853"  
old |strong="H5975" prophet went to |strong="H1870"  
find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853"  
body |strong="H5038" lying |strong="H7993"  
on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0853"

road|strong="H1870". The|strong="H0853" donkey|strong="H2543" and|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" lion|strong="H0738" were|strong="H0738" still|strong="H5975" standing|strong="H5975" near|strong="H0681" it|strong="H0398". The|strong="H0853" lion|strong="H0738" had|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" eaten|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" body|strong="H5038" or|strong="H3808" hurt|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0853" donkey|strong="H2543".

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H0853" old|strong="H2205" prophet|strong="H5030" put|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" body|strong="H5038" on|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5375" donkey|strong="H2543" and|strong="H0935" carried|strong="H5375" it|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" to|strong="H0413" cry for|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" bury|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0413". <sup>30</sup> The|strong="H0853" old prophet buried the|strong="H0853" man in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" own family grave|strong="H6913". The|strong="H0853" old prophet cried for|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0251" said, "Oh, my|strong="H5921" brother|strong="H0251", I|strong="H5921" am sorry for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921"." <sup>31</sup> So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" old|strong="H1121" prophet|strong="H0376" buried|strong="H6912" the|strong="H0853" body|strong="H6106". Then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0834" sons|strong="H1121", "When|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" die|strong="H4191", bury|strong="H6912" me|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0834" same|strong="H6106" grave|strong="H6913". Put|strong="H4191" my|strong="H1961" bones|strong="H6106" next|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0834". <sup>32</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" used|strong="H1961" him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H1961" speak|strong="H1697" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196" at|strong="H5921" Bethel|strong="H1008" and|strong="H3068" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" in|strong="H5921" Samaria|strong="H8111". And|strong="H3068" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"

said|strong="H1697" will|strong="H3068" certainly|strong="H3588" happen|strong="H1961"."

<sup>33</sup> King Jeroboam|strong="H3379" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" change|strong="H7725". He|strong="H0310" continued|strong="H1961" doing|strong="H6213" evil|strong="H7451". He|strong="H0310" continued|strong="H1961" to|strong="H7725" choose people|strong="H5971" from|strong="H7725" different tribes to|strong="H7725" serve|strong="H1961" as|strong="H1697" priests|strong="H3548"<sup>1</sup> at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116". Whoever wanted to|strong="H7725" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548" was|strong="H1961" allowed to|strong="H7725" be|strong="H1961" one|strong="H2088". <sup>34</sup> This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H6440" sin|strong="H2403" that|strong="H1697" caused|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440" ruin and|strong="H1004" destruction|strong="H8045" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H5921" kingdom.

#### Jeroboam's Son Dies

**14** At|strong="H1121" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256" Jeroboam's|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" Abijah|strong="H0029" became very sick|strong="H2470". <sup>2</sup> Jeroboam|strong="H3379" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802", "Go|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0559" Shiloh|strong="H7887" and|strong="H1980" see|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" prophet|strong="H5030" Ahijah|strong="H0281". He|strong="H1931" is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H2088" who|strong="H1931" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" would|strong="H0559" become|strong="H1980" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H5971". Dress yourself|strong="H0859" so|strong="H1980" that|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H5030" my|strong="H5921" wife|strong="H0802". <sup>3</sup> Give|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0413" prophet ten|strong="H6235" loaves|strong="H3899" of|strong="H3027" bread|strong="H3899", some|strong="H3027" cakes|strong="H5350", and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H1961" jar|strong="H1228" of|strong="H3027" honey|strong="H1706". Then|strong="H1961" ask him|strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE ... PRIESTS The Law taught that only people from the tribe of Levi could become priests.

what |strong="H4100" will |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" our |strong="H1961" son, and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1961" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H5046".

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3588" king's wife |strong="H0802" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" said |strong="H3651". She |strong="H3588" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" home |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Ahijah |strong="H0281" the |strong="H3588" prophet in |strong="H0935" Shiloh |strong="H7887". Ahijah |strong="H0281" was |strong="H0802" very |strong="H3651" old and |strong="H0935" had |strong="H3588" become |strong="H7200" blind |strong="H7200". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Jeroboam's |strong="H3379" wife |strong="H0802" is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588" about |strong="H1961" her |strong="H0413" son |strong="H1121" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" sick |strong="H2470". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588" what |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413".

When |strong="H3588" she |strong="H1931" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Ahijah's house, she |strong="H1931" pretended to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" someone else. <sup>6</sup> But |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" Ahijah |strong="H0281" heard |strong="H8085" her |strong="H0413" coming |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" door |strong="H6607", he |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559", " Come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935"! I |strong="H0595" know |strong="H5234" who |strong="H0802" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100". You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100" Jeroboam's |strong="H3379" wife |strong="H0802". Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" pretending |strong="H7186" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" someone else? I |strong="H0595" have |strong="H1961" some bad news |strong="H6963" for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859". <sup>7</sup> Go back and |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"

of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": ' Jeroboam |strong="H3379", I |strong="H0834" chose you |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" among |strong="H8432" all the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" ruler |strong="H5057" of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971". <sup>8</sup> David's |strong="H1732" family |strong="H1004" was |strong="H1961" ruling the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4467" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H8104", but |strong="H7535" I |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4467" away |strong="H1980" from |strong="H1980" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H1980" gave |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834". But |strong="H7535" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" David |strong="H1732". He |strong="H0834" always |strong="H7535" obeyed |strong="H8104" my |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687" and |strong="H1980" followed |strong="H0310" me |strong="H5414" with |strong="H1980" his |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3824". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" only |strong="H7535" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" accepted. <sup>9</sup> But |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" sinned worse than |strong="H3605" anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" ruled before |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" stopped following |strong="H0310" me |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0430" made |strong="H6213" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" for |strong="H3605" yourself. You |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" those |strong="H3605" statues to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" me |strong="H6440" angry |strong="H3707". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="H3651" Jeroboam |strong="H3379", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H0935" troubles to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0834" family |strong="H1004". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" kill |strong="H3772" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0834" men |strong="H3478" in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0834" family |strong="H1004". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H3772" your |strong="H0834" family |strong="H1004" completely |strong="H8552", like |strong="H3651" fire burning |strong="H1197" up |strong="H5704" dung |strong="H1557". <sup>11</sup> Anyone |strong="H3588" from |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" fami-

ly|strong="H4191" who|strong="H3068" dies|strong="H4191" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" city|strong="H5892" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H4191" eaten|strong="H0398" by|strong="H3068" dogs|strong="H3611". And|strong="H3068" anyone|strong="H3588" from|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" family|strong="H4191" who|strong="H3068" dies|strong="H4191" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" fields|strong="H7704" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H4191" eaten|strong="H0398" by|strong="H3068" birds|strong="H5775". The|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" spoken|strong="H1696"."<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Ahijah said, " Now|strong="H0935", go|strong="H0935" home|strong="H1004". Your|strong="H0935" son will|strong="H1004" die|strong="H4191" as|strong="H0935" soon as|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" enter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" city|strong="H5892".<sup>13</sup> All|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3068" cry for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0413". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" bury|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0413", but|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" only|strong="H0905" one|strong="H2088" from|strong="H0935" Jeroboam's|strong="H3379" family|strong="H1004" who|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697" buried|strong="H6912". This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H3068" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" only|strong="H0905" one|strong="H2088" in|strong="H0935" Jeroboam's|strong="H3379" family|strong="H1004" who|strong="H3605" pleased|strong="H2896" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>14</sup> Soon|strong="H6258", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" put a|strong="H3772" new king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" who|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3772" Jeroboam's|strong="H3379" family|strong="H1004".<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" punish Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" so|strong="H6213" full of|strong="H3068" fear that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" shake|strong="H5110" like|strong="H0834" tall grass in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" wa-

ter|strong="H4325". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" pull Israel|strong="H3478" up|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2063" good|strong="H2896" land|strong="H0127" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" scatter|strong="H2219" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H5676" side|strong="H5676" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Euphrates|strong="H5104" River|strong="H5104". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2063" because|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" him|strong="H5414" angry|strong="H3707" when|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" built|strong="H6213" sacred poles.<sup>16</sup> He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" defeated because|strong="H0834" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" sinned|strong="H2398", and|strong="H3478" then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" sin|strong="H2398".

<sup>17</sup> Jeroboam's|strong="H3379" wife|strong="H0802" went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Tirzah|strong="H8656". As|strong="H0935" soon as|strong="H0935" she|strong="H1931" stepped into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" house|strong="H1004", the|strong="H0935" boy|strong="H5288" died|strong="H4191".<sup>18</sup> They|strong="H0834" buried|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" cried for|strong="H3027" him|strong="H0853". This|strong="H1697" happened|strong="H1697" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696" it|strong="H1696" would|strong="H3478" through|strong="H3027" his|strong="H3605" servant|strong="H5650", the|strong="H3605" prophet|strong="H5030" Ahijah|strong="H0281".

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0834" rest|strong="H3499" of|strong="H4428" what|strong="H0834" King|strong="H4428" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" did|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H0834" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" Kings|strong="H4428"

I SACRED POLES People used these things to worship false gods.

of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". It|strong="H5921" includes the|strong="H0834" wars he|strong="H0834" fought|strong="H3898" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0834" way|strong="H1697" he|strong="H0834" ruled|strong="H4427". <sup>20</sup> Jeroboam|strong="H3379" ruled|strong="H4427" as|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4427" for|strong="H8478" 22 years|strong="H8141". Then|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" died and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H0834" buried with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H0834" ancestors|strong="H0001". <sup>I</sup> His|strong="H0834" son|strong="H1121" Nadab|strong="H5070" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H0834" new king|strong="H4427" after|strong="H3117" him|strong="H5973".

#### Rehoboam, King|strong="H4427" of|strong="H1121" Judah

<sup>21</sup> Solomon's|strong="H8010" son|strong="H1121", Rehoboam|strong="H7346", was|strong="H8034" 41 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4427" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". Rehoboam|strong="H7346" ruled|strong="H4427" 17 years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" chose|strong="H0977" for|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" own. He|strong="H0834" chose|strong="H0977" this|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892" from|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0259" tribes|strong="H7626" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". Rehoboam's|strong="H7346" mother|strong="H0517" was|strong="H8034" Naamah|strong="H5279". She|strong="H0834" was|strong="H8034" an|strong="H7760" Ammonite.

<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" did|strong="H6213" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" considered evil|strong="H7451". They|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" him|strong="H0853" angry with|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2398"—more than|strong="H3605" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213". <sup>23</sup> They|strong="H1992" built|strong="H1129" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116", memorial stones, and|strong="H6086" sacred poles. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> DIED ... ANCESTORS Literally, "slept with his ancestors."

They|strong="H1992" built|strong="H1129" them|strong="H1992" on|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116" hill|strong="H1389" and|strong="H6086" under|strong="H8478" every|strong="H3605" green|strong="H7488" tree|strong="H6086". <sup>24</sup> There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H0834" also|strong="H1571" men|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0834" served|strong="H6440" other|strong="H3605" gods by|strong="H3068" selling their|strong="H3605" bodies for|strong="H0776" sex. <sup>III</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah were|strong="H0834" worse than|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" lived|strong="H1961" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" before|strong="H6440" them|strong="H6440". And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" took|strong="H3423" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" away|strong="H3605" from|strong="H6440" those|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" to|strong="H1961" give|strong="H1961" it|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478".

<sup>25</sup> In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" fifth|strong="H2549" year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" was|strong="H1961" king|strong="H4428", King|strong="H4428" Shishak|strong="H7895" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" attack|strong="H5927" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". <sup>26</sup> He|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" treasures|strong="H0214" from|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004". He|strong="H0834" even|strong="H0853" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" gold|strong="H2091" shields|strong="H4043" that|strong="H0834" David had|strong="H3068" taken|strong="H3947" from|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3605" officers of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Hadadezer of|strong="H4428" Aram and|strong="H3068" put|strong="H3947" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" walls of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem. <sup>IV27</sup> King|strong="H4428" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" made|strong="H6213"

<sup>II</sup> HIGH PLACES, MEMORIAL STONES, AND SACRED POLES People used these things to worship false gods. <sup>III</sup> MEN ... FOR SEX Sexual sins like this were a part of the way people worshiped the Canaanite gods. <sup>IV</sup> HE EVEN TOOK ... JERUSALEM This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "He even took the gold shields that Solomon had made."

more |strong="H5921" shields |strong="H4043" to |strong="H5921" put |strong="H6485" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" places |strong="H1004", but |strong="H4428" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3027" made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H5921" bronze |strong="H5178". He |strong="H6213" gave |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" guards |strong="H7323" on |strong="H5921" duty |strong="H5921" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" palace |strong="H1004" gates |strong="H6607". <sup>28</sup> Every time |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004", the |strong="H0413" guards |strong="H7323" took |strong="H5375" out |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" shields and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". After |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1961" finished, they |strong="H3068" put |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" shields back |strong="H7725" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" wall in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" guardroom |strong="H8372".

<sup>29</sup> The |strong="H3605" rest |strong="H3499" of |strong="H4428" what |strong="H0834" King |strong="H4428" Rehoboam |strong="H7346" did |strong="H6213" is |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>30</sup> Rehoboam |strong="H7346" and |strong="H3117" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" were |strong="H1961" always |strong="H3117" fighting against |strong="H4421" each |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605".

<sup>31</sup> Rehoboam |strong="H7346" died <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H8034" buried |strong="H6912" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H1732" ancestors |strong="H0001" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H8478" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732". ( His |strong="H1732" mother |strong="H0517" was |strong="H8034" Naamah |strong="H5279". She |strong="H7901" was |strong="H8034" an |strong="H8478" Ammonite.) Rehoboam's |strong="H7346" son |strong="H1121" Abijah |strong="H0038" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" next king |strong="H4427" after |strong="H8034" him |strong="H5973".

I DIED Literally, "slept with his ancestors."

## Abijah, King of Judah

**15** Abijah |strong="H0038" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H5921" new king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" during the |strong="H5921" 18th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nebat |strong="H5028" ruled |strong="H4427" Israel. <sup>2</sup> Abijah ruled |strong="H4427" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" for |strong="H3389" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141". His |strong="H8034" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Maacah |strong="H4601". She |strong="H0517" was |strong="H8034" Absalom's |strong="H0053" daughter |strong="H1323".

<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" same sins |strong="H2403" that |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" before |strong="H6440" him |strong="H6440" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". Abijah was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" faithful to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". In |strong="H0430" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3605" grandfather |strong="H0001", David |strong="H1732". <sup>4</sup> But |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" David's |strong="H1732" sake |strong="H4616", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" Abijah a |strong="H3588" kingdom in |strong="H0430" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H1121" allowed |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121". He |strong="H3588" also |strong="H3068" kept |strong="H5975" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" safe. <sup>5</sup> David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117" done |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1697" was |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3477". He |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117" obeyed his |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680". The |strong="H3605" only |strong="H7535" time |strong="H3117" David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" was |strong="H0834" when |strong="H3117" he |strong="H0834" sinned against |strong="H5869"



Uriah *the* Hit-tite.

<sup>6</sup> Rehoboam and Jeroboam were always fighting against each other. <sup>17</sup> The rest of what Abijah did is written in the book, *The History of Kings of Judah*.

There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam during the time that Abijah king died, he was buried in City David. Abijah's son Asa became the new king after him.

**Asa, King of Judah**

<sup>9</sup> During Jeroboam's 20th year king over Israel, Asa became king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for 41 years. His grandmother's name was Maacah, and she the daughter of Absalom.

<sup>11</sup> Asa did what LORD said is right, as his ancestor David did. <sup>12</sup> During Asa's time there

men who served other gods by selling their bodies for sex. Asa forced them to leave the country. He took away the idols that his ancestors had made. <sup>13</sup> King Asa also took away the right of his mother to be queen. He did this because she had set one of those poles. Asa cut down the pole and burned it. <sup>14</sup> Asa did not destroy the high places, even though he was the LORD's all his life. <sup>15</sup> Asa and his father had given some special gifts to God. Asa put these gifts of gold, silver, and other things in the LORD'S Temple.

<sup>16</sup> The whole time King Asa was of Judah, he fought a war against King Baasha of Israel. <sup>17</sup> Once Baasha attacked Judah and

I This is not in the ancient Greek version.

then **built** **up** the **city** of **Ramah** to **keep** **Asa** from **leaving** **Judah** on **any** kind of **military campaign**. <sup>18</sup> So **Asa** took **gold** and **silver** from the **treasuries** of **LORD'S** **Temple** and **king's** **palace**. He **gave** it **to** **his** and **sent** them **King** of **Aram**. **Ben-Hadad** was the **son** of **Tabrimmon**. **Tabrimmon** was the **son** of **Hezion**. **Damascus** was **Ben-Hadad's** **capital** **city**. <sup>19</sup> **Asa** sent **this** **message**: "My **father** and **your** **father** **had** a **peace agreement**. Now **I** want to **make** a **peace agreement** with **you**. **I** am **sending** **this** **gift** of **gold** and **silver** to **your** **treaty** with **King** **Baasha** of **Israel** and **make** him **leave** us **alone**."

<sup>20</sup> **King** **Ben-Hadad** made the **agreement** with **King** **Asa** and **sent** **his** **army** to **fight** against

the **Israelite** towns of **Ijon**, **Dan**, **Abel**, the towns near **Lake Galilee**, and the **area** of **Naphthali**. <sup>21</sup> When **Baasha** heard about these attacks, he **stopped** **building** **Ramah** and **went** to **Tirzah**. <sup>22</sup> Then **King** **Asa** gave an **order** to **all** the **men** in **Judah** **had** to **help**. They **had** to **go** to **Ramah** and **carry** **all** the **stone** and **wood** that **Baasha** was using to **build** **the** **city**. They **carried** the **material** to **Geba** in **Benjamin** and **Mizpah** and **used** it **to** **strengthen** those **two** cities.

<sup>23</sup> **All** the **other** **things** about **Asa**—the **great** **things** he **did** and **the** **cities** he **built**—are **written** in **the** **book**, **The** **History** of **the** **Kings** of **Judah**. When **Asa** became **old**, **his** **feet** became **infected**. <sup>24</sup>

He |strong="H1732" died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1732" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H8478" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732", his |strong="H1732" ancestor. Then |strong="H1732" Asa's |strong="H0609" son |strong="H1121" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" new king |strong="H4427" after him |strong="H5973".

**Nadab, King |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Israel**

<sup>25</sup> During Asa's |strong="H0609" second |strong="H8147" year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", Jeroboam's |strong="H3379" son |strong="H1121" Nadab |strong="H5070" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Nadab |strong="H5070" ruled |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478" for |strong="H5921" two |strong="H8147" years |strong="H8141". <sup>26</sup> He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H0834" sinned |strong="H2398" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" Jeroboam did |strong="H6213" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" caused |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398".

<sup>27</sup> Baasha |strong="H1201" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahijah |strong="H0281". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" tribe of |strong="H1121" Issachar |strong="H3485". Baasha |strong="H1201" made |strong="H7194" a |strong="H0834" plan to |strong="H5921" kill |strong="H5221" King |strong="H5921" Nadab |strong="H5070". Nadab |strong="H5070" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478" were |strong="H0834" fighting against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Philistine |strong="H6430" town of |strong="H1121" Gibeon |strong="H1405". And |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" where |strong="H0834" Baasha |strong="H1201" killed |strong="H5221" Nadab |strong="H5070". <sup>28</sup> This happened during Asa's |strong="H0609" third |strong="H7969" year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H8478" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". So |strong="H4191" Baasha |strong="H1201" be-

came |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" next king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel.

**Baasha |strong="H1201", King |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel**

<sup>29</sup> When |strong="H1961" Baasha became |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" new king |strong="H4427", he |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3068" Jeroboam's |strong="H3379" family |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3068" Jeroboam's |strong="H3379" family |strong="H1004" alive |strong="H7604". This |strong="H1697" happened |strong="H1961" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696" it |strong="H5704" would |strong="H3068" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" spoke |strong="H1696" through |strong="H3027" his |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" Ahijah |strong="H0281" at |strong="H3068" Shiloh. <sup>30</sup> This |strong="H0834" happened |strong="H2398" because |strong="H5921" King |strong="H5921" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" had |strong="H3068" committed |strong="H2398" many sins |strong="H2398" and |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2398". This |strong="H0834" made |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", very angry |strong="H3707".

<sup>31</sup> The |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Nadab |strong="H5070" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>32</sup> All |strong="H3605" during |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" Baasha |strong="H1201" ruled |strong="H4428" over |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", he |strong="H3117" was |strong="H1961" fighting wars |strong="H4421" against |strong="H4421" King |strong="H4428" Asa |strong="H0609" of |strong="H4428" Judah.

<sup>33</sup> Ahijah's son |strong="H1121" Baasha |strong="H1201" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" during |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" third |strong="H7969" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H3605"

Asa ruled over Judah. Baasha ruled in Tirzah for 24 years, but he did what the LORD said was wrong. He did the same sins that Jeroboam had done, caused Israelites sin.

**16** Then the LORD spoke against Baasha the prophet, Jehu son of Hanani. He said, "I made you an important prince over my people Israel. But you have done same things Jeroboam did. You caused my people to sin. Their sins have made me angry. So I will destroy you and your family, just as I did Jeroboam son of Nebat and his family. Dogs will eat the bodies of those who die in your family who die in the city. And wild birds will

eat the bodies of those who die in the fields."

<sup>5</sup> The rest of the story about Baasha and the great things he did are written in the book, *The History of Kings of Israel*.  
<sup>6</sup> Baasha died and was buried in Tirzah. His son Elah became the new king after him.

<sup>7</sup> That book also has the story of the time the LORD gave the message to Jehu the prophet about Baasha and his family. Baasha did many things the LORD said were wrong, just as Jeroboam and his family had done. This and the fact that Baasha had killed everyone in Jeroboam's family made the Lord very angry.

Elah, King of Israel

<sup>8</sup> Elah son of Baasha became king during the 26th year that Asa was

king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". He|strong="H5921" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H5921" Tirzah|strong="H8656" for|strong="H5921" two years|strong="H8141".

<sup>9</sup> Zimri|strong="H2174" was|strong="H0834" one|strong="H1931" of|strong="H1004" King|strong="H5921" Elah's officers|strong="H8269". Zimri|strong="H2174" commanded half|strong="H4276" of|strong="H1004" Elah's chariots|strong="H7393", but|strong="H0834" Zimri|strong="H2174" plotted against|strong="H5921" Elah. King|strong="H5921" Elah was|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" Tirzah|strong="H8656", drinking|strong="H8354" and|strong="H1004" getting drunk|strong="H8354" at|strong="H5921" Arza's home|strong="H1004". Arza|strong="H0777" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H7910" in|strong="H5921" charge|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0834" palace|strong="H1004" at|strong="H5921" Tirzah|strong="H8656". <sup>10</sup> Zimri|strong="H2174" went|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" house and|strong="H0935" killed|strong="H5221" King|strong="H4428" Elah. Then|strong="H0935" Zimri|strong="H2174" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H0935" new king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel after|strong="H8141" Elah. This|strong="H0935" was|strong="H4428" during the|strong="H0935" 27th year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Asa|strong="H0609" was|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428" in|strong="H8141" Judah|strong="H3063".

Zimri|strong="H2174", King|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel

<sup>11</sup> After|strong="H5921" Zimri became|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" new king|strong="H4427", he|strong="H3808" killed|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" Baasha's|strong="H1201" family|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" friends|strong="H7453". He|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H1961" any|strong="H3605" male in|strong="H3427" Baasha's|strong="H1201" family|strong="H1004" live|strong="H3427". <sup>12</sup> So|strong="H0834" Zimri|strong="H2174" destroyed|strong="H8045" Baasha's|strong="H1201" family|strong="H1004" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696" he|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H1696" against|strong="H0413" Baasha|strong="H1201" through|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" prophet|strong="H5030" Je-

hu|strong="H3058". <sup>13</sup> This|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H2398" because|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2398" of|strong="H1121" Baasha|strong="H1201" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121", Elah|strong="H0425". They|strong="H0834" sinned|strong="H2398" and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" sin|strong="H2398". They|strong="H0834" worshiped worthless|strong="H1892" idols|strong="H1892", and|strong="H1121" this|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H3707".

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H3605" rest|strong="H3499" of|strong="H4428" what|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" Elah|strong="H0425" did|strong="H6213" is|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>15</sup> Zimri|strong="H2174" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H5971" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834" 27th year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H0834" Asa|strong="H0609" was|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063". Zimri|strong="H2174" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H5921" Tirzah|strong="H8656" only seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" happened: The|strong="H0834" army|strong="H5971" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H5971" was|strong="H0834" at|strong="H2583" Gibbethon|strong="H1405", which|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" under|strong="H5921" Philistine|strong="H6430" control. <sup>16</sup> Omri|strong="H6018" was|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H6635" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H3605" men|strong="H5971" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3605" Zimri|strong="H2174" had|strong="H3478" made|strong="H7194" secret plans against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H3478" killed|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5921". So|strong="H1571" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H4264"

all the soldiers made Omri king the new king. <sup>17</sup> Then Omri and all the soldiers of Israel left Gibbethon and went to Tirzah. They surrounded the city and attacked it. <sup>18</sup> When Zimri saw the city had been captured, he ran to the palace fortress, but the soldiers burned it down with him still in it. <sup>19</sup> So Zimri died because he sinned and did what the LORD said was wrong, just as Jeroboam did when he caused the Israelites sin.

<sup>20</sup> The story about Zimri's secret plans and the other things he did are written in the book, *The History of Kings* of Israel.

#### Omri, King of Israel

<sup>21</sup> Then the Israelites were divided. Half of the people followed Tibni son of Ginath and

made him king. The other half of the people followed Omri's followers were stronger than the followers of Tibni son of Ginath. Tibni died, and Omri became king.

<sup>23</sup> Omri became king of Israel during Asa's 31st year as king of Judah. Omri ruled over Israel for 12 years. Six of those years he ruled from Tirzah. Then Omri bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for about 150 pounds<sup>1</sup> of silver. Omri built a city that hill. He named the city Samaria after the name of its owner, Shemer.

<sup>25</sup> Omri did what the LORD said was wrong. He was worse than all the kings who were before him. He committed all the sins that Jeroboam son of Nebat had committed when he caused

<sup>1</sup> 150 POUNDS Literally, "2 talents" (69 kg).

the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398". They |strong="H0834" worshiped worthless |strong="H1892" idols |strong="H1892", and |strong="H1121" this |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", very angry |strong="H3707".

<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0834" rest |strong="H3499" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" story about |strong="H5921" Omri |strong="H6018" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" great things |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H0834" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>28</sup> Omri |strong="H6018" died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H6912" Samaria |strong="H8111". His |strong="H8478" son |strong="H1121" Ahab |strong="H0256" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" new king |strong="H4427" after him |strong="H5973".

**Ahab |strong="H0256", King |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Israel**

<sup>29</sup> Ahab |strong="H0256" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Omri |strong="H6018" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" during the |strong="H5921" 38th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Asa |strong="H0609" was |strong="H3478" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". Ahab |strong="H0256" ruled |strong="H4427" Israel |strong="H3478" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" town of |strong="H1121" Samaria |strong="H8111" for |strong="H5921" 22 years |strong="H8141". <sup>30</sup> He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". Ahab |strong="H0256" was |strong="H0834" worse |strong="H7451" than |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kings who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" before |strong="H6440" him |strong="H6440". <sup>31</sup> It |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H1961" enough for |strong="H4428" Ahab to |strong="H1961" commit the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" sins |strong="H2403" that |strong="H1961" Jeroboam |strong="H3379", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nebat |strong="H5028", had |strong="H1961"

done |strong="H1961". Ahab also |strong="H0853" married |strong="H3947" Jezebel |strong="H0348", daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Ethbaal |strong="H0856" of |strong="H1121" Sidon. Then |strong="H1961" Ahab began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H5647" and |strong="H1121" worship |strong="H7812" Baal |strong="H1168". <sup>32</sup> He |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" a |strong="H1129" temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H6965" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" in |strong="H1004" Samaria |strong="H8111" for |strong="H1004" worshipping Baal |strong="H1168". <sup>33</sup> He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" set |strong="H0834" up |strong="H0853" a |strong="H1961" sacred pole. <sup>I</sup> Ahab |strong="H0256" did |strong="H6213" more |strong="H3254" to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", angry |strong="H3707" than |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" before |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0853".

<sup>34</sup> During |strong="H3117" Ahab's time |strong="H3117", Hiel |strong="H2419" from |strong="H3027" Bethel rebuilt |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" town of |strong="H1121" Jericho |strong="H3405". When |strong="H3117" Hiel |strong="H2419" started |strong="H1129" work |strong="H3245" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" city, his |strong="H3068" oldest |strong="H1060" son |strong="H1121" Abiram |strong="H0048" died. And |strong="H1121" when |strong="H3117" Hiel |strong="H2419" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" gates |strong="H1817" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" city, his |strong="H3068" youngest |strong="H6810" son |strong="H1121" Segub |strong="H7687" died. This |strong="H1697" happened |strong="H1697" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696" it |strong="H1696" would |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1697" when |strong="H3117" he |strong="H0834" spoke |strong="H1696" through |strong="H3027" Joshua |strong="H3091" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nun |strong="H5126". <sup>II</sup>

### Elijah and the Time Without Rain

**17** Elijah |strong="H0452" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" prophet |strong="H0559"

<sup>I</sup> SACRED POLE People used these to worship false gods. <sup>II</sup> THIS HAPPENED ... JOSHUA SON OF NUN See Josh. 6:26.

from the town of Tishbe in Gilead. He said to King Ahab, "I will serve the LORD, the God of Israel." By his power, I promise that dew will not fall on the few years of rain. The rain will fall only when I command it to fall.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Leave this place and go east, near Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan River." <sup>4</sup> You can get your water from that stream, and I will have ravens bring you food there." <sup>5</sup> So Elijah did what the LORD told him to do. He went to live near Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> Ravens brought every morning and evening he drank water from the stream.

<sup>7</sup> There was no rain,

after a while the stream became dry. <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go to Zarephath in Sidon and stay there. There is a widow of an Israelite there. I commanded her to take care of you."

<sup>10</sup> So Elijah went to Zarephath. He went to the town gate and saw a woman gathering wood for a fire. She was a widow. Elijah said to her, "Would you bring me a small cup of water to drink?" <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get the water, Elijah said, "Bring me a piece of bread too, please."

<sup>12</sup> The woman answered, "I promise you, before the LORD, your God, I have nothing but a handful of flour in a jar and a bit of olive oil."



in|strong="H0935" a|strong="H3588" jug|strong="H6835". I|strong="H3588" came|strong="H0935" here|strong="H2005" to|strong="H0559" gather a|strong="H3588" few|strong="H4592" pieces of|strong="H1121" wood|strong="H6086" for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" fire|strong="H0398" to|strong="H0559" cook our|strong="H3068" last meal|strong="H7058". My|strong="H3068" son|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" eat|strong="H0398" it|strong="H0518" and|strong="H1121" then|strong="H0935" die|strong="H4191" from|strong="H0935" hunger."

<sup>13</sup> Elijah|strong="H0452" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" woman, "Don't|strong="H0408" worry|strong="H3372". Go|strong="H3318" home and|strong="H1121" cook your|strong="H0935" food as|strong="H1697" you|strong="H6213" said|strong="H0559". But|strong="H0389" first|strong="H7223" make|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0935" small|strong="H6996" piece of|strong="H1121" bread|strong="H5692" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" flour that|strong="H1697" you|strong="H6213" have|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" bring|strong="H0935" it|strong="H8033" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H3318" cook some|strong="H8033" for|strong="H0413" yourself|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H0935" son|strong="H1121". <sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559", ' That|strong="H3588" jar|strong="H3537" of|strong="H0430" flour|strong="H7058" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" empty|strong="H2637" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" jug|strong="H6835" will|strong="H3068" always|strong="H3117" have|strong="H3068" oil|strong="H8081" in|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5414". This|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3068" continue until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0559" day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" sends|strong="H5414" rain|strong="H1653" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0127"."

<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3117" woman|strong="H1004" went|strong="H1004" home|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H1697" Elijah|strong="H0452" told|strong="H1697" her|strong="H0398" to|strong="H3117" do|strong="H6213". And|strong="H1004" Elijah|strong="H0452", the|strong="H3117"

woman|strong="H1004", and|strong="H1004" her|strong="H0398" son had|strong="H0452" enough|strong="H6213" food|strong="H0398" for|strong="H1004" a|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117". <sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0834" jar|strong="H3537" of|strong="H3068" flour|strong="H7058" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" jug|strong="H6835" of|strong="H3068" oil|strong="H8081" were|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" empty|strong="H3615". This|strong="H1697" happened|strong="H1697" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696" through|strong="H3027" Elijah|strong="H0452".

<sup>17</sup> Some|strong="H0428" time|strong="H1961" later|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0834" woman's|strong="H0802" son|strong="H1121" became|strong="H1961" sick|strong="H2470". He|strong="H0834" became|strong="H1961" worse and|strong="H1121" worse until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H0834" stopped breathing. <sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" woman said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Elijah|strong="H0452", " You|strong="H0935" are|strong="H4100" a|strong="H0935" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" God|strong="H0430". Can|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0935" help me|strong="H0413"? Or|strong="H0376" did|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" here|strong="H4191" only to|strong="H0413" remind|strong="H2142" me|strong="H0413" of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H0935" sins|strong="H5771" and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H2142" my|strong="H0935" son|strong="H1121" die|strong="H4191"?"

<sup>19</sup> Elijah|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413", " Give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" your|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121". He|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" boy from|strong="H5921" her|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" carried|strong="H5927" him|strong="H0413" upstairs. He|strong="H0834" laid|strong="H7901" him|strong="H0413" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" bed|strong="H4296" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" room|strong="H5944" where|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" staying|strong="H3427". <sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Elijah|strong="H0559" cried|strong="H7121" out|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "

LORD |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", this |strong="H0834" widow |strong="H0490" is |strong="H0834" letting |strong="H1571" me |strong="H0413" stay |strong="H1481" in |strong="H5921" her |strong="H0413" house. Will |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H0589" this |strong="H0834" bad thing to |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413"? Will |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" cause |strong="H7121" her |strong="H0413" son |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4191"? 21 Then |strong="H2088" Elijah |strong="H0559" lay on |strong="H5921" top |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" boy |strong="H3206" three |strong="H7969" times |strong="H6471". He |strong="H0430" prayed |strong="H0559", " LORD |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", let |strong="H4994" this |strong="H2088" boy |strong="H3206" live |strong="H7130" again |strong="H7725"! "

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H7725" Elijah's |strong="H0452" prayer. The |strong="H5921" boy |strong="H3206" began breathing again |strong="H7725" and |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" alive |strong="H2421". <sup>23</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" carried |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H3206" downstairs, gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5414" mother |strong="H0517", and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " Look |strong="H7200", your |strong="H5414" son |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1004" alive |strong="H2416"! "

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H0802" answered |strong="H0559", " Now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" really |strong="H2088" are |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" really |strong="H2088" speaks |strong="H0559" through |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859"! "

### Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

**18** During |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" third |strong="H7992" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H3117" no |strong="H5414" rain |strong="H4306" fell |strong="H5921", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Elijah |strong="H0452", " Go |strong="H1961" meet |strong="H6440" with |strong="H0413"

King |strong="H5921" Ahab |strong="H0256", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" rain |strong="H4306". " <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H7200" Elijah |strong="H0452" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" meet with |strong="H0413" Ahab |strong="H0256".

The |strong="H0413" famine |strong="H7458" was |strong="H7458" very bad in |strong="H0413" Samaria |strong="H8111". <sup>3</sup> So |strong="H7121" King |strong="H5921" Ahab |strong="H0256" told |strong="H0413" Obadiah |strong="H5662" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". Obadiah |strong="H5662" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" man in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" king's palace |strong="H1004". ( Obadiah |strong="H5662" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" true |strong="H3068" follower of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>4</sup> One |strong="H0376" time |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" Jezebel |strong="H0348" was |strong="H1961" killing |strong="H3772" all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" prophets |strong="H5030", Obadiah |strong="H5662" hid |strong="H2244" 100 prophets |strong="H5030" in |strong="H3068" two |strong="H3947" caves |strong="H4631". He |strong="H3068" put |strong="H3947" 50 prophets |strong="H5030" in |strong="H3068" one |strong="H0376" cave |strong="H4631" and |strong="H3068" 50 prophets |strong="H5030" in |strong="H3068" another |strong="H0376" cave |strong="H4631". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H3947" them |strong="H0853" food |strong="H3899" and |strong="H3068" water |strong="H4325". ) <sup>5</sup> King Ahab |strong="H0256" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Obadiah |strong="H5662", " Come |strong="H4672" with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". We |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" look at |strong="H0413" every |strong="H3605" spring |strong="H4599" and |strong="H0776" every |strong="H3605" stream |strong="H5158" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". We |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" see if |strong="H0194" we |strong="H3605" can |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" enough |strong="H4672" grass |strong="H2682" to |strong="H0413" keep our |strong="H3605" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H0776" mules |strong="H6505" alive |strong="H2421". Then |strong="H0559" we |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H3772"

our animals." 6 They decided where each of them would go to look for water. Ahab went in one direction by himself, and Obadiah went in another direction by himself. 7 As he was walking along the road by himself, he looked up there, and he saw that there was an Elijah recognized him, and he bowed down to show respect. He said, "Elijah? Is it really you, master?"

8 Elijah answered, "Yes, it is me. Now go and tell your master, the king, that I am here."

9 Obadiah said, "If I tell Ahab that I know where you are, he will kill me! I have nothing wrong to say to you. Why do you want me to die?" 10 As surely as the LORD your God lives, the king has been look-

ing for you everywhere. He has sent people to every country to find you. He even made the rulers of those countries swear that you were not there. 11 Now you want me to go and tell him that you are here! 12 If I go, King Ahab that you are here, the Spirit of the LORD might carry you away. Then when Ahab comes here and cannot find you, he will kill me! I have followed the LORD since I was a boy. 13 Surely you have heard what I did when Jezebel was killing the LORD'S prophets. I hid 100 of the LORD'S prophets in caves. I put 50 prophets in one cave and 50 in another. I brought them food and water.

Now you want me to go and tell you that you are here. The king will kill me!

<sup>15</sup> Elijah answered, "I will serve LORD All-Powerful. As surely as he lives, I promise I will stand before the king today."

<sup>16</sup> So Obadiah went to King Ahab and told him where Elijah was. King Ahab went to meet Elijah.

<sup>17</sup> When Ahab saw Elijah, he said, "Is that really you, the troublemaker of Israel?"

<sup>18</sup> Elijah answered, "I have not made trouble for Israel. You and your father's family caused all the problems when you stopped obeying the LORD'S commands and began following the false gods. <sup>19</sup> Now tell the people of Israel to meet me at Mount Carmel. Also bring the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of the goddess Asherah that Queen

Jezebel supports!"

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab called all the Israelites and those prophets to Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah came to all the people and said, "You must decide what you are going to do. How long will you keep jumping from one side to the other? If LORD is true, God him follow if is true, then follow him!"

The people said, "Nothing." <sup>22</sup> So Elijah said, "I am only of LORD here, but there are 450 prophets of Baal." <sup>23</sup> So bring two bulls. Let the prophets of Baal have one bull. Let them kill it, cut it into pieces, then put the meat on the wood. But don't start the fire. I will do the

<sup>1</sup> QUEEN JEZEBEL ... SUPPORTS Literally, "Those prophets eat at Jezebel's table."

same |strong="H0259" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" bull |strong="H6499", and |strong="H6086" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H5414" not |strong="H3808" start the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784" either. <sup>24</sup> Prophets of |strong="H0430" Baal, pray |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H3068" god |strong="H0430", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" pray |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Whichever |strong="H0834" god |strong="H0430" answers |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" prayer and |strong="H3068" starts the |strong="H3605" fire |strong="H0784" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" true |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" agreed that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" good |strong="H2896" idea |strong="H1697".

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H0859" Elijah |strong="H0452" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" prophets |strong="H5030" of |strong="H0430" Baal |strong="H1168", "There are |strong="H5030" many |strong="H7227" of |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0859", so |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0859" go first |strong="H7223". Choose |strong="H0977" a |strong="H3588" bull |strong="H6499" and |strong="H0430" prepare |strong="H6213" it |strong="H7760", but |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" start your |strong="H7760" fire |strong="H0784"."

<sup>26</sup> So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" prophets took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H6963" prepared |strong="H6213" it |strong="H5414". They |strong="H0834" started praying to |strong="H0559" Baal |strong="H1168" and |strong="H6963" prayed |strong="H0559" until |strong="H5704" noon |strong="H6672". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "Baal |strong="H1168", please answer |strong="H6030" us |strong="H5414"! But |strong="H0369" there |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0834" no |strong="H0369" sound |strong="H6963". No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" answered |strong="H0559". Then |strong="H6030" they |strong="H0834" began jumping around |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" built |strong="H6213".

<sup>27</sup> At |strong="H0430" noon |strong="H6672" Elijah |strong="H0452" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H7121" fun of |strong="H0430" them |strong="H7121". He |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", "If |strong="H3588" Baal really |strong="H0559" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H1961" god |strong="H0430", maybe |strong="H0194" you |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" pray |strong="H7121" louder |strong="H1419"! Maybe |strong="H0194" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" busy. Maybe |strong="H0194" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" thinking |strong="H0559" about |strong="H1961" something, or |strong="H7879" maybe |strong="H0194" he |strong="H1931" stepped out |strong="H1419" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H1961" moment! He |strong="H1931" could be |strong="H1961" sleeping |strong="H3463"! Maybe |strong="H0194" you |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" pray |strong="H7121" louder |strong="H1419" and |strong="H0430" wake |strong="H3364" him |strong="H7121" up |strong="H1961"! <sup>28</sup> So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H5921" prophets prayed |strong="H7121" louder |strong="H1419". They |strong="H5921" cut |strong="H1413" themselves |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" swords |strong="H2719" and |strong="H1419" spears |strong="H7420". (This was |strong="H6963" the |strong="H5921" way |strong="H4941" they |strong="H5921" worshiped |strong="H7121".) They |strong="H5921" cut |strong="H1413" themselves |strong="H5921" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1419" bleeding all |strong="H5704" over |strong="H5921". <sup>29</sup> The |strong="H5704" afternoon passed |strong="H5674" but |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" fire still |strong="H5704" had |strong="H1961" not |strong="H0369" started |strong="H1961". The |strong="H5704" prophets were |strong="H1961" out |strong="H5704" of |strong="H6963" control and |strong="H6963" continued |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" act |strong="H1961" this way |strong="H5704" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" time |strong="H1961" came |strong="H1961" for |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" evening sacrifice |strong="H4503". But |strong="H1961" nothing |strong="H0369" happened |strong="H1961"—there |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" answer |strong="H6030" from |strong="H5704" Baal. There |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" sound |strong="H6963". There |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" listening.

<sup>30</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Elijah |strong="H0452" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", "Now come |strong="H5066" here |strong="H5066"." So |strong="H5066" they |strong="H3068" gathered around Elijah |strong="H0452". The |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196" had |strong="H3068" been |strong="H3605" torn |strong="H2040" down |strong="H2040", so |strong="H5066" Elijah |strong="H0452" repaired |strong="H7495" it |strong="H3068".<sup>31</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" found twelve |strong="H6240" stones |strong="H0068". There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H8034" one |strong="H1121" stone |strong="H0068" for |strong="H0413" each |strong="H8147" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" twelve |strong="H6240" tribes |strong="H7626". These |strong="H0834" twelve |strong="H6240" tribes |strong="H7626" were |strong="H0834" named |strong="H8034" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" twelve |strong="H6240" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jacob |strong="H3290", the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" named |strong="H8034" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>32</sup> Elijah used |strong="H6213" these stones |strong="H0068" to |strong="H3068" repair the |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H3068" honor |strong="H8034" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H6213" dug a |strong="H1129" small ditch around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196". It |strong="H6213" was |strong="H8034" wide enough |strong="H6213" and |strong="H3068" deep enough |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" hold |strong="H1004" about |strong="H5439" 4 gallons<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H1004" water.<sup>33</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Elijah put |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" wood |strong="H6086" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar. He |strong="H0853" cut |strong="H5408" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" into |strong="H5921" pieces |strong="H5408" and |strong="H6086" laid |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" pieces |strong="H5408" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" wood |strong="H6086".<sup>34</sup> Then |strong="H0559" he |strong="H5921" said |strong="H0559", " Fill |strong="H4390" four |strong="H0702" jars |strong="H3537" with |strong="H4390" water |strong="H4325". Pour |strong="H3332" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" pieces of |strong="H5921" meat and |strong="H6086" on |strong="H5921"

1 ABOUT 4 GALLONS Literally, "2 seahs |strong="H5429"

the |strong="H0559" wood |strong="H6086"." Then |strong="H0559" Elijah |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Do |strong="H8138" it |strong="H5921" again |strong="H8138"." Then |strong="H0559" he |strong="H5921" said |strong="H0559", " Do |strong="H8138" it |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" third |strong="H8027" time |strong="H8138"."<sup>35</sup> The |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" ran down off |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H4196" filled |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853" ditch.<sup>36</sup> At |strong="H3478" about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" afternoon sacrifice |strong="H4503", the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" Elijah |strong="H0452" approached |strong="H5066" the |strong="H3605" altar and |strong="H3068" prayed |strong="H0559", " LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H0559", I |strong="H0589" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" now |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" prove |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650". Show |strong="H3045" these |strong="H0428" people |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859" who |strong="H3605" commanded |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0589" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697".<sup>37</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", answer |strong="H6030" my |strong="H3068" prayer. Show |strong="H3045" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859", LORD |strong="H3068", are |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H2088" who |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" bringing them |strong="H0853" back |strong="H0322" to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859"."

<sup>38</sup> Then |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784" came |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" burned the |strong="H0853" sacrifice, the |strong="H0853" wood |strong="H6086", the |strong="H0853"

stones |strong="H0068", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H6083" around the |strong="H0853" altar. Then |strong="H0853" it |strong="H0398" dried up |strong="H0853" all |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" ditch. <sup>39</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" saw |strong="H7200" this |strong="H1931" happen and |strong="H3068" bowed |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" ground and |strong="H3068" began saying |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"!"

<sup>40</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Elijah |strong="H0452" said |strong="H0559", " Get |strong="H4422" the |strong="H0853" prophets |strong="H5030" of |strong="H0376" Baal |strong="H1168"! Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" any |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" them |strong="H0413" escape |strong="H4422"! So |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" captured |strong="H8610" all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" prophets |strong="H5030". Then |strong="H0853" Elijah |strong="H0452" led them |strong="H0413" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" Kishon |strong="H7028" Creek and |strong="H0376" killed |strong="H7819" them |strong="H0413" all |strong="H0376".

#### The |strong="H0853" Rain Comes |strong="H3381" Again

<sup>41</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Elijah |strong="H0452" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" King Ahab |strong="H0256", " Now |strong="H3588" go |strong="H5927" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0398" drink |strong="H8354". A |strong="H3588" heavy rain |strong="H1653" is |strong="H6963" coming |strong="H5927". <sup>42</sup> So |strong="H5927" King Ahab |strong="H0256" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398". At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" same time |strong="H7218" Elijah |strong="H0452" climbed |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0776" Mount |strong="H5927" Carmel |strong="H3760". At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440" mountain, Elijah |strong="H0452" bent down |strong="H1457". He |strong="H0256" put |strong="H7760" his |strong="H7760" head |strong="H7218" between |strong="H0996" his |strong="H7760" knees |strong="H1290". <sup>43</sup>

Then |strong="H0559" Elijah |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7725" servant |strong="H5288", " Go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" higher and |strong="H7725" look |strong="H5027" toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" sea |strong="H3220"."

The |strong="H0559" servant |strong="H5288" went |strong="H5927" and |strong="H7725" looked |strong="H5027". He |strong="H0559" came |strong="H5927" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0559" saw nothing |strong="H0369"." Elijah |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H5927" look |strong="H5027" again |strong="H7725". This |strong="H6471" happened seven |strong="H7651" times |strong="H6471". <sup>44</sup> The |strong="H0559" seventh |strong="H7637" time |strong="H1961", the |strong="H0559" servant came |strong="H1961" back |strong="H5927" and |strong="H0376" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H2009" saw |strong="H2009" a |strong="H1961" small |strong="H6996" cloud |strong="H5645" the |strong="H0559" size of |strong="H0376" a |strong="H1961" man's |strong="H0376" fist that |strong="H0559" was |strong="H1961" coming |strong="H5927" in |strong="H0413" from |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0559" sea |strong="H3220"."

Elijah |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" servant, " Go |strong="H5927" tell |strong="H0559" King Ahab |strong="H0256" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H5927" his |strong="H1961" chariot ready |strong="H0631" and |strong="H0376" go |strong="H5927" home now |strong="H1961". If |strong="H2009" he |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H5927" now |strong="H1961", the |strong="H0559" rain |strong="H1653" will |strong="H1961" stop |strong="H3808" him |strong="H0413"."

<sup>45</sup> After |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" short time |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3541" sky |strong="H8064" was |strong="H1961" covered with |strong="H1961" dark |strong="H6937" clouds |strong="H5645". The |strong="H3541" wind |strong="H7307" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" blow, and |strong="H8064" a |strong="H1961" heavy |strong="H1419" rain |strong="H1653" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" fall |strong="H1961". Ahab |strong="H0256" got in |strong="H1419" his |strong="H1961" chariot |strong="H7392" and |strong="H8064" started |strong="H1961" back to |strong="H5704" Jezreel |strong="H3157". <sup>46</sup> The |strong="H6440" power |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440"

LORD came to Elijah. He held up the bottom of his robe away from his feet. Then he ran ahead of King Ahab the way to Jezreel.

### Elijah at Mount Horeb (Sinai)

**19** King Ahab told everything that Elijah and his prophets of Baal with a sword. So he sent a messenger to Elijah and said, "I swear by this time tomorrow, you be as dead as those prophets. If I don't succeed, may your gods do the same or worse to me!"

<sup>3</sup> When Elijah heard this, he was afraid. So he ran away to save his life. He took his servant with him, and they went to Beersheba in Judah. Then Elijah left his servant

in Beersheba and walked for a whole day into the desert. Then he sat down under a bush and asked die. He said, "I have enough. Take my life. I am better than my ancestors!"

<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and went to sleep. An angel came to him and touched him. The angel said, "Get up and eat!"

<sup>6</sup> Elijah looked around by his head. There was a cake had been baked over coals and a jar of water. He ate and drank then went back to sleep.

<sup>7</sup> Later the LORD'S angel came to him again, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat!" If you don't, you will be strong enough to make



the <sup>8</sup> So Elijah got up and drank and felt. Then Elijah walked for 40 days and nights to Mount Horeb, the mountain God of Israel. There Elijah went into a cave and spent the night.

Then the LORD said to him, "Elijah, why are you here here?"

<sup>10</sup> Elijah answered, "LORD God All-Powerful, I have always served you the best I can, but the Israelites have broken their agreement with you. They destroyed your altars and killed your prophets. I am the only prophet left alive, and now they are trying to kill me!"

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go stand in front of me on the mountain." I, the LORD, will pass by you. Then a

very strong wind blew. The wind caused the mountains to break apart. It broke large rocks in front of the LORD. But the wind was not the LORD. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But that was not the LORD. After the earthquake, there was a fire, but that was not the LORD. After the fire, there was a quiet, gentle voice.

<sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard the voice, he used his coat to cover his face and went to the entrance of the cave and stood there. Then a voice said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?"

<sup>14</sup> Elijah said, "LORD God All-Powerful, I have always served you the best that I can, but the Israelites broke their agreement with you."

I GO, STAND ... YOU This is like the time God appeared to Moses. See Exodus 33:12-23.

II VOICE Or "sound."

They [strong="H3588"](#) destroyed [strong="H2040"](#) your [strong="H3068"](#) altars [strong="H4196"](#) and [strong="H1121"](#) killed [strong="H2026"](#) your [strong="H3068"](#) prophets [strong="H5030"](#). I [strong="H0589"](#) am [strong="H0589"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) only [strong="H0905"](#) prophet [strong="H5030"](#) left [strong="H3498"](#) alive [strong="H5315"](#), and [strong="H1121"](#) now [strong="H3588"](#) they [strong="H3588"](#) are [strong="H3478"](#) trying to [strong="H0559"](#) kill [strong="H2026"](#) me [strong="H5315"](#)."

<sup>15</sup> The [strong="H0853"](#) LORD [strong="H3068"](#) said [strong="H0559"](#), " Go [strong="H0935"](#) back [strong="H7725"](#). Take [strong="H7725"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) road [strong="H1870"](#) that [strong="H3068"](#) leads to [strong="H0413"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) desert [strong="H4057"](#) around [strong="H5921"](#) Damascus [strong="H1834"](#). Go [strong="H0935"](#) into [strong="H0413"](#) Damascus [strong="H1834"](#) and [strong="H0935"](#) anoint [strong="H4886"](#) Hazael [strong="H2371"](#) as [strong="H0935"](#) king [strong="H4428"](#) over [strong="H5921"](#) Aram [strong="H0758"](#). <sup>16</sup> Then [strong="H0853"](#) anoint [strong="H4886"](#) Jehu [strong="H3058"](#) son [strong="H1121"](#) of [strong="H1121"](#) Nimshi [strong="H5250"](#) as [strong="H1121"](#) king [strong="H4428"](#) over [strong="H5921"](#) Israel [strong="H3478"](#). Next [strong="H5921"](#), anoint [strong="H4886"](#) Elisha [strong="H0477"](#) son [strong="H1121"](#) of [strong="H1121"](#) Shaphat [strong="H8202"](#) from [strong="H5921"](#) Abel Meholah. He [strong="H0853"](#) will [strong="H4428"](#) be [strong="H1121"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) prophet [strong="H5030"](#) who [strong="H1121"](#) takes your [strong="H5921"](#) place [strong="H8478"](#). <sup>17</sup> Jehu [strong="H3058"](#) will [strong="H1961"](#) kill [strong="H4191"](#) anyone who escapes [strong="H4422"](#) Hazael's [strong="H2371"](#) sword [strong="H2719"](#), and [strong="H2719"](#) Elisha [strong="H0477"](#) will [strong="H1961"](#) kill [strong="H4191"](#) anyone who escapes [strong="H4422"](#) from [strong="H1961"](#) Jehu's [strong="H3058"](#) sword [strong="H2719"](#). <sup>18</sup> I [strong="H0834"](#) still have [strong="H0834"](#) 7000 people [strong="H0834"](#) in [strong="H3478"](#) Israel [strong="H3478"](#) who [strong="H0834"](#) have [strong="H0834"](#) never [strong="H3808"](#) bowed [strong="H3766"](#) down [strong="H3766"](#) to [strong="H3478"](#) Baal [strong="H1168"](#) or [strong="H3808"](#) kissed [strong="H5401"](#) that [strong="H0834"](#) idol [strong="H3478"](#)."

### Elisha Becomes a [strong="H0834"](#) Prophet

<sup>19</sup> So [strong="H5674"](#) Elijah [strong="H0452"](#) left [strong="H4672"](#) that [strong="H1931"](#) place [strong="H8033"](#) and [strong="H1121"](#) went [strong="H0413"](#) to [strong="H0413"](#)

find [strong="H4672"](#) Elisha [strong="H0477"](#) son [strong="H1121"](#) of [strong="H1121"](#) Shaphat [strong="H8202"](#). Elisha [strong="H0477"](#) was [strong="H1931"](#) plowing [strong="H2790"](#) 12 acres [strong="H6776"](#) of [strong="H1121"](#) land [strong="H6440"](#) and [strong="H1121"](#) was [strong="H1931"](#) working on [strong="H0413"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) last acre [strong="H6776"](#) when [strong="H1121"](#) Elijah [strong="H0452"](#) came [strong="H0413"](#). <sup>1</sup> Elijah [strong="H0452"](#) went [strong="H0413"](#) to [strong="H0413"](#) Elisha [strong="H0477"](#) and [strong="H1121"](#) put his [strong="H6440"](#) coat <sup>II</sup> on [strong="H0413"](#) Elisha [strong="H0477"](#). <sup>20</sup> Elisha [strong="H0559"](#) immediately left [strong="H5800"](#) his [strong="H7725"](#) oxen [strong="H1241"](#) and [strong="H7725"](#) ran [strong="H7323"](#) after [strong="H0310"](#) Elijah [strong="H0452"](#). Elisha [strong="H0559"](#) said [strong="H0559"](#), " Let [strong="H4994"](#) me [strong="H4994"](#) kiss my [strong="H7725"](#) mother [strong="H0517"](#) and [strong="H7725"](#) father [strong="H0001"](#) goodbye. Then [strong="H0853"](#) I [strong="H3588"](#) will [strong="H4100"](#) follow [strong="H0310"](#) you [strong="H3588"](#)."

Elijah [strong="H0452"](#) answered [strong="H0559"](#), " You [strong="H3588"](#) can [strong="H4100"](#) do [strong="H6213"](#) that [strong="H3588"](#). I [strong="H3588"](#) will [strong="H4100"](#) not [strong="H3588"](#) stop [strong="H0310"](#) you [strong="H3588"](#). <sup>III</sup>"

<sup>21</sup> Elisha [strong="H7725"](#) turned [strong="H7725"](#) away [strong="H7725"](#) from [strong="H7725"](#) him [strong="H5414"](#) and [strong="H6965"](#) went [strong="H7725"](#) back [strong="H7725"](#). He [strong="H0310"](#) killed the [strong="H0853"](#) oxen [strong="H1241"](#) and [strong="H6965"](#) used [strong="H8334"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) yoke [strong="H6776"](#) for [strong="H5414"](#) firewood. He [strong="H0310"](#) boiled [strong="H1310"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) meat [strong="H1320"](#), gave [strong="H5414"](#) it [strong="H5414"](#) to [strong="H7725"](#) the [strong="H0853"](#) people [strong="H5971"](#), and [strong="H6965"](#) they [strong="H0310"](#) all [strong="H0398"](#) ate [strong="H0398"](#) together [strong="H6776"](#). Then [strong="H6965"](#) Elisha [strong="H7725"](#) went [strong="H7725"](#) to [strong="H7725"](#) follow [strong="H0310"](#) Elijah [strong="H0452"](#) and [strong="H6965"](#) became [strong="H7725"](#) his [strong="H5414"](#) helper.

<sup>I</sup> ELISHA WAS PLOWING ... CAME Or "Elijah was plowing. There were 11 pair of oxen before him, and he was on the twelfth." <sup>II</sup> COAT A special robe that prophets wore. Elijah put his coat on Elisha to show that Elisha would take his place as a prophet. <sup>III</sup> I WILL NOT STOP YOU Literally, "What have I done to you?" or "What will I do to you?"

## Ben-Hadad and Ahab Go to War

**20** King *Ben-Hadad* of *Aram* gathered his army together. There were 32 kings with him and many horses and chariots. They surrounded *Samaria* and attacked it. <sup>2</sup> The king sent messengers to King *Ahab* of *Israel* who was inside the city. <sup>3</sup> The message was, "Ben-Hadad says, 'Your silver and your gold are mine, and so the best of your wives and children'"

<sup>4</sup> The king of *Israel* answered, "Yes, my lord king *Ahab*, I am yours now, and I have everything I belong to you."

<sup>5</sup> Then the messengers came back to *Ahab*. They said, "Ben-Hadad says, 'I told you before that all of your silver and gold and your wives and children belong to me.' So give them to me!" <sup>6</sup> Tomorrow I will

send my men to search your house and the houses of your officials. Give my men all your valuables, and they will bring them back to me!"

<sup>7</sup> So King *Ahab* called a meeting of all the elders of his country and said, "Look, Ben-Hadad is looking for trouble. First he told me that I must give my wives and children and silver and gold. I agreed to give them to him." <sup>8</sup> But the elders of all the people said, "Don't obey him or do what he says."

<sup>9</sup> So *Ahab* sent a messenger to *Ben-Hadad* said, "I will do what you said at first, but I cannot obey your second command."

King *Ben-Hadad's* men carried *the* message *to* the king. <sup>10</sup> Then they came back with another message from Ben-Hadad that said, "I will completely destroy Samaria. I promise that there will be nothing left of that city! There will be enough of that city left for my men to find any souvenirs <sup>1</sup> to take home. May the gods destroy me if I don't do this!"

<sup>11</sup> King Ahab answered, "Tell Ben-Hadad that the man who puts on his armor should not boast as much as the man who lives long enough to take it off."

<sup>12</sup> King Ben-Hadad was drinking in his tent with the other rulers when the messengers came back and gave him the message from King Ahab. King Ben-Hadad commanded his men to prepare to attack the city, so the

men moved into their places for the battle.

<sup>13</sup> Then a prophet went to King Ahab and said, "King Ahab, the LORD says to you, 'Do you see that my great army? I will defeat your army today.' Then you will know that I am LORD." "

<sup>14</sup> Ahab said, "Who will you use to defeat them?"

The prophet answered, "The LORD says, 'The young men who carry the weapons for the government officials'"

Then the king asked, "Who should the main army?"

The prophet answered, "You will."

<sup>15</sup> So Ahab gathered the young helpers of the government officials. There were 232 of these young men. Then the king called together the army of Israel. The total number was 7000.

<sup>16</sup> King Ahab began his attack at

<sup>1</sup> SOUVENIRS Things that help people remember places they have been. Literally, the Hebrew text has "handfuls of dust."

noon |strong="H6672", while |strong="H1931" King |strong="H4428" Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" 32 kings |strong="H4428" were |strong="H4428" drinking |strong="H8354" and |strong="H4428" getting drunk |strong="H8354" in |strong="H4428" their |strong="H8354" tents. <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0559" young |strong="H5288" helpers went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" first |strong="H7223". King Ben-Hadad's men |strong="H0376" told |strong="H5046" him |strong="H7971" that |strong="H0559" some |strong="H0376" soldiers |strong="H0376" had |strong="H0376" come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0376" Samaria |strong="H8111". <sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3318" Ben-Hadad said |strong="H0559", " They |strong="H0518" might be |strong="H8610" coming |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0559" fight |strong="H4421" or |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" might be |strong="H8610" coming |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H0559" for |strong="H0518" peace |strong="H7965". Capture |strong="H8610" them |strong="H8610" alive |strong="H2416"."

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0834" young |strong="H5288" men |strong="H5288" of |strong="H8269" King Ahab were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" first to |strong="H3318" come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318", but |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" rest of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H0834" army |strong="H2428" of |strong="H8269" Israel was |strong="H0834" following |strong="H0310" them |strong="H0310". <sup>20</sup> Each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H5921" man |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" had |strong="H3478" come against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". So |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" Aram |strong="H0758" began to |strong="H5921" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H5921" army of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" chased |strong="H7291" them |strong="H5921". King |strong="H4428" Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130" escaped |strong="H4428" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5221" horse |strong="H5483" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" chariots. <sup>21</sup> King |strong="H4428" Ahab led |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" army and |strong="H3478" attacked |strong="H5221" all |strong="H1419" the |strong="H0853" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H3478" chariots |strong="H7393". So |strong="H3318" King |strong="H4428" Ahab made |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853"

Arameans |strong="H0758" suffer a |strong="H5221" great |strong="H1419" defeat |strong="H5221".

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Ahab |strong="H0559" and |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" will |strong="H0834" come |strong="H5927" back |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" fight again next |strong="H5921" spring |strong="H5927". So |strong="H6213" go |strong="H5927" back |strong="H5927" and |strong="H3478" strengthen |strong="H2388" your |strong="H5921" army |strong="H5927" and |strong="H3478" make |strong="H6213" careful plans |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" defend yourself |strong="H0413" against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H0413"."

### Ben-Hadad Attacks Again

<sup>23</sup> King |strong="H4428" Ben-Hadad's officers |strong="H5650" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " The |strong="H0559" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel are |strong="H1992" mountain |strong="H2022" gods |strong="H0430". We |strong="H0518" fought |strong="H3898" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0518" mountain |strong="H2022" area |strong="H2022", so |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" Israelites won. If |strong="H0518" we |strong="H0518" fight |strong="H3898" them |strong="H0413" on |strong="H5921" level |strong="H4334" ground, we |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0430" win. <sup>24</sup> Also |strong="H0853", don't let |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" 32 kings |strong="H4428" command |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" armies. Put |strong="H7760" your |strong="H7760" commanders in |strong="H4428" charge |strong="H1697" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" armies. <sup>25</sup> Let's gather an |strong="H2388" army |strong="H2428" like |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H3808" that |strong="H8085" was |strong="H6963" destroyed. Gather as |strong="H3651" many men |strong="H6213", horses |strong="H5483", and |strong="H6963" chariots |strong="H7393" as |strong="H3651" before |strong="H3808", and |strong="H6963" fight |strong="H3898" the |strong="H0853" Israelites on |strong="H5307" level |strong="H4334" ground. Then |strong="H0853" we |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" win." Ben-Hadad followed their |strong="H1992" advice |strong="H6963" and |strong="H6963" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H6963" they |strong="H1992" said |strong="H3651".

26 So |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" spring |strong="H5927", Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130" gathered |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H6485" of |strong="H8141" Aram |strong="H0758" and |strong="H3478" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H1961" Aphek |strong="H0663" to |strong="H1961" fight |strong="H4421" against |strong="H5973" Israel |strong="H3478".

27 The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" also |strong="H0853" prepared for |strong="H0776" war and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H7125" to |strong="H3478" fight the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758". They |strong="H0776" made |strong="H6485" their |strong="H4390" camp |strong="H2583" opposite |strong="H5048" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H2583" of |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758". The |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0758" soldiers filled |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776", but Israel's |strong="H3478" army |strong="H0776" looked like |strong="H0776" two |strong="H8147" small flocks |strong="H2835" of |strong="H1121" goats |strong="H5795".

28 A |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430" came |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" with |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" message |strong="H3068": " The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", ' The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H3588" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" valleys |strong="H6010". So |strong="H3541" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" defeat |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2088" great |strong="H1419" army |strong="H1995". Then |strong="H2088" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", wherever |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"! "

29 The |strong="H0853" armies were |strong="H1961" camped |strong="H2583" across

from |strong="H3478" each |strong="H0259" other |strong="H0259" for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" seventh |strong="H7637" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" battle |strong="H4421" began |strong="H1961". The |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H5221" 100,000 Aramean |strong="H0758" soldiers |strong="H7273" in |strong="H2583" one |strong="H0259" day |strong="H3117".<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H5921" survivors |strong="H0376" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0376" Aphek |strong="H0663". The |strong="H5921" wall |strong="H2346" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892" fell |strong="H5307" on |strong="H5921" 27,000 of |strong="H0376" those |strong="H0376" soldiers |strong="H0376". Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130" also |strong="H0935" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0935" hid in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" room |strong="H2315".<sup>31</sup> His |strong="H7760" servants |strong="H5650" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " We |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" are |strong="H1992" merciful. Let's |strong="H4994" dress in |strong="H0413" rough cloth with |strong="H0413" ropes |strong="H2256" on |strong="H0413" our |strong="H3588" heads |strong="H7218".<sup>1</sup> Then |strong="H3318" let's |strong="H4994" go |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". Maybe |strong="H0194" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" let |strong="H4994" us |strong="H4994" live |strong="H2421". "

32 They |strong="H0559" dressed in |strong="H0935" rough cloth with |strong="H0413" ropes |strong="H2256" on |strong="H0413" their |strong="H0935" heads |strong="H7218". They |strong="H0559" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Your |strong="H0935" servant |strong="H5650", Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130", says |strong="H0559", ' Please |strong="H4994"

<sup>1</sup> ROUGH CLOTH ... HEADS This showed that they were being humble and that they wanted to surrender.

let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H0413" live|strong="H2421"."

Ahab|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Is|strong="H1931" he|strong="H1931" still|strong="H5750" alive|strong="H2416"? He|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" my|strong="H0935" brother|strong="H0251".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>33</sup> Ben-Hadad's men|strong="H0376" wanted King|strong="H5921" Ahab|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H0559" something to|strong="H0413" show that|strong="H4480" he|strong="H4480" would|strong="H0559" not kill King|strong="H5921" Ben-Hadad|strong="H1130". When|strong="H0935" Ahab|strong="H0559" called|strong="H0559" Ben-Hadad|strong="H1130" his|strong="H5921" brother|strong="H0251", the|strong="H0559" advisors quickly|strong="H4116" said|strong="H0559", "Yes! Ben-Hadad|strong="H1130" is|strong="H0376" your|strong="H5921" brother|strong="H0251"."

Ahab|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Bring|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". So|strong="H4480" Ben-Hadad|strong="H1130" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H5921" Ahab|strong="H0559". King|strong="H5921" Ahab|strong="H0559" asked|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H3947" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" chariot|strong="H4818" with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413".

<sup>34</sup> Ben-Hadad said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " Ahab|strong="H0559", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H7760" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" towns|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" my|strong="H7760" father|strong="H0001" took|strong="H3947" from|strong="H7725" your|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001". And|strong="H7725" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" put|strong="H7760" shops in|strong="H0413" Damascus|strong="H1834", as|strong="H0834" my|strong="H7760" father|strong="H0001" did|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0413" Samaria|strong="H8111"."

Ahab|strong="H0559" answered|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" agree to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0834", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" let|strong="H7971" you|strong="H0834" go|strong="H7971" free|strong="H7971". So|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" two|strong="H3947" kings made|strong="H3772" a|strong="H3947" peace agreement|strong="H1285".

<sup>I</sup> BROTHER People who signed peace agreements often called each other "brother." It was as if they were one family.

Then|strong="H3947" King Ahab|strong="H0559" let|strong="H7971" King Ben-Hadad go|strong="H7971" free|strong="H7971".

**A|strong="H3947" Prophet|strong="H0559" Speaks|strong="H0559" Against|strong="H0413" Ahab|strong="H0559"**

<sup>35</sup> One|strong="H0259" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" prophets|strong="H5030" told|strong="H0559" another|strong="H7453" prophet|strong="H5030", " Hit|strong="H5221" me|strong="H0413"! He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H1697" because|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H0559" it|strong="H5221". But|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" other|strong="H0259" prophet|strong="H5030" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H0413" hit|strong="H5221" him|strong="H0413".<sup>36</sup> So|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" first prophet|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" command|strong="H0559". So|strong="H1980" a|strong="H8085" lion|strong="H0738" will|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H5221" you|strong="H0834" when|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" leave|strong="H1980" this|strong="H0834" place." When|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" second prophet|strong="H0559" left|strong="H1980", a|strong="H8085" lion|strong="H0738" killed|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5221".

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="H0559" first|strong="H0312" prophet|strong="H0376" went|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0559" another|strong="H0312" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559", " Hit|strong="H5221" me|strong="H4994"!"

This|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" hit|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5221" and|strong="H0376" hurt the|strong="H0559" prophet|strong="H0376".<sup>38</sup> So|strong="H5975" the|strong="H5921" prophet|strong="H5030" wrapped his|strong="H5921" face|strong="H5869" with|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" cloth. This|strong="H5975" way|strong="H1870" no one|strong="H4428" could see|strong="H5869" who|strong="H5030" he|strong="H5921" was|strong="H4428". The|strong="H5921" prophet|strong="H5030" went and|strong="H4428" waited|strong="H5975" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" road|strong="H1870".<sup>39</sup> The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" came|strong="H0935"

by|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", " I|strong="H0518" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H4421" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" battle|strong="H4421". One|strong="H0376" of|strong="H4428" our|strong="H1961" men|strong="H0376" brought|strong="H0935" an|strong="H1961" enemy soldier|strong="H4421" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559", ' Guard|strong="H8104" this|strong="H2088" man|strong="H0376". If|strong="H0518" he|strong="H1931" runs|strong="H0935" away|strong="H5493", you|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H8104" your|strong="H8104" life|strong="H5315" in|strong="H0935" his|strong="H8104" place|strong="H8478" or|strong="H0176" you|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" pay|strong="H8254" a|strong="H1961" fine|strong="H3701" of|strong="H4428" 75 pounds I of|strong="H4428" silver|strong="H3701".' <sup>40</sup> While|strong="H1961" I|strong="H3651" was|strong="H0369" busy doing|strong="H6213" oth- er|strong="H0369" things|strong="H1961", the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0369" ran|strong="H1961" away|strong="H0369"."

The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478" an- swered|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0859" admit- ted that|strong="H1931" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478" guilty, so|strong="H3651" you|strong="H0859" know the|strong="H0559" an- swer|strong="H0559". You|strong="H0859" must do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4941" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0369" said|strong="H0559"."

<sup>41</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H5030" quickly|strong="H4116" took|strong="H5493" the|strong="H0853" cloth from|strong="H5493" his|strong="H5921" face|strong="H5869", and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478" saw that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3478" one|strong="H1931" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" prophets|strong="H5030". <sup>42</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" king, " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559"

I 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg).

to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H7971", ' You|strong="H7971" set|strong="H7971" free|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" I|strong="H3541" said|strong="H0559" should|strong="H0376" die. So|strong="H3541" you|strong="H7971" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3068" place|strong="H8478"— you|strong="H7971" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" die!"

<sup>43</sup> Then|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" home|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0935" Samaria|strong="H8111". He|strong="H5921" was|strong="H3478" worried and|strong="H0935" upset.

### Naboth's Vineyard

**21** There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" vineyard|strong="H3754" near|strong="H0681" King|strong="H4428" Ahab's|strong="H0256" palace|strong="H1964" in|strong="H4428" Samaria|strong="H8111". A|strong="H1961" man from|strong="H1961" Jezreel|strong="H3157" named Naboth|strong="H5022" owned it|strong="H1961". <sup>2</sup> One|strong="H2088" day Ahab|strong="H0256" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Naboth|strong="H5022", " Give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" your|strong="H5414" vine- yard|strong="H3754" that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H2088" near|strong="H7138" my|strong="H5414" palace|strong="H1004". I|strong="H3588" want to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" a|strong="H1961" vegetable|strong="H3419" gar- den|strong="H1588". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" a|strong="H1961" bet- ter|strong="H2896" vineyard|strong="H3754" in|strong="H0413" its|strong="H5414" place|strong="H8478". Or|strong="H0518", if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" prefer, I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" pay|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" for|strong="H3588" it|strong="H5414"."

<sup>3</sup> Naboth|strong="H5022" an- swered|strong="H0559", " By|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" never give|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" land|strong="H5159" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414". This|strong="H3068" land|strong="H5159" belongs to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H5414" family|strong="H0001"."

<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H5414" Ahab|strong="H0256" went|strong="H0935" home|strong="H1004" angry



and *upset because Naboth told I will not give you my land went bed away and to eat*

<sup>5</sup> His wife Jezebel and him asked him are you upset? Why do you refuse to eat?

<sup>6</sup> Ahab answered, " I asked Naboth from Jezreel to give me his vineyard. I told him that I would pay him the full price, if he preferred, I would give him another vineyard. But he refused to give it to me."

<sup>7</sup> Jezebel answered, " But you the king over Israel! Get out of bed and eat something, and will feel better. I will get Naboth's vineyard for you."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jezebel wrote some letters. She signed Ahab's name

to them and seal the letters she sent them to the elders and important men who lived in the same town as Naboth. <sup>9</sup> This is what the letter said:

" Announce that there will be a day of fasting when the people will eat nothing. Then call all the people of the town together for a meeting. At the meeting we will talk about Naboth. <sup>10</sup> Find some men who will tell Naboth. They should say that they heard Naboth speak against the king and God. Then Naboth out of the city and kill him with stones."

<sup>11</sup> So the elders and important men of Jezreel obeyed the command. <sup>12</sup> The leaders announced that there would be a day when all the people would eat nothing. On that day they called all the people together for a meeting. They put

Naboth |strong="H5022" in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H7121" special place before the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971".<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H3318" two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H0376" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" that |strong="H0559" they |strong="H0376" heard Naboth |strong="H5022" speak |strong="H0559" against |strong="H5048" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". So |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" carried |strong="H0935" Naboth |strong="H5022" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H4191" him |strong="H0853" with |strong="H0935" stones |strong="H0068".<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" leaders sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" message to |strong="H0413" Jezebel |strong="H0348" that |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559": " Naboth |strong="H5022" has been killed |strong="H4191"."

<sup>15</sup> When |strong="H3588" Jezebel |strong="H0348" heard |strong="H8085" this |strong="H3588", she |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Ahab |strong="H0256", " Naboth |strong="H5022" is |strong="H0369" dead |strong="H4191". Now |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" go |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" vineyard |strong="H3754" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" wanted." <sup>16</sup> So |strong="H1961" Ahab |strong="H0256" went |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" vineyard |strong="H3754" and |strong="H6965" took |strong="H3423" it |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H8085" own |strong="H1961".

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Elijah |strong="H0452", the |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H0559" from |strong="H0413" Tishbe: <sup>18</sup> " Go |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" King |strong="H4428" Ahab |strong="H0256" in |strong="H3478" Samaria |strong="H8111". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3478" at |strong="H3478" Naboth's |strong="H5022" vineyard |strong="H3754". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" there |strong="H8033" to |strong="H3381" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0834" vineyard |strong="H3754" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H0834" own. <sup>19</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" Ahab |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068",

say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413"; ' Ahab |strong="H0559"! You |strong="H0859" killed |strong="H7523" the |strong="H0853" man Naboth |strong="H5022" and |strong="H3068" now |strong="H1571" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" taking his |strong="H3068" land |strong="H4725". So |strong="H3541" I |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" this |strong="H3541": Where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" dogs |strong="H3611" licked |strong="H3952" up |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" of |strong="H3068" Naboth |strong="H5022", they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" lick |strong="H3952" up |strong="H0853" your |strong="H3068" blood |strong="H1818" as |strong="H0834" well |strong="H1571"."

<sup>20</sup> So |strong="H6213" Elijah |strong="H0452" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Ahab |strong="H0256". When |strong="H3068" Ahab |strong="H0256" saw him |strong="H0413", he |strong="H6213" said |strong="H0559", "Well, my |strong="H3068" enemy |strong="H0341" has |strong="H3068" found |strong="H4672" me |strong="H0413" again!"

Elijah |strong="H0452" answered |strong="H0559", "Yes, I |strong="H3282" found |strong="H4672" you |strong="H6213", because |strong="H3282" you |strong="H6213" have |strong="H5869" again sold |strong="H4376" yourself |strong="H0413" out |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7451" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" is |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7451". <sup>21</sup> So |strong="H0935" this |strong="H0935" is |strong="H3478" what |strong="H7451" he |strong="H0310" says to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935": ' I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3478" make |strong="H3772" something bad |strong="H7451" happen to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935". I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3478" kill |strong="H3772" you |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" every |strong="H8366" male in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" family. <sup>22</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy your |strong="H5414" family |strong="H1004" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" destroyed the |strong="H0853" families |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" King Jeroboam |strong="H3379" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nebat |strong="H5028" and |strong="H1121" King Baasha |strong="H1201". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" be-

cause |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" angry |strong="H3707" and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" caused |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" sin |strong="H2398".<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H1571" says |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068" about |strong="H1696" your |strong="H3068" wife |strong="H1696" Jezebel |strong="H0348": ' Dogs |strong="H3611" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" body of |strong="H3068" Jezebel |strong="H0348" by |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H3157" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H3068" Jezreel |strong="H3157".<sup>24</sup> As |strong="H0398" for |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0398" family |strong="H4191" of |strong="H7704" Ahab |strong="H0256", whoever |strong="H4191" dies |strong="H4191" in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0398" city |strong="H5892" will |strong="H8064" be |strong="H4191" eaten |strong="H0398" by |strong="H4191" dogs |strong="H3611", and |strong="H0398" whoever |strong="H4191" dies |strong="H4191" in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0398" fields |strong="H7704" will |strong="H8064" be |strong="H4191" eaten |strong="H0398" by |strong="H4191" birds |strong="H5775"."

<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H6213" Ahab |strong="H0256" sold |strong="H4376" himself |strong="H3808" out |strong="H7451" to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says is |strong="H0834" evil |strong="H7451". There |strong="H1961" is |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" as |strong="H0834" much |strong="H0834" evil |strong="H7451" as |strong="H0834" Ahab |strong="H0256" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" wife |strong="H0802" Jezebel |strong="H0348", who |strong="H0834" caused |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H1961".

<sup>26</sup> Ahab committed |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" terrible sin of |strong="H1121" worshiping those |strong="H3605" filthy idols |strong="H1544", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Amorites |strong="H0567" did |strong="H6213". And |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"

took |strong="H3423" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H6440" from |strong="H6440" them |strong="H0310" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H6213" it |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".

<sup>27</sup> When |strong="H1961" Ahab |strong="H0256" heard |strong="H8085" what |strong="H1697" Elijah said |strong="H1697", he |strong="H0853" tore |strong="H7167" his |strong="H5921" clothes |strong="H0899" to |strong="H1980" show |strong="H7760" how sad he |strong="H0853" was |strong="H1961". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0853" put |strong="H7760" on |strong="H5921" sackcloth |strong="H8242" and |strong="H1980" refused |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1980" eat. He |strong="H0853" even |strong="H0853" slept |strong="H7901" in |strong="H5921" these |strong="H0428" clothes |strong="H0899". He |strong="H0853" was |strong="H1961" very |strong="H1980" sad and |strong="H1980" upset |strong="H1697".

<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H0559" Elijah |strong="H0452" from |strong="H0413" Tishbe,<sup>29</sup> " Look |strong="H7200", Ahab |strong="H0256" has |strong="H3117" humbled |strong="H3665" himself |strong="H3665" before |strong="H6440" me |strong="H6440". So |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" disaster |strong="H7451" happen during |strong="H3117" his |strong="H5921" lifetime |strong="H3117". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" wait until |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" is |strong="H3117" king |strong="H5921". Then |strong="H0935" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" destroy his |strong="H5921" family |strong="H1004"."

#### Micaiah Warns King Ahab

**22** For |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0996" next two |strong="H3427" years |strong="H8141" there |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" peace between |strong="H0996" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3478" Aram |strong="H0758".<sup>2</sup> Then |strong="H1961" during |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" third |strong="H7992" year |strong="H8141", King |strong="H4428" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" went |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" visit |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Ahab of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>3</sup> Ahab |strong="H0559" asked |strong="H0559" his |strong="H3947" officials |strong="H5650", "Re-

member when *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H0853" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H4428" Aram *strong*="H0758" took *strong*="H3947" Ramoth *strong*="H7433" Gilead *strong*="H1568" from *strong*="H3478" us *strong*="H0413"? That *strong*="H3588" city is *strong*="H3027" ours, so *strong*="H3947" why *strong*="H3588" have *strong*="H3045" we *strong*="H0587" done *strong*="H3027" nothing *strong*="H2814" to *strong*="H0413" get *strong*="H3947" it *strong*="H3588" back *strong*="H3045"?<sup>4</sup> So *strong*="H3644" Ahab *strong*="H0559" asked *strong*="H0559" King *strong*="H4428" Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092", " Will *strong*="H4428" you *strong*="H0413" join with *strong*="H0854" us *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" go fight *strong*="H4421" the *strong*="H0559" Arameans at *strong*="H0413" Ramoth *strong*="H7433" Gilead *strong*="H1568"?"

Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092" answered *strong*="H0559", "Yes, you *strong*="H0413" and *strong*="H3478" I *strong*="H0559" will *strong*="H4428" be *strong*="H3478" as *strong*="H3644" one *strong*="H4428"—my *strong*="H0854" men *strong*="H5971" and *strong*="H3478" my *strong*="H0854" horses *strong*="H5483" will *strong*="H4428" be *strong*="H3478" as *strong*="H3644" yours.<sup>5</sup> But *strong*="H3117" first *strong*="H3117" let's *strong*="H4994" ask *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068" for *strong*="H0413" advice *strong*="H1697"."

<sup>6</sup> So *strong*="H5414" Ahab *strong*="H0559" called *strong*="H0559" a *strong*="H5414" meeting of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H0853" prophets *strong*="H5030". There *strong*="H5927" were *strong*="H3478" about *strong*="H5921" 400 prophets *strong*="H5030" at *strong*="H0413" that *strong*="H0559" time *strong*="H3478". Ahab *strong*="H0559" asked *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H0853" prophets *strong*="H5030", " Should *strong*="H0376" I *strong*="H0518" go *strong*="H5927" and *strong*="H3478" attack *strong*="H5927" the *strong*="H0853" Arameans at *strong*="H0413" Ramoth *strong*="H7433" Gilead *strong*="H1568" or *strong*="H0518" not *strong*="H2308"?"

The *strong*="H0853" prophets *strong*="H5030" answered *strong*="H0559" Ahab *strong*="H0559", "Yes, because *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" Lord *strong*="H0136" will *strong*="H4428" let *strong*="H5414" you *strong*="H5414" defeat *strong*="H5414" Ramoth *strong*="H7433" Gilead *strong*="H1568"."

<sup>7</sup> But *strong*="H0369" Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092" said *strong*="H0559", "Doesn't the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" have *strong*="H0369" another *strong*="H5750" prophet *strong*="H5030"

here *strong*="H6311"? Let's ask *strong*="H0559" him *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H0853" same *strong*="H0853" question."

<sup>8</sup> King *strong*="H4428" Ahab *strong*="H0559" answered *strong*="H0559", " Yes *strong*="H3588", there *strong*="H3068" is *strong*="H3068" another *strong*="H0259" prophet *strong*="H0376". His *strong*="H5921" name *strong*="H0559" is *strong*="H3068" Micaiah *strong*="H4321" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Imlah *strong*="H3229". But *strong*="H3588" I *strong*="H0589" hate *strong*="H8130" him *strong*="H0413" because *strong*="H3588" he *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H3808" say *strong*="H0559" anything *strong*="H3808" good *strong*="H2896" about *strong*="H5921" me *strong*="H0413" when *strong*="H3588" he *strong*="H3588" speaks *strong*="H0559" for *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068". He *strong*="H3588" always says *strong*="H0559" things *strong*="H3808" that *strong*="H3588" I *strong*="H0589" don't *strong*="H0408" like *strong*="H3651"."

Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092" said *strong*="H0559", " The *strong*="H0853" king *strong*="H4428" should *strong*="H0376" not *strong*="H3808" say *strong*="H0559" that *strong*="H3588"!"

<sup>9</sup> So *strong*="H7121" King *strong*="H4428" Ahab *strong*="H0559" told *strong*="H0559" one *strong*="H0259" of *strong*="H1121" his *strong*="H7121" officers *strong*="H5631" to *strong*="H0413" go and *strong*="H1121" find Micaiah *strong*="H4321".

<sup>10</sup> At *strong*="H3427" that *strong*="H3605" time *strong*="H3478" the *strong*="H3605" two *strong*="H3427" kings *strong*="H4428" were *strong*="H3478" sitting *strong*="H3427" on *strong*="H5921" their *strong*="H3605" thrones *strong*="H3678", with *strong*="H3847" their *strong*="H3605" royal *strong*="H4428" robes *strong*="H0899" on *strong*="H5921", at *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H3605" judgment place *strong*="H3605" near *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H3605" gates *strong*="H8179" of *strong*="H4428" Samaria *strong*="H8111". All *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" prophets *strong*="H5030" were *strong*="H3478" standing before *strong*="H6440" them *strong*="H5921", prophesying *strong*="H5012".

<sup>11</sup> One *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0853" prophets was *strong*="H3068" named Zedekiah *strong*="H6667" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Ke-naanah *strong*="H3668". Zedekiah *strong*="H6667" made *strong*="H6213" some *strong*="H0428" iron *strong*="H1270" horns *strong*="H7161"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> IRON HORNS These were a symbol of great strength.

and **strong="H1121"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0559"** Ahab **strong="H0559"**, " The **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** says **strong="H0559"**, ' You **strong="H5704"** will **strong="H3068"** use **strong="H3615"** these **strong="H0428"** iron **strong="H1270"** horns **strong="H7161"** to **strong="H0559"** fight against the **strong="H0853"** army of **strong="H1121"** Aram **strong="H0758"**. You **strong="H5704"** will **strong="H3068"** defeat them **strong="H0853"** and **strong="H1121"** destroy **strong="H3615"** them **strong="H0853"**.'" <sup>12</sup> All **strong="H3605"** the **strong="H3605"** other **strong="H3605"** prophets **strong="H5030"** agreed with **strong="H3068"** Zedekiah and **strong="H3068"** said **strong="H0559"**, " Your **strong="H3068"** army **strong="H5927"** should **strong="H3068"** march now **strong="H5414"** to **strong="H0559"** go **strong="H5927"** fight against **strong="H3027"** the **strong="H3605"** Arameans at **strong="H3068"** Ramoth **strong="H7433"** Gilead **strong="H1568"**. You **strong="H5414"** will **strong="H3068"** win **strong="H6743"** the **strong="H3605"** battle. The **strong="H3605"** LORD **strong="H3068"** will **strong="H3068"** let **strong="H5414"** you **strong="H5414"** defeat **strong="H5414"** them **strong="H5414"**."

<sup>13</sup> While **strong="H1961"** this **strong="H1697"** was **strong="H1961"** happening, the **strong="H0559"** officer went **strong="H1980"** to **strong="H0413"** find Micaiah **strong="H4321"**. When **strong="H1961"** he **strong="H0834"** found him **strong="H0413"**, the **strong="H0559"** officer told **strong="H0559"** him **strong="H0413"**, " All **strong="H0259"** the **strong="H0559"** other **strong="H0259"** prophets **strong="H5030"** have **strong="H1961"** said **strong="H0559"** that **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H0559"** king **strong="H4428"** will **strong="H1961"** succeed **strong="H4994"**, so **strong="H1980"** you **strong="H0834"** should **strong="H1980"** say **strong="H0559"** the **strong="H0559"** same **strong="H0259"** thing **strong="H1697"**."

<sup>14</sup> But **strong="H3588"** Micaiah **strong="H4321"** answered **strong="H0559"**, " As **strong="H0834"** surely **strong="H3588"** as **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** lives **strong="H2416"**, I **strong="H0834"** can **strong="H0834"** say **strong="H0559"** only what **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H0853"** LORD **strong="H3068"** says **strong="H0559"**."

<sup>15</sup> Micaiah **strong="H4321"** went **strong="H0935"** and **strong="H0935"** stood **strong="H0935"** before **strong="H0413"** King **strong="H4428"** Ahab **strong="H0559"**. The **strong="H0559"** king **strong="H4428"** asked **strong="H0559"** him **strong="H0413"**, " Micaiah **strong="H4321"**, should **strong="H0518"** we **strong="H0518"**

go **strong="H0935"** and **strong="H0935"** attack **strong="H5927"** the **strong="H0559"** Arameans at **strong="H0413"** Ramoth **strong="H7433"** Gilead **strong="H1568"** or **strong="H0518"** not **strong="H2308"**?"

Micaiah **strong="H4321"** answered **strong="H0559"**, "Yes, go **strong="H0935"** and **strong="H0935"** be **strong="H3027"** successful **strong="H6743"**! The **strong="H0559"** LORD **strong="H3068"** will **strong="H3068"** let **strong="H5414"** you **strong="H5414"** take **strong="H0935"** the **strong="H0559"** city."

<sup>16</sup> But **strong="H7535"** Ahab **strong="H0559"** answered **strong="H0559"**, " How **strong="H4100"** many **strong="H4100"** times **strong="H6471"** do **strong="H4100"** I **strong="H0589"** have **strong="H0834"** to **strong="H0413"** tell **strong="H0559"** you **strong="H0834"**? Tell **strong="H0559"** me **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H0559"** truth **strong="H0571"**. What **strong="H4100"** does **strong="H4100"** the **strong="H0559"** LORD **strong="H3068"** say **strong="H0559"**?"

<sup>17</sup> So **strong="H3808"** Micaiah **strong="H0559"** answered **strong="H0559"**, " I **strong="H0834"** can **strong="H0834"** see **strong="H7200"** the **strong="H3605"** army of **strong="H1004"** Israel **strong="H3478"** scattered **strong="H6327"** all **strong="H3605"** over **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H3605"** hills **strong="H2022"**, like **strong="H0834"** sheep **strong="H6629"** with **strong="H0413"** no **strong="H3808"** one **strong="H0376"** to **strong="H0413"** lead **strong="H0413"** them **strong="H0413"**. This **strong="H0428"** is **strong="H0369"** what **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H3605"** LORD **strong="H3068"** says **strong="H0559"**: ' These **strong="H0428"** men **strong="H0376"** have **strong="H0834"** no **strong="H3808"** leaders. Let **strong="H3808"** them **strong="H0413"** go **strong="H7725"** home **strong="H1004"** in **strong="H0413"** peace **strong="H7965"**."

<sup>18</sup> Then **strong="H0559"** Ahab **strong="H0559"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0413"** Jehoshaphat **strong="H3092"**, " See **strong="H0518"**, I **strong="H3588"** told **strong="H0559"** you **strong="H3588"**! This **strong="H3588"** prophet **strong="H0559"** never **strong="H3808"** says **strong="H0559"** anything **strong="H3808"** good **strong="H2896"** about **strong="H5921"** me **strong="H0413"**. He **strong="H3588"** always says **strong="H0559"** something bad **strong="H7451"**."

<sup>19</sup> But **strong="H7200"** Micaiah **strong="H0559"** said **strong="H0559"**, " Listen **strong="H8085"** to **strong="H0559"** this **strong="H3651"** message **strong="H1697"** from **strong="H5921"** the **strong="H3605"** LORD **strong="H3068"**:

I saw the LORD sitting on his throne. All of heaven's army was standing around him, some on his left side and some on his right side. The LORD said, 'Which of you will go into the Arameans at Ramoth Gilead so that he will be killed?' The angels discussed many different plans. <sup>21</sup> Then a spirit went and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will fool him!' The LORD asked you, 'How will you do it?' <sup>22</sup> The spirit answered, 'I will go to Ahab's prophets and cause them to tell lies.' So the Lord said, 'Yes, that will fool Ahab. Go out and do that.'

<sup>23</sup> 'So that is what has happened here.' The LORD made your prophets lie to you. The LORD himself decided to bring

this disaster to you.

<sup>24</sup> Then the prophet Zedekiah went to Micahiah and hit him on the face. Zedekiah said, 'How is it?' that the Spirit of the LORD left me to speak through you?'"

<sup>25</sup> Micaiah answered, "Look, what I said will happen! And you will see it one day when you are in a secret room somewhere hiding."

<sup>26</sup> Then King Ahab ordered one of his officers to arrest Micahiah. Ahab said, "Arrest him and take him to Amon the governor of the city and prince Joash." <sup>27</sup> Tell them to put Micahiah in prison. Give him bread and water to eat. Keep him there until I come home from the battle."

<sup>28</sup> Micaiah said, "Listen to me, everyone! Ahab, if you come back alive from

the *strong*="H3605" battle, the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" has *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H3808" spoken *strong*="H1696" through *strong*="H3605" me *strong*="H7725".

**The *strong*="H3605" Battle at *strong*="H3068" Ramoth Gilead**

<sup>29</sup> King *strong*="H4428" Ahab of *strong*="H4428" Israel *strong*="H3478" and *strong*="H3063" King *strong*="H4428" Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092" of *strong*="H4428" Judah *strong*="H3063" went *strong*="H5927" to *strong*="H3478" fight the *strong*="H5927" Arameans at *strong*="H3478" Ramoth *strong*="H7433" Gilead *strong*="H1568". <sup>30</sup> Ahab *strong*="H0559" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092", "Disguise *strong*="H2664" yourself *strong*="H0859" when *strong*="H0935" you *strong*="H0859" go *strong*="H0935" into *strong*="H0413" battle *strong*="H4421", but *strong*="H0859" wear *strong*="H3847" your *strong*="H0935" own clothes *strong*="H0899". And *strong*="H0935" I *strong*="H0559" will *strong*="H4428" disguise *strong*="H2664" myself." The *strong*="H0559" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H4428" Israel *strong*="H3478" went *strong*="H0935" into *strong*="H0413" battle *strong*="H4421" dressed *strong*="H3847" like *strong*="H3478" an *strong*="H0935" ordinary soldier *strong*="H4421".

<sup>31</sup> The *strong*="H0853" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H4428" Aram *strong*="H0758" had *strong*="H0834" 32 chariot *strong*="H7393" commanders *strong*="H8269". He *strong*="H0834" gave *strong*="H6680" them *strong*="H0853" this *strong*="H3588" command *strong*="H6680", "Don't *strong*="H3808" go after *strong*="H3588" anyone *strong*="H3588" except *strong*="H0518" the *strong*="H0853" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H4428" Israel *strong*="H3478", no *strong*="H3808" matter how *strong*="H0834" important *strong*="H1419" they *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834"."<sup>32</sup> When *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0853" commanders *strong*="H8269" saw *strong*="H7200" King *strong*="H4428" Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092", they *strong*="H1992" thought *strong*="H0559" he *strong*="H1931" was *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0853" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H4428" Israel *strong*="H3478", and *strong*="H3478" so *strong*="H1961" they *strong*="H1992" went *strong*="H1961" to *strong*="H0559" kill him *strong*="H5921". Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092" started *strong*="H1961" shouting *strong*="H2199".<sup>33</sup> When *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H3588" commanders *strong*="H8269" saw *strong*="H7200" that *strong*="H3588" he *strong*="H1931" was *strong*="H1961" not *strong*="H3808" King *strong*="H4428" Ahab, they *strong*="H3588"

stopped *strong*="H7725" chasing *strong*="H0310" him *strong*="H0310".

<sup>34</sup> Then *strong*="H3318" a *strong*="H3588" soldier in *strong*="H3478" the *strong*="H0853" distance pulled *strong*="H4900" back *strong*="H3318" as *strong*="H0376" far as *strong*="H0376" he *strong*="H3588" could *strong*="H0376" on *strong*="H3027" his *strong*="H0376" bow *strong*="H7198" and *strong*="H3478" shot *strong*="H4900" an *strong*="H4480" arrow into *strong*="H2015" the *strong*="H0853" air. The *strong*="H0853" arrow happened to *strong*="H0559" hit *strong*="H5221" the *strong*="H0853" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H4428" Israel *strong*="H3478" in *strong*="H3478" a *strong*="H3588" small hole where his *strong*="H0376" armor *strong*="H8302" was *strong*="H3478" fastened together. King *strong*="H4428" Ahab *strong*="H0559" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0559" his *strong*="H0376" chariot *strong*="H7395" driver *strong*="H7395", "I've been hit *strong*="H5221"! Turn *strong*="H2015" the *strong*="H0853" chariot *strong*="H7395" around *strong*="H3027" and *strong*="H3478" take *strong*="H3318" me *strong*="H4480" off *strong*="H4480" the *strong*="H0853" battlefield!"

<sup>35</sup> The *strong*="H0413" armies continued *strong*="H1961" to *strong*="H0413" fight *strong*="H4421" while *strong*="H1961" King *strong*="H4428" Ahab was *strong*="H1961" propped *strong*="H5975" up *strong*="H5927" in *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H1961" chariot *strong*="H4818". He *strong*="H1931" was *strong*="H1961" leaning against *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" sides of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H0413" chariot *strong*="H4818", looking *strong*="H1961" out *strong*="H3332" toward *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" Arameans *strong*="H0758". His *strong*="H1961" blood *strong*="H1818" ran *strong*="H3332" down *strong*="H3332" onto *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" floor of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H0413" chariot *strong*="H4818". Later *strong*="H1961" in *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" evening *strong*="H6153", he *strong*="H1931" died *strong*="H4191".<sup>36</sup> At *strong*="H0413" sunset all *strong*="H0376" the *strong*="H0559" Israelites cheered when *strong*="H0935" they *strong*="H0376" were *strong*="H0376" told *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" go *strong*="H0935" home *strong*="H0776". So *strong*="H0935" they *strong*="H0376" all *strong*="H0376" went *strong*="H0935" back *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0413" their *strong*="H0935" hometowns.

<sup>37</sup> And *strong*="H0935" that *strong*="H4191" is *strong*="H4428" how King *strong*="H4428" Ahab

died|strong="H4191". Some men carried|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" body|strong="H4191" to|strong="H0935" Samaria|strong="H8111" and|strong="H0935" buried|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0853" there.<sup>38</sup> They|strong="H0834" took|strong="H0853" his|strong="H5921" chariot|strong="H7393" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" large pool|strong="H1295" in|strong="H5921" Samaria|strong="H8111" to|strong="H1696" clean it|strong="H5921". The|strong="H0853" dogs|strong="H3611" licked|strong="H3952" up|strong="H5921" Ahab's blood|strong="H1818" while|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" prostitutes|strong="H2185" washed|strong="H7364" the|strong="H0853" chariot|strong="H7393". This|strong="H1697" happened|strong="H1697" just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696" it|strong="H5921" would|strong="H3068".

<sup>39</sup> The|strong="H3605" rest|strong="H3499" of|strong="H4428" what|strong="H0834" King|strong="H4428" Ahab|strong="H0256" did|strong="H6213" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834" ruled|strong="H4428" is|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". That|strong="H0834" book|strong="H5612" tells about|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" he|strong="H0834" built|strong="H1129" and|strong="H3478" about|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" ivory|strong="H8127" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" used|strong="H6213" to|strong="H5921" decorate his|strong="H3605" palace|strong="H1004".<sup>40</sup> Ahab|strong="H0256" died and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" buried with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H8478" ancestors|strong="H0001". His|strong="H8478" son|strong="H1121" Ahaziah|strong="H0274" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" next king|strong="H4427" after him|strong="H5973".

#### Summary of|strong="H1121" Jehoshaphat's Rule|strong="H4427"

<sup>41</sup> Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Asa|strong="H0609" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" in|strong="H5921" Ahab's|strong="H0256"

fourth|strong="H0702" year|strong="H8141" as|strong="H1121" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>42</sup> Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092" was|strong="H8034" 35 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3389" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4427", and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3389" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" for|strong="H3389" 25 years|strong="H8141". His|strong="H3092" mother|strong="H0517" was|strong="H8034" Azubah|strong="H5806", the|strong="H8034" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Shilhi|strong="H7977".<sup>43</sup> Like|strong="H3808" his|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" Asa|strong="H0609", Jehoshaphat was|strong="H3068" good and|strong="H3068" did|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" wanted, but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H6213" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" high places|strong="H3605". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" continued offering|strong="H3068" sacrifices and|strong="H3068" burning incense there|strong="H3068".

<sup>44</sup> Jehoshaphat made|strong="H2076" a|strong="H2076" peace agreement with|strong="H1116" the|strong="H5493" king of|strong="H1116" Israel|strong="H5971".<sup>45</sup> Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092" was|strong="H3478" very brave and|strong="H3478" fought many wars. The|strong="H5973" rest of|strong="H4428" what|strong="H7999" he|strong="H3478" did is|strong="H4428" written in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H5973" book, The|strong="H5973" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5973" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah .

<sup>46</sup> Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092" forced all|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H6213" and|strong="H3063" women who|strong="H0834" sold their|strong="H1992" bodies for|strong="H5921" sex to|strong="H5921" leave the|strong="H0834" places of|strong="H4428" worship. They|strong="H1992" had|strong="H0834" served in|strong="H5921" these|strong="H1992" places of|strong="H4428" worship while|strong="H3117" his|strong="H5921" father Asa was|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428".

<sup>47</sup> In|strong="H0776" those|strong="H0834" days|strong="H3117" Edom did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0834" a|strong="H4480" king; it|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" ruled by|strong="H3117" a|strong="H4480" governor who|strong="H0834"



was chosen by the king of Judah.

<sup>48</sup> King Jehoshaphat built some cargo ships. He wanted the ships to sail to Ophir for gold, but they never went there—they were destroyed in their home port at Ezion Geber. <sup>49</sup> Then King Ahaziah of Israel offered to put some of his own sailors with Jehoshaphat's men on ships, <sup>1</sup> but Jehoshaphat refused to help.

<sup>50</sup> Jehoshaphat died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David. Then his son Jehoram became the next king.

<sup>1</sup> KING AHAZIAH ... SHIPS Jehoshaphat controlled the port of Ezion Geber which was Israel's only way to the Red Sea and the coasts of Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and the coasts leading to the Persian Gulf and India. Ahaziah thought he could get control of that area by "helping" Jehoshaphat.

Ahaziah, King of Israel

<sup>51</sup> Ahaziah was the son of Ahab. He became king of Israel during the 17th year that King Jehoshaphat ruled Judah. Ahaziah ruled in Samaria for two years. <sup>52</sup> He sinned against the LORD just as his parents, Ahab and Jezebel, did. He caused Israel to sin just as Jeroboam son of Nabat did. <sup>53</sup> Ahaziah served the false god Baal and worshiped him, just as his father did before him. He did all the things that his father did to make LORD, the God of Israel, angry.

## 2 Kings

### A Message for Ahaziah

1 After **King Ahab** died, **Moab** broke away from **Israel's** rule.

2 One day **Ahaziah** was on the roof of his house in **Samaria**. He fell through the wooden bars on top of his house and was badly hurt. He called messengers and told them, "Go to the priests of **Baal Zebub**, the god of **Ekron**, and ask them if I will be well from my injuries."

3 But **LORD'S** angel said to **Elijah**, "King **Ahaziah** has sent some messengers from **Samaria**. Go meet those men and ask them, 'There is a God of **Ekron**, why are you going to ask questions of **Baal Zebub**, the god

of **Ekron**? Since you did this, the LORD says, You will not get up from your bed. You will die!' Then **Elijah**

5 When messengers came back to **Ahaziah**, he asked them, "Why did you come back so soon?"

6 The messengers said to **Ahaziah**, "A man came up to meet us and told us to go back to the king who sent us and tell him what the LORD says: 'There is a God of **Israel**, so did you send messengers to ask questions of **Baal Zebub**, the god of **Ekron**? Since you did this, you will not get up from your bed. You will die!' "

from |strong="H4480" your |strong="H3068" bed |strong="H4296". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191"!"

<sup>7</sup> Ahaziah said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" messengers |strong="H1696", " What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" look like |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" met |strong="H7125" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H4941" told |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0428"?"

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="H0376" answered |strong="H0559" Ahaziah, " This |strong="H1931" man |strong="H0376" was |strong="H1931" wearing a |strong="H0376" hairy |strong="H8181" coat <sup>I</sup> with |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0376" leather |strong="H5785" belt |strong="H0232" around his |strong="H0376" waist |strong="H4975"."

Then |strong="H0559" Ahaziah said |strong="H0559", " That |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" Eli-jah |strong="H0452" the |strong="H0559" Tishbite."

#### Ahaziah Calls |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" Eli-jah |strong="H0452"

<sup>9</sup> Ahaziah sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" captain |strong="H8269" and |strong="H0430" 50 men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" Eli-jah |strong="H1696". The |strong="H5921" cap-tain |strong="H8269" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" Elijah |strong="H1696", who |strong="H0376" was |strong="H0430" sit-ting |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H4428" a |strong="H7971" hill |strong="H2022". The |strong="H5921" captain |strong="H8269" said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Eli-jah |strong="H1696", " Man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" says |strong="H1696", ' Come |strong="H5927" down |strong="H3381"!"

<sup>10</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" an-swered |strong="H6030" the |strong="H0853" cap-tain |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0376" 50, " If |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H0518" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430", let |strong="H3381" fire |strong="H0784" come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" heav-en |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0430" destroy you |strong="H0518" and |strong="H0430" your |strong="H0398" 50 men |strong="H0376"!"

So |strong="H4480" fire |strong="H0784" came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" heaven |strong="H8064"

and |strong="H0430" destroyed |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" captain |strong="H8269" and |strong="H0430" his |strong="H0376" 50 men |strong="H0376".

<sup>11</sup> Ahaziah sent |strong="H7971" anoth-er |strong="H0312" captain |strong="H8269" with |strong="H0413" 50 men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" Elijah |strong="H0559". He |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Elijah |strong="H0559", " Man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" says |strong="H0559", ' Come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" quick-ly |strong="H4120"!"

<sup>12</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" told |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" captain and |strong="H0430" his |strong="H0376" 50 men |strong="H0376", " If |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H0518" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430", let |strong="H3381" fire |strong="H0784" come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" heav-en |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0430" destroy you |strong="H0518" and |strong="H0430" your |strong="H0398" 50 men |strong="H0376"!"

Then |strong="H6030" God's |strong="H0430" fire |strong="H0784" came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" heav-en |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0430" de-stroyed |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" captain and |strong="H0430" his |strong="H0376" 50 men |strong="H0376".

<sup>13</sup> Ahaziah sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H0935" third |strong="H7992" captain |strong="H8269" with |strong="H0413" 50 men |strong="H0376". The |strong="H5921" third |strong="H7992" cap-tain |strong="H8269" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Elijah |strong="H0452". He |strong="H0430" fell |strong="H5927" down |strong="H3766" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" knees |strong="H1290" and |strong="H0935" begged Elijah |strong="H0452", saying |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430", I |strong="H5315" ask you |strong="H7971", please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H7971" my |strong="H5921" life |strong="H5315" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" lives |strong="H5315" of |strong="H0376" your |strong="H5921" 50 servants |strong="H5650" be |strong="H0376" valuable to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7971". <sup>14</sup> Fire |strong="H0784" came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H4480" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0398" destroyed |strong="H0398"

I THIS MAN ... COAT Or "This man was a hairy man."

the **first** **two** **captains** **and** **their** **50** **men**. But **now** **have** **mercy** **and** **let** **us** **live!**"

<sup>15</sup> The **LORD'S** **angel** **said** **to** **Elijah**, "Go **with** **the** **captain**. Don't **be** **afraid** **of** **him**."

So **Elijah** **went** **with** **the** **captain** **to** **see** **King** **Ahaziah**.

<sup>16</sup> **Elijah** **told** **Ahaziah**, "This **is** **what** **the** **LORD** **says**: 'There **is** **a** **God** **in** **Israel**, **so** **did** **you** **send** **to** **ask** **questions** **of** **Baal** **Zebub**, **the** **god** **of** **Ekron**? Since **you** **did** **this**, **you** **will** **not** **get** **up** **from** **your** **bed**. **You** **will** **die**!"

### Joram Takes Ahaziah's Place

<sup>17</sup> **Ahaziah** **died**, **just** **the** **LORD** **said** **through** **Elijah**. **Ahaziah** **did** **not** **have** **a** **son**, **so** **Joram** **became** **the** **new** **king** **after** **Ahaziah**. **He** **began** **to** **rule** **during** **the** **second** **year** **that** **Jehoram** **son** **of** **Jeho-**

**hoshaphat** **was** **the** **king** **of** **Judah**.

<sup>18</sup> The **other** **things** **that** **Ahaziah** **did** **are** **written** **in** **the** **book** **The** **History** **of** **the** **Kings** **of** **Israel**.

### The Lord Makes Plans to Take Elijah

<sup>2</sup> It **was** **near** **the** **time** **for** **the** **LORD** **to** **take** **Elijah** **by** **a** **whirlwind** **up** **into** **heaven**. **Elijah** **and** **Elisha** **started** **to** **leave** **Gilgal**.

<sup>2</sup> **Elijah** **said** **to** **Elisha**, "Please **stay** **here** **because** **the** **LORD** **told** **me** **to** **go** **to** **Bethel**."

But **Elisha** **said** **I** **promise** **the** **LORD** **lives** **as** **live** **will** **not** **leave** **you**. **So** **two** **men** **went** **down** **to** **Bethel**.

<sup>3</sup> The **group** **of** **prophets** **at** **Bethel** **came** **to** **Elisha** **and** **he** **said** **to** **him**, "Do **you** **know** **that** **the** **LORD** **is** **with** **you**?"

<sup>1</sup> GROUP OF PROPHETS Literally, "sons of the prophets." These were prophets and people studying to become prophets. Also in verses 5, 7, 15, 17.

will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947"  
your |strong="H3068" master |strong="H0113"  
away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3318"  
you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117"?"

Elisha |strong="H0477" said |strong="H0559", "  
Yes |strong="H3588", I |strong="H0589"  
know |strong="H3045". Don't talk  
about |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921"."

<sup>4</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0559" Elisha |strong="H0477", "  
Please |strong="H4994" stay |strong="H3427"  
here |strong="H6311", because |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H4994"  
to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0559" Jericho |strong="H3405"."

But |strong="H3588" Elisha |strong="H0477"  
said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H3588"  
promise |strong="H3068", as |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
lives |strong="H5315" and |strong="H0935"  
as |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588"  
live |strong="H3427", I |strong="H3588"  
will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0518"  
leave |strong="H5800" you |strong="H3588"! "  
So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559"  
two |strong="H3427" men |strong="H0559"  
went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" Jeri-  
cho |strong="H3405".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0853" group of |strong="H1121"  
prophets |strong="H5030" at |strong="H0413" Jeri-  
cho |strong="H3405" came |strong="H5066"  
to |strong="H0413" Elisha |strong="H0477"  
and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", "  
Do |strong="H0589" you |strong="H0834"  
know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947"  
your |strong="H3068" master |strong="H0113"  
away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H0834" today |strong="H3117"?"

Elisha |strong="H0477" answered |strong="H0559", "  
Yes |strong="H3588", I |strong="H0589"  
know |strong="H3045". Don't talk  
about |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921"."

<sup>6</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0559" Elisha |strong="H0559", "  
Please |strong="H4994" stay |strong="H3427"  
here |strong="H6311", because |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H4994"  
to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H7971"  
to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Jor-  
dan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3588"."

Elisha |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", "  
I |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H3068",  
as |strong="H5315" the |strong="H0559"

LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H5315"  
and |strong="H3068" as |strong="H5315"  
you |strong="H3588" live |strong="H3427",  
I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H0518" leave |strong="H5800"  
you |strong="H3588"! " So |strong="H7971"  
the |strong="H0559" two |strong="H8147"  
men |strong="H8147" went on |strong="H3427".

<sup>7</sup> There |strong="H5975" were |strong="H1121" 50  
men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" group of |strong="H1121"  
prophets |strong="H5030" who |strong="H0376" fol-  
lowed |strong="H1980" them |strong="H5921". Elijah  
and |strong="H1980" Elisha stopped |strong="H5975"  
at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Jor-  
dan |strong="H3383" River. The |strong="H5921" 50  
men |strong="H0376" stood |strong="H5975"  
far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H1980"  
from |strong="H5921" Elijah and |strong="H1980" Eli-  
sha. <sup>8</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" took |strong="H3947"  
off |strong="H0853" his |strong="H3947" coat, fold-  
ed |strong="H1563" it |strong="H3947",  
and |strong="H4325" hit |strong="H5221"  
the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325"  
with |strong="H8147" it |strong="H3947".  
The |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" separat-  
ed |strong="H2673" to |strong="H4325"  
the |strong="H0853" right and |strong="H4325"  
to |strong="H4325" the |strong="H0853" left.  
Then |strong="H3947" Elijah |strong="H0452"  
and |strong="H4325" Elisha crossed |strong="H5674"  
the |strong="H0853" river on |strong="H4325"  
dry |strong="H2724" ground |strong="H2724".

<sup>9</sup> After |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0559"  
crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0559" river,  
Elijah |strong="H0452" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" Elisha |strong="H0477", "  
What |strong="H4100" do |strong="H6213"  
you |strong="H5973" want me |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213"  
for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5973" be-  
fore |strong="H2962" God |strong="H0559"  
takes |strong="H3947" me |strong="H0413"  
away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3947"  
you |strong="H5973"?"

Elisha |strong="H0477" said |strong="H0559", "  
I |strong="H2962" ask |strong="H7592"  
you |strong="H5973" for |strong="H0413"  
a |strong="H1961" double |strong="H8147" share  
of |strong="H7307" your |strong="H3947" spir-  
it |strong="H7307" on |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>10</sup> Elijah |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "  
You |strong="H0518" have |strong="H1961"  
asked |strong="H7592" a |strong="H1961"  
hard |strong="H7185" thing |strong="H3651".  
If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518"  
see |strong="H7200" me |strong="H7200"

when |strong="H1961" I|strong="H0518" am |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3947" you |strong="H0518", it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961". But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200" me |strong="H7200" when |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0518" am |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3947" you |strong="H0518", it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" happen |strong="H1961":

**The |strong="H0853" Lord Takes |strong="H3947" Elijah |strong="H0559" Into |strong="H1961" Heaven**

<sup>11</sup> Elijah |strong="H0452" and |strong="H1980" Elisha were |strong="H1961" walking |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" talking |strong="H1696" together. Suddenly |strong="H2009", some |strong="H1992" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H1980" a |strong="H1961" chariot |strong="H7393" came |strong="H1961" and |strong="H1980" separated |strong="H6504" Elijah |strong="H0452" from |strong="H1980" Elisha. The |strong="H0996" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0996" chariot |strong="H7393" were |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" fire |strong="H0784". Then |strong="H1961" Elijah |strong="H0452" was |strong="H1961" carried |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" into |strong="H1980" heaven |strong="H8064" in |strong="H1980" a |strong="H1961" whirlwind.

<sup>12</sup> Elisha |strong="H0477" saw |strong="H7200" it |strong="H1931", and |strong="H3478" shouted |strong="H6817", " My |strong="H7200" father |strong="H0001"! My |strong="H7200" father |strong="H0001"! The |strong="H7200" chariot |strong="H7393" of |strong="H0001" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3478" his |strong="H7167" horses |strong="H6571"! I'

Elisha |strong="H0477" never |strong="H3808" saw |strong="H7200" Elijah again |strong="H5750". Elisha |strong="H0477" grabbed |strong="H2388" his |strong="H7167" own |strong="H2388" clothes |strong="H0899" and |strong="H3478" tore |strong="H7167" them |strong="H7200" in |strong="H3478" two |strong="H8147" to |strong="H3478" show |strong="H7200" his |strong="H7167" sadness. <sup>13</sup> Elijah's |strong="H0452" coat had |strong="H0834" fallen |strong="H5307" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" ground, so |strong="H0834" Elisha |strong="H7725" picked |strong="H7311" it |strong="H5921" up |strong="H7311". He |strong="H0834" went |strong="H7725"

I CHARIOT ... HORSES Or "the Chariot of Israel and his horse soldiers." This may mean "God and his heavenly army."

back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725" stood |strong="H5975" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" edge |strong="H8193" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Jordan |strong="H3383" River. <sup>14</sup> He |strong="H0834" hit |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Where |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Elijah |strong="H0452"? Just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" Elisha |strong="H0477" hit |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325", the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" separated |strong="H2673" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" right and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" left! Then |strong="H3947" Elisha |strong="H0477" crossed |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" river.

**The |strong="H0853" Prophets Ask |strong="H0559" for |strong="H5921" Elijah |strong="H0452"**

<sup>15</sup> When |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" group of |strong="H1121" prophets |strong="H5030" at |strong="H5921" Jericho |strong="H3405" saw |strong="H7200" Elisha |strong="H0477", they |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " Elijah's |strong="H0452" spirit |strong="H7307" is |strong="H0834" now |strong="H0935" on |strong="H5921" Elisha |strong="H0477"! They |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" meet |strong="H7125" Elisha |strong="H0477". They |strong="H0834" bowed |strong="H7812" very low |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" ground |strong="H0776" before |strong="H5048" him |strong="H5921". <sup>16</sup> They |strong="H3808" said |strong="H0559", " Look |strong="H2009", we |strong="H6435" have |strong="H3426" 50 good men |strong="H0376". Please |strong="H4994" let |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0413" go |strong="H7971" and |strong="H1121" look |strong="H2009" for |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" master |strong="H0113". Maybe the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Spirit |strong="H7307" has |strong="H3068" taken |strong="H5375" Elijah |strong="H0559" up |strong="H5375" and |strong="H1121" dropped |strong="H7993" him |strong="H0413" on |strong="H0413" some |strong="H0376" mountain |strong="H2022" or |strong="H0176" in |strong="H0413" some |strong="H0376" valley |strong="H1516":

But |strong="H3808" Elisha |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", don't |strong="H3808" send |strong="H7971"

men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" look |strong="H2009" for |strong="H0413" Elishah |strong="H0559"!"

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0559" group of |strong="H0376" prophets begged Elisha |strong="H0559" until |strong="H5704" he |strong="H5704" was |strong="H0376" embarrassed |strong="H0954". Then |strong="H7971" Elisha |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Send |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H7971" Elijah |strong="H0559"."

The |strong="H0559" group of |strong="H0376" prophets sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" 50 men |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H7971" Elishah |strong="H0559". They |strong="H3117" looked |strong="H1245" three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3117" could |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" him |strong="H7971". <sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0559" went |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Jericho |strong="H3405" where |strong="H3808" Elishah |strong="H0559" was |strong="H1931" staying |strong="H3427" and |strong="H7725" told |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413". Elishah |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " I |strong="H0559" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H7725" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H7725"."

#### Elishah |strong="H0559" Makes |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Water Good

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Elishah |strong="H0477", " Sir |strong="H0113", you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" this |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7200" nice |strong="H2896" place |strong="H4186", but |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" is |strong="H0834" bad |strong="H7451". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776" cannot grow crops."

<sup>20</sup> Elishah |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Bring |strong="H3947" me |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3947" new |strong="H2319" bowl and |strong="H8033" put |strong="H7760" salt |strong="H4417" in |strong="H0413" it |strong="H7760"."

They |strong="H8033" brought |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" bowl to |strong="H0413" Elishah |strong="H0559". <sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H8033" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" place |strong="H1961" where |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" began |strong="H1961" flowing |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559" ground. Elishah |strong="H0559" threw |strong="H7993" the |strong="H0559" salt |strong="H4417" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H3541" am |strong="H1961" making this |strong="H0428" water |strong="H4325" pure! From |strong="H3318" now |strong="H1961" on |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0428" water |strong="H4325" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" cause |strong="H1961" any |strong="H5750" more |strong="H5750" death |strong="H4194" or |strong="H3808" keep the |strong="H0559" land from |strong="H3318" growing crops."

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" became |strong="H1697" pure and |strong="H3117" is |strong="H0834" still |strong="H5704" good today |strong="H3117". It |strong="H5704" happened |strong="H1697" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" Elishah |strong="H0477" had |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696".

#### Some |strong="H3117" Boys Make Fun of |strong="H3117" Elishah |strong="H0477"

<sup>23</sup> Elishah |strong="H0559" went |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480" that |strong="H1931" city |strong="H5892" to |strong="H0559" Bethel |strong="H1008". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" walking up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0559" hill to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892", and |strong="H8033" some |strong="H4480" boys |strong="H5288" were |strong="H5288" coming |strong="H3318" down |strong="H1870" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892". They |strong="H8033" began making fun of |strong="H4480" him |strong="H3318". They |strong="H8033" said |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H3318" away |strong="H4480", you |strong="H4480" bald-headed man |strong="H5288"! Go |strong="H3318" away |strong="H4480", you |strong="H4480" bald-headed man |strong="H5288"!"

<sup>24</sup> Elishah looked |strong="H7200" back |strong="H6437" and |strong="H3068" saw |strong="H7200" them |strong="H1992".

He **asked** the **LORD** to **cause** bad things to **happen** to them. Then **two** **bears** **came** out of the **forest** and **attacked** the **boys**. There **were** **42** **boys** **ripped** apart by the **bears**.

<sup>25</sup> Elisha **left** Bethel and **went** to **Mount Carmel** and **from** there **he** **went** back to **Samaria**.

### Jehoram Becomes King of Israel

**3** Joram **son** of Ahab **became** **king** over **Israel** at **Samaria**. He **began** to **rule** during Jehoshaphat's **18th** year **as** **king** of **Judah**. Joram **ruled** **12** years. He **did** **what** the **LORD** **said** was **wrong**. But **he** **was** **not** **like** his **father** and **mother**, because **he** **removed** the **pillar** his **father** had **made** for **worshiping** Baal. **3** But **he** **continued** to **do** the **sins** of **Jeroboam** **son** of **Nebat** who **caused** the **Israelites**

to **sin**. Joram **did** **not** **stop** **committing** the **sins** of **Jeroboam**.

### Moab Breaks Away From Israel

**4** Mesha **was** the **king** of **Moab**. He **owned** many **sheep**. He **gave** **wool** **lamb** **rams** to the **king** of **Israel**. **5** But **when** **Ahab** **died**, the **king** of **Moab** **broke** away from the **rule** of the **king** of **Israel**.

**6** Then **King** Joram **went** out of **Samaria** and **gathered** the **men** of **Israel**. **7** Joram **sent** **messengers** to **Jehoshaphat**, the **king** of **Judah**. Joram **said**, "The **king** of **Moab** has **broken** away from **my** **rule**. **Will** you **go** with **me** to **fight** against **Moab**?" **Jehoshaphat** **said**, "Yes, I **will** **go** with you." **We** **will** **join** together **as** **one** **army**. **My** **people** **be** **like** your **people**, and **my** **horses**



es|strong="H5483" will|strong="H4428"  
 be|strong="H4428" like|strong="H3644"  
 your|strong="H7971" horses|strong="H5483".

**The|strong="H0559" Three Kings|strong="H4428"  
 Ask|strong="H0559" Elisha|strong="H0559"  
 for|strong="H0413" Advice**

<sup>8</sup> Jehoshaphat asked|strong="H0559" Joram, "  
 Which|strong="H2088" way|strong="H1870"  
 should|strong="H0559" we go|strong="H5927"?"  
 Joram answered|strong="H0559", "We  
 should|strong="H0559" go|strong="H5927"  
 through|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0559"  
 desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H1870"  
 Edom|strong="H0123".

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834"  
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478" went|strong="H5437"  
 with|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834"  
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Ju-  
 dah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063"  
 the|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428"  
 of|strong="H4428" Edom|strong="H0123".  
 They|strong="H0834" traveled  
 around|strong="H5437" for|strong="H4325" sev-  
 en|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117".  
 There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961"  
 not|strong="H3808" enough water|strong="H4325"  
 for|strong="H4325" the|strong="H0834"  
 army|strong="H4264" or|strong="H3808"  
 for|strong="H4325" their|strong="H1961" ani-  
 mals|strong="H0929". <sup>10</sup> Finally, the|strong="H0853"  
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559", "  
 Oh|strong="H0162", I|strong="H3588"  
 think|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" really|strong="H0559"  
 brought|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414"  
 three|strong="H7969" kings|strong="H4428" togeth-  
 er only to|strong="H0559" let|strong="H5414"  
 the|strong="H0853" Moabites|strong="H4124" de-  
 feat|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414"!"

<sup>11</sup> But|strong="H0369" Je-  
 hoshaphat|strong="H3092" said|strong="H0559", "  
 Surely|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0259"  
 of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853"  
 LORD'S|strong="H3068" prophets|strong="H5030"  
 is|strong="H0369" here|strong="H6311". Let's  
 ask|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853"  
 prophet|strong="H5030" what|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 says|strong="H0559" we|strong="H0834"  
 should|strong="H3068" do|strong="H3027"."

One|strong="H0259" of|strong="H1121"  
 the|strong="H0853" servants|strong="H5650"  
 of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853"  
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559", " El-

isha|strong="H0477" son|strong="H1121"  
 of|strong="H1121" Shaphat|strong="H8202"  
 is|strong="H0369" here|strong="H6311". El-  
 isha|strong="H0477" was|strong="H0369" Eli-  
 jah's|strong="H0452" servant|strong="H5650". <sup>11</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092"  
 said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559"  
 LORD'S|strong="H3068" word|strong="H1697"  
 is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H0854" El-  
 isha|strong="H0559"."

So|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0559"  
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478", Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092",  
 and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428"  
 Edom|strong="H0123" went|strong="H3381"  
 down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" see El-  
 isha|strong="H0559".

<sup>13</sup> Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559"  
 to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478", " What|strong="H4100"  
 do|strong="H0408" you|strong="H3588" want  
 from|strong="H3478" me|strong="H0413"? Go  
 to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
 prophets|strong="H5030" of|strong="H4428"  
 your|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001"  
 and|strong="H3068" mother|strong="H0517"."

The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"  
 of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478"  
 said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" El-  
 isha|strong="H0477", " No|strong="H0408",  
 we|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0001" come  
 to|strong="H0413" see you|strong="H3588" be-  
 cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" called|strong="H7121"  
 us|strong="H5414" three|strong="H7969"  
 kings|strong="H4428" together to|strong="H0413"  
 let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853"  
 Moabites|strong="H4124" defeat|strong="H5414"  
 us|strong="H5414"."

<sup>14</sup> Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559", "  
 I|strong="H0589" respect|strong="H6440"  
 King|strong="H4428" Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092"  
 of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063",  
 and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589"  
 serve|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0559"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful.  
 As|strong="H0834" surely|strong="H3588"  
 as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"  
 lives|strong="H2416", I|strong="H0589"  
 came|strong="H0413" here only|strong="H0518" be-  
 cause|strong="H3588" of|strong="H4428" Je-  
 hoshaphat|strong="H3092". I|strong="H0589"  
 tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H0559" truth, if|strong="H0518"

<sup>1</sup> ELISHA WAS ELIJAH'S SERVANT Literally, "Elisha poured water over Elijah's hands."

he|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H0518" here, I|strong="H0589" would|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0518" pay|strong="H5027" any|strong="H6440" attention|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0589" would|strong="H3068" ignore you|strong="H0834" completely. <sup>15</sup> But|strong="H1961" now|strong="H6258" bring|strong="H3947" me|strong="H5921" someone who|strong="H3068" plays|strong="H5059" the|strong="H5921" harp." When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" person|strong="H3027" played|strong="H5059" the|strong="H5921" harp, the|strong="H5921" LORD'S|strong="H3068" power|strong="H3027"<sup>1</sup> came|strong="H1961" on|strong="H5921" Elisha. <sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H2088" Elisha|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": 'Dig holes in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" valley|strong="H5158".' <sup>17</sup> Yes|strong="H3588", this|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": ' You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" wind|strong="H7307" or|strong="H3808" rain|strong="H1653", but|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" valley|strong="H5158" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" filled|strong="H4390" with|strong="H4390" water|strong="H4325". Then|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" cattle|strong="H0929" and|strong="H3068" other|strong="H3541" animals|strong="H0929" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H0859" water|strong="H4325" to|strong="H0559" drink|strong="H8354". <sup>18</sup> This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3068" an|strong="H5414" easy|strong="H7043" thing|strong="H7043" for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" do|strong="H3027". He|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" help you|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Moabites|strong="H4124". <sup>19</sup> You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4325" attack|strong="H5221" every|strong="H3605" strong city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H6086" every|strong="H3605" good|strong="H2896" city|strong="H5892". You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4325" cut|strong="H5640" down|strong="H5221" every|strong="H3605" good|strong="H2896" tree|strong="H6086". You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4325"

stop|strong="H5640" up|strong="H5640" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" springs|strong="H4599" of|strong="H4325" water|strong="H4325". You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4325" ruin every|strong="H3605" good|strong="H2896" field|strong="H2513" with|strong="H3605" stones|strong="H0068"." <sup>20</sup> In|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" morning|strong="H1242", at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0935" time|strong="H1961" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0935" morning|strong="H1242" sacrifice|strong="H4503", water|strong="H4325" began|strong="H1961" flowing|strong="H4325" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" direction|strong="H1870" of|strong="H0776" Edom|strong="H0123" and|strong="H0935" filled|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0935" valley.

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H3605" Moabites|strong="H4124" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" had|strong="H4428" come|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5921" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921". So|strong="H5927" they|strong="H3588" gathered|strong="H3588" together|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" old|strong="H4605" enough to|strong="H5921" wear|strong="H5927" armor and|strong="H4428" waited|strong="H5975" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" border|strong="H1366". <sup>22</sup> The|strong="H0853" Moabites|strong="H4124" got|strong="H7925" up|strong="H7200" early|strong="H7925" that|strong="H7200" morning|strong="H1242". The|strong="H0853" rising|strong="H7925" sun|strong="H8121" was|strong="H4325" shining on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" valley, and|strong="H1242" it|strong="H5921" looked|strong="H7200" like|strong="H1818" blood|strong="H1818" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Moabites|strong="H4124". <sup>23</sup> They|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559", "Look at|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818"! The|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" must|strong="H0853" have|strong="H0376" fought against|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H2088". They|strong="H0376" must|strong="H0853" have|strong="H0376" destroyed|strong="H5221" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H2088". Let's|strong="H5221" go take|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" valuable things from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" dead bodies!"

I POWER Literally, "hand."

24 The Moabites came to the camp of the Israelites, but the Israelites came out and attacked the Moabite army. The Moabites ran away from the Israelites. The Israelites followed them in to fight them. The Israelites destroyed the cities. They threw their stones at every good field in Moab. They stopped all springs of water and cut down all the good trees. The Israelites fought all the way to Kir Hareseth. The soldiers surrounded and attacked it too.

26 The king of Moab saw that the battle was strong for him, so he took 700 men with swords and broke through to the king of Edom. But they were not able to do it. 27 Then

I THREW THEIR STONES These were probably the stones soldiers threw with slings in war.

the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would become the next king after him. On the wall around the city, the king of Moab offered his son as burnt offering. This upset the Israelites very much. So the Israelites left the king of Moab and went back to their own land.

#### A Prophet's Widow Asks Elisha for Help

4 A man from the group of prophets had a wife. This man died, and his wife cried out to Elisha, "My husband was like a servant to you. Now he is dead. You know the LORD. But to a man like you, he owed money. Now that man is coming to take my two boys and make his slaves!"

II GROUP OF PROPHETS Literally, "sons of the prophets." These were prophets and those studying to become prophets. Also in verses 38, 39, 44.

<sup>2</sup> Elisha answered, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

The woman said, "I don't have anything in the house except a jar of olive oil."

<sup>3</sup> Then Elisha said, "Go and borrow all your neighbors must be empty. Borrow plenty of bowls." <sup>4</sup> Then go to your house and close the doors. Only you and your sons will be the house. Then pour all the bowls. Fill them, and put them in a separate place."

<sup>5</sup> So the woman left Elisha, went into her house, and shut the door. Only she and her sons were in the house. Her sons brought the bowls and she poured oil. <sup>6</sup> She filled many bowls. Finally, she said to her son, "Bring me another bowl."

But all the bowls were full. One of the sons said to her, "There aren't any more bowls." Then the oil in the jar was finished!

<sup>7</sup> When she told the man of God what happened, Elisha said to her, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt. You and your sons can live on the money that is left."

#### A Woman in Shunem

#### Gives Elisha a Room

<sup>8</sup> One day Elisha went to Shunem, where an important woman lived. She asked Elisha to stop and eat with her house. So every time Elisha went through that place, he stopped there to eat.

<sup>9</sup> The woman said to her husband, "Look, I see that Elisha is a holy man. God will pass by."

our house all the time. <sup>10</sup> Please, let's a little room the the roof for him. Let's a bed in room a table, a chair, and a lamp-stand when he comes our can this for

<sup>11</sup> One day Elisha to the woman's house. He to this room and rested there. <sup>12</sup> Elisha to his servant Gehazi, "Call this Shunamite woman."

The servant called the Shunamite woman, and she in front of Elisha. <sup>13</sup> Elisha his servant, "Now say her, 'Look, you have done to take care of us'. What can we do for you? Do you want us to speak to the king for you, or

I ROOM ON THE ROOF In ancient Israel, houses had flat roofs that were used as an extra room.

to the captain the army?" She answered, "I am fine living here among my own people."

<sup>14</sup> Elisha to Gehazi, "What can we do for her?"

He answered, "I know! She does have a son, and her husband is old."

<sup>15</sup> Then Elisha said, "Call her"

So Gehazi called the woman. She came and stood at his door. <sup>16</sup> Elisha said, "About this time, you will be own baby in your arms."

The woman said, "No, sir, of God, don't to me!"

**The Woman in Shunem Has a Son**

<sup>17</sup> But the woman did become and gave birth a son that just as Elisha had said.

<sup>18</sup> The boy grew day the

boy|strong="H3206" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" fields to|strong="H0413" see his|strong="H1961" father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0413" men|strong="H3206" cutting the|strong="H0413" grain. <sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0559" boy|strong="H5288" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5375" father|strong="H0001", "Oh, my|strong="H5375" head|strong="H7218"! My|strong="H5375" head|strong="H7218" hurts!"

The|strong="H0559" father|strong="H0001" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5375" servant|strong="H5288", "Carry|strong="H5375" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5375" mother|strong="H0517"!"

<sup>20</sup> The|strong="H5921" servant took|strong="H5375" the|strong="H5921" boy to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5921" mother|strong="H0517". The|strong="H5921" boy sat|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" mother's|strong="H0517" lap|strong="H1290" until|strong="H5704" noon|strong="H6672". Then|strong="H5375" he|strong="H5704" died|strong="H4191".

**The|strong="H5921" Woman Goes|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" See|strong="H0935" Elisha|strong="H3427"**

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H5921" woman laid|strong="H7901" the|strong="H5921" boy on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" bed|strong="H4296" of|strong="H0376" Elisha, the|strong="H5921" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430". Then|strong="H3318" she|strong="H7901" shut|strong="H5462" the|strong="H5921" door to|strong="H5921" that|strong="H5927" room and|strong="H0430" went|strong="H3318" outside|strong="H3318". <sup>22</sup> She|strong="H7121" called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" husband|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", "Please|strong="H4994" send|strong="H7971" me|strong="H0413" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" servants|strong="H5288" and|strong="H0430" a|strong="H7121" donkey|strong="H0860". Then|strong="H7971" I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H0430" go|strong="H7971" quickly|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H0430" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"."

<sup>23</sup> The|strong="H0559" woman's husband said|strong="H0559", "Why|strong="H4069"

would|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" want to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" man of|strong="H3117" God|strong="H0559" today|strong="H3117"? It|strong="H1980" isn't|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320" or|strong="H3808" Sabbath|strong="H7676" day|strong="H3117"."

She|strong="H1980" said|strong="H0559", "Goodbye!" <sup>I</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Then|strong="H0559" she|strong="H3588" put|strong="H7392" a|strong="H3588" saddle|strong="H2280" on|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3588" donkey|strong="H0860" and|strong="H5288" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" servant|strong="H5288", "Let's go, and|strong="H5288" hurry! Go slow|strong="H6113" only|strong="H0518" when|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3588"."

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H0853" woman went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Mount|strong="H2022" Carmel|strong="H3760" to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430".

The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" Shunammite|strong="H7767" woman coming|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" far|strong="H0413" away|strong="H5048" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H1961" servant|strong="H5288" Gehazi|strong="H1522", "Look|strong="H2009", there's the|strong="H0853" Shunammite|strong="H7767" woman! <sup>26</sup>

Please|strong="H4994" run|strong="H7323" now|strong="H6258" to|strong="H0559" meet|strong="H7125" her|strong="H0559"! Say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" her|strong="H0559", 'Are|strong="H0376" you|strong="H6258" all|strong="H0376" right? Is|strong="H0376" your|strong="H4994" husband|strong="H0376" all|strong="H0376" right? Is|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" child|strong="H3206" all|strong="H0376" right?"

She answered|strong="H0559", "Everything is|strong="H0376" all|strong="H0376" right." <sup>II</sup>

<sup>27</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" Shunammite woman went|strong="H0935" up|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" hill|strong="H2022" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>I</sup> GOODBYE Or "Everything is all right." Literally, "Peace." <sup>II</sup> EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT Or "Hello." Literally, "Peace."

She bowed down and touched Elisha's feet. Gehazi came near to pull her away. But the man of God said to Gehazi, "Leave her alone!" She's very upset, and the LORD didn't tell me about this news from me.

<sup>28</sup> Then she said, "Sir, I asked a son of I you, 'Don't trick me!'"

<sup>29</sup> Then Elisha said to Gehazi, "Get ready to go. Take my walking stick and go! If you meet anyone along the way, don't stop to say hello to him." If anyone says hello to you, don't answer. Put my walking stick on the child's face.

<sup>30</sup> But the child's mother said, "I promise, as the LORD lives and as you live, I will leave you without you!"

So Elisha got up

and followed her.

<sup>31</sup> Gehazi arrived at the house before Elisha and the Shunammite woman. Gehazi laid his walking stick on the child's face, but the child did not talk or show any sign that he heard anything. Then Gehazi came back to meet Elisha and said, "The child will not wake up!"

#### The Woman's Son Comes Back to Life

<sup>32</sup> Elisha went into the house there the child was lying dead on his bed. <sup>33</sup> Elisha went into the room and shut the door. He and the child were alone in the room now. Then he prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup> Elisha went to the bed and lay on the child's face. He put his eyes on the child's eyes, his mouth on the child's mouth, and

his hands on the child's hands. He lay there atop of the child until the child's body became warm.

<sup>35</sup> Then Elisha turned away and walked around the room. He went back and lay on the child until the child sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

<sup>36</sup> Elisha called Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite woman!"

Gehazi called her, and she came to Elisha. Elisha said, "Pick up your son."

<sup>37</sup> Then the Shunammite woman went into the room and bowed down at Elisha's feet. Then she picked up her son and went out.

#### **Elisha and the Poisoned Soup**

<sup>38</sup> Elisha went to Gilgal again. There was a famine in the land. The group of prophets was sitting in front of E-

lisha. Elisha said to his servant, "Put large pot on the fire, and make some soup for the group of prophets."

<sup>39</sup> One man went into the field to gather herbs. He found a wild vine and picked the fruit from it. He put that fruit in his robe and brought it back. He cut up the wild fruit and put it into the pot. But the group of prophets did not know what kind of fruit it was.

<sup>40</sup> Then they poured of the soup for the men to eat. But when they began to eat the soup, they shouted out, "Man of God! There's poison in the pot!" The food tasted like poison, so they could not eat that food.

<sup>41</sup> But Elisha said, "Bring some flour." He threw



the flour into the pot. Then he said, "Pour the soup for the people that can eat." And was wrong the soup.

### Elisha Feeds the Group of Prophets

42 A man from Baal Shalishah came and brought from the first harvest to the man of God. This man brought 20 loaves of barley and fresh grain his sack. Then Elisha said, "Give this food to the people, so that they can eat."

43 Elisha's servant said, "What? There are 100 men here. How can I give this food to those men?"

But Elisha said, "Give the food to the people to eat." The LORD says, "They will eat there will still be"

food left over."

44 Then Elisha's servant put the food in front of the group of prophets. The group of prophets had enough to eat, and they had food left over. This happened as the LORD said.

### Naaman's Problem

5 Naaman was the captain of the army of the king of Aram. He was very important to his king because the LORD used him to lead Aram to victory. Naaman was a great and powerful man, but he was also sick with leprosy.

2 The Aramean army sent many groups of soldiers to fight in Israel. One time they took a little girl from the land of Israel. This girl became a servant of Naaman's wife. 3 She said to his wife,

1 KING Literally, "master."

wish |strong="H0305" that |strong="H0834" my |strong="H0834" master |strong="H0113" would |strong="H0559" meet |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" who |strong="H0834" lives in |strong="H0413" Samaria |strong="H8111". He |strong="H0834" could heal Naaman of |strong="H6440" his |strong="H0834" leprosy |strong="H6883"."

<sup>4</sup> Naaman |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" king and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H5046" him |strong="H5046" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" Israelite |strong="H3478" girl |strong="H5291" said |strong="H0559".

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" said |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H0935" now |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H4428" send |strong="H7971" a |strong="H3947" letter |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478"."

So |strong="H3947" Naaman |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H7971" took |strong="H3947" 750 pounds <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H4428" silver |strong="H3701", 6000 pieces of |strong="H4428" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H0935" ten |strong="H6235" changes |strong="H2487" of |strong="H4428" clothes |strong="H0899" as |strong="H0935" gifts. <sup>6</sup> Naaman |strong="H5283" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" letter |strong="H5612" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0853" letter |strong="H5612" said |strong="H0559": " Now |strong="H6258" this |strong="H2088" letter |strong="H5612" is |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0413" show that |strong="H2088" I |strong="H2009" am sending |strong="H7971" my |strong="H7971" servant |strong="H5650" Naaman |strong="H5283" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7971". Cure |strong="H0622" his |strong="H7971" leprosy |strong="H6883"."

<sup>7</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H1961" read |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" letter |strong="H5612", he |strong="H1931" tore |strong="H7167" his |strong="H1961" clothes |strong="H0899" to |strong="H0413" show |strong="H7200" he |strong="H1931"

I 750 POUNDS Literally, "10 talents" (345 kg).

was |strong="H1961" sad and |strong="H3478" upset. He |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", " Am |strong="H0589" I |strong="H0589" God |strong="H0430"? I |strong="H0589" don't have |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" power |strong="H3478" over |strong="H0413" life |strong="H4191" and |strong="H3478" death |strong="H4191". So |strong="H7971" why |strong="H3588" did |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram send |strong="H7971" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" sick with |strong="H0413" leprosy |strong="H6883" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" heal? Think |strong="H7200" about |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1931", and |strong="H3478" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H2088" a |strong="H1961" trick. The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram is |strong="H2088" trying to |strong="H0413" start a |strong="H1961" fight."

<sup>8</sup> Elisha |strong="H0477", the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430", heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H1961" torn |strong="H7167" his |strong="H8085" clothes |strong="H0899". So |strong="H7971" Elisha |strong="H0477" sent |strong="H7971" this |strong="H3588" message to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428": " Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" tear |strong="H7167" your |strong="H8085" clothes |strong="H0899"? Let |strong="H7971" Naaman |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" know |strong="H3045" there |strong="H3426" is |strong="H4100" a |strong="H1961" prophet |strong="H5030" in |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478"."

<sup>9</sup> So |strong="H0935" Naaman |strong="H5283" came |strong="H0935" with |strong="H1004" his |strong="H0935" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H0935" chariots |strong="H7393" to |strong="H0935" Elisha's |strong="H0477" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" stood |strong="H5975" outside the |strong="H0935" door |strong="H6607". <sup>10</sup> Elisha |strong="H0477" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" messenger |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" Naaman who |strong="H4397" said |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" wash |strong="H7364" in |strong="H1980"

the|strong="H0559" Jordan|strong="H3383" River seven|strong="H7651" times|strong="H6471". Then|strong="H1980" your|strong="H7725" skin|strong="H1320" will|strong="H1320" be|strong="H7725" healed, and|strong="H1980" you|strong="H7971" will|strong="H1320" be|strong="H7725" pure|strong="H2891" and|strong="H1980" clean|strong="H2891"."

<sup>11</sup> Naaman|strong="H5283" became|strong="H7107" angry|strong="H7107" and|strong="H3068" left|strong="H3318". He|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2009" thought|strong="H0559" Elisha|strong="H0559" would|strong="H3068" at|strong="H0413" least come|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" and|strong="H3068" stand|strong="H5975" in|strong="H0413" front of|strong="H0430" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H2009" thought|strong="H0559" he|strong="H0430" would|strong="H3068" wave|strong="H5130" his|strong="H3068" hand|strong="H3027" over|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3068" body and|strong="H3068" heal the|strong="H0559" leprosy. <sup>12</sup> Abana and|strong="H3478" Pharpar|strong="H6554", the|strong="H3605" rivers|strong="H5104" of|strong="H4325" Damascus|strong="H1834", are|strong="H3478" better|strong="H2896" than|strong="H3808" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478". Why|strong="H3808" can't|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3808" wash|strong="H7364" in|strong="H3478" those|strong="H3605" rivers|strong="H5104" in|strong="H3478" Damascus|strong="H1834" and|strong="H3478" become|strong="H2891" clean|strong="H2891"? He|strong="H3808" was|strong="H3478" very angry|strong="H2534" and|strong="H3478" turned|strong="H6437" to|strong="H3478" leave.

<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3588" Naaman's servants|strong="H5650" went|strong="H5066" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1419" talked|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". They|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " Father|strong="H0001", <sup>1</sup> if|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" prophet|strong="H5030" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" some|strong="H1697" great|strong="H1419"

<sup>1</sup> FATHER Slaves often called their masters "father," and the masters often called their slaves "children."

thing|strong="H1697", you|strong="H3588" would|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588", isn't|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3588" right? But|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " Wash|strong="H7364", and|strong="H1419" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H3808" pure|strong="H2891" and|strong="H1419" clean|strong="H2891"."

<sup>14</sup> So|strong="H7725" Naaman did|strong="H0376" what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H7725" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H1697". He|strong="H0430" went|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" and|strong="H0430" dipped|strong="H2881" himself|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H7725" Jordan|strong="H3383" River seven|strong="H7651" times|strong="H6471", and|strong="H0430" he|strong="H0430" became|strong="H7725" pure|strong="H2891" and|strong="H0430" clean|strong="H2891". His|strong="H7725" skin|strong="H0376" became|strong="H7725" soft like|strong="H3381" the|strong="H7725" skin|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" a|strong="H7725" baby.

<sup>15</sup> Naaman|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" group came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0776" God|strong="H0430". He|strong="H1931" stood|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440" Elisha|strong="H0559" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", " Look|strong="H2009", I|strong="H3588" now|strong="H6258" know|strong="H3045" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" God|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" except|strong="H0518" in|strong="H0935" Israel|strong="H3478". Now|strong="H6258" please|strong="H4994" accept|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" gift|strong="H1293" from|strong="H7725" me|strong="H0413"."

<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H0518" Elisha|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" serve|strong="H6440", and|strong="H3068" as|strong="H0834" surely|strong="H0518" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" lives|strong="H2416", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0518" accept|strong="H3947" any|strong="H6440" gift|strong="H3068"."

Naaman tried hard to *make* *Elisha* *take* *gift*, but *he* refused. <sup>17</sup> Then *Naaman* said, "If *you* will *not* *accept* *this* *gift*, at *least* *do* *this* *for* *me*. Let *me* *have* *enough* *dirt* *from* *Israel* to *fill* *two* *baskets* *of* *my* *mules*. <sup>1</sup> I *ask* *this* *because* *I* *will* *never* *again* *offer* *any* *burnt* *offering* *or* *sacrifice* *to* *any* *other* *gods*. I *will* *offer* *sacrifices* *only* *to* *the* *LORD*! <sup>18</sup> And *I* *pray* *that* *the* *LORD* *will* *forgive* *me* *for* *this*: When *my* *master* *goes* *to* *the* *temple* *of* *Rimmon* *to* *worship* *that* *false* *god*, *he* *will* *lean* *on* *me* *for* *support*. So *I* *must* *bow* *down* *in* *the* *temple* *of* *Rimmon*. I *ask* *the* *LORD* *now* *to* *forgive*

I LET ME HAVE ... MY MULES Naaman probably thought the ground in Israel was holy, so he wanted to take some with him to help him worship the Lord in his own country.

*me* *when* *that* *happens*."

<sup>19</sup> Then *Elisha* said, "Go in *peace*."

So *Naaman* left *Elisha* and *went* *a* *short* *way*. <sup>20</sup> But *Gehazi*, the *servant* *of* *Elisha* *the* *man* *of* *God*, "Look *my* *master* *has* *let* *Aramean* *go* *without* *accepting* *the* *gift* *that* *he* *brought*. As *the* *LORD* *lives*, *I* *will* *run* *after* *Naaman* *and* *get* *something* *from* *him*." <sup>21</sup> So *Gehazi* *ran* *to* *Naaman*.

*Naaman* *saw* *someone* *running* *after* *him*. *He* *stepped* *down* *from* *the* *chariot* *to* *meet* *Gehazi*. *Naaman* *said*, "Is *everything* *all* *right*?"

<sup>22</sup> *Gehazi* *said*, "Yes *everything* *is* *all* *right*. *My* *master* *has* *sent* *me*. *He* *said*, 'Look *two* *young* *men* *came* *to* *me* *from* *the* *group* *of* *prophets* *in* *the* *hill* *country* *of* *Ephraim*."

II GROUP OF PROPHETS Literally, "sons of the prophets." These were prophets and people studying to become prophets. Also in 6:1, 4.

Please **strong="H4994"** give **strong="H5414"** them **strong="H0413"** 75 pounds <sup>I</sup> of **strong="H1121"** silver **strong="H3701"** and **strong="H1121"** two **strong="H8147"** changes **strong="H2487"** of **strong="H1121"** clothes **strong="H0899"**."

<sup>23</sup> Naaman **strong="H5283"** said **strong="H0559"**, " Please **strong="H2974"**, take **strong="H3947"** 150 pounds. <sup>II</sup> He **strong="H5414"** persuaded Gehazi to **strong="H0413"** take **strong="H3947"** the **strong="H0559"** silver **strong="H3701"**. Naaman **strong="H5283"** put **strong="H5414"** 150 pounds of **strong="H3603"** silver **strong="H3701"** in **strong="H0413"** two **strong="H8147"** bags **strong="H2754"** and **strong="H3701"** took **strong="H3947"** two **strong="H8147"** changes **strong="H2487"** of **strong="H3603"** clothes **strong="H0899"**. Then **strong="H3947"** he **strong="H5414"** gave **strong="H5414"** these **strong="H3947"** things **strong="H8147"** to **strong="H0413"** two **strong="H8147"** of **strong="H3603"** his **strong="H5414"** servants **strong="H5288"**. The **strong="H0559"** servants **strong="H5288"** carried **strong="H5375"** these **strong="H3947"** things **strong="H8147"** for **strong="H0413"** Gehazi. <sup>24</sup> When **strong="H0935"** Gehazi came **strong="H0935"** to **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H0853"** hill **strong="H6076"**, he **strong="H0853"** took **strong="H3947"** these **strong="H3947"** things from **strong="H0935"** the **strong="H0853"** servants **strong="H0376"**. He **strong="H0853"** sent **strong="H7971"** the **strong="H0853"** servants **strong="H0376"** away **strong="H7971"**, and **strong="H0935"** they **strong="H0376"** left **strong="H0935"**. Then **strong="H3947"** he **strong="H0853"** hid those **strong="H0376"** things in **strong="H0935"** the **strong="H0853"** house **strong="H1004"**.

<sup>25</sup> Gehazi **strong="H1522"** came **strong="H0935"** in **strong="H1980"** and **strong="H1980"** stood **strong="H5975"** before **strong="H0413"** his **strong="H0935"** master **strong="H0113"**. Elisha **strong="H0477"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0413"** Gehazi **strong="H1522"**, " Where **strong="H0575"** have **strong="H5650"** you **strong="H0935"** been **strong="H3808"** Gehazi **strong="H1522"**?"

Gehazi **strong="H1522"** answered **strong="H0559"**, " I **strong="H5650"** didn't **strong="H3808"** go **strong="H1980"** anywhere **strong="H0575"**."

<sup>26</sup> Elisha **strong="H0559"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0413"** him **strong="H0413"**, " That **strong="H0834"** is **strong="H0834"** not **strong="H3808"** true! My **strong="H5921"** heart **strong="H3820"** was **strong="H0834"** with **strong="H1980"** you **strong="H0834"** when **strong="H0834"** the **strong="H0853"**

man **strong="H0376"** turned **strong="H2015"** from **strong="H5921"** his **strong="H5921"** chariot **strong="H4818"** to **strong="H0413"** meet **strong="H7125"** you **strong="H0834"**. This **strong="H0834"** is **strong="H0834"** not **strong="H3808"** the **strong="H0853"** time **strong="H6256"** to **strong="H0413"** take **strong="H3947"** money **strong="H3701"**, clothes **strong="H0899"**, olives **strong="H2132"**, grapes, sheep **strong="H6629"**, cattle **strong="H1241"**, or **strong="H3808"** men **strong="H0376"** and **strong="H1980"** women **strong="H8198"** servants **strong="H5650"**. <sup>27</sup> Now you **strong="H6440"** and **strong="H6440"** your **strong="H6440"** children **strong="H2233"** will **strong="H2233"** catch Naaman's **strong="H5283"** disease **strong="H6883"**. You **strong="H6440"** will **strong="H2233"** have leprosy **strong="H6883"** forever **strong="H5769"**!"

When **strong="H3318"** Gehazi left **strong="H3318"** Elisha, his **strong="H6440"** skin was **strong="H6440"** as **strong="H6440"** white as **strong="H6440"** snow **strong="H7950"**! He **strong="H3318"** was **strong="H6440"** sick with **strong="H3318"** leprosy **strong="H6883"**.

#### Elisha and the Ax Head

<sup>6</sup> The **strong="H0559"** group of **strong="H1121"** prophets **strong="H5030"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0413"** Elisha **strong="H0477"**, " We **strong="H0587"** are **strong="H0834"** staying **strong="H3427"** in **strong="H3427"** that **strong="H0834"** place **strong="H4725"** over **strong="H0413"** there **strong="H8033"**, but **strong="H2009"** it **strong="H8033"** is **strong="H0834"** too **strong="H4480"** small for **strong="H0413"** us **strong="H4994"**. <sup>2</sup> Let's **strong="H4994"** go **strong="H4994"** to **strong="H0559"** the **strong="H0559"** Jordan **strong="H3383"** River **strong="H5704"** and **strong="H0376"** cut some **strong="H0376"** wood. Each **strong="H0376"** of **strong="H0376"** us **strong="H4994"** will **strong="H0376"** get **strong="H3947"** a **strong="H3947"** log and **strong="H0376"** we **strong="H5704"** will **strong="H0376"** build us **strong="H4994"** a **strong="H3947"** place **strong="H4725"** to **strong="H0559"** live **strong="H3427"** there **strong="H8033"**."

Elisha **strong="H0559"** answered **strong="H0559"**, " Go **strong="H4994"** and **strong="H0376"** do **strong="H6213"** it **strong="H8033"**."

<sup>3</sup> One **strong="H0259"** of **strong="H5650"** them **strong="H0854"** said **strong="H0559"**, " Please **strong="H4994"** go **strong="H4994"** with **strong="H0854"** us **strong="H4994"**."

Elisha **strong="H0559"** said **strong="H0559"**, "Yes, I **strong="H0589"** will **strong="H5650"**

I 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg). II 150 POUNDS Literally, "2 talents" (69 kg).

go |strong="H4994" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H0854"."

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H0935" Elisha |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0935" group of |strong="H6086" prophets. When |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0935" arrived |strong="H0935" at |strong="H3383" the |strong="H0935" Jordan |strong="H3383" River, they |strong="H0935" began |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" cut |strong="H1504" down |strong="H1504" some trees |strong="H6086". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0259" was |strong="H1961" cutting down |strong="H5307" a |strong="H1961" tree, the |strong="H0853" iron |strong="H1270" ax head |strong="H5307" slipped from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" handle and |strong="H4325" fell |strong="H5307" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325". He |strong="H1931" shouted |strong="H6817", " Oh |strong="H0162", master |strong="H0113"! I |strong="H0259" borrowed |strong="H7592" that |strong="H1931" ax!"

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559", " Where |strong="H8033" did |strong="H0376" it |strong="H8033" fall |strong="H5307"?"

The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" showed |strong="H7200" Elisha |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H4725" where |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0853" ax head |strong="H5307" fell |strong="H5307". Then |strong="H0853" Elisha |strong="H0559" cut |strong="H7094" a |strong="H7200" stick |strong="H6086" and |strong="H0430" threw |strong="H7993" the |strong="H0853" stick |strong="H6086" into |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" water. The |strong="H0853" stick |strong="H6086" made |strong="H6086" the |strong="H0853" iron |strong="H1270" ax head |strong="H5307" float |strong="H6687". <sup>7</sup> Elisha |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " So |strong="H3947" pick |strong="H3947" up |strong="H7311" the |strong="H0559" ax head." Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" man reached |strong="H7971" out |strong="H7971" and |strong="H3027" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" ax head.

#### Aram Tries to |strong="H0559" Trap Israel

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" was |strong="H1961" making war against |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H0559" had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" council meeting

with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H1961" army officers |strong="H5650". He |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" such |strong="H0492" and |strong="H3478" such |strong="H0492" a |strong="H1961" place |strong="H4725" and |strong="H3478" prepare to |strong="H0413" attack |strong="H3898" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" when |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0559" come |strong="H1961" by |strong="H0413"."

<sup>9</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H3588" message to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". Elisha |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Be |strong="H0376" careful |strong="H8104"! Don't |strong="H8104" go |strong="H7971" by |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3588" place |strong="H4725", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" Aramean |strong="H0758" soldiers |strong="H0376" are |strong="H3478" hiding there |strong="H8033"."

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" message to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H8104" men |strong="H0376" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430" warned |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" about |strong="H0413". And |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" saved quite a |strong="H7971" few |strong="H0259" men |strong="H0376".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" was |strong="H3478" very |strong="H2088" upset |strong="H1697" about |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088". He |strong="H3808" called |strong="H7121" his |strong="H5921" army officers |strong="H5650" and |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " Tell |strong="H5046" me |strong="H0413" who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H2088" spying for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478"."

<sup>12</sup> One |strong="H0259" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" officers |strong="H5650" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> QUITE A FEW MEN Literally, "not one or two."

lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H3478" king |strong="H4428", not |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H4428" us |strong="H5046" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" spy. Elisha |strong="H0477", the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" from |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478", can |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" many secret things |strong="H1697"— even |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" speak |strong="H1696" in |strong="H3478" your |strong="H0834" bedroom |strong="H2315"!"

13 The |strong="H0559" king of |strong="H0559" Aram said |strong="H0559", " Find |strong="H3947" Elisha |strong="H0559", and |strong="H7971" I |strong="H2009" will |strong="H1931" send |strong="H7971" men |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0559" catch him |strong="H7971"."

The |strong="H0559" servants told |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" king of |strong="H0559" Aram, " Elisha |strong="H0559" is |strong="H1931" in |strong="H7200" Dothan |strong="H1886"."

14 Then |strong="H7971" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" Aram sent |strong="H7971" horses |strong="H5483", chariots |strong="H7393", and |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" large |strong="H3515" army |strong="H2428" to |strong="H0935" Dothan. They |strong="H8033" arrived |strong="H0935" at |strong="H5921" night |strong="H3915" and |strong="H0935" surrounded the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892". 15 Elisha's servant |strong="H5288" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" early |strong="H7925" that |strong="H0559" morning |strong="H7925". When |strong="H3318" he |strong="H0430" went |strong="H3318" outside |strong="H3318", he |strong="H0430" saw |strong="H2009" an |strong="H6965" army |strong="H2428" with |strong="H0413" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H6965" chariots |strong="H7393" all |strong="H2009" around |strong="H5437" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892".

The |strong="H0853" servant |strong="H5288" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Elisha |strong="H0559", " Oh |strong="H0162", my |strong="H3318" master |strong="H0113", what |strong="H0349" can |strong="H0349" we |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213"?"

16 Elisha |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372". The |strong="H0559" army that |strong="H0834" fights for |strong="H3588" us |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" larger |strong="H7227" than |strong="H7227"

the |strong="H0559" army that |strong="H0834" fights for |strong="H3588" Aram."

17 Then |strong="H2009" Elisha |strong="H0477" prayed |strong="H6419" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H2009" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0853", open |strong="H6491" my |strong="H3068" servant's |strong="H5288" eyes |strong="H5869" so |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" he |strong="H3068" can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200"."

The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" opened |strong="H6491" the |strong="H0853" eyes |strong="H5869" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" young |strong="H5288" man |strong="H5288", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" servant |strong="H5288" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" mountain |strong="H2022" was |strong="H3068" full |strong="H4390" of |strong="H3068" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H3068" chariots |strong="H7393" of |strong="H3068" fire |strong="H0784". They |strong="H3068" were |strong="H2022" all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439" Elisha |strong="H0477".

18 These |strong="H2088" horses and |strong="H3068" chariots of |strong="H3068" fire came |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" Elisha |strong="H0477". He |strong="H3068" prayed |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H1697" pray |strong="H6419" that |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3068" cause |strong="H1697" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H1471" to |strong="H0413" become blind."

So |strong="H2088" God |strong="H3068" did what |strong="H1697" Elisha |strong="H0477" asked |strong="H0559". He |strong="H3068" caused |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" Aramean army to |strong="H0413" become blind. 19 Elisha |strong="H0477" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Aramean army, " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" right way |strong="H1870". This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" right city |strong="H5892". Follow |strong="H0310" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" lead |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" looking |strong="H1245" for |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H2088" E-

isha |strong="H0477" led them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Samaria |strong="H8111".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>20</sup> When |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3068" arrived |strong="H0935" at |strong="H3068" Samaria |strong="H8111", Elisha |strong="H0477" said |strong="H0559", " LORD |strong="H3068", open |strong="H6491" the |strong="H0853" eyes |strong="H5869" of |strong="H3068" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0428" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H7200" they |strong="H3068" can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200"."

Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" opened |strong="H6491" their |strong="H3068" eyes |strong="H5869", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Aramean army saw |strong="H7200" they |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H3068" Samaria |strong="H8111".<sup>I</sup> <sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" Aramean army and |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Elisha |strong="H0477", " My |strong="H7200" father |strong="H0001", should |strong="H0001" I |strong="H7200" kill |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0413"? Should |strong="H0001" I |strong="H7200" kill |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0413"?"

<sup>22</sup> Elisha |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", don't |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" soldiers you |strong="H0859" captured |strong="H7617" in |strong="H0413" battle. Give |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413" some bread |strong="H3899" and |strong="H0398" water |strong="H4325". Let |strong="H3808" them |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0398" drink |strong="H8354". Then |strong="H0859" let |strong="H3808" them |strong="H0413" go home to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H7760" leader."

<sup>23</sup> So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0413" king prepared a |strong="H0935" big meal for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H0776". After |strong="H0413" they |strong="H1992" ate |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0935" drank |strong="H8354", he |strong="H3808" sent |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0935" home |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H1992" leader. The |strong="H0413" Arameans |strong="H0758" did |strong="H3254" not |strong="H3808"

send |strong="H7971" any |strong="H5750" more |strong="H5750" soldiers |strong="H5750" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H3254" raids.

### A |strong="H0935" Time |strong="H5750" of |strong="H0776" Terrible Hunger Hits Samaria

<sup>24</sup> After |strong="H0310" this |strong="H3651" happened |strong="H1961", King |strong="H4428" Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" gathered |strong="H6908" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4264" and |strong="H4428" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H1961" surround and |strong="H4428" attack |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" city of |strong="H4428" Samaria |strong="H8111".<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H5921" soldiers would not |strong="H1961" let |strong="H1961" people bring |strong="H1961" food into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" city, so |strong="H1961" there |strong="H2009" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" time |strong="H1961" of |strong="H7218" terrible hunger |strong="H7458" in |strong="H5921" Samaria |strong="H8111". It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H1961" so |strong="H1961" bad in |strong="H5921" Samaria |strong="H8111" that |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" donkey's |strong="H2543" head |strong="H7218" was |strong="H1961" sold |strong="H1961" for |strong="H5921" 80 pieces of |strong="H7218" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" one |strong="H1961" pint<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H7218" dove's dung sold |strong="H1961" for |strong="H5921" five |strong="H2568" pieces of |strong="H7218" silver |strong="H3701".

<sup>26</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" was |strong="H1961" walking on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" wall |strong="H2346" around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" city. A |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H0802" shouted |strong="H6817" out |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". She said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H5921" lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H3478" king |strong="H4428", please help |strong="H3467" me |strong="H0413"!"

<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0559" king of |strong="H3068" Israel said |strong="H0559", " If |strong="H0176" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" does |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0408" help |strong="H3467" you |strong="H4480", how can |strong="H0370" I |strong="H0559"

<sup>I</sup> SAMARIA This was the capital city of Israel—the enemy of Aram.

<sup>II</sup> ONE PINT Literally, "1/4 cab" (about .3 l).



help|strong="H3467" you|strong="H4480"? I|strong="H0559" cannot|strong="H4480" give you|strong="H4480" grain from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637" or|strong="H0176" wine|strong="H3342" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559" winepress|strong="H3342".<sup>28</sup> Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H3117" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413", " What|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" your|strong="H5414" trouble?"

She|strong="H4100" answered|strong="H0559", " This|strong="H2063" woman|strong="H0802" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", ' Give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" your|strong="H5414" that|strong="H1121" so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3117" we|strong="H3117" can|strong="H4100" eat|strong="H0398" him|strong="H0413" today|strong="H3117". Then|strong="H0853" we|strong="H3117" will|strong="H4428" eat|strong="H0398" my|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121" tomorrow|strong="H4279".<sup>29</sup> So|strong="H5414" we|strong="H3117" boiled|strong="H1310" my|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" ate|strong="H0398" him|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H0312" day|strong="H3117", I|strong="H5414" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3117" woman|strong="H0312", ' Give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" your|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121" so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3117" we|strong="H3117" can|strong="H1121" eat|strong="H0398" him|strong="H0413". But|strong="H3117" she has|strong="H3117" hidden|strong="H2244" her|strong="H0413" son|strong="H1121".

<sup>30</sup> When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" woman's|strong="H0802" words|strong="H1697", he|strong="H1931" tore|strong="H7167" his|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H0899" to|strong="H1961" show|strong="H7200" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1961" upset|strong="H1697". As|strong="H1697" he|strong="H1931" passed|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346", the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" was|strong="H1961" wearing the|strong="H0853" rough cloth|strong="H0899" under|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H0899" to|strong="H1961" show|strong="H7200"

he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1961" sad and|strong="H4428" upset|strong="H1697".

<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H5921" said|strong="H0559", " May|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" punish me|strong="H5921" if|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0559" head|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" Elisha|strong="H0477" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shaphat|strong="H8202" is|strong="H0430" still|strong="H5975" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" body at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" end of|strong="H1121" this|strong="H3541" day|strong="H3117".

<sup>32</sup> The|strong="H0853" king sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H3588" messenger|strong="H4397" to|strong="H0413" Elisha|strong="H0477". Elisha|strong="H0477" was|strong="H1931" sitting|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" his|strong="H7971" house|strong="H1004", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" elders|strong="H2205" were|strong="H1121" sitting|strong="H3427" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0413". Before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" messenger|strong="H4397" arrived|strong="H0935", Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" elders|strong="H2205", " Look|strong="H7200", that|strong="H3588" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3588" murderer|strong="H7523" is|strong="H2088" sending|strong="H7971" men|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" cut|strong="H5493" off|strong="H5493" my|strong="H7200" head|strong="H7218". When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" messenger|strong="H4397" arrives|strong="H0935", shut|strong="H5462" the|strong="H0853" door|strong="H1817". Hold|strong="H3905" the|strong="H0853" door|strong="H1817" and|strong="H1121" don't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H7971" him|strong="H0413" in|strong="H3427". I|strong="H3588" hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0853" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H7971" master's|strong="H0113" feet|strong="H7272" coming|strong="H0935" behind|strong="H0310" him|strong="H0413".

<sup>33</sup> While|strong="H5750" Elisha|strong="H0559" was|strong="H3068" still|strong="H5750" talking|strong="H1696" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0853" elders, the|strong="H0853" messenger|strong="H4397"<sup>1</sup> came|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". This|strong="H2063" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" message|strong="H3068". " This|strong="H2063" trouble|strong="H7451"

<sup>1</sup> MESSENGER Or possibly, "king."

has|strong="H3068" come|strong="H3381" from|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Why|strong="H4100" should|strong="H4100" I|strong="H2009" wait|strong="H3176" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" any|strong="H5750" longer|strong="H5750"?"

7 Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559", " Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"! The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", ' About|strong="H1697" this|strong="H3541" time|strong="H6256" tomorrow|strong="H4279", there|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697" plenty of|strong="H3068" food, and|strong="H3068" it|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697" cheap again. A|strong="H8085" person will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697" able to|strong="H0559" buy a|strong="H8085" basket<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H3068" fine|strong="H5560" flour|strong="H5560" or|strong="H8085" two baskets of|strong="H3068" barley|strong="H8184" for|strong="H6256" only one|strong="H1697" shekel|strong="H8255"<sup>II</sup> in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" marketplace by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" city|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H3068" Samaria|strong="H8111"."

2 Then|strong="H6030" the|strong="H0853" officer who|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" close to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"<sup>III</sup> answered|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H4428" God|strong="H0430". The|strong="H0853" officer said|strong="H0559", " Even|strong="H3808" if|strong="H2005" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213" windows|strong="H0699" in|strong="H5921" heaven|strong="H8064", this|strong="H2088" could|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" happen|strong="H1961"."

Elisha|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" it|strong="H5921" with|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" eyes|strong="H5869", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H0376" of|strong="H4428" that|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0398"."

I BASKET Literally, "seah

of an ounce (11.5 g). Also in verses 16, 18. III THAT WAS CLOSE TO THE KING Literally, "on whose arm the king leaned."

II SHEKEL 2/5

### Lepers Find|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" Aramean Camp Empty

3 There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" four|strong="H0702" men|strong="H0376" sick with|strong="H0413" leprosy near|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0559" city|strong="H8179" gate|strong="H8179". They|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453", " Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" we|strong="H0587" sitting|strong="H3427" here|strong="H6311" waiting|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0413" die|strong="H4191"? 4 There|strong="H8033" is|strong="H8033" no|strong="H0518" food in|strong="H3427" Samaria. If|strong="H0518" we|strong="H0518" go|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" city|strong="H5892", we|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0518" die|strong="H4191" there|strong="H8033". If|strong="H0518" we|strong="H0518" stay|strong="H3427" here|strong="H6311", we|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0518" also|strong="H0935" die|strong="H4191". So|strong="H0935" let's go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" Aramean|strong="H0758" camp|strong="H4264". If|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" let|strong="H6258" us|strong="H0413" live|strong="H3427", we|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0518" live|strong="H3427". If|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" kill|strong="H4191" us|strong="H0413", we|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0518" just|strong="H6258" die|strong="H4191"."

5 So|strong="H6965" that|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H5399" the|strong="H0413" four lepers went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" Aramean|strong="H0758" camp|strong="H4264". When|strong="H0935" they|strong="H8033" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" edge of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0413" camp|strong="H4264", no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0376" was|strong="H0369" there|strong="H8033"! 6 The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" had|strong="H3478" caused the|strong="H0853" Aramean|strong="H0758" army|strong="H2428" to|strong="H0413" hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H4428" chariots|strong="H7393", horses|strong="H5483", and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H8085" large|strong="H1419" army|strong="H2428". So|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" each|strong="H0376" oth-

er |strong="H0251", " The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Is-rael |strong="H3478" has |strong="H3478" hired |strong="H7936" the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Hittites |strong="H2850" and |strong="H0935" Egyptians |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H0935" against |strong="H5921" us |strong="H0413"."

7 The |strong="H0853" Arameans ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" early that |strong="H0834" evening |strong="H5399". They |strong="H0834" left |strong="H5800" every-thing |strong="H0834" behind. They |strong="H0834" left |strong="H5800" their |strong="H0834" tents |strong="H0168", horses |strong="H5483", and |strong="H6965" donkeys |strong="H2543" and |strong="H6965" ran |strong="H5127" for |strong="H0413" their |strong="H0834" lives |strong="H5315".

**The |strong="H0853" Lepers in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Enemy Camp |strong="H4264"**

8 When |strong="H0935" these |strong="H0428" lep-ers |strong="H6879" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" where |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0413" camp |strong="H4264" be-gan |strong="H0935", they |strong="H8033" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0259" tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H8033" ate |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0935" drank |strong="H8354". Then |strong="H0935" they |strong="H8033" car-ried |strong="H5375" silver |strong="H3701", gold |strong="H2091", and |strong="H0935" clothes |strong="H0899" out |strong="H0413" of |strong="H0168" the |strong="H0413" camp |strong="H4264" and |strong="H0935" hid |strong="H2934" them |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0935" they |strong="H8033" came |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H0935" entered |strong="H0935" another |strong="H0312" tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H8033" carried |strong="H5375" things |strong="H0428" out |strong="H0413" from |strong="H7725" this |strong="H0428" tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" out |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" hid |strong="H2934" them |strong="H0413".<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H6258" they |strong="H3651" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0376" oth-er |strong="H2088", " We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H3117" doing |strong="H6213" wrong |strong="H5771"! Today |strong="H3117" we |strong="H0587" have |strong="H0376" good news |strong="H1309", but |strong="H3808" we |strong="H0587" are |strong="H3117"

silent |strong="H2814". If |strong="H0376" we |strong="H0587" wait |strong="H2442" un-til |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0559" sun |strong="H0216" comes |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5704", we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808" punished. Now |strong="H6258" let's go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" tell |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" live |strong="H3117" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004"."

**The |strong="H0559" Lepers Tell |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" Good News |strong="H1309"**

10 So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0559" lepers came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" called |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" gatekeepers |strong="H7778" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892". They |strong="H1992" told |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" gatekeep-ers |strong="H7778", " We |strong="H3588" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Aramean |strong="H0758" camp |strong="H4264", but |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" hear |strong="H6963" any-one |strong="H0376". No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" was |strong="H0369" there |strong="H8033", but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H0935" donkeys |strong="H2543" were |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" tied |strong="H0631" up |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" tents |strong="H0168" were |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" standing."

11 Then |strong="H4428" the |strong="H7121" gate-keepers |strong="H7778" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H7121" city shouted |strong="H7121" out and |strong="H4428" told |strong="H5046" the |strong="H7121" people in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H7121" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004".<sup>12</sup> It |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0834" night |strong="H3915", but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" from |strong="H4480" bed and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0834" offi-cers |strong="H5650", " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0758" sol-diers |strong="H5650" are |strong="H0834" do-ing |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H4994". They |strong="H0834"

know |strong="H3045" we |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834" hungry |strong="H7457". They |strong="H0834" left |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" camp |strong="H4264" to |strong="H0413" hide |strong="H2247" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" thinking |strong="H0559", ' When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Israelites come |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892", we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H0834" capture |strong="H8610" them |strong="H0413" alive |strong="H2416". And |strong="H0935" then |strong="H6965" we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H0834" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892"."

<sup>13</sup> One |strong="H0259" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" king's officers |strong="H5650" said |strong="H0559", " Let |strong="H7971" some |strong="H4480" men |strong="H5650" take |strong="H3947" five |strong="H2568" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" horses |strong="H5483" that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" city. The |strong="H3605" horses |strong="H5483" will |strong="H0834" soon die anyway, just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" city. <sup>1</sup> Let's |strong="H4994" send |strong="H7971" these |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0559" see |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" happened."

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H8147" took |strong="H3947" two |strong="H8147" chariots |strong="H7393" with |strong="H8147" horses |strong="H5483". The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" sent |strong="H7971" these |strong="H3947" men |strong="H8147" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0559" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H4264". He |strong="H0310" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H7971", " Go |strong="H7971" and |strong="H4428" see |strong="H7200" what happened."

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" went |strong="H7725" after |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3605" Aramean |strong="H0758" army as |strong="H0834" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H5704".

All |strong="H3605" along |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" road |strong="H1870" there |strong="H2009" were |strong="H0834" clothes |strong="H0899" and |strong="H4428" weapons |strong="H3627". The |strong="H3605" Arameans |strong="H0758" had |strong="H0834" thrown |strong="H7993" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" down |strong="H7993" when |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" hurried |strong="H2648" away |strong="H7725". The |strong="H3605" messengers |strong="H4397" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" Samaria and |strong="H4428" told |strong="H5046" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428".

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" ran |strong="H1961" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0758" camp |strong="H4264" and |strong="H3068" took |strong="H3318" valuable things |strong="H1697" from |strong="H3318" there |strong="H1961". So |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1961" happened |strong="H1961" just |strong="H1697" as |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1697". A |strong="H1961" person could |strong="H1697" buy a |strong="H1961" basket of |strong="H3068" fine |strong="H5560" flour |strong="H5560" or |strong="H3068" two baskets of |strong="H3068" barley |strong="H8184" for |strong="H3068" only one |strong="H1961" shekel |strong="H8255".

<sup>17</sup> There |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0376" officer who |strong="H0834" always stayed close by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H0413" help |strong="H5971" him |strong="H0413". The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" sent |strong="H3027" this |strong="H0834" officer to |strong="H0413" guard the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179", but |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" knocked him |strong="H0413" down |strong="H3381" and |strong="H0430" trampled |strong="H7429" him |strong="H0413", and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H0834" died |strong="H4191". So |strong="H0834" everything |strong="H0834" happened just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696" when |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" came |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" Elisha's house. <sup>18</sup> Elisha |strong="H0559" had |strong="H1961" said |strong="H0559", " A |strong="H1961" person |strong="H0376"

I THE HORSES ... CITY The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" able to |strong="H0413" buy a |strong="H1961" basket of |strong="H4428" fine |strong="H5560" flour |strong="H5560" or |strong="H0376" two baskets of |strong="H4428" barley |strong="H8184" for |strong="H0413" only one |strong="H0376" shekel |strong="H8255" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" marketplace by |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H8179" gates |strong="H8179" of |strong="H4428" Samaria |strong="H8111"."<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H3808" that |strong="H7200" officer had |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430", " Even |strong="H3808" if |strong="H2005" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" windows |strong="H0699" in |strong="H0430" heaven |strong="H8064", this |strong="H2088" could |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" happen |strong="H1961"! And |strong="H3068" Elisha |strong="H0559" had |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" officer, " You |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" it |strong="H0398" with |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" eyes |strong="H5869", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" that |strong="H7200" food |strong="H0398"."<sup>20</sup> It |strong="H3651" happened |strong="H1961" to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" officer just that |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3651". The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" knocked him |strong="H0853" down |strong="H7429" at |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179" and |strong="H4191" trampled |strong="H7429" him |strong="H0853", and |strong="H4191" he |strong="H3651" died |strong="H4191".

#### The King and the Shunammite Woman

**8** Elisha |strong="H0477" talked |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" whose |strong="H0834" son |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" life |strong="H2421". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3068" family |strong="H1004" should |strong="H3068" move to |strong="H0413" another |strong="H1571" country |strong="H0776", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" decided |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" there |strong="H3068"

will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1571" a |strong="H3588" famine |strong="H7458" here. It |strong="H7121" will |strong="H3068" last |strong="H6965" for |strong="H3588" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141".

<sup>2</sup> So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H1697" woman |strong="H0802" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H1697" the |strong="H1697" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H1697". She |strong="H1931" went |strong="H6965" with |strong="H1004" her |strong="H0802" family |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0376" stay |strong="H1481" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H1697" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H1697" Philistines |strong="H6430" for |strong="H0776" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141".<sup>3</sup> After |strong="H1961" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141" she returned |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0413" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0413" Philistines |strong="H6430".

She went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" speak with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H0413" ask |strong="H4428" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" help her |strong="H0413" get |strong="H3318" back |strong="H7725" her |strong="H0413" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" was |strong="H0834" talking |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0413" Gehazi |strong="H1522", the |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5288" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430". The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Gehazi |strong="H1522", " Please |strong="H4994" tell |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" great |strong="H1419" things |strong="H3605" Elisha |strong="H0477" has |strong="H0430" done |strong="H6213".

<sup>5</sup> Gehazi |strong="H1522" was |strong="H1961" telling |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" about |strong="H1961" Elisha |strong="H0477" bringing a |strong="H1961" dead |strong="H4191" person |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" life |strong="H4191". At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" same |strong="H1931" time |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802" whose |strong="H0834" son |strong="H1121" Elisha |strong="H0477" brought |strong="H1961" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" life |strong="H4191"

went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". She |strong="H1931" wanted to |strong="H0413" ask |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" help her |strong="H0413" get back |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" land |strong="H7704". Gehazi |strong="H1522" said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H5921" lord |strong="H0113" and |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4428", this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" woman |strong="H0802", and |strong="H1121" this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" Elisha |strong="H0477" brought |strong="H1961" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" life |strong="H4191"."

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" asked |strong="H7592" the |strong="H3605" woman |strong="H0802" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" wanted, and |strong="H0776" she |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5414".

Then |strong="H6258" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" chose an |strong="H5414" officer |strong="H5631" to |strong="H0559" help her |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559", " Give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" woman |strong="H0802" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" belongs to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H3605". And |strong="H0776" give |strong="H5414" her |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" harvest |strong="H8393" of |strong="H4428" her |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" she |strong="H0834" left |strong="H5800" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" until |strong="H5704" now |strong="H6258"."

#### **Ben-Hadad Sends |strong="H5414" Hazael to |strong="H0559" Elisha |strong="H0559"**

<sup>7</sup> Elisha |strong="H0477" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" Damascus |strong="H1834". King |strong="H4428" Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" was |strong="H0430" sick |strong="H2470". Someone |strong="H0376" told |strong="H5046" Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130", " The |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2008"."

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" King |strong="H4428" Ben-Hadad said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Haza-

el |strong="H2371", " Take |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" gift |strong="H4503" and |strong="H3068" go meet |strong="H7125" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" God |strong="H0430". Ask |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" ask |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" if |strong="H0376" I |strong="H2088" will |strong="H3068" get |strong="H3947" well from |strong="H0376" my |strong="H3068" sickness |strong="H2483"."

<sup>9</sup> So |strong="H3947" Hazael |strong="H2371" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H6440" Elisha |strong="H0559". Hazael |strong="H2371" brought |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3947" gift |strong="H4503" with |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". He |strong="H7971" brought |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" good |strong="H2898" things |strong="H3605" from |strong="H0935" Damascus |strong="H1834". It |strong="H3947" took |strong="H3947" 40 camels |strong="H1581" to |strong="H0413" carry |strong="H3947" everything |strong="H3605". Hazael |strong="H2371" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Elisha |strong="H0559" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " Your |strong="H3605" follower, <sup>1</sup> King |strong="H4428" Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130" of |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758", sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605". He |strong="H7971" asks |strong="H0559" if |strong="H1121" he |strong="H7971" will |strong="H4428" get |strong="H3947" well |strong="H2898" from |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605" sickness |strong="H2483"."

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Elisha |strong="H0477" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Hazael, "Go and |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" Ben-Hadad, ' You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H2421".' But |strong="H3588" really |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413", ' He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191"."

#### **Elisha |strong="H0477" Makes |strong="H0559" a |strong="H3588" Prophecy About |strong="H0413" Hazael**

<sup>11</sup> Elisha |strong="H5704" began to |strong="H5704" stare. He |strong="H5704" stared for |strong="H0430" an |strong="H7760" embarrassingly long |strong="H5704" time |strong="H5704". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853"

<sup>1</sup> FOLLOWER Literally, "son."

man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376"  
 God |strong="H0430" began to |strong="H5704" cry.  
 12 Hazeal |strong="H2371" said |strong="H0559", "  
 Sir |strong="H0113", why |strong="H4069"  
 are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" cry-  
 ing |strong="H1058"?"

Elisha |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", "  
 I |strong="H0834" am crying |strong="H1058" be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834"  
 know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853"  
 bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H0834"  
 you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"  
 do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0559"  
 the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478".  
 You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" burn  
 their |strong="H3588" strong cities |strong="H4013"  
 and |strong="H1121" kill |strong="H2026"  
 their |strong="H3588" young |strong="H1121"  
 men |strong="H0970" with |strong="H3045"  
 swords |strong="H2719". You |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H0834" kill |strong="H2026"  
 their |strong="H3588" babies and |strong="H1121"  
 split |strong="H1234" open |strong="H1234"  
 their |strong="H3588" pregnant |strong="H2030"  
 women |strong="H2030"."

13 Hazeal |strong="H2371" said |strong="H0559", "  
 I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068"  
 not |strong="H2088" a |strong="H3588" powerful  
 man |strong="H1419" <sup>1</sup> How |strong="H4100"  
 can |strong="H4100" I |strong="H3588"  
 do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H2088"  
 great |strong="H1419" things |strong="H1697"?"

Elisha |strong="H0477" answered |strong="H0559", "  
 The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 showed |strong="H7200" me |strong="H5921"  
 that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1697"  
 king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921"  
 Aram |strong="H0758"."

14 Then |strong="H0935" Hazael  
 left |strong="H0935" Elisha |strong="H0477"  
 and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935"  
 to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0935" king. <sup>II</sup> Ben-  
 Hadad said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Haza-  
 el, " What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" El-  
 isha |strong="H0477" say |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935"?"

He |strong="H0935" answered |strong="H0559", "  
 Elisha |strong="H0477" told |strong="H0559"  
 me |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0559"  
 you |strong="H0935" will |strong="H4100"  
 live |strong="H2421"."

#### Hazeal Murders Ben-Hadad

15 But |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440"  
 next |strong="H4283" day |strong="H4283" Haza-

I I ... POWERFUL MAN Literally, "Your servant is only a dog!" <sup>II</sup>  
 KING Literally, "master."

el |strong="H2371" took |strong="H3947"  
 a |strong="H1961" thick cloth and |strong="H6440"  
 dipped |strong="H2881" it |strong="H5921"  
 in |strong="H5921" water |strong="H4325".  
 Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H5921"  
 held |strong="H1961" it |strong="H5921"  
 on |strong="H5921" Ben-Hadad's face |strong="H6440"  
 until |strong="H5921" he |strong="H5921"  
 died |strong="H4191". Then |strong="H1961" Haza-  
 el |strong="H2371" became |strong="H1961"  
 the |strong="H6440" new king |strong="H4427".

#### Jehoram Begins His |strong="H5921" Rule |strong="H4427"

16 Jehoram |strong="H3088" son |strong="H1121"  
 of |strong="H1121" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092"  
 was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3092"  
 king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Ju-  
 dah |strong="H3063". He |strong="H8141" began  
 to |strong="H3478" rule |strong="H4428"  
 in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3092"  
 fifth |strong="H2568" year |strong="H8141"  
 that |strong="H8141" Joram |strong="H3141"  
 son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
 Ahab |strong="H0256" was |strong="H3478"  
 king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478". <sup>III</sup> <sup>17</sup> Jehoram  
 was |strong="H1961" 32 years |strong="H8141"  
 old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1961"  
 he |strong="H3389" began |strong="H1961"  
 to |strong="H1961" rule |strong="H4427".  
 He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427"  
 eight |strong="H8083" years |strong="H8141"  
 in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>18</sup>  
 But |strong="H3588" Jehoram lived |strong="H1961"  
 as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834"  
 kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068"  
 did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" saw  
 as |strong="H0834" evil |strong="H7451".  
 He |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H1961"  
 as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3478"  
 Ahab's |strong="H0256" family |strong="H1004", be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3068"  
 wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H1961"  
 Ahab's |strong="H0256" daughter |strong="H1323". <sup>19</sup>  
 But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" would |strong="H0014"  
 not |strong="H3808" destroy |strong="H7843" Ju-  
 dah |strong="H3063" because |strong="H0834"  
 of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605"  
 promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559"  
 his |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650"

<sup>III</sup> The standard Hebrew text adds "while Jehoshaphat was still  
 king of Judah." That is, according to the Hebrew, father and son  
 ruled Judah together for a time.

David |strong="H1732". He |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H0559" David |strong="H1732" that |strong="H0834" someone |strong="H5414" from |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" family would |strong="H0014" always |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3808" king |strong="H4616".

<sup>20</sup> In |strong="H5921" Jehoram's |strong="H0123" time |strong="H3117" Edom |strong="H0123" broke away from |strong="H5921" Judah's |strong="H3063" rule |strong="H3027". The |strong="H5921" people of |strong="H4428" Edom |strong="H0123" chose a |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" for |strong="H5921" themselves |strong="H5921".

<sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Jehoram and |strong="H6965" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" chariots |strong="H7393" went |strong="H5437" to |strong="H0413" Zair |strong="H6811". The |strong="H3605" Edomite army |strong="H5971" surrounded |strong="H5437" them |strong="H0413", but |strong="H1961" Jehoram and |strong="H6965" his |strong="H3605" officers |strong="H8269" attacked |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H6965" escaped |strong="H5127". Jehoram's |strong="H0123" soldiers |strong="H5971" all |strong="H3605" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5437" and |strong="H6965" went |strong="H5437" home |strong="H0168". <sup>22</sup> So |strong="H2088" the |strong="H5704" Edomites |strong="H0123" broke away from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5704" rule |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3117" Judah |strong="H3063". And |strong="H3063" they |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3063" been |strong="H6586" free from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5704" rule |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3117" Judah |strong="H3063" until |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117".

At |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5704" same |strong="H1931" time |strong="H6256" Libnah |strong="H3841" also |strong="H2088" broke away from |strong="H3027" Judah's |strong="H3063" rule |strong="H3027".

<sup>23</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H1697" Jehoram did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>24</sup> Jehoram died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1732" buried |strong="H6912" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H1732" ancestors |strong="H0001" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H8478" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732". Jehoram's son |strong="H1121" Ahaziah |strong="H0274" be-

came |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" new king |strong="H4427".

### Ahaziah |strong="H0274" Begins His |strong="H1732" Rule |strong="H4427"

<sup>25</sup> Ahaziah |strong="H0274" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoram |strong="H3088" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H1121" 12th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Joram |strong="H3141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahab |strong="H0256" was |strong="H3478" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>26</sup> Ahaziah |strong="H0274" was |strong="H8034" 22 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" began to |strong="H3478" rule |strong="H4428". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" one |strong="H0259" year |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H3478" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Athaliah |strong="H6271". She |strong="H0517" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H8034" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Omri |strong="H6018" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>27</sup> Ahaziah did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7451" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H3068" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H1931" did |strong="H6213" many bad |strong="H7451" things, just |strong="H6213" as |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5869" from |strong="H3068" Ahab's |strong="H0256" family |strong="H1004" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". He |strong="H1931" lived like |strong="H1870" this |strong="H1931" because |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3068" wife was |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3068" Ahab's |strong="H0256" family |strong="H1004".

### Joram Is |strong="H3068" Hurt in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" War Against |strong="H5869" Hazael

<sup>28</sup> Joram |strong="H3141" was |strong="H4428" from |strong="H1121" Ahab's |strong="H0256" family. Ahaziah went with |strong="H5973" Joram |strong="H3141" to |strong="H4428" fight |strong="H4421" against |strong="H5973" King |strong="H4428" Hazael |strong="H2371" of |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758" at |strong="H4421" Ramoth |strong="H7433" Gilead |strong="H1568". The |strong="H0853" Arameans |strong="H0758" wounded |strong="H5221"



Joram |strong="H3141". <sup>29</sup> King |strong="H4428" Joram |strong="H3141" went |strong="H3381" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Israel so |strong="H4480" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" could get |strong="H7725" well |strong="H0834" from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H0834" wounds |strong="H4347". He |strong="H0834" went |strong="H3381" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" area of |strong="H1121" Jezreel |strong="H3157". Ahaziah |strong="H0274" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoram |strong="H3088" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". Ahaziah |strong="H0274" went |strong="H3381" to |strong="H7725" Jezreel |strong="H3157" to |strong="H7725" see |strong="H7200" Joram |strong="H3141".

### Elisha Tells a Prophet to Anoint Jehu

**9** Elisha |strong="H0477" the |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H5030" called |strong="H7121" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0559" group of |strong="H1121" prophets |strong="H5030"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H7121", "Get |strong="H3947" ready and |strong="H1121" take |strong="H3947" this |strong="H2088" small bottle of |strong="H1121" oil |strong="H8081" in |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3947" hand |strong="H3027". Go to |strong="H0559" Ramoth |strong="H7433" Gilead |strong="H1568". <sup>2</sup> When |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0935" arrive |strong="H0935", find |strong="H7200" Jehu |strong="H3058" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092", the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nimshi |strong="H5250". Then |strong="H6965" go |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" and |strong="H1121" make |strong="H7200" him |strong="H0853" get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" from |strong="H0935" among |strong="H8432" his |strong="H0935" brothers |strong="H0251". Take |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0935" an |strong="H8033" inner |strong="H2315" room |strong="H2315". <sup>3</sup> Take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" small bottle of |strong="H4428" oil |strong="H8081" and |strong="H3068" pour |strong="H3332" the |strong="H0559" oil |strong="H8081" on |strong="H5921" Jehu's head |strong="H7218". Say |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541"

<sup>1</sup> GROUP OF PROPHETS Literally, "sons of the prophets." These were prophets and people studying to become prophets.

the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": I |strong="H3541" have |strong="H3068" anointed |strong="H4886" you |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" new king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478"! Then |strong="H3947" open |strong="H6605" the |strong="H0559" door |strong="H1817" and |strong="H3068" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H3947". Don't |strong="H3808" wait |strong="H2442"!"

<sup>4</sup> So this young |strong="H5288" man |strong="H5288", the |strong="H5030" prophet |strong="H5030", went to |strong="H7433" Ramoth |strong="H7433" Gilead |strong="H1568". <sup>5</sup> When |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" young man |strong="H3605" arrived |strong="H0935", he |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H2009" the |strong="H3605" captains |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428" sitting |strong="H3427". He |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " Captain |strong="H8269", I |strong="H2009" have |strong="H1697" a |strong="H0935" message |strong="H1697" for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605"."

Jehu |strong="H3058" asked |strong="H0559", " Which |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1697" us |strong="H0413" is |strong="H4310" the |strong="H3605" message |strong="H1697" for |strong="H0413"?"

The |strong="H3605" young man |strong="H3605" said |strong="H0559", " For |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605", sir."

<sup>6</sup> Jehu |strong="H0559" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" house |strong="H1004". Then |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0559" young prophet |strong="H0559" poured |strong="H3332" the |strong="H0559" oil |strong="H8081" on |strong="H0413" Jehu's head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H3541" am |strong="H3068" anointing |strong="H4886" you |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" new king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971", Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>7</sup> You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" destroy |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Ahab |strong="H0256" your |strong="H3068" king.

In **strong="H3068"** this **strong="H3068"** way **strong="H3605"** I **strong="H5650"** will **strong="H3068"** punish Jezebel **strong="H0348"** for **strong="H3027"** the **strong="H3605"** deaths of **strong="H1004"** my **strong="H3605"** servants **strong="H5650"**, the **strong="H3605"** prophets **strong="H5030"**, and **strong="H3068"** the **strong="H3605"** deaths of **strong="H1004"** all **strong="H3605"** the **strong="H3605"** LORD'S **strong="H3068"** servants **strong="H5650"** who **strong="H3605"** were **strong="H5650"** murdered. <sup>8</sup> So **strong="H5800"** all **strong="H3605"** Ahab's **strong="H0256"** family **strong="H1004"** will **strong="H3478"** die **strong="H0006"**. I **strong="H3478"** will **strong="H3478"** not **strong="H6113"** let any **strong="H3605"** male child in **strong="H1004"** Ahab's **strong="H0256"** family **strong="H1004"** live. It **strong="H3772"** doesn't matter if that **strong="H3605"** male child is **strong="H3605"** a **strong="H3772"** slave or **strong="H1004"** a **strong="H3772"** free person in **strong="H1004"** Israel **strong="H3478"**. <sup>9</sup> I **strong="H5414"** will **strong="H1004"** make **strong="H5414"** Ahab's **strong="H0256"** family **strong="H1004"** like **strong="H1004"** the **strong="H0853"** family **strong="H1004"** of **strong="H1121"** Jeroboam **strong="H3379"** son **strong="H1121"** of **strong="H1121"** Nebat **strong="H5028"** and **strong="H1121"** like **strong="H1004"** the **strong="H0853"** family **strong="H1004"** of **strong="H1121"** Baasha **strong="H1201"** son **strong="H1121"** of **strong="H1121"** Ahijah **strong="H0281"**. <sup>10</sup> The **strong="H0853"** dogs **strong="H3611"** will **strong="H0369"** eat **strong="H0398"** Jezebel **strong="H0348"** in **strong="H6912"** the **strong="H0853"** area of **strong="H0398"** Jezreel **strong="H3157"**, and **strong="H0398"** she **strong="H0348"** will **strong="H0369"** not **strong="H0369"** be **strong="H0369"** buried **strong="H6912"**.  
 Then **strong="H0853"** the **strong="H0853"** young prophet opened **strong="H6605"** the **strong="H0853"** door **strong="H1817"** and **strong="H0398"** ran **strong="H5127"** away **strong="H5127"**.

### The **strong="H0853"** Servants Announce Jehu as **strong="H0398"** King

<sup>11</sup> Jehu **strong="H3058"** went **strong="H3318"** back **strong="H0935"** to **strong="H0413"** his **strong="H0376"** king's officers **strong="H5650"**. One **strong="H0376"** of **strong="H0376"** the **strong="H0853"** officers **strong="H5650"** said **strong="H0559"** to **strong="H0413"** Jehu **strong="H3058"**, " Is **strong="H2088"** everything all **strong="H3045"** right? Why **strong="H4069"** did **strong="H4069"** this **strong="H2088"** crazy

man **strong="H0376"** come **strong="H0935"** to **strong="H0413"** you **strong="H0859"**?" Jehu **strong="H3058"** answered **strong="H0559"** the **strong="H0853"** servants **strong="H5650"**, " You **strong="H0859"** know **strong="H3045"** the **strong="H0853"** man **strong="H0376"** and **strong="H0935"** the **strong="H0853"** crazy things he **strong="H0853"** says **strong="H0559"**."

<sup>12</sup> The **strong="H0559"** officers said **strong="H0559"**, "No, tell **strong="H5046"** us **strong="H4994"** the **strong="H0559"** truth. What **strong="H3541"** did he **strong="H3068"** say **strong="H0559"**?" Jehu **strong="H0559"** told **strong="H5046"** the **strong="H0559"** officers what **strong="H3541"** the **strong="H0559"** young prophet **strong="H0559"** said **strong="H0559"**. Jehu **strong="H0559"** said **strong="H0559"**, " He **strong="H3068"** said **strong="H0559"** a **strong="H3068"** few things **strong="H3478"** and **strong="H3068"** then **strong="H0559"** he **strong="H3068"** said **strong="H0559"**, ' This **strong="H2063"** is **strong="H3068"** what **strong="H3541"** the **strong="H0559"** LORD **strong="H3068"** says **strong="H0559"**. I **strong="H3541"** have **strong="H3068"** anointed **strong="H4886"** you **strong="H5046"** to **strong="H0413"** be **strong="H3478"** the **strong="H0559"** new king **strong="H4428"** over **strong="H0413"** Israel **strong="H3478"**."

<sup>13</sup> Then **strong="H3947"** each **strong="H0376"** officer quickly **strong="H4116"** took **strong="H3947"** his **strong="H3947"** robe off and **strong="H0376"** put **strong="H7760"** it **strong="H7760"** on **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H0559"** steps **strong="H4609"** in **strong="H0413"** front of **strong="H0376"** Jehu **strong="H3058"**. Then **strong="H3947"** they **strong="H0376"** blew **strong="H8628"** the **strong="H0559"** trumpet **strong="H7782"** and **strong="H0376"** made **strong="H7760"** the **strong="H0559"** announcement, " Jehu **strong="H3058"** is **strong="H0376"** king **strong="H4427"**!"

### Jehu **strong="H3058"** Goes to **strong="H0413"** Jezreel

<sup>14</sup> So **strong="H1961"** Jehu **strong="H3058"** son **strong="H1121"** of **strong="H1121"** Jehoshaphat **strong="H3092"**, son **strong="H1121"** of **strong="H1121"** Nimshi **strong="H5250"**, made **strong="H1961"** plans against **strong="H0413"** Joram **strong="H3141"**.

At **strong="H0413"** that **strong="H3605"** time **strong="H1961"** Joram **strong="H3141"** and **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H3605"** Israelites **strong="H3478"** had **strong="H1961"** been **strong="H1961"** trying to **strong="H0413"** defend Ramoth **strong="H7433"** Gilead **strong="H1568"** from **strong="H6440"** King **strong="H4428"** Hazael **strong="H2371"** of **strong="H1121"**

Aram |strong="H0758".<sup>15</sup> King |strong="H4428" Joram |strong="H3088" had |strong="H0834" fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H0854" King |strong="H4428" Hazael |strong="H2371" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758". But |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0559" Arameans |strong="H0758" wounded |strong="H5221" King |strong="H4428" Joram |strong="H3088", and |strong="H4428" he |strong="H0834" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0559" Jezreel |strong="H3157" to |strong="H0559" get |strong="H3318" well |strong="H0834" from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H0834" injuries.

So |strong="H4480" Jehu |strong="H3058" told |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" officers, " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" agree that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3426" the |strong="H0559" new king |strong="H4428", don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" anyone |strong="H5315" escape |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892" to |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" news |strong="H0559" in |strong="H4428" Jezreel |strong="H3157"."

<sup>16</sup> Joram |strong="H3141" was |strong="H4428" resting in |strong="H4428" Jezreel |strong="H3157", so |strong="H3588" Jehu |strong="H3058" got in |strong="H4428" his |strong="H7200" chariot |strong="H7392" and |strong="H3063" drove |strong="H7392" to |strong="H3381" Jezreel |strong="H3157". King |strong="H4428" Ahaziah |strong="H0274" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" had |strong="H4428" also |strong="H0853" come |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" Jezreel |strong="H3157" to |strong="H3381" see |strong="H7200" Joram |strong="H3141".

<sup>17</sup> A |strong="H3947" guard was |strong="H6822" standing |strong="H5975" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" tower |strong="H4026" in |strong="H5921" Jezreel |strong="H3157". He |strong="H0853" saw |strong="H7200" Jehu's |strong="H3058" large group coming |strong="H0935". He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" see |strong="H7200" a |strong="H3947" large group of |strong="H5921" people |strong="H7200"!"

Joram |strong="H3088" said |strong="H0559", " Send |strong="H7971" someone on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3947" horse to |strong="H0559" meet |strong="H7125" them |strong="H0853". Tell |strong="H0559" this |strong="H0935" messenger to |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H0559" if |strong="H7200" they |strong="H5921" come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921" peace |strong="H7965"."

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" messenger |strong="H4397" rode |strong="H7392" on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" horse |strong="H5483" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H7125" Jehu |strong="H3058". The |strong="H0559" messenger |strong="H4397" said |strong="H0559", " King |strong="H4428" Joram says |strong="H0559", ' Do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5704" come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" peace |strong="H7965"?'" Jehu |strong="H3058" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H5704" have |strong="H3808" nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H4100" with |strong="H0413" peace |strong="H7965". Come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" follow |strong="H0310" me |strong="H0413"."

The |strong="H0559" guard told |strong="H5046" Joram, " The |strong="H0559" messenger |strong="H4397" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" group, but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H0310" has |strong="H4428" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" yet |strong="H3808"."

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0935" Joram sent |strong="H7971" out |strong="H7971" a |strong="H0935" second |strong="H8145" messenger on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" horse |strong="H5483". This |strong="H3541" man came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Jehu's |strong="H3058" group and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " King |strong="H4428" Joram says |strong="H0559", ' Peace |strong="H7965'. ' I" Jehu |strong="H3058" answered |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H7971" have |strong="H4428" nothing to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H4100" with |strong="H0413" peace |strong="H7965". Come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" follow |strong="H0310" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0559" guard told |strong="H5046" Joram, " The |strong="H0559" second messenger |strong="H5046" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" group, but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" yet |strong="H3588". There |strong="H5704" is |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H1121" driving |strong="H4491" his |strong="H7725" chariot like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" mad man |strong="H1121". He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H1121" driving |strong="H4491" like |strong="H3808" Jehu |strong="H3058" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nimshi |strong="H5250"."

I PEACE A way of saying "hello."

21 Joram *strong="H3088"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Get *strong="H3318"* me *strong="H3318"* my *strong="H3318"* chariot *strong="H7393"*!" So *strong="H3318"* the *strong="H0559"* servant got *strong="H3318"* Joram's chariot *strong="H7393"*. Both King *strong="H4428"* Joram *strong="H3088"* of *strong="H4428"* Israel *strong="H3478"* and *strong="H3063"* King *strong="H4428"* Ahaziah *strong="H0274"* of *strong="H4428"* Judah *strong="H3063"* got *strong="H3318"* their *strong="H3318"* chariots *strong="H7393"* and *strong="H3063"* drove out *strong="H3318"* to *strong="H0559"* meet *strong="H7125"* Jehu *strong="H3058"*. They *strong="H0376"* met *strong="H4672"* him *strong="H4672"* at *strong="H3478"* the *strong="H0559"* property of *strong="H4428"* Naboth *strong="H5022"* from *strong="H3318"* Jezreel.

22 Joram *strong="H3088"* saw *strong="H7200"* Jehu *strong="H3058"* and *strong="H7200"* asked *strong="H0559"*, "Do *strong="H4100"* you *strong="H5704"* come *strong="H1961"* in *strong="H1961"* peace *strong="H7965"*, Jehu *strong="H3058"*?"

Jehu *strong="H3058"* answered *strong="H0559"*, "There *strong="H1961"* is *strong="H4100"* no peace *strong="H7965"* as *strong="H5704"* long *strong="H5704"* as *strong="H5704"* your *strong="H7200"* mother *strong="H0517"* Jezebel *strong="H0348"* does *strong="H4100"* many *strong="H7227"* acts of *strong="H0517"* prostitution and *strong="H7200"* witchcraft."

23 Joram *strong="H3088"* turned *strong="H2015"* the *strong="H0559"* horses to *strong="H0413"* run *strong="H5127"* away *strong="H5127"*. He *strong="H0559"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* Ahaziah *strong="H0274"*, "It *strong="H2015"* is *strong="H3027"*

a *strong="H0559"* trick, Ahaziah *strong="H0274"*!" 24 But *strong="H5221"* Jehu *strong="H3058"* grabbed his *strong="H3027"* bow *strong="H7198"* and *strong="H3027"* shot *strong="H5221"* Joram *strong="H3088"* in *strong="H3027"* the *strong="H0853"* middle *strong="H3820"* of *strong="H3027"* his *strong="H3027"* back *strong="H3318"*, through *strong="H3027"* the *strong="H0853"* heart *strong="H3820"*. Joram *strong="H3088"* fell *strong="H3318"* dead in *strong="H3027"* his *strong="H3027"* chariot *strong="H7393"*.

25 Jehu *strong="H0559"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* his *strong="H5921"* chariot *strong="H7392"* driver Bidkar *strong="H0920"*, "Take *strong="H5375"* Joram's body up *strong="H5375"* and *strong="H3068"* throw *strong="H7993"* it *strong="H5921"* into *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* field *strong="H7704"* of *strong="H3068"*

Naboth *strong="H5022"* from *strong="H5921"* Jezreel. Remember *strong="H2142"* when *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0859"* and *strong="H3068"* I *strong="H0589"* rode *strong="H7392"* together *strong="H5921"* with *strong="H0413"* Joram's father *strong="H0001"* Ahab *strong="H0256"*, the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"* this *strong="H2088"* would *strong="H3068"* happen to *strong="H0413"* him *strong="H0413"*". 26 The *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H1697"*, "Yesterday *strong="H0570"* I *strong="H0518"* saw *strong="H7200"* the *strong="H0853"* blood *strong="H1818"* of *strong="H1121"* Naboth *strong="H5022"* and *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H3068"* sons *strong="H1121"*. And *strong="H1121"* I *strong="H0518"*, the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, am *strong="H3068"* telling you *strong="H0518"* that *strong="H7200"* I *strong="H0518"* will *strong="H3068"* punish Ahab in *strong="H3068"* this *strong="H2063"* field *strong="H2513"*". So *strong="H3808"* take *strong="H5375"* Joram's body and *strong="H1121"* throw *strong="H7993"* it *strong="H0518"* into *strong="H7993"* the *strong="H0853"* field *strong="H2513"*, just *strong="H1697"* as *strong="H1697"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H1697"*."

27 King *strong="H4428"* Ahaziah *strong="H0274"* of *strong="H4428"* Judah *strong="H3063"* saw *strong="H7200"* this *strong="H0834"* and *strong="H3063"* ran *strong="H5127"* away *strong="H0310"*. He *strong="H0834"* tried to *strong="H0413"* escape *strong="H5127"* through *strong="H1870"* the *strong="H0853"* garden *strong="H1588"* house *strong="H1004"*, but *strong="H7200"* Jehu *strong="H3058"* followed *strong="H0310"* him *strong="H0413"*. Jehu *strong="H3058"* had *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Shoot *strong="H5221"* Ahaziah *strong="H0274"* too *strong="H1571"*!"

Ahaziah *strong="H0274"* was *strong="H0834"* wounded *strong="H5221"* when *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H0413"* his *strong="H0834"* chariot *strong="H4818"* on *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* road *strong="H1870"* to *strong="H0413"* Gur *strong="H1483"* near *strong="H8033"* Ibleam *strong="H2991"*. He *strong="H0834"* got as *strong="H0834"* far *strong="H0413"* as *strong="H0834"* Megiddo *strong="H4023"*, but *strong="H7200"* he *strong="H0834"* died *strong="H4191"* there *strong="H8033"*". 28 Ahaziah's servants *strong="H5650"* carried *strong="H7392"* his *strong="H1732"* body in *strong="H6912"*

the |strong="H0853" chariot |strong="H7392" to |strong="H3389" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". They |strong="H3389" buried |strong="H6912" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H6912" his |strong="H1732" tomb |strong="H6900" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H1732" ancestors |strong="H0001" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0853" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732".

<sup>29</sup> Ahaziah |strong="H0274" had |strong="H3063" become king |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063" during Joram's <sup>I</sup> eleventh |strong="H6240" year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Israel.

### The |strong="H5921" Terrible Death of |strong="H1121" Jezebel

<sup>30</sup> When |strong="H0805" Jehu |strong="H3058" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jezreel |strong="H3157", Jezebel |strong="H0348" heard |strong="H0805" the |strong="H0853" news. She |strong="H0348" put |strong="H7760" her |strong="H0935" makeup on |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" fixed her |strong="H0935" hair |strong="H7218". Then |strong="H0853" she |strong="H0348" stood |strong="H0935" by |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" window |strong="H2474" and |strong="H0935" looked |strong="H8259" out |strong="H8259". <sup>31</sup> Jehu |strong="H3058" entered |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H8179". Jezebel said |strong="H0559", "Hello, you |strong="H0935" Zimri |strong="H2174". <sup>II</sup> You |strong="H0935" killed |strong="H2026" your |strong="H0935" master |strong="H0113" just as |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0935" did."

<sup>32</sup> Jehu |strong="H0559" looked |strong="H8259" up |strong="H5375" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" window |strong="H2474" and |strong="H6440" said |strong="H0559", "Who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H4310" on |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5375" side |strong="H0854"? Who |strong="H4310"?"

Two |strong="H8147" or |strong="H8147" three |strong="H7969" eunuchs |strong="H5631" looked |strong="H8259" out |strong="H8259" at |strong="H0413" Jehu |strong="H0559". <sup>33</sup> Jehu |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "Throw |strong="H8058" Jezebel down |strong="H7429"!"

Then |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" eunuchs threw |strong="H8058" her |strong="H0413" down |strong="H7429". Some of |strong="H1818" her |strong="H0413" blood |strong="H1818"

<sup>I</sup> JORAM'S Literally, "Joram son of Ahab." <sup>II</sup> ZIMRI Zimri killed Elah and the family of Baasha in Israel many years before. Read 1 Kings 16:8-12.

splashed |strong="H5137" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" wall |strong="H7023" and |strong="H1818" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" horses |strong="H5483" that |strong="H0559" trampled |strong="H7429" her |strong="H0413" body. <sup>34</sup> Jehu |strong="H0559" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" house and |strong="H0935" ate |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0935" drank |strong="H8354". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", "Now |strong="H4994" see |strong="H0935" about |strong="H4428" this |strong="H2063" cursed |strong="H0779" woman |strong="H1323". Bury |strong="H6912" her |strong="H0935", because |strong="H3588" she |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3588" king's |strong="H4428" daughter |strong="H1323"."

<sup>35</sup> The |strong="H3588" men went to |strong="H3027" bury |strong="H6912" Jezebel, but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" could not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" her |strong="H0518" body. They |strong="H3588" could only |strong="H0518" find |strong="H4672" her |strong="H0518" skull |strong="H1538", her |strong="H0518" feet |strong="H7272", and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3588" palms |strong="H3709" of |strong="H3027" her |strong="H0518" hands |strong="H3027". <sup>36</sup> When |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H5650" came |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H3068" told |strong="H5046" Jehu |strong="H0559", he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H5046" his |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Elijah |strong="H0452" the |strong="H0853" Tishbite to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H7725" this |strong="H1931" message |strong="H1697": ' Dogs |strong="H3611" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" body |strong="H1320" of |strong="H3068" Jezebel |strong="H0348" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" area of |strong="H3068" Jezreel |strong="H3157". <sup>37</sup> Her |strong="H5921" body |strong="H5038" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" dung |strong="H1828" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" field |strong="H7704" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" area of |strong="H6440" Jezreel |strong="H3157". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" able to |strong="H0559" recognize her |strong="H5921" body |strong="H5038"!"

### Jehu Writes the Leaders of Samaria

**10** Ahab *strong="H0256"* had *strong="H1121"* 70 sons *strong="H1121"* in *strong="H0413"* Samaria *strong="H8111"*. Jehu *strong="H3058"* wrote *strong="H3789"* letters *strong="H5612"* and *strong="H1121"* sent *strong="H7971"* them *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* Samaria *strong="H8111"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0559"* rulers *strong="H8269"* and *strong="H1121"* leaders *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H1121"* Jezreel *strong="H3157"*.<sup>1</sup> He *strong="H7971"* also *strong="H0256"* sent *strong="H7971"* the *strong="H0559"* letters *strong="H5612"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0559"* people *strong="H1121"* who *strong="H1121"* raised Ahab's *strong="H0256"* sons *strong="H1121"* saying *strong="H0559"*,<sup>2</sup> "As soon as you get this letter, choose the one who is the best and most worthy among your master's sons. You have chariots and horses. And you are living in a strong city. You also have weapons. Put the son you choose on his father's throne. Then fight for your master's family."

<sup>4</sup> But *strong="H3808"* the *strong="H0559"* rulers and *strong="H4428"* leaders of *strong="H4428"* Jezreel were *strong="H6440"* very *strong="H3966"* afraid *strong="H3372"*. They *strong="H3808"* said *strong="H0559"*, " The *strong="H0559"* two *strong="H8147"* kings *strong="H4428"* could not *strong="H3808"* stop *strong="H5975"* Jehu *strong="H0559"*. So *strong="H3808"* we *strong="H0587"* cannot *strong="H3808"* stop *strong="H5975"* him *strong="H6440"* either!"

<sup>5</sup> The *strong="H3605"* palace *strong="H1004"* manager, the *strong="H3605"* official *strong="H5650"* in *strong="H5921"* charge *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H3605"* city *strong="H5892"*, the *strong="H3605"* elders *strong="H2205"*, and *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H0376"* who *strong="H0834"* raised the *strong="H3605"* king's children sent *strong="H7971"* a *strong="H7971"* message to *strong="H0413"* Jehu *strong="H3058"*. " We *strong="H0587"* are *strong="H0834"* your *strong="H3605"* servants *strong="H5650"* and *strong="H1004"* we *strong="H0587"* will *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H6213"* whatever *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* tell *strong="H0559"* us *strong="H0413"*. We *strong="H0587"* will *strong="H0834"* not *strong="H3808"* make *strong="H6213"* anyone *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4427"*; you *strong="H0834"* may *strong="H0376"* do *strong="H6213"* whatever *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"*

<sup>1</sup> LEADERS OF JEZREEL The ancient Greek and Latin versions have "leaders of the city."

think *strong="H5869"* is *strong="H0834"* best *strong="H2896"*."

### Leaders *strong="H2205"* of *strong="H1004"* Samaria Kill Ahab's Children

<sup>6</sup> Then *strong="H3947"* Jehu *strong="H0559"* wrote *strong="H3789"* a *strong="H3947"* second *strong="H8145"* letter *strong="H5612"* to *strong="H0413"* these *strong="H3947"* leaders *strong="H7218"*. He *strong="H0518"* said *strong="H0559"*, " If *strong="H0518"* you *strong="H0859"* support me *strong="H0413"* and *strong="H1121"* obey *strong="H8085"* me *strong="H0413"*, cut off *strong="H0853"* the *strong="H0853"* heads *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H1121"* Ahab's sons *strong="H1121"*. Bring *strong="H0935"* them *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"* at *strong="H0413"* Jezreel *strong="H3157"* about *strong="H0413"* this *strong="H0935"* time *strong="H6256"* tomorrow *strong="H4279"*."

Ahab *strong="H0559"* had *strong="H4428"* 70 sons *strong="H1121"*. They *strong="H0518"* were *strong="H1121"* with *strong="H0854"* the *strong="H0853"* leaders *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* city *strong="H5892"* who *strong="H0376"* raised *strong="H1431"* them *strong="H0413"*.<sup>7</sup> When *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H0853"* leaders *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* city received *strong="H3947"* the *strong="H0853"* letter *strong="H5612"*, they *strong="H0376"* took *strong="H3947"* the *strong="H0853"* king's *strong="H4428"* sons *strong="H1121"* and *strong="H1121"* killed *strong="H7819"* all *strong="H0376"* 70 of *strong="H1121"* them *strong="H0413"*. Then *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H0853"* leaders *strong="H7218"* put *strong="H7760"* the *strong="H0853"* heads *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* king's *strong="H4428"* sons *strong="H1121"* in *strong="H0935"* baskets *strong="H1731"* and *strong="H1121"* sent *strong="H7971"* the *strong="H0853"* baskets *strong="H1731"* to *strong="H0413"* Jehu at *strong="H0413"* Jezreel *strong="H3157"*.<sup>8</sup> The *strong="H0853"* messenger *strong="H4397"* came *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0559"* Jehu *strong="H0559"* and *strong="H1121"* told *strong="H5046"* him *strong="H0853"*, " They *strong="H5704"* have *strong="H1121"* brought *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0853"* heads *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* king's *strong="H4428"* sons *strong="H1121"*." Then *strong="H0853"* Jehu *strong="H0559"* said *strong="H0559"*, " Lay *strong="H7760"* the *strong="H0853"* heads *strong="H7218"*

in |strong="H0935" two |strong="H8147" piles |strong="H6652" at |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H8179" gate |strong="H8179" until |strong="H5704" morning |strong="H1242".

<sup>9</sup> In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" morning |strong="H1242" Jehu |strong="H0559" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H1242" stood |strong="H5975" before |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0428" innocent |strong="H6662". Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H0589" made |strong="H1961" plans against |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3605" master |strong="H0113". I |strong="H0589" killed |strong="H2026" him |strong="H0413". But |strong="H1961" who |strong="H4310" killed |strong="H2026" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" sons of |strong="H5921" Ahab |strong="H0559"? You |strong="H0859" killed |strong="H2026" them |strong="H0413". <sup>10</sup> You |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" everything |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H1696" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1697". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" used |strong="H6213" Elijah |strong="H0452" to |strong="H1696" say |strong="H1696" these |strong="H1696" things |strong="H1697" about |strong="H5921" Ahab's |strong="H0256" family |strong="H1004". Now |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213".

<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H1115" Jehu |strong="H3058" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3045" in |strong="H1004" Ahab's |strong="H0256" family |strong="H1004" living in |strong="H1004" Jezreel |strong="H3157". He |strong="H5704" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" important |strong="H5704" men |strong="H1419", close friends |strong="H3045", and |strong="H1004" priests |strong="H3548". None |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1004" Ahab's |strong="H0256" people |strong="H3045" were |strong="H7604" left |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604".

### Jehu |strong="H3058" Kills |strong="H5221" Ahaziah's Relatives

<sup>12</sup> Jehu left |strong="H0935" Jezreel and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Samaria |strong="H8111". On |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0935" way |strong="H1870", he |strong="H1931" stopped |strong="H0935" at |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" place |strong="H0935" called Shepherd's Camp. <sup>13</sup> There |strong="H7965" he |strong="H0853" met |strong="H4672" with |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0853" relatives |strong="H0251" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Ahaziah |strong="H0274" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". Jehu |strong="H3058" asked |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H4310" are |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0859"?"

They |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" relatives |strong="H0251" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Ahaziah |strong="H0274" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H1121" come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0559" visit the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" children |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" queen |strong="H1377" mother's <sup>1</sup> children |strong="H1121".

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Jehu |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Take |strong="H8610" them |strong="H0413" alive |strong="H2416"! " Jehu's men |strong="H0376" captured |strong="H8610" Ahaziah's relatives alive |strong="H2416". There |strong="H1992" were |strong="H0376" 42 of |strong="H0376" them |strong="H0413". Jehu |strong="H0559" killed |strong="H7819" them |strong="H0413" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" well near |strong="H3808" Beth Eked. He |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H7604" anyone |strong="H0376" alive |strong="H2416".

### Jehu |strong="H0559" Meets Jehonadab

<sup>15</sup> After |strong="H0413" Jehu |strong="H0559" left |strong="H5414" there |strong="H8033", he |strong="H0834" met |strong="H4672" Jehonadab |strong="H3082" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Recab |strong="H7394". Jehonadab |strong="H3082" was |strong="H0834" on |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5414" way to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H7125" Jehu |strong="H0559". Jehu |strong="H0559" greet-

I QUEEN MOTHER The mother of the king.

ed |strong="H1288" Jehonadab |strong="H3082" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" faithful friend to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3426" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"?" I Jehonadab |strong="H3082" answered |strong="H0559", "Yes, I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3426" a |strong="H5414" faithful friend to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"."

Jehu |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834", give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" hand |strong="H3027"."

Then |strong="H0853" Jehu |strong="H0559" reached |strong="H4672" out |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" pulled Jehonadab |strong="H3082" up |strong="H5927" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" chariot |strong="H4818".

<sup>16</sup> Jehu |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Come |strong="H7068" with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H7200". You |strong="H0853" can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200" how strong my |strong="H3068" feelings are |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"."

So |strong="H7200" Jehonadab rode |strong="H7392" in |strong="H3068" Jehu's chariot |strong="H7393". <sup>17</sup> Jehu came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Samaria |strong="H8111" and |strong="H0935" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" Ahab's |strong="H0256" family who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" still |strong="H5704" alive |strong="H7604" in |strong="H0935" Samaria |strong="H8111". He |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" told |strong="H1696" Elijah |strong="H0452".

### Jehu Calls |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Worshipers of |strong="H3068" Baal

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Jehu |strong="H3058" gathered |strong="H6908" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" together |strong="H6908" and |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " Ahab |strong="H0256" served |strong="H5647" Baal |strong="H1168" a |strong="H4592" little |strong="H4592",

I ARE YOU A FAITHFUL FRIEND ... You Literally, "Is your heart true to me? My heart is true to your heart."

but |strong="H0559" Jehu |strong="H3058" will |strong="H3058" serve |strong="H5647" Baal |strong="H1168" much |strong="H7235". <sup>19</sup> Now |strong="H6258" call |strong="H7121" together all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3548" prophets |strong="H5030" of |strong="H0376" Baal |strong="H1168". And |strong="H3548" call |strong="H7121" together everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" worships Baal |strong="H1168". Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" anyone |strong="H3605" miss |strong="H6485" this |strong="H6258" meeting. I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" great |strong="H1419" sacrifice |strong="H2077" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H0006" to |strong="H0413" Baal |strong="H1168". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" kill anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" come to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H6258" meeting."

But |strong="H3588" Jehu |strong="H3058" was |strong="H0834" tricking them |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0834" wanted |strong="H4616" to |strong="H0413" destroy |strong="H0006" the |strong="H3605" worshipers |strong="H5647" of |strong="H0376" Baal |strong="H1168". <sup>20</sup> Jehu |strong="H3058" said |strong="H0559", " Prepare |strong="H6942" a |strong="H7121" holy |strong="H6942" meeting for |strong="H7121" Baal |strong="H1168". So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0559" priests announced |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" meeting. <sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H0935" Jehu |strong="H3058" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H0935" message through |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" worshipers |strong="H5647" of |strong="H1004" Baal |strong="H1168" came |strong="H0935". Not |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" stayed home |strong="H1004". The |strong="H3605" Baal |strong="H1168" worshipers |strong="H5647" came |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Baal |strong="H1168". The |strong="H3605" temple |strong="H1004" was |strong="H0834" filled |strong="H4390" with |strong="H4390" people |strong="H0376".

<sup>22</sup> Jehu |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" man |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" kept the |strong="H3605" robes |strong="H3830", " Bring |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" robes |strong="H3830" for |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605"



the|strong="H3605" worshipers|strong="H5647" of|strong="H5921" Baal|strong="H1168". So|strong="H3318" that|strong="H0834" man|strong="H3605" brought|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" robes|strong="H3830" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Baal|strong="H1168" worshipers|strong="H5647".

<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H0935" Jehu|strong="H3058" and|strong="H1121" Jehonadab|strong="H3082" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Re-cab|strong="H7394" went|strong="H0935" in-to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" Baal|strong="H1168". Jehu|strong="H3058" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" worshipers|strong="H5647" of|strong="H1121" Baal|strong="H1168", "Look|strong="H7200" around and|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" sure that|strong="H3588" there|strong="H3426" are|strong="H3426" no|strong="H0518" servants|strong="H5650" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H3588". Be|strong="H1121" sure there|strong="H3426" are|strong="H3426" only|strong="H0905" people|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3068" worship|strong="H5647" Baal|strong="H1168".<sup>24</sup> The|strong="H0559" worshipers of|strong="H0376" Baal went|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" temple of|strong="H0376" Baal to|strong="H0559" offer|strong="H2077" sacrifices|strong="H2077" and|strong="H0935" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H4480".

But|strong="H0376" outside|strong="H2351", Jehu|strong="H3058" had|strong="H0834" 80 men|strong="H0376" waiting. He|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H5921", "Don't let|strong="H7760" anyone|strong="H0376" escape|strong="H4422". If|strong="H0834" any|strong="H4480" man|strong="H0376" lets one|strong="H0376" person|strong="H5315" escape|strong="H4422", that|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" must|strong="H2351" pay|strong="H7760" with|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" own|strong="H0376" life|strong="H5315"."

<sup>25</sup> Quickly|strong="H7323" after|strong="H1961" Jehu|strong="H3058" had|strong="H1961" finished|strong="H3615" offering the|strong="H0559" burnt|strong="H5930" offering, he|strong="H5704" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" guards|strong="H7323" and|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" captains, "Go|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" kill|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0559" worshipers

of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168"! Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" anyone|strong="H0376" come|strong="H0935" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0559" temple|strong="H1004" alive!"

So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" captains used|strong="H1961" thin swords|strong="H2719" and|strong="H0935" killed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0559" worshipers of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168". They|strong="H0376" threw|strong="H7993" the|strong="H0559" bodies of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0559" worshipers of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168" out|strong="H3318". Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" guards|strong="H7323" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" captains went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" inner|strong="H1004" room|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0559" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168".<sup>26</sup> They|strong="H3318" brought|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" memorial stones that|strong="H1004" were|strong="H1004" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168" and|strong="H1004" burned|strong="H8313" that|strong="H1004" temple|strong="H1004".<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3117" smashed|strong="H5422" the|strong="H0853" memorial stones of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168". They|strong="H3117" also|strong="H0853" smashed|strong="H5422" the|strong="H0853" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168". They|strong="H3117" made|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0853" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Baal|strong="H1168" into a|strong="H7760" public toilet, which|strong="H1004" is|strong="H3117" still|strong="H5704" used today|strong="H3117".

<sup>28</sup> So|strong="H0853" Jehu|strong="H3058" destroyed|strong="H8045" Baal|strong="H1168" worship|strong="H3478" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478",<sup>29</sup> but|strong="H7535" he|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" completely turn|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" from|strong="H5493" the|strong="H0853" sins|strong="H2398" of|strong="H1121" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028" that|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3478" sin|strong="H2398". Jehu|strong="H3058" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" destroy the|strong="H0853" golden|strong="H2091" calves|strong="H5695"

I INNER ROOM Literally, "the city of the temple of Baal."

in|strong="H3478" Bethel|strong="H1008" and|strong="H1121" in|strong="H3478" Dan|strong="H1835".

### Jehu's|strong="H3058" Rule Over|strong="H0853" Israel|strong="H3478"

<sup>30</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jehu|strong="H3058", " You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" well|strong="H2895". You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559" is|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2895". You|strong="H0834" destroyed Ahab's|strong="H0256" family|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0834" wanted|strong="H3824" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413", so|strong="H6213" your|strong="H3068" descendants|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068" rule|strong="H3427" Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" four generations."

<sup>31</sup> But|strong="H3808" Jehu|strong="H3058" was|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" careful|strong="H8104" to|strong="H5921" follow|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" law|strong="H8451" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" with|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3824". Jehu|strong="H3058" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H5493" committing the|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2398" of|strong="H0430" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" that|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H5921" sin|strong="H2398".

### Hazael Defeats Israel|strong="H3478"

<sup>32</sup> At|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" began|strong="H2490" to|strong="H3068" cut|strong="H7096" away|strong="H3605" sections of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3068" give them|strong="H1992" to|strong="H3068" other|strong="H3605" nations. King Hazael|strong="H2371" of|strong="H3068" Aram defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" on|strong="H3117" every|strong="H3605" border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>33</sup> He|strong="H0834" won the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" Jor-

dan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H5158"—all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Gilead|strong="H1568", including|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" belonged to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" tribes of|strong="H0776" Gad|strong="H1425", Reuben|strong="H7206", and|strong="H0776" Manasseh. He|strong="H0834" won all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" from|strong="H4480" Aroer|strong="H6177" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Arnon|strong="H0769" Valley|strong="H5158" to|strong="H5921" Gilead|strong="H1568" and|strong="H0776" Bashan|strong="H1316".

### The|strong="H3605" Death of|strong="H0776" Jehu

<sup>34</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" great things|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" Jehu|strong="H3058" did|strong="H6213" are|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>35</sup> Jehu|strong="H3058" died and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" buried|strong="H6912" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H8478" ancestors|strong="H0001". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" buried|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0853" in|strong="H6912" Samaria|strong="H8111". His|strong="H8478" son|strong="H1121" Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H0853" new king|strong="H4427" of|strong="H1121" Israel after him|strong="H0853". <sup>36</sup> Jehu|strong="H3058" ruled|strong="H4427" over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" in|strong="H5921" Samaria|strong="H8111" for|strong="H5921" 28 years|strong="H8141".

### Athaliah Kills the King's Sons in Judah

**11** Athaliah|strong="H6271" was|strong="H1121" Ahaziah's|strong="H0274" mother|strong="H0517". She|strong="H3588" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" her|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" dead|strong="H4191", so|strong="H6965" she|strong="H3588" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H1121" killed|strong="H4191" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" king's family|strong="H2233". <sup>2</sup> Jehosheba|strong="H3089" was|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Joram's daugh-

ter |strong="H1323" and |strong="H1121" Ahazi-ah's |strong="H0274" sister |strong="H0269". Joash |strong="H3101" was |strong="H4428" one |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" sons |strong="H1121". While the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0269" children |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" being |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H4191", Jehosheba |strong="H3089" took |strong="H3947" Joash |strong="H3101" and |strong="H1121" hid |strong="H5641" him |strong="H0853". She |strong="H3808" put |strong="H4191" him |strong="H0853" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3947" nurse |strong="H3243" in |strong="H4428" her |strong="H3947" bedroom |strong="H2315", so |strong="H3947" Jehosheba |strong="H3089" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" nurse |strong="H3243" hid |strong="H5641" Joash |strong="H3101" from |strong="H6440" Athaliah |strong="H6271". That |strong="H3808" way |strong="H6440" Joash |strong="H3101" was |strong="H4428" not |strong="H3808" killed |strong="H4191".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Joash and |strong="H3068" Jehosheba hid |strong="H2244" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Joash hid |strong="H2244" there |strong="H1961" for |strong="H5921" six |strong="H8337" years |strong="H8141". During |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3068" time |strong="H1961" Athaliah |strong="H6271" ruled |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Judah.

<sup>4</sup> In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" seventh |strong="H7637" year |strong="H8141" Jehoia-da |strong="H3077" the |strong="H0853" high priest sent |strong="H7971" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" captains |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Carites |strong="H3746" <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H1121" guards |strong="H7323". <sup>II</sup> He |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" together |strong="H0854" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" made |strong="H3772" an |strong="H7650" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0413". There |strong="H1992" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" forced them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H3772" a |strong="H3947" promise |strong="H7650".

<sup>I</sup> CARITES Or "Kerethites," special soldiers hired to serve the king.

<sup>II</sup> GUARDS Literally, "runners" or "messengers."

Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H3068" showed |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" son |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H2088" Jehoia-da |strong="H0559" gave |strong="H6680" them |strong="H6680" a |strong="H0935" command |strong="H6680". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" must do |strong="H6213". One-third |strong="H7992" of |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0834", from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" go |strong="H0935" on |strong="H0935" duty |strong="H4931" on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day, must stand |strong="H0935" guard |strong="H8104" at |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" royal |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". <sup>6</sup> Another |strong="H7323" third |strong="H7992" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" at |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Sur |strong="H5495" Gate |strong="H8179", and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" other third |strong="H7992" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" at |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179" behind |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0853" guard |strong="H8104". This way you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1004" stand guard |strong="H8104" over |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" palace |strong="H1004" on |strong="H1004" all |strong="H0310" sides. <sup>7</sup> Your |strong="H3068" two |strong="H8147" divisions |strong="H4931" who |strong="H3605" go |strong="H3318" off |strong="H3318" duty |strong="H4931" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day will |strong="H3068" stand guard |strong="H8104" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" protect |strong="H8104" King |strong="H4428" Joash. <sup>8</sup> You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H4191" stay |strong="H0854" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0413" wherever he |strong="H5921" goes |strong="H3318". The |strong="H5921" whole group must |strong="H4191" surround |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428". Each |strong="H0376" guard must |strong="H4191" have |strong="H1961" his |strong="H5921" weapon |strong="H3627" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027", and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5921" must |strong="H4191" kill |strong="H4191" anyone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" comes |strong="H0935"

too |strong="H5921" close to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5921"."

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3605" captains |strong="H8269" obeyed everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" commanded |strong="H6680". Each |strong="H0376" captain |strong="H8269" took |strong="H3947" his |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376", both |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" going |strong="H3318" on |strong="H0413" duty on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day and |strong="H0935" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" going |strong="H3318" off |strong="H3318" duty. All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" went |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548", <sup>10</sup> and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" spears |strong="H2595" and |strong="H3068" shields |strong="H7982" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" captains |strong="H8269". These |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" spears |strong="H2595" and |strong="H3068" shields |strong="H7982" David |strong="H1732" put |strong="H5414" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>11</sup> These guards |strong="H7323" stood |strong="H5975" with |strong="H1004" their |strong="H5921" weapons |strong="H3627" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" right |strong="H3233" corner of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" Temple |strong="H1004" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921" left |strong="H8042" corner. They |strong="H5921" stood |strong="H5975" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3027" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" when |strong="H5704" he |strong="H5704" went |strong="H0376" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>12</sup> These men |strong="H1121" brought |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" Joash. They |strong="H5921" put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" crown |strong="H5145" on |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" copy of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" agreement. <sup>I</sup> Then |strong="H3318" they |strong="H5921" anoint-

ed |strong="H4886" him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H1121" made |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4428". They |strong="H5921" clapped |strong="H5221" their |strong="H5414" hands |strong="H3709" and |strong="H1121" shouted |strong="H5414", "Long live |strong="H2421" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428"!"

<sup>13</sup> Queen Athaliah |strong="H6271" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" noise |strong="H6963" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" guards |strong="H7323" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971", so |strong="H0935" she went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>14</sup> Athaliah |strong="H6271" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" column |strong="H5982" where |strong="H2009" new kings |strong="H4428" usually stood |strong="H5975". She |strong="H7121" also |strong="H0853" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" and |strong="H0776" men |strong="H5971" playing the |strong="H3605" trumpets |strong="H2689" for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H0413". She |strong="H7121" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H8269" very happy |strong="H8056". She |strong="H7121" heard |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" trumpets |strong="H2689", and |strong="H0776" she |strong="H7121" tore |strong="H7167" her |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899" to |strong="H0413" show |strong="H7200" she |strong="H7121" was |strong="H0776" upset. Then |strong="H2009" Athaliah |strong="H6271" shouted |strong="H7121", "Treason |strong="H7195"! Treason |strong="H7195"!"

<sup>15</sup> Jehoiada |strong="H3077" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" gave |strong="H6680" a |strong="H3588" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" captains |strong="H8269" who |strong="H3068" were |strong="H2428" in |strong="H0935" charge |strong="H6680" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" soldiers |strong="H2428". Jehoiada |strong="H3077" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", "Take |strong="H3318" Athaliah outside |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" area. Kill |strong="H4191" any |strong="H3318"

<sup>I</sup> A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT Literally, "testimony." This could be a copy of the Law of Moses (see Deuteronomy 17:18) or a special agreement between God and the king (see verse 17 and 1 Sam. 10:25).

of |strong="H1004" her |strong="H0413" followers, but |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" kill |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>16</sup> So |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" soldiers grabbed Athaliah and |strong="H0935" killed |strong="H4191" her |strong="H0935" as |strong="H0935" soon as |strong="H0935" she went |strong="H0935" through |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0935" horse's entrance |strong="H3996" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" palace |strong="H1004".

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" made |strong="H3772" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971". This |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285" showed that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" belonged |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". Jehoiada |strong="H3077" also |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3772" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H0776" Baal |strong="H1168". They |strong="H5921" destroyed |strong="H5422" the |strong="H3605" statue of |strong="H0776" Baal |strong="H1168" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605" altars |strong="H4196". They |strong="H5921" broke |strong="H7665" them |strong="H0853" into |strong="H0935" many pieces |strong="H7665". They |strong="H5921" also |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H2026" Baal's priest |strong="H3548", Mattan |strong="H4977", in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" altars |strong="H4196".

So |strong="H0935" Jehoiada the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" put |strong="H7760" men |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" maintaining the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3605" priest led |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H5921" went |strong="H0935"

from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". The |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" special guards |strong="H7323" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" captains |strong="H8269" went |strong="H0935" with |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428", and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" followed |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0853". They |strong="H5921" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" entrance |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". Then |strong="H3947" King |strong="H4428" Joash |strong="H0935" sat |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" throne |strong="H3678". <sup>20</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0776" happy |strong="H8055", and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" was |strong="H0776" peaceful. And |strong="H0776" Queen Athaliah |strong="H6271" was |strong="H0776" killed |strong="H4191" with |strong="H1004" a |strong="H0776" sword |strong="H2719" near the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004".

<sup>21</sup> Joash was seven years old when he became king.

### Joash Begins His Rule

**12** Joash |strong="H3060" began to |strong="H1121" rule |strong="H4427" during Jehu's seventh |strong="H7651" year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Israel. Joash |strong="H3060" ruled |strong="H4427" 40 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem. His |strong="H3060" mother was |strong="H1121" named Zibiah of |strong="H1121" Beersheba. <sup>2</sup> For |strong="H3389" as |strong="H3389" long as |strong="H3389" he |strong="H3389" lived, Joash |strong="H3060" did what the |strong="H8034" LORD considered right. He |strong="H3389" did what Jehoiada the |strong="H8034" priest taught him |strong="H3389". <sup>3</sup> But |strong="H3117" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not destroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" high places |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" still made |strong="H6213" sacrifices and |strong="H3068" burned incense at |strong="H3068" those |strong="H3605" places |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" worship.

**Joash Orders the Temple Repaired**

4 Joash said to the priests, "There is much money in the LORD'S Temple. People have given things to the Temple and have paid the Temple tax when they were counted. And they have given money simply because they wanted to. You priests should take that money and repair the LORD'S Temple. Each priest should use the money he gets from the people he serves. He should use that money to repair the damage to the Temple."

6 In the 23rd year that Joash was king, the priests still had not repaired the Temple,<sup>7</sup> so King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and the other priests. Joash said to them, "Why haven't you repaired the Temple? Stop taking money from the people you serve. That money must be used to repair the Temple."

8 The priests agreed to stop taking money from the people, but they also decided not to repair the Temple.<sup>9</sup> So Jehoiada the priest took a box and made a hole in the top of it. Then he put the box on the south side of the altar. This box was by the doorway where the people came into the LORD'S Temple. Some

of the priests were there to guard this doorway.<sup>1</sup> They took the money that the people brought for the LORD'S temple and put it into the box.

10 Whenever the king's secretary and the high priest saw that the box was full, they counted all the money that had been given for the LORD'S Temple and put it in bags.<sup>11</sup> Then they paid the men who were in charge of the work on the LORD'S Temple. They paid the carpenters and other builders who worked on the LORD'S Temple.<sup>12</sup> They used that money to pay the stoneworkers and stonemasons, and they used it to buy timber, cut stone, and everything else to repair the LORD'S Temple.

13 People gave money for the LORD'S Temple, but the priests could not use this money to make silver cups, snuffers, basins, trumpets, or any of the gold and silver dishes that were to be used inside the LORD'S temple. This money was used only to pay the workers who repaired the LORD'S Temple.<sup>15</sup> Those who were in charge of the LORD'S Temple

<sup>1</sup> DOORWAY Literally, "threshold."

did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588" report of|strong="H1004" how|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" spent the|strong="H0853" money, because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" could be|strong="H3068" trusted.

<sup>16</sup> People|strong="H0376" gave|strong="H5414" money|strong="H3701" when|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" offered|strong="H5414" guilt offerings|strong="H3588" and|strong="H3027" sin offerings|strong="H3588", but|strong="H3588" that|strong="H0834" money|strong="H3701" was|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" used|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S temple. It|strong="H5414" belonged to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3808".

### Joash Saves Jerusalem From|strong="H5921" Hazael

<sup>17</sup> Hazael was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0935" king of|strong="H1004" Aram. He|strong="H3068" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" city of|strong="H1004" Gath and|strong="H0935" defeated it|strong="H1961". Then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3068" made|strong="H1961" plans to|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H0935" Jerusalem.

<sup>18</sup> Joash I and|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5921" ancestors—Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and|strong="H4428" Ahaziah— had|strong="H4428" all|strong="H5927" been|strong="H5927" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah. They|strong="H5921" had|strong="H4428" given many things to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" LORD that|strong="H5927" were|strong="H6440" kept in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" Temple. Joash gathered all|strong="H5927" these|strong="H7760" things and|strong="H4428" all|strong="H5927" the|strong="H6440" gold that|strong="H5927" was|strong="H4428" stored in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" Temple and|strong="H4428" in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" palace. He|strong="H3389" sent|strong="H5927" all|strong="H5927" this treasure to|strong="H5921" King|strong="H4428" Hazael|strong="H2371" of|strong="H4428" Aram|strong="H0758", who|strong="H4428" then|strong="H0227" commanded his|strong="H5921" army|strong="H3389" to|strong="H5921" leave|strong="H5927" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

### The|strong="H6440" Death of|strong="H4428" Joash

<sup>19</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" great things|strong="H6944" that|strong="H0834" Joash|strong="H3060" did|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" written in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book, The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063".

<sup>20</sup> Joash's|strong="H3101" officers made|strong="H6213" plans|strong="H6213" against|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921". They|strong="H1992" killed Joash|strong="H3101" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" house of|strong="H4428" Millo on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" road that|strong="H0834" goes down|strong="H3789" to|strong="H5921" Silla. <sup>21</sup> Jozabad son of|strong="H1004" Shimeath and|strong="H6965" Jehozabad son of|strong="H1004" Shomer were|strong="H5650" Joash's|strong="H3101" officers|strong="H5650". These men|strong="H5650" killed|strong="H5221" Joash|strong="H3101".

The|strong="H0853" people buried Joash|strong="H3101" with|strong="H1004" his|strong="H5221" ancestors in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" City of|strong="H1004" David. His|strong="H5221" son Amaziah became the|strong="H0853" new king after|strong="H3381" him|strong="H5221".

### Jehoahaz Begins His Rule

<sup>13</sup> Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehu|strong="H3058" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" in|strong="H5921" Samaria|strong="H8111". This was|strong="H3478" during the|strong="H5921" 23rd year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Joash|strong="H3101" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahaziah|strong="H0274" was|strong="H3478" king|strong="H4428" in|strong="H5921" Judah|strong="H3063". Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" ruled|strong="H4427" 17 years|strong="H8141".

<sup>2</sup> Jehoahaz did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" considered wrong|strong="H7451". Like|strong="H0834" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028", he|strong="H0834" committed|strong="H2398" sins|strong="H2398" that|strong="H0834" also|strong="H3068" caused|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121"

I JOASH Or "Jehoash," the long form of the name "Joash."

of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2398". And|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" stopped|strong="H5493" doing|strong="H6213" those|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834". <sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478". He|strong="H3117" let|strong="H5414" King|strong="H4428" Hazael|strong="H2371" of|strong="H1121" Aram|strong="H0758" and|strong="H1121" Hazael's|strong="H2371" son|strong="H1121" Ben-Hadad|strong="H1130" gain control|strong="H3027" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".

**The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" Has|strong="H3068" Mercy|strong="H3068" on|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478"**

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" begged the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" help them|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" listened|strong="H0805" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3068" seen|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" terrible troubles|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Aram|strong="H0758" had|strong="H3068" caused the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478".

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" LORD|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" man|strong="H1121" to|strong="H3068" save|strong="H3467" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H5414" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" free|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H5414" Arameans|strong="H0758". So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" Israelites|strong="H3478" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" own homes, as|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068" did before|strong="H8478".

<sup>6</sup> But|strong="H0389" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" still|strong="H5975" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H5975" committing the|strong="H0853" sins|strong="H2398" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" that|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H1980" sin|strong="H2398". The|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" continued|strong="H1980" committing the|strong="H0853" sins|strong="H2398"

of|strong="H1004" Jeroboam|strong="H3379". They|strong="H0834" also|strong="H1571" kept|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0853" Asherah|strong="H0842" poles in|strong="H1980" Samaria|strong="H8111".

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Aram|strong="H0758" defeated Jehoahaz's|strong="H3059" army|strong="H5971" and|strong="H4428" destroyed|strong="H0006" most|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588" men|strong="H5971" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588" army|strong="H5971". He|strong="H3588" left|strong="H7604" only|strong="H0518" 50 horse soldiers|strong="H7273", 10 chariots|strong="H7393", and|strong="H4428" 10,000 foot|strong="H7273" soldiers|strong="H7273". Jehoahaz's|strong="H3059" soldiers|strong="H7273" were|strong="H7604" like|strong="H3808" chaff blown away by|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3588" wind at|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588" time of|strong="H4428" threshing|strong="H1758".

<sup>8</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" great things|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" did|strong="H6213" are|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>9</sup> Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" died and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" buried|strong="H6912" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H8478" ancestors|strong="H0001". The|strong="H8478" people|strong="H1121" buried|strong="H6912" Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" in|strong="H6912" Samaria|strong="H8111". His|strong="H8478" son|strong="H1121" Jehoash became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427" after him|strong="H5973".

#### Jehoash's Rule|strong="H4427" Over Israel

<sup>10</sup> Jehoash|strong="H3060" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehoahaz|strong="H3059" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" in|strong="H5921" Samaria|strong="H8111". This was|strong="H3478" during the|strong="H5921" 37th year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Joash|strong="H3060" was|strong="H3478" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". Jehoash|strong="H3060" ruled|strong="H4427" Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" 16 years|strong="H8141". <sup>11</sup> He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said was|strong="H0834" wrong|strong="H7451". He|strong="H0834"



did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H5493" committing|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2398" of|strong="H1121" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028" who|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H1980" sin|strong="H2398". Jehoash continued|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980" commit|strong="H2398" those|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2398".<sup>12</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" great things|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" Jehoash did|strong="H6213" and|strong="H3063" his|strong="H3605" was against|strong="H5921" King|strong="H4428" Amaziah|strong="H0558" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" are|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>13</sup> Jehoash died and|strong="H3478" was|strong="H3478" buried|strong="H6912" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H5921" ancestors|strong="H0001". Jeroboam|strong="H3379" became the|strong="H5921" new king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H3478" sat|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" Jehoash's throne|strong="H3678". Jehoash was|strong="H3478" buried|strong="H6912" at|strong="H3427" Samaria|strong="H8111" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H5921" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478".

#### Jehoash Visits Elisha|strong="H3427"

<sup>14</sup> Elisha|strong="H0477" became sick|strong="H2470", and|strong="H3478" later he|strong="H0834" died|strong="H4191" from|strong="H5921" this|strong="H0834" sickness|strong="H2483". King|strong="H4428" Jehoash of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478" went|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" visit|strong="H0413" Elisha|strong="H0477". Jehoash cried|strong="H1058" for|strong="H5921" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559", " My|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001", my|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001"! Is|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5921" time|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" chariot|strong="H7393" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3478" its|strong="H5921" horses|strong="H6571"? I"

<sup>15</sup> Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jehoash, " Take|strong="H3947"

a|strong="H3947" bow|strong="H7198" and|strong="H7198" some arrows|strong="H2671"." Jehoash took|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" bow|strong="H7198" and|strong="H7198" some arrows|strong="H2671".<sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", " Put|strong="H7760" your|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" bow|strong="H7198"." Jehoash put|strong="H7760" his|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" bow|strong="H7198". Then|strong="H0559" Elisha|strong="H0477" put|strong="H7760" his|strong="H5921" hands|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" king's|strong="H4428" hands|strong="H3027".<sup>17</sup> Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559", " Open|strong="H6605" the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H6924" window|strong="H2474"." Jehoash opened|strong="H6605" the|strong="H0853" window|strong="H2474". Then|strong="H0853" Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559", " Shoot|strong="H3384"."

Jehoash shot|strong="H3384". Then|strong="H0853" Elisha|strong="H0477" said|strong="H0559", " This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" arrow|strong="H2671" of|strong="H3068" victory|strong="H8668" over|strong="H0853" Aram|strong="H0758"! You|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068" defeat|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Arameans|strong="H0758" at|strong="H3068" Aphek|strong="H0663" until|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5704" destroy|strong="H3615" them|strong="H0853"."

<sup>18</sup> Elisha|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Take|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0559" arrows|strong="H2678"." Jehoash took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0559" arrows|strong="H2678". Then|strong="H3947" Elisha|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5221", " Hit|strong="H5221" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" ground|strong="H0776"."

Jehoash hit|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0559" ground|strong="H0776" three|strong="H7969" times|strong="H6471". Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0559" stopped|strong="H5975".<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430" was|strong="H0430" angry|strong="H7107" with|strong="H5921" Jehoash. Elisha|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H5921" should|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376"

<sup>1</sup> IS IT TIME ... HORSES This means "Is it time for God to come and take you?" See 2 Kings 2:12.

hit|strong="H5221" five|strong="H2568"  
 or|strong="H0176" six|strong="H8337"  
 times|strong="H6471"! Then|strong="H0227"  
 you|strong="H5921" would|strong="H0559"  
 have|strong="H0376" defeated|strong="H5221"  
 Aram|strong="H0758" until|strong="H5704"  
 you|strong="H5921" destroyed|strong="H3615"  
 it|strong="H5921"! But|strong="H0376"  
 now|strong="H6258", you|strong="H5921"  
 will|strong="H0430" defeat|strong="H5221"  
 Aram|strong="H0758" only|strong="H5704"  
 three|strong="H7969" times|strong="H6471"."

#### An|strong="H5221" Amazing Thing at|strong="H5921" Elisha's Grave

<sup>20</sup> Elisha|strong="H0477" died|strong="H4191",  
 and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" peo-  
 ple|strong="H0776" buried|strong="H6912"  
 him|strong="H0935".

One|strong="H0776" time|strong="H8141"  
 in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0935"  
 spring|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" group  
 of|strong="H0776" Moabite|strong="H4124" soldiers  
 came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" fight  
 against|strong="H0935" Israel. <sup>21</sup>  
 Some|strong="H0376" Israelites  
 were|strong="H1961" burying|strong="H6912"  
 a|strong="H1961" dead man|strong="H0376"  
 when|strong="H1961" they|strong="H1992"  
 saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" group  
 of|strong="H0376" soldiers|strong="H0376".  
 The|strong="H0853" Israelites quickly  
 threw|strong="H7993" the|strong="H0853" dead  
 man|strong="H0376" into|strong="H5921" El-  
 isha's|strong="H0477" grave|strong="H6913".  
 As|strong="H1961" soon as|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H0853" dead man|strong="H0376"  
 touched|strong="H5060" the|strong="H0853"  
 bones|strong="H6106" of|strong="H0376" El-  
 isha|strong="H0477", he|strong="H0853"  
 came|strong="H1961" back to|strong="H1961"  
 life|strong="H2421" and|strong="H6965"  
 stood|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965"  
 on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921"  
 feet|strong="H7272".

#### Jehoash Wins Back Cities of|strong="H0376" Israel

<sup>22</sup> During|strong="H3117" all|strong="H3605"  
 the|strong="H3605" days|strong="H3117"  
 that|strong="H3605" Jehoahaz|strong="H3059"  
 ruled|strong="H4428", King|strong="H4428" Haza-  
 el|strong="H2371" of|strong="H4428"  
 Aram|strong="H0758" caused trouble  
 to|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>23</sup>  
 But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H6440"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" kind  
 to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" Israelites.

He|strong="H5704" had|strong="H3068" mer-  
 cy|strong="H7355" and|strong="H3068" showed  
 his|strong="H5921" care|strong="H5921"  
 for|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0413" be-  
 cause|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3068"  
 his|strong="H5921" agreement|strong="H1285"  
 with|strong="H0854" Abraham|strong="H0085",  
 Isaac|strong="H3327", and|strong="H3068" Ja-  
 cob|strong="H3290". He|strong="H5704"  
 did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
 want|strong="H0014" them|strong="H0413"  
 to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3808" de-  
 stroyed|strong="H7843". He|strong="H5704"  
 has|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" comple-  
 tely left|strong="H7993" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>24</sup> King|strong="H4428" Hazael|strong="H2371"  
 of|strong="H1121" Aram|strong="H0758"  
 died|strong="H4191", and|strong="H1121" Ben-  
 Hadad|strong="H1130" became|strong="H4427"  
 the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4428" after  
 him|strong="H4191". <sup>25</sup> Before he|strong="H0834"  
 died, Hazael|strong="H2371" had|strong="H0834"  
 taken|strong="H3947" some|strong="H3027"  
 cities|strong="H5892" in|strong="H3478"  
 war|strong="H4421" from|strong="H7725" Jeho-  
 haz|strong="H3059", Jehoash's|strong="H3060" fa-  
 ther|strong="H0001". But|strong="H5221"  
 now|strong="H6471" Jehoash|strong="H3060"  
 took|strong="H3947" back|strong="H7725"  
 these|strong="H0834" cities|strong="H5892"  
 from|strong="H7725" Hazael's|strong="H2371"  
 son|strong="H1121" Ben-Hadad|strong="H1130". Je-  
 hoash|strong="H3060" defeated|strong="H5221"  
 Ben-Hadad|strong="H1130" three|strong="H7969"  
 times|strong="H6471" and|strong="H1121"  
 took|strong="H3947" back|strong="H7725"  
 the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892"  
 of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".

#### Amaziah Begins His Rule in Judah

**14** Amaziah|strong="H0558"  
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
 King|strong="H4428" Joash|strong="H3101"  
 of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" be-  
 came|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4428"  
 in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H1121" sec-  
 ond|strong="H8147" year|strong="H8141"  
 that|strong="H8141" Jehoash son|strong="H1121"  
 of|strong="H1121" Jehoahaz|strong="H3099"  
 was|strong="H3478" king|strong="H4428"  
 of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>2</sup> Amaziah  
 was|strong="H8034" 25 years|strong="H8141"  
 old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1961"  
 he|strong="H4480" began|strong="H1961"  
 to|strong="H1961" rule|strong="H4427".  
 He|strong="H4480" ruled|strong="H4427" 29  
 years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H8141"  
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389". His|strong="H1961"

mother |strong="H0517" was |strong="H8034" Jehoaddin |strong="H3086" from |strong="H4480" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>3</sup> Amaziah |strong="H0001" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3477", but |strong="H7535" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" completely |strong="H3605" like |strong="H0834" David |strong="H1732" his |strong="H3605" ancestor. Amaziah |strong="H0001" did |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" Joash |strong="H3101" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213".<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" destroy the |strong="H5493" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116". The |strong="H5493" people |strong="H5971" still |strong="H5750" sacrificed |strong="H2076" and |strong="H2076" burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" at |strong="H3808" those places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H1116" worship.

<sup>5</sup> At |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" Amaziah |strong="H0001" had |strong="H0834" strong |strong="H2388" control |strong="H3027" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" kingdom |strong="H4467", he |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" officers |strong="H5650" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H5221" his |strong="H1961" father |strong="H0001".<sup>6</sup> But |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" children |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" murderers because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" rules written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H0853" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H1121" Moses |strong="H4872". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H6680" this |strong="H3588" command |strong="H6680" in |strong="H5921" there |strong="H3068": " Parents |strong="H0001" must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0559" death |strong="H4191" for |strong="H3588" something their |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" did |strong="H0834". And |strong="H1121" children |strong="H1121" must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0559"

death |strong="H4191" for |strong="H3588" something their |strong="H3068" parents |strong="H0001" did |strong="H0834". People |strong="H0376" should |strong="H0376" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0559" death |strong="H4191" only |strong="H0518" for |strong="H3588" what |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" themselves |strong="H5921" did |strong="H0834".<sup>I</sup>  
<sup>7</sup> Amaziah killed |strong="H5221" 10,000 Edomites |strong="H0123" in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H3117" Salt |strong="H4417". In |strong="H3117" war |strong="H4421", Amaziah took |strong="H8610" Sela |strong="H5554" and |strong="H3117" called |strong="H7121" it |strong="H1931" " Joktheel |strong="H3371". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H2088" still |strong="H5704" called |strong="H7121" " Joktheel |strong="H3371" today |strong="H3117".

#### Amaziah Wants War |strong="H4421" Against |strong="H4421" Jehoash

<sup>8</sup> Amaziah |strong="H0558" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" Jehoash |strong="H3060" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoahaz |strong="H3059", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Jehu |strong="H3058" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Amaziah's |strong="H0558" message said |strong="H0559", "Come on |strong="H0413", let's meet |strong="H6440" together face |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0413" face |strong="H6440" and |strong="H1121" fight."

<sup>9</sup> King |strong="H4428" Jehoash |strong="H3060" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" sent |strong="H7971" an |strong="H5414" answer |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Amaziah |strong="H0558" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". Jehoash |strong="H3060" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" thornbush in |strong="H0413" Lebanon |strong="H3844" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H5414" message to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" cedar |strong="H0730" tree in |strong="H0413" Lebanon |strong="H3844". It |strong="H5414" said |strong="H0559", ' Give |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" daughter |strong="H1323" for |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5414" son |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" marry |strong="H0802". But |strong="H4428" a |strong="H5414" wild |strong="H7704" animal |strong="H2416" from |strong="H3478" Lebanon |strong="H3844" passed |strong="H5674" by |strong="H0413"

I PARENTS MUST ... DID See Deuteronomy 24:16.

and **trampled** **down** **the** **thorn-bush**. <sup>10</sup> True, you **have** **defeated** **Edom**. But you **have** **become** **proud** **because** **of** **your** **victory** **over** **Edom**. But **stay** **at** **home** **and** **brag!** Don't make **trouble** **for** **yourself**. If you **do** **this** **will** **fall**, **and** **Judah** **will** **fall** **with** **you**!

<sup>11</sup> But **Amaziah** **would** **not** **listen** **to** **Jehoash's** **warning**. So **King** **of** **Israel** **went** **to** **fight** **against** **King** **Amaziah** **of** **Judah** **at** **Beth Shemesh** **in** **Judah**. <sup>12</sup> **Israel** **defeated** **Judah**. Every **man** **of** **Judah** **ran** **home**. <sup>13</sup> At **Beth Shemesh**, **King** **Jehoash** **of** **Israel** **captured** **King** **Amaziah** **of** **Judah**, **the** **son** **of** **Joash**, **the** **son** **of** **Ahaziah**. **Jehoash** **took** **Amaziah** **to** **Jerusalem** **and** **broke** **the** **wall** **of** **Jerusalem** **from** **the** **Gate** **of** **Ephraim** **to** **the** **Corner** **Gate**, **about** **600**

I KING JEHOASH ... JUDAH Literally, "He and King Amaziah of Judah looked at each other in the face at Beth Shemesh in Judah."

**feet**. <sup>14</sup> Then **Jehoash** **took** **all** **the** **gold** **and** **silver** **and** **all** **the** **dishes** **in** **the** **LORD'S** **Temple** **and** **in** **the** **treasures** **of** **the** **king's** **palace**. **Jehoash** **also** **took** **people** **to** **be** **his** **prisoners**. Then **he** **went** **back** **to** **Samaria**.

<sup>15</sup> All **the** **great things** **that** **Jehoash** **did**, **including** **how** **he** **fought** **against** **King** **Amaziah** **of** **Judah**, **are** **written** **in** **the** **book**, **The** **History** **of** **the** **Kings** **of** **Israel**. <sup>16</sup> **Jehoash** **died** **and** **was** **buried** **with** **his** **ancestors**. **He** **was** **buried** **in** **Samaria** **with** **the** **kings** **of** **Israel**. **Jehoash's** **son** **Jeroboam** **became** **the** **new king** **after** **him**.

#### **The** **Death** **of** **Amaziah**

<sup>17</sup> **King** **Amaziah** **son** **of** **Joash** **of** **Judah** **lived** **15 years** **after** **the** **death** **of** **King** **Jehoash** **son** **of** **Jehoahaz** **of** **Israel**. <sup>18</sup>

II ABOUT 600 FEET Literally, "400 cubits" (177.6 m).



<sup>28</sup> All *the great things that Jeroboam did in the book of Kings of Israel*. This includes the story about Jeroboam winning back Damascus and Hamath for Israel. (These cities had belonged to Judah.) <sup>29</sup> Jeroboam died and was buried with his ancestors; the kings of Israel. Jeroboam's son Zechariah became the new king after him.

#### Azariah's Rule Over Judah

<sup>15</sup> King Azariah son of Amaziah of Judah became king in the 27th year that Jeroboam was king of Israel. <sup>2</sup> Azariah was 16 years old when he began rule. He ruled 52 years in Jerusalem. His mother was named Jecoliah of Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Azariah did what the LORD said was right, just as his father had done. <sup>4</sup> But he did not destroy the high places. People still

made sacrifices and burned incense in these places of worship.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD caused King Azariah to become sick with leprosy. He was a leper until the day he died. Azariah lived in a separate house. His son Jotham was in charge of the king's palace, and he judged the people.

<sup>6</sup> All *the great things that Azariah did* are written in the book of Kings of Judah. <sup>7</sup> Azariah died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David. Azariah's son Jotham became the new king after him.

#### Zechariah's Short Rule Over Israel

<sup>8</sup> Zechariah son of Jeroboam ruled over Samaria in Israel for six months. This was during the 38th year that Azariah was king of Judah. <sup>9</sup> Zechariah did what the LORD said was wrong

did|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" things|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" did|strong="H6213". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H5493" committing|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" sins|strong="H2398" of|strong="H1121" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028" who|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H2398".

<sup>10</sup> Shallum|strong="H7967" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jabesh|strong="H3003" made|strong="H7194" plans against|strong="H5921" Zechariah. Shallum|strong="H7967" killed|strong="H5221" Zechariah in|strong="H5921" Ibleam. <sup>1</sup> Shallum|strong="H7967" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H5921" new king|strong="H4427". <sup>11</sup> All|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921" other things|strong="H1697" that|strong="H3117" Zechariah|strong="H2148" did|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H5921" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5921" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>12</sup> In|strong="H3427" this|strong="H3651" way|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" word|strong="H1697" came|strong="H1961" true|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" Jehu|strong="H3058" that|strong="H0834" four generations of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" descendants|strong="H1121" would|strong="H3478" be|strong="H1961" kings of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".

#### Shallum's Short Rule|strong="H1697" Over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478"

<sup>13</sup> Shallum|strong="H7967" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jabesh|strong="H3003" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Israel during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" 39th year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H3117" Uzziah|strong="H5818" was|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". Shallum|strong="H7967" ruled|strong="H4427" for|strong="H3117" one|strong="H1121" month|strong="H3391" in|strong="H8141" Samaria|strong="H8111".

<sup>14</sup> Menahem|strong="H4505" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gadi|strong="H1424"

<sup>I</sup> IN IBLEAM This is found in some copies of the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "in public."

came|strong="H0935" up|strong="H5927" from|strong="H0935" Tirzah|strong="H8656" to|strong="H0935" Samaria|strong="H8111" and|strong="H1121" killed|strong="H5221" Shalum|strong="H7967" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jabesh|strong="H3003". Then|strong="H0853" Menahem|strong="H4505" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H0853" new king|strong="H4427" after him|strong="H5221".

<sup>15</sup> All|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834" things|strong="H1697" Shallum|strong="H7967" did|strong="H0834", including|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5921" plans against|strong="H5921" Zechariah, are|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H0834" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478".

#### Menahem's Rule|strong="H1697" Over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478"

<sup>16</sup> Menahem|strong="H4505" defeated|strong="H5221" Tiphshah|strong="H8607" and|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" area|strong="H1366" around it|strong="H3588". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3808" open|strong="H6605" the|strong="H3605" city gate for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H5221". So|strong="H3808" Menahem|strong="H4505" defeated|strong="H5221" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0853" ripped|strong="H1234" open|strong="H6605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" pregnant|strong="H2030" women|strong="H2030" in|strong="H3808" that|strong="H0834" city.

<sup>17</sup> Menahem|strong="H4505" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gadi|strong="H1424" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" during the|strong="H5921" 39th year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Azariah|strong="H5838" was|strong="H3478" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". Menahem|strong="H4505" ruled|strong="H4427" ten|strong="H6235" years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H5921" Samaria|strong="H8111".

<sup>18</sup> Menahem did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said was|strong="H0834" wrong|strong="H7451". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H5493" committing|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2398" of|strong="H1121" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028" who|strong="H0834"

caused |strong="H0834" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2398".

<sup>19</sup> King |strong="H4428" Pul |strong="H6322" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" fight against |strong="H5921" Israel. Mena-hem |strong="H4505" gave |strong="H5414" Pul |strong="H6322" 75,000 pounds <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H4428" silver |strong="H3701" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H1961" Pul |strong="H6322" would |strong="H4428" sup-port |strong="H2388" him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0935" help him |strong="H5414" gain |strong="H2388" complete con-trol |strong="H3027" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" kingdom |strong="H4467". <sup>20</sup> Menahem |strong="H4505" raised |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" money |strong="H3701" by |strong="H5921" making |strong="H5414" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" rich and |strong="H3478" powerful |strong="H1368" men |strong="H0376" pay |strong="H5414" taxes. He |strong="H8033" taxed each |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" 20 ounces <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H4428" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3478" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" mon-ey |strong="H3701" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804". So |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" left |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3478" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" stay |strong="H5975" there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H5921" Is-rael |strong="H3478".

<sup>21</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" great things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Mena-hem |strong="H4505" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Is-rael |strong="H3478". <sup>22</sup> Menahem |strong="H4505" died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" buried with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H8478" ances-tors |strong="H0001". His |strong="H8478" son |strong="H1121" Pekahiah |strong="H6494" be-came |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" new king |strong="H4427" after him |strong="H5973".

#### Pekahiah's Rule |strong="H4427" Over Israel

<sup>23</sup> Pekahiah |strong="H6494" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Menahem |strong="H4505" be-came |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4428"

<sup>I</sup> 75,000 POUNDS Literally, "1000 talents" (34,500 kg). <sup>II</sup> 20 OUNCES Literally, "50 shekels" (575 g).

over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478" in |strong="H5921" Samaria |strong="H8111" during the |strong="H5921" 50th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Azariah |strong="H5838" was |strong="H3478" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". Pekahi-ah |strong="H6494" ruled |strong="H4427" two years |strong="H8141". <sup>24</sup> He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H5493" commit-ting |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" sins |strong="H2398" of |strong="H1121" Jer-oboam |strong="H3379" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nebat |strong="H5028" that |strong="H0834" caused |strong="H0834" Is-rael |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398".

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0853" commander of |strong="H1121" Pekahiah's army was |strong="H0376" Pekah |strong="H6492" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Remali-ah |strong="H7425". Pekah |strong="H6492" killed |strong="H5221" Pekahiah |strong="H5973" in |strong="H5921" Samaria |strong="H8111" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". Pekah |strong="H6492" had |strong="H4428" 50 men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" Gilead with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5921" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0853" killed |strong="H5221" Pekahiah |strong="H5973". Then |strong="H0853" Pekah |strong="H6492" be-came |strong="H4427" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4428" after |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

<sup>26</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" great things |strong="H1697" Pekahiah |strong="H6494" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" writ-ten |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478".

#### Pekah's Rule |strong="H1697" Over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478"

<sup>27</sup> Pekah |strong="H6492" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Remaliah |strong="H7425" began to |strong="H5921" rule |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478" in |strong="H5921" Samaria |strong="H8111" during the |strong="H5921" 52nd year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Azariah |strong="H5838" was |strong="H3478" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063".



Pekah |strong="H6492" ruled |strong="H4427" 20 years |strong="H8141". <sup>28</sup> Pekah did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H5493" committing |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" sins |strong="H2398" of |strong="H1121" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nebat |strong="H5028" who |strong="H0834" caused |strong="H0834" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2398".

<sup>29</sup> King |strong="H4428" Tiglath Pileser of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" fight against |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" while |strong="H3117" Pekah |strong="H6492" was |strong="H0776" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". Tiglath Pileser captured |strong="H3947" Ijon |strong="H5859", Abel |strong="H0062" Bethmaacah, Janoah |strong="H3239", Kedesh |strong="H6943", Hazor |strong="H2674", Gilead |strong="H1568", Galilee |strong="H1551", and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" area |strong="H0776" of |strong="H4428" Naphtali |strong="H5321". He |strong="H3117" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0776" from |strong="H0935" these |strong="H3605" places |strong="H3605" as |strong="H0935" prisoners to |strong="H0935" Assyria |strong="H0804".

<sup>30</sup> Hoshea |strong="H1954" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Elah |strong="H0425" made |strong="H7194" plans against |strong="H5921" Pekah |strong="H6492" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Remaliah |strong="H7425" and |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H5221" him |strong="H5921". Then |strong="H1121" Hoshea |strong="H1954" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H5921" new king |strong="H4427". This was |strong="H1121" during the |strong="H5921" 20th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Jotham |strong="H3147" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Uzziah |strong="H5818" was |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah.

<sup>31</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" great things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Pekah |strong="H6492" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478".

### Jotham's Rule |strong="H1697" Over |strong="H5921" Judah

<sup>32</sup> Jotham |strong="H3147" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Uzziah |strong="H5818" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". This was |strong="H3478" during the |strong="H1121" second |strong="H8147" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Pekah |strong="H6492" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Remaliah |strong="H7425" was |strong="H3478" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>33</sup> Jotham was |strong="H8034" 25 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3389" became |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" 16 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H1961" mother |strong="H0517" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Jerusha |strong="H3388", the |strong="H1961" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Zadok |strong="H6659". <sup>34</sup> Jotham did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3477", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" Uzziah |strong="H5818" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". <sup>35</sup> But |strong="H7535" he |strong="H1931" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" destroy the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116". The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" still |strong="H5750" made |strong="H2076" sacrifices |strong="H6999" and |strong="H3068" burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" at |strong="H3068" those |strong="H0853" places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H1004" worship. Jotham built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" upper |strong="H5945" gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>36</sup> All |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" great things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Jotham |strong="H3147" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H0834" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>37</sup> At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" King |strong="H4428" Rezin |strong="H7526" of |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758"

and **son** of **Pekah** fight against **Judah**.

<sup>38</sup> **Jotham** died and was buried with his ancestors in **City** of **David**, his ancestor. **Jotham's** **Ahaz** became the new king after him.

### Ahaz Becomes King Over Judah

**16** **Ahaz** son of **Jotham** became king of **Judah** during the 17th year that **Pekah** son of **Remaliah** was king of **Israel**. **Ahaz** was 20 years old when he became king. He ruled 16 years in **Jerusalem**. Unlike his ancestor **David**, **Ahaz** did not do what **LORD** said was right. <sup>3</sup> He did the same bad things the kings of **Israel** had done. He even burned his son as a sacrifice. <sup>1</sup> He copied the terrible sins of the nations that the **LORD** had forced to leave when the **Israelites** came. <sup>4</sup> **Ahaz** made sacrifices

<sup>1</sup> **BURNED HIS SON AS A SACRIFICE** Literally, "made his son pass through the fire."

and burned incense the high places and hills and under every green tree.

<sup>5</sup> **King** **Rezin** of **Aram** and **King** **Pekah** son of **Remaliah** of **Israel** came to fight against **Jerusalem** and surrounded **Ahaz**, but could not defeat him. <sup>6</sup> At that time **King** **Rezin** of **Aram** took **Elath** for **Aram**. **Rezin** took all the people of **Judah** who were living in **Elath**. The **Arameans** settled in **Elath**, and they still live there today.

<sup>7</sup> **Ahaz** sent messengers to **King** **Tiglath Pileser** of **Assyria** with this message: "I am your servant. I like a son of you to save me from the king of **Aram** and the king of **Israel**. They have to fight me."

Ahaz/strong="H0271" also/strong="H3068" took/strong="H3947" the/strong="H0853" silver/strong="H3701" and/strong="H3068" gold/strong="H2091" that/strong="H3068" was/strong="H3068" in/strong="H3068" the/strong="H0853" Temple/strong="H1004" of/strong="H4428" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068" and/strong="H3068" in/strong="H3068" the/strong="H0853" treasuries/strong="H0214" of/strong="H4428" the/strong="H0853" king's/strong="H4428" palace/strong="H1004". Then/strong="H3947" Ahaz/strong="H0271" sent/strong="H7971" a/strong="H3947" gift/strong="H3068" to/strong="H3068" the/strong="H0853" king/strong="H4428" of/strong="H4428" Assyria/strong="H0804". <sup>9</sup> The/strong="H0853" king/strong="H4428" of/strong="H4428" Assyria/strong="H0804" listened/strong="H8085" to/strong="H0413" Ahaz and/strong="H4428" went/strong="H5927" to/strong="H0413" fight against/strong="H0413" Damascus/strong="H1834". The/strong="H0853" king/strong="H4428" captured/strong="H8610" that/strong="H8085" city and/strong="H4428" took/strong="H8610" the/strong="H0853" people/strong="H8085" from/strong="H8085" Damascus/strong="H1834" as/strong="H5927" prisoners to/strong="H0413" Kir/strong="H7024". He/strong="H0853" also/strong="H0853" killed/strong="H4191" Rezin/strong="H7526".

<sup>10</sup> King/strong="H4428" Ahaz/strong="H0271" went/strong="H7125" to/strong="H0413" Damascus/strong="H1834" to/strong="H0413" meet/strong="H7125" King/strong="H4428" Tiglath Pileser of/strong="H4428" Assyria/strong="H0804". Ahaz/strong="H0271" saw/strong="H7200" the/strong="H3605" altar/strong="H4196" at/strong="H0413" Damascus/strong="H1834". He/strong="H0834" sent/strong="H7971" a/strong="H7200" model/strong="H8403" and/strong="H4428" pattern/strong="H8403" of/strong="H4428" this/strong="H0834" altar/strong="H4196" to/strong="H0413" Uriah/strong="H0223" the/strong="H3605" priest/strong="H3548". <sup>11</sup> Then/strong="H0853" Uriah/strong="H0223" the/strong="H3605" priest/strong="H3548" built/strong="H1129" an/strong="H1129" altar/strong="H4196" just/strong="H0834" like/strong="H3651" the/strong="H3605" model King/strong="H4428" Ahaz/strong="H0271" had/strong="H0834" sent/strong="H7971" him/strong="H7971" from/strong="H0935" Damascus/strong="H1834". Uriah/strong="H0223" the/strong="H3605" priest/strong="H3548" built/strong="H1129" the/strong="H3605" altar/strong="H4196" this/strong="H3651" way/strong="H3605" be-

fore/strong="H5704" King/strong="H4428" Ahaz/strong="H0271" came/strong="H0935" back/strong="H0935" from/strong="H0935" Damascus/strong="H1834".

<sup>12</sup> When/strong="H7200" the/strong="H0853" king/strong="H4428" arrived/strong="H0935" from/strong="H0935" Damascus/strong="H1834", he/strong="H0853" saw/strong="H7200" the/strong="H0853" altar/strong="H4196". He/strong="H0853" offered/strong="H5927" sacrifices on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H0853" altar/strong="H4196". <sup>13</sup> Ahaz burned/strong="H6999" his/strong="H5921" burnt/strong="H5930" offerings/strong="H8002" and/strong="H4196" grain/strong="H6999" offerings/strong="H8002" on/strong="H5921" it/strong="H5921". He/strong="H0834" poured his/strong="H5921" drink offering/strong="H4503" and/strong="H4196" sprinkled/strong="H2236" the/strong="H0853" blood/strong="H1818" of/strong="H4196" his/strong="H5921" fellowship offerings/strong="H8002" on/strong="H5921" this/strong="H0834" altar/strong="H4196".

<sup>14</sup> Ahaz took/strong="H0853" the/strong="H0853" bronze/strong="H5178" altar/strong="H4196" that/strong="H0834" was/strong="H0834" before/strong="H6440" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068" from/strong="H5921" the/strong="H0853" front/strong="H6440" of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H0853" Temple/strong="H1004". This/strong="H0834" bronze/strong="H5178" altar/strong="H4196" was/strong="H0834" between/strong="H0996" Ahaz's altar/strong="H4196" and/strong="H3068" the/strong="H0853" Temple/strong="H1004" of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068". Ahaz put/strong="H5414" the/strong="H0853" bronze/strong="H5178" altar/strong="H4196" on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H0853" north/strong="H6828" side/strong="H3409" of/strong="H1004" his/strong="H5414" own/strong="H6440" altar/strong="H4196". <sup>15</sup> He/strong="H0853" commanded/strong="H6680" Uriah/strong="H0223" the/strong="H3605" priest/strong="H3548", "Use/strong="H1961" the/strong="H3605" large/strong="H1419" altar/strong="H4196" to/strong="H0559" burn/strong="H6999" the/strong="H3605" morning/strong="H1242" burnt/strong="H5930" offerings/strong="H4503", the/strong="H3605" evening/strong="H6153" grain/strong="H3605" offerings/strong="H4503", and/strong="H0776" the/strong="H3605" drink offerings/strong="H4503" from/strong="H5921" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H5971" of/strong="H4428" this/strong="H3605" country/strong="H0776". Sprinkle/strong="H2236" all/strong="H3605"

the blood from the burnt and other sacrifices on the large altar. But I will use bronze altar to get answers from God." 16 Uriah priest did everything that King Ahaz commanded him to do.

17 There were carts with bronze panels and basins for the priests to wash their hands. King Ahaz removed the panels and basins and cut up the carts. He also took the large tank off the bronze bulls that it stood under. He put on a stone pavement. 18 Workers had built a covered place inside the Temple area for the Sabbath meetings. But Ahaz removed the covered place and the outside entrance for the king. He removed all these from the LORD'S Temple. Ahaz did this because of the king of Assyria.

I TANK A very large container for water.

19 All the great things that Ahaz did are written in the book of Kings. 20 Ahaz died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David. Ahaz's son Hezekiah became the new king after him.

### Hoshea Begins His Rule Over Israel

17 Hoshea son of Elah began to rule over Israel. This was during the 12th year that Ahaz king of Judah ruled. Hoshea ruled nine years. He did what the LORD said, but he was not as good as the kings of Israel who had ruled before him.

3 King Shalmaneser of Assyria came to fight against Hoshea and defeated him. So Hoshea paid tribute to Shalmaneser.

4 Later, Hoshea sent messengers to the king of Egypt to ask for help.

That *king's* name was *So*. That *year* *Hoshea* did not pay tribute to the *king* of *Assyria* as he did every other year. The *king* of *Assyria* learned that *Hoshea* had made plans against him. So he arrested and put him in jail.

<sup>5</sup> The *king* of *Assyria* attacked in *Israel*. Then he came to *Samaria* and fought against it for three years. The *king* of *Assyria* took *Samaria* during the *ninth* year that *Hoshea* was *king* of *Israel*. He captured many *Israelites* and took them as prisoners to *Assyria*. He made them live in *Halah* the *Habor* *River* at *Gozan* and in other cities of the *Medes*.

<sup>7</sup> These things happened the *Israelites* had sinned against the *LORD* God. And it was

the *Lord* who the *Israelites* out of *Egypt*! He saved them from the power of *Pharaoh*, the *king* of *Egypt*. But the *Israelites* began worshiping other gods. They began doing the same things that other people did. And the *LORD* had forced those people to leave their land when the *Israelites* came. The *Israelites* also chose to be ruled by *kings*. The *Israelites* secretly did things against the *LORD* God, and those things were wrong!

The *Israelites* built places all cities the smallest town to the largest city. They put up and poles on high hill and every green tree burned there all those places for worship. They did these things

like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" forced out |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H6440" before |strong="H6440" them |strong="H0853". The |strong="H3605" Israelites did |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H3707".<sup>12</sup> They |strong="H0834" served |strong="H5647" idols |strong="H1544", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088"."

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" used |strong="H3605" every |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" and |strong="H3068" every |strong="H3605" seer |strong="H2374" to |strong="H0413" warn |strong="H5749" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " Turn |strong="H7725" away |strong="H7971" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6680". Obey |strong="H8104" my |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" and |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H8451". Follow |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" law |strong="H8451" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". I |strong="H0834" used |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" the |strong="H3605" prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H7725" this |strong="H0834" law |strong="H8451" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>14</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" very stubborn |strong="H7185" like |strong="H0834" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". Their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" believe |strong="H0539" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".<sup>15</sup> They |strong="H0834" refused to |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H0310"

I PLACES FOR WORSHIP Or "high places," places for worshipping God or false gods. These places were often on the hills and mountains.

his |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H5715" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285" he |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" with |strong="H0854" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". They |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H1115" listen to |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" warnings |strong="H5715". They |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H0310" idols |strong="H1892" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" worth nothing |strong="H1115" and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H0834" themselves |strong="H0310" became |strong="H1891" worth nothing |strong="H1115". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" warned |strong="H5749" them |strong="H0853" not |strong="H1115" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" evil things |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1471" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471" around |strong="H5439" them |strong="H0853" did |strong="H6213". But |strong="H5749" they |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" way those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1471" lived |strong="H0310".

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5800" stopped following the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". They |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" two |strong="H8147" gold statues of |strong="H0430" calves |strong="H5695". They |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" Asherah |strong="H0842" poles. They |strong="H3068" worshiped |strong="H7812" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" stars of |strong="H0430" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" served |strong="H5647" Baal |strong="H1168".<sup>17</sup> They |strong="H3068" sacrificed their |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784". They |strong="H3068" used |strong="H6213" magic and |strong="H1121" witchcraft to |strong="H3068" try to |strong="H3068" learn the |strong="H0853" future. They |strong="H3068" sold |strong="H4376" themselves |strong="H7451" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7451" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7451". They |strong="H3068" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" him |strong="H0853" angry |strong="H3707".<sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3808" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" became

very|strong="H3966" angry|strong="H0599" with|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3068" removed|strong="H5493" them|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5493" his|strong="H5921" sight|strong="H6440". There|strong="H3068" were|strong="H3478" no|strong="H3808" Israelites|strong="H3478" left|strong="H7604", except|strong="H7535" the|strong="H6440" tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063".

**The|strong="H6440" People|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" Are|strong="H3478" Also|strong="H3068" Guilty**

19 But|strong="H3808" even|strong="H1571" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H0430" Judah|strong="H3063" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" commands|strong="H4687" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". They|strong="H0834" lived just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H3068".

20 The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" rejected|strong="H3988" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478". He|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" many troubles. He|strong="H0834" let|strong="H5414" people|strong="H0834" destroy|strong="H3605" them|strong="H5414". Finally|strong="H5704", he|strong="H0834" threw|strong="H7993" them|strong="H5414" away|strong="H7993" and|strong="H3068" removed them|strong="H5414" from|strong="H6440" his|strong="H3605" sight|strong="H6440". 21 He|strong="H3588" tore|strong="H7167" them|strong="H0853" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" David|strong="H1732", and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3588" made Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028" their|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4427". Jeroboam|strong="H3379" pulled the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" away|strong="H0310" from|strong="H5921" following|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H3588" caused them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H5921" commit|strong="H2398" a|strong="H3588" great|strong="H1419" sin|strong="H2398". 22 So|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" sinned|strong="H2403" in|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" ways Jeroboam|strong="H3379" did|strong="H6213".

And|strong="H1121" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H5493" committing|strong="H6213" these|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2403"<sup>23</sup> until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" took|strong="H5493" Israel|strong="H3478" away|strong="H5493" from|strong="H5493" his|strong="H3605" sight|strong="H6440". And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696" this|strong="H2088" would|strong="H3478" happen. He|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H1540" his|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030" to|strong="H5704" tell|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2088" would|strong="H3478" happen. So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" were|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H5493" out|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0127" into|strong="H1540" Assyria|strong="H0804". And|strong="H3068" they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" there|strong="H2088" to|strong="H5704" this|strong="H2088" day|strong="H3117".

**Foreigners Settle in|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478"**

24 The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Assyria|strong="H0804" took|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" out|strong="H3423" of|strong="H1121" Samaria|strong="H8111" and|strong="H1121" brought|strong="H0935" in|strong="H3427" other people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H0935" Babylon|strong="H0894", Cuthah|strong="H3575", Avva|strong="H5755", Hamath|strong="H2574", and|strong="H1121" Sepharvaim|strong="H5617". They|strong="H0935" took|strong="H3423" over|strong="H0853" Samaria|strong="H8111" and|strong="H1121" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892" around it|strong="H0935". 25 When|strong="H1961" these people|strong="H3427" began|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Samaria, they|strong="H8033" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" honor the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", so|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" lions|strong="H0738" to|strong="H1961" attack them|strong="H0853". The|strong="H0853" lions|strong="H0738" killed|strong="H2026" some|strong="H8033" of|strong="H3068" them|strong="H0853". 26 Some|strong="H2009" people|strong="H1471" said|strong="H0559"

to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804", " The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1471" who |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0853" away |strong="H7971" and |strong="H0430" put |strong="H4191" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" Samaria |strong="H8111" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" law of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" that |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776". So |strong="H7971" that |strong="H0834" god |strong="H0430" sent |strong="H7971" lions |strong="H0738" to |strong="H0559" attack them |strong="H0853". The |strong="H0853" lions |strong="H0738" killed |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0853" because |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" law of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" that |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776"."

<sup>27</sup> So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" gave |strong="H6680" this |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680": " You |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0853" some |strong="H0259" priests |strong="H3548" from |strong="H0776" Samaria. Send one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H4428" them |strong="H0853" who |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" captured back to |strong="H0559" Samaria. Let |strong="H1540" that |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548" go |strong="H1540" and |strong="H0430" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" teach |strong="H3384" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" law of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" that |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776"."

<sup>28</sup> So |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" who |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Assyrians had |strong="H3068" carried |strong="H1540" away |strong="H1540" from |strong="H0935" Samaria |strong="H8111" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Bethel |strong="H1008". He |strong="H0834" taught |strong="H3384" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" how |strong="H0349" they |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" honor the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>29</sup> But |strong="H1961" all those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1471" made |strong="H6213" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1004" their |strong="H1992" own |strong="H1961". They |strong="H1992" put |strong="H3240" them |strong="H1992" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0834" temples |strong="H1004" at |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0834" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1471" of |strong="H1004" Samaria |strong="H8118" had |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213". They |strong="H1992" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0834" wherever |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" lived |strong="H3427". <sup>30</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Babylon |strong="H0894" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" false god Succoth Benoth. The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Cuthah |strong="H3575" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" false god Nergal |strong="H5370". The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Hamath |strong="H2574" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" false god Ashima |strong="H0807". <sup>31</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Avva made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" false gods Nibhaz |strong="H5026" and |strong="H1121" Tartak |strong="H8662". The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" Sepharvaim |strong="H5617" also |strong="H0853" burned |strong="H8313" their |strong="H8313" children |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784" to |strong="H1121" honor their |strong="H8313" false gods, Adrammelech |strong="H0152" and |strong="H1121" Anammelech |strong="H6048".

<sup>32</sup> But |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1992" also |strong="H3068" worshiped the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H1992" chose |strong="H6213" priests |strong="H3548" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" from |strong="H1961" among |strong="H7098" the |strong="H0853" people. These |strong="H1992" priests |strong="H3548" made |strong="H6213" sacrifices for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" people in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" temples |strong="H1004" at |strong="H3068" those |strong="H1992" places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H1004" worship |strong="H3372". <sup>33</sup> They |strong="H0834" respected the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" but |strong="H1961" also |strong="H3068" served |strong="H5647" their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" gods |strong="H0430", just |strong="H0834"



as |strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0430" their|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" countries.

<sup>34</sup> Even |strong="H5704" today|strong="H3117", they|strong="H1992" live|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H2088" way|strong="H2088" they|strong="H1992" did|strong="H6213" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" past|strong="H7223". They|strong="H1992" don't|strong="H0369" honor|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H1992" don't|strong="H0369" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" rules|strong="H2708" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" commands|strong="H6680" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478". They|strong="H1992" don't|strong="H0369" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" law|strong="H8451" or|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" commands|strong="H6680" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H6680" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" children|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jacob|strong="H3290". <sup>35</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3772" an|strong="H3772" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0559" Israelites. He|strong="H0430" commanded|strong="H6680" them|strong="H6680", "You|strong="H6680" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" honor other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". You|strong="H6680" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" worship|strong="H7812" them|strong="H6680" or|strong="H3808" serve|strong="H5647" them|strong="H6680" or|strong="H3808" offer|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2076" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H6680". <sup>36</sup> But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" follow|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", who|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H5927" you|strong="H0834" out|strong="H5186" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714". He|strong="H0834" used his|strong="H3068" great|strong="H1419" power|strong="H2220" to|strong="H3068" save you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" worship|strong="H7812" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3588" sacrifices|strong="H2076" to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H0853". <sup>37</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" rules|strong="H2706", laws|strong="H8451", teachings|strong="H8451", and|strong="H0430" commands|strong="H4687" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"

wrote|strong="H3789" for|strong="H4941" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" obey|strong="H6213" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" not|strong="H3808" respect other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". <sup>38</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" forget|strong="H7911" the|strong="H0834" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3772" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" respect other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". <sup>39</sup> No|strong="H0518", you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" respect only|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" you|strong="H3588" from|strong="H3027" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H0341"."

<sup>40</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" Israelites did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H0805". They|strong="H1992" kept|strong="H6213" on|strong="H8085" doing|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3588" same things|strong="H7223" they|strong="H1992" did|strong="H6213" before|strong="H7223". <sup>41</sup> So|strong="H6213" now|strong="H1961" those|strong="H0428" other|strong="H2088" nations|strong="H1471" respected the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", but|strong="H1961" they|strong="H1992" also|strong="H1571" served|strong="H5647" their|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" idols|strong="H6456". Their|strong="H3068" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" grandchildren|strong="H1121" did|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H2088" thing|strong="H2088" their|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" did|strong="H6213". They|strong="H1992" still|strong="H5704" do|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H0428" to|strong="H5704" this|strong="H2088" day|strong="H3117".

#### Hezekiah Begins His Rule Over Judah

**18** Hezekiah|strong="H2396" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahaz|strong="H0271" was|strong="H1961" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". Hezekiah|strong="H2396" began|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" rule|strong="H4428" during|strong="H1961"

the |strong="H1961" third |strong="H7969" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Hoshea |strong="H1954" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Elah |strong="H0425" was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>2</sup> Hezekiah was |strong="H8034" 25 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3389" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" rule |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" 29 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H1961" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Abi |strong="H0021", <sup>1</sup> the |strong="H1961" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Zechariah |strong="H2148".

<sup>3</sup> Hezekiah did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3477", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" David |strong="H1732" his |strong="H3605" ancestor had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213".

<sup>4</sup> Hezekiah destroyed |strong="H3772" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116". He |strong="H0834" broke |strong="H7665" the |strong="H0853" memorial stones and |strong="H1121" cut |strong="H3772" down |strong="H3772" the |strong="H0853" Asherah |strong="H0842" poles. At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" bronze |strong="H5178" snake |strong="H5175" made |strong="H6213" by |strong="H7121" Moses |strong="H4872". This |strong="H1931" bronze |strong="H5178" snake |strong="H5175" was |strong="H1961" called |strong="H7121" "Nehushtan |strong="H5180". <sup>II</sup> Hezekiah broke |strong="H7665" this |strong="H1931" bronze |strong="H5178" snake |strong="H5175" into |strong="H1961" pieces |strong="H7665".

<sup>5</sup> Hezekiah trusted |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" like |strong="H3644" Hezekiah among |strong="H3808" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" before |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0310" or |strong="H3808" after |strong="H0310"

<sup>I</sup> ABI Or "Abijah." <sup>II</sup> NEHUSHTAN This Hebrew name is like the words meaning "bronze" and "snake."

him |strong="H0310". <sup>6</sup> He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" very faithful to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H5493" following |strong="H0310" him |strong="H0853". He |strong="H0834" obeyed |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" given |strong="H6680" to |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872". <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" Hezekiah, so |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" successful |strong="H7919" in |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834".

Hezekiah broke away |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" and |strong="H3068" stopped serving |strong="H5647" him |strong="H5973". <sup>8</sup> Hezekiah defeated |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" Gaza |strong="H5804" and |strong="H6430" the |strong="H0853" area |strong="H1366" around it |strong="H1931". He |strong="H1931" defeated |strong="H5221" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" Philistine |strong="H6430" cities |strong="H5892"—from |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" smallest town |strong="H5892" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" largest city |strong="H5892".

#### The |strong="H0853" Assyrians Capture Samaria

<sup>9</sup> King |strong="H4428" Shalmaneser |strong="H8022" of |strong="H1121" Assyria |strong="H0804" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H1961" fight against |strong="H5921" Samaria |strong="H8111". His |strong="H5921" army |strong="H5927" surrounded the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H1931". This |strong="H1931" happened |strong="H1961" during |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" fourth |strong="H7243" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H1931" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah. ( This |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1961" also |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" seventh |strong="H7637" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H1931" Hoshea |strong="H1954" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Elah |strong="H0425" was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". ) <sup>10</sup> At |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3920"

end of the year, Shalmaneser captured He Samaria during the sixth year that Hezekiah was king of Judah. ( This was also ninth year that Hoshea was king of Israel.)<sup>11</sup> The king of Assyria took the Israelites as prisoners to Assyria. He made them live in Halah, the Habor ( the river of Gozan), and the cities of Medes.<sup>12</sup> This happened because the Israelites did not obey the LORD God. They broke his agreement and did not obey everything that Moses, the LORD'S servant, had commanded. The Israelites would not listen to the LORD'S agreement, or do it. He taught them to do

Assyria Gets Ready to Take Judah

<sup>13</sup> During the 14th year as King Hezekiah of Assyria went to fight

against all the strong cities of Judah. Sennacherib defeated them. <sup>14</sup> Then King Hezekiah of Judah sent a message to the king of Assyria at Lachish. Hezekiah said, " I have done wrong. Leave me alone, and I will pay whatever you want." Then the king of Assyria told King Hezekiah of Judah to pay over 11 tons<sup>I</sup> of silver and 1 ton<sup>II</sup> of gold.<sup>15</sup> Hezekiah gave all the silver that was in the LORD'S Temple and in the king's treasuries.<sup>16</sup> That is when Hezekiah cut off the gold that he had on the doors of the LORD'S Temple and gave it to the king of Assyria.

King of Assyria Sends Men to Jerusalem

<sup>17</sup> The king of Assyria of

<sup>I</sup> 11 TONS Literally, "300 talents" (10,350 kg). <sup>II</sup> 1 TON Literally, "30 talents" (1035 kg).

sent *his* three most important officers with a large army to King Hezekiah in Jerusalem. They left Lachish and went to Jerusalem. They stood near the aqueduct by the Pool of Upper on the street that leads up to Laundryman's Field. <sup>18</sup> These men for king, but Eliakim son of Hilkiah, Shebna, and Joah son of Asaph went to meet them. Eliakim was the palace manager, Joah was the record keeper, and Shebna was the royal secretary.

<sup>19</sup> The commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah this: 'What the great king, the king of Assyria says':

'What are you trusting in to help you?' <sup>20</sup> If you say, 'I trust in power and great battle plans,' then that is useless.

I UPPER POOL The Pool of Siloam at the southern tip of the City of David (Jerusalem), just above the older pool now called Birket al Hamrah.

Now I ask you, who do you trust so much that you are willing to rebel against me? <sup>21</sup> Are you depending on Egypt to help you? Egypt is like a broken walking stick. If you lean on it, it will support you, but it will hurt you and make a hole in your hand. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, cannot be trusted by anyone who depends on him for help. <sup>22</sup> Maybe you will say, 'We trust the LORD our God to help us.' But I know that Hezekiah destroyed the altars and high places where people worshiped the Lord. Hezekiah told the people of Judah, 'You must worship only at this altar here in Jerusalem.'

<sup>23</sup> If you still want to fight my master, the king of Assyria, I will make

this agreement with you. I promise that I will give you 2000 horses if you can find enough men to ride them into battle. <sup>24</sup> But even though you couldn't beat one of my master's lowest ranking officers, so you do not depend on Egypt's chariots and horse soldiers?

<sup>25</sup> Now, do you think I came to this country to destroy it without the LORD'S help? No, the LORD said to me, "Go up against this country and destroy it!"

<sup>26</sup> Then Eliakim son of Hilki-ah, Shebna, and Joah said to the commander, "Please speak to us in Aramaic. We understand that language. Don't speak to us in Hebrew. We don't understand that language." <sup>27</sup> But the commander said, "My master sent me

to speak to everyone just to you and your master. I must also speak to those people there on the wall. When we surround your city, they will suffer too. Like you, they will become so hungry they will eat their own waste and drink their own urine!"

<sup>28</sup> Then the commander, shouting loudly in Hebrew, I gave this warning to them: "All

Hear this message from the great king of Assyria! <sup>29</sup> This is what the king of Assyria says: "Don't let Hezekiah fool you! He cannot save you from my power." <sup>30</sup> Don't listen to him when he tells you to trust the LORD. Don't believe him when he says, "The LORD will save us." He will not let the king

I HEBREW Literally, "Judean," the language of Judah and Israel.

of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892".

<sup>31</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" listen|strong="H0805" to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396"! This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0376" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" says|strong="H0559": Come|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" here|strong="H3541" and|strong="H4428" show|strong="H6213" me|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" want peace|strong="H1293". Then|strong="H3318" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428" all|strong="H0398" be|strong="H0408" free|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" have|strong="H0376" grapes from|strong="H3318" your|strong="H0805" own|strong="H0376" vines|strong="H1612", figs|strong="H8384" from|strong="H3318" your|strong="H0805" own|strong="H0376" trees|strong="H8384", and|strong="H4428" water|strong="H4325" from|strong="H3318" your|strong="H0805" own|strong="H0376" well. <sup>32</sup> After|strong="H0413" some time|strong="H5704", I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3947" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3947" land|strong="H0776" like|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3068" own. In|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3588" new|strong="H8492" land|strong="H0776", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H0776" plenty of|strong="H0776" grain|strong="H1715" for|strong="H3588" making bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H0935" vineyards|strong="H3754" for|strong="H3588" producing wine|strong="H8492". I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" offering|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3947" choice to|strong="H0413" live|strong="H2421" instead|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0776" dying|strong="H4191".

Don't|strong="H0408" believe Hezekiah|strong="H2396" when|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" tells|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3588", " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" us|strong="H0413". " He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" wrong. <sup>33</sup> Did|strong="H0376" any|strong="H0376" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428" other|strong="H0376" nations|strong="H1471" save|strong="H5337" their|strong="H5337" land|strong="H0776" from|strong="H0376"

the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804"? <sup>34</sup> When|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" destroyed the|strong="H0853" cities of|strong="H0430" Hamath|strong="H2574" and|strong="H0430" Arpad|strong="H0774", where|strong="H0346" were|strong="H3027" their|strong="H3588" gods|strong="H0430"? What|strong="H3588" about the|strong="H0853" gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Sepharvaim|strong="H5617", Hena|strong="H2012", and|strong="H0430" Ivvah|strong="H5755"? Were|strong="H3027" any|strong="H3588" gods|strong="H0430" able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3027" save|strong="H5337" Samaria|strong="H8111" from|strong="H3027" my|strong="H3588" power|strong="H3027"? <sup>35</sup> None|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776" these|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" places|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0834" able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" their|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" from|strong="H3027" me|strong="H5337"! So|strong="H0834" why|strong="H0834" do|strong="H4310" you|strong="H0834" think the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" can|strong="H4310" save|strong="H5337" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" from|strong="H3027" me|strong="H5337"?

<sup>36</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" were|strong="H1697" silent|strong="H2790". They|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" a|strong="H3588" word|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" commander, because|strong="H3588" King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah had|strong="H4428" commanded|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", " Don't|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" anything|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853". "

<sup>37</sup> Then|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" palace|strong="H1004" manager ( Eliakim|strong="H0471" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hilkiyah|strong="H2518"), the|strong="H0834" royal secretary|strong="H5608" ( Shebna|strong="H7644"), and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" record keeper ( Joah|strong="H3098" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Asaph|strong="H0623") went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396". Their|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H0899" were|strong="H0834" torn|strong="H7167" to|strong="H0413" show|strong="H5046" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" upset|strong="H1697". They|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5046" Hezeki-

ah |strong="H2396" everything |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Assyrian commander had |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0413".

### Hezekiah Talks With Isaiah the Prophet

**19** When |strong="H1961" King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396"

heard |strong="H8085" this |strong="H3068", he |strong="H3068" tore |strong="H7167" his |strong="H3068" clothes |strong="H0899" to |strong="H0935" show |strong="H8085" he |strong="H3068" was |strong="H1961" upset. Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3068" put |strong="H0935" on |strong="H0935" sack-cloth |strong="H8242" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah sent |strong="H7971" Eliakim |strong="H0471" the |strong="H0853" palace |strong="H1004" manager, Shebna |strong="H7644" the |strong="H0853" royal secretary |strong="H5608", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" Isaiah |strong="H3470" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531". They |strong="H0834" wore |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" special clothes that |strong="H0834" showed they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" sad and |strong="H1121" upset.

<sup>3</sup> They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Isaiah |strong="H0559", "King Hezekiah |strong="H2396" has |strong="H0369" commanded |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" today |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" special day |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3588" sorrow and |strong="H1121" sadness. It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" very |strong="H2088" sad day |strong="H3117", like |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0559" time |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3588" child |strong="H1121" should |strong="H3588" be |strong="H1121" born |strong="H3205", but |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" strong |strong="H3581" enough to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" its |strong="H0935" mother's womb |strong="H4866".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3605" commander's master |strong="H0113", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804", has |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" him |strong="H7971" to |strong="H3068" say |strong="H1697" bad

things |strong="H1697" about |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" living |strong="H2416" God |strong="H0430". Maybe |strong="H0194" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" hear |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H1697" and |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H1697" them |strong="H0853". Maybe |strong="H0194" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H5375" how |strong="H0834" wrong the |strong="H3605" enemy is |strong="H0834". So |strong="H7971" pray |strong="H5375" for |strong="H1157" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still left |strong="H4672" alive |strong="H2416".

<sup>5</sup> King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah's |strong="H2396" officers |strong="H5650" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Isaiah |strong="H3470". <sup>6</sup> Isaiah |strong="H3470" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", "Give |strong="H8085" this |strong="H3541" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" master |strong="H0113", Hezekiah: The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559", ' Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H4428" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" commanders. Don't |strong="H0408" believe what |strong="H0834" those |strong="H0834" boys |strong="H5288" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H8085" fun of |strong="H4428" me |strong="H0413". <sup>7</sup> Look |strong="H2005", I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0776" send |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" spirit |strong="H7307" against |strong="H2005" the |strong="H8085" king of |strong="H0776" Assyria. He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" get |strong="H7725" a |strong="H5414" report |strong="H8052" warning him |strong="H5414" about |strong="H8085" a |strong="H5414" danger, so |strong="H5414" he |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" return |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" his |strong="H5414" own country |strong="H0776". And |strong="H0776" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0776" cut him |strong="H5414" down |strong="H5307" with |strong="H0776" a |strong="H5414" sword |strong="H2719" in |strong="H0776" his |strong="H5414" own country |strong="H0776"."

The **Assyrian Army** **Leaves Jerusalem**

8 The **commander** heard **that** the **king** of **Assyria** had left **Lachish**. He found **him** at **Libnah**, fighting against **that** city.<sup>9</sup> Then the **king** of **Assyria** heard a **report** that **Tirhakah**, **king** of **Ethiopia**, has come to fight against you.

So the **king** of **Assyria** sent **messengers** to **Hezekiah** again. He told them, "Tell **King** **Hezekiah** of **Judah** these **things**:"

'Don't be fooled by **god** you trust **he** **Jerusalem** will not be defeated by **king** of **Assyria**.<sup>11</sup> You have **what** the **kings** of **Assyria** did to **all** the **other** **countries**. We **completely** destroyed them! Will you be saved? No! Did the **gods** of

those **nations** save **their** people? No, my **ancestors** destroyed them. They destroyed **Gozan**, **Haran**, **Rezep**, and the **people** of **Eden** living in **Tel Assar**.<sup>13</sup> Where is **the** **king** of **Hamath**? The **king** of **Arpad**? The **king** of **Sepharvaim**? The **kings** of **Hena** and **Iv**

**Hezekiah Prays to the Lord**

<sup>14</sup> **Hezekiah** received **the** **letters** from **the** **messengers** and read **them**. Then **he** went up to **the** **LORD'S** **Temple** and laid **the** **letters** out in **front** of **the** **LORD**.<sup>15</sup> **Hezekiah** prayed before **the** **LORD** and said, "God of **Israel**, you sit **above** the **Cherub** angels. You are **alone** **God** who rules **all** the **kingdoms** on **earth**. You made **heaven** and **earth**.<sup>16</sup> **LORD**, please **listen**

<sup>1</sup> TIRHAKAH This is probably Taharqa, the Pharaoh of Egypt about 690-664 B.C.



ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" me |strong="H7971". LORD |strong="H3068", open |strong="H6491" your |strong="H3068" eyes |strong="H5869" and |strong="H3068" look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H3068" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697". Hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Sennacherib |strong="H5576" sent |strong="H7971" to |strong="H3068" insult the |strong="H0853" living |strong="H2416" God |strong="H0430".<sup>17</sup> It |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" true |strong="H0551", LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" did destroy all those |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471".<sup>18</sup> They |strong="H1992" did |strong="H3808" throw the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" those |strong="H1992" nations into |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784". But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" not |strong="H3808" real gods |strong="H0430". They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" only |strong="H0518" wood |strong="H6086" and |strong="H0430" stone |strong="H0068"—statues that |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0120" made |strong="H5414". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" why |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" kings of |strong="H0430" Assyria could destroy |strong="H0006" them |strong="H5414".<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", so |strong="H6258" please |strong="H4994" save |strong="H3467" us |strong="H4994" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" king of |strong="H0776" Assyria. Then |strong="H6258" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H4467" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859", LORD |strong="H3068", are |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" only |strong="H0905" God |strong="H0430"."

#### God |strong="H0430" Answers Hezekiah

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H7971" Isaiah |strong="H3470" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531" sent |strong="H7971" this |strong="H3541" message |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" Hezekiah |strong="H2396". Isaiah |strong="H3470" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541".

You |strong="H0834" prayed |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" about |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" message |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0413" from |strong="H3478" King |strong="H4428" Sennacherib |strong="H5576" of |strong="H1121" Assyria |strong="H0804". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>21</sup> " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" against |strong="H5921" Sennacherib:

' The |strong="H0834" virgin |strong="H1330" daughter |strong="H1323" Zion |strong="H6726"<sup>1</sup> does |strong="H3068" not |strong="H2088" think you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" important.

She |strong="H0834" makes |strong="H1696" fun of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834".

Daughter |strong="H1323" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" shakes |strong="H5128" her |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218" at |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" laughs behind |strong="H0310" your |strong="H3068" back |strong="H0310".

<sup>22</sup> But |strong="H5921" who |strong="H4310" did you |strong="H5921" insult and |strong="H3478" make |strong="H7311" fun of |strong="H6963"?

Who |strong="H4310" did you |strong="H5921" speak against |strong="H5921"?

You |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3478" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H6963" Israel |strong="H3478".

You |strong="H5921" acted like |strong="H3478" you |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3478" better |strong="H5921" than |strong="H5921" he |strong="H0853" was |strong="H3478".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>23</sup> You |strong="H0935" sent |strong="H5927" your |strong="H0935" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0559" insult the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136".

You |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" came |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0935" my |strong="H0935" many chariots |strong="H7393" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" high |strong="H4791" mountains |strong="H2022" deep |strong="H6967" inside |strong="H3027" Lebanon |strong="H3844".

I |strong="H0589" cut |strong="H3772" down |strong="H3772" the |strong="H0559" tallest cedar |strong="H0730" trees |strong="H1265" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" best fir |strong="H1265" trees |strong="H1265" of |strong="H3027" Lebanon |strong="H3844".

<sup>1</sup> THE VIRGIN DAUGHTER ZION The city of Jerusalem. See "Zion" in the Word List.

I went to its highest mountains, its thickest forests.

<sup>24</sup> I dug wells, and drank water from new places.

I dried up the rivers of Egypt and walked on the land there.

<sup>25</sup> That is you, Egypt! What you haven't heard, I said:

I planned it long ago,

from ancient times I planned it.

And now I have made it happen.

I let you tear down the strong cities

and change them into piles of rocks.

<sup>26</sup> The people in the cities had no power.

They were afraid and confused.

They were about to be cut down

like grass and plants in the field.

They were like grass growing on the rooftops,

dying before it grows tall.

<sup>27</sup> I know all your battles;

I know when you rested,

when you went to war,

and you came home.

I also know when you got upset at me.

<sup>28</sup> Yes, you were upset at me.

I heard your proud insults.

So I will put my hook in your nose

and my bit in your mouth.

Then I will turn you around

and lead you back the way you came.

#### The Lord's Message for Hezekiah

<sup>29</sup> Then the Lord said, "I will give a sign to these words are true. You were not able to plant seeds this year, so next year you will eat grain that grows wild from the previous year's crop. But in the third year, you will eat grain from seeds that you planted." You harvest your crops and have plenty to eat. You will plant grapevines

and |strong="H0398" eat |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" fruit |strong="H6529". You |strong="H0398" will |strong="H2088" plant |strong="H5193" vineyards |strong="H3754" and |strong="H0398" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0398" grapes from |strong="H0398" them |strong="H0398".<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H3254" people from |strong="H3063" the |strong="H3254" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H3063" have |strong="H3063" escaped |strong="H6413" and |strong="H3063" are |strong="H1004" left |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H3254" like |strong="H1004" plants that |strong="H1004" send their |strong="H3254" roots |strong="H8328" deep |strong="H8328" into |strong="H3063" the |strong="H3254" ground and |strong="H3063" produce |strong="H6529" fruit |strong="H6529" above |strong="H4605" the |strong="H3254" ground.  
<sup>31</sup> That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" few people will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" alive.

There |strong="H2022" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" survivors |strong="H6413" coming |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" Mount |strong="H2022" Zion |strong="H6726". The |strong="H3588" strong love<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063".

<sup>32</sup> " So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2063" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804":  
 ' He |strong="H8033" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892"

or |strong="H3808" shoot |strong="H3384" an |strong="H8033" arrow |strong="H2671" at |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892".

He |strong="H8033" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" shields |strong="H4043" up |strong="H5921" against |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892"

or |strong="H3808" build up |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" hill of |strong="H4428" dirt to |strong="H0413" attack |strong="H0935" its |strong="H5921" walls.

<sup>1</sup> STRONG LOVE The Hebrew word can mean strong feelings such as zeal, jealousy, or love.

<sup>33</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0834" way |strong="H1870" he |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892".

The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002" this |strong="H2063".

<sup>34</sup> I |strong="H5650" will |strong="H5650" protect |strong="H1598" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H5650" save |strong="H3467" it |strong="H3467".

I |strong="H5650" will |strong="H5650" do this |strong="H2063" for |strong="H0413" myself and |strong="H5650" for |strong="H0413" my |strong="H1732" servant |strong="H5650" David |strong="H1732"."

### The |strong="H0413" Assyrian Army Is |strong="H5650" Destroyed

<sup>35</sup> That |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" the |strong="H3605" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H5221" 185,000 people |strong="H1931" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Assyrian camp |strong="H4264". When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" others got |strong="H3318" up |strong="H7925" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" morning |strong="H1242", they |strong="H3068" saw |strong="H2009" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H4191" bodies |strong="H6297".

<sup>36</sup> So |strong="H7725" King |strong="H4428" Sennacherib |strong="H5576" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" left |strong="H5265" and |strong="H4428" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Nineveh |strong="H5210" where he |strong="H7725" stayed |strong="H3427".<sup>37</sup> One |strong="H1931" day Sennacherib was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5221" temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1961" god |strong="H0430" Nisroch |strong="H5268", worshiping |strong="H7812" him |strong="H5221". His |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121" Adrammelech |strong="H0152" and |strong="H1121" Sharezer |strong="H8272" killed |strong="H5221" him |strong="H5221" with |strong="H1004" a |strong="H1961" sword |strong="H2719" and |strong="H1121" ran |strong="H1961" away |strong="H4422" to |strong="H1961" Ararat |strong="H0780". So |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" Esarhad-

don|strong="H0634" became|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H5221" new king|strong="H4427"  
of|strong="H1121" Assyria.

### Hezekiah's Illness

**20** At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588"  
time|strong="H3117" Hezeki-  
ah|strong="H2396" became sick|strong="H2470"  
and|strong="H1121" almost|strong="H3117"  
died|strong="H4191". The|strong="H0559"  
prophet|strong="H5030" Isaiah|strong="H3470"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Amoz|strong="H0531" went|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H0935"  
him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121"  
told|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", "  
The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H0559", ' You|strong="H0859"  
will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191"  
soon|strong="H3588", so|strong="H3541"  
you|strong="H0859" should|strong="H3068"  
tell|strong="H0559" your|strong="H3068" fami-  
ly|strong="H1004" what|strong="H3541"  
they|strong="H1992" should|strong="H3068"  
do|strong="H6680" when|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H0859" die|strong="H4191".  
You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" get|strong="H0935" well."  
<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah turned|strong="H5437"  
his|strong="H3068" face|strong="H6440"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
wall|strong="H7023" that|strong="H3068"  
faced|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" Temple  
and|strong="H3068" began praying|strong="H6419"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>3</sup> " LORD|strong="H3068", re-  
member|strong="H2142" that|strong="H0834"  
I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" sincerely  
served|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834"  
with|strong="H1980" all|strong="H1419"  
my|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3824".  
I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
done|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0834" say is|strong="H0834"  
good|strong="H2896". " Then|strong="H1980" Hezeki-  
ah|strong="H2396" cried|strong="H1058"  
very|strong="H1419" hard|strong="H1419".  
<sup>4</sup> Before|strong="H0413" Isaiah|strong="H3470"  
had|strong="H3068" left|strong="H3318"  
the|strong="H0559" middle|strong="H8484" court-  
yard|strong="H5892", he|strong="H3068" re-  
ceived|strong="H1961" this|strong="H1697" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3318"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", <sup>5</sup> "  
Go|strong="H5927" back|strong="H7725"  
and|strong="H3068" speak|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396",  
the|strong="H0853" leader|strong="H5057"

of|strong="H1004" my|strong="H8085" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971". Tell|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H0413", ' This|strong="H3541"  
is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068",  
the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3068" ancestor  
David|strong="H1732", says|strong="H0559":  
I|strong="H2005" heard|strong="H8085"  
your|strong="H3068" prayer|strong="H8605"  
and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H2005"  
saw|strong="H7200" your|strong="H3068"  
tears|strong="H1832", so|strong="H3541"  
I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068"  
heal|strong="H7495" you|strong="H3117".  
On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853"  
third|strong="H7992" day|strong="H3117"  
you|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068"  
go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>6</sup>  
I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H4428"  
add|strong="H3254" 15 years|strong="H8141"  
to|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921"  
life|strong="H3117". I|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H4428" save|strong="H5337"  
you|strong="H5921" and|strong="H4428"  
this|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892"  
from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyr-  
ia|strong="H0804". I|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H4428" protect|strong="H1598"  
this|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892".  
I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H4428"  
do|strong="H3254" this|strong="H2063"  
for|strong="H5921" myself and|strong="H4428" be-  
cause|strong="H5921" of|strong="H4428"  
the|strong="H0853" promise I|strong="H3117" made  
to|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" ser-  
vant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732". "  
<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H3947" Isaiah|strong="H3470"  
said|strong="H0559", "Crush figs|strong="H8384" to-  
gether|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3947"  
put|strong="H7760" them|strong="H5921"  
on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" sore;  
you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H8384"  
get|strong="H3947" well."  
So|strong="H3947" they|strong="H5921"  
took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0559" mixture  
of|strong="H5921" figs|strong="H8384"  
and|strong="H3947" put|strong="H7760"  
it|strong="H7760" on|strong="H5921" Hezekiah's sore  
place|strong="H7760", and|strong="H3947"  
he|strong="H5921" got|strong="H3947" well.  
<sup>8</sup> Hezekiah|strong="H2396" asked|strong="H0559"  
Isaiah|strong="H3470", " What|strong="H4100"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"

the |strong="H0559" sign |strong="H0226" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" heal |strong="H7495" me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" third |strong="H7992" day |strong="H3117"?"

<sup>9</sup> Isaiah |strong="H3470" said |strong="H0559", " Which |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" want? Should |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" shadow |strong="H6738" go |strong="H1980" forward |strong="H1980" ten |strong="H6235" steps |strong="H4609" or |strong="H0518" go |strong="H1980" back |strong="H7725" ten |strong="H6235" steps |strong="H4609"? <sup>1</sup> This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" sign |strong="H0226" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" show |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213"."

<sup>10</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" answered |strong="H0559", " It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0559" an |strong="H3588" easy |strong="H7043" thing |strong="H7043" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" shadow |strong="H6738" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H7725" down |strong="H5186" ten |strong="H6235" steps |strong="H4609". No |strong="H3808", make |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0559" shadow |strong="H6738" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" ten |strong="H6235" steps |strong="H4609"."

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Isaiah |strong="H3470" prayed |strong="H7121", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" shadow |strong="H6738" move back |strong="H7725" ten |strong="H6235" steps |strong="H4609". It |strong="H7121" went |strong="H3381" back |strong="H7725" up |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" steps |strong="H4609" that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H7121"

had |strong="H3068" already been |strong="H0834" on |strong="H0413".

### Messengers From |strong="H7725" Babylon

<sup>12</sup> At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H6256" Merodach Baladan |strong="H1081" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Baladan |strong="H1081" was |strong="H1931" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H1931" sent |strong="H7971" letters |strong="H5612" and |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0413" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" had |strong="H4428" been sick |strong="H2470". <sup>13</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" messengers and |strong="H3701" then |strong="H1961" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" valuable things |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0834" owned. He |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" silver |strong="H3701", the |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091", the |strong="H3605" spices |strong="H1314", the |strong="H3605" expensive perfume |strong="H1314", and |strong="H3701" the |strong="H3605" building where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" stored |strong="H0214" the |strong="H3605" weapons |strong="H3627". He |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" treasuries |strong="H0214", in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" palace |strong="H1004", and |strong="H3701" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4474".

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H0935" Isaiah |strong="H3470" the |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H5030" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", " What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" say |strong="H0559"? Where |strong="H0370" did |strong="H4100" they |strong="H0376" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935"?"

Hezekiah |strong="H2396" said |strong="H0559", " These |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" faraway country |strong="H0776", from |strong="H0935" Babylon |strong="H0894"."

<sup>15</sup> Isaiah |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100"

<sup>1</sup> THE SHADOW ... STEPS This may mean the steps of a special building that Hezekiah used like a clock. When the sun shone on the steps, the shadows showed what time of the day it was.

they|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200"  
in|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3605"  
palace|strong="H1004"?"

Hezekiah|strong="H2396" answered|strong="H0559", " They|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" everything|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0834" own|strong="H1961".

I|strong="H0834" showed|strong="H7200" them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" wealth|strong="H0214"."

<sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Isaiah|strong="H3470" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396", " Listen|strong="H8085"

to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>17</sup>

The|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" is|strong="H0834" coming|strong="H0935" when|strong="H3117" everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3068" palace|strong="H1004" and|strong="H0935" every-

thing|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" have|strong="H0834" saved|strong="H3498" until|strong="H5704" to-

day|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" carried|strong="H5375" away|strong="H5375" to|strong="H0559" Baby-

lon|strong="H0894". Nothing|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" left|strong="H3498".

The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088". <sup>18</sup> The|strong="H0834" Babylo-

nians will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H3947" your|strong="H0834" sons|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H0834" sons|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1961" be-

come|strong="H1961" officers|strong="H5631" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0834" palace|strong="H1964" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428"

of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894"."

<sup>19</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" told|strong="H0559" Isaiah|strong="H3470", " This|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2896"."

( Hezekiah|strong="H2396" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H1697" because|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" thought|strong="H0559", " There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" real

peace|strong="H7965" and|strong="H3068" security|strong="H7965" during|strong="H3117" my|strong="H3068" lifetime|strong="H3117".")

<sup>20</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" great things|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" did|strong="H6213", includ-

ing|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" work|strong="H1697" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" pool|strong="H1295" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" aqueduct to|strong="H0935" bring|strong="H0935" water|strong="H4325" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892", are|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Ju-

dah|strong="H3063". <sup>21</sup> Hezekiah|strong="H2396" died and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" buried with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H8478" ancestors|strong="H0001". And|strong="H1121" his|strong="H8478" son|strong="H1121" Man-

asseh|strong="H4519" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427" after him|strong="H5973".

Manasseh|strong="H4519" was|strong="H8034" twelve|strong="H6240" years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3389" began to|strong="H3389" rule|strong="H4427".

He|strong="H3389" ruled|strong="H4427" 55 years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". His|strong="H4519" mother's|strong="H0517" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Hephzibah|strong="H2657".

<sup>2</sup> Manasseh did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" said was|strong="H0834" wrong|strong="H7451". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" the|strong="H6440" terrible|strong="H7451" things|strong="H8441" the|strong="H6440" other nations|strong="H1471" did|strong="H6213". ( And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" forced those|strong="H0834" nations|strong="H1471" to|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H3423" their|strong="H3068" country when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" Israelites|strong="H3478" came.)

<sup>3</sup> Manasseh|strong="H1129" rebuilt|strong="H1129" the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" that|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" had|strong="H0834" destroyed|strong="H0006". He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" built|strong="H1129" altars|strong="H4196" for|strong="H4196" Baal|strong="H1168" and|strong="H6965" made|strong="H6213" an|strong="H1129" Asherah|strong="H0842" pole, just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" King|strong="H4428"

### Manasseh Begins His Evil Rule Over Judah

**21** Manasseh|strong="H4519" was|strong="H8034" twelve|strong="H6240" years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3389" began to|strong="H3389" rule|strong="H4427".

He|strong="H3389" ruled|strong="H4427" 55 years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". His|strong="H4519" mother's|strong="H0517" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Hephzibah|strong="H2657".

<sup>2</sup> Manasseh did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" said was|strong="H0834" wrong|strong="H7451". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" the|strong="H6440" terri-

ble|strong="H7451" things|strong="H8441" the|strong="H6440" other nations|strong="H1471" did|strong="H6213". ( And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" forced those|strong="H0834" nations|strong="H1471" to|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H3423" their|strong="H3068" country when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" Israelites|strong="H3478" came.)

<sup>3</sup> Manasseh|strong="H1129" rebuilt|strong="H1129" the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" that|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" had|strong="H0834" destroyed|strong="H0006". He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" built|strong="H1129" altars|strong="H4196" for|strong="H4196" Baal|strong="H1168" and|strong="H6965" made|strong="H6213" an|strong="H1129" Asherah|strong="H0842" pole, just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" King|strong="H4428"

I OFFICERS Or "eunuchs." See "eunuch" in the Word List.

Ahab |strong="H0256" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213". Manasseh |strong="H1129" worshiped |strong="H7812" and |strong="H6965" served |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" stars of |strong="H4428" heaven |strong="H8064".<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" altars |strong="H4196" to |strong="H0559" honor |strong="H8034" false gods in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". ( This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H8034" talking about |strong="H1004" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H7760" my |strong="H7760" name |strong="H8034" in |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".")<sup>5</sup> Manasseh |strong="H1129" built |strong="H1129" altars |strong="H4196" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" stars of |strong="H1004" heaven |strong="H8064" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" two |strong="H8147" courtyards |strong="H2691" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H6213" sacrificed his |strong="H3068" own |strong="H5869" son |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" burned him |strong="H0853" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" altar.<sup>1</sup> He |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" different ways of |strong="H1121" trying to |strong="H3068" know the |strong="H0853" future. He |strong="H6213" visited mediums |strong="H0178" and |strong="H1121" wizards.

Manasseh did |strong="H6213" more |strong="H7235" and |strong="H1121" more |strong="H7235" things that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" saw as |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7451", which |strong="H5869" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H3707".<sup>7</sup> Manasseh made |strong="H6213" a |strong="H7760" carved |strong="H6459" statue of |strong="H1121" Asherah |strong="H0842". He |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760" this |strong="H2088" statue in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" David's |strong="H1732" son |strong="H1121" Solomon |strong="H8010"

I SACRIFICED ... ON THE ALTAR Literally, "made his son pass through the fire."

about |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004": " I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" chosen |strong="H0977" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" from |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities in |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H7760" my |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" forever |strong="H5769".<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" cause |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" leave |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3478" their |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" let |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" stay in |strong="H3478" their |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0127" if |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451" that |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3605" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414".<sup>9</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068". Manasseh |strong="H4519" did |strong="H6213" more |strong="H4480" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H0834" than |strong="H4480" all |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" lived in |strong="H3068" Canaan before |strong="H6440" Israel |strong="H3478" came. And |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H8045" those |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471" when |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" came to |strong="H3068" take their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H6440".

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" used his |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0559" prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068": <sup>11</sup> " King |strong="H4428" Manasseh |strong="H4519" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" has |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" these |strong="H0428" hated things |strong="H0428" and |strong="H3063"

has|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" more|strong="H1571" evil|strong="H7489" than|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Amorites|strong="H0567" before|strong="H6440" him|strong="H0853". He|strong="H0834" also|strong="H1571" has|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" Judah|strong="H3063" to|strong="H6440" sin|strong="H2398" because|strong="H3282" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3605" idols|strong="H1544".<sup>12</sup> So|strong="H3651" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559", 'Look|strong="H2005"! I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" so|strong="H3651" much|strong="H0834" trouble|strong="H7451" against|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063" that|strong="H0834" anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" hears|strong="H8085" about|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" shocked.<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" stretch|strong="H5186" the|strong="H0853" measuring line|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1004" Samaria|strong="H8111"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" plumb line|strong="H6440"<sup>III</sup> of|strong="H1004" Ahab's|strong="H0256" family|strong="H1004" over|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". A|strong="H0834" man wipes a|strong="H0834" dish|strong="H6747", and|strong="H1004" then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0834" turns|strong="H5186" it|strong="H5921" upside down|strong="H5186". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do that|strong="H0834" to|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".<sup>14</sup> There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" still be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" few of|strong="H3027" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5159" left|strong="H5203", but|strong="H1961" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" leave|strong="H5203" them|strong="H5414". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341". Their|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341" will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H1961" them|strong="H5414" as|strong="H1961" prisoners—they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961"

I WILL BE SHOCKED Literally, "both his ears will tingle." II MEASURING LINE OF SAMARIA Workers used a string with a weight to mark a straight line at the end of a stone wall. The pieces of stone that were outside the line were chipped off and thrown away. This shows that God was "throwing away" Samaria and Ahab's family of kings. III PLUMB LINE A string with a weight on one end used to show that a wall or building was not straight.

be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" valuable things|strong="H3605" soldiers take|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5414" war.<sup>15</sup> This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" because|strong="H4480" my|strong="H1961" people|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" said was|strong="H1961" wrong|strong="H7451". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" made|strong="H6213" me|strong="H4480" angry|strong="H3707" with|strong="H4714" them|strong="H0853" since|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" day|strong="H3117" their|strong="H1961" ancestors|strong="H0001" came|strong="H1961" up|strong="H5704" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H3117" Egypt|strong="H4714".<sup>16</sup> And|strong="H3068" Manasseh|strong="H4519" killed many|strong="H7235" innocent|strong="H5355" people|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" filled|strong="H4390" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" from|strong="H5704" one|strong="H6310" end|strong="H6310" to|strong="H5704" another|strong="H1571" with|strong="H4390" blood|strong="H1818". And|strong="H3068" all|strong="H5704" these|strong="H0834" sins|strong="H2398" are|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3068" addition|strong="H1571" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" sins|strong="H2398" that|strong="H0834" caused|strong="H0834" Judah|strong="H3063" to|strong="H5704" sin|strong="H2398". Manasseh|strong="H4519" caused|strong="H0834" Judah|strong="H3063" to|strong="H5704" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H6310" was|strong="H0834" wrong|strong="H7451".<sup>17</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" Manasseh|strong="H4519" did|strong="H6213", including|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2398" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" committed|strong="H2398", are|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063".<sup>18</sup> Manasseh|strong="H4519" died and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1004" buried|strong="H6912" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H8478" ancestors|strong="H0001". He|strong="H1004" was|strong="H1004" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H8478" garden|strong="H1588" at|strong="H1004" his|strong="H8478" house|strong="H1004". It|strong="H8478" was|strong="H1004" called the|strong="H8478" "Gar-



den |strong="H1588" of |strong="H1121" Uza |strong="H5798". His |strong="H8478" son |strong="H1121" Amon |strong="H0526" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" new king |strong="H4427" after him |strong="H5973".

#### Amon's |strong="H0526" Short Rule |strong="H4427"

<sup>19</sup> Amon |strong="H0526" was |strong="H8034" 22 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H4480" began to |strong="H3389" rule |strong="H4427". He |strong="H4480" ruled |strong="H4427" two |strong="H8147" years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H4480" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Meshullemeth |strong="H4922" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Haruz |strong="H2743" from |strong="H4480" Jotbah |strong="H3192".

<sup>20</sup> Amon did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" Manasseh |strong="H4519" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". <sup>21</sup> Amon lived just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" had |strong="H0834" lived. He |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H7812" and |strong="H1980" served |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" idols |strong="H1544" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" had |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H7812". <sup>22</sup> Amon left |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" his |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001", and |strong="H1980" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" live |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" wanted.

<sup>23</sup> Amon's |strong="H0526" servants |strong="H5650" made |strong="H7194" plans against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" and |strong="H4428" killed |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" palace |strong="H1004". <sup>24</sup> The |strong="H3605" common |strong="H1121" people |strong="H5971" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" officers who |strong="H3605" made |strong="H7194" plans against |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" Amon |strong="H0526". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" made |strong="H7194" Amon's |strong="H0526" son |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977"

the |strong="H3605" new king |strong="H4428" after |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0834" other things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Amon |strong="H0526" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H0834" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>26</sup> Amon was |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H6912" his |strong="H8478" grave |strong="H6900" at |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0853" Garden |strong="H1588" of |strong="H1121" Uza |strong="H5798". His |strong="H8478" son |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4427".

#### Josiah Begins His Rule Over Judah

<sup>22</sup> Josiah |strong="H2977" was |strong="H8034" eight |strong="H8083" years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" began to |strong="H3389" rule |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" 31 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H2977" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Jedidah |strong="H3040" the |strong="H8034" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Adahiah |strong="H5718" of |strong="H1121" Bozath |strong="H1218". <sup>2</sup> Josiah did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3477" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H3068" right |strong="H3225". He |strong="H6213" followed God |strong="H3068" like |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3605" ancestor David |strong="H1732". Josiah obeyed God's teachings |strong="H1870"—he |strong="H6213" did |strong="H6213" exactly |strong="H3605" what |strong="H3477" God |strong="H3068" wanted.

#### Josiah Orders the |strong="H3605" Temple Repaired

<sup>3</sup> During |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" 18th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H3068" Josiah |strong="H2977" was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428", he |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" Shaphan |strong="H8227" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Azaliah |strong="H0683" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Meshullam |strong="H4918", the |strong="H0853" secretary |strong="H5608", to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Josiah |strong="H2977" said |strong="H0559", <sup>4</sup>

Go up Hilkiah the high priest. Tell him he must get the money that people brought to the LORD'S Temple. The gatekeepers collected that money from the people. The priests must use that money to pay the workers to repair the LORD'S Temple. They must give that money to the men who supervise the work on the LORD'S Temple. Use that money for the carpenters, stonemasons, and stonecutters. Also use that money to buy the timber and cut stones that are needed to repair the Temple. Don't count the money that you give to the workers. They can be trusted."

**Book of the Law Found in the Temple**

<sup>8</sup> Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "Look, I found the Book of the Law of the LORD'S Law!"

<sup>1</sup> *BOOK OF THE LAW* This is probably the book of Deuteronomy. Also in 23:2.

in the LORD'S Temple! Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and Shaphan read it.

<sup>9</sup> He went to King Josiah and told him what happened. Shaphan said, "Your servants have gathered all the money that was in the Temple. They gave it to the men who supervise the work on the LORD'S Temple." <sup>10</sup> Then he told the king, "And Hilkiah the priest also gave this book to me." Then Shaphan read the book to the king.

<sup>11</sup> When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes to show he was sad and upset. Then he gave a command to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Acbor the son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary,

and the king's servant<sup>13</sup> Josiah said, "Go and ask the LORD what we should do." Ask for me, for the people, and for all Judah. Ask about the words of this book. This was found. The LORD is angry with us, because our ancestors did not listen to the words of this book. They did not obey the commands that were written for us."

**Josiah and Huldah  
the Prophetess**

<sup>14</sup> So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Acbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess. Huldah was the wife of Shalum, son of Tikvah, son of Harhas. He took care of the priests' clothes. Huldah was living in the second quarter in Jerusalem. They went and

talked with Huldah.

<sup>15</sup> Then Huldah said to them, "The LORD God of Israel says: Tell the man who sent you to me: 'The LORD says: This brings on this place and those who live here. These are the troubles that are mentioned in the book of the king of Judah read by you.' <sup>17</sup> The people of Judah have left me and have burned incense to other gods. They made me very angry. They made many idols. That is why I will show my anger against this place and those who live here. And when you heard those things, your heart was soft, and you showed your sorrow before the LORD. I said that terrible things would happen to this place. So you tore your clothes to show your sadness, and you began to cry. That is why I heard you.' This is what the LORD

<sup>18</sup> "King Josiah of Judah sent you to ask advice from the LORD. Tell Josiah that this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'You heard the words I spoke against this place and those who live here. And when you heard those things, your heart was soft, and you showed your sorrow before the LORD. I said that terrible things would happen to this place. So you tore your clothes to show your sadness, and you began to cry. That is why I heard you.' This is what the LORD

says. <sup>20</sup> 'I will bring you to your ancestors with your will and go to your grave in peace. So your eyes will see all the trouble that I am bringing on you in this place.'"

Then Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Acbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah gave that message to the king.

#### The People Hear the Law

**23** King Josiah told all the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem to come and meet with him. <sup>2</sup> Then the king went up to the LORD'S Temple. All the people of Judah and the people who lived in Jerusalem went with him. The priests, prophets, and all the people from the least important to the most important with him read the Book of the Law. This was the

Book of the Law that was found in the LORD'S Temple. Josiah read the book so all the people heard it.

<sup>3</sup> The king stood by the column and made an agreement with the LORD. He promised to follow the LORD and obey his commands, the laws, and his rules. He promised to do this with all his heart and soul. He promised to obey the agreement written in this book. All the people stood to show that they promised to follow the agreement.

<sup>4</sup> Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the other priests, and the gatekeepers to bring out of the LORD'S Temple all the dishes and things that were made to honor Baal, Asherah, and the stars

of|strong="H4428" heaven|strong="H8064". Then|strong="H3318" Josiah burned|strong="H8313" those|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" outside|strong="H2351" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" fields|strong="H7709" in|strong="H3068" Kidron|strong="H6939" Valley. Then|strong="H3318" they|strong="H3068" carried|strong="H5375" the|strong="H3605" ashes|strong="H6083" to|strong="H3068" Bethel|strong="H1008".

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" had|strong="H0834" chosen some|strong="H3605" ordinary|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" to|strong="H5414" serve as|strong="H0834" priests|strong="H3649". These|strong="H3605" false priests|strong="H3649" were|strong="H0834" burning|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999" at|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" in|strong="H4428" every|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" around|strong="H4524" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". They|strong="H0834" burned|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999" to|strong="H5414" honor Baal|strong="H1168", the|strong="H3605" sun|strong="H8121", the|strong="H3605" moon|strong="H3394", the|strong="H3605" constellations|strong="H4208", and|strong="H3063" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" stars in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" sky|strong="H8064". But|strong="H4428" Josiah stopped those|strong="H3605" false priests|strong="H3649".

<sup>6</sup> Josiah removed|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" Asherah|strong="H0842" pole from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". He|strong="H3068" took|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" Asherah|strong="H0842" pole outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0853" city to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Kidron|strong="H6939" Valley|strong="H5158" and|strong="H1121" burned|strong="H8313" it|strong="H5921" there|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H3318" he|strong="H3068" beat the|strong="H0853" burned|strong="H8313" pieces into|strong="H0413" dust|strong="H6083" and|strong="H1121" scattered the|strong="H0853" dust|strong="H6083" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" graves|strong="H6913" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" common|strong="H1121" people|strong="H5971". <sup>I</sup>

<sup>I</sup> SCATTERED ... COMMON PEOPLE This was a strong way of showing that the Asherah pole could never be used again.

<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H0853" King Josiah broke|strong="H5422" down|strong="H5422" the|strong="H0853" houses|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" male|strong="H6945" prostitutes|strong="H6945" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". Women|strong="H0802" also|strong="H3068" used these|strong="H0834" houses|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H0834" little tent covers to|strong="H3068" honor the|strong="H0853" false goddess Asherah|strong="H0842".

<sup>8</sup> At that time the priests did not bring the sacrifices to Jerusalem and offer them on the LORD'S altar in the Temple. The priests lived in cities all over Judah. They burned incense and offered sacrifices at the high places in those cities. The high places were everywhere, from Geba to Beersheba. And the priests ate their unleavened bread in those towns with the ordinary people— *not at the special place for priests in the Temple in Jerusalem* . But King Josiah ruined the high places and brought the priests to Jerusalem. Josiah also destroyed the high places that were on the left side of the city gate, by the Gate of Joshua. (Joshua was the ruler of the city.)

<sup>10</sup> Topheth|strong="H8612" was|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" place in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" Valley|strong="H1516" of|strong="H1121" Hinnom's Son|strong="H1121" where|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0376" killed their|strong="H0834" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" burned them|strong="H0853" on|strong="H0784" an|strong="H0376" altar to|strong="H0376" honor the|strong="H0853" false god Molech|strong="H4432". <sup>II</sup> Josiah ruined|strong="H2930" that|strong="H0834" place so|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" no|strong="H1115" one|strong="H0376" could|strong="H0376" use it|strong="H2930" again. <sup>11</sup> In|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" past the|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" had|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" some horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H5414" chariot|strong="H4818" near the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". This|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" near the|strong="H0853" room|strong="H1004" of|strong="H4428" an|strong="H5414" important official|strong="H5631" named Nathan Melech. The|strong="H0853" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H0935" chariot|strong="H4818" were|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" honor

<sup>II</sup> PEOPLE ... MOLECH Literally, "people made their son or daughter pass through fire to Molech."

the |strong="H0853" sun |strong="H8121" god |strong="H3068".<sup>I</sup> Josiah removed the |strong="H0853" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H0935" burned |strong="H8313" the |strong="H0853" chariot |strong="H4818".

<sup>12</sup> In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" past the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" had |strong="H3068" built |strong="H6213" altars |strong="H4196" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" roof |strong="H1406" of |strong="H4428" Ahab's building. King |strong="H4428" Manasseh |strong="H4519" had |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" built |strong="H6213" altars |strong="H4196" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" courtyards |strong="H2691" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Josiah destroyed |strong="H5422" all the |strong="H0853" altars |strong="H4196" and |strong="H3068" threw |strong="H7993" the |strong="H0853" broken |strong="H5422" pieces into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Kidron |strong="H6939" Valley |strong="H5158".

<sup>13</sup> In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" past King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" built |strong="H1129" some high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" on |strong="H5921" Destroyer Hill |strong="H2022" near |strong="H6440" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". The |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" were |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" south |strong="H3225" side |strong="H3225" of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" hill |strong="H2022". King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" built |strong="H1129" one |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H0834" places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H1121" worship |strong="H3478" to |strong="H5921" honor Ash-toreth, that |strong="H0834" horrible |strong="H8441" thing |strong="H8441" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Sidon worship |strong="H3478". He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" built |strong="H1129" one |strong="H1121" to |strong="H5921" honor Chemosh |strong="H3645", that |strong="H0834" horrible |strong="H8441" thing |strong="H8441" the |strong="H0853" Moabites |strong="H4124" worship |strong="H3478". And |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" built |strong="H1129" one |strong="H1121" high |strong="H1116" place |strong="H1116" to |strong="H5921" honor Milcom |strong="H4445", that |strong="H0834" horrible |strong="H8441"

<sup>I</sup> HORSES ... SUN GOD The people thought the sun was a god who drove his chariot (the sun) across the sky each day.

thing |strong="H8441" the |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" worship |strong="H3478". But |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Josiah ruined |strong="H2930" all these |strong="H0834" places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H1121" worship |strong="H3478".<sup>14</sup> He |strong="H0853" broke |strong="H7665" all the |strong="H0853" memorial stones and |strong="H0120" Asherah |strong="H0842" poles. Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" scattered dead men's |strong="H0120" bones |strong="H6106" over |strong="H0853" that |strong="H4725" place |strong="H4725".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Josiah also |strong="H1571" broke |strong="H5422" down |strong="H5422" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H1121" high |strong="H1116" place |strong="H1116" at |strong="H3478" Bethel |strong="H1008". Jeroboam |strong="H3379" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nebat |strong="H5028" had |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" this |strong="H1931" altar |strong="H4196". Jeroboam |strong="H3379" caused |strong="H0834" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" sin |strong="H2398".<sup>III</sup> Josiah broke |strong="H5422" down |strong="H5422" both |strong="H1571" that |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" place |strong="H1116". He |strong="H0834" broke |strong="H5422" the |strong="H0853" stones of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" to |strong="H3478" pieces. Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0834" beat it |strong="H1931" into |strong="H6083" dust |strong="H6083" and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" burned |strong="H8313" the |strong="H0853" Asherah |strong="H0842" pole.<sup>16</sup> Josiah |strong="H2977" looked |strong="H7200" around |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" saw |strong="H7200" graves |strong="H6913" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" mountain |strong="H2022". He |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" men |strong="H0376", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" graves |strong="H6913". Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0834" burned |strong="H8313" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0428" way |strong="H1697" Josiah |strong="H2977" ruined |strong="H2930" the |strong="H0853" al-

<sup>II</sup> SCATTERED ... PLACE This was the way he defiled (ruined) those places so that they could not be used for places of worship. <sup>III</sup> JEROBOAM ... SIN See 1 Kings 12:26-30.

tar|strong="H4196". This|strong="H0428" hap-  
pened|strong="H1697" according|strong="H5921"  
to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" from|strong="H4480"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853"  
man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376"  
God|strong="H0430" announced. <sup>I</sup>  
The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430" announced  
these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697"  
when|strong="H0834" Jeroboam stood be-  
side|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" al-  
tar|strong="H4196" at|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" feast.

Then|strong="H3947" Josiah|strong="H2977"  
looked|strong="H7200" around|strong="H5921"  
and|strong="H3068" saw|strong="H7200"  
the|strong="H0853" grave|strong="H6913"  
of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853"  
man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376"  
God|strong="H0430". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Josiah said|strong="H0559", "  
What|strong="H4100" is|strong="H0834"  
that|strong="H0834" monument|strong="H6725"  
I|strong="H0589" see|strong="H7200"?"

The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853"  
city|strong="H5892" told|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H0413", " It|strong="H5921"  
is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853"  
grave|strong="H6913" of|strong="H0376"  
the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430"  
who|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935"  
from|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063".  
This|strong="H0428" man|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430"  
told|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H1697"  
you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
done|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196"  
at|strong="H0413" Bethel|strong="H1008".  
He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559"  
them|strong="H0413" a|strong="H7200"  
long|strong="H4100" time ago."

<sup>18</sup> Josiah said|strong="H0559", "  
Leave|strong="H3240" the|strong="H0559"  
man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376"  
God|strong="H0559" alone. Don't|strong="H0408"  
move his|strong="H0834" bones|strong="H6106".  
So|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834"  
left|strong="H3240" his|strong="H0834"  
bones|strong="H6106" and|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0559" bones|strong="H6106"

<sup>I</sup> ANNOUNCED See 1 Kings 13:1-3. <sup>II</sup> THE MAN OF GOD ... THE GRAVE OF THE MAN OF GOD This is from the ancient Greek version.

of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559"  
man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376"  
God|strong="H0559" from|strong="H0935"  
Samaria|strong="H8111".

<sup>19</sup> Josiah|strong="H2977" also|strong="H1571" de-  
stroyed all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tem-  
ples|strong="H1004" at|strong="H3478"  
the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116"  
places|strong="H1116" in|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892"  
of|strong="H4428" Samaria|strong="H8111".  
The|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478"  
had|strong="H0834" built|strong="H6213"  
those|strong="H3605" temples|strong="H1004",  
which|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834"  
made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" LORD  
very|strong="H1571" angry|strong="H3707". Josi-  
ah|strong="H2977" destroyed them|strong="H1992",  
just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834"  
he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" destroyed  
the|strong="H3605" place|strong="H1116"  
of|strong="H4428" worship|strong="H3478"  
at|strong="H3478" Bethel|strong="H1008".

<sup>20</sup> Josiah killed all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"  
of|strong="H4196" the|strong="H3605"  
high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116"  
that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834"  
in|strong="H5921" Samaria. He|strong="H0834" killed  
the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"  
on|strong="H5921" those|strong="H3605" al-  
tars|strong="H4196" and|strong="H7725"  
burned|strong="H8313" men's|strong="H0120"  
bones|strong="H6106" on|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" altars|strong="H4196"  
so|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834"  
they|strong="H0834" could never be|strong="H7725"  
used|strong="H3605" again|strong="H7725".  
Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0834"  
went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H7725" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

#### The|strong="H3605" People|strong="H0120" of|strong="H4196" Judah Celebrate Passover

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H2088" King|strong="H4428" Josi-  
ah gave|strong="H6680" a|strong="H5921" com-  
mand|strong="H6680" to|strong="H0559"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971". He|strong="H6213"  
said|strong="H0559", "Celebrate the|strong="H3605"  
Passover|strong="H6453" for|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".  
Do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088"  
just|strong="H3605" as|strong="H3068"  
it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H3068" writ-  
ten|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921"

the |strong="H3605" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Agreement |strong="H1285".

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" celebrated |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3588" Passover |strong="H6453" like |strong="H0834" this |strong="H2088" since |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" days |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" judges |strong="H8199" ruled |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" or |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" ever |strong="H2088" had |strong="H0834" such |strong="H2088" a |strong="H3588" big celebration for |strong="H3588" Passover |strong="H6453".

<sup>23</sup> They |strong="H3588" celebrated |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" Passover |strong="H6453" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" during Josiah's |strong="H2977" 18th year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H3068" king |strong="H4428".

<sup>24</sup> Josiah |strong="H2977" destroyed the |strong="H3605" mediums |strong="H0178", wizards, the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" gods, the |strong="H3605" idols |strong="H1544", and |strong="H6965" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" horrible things |strong="H1697" people |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H6965" in |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H6965" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" this |strong="H1697" to |strong="H5921" obey |strong="H8451" the |strong="H3605" law |strong="H8451" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612" that |strong="H0834" Hilki-ah |strong="H2518" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" found |strong="H4672" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>25</sup> There |strong="H1961" had |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" been |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" like |strong="H3644" Josiah before |strong="H6440". Josiah turned |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3824", with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" soul |strong="H5315", and |strong="H6965" with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605"

strength |strong="H5315".<sup>1</sup> No |strong="H3808" king |strong="H4428" had |strong="H3068" followed |strong="H0310" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H4428" Moses |strong="H4872" like |strong="H3644" Josiah. And |strong="H6965" there |strong="H1961" has |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" been |strong="H1961" another |strong="H3808" king |strong="H4428" like |strong="H3644" Josiah since |strong="H0310" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H1961".

<sup>26</sup> But |strong="H0389" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" being angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" still |strong="H7725" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" Manasseh |strong="H4519" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H3605".<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" forced the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0559" leave |strong="H5493" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H6440". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0559" Judah |strong="H3063". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5493" Judah |strong="H3063" out |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1004" my |strong="H3068" sight |strong="H6440". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H1961" accept Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Yes |strong="H1571", I |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892". I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H8034" talking about |strong="H1961" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" when |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", ' My |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" there |strong="H8033". ' But |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H5892" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H1961".

<sup>28</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Josiah |strong="H2977" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921"

<sup>1</sup> WITH ALL HIS HEART ... STRENGTH See Deuteronomy 6:4, 5.



the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612",  
The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428"  
the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428"  
of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063".

**The |strong="H3605" Death of |strong="H4428" Josiah |strong="H2977"**

<sup>29</sup> While |strong="H3117" Josiah |strong="H2977" was |strong="H4428" king |strong="H4428", Pharaoh |strong="H6549" Neco |strong="H6549", the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714", went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H4191" fight against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H6578" River |strong="H5104". Josiah |strong="H2977" went |strong="H5927" out |strong="H5921" to |strong="H4191" meet |strong="H7125" Neco |strong="H6549" at |strong="H5921" Megiddo |strong="H4023". Pharaoh |strong="H6549" saw |strong="H7200" Josiah |strong="H2977" and |strong="H4428" killed |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5921". <sup>30</sup> Josiah's |strong="H2977" officers |strong="H5650" put |strong="H4191" his |strong="H3947" body |strong="H4023" in |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3947" chariot |strong="H7392" and |strong="H1121" carried |strong="H7392" him |strong="H0853" from |strong="H0935" Megiddo |strong="H4023" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". They |strong="H0935" buried |strong="H6912" Josiah |strong="H2977" in |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3947" own grave |strong="H6900". Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" common |strong="H1121" people |strong="H5971" took |strong="H3947" Josiah's |strong="H2977" son |strong="H1121" Jehoahaz |strong="H3059" and |strong="H1121" anointed |strong="H4886" him |strong="H0853". They |strong="H0935" made |strong="H3947" Jehoahaz |strong="H3059" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4427".

**Jehoahaz |strong="H3059" Becomes King |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah**

<sup>31</sup> Jehoahaz |strong="H3059" was |strong="H8034" 23 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" three |strong="H7969" months |strong="H2320" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H8034" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Hamutal |strong="H2537", daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Jeremiah |strong="H3414"

from |strong="H1121" Libnah |strong="H3841". <sup>32</sup> Jehoahaz did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" same things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". <sup>33</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6549" Neco |strong="H6549" put |strong="H5414" Jehoahaz in |strong="H5921" prison at |strong="H5921" Riblah |strong="H7247" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Hamath |strong="H2574". So |strong="H5414" Jehoahaz could not |strong="H0776" rule |strong="H4427" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Pharaoh |strong="H6549" Neco |strong="H6549" forced Judah to |strong="H5921" pay |strong="H5414" 7500 pounds <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H0776" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3967" 75 pounds <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H0776" gold |strong="H2091".

<sup>34</sup> Pharaoh |strong="H6549" Neco |strong="H6549" made |strong="H5437" Josiah's |strong="H2977" son |strong="H1121" Eliakim |strong="H0471" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4427". Eliakim |strong="H0471" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H8478" of |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977" his |strong="H3947" father |strong="H0001". Pharaoh |strong="H6549" Neco |strong="H6549" changed |strong="H5437" Eliakim's name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H0935" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079". And |strong="H1121" Pharaoh |strong="H6549" Neco |strong="H6549" took |strong="H3947" Jehoahaz |strong="H3059" away |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714" where |strong="H8033" he |strong="H8033" died |strong="H4191". <sup>35</sup> Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H5921" Pharaoh |strong="H6547". But |strong="H0389" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" made |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" common |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971" pay |strong="H5414" taxes and |strong="H0776" used |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0776" money |strong="H3701" to |strong="H5921" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" Neco |strong="H6549". So |strong="H5414" everyone |strong="H0376" paid |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" share |strong="H5414" of |strong="H0776" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H0776" gold |strong="H2091",

<sup>I</sup> 7500 POUNDS Literally, "100 talents" (3450 kg). <sup>II</sup> 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg).

and |strong="H0776" King |strong="H5921" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" money |strong="H3701" to |strong="H5921" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" Neco |strong="H6549".

<sup>36</sup> Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" was |strong="H8034" 25 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H4480" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H4480" ruled |strong="H4427" eleven |strong="H6240" years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H4480" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Zebidah |strong="H2080" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Pedaiah |strong="H6305" from |strong="H4480" Rumah |strong="H7316". <sup>37</sup> Jehoiakim did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" same things |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213".

#### King Nebuchadnezzar Comes to Judah

**24** In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H4428" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079", King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3117" country of |strong="H4428" Judah. Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" served |strong="H1961" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" for |strong="H3117" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141". Then |strong="H1961" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" turned |strong="H7725" against |strong="H5927" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" and |strong="H4428" broke away |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" his |strong="H7725" rule |strong="H4428". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" groups |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Babylonians |strong="H3778", Arameans |strong="H0758", Moabites |strong="H4124", and |strong="H1121" Ammonites |strong="H5983" to |strong="H1696" fight against |strong="H1696" Jehoiakim. He |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1696" destroy |strong="H0006" Judah |strong="H3063". This |strong="H1697" happened |strong="H1697" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696". He |strong="H0834" used his |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0853"

prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H1696" say |strong="H1696" those |strong="H0834" things |strong="H1697".

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6310" this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Judah |strong="H3063". In |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" remove |strong="H5493" them |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5493" his |strong="H3605" sight |strong="H6440". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2403" that |strong="H0834" Manasseh |strong="H4519" committed |strong="H6213". <sup>4</sup> He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H0834" Manasseh killed many innocent |strong="H5355" people |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" filled |strong="H4390" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" with |strong="H4390" their |strong="H3068" blood |strong="H1818". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" would |strong="H0014" not |strong="H3808" forgive |strong="H5545" these |strong="H0834" sins.

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" did |strong="H6213" are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>6</sup> Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" buried with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H8478" ancestors |strong="H0001". His |strong="H8478" son |strong="H1121" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" new king |strong="H4427" after him |strong="H5973".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" captured |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" between |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" Brook |strong="H5158" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" Euphrates |strong="H6578" River |strong="H5104". This |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" was |strong="H1961" previously |strong="H3808" controlled by |strong="H1961" Egypt |strong="H4714". So |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808"

leave |strong="H3318" Egypt |strong="H4714" any-more |strong="H5750".

### Nebuchadnezzar Captures Jerusalem

8 Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" was |strong="H8034" 18 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" began to |strong="H3389" rule |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" three |strong="H7969" months |strong="H2320" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H8034" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Nehushta daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" El-nathan |strong="H0494" from |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". 9 Jehoiachin did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" same things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213".

10 At |strong="H4428" that |strong="H1931" time |strong="H6256" the |strong="H0935" officers |strong="H5650" of |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H0935" surrounded it |strong="H1931". 11 Then |strong="H0935" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892". 12 King |strong="H4428" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5921" meet |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". His |strong="H5921" mother |strong="H0517", his |strong="H5921" officers |strong="H8269", leaders |strong="H8269", and |strong="H3063" officials |strong="H8269" also |strong="H0853" went |strong="H3318" with |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" captured |strong="H3947" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078". This |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" during the |strong="H0853" eighth |strong="H8083" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar's rule |strong="H4428".

13 Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H8033" took |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" Jerusalem

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H0214" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H0214" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0834" cut |strong="H7112" up |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" golden |strong="H2091" dishes that |strong="H0834" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3068" put |strong="H3318" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". This |strong="H0834" happened just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696".

14 Nebuchadnezzar captured all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", including |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" and |strong="H0776" other |strong="H3605" wealthy |strong="H2428" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H3808" took |strong="H0853" 10,000 people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0776" made |strong="H3605" them |strong="H0853" prisoners. He |strong="H3808" took |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" skilled |strong="H2796" workers |strong="H2796" and |strong="H0776" craftsmen |strong="H2796". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0776" left |strong="H7604", except |strong="H2108" the |strong="H3605" poorest of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" common |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971". 15 Nebuchadnezzar took |strong="H0853" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" to |strong="H3389" Babylon |strong="H0894" as |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" prisoner. He |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" mother |strong="H0517", his |strong="H1540" wives |strong="H0802", officers |strong="H5631", and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" leading men of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". He |strong="H0853" took |strong="H0853" them |strong="H0853" from |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" to |strong="H3389" Babylon |strong="H0894" as |strong="H0776" prisoners. 16 There |strong="H0894" were |strong="H0376" 7000 soldiers |strong="H0376". Nebuchadnezzar took |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0935" 1000 of |strong="H4428"

the skilled workers and craftsmen. All these men were trained soldiers, ready for war. The king of Babylon took them to Babylon as prisoners.

#### King Zedekiah

17 The king of Babylon made the new king Mattaniah. Mattaniah was Jehoiachin's uncle. He changed his name to Zedekiah. 18 Zedekiah was 21 years old when he began to rule. He ruled 11 years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah. 19 Zedekiah did what LORD said was wrong. He did all the same things that Jehoiakim did. 20 The LORD became angry with Jerusalem and Judah that he threw them away.

#### Nebuchadnezzar Ends Zedekiah's Rule

Zedekiah rebelled and refused to obey the king of Babylon.

25 So King Nebuchadnezzar

of Babylon and all his army came to fight against Jerusalem. This happened on the 10th day of the month of the tenth month of the ninth year as king Zedekiah's army went around Jerusalem to stop people from going in and out of the city. Then he built a wall around the city. His army stayed around Jerusalem until Zedekiah's eleventh year as king of Judah. 3 The famine was getting worse and worse in the city. By the 9th day of the fourth month, there was no more food. The common people in the city were starving. 4 Nebuchadnezzar's army finally broke through the city wall. That night King Zedekiah and all his soldiers ran away. They used the secret gate that went through the double walls. It was the king's garden. The enemy soldiers

were **around the city** and **his men** the **road** to **the desert**.<sup>5</sup> The **Babylonian army** chased **King Zedekiah** and **him** near **Jericho**. All **of Zedekiah's soldiers** left **him** and ran away.

<sup>6</sup> The **Babylonians** took **King Zedekiah** to **the king** of **Babylon** at **Riblah**. The **Babylonians** decided to **punish Zedekiah**.<sup>7</sup> They **killed Zedekiah's sons** in **front of him**. Then **they** put **out** **Zedekiah's eyes**. They **put** **on** **him** and **him** took **him** to **Babylon**.

#### Jerusalem Is Destroyed

<sup>8</sup> **Nebuchadnezzar** came to **Jerusalem** on **the 7th day** of **the 5th month** of **his 19th year** as **king** of **Babylon**. The **captain** of **Nebuchadnezzar's best soldiers** was **Nebuzaradan**.<sup>9</sup> **Nebuzaradan** burned **the LORD'S Temple** king's **palace**, and **all** **the houses** in **Jerusalem**.

He **destroyed even** **the largest houses**.

<sup>10</sup> Then **the Babylonian army** that **was** with **Nebuzaradan** pulled **down** **the walls** around **Jerusalem**.<sup>11</sup> **Nebuzaradan** captured **all** **the people** who **were** still left **in** **the city**. He **took** **all** **those people** as **prisoners**, even **those** who **had** tried to **surrender**.<sup>12</sup> He **let** only **the poorest** **people** stay there. He **let** them stay so that **they** could take care of **the grapes** and **other crops**.

<sup>13</sup> The **Babylonian soldiers** broke **into** **pieces** **all** **the bronze** **things** in **the LORD'S Temple**. They **broke** **the bronze** **columns**, **the bronze** **carts**, and **the large** **bronze** **tank** that **were** in **the LORD'S Temple**. Then **they** took **all** of **that** **bronze** to **Babylon**.<sup>14</sup> The **Babylonians** also **took** **the** **pots**, **the shovels**, **the tools** for **trimming** **the lamps**, **the spoons**, and **all** **the** **bronze** **dishes** that **were** used **in** **the Temple**.<sup>15</sup> **Nebuzaradan**

<sup>1</sup> TANK A very large container for water.

took *strong="H3947"* all the *strong="H0853"* firepans *strong="H4289"* and *strong="H3701"* bowls *strong="H4219"*. He *strong="H0834"* took *strong="H3947"* all the *strong="H0853"* things *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H0834"* of *strong="H4219"* gold *strong="H2091"* for *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* gold *strong="H2091"*. And *strong="H3701"* he *strong="H0834"* took *strong="H3947"* every-thing *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H0834"* of *strong="H4219"* silver *strong="H3701"* for *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* silver *strong="H3701"*. <sup>16</sup> So Nebuzaradan took the large bronze tank and the 2 bronze columns. (Each column was about 31 feet <sup>I</sup> tall. The capitals on the columns were over 5 feet <sup>II</sup> tall. They were made from bronze and had a design like a net and pomegranates. Both columns had the same kind of design.) He also took the carts that Solomon made for the LORD'S Temple. The bronze from these things was too heavy to be weighed.

### The People of Judah Taken as Prisoners

<sup>18</sup> From *strong="H3947"* the *strong="H0853"* Temple, Nebuzaradan took *strong="H3947"* Seraiah *strong="H8304"* the *strong="H0853"* high priest *strong="H3548"*, Zephaniah *strong="H6846"* the *strong="H0853"* second *strong="H4932"* priest *strong="H3548"*, and *strong="H3548"* the *strong="H0853"* three *strong="H7969"* men *strong="H7218"* who *strong="H3548"* guarded *strong="H8104"* the *strong="H0853"* entrance.

<sup>19</sup> From *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H0853"* city *strong="H5892"* Nebuzaradan took *strong="H3947"* one *strong="H0259"* official *strong="H8269"* who *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H5921"* charge *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0853"* army *strong="H6635"* and *strong="H0776"* five *strong="H2568"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0853"* king's *strong="H4428"* advisors <sup>III</sup> who *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* still in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* city *strong="H5892"*. He *strong="H0834"* took *strong="H3947"* one *strong="H0259"* secretary *strong="H5608"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0853"* commander *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0853"* army *strong="H6635"* who *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H5921"* charge *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H4428"* counting the *strong="H0853"* common *strong="H0776"* people *strong="H5971"* and *strong="H0776"* choosing some *strong="H4480"* of *strong="H4428"*

<sup>I</sup> 31 FEET Literally, "18 cubits" (9.33 m). <sup>II</sup> 5 FEET Literally, "3 cubits" (1.55 m). <sup>III</sup> KING'S ADVISORS Literally, "men who saw the king's face."

them *strong="H0853"* to *strong="H5921"* be *strong="H0376"* soldiers *strong="H0376"* and *strong="H0776"* 60 people *strong="H5971"* who *strong="H0834"* just *strong="H0834"* happened *strong="H4672"* to *strong="H5921"* be *strong="H0376"* in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* city *strong="H5892"*.

<sup>20</sup> Then Nebuzaradan took all these people to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the area of Hamath. The king of Babylon killed them there at Riblah. And the people of Judah were led away as prisoners from their land.

### Gedaliah, Governor of Judah

<sup>22</sup> King *strong="H4428"* Nebuchadnezzar *strong="H5019"* of *strong="H1121"* Babylon *strong="H0894"* left *strong="H7604"* some *strong="H5971"* people *strong="H5971"* in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* land *strong="H0776"* of *strong="H1121"* Judah *strong="H3063"*. There *strong="H0894"* was *strong="H0834"* a *strong="H0834"* man *strong="H1121"* named Gedaliah *strong="H1436"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Ahikam *strong="H0296"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Shaphan *strong="H8227"*. Nebuchadnezzar *strong="H5019"* made *strong="H6485"* Gedaliah *strong="H1436"* governor over *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H5971"* in *strong="H5921"* Judah *strong="H3063"*.

<sup>23</sup> The *strong="H3605"* army *strong="H2428"* captains *strong="H8269"* were *strong="H1121"* Ishmael *strong="H3458"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Nathaniah *strong="H5418"*, Johanan *strong="H3110"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Kareah *strong="H7143"*, Seraiah *strong="H8304"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Tanhumeth *strong="H8576"* from *strong="H0935"* Netophah, and *strong="H1121"* Jaazaniah *strong="H2970"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* Maachathite. These *strong="H1992"* army *strong="H2428"* captains *strong="H8269"* and *strong="H1121"* their *strong="H3605"* men *strong="H0376"* heard *strong="H8085"* that *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"* of *strong="H1121"* Babylon *strong="H0894"* had *strong="H4428"* made *strong="H6485"* Gedaliah *strong="H1436"* governor *strong="H8269"*, so *strong="H0935"* they *strong="H1992"* went *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* Mizpah *strong="H4709"* to *strong="H0413"* meet with *strong="H0413"* him *strong="H0413"*. <sup>24</sup> Gedaliah *strong="H1436"* made *strong="H7650"* promises *strong="H7650"* to *strong="H0559"* these officers *strong="H5650"* and *strong="H0776"* their *strong="H5647"* men *strong="H0376"*.

He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853"; "Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Babylonian |strong="H3778" officers |strong="H5650". Stay |strong="H3427" here and |strong="H0776" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". Then |strong="H0853" everything will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0408" all |strong="H0376" right with |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0853"."

<sup>25</sup> Ishmael |strong="H3458" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nethaniah |strong="H5418" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" El-ishama |strong="H0476" was |strong="H1961" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" king's family |strong="H2233". In |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" seventh |strong="H7637" month |strong="H2320", Ishmael |strong="H3458" and |strong="H1121" ten |strong="H6235" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0834" men |strong="H0376" attacked |strong="H5221" Gedaliah |strong="H1436" and |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" Judah and |strong="H1121" Babylonians |strong="H3778" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" Gedaliah |strong="H1436" at |strong="H4191" Mizpah |strong="H4709". <sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428" officers |strong="H8269" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" ran away |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714". Everyone |strong="H3605", from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" least important |strong="H5704" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" most important |strong="H5704", ran away |strong="H3605" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H4714" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H3605" Babylonians |strong="H3778".

<sup>27</sup> Later |strong="H1961", Evil Merodach became |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Baby-

lon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H0853" let |strong="H1961" King |strong="H4428" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" out |strong="H8147" of |strong="H4428" prison |strong="H3608". This happened |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" 37th year |strong="H8141" after |strong="H1961" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" was |strong="H1961" captured. This was |strong="H1961" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" 27th day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" twelfth month |strong="H2320" from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H1961" that |strong="H8141" Evil Merodach began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" rule |strong="H4428". <sup>28</sup> Evil Merodach was |strong="H0834" kind |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1696" Jehoiachin. He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" more |strong="H5921" important place |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1696" sit than |strong="H2896" the |strong="H0853" other kings |strong="H4428" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H5414" in |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894". <sup>29</sup> Evil Merodach let Jehoiachin |strong="H8132" stop wearing prison |strong="H3608" clothes |strong="H0899". And |strong="H0398" every |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" rest of |strong="H3117" his |strong="H3605" life |strong="H3117", he |strong="H3117" ate |strong="H0398" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" table |strong="H6440" with |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" king. <sup>30</sup> And |strong="H4428" each |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117", for |strong="H3605" as |strong="H1697" long |strong="H3117" as |strong="H1697" Jehoiachin lived |strong="H2416", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" enough money to |strong="H5414" pay |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3605" whatever |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3117" needed.

# 1 Chronicles

## Family History From Adam to Noah

1 The first generations of people were Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah. <sup>I</sup>

4 The sons of Noah <sup>strong="H5146"</sup> were <sup>strong="H5146"</sup> Shem <sup>strong="H8035"</sup>, Ham <sup>strong="H2526"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H2526"</sup> Japheth <sup>strong="H3315"</sup>.

### Japheth's <sup>strong="H3315"</sup> Descendants

5 The <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> of <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Japheth <sup>strong="H3315"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Gomer <sup>strong="H1586"</sup>, Magog <sup>strong="H4031"</sup>, Madai <sup>strong="H4074"</sup>, Javan <sup>strong="H3120"</sup>, Tubal <sup>strong="H8422"</sup>, Meshech <sup>strong="H4902"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Tiras <sup>strong="H8494"</sup>.

6 The <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> of <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Gomer <sup>strong="H1586"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Ashkenaz <sup>strong="H0813"</sup>, Riphath <sup>strong="H7384"</sup>, <sup>II</sup> and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Togarmah <sup>strong="H8425"</sup>.

7 The <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> of <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Javan <sup>strong="H3120"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Elishah <sup>strong="H0473"</sup>, Tarshish <sup>strong="H8659"</sup>, Kittim <sup>strong="H3794"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Rodanim.

### Ham's Descendants <sup>strong="H1121"</sup>

8 The <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> of <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Ham <sup>strong="H2526"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Cush <sup>strong="H3568"</sup>, <sup>III</sup> Mizraim <sup>strong="H4714"</sup>, <sup>IV</sup> Put <sup>strong="H6316"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Canaan <sup>strong="H3667"</sup>.

9 The <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> of <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Cush <sup>strong="H3568"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Seba <sup>strong="H5434"</sup>, Havilah <sup>strong="H2341"</sup>, Sabtah <sup>strong="H5454"</sup>, Raamah <sup>strong="H7484"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Sabteca <sup>strong="H5455"</sup>.  
The <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> of <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Raamah <sup>strong="H7484"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Sheba <sup>strong="H7614"</sup> and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Dedan <sup>strong="H1719"</sup>.

<sup>I</sup> This list of names gives the name of a man, followed by his descendants. <sup>II</sup> RIPHATH Or "Diphath." <sup>III</sup> CUSH That is, Ethiopia. <sup>IV</sup> MIZRAIM That is, Egypt.

10 Nimrod <sup>strong="H5248"</sup>, a <sup>strong="H1961"</sup> descendant of <sup>strong="H0776"</sup> Cush <sup>strong="H3568"</sup>, grew up <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> to <sup>strong="H1961"</sup> become <sup>strong="H1961"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> strongest and <sup>strong="H0776"</sup> bravest soldier in <sup>strong="H0776"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> world <sup>strong="H0776"</sup>.

11 Mizraim <sup>strong="H4714"</sup> was <sup>strong="H4714"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> father <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> of <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> people <sup>strong="H3866"</sup> of <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> Lud <sup>strong="H3866"</sup>, Anam <sup>strong="H6047"</sup>, Lehab <sup>strong="H3853"</sup>, Naphtuh <sup>strong="H5320"</sup>, <sup>12</sup> Pathrus <sup>strong="H6625"</sup>,

Casluh <sup>strong="H3695"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H8033"</sup> Caphthor <sup>strong="H3732"</sup>. ( The <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> Philistines <sup>strong="H6430"</sup> came <sup>strong="H3318"</sup> from <sup>strong="H3318"</sup> Casluh <sup>strong="H3695"</sup>.)

13 Canaan <sup>strong="H3667"</sup> was <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> father <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> of <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> Sidon <sup>strong="H6721"</sup>. Sidon <sup>strong="H6721"</sup> was <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> his <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> first child <sup>strong="H3205"</sup>. Canaan <sup>strong="H3667"</sup> was <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> also <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> father <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> of <sup>strong="H3205"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> Hittites, <sup>14</sup> Jebusites <sup>strong="H2983"</sup>, Amorites <sup>strong="H0567"</sup>, Girgashites <sup>strong="H1622"</sup>, <sup>15</sup> Hivites <sup>strong="H2340"</sup>, Arkites <sup>strong="H6208"</sup>, Sinites <sup>strong="H5513"</sup>, <sup>16</sup> Arvadites <sup>strong="H0721"</sup>, Zemarites <sup>strong="H6786"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> the <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> people from <sup>strong="H0853"</sup> Hamath.

### Shem's Descendants

17 Shem's sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Elam <sup>strong="H5867"</sup>, Asshur <sup>strong="H0804"</sup>, Arphaxad <sup>strong="H0775"</sup>, Lud <sup>strong="H3865"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Aram <sup>strong="H0758"</sup>. Aram's sons <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> were <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Uz <sup>strong="H5780"</sup>, Hul <sup>strong="H2343"</sup>, Gether <sup>strong="H1666"</sup>, and <sup>strong="H1121"</sup> Meshech <sup>strong="H4902"</sup>. <sup>VI</sup>

<sup>V</sup> ARAM'S SONS WERE This is found in one Hebrew copy and some copies of the ancient Greek version. It is also found in the standard Hebrew text of Genesis 10:23, but not here. <sup>VI</sup> MESHECH Or "Mash." See Genesis 10:23.



18 Arphaxad *strong="H0775"* was *strong="H3205"* the *strong="H0853"* father *strong="H3205"* of *strong="H3205"* Shelah *strong="H7974"*. She-lah *strong="H7974"* was *strong="H3205"* the *strong="H0853"* father *strong="H3205"* of *strong="H3205"* Eber *strong="H5677"*.  
 19 Eber *strong="H5677"* had *strong="H3205"* two *strong="H8147"* sons *strong="H1121"*. One *strong="H0259"* son *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H8034"* named *strong="H8034"* Pe-leg *strong="H6389"*,<sup>I</sup> because *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H3588"* people *strong="H1121"* on *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3588"* earth *strong="H0776"* were *strong="H1121"* divid-ed *strong="H6385"* into *strong="H0776"* different languages during *strong="H3117"* his *strong="H3588"* lifetime *strong="H3117"*. Pe-leg's brother *strong="H0251"* was *strong="H8034"* named *strong="H8034"* Joktan *strong="H3355"*.<sup>20</sup> (Joktan *strong="H3355"* was *strong="H3205"* the *strong="H0853"* father *strong="H3205"* of *strong="H3205"* Almodad *strong="H0486"*, Sheleph *strong="H8026"*, Haz-armaveth *strong="H2700"*, Jerah *strong="H3392"*,<sup>21</sup> Hadoram *strong="H1913"*, Uzal *strong="H0187"*, Diklah *strong="H1853"*,<sup>22</sup> Ebal *strong="H5858"*,<sup>II</sup> Abimael *strong="H0039"*, Sheba *strong="H7614"*,<sup>23</sup> Ophir *strong="H0211"*, Havilah *strong="H2341"*, and *strong="H1121"* Jobab *strong="H3103"*. All *strong="H3605"* these *strong="H0428"* men *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Joktan's sons *strong="H1121"*.)  
 24 Shem's descendants were Arphaxad *strong="H0775"*, Shelah *strong="H7974"*,<sup>25</sup> Eber *strong="H5677"*, Peleg *strong="H6389"*, Reu *strong="H7466"*,<sup>26</sup> Serug *strong="H8286"*, Nahor *strong="H5152"*, Terah *strong="H8646"*,<sup>27</sup> and *strong="H0085"* Abram *strong="H0087"*. (Abram *strong="H0087"* is *strong="H1931"* also *strong="H0085"* called Abraham *strong="H0085"*.)

#### Abraham's *strong="H0085"* Family

28 Abraham's *strong="H0085"* sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Isaac *strong="H3327"* and *strong="H1121"* Ish-mael *strong="H3458"*.<sup>29</sup> These *strong="H0428"* are *strong="H0428"* their descendants: Ishmael's *strong="H3458"* first son was *strong="H1060"* Nebaioth *strong="H5032"*. His *strong="H3458"* other *strong="H0428"* sons were *strong="H0428"* Kedar *strong="H6938"*, Ad-beel *strong="H0110"*, Mibsam *strong="H4017"*,<sup>30</sup> Mishma *strong="H4927"*, Dumah *strong="H1746"*, Massa *strong="H4854"*, Hadad *strong="H2301"*,

Tema *strong="H8485"*,<sup>31</sup> Jetur *strong="H3195"*, Naphish *strong="H5305"*, and *strong="H1121"* Kedemah *strong="H6929"*. These *strong="H0428"* were *strong="H0428"* Ishmael's *strong="H3458"* sons *strong="H1121"*.  
 32 Abraham *strong="H0085"* also *strong="H0853"* had *strong="H3205"* sons *strong="H1121"* by *strong="H3205"* Keturah *strong="H6989"*, his *strong="H0085"* slave woman. They *strong="H3205"* were *strong="H1121"* Zim-ran *strong="H2175"*, Jokshan *strong="H3370"*, Medan *strong="H4091"*, Midian *strong="H4080"*, Ishbak *strong="H3435"*, and *strong="H1121"* Shuah *strong="H7744"*.  
 Jokshan's sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Sheba *strong="H7614"* and *strong="H1121"* Dedan *strong="H1719"*.  
 33 Midian's *strong="H4080"* sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Ephah *strong="H5891"*, Epher *strong="H6081"*, Hanoah *strong="H2585"*, Abida *strong="H0028"*, and *strong="H1121"* El-daah *strong="H0420"*. These *strong="H0428"* men *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* descen-dants *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Ketu-rah *strong="H6989"*.

#### Isaac's Descendants *strong="H1121"*

34 Abraham *strong="H0085"* was *strong="H3478"* the *strong="H0853"* father *strong="H3205"* of *strong="H1121"* Isaac *strong="H3327"*. Isaac's *strong="H3327"* sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H3478"* Esau *strong="H6215"* and *strong="H1121"* Israel *strong="H3478"*.  
 35 Esau's *strong="H6215"* sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Eliphaz *strong="H0464"*, Reuel *strong="H7467"*, Jeush *strong="H3266"*, Jalam *strong="H3281"*, and *strong="H1121"* Ko-rah *strong="H7141"*.  
 36 Eliphaz's sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Teman *strong="H8487"*, Omar *strong="H0201"*, Zepho *strong="H6825"*,<sup>III</sup> Gatam *strong="H1609"*, and *strong="H1121"* Ke-naz *strong="H7073"*. Also Eliphaz *strong="H0464"* and *strong="H1121"* Timna *strong="H8555"* had *strong="H1121"* a *strong="H1121"* son *strong="H1121"* named Amalek *strong="H6002"*.  
 37 Reuel's sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Nahath *strong="H5184"*, Zer-ah *strong="H2226"*, Shammah *strong="H8048"*, and *strong="H1121"* Mizzah *strong="H4199"*.

#### The *strong="H1121"* Edomites

38 Seir's sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* Lotan *strong="H3877"*,

I PELEG This name means "division." II EBAL Or "Obal." See Gene-sis 10:28.

III ZEPHO Or "Zephi."

Shobal|strong="H7732", Zibeon|strong="H6649", Anah|strong="H6034", Dishon|strong="H1787", Ezer|strong="H0687", and|strong="H1121" Dishan|strong="H1789".

39 Lotan's|strong="H3877" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Hori|strong="H2753" and|strong="H1121" Homam|strong="H1950".<sup>I</sup> Lotan|strong="H3877" had|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1121" sister|strong="H0269" named Timna|strong="H8555".

40 Shobal's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Alvan|strong="H5935", Manahath|strong="H4506", Ebal|strong="H5858", Shepho|strong="H8195", and|strong="H1121" Onam|strong="H0208".

Zibeon's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Aiah|strong="H0345" and|strong="H1121" Anah|strong="H6034".

41 Anah's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Dishon|strong="H1787".

Dishon's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Hemdan, Eshban|strong="H0790", Ithran|strong="H3506", and|strong="H1121" Keran.

42 Ezer's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Bilhan|strong="H1092", Zavan|strong="H2190", and|strong="H1121" Akan.

Dishan's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Uz|strong="H5780" and|strong="H1121" Aran|strong="H0765".

#### The|strong="H1121" Kings of|strong="H1121" Edom

43 There|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" in|strong="H3478" Edom|strong="H0123" long|strong="H6440" before|strong="H6440" there|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478". These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Edom|strong="H0123".

Bela|strong="H1106" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H6440" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Beor|strong="H1160". The|strong="H6440" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H1121" Bela's|strong="H1106" city|strong="H5892" was|strong="H8034" Dinhabah|strong="H1838".

44 When|strong="H1121" Bela|strong="H1106" died|strong="H4191", Jobab|strong="H3103" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zerah|strong="H2226" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427".

Jobab|strong="H3103" came from|strong="H1121" Bozrah|strong="H1224".

45 When|strong="H0776" Jobab|strong="H3103" died|strong="H4191", Husham|strong="H2367" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427". Husham|strong="H2367" was|strong="H0776" from|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478" country|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H8478" Temanites|strong="H8489".

46 When|strong="H1121" Husham|strong="H2367" died|strong="H4191", Hadad|strong="H1908" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Be-dad|strong="H0911" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H0853" new king|strong="H4427". Hadad|strong="H1908" defeated|strong="H5221" Midian|strong="H4080" in|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" country|strong="H7704" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124". Hadad's city|strong="H5892" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Avith|strong="H5762".

47 When Hadad|strong="H1908" died|strong="H4191", Samlah|strong="H8072" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427". Samlah|strong="H8072" was from|strong="H8478" Masrekah|strong="H4957".

48 When Samlah|strong="H8072" died|strong="H4191", Shaul|strong="H7586" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427". Shaul|strong="H7586" was|strong="H7586" from|strong="H8478" Rehoboth|strong="H7344" by|strong="H4191" the|strong="H8478" Euphrates|strong="H5104" River|strong="H5104".

49 When|strong="H1121" Shaul|strong="H7586" died|strong="H4191", Baal Hanan son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Acbor|strong="H5907" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427".

50 When|strong="H0802" Baal Hanan died|strong="H4191", Hadad|strong="H1908" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" new king|strong="H4427". Hadad's city|strong="H5892" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Pau|strong="H6464".<sup>II</sup> Hadad's wife|strong="H0802" was|strong="H8034" named|strong="H8034" Mehetabel|strong="H4105".

Mehetabel|strong="H4105" was|strong="H8034" Matred's daughter|strong="H1323". Matred|strong="H4308" was|strong="H8034" Mezahab's daughter|strong="H1323".<sup>51</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Hadad|strong="H1908" died|strong="H4191".

The|strong="H1961" leaders of|strong="H4191" Edom|strong="H0123" were|strong="H1961" Timna|strong="H8555", Alvah|strong="H5933", Je-

I HOMAM Or "Heman." See Genesis 36:22.

II PAU Or "Pai."

theth|strong="H3509",<sup>52</sup> Oholibamah|strong="H0173", Elah|strong="H0425", Pinon|strong="H6373",<sup>53</sup> Kenaz|strong="H7073", Teman|strong="H8487", Mibzar|strong="H4014",<sup>54</sup> Magdiel|strong="H4025", and|strong="H0428" Iram|strong="H5902". This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0428" a list of|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0428" leaders of|strong="H0428" Edom|strong="H0123".

### Israel's Sons

**2** Israel's|strong="H3478" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H3478" Reuben|strong="H7205", Simeon|strong="H8095", Levi|strong="H3878", Judah|strong="H3063", Issachar|strong="H3485", Zebulun|strong="H2074",<sup>2</sup> Dan|strong="H1835", Joseph|strong="H3130", Benjamin|strong="H1144", Naphtali|strong="H5321", Gad|strong="H1410", and|strong="H1144" Asher|strong="H0836".

### Judah's Sons

**3** Judah's|strong="H3063" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1961" Er|strong="H6147", Onan|strong="H0209", and|strong="H1121" She-lah|strong="H7956". Bathshua<sup>I</sup> from|strong="H1121" Canaan was|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3068" mother. The|strong="H3205" LORD|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H4191" Er|strong="H6147", the|strong="H3205" first son|strong="H1121", because he|strong="H3068" saw that|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961" evil|strong="H7451".<sup>4</sup> Judah's|strong="H3063" daughter-in-law|strong="H3618" Tamar|strong="H8559" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" Perez|strong="H6557" and|strong="H1121" Zerah|strong="H2226".<sup>II</sup> So|strong="H0853" Judah|strong="H3063" had|strong="H3205" five|strong="H2568" sons|strong="H1121".

<sup>5</sup> Perez's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Hezron|strong="H2696" and|strong="H1121" Hamul|strong="H2538".

<sup>6</sup> Zerah|strong="H2226" had|strong="H1121" five|strong="H2568" sons|strong="H1121". They|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1121" Zim-ri|strong="H2174", Ethan|strong="H0387", He-man|strong="H1968", Calcol|strong="H3633", and|strong="H1121" Darda.

<sup>7</sup> Zimri's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H0834" Carmi|strong="H3756". Carmi's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H0834" Achar|strong="H5917".<sup>III</sup> Achar|strong="H5917" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834"

man|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H5916" many trou-bles|strong="H5916" to|strong="H3478" Is-rael|strong="H3478". Achar|strong="H5917" kept the|strong="H0834" things|strong="H3478" he|strong="H0834" took in|strong="H3478" battle, but|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" supposed to|strong="H3478" give them|strong="H1121" all to|strong="H3478" God.

<sup>8</sup> Ethan's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Azariah|strong="H5838".

<sup>9</sup> Hezron's|strong="H2696" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H0834" Jerahmeel|strong="H3396", Ram|strong="H7410", and|strong="H1121" Caleb.<sup>IV</sup>

### Ram's Descendants|strong="H1121"

**10** Ram|strong="H7410" was|strong="H3063" Am-minadab's father|strong="H3205", and|strong="H1121" Amminadab|strong="H5992" was|strong="H3063" Nahshon's fa-ther|strong="H3205". Nahshon|strong="H5177" was|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0853" leader|strong="H5387" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063".<sup>V11</sup> Nahshon|strong="H5177" was|strong="H3205" Salmon's father|strong="H3205". Salmon was|strong="H3205" Boaz's father|strong="H3205".

<sup>12</sup> Boaz|strong="H1162" was|strong="H3205" Obed's father|strong="H3205".

Obed|strong="H5744" was|strong="H3205" Jesse's|strong="H3448" father|strong="H3205".<sup>13</sup>

Jesse|strong="H3448" was|strong="H3205" Eliab's|strong="H0446" father|strong="H3205".

Eliab|strong="H0446" was|strong="H3205" Jesse's|strong="H3448" first son.

Jesse's|strong="H3448" second|strong="H8145" son was|strong="H3205" Abinadab|strong="H0041".

His|strong="H0446" third|strong="H7992" son was|strong="H3205" Shimea|strong="H8092".<sup>14</sup>

Nethanel|strong="H5417" was Jesse's fourth|strong="H7243" son. Jesse's

fifth|strong="H2549" son was Rad-dai|strong="H7288".<sup>15</sup> Ozem|strong="H0684"

was|strong="H1732" Jesse's sixth|strong="H8345" son, and|strong="H1732" David|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1732" his|strong="H1732" sev-

enth|strong="H7637" son.<sup>16</sup> Their sis-

ters|strong="H0269" were|strong="H1121" Zeruah|strong="H6870" and|strong="H1121" Abi-

gail|strong="H0026". Zeruah's|strong="H6870" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Abishai|strong="H0052",

I BATHSHUA This name means "the daughter of Shua." See Genesis 38:2. II Judah had sexual relations with his own daughter-in-law, Tamar, and caused her to be pregnant. See Genesis 38:12-30. III ACHAR Or "Achan." See Josh. 7:11.

IV CALEB Literally, "Kelubai." V NAHSHON ... JUDAH Nahshon was leader of the tribe of Judah at the time the Israelites came out of Egypt. See Num. 1:7; 2:3; 7:12.

Joab |strong="H3097", and |strong="H1121" Asahel |strong="H6214".<sup>17</sup> Abigail |strong="H0026" was |strong="H3205" Amasa's mother. Amasa's father |strong="H0001" was |strong="H3205" Jether |strong="H3500". Jether |strong="H3500" was |strong="H3205" from |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Ishmaelites |strong="H3459".

#### Caleb's Descendants

<sup>18</sup> Caleb |strong="H3612" was |strong="H0802" Hezron's |strong="H2696" son |strong="H1121". Caleb |strong="H3612" had |strong="H3205" children |strong="H1121" with |strong="H0854" his |strong="H0854" wife |strong="H0802" Azubah |strong="H5806". Azubah |strong="H5806" was |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" daughter of |strong="H1121" Jerioth |strong="H3408".<sup>1</sup> Azubah's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Jeshur |strong="H3475", Shobab |strong="H7727", and |strong="H1121" Ardun |strong="H0715".<sup>19</sup> When Azubah |strong="H5806" died |strong="H4191", Caleb |strong="H3612" married |strong="H3947" Ephrath |strong="H0672". Caleb |strong="H3612" and |strong="H4191" Ephrath |strong="H0672" had |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3947" son. They |strong="H3205" named him |strong="H3205" Hur |strong="H2354".<sup>20</sup> Hur |strong="H2354" was |strong="H3205" Uri's father |strong="H3205". Uri |strong="H0221" was |strong="H3205" Bezalel's father |strong="H3205".<sup>21</sup> Later |strong="H0310" when |strong="H0935" Hezron |strong="H2696" was |strong="H1931" 60 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121", he |strong="H1931" married |strong="H3947" Makir's |strong="H4353" daughter |strong="H1323". Makir |strong="H4353" was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568". Hezron |strong="H2696" had |strong="H0001" sexual |strong="H3947" relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" Makir's |strong="H4353" daughter |strong="H1323", and |strong="H1121" she |strong="H1931" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0413" Segub |strong="H7687".<sup>22</sup> Segub |strong="H7687" was |strong="H1961" Jair's father |strong="H3205". Jair |strong="H2971" had |strong="H1961" 23 cities |strong="H5892" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Gilead |strong="H1568".<sup>23</sup> But |strong="H3947" Geshur |strong="H1650" and |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758" took |strong="H3947" Jair's villages |strong="H1323". Among |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0853" were |strong="H1121" Kenath |strong="H7079"

and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" small towns |strong="H1323" around it |strong="H3947". There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 60 small towns |strong="H1323" in |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605". All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" towns |strong="H1323" belonged to |strong="H0001" the |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Makir |strong="H4353", the |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" Gilead |strong="H1568".

<sup>24</sup> After |strong="H0310" Hezron |strong="H2696" died |strong="H4194" in |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" town of |strong="H3205" Caleb |strong="H3613" Ephrathah, his |strong="H0310" wife |strong="H0802" Abijah |strong="H0029" had |strong="H0001" his |strong="H0310" son, who |strong="H0802" was |strong="H0802" named Ashhur |strong="H0806". Ashhur |strong="H0806" was |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H3205" Tekoa |strong="H8620".

#### Jerahmeel's Descendants

<sup>25</sup> Jerahmeel |strong="H3396" was |strong="H1961" Hezron's |strong="H2696" first son |strong="H1121". Jerahmeel's |strong="H3396" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" Ram |strong="H7410", Bunah |strong="H0946", Oren |strong="H0767", Ozem |strong="H0684", and |strong="H1121" Ahijah |strong="H0281". Ram |strong="H7410" was |strong="H1961" Jerahmeel's |strong="H3396" first son |strong="H1121".<sup>26</sup> Jerahmeel |strong="H3396" had |strong="H1961" another |strong="H0312" wife |strong="H0802" named |strong="H8034" Atarah |strong="H5851". Onam's mother |strong="H0517" was |strong="H8034" Atarah |strong="H5851".<sup>27</sup> Jerahmeel's |strong="H3396" first son |strong="H1121", Ram |strong="H7410", had |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121". They were |strong="H1961" Maaz |strong="H4619", Jamin |strong="H3226", and |strong="H1121" Eker |strong="H6134".

<sup>28</sup> Onam's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" Shammai |strong="H8060" and |strong="H1121" Jada |strong="H3047". Shammai's |strong="H8060" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" Nadab |strong="H5070" and |strong="H1121" Abishur |strong="H0051".

<sup>29</sup> Abishur's |strong="H0051" wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H8034" named |strong="H8034" Abihail |strong="H0032". They |strong="H8034" had |strong="H3205" two sons |strong="H3205". Their |strong="H0802" names |strong="H8034" were |strong="H0802" Ahban |strong="H0257" and |strong="H0802" Molid.

1 Or "Caleb had children with Azubah his wife and with Jerioth."

30 Nadab's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Seled |strong="H5540" and |strong="H1121" Appaim |strong="H0649". Seled |strong="H5540" died |strong="H4191" without |strong="H3808" having |strong="H3808" children |strong="H1121".

31 Appaim's son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Ishi |strong="H3469". Ishi's son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Sheshan |strong="H8348". Sheshan's son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Ahlai |strong="H0304".

32 Jada |strong="H3047" was |strong="H1121" Shammai's |strong="H8060" brother |strong="H0251". Jada's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Jether |strong="H3500" and |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3129". Jether |strong="H3500" died |strong="H4191" without |strong="H3808" having |strong="H3808" children |strong="H1121".

33 Jonathan's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Peleth |strong="H6431" and |strong="H1121" Zaza |strong="H2117". This |strong="H0428" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" list of |strong="H1121" Jerahmeel's |strong="H3396" children |strong="H1121".

34 Sheshan |strong="H8348" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121". He |strong="H3588" only |strong="H0518" had |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323". Sheshan |strong="H8348" had |strong="H1121" a |strong="H1121" servant |strong="H5650" from |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4713" named |strong="H8034" Jarha |strong="H3398".

35 Sheshan |strong="H8348" let |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" daughter |strong="H1323" marry |strong="H0802" Jarha |strong="H3398". They |strong="H3205" had |strong="H3205" a |strong="H5414" son. His |strong="H5414" name was |strong="H0802" Attai |strong="H6262".

36 Attai |strong="H6262" was |strong="H3205" Nathan's father |strong="H3205". Nathan |strong="H5416" was |strong="H3205" Zabad's father |strong="H3205".

37 Zabad |strong="H2066" was |strong="H3205" Ephlal's father |strong="H3205". Ephlal |strong="H0654" was |strong="H3205" Obed's father |strong="H3205".

38 Obed |strong="H5744" was |strong="H3205" Jehu's |strong="H3058" father |strong="H3205". Jehu |strong="H3058" was |strong="H3205" Azariah's |strong="H5838" father |strong="H3205".

39 Azariah |strong="H5838" was |strong="H3205" Helez's father |strong="H3205". Helez |strong="H2503" was |strong="H3205" Eleasah's father |strong="H3205".

40 Eleasah |strong="H0501" was |strong="H3205" Sismai's fa-

ther |strong="H3205". Sismai |strong="H5581" was |strong="H3205" Shallum's father |strong="H3205".

41 Shallum |strong="H7967" was |strong="H3205" Jekamiah's father |strong="H3205", and |strong="H0853" Jekamiah |strong="H3359" was |strong="H3205" Elishama's father |strong="H3205".

#### Other |strong="H3205" Descendants of |strong="H3205" Caleb

42 Caleb |strong="H3612" was |strong="H1121" Jerahmeel's |strong="H3396" brother |strong="H0251". Caleb |strong="H3612" had |strong="H0001" some sons |strong="H1121". His |strong="H1121" first son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Meshah |strong="H4337". Meshah |strong="H4337" was |strong="H1121" Ziph's father |strong="H0001". There was |strong="H1121" also Caleb's |strong="H3612" son |strong="H1121" Mare-shah |strong="H4762". Mare-shah |strong="H4762" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0251" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" Hebron |strong="H2275".

43 Hebron's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Korah |strong="H7141", Tap-puah |strong="H8599", Rekem |strong="H7552", and |strong="H1121" Shema |strong="H8087".

44 Shema |strong="H8087" was |strong="H3205" Raham's father |strong="H0001". Raham |strong="H7357" was |strong="H3205" Jorkeam's father |strong="H0001". Rekem |strong="H7552" was |strong="H3205" Shammai's |strong="H8060" father |strong="H0001".

45 Shammai's |strong="H8060" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Maon |strong="H4584". Maon |strong="H4584" was |strong="H1121" Beth Zur's father |strong="H0001".

46 Caleb's |strong="H3612" slave woman was |strong="H3205" named Ephah |strong="H5891". Ephah |strong="H5891" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" mother of |strong="H3205" Haran |strong="H2771", Moza |strong="H4162", and |strong="H0853" Gazez |strong="H1495". Haran |strong="H2771" was |strong="H3205" Gazez's father |strong="H3205".

47 Jahdai's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Regem |strong="H7276", Jotham |strong="H3147", Geshan |strong="H1529", Pelet |strong="H6404", Ephah |strong="H5891", and |strong="H1121" Shaaph |strong="H8174".

48 Maacah |strong="H4601" was |strong="H3205" another slave woman of |strong="H3205" Caleb |strong="H3612". Maacah |strong="H4601" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" mother of |strong="H3205" Sheber |strong="H7669" and |strong="H0853" Tirhana.

49 Maacah was |strong="H3205" also |strong="H0853"

the *mother of Shaaph and Sheva* was *Madmannah's father*. Sheva was *the father of Gibeab*. Caleb's *daughter* was *Acsah*.<sup>50</sup> This *is a list of Caleb's descendants*: Hur *first son* was *born to Ephrathah*. Hur's *sons* were *Shobal* founder<sup>1</sup> of *Kiriath Jearim*,<sup>51</sup> *Salma* founder of *Bethlehem*, *Hareph* founder of *Beth Gader*.<sup>52</sup> *Shobal* was *the founder of Kiriath Jearim*. This *is a list of Shobal's descendants*: *Haroeh*, half *the people* in *Manahti*,<sup>53</sup> and *the tribes* from *Kiriath Jearim*. These *are the Ithrites, Puthites, Mishraites, Zorathites, and the Eshtaolites* came from *Mishraites*.<sup>54</sup> This *is a list of Salma's descendants*: *the people* from *Bethlehem*, *Netophah*, *Atroth Beth Joab*, half *the people* from *Manahti*, *Zorites*,<sup>55</sup> and *the families* of *scribes*

*who lived at Jabez*, *Tirath*, *Shimeath*, and *Sucah*. These *scribes* are *the Kenites* who *came from Hammath*. *Hammath* was *the founder of Beth Re-cab*.

### David's Sons

- 3** Some *of David's sons* were *born in Hebron*. This *is a list of David's sons*:  
*David's first son* was *Amnon*. *Amnon's mother* was *Ahinoam*. She *was from the Jezreel*.  
*The second son* was *Daniel*. His *mother* was *Abigail* from *Carmel* in *Judah*.  
**2** *The third son* was *Absalom*. His *mother* was *Maacah*, *daughter of Talmai*. *Talmal* was *the king of Geshur*.  
*The fourth son* was *Adonijah*. His *mother* was *Haggith*.  
**3** *The fifth son* was *Shephatiah*. His *mother* was *Abital*.  
*The sixth son* was *Eglah*, *David's wife*.  
**4** These *six sons* were *born*

<sup>1</sup> FOUNDER Literally, "father." The person who started the city.

to|strong="H3205" David in|strong="H8141" Hebron|strong="H2275".

David ruled|strong="H4427" as|strong="H8033" king|strong="H4427" in|strong="H8141" Hebron|strong="H2275" for|strong="H8033" seven|strong="H7651" years|strong="H8141" and|strong="H3389" six|strong="H8337" months|strong="H2320". He|strong="H8033" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H8033" king|strong="H4427" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" 33 years|strong="H8141".<sup>5</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H3205" children|strong="H3205" born|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" David in|strong="H3389" Jerusalem|strong="H3389":

There were|strong="H0428" four|strong="H0702" sons|strong="H3205" from|strong="H3389" Bathsheba,<sup>1</sup> the|strong="H3205" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323" Amiel|strong="H5988". They|strong="H0428" were|strong="H0428" Shimea|strong="H8092", Shobab|strong="H7727", Nathan|strong="H5416", and|strong="H3389" Solomon|strong="H8010".

<sup>6</sup> There were nine other sons. They were Ibhar, Elishua, Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.<sup>9</sup> They|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" David's|strong="H1732" sons|strong="H1121". Their|strong="H3605" sister|strong="H0269" was|strong="H1732" named Tamar|strong="H8559". David|strong="H1732" also|strong="H1732" had|strong="H1732" other|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" by|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" slave women.

#### Kings of|strong="H1121" Judah After David's|strong="H1732" Time

<sup>10</sup> Solomon's|strong="H8010" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Rehoboam|strong="H7346". Rehoboam's|strong="H7346" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Abijah|strong="H0029". Abijah's|strong="H0029" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Asa|strong="H0609". Asa's|strong="H0609" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092".

<sup>11</sup> Jehoshaphat's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Jehoram. Jehoram's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Ahaziah|strong="H0274". Ahaziah's|strong="H0274" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Joash|strong="H3101".<sup>12</sup> Joash's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Amaziah|strong="H0558". Amaziah's|strong="H0558" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Azariah|strong="H5838". Azariah's|strong="H5838"

son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Jotham|strong="H3147".<sup>13</sup> Jotham's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Ahaz|strong="H0271". Ahaz's|strong="H0271" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Hezekiah|strong="H2396". Hezekiah's|strong="H2396" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Manasseh|strong="H4519".<sup>14</sup> Manasseh's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Amon|strong="H0526". Amon's|strong="H0526" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Josiah|strong="H2977".

<sup>15</sup> This is|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1121" list of|strong="H1121" Josiah's|strong="H2977" sons|strong="H1121": The|strong="H3079" first son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Jehoiakim|strong="H3079". The|strong="H3079" second|strong="H8145" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Jehoiachin|strong="H3079". The|strong="H3079" third|strong="H7992" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Zedekiah|strong="H6667". The|strong="H3079" fourth|strong="H7243" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Shallum|strong="H7967".

<sup>16</sup> Jehoiakim's|strong="H3079" sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Jehoiachin|strong="H3204", his|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" Zedekiah|strong="H6667", his|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121".<sup>II</sup>

#### David's Family After Babylonian Captivity

<sup>17</sup> This is|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1121" list of|strong="H1121" Jehoiachin's children|strong="H1121" after Jehoiachin|strong="H3204" became a|strong="H1121" prisoner in|strong="H1121" Babylon: His|strong="H0617" children|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Shealtiel|strong="H7597",<sup>18</sup> Malkiram|strong="H4443", Pedaiah|strong="H6305", Shenazzar|strong="H8137", Jekamiah|strong="H3359", Hoshama|strong="H1953", and|strong="H1953" Nedabiah|strong="H5072".

<sup>19</sup> Pedaiah's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Zerubbabel|strong="H2216" and|strong="H1121" Shimei|strong="H8096". Zerubbabel's sons|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" Meshullam|strong="H4918" and|strong="H1121" Hananiah|strong="H2608". Shelomith|strong="H8019" was|strong="H1121" their sister|strong="H0269".<sup>20</sup> Zerubbabel had five|strong="H2568" other sons also. Their names were Hashubah|strong="H2807",

II This can be interpreted in two ways: "This Zedekiah was the son of Jehoiakim and the brother of Jehoiachin" or "This Zedekiah is the son of Jehoiachin and the grandson of Jehoiakim."

I BATHSHEBA The standard Hebrew text has "Bathshua."

Ohel|strong="H0169", Berekiah, Hasadi-ah|strong="H2619", and|strong="H1296" Jushab Hesed.

<sup>21</sup> Hananiah's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Pelatiah|strong="H6410". His|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Jeshaiiah|strong="H3470". <sup>I</sup> His|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Rephaiah|strong="H7509". His|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Arnan|strong="H0770". His|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Obadiah|strong="H5662". His|strong="H1121" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Shecaniah|strong="H7935". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>22</sup> This is|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1121" list of|strong="H1121" Shecaniah's descendants|strong="H1121": Shemaiah|strong="H8098". Shemaiah|strong="H8098" had|strong="H1121" six|strong="H8337" sons|strong="H1121": Shemaiah|strong="H8098", Hattush|strong="H2407", Igal|strong="H3008", Bariah|strong="H1282", Neariah|strong="H5294", and|strong="H1121" Shaphat|strong="H8202".

<sup>23</sup> Neariah|strong="H5294" had|strong="H1121" three|strong="H7969" sons|strong="H1121". They were|strong="H1121" Elioenai|strong="H0454", Hizkiah|strong="H2396", and|strong="H1121" Azrikam|strong="H5840".

<sup>24</sup> Elioenai|strong="H0454" had|strong="H1121" seven|strong="H7651" sons|strong="H1121". They were|strong="H1121" Hodaviah|strong="H1939", Eliashib|strong="H0475", Pelaiah|strong="H6411", Akkub|strong="H6126", Johanan|strong="H3110", Delaiah|strong="H1806", and|strong="H1121" Anani|strong="H6054".

#### Other Family Groups of Judah

<sup>4</sup> This is|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3063" list of|strong="H1121" Judah's|strong="H3063" sons|strong="H1121":

They were|strong="H1121" Perez|strong="H6557", Hezron|strong="H2696", Carmi|strong="H3756", Hur|strong="H2354", and|strong="H1121" Shobal|strong="H7732".

<sup>2</sup> Shobal's son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" Reaiah|strong="H7211". Reaiah|strong="H7211" was|strong="H1121" Jahath's father|strong="H3205". Jahath|strong="H3189" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H3205" of|strong="H1121" Ahumai|strong="H0267" and|strong="H1121" Lahad|strong="H3855". The|strong="H0853" Zorathites|strong="H6882" are|strong="H0428" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahu-

mai|strong="H0267" and|strong="H1121" Lahad|strong="H3855".

<sup>3</sup> Etam's sons|strong="H0001" were|strong="H0428" Jezreel|strong="H3157", Ishma|strong="H3457", and|strong="H0001" Id-bash|strong="H3031". And|strong="H0001" they|strong="H0428" had|strong="H0001" a sister|strong="H0269" named|strong="H8034" Hazzelelponi|strong="H6753".

<sup>4</sup> Penuel|strong="H6439" was|strong="H1121" Gedor's father|strong="H0001", and|strong="H1121" Ezer|strong="H5829" was|strong="H1121" Hushah's father|strong="H0001".

These|strong="H0428" were|strong="H1121" Hur's sons|strong="H1121". Hur|strong="H2354" was|strong="H1121" Ephrathah's first son|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" Ephrathah|strong="H0672" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" founder <sup>III</sup> of|strong="H1121" Bethlehem|strong="H1035".

<sup>5</sup> Tekoa's father|strong="H0001" was|strong="H1961" Ashhur|strong="H0806". Ashhur|strong="H0806" had|strong="H1961" two|strong="H8147" wives|strong="H0802". Their|strong="H1961" names were|strong="H1961" Helah|strong="H2458" and|strong="H0802" Naarah|strong="H5292". <sup>6</sup> Naarah|strong="H5292" had|strong="H3205" Ahuzzam|strong="H0275", Hephher|strong="H2660", Temeni|strong="H8488", and|strong="H1121" Haahashtari|strong="H0326". These|strong="H0428" were|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" sons|strong="H1121" Naarah|strong="H5292" had|strong="H3205" with|strong="H0428" Ashhur. <sup>7</sup>

The|strong="H1121" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Helah|strong="H2458" were|strong="H1121" Zereth|strong="H6889", Zohar|strong="H3328", Ethnan|strong="H0869", and|strong="H1121" Koz. <sup>8</sup> Koz|strong="H6976" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H3205" of|strong="H1121" Anub|strong="H6036" and|strong="H1121" Haz-zobebah|strong="H6637". Koz|strong="H6976" also|strong="H0853" was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" father|strong="H3205" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" tribes|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1121" Aharhel|strong="H0316". Aharhel|strong="H0316" was|strong="H1121" Harum's son|strong="H1121".

<sup>9</sup> Jabez|strong="H3258" was|strong="H8034" a|strong="H1961" very good man, who|strong="H0251" was|strong="H8034" better than|strong="H3513" his|strong="H1961" brothers|strong="H0251". His|strong="H1961" mother|strong="H0517" said|strong="H0559", "

<sup>I</sup> JESHAIAH Or "Isaiah." <sup>II</sup> The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

<sup>III</sup> FOUNDER Literally, "father." The person who started the city. Also in verse 14.



I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" named |strong="H8034" him |strong="H3205" Jabez |strong="H3258"<sup>I</sup> because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H8034" in |strong="H8034" much pain when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" had |strong="H1961" him |strong="H3205".<sup>10</sup> Jabez |strong="H3258" prayed |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" pray |strong="H7592" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3478" bless |strong="H1288" me |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0935" more |strong="H7235" land |strong="H1366"<sup>I</sup>. Be |strong="H1961" near |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" don't let |strong="H1961" anyone |strong="H0834" hurt me |strong="H0935"<sup>I</sup>. Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H1115" have |strong="H1961" any |strong="H1961" pain |strong="H7451".<sup>I</sup> God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H0559" Jabez |strong="H3258" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H7592" for |strong="H7121".

<sup>11</sup> Kelub |strong="H3620" was |strong="H1931" Shuhah's brother |strong="H0251". Kelub |strong="H3620" was |strong="H1931" Mehir's father |strong="H0001". Mehir |strong="H4243" was |strong="H1931" Eshton's father |strong="H0001".<sup>12</sup> Eshton |strong="H0850" was |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H0376" Beth Rapha, Paseah |strong="H6454", and |strong="H0376" Tehinnah |strong="H8468". Tehinnah |strong="H8468" was |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H0376" Ir Nahash.<sup>II</sup>

These |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0428" from |strong="H0376" Recah.

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kenaz |strong="H7073" were |strong="H1121" Othniel |strong="H6274" and |strong="H1121" Seraiah |strong="H8304". Othniel's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Hathath |strong="H2867" and |strong="H1121" Meonothai.<sup>14</sup> Meonothai |strong="H4587" was |strong="H1961" Ophrah's father |strong="H0001".

And |strong="H0001" Seraiah |strong="H8304" was |strong="H1961" Joab's |strong="H3097" father |strong="H0001". Joab |strong="H3097"

I JABEZ This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "pain." II TEHINNAH ... IR NAHASH Or "Tehinnah was the founder of the city of Nahash." Ir means "city."

was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" founder of |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" Ge Harashim |strong="H2798".<sup>III</sup> The |strong="H0853" people used |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" name because |strong="H3588"

they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" skilled |strong="H2796" workers |strong="H2796".

<sup>15</sup> Caleb |strong="H3612" was |strong="H1121" Jephunneh's son |strong="H1121".

Caleb's |strong="H3612" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Iru |strong="H5900", Elah |strong="H0425", and |strong="H1121" Naam |strong="H5277". Elah's son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Kenaz |strong="H7073".

<sup>16</sup> Jehallelel's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Ziph |strong="H2128", Ziphah |strong="H2129", Tiria |strong="H8493", and |strong="H1121" Asarel |strong="H0840".

<sup>17</sup> Ezrah's sons were Jether, Mered, Ephraim, and Jalon. Mered was the father of Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah. Ishbah was the father of Eshtemoa. Mered had a wife from Egypt. She had Jered, Heber, and Jekuthiel. Jered was Gedor's father. Heber was Soco's father. And Jekuthiel was Zanoah's father. These were the sons of Bithiah. Bithiah was Pharaoh's daughter. She was Mered's wife from Egypt.

<sup>19</sup> Mered's wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H0802" Naham's sister |strong="H0269". Mered's wife |strong="H0802" was |strong="H0802" from |strong="H1121" Judah.

<sup>IV</sup> The |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Mered's wife |strong="H0802" were |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" father |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" Keilah |strong="H7084" and |strong="H1121" Eshtemoa |strong="H0851". Keilah |strong="H7084" was |strong="H0802" from |strong="H1121"

the |strong="H1121" Garmites. And |strong="H1121" Eshtemoa |strong="H0851" was |strong="H0802" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" Maacathites |strong="H4602".<sup>20</sup> Shimon's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Amnon |strong="H0550", Rinnah |strong="H7441", Ben Hanan, and |strong="H1121" Tilon |strong="H8436". Ishi's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Zoheth |strong="H2105" and |strong="H1121" Ben Zoheth |strong="H2105".

<sup>21</sup> Shelah was Judah's son. Shelah's sons were Er, Laadah, Jokim, the men from Cozeba, Joash, and Saraph. Er was the father of Lecah. Laadah was the father of Mareshah and the tribes of linen workers at Beth Ashbea. Joash and Saraph married Moabite women. Then they went back to Bethlehem.<sup>V</sup> The writings about this family are very old.<sup>23</sup>

III GE HARASHIM This name also means "Valley of the Skilled Workers." IV MERED'S WIFE ... WAS FROM JUDAH This is from the ancient Greek version. V MARRIED ... BETHLEHEM Or "They ruled in Moab and Jashubi Lehem."

These sons of Shelah were work-ers who made from clay. They lived in Ne-taim and Geder-ah and worked for the king.

#### Simeon's Children

<sup>24</sup> Simeon's sons were Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul, <sup>25</sup> Shaul's son, Shallum's son, Mibsam's son, Mishma's son.

<sup>26</sup> Mishma's son was Hammuel. Hammuel's son was Zaccur. Zaccur's son was Shimei. <sup>27</sup> Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters, but Shimei's brothers did not have many children. Shimei's brothers did not have large families. Their families were not as large as the other tribes in Judah.

<sup>28</sup> Shimei's descendants lived in Beersheba, Moladah, Hazar Shual, <sup>29</sup> Bil-hah, Ezem, <sup>30</sup> Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag, <sup>31</sup> Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susim, Beth Biri, and Shaaraim. They lived in these towns until David king became king. <sup>32</sup> The five villages

near these towns were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Token, and Ashan. <sup>33</sup> There were also other villages as far away as Baalath. This is where they lived. And they also wrote the history about their family.

<sup>34</sup> This is the list of men who were leaders of their tribes: They were Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah (Amaziah's son), Joel, Jehu son of Joshibiah, Joshibiah son of Seraiah, Seraiah son of Asiel, Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah, and Ziza (Shiphi's son). Shiphi was Allon's son, and Allon was Jedaiah's son. Jedaiah was Shimri's son, and Shimri was Shemaiah's son.

These men's families grew to be very large. <sup>39</sup> They went to the area outside the town of Gedor east of the side of the valley. They went to that place to look for fields for their sheep and cattle. <sup>40</sup> They found good fields with plenty of grass. They found plenty of good land there. The land was peaceful and quiet. Ham's descendants lived there in the past. <sup>41</sup> This happened during the time that Hezekiah was king of Judah. These men came to Gedor and fought against the Hamites. They destroyed the tents of

the *strong*="H0853" Hamites. They *strong*="H0834" also *strong*="H0853" fought against *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0853" Meunites *strong*="H4586" who *strong*="H0834" lived *strong*="H3427" there *strong*="H8033". These *strong*="H0428" men *strong*="H0428" destroyed *strong*="H5221" all *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H0853" Meunites *strong*="H4586". There *strong*="H8033" are *strong*="H0834" no *strong*="H4672" Meunites *strong*="H4586" in *strong*="H3427" this *strong*="H2088" place *strong*="H8478" even *strong*="H5704" today *strong*="H3117". So *strong*="H0834" these *strong*="H0428" men *strong*="H0428" began *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0935" live *strong*="H3427" there *strong*="H8033". They *strong*="H0834" lived *strong*="H3427" there *strong*="H8033" because *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H0853" land had *strong*="H0834" grass for *strong*="H3588" their *strong*="H3588" sheep *strong*="H6629".

<sup>42</sup> Five *strong*="H2568" hundred *strong*="H3967" people *strong*="H0376" from *strong*="H4480" the *strong*="H4480" tribe of *strong*="H1121" Simeon *strong*="H8095" went *strong*="H1980" to *strong*="H1980" the *strong*="H4480" hill *strong*="H2022" country *strong*="H2022" of *strong*="H1121" Seir *strong*="H8165". Ishi's sons *strong*="H1121" led *strong*="H1980" these *strong*="H1992" men *strong*="H0376". The *strong*="H4480" sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" Pelatiah *strong*="H6410", Neariah *strong*="H5294", Rephaiah *strong*="H7509", and *strong*="H1980" Uzziel *strong*="H5816". The *strong*="H4480" Simeonite men *strong*="H0376" fought against *strong*="H4480" the *strong*="H4480" people *strong*="H0376" living *strong*="H0376" in *strong*="H1980" that *strong*="H4480" place. <sup>43</sup> There *strong*="H8033" were *strong*="H3117" only *strong*="H5704" a *strong*="H5221" few Amalekites *strong*="H6002" still *strong*="H5704" living *strong*="H3427", and *strong*="H3117" these *strong*="H2088" Simeonites killed *strong*="H5221" them *strong*="H0853". Since *strong*="H3117" that *strong*="H3117" time *strong*="H3117" until *strong*="H5704" now *strong*="H3117", the *strong*="H0853" Simeonites have *strong*="H3117" lived *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" Seir.

### Reuben's Descendants

<sup>5</sup> Reuben was Israel's first son. Reuben should have received the special privileges of the oldest son. But he had sexual relations with his father's wife. So those privileges were given to Joseph's sons. In the family history, Reuben's name is not listed as the first son. Judah became stronger than his brothers, so the leaders came from his family. But Joseph's family got the other privileges that belong to the oldest son.

Reuben's sons were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

<sup>4</sup> These are *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H8098" names of *strong*="H1121" Joel's descendants *strong*="H1121". Shemaiah *strong*="H8098" was *strong*="H1121" Joel's son *strong*="H1121". Gog *strong*="H1463" was *strong*="H1121" Shemaiah's son *strong*="H1121". Shimei *strong*="H8096" was *strong*="H1121" Gog's son *strong*="H1121". <sup>5</sup> Micah *strong*="H4318" was *strong*="H1121" Shimei's son *strong*="H1121". Reaiah *strong*="H7211" was *strong*="H1121" Micah's *strong*="H4318" son *strong*="H1121". Baal *strong*="H1168" was *strong*="H1121" Reaiah's son *strong*="H1121". <sup>6</sup> Beerah *strong*="H0880" was *strong*="H0834" Baal's son *strong*="H1121". King *strong*="H4428" Tiglath Pileser of *strong*="H1121" Assyria *strong*="H0804" forced Beerah *strong*="H0880" to *strong*="H4428" leave his *strong*="H0834" home. So *strong*="H0834" Beerah *strong*="H0880" became the *strong*="H0834" king's *strong*="H4428" prisoner. Beerah *strong*="H0880" was *strong*="H0834" a *strong*="H0834" leader *strong*="H5387" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0834" tribe of *strong*="H1121" Reuben *strong*="H7206". <sup>7</sup> Joel's brothers *strong*="H0251" and *strong*="H7218" all his tribes *strong*="H4940" are listed *strong*="H3187" just as they are written in *strong*="H0251" the *strong*="H0251" family *strong*="H4940" histories: Jeiel *strong*="H3273" was *strong*="H7218" the *strong*="H0251" first *strong*="H7218" son, then *strong*="H7218" Zechariah *strong*="H2148", <sup>8</sup> and *strong*="H1121" Bela *strong*="H1106". Bela *strong*="H1106" was *strong*="H1931" Azaz's son *strong*="H1121". Azaz *strong*="H5811" was *strong*="H1931" Shema's son *strong*="H1121". Shema *strong*="H8087" was *strong*="H1931" Joel's son *strong*="H1121". They *strong*="H5704" lived *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H5704" area of *strong*="H1121" Aroer *strong*="H6177" all *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" way *strong*="H5704" to *strong*="H5704" Nebo *strong*="H5015" and *strong*="H1121" Baal Meon. <sup>9</sup> Bela's people *strong*="H3427" lived *strong*="H3427" to *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H3588" east *strong*="H4217" as *strong*="H5704" far *strong*="H5704" as *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H3588" edge of *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H3588" desert *strong*="H4057", near *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H3588" Euphrates *strong*="H6578" River *strong*="H5104". They *strong*="H3588" lived *strong*="H3427" there *strong*="H3427" because *strong*="H3588" they *strong*="H3588" had *strong*="H3588" many *strong*="H7235" cattle *strong*="H4735" in *strong*="H3427"

the land of Gilead. 10 When Saul king, Bela's people fought a war against the Hagrites. They defeated the Hagrites. Bela's people lived in the tents that had belonged to the Hagrites. They lived in tents those tents throughout the area east of Gilead.

#### Gad's Descendants

11 The people of Gad lived across the river Reuben, in the area of Bashan. They spread all the way the town of Salecah. 12 Joel was first leader in Bashan. Shapham the second leader. Then Janai became the leader. 13 The seven brothers in their families were Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber. 14 They were the descendants of Abihail. Abihail was Huri's son. Huri was Jaroah's son. Jaroah was Gilead's son.

1 THEN JANAI BECAME THE LEADER Or "Then there was Janai, and then Shaphat was in Bashan."

Gilead was Michael's son. Michael was Jeshishai's son. Jeshishai was Jahdo's son. Jahdo was Buz's son. 15 Ahi was Abdiel's son. Abdiel was Guni's son. Ahi was the leader of their family. 16 The people of Gad lived in the area of Gilead. They lived in the area of Bashan, in the small towns around Bashan, and in all the pastures in the area of Sharon all the way to the borders. 17 During the time of H4428 Jotham and Jeroboam these people's names were written in the family history of Gad. Jotham was the king of Judah and Jeroboam was the king of Israel.

#### Some Soldiers Skilled in War

18 From half the tribe of Manasseh and from the tribes of Reuben and Gad there were 44,760 brave men ready for war.

They were skilled in war. They carried shields and swords. And they were good with bows and arrows. They started a war against the Hagrites, the people of Jetur and Nodab. The men from the tribes of Manasseh, Reuben, and Gad prayed to God during war. They asked God for help because they trusted him, so God helped them. He allowed them to defeat the Hagrites who were with the Hagrites. They took the animals that belonged to the Hagrites. They took 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 people. Many Hagrites were killed because God helped the people of Reuben win the war. Then the tribes of Manasseh, Reuben, and Gad settled in the land of the Hagrites. They lived there until the time when the Israelites were taken into captivity.

Half the tribe of Manasseh lived in the area of Bashan all the way to Baal Hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon. They became a very large group of people.

These were the leaders of the tribe of Manasseh: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremia, and Jahdiel. They were all strong, brave, and famous men, and they were leaders in their families. But they sinned against God, their ancestors had worshiped the false gods of the people of the land before them.

The God of Israel made King Pul of Assyria want to go to war. He was also called Tiglath Pileser. He fought against the tribes of Manasseh, Reuben, and Gad. He forced them to leave their homes and

made *strong*="H1540" them *strong*="H0853" prisoners. Pul *strong*="H6322" took *strong*="H0853" them *strong*="H0853" to *strong*="H0935" Hahlah *strong*="H2477", Habor *strong*="H2249", Hara *strong*="H2024", and *strong*="H0935" near *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H0853" Gozan *strong*="H1470" River *strong*="H5104". Those *strong*="H0853" tribes *strong*="H7626" from *strong*="H0935" Israel *strong*="H3478" have *strong*="H3478" lived in *strong*="H0935" those *strong*="H0853" places since *strong*="H3117" that *strong*="H3117" time *strong*="H3117" until *strong*="H5704" today *strong*="H3117".

### Levi's Descendants

**6** Levi's *strong*="H3878" sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" Gershon, Kohath *strong*="H6955", and *strong*="H1121" Merari *strong*="H4847".  
<sup>2</sup> Kohath's sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H0428" Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and *strong*="H1121" Uzziel.  
<sup>3</sup> Amram's *strong*="H6019" children *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" Aaron, Moses, and *strong*="H1121" Miriam. Aaron's sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and *strong*="H1121" Ithamar. <sup>4</sup> Eleazar was *strong*="H1121" Phinehas' father *strong*="H0001". Phinehas was *strong*="H1121" Abishua's father *strong*="H0001". <sup>5</sup> Abishua was *strong*="H1121" Bukki's father. Bukki was *strong*="H1121" Uzzi's father. <sup>6</sup> Uzzi was *strong*="H1121" Zerariah's father. Zerariah was *strong*="H1121" Meraioth's father. <sup>7</sup> Meraioth was *strong*="H1121" Amariah's father. Amariah was *strong*="H1121" Ahitub's father. <sup>8</sup> Ahitub was *strong*="H1121" Zadok's father. Zadok was *strong*="H1121" Ahimaaz's father. <sup>9</sup> Ahimaaz was *strong*="H7586" Azariah's father. Azariah was *strong*="H7586" Johanan's father. <sup>10</sup> Johanan was *strong*="H1121" Azariah's father. (Azariah is *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H1121" one *strong*="H1121" who *strong*="H1121" served as *strong*="H1121" priest in *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H1121" Temple that *strong*="H1121" Solomon built in *strong*="H1121" Jerusalem.)  
<sup>11</sup> Azariah was *strong*="H1121" Amariah's father. Amariah was *strong*="H1121" Ahitub's father.  
<sup>12</sup> Ahitub was *strong*="H1121" Zadok's father. Zadok was *strong*="H1121" Shallum's father.  
<sup>13</sup> Shallum was *strong*="H8050" Hilkiyah's father. Hilkiyah was *strong*="H8050" Azariah's father.  
<sup>14</sup> Azariah was *strong*="H1121" Seraiah's father. Seraiah was *strong*="H1121" Jehozadak's father.  
<sup>15</sup> Jehozadak was *strong*="H1121" forced to *strong*="H1121" leave his *strong*="H8092" home when *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H1121" LORD

sent the *strong*="H1121" people *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Judah and *strong*="H1121" Jerusalem away. Through Nebuchadnezzar, the *strong*="H1121" Lord caused them *strong*="H1121" all to *strong*="H1121" be *strong*="H1121" made prisoners in *strong*="H1121" another country.

### Other Descendants *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Levi

<sup>16</sup> Levi's sons were *strong*="H0834" Gershon, Kohath, and *strong*="H3068" Merari.  
<sup>17</sup> The *strong*="H0853" names of *strong*="H1004" Gershon's sons were *strong*="H1961" Libni and *strong*="H3068" Shimei.  
<sup>18</sup> Kohath's sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and *strong*="H1121" Uzziel.  
<sup>19</sup> Merari's sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" Mahli and *strong*="H1121" Mushi.  
This is *strong*="H1121" a *strong*="H1121" list of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H1121" families *strong*="H1121" in *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H1121" tribe of *strong*="H1121" Levi. They are *strong*="H1121" listed with their fathers' names first:  
<sup>20</sup> These were *strong*="H1121" Gershon's descendants *strong*="H1121": Libni was *strong*="H1121" Gershon's son *strong*="H1121". Jahath was *strong*="H1121" Libni's son *strong*="H1121". Zimmah was *strong*="H1121" Jahath's son *strong*="H1121". <sup>21</sup> Joah was *strong*="H1121" Zimmah's son *strong*="H1121". Iddo was *strong*="H1121" Joah's son *strong*="H1121". Zerah was *strong*="H1121" Iddo's son *strong*="H1121". Jeatherai was *strong*="H1121" Zerah's son *strong*="H1121".  
<sup>22</sup> These were *strong*="H1121" Kohath's descendants *strong*="H1121": Amminadab was *strong*="H1121" Kohath's son *strong*="H1121". Korah *strong*="H7141" was *strong*="H1121" Amminadab's son *strong*="H1121". Assir *strong*="H0617" was *strong*="H1121" Korah's *strong*="H7141" son *strong*="H1121". <sup>23</sup> Elkanah was *strong*="H3478" Assir's son *strong*="H1121". Ebiasaph was *strong*="H3478" Elkanah's son *strong*="H1121". Assir was *strong*="H3478" Ebiasaph's son *strong*="H1121". <sup>24</sup> Tahath was *strong*="H1121" Assir's son *strong*="H1121". Uriel was *strong*="H1121" Tahath's son *strong*="H1121". Uziah was *strong*="H1121" Uriel's son *strong*="H1121". Shaul was *strong*="H1121" Uziah's son *strong*="H1121".  
<sup>25</sup> Elkanah's sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" Amasai and *strong*="H1121" Ahimoth. <sup>26</sup> Zophai was *strong*="H1121" Elkanah's son *strong*="H1121". Nahath was *strong*="H1121"

Zophai's son *strong="H1121"*. <sup>27</sup> Eliab was *strong="H1121"* Nahath's son *strong="H1121"*. Jeroham was *strong="H1121"* Eliab's son *strong="H1121"*. Elkanah was *strong="H1121"* Jeroham's son *strong="H1121"*. Samuel was *strong="H1121"* Elkanah's son *strong="H1121"*. <sup>28</sup> Samuel's sons *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H1121"* oldest son *strong="H1121"* Joel, and *strong="H1121"* Abijah. <sup>29</sup> These are *strong="H1121"* Merari's *strong="H4847"* sons *strong="H1121"*: Mahli was *strong="H1121"* Merari's *strong="H4847"* son *strong="H1121"*, Libni was *strong="H1121"* Mahli's son *strong="H1121"*, Shimei was *strong="H1121"* Libni's son *strong="H1121"*, and *strong="H1121"* Uzzah was *strong="H1121"* Shimei's son *strong="H1121"*. <sup>30</sup> Shimea was *strong="H1121"* Uzzah's son *strong="H1121"*. Haggiah was *strong="H1121"* Shimea's son *strong="H1121"*. Asaiah was *strong="H1121"* Haggiah's son *strong="H1121"*.

#### *strong="H2518"* Temple Musicians

<sup>31</sup> These are *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* men *strong="H1121"* David chose to *strong="H1121"* take care of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* music at *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* tent of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* LORD'S house after God's Holy Box was *strong="H1121"* put there.

<sup>32</sup> These men *strong="H1121"* served by *strong="H1121"* singing at *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* Holy Tent. The *strong="H1121"* Holy Tent is *strong="H1121"* also called the *strong="H1121"* Meeting Tent. These men *strong="H1121"* served until Solomon built the *strong="H1121"* LORD'S Temple in *strong="H1121"* Jerusalem. They served by *strong="H1121"* following the *strong="H1121"* rules given to *strong="H1121"* them *strong="H1121"* for *strong="H1121"* their *strong="H4847"* work.

<sup>33</sup> These *strong="H3605"* are *strong="H0430"* the *strong="H3605"* names of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H3605"* men *strong="H3605"* and *strong="H0430"* their *strong="H3605"* sons who *strong="H3605"* served with *strong="H1004"* music:

The *strong="H3605"* descendants from *strong="H3881"* the *strong="H3605"* Kohath family *strong="H1004"* were *strong="H3881"* Heman the *strong="H3605"* singer who *strong="H3605"* was *strong="H0430"* Joel's son; Joel was *strong="H0430"* Samuel's son; <sup>34</sup> Samuel was *strong="H0834"* Elkanah's son *strong="H1121"*; Elkanah was *strong="H0834"* Jeroham's son *strong="H1121"*; Jeroham was *strong="H0834"* Eliel's son *strong="H1121"*; Eliel was *strong="H0834"* Toah's

son *strong="H1121"*; <sup>35</sup> Toah was *strong="H1121"* Zuph's son *strong="H1121"*; Zuph was *strong="H1121"* Elkanah's son *strong="H1121"*; Elkanah was *strong="H1121"* Mahath's son *strong="H1121"*; Mahath was *strong="H1121"* Amasai's son *strong="H1121"*; <sup>36</sup> Amasai was *strong="H1121"* Elkanah's son *strong="H1121"*; Elkanah was *strong="H1121"* Joel's son *strong="H1121"*; Joel was *strong="H1121"* Azariah's son *strong="H1121"*; Azariah was *strong="H1121"* Zephaniah's son *strong="H1121"*; Zephaniah was *strong="H1121"* Tahath's son *strong="H1121"*; Tahath was *strong="H1121"* Assir's son *strong="H1121"*; Assir was *strong="H1121"* Ebi-asaph's son *strong="H1121"*; Ebi-asaph was *strong="H1121"* Korah's son *strong="H1121"*; <sup>38</sup> Korah was *strong="H1121"* Izhar's son *strong="H1121"*; Izhar was *strong="H1121"* Kohath's son *strong="H1121"*; Kohath was *strong="H1121"* Levi's son *strong="H1121"*; Levi was *strong="H1121"* Israel's son *strong="H1121"*.

<sup>39</sup> Heman's relative was *strong="H1961"* Asaph. Asaph served *strong="H1961"* by *strong="H1961"* Heman's right *strong="H0175"* side *strong="H1992"*.

Asaph was *strong="H1961"* Berekiah's son *strong="H1121"*. Berekiah was *strong="H1961"* Shimea's son *strong="H1121"*.

<sup>40</sup> Shimea was *strong="H0776"* Michael's son. Michael was *strong="H0776"* Baaseiah's son. Baaseiah was *strong="H0776"* Malkijah's son. <sup>41</sup> Malkijah was *strong="H1121"* Ethni's son *strong="H1121"*. Ethni was *strong="H1121"* Zerach's son *strong="H1121"*. Zerach was *strong="H1121"* Adaiah's son *strong="H1121"*.

<sup>42</sup> Adaiah was *strong="H1121"* Ethan's son *strong="H1121"*. Ethan was *strong="H1121"* Zimmah's son *strong="H1121"*. Zimmah was *strong="H1121"* Shimei's son *strong="H1121"*.

<sup>43</sup> Shimei was Jahath's son. Jahath was Gershon's son. Gershon was Levi's son.

<sup>44</sup> Merari's descendants were *strong="H1053"* the *strong="H0853"* relatives of *strong="H0853"* Heman and *strong="H4054"* Asaph. They were *strong="H1053"* the *strong="H0853"* singing group on Heman's left side. Ethan was Kishi's son. Kishi was Abdi's son. Abdi was Malluch's son. <sup>45</sup> Malluch was *strong="H3605"* Hashabiah's son. Hashabiah was *strong="H3605"* Amaziah's son. Amaziah was *strong="H3605"* Hilkiyah's son. <sup>46</sup> Hilkiyah was *strong="H1121"* Amzi's son *strong="H1121"*. Amzi was *strong="H1121"* Bani's son *strong="H1121"*. Bani was *strong="H1121"* Shemer's son *strong="H1121"*. <sup>47</sup> Shemer was *strong="H1121"* Mahli's son *strong="H1121"*. Mahli was *strong="H1121"* Mushi's son *strong="H1121"*. Mushi was *strong="H1121"*

Merari's son *strong="H1121"*. Merari was *strong="H1121"* Levi's son *strong="H1121"*.<sup>48</sup> Heman and *strong="H1121"* Asaph's brothers were *strong="H1121"* from *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* tribe *strong="H4294"* of *strong="H1121"* Levi. The *strong="H1121"* tribe *strong="H4294"* of *strong="H1121"* Levi was *strong="H1121"* also called Levites. The *strong="H1121"* Levites were *strong="H1121"* chosen to *strong="H1121"* do the *strong="H1121"* work in *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* Holy Tent. The *strong="H1121"* Holy Tent was *strong="H1121"* God's house.<sup>49</sup> But *strong="H3881"* only Aaron's descendants *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H3478"* permitted *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H3478"* burn incense on *strong="H3478"* the *strong="H0853"* altar of *strong="H1121"* burnt offering and *strong="H1121"* on *strong="H3478"* the *strong="H0853"* altar of *strong="H1121"* incense. Aaron's descendants *strong="H1121"* did all the *strong="H0853"* work *strong="H5414"* in *strong="H3478"* the *strong="H0853"* Most Holy Place *strong="H5414"* in *strong="H3478"* God's house. They *strong="H3478"* also *strong="H0853"* did the *strong="H0853"* ceremonies to *strong="H3478"* make *strong="H5414"* the *strong="H0853"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* pure. They *strong="H3478"* followed all the *strong="H0853"* rules and *strong="H1121"* laws that *strong="H3478"* Moses *strong="H5414"*, God's servant, commanded.

#### Aaron's Descendants *strong="H1121"*

<sup>50</sup> These *strong="H0428"* were *strong="H0834"* Aaron's sons *strong="H1121"*: Eleazar was *strong="H8034"* Aaron's son *strong="H1121"*. Phinehas was *strong="H8034"* Eleazar's son *strong="H1121"*. Abishua was *strong="H8034"* Phinehas' son *strong="H1121"*.<sup>51</sup> Bukki was *strong="H1961"* Abishua's son *strong="H1121"*. Uzzi was *strong="H1961"* Bukki's son *strong="H1121"*. Zerariah was *strong="H1961"* Uzzi's son *strong="H1121"*.<sup>52</sup> Meraioth was *strong="H5414"* Zerariah's son. Amaraiah was *strong="H5414"* Meraioth's son. Ahitub was *strong="H5414"* Amariah's son.<sup>53</sup> Zadok was Ahitub's son. Ahimaaz was Zadok's son.

#### Homes for the *strong="H0853"* Levite Families

<sup>54</sup> These are the *strong="H0853"* places where Aaron's descendants lived. They lived in their camps in the *strong="H0853"* land that was given to *strong="H0853"* them *strong="H0853"*. The *strong="H0853"* Kohath families got the *strong="H0853"* first share of *strong="H0853"* the *strong="H0853"* land that was given to *strong="H0853"* the *strong="H0853"* Levites.

<sup>55</sup> They were *strong="H1121"* given the *strong="H0853"* town of *strong="H1121"* Hebron and *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* fields around it *strong="H1121"*. This was *strong="H1121"* in *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* area of *strong="H1121"* Judah.<sup>56</sup> But the *strong="H0853"* fields farther from *strong="H1121"* town and *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* villages near the *strong="H0853"* town of *strong="H1121"* Hebron were *strong="H1121"* given to *strong="H1121"* Caleb son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Jephunneh.<sup>57</sup> The *strong="H0853"* descendants of *strong="H4294"* Aaron were given the *strong="H0853"* city of *strong="H4294"* Hebron. Hebron was a *strong="H3485"* city of *strong="H4294"* safety.<sup>I</sup> They were also *strong="H0853"* given the *strong="H0853"* cities of *strong="H4294"* Libnah, Jattir, Eshtemoa,<sup>58</sup> Hilen, Debir,<sup>59</sup> Ashan, Juttah, and *strong="H4054"* Beth Shemesh. They got all the *strong="H0853"* cities and *strong="H4054"* the *strong="H0853"* fields around them *strong="H0853"*.<sup>60</sup> From *strong="H0853"* the *strong="H0853"* tribe of *strong="H0853"* Benjamin they got the *strong="H0853"* cities of *strong="H0853"* Gibeon, Geba, Alemeth, and *strong="H4054"* Anathoth. They got all the *strong="H0853"* cities and *strong="H4054"* the *strong="H0853"* fields around them *strong="H0853"*.

Thirteen cities were given to *strong="H0853"* the *strong="H0853"* Kohath families.

<sup>61</sup> The *strong="H0853"* rest of *strong="H4294"* Kohath's descendants got ten towns from *strong="H4294"* half the *strong="H0853"* tribe *strong="H4294"* of *strong="H4294"* Manasseh.

<sup>62</sup> The *strong="H0853"* tribes *strong="H4294"* that *strong="H1121"* were *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* descendants *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Gershon got 13 cities. They got the *strong="H0853"* cities from *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* tribes *strong="H4294"* of *strong="H1121"* Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* part of *strong="H1121"* Manasseh living in *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* area of *strong="H1121"* Bashan.

<sup>63</sup> The *strong="H0853"* tribes *strong="H4294"* that *strong="H4294"* were *strong="H3383"* the *strong="H0853"* descendants of *strong="H4294"* Merari got 12 cities. They got the *strong="H0853"* cities from *strong="H4294"* the *strong="H0853"* tribes *strong="H4294"* of *strong="H4294"* Reuben *strong="H7205"*, Gad, and *strong="H4054"*

<sup>I</sup> CITY OF SAFETY A special city where an Israelite could run to in order to escape the angry relatives of a person who was accidentally killed by that Israelite. See Num. 35:6-34 and Josh. 20:1-9. Also in verse 67.



Zebulun. They got *them* by throwing lots.

<sup>64</sup> So Israelites gave those towns and fields to the Levites. <sup>65</sup> All those cities came from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin. They decided which Levite family got which city by throwing lots.

<sup>66</sup> The tribe of Ephraim gave some of the Kohath families some towns. Those towns were chosen by throwing lots. <sup>67</sup> They were given the city of Shechem. Shechem is a city of safety. They were also given the towns of Gezer, <sup>68</sup> Jokmeam, Beth Horon, <sup>69</sup> Aijalon, and Gath Rimmon. They also got fields with those towns. Those towns were in the hill country of Ephraim. <sup>70</sup> And from half the tribe of Manasseh, the Israelites gave the towns of Aner and Bileam to the Kohath families. The Kohath families also got fields with those towns.

#### Other Levite Families Get Homes

<sup>71</sup> The Gershon families got the towns of Golan in the area of Bashan and Ashtaroth from half the tribe of Manasseh. They also got the fields near those towns.

<sup>72</sup> The Gershon families also got the towns of Kedesh, Daberath, Ramoth, and Gannim from the tribe of Issachar. They also got the fields near those towns.

<sup>74</sup> The Gershon families also got the towns of Mashal, Abdon, Hukok, and Rehob from the tribe of Asher. They also got the fields near those towns.

<sup>76</sup> The Gershon families also got the towns of Kedesh in Galilee, Hammon, and Kiriathaim from the tribe of Naphtali. They also got the fields near those towns.

<sup>77</sup> The rest of the Levites, from the Merari families, got the towns of Jokneam, Kartah, Rimmono, and Tabor from the tribe of Zebulun. They also got the fields near those towns.

<sup>78</sup> The Merari families also got the towns of Bezer in the desert, Jahzah, Kedemoth, and Mephaath from the tribe of Reuben. The tribe of Reuben lived on the east side of the Jordan River, east of the city of Jericho. These Merari families also got the fields near those towns.

<sup>80</sup> And the Merari families got the towns of Ramoth in Gilead, Mahanaim, Heshbon, and Jazer from the tribe of Gad. They also got the fields near those towns.

#### Issachar's Descendants

<sup>7</sup> Issachar had four sons. Their names were Tola, Jashub, and Shimron. <sup>2</sup> Tola's sons were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Ib-sam, and Samuel. They were all leaders of their families. Those men and their descendants were strong soldiers. Their families grew. By the time David was king, there were 22,600 men ready for war. <sup>3</sup> Uzzi's son Izrahiah's sons were Michael, Joel, and Isshiah. All five of them were leaders of their families. <sup>4</sup> Their family history shows they had 36,000 soldiers ready for war. They had a large family because they had many wives and children. <sup>5</sup> The family history shows there were 87,000 strong soldiers in the tribes of Issachar.

**Benjamin's Descendants**

<sup>6</sup> Benjamin had three sons. Their names were Bela, Bek-er, and Jed-ael.

<sup>7</sup> Bela had five sons. Their names were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri. They were leaders of their families. Their family history shows they had 22,034 soldiers.

<sup>8</sup> Beker's sons were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. They all were Beker's children. <sup>9</sup> Their family history shows who the family leaders were. And it also shows they had 20,200 soldiers.

<sup>10</sup> Jed-ael's son was Bilhan. Bilhan's sons were Jeush, Ehud, Kenaanah, Zethan, and Ahishahar. All of Jed-ael's sons were leaders of their families. They had 17,200 soldiers ready for war.

<sup>12</sup> The Shuppites and Huppites were the descendants of Ir and Hushim. Ir was the son of Aher.

**Naphtali's Descendants**

<sup>13</sup> Naphtali's sons were Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum. And these are the descendants of Bilhah.

**Manasseh's Descendants**

<sup>14</sup> These are Manasseh's descendants: Aramean, a slave woman had a son named Asriel. She also bore Makir, the father of Gilead. <sup>15</sup> Makir married a woman from the Huppites and Shuppites. Makir's sister was named Maacah. The name of the second was Zelophehad, who had only daughters.

<sup>16</sup> Makir's wife Maacah had a son. She named this son Peresh. His brother was Sheresh. The sons of Sheresh were Ulam and Rakem.

<sup>17</sup> Ulam's son Bedan. These were the descendants of Gilead. Gilead was Makir's son. Makir was Manasseh's son.

<sup>18</sup> Makir's sister Ham-

<sup>1</sup> BILHAH Jacob's slave woman and the mother of Dan and Naphtali. See Genesis 30:4-8.

moleketh |strong="H4447"<sup>I</sup> had |strong="H3205"  
Ishhod |strong="H0379", Abiezer |strong="H0044",  
and |strong="H0853" Mahlah |strong="H4244".  
<sup>19</sup> Shemida's sons |strong="H1121"  
were |strong="H1961" Ahian |strong="H0291",  
Shechem |strong="H7928", Likhi |strong="H3949",  
and |strong="H1121" Aniam |strong="H0593".

#### Ephraim's Descendants |strong="H1121"

<sup>20</sup> These were |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121"  
names of |strong="H1121"  
Ephraim's |strong="H0669" descen-  
dants |strong="H1121". Ephraim's |strong="H0669"  
son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" Shuthel-  
lah |strong="H7803". Shuthelah's  
son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121"  
Bered |strong="H1260". Bered's  
son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121"  
Tahath |strong="H8480". <sup>21</sup> Tahath's  
son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H0776" Eleadah.  
Eleadah's son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H0776"  
Tahath. Tahath's son |strong="H1121"  
was |strong="H0776" Zabad |strong="H2066".  
Zabad's son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H0776"  
Shuthelah |strong="H7803".  
Some |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376"  
who |strong="H0376" grew up |strong="H0853"  
in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" city  
of |strong="H1121" Gath |strong="H1661"  
killed |strong="H2026" Ezer |strong="H5827"  
and |strong="H1121" Elead |strong="H0496".  
This |strong="H3588" happened be-  
cause |strong="H3588" Ezer |strong="H5827"  
and |strong="H1121" Elead |strong="H0496"  
went |strong="H3381" there to |strong="H3381"  
steal |strong="H3947" cattle |strong="H4735"  
and |strong="H1121" sheep from |strong="H3381"  
those |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376"  
in |strong="H0776" Gath |strong="H1661". <sup>22</sup>  
Ephraim |strong="H0669" was |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H0935" father |strong="H0001"  
of |strong="H3117" Ezer and |strong="H0935" Elead.  
He |strong="H3117" cried for |strong="H3117"  
many |strong="H7227" days |strong="H3117" be-  
cause |strong="H3117" Ezer and |strong="H0935"  
Elead were |strong="H3117" dead.  
Ephraim's |strong="H0669" family |strong="H0001"  
came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" com-  
fort |strong="H5162" him |strong="H0935". <sup>23</sup>  
Then |strong="H1961" Ephraim |strong="H8034"  
had |strong="H1961" sexual rela-  
tions |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413"  
his |strong="H1961" wife |strong="H0802".  
She |strong="H3588" became |strong="H3205" preg-  
nant |strong="H2029" and |strong="H1121"  
had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961"

son |strong="H1121". Ephraim |strong="H8034"  
named |strong="H8034" this |strong="H3588" new  
son |strong="H1121" Beriah |strong="H1283"<sup>II</sup> be-  
cause |strong="H3588" something  
bad |strong="H7451" had |strong="H1961" hap-  
pened |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413"  
his |strong="H1961" family |strong="H1004".  
<sup>24</sup> Ephraim's daughter |strong="H1323"  
was |strong="H1323" Sheerah |strong="H7609".  
Sheerah |strong="H7609" built |strong="H1129"  
Lower |strong="H8481" Beth Horon  
and |strong="H1323" Upper |strong="H5945" Beth  
Horon and |strong="H1323" Lower |strong="H8481"  
Uzen Sheerah |strong="H7609"  
and |strong="H1323" Upper |strong="H5945" Uzen  
Sheerah |strong="H7609".  
<sup>25</sup> Rephah |strong="H7506" was |strong="H1121"  
Ephraim's son |strong="H1121".  
Resheph |strong="H7566" was |strong="H1121"  
Rephah's son |strong="H1121".  
Telah |strong="H8520" was |strong="H1121"  
Resheph's son |strong="H1121".  
Tahan |strong="H8465" was |strong="H1121" Telah's  
son |strong="H1121". <sup>26</sup> Ladan |strong="H3936"  
was |strong="H1121" Tahan's son |strong="H1121".  
Ammihud |strong="H5989" was |strong="H1121"  
Ladan's son |strong="H1121". El-  
ishama |strong="H0476" was |strong="H1121" Am-  
mihud's son |strong="H1121". <sup>27</sup>  
Nun |strong="H5126" was |strong="H1121" El-  
ishama's son |strong="H1121".  
Joshua |strong="H3091" was |strong="H1121" Nun's  
son |strong="H1121".  
<sup>28</sup> These are |strong="H1323" the |strong="H5704"  
cities and |strong="H1323" lands  
where |strong="H4186" Ephraim's descendants  
lived |strong="H4186": Bethel |strong="H1008"  
and |strong="H1323" the |strong="H5704" vil-  
lages |strong="H1323" near |strong="H5704"  
it |strong="H5704", Naaran |strong="H5295"  
to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704"  
east |strong="H4217", Gezer |strong="H1507"  
and |strong="H1323" the |strong="H5704" vil-  
lages |strong="H1323" near |strong="H5704"  
it |strong="H5704" on the |strong="H5704"  
west |strong="H4628", and |strong="H1323"  
Shechem |strong="H7927" and |strong="H1323"  
the |strong="H5704" villages |strong="H1323"  
near |strong="H5704" it |strong="H5704"  
all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704"  
way |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" Ayyah  
and |strong="H1323" the |strong="H5704" vil-  
lages |strong="H1323" near |strong="H5704"  
it |strong="H5704". <sup>29</sup> Along |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" borders |strong="H3027"  
of |strong="H1121" Manasseh's |strong="H4519" land  
were |strong="H3478" the |strong="H5921"

I HAMMOLEKETH Or "the woman who ruled" or "queen."

II BERIAH This is like the Hebrew word meaning "bad" or "trouble."

towns |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Beth Shan, Taanach |strong="H8590", Megiddo |strong="H4023", and |strong="H1121" Dor |strong="H1756", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" small towns |strong="H1323" near |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921". The |strong="H5921" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joseph |strong="H3130" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" these |strong="H0428" towns |strong="H1323". Joseph |strong="H3130" was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".

#### Asher's Descendants |strong="H1121"

30 Asher's |strong="H0836" sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Imnah |strong="H3232", Ishvah |strong="H3438", Ishvi |strong="H3440", and |strong="H1121" Beriah |strong="H1283". Their |strong="H8294" sister |strong="H0269" was |strong="H1121" named Serah |strong="H8294".

31 Beriah's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Heber |strong="H2268" and |strong="H1121" Malkiel. Malkiel was |strong="H1931" Birzaith's father |strong="H0001".

32 Heber |strong="H2268" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Japhlet |strong="H3310", Shomer |strong="H7763", Hotham |strong="H2369", and |strong="H0853" of |strong="H3205" their |strong="H7774" sister |strong="H0269" Shua |strong="H7774".

33 Japhlet's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Pasach |strong="H6457", Bimhal |strong="H1118", and |strong="H1121" Ashvath |strong="H6220". These |strong="H0428" were |strong="H1121" Japhlet's children |strong="H1121".

34 Shomer's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Ahi |strong="H0277", Rohgah |strong="H7303", Jehubbah |strong="H3160",<sup>I</sup> and |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758".

35 Shomer's brother |strong="H0251" was |strong="H1121" Helem |strong="H1987". Helem's sons |strong="H1121"

were |strong="H1121" Zophah |strong="H6690", Imna |strong="H3234", Shelesh |strong="H8028", and |strong="H1121" Amal |strong="H6000".

36 Zophah's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Suah |strong="H5477", Harnepher |strong="H2774", Shual |strong="H7777", Beri |strong="H1275", Imrah |strong="H3236",<sup>37</sup> Bezer |strong="H1221", Hod |strong="H1936", Shamma |strong="H8037",

Shilshah |strong="H8030", Ithran |strong="H3506", and |strong="H3506" Beera |strong="H0878".

38 Jether's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Jephunneh |strong="H3312", Pispah |strong="H6462", and |strong="H1121" Ara |strong="H0690".

39 Ulla's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Arah |strong="H0733", Haniel |strong="H2592", and |strong="H1121" Rizia |strong="H7525".

40 All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Asher |strong="H0836". They |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3605" families |strong="H0505". They |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" best |strong="H7218" men |strong="H0376". They |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" soldiers |strong="H0376" and |strong="H1121" great |strong="H1368" leaders |strong="H7218". Their |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" history shows 26,000 soldiers |strong="H0376" ready for |strong="H1004" war |strong="H4421".

#### The Family History of King Saul

8 Benjamin |strong="H1144" was |strong="H3205" Bela's |strong="H1106" father |strong="H3205". Bela |strong="H1106" was |strong="H3205" Benjamin's |strong="H1144" first son. Ashbel |strong="H0788" was |strong="H3205" Benjamin's |strong="H1144" second |strong="H8145" son.

Aharah |strong="H0315" was |strong="H3205" Benjamin's |strong="H1144" third |strong="H7992" son.

2 Nohah |strong="H5119" was Benjamin's fourth |strong="H7243" son. And |strong="H7243" Rapha was Benjamin's fifth |strong="H2549" son.

3 Bela's sons were Addar, Gera, Abihud, Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah, Gera, Shephuphan, and Hiram.

6 These were the descendants of Ehud. They were leaders of their families in Geba. They were forced to leave their homes and move to Manahath. Ehud's descendants were Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera. Gera forced them to leave their homes. He was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

8 Shaharaim |strong="H7842" divorced his |strong="H7971" wives |strong="H0802" Hushim |strong="H2366" and |strong="H7971" Baara |strong="H1199" in |strong="H0802" Moab |strong="H4124". After |strong="H4480" he |strong="H4480" did this he |strong="H4480" had |strong="H3205" some |strong="H4480" children |strong="H3205" with |strong="H0802" another |strong="H0802" wife |strong="H0802".<sup>9</sup> Shaharaim had Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, Jeuz, Sakia, and Mirmah with his wife Hodesh. They were

I JEHUBBAH Or "Hubbah."

leaders of their families. <sup>11</sup> Shohamim and <sup>12</sup> Hushim <sup>13</sup> had two sons named Abitub and <sup>14</sup> Elpaal. <sup>15</sup> Elpaal's sons were Eber, Misham, Shemed, Beriah, and Shema. Shemed built the towns of Ono and Lod and the small towns around Lod. Beriah and Shema were the leaders of the families living in Aijalon. They forced the people who lived in Gath to leave. <sup>16</sup> Beriah's sons were Shashak and <sup>17</sup> Jeremoth, <sup>18</sup> Zebadiah, <sup>19</sup> Arad, <sup>20</sup> Eder, <sup>21</sup> Michael, <sup>22</sup> Ishpah, and <sup>23</sup> Joha. <sup>24</sup> Elpaal's sons were Zebadiah, <sup>25</sup> Meshullam, <sup>26</sup> Hizki, <sup>27</sup> Heber, <sup>28</sup> Ishmerai, <sup>29</sup> Izliah, and <sup>30</sup> Jobab. <sup>31</sup> Shimeï's sons were Jakim, <sup>32</sup> Zicri, <sup>33</sup> Elienai, <sup>34</sup> Zillethai, <sup>35</sup> Eliel, <sup>36</sup> Adaiah, <sup>37</sup> Beraiah, and <sup>38</sup> Shimrath. <sup>39</sup> Shashak's sons were Ishpan, <sup>40</sup> Eber, <sup>41</sup> Eliel, <sup>42</sup> Abdon, <sup>43</sup> Zicri, <sup>44</sup> Hanan, <sup>45</sup> Hananiah, <sup>46</sup> Elam, <sup>47</sup> Anthothijah, <sup>48</sup> Iphdeiah, and <sup>49</sup> Penuel. <sup>50</sup> Jeroham's sons were Shamsherai, <sup>51</sup> Shehariah, <sup>52</sup> Athaliah, <sup>53</sup> Jaareshiah, <sup>54</sup> Elijah, and <sup>55</sup> Zicri. <sup>56</sup> All these men <sup>57</sup> of their families <sup>58</sup> were listed in their family histories as <sup>59</sup> leaders. They <sup>60</sup> lived in Jerusalem. <sup>61</sup> Jeiel was <sup>62</sup> Gibeon's father and <sup>63</sup> his wife <sup>64</sup> Maacah <sup>65</sup> lived in the <sup>66</sup> town of Gibeon. <sup>67</sup> His oldest <sup>68</sup> son <sup>69</sup> Abdon <sup>70</sup> and other sons <sup>71</sup> were

Zur, <sup>72</sup> Kish, <sup>73</sup> Baal, <sup>74</sup> Ner, <sup>75</sup> Nadab, <sup>76</sup> Gedor, <sup>77</sup> Ahio, <sup>78</sup> Zeker, <sup>79</sup> Mikloth. <sup>80</sup> Mikloth <sup>81</sup> was the <sup>82</sup> father <sup>83</sup> of <sup>84</sup> Shimeah. These <sup>85</sup> sons <sup>86</sup> also <sup>87</sup> lived <sup>88</sup> near <sup>89</sup> their <sup>90</sup> relatives <sup>91</sup> in <sup>92</sup> Jerusalem. <sup>93</sup> Ner <sup>94</sup> was <sup>95</sup> Kish's father <sup>96</sup> and <sup>97</sup> Saul's <sup>98</sup> father <sup>99</sup> and <sup>100</sup> Saul's <sup>101</sup> father <sup>102</sup> of <sup>103</sup> Jonathan, <sup>104</sup> Malki Shua, <sup>105</sup> Abinadab, <sup>106</sup> and <sup>107</sup> Esh Baal. <sup>108</sup> Jonathan's <sup>109</sup> son <sup>110</sup> Merib Baal <sup>111</sup> was <sup>112</sup> Micah's <sup>113</sup> father <sup>114</sup> and <sup>115</sup> Micah's <sup>116</sup> sons <sup>117</sup> were <sup>118</sup> Pithon, <sup>119</sup> Melech, <sup>120</sup> Tarea, <sup>121</sup> and <sup>122</sup> Ahaz. <sup>123</sup> Ahaz <sup>124</sup> was <sup>125</sup> Jehoaddah's father <sup>126</sup> and <sup>127</sup> Jehoaddah's <sup>128</sup> father <sup>129</sup> of <sup>130</sup> Alemeth, <sup>131</sup> Azmaveth, <sup>132</sup> and <sup>133</sup> Zimri. <sup>134</sup> Zimri <sup>135</sup> was <sup>136</sup> Moza's father <sup>137</sup> and <sup>138</sup> Moza <sup>139</sup> was <sup>140</sup> Binea's father <sup>141</sup> and <sup>142</sup> Raphah was <sup>143</sup> Binea's son <sup>144</sup> and <sup>145</sup> Eleasah's son <sup>146</sup> and <sup>147</sup> Azel <sup>148</sup> was <sup>149</sup> Eleasah's son <sup>150</sup> and <sup>151</sup> Azel <sup>152</sup> had <sup>153</sup> six <sup>154</sup> sons <sup>155</sup> and <sup>156</sup> their <sup>157</sup> names <sup>158</sup> were <sup>159</sup> Azrikam, <sup>160</sup> Bokeru, <sup>161</sup> Ishmael, <sup>162</sup> Sheariah, <sup>163</sup> and <sup>164</sup> Hanan. <sup>165</sup> All <sup>166</sup> these <sup>167</sup> sons <sup>168</sup> were <sup>169</sup> Azel's children <sup>170</sup> and <sup>171</sup> Azel's brother <sup>172</sup> Eshek <sup>173</sup> had <sup>174</sup> some

sons *strong="H1121"*. These were *strong="H1121"* Eshek's sons *strong="H1121"*:

Ulam *strong="H0198"* was *strong="H1121"* Azel's oldest *strong="H1060"* son *strong="H1121"*.

Jeush *strong="H3266"* was *strong="H1121"* Eshek's second *strong="H8145"* son *strong="H1121"*.

Eliphelet *strong="H0467"* was *strong="H1121"* Eshek's third *strong="H7992"* son *strong="H1121"*.

<sup>40</sup> Ulam's sons *strong="H1121"*

were *strong="H1961"* strong *strong="H2428"* soldiers *strong="H0376"* who *strong="H3605"*

were *strong="H1961"* very *strong="H2428"* good

with *strong="H0376"* bows *strong="H7198"*

and *strong="H1121"* arrows *strong="H7198"*.

They *strong="H0376"* had *strong="H1961"*

many *strong="H7235"* sons *strong="H1121"*

and *strong="H1121"* grandsons *strong="H1121"*.

In *strong="H0376"* all *strong="H3605"*,

there *strong="H1961"* were *strong="H1961"* 150

sons *strong="H1121"* and *strong="H1121"* grandsons *strong="H1121"*.

All *strong="H3605"* these *strong="H0428"*

men *strong="H0376"* were *strong="H1961"* descendants *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Benjamin *strong="H1144"*.

<sup>9</sup> The *strong="H3605"* names

of *strong="H4428"* all *strong="H3605"*

the *strong="H3605"* Israelites *strong="H3478"*

were *strong="H3478"* listed *strong="H3187"*

in *strong="H5921"* their *strong="H3605"* family histories.

Those *strong="H3605"* family histories

were *strong="H3478"* put in *strong="H5921"*

the *strong="H3605"* book *strong="H5612"*,

The *strong="H3605"* History of *strong="H4428"*

the *strong="H3605"* Kings *strong="H4428"*

of *strong="H4428"* Israel *strong="H3478"*.

#### The *strong="H3605"* People in *strong="H5921"* Jerusalem

The *strong="H3605"* people of *strong="H4428"* Judah *strong="H3063"* were *strong="H3478"*

made *strong="H3605"* prisoners and *strong="H3063"* forced to *strong="H5921"* go *strong="H1540"*

to *strong="H5921"* Babylon *strong="H0894"*.

They *strong="H5921"* were *strong="H3478"* taken

*strong="H1540"* there *strong="H2009"* because

*strong="H5921"* they *strong="H5921"*

were *strong="H3478"* not faithful to *strong="H5921"*

God. <sup>2</sup> The *strong="H0834"* first *strong="H7223"*

people *strong="H3427"* to *strong="H3478"* come

back and *strong="H3478"* live *strong="H3427"*

in *strong="H3427"* their *strong="H0834"*

own *strong="H0272"* lands and *strong="H3478"*

towns *strong="H5892"* were *strong="H0834"* some

Israelites *strong="H3478"*, priests *strong="H3548"*,

Levites *strong="H3881"*, and *strong="H3478"* ser-

vants *strong="H5411"* who *strong="H0834"* work

in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H0834"* Temple *strong="H5411"*.

<sup>3</sup> These are *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H4480"*

people *strong="H1121"* from *strong="H4480"*

the *strong="H4480"* tribes of *strong="H1121"* Ju-

dah *strong="H3063"*, Benjamin *strong="H1144"*,

Ephraim *strong="H0669"*, and *strong="H1121"* Man-

asseh *strong="H4519"* who *strong="H1121"*

lived *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"*

Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*:

<sup>4</sup> Uthai *strong="H5793"* was *strong="H3063"* Am-

mihud's son *strong="H1121"*. Ammi-

hud *strong="H5989"* was *strong="H3063"* Om-

ri's *strong="H6018"* son *strong="H1121"*. Om-

ri *strong="H6018"* was *strong="H3063"* Imri's

son *strong="H1121"*. Imri *strong="H0566"*

was *strong="H3063"* Bani's son *strong="H1121"*.

Bani *strong="H1137"* was *strong="H3063"*

a *strong="H3063"* descendant *strong="H1121"*

of *strong="H1121"* Perez *strong="H6557"*.

Perez *strong="H6557"* was *strong="H3063"* Ju-

dah's *strong="H3063"* son *strong="H1121"*.

<sup>5</sup> The *strong="H4480"* Shilonites *strong="H7888"*

who *strong="H1121"* lived in *strong="H1121"*

Jerusalem were *strong="H1121"* Asa-

iah *strong="H6222"* the *strong="H4480"* old-

est *strong="H1060"* son *strong="H1121"*

and *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H4480"*

sons *strong="H1121"*.

<sup>6</sup> The *strong="H4480"* Zerahites

who *strong="H1121"* lived in *strong="H1121"*

Jerusalem were *strong="H1121"*

Jeuel *strong="H3262"* and *strong="H1121"*

their *strong="H4480"* relatives *strong="H0251"*.

There were *strong="H1121"* 690 of *strong="H1121"*

them *strong="H4480"* in *strong="H1121"*

all *strong="H4480"*.

<sup>7</sup> These are *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H4480"*

people *strong="H1121"* from *strong="H4480"*

the *strong="H4480"* tribe of *strong="H1121"* Ben-

jamin *strong="H1144"* who *strong="H1121"* lived

in *strong="H1121"* Jerusalem: Sallu *strong="H5543"*

was *strong="H1121"* Meshullam's

son *strong="H1121"*. Meshullam *strong="H4918"*

was *strong="H1121"* Hodaviah's

son *strong="H1121"*. Hodaviah *strong="H1938"*

was *strong="H1121"* Hassenuah's

son *strong="H1121"*. <sup>8</sup> Ibneiah *strong="H2997"*

was *strong="H1121"* Jeroham's

son *strong="H1121"*. Elah *strong="H0425"*

was *strong="H1121"* Uzzi's son *strong="H1121"*.

Uzzi *strong="H5813"* was *strong="H1121"* Micri's

son *strong="H1121"*. And *strong="H1121"* Meshul-

lam *strong="H4918"* was *strong="H1121"* Shephati-

ah's son *strong="H1121"*. Shephati-

ah *strong="H8203"* was *strong="H1121"* Reuel's

son *strong="H1121"*. Reuel *strong="H7467"*

was *strong="H1121"* Ibnijah's son *strong="H1121"*.

9 The *family history* of Benjamin shows there were 956 of them living in Jerusalem. All these men were leaders in their families.

10 These are the priests who lived in Jerusalem: Jedaiiah, Jehoiarib, Jakin, Azariah, Hilkiyah, Meshullam, Zadok, Meraioth, Ahi-tub, and Zadok's important official responsible for God's Temple.

12 Also there was Jeroham's son, Adaiah, Jeroham's son, Pashhur's son, Malkijah's son, and Adiel's son, Maasai, Adiel's son, Jahzerah's son, Meshullam's son, Meshillemith's son, Meshillemith's son, Immer's son.

13 There were 1760 priests. They were leaders of their families. They were responsible for the work of serving in God's Temple.

14 These are the people from the tribe of Levi who lived in Jerusalem: Hasshub's son, Shemaiah,

Hasshub's son, Azrikam's son, Hashabiah's son, Hashabiah's descendant, Merari, and Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, Mattaniah, Mica's son, Zicri's son, Asaph's son, Shemaiah's son, Shemaiah's son, Galal's son, Galal's son, Jeduthun's son, Berekiah's son, Asa's son, Elkanah's son, Berekiah's son, Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their relatives. Shallum was their leader.

18 Now these men stand next to the King's Gate east side. They were the gatekeepers from the tribe of Levi.

19 Shallum was Kore's son, Ebiasaph's son, Ebiasaph's son, Korah's son, Shallum, and his brothers were gatekeepers. They were from the family of Korah.

They |strong="H5921" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" job |strong="H5656" of |strong="H1121" guarding |strong="H8104" the |strong="H5921" entrance |strong="H3996" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Holy Tent |strong="H0168". They |strong="H5921" did |strong="H8104" this |strong="H3068" just as |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" done before |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921". Their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" job |strong="H5656" of |strong="H1121" guarding |strong="H8104" the |strong="H5921" entrance |strong="H3996" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" area where |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" lived among |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1121".<sup>20</sup> In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" past, Phinehas |strong="H6372" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" gatekeepers. Phinehas |strong="H6372" was |strong="H1961" Eleazar's son |strong="H1121". The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" Phinehas |strong="H6372".<sup>21</sup> Zechariah |strong="H2148" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Meshemiah |strong="H4920" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" gatekeeper |strong="H7778" at |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" Holy Tent |strong="H0168".

<sup>22</sup> In |strong="H7200" all |strong="H3605" there |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" 212 men |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1992" chosen |strong="H1305" to |strong="H1732" guard the |strong="H3605" gates of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Holy Tent. Their |strong="H3605" names were |strong="H1992" written in |strong="H7200" their |strong="H3605" family histories in |strong="H7200" their |strong="H3605" small towns |strong="H2691". David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3967" Samuel |strong="H8050" the |strong="H3605" seer chose these |strong="H1992" men |strong="H3605" because |strong="H3605" they |strong="H1992" could be |strong="H3605" trusted.<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H5921" gatekeepers and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3068" descendants |strong="H1121" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" responsibility |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" guarding the |strong="H5921" gates |strong="H8179" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004", the |strong="H5921" Holy Tent |strong="H0168".<sup>24</sup> There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" gates

on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" four |strong="H0702" sides |strong="H7307": east |strong="H4217", west |strong="H3220", north |strong="H6828", and |strong="H3220" south |strong="H5045".<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0413" gatekeepers' relatives |strong="H0251" who |strong="H0428" lived in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" small towns |strong="H2691" had |strong="H0251" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" help them |strong="H0413" at |strong="H0413" certain times |strong="H6256". They |strong="H3117" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" helped the |strong="H0413" gatekeepers for |strong="H0413" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" each |strong="H3117" time |strong="H6256".

<sup>26</sup> There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" four |strong="H0702" gatekeepers |strong="H7778" who |strong="H3881" were |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" leaders of |strong="H1004" all the |strong="H5921" gatekeepers |strong="H7778". They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1961" Levites |strong="H3881". They |strong="H1992" had |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" job of |strong="H1004" caring for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" rooms |strong="H3957" and |strong="H0430" treasures |strong="H0214" in |strong="H5921" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>27</sup> They |strong="H1992" stayed |strong="H3885" up |strong="H5921" all |strong="H5439" night guarding God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004", and |strong="H0430" they |strong="H1992" had |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921" job of |strong="H1004" opening |strong="H4669" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004" every |strong="H5439" morning |strong="H1242".

<sup>28</sup> Some |strong="H1992" of |strong="H3627" the |strong="H5921" gatekeepers had |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" job |strong="H5656" of |strong="H3627" caring for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" dishes used |strong="H3627" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Temple services. They |strong="H1992" counted |strong="H4557" them |strong="H1992" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" brought |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921". They |strong="H1992" also |strong="H3588" counted |strong="H4557" these |strong="H1992" dishes when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" taken |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318".<sup>29</sup> Other |strong="H3605" gatekeepers were |strong="H1992" chosen to |strong="H5921" care |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" furniture |strong="H3627" and |strong="H8081" the |strong="H3605" special dishes.



They<sup>1992</sup> also took care<sup>5921</sup> of<sup>3627</sup> the<sup>3605</sup> flour<sup>5560</sup>, wine<sup>3196</sup>, oil<sup>8081</sup>, incense<sup>3828</sup>, and<sup>8081</sup> special oil<sup>8081</sup>.<sup>130</sup> But it<sup>1121</sup> was<sup>1121</sup> the<sup>4480</sup> priests<sup>3548</sup> who<sup>3548</sup> had<sup>1121</sup> the<sup>4480</sup> job of<sup>1121</sup> mixing<sup>4842</sup> the<sup>4480</sup> special oil.

<sup>31</sup> There was<sup>1931</sup> a<sup>4480</sup> Levite<sup>3881</sup> named Mattithiah<sup>4993</sup> who<sup>1931</sup> had<sup>3881</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> job of<sup>4480</sup> baking the<sup>5921</sup> bread used for<sup>5921</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> offerings<sup>4480</sup>. Mattithiah<sup>4993</sup> was<sup>1931</sup> Shallum's oldest<sup>1060</sup> son. Shallum<sup>7967</sup> was<sup>1931</sup> from<sup>4480</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> Korah<sup>7145</sup> family.<sup>32</sup> Some<sup>4480</sup> of<sup>1121</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> gatekeepers who<sup>1121</sup> were<sup>1121</sup> in<sup>5921</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> Korah family had<sup>1121</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> job of<sup>1121</sup> preparing the<sup>5921</sup> bread<sup>3899</sup> put<sup>3559</sup> on<sup>5921</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> table every<sup>7676</sup> Sabbath<sup>7676</sup>.

<sup>33</sup> The<sup>5921</sup> Levites<sup>3881</sup> who<sup>3881</sup> were<sup>4028</sup> singers<sup>7891</sup> and<sup>7218</sup> leaders<sup>7218</sup> of<sup>7218</sup> their<sup>5921</sup> families<sup>0001</sup> stayed in<sup>5921</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> rooms<sup>3957</sup> at<sup>5921</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> Temple. They<sup>3588</sup> did not<sup>3588</sup> have<sup>0001</sup> to<sup>5921</sup> do other<sup>4028</sup> work<sup>4399</sup> because<sup>3588</sup> they<sup>3588</sup> were<sup>4028</sup> responsible<sup>7218</sup> for<sup>3588</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> work<sup>4399</sup> in<sup>5921</sup> the<sup>5921</sup> Temple day<sup>3119</sup> and<sup>7218</sup> night<sup>3915</sup>.

<sup>34</sup> All these<sup>4028</sup> Levites<sup>3881</sup> were<sup>4028</sup> leaders<sup>7218</sup> of<sup>3427</sup> their<sup>3427</sup> families<sup>0001</sup>. They<sup>4028</sup> were<sup>4028</sup> listed as<sup>3427</sup> leaders<sup>7218</sup> in<sup>3427</sup> their<sup>3427</sup> family<sup>0001</sup> histories. They<sup>4028</sup> lived<sup>3427</sup> in<sup>3427</sup> Jerusalem<sup>3389</sup>.

I SPECIAL OIL Or "perfume." This might be the oil used to anoint priests, prophets, and kings. See Exodus 30:22-38.

The<sup>3427</sup> Family<sup>0001</sup> History<sup>8435</sup> of<sup>3427</sup> King Saul

<sup>35</sup> Jeiel<sup>3273</sup> was<sup>8034</sup> Gibeon's father<sup>0001</sup>. Jeiel<sup>3273</sup> lived<sup>3427</sup> in<sup>3427</sup> the<sup>8034</sup> town of<sup>3427</sup> Gibeon<sup>1391</sup>. His<sup>3427</sup> wife<sup>0802</sup> was<sup>8034</sup> named<sup>8034</sup> Maacah<sup>4601</sup>.<sup>36</sup> Jeiel's oldest<sup>1060</sup> son<sup>1121</sup> was<sup>1121</sup> Abdon<sup>5658</sup>. Other sons<sup>1121</sup> were<sup>1121</sup> Zur<sup>6698</sup>, Kish<sup>7027</sup>, Baal<sup>1168</sup>, Ner<sup>5369</sup>, Nadab<sup>5070</sup>,<sup>37</sup> Gedor<sup>1446</sup>, Ahio<sup>0283</sup>, Zechariah<sup>2148</sup>, and<sup>0283</sup> Mikloth<sup>4732</sup>.<sup>38</sup> Mikloth<sup>4732</sup> was<sup>3389</sup> Shimeam's father<sup>3205</sup>. Jeiel's family lived<sup>3427</sup> near<sup>5973</sup> their<sup>1992</sup> relatives<sup>0251</sup> in<sup>3427</sup> Jerusalem<sup>3389</sup>.<sup>39</sup> Ner<sup>5369</sup> was<sup>7586</sup> Kish's father<sup>3205</sup>. Kish<sup>7027</sup> was<sup>7586</sup> Saul's<sup>7586</sup> father<sup>3205</sup>. And<sup>7586</sup> Saul<sup>7586</sup> was<sup>7586</sup> the<sup>0853</sup> father<sup>3205</sup> of<sup>3205</sup> Jonathan<sup>3083</sup>, Malki Shua, Abinadab<sup>0041</sup>, and<sup>7586</sup> Esh Baal.<sup>40</sup> Jonathan's<sup>3083</sup> son<sup>1121</sup> was<sup>1121</sup> Merib Baal. Merib Baal was<sup>1121</sup> Micah's<sup>4318</sup> father<sup>3205</sup>.<sup>41</sup> Micah's<sup>4318</sup> sons<sup>1121</sup> were<sup>1121</sup> Pithon<sup>6377</sup>, Melech<sup>4429</sup>, Tahrea<sup>8475</sup>, and<sup>1121</sup> Ahaz.<sup>42</sup> Ahaz<sup>0271</sup> was<sup>3205</sup> the<sup>0853</sup> father<sup>3205</sup> of<sup>3205</sup> Jadah. II Jadah was<sup>3205</sup> the<sup>0853</sup> father<sup>3205</sup> of<sup>3205</sup> Jadah. ALEMETH<sup>5964</sup>, Azmaveth<sup>5820</sup>, and<sup>0853</sup> Zimri<sup>2174</sup>. Zimri<sup>2174</sup> was<sup>3205</sup> Moza's father<sup>3205</sup>.<sup>43</sup> Moza<sup>4162</sup> was<sup>1121</sup> the<sup>0853</sup> father<sup>3205</sup> of<sup>1121</sup> Binea<sup>1150</sup>. Rephaiah<sup>7509</sup> was<sup>1121</sup> Binea's son<sup>1121</sup>.

II JADAH This is from the ancient Greek translation and some Hebrew copies. Most Hebrew copies have "Jarah" for "Jadah" in this verse.

Elesah's son Azel had six sons. Their names were Azrikam, Bokeru, Ishmael, Obadiah, and Hanan. They were Azel's children.

### The Death of King Saul

**10** The Philistines fought the Israelites. The Israelites ran from the Philistines. Many Israelites were killed on Mount Gilboa. The Philistines continued chasing Saul and his sons. They caught them and killed them. The Philistines killed Saul's sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malki Shua. The fighting was around Saul. The archers shot with their arrows and wounded him.

<sup>4</sup> Then Saul's helper who carried his armor, "Pull out your sword and use it to kill me." Then these foreigners

will not hurt me and make fun of me when they come. But the helper was afraid. He refused to kill Saul. So Saul used his own sword to kill himself by falling on it. <sup>5</sup> When the helper saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his own sword and died. <sup>6</sup> So Saul's three sons and his sons died. All Saul's family died together.

<sup>7</sup> When all the Israelites living in the valley saw that their army had run away and that Saul and his sons were dead, they left their towns and ran away. Then the Philistines came into the towns and lived in them.

<sup>8</sup> The next day, the Philistines came to take valuable things from the dead bodies. They found

<sup>1</sup> FOREIGNERS Literally, "uncircumcised." This means people who did not share in the agreement God made with Israel. See "circumcise, circumcision" in the Word List.

Saul's body and the bodies of his sons on Mount Gilboa. <sup>9</sup> The Philistines took things from Saul's body. They took Saul's head and armor. They sent messengers through all their country to tell the news that their false gods and people. <sup>10</sup> The Philistines put Saul's armor in the temple of Dagon.

<sup>11</sup> All the people living in the town of Jabesh Gilead heard everything that the Philistines had done to Saul. <sup>12</sup> All the brave men from Jabesh Gilead went to get the bodies of Saul and his sons brought back to Jabesh Gilead. They buried the bones of Saul and his sons under a large tree in Jabesh Gilead. Then they showed sadness and fasted for seven days.

<sup>13</sup> Saul died because he was not faithful to the LORD. He did not obey the LORD'S word. Saul also went to a medium and asked her for advice instead of asking the LORD. That is why the Lord killed Saul and gave the kingdom to Jesse's son David.

#### David Becomes King Over Israel

<sup>11</sup> All the Israelites came to David the town of Hebron. They said to David, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past you led us in war. You led us even though Saul was the king. The LORD said to you, 'David, you will be shepherd of my people,' the Israelites said. You will become leader over people." <sup>3</sup> All the leaders of Is-

I WE ARE ... BLOOD A way of saying they were David's relatives.

rael|strong="H3478" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H4428" Hebron|strong="H2275". David|strong="H1732" made|strong="H3772" an|strong="H0935" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" in|strong="H5921" Hebron|strong="H2275" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". The|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H2205" anointed|strong="H4886" David|strong="H1732". That|strong="H3605" made|strong="H3772" him|strong="H0413" king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" promised|strong="H3068" through|strong="H3027" Samuel|strong="H8050" that|strong="H3605" this|strong="H1697" would|strong="H3478" happen|strong="H1697".

#### David|strong="H1732" Captures Jerusalem

4 David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" went to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H0776" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". Jerusalem|strong="H3389" was|strong="H0776" called|strong="H8033" Jebus|strong="H2982" at|strong="H3427" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3478". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" that|strong="H3605" city|strong="H1931" were|strong="H3478" named Jebusites|strong="H2983". They|strong="H8033"<sup>5</sup> said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732", " You|strong="H0935" cannot|strong="H3808" get|strong="H0935" inside|strong="H0935" our|strong="H0935" city|strong="H5892". " But|strong="H3808" David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H3808" defeat them|strong="H0853". He|strong="H1931" took|strong="H3920" over|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" fortress of|strong="H3427" Zion|strong="H6726", and|strong="H0935" it|strong="H1931" became the|strong="H0853" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3427" David|strong="H1732".

6 David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" leads|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3605" attack|strong="H5221" on|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" Jebusites|strong="H2983" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" commander|strong="H8269" over|strong="H7218" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5927". " So|strong="H1961"

Joab|strong="H3097" led|strong="H7223" the|strong="H3605" attack|strong="H5221". He|strong="H1732" was|strong="H1961" Zeruiah's|strong="H6870" son|strong="H1121". Joab|strong="H3097" became|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H5927".

7 Then|strong="H3651" David|strong="H1732" made|strong="H7121" his|strong="H5921" home in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" fortress. That|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" why|strong="H3651" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H3651" named|strong="H7121" the|strong="H5921" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3427" David|strong="H1732".<sup>8</sup> David built|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" fort. He|strong="H5704" built|strong="H1129" it|strong="H5704" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" Millo|strong="H4407" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" wall around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". Joab|strong="H3097" repaired the|strong="H0853" other parts of|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892".<sup>9</sup> David|strong="H1732" continued|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980" grow|strong="H1980" greater|strong="H1419", and|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful was|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5973".

#### The|strong="H3068" Three Heroes

10 This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" list of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H7218" over|strong="H5921" David's|strong="H1732" special soldiers|strong="H1368". These|strong="H0428" heroes|strong="H1368" became|strong="H2388" very powerful|strong="H1368" with|strong="H5973" David|strong="H1732" in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" kingdom|strong="H4438". They|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" supported|strong="H2388" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H2388" him|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4427", just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" promised|strong="H3068".

11 This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" list|strong="H4557" of|strong="H1121" David's|strong="H1732" special soldiers|strong="H1368".

Jashobeam <sup>I</sup> was leader of the king's special forces. <sup>II</sup> Jashobeam used his spear to kill 300 men at one time.

<sup>12</sup> Next there was Eleazar son of Ahoah. Eleazar was one of the Three Heroes. <sup>IV</sup><sup>13</sup> Eleazar was David's son of Ahoah. Eleazar was one of the Three Heroes. He was with David at Passdammim. The Philistines had come to that place to fight a war. There a full field of barley was. The Israelites ran away. But the Philistines stood in the field and defended it. They defeated the Philistines. The LORD gave a great victory.

<sup>15</sup> Once David was the cave of Adullam, and three of the Thirty Heroes went down to meet him by a rock.

<sup>I</sup> JASHOBEAM THE HACMONITE This is "Josheb Basshebeth the Tahkemonite" in 2 Sam. 23:8. <sup>II</sup> KING'S SPECIAL FORCES A special group of soldiers who formed three-man squads and went on special missions for the king. <sup>III</sup> ELEAZAR SON OF DODAI Or "Eleazar his cousin." <sup>IV</sup> THREE HEROES These were David's three bravest soldiers. Also in verses 18, 20, 24. <sup>V</sup> THIRTY HEROES Or "the king's special forces." These men were David's famous group of very brave soldiers. Also in verses 25, 42.

near the cave. At the same time the Philistine army was camped in the Valley of Rephaim.

<sup>16</sup> Another time David in the fortress, and a group of soldiers was stationed in Bethlehem. David was thirsty for some water from his hometown, so he said, "Oh, if I could have some water from that well by the gate in Bethlehem." <sup>18</sup> So the Three Heroes fought their way through the Philistine army and got some water from the well near the city gate in Bethlehem. They took it, but he refused to drink. He poured it on the ground as an offering to the LORD. <sup>19</sup> David said, "God, I cannot drink this water. It would be like drinking blood of men."

<sup>VI</sup> THREE HEROES These were David's three bravest soldiers. Also in verses 19-21.

who **strong="H0376"** risked their **strong="H3588"** lives **strong="H5315"** to **strong="H0559"** get **strong="H0935"** this **strong="H2063"** water for **strong="H3588"** me **strong="H5315"**. That **strong="H3588"** is **strong="H0430"** why **strong="H3588"** David refused **strong="H0014"** to **strong="H0559"** drink **strong="H8354"** the **strong="H0559"** water. The **strong="H0559"** Three **strong="H7969"** Heroes **strong="H1368"** did **strong="H6213"** many brave things **strong="H0428"** like **strong="H3808"** that **strong="H3588"**.

#### Other **strong="H0428"** Brave Soldiers **strong="H0376"**

<sup>20</sup> Joab's **strong="H3097"** brother **strong="H0251"**, Abishai **strong="H0052"**, was **strong="H8034"** the **strong="H0853"** leader **strong="H7218"** of **strong="H7218"** the **strong="H0853"** Three **strong="H7969"** Heroes.

Abishai **strong="H0052"** used **strong="H1961"** his **strong="H5921"** spear **strong="H2595"** against **strong="H5921"** 300 enemies and **strong="H3967"** killed **strong="H2490"** them **strong="H0853"**. He **strong="H1931"** was **strong="H8034"** as **strong="H1961"** famous **strong="H8034"** as **strong="H1961"** the **strong="H0853"** Three **strong="H7969"** Heroes. <sup>21</sup> Abishai was **strong="H1961"** even **strong="H5704"** more **strong="H4480"** famous than **strong="H4480"** the **strong="H0935"** Three **strong="H7969"** Heroes. <sup>I</sup> He **strong="H5704"** became **strong="H1961"** their **strong="H0935"** leader **strong="H8269"**, even **strong="H5704"** though he **strong="H5704"** was **strong="H1961"** not **strong="H3808"** one **strong="H3808"** of **strong="H8269"** the **strong="H0935"** Three **strong="H7969"** Heroes.

<sup>22</sup> Then **strong="H0853"** there **strong="H8432"** was **strong="H1931"** Benaiah **strong="H1141"** son **strong="H1121"** of **strong="H1121"** Jehoiada **strong="H3077"**, from **strong="H4480"** Kabzeel **strong="H6909"**. He **strong="H1931"** was **strong="H1931"** the **strong="H0853"** son **strong="H1121"** of **strong="H1121"** a **strong="H4480"** powerful **strong="H2428"** man **strong="H0376"**. <sup>II</sup> Benaiah **strong="H1141"** did **strong="H0376"** many **strong="H7227"** brave **strong="H2428"** things **strong="H8147"**. He **strong="H1931"** killed **strong="H5221"** two **strong="H8147"** of **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H0853"** best soldiers **strong="H0376"** in **strong="H3117"** Moab **strong="H4124"**. One **strong="H0376"** day **strong="H3117"** when **strong="H3117"** it **strong="H1931"** was **strong="H1931"** snowing, Bena-

<sup>I</sup> **THREE HEROES** Or possibly, "The Thirty Heroes." <sup>II</sup> **POWERFUL MAN** That is, a man from the warrior class ready to protect his people in war.

iah **strong="H1141"** went **strong="H3381"** down **strong="H3381"** into **strong="H8432"** a **strong="H4480"** hole in **strong="H3117"** the **strong="H0853"** ground and **strong="H1121"** killed **strong="H5221"** a **strong="H4480"** lion **strong="H0738"**. <sup>23</sup> And **strong="H3027"** Benaiah killed **strong="H2026"** a **strong="H5221"** big Egyptian **strong="H4713"** soldier. That **strong="H1931"** man **strong="H0376"** was **strong="H1931"** about **strong="H0413"** 7 1/2 feet **strong="H0520"** <sup>III</sup> tall **strong="H4060"**. The **strong="H0853"** Egyptian **strong="H4713"** had **strong="H0376"** a **strong="H5221"** spear **strong="H2595"** that **strong="H1931"** was **strong="H1931"** very large and **strong="H3027"** heavy. It **strong="H1931"** was **strong="H1931"** as **strong="H0376"** big as **strong="H0376"** the **strong="H0853"** pole on **strong="H0413"** a **strong="H5221"** weaver's **strong="H0707"** loom. Benaiah had **strong="H0376"** only a **strong="H5221"** club **strong="H7626"**. He **strong="H1931"** grabbed the **strong="H0853"** spear **strong="H2595"** in **strong="H0413"** the **strong="H0853"** Egyptian's **strong="H4713"** hands **strong="H3027"** and **strong="H3027"** took **strong="H0853"** it **strong="H1931"** away **strong="H1497"** from **strong="H3381"** him **strong="H0413"**. Then **strong="H0853"** Benaiah killed **strong="H2026"** the **strong="H0853"** Egyptian **strong="H4713"** with **strong="H0413"** his **strong="H0376"** own **strong="H0376"** spear **strong="H2595"**. <sup>24</sup> Benaiah **strong="H1141"** son **strong="H1121"** of **strong="H1121"** Jehoiada **strong="H3077"** did **strong="H6213"** many brave things **strong="H0428"** like **strong="H1121"** that **strong="H1121"**. He **strong="H6213"** was **strong="H8034"** as **strong="H1121"** famous **strong="H8034"** as **strong="H1121"** the **strong="H1141"** Three **strong="H7969"** Heroes **strong="H1368"**. <sup>25</sup> Benaiah was **strong="H1732"** even **strong="H3808"** more **strong="H4480"** famous than **strong="H4480"** the **strong="H5921"** Thirty **strong="H7970"** Heroes, but **strong="H3808"** he **strong="H1931"** was **strong="H1732"** not **strong="H3808"** one **strong="H3808"** of **strong="H4480"** the **strong="H5921"** Three **strong="H7969"** Heroes. David **strong="H1732"** made **strong="H7760"** Benaiah the **strong="H5921"** leader of **strong="H4480"** his **strong="H5921"** bodyguards.

#### The **strong="H5921"** Thirty **strong="H7970"** Heroes

<sup>26</sup> The **strong="H3097"** following men **strong="H1368"** were **strong="H1121"** among **strong="H0251"** the **strong="H3097"** king's special forces **strong="H2428"**:

<sup>III</sup> **ABOUT 7 1/2 FEET** Literally, "5 short

Asahel |strong="H6214", Joab's |strong="H3097" brother |strong="H0251";  
 Elhanan |strong="H0445" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Dodai from |strong="H1121" Bethlehem |strong="H1035";  
 27 Shammoth |strong="H8054" the |strong="H2503" Harodite;  
 Helez |strong="H2503" the |strong="H2503" Pelonite |strong="H6397";  
 28 Ira |strong="H5896" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ikkesh |strong="H6142" from |strong="H1121" Tekoa |strong="H8621";  
 Abiezer |strong="H0044" from |strong="H1121" Anathoth |strong="H6069";  
 29 Sibbecai |strong="H5444" the |strong="H5444" Hushathite |strong="H2843";  
 Ilai |strong="H5866" from Ahoah;  
 30 Maharai |strong="H4121" from |strong="H1121" Netophah;  
 Heled |strong="H2466" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Baanah |strong="H1196" from |strong="H1121" Netophah;  
 31 Ithai |strong="H0863" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ribai |strong="H7380" from |strong="H1121" Gibeah |strong="H1390" in |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144";  
 Benaiah |strong="H1141" the |strong="H1141" Pirathonite |strong="H6553";  
 32 Hurai |strong="H2360" from the |strong="H0022" Brooks of Gaash |strong="H1608";  
 Abiel |strong="H0022" the |strong="H0022" Arbathite |strong="H6164";  
 33 Azmaveth |strong="H5820" the |strong="H0455" Baharumite |strong="H0978";  
 Elishba |strong="H0455" the |strong="H0455" Shaalbonite |strong="H8170";  
 34 the |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hashem |strong="H2044" the |strong="H1121" Gizonite |strong="H1493";  
 Jonathan |strong="H3129" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shagee |strong="H7681" the |strong="H1121" Hararite |strong="H2043";  
 35 Ahiam |strong="H0279" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Sacar |strong="H7940" the |strong="H1121" Hararite |strong="H2043";  
 Eliphai |strong="H0465" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ur;  
 36 Hopher |strong="H2660" the |strong="H0281" Mekerathite;  
 Ahijah |strong="H0281" the |strong="H0281" Pelonite |strong="H6397";  
 37 Hezro |strong="H2695" the |strong="H1121" Carmelite |strong="H3761";  
 Naarai |strong="H5293" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ezbai |strong="H0229";  
 38 Joel |strong="H3100", Nathan's brother |strong="H0251";

Mibhar |strong="H4006" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hagri |strong="H1905";  
 39 Zelek |strong="H6768" the |strong="H5375" Ammonite |strong="H5984";  
 Naharai |strong="H5171" the |strong="H5375" officer from |strong="H1121" Beeroth, who |strong="H1121" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H5375" armor |strong="H3627" for |strong="H3627" Joab |strong="H3097" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruah |strong="H6870";  
 40 Ira |strong="H5896" the |strong="H5896" Ithrite |strong="H3505";  
 Gareb |strong="H1619" the |strong="H5896" Ithrite |strong="H3505";  
 41 Uriah |strong="H0223" the |strong="H1121" Hittite |strong="H2850";  
 Zabad |strong="H2066" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahlai |strong="H0304";  
 42 Adina |strong="H5721" who |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shiza |strong="H7877" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" tribe of |strong="H1121" Reuben |strong="H7206" and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" leader |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" tribe and |strong="H1121" one |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Thirty |strong="H7970" Heroes;  
 43 Hanan |strong="H2605" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Maacah |strong="H4601";  
 Joshaphat |strong="H3146" the |strong="H1121" Mithnite |strong="H4981";  
 44 Uzzia |strong="H5814" the |strong="H1121" Ashterathite |strong="H6254";  
 Shama |strong="H8091" and |strong="H1121" Jeiel |strong="H3273" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hotham |strong="H2369" from |strong="H1121" Aroer;  
 45 Jediael |strong="H3043" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shimri |strong="H8113" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1121" brother |strong="H0251" Joha |strong="H3109" the |strong="H0251" Tizite |strong="H8491";  
 46 Eliel |strong="H0447" the |strong="H1121" Mahavite |strong="H4233";  
 Jeribai |strong="H3403" and |strong="H1121" Joshaviah |strong="H3145" the |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Elnaam |strong="H0493";  
 Ithmah |strong="H3495" the |strong="H1121" Moabite |strong="H4125";  
 47 Eliel |strong="H0447"; Obed |strong="H5744"; and |strong="H0447" Jaasiel |strong="H3300" the |strong="H0447" Mezobaite |strong="H4677".

## The Brave Men Who Joined David

12 This *a* list of the men who came to David while he was at Ziklag. This was David when Saul's son Kish helped David in battle. <sup>2</sup> They could shoot arrows from their bows with either their right or left hand. They could also throw stones from their slings with either their right or left hand. They were Saul's relatives from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>3</sup> Ahiezer, their leader, and Joash (sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet (sons of Azmaveth); Be-  
racah and Jehu from the town of Anathoth; <sup>4</sup> Ishmaiah the Gibeonite (a hero and leader of the Thirty Heroes); Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and Jozabad from the Gederathites; <sup>5</sup> Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, and Shemariah; Shephatiah from Haripha; <sup>6</sup> Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, all from the tribe of Korah; <sup>7</sup> and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham from the town of Gedor.

## The Gadites

<sup>8</sup> Part of the tribe of Gad joined David at his fortress in the desert. They were brave soldiers trained for war and skilled with the shield and spear. They looked as fierce as lions, and they could run as fast as gazelles through the mountains.

<sup>9</sup> Ezer was the leader of the army from the tribe of Gad. Obadiah was the second in command. Eliab was the third in command. <sup>10</sup> Mishmannah was the fourth in command. Jeremiah was the fifth in command. <sup>11</sup> Attai was the sixth in command. Eiel was the seventh in command. <sup>12</sup> Johanan was the eighth in command. Elzabad was the ninth in command. <sup>13</sup> Jeremiah was the tenth in command. Macbanai was the eleventh in command.

<sup>14</sup> These men were leaders of the Gadite army. The weakest from that group was worth 100 men, and the strongest was worth 1000 men. <sup>15</sup> They were the soldiers who crossed the Jordan River in the first month of the year, when it was flooded over its banks. They chased away the people in the valley who were on both sides of the river.

I THE WEAKEST ... 1000 MEN Or "The smallest was commander over 100 men, the greatest over 1000 men."



**Other** *strong*="H0259" **Soldiers** *strong*="H3967" **Join David**

16 Other *strong*="H0428" men *strong*="H3605" from *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" tribes of *strong*="H5921" Benjamin and *strong*="H0853" Judah also *strong*="H0853" came *strong*="H4217" to *strong*="H5921" David at *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" fortress. 17

David *strong*="H1732" went *strong*="H0935" out *strong*="H4480" to *strong*="H0935" meet them *strong*="H0935" and *strong*="H1121" said, " If *strong*="H1121" you *strong*="H5704" have *strong*="H1121" come *strong*="H0935" in *strong*="H0935" peace to *strong*="H0935" help me *strong*="H4480", I *strong*="H5704" welcome you *strong*="H5704". Join me *strong*="H4480". But *strong*="H0935" if *strong*="H1121" you *strong*="H5704" have *strong*="H1121" come *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0935" spy on *strong*="H0935" me *strong*="H4480" when *strong*="H0935" I *strong*="H5704" have *strong*="H1121" done nothing wrong, may *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0935" God of *strong*="H1121" our *strong*="H4480" ancestors see *strong*="H0935" what you *strong*="H5704" did and *strong*="H1121" punish you *strong*="H5704"."

18 Amasai was *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0559" leader of *strong*="H0430" the *strong*="H0559" Thirty Heroes. I Then *strong*="H6030" the *strong*="H0559" Spirit came *strong*="H0935" on *strong*="H5921" Amasai, and *strong*="H0935" he *strong*="H0518" said *strong*="H0559",

" We *strong*="H0518" are *strong*="H0430" yours, David *strong*="H1732"!

We *strong*="H0518" are *strong*="H0430" with *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H0518", son of *strong*="H0430" Jesse.

Peace *strong*="H7965", peace *strong*="H7965" to *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H0518".

Peace *strong*="H7965" to *strong*="H0413" those *strong*="H5921" who *strong*="H0430" help *strong*="H5826" you *strong*="H0518",

because *strong*="H5921" your *strong*="H5921" God *strong*="H0430" helps *strong*="H5826" you *strong*="H0518"."

So *strong*="H1961" David *strong*="H1732" welcomed these men *strong*="H0559" into *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H5921" group and *strong*="H0935" put *strong*="H0935" them *strong*="H0413" in *strong*="H5921" charge *strong*="H5921" of *strong*="H0430" the *strong*="H0559" troops.

19 Some of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0853" men *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0853" tribe of *strong*="H1121" Man-

I THIRTY HEROES Or "The Three" or "the chariot officers."

asseh also *strong*="H0853" joined David *strong*="H1732". They *strong*="H3588" joined him *strong*="H5414" when *strong*="H3588" he *strong*="H3588" went with *strong*="H5973" the *strong*="H0853" Philistines to *strong*="H5414" fight Saul. But *strong*="H3588" David *strong*="H1732" and *strong*="H1121" his *strong*="H5414" men *strong*="H1121" did not *strong*="H1732" really help *strong*="H5826" the *strong*="H0853" Philistines. The *strong*="H0853" Philistine leaders *strong*="H7218" talked about David *strong*="H1732" helping *strong*="H5826" them *strong*="H5414", but *strong*="H3588" then *strong*="H0853" they *strong*="H3588" decided to *strong*="H5414" send *strong*="H5414" him *strong*="H5414" away *strong*="H5973". They *strong*="H3588" said, " If *strong*="H3588" David *strong*="H1732" goes back to *strong*="H5414" his *strong*="H5414" master *strong*="H5414" Saul, our *strong*="H5414" heads *strong*="H7218" will *strong*="H0430" be *strong*="H1121" cut off *strong*="H5414"!" 20 These were *strong*="H6430" the *strong*="H0559" men *strong*="H7218" from *strong*="H4480" Manasseh *strong*="H4519" who *strong*="H4421" joined *strong*="H5307" David *strong*="H1732" when *strong*="H3588" he *strong*="H3588" went *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0559" town of *strong*="H7218" Ziklag: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and *strong*="H0935" Zillethai. All *strong*="H4480" of *strong*="H7218" them *strong*="H0413" were *strong*="H6430" generals II from *strong*="H4480" the *strong*="H0559" tribe of *strong*="H7218" Manasseh *strong*="H4519". 21 They *strong*="H0834" helped David fight against *strong*="H5921" bad men *strong*="H7218" who *strong*="H0834" were *strong*="H0834" going *strong*="H5307" around *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0834" country and *strong*="H7218" stealing things *strong*="H7218" from *strong*="H5921" people *strong*="H0834". All *strong*="H0505" these *strong*="H0834" men *strong*="H7218" of *strong*="H7218" Manasseh *strong*="H4519" were *strong*="H0834" brave soldiers. They *strong*="H0834" became leaders *strong*="H7218" in *strong*="H5921" David's army.

22 More *strong*="H5921" and *strong*="H1732" more *strong*="H5921" men *strong*="H1368" came *strong*="H1961" every *strong*="H3605" day to *strong*="H1961" help *strong*="H5826" David *strong*="H1732". So *strong*="H1961" he *strong*="H3588" had *strong*="H1961" a *strong*="H1961" large and *strong*="H1732" powerful *strong*="H1368" army *strong*="H2428".

II GENERALS Literally, "leaders over 1000 men."

Other |strong="H3605" Men |strong="H1368"  
Join |strong="H5973" David |strong="H1732"  
at |strong="H5921" Hebron

23 These are |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" numbers of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1419" who |strong="H0430" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" David |strong="H1732" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" town of |strong="H0430" Hebron. These men |strong="H1419" were |strong="H3117" ready for |strong="H3588" war. They |strong="H3588" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" Saul's kingdom to |strong="H0935" David |strong="H1732". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD said would |strong="H1732" happen. This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" their |strong="H5921" number:

24 From |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" tribe of |strong="H3068" Judah there |strong="H3068" were |strong="H0428" 6800 men |strong="H7218" ready for |strong="H5921" war |strong="H6635". They |strong="H5921" carried |strong="H0935" shields and |strong="H0935" spears.

25 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5375" tribe of |strong="H1121" Simeon there were |strong="H1121" 7100 men |strong="H1121". They |strong="H5375" were |strong="H1121" brave soldiers |strong="H3967" ready for |strong="H6635" war |strong="H6635".

26 From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" tribe of |strong="H1121" Levi there were |strong="H1121" 4600 men |strong="H1368". 27 Jehoiada was |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1121" that |strong="H4480" group. He |strong="H4480" was |strong="H1121" a |strong="H4480" leader from |strong="H4480" Aaron's family |strong="H0505". There were |strong="H1121" 3700 men |strong="H1121" with |strong="H4480" Jehoiada. 28 Zadok was |strong="H3077" also |strong="H0175" in |strong="H5973" that group. He was |strong="H3077" a |strong="H7651" brave young soldier. He came with |strong="H5973" 22 officers |strong="H5057" from |strong="H5973" his |strong="H5973" family |strong="H0505".

29 From |strong="H5288" the |strong="H6659" tribe of |strong="H1004" Benjamin there were |strong="H5288" 3000 men |strong="H1368". They |strong="H2428" were |strong="H5288" Saul's relatives. Most of |strong="H1004" them |strong="H0001" stayed faithful to |strong="H0001" Saul's family |strong="H1004" until that |strong="H1004" time |strong="H8147".

30 From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" tribe |strong="H0251" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim there |strong="H2008" were |strong="H1121" 20,800 men |strong="H1121". They |strong="H5704"

were |strong="H1121" brave soldiers. They |strong="H5704" were |strong="H1121" famous men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1004" their |strong="H4480" own families |strong="H0505".

31 From |strong="H4480" half the |strong="H4480" tribe of |strong="H1121" Manasseh there were |strong="H1121" 18,000 men |strong="H0376". They |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" called |strong="H8034" by |strong="H8034" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H0376" come and |strong="H1121" make |strong="H8034" David king.

32 From |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H0505" of |strong="H4294" Issachar there |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" 200 wise leaders. These |strong="H0834" men understood the |strong="H0853" right thing for |strong="H0834" Israel to |strong="H0935" do |strong="H0935" at |strong="H1732" the |strong="H0853" right time.

Their |strong="H0935" relatives were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0853" and |strong="H0935" under |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" command.

33 From |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H0251" of |strong="H1121" Zebulun there |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" 50,000 trained |strong="H6213" soldiers |strong="H3967". They |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3478" trained |strong="H6213" to |strong="H5921" use all |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" weapons and |strong="H1121" were |strong="H3478" very |strong="H3045" loyal to |strong="H5921" David.

34 From |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" tribe of |strong="H3627" Naphtali there |strong="H3605" were |strong="H4421" 1000 officers. They |strong="H3808" had |strong="H6635" 37,000 men |strong="H3605" with |strong="H3627" them |strong="H3318". These |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" carried |strong="H3318" shields and |strong="H3318" spears.

35 From |strong="H5973" the |strong="H5973" tribe of |strong="H8269" Dan there were |strong="H8269" 28,600 men |strong="H8269" ready for |strong="H5973" war.

36 From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" tribe of |strong="H4480" Asher there were |strong="H4421" 40,000 trained soldiers |strong="H4421" ready for |strong="H4480" war |strong="H4421".

37 From |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" east side of |strong="H6635" the |strong="H3318" Jordan River, there were |strong="H4421" 120,000 men |strong="H6635" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" tribes of |strong="H6635"

Reuben, Gad, and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>strong="H3318"</sub> half of <sup>2</sup>/<sub>strong="H6635"</sub> Manasseh. They <sup>3</sup>/<sub>strong="H3318"</sub> had <sup>4</sup>/<sub>strong="H6635"</sub> all <sup>5</sup>/<sub>strong="H0505"</sub> kinds of <sup>6</sup>/<sub>strong="H6635"</sub> weapons <sup>7</sup>/<sub>strong="H4421"</sub>.  
<sup>38</sup> All <sup>8</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> these <sup>9</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> men <sup>10</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> were <sup>11</sup>/<sub>strong="H3383"</sub> brave fighters. They <sup>12</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> came to <sup>13</sup>/<sub>strong="H4480"</sub> the <sup>14</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> town of <sup>15</sup>/<sub>strong="H7626"</sub> Hebron for <sup>16</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> one <sup>17</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> reason— to <sup>18</sup>/<sub>strong="H4480"</sub> make David king of <sup>19</sup>/<sub>strong="H7626"</sub> all <sup>20</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Israel <sup>21</sup>/<sub>strong="H4421"</sub>. All <sup>22</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> the <sup>23</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> other <sup>24</sup>/<sub>strong="H5676"</sub> Israelites also <sup>25</sup>/<sub>strong="H4519"</sub> agreed that <sup>26</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> David should be <sup>27</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> king. <sup>39</sup> The <sup>28</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> men <sup>29</sup>/<sub>strong="H0376"</sub> spent three days at <sup>30</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> Hebron <sup>31</sup>/<sub>strong="H2275"</sub> with <sup>32</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> David <sup>33</sup>/<sub>strong="H1732"</sub>. They <sup>34</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> ate and <sup>35</sup>/<sub>strong="H0935"</sub> drank, because <sup>36</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> their <sup>37</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> relatives had <sup>38</sup>/<sub>strong="H3478"</sub> prepared <sup>39</sup>/<sub>strong="H8003"</sub> food for <sup>40</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> them <sup>41</sup>/<sub>strong="H0853"</sub>. <sup>40</sup> Also <sup>42</sup>/<sub>strong="H1732"</sub>, their <sup>43</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> neighbors <sup>44</sup>/<sub>strong="H1961"</sub> from <sup>45</sup>/<sub>strong="H1961"</sub> the <sup>46</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> areas where <sup>47</sup>/<sub>strong="H8033"</sub> the <sup>48</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> tribes of <sup>49</sup>/<sub>strong="H3117"</sub> Issachar, Zebulun, and <sup>50</sup>/<sub>strong="H0398"</sub> Naphtali live <sup>51</sup>/<sub>strong="H3117"</sub> brought <sup>52</sup>/<sub>strong="H1961"</sub> food <sup>53</sup>/<sub>strong="H0398"</sub> on <sup>54</sup>/<sub>strong="H3117"</sub> donkeys, camels, mules, and <sup>55</sup>/<sub>strong="H0398"</sub> cattle. They <sup>56</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> brought <sup>57</sup>/<sub>strong="H1961"</sub> much flour, fig cakes, raisins, wine, oil, cattle, and <sup>58</sup>/<sub>strong="H0398"</sub> sheep. The <sup>59</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> people in <sup>60</sup>/<sub>strong="H3117"</sub> Israel were <sup>61</sup>/<sub>strong="H1961"</sub> very happy.

### Bringing Back the Box of the Agreement

**13** David <sup>1</sup>/<sub>strong="H1732"</sub> talked with <sup>2</sup>/<sub>strong="H5973"</sub> all <sup>3</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> the <sup>4</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> officers <sup>5</sup>/<sub>strong="H8269"</sub> of <sup>6</sup>/<sub>strong="H8269"</sub> his <sup>7</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> army. <sup>2</sup> Then <sup>8</sup>/<sub>strong="H7971"</sub> he <sup>9</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> called <sup>10</sup>/<sub>strong="H0559"</sub> the <sup>11</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Israelites <sup>12</sup>/<sub>strong="H3478"</sub> together <sup>13</sup>/<sub>strong="H5973"</sub> and <sup>14</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> said <sup>15</sup>/<sub>strong="H0559"</sub>, "If <sup>16</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> you <sup>17</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> think <sup>18</sup>/<sub>strong="H0559"</sub> it <sup>19</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> is <sup>20</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> a <sup>21</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> good <sup>22</sup>/<sub>strong="H2895"</sub> idea, and <sup>23</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> if <sup>24</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> it <sup>25</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> is <sup>26</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> what <sup>27</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> the <sup>28</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> LORD <sup>29</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> our <sup>30</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> God <sup>31</sup>/<sub>strong="H0430"</sub> wants, let <sup>32</sup>/<sub>strong="H7971"</sub> us <sup>33</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> send <sup>34</sup>/<sub>strong="H7971"</sub> a <sup>35</sup>/<sub>strong="H0518"</sub> mes-

sage <sup>1</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> to <sup>2</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> our <sup>3</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> brothers <sup>4</sup>/<sub>strong="H0251"</sub> in <sup>5</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> all <sup>6</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> the <sup>7</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> areas <sup>8</sup>/<sub>strong="H4054"</sub> of <sup>9</sup>/<sub>strong="H0776"</sub> Israel <sup>10</sup>/<sub>strong="H3478"</sub>. Let's also <sup>11</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> send <sup>12</sup>/<sub>strong="H7971"</sub> the <sup>13</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> message <sup>14</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> to <sup>15</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> the <sup>16</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> priests <sup>17</sup>/<sub>strong="H3548"</sub> and <sup>18</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> Levites <sup>19</sup>/<sub>strong="H3881"</sub> who <sup>20</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> live with <sup>21</sup>/<sub>strong="H5973"</sub> our <sup>22</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> brothers <sup>23</sup>/<sub>strong="H0251"</sub> in <sup>24</sup>/<sub>strong="H5921"</sub> their <sup>25</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> towns <sup>26</sup>/<sub>strong="H5892"</sub> and <sup>27</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> the <sup>28</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> fields near <sup>29</sup>/<sub>strong="H5973"</sub> those <sup>30</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> towns <sup>31</sup>/<sub>strong="H5892"</sub>. Let <sup>32</sup>/<sub>strong="H7971"</sub> the <sup>33</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> message <sup>34</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> tell <sup>35</sup>/<sub>strong="H0559"</sub> them <sup>36</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> to <sup>37</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> come and <sup>38</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> join <sup>39</sup>/<sub>strong="H5973"</sub> us <sup>40</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub>. <sup>3</sup> Let's bring <sup>41</sup>/<sub>strong="H5437"</sub> our <sup>42</sup>/<sub>strong="H0430"</sub> God's <sup>43</sup>/<sub>strong="H0430"</sub> Holy Box back <sup>44</sup>/<sub>strong="H5437"</sub> to <sup>45</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> us <sup>46</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> in <sup>47</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> Jerusalem. We <sup>48</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> did <sup>49</sup>/<sub>strong="H3808"</sub> not <sup>50</sup>/<sub>strong="H3808"</sub> pay attention to <sup>51</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> it <sup>52</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> while <sup>53</sup>/<sub>strong="H3117"</sub> Saul <sup>54</sup>/<sub>strong="H7586"</sub> was <sup>55</sup>/<sub>strong="H7586"</sub> king." <sup>4</sup> So <sup>56</sup>/<sub>strong="H3651"</sub> all <sup>57</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> the <sup>58</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Israelites agreed <sup>59</sup>/<sub>strong="H3474"</sub> with <sup>60</sup>/<sub>strong="H1697"</sub> David. They <sup>61</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> all <sup>62</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> thought <sup>63</sup>/<sub>strong="H0559"</sub> it <sup>64</sup>/<sub>strong="H3588"</sub> was <sup>65</sup>/<sub>strong="H1697"</sub> the <sup>66</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> right <sup>67</sup>/<sub>strong="H3474"</sub> thing <sup>68</sup>/<sub>strong="H1697"</sub> to <sup>69</sup>/<sub>strong="H0559"</sub> do <sup>70</sup>/<sub>strong="H6213"</sub>.

<sup>5</sup> So <sup>1</sup>/<sub>strong="H4480"</sub> David <sup>2</sup>/<sub>strong="H1732"</sub> gathered <sup>3</sup>/<sub>strong="H6950"</sub> all <sup>4</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> the <sup>5</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Israelites <sup>6</sup>/<sub>strong="H3478"</sub> from <sup>7</sup>/<sub>strong="H4480"</sub> the <sup>8</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Shihor <sup>9</sup>/<sub>strong="H7883"</sub> River <sup>10</sup>/<sub>strong="H5704"</sub> in <sup>11</sup>/<sub>strong="H0935"</sub> Egypt <sup>12</sup>/<sub>strong="H4714"</sub> to <sup>13</sup>/<sub>strong="H0935"</sub> the <sup>14</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> town of <sup>15</sup>/<sub>strong="H0430"</sub> Lebo Hamath <sup>16</sup>/<sub>strong="H2574"</sub>. They <sup>17</sup>/<sub>strong="H5704"</sub> came <sup>18</sup>/<sub>strong="H0935"</sub> together <sup>19</sup>/<sub>strong="H6950"</sub> to <sup>20</sup>/<sub>strong="H0935"</sub> bring <sup>21</sup>/<sub>strong="H0935"</sub> the <sup>22</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Box of <sup>23</sup>/<sub>strong="H0430"</sub> the <sup>24</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Agreement back <sup>25</sup>/<sub>strong="H0935"</sub> from <sup>26</sup>/<sub>strong="H4480"</sub> the <sup>27</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> town of <sup>28</sup>/<sub>strong="H0430"</sub> Kiriath <sup>29</sup>/<sub>strong="H7157"</sub> Jearim. <sup>6</sup> David <sup>30</sup>/<sub>strong="H1732"</sub> and <sup>31</sup>/<sub>strong="H3068"</sub> all <sup>32</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> the <sup>33</sup>/<sub>strong="H3605"</sub> Israelites <sup>34</sup>/<sub>strong="H3478"</sub> with <sup>35</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> him <sup>36</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> went <sup>37</sup>/<sub>strong="H5927"</sub> to <sup>38</sup>/<sub>strong="H0413"</sub> Baalah <sup>39</sup>/<sub>strong="H1173"</sub> of <sup>40</sup>/<sub>strong="H0430"</sub> Judah <sup>41</sup>/<sub>strong="H3063"</sub>. ( Baalah <sup>42</sup>/<sub>strong="H1173"</sub> is <sup>43</sup>/<sub>strong="H0834"</sub> another name <sup>44</sup>/<sub>strong="H8034"</sub> for <sup>45</sup>/<sub>strong="H7121"</sub>

Kiriath Jearim.) They went there to bring out the Holy Box of God LORD, who sits above Cherub angels. It is that called by his name.

<sup>7</sup> The people moved God's Holy Box from Abinadab's house and it was a new wagon on wheels and were driving the wagon.

<sup>8</sup> David and all Israelites were celebrating before God. They were praising God and singing songs. They were playing harps, lyres, drums, cymbals, and trumpets.

<sup>9</sup> They came to Kidon's threshing floor. The oxen pulling the wagon stumbled, and the Holy Box almost fell. Uzzah reached out with his hand to catch it. <sup>10</sup> The LORD became very angry with Uzzah and killed him because he touched the Holy Box. So Uzzah died there before God. <sup>11</sup> And David was angry because the

LORD had shown his anger in killing Uzzah. So that place has been called Perez Uzzah ever since then.

<sup>12</sup> That day David began to fear what God might do to him. So he said, "Should I really be the one in charge of God's Holy Box?" <sup>13</sup> So he did not take the Holy Box with him to the City of David. He left it at Obed Edom's house the city of Gath. <sup>14</sup> God's Holy Box stayed with Obed Edom's family in his house for three months. The LORD blessed Obed Edom's family and everything Obed Edom owned.

#### David's Kingdom Grows

**14** Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David. He also sent logs from cedar trees, stonecutters, and carpenters to

I PEREZ UZZAH This name means "the outburst at Uzzah."

David|strong="H1732". Hiram|strong="H2438" sent|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129" house|strong="H1004" for|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732".<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H5375" David|strong="H1732" understood|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" really made|strong="H3045" him|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3045" his|strong="H5921" kingdom|strong="H4438" large and|strong="H3068" powerful for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" benefit of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", his|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971".

<sup>3</sup> David|strong="H1732" married|strong="H3947" more|strong="H5750" women|strong="H0802" in|strong="H0802" the|strong="H3205" city of|strong="H1121" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H1121" had|strong="H1732" more|strong="H5750" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>4</sup> These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" names|strong="H8034" of|strong="H3205" David's children|strong="H3205" born|strong="H3205" in|strong="H8034" Jerusalem|strong="H3389": Sham-mua|strong="H8051", Shobab|strong="H7727", Nathan|strong="H5416", Solomon|strong="H8010",<sup>5</sup> Ibhah|strong="H2984", Elishua|strong="H0474", Elpelet|strong="H0467",<sup>6</sup> Nogah|strong="H5052", Nepheg|strong="H5298", Japhia|strong="H3309",<sup>7</sup> Elishama|strong="H0476", Beeliada|strong="H1182", and|strong="H0476" Elphelet|strong="H0467".

#### David Defeats the|strong="H0476" Philistines

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H3478" been|strong="H5927" chosen to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", so|strong="H5927" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" went|strong="H3318" to|strong="H5921" look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H5921". When|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921", he|strong="H3588" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H5921" fight them|strong="H0853".<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0935" Philistines|strong="H6430" attacked|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" people living in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" Val-

ley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H6010" Rephaim|strong="H7497" and|strong="H0935" stole their|strong="H0935" things.<sup>10</sup> David|strong="H1732" asked|strong="H7592" God|strong="H0430", " Should|strong="H3068" I|strong="H5414" go|strong="H5927" and|strong="H3068" fight the|strong="H0559" Philistines|strong="H6430"? Will|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414" let|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414"?"

The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" answered|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732", " Go|strong="H5927". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" Philistines|strong="H6430"."

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0853" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0430" his|strong="H5921" men|strong="H7121" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H0430" Baal Perazim. There|strong="H8033" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0430" his|strong="H5921" men|strong="H7121" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Philistines. David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", " Waters|strong="H4325" break|strong="H6555" out|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5921" a|strong="H7121" broken|strong="H6555" dam. In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H1931" way|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" broken|strong="H6555" through|strong="H3027" my|strong="H5921" enemies|strong="H0341"! God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" done|strong="H3027" this|strong="H3651" through|strong="H3027" me|strong="H5921". That|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" why|strong="H3651" that|strong="H1931" place|strong="H4725" is|strong="H1931" named|strong="H8034" Baal Perazim.<sup>112</sup> The|strong="H0853" Philistines had|strong="H0430" left|strong="H5800" their|strong="H8313" idols at|strong="H1732" Baal Perazim. David|strong="H1732" ordered|strong="H0559" his|strong="H1732" men|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" burn|strong="H8313" the|strong="H0853" idols.

#### Another Victory Over|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" Philistines

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3254" Philistines|strong="H6430" attacked the|strong="H3254" people living in|strong="H5750" the|strong="H3254" Valley|strong="H6010" of|strong="H6010" Rephaim

I BAAL PERAZIM This name means "the Lord breaks through."

again|strong="H5750".<sup>14</sup> David|strong="H1732" prayed|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" again|strong="H5750", and|strong="H0935" God|strong="H0430" answered|strong="H0559" his|strong="H5921" prayer. God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", "David|strong="H1732", don't|strong="H3808" follow|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0559" Philistines up|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0559" hill when|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" attack|strong="H5927". Instead|strong="H3808", go|strong="H0935" around|strong="H5437" them|strong="H1992" and|strong="H0935" hide on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" other|strong="H5750" side|strong="H1992" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" balsam|strong="H1057" trees|strong="H1057".<sup>15</sup> When|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H0430" marching in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" tops|strong="H7218" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" balsam|strong="H1057" trees|strong="H1057", go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H1961" battle|strong="H4421" because|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" sign that|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" gone|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0430" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0430" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H1961" defeat|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430".<sup>16</sup> David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" told|strong="H6680" him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H5704" do|strong="H6213". So|strong="H6213" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0430" his|strong="H1732" men|strong="H4264" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Philistine|strong="H6430" army|strong="H4264". They|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H5221" Philistine|strong="H6430" soldiers all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H5704" from|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H0430" Gibeon|strong="H1391" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H0430" Gezer|strong="H1507".<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H5414" David|strong="H1732" became|strong="H3318" famous|strong="H8034" in|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" afraid|strong="H6343" of|strong="H0776" him|strong="H5414".

### The Box of the Agreement in Jerusalem

**15** David|strong="H1732" built|strong="H6213" houses|strong="H1004" for|strong="H1004" himself in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3559" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1004" David|strong="H1732". Then|strong="H6213" he|strong="H6213" built|strong="H6213" a|strong="H5186" place|strong="H4725" to|strong="H0430" put|strong="H3559" God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box. He|strong="H6213" set|strong="H3559" up a|strong="H5186" tent|strong="H0168" for|strong="H1004" it|strong="H5186".<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H0227" he|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", "Only|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" are|strong="H3068" permitted to|strong="H0559" carry|strong="H5375" God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box. The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" chose|strong="H0977" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0559" carry|strong="H5375" it|strong="H0518" and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" serve|strong="H8334" him|strong="H0853" forever|strong="H5769"."

<sup>3</sup> David|strong="H1732" told|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" meet together|strong="H6950" at|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Box carried|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" place|strong="H4725" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3559" for|strong="H0413" it|strong="H3559".<sup>4</sup> He|strong="H1732" called together|strong="H0622" these|strong="H0175" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881":

<sup>5</sup> There were|strong="H1121" 120 people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0251" tribe|strong="H0251" of|strong="H1121" Kohath|strong="H6955". Uriel|strong="H0222" was|strong="H1121" their leader|strong="H8269".

<sup>6</sup> There were|strong="H1121" 220 people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0251" tribe|strong="H0251" of|strong="H1121" Merari|strong="H4847". Asaiah|strong="H6222" was|strong="H1121" their|strong="H4847" leader|strong="H8269".

<sup>7</sup> There were|strong="H1121" 130 people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0251" tribe|strong="H0251" of|strong="H1121" Gershon|strong="H1648".

Joel *strong*="H3100" was *strong*="H1121" their leader *strong*="H8269".

<sup>8</sup> There were *strong*="H1121" 200 people *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0251" tribe *strong*="H0251" of *strong*="H1121" Elizaphan *strong*="H0469". She-maiah *strong*="H8098" was *strong*="H1121" their leader *strong*="H8269".

<sup>9</sup> There were *strong*="H1121" 80 people *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0251" tribe *strong*="H0251" of *strong*="H1121" Hebron *strong*="H2275". Eliel *strong*="H0447" was *strong*="H1121" their leader *strong*="H8269".

<sup>10</sup> There were *strong*="H1121" 112 people *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0251" tribe *strong*="H0251" of *strong*="H1121" Uzziel *strong*="H5816". Amminadab *strong*="H5992" was *strong*="H1121" their *strong*="H8147" leader *strong*="H8269".

#### David Talks to *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0251" Priests and *strong*="H1121" Levites

<sup>11</sup> Then *strong*="H7121" David *strong*="H1732" asked the *strong*="H7121" priests *strong*="H3548", Zadok *strong*="H6659" and *strong*="H3548" Abiathar *strong*="H0054", to *strong*="H1732" come to *strong*="H1732" him *strong*="H7121". David *strong*="H1732" also *strong*="H1732" asked these Levites *strong*="H3881" to *strong*="H1732" come to *strong*="H1732" him *strong*="H7121". Uriel *strong*="H0222", Asaiah *strong*="H6222", Joel *strong*="H3100", Shemaiah *strong*="H8098", Eliel *strong*="H0447", and *strong*="H3548" Amminadab *strong*="H5992". <sup>12</sup> David *strong*="H5927" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" them *strong*="H0413", " You *strong*="H0859" are *strong*="H3478" the *strong*="H0853" leaders *strong*="H7218" from *strong*="H3478" the *strong*="H0853" tribe *strong*="H0251" of *strong*="H0430" Levi *strong*="H3881". You *strong*="H0859" and *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" other *strong*="H0251" Levites *strong*="H3881" must *strong*="H0853" make *strong*="H3559" yourselves *strong*="H0859" holy *strong*="H6942". <sup>1</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" bring *strong*="H5927" the *strong*="H0853" Holy *strong*="H6942" Box of *strong*="H0430" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068", the *strong*="H0853" God *strong*="H0430" of *strong*="H0430" Israel *strong*="H3478", to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0853" place *strong*="H3559" I *strong*="H0559" have *strong*="H0001" made *strong*="H3559" for *strong*="H0413" it *strong*="H6942". <sup>13</sup> The *strong*="H3588" first *strong*="H7223"

<sup>1</sup> HOLY Here, this means "prepared to serve the LORD." Also in verse 14.

time *strong*="H7223" we *strong*="H3588" tried to *strong*="H3068" bring it *strong*="H3588", we *strong*="H3588" failed *strong*="H3808" to *strong*="H3068" ask *strong*="H1875" the *strong*="H3588" LORD *strong*="H3068" about the *strong*="H3588" right *strong*="H4941" way *strong*="H4941" to *strong*="H3068" move it *strong*="H3588". And *strong*="H3068" he *strong*="H3588" punished us *strong*="H3588" because *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H0859" Levites did *strong*="H3808" not *strong*="H3808" carry it *strong*="H3588"."

<sup>14</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H0853" priests *strong*="H3548" and *strong*="H3068" Levites *strong*="H3881" made *strong*="H6942" themselves *strong*="H6942" holy *strong*="H6942" so *strong*="H5927" that *strong*="H3068" they *strong*="H3068" could carry *strong*="H5927" the *strong*="H0853" Holy *strong*="H6942" Box of *strong*="H0430" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068", the *strong*="H0853" God *strong*="H0430" of *strong*="H0430" Israel *strong*="H3478". <sup>15</sup> The *strong*="H0853" Levites *strong*="H3881" used the *strong*="H0853" special poles *strong*="H4133" to *strong*="H5921" carry *strong*="H5375" God's *strong*="H0430" Holy Box on *strong*="H5921" their *strong*="H3068" shoulders *strong*="H3802", the *strong*="H0853" way *strong*="H1697" Moses *strong*="H4872" commanded *strong*="H6680". They *strong*="H0834" carried *strong*="H5375" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Box just *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" had *strong*="H3068" said *strong*="H1697".

#### The *strong*="H0853" Singers

<sup>16</sup> David *strong*="H1732" told *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H0853" Levite *strong*="H3881" leaders *strong*="H8269" to *strong*="H0559" get their *strong*="H8085" brothers *strong*="H0251", the *strong*="H0853" singers *strong*="H7891". The *strong*="H0853" singers *strong*="H7891" were *strong*="H3881" to *strong*="H0559" take *strong*="H7311" their *strong*="H8085" lyres *strong*="H3658", harps *strong*="H3658", and *strong*="H1732" cymbals *strong*="H4700" and *strong*="H1732" sing *strong*="H7891" happy *strong*="H8057" songs *strong*="H7892".

<sup>17</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H0853" Levites *strong*="H3881" got Heman *strong*="H1968" and *strong*="H1121" his *strong*="H4480" brothers *strong*="H0251", Asaph *strong*="H0623" and *strong*="H1121" Ethan *strong*="H0387". Heman *strong*="H1968" was *strong*="H1121" Joel's son *strong*="H1121". Asaph *strong*="H0623" was *strong*="H1121" Berekiah's son *strong*="H1121". Ethan *strong*="H0387" was *strong*="H1121" Kushaiah's son *strong*="H1121". These

men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" Merari |strong="H4847" tribe |strong="H0251".<sup>18</sup> There was also a |strong="H0251" second |strong="H4932" group of |strong="H0251" Levites. They were |strong="H0251" Zechariah |strong="H2148", Jaaziel |strong="H3268", Shemiramoth |strong="H8070", Jehiel |strong="H3171", Unni |strong="H6042", Eliab |strong="H0446", Benaiah |strong="H1141", Maaseiah |strong="H4641", Mattithiah |strong="H4993", Eliphelehu |strong="H0466", Mikneiah |strong="H4737", Obed Edom, and |strong="H0251" Jeiel |strong="H3273". These men were |strong="H0251" the |strong="H5973" Levite guards |strong="H7778".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H8085" singers |strong="H7891" Heman |strong="H1968", Asaph |strong="H0623", and |strong="H8085" Ethan |strong="H0387" played bronze |strong="H5178" cymbals |strong="H4700".<sup>20</sup> Zechariah |strong="H2148", Jaaziel, Shemiramoth |strong="H8070", Jehiel |strong="H3171", Unni |strong="H6042", Eliab |strong="H0446", Maaseiah |strong="H4641", and |strong="H3171" Benaiah |strong="H1141" played the |strong="H5921" alamothe |strong="H5961" harps |strong="H5035".<sup>21</sup> Mattithiah |strong="H4993", Eliphelehu |strong="H0466", Mikneiah |strong="H4737", Obed Edom, Jeiel |strong="H3273", and |strong="H3658" Azariah |strong="H5812" played the |strong="H5921" sheminith |strong="H8067" harps |strong="H3658". This was their |strong="H5921" job forever.<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H3588" Levite |strong="H3881" leader |strong="H8269" Kenaniah |strong="H3663" was |strong="H1931" in |strong="H3881" charge |strong="H8269" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H3588" singing. Kenaniah |strong="H3663" had |strong="H3588" this |strong="H1931" job because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" very skilled |strong="H0995" at singing.

<sup>23</sup> Berekiah and |strong="H0727" Elkanah |strong="H0511" were |strong="H0727" two of |strong="H0727" the |strong="H1296" guards |strong="H7778" for the |strong="H1296" Holy Box.<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H6440" priests |strong="H3548" Shebaniah |strong="H7645", Joshaphat |strong="H3146", Nethanel |strong="H5417", Amasai |strong="H6022", Zechariah |strong="H2148", Benaiah |strong="H1141", and |strong="H0430" Eliezer |strong="H0461" had |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" job of |strong="H0430" blowing |strong="H2690" trumpets |strong="H2689" as |strong="H6440" they |strong="H0430" walked in |strong="H0430"

I ALAMOTH, SHEMINITH The meaning of these words is uncertain, but they may refer to types of instruments, special ways of tuning an instrument, or two different groups that played harps in the Temple orchestra.

front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0430" God's |strong="H0430" Holy Box. Obed Edom and |strong="H0430" Jehiah |strong="H3174" were |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" other guards |strong="H7778" for |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" Holy Box.

<sup>25</sup> David |strong="H1732", the |strong="H0853" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" generals |strong="H8269" went |strong="H1980" to |strong="H1980" get |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285". They |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H5927" it |strong="H1961" out |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" Obed Edom's house |strong="H1004". Everyone was |strong="H1961" very |strong="H1980" happy |strong="H8057".<sup>26</sup> God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H3068" helped |strong="H5826" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H3068" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285". So |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3068" sacrificed |strong="H2076" seven |strong="H7651" bulls |strong="H6499" and |strong="H3068" seven |strong="H7651" rams |strong="H0352" to |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0853".<sup>27</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H3605" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Holy Box wore |strong="H5375" robes |strong="H4598" made |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5921" fine |strong="H0948" linen |strong="H0906". Kenaniah |strong="H3663", the |strong="H3605" man |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H3605" singing |strong="H7891", and |strong="H1732" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" singers |strong="H7891" had |strong="H1732" robes |strong="H4598" made |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5921" fine |strong="H0948" linen |strong="H0906". David |strong="H1732" also |strong="H0853" wore |strong="H5375" a |strong="H5375" robe |strong="H4598" made |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5921" fine |strong="H0948" linen |strong="H0906". He |strong="H1732" also |strong="H0853" wore |strong="H5375" an |strong="H5375" ephod |strong="H0646" made |strong="H3605" of |strong="H8269" fine |strong="H0948" linen |strong="H0906".

<sup>28</sup> So |strong="H5927" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" joined

II GENERALS Literally, "leaders over 1000 men."



in|strong="H3068" bringing|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3605" Box of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Agreement|strong="H1285". They|strong="H3068" shouted|strong="H8643", they|strong="H3068" blew rams' horns|strong="H7782" and|strong="H3068" trumpets|strong="H2689", and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068" played cymbals|strong="H4700", lyres|strong="H3658", and|strong="H3068" harps|strong="H3658".

<sup>29</sup> When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" Box of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Agreement|strong="H1285" arrived|strong="H0935" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732", Saul's|strong="H7586" daughter|strong="H1323" Michal|strong="H4324" looked|strong="H7200" through|strong="H1157" a|strong="H1961" window|strong="H2474". When|strong="H1961" she|strong="H3820" saw|strong="H7200" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" dancing and|strong="H0935" playing|strong="H7832", she|strong="H3820" lost her|strong="H7200" respect for|strong="H1157" him|strong="H0853".

**16** The|strong="H0853" Levites brought|strong="H0935" God's|strong="H0430" Holy Box and|strong="H0935" put|strong="H0935" it|strong="H7126" inside|strong="H8432" the|strong="H0853" tent|strong="H0168" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H0834" set|strong="H0935" up|strong="H0935" for|strong="H0430" it|strong="H7126". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" offered|strong="H7126" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H0935" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" to|strong="H0935" God|strong="H0430". <sup>2</sup> After|strong="H8034" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H3068" finished|strong="H3615" giving the|strong="H0853" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H3068" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002", he|strong="H3068" used|strong="H3615" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034" to|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". <sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H3605" he|strong="H5704" gave a|strong="H5704" loaf|strong="H3603" of|strong="H0376" bread|strong="H3899", some|strong="H0376" dates|strong="H0829", and|strong="H3478" raisins|strong="H0809" to|strong="H5704" every|strong="H3605" Israelite|strong="H3478" man|strong="H0376" and|strong="H3478" woman|strong="H0802".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H5414" David chose some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H6440" Levites|strong="H3881" to|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H8334" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Holy Box. They|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" job of|strong="H0430" celebrating and|strong="H3068" giving|strong="H5414" thanks|strong="H3034" and|strong="H3068" praise|strong="H1984" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H6440" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>5</sup> Asaph|strong="H0623" was|strong="H7218" the|strong="H8085" leader|strong="H7218" of|strong="H7218" the|strong="H8085" first|strong="H7218" group. His|strong="H8085" group played the|strong="H8085" cymbals|strong="H4700". Zechariah|strong="H2148" was|strong="H7218" the|strong="H8085" leader|strong="H7218" of|strong="H7218" the|strong="H8085" second|strong="H4932" group. The|strong="H8085" other|strong="H4932" Levites were|strong="H3627" Uzziel, Shemiramoth|strong="H8070", Jehiel|strong="H3171", Matithiah|strong="H4993", Eliab|strong="H0446", Benaiah|strong="H1141", Obed Edom, and|strong="H7218" Jeiel|strong="H3273". These men|strong="H7218" played the|strong="H8085" lyres|strong="H3658" and|strong="H7218" harps|strong="H3658". <sup>6</sup> Benaiah|strong="H1141" and|strong="H0430" Jahaziel|strong="H3166" were|strong="H0727" the|strong="H6440" priests|strong="H3548" who|strong="H3548" always|strong="H8548" blew the|strong="H6440" trumpets|strong="H2689" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" Box of|strong="H0430" God's|strong="H0430" Agreement|strong="H1285". <sup>7</sup> This|strong="H1931" was|strong="H3068" when|strong="H3117" David|strong="H1732" first|strong="H7218" gave|strong="H5414" Asaph|strong="H0623" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5414" brothers|strong="H0251" the|strong="H5414" job of|strong="H3068" singing praises|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5414" LORD|strong="H3068".

David's|strong="H1732" Song of|strong="H3068" Thanks|strong="H3034"

<sup>8</sup> Give|strong="H3034" thanks|strong="H3034" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" out|strong="H3045" to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H7121".

Tell|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3068" nations|strong="H5971" what|strong="H3045"

he |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H5949"!

9 Sing |strong="H2167" to |strong="H7891" him |strong="H3605"; sing |strong="H2167" praises |strong="H2167" to |strong="H7891" him |strong="H3605".

Tell |strong="H3605" about |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" amazing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3605" has |strong="H3605" done |strong="H3605".

10 Be |strong="H8034" proud of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944" name |strong="H8034".

You |strong="H1245" followers |strong="H8034" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068", be |strong="H8034" happy |strong="H8055"!

11 Depend on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3068" strength |strong="H5797".

Always |strong="H8548" go to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H6440" for |strong="H3068" help.

12 Remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0834" amazing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H6381" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213".

Remember |strong="H2142" his |strong="H0834" miracles |strong="H6381" and |strong="H4941" his |strong="H0834" fair decisions |strong="H4941".

13 The |strong="H5650" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" are |strong="H3478" his |strong="H3478" servants |strong="H5650".

The |strong="H5650" descendants |strong="H2233" of |strong="H1121" Jacob |strong="H3290" are |strong="H3478" his |strong="H3478" chosen |strong="H0972" people |strong="H1121".

14 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

He |strong="H1931" rules the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776".

15 Remember |strong="H2142" his |strong="H6680" agreement |strong="H1285" forever |strong="H5769", the |strong="H1697" promise |strong="H1697" he |strong="H1285" gave |strong="H6680" that |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1697" never |strong="H5769" end.

16 Remember the |strong="H0834" agreement he |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3772" with |strong="H0854" Abraham |strong="H0085"

Remember his |strong="H0834" promise to |strong="H0854" Isaac |strong="H3327".

17 He |strong="H3290" gave it |strong="H5975" as |strong="H5975" a |strong="H5975" law for |strong="H3290" Jacob |strong="H3290",

as |strong="H5975" an agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1285" Israel |strong="H3478"

that |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

18 He |strong="H5414" said |strong="H0559", "I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan |strong="H3667".

It |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5414" very own."

19 At |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" time |strong="H1961" God said this, there |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" only a |strong="H1961" few |strong="H4592" and |strong="H1961" they were |strong="H1961" strangers there |strong="H1961".

20 They |strong="H5971" traveled |strong="H1980" around |strong="H1980" from |strong="H1980" nation |strong="H1471" to |strong="H0413" nation |strong="H1471",

from |strong="H1980" one |strong="H0413" kingdom |strong="H4467" to |strong="H0413" another |strong="H0312".

21 But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" Lord did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" anyone |strong="H0376" mistreat them |strong="H5921".

He |strong="H3808" warned kings |strong="H4428" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5921" harm them |strong="H5921".

22 He said, " Don't |strong="H0408" hurt |strong="H5060" my |strong="H5060" chosen |strong="H4899" people |strong="H0408".

Don't |strong="H0408" hurt |strong="H5060" my |strong="H5060" prophets |strong="H5030".

23 Let the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776" sing |strong="H7891" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"!

Tell |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" good |strong="H1319" news |strong="H1319" every |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" about |strong="H0413" how he |strong="H3117" saves us |strong="H0413".

24 Tell |strong="H5608" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" how |strong="H5608" wonderful |strong="H6381" he |strong="H0853" is |strong="H3605"!

Tell |strong="H5608" people |strong="H5971" everywhere |strong="H3605" about |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" amazing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0853" does.

25 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H3068" worthy of |strong="H0430" praise |strong="H1984".

He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" more |strong="H3966" awesome |strong="H3372"

than |strong="H5921" any |strong="H3605"  
of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605"  
gods |strong="H0430".

<sup>26</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
gods |strong="H0430" in |strong="H0430" oth-  
er |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971"  
are |strong="H8064" nothing |strong="H3605"  
but |strong="H3588" statues,

but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213"  
the |strong="H3605" heavens |strong="H8064".

<sup>27</sup> He |strong="H6440" lives in |strong="H4725"  
the |strong="H6440" presence |strong="H6440"  
of |strong="H6440" glory |strong="H1935"  
and |strong="H6440" honor |strong="H1935".

His |strong="H6440" Temple is |strong="H6440"  
a |strong="H6440" place |strong="H4725"  
of |strong="H6440" power |strong="H5797"  
and |strong="H6440" joy |strong="H2304".

<sup>28</sup> Praise the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068",  
all people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068"  
every |strong="H4940" nation |strong="H5971",  
praise the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068"  
glory |strong="H3519" and |strong="H3068" pow-  
er |strong="H5797".

<sup>29</sup> Give |strong="H3051" the |strong="H6440"  
LORD |strong="H3068" praise worthy  
of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" glo-  
ry |strong="H3519".

Come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935"  
his |strong="H3068" presence |strong="H6440"  
with |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" offer-  
ings |strong="H4503".

Worship |strong="H7812" the |strong="H6440"  
LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0935" all  
his |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944" beauty.

<sup>30</sup> Everyone |strong="H3605" on |strong="H0776"  
earth |strong="H0776" should |strong="H0776" trem-  
ble |strong="H2342" before |strong="H6440"  
him |strong="H6440".

But |strong="H4131" the |strong="H3605"  
world |strong="H8398" stands firm |strong="H3559"  
and |strong="H0776" cannot |strong="H1077"  
be |strong="H0776" moved |strong="H4131".

<sup>31</sup> Let |strong="H1523" the |strong="H0559" heav-  
ens |strong="H8064" rejoice |strong="H1523"  
and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
earth |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3068" hap-  
py |strong="H8056".

Let |strong="H1523" people |strong="H1471" every-  
where say |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" rules |strong="H4427".

<sup>32</sup> Let |strong="H7481" the |strong="H3605"  
sea |strong="H3220" and |strong="H7704" every-  
thing |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3220"  
it |strong="H4393" shout for |strong="H3605" joy!

Let |strong="H7481" the |strong="H3605"  
fields |strong="H7704" and |strong="H7704" every-

thing |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3220"  
them |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3220" happy!

<sup>33</sup> The |strong="H0853" trees |strong="H6086"  
of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" for-  
est |strong="H3293" will |strong="H3068"  
sing |strong="H7442" for |strong="H3588"  
joy |strong="H7442" when |strong="H3588"  
they |strong="H3588" see |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068",  
because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588"  
is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0935" rule |strong="H8199"  
the |strong="H0853" world |strong="H0776".

<sup>34</sup> Give |strong="H3034" thanks |strong="H3034"  
to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588"  
LORD |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588"  
he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068"  
good |strong="H2896".

His |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617"  
love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068"  
last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>35</sup> Say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
him |strong="H0559",  
" Save |strong="H3467" us |strong="H5337",  
God |strong="H0430" our |strong="H0430" Sav-  
ior |strong="H3467".

Bring us |strong="H5337" back togeth-  
er |strong="H6908",

and |strong="H0430" save |strong="H3467"  
us |strong="H5337" from |strong="H4480"  
the |strong="H0559" other nations |strong="H1471".

Then |strong="H0559" we will |strong="H0430"  
give |strong="H3034" thanks |strong="H3034"  
to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H4480"  
holy |strong="H6944" name |strong="H8034"  
and |strong="H0430" joyfully praise |strong="H8416"  
you |strong="H3034".

<sup>36</sup> Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605"  
God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478".

He |strong="H5704" always |strong="H5769"  
was |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H5769"  
be |strong="H1288" worthy |strong="H1288"  
of |strong="H0430" praise |strong="H1984".

All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" praised |strong="H1288"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559"  
Amen |strong="H0543".

<sup>37</sup> Then |strong="H3068" David |strong="H3117"  
left |strong="H5800" Asaph |strong="H0623"  
and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" broth-  
ers |strong="H0251" there |strong="H8033"  
in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440"  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" Box  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440"

LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285". David |strong="H3117" left |strong="H5800" them |strong="H6440" there |strong="H8033" to |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H8334" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" it |strong="H8033" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117".<sup>38</sup> He |strong="H0251" also left Obed Edom and |strong="H1121" 68 other |strong="H0251" Levites to |strong="H1121" serve with |strong="H5654" Asaph and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1121" brothers |strong="H0251". Obed Edom and |strong="H1121" Hosah |strong="H2621" were |strong="H1121" guards |strong="H7778". Obed Edom was |strong="H1121" Jeduthun's son |strong="H1121".

<sup>39</sup> David left Zadok |strong="H6659" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0251" priests |strong="H3548" who |strong="H0834" served |strong="H6440" with |strong="H3068" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Tent<sup>1</sup> at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" place |strong="H1116" in |strong="H3068" Gibeon |strong="H1391".<sup>40</sup> Every |strong="H3605" morning |strong="H1242" and |strong="H3068" evening |strong="H6153" Zadok and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" priests offered |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068". They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5921" follow |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" rules written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", which |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" given |strong="H6680" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>41</sup> Heman |strong="H1968", Jeduthun |strong="H3038", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H5769" the |strong="H0834" other Levites were |strong="H0834" chosen |strong="H1305" by |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H3034" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068", singing, "His |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769"."<sup>42</sup> He-

<sup>1</sup> LORD'S TENT Or "Tabernacle." Also called the "Meeting Tent." The people would go to this tent to meet with God. They used this tent until Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem.

man |strong="H1968" and |strong="H1121" Jeduthun |strong="H3038" were |strong="H1121" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H8085". They |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0430" the |strong="H8085" job of |strong="H1121" blowing the |strong="H8085" trumpets |strong="H2689" and |strong="H1121" playing cymbals |strong="H4700". They |strong="H0430" also |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0430" the |strong="H8085" job of |strong="H1121" playing other musical |strong="H3627" instruments |strong="H3627" when |strong="H8085" songs |strong="H7892" were |strong="H1121" sung to |strong="H8085" God |strong="H0430". Jeduthun's sons |strong="H1121" guarded the |strong="H8085" gates |strong="H8179".

<sup>43</sup> After the |strong="H3605" celebration, all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" left and |strong="H1004" went |strong="H5437" home |strong="H1004". David |strong="H1732" also |strong="H0853" went |strong="H5437" home |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0376" bless |strong="H1288" his |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004".

#### God's Promise to David

**17** After |strong="H1961" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H3068" moved in- to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3068" palace |strong="H1004", he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Nathan |strong="H5416" the |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H5030", "Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H0834" nice palace |strong="H1004" made |strong="H1961" of |strong="H1004" cedar, but |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" Box of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" sits |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H1961" tent |strong="H3407"."

<sup>2</sup> Nathan |strong="H5416" answered |strong="H0559" David |strong="H1732", "You |strong="H0834" may |strong="H0430" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213". God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H1961" that |strong="H1931" night |strong="H3915" the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Nathan |strong="H5416".<sup>4</sup> God |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", "Go and |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541" to |strong="H0413"

my servant David LORD says; David are the one to build a house for me to live in.<sup>5</sup> Since the time I brought Israel out of Egypt until now, I have not lived in a house. I have moved around in a tent. I chose people to be special leaders for the Israelites. They were like shepherds for my people. While I was going around in Israel to different places, I never said to any of them: Why haven't you built a house of cedar wood for me?

<sup>7</sup> " Now tell this my servant David LORD All-Powerful says, ' I took from the fields and from taking care of the sheep made king of my people Israel. <sup>8</sup> I have with you everywhere went ahead of and I killed your enemies. Now I will you one of the most famous on earth. <sup>9</sup> I am giving this place my people Israel. They will plant their trees, and they will sit in peace under those trees. They will not

be bothered anymore. Evil people will not hurt them as they did at first. <sup>10</sup> Those bad things happened, but I chose leaders to care for my people Israel. And I will also your enemies.

" I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you. <sup>11</sup> When you die, and you join your ancestors, then I will let your own son be the new king. The new king will be one of your sons, and I will make his kingdom strong. <sup>12</sup> Your son will build a house for me. I will make your son's family rule forever. <sup>13</sup> I will be his father, and I will be my son. Saul was the king before you, and I took away my support from Saul.

I BUILD A HOUSE FOR YOU This does not mean a real house. It means the Lord would make men from David's family kings for many years.

But I will never stop loving your son I will put him in charge of my house and kingdom forever. His rule will continue forever!<sup>14</sup> Nathan told David the vision and God had said

#### David's Prayer

<sup>16</sup> Then King David went to the Holy Tent and sat before the LORD. David said,  
 "LORD God, you have done so much for me and my family. And I don't understand why. Besides all these things, God, you let me know what will happen to my family in the future. LORD God, you have treated me like a very important man. What can I say? You have so much for me. And I am only your servant. You know that, LORD, you have done this wonderful thing for

me and because you wanted to. There is no one like you, LORD. There is no God except you. We have never heard of any god doing wonderful things like these there! Is there any other nation like Israel? No, Israel is the only nation on earth that have done these things. You took us out of Egypt and made us free. You made yourself famous. You went front your people, and people leave their land us. You took Israel to be your people forever, and you, LORD, became their God!

<sup>23</sup> "LORD, you made this promise to me and my family. Now, keep your promise forever. Do what you said you

would|strong="H3068". <sup>24</sup> Keep your|strong="H3068" promise|strong="H3068" so|strong="H6440" that|strong="H3068" people will|strong="H3068" honor|strong="H8034" your|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034" forever|strong="H5769". Then|strong="H0559" people will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559"; ' The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful is|strong="H3068" Is-rael's|strong="H3478" God|strong="H0430"! I|strong="H5704" am|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650". Please let my|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004" be|strong="H8034" strong and|strong="H3068" continue to|strong="H0559" serve|strong="H6440" you|strong="H6440".

<sup>25</sup> " My|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0430", you|strong="H0859" spoke to|strong="H5921" me|strong="H6440", you|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650". You|strong="H0859" made|strong="H1540" it|strong="H5921" clear that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" would|strong="H5650" make|strong="H1540" my|strong="H5921" family|strong="H1004" a|strong="H3588" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" kings. That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0430" why|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H0430" being|strong="H0430" so|strong="H3651" bold—that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0430" why|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H0430" asking you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H5921" do these things|strong="H1540". <sup>26</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859" yourself|strong="H0859" promised|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" do these|strong="H2063" good|strong="H2896" things for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". <sup>27</sup> You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" kind enough to|strong="H1961" bless|strong="H1288" my|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004". You|strong="H0859" were|strong="H1961" kind enough to|strong="H1961" promise|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004" will|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" forever|strong="H5769". LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0859" yourself|strong="H0859" blessed|strong="H1288" my|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004", so|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004" really will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" blessed|strong="H1288" forever|strong="H5769"."

### David Wins Over Different Nations

**18** Later|strong="H0310", David|strong="H1732" attacked|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430" and|strong="H3027" defeated|strong="H5221" them|strong="H0853". He|strong="H0310" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H1323" Gath|strong="H1661" and|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" other small towns|strong="H1323" around|strong="H3027" it|strong="H3651" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" Philistines|strong="H6430".

<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H1961" David|strong="H1732" defeated|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" country of|strong="H5650" Moab|strong="H4124". The|strong="H0853" Moabites|strong="H4124" became|strong="H1961" David's|strong="H1732" servants|strong="H5650" and|strong="H5650" brought|strong="H5375" tribute|strong="H4503" to|strong="H1961" him|strong="H5221".

<sup>3</sup> David|strong="H1732" also|strong="H0853" fought against|strong="H3027" Hadadezer's|strong="H1909" army. Hadadezer|strong="H1909" was|strong="H1732" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Zobah|strong="H6678". David|strong="H1732" fought against|strong="H3027" that|strong="H1732" army all the|strong="H0853" way to|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H4428" Hamath|strong="H2574". David|strong="H1732" did this when|strong="H3027" he|strong="H1732" went to|strong="H3027" set|strong="H5324" up|strong="H5324" a|strong="H5221" monument|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" himself|strong="H3027" at|strong="H1732" the|strong="H0853" Euphrates|strong="H6578" River|strong="H5104". <sup>14</sup> David|strong="H1732" took|strong="H3920" 1000 chariots|strong="H7393", 7000 chariot|strong="H7393" drivers, and|strong="H3967" 20,000 soldiers|strong="H0376" from|strong="H4480" Hadadezer.

David|strong="H1732" also|strong="H0853" crippled most|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0376" Hadadezer's|strong="H7393" horses|strong="H6571" that|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0376" used|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3605" pulling chariots|strong="H7393". But|strong="H0376" David|strong="H1732" saved|strong="H3498" enough|strong="H3498" horses|strong="H6571" to|strong="H0376" pull 100 chariots|strong="H7393".

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H0935" Arameans|strong="H0758" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" city

**I DAVID DID THIS ... THE EUPHRATES RIVER** Or "David did this because Hadadezer tried to spread his kingdom all the way to the Euphrates River."

of|strong="H4428" Damascus|strong="H1834" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" help|strong="H5826" King|strong="H4428" Hadadezer|strong="H1909" of|strong="H4428" Zobah|strong="H6678". But|strong="H0376" David|strong="H1732" defeated|strong="H5221" and|strong="H0935" killed|strong="H5221" 22,000 Aramean|strong="H0758" soldiers|strong="H0376".<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H1961" David|strong="H1732" put|strong="H7760" fortresses in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H3068" Damascus|strong="H1834" in|strong="H1980" Aram|strong="H0758". The|strong="H3605" Arameans|strong="H0758" became|strong="H1961" David's|strong="H1732" servants|strong="H5650" and|strong="H1980" brought|strong="H1980" tribute|strong="H4503" to|strong="H1980" him|strong="H7760". So|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H7760" victory|strong="H3467" to|strong="H1980" David|strong="H1732" everywhere|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" went|strong="H1980".

<sup>7</sup> David|strong="H1732" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" gold|strong="H2091" shields|strong="H7982" from|strong="H0935" Hadadezer's|strong="H1909" army|strong="H3389" leaders and|strong="H0935" brought|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".<sup>8</sup> David|strong="H1732" also|strong="H0853" took|strong="H3947" much|strong="H7227" bronze|strong="H5178" from|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" towns|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3627" Tebah and|strong="H1732" Cun|strong="H3560". These|strong="H3947" towns|strong="H5892" belonged to|strong="H1732" Hadadezer|strong="H1909". Later, Solomon|strong="H8010" used|strong="H6213" this|strong="H6213" bronze|strong="H5178" to|strong="H1732" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" bronze|strong="H5178" tank,<sup>1</sup> the|strong="H0853" bronze|strong="H5178" columns|strong="H5982", and|strong="H1732" other things|strong="H3627" made|strong="H6213" from|strong="H3947" bronze|strong="H5178" for|strong="H3627" the|strong="H0853" Temple.

<sup>9</sup> Tou|strong="H8583" was|strong="H1732" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" city of|strong="H4428" Hamath|strong="H2574". Hadadezer|strong="H1909" was|strong="H1732" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Zobah|strong="H6678". Tou|strong="H8583" heard|strong="H0805" that|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H1732" defeated|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605"

of|strong="H4428" Hadadezer's|strong="H1909" army|strong="H2426".<sup>10</sup> So|strong="H7971" Tou|strong="H8583" sent|strong="H7971" his|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" Hadoram|strong="H1913" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" to|strong="H0413" ask|strong="H7592" for|strong="H3588" peace|strong="H7965" and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" bless|strong="H1288" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" David|strong="H1732" had|strong="H0834" fought|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5921" Hadadezer|strong="H1909" and|strong="H1121" defeated|strong="H5221" him|strong="H0413". Hadadezer|strong="H1909" had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H1961" at|strong="H0413" war|strong="H4421" with|strong="H0413" Tou|strong="H8583" before|strong="H0413". Hadoram|strong="H1913" gave|strong="H7971" David|strong="H1732" all|strong="H3605" kinds|strong="H3627" of|strong="H1121" things|strong="H3605" made|strong="H1961" of|strong="H1121" gold|strong="H2091", silver|strong="H3701", and|strong="H1121" bronze|strong="H5178".<sup>11</sup> King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" made|strong="H6942" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6942" and|strong="H1121" gave them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". David|strong="H1732" did|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0853" thing|strong="H3605" with|strong="H5973" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" silver|strong="H3701" and|strong="H1121" gold|strong="H2091" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" gotten from|strong="H1121" Edom|strong="H0123", Moab|strong="H4124", the|strong="H3605" Ammonites|strong="H5983", the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430", and|strong="H1121" Amalekites|strong="H6002".

<sup>12</sup> Abishai|strong="H0052" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zeruiah|strong="H6870" killed|strong="H5221" 18,000 Edomites|strong="H0123" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Valley|strong="H1516" of|strong="H1121" Salt|strong="H4417".<sup>13</sup> Abishai also|strong="H3068" put|strong="H7760" fortresses in|strong="H1980" Edom|strong="H0123" and|strong="H1980" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Edomites|strong="H0123" became|strong="H1961" David's|strong="H1732" servants|strong="H5650". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H7760" David|strong="H1732" victory|strong="H3467" every-

<sup>1</sup> TANK A very large container for water.



where *strong*="H3605" he *strong*="H0834" went *strong*="H1980".

**David's *strong*="H1732" Important Officials *strong*="H5650"**

<sup>14</sup> David *strong*="H1732" was *strong*="H1961" king *strong*="H4427" over *strong*="H5921" all *strong*="H3605" Israel *strong*="H3478". He *strong*="H6213" did *strong*="H6213" what *strong*="H4941" was *strong*="H1961" right *strong*="H4941" and *strong*="H3478" fair for *strong*="H5921" everyone *strong*="H3605". <sup>15</sup> Joab *strong*="H3097" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Zeruiah *strong*="H6870" was *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H5921" commander of *strong*="H1121" David's army *strong*="H6635". Jehoshaphat *strong*="H3092" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Ahilud *strong*="H0286" wrote about *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" things David did. <sup>16</sup> Zadok *strong*="H6659" and *strong*="H1121" Abimelech *strong*="H0040" were *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H6659" priests *strong*="H3548". Zadok *strong*="H6659" was *strong*="H1121" Ahitub's son *strong*="H1121", and *strong*="H1121" Abimelech *strong*="H0040" was *strong*="H1121" Abiathar's *strong*="H0054" son *strong*="H1121". Shavsha *strong*="H7798" was *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H6659" scribe *strong*="H5608". <sup>17</sup> Benaiah *strong*="H1141" was *strong*="H1732" responsible for *strong*="H5921" leading *strong*="H7223" the *strong*="H5921" Kerethite and *strong*="H1121" Pelethites *strong*="H6432". <sup>I</sup> Benaiah *strong*="H1141" was *strong*="H1732" Jehoiada's *strong*="H3077" son *strong*="H1121". And *strong*="H1121" David's *strong*="H1732" sons *strong*="H1121" were *strong*="H1121" important officials. They *strong*="H5921" served at *strong*="H5921" King *strong*="H4428" David's *strong*="H1732" side *strong*="H3027".

**The Ammonites Shame David's Men**

**19** Nahash *strong*="H5176" was *strong*="H1961" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0310" Ammonites *strong*="H5983". When *strong*="H1961" Nahash *strong*="H5176" died *strong*="H4191", his *strong*="H1961" son *strong*="H1121" became *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0310" new king *strong*="H4428". <sup>2</sup> Then *strong*="H0935" David *strong*="H1732" said *strong*="H0559", " Nahash *strong*="H5176" was *strong*="H0776" kind to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413", so *strong*="H6213" I *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H0776" be *strong*="H1121" kind to *strong*="H0413" Hanun *strong*="H2586", Nahash's

<sup>I</sup> KERETHITES AND PELETHITES These were the king's bodyguards.

son *strong*="H1121". So *strong*="H6213" David *strong*="H1732" sent *strong*="H7971" messengers *strong*="H4397" to *strong*="H0413" comfort *strong*="H5162" Hanun *strong*="H2586" about *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0559" death of *strong*="H1121" his *strong*="H5921" father *strong*="H0001". David's *strong*="H1732" messengers *strong*="H4397" went *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0559" country *strong*="H0776" of *strong*="H1121" Ammon *strong*="H5983" to *strong*="H0413" comfort *strong*="H5162" Hanun *strong*="H2586".

<sup>3</sup> But *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H0853" Ammonite *strong*="H5983" leaders *strong*="H8269" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" Hanun *strong*="H2586", " Don't *strong*="H3808" be *strong*="H3808" fooled. David *strong*="H1732" didn't *strong*="H3808" really *strong*="H0559" send *strong*="H7971" these men *strong*="H1121" to *strong*="H0413" comfort *strong*="H5162" you *strong*="H3588" or *strong*="H3808" to *strong*="H0413" honor *strong*="H3513" your *strong*="H0935" dead father *strong*="H0001". No *strong*="H3808", David *strong*="H1732" sent *strong*="H7971" his *strong*="H1732" servants *strong*="H5650" to *strong*="H0413" spy *strong*="H7270" on *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H3588" and *strong*="H1121" your *strong*="H0935" land *strong*="H0776". He *strong*="H3588" really *strong*="H0559" wants to *strong*="H0413" destroy your *strong*="H0935" country *strong*="H0776". <sup>4</sup> So *strong*="H3947" Hanun *strong*="H2586" arrested David's *strong*="H1732" servants *strong*="H5650" and *strong*="H7971" cut *strong*="H3772" off *strong*="H3772" their *strong*="H3947" beards. <sup>II</sup> Hanun *strong*="H2586" also *strong*="H0853" cut *strong*="H3772" their *strong*="H3947" clothes off *strong*="H3772" at *strong*="H1732" the *strong*="H0853" hip and *strong*="H7971" sent *strong*="H7971" them *strong*="H0853" away *strong*="H7971".

<sup>5</sup> David's *strong*="H1732" men *strong*="H0376" were *strong*="H0834" too *strong*="H5921" embarrassed *strong*="H3637" to *strong*="H0559" go *strong*="H7971" home *strong*="H7725". Some *strong*="H0376" people *strong*="H0376" went *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0559" David *strong*="H1732" and *strong*="H4428" told *strong*="H5046" him *strong*="H5921" what *strong*="H0834" happened *strong*="H1961" to *strong*="H0559" his *strong*="H5921" men *strong*="H0376". So *strong*="H7971" King *strong*="H4428" David *strong*="H1732" sent *strong*="H7971" this *strong*="H3588" message

<sup>II</sup> CUT OFF THEIR BEARDS This was an insult to an Israelite man, who was forbidden to cut the corners of his beard. See Leviticus 19:27.

to|strong="H0559" his|strong="H5921" men|strong="H0376": " Stay|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" town of|strong="H4428" Jericho|strong="H3405" until|strong="H5704" your|strong="H5921" beards|strong="H2206" grow|strong="H6779" again|strong="H7725". Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" come|strong="H1961" back|strong="H7725" home|strong="H7725":."

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3588" Ammonites|strong="H5983" saw|strong="H7200" they|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1732" caused themselves|strong="H0887" to|strong="H7971" become|strong="H0887" hated enemies of|strong="H1121" David|strong="H1732". Then|strong="H7971" Hanun|strong="H2586" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3588" Ammonites|strong="H5983" used 75,000 pounds <sup>I</sup> of|strong="H1121" silver|strong="H3701" to|strong="H7971" buy chariots|strong="H7393" and|strong="H1121" chariot|strong="H7393" drivers from|strong="H4480" Mesopotamia|strong="H0763". <sup>II</sup> They|strong="H3588" also|strong="H1732" got chariots|strong="H7393" and|strong="H1121" chariot|strong="H7393" drivers from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3588" towns of|strong="H1121" Maacah|strong="H4601" and|strong="H1121" Zobah|strong="H6678" in|strong="H1121" Aram|strong="H0758". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983" bought 32,000 chariots|strong="H7393". They|strong="H0935" also|strong="H0853" paid the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Maacah|strong="H4601" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0935" army|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H1121" help|strong="H5971" them|strong="H0853". The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Maacah|strong="H4601" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0935" people|strong="H5971" came|strong="H0935" and|strong="H1121" set|strong="H0935" up|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" camp|strong="H2583" near|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" town|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Medeba|strong="H4311". The|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983" themselves|strong="H0622" came|strong="H0935" out|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H6440" towns|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1121" got ready for|strong="H4428" battle|strong="H4421".

<sup>8</sup> David|strong="H1732" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Ammonites were|strong="H1732" getting ready

<sup>I</sup> 75,000 POUNDS Literally, "1000 talents" (34,500 kg). <sup>II</sup> MESOPOTAMIA Literally, "Aram Naharaim."

for|strong="H7971" war|strong="H6635". So|strong="H7971" he|strong="H1732" sent|strong="H7971" Joab|strong="H3097" and|strong="H7971" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" army|strong="H6635" of|strong="H3605" Israel to|strong="H8085" fight the|strong="H3605" Ammonites. <sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0834" Ammonites|strong="H5983" came|strong="H0935" out|strong="H3318" and|strong="H1121" got|strong="H3318" ready for|strong="H4428" battle|strong="H4421". They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" near the|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892" gate|strong="H6607". The|strong="H0834" kings|strong="H4428" who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" help|strong="H4421" stayed out|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" fields|strong="H7704" by|strong="H0935" themselves|strong="H0905".

<sup>10</sup> Joab|strong="H3097" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" two army|strong="H4421" groups ready to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H4421" against|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". One|strong="H3605" group was|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0413" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" group was|strong="H1961" behind|strong="H0268" him|strong="H0413". So|strong="H1961" Joab|strong="H3097" chose|strong="H0977" some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" best soldiers|strong="H4421" of|strong="H6440" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3478" sent them|strong="H0413" out|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H4421" against|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Aramean|strong="H0758" army|strong="H4421". <sup>11</sup> He|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" rest|strong="H3499" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Israelite army|strong="H5971" under|strong="H3027" his|strong="H5414" brother|strong="H0251" Abishai's command|strong="H3027". These|strong="H5971" soldiers|strong="H5971" went|strong="H7125" out|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5414" fight against|strong="H7125" the|strong="H0853" Ammonite|strong="H5983" army|strong="H5971". <sup>12</sup> Joab|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Abishai, " If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0559" Arameans|strong="H0758" are|strong="H1121" too|strong="H4480" strong|strong="H2388" for|strong="H0518" me|strong="H4480", you|strong="H0518" must|strong="H0518" help|strong="H3467"

me |strong="H4480". But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0559" Ammonites |strong="H5983" are |strong="H1121" too |strong="H4480" strong |strong="H2388" for |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1961" help |strong="H3467" you |strong="H0518". <sup>13</sup> Let's be |strong="H3068" brave and |strong="H3068" strong |strong="H2388" while |strong="H5869" we |strong="H6213" fight for |strong="H1157" our |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" for |strong="H1157" the |strong="H3068" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0430" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! May |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H2896" he |strong="H0430" thinks is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H5869"."

<sup>14</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" and |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" army |strong="H5971" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H6440" attacked |strong="H4421" the |strong="H6440" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H5971". The |strong="H6440" Arameans |strong="H0758" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" from |strong="H6440" Joab |strong="H3097" and |strong="H6440" his |strong="H0834" army |strong="H5971". <sup>15</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" Ammonite |strong="H5983" army |strong="H3389" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H3389" was |strong="H1121" running away |strong="H5127", they |strong="H1992" also |strong="H1571" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127". They |strong="H1992" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" from |strong="H0935" Abishai |strong="H0052" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0935" army |strong="H3389". The |strong="H6440" Ammonites |strong="H5983" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" their |strong="H1992" city |strong="H5892", and |strong="H1121" Joab |strong="H3097" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0758" leaders |strong="H8269" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H0834" defeated |strong="H5062" them |strong="H0853". So |strong="H7971" they |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H3478" get |strong="H3318" help from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" Arameans |strong="H0758" living east |strong="H5676" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H5104" Riv-

er |strong="H5104". Shophach |strong="H7780" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" commander |strong="H8269" of |strong="H8269" Hadadezer's |strong="H1909" army |strong="H6635" from |strong="H3318" Aram |strong="H0758". Shophach |strong="H7780" also |strong="H0853" led |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H5676" Aramean |strong="H0758" soldiers.

<sup>17</sup> David |strong="H1732" heard |strong="H5046" the |strong="H3605" news that |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Arameans |strong="H0758" were |strong="H3478" gathering |strong="H0622" for |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H4421", so |strong="H0935" he |strong="H1732" gathered |strong="H0622" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". David |strong="H1732" led |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H3605" Jordan |strong="H3383" River, and |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0935" came |strong="H0935" face to |strong="H0413" face with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H3605" Arameans |strong="H0758". David |strong="H1732" got his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H0622" ready for |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H4421" and |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0935" attacked |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Arameans |strong="H0758". <sup>18</sup> The |strong="H0853" Arameans |strong="H0758" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478". David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3478" his |strong="H1732" army |strong="H6635" killed |strong="H2026" 7000 Aramean |strong="H0758" chariot |strong="H7393" drivers and |strong="H3478" 40,000 Aramean |strong="H0758" soldiers |strong="H0376". David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3478" his |strong="H1732" army |strong="H6635" also |strong="H0853" killed |strong="H2026" Shophach |strong="H7780", the |strong="H0853" commander |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H6635".

<sup>19</sup> When |strong="H3588" Hadadezer's |strong="H1909" officers |strong="H5650" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5062" them |strong="H0853", they |strong="H3588" made |strong="H5647" peace with |strong="H5973" David |strong="H1732". They |strong="H3588" became |strong="H7200" his |strong="H1732" servants |strong="H5650". So |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" Arameans |strong="H0758" refused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H3478" help |strong="H3467" the |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" again |strong="H5750".

## Joab Destroys the Ammonites

20 In <sup>1</sup>the spring,

Joab led the army of Israel out to battle. That was the time of the year when the kings went out to battle, but David stayed in Jerusalem. The army of Israel went to the country of Ammon and destroyed it. Then they went to the city of Rabbah. The army camped around the city—they stayed there to keep people from going in or out of the city. Joab and the army of Israel fought against the city of Rabbah until they destroyed it.

<sup>2</sup> David took the crown from their king's head. That gold crown weighed about 75 pounds and there were valuable stones in it. The crown was put on David's head.

I IN THE SPRING Literally, "At the return of the year." II THEIR KING'S Or "Milcom," the god of the Ammonite people. III 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg).

Then David had great things brought out of the city. He brought out the people in Rabbah and forced them to work with saws, iron picks, and axes. He did the same thing to all the cities of Ammonites. Then David and all the army went back to Jerusalem.

## Philistine Giants Are Killed

<sup>4</sup> Later, the Israelites went to war with the Philistines at the town of Gezer. At that time Sibbecai from Hushah killed Sippai, who was one of the sons of the giants. So those Philistines became like slaves to the Israelites.

<sup>5</sup> Another time when the Israelites fought against the Philistines, Elhanan son of Jair killed Lahmi. Lahmi's brother Goliath was from the town of Gath. Lahmi's spear was very big and

heavy. It *was* like *the* large pole *a* loom.

<sup>6</sup> Later, the Israelites fought another war with the Philistines at Gath. In this town there *was* a very large man. He had 24 fingers, toes, and hands. He had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. He *was* a son of the giants. <sup>7</sup> So when that man made fun of Israel, Jonathan killed him. Jonathan *was* Shimea's son.

Shimea *was* David's brother.

<sup>8</sup> These Philistine men *were* sons of the giants from the town of Gath. David and his servants killed those giants.

#### David Sins by Counting Israel

**21** Satan *was* against the Israelites. He encouraged David to count the Israelites. <sup>2</sup> So David said to Joab and the leaders of the people, "Go and count the people." <sup>3</sup> But Joab answered, "The people *are* many."

I SATAN Or "An adversary," someone who was against the king.

the Israelites. Count everyone in the country— from the town of Beer-sheba all the way to the town of Dan. Then tell me, so I know how many people there *are*."

<sup>3</sup> But Joab answered, "May the LORD make his nation 100 times as large! Sir, all the Israelites *are* your servants. Why do you want to do this thing, my lord and king? You will make all the Israelites guilty of sin!"

<sup>4</sup> But King David *was* stubborn. Joab had do what the king said. So Joab left and went through the country of Israel counting the people. Then he came back to Jerusalem and told David how many people there *were*. In Israel there *were* 1,100,000 men who could use a sword. And there *were* 470,000 men in Ju-

dah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H3605" could |strong="H0376" use |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" sword |strong="H2719".<sup>6</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" count the |strong="H3588" tribes of |strong="H4428" Levi |strong="H3878" and |strong="H4428" Benjamin |strong="H1144" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" King |strong="H4428" David's order |strong="H1697".<sup>7</sup> David had |strong="H0430" done a |strong="H5221" bad thing |strong="H1697" in |strong="H5921" God's |strong="H0430" sight |strong="H5869", so |strong="H2088" God |strong="H0430" punished Israel |strong="H3478".

**God |strong="H0430" Punishes |strong="H7489" Israel |strong="H3478"**

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H6258" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430", " I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" something |strong="H1697" very |strong="H3966" foolish |strong="H5528". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" committed |strong="H2398" a |strong="H3588" terrible sin |strong="H2398" by |strong="H0413" counting the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H2088". Now |strong="H6258", I |strong="H0834" beg |strong="H4994" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" take the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2398" away |strong="H5674" from |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", your |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650"."

<sup>9</sup> Gad was David's seer. The LORD said to Gad, "Go and tell David: 'This is what the LORD says: I am going to give you three choices. You must choose one of them. Then I will punish you the way you choose.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then Gad went to David. He said to David, "The LORD says, 'David, choose which punishment you want: three years without enough food, or three months of running away from your enemies while they use their swords to chase you, or three days of punishment from the LORD. Terrible sicknesses will spread through the country, and the LORD'S angel will go through Israel destroying the people.' David, God sent me. Now, you must decide which answer I will give to him."

<sup>13</sup> David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Gad |strong="H1410", " I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0413" trouble |strong="H6862"! I |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" want some |strong="H7227" man |strong="H0120" to |strong="H0413" decide my |strong="H3068" punishment |strong="H3027". The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068"

very |strong="H3966" merciful, so |strong="H3588" let |strong="H4994" him |strong="H0413" decide how |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" punish me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H5414" terrible sicknesses to |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478", and |strong="H3068" 70,000 people |strong="H0376" died |strong="H5307".<sup>15</sup> God |strong="H0430" sent |strong="H7971" an |strong="H7200" angel |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0559" destroy |strong="H7843" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". But |strong="H7200" when |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" started to |strong="H0559" destroy |strong="H7843" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" saw |strong="H7200" it |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" felt sorry |strong="H5162" for |strong="H5921" all the |strong="H0559" suffering. So |strong="H7971" he |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" who |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" destroying |strong="H7843" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H7200", " Stop |strong="H5975"! That |strong="H7200" is |strong="H3068" enough |strong="H7227"! This |strong="H6258" happened when |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" standing |strong="H5975" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" threshing |strong="H1637" floor |strong="H1637" of |strong="H0430" Araunah<sup>I</sup> the |strong="H0559" Jebusite |strong="H2983".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>16</sup> David |strong="H1732" looked |strong="H7200" up |strong="H5375" and |strong="H3068" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" angel |strong="H4397" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" sky |strong="H8064". The |strong="H0853" angel |strong="H4397" was |strong="H3068" holding his |strong="H5921" sword |strong="H2719" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Then |strong="H0853" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" elders |strong="H2205" bowed |strong="H5186" with |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" faces |strong="H6440" touching the |strong="H0853" ground |strong="H0776". They |strong="H5921" were |strong="H8064" wearing |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" special clothes to |strong="H5921" show |strong="H7200"

<sup>I</sup> ARAUNAH In Hebrew, "Ornan." Also in verses 18-25, 28. <sup>II</sup> JEBUSITE A person who lived in Jerusalem before the Israelites took the city. "Jebus" was the old name for Jerusalem.

their|strong="H3068" sadness. 17 David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430", " I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H3808" who|strong="H0834" sinned|strong="H2398". I|strong="H0589" gave|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" order|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961" counted|strong="H4487"! I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1961" wrong|strong="H7489". The|strong="H0559" Israelites did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H4100" wrong|strong="H7489". LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", punish me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004", but|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" terrible sicknesses that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" killing your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971"."

18 Then|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0559" angel|strong="H4397" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gad|strong="H1410". He|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " Tell|strong="H0559" David|strong="H1732" to|strong="H0413" build|strong="H6965" an|strong="H3588" altar|strong="H4196" to|strong="H0413" worship the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". David|strong="H1732" must build|strong="H6965" that|strong="H3588" altar|strong="H4196" near the|strong="H0559" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637" of|strong="H3068" Araunah the|strong="H0559" Jebusite|strong="H2983"." 19 Gad|strong="H1410" told|strong="H1696" David|strong="H1732" this|strong="H1697", and|strong="H3068" David|strong="H1732" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H1696" Araunah's threshing floor.

20 Araunah was|strong="H1121" threshing|strong="H1758" the|strong="H0853" wheat|strong="H2406". He|strong="H0853" turned|strong="H7725" around|strong="H7725" and|strong="H1121" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" angel|strong="H4397". His|strong="H7725" four|strong="H0702" sons|strong="H1121" ran away|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" hide|strong="H2244". 21 David|strong="H1732" walked up|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" hill to|strong="H0935" Araunah. Araunah saw|strong="H7200" him|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0935" left|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637". He|strong="H5704" walked

to|strong="H0935" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H0935" bowed|strong="H7812" with|strong="H0935" his|strong="H1732" face|strong="H0639" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" in|strong="H0935" front of|strong="H0776" him|strong="H0853".

22 David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Araunah, " Sell|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" pay|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" full|strong="H4392" price|strong="H3701". Then|strong="H5414" I|strong="H5414" can use the|strong="H0559" area|strong="H4725" to|strong="H0413" build|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" altar|strong="H4196" to|strong="H0413" worship the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" terrible sicknesses will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" stopped|strong="H6113"."

23 Araunah said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732", " Take|strong="H3947" this|strong="H3605" threshing|strong="H4173" floor. You|strong="H5414" are|strong="H5869" my|strong="H3605" lord|strong="H0113" and|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428", so|strong="H6213" do|strong="H6213" whatever|strong="H3605" you|strong="H5414" want. Look|strong="H7200", I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" also|strong="H1732" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" cattle|strong="H1241" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H4503". You|strong="H5414" can|strong="H7200" have|strong="H5869" the|strong="H3605" wooden|strong="H6086" threshing|strong="H4173" tools to|strong="H0413" burn for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" fire on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" altar. And|strong="H4428" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" wheat|strong="H2406" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" grain|strong="H3605" offering|strong="H4503". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" this|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414"."

24 But|strong="H3588" King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732" answered|strong="H0559" Araunah, " No|strong="H3808", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" pay|strong="H3701" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" full|strong="H4392" price|strong="H3701". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"

not |strong="H3808" take |strong="H5375" anything |strong="H3808" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" yours and |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5927" it |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5927" offerings |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" cost |strong="H2600" me |strong="H2600" nothing |strong="H3808".<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H5414" David |strong="H1732" gave |strong="H5414" Araunah about |strong="H4725" 15 pounds<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H4725" gold |strong="H2091" for |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" place |strong="H4725".<sup>26</sup> David |strong="H1732" built |strong="H1129" an |strong="H1129" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H5921" worshiping the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" there |strong="H8033". David |strong="H1732" offered |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H3068" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". He |strong="H8033" prayed |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H6030" David |strong="H1732" by |strong="H5921" sending fire |strong="H0784" down |strong="H7121" from |strong="H4480" heaven |strong="H8064". The |strong="H5921" fire |strong="H0784" came |strong="H5927" down |strong="H7121" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H5927".<sup>27</sup> Then |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" put |strong="H7725" his |strong="H3068" sword |strong="H2719" back |strong="H7725" into |strong="H0413" its |strong="H7725" sheath |strong="H5084".

<sup>28</sup> David |strong="H1732" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H6030" him |strong="H7200" on |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3588" threshing |strong="H1637" floor |strong="H1637" of |strong="H3068" Araunah, so |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" offered |strong="H2076" sacrifices |strong="H2076" there |strong="H8033".<sup>29</sup> ( The |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Holy Tent and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" altar |strong="H4196" of |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" were |strong="H0834" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" high |strong="H1116" place |strong="H1116" in |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> 15 POUNDS Literally, "600 shekels" (6.9 kg).

the |strong="H0834" town of |strong="H3068" Gibeon |strong="H1391". Moses |strong="H4872" had |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" Holy Tent while |strong="H1931" the |strong="H0834" Israelites were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" desert |strong="H4057".<sup>30</sup> David |strong="H1732" could |strong="H3201" not |strong="H3808" go to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" Holy Tent to |strong="H3068" speak with |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" afraid. He |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" afraid of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" angel |strong="H4397" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" sword |strong="H2719".)

**22** David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H1004" burning of offerings |strong="H3068" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" built here |strong="H2088"."

**David |strong="H1732" Makes |strong="H0559" Plans for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" Temple |strong="H1004"**

<sup>2</sup> David |strong="H1732" gave |strong="H0559" an |strong="H1129" order |strong="H0559" for |strong="H0776" all foreigners |strong="H1616" living |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3478" gathered |strong="H3664" together. He |strong="H0834" chose stonecutters |strong="H2672" from |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0834" group of |strong="H0776" foreigners |strong="H1616". Their |strong="H0834" job was |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" cut |strong="H1496" stones |strong="H0068" ready to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3478" used for |strong="H0776" building |strong="H1129" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>3</sup> David |strong="H1732" got iron |strong="H1270" for |strong="H4948" making |strong="H0369" nails |strong="H4548" and |strong="H1732" hinges for |strong="H4948" the |strong="H3559" gate |strong="H8179" doors |strong="H1817". He |strong="H1732" also |strong="H1732" got more |strong="H0369" bronze |strong="H5178" than could |strong="H3559" be |strong="H0369" weighed |strong="H4948"<sup>4</sup> and |strong="H0935" more |strong="H0369" cedar |strong="H0730" logs |strong="H6086" than |strong="H3588" could



be|strong="H0369" counted|strong="H4557".  
The|strong="H3588" people from|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H3588" cities|strong="H0935"  
of|strong="H4557" Sidon and|strong="H0935"  
Tyre|strong="H6876" brought|strong="H0935"  
many|strong="H7230" cedar|strong="H0730"  
logs|strong="H6086" to|strong="H0935"  
David|strong="H1732".

<sup>5</sup> David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559", "  
We|strong="H4994" should|strong="H3068"  
build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129"  
very|strong="H4605" great|strong="H1431" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" for|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068",  
but|strong="H0559" my|strong="H3605"  
son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010"  
is|strong="H3068" young|strong="H5288"  
and|strong="H1121" does|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H1732" yet|strong="H3068"  
have|strong="H1121" enough experie-  
nce to|strong="H0559" know how|strong="H4994"  
to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H3605"  
it|strong="H3559" well. It|strong="H3559"  
should|strong="H3068" be|strong="H8034"  
so|strong="H6440" great|strong="H1431"  
and|strong="H1121" beautiful|strong="H8597"  
that|strong="H3605" it|strong="H3559"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H8034" fa-  
mous|strong="H8034" among|strong="H0776"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" na-  
tions|strong="H0776". So|strong="H6440"  
I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" pre-  
pare|strong="H3559" what|strong="H3559"  
is|strong="H3068" needed to|strong="H0559"  
build|strong="H1129" it|strong="H3559".  
So|strong="H6440" before|strong="H6440"  
David|strong="H1732" died|strong="H4194"  
he|strong="H3068" prepared|strong="H3559" every-  
thing|strong="H3605" needed to|strong="H0559"  
build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129"  
great|strong="H1431" Temple|strong="H1004".

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H6680" David  
called|strong="H7121" for|strong="H7121"  
his|strong="H3068" son|strong="H1121"  
Solomon|strong="H8010" and|strong="H1121"  
told|strong="H6680" him|strong="H7121"  
to|strong="H3068" build|strong="H1129"  
the|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004"  
for|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478". <sup>7</sup> David|strong="H1732"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
Solomon|strong="H8010", " My|strong="H3068"  
son|strong="H1121", I|strong="H0589" want-  
ed|strong="H3824" to|strong="H0559"  
build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1961" tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" for|strong="H1004"

the|strong="H0559" name|strong="H8034"  
of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430". <sup>8</sup> But|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
me|strong="H6440", 'David, you|strong="H3588"  
have|strong="H1961" fought many|strong="H7227"  
wars|strong="H4421" and|strong="H3068"  
you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" killed  
many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H3808".  
So|strong="H6213" you|strong="H3588" can-  
not|strong="H3808" build|strong="H1129"  
a|strong="H1961" temple|strong="H1004"  
for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068"  
name|strong="H8034". <sup>9</sup> But|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121"  
who|strong="H3605" is|strong="H1931"  
a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H1121" peace|strong="H7965".  
I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
give|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605"  
son|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1961"  
time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121"  
peace|strong="H7965". His|strong="H3605" ene-  
mies|strong="H0341" around|strong="H5439"  
him|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961"  
not|strong="H1961" bother him|strong="H5414".  
His|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034"  
is|strong="H1931" Solomon|strong="H8010". <sup>1</sup>  
And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478" peace|strong="H7965"  
and|strong="H1121" quiet|strong="H8253" dur-  
ing|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605"  
time|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3588"  
he|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931"  
king|strong="H5921". <sup>10</sup> Solomon  
will|strong="H1961" build|strong="H1129"  
a|strong="H1961" temple|strong="H1004"  
for|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921"  
name|strong="H8034". He|strong="H1931"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
my|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121",  
and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
his|strong="H5921" Father|strong="H0001".  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1961"  
make|strong="H3559" his|strong="H5921" king-  
dom|strong="H4438" strong, and|strong="H1121"  
someone from|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921"  
family|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1961"  
rule|strong="H4438" Israel|strong="H3478" fore-  
ver|strong="H5769".

<sup>11</sup> David|strong="H5973" also|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H1696", " Now|strong="H6258",

<sup>1</sup> SOLOMON This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "peace."

son|strong="H1121", may|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0834". May|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1961" successful|strong="H6743" and|strong="H1121" build|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0834" Temple|strong="H1004" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068".<sup>12</sup> He|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H5921" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478". May|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" wisdom|strong="H7922" and|strong="H3068" understanding|strong="H0998" so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414" can lead|strong="H0389" the|strong="H0853" people and|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0853" law|strong="H8451" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".<sup>13</sup> And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H0834" success|strong="H6743", if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" careful|strong="H8104" to|strong="H5921" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" rules|strong="H2706" and|strong="H3068" laws|strong="H2706" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H6680" Moses|strong="H4872" for|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478". Be|strong="H0408" strong|strong="H2388" and|strong="H3068" brave. Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372".

<sup>14</sup> "Solomon, I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" worked hard|strong="H1004" making|strong="H0369" plans for|strong="H3588" building the|strong="H5921" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" given 3750 tons<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H1004" gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3068" about|strong="H1961" 37,500 tons<sup>II</sup> of|strong="H1004" silver|strong="H3701". I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" given so|strong="H1961" much|strong="H7230" bronze|strong="H5178" and|strong="H3068" iron|strong="H1270" that|strong="H3588" it|strong="H5921" cannot|strong="H0369"

<sup>I</sup> 3750 TONS Literally, "100,000 talents" (3450 metric tons). <sup>II</sup> 37,500 TONS Literally, "1,000,000 talents" (34,500 metric tons).

be|strong="H1961" weighed|strong="H4948". And|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" given wood|strong="H6086" and|strong="H3068" stone|strong="H0068". Solomon, you|strong="H3588" can|strong="H0369" add|strong="H3254" to|strong="H1961" them|strong="H5921".<sup>15</sup> You|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3605" many|strong="H7230" stonecutters|strong="H2672" and|strong="H6086" carpenters|strong="H2796". You|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3605" men|strong="H2450" skilled|strong="H2450" in|strong="H0068" every|strong="H3605" kind of|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399".<sup>16</sup> They|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" skilled in|strong="H3068" working with|strong="H5973" gold|strong="H2091", silver|strong="H3701", bronze|strong="H5178", and|strong="H6965" iron|strong="H1270". You|strong="H5973" have|strong="H1961" more|strong="H0369" skilled workers|strong="H6213" than can|strong="H0369" be|strong="H1961" counted|strong="H4557". Now|strong="H1961" begin the|strong="H3068" work. And|strong="H6965" may|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5973"."

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H6680" David|strong="H1732" ordered|strong="H6680" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3478" help|strong="H5826" his|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010".<sup>18</sup> David|strong="H5973" said to|strong="H3068" these|strong="H5971" leaders, " The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H3588". He|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3068" given|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" time of|strong="H0776" peace|strong="H5117". He|strong="H3588" helped|strong="H3027" me|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" living|strong="H3427" around|strong="H5439" us|strong="H5414". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H3027" now|strong="H3588" in|strong="H3427" control|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0776" this|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776".<sup>19</sup> Now|strong="H6258" give|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3824" and|strong="H0935" soul|strong="H5315" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430",

and **do** what he says. Build the holy place of the LORD God. Then bring of LORD'S Agreement and all the other things into the Temple built for the LORD'S name."

### The Levites Work in the Temple

**23** David became an old man, so he made his son Solomon the new king of Israel. **2** David gathered all the leaders of Israel and also the priests and Levites. **3** David counted the Levites who were 30 years old and older. All together there were 38,000 Levites. **4** David said, "24,000 will supervise the work of building the LORD'S Temple. 6000 will be court officers and 4000 will be gatekeepers, and 4000 will be musicians. I made special musical instruments for them. They will use them to praise the LORD."

**6** David separated the Levites into

three groups. They were the tribes of Levi's three sons, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

### The Gershon Family Group

**7** From the tribe of Gershon there were Ladan and Shimei. **8** Ladan had three sons. His oldest son was Jehiel. His other sons were Zethan and Joel.

**9** Shimei's sons were Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran. These three sons were leaders in Ladan's families.

**10** Shimei had four sons. They were Jahath, Ziza, Jeush, and Beriah. **11** Jahath was the oldest son and Ziza was the second son. But Jeush and Beriah did not have many children. So Jeush and Beriah were counted like one family.

### The Kohath Family Group

**12** Kohath had four sons. They were Amram, Izhar, and Uzziel. **13** Amram's sons were Aaron and Moses. Aaron was chosen for a special work. He and

his descendants were chosen to always be the ones to do this special work— to prepare the holy things for the Temple service. They were the ones to burn incense before the LORD, to serve him as priests and give blessings to the people in his name forever. <sup>14</sup> Moses was the man of God, and his sons were part of the tribe of Levi. <sup>15</sup> Moses' sons were Gershom and Eliezer. <sup>16</sup> Gershom's oldest son was Shubael. <sup>17</sup> Eliezer's oldest son was Rehabiah. Eliezer had no other sons. But Rehabiah had many sons. <sup>18</sup> Izhar's oldest son was Shelomith. <sup>19</sup> Hebron's oldest son was Jeriah. Hebron's second son was Amariah. Jahaziel was the third son, and Jekameam was the fourth son. <sup>20</sup> Uzziel's oldest son was Micah, and Isshiah

was his second son.

### The Merari Family Group

<sup>21</sup> Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi. Mahli's sons were Eleazar and Kish. <sup>22</sup> Eleazar died without having sons. He had only one daughter. Eleazar's daughters married their own relatives. Their relatives were Kish's sons. <sup>23</sup> Mushi's sons were Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth. There were three sons in all.

### The Levites' Work

<sup>24</sup> These were Levi's descendants. They were listed by their families. They were the leaders of families. Each person's name was listed. The people were listed 20 years old or older. They served in the LORD'S Temple. <sup>25</sup> David had said, "The LORD, the God of Israel, has given peace to his people." And he has come to live in Jerusalem forever. <sup>26</sup> So the Levites

don't need to carry the Holy Tent or any things used in its services anymore."

<sup>27</sup> David's last instructions for the Israelites were to count the descendants from the tribe of Levi. They counted the men who were 20 years old and older.

<sup>28</sup> The Levites had the job of helping Aaron's descendants in the service of the LORD'S Temple. They also cared for the Temple courtyard and side rooms in the Temple. And they made sure all the holy things were kept pure. It was their job to serve in God's Temple. <sup>29</sup> They were responsible for putting the special bread on the table in the Temple and for the flour, the grain offerings, and the bread made without yeast. They were also responsible for the baking pans and the mixed offerings. They did all the measuring. <sup>30</sup> The Levites

stood every morning and gave thanks and praise to the LORD. They also did this every evening. <sup>31</sup> The Levites prepared all the burnt offerings to the LORD on Sabbath days, during New Moon celebrations, and other special meetings. They served before the LORD every day. There were special rules for how many Levites should serve each time. <sup>32</sup> So the LORD'S Levites did everything that they were supposed to do. They took care of the Holy Tent and the Holy Place. And they helped their relatives, the priests, Aaron's descendants, with the services at the LORD'S Temple.

### The Groups of the Priests

**24** These were the groups of Aaron's sons: Aaron's sons who were in Nadab, Eleazar, Ithamar, and Abihu. <sup>2</sup> But Nadab and Abihu died before their father did. Nadab and Abihu

hu |strong="H0030" had |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808" sons |strong="H1121", so |strong="H1961" Eleazar |strong="H0499" and |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385" served |strong="H3547" as |strong="H3547" the |strong="H6440" priests |strong="H3547".<sup>3</sup> David |strong="H1732" separated the |strong="H4480" tribes of |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499" and |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385" into |strong="H4480" two |strong="H4480" different groups |strong="H1121". He |strong="H1732" did this so |strong="H4480" that |strong="H4480" these groups |strong="H1121" could do the |strong="H4480" duties of |strong="H1121" work |strong="H5656" they were |strong="H1121" given to |strong="H1732" do. David |strong="H1732" did this with |strong="H1732" the |strong="H4480" help of |strong="H1121" Zadok |strong="H6659" and |strong="H1121" Ahimelech |strong="H0288". Zadok |strong="H6659" was |strong="H1732" a |strong="H4480" descendant |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499", and |strong="H1121" Ahimelech |strong="H0288" was |strong="H1732" a |strong="H4480" descendant |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385".<sup>4</sup> There |strong="H4672" were |strong="H1121" more |strong="H4480" leaders |strong="H7218" from |strong="H4480" Eleazar's family |strong="H1004" than |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" Ithamar's. There |strong="H4672" were |strong="H1121" 16 leaders |strong="H7218" from |strong="H4480" Eleazar's family |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" there |strong="H4672" were |strong="H1121" eight |strong="H8083" leaders |strong="H7218" from |strong="H4480" Ithamar's family |strong="H1004".<sup>5</sup> Men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" chosen from |strong="H1121" each family. They |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961" chosen by |strong="H1961" throwing lots |strong="H1486". Some |strong="H0428" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" chosen to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0430" charge |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944". And |strong="H1121" other |strong="H0428" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" chosen to |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" priests. All these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" families |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499" and |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385".

<sup>6</sup> Shemaiah |strong="H8098" was |strong="H0259" the |strong="H6440" secretary |strong="H5608".<sup>1</sup>

He |strong="H4480" was |strong="H0259" Nethanel's son |strong="H1121". Shemaiah |strong="H8098" was |strong="H0259" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H6440" tribe of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881". Shemaiah |strong="H8098" wrote |strong="H3789" the |strong="H6440" names of |strong="H1121" those |strong="H4480" descendants |strong="H1121". He |strong="H4480" wrote |strong="H3789" their |strong="H6440" names in |strong="H1004" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" David and |strong="H1121" these leaders |strong="H7218": Zadok |strong="H6659" the |strong="H6440" priest |strong="H3548", Ahimelech |strong="H0288", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" leaders |strong="H7218" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H6440" families |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" Levites |strong="H3881". Ahimelech |strong="H0288" was |strong="H0259" Abiathar's |strong="H0054" son |strong="H1121". Each |strong="H0259" time |strong="H7218" they |strong="H5608" threw the |strong="H6440" lots a |strong="H4480" man |strong="H1121" was |strong="H0259" chosen, and |strong="H1121" Shemaiah |strong="H8098" wrote |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" that |strong="H4480" man's name. So |strong="H4480" they |strong="H5608" divided the |strong="H6440" work among |strong="H4480" groups |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H6440" families |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499" and |strong="H1121" Ithamar |strong="H0385".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3318" first |strong="H7223" was |strong="H1486" Jehoiarib's group.

The |strong="H3318" second |strong="H8145" was |strong="H1486" Jedaiah's group.

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H7992" third |strong="H7992" was Harim's group.

The |strong="H7992" fourth |strong="H7243" was Seorim's group.

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H4441" fifth |strong="H2549" was Malkijah's group.

The |strong="H4441" sixth |strong="H8345" was Mijamin's group.

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0029" seventh |strong="H7637" was Hakkoz's group.

The |strong="H0029" eighth |strong="H8066" was Abijah's |strong="H0029" group.

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H7935" ninth |strong="H8671" was Jeshua's group.

The |strong="H7935" tenth |strong="H6224" was Shecaniah's group.

<sup>1</sup> SECRETARY A man who wrote down and copied books and letters.

12 The *eleventh* was *Eliashib's* group.  
 The *twelfth* was *Jakim's* group.  
 13 The *thirteenth* was *Huppah's* group.  
 The *fourteenth* was *Jeshebeab's* group.  
 14 The *fifteenth* was *Bilgah's* group.  
 The *sixteenth* was *Immer's* group.  
 15 The *seventeenth* was *Hezir's* group.  
 The *eighteenth* was *Happizzez's* group.  
 16 The *nineteenth* was *Pethahiah's* group.  
 The *twentieth* was *Jehezkel's* group.  
 17 The *twenty-first* was *Jakin's* group.  
 The *twenty-second* was *Gamul's* group.  
 18 The *twenty-third* was *Delaiah's* group.  
 The *twenty-fourth* was *Maaziah's* group.  
 19 These were the *H0834* groups chosen to serve in the *H0935* temple. They obeyed *Aaron's* rules for serving in the *H0834* Temple. The *LORD*, the *God* of *Israel*, had given them *H6680* to *H0935* *Aaron*.

#### The *H0834* Other *H0428* Levites

20 These are the names of the *H1121* rest of *Levi's* descendants:  
*Shubael* was *a* descendant of *Amram*.  
*Jehdeiah* was *a* descendant of *Shubael*.  
 21 *Isshiah* was the *H1121* oldest son of *Rehabiah*.  
 22 From the *H1121* *Izhar* family group there was *Shelomoth*.

*Jahath* was *a* descendant of *Shelomoth*.  
 23 *Jeriah* was the *H1121* oldest son of *Hebron*.  
*Amariah* was *Hebron's* second son.  
*Jahaziel* was his third son, and *Jekameam* was his fourth son.  
 24 *Uzziel's* son was *Micah*.  
*Micah's* son was *Shamir*.  
 25 *Isshiah* was *Micah's* brother. *Isshiah's* son was *Zechariah*.  
 26 *Merari's* descendants were *Mahli*, *Mushi*, and *Jaaziah*.  
 27 *Jaaziah's* son of *Merari* had *Shoham*, *Zaccur*, and *Ibri*.  
 28 *Mahli's* son was *Eleazar*, but *Eleazar* did not have sons.  
 29 *Kish's* son was *Jerahmeel*.  
 30 *Mushi's* sons were *Mahli*, *Eder*, and *Jerimoth*.  
 These are the *H0428* the *H1121* leaders of the *H1121* Levite families. They are listed by their families. 31 They were chosen for *H4428* special jobs by *H1571* throwing lots, like *H5980* their relatives, the *H6440* priests.

1 The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

were |strong="H1121" Aaron's |strong="H0175" descendants |strong="H1121". They |strong="H1992" threw |strong="H5307" lots |strong="H1486" in |strong="H4428" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732", Zadok |strong="H6659", Ahimelech |strong="H0288", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" priests' |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121" Levite |strong="H3881" families |strong="H1121". The |strong="H6440" older families |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" younger |strong="H6996" families |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" treated the |strong="H6440" same when |strong="H1121" their |strong="H1992" jobs were |strong="H1121" chosen.

### The Music Groups

**25** David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1961" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1961" army |strong="H6635" separated |strong="H0914" the |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Asaph |strong="H0623", Heman |strong="H1968", and |strong="H1121" Jeduthun |strong="H3038" for |strong="H6635" special service |strong="H5656". Their |strong="H1961" special service |strong="H5656" was |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" prophesy |strong="H5030" God's message with |strong="H0376" harps |strong="H3658", lyres |strong="H3658", and |strong="H1121" cymbals |strong="H4700". Here is |strong="H0376" a |strong="H1961" list |strong="H4557" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1961" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" served |strong="H1961" this |strong="H0376" way:

<sup>2</sup> From |strong="H5921" Asaph's family: Zaccur |strong="H2139", Joseph |strong="H3130", Nathaniah |strong="H5418", and |strong="H1121" Asarelah. King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H3027" chose Asaph |strong="H0623" to |strong="H5921" prophesy |strong="H5012". And |strong="H1121" Asaph |strong="H0623" led his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121".

<sup>3</sup> From |strong="H5921" Jeduthun's family |strong="H0001": Gedaliah |strong="H1436", Zeri |strong="H6874", Jeshaiiah |strong="H3470", Shimei, Hashabiah |strong="H2811", and |strong="H1121" Mattithiah |strong="H4993". There |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1121" six |strong="H8337" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H5921". Jeduthun |strong="H3038" led his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121". Jeduthun |strong="H3038" used harps |strong="H3658" to |strong="H5921" proph-

esy |strong="H5012" and |strong="H1121" give |strong="H3034" thanks |strong="H3034" and |strong="H1121" praise |strong="H1984" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>4</sup> Heman's sons |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" served were |strong="H1121" Bukkiah |strong="H1232", Mattaniah |strong="H4983", Uzziel |strong="H5816", Shubael |strong="H7619", and |strong="H1121" Jerimoth |strong="H3406"; Hananiah |strong="H2608", Hanani |strong="H2607", Eliathah |strong="H0448", Giddalti |strong="H1437", and |strong="H1121" Romamti Ezer; Joshbekashah |strong="H3436", Mallothi |strong="H4413", Hothir |strong="H1956", and |strong="H1121" Mahazioth |strong="H4238". <sup>5</sup> All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Heman's sons |strong="H1121". Heman |strong="H1968" was |strong="H0430" David's seer |strong="H2374". God |strong="H0430" promised |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" Heman |strong="H1968" strong |strong="H7161". So |strong="H5414" Heman |strong="H1968" had |strong="H0430" many sons |strong="H1121". God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H5414" Heman |strong="H1968" fourteen |strong="H6240" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" three |strong="H7969" daughters |strong="H1323".

<sup>6</sup> Heman |strong="H1968" led all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H0001" in |strong="H5921" singing |strong="H7892" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" temple |strong="H1004". <sup>1</sup> His |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H0001" used |strong="H3605" cymbals |strong="H4700", lyres |strong="H3658", and |strong="H3068" harps |strong="H3658". That |strong="H3605" was |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" serving |strong="H5656" in |strong="H5921" God's |strong="H0430" temple |strong="H1004". King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H3027" chose these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H3605". <sup>7</sup> These |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" relatives |strong="H0251" from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" tribe |strong="H0251" of |strong="H3068" Levi were |strong="H1961" trained |strong="H3925" to |strong="H1961" sing. There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" 288 men |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" learned |strong="H3925" to |strong="H1961" sing praises |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>8</sup> They

<sup>1</sup> TEMPLE Here, this means the Holy Tent where people went to worship the Lord.



threw *lots* choose the *different kinds of work* each person was *was* to do. Everyone was treated the same. Young and old were treated the same. And the teacher *was* treated the same as *the* student.

9 The first one Asaph (Joseph). Second, there were 12 men chosen from Gedaliah's sons and relatives.

10 Third, there were 12 men chosen from Zaccur's sons and relatives.

11 Fourth, there were 12 men chosen from Izri's sons and relatives.

12 Fifth, there were 12 men chosen from Nethaniah's sons and relatives.

13 Sixth, there were 12 men chosen from Bukkiah's sons and relatives.

14 Seventh, there were 12 men chosen from Asarelah's sons and relatives.

15 Eighth, there were 12 men chosen from Jeshaiiah's sons and relatives.

16 Ninth, there were 12 men chosen from Mattaniah's sons and relatives.

17 Tenth, there were 12 men chosen from Shimei's

sons and relatives.

18 Eleventh, there were 12 men chosen from Azarel's sons and relatives.

19 Twelfth, there were 12 men chosen from Hashabiah's sons and relatives.

20 Thirteenth, there were 12 men chosen from Shubael's sons and relatives.

21 Fourteenth, there were 12 men chosen from Mattithiah's sons and relatives.

22 Fifteenth, there were 12 men chosen from Jeremoth's sons and relatives.

23 Sixteenth, there were 12 men chosen from Hananiah's sons and relatives.

24 Seventeenth, there were 12 men chosen from Joshbekashah's sons and relatives.

25 Eighteenth, there were 12 men chosen from Hanani's sons and relatives.

26 Nineteenth, there were 12 men chosen from Mallothi's sons and relatives.

27 Twentieth, there were 12 men chosen from Eliathah's sons and relatives.

28 Twenty-first, there were 12 men chosen from Hothir's sons and relatives.

29 Twenty-second, there were 12 men chosen from Giddalti's sons and relatives.

30 Twenty-third, there were 12 men chosen from Mahazioth's sons and relatives.

31 Twenty-fourth, there were 12 men chosen from Romamti Ezer's sons and relatives.

### The Gatekeepers

26 These are the groups of the gatekeepers from the Korah family: There was Meshelemiah, son of Kore, from the Asaph family. Meshelemiah had sons Zechariah, the oldest son, Jediael, the second son, Zebadiah, the third son, Jathniel, the fourth son, Elam, the fifth son, Jehohanan, the sixth son, and Eliehoenai, the seventh son. 4 Obed Edom had sons, his oldest son was Shemaiah, Jehozabad, his second son, Joah, his third son, Sacar, his fourth son, Nethanel, his fifth son, Ammiel, his sixth son, Issachar, his seventh son, and Peullethai, his eighth son. God really blessed Obed Edom's son

Shemaiah also had his sons. His sons were leaders in their father's family because they were brave soldiers. 7 Shemaiah's sons were Othni, Rephael, Obed, Elihu, and Semakiah. Elzabad's relatives were skilled workers. 8 All these men were Obed Edom's descendants. These men and their sons and relatives were powerful guards. Obed Edom had 62 descendants. 9 Meshelemiah had and who were powerful men. In all there were 18 sons and relatives. 10 These are the gatekeepers from the Merari family: Hosah, son of Merari, chose his son Shimri to be leader, even though he was not the oldest son. 11 Hilkiyah was Hosah's second son, Tebaliah, his third son, Zechariah, his fourth son. In all these 13 sons and relatives

1 Obed Edom God blessed Obed Edom when the Box of the Agreement stayed at his house. See 1 Chron. 21.

tives |strong="H0251" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" gatekeepers.

<sup>12</sup> These |strong="H0428" were |strong="H0428" the |strong="H3068" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3068" groups |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3068" gatekeepers |strong="H7778". The |strong="H3068" gatekeepers |strong="H7778" had |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" special way to |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H8334" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004", just |strong="H5980" as |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" relatives |strong="H0251" did. <sup>13</sup> Each |strong="H8179" family |strong="H1004" was |strong="H1004" given a |strong="H5307" gate |strong="H8179" to |strong="H0001" guard. Lots |strong="H1486" were |strong="H5307" thrown to |strong="H0001" choose a |strong="H5307" gate |strong="H8179" for |strong="H1004" a |strong="H5307" family |strong="H1004". Young and |strong="H1004" old |strong="H1419" were |strong="H5307" treated the |strong="H1004" same.

<sup>14</sup> Meshelamiah was |strong="H1121" chosen to |strong="H1121" guard the |strong="H3318" East |strong="H4217" Gate. Then |strong="H3318" lots |strong="H1486" were |strong="H1121" thrown for |strong="H3318" Meshelamiah's son |strong="H1121" Zechariah |strong="H2148". Zechariah |strong="H2148" was |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3318" wise counselor |strong="H3289". Zechariah |strong="H2148" was |strong="H1121" chosen for |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" North |strong="H6828" Gate. <sup>15</sup> Obed Edom was |strong="H1004" chosen for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H1121" South |strong="H5045" Gate. And |strong="H1121" Obed Edom's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" chosen to |strong="H1004" guard the |strong="H1121" house |strong="H1004" where |strong="H1004" the |strong="H1121" valuable things were |strong="H1121" kept. <sup>16</sup> Shup-pim |strong="H8206" and |strong="H8179" Hosah |strong="H2621" were |strong="H8179" chosen for |strong="H5973" the |strong="H5973" West |strong="H4628" Gate |strong="H8179" and |strong="H8179" the |strong="H5973" Shalleketh Gate |strong="H8179" on |strong="H5927" the |strong="H5973" upper road.

Guards stood side |strong="H4628" by |strong="H5973" side |strong="H4628". <sup>17</sup> Six |strong="H8337" Levites |strong="H3881" stood guard every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" East |strong="H4217" Gate. Four |strong="H0702" Levites |strong="H3881" stood guard every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117"

at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" North |strong="H6828" Gate. Four |strong="H0702" Levites |strong="H3881" stood guard at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" South |strong="H5045" Gate. And |strong="H3117" two |strong="H8147" Levites |strong="H3881" guarded the |strong="H3117" house where the |strong="H3117" valuable things |strong="H8147" were |strong="H3881" kept. <sup>18</sup> There were |strong="H0702" four |strong="H0702" guards at the |strong="H8147" western court <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H4546" two |strong="H8147" guards on the |strong="H8147" road to the |strong="H8147" court.

<sup>19</sup> These |strong="H0428" were |strong="H0428" the |strong="H1121" groups |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" gatekeepers |strong="H7778" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" families |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Korah |strong="H7145" and |strong="H1121" Merari |strong="H4847".

The |strong="H1121" Treasurers and |strong="H1121" Other |strong="H0428" Officials

<sup>20</sup> Ahijah |strong="H0281" was |strong="H0430" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" tribe of |strong="H1004" Levi |strong="H3881". Ahijah |strong="H0281" was |strong="H0430" responsible for |strong="H5921" taking care |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" valuable things |strong="H6944" in |strong="H5921" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004". Ahijah |strong="H0281" also |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0430" responsible for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" places |strong="H1004" where |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" holy |strong="H6944" things |strong="H6944" were |strong="H3881" kept.

<sup>21</sup> Ladan |strong="H3936" was |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" Gershon's family |strong="H0001". Jehieli |strong="H3172" was |strong="H1121" one |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" tribe of |strong="H1121" Ladan |strong="H3936". <sup>22</sup> Jehieli's sons |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" Zetham |strong="H2241" and |strong="H1121" Zetham's brother |strong="H0251" Joel |strong="H3100". They |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1121" responsible for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" valuable things in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>23</sup> Other leaders were |strong="H2276" chosen from the tribes of Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

I COURT The meaning of this word is uncertain.

24 Shubael *strong="H7619"* was *strong="H4872"* the *strong="H5921"* leader *strong="H5057"* responsible for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* valuable things *strong="H5057"* kept in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* Temple. Shubael *strong="H7619"* was *strong="H4872"* Gershom's *strong="H1647"* son *strong="H1121"*. Gershom *strong="H1647"* was *strong="H4872"* Moses' *strong="H4872"* son *strong="H1121"*.  
 25 These were *strong="H1121"* Shubael's relatives *strong="H0251"*: His *strong="H3141"* relatives *strong="H0251"* from *strong="H1121"* Eliezer *strong="H0461"* were *strong="H1121"* Rehabiah *strong="H7345"*, Eliezer's son *strong="H1121"*; Jeshaiah *strong="H3470"*, Rehabiah's son *strong="H1121"*; Joram *strong="H3141"*, Jeshaiah's son *strong="H1121"*; Zicri *strong="H2147"*, Joram's son *strong="H1121"*; and *strong="H1121"* Shelomith *strong="H8013"*, Zicri's son *strong="H1121"*.  
 26 Shelomith *strong="H8013"* and *strong="H3967"* his *strong="H3605"* relatives *strong="H0251"* were *strong="H0834"* responsible *strong="H7218"* for *strong="H5921"* everything *strong="H3605"* that *strong="H0834"* David *strong="H1732"* had *strong="H0834"* collected for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* Temple. The *strong="H3605"* officers *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H3605"* army *strong="H6635"* also *strong="H1732"* gave things *strong="H6944"* for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* Temple.  
 27 They *strong="H3068"* gave *strong="H2388"* some *strong="H4480"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H4480"* things taken *strong="H2388"* in *strong="H3068"* wars *strong="H4421"*. They *strong="H3068"* gave *strong="H2388"* these things to *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* used for *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H4480"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Temple *strong="H1004"*.  
 28 Shelomith *strong="H8019"* and *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H3605"* relatives *strong="H0251"* took care *strong="H3027"* of *strong="H1121"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* things *strong="H3605"* that *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H1121"* gave to *strong="H5921"* be *strong="H1121"* used *strong="H3605"* for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* Temple. This *strong="H3605"* included *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* things *strong="H3605"* given *strong="H3027"* by *strong="H5921"* Samuel *strong="H8050"* the *strong="H3605"* seer, Saul *strong="H7586"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Kish *strong="H7027"*, Abner *strong="H0074"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Ner *strong="H5369"*, and *strong="H1121"* Joab *strong="H3097"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Zeruiah *strong="H6870"*.

29 Kenaniah *strong="H3663"* was *strong="H3478"* from *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* Izhar family. Kenaniah *strong="H3663"* and *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H5921"* sons *strong="H1121"* had *strong="H3478"* work *strong="H4399"* outside *strong="H2435"* the *strong="H5921"* Temple. They *strong="H5921"* worked *strong="H4399"* as *strong="H1121"* court officers *strong="H7860"* and *strong="H1121"* judges *strong="H8199"* in *strong="H5921"* different places in *strong="H5921"* Israel *strong="H3478"*.  
 30 Hashabiah *strong="H2811"* was *strong="H3068"* from *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* Hebron family *strong="H0505"*. Hashabiah *strong="H2811"* and *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H3605"* relatives *strong="H0251"* were *strong="H3478"* responsible for *strong="H5921"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* work *strong="H4399"* and *strong="H1121"* for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* king's *strong="H4428"* business *strong="H4399"* in *strong="H5921"* Israel *strong="H3478"* west *strong="H4628"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* Jordan *strong="H3383"* River. There *strong="H3068"* were *strong="H3478"* 1700 powerful *strong="H2428"* men *strong="H1121"* in *strong="H5921"* Hashabiah's group.  
 31 The *strong="H1875"* family *strong="H0001"* history *strong="H8435"* of *strong="H8141"* the *strong="H1875"* Hebron family *strong="H0001"* shows that *strong="H1732"* Jeriah *strong="H3404"* was *strong="H1732"* their *strong="H1875"* leader *strong="H7218"*. When *strong="H4672"* David *strong="H1732"* had *strong="H1732"* been king for *strong="H2428"* 40 years *strong="H8141"*, he *strong="H1732"* ordered his *strong="H1732"* people to *strong="H0001"* search *strong="H1875"* through the *strong="H1875"* family *strong="H0001"* histories for *strong="H2428"* strong *strong="H2428"* and *strong="H7218"* skilled men *strong="H1368"*. Some of *strong="H8141"* them *strong="H4672"* were *strong="H2428"* found *strong="H4672"* among *strong="H4672"* the *strong="H1875"* Hebron family *strong="H0001"* living in *strong="H8141"* the *strong="H1875"* town of *strong="H8141"* Jazer *strong="H3270"* in *strong="H8141"* Gilead *strong="H1568"*.  
 32 Jeriah had *strong="H0430"* 2700 relatives *strong="H0251"* who *strong="H3605"* were *strong="H1121"* powerful *strong="H2428"* men *strong="H1121"* and *strong="H1121"* leaders *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H1121"* families *strong="H0505"*. King *strong="H4428"* David *strong="H1732"* gave *strong="H6485"* these *strong="H3605"* 2700 relatives *strong="H0251"* the *strong="H3605"* responsibility *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H1121"* leading *strong="H7218"* the *strong="H3605"* tribes *strong="H7626"* of *strong="H1121"*

Reuben |strong="H7206", Gad |strong="H1425", and |strong="H1121" half |strong="H2677" of |strong="H1121" Manasseh in |strong="H5921" taking care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H1121" God's |strong="H0430" work |strong="H1697" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" business |strong="H1697".

### Army Groups

**27** This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" list |strong="H4557" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3605" served |strong="H8334" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" army. Each |strong="H0259" group was |strong="H3478" on |strong="H0935" duty |strong="H1697" one |strong="H0259" month |strong="H2320" each |strong="H0259" year |strong="H8141". There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" rulers |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" families |strong="H0505", captains |strong="H8269", generals |strong="H8269", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" court |strong="H3318" officers |strong="H8269" who |strong="H3605" served |strong="H8334" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428". Each |strong="H0259" army group had |strong="H3478" 24,000 men |strong="H1121".

<sup>2</sup> Jashobeam |strong="H3434" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zabdiel |strong="H2068" was |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223" group for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320". There were |strong="H1121" 24,000 men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" Jashobeam's group.

<sup>3</sup> Jashobeam, one |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" Perez's descendants |strong="H1121", was |strong="H1121" leader |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H6635" officers |strong="H8269" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320".

<sup>4</sup> Dodai |strong="H1737", from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Ahoahites, was |strong="H4256" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" army group for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" second |strong="H8145" month |strong="H2320". Mikloth |strong="H4732" was |strong="H4256" a |strong="H5921" leader |strong="H5057" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H4256" group. There were |strong="H0702" 24,000 men in |strong="H5921" Dodai's group.

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H5921" third |strong="H7992" commander |strong="H8269", for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" third |strong="H7992" month |strong="H2320", was |strong="H1121" Benaiah |strong="H1141" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" the |strong="H5921" leading |strong="H7218" priest |strong="H3548". There were |strong="H1121" 24,000 men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" Benaiah's group. <sup>6</sup> He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H5921" same |strong="H1931" Benaiah |strong="H1141" who |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" a |strong="H5921" brave soldier from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Thirty |strong="H7970" Heroes |strong="H1368". He |strong="H1931" led these |strong="H1931" men |strong="H1368". His |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" Ammizabad |strong="H5990" was |strong="H1931" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" Benaiah's group.

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H5921" fourth |strong="H7243" commander, for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" fourth |strong="H7243" month |strong="H2320", was |strong="H1121" Asahel |strong="H6214" the |strong="H5921" brother |strong="H0251" of |strong="H1121" Joab |strong="H3097". Later |strong="H0310", Asahel's |strong="H6214" son |strong="H1121" Zebadiah |strong="H2069" took his |strong="H5921" place as |strong="H1121" commander. There were |strong="H1121" 24,000 men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" Asahel's |strong="H6214" group.

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H5921" fifth |strong="H2549" commander |strong="H8269", for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" fifth |strong="H2549" month |strong="H2320", was |strong="H4256" Shamhuth |strong="H8049" from |strong="H5921" Zerah's family |strong="H0505". There were |strong="H8269" 24,000 men |strong="H8269" in |strong="H5921" Shamhuth's group.

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H5921" sixth |strong="H8345" commander, for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sixth |strong="H8345" month |strong="H2320", was |strong="H1121" Ira |strong="H5896" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ikkes |strong="H6142" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" town of |strong="H1121" Tekoa |strong="H8621". There were |strong="H1121" 24,000 men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" Ira's group.

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H5921" seventh |strong="H7637" commander, for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" seventh |strong="H7637" month |strong="H2320", was |strong="H1121" Helez |strong="H2503" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H5921" Pelonites and |strong="H1121"

a descendant of Ephraim. There were 24,000 men in Helez's group.

11 The eighth commander, for the eighth month, was Sibbecai from Hushah and Zerah's family. There were 24,000 men in Sibbecai's group.

12 The ninth commander, for the ninth month, was Abiezer from the town of Anathoth and the tribe of Benjamin. There were 24,000 men in Abiezer's group.

13 The tenth commander, for the tenth month, was Maharai from Ne-tophah and Zerah's family. There were 24,000 men in Maharai's group.

14 The eleventh commander, for the eleventh month, was Benaiah from Pirathon and the tribe of Ephraim. There were 24,000 men in Benaiah's group.

15 The twelfth commander, for the twelfth month, was Heldai from Ne-tophah and Othniel's family. There were 24,000 men in Heldai's group.

#### Leaders of the Tribes of Israel

16 These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel:

Eliezer son of Zicri,

leader of the tribe of Reuben;  
Shephatiah son of Maacah, leader of the tribe of Simeon;  
17 Hashabiah son of Kemuel, leader of the tribe of Levi;  
Zadok, leader of the people of the tribe of Aaron;  
18 Elihu, one of David's brothers, leader of the tribe of Judah;  
Omri son of Michael, leader of the tribe of Is-sachar;

19 Ishmaiah son of Obadiah, leader of the tribe of Zebulun;  
Jeremoth son of Azriel, leader of the tribe of Naphtali;  
20 Hoshea son of Azariah, leader of the tribe of Ephraim;

Joel son of Pedaiah, leader of West Man-asseh;

21 Iddo son of Zechariah, leader of East Man-asseh;

Jaasiel son of Abner, leader of the tribe of Benjamin;

22 Azarel son of Jeroham, leader of the tribe of Dan.

These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.

tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".

### David Counts the |strong="H1121" Israelites |strong="H3478"

<sup>23</sup> David |strong="H1732" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" count |strong="H4557" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" in |strong="H8141" Israel |strong="H3478". There |strong="H3068" were |strong="H3478" very many |strong="H7235" people |strong="H1121" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" as |strong="H3068" many |strong="H7235" as |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" stars |strong="H3556" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" sky |strong="H8064". So |strong="H3808" David |strong="H1732" counted |strong="H4557" only |strong="H7235" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068" were |strong="H3478" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" older. <sup>24</sup> Joab |strong="H3097" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeruah |strong="H6870" began |strong="H2490" to |strong="H1961" count |strong="H4487" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1121", but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3117" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" finish |strong="H3615". <sup>1</sup> God |strong="H3808" became |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H7110" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478". That |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" why |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" number |strong="H4557" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" put |strong="H3615" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" book, The |strong="H5921" History of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732".

### The |strong="H5921" King's |strong="H4428" Administrators

<sup>25</sup> This is |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" list of |strong="H1121" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" responsible for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" king's |strong="H4428" property:  
 Azmaveth |strong="H5820" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Adiel |strong="H5717" was |strong="H4428" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121"

<sup>1</sup> JOAB ... DID NOT FINISH God stopped him. See 1 Chron. 21:1-30.

the |strong="H5921" king's |strong="H4428" storerooms.

Jonathan |strong="H3083" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Uzziah |strong="H5818" was |strong="H4428" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" storerooms in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" small towns |strong="H5892", villages |strong="H3723", fields |strong="H7704", and |strong="H1121" towers |strong="H4026".

<sup>26</sup> Ezri |strong="H5836" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kelub |strong="H3620" was |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" field |strong="H7704" workers |strong="H4399".

<sup>27</sup> Shimei |strong="H8096" from |strong="H5921" Ramah was |strong="H3196" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" vineyards |strong="H3754". Zabdi |strong="H2067" from |strong="H5921" Shepham was |strong="H3196" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" storage and |strong="H3196" care |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" wine |strong="H3196" that |strong="H3196" came from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" vineyards |strong="H3754".

<sup>28</sup> Baal Hanan from |strong="H5921" Geder was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" olive |strong="H2132" trees |strong="H2132" and |strong="H8081" sycamore |strong="H8256" trees |strong="H2132" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" western hill country.

Joash |strong="H3135" was |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" storing the |strong="H0834" olive |strong="H2132" oil |strong="H8081".

<sup>29</sup> Shitrai |strong="H7861" from |strong="H5921" Sharon |strong="H8289" was |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" cattle |strong="H1241" around |strong="H5921" Sharon |strong="H8289".

Shaphat |strong="H8202" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Adlai |strong="H5724" was |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" cattle |strong="H1241" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" valleys |strong="H6010".

<sup>30</sup> Obil |strong="H0179" the |strong="H5921" Ishmaelite |strong="H3459" was |strong="H3459" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" camels |strong="H1581".

Jehdeiah *strong="H3165"* the *strong="H5921"* Meronothite *strong="H4824"* was *strong="H3459"* in *strong="H5921"* charge *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* donkeys *strong="H0860"*.

<sup>31</sup> Jaziz *strong="H3151"* the *strong="H3605"* Hagrite *strong="H1905"* was *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H5921"* charge *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H3605"* sheep *strong="H6629"*.

All *strong="H3605"* these *strong="H0428"* men *strong="H3605"* were *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* leaders *strong="H8269"* who *strong="H0834"* took care *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H4428"* King *strong="H4428"* David's *strong="H1732"* property *strong="H7399"*.

<sup>32</sup> Jonathan *strong="H3083"* was *strong="H1732"* a *strong="H0376"* wise counselor *strong="H3289"* and *strong="H1121"* a *strong="H0376"* scribe *strong="H5608"*. He *strong="H1931"* was *strong="H1732"* David's *strong="H1732"* uncle *strong="H1730"*. Jehiel *strong="H3171"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Hacmoni took *strong="H3289"* care of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H5973"* king's *strong="H4428"* sons *strong="H1121"*. <sup>33</sup> Ahithophel *strong="H0302"* was *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H2365"* king's *strong="H4428"* counselor *strong="H3289"*. Hushai *strong="H2365"* was *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H2365"* king's *strong="H4428"* friend *strong="H7453"*. Hushai *strong="H2365"* was *strong="H4428"* from *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H2365"* Arkites. <sup>34</sup> Jehoia-da *strong="H3077"* and *strong="H1121"* Abiathar *strong="H0054"* later *strong="H0310"* took Ahithophel's *strong="H0302"* place as *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0310"* king's *strong="H4428"* counselor. Jehoia-da *strong="H3077"* was *strong="H4428"* Benaiah's son *strong="H1121"*. Joab *strong="H3097"* was *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0310"* commander *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0310"* king's *strong="H4428"* army *strong="H6635"*.

### David's Plans for the Temple

**28** David *strong="H1732"* gathered *strong="H6950"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* leaders *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* and *strong="H1121"* commanded them *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* come to *strong="H0413"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. David *strong="H1732"* called all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* leaders *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* tribes *strong="H7626"*, the *strong="H3605"* commanders *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H1121"*

the *strong="H3605"* army *strong="H2428"* groups *strong="H1121"* serving *strong="H8334"* the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"*, the *strong="H3605"* captains *strong="H8269"*, the *strong="H3605"* generals *strong="H8269"*, the *strong="H3605"* officials *strong="H8269"* taking care *strong="H8334"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* property *strong="H7399"* and *strong="H1121"* animals that *strong="H3605"* belonged to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"* and *strong="H1121"* his *strong="H3605"* sons *strong="H1121"*, the *strong="H3605"* king's *strong="H4428"* important officials *strong="H8269"*, the *strong="H3605"* powerful *strong="H1368"* heroes *strong="H1368"*, and *strong="H1121"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* brave *strong="H2428"* soldiers *strong="H2428"*.

<sup>2</sup> King *strong="H4428"* David *strong="H1732"* stood *strong="H6965"* up *strong="H6965"* and *strong="H6965"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Listen *strong="H8085"* to *strong="H0559"* me *strong="H5921"*, my *strong="H8085"* brothers *strong="H0251"* and *strong="H6965"* my *strong="H8085"* people *strong="H5971"*. In *strong="H5921"* my *strong="H8085"* heart *strong="H3824"* I *strong="H0589"* wanted *strong="H3824"* to *strong="H0559"* build *strong="H1129"* a *strong="H1129"* place *strong="H4496"* to *strong="H0559"* keep *strong="H8085"* the *strong="H0559"* Box of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Agreement *strong="H1285"*. I *strong="H0589"* wanted *strong="H3824"* to *strong="H0559"* build *strong="H1129"* a *strong="H1129"* place *strong="H4496"* that *strong="H8085"* would *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* God's *strong="H0430"* footstool. <sup>1</sup> And *strong="H6965"* I *strong="H0589"* made *strong="H3559"* the *strong="H0559"* plans for *strong="H5921"* building *strong="H1129"* that *strong="H8085"* house *strong="H1004"* for *strong="H5921"* God *strong="H0430"*. <sup>3</sup> But *strong="H3588"* God *strong="H0430"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* me *strong="H3808"*, 'No *strong="H3808"* David, you *strong="H0859"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* build *strong="H1129"* a *strong="H3588"* house *strong="H1004"* for *strong="H3588"* my *strong="H3588"* name *strong="H8034"*. You *strong="H0859"* must *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* do that *strong="H3588"* because *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H0376"* a *strong="H3588"* soldier *strong="H4421"*,

<sup>1</sup> FOOTSTOOL Usually this was a small stool in front of a chair, but here, it means the Temple. It is as if God were the king sitting in his chair and resting his feet on the building David wanted to build.



and you have killed many men.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD, the God of Israel, chose the tribe of Judah to lead the twelve tribes of Israel. Then from that tribe he chose my father's family. And from that family he chose me to be king of Israel forever. Yes, God wanted to make me king of Israel. <sup>5</sup> The LORD has given me many sons from those sons, he chose Solomon to be king of Israel. But really, Israel is the LORD'S kingdom. <sup>6</sup> He said to me, 'David, your son will build my Temple and the area around it, because I have chosen Solomon to be my son, and I will be his father.' <sup>7</sup> Solomon is obeying my laws and commands now.

I I WILL BE HIS FATHER This showed that God was making Solomon the king. See Psalm 2:7.

If he continues to obey my laws, I will make Solomon's kingdom forever.

<sup>8</sup> David said, " Now, in all the LORD'S people, and before I tell these things to you: Be careful to obey the commands of the LORD your God. Then you can keep good and on your descendants forever.

<sup>9</sup> And you, Solomon, know the God of your father. Serve God with a pure heart. Be happy to serve him, because the LORD knows what is in everyone's heart. He knows what you are thinking. If you go to him for help, you will get an answer. But if you turn away from him, he will leave you forever. <sup>10</sup> Solomon, you must understand that the LORD

LORD has chosen you to build his holy place—the Temple. Be strong and finish the job."

<sup>11</sup> Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for building the Temple. They included plans for the porch around the Temple, its buildings, its storerooms, its upper rooms, its inside rooms, and the room for the mercy-cover.

<sup>12</sup> David had made plans for all the Temple. He gave them to Solomon. David gave him all the plans for the courtyard around LORD'S Temple and for all rooms around it. He gave him the plans for the Temple storerooms and for the storerooms where they kept the holy things in the Temple. <sup>13</sup> David told Solomon about the groups of priests and Levites. He told Solomon about all the work of serving in LORD'S Temple

about all things he used in the Temple service. <sup>14</sup> David told Solomon how much gold and silver should be used to make all things to be used in the Temple. <sup>15</sup> There were plans for gold lamps and lampstands, and there were plans for silver lamps and lampstands. David told Solomon how much gold or silver use each lampstand and its lamps. The different lampstands were to be used where needed. <sup>16</sup> David told him how much gold should be used for each table and holy bread and how much silver should be used for the tables. <sup>17</sup> He told Solomon how much pure gold should be used to make the forks, sprinkling bowls, and pitchers. He told him how much gold should be used to make each gold dish and how much silver should be used to make each silver dish. <sup>18</sup> He told him how much pure gold should be used for the altar of incense. David also gave Solomon the plans for God's chariot—the mercy-cover with the Cherub angels spread

ing|strong="H6566" their|strong="H3068" wings  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Box  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" Agreement|strong="H1285".  
The|strong="H5921" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels  
were|strong="H3742" made of|strong="H3068"  
gold|strong="H2091".

<sup>19</sup> David|strong="H3027" said, " All|strong="H3605"  
these|strong="H3605" plans were|strong="H3027"  
written with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" guiding me|strong="H5921".  
He|strong="H3068" helped|strong="H3027"  
me|strong="H5921" understand|strong="H7919"  
everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" plans."

<sup>20</sup> David|strong="H1732" also|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
his|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121"  
Solomon|strong="H8010", " Be|strong="H3808"  
strong|strong="H2388" and|strong="H1121" brave  
and|strong="H1121" finish|strong="H3615"  
this|strong="H3588" work|strong="H4399".  
Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H3808"  
afraid|strong="H3372", because|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430", my|strong="H3605"  
God|strong="H0430", is|strong="H3068"  
with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H3588".  
He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" help  
you|strong="H3588" until|strong="H5704"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
work|strong="H4399" is|strong="H3068" fin-  
ished|strong="H3615". He|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"  
leave|strong="H5800" you|strong="H3588".  
You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" build  
the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004". <sup>21</sup> The|strong="H3605" groups  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605"  
priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H0430"  
Levites|strong="H3881" are|strong="H1697" ready  
for|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H4399"  
on|strong="H4399" God's|strong="H0430" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004". Every|strong="H3605" skilled  
worker|strong="H4399" is|strong="H0430" ready  
to|strong="H0430" help|strong="H5971"  
you|strong="H3605" with|strong="H5973"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
work|strong="H4399". The|strong="H3605" offi-  
cials|strong="H8269" and|strong="H0430"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0430" obey  
every|strong="H3605" command|strong="H1697"  
you|strong="H3605" give."

### Gifts for Building the Temple

<sup>29</sup> King|strong="H4428" David|strong="H1732"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites  
who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1121" gath-  
ered|strong="H6951" together|strong="H0259", "  
God|strong="H0430" chose|strong="H0977"  
my|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121"  
Solomon|strong="H8010". Solomon|strong="H8010"  
is|strong="H3068" young|strong="H5288"  
and|strong="H1121" does|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" know all|strong="H3605"  
that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" needs  
to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H3605"  
this|strong="H3588" work|strong="H4399".  
But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605"  
work|strong="H4399" is|strong="H3068"  
very|strong="H1419" important|strong="H1419".  
This|strong="H3588" house is|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3588" peo-  
ple|strong="H0120"; this|strong="H3588" house  
is|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430". <sup>2</sup> I|strong="H3559"  
have|strong="H3605" done|strong="H3559"  
my|strong="H3605" best to|strong="H0430" pro-  
vide|strong="H3559" what|strong="H3559"  
is|strong="H0430" needed for|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3605" building of|strong="H1004"  
my|strong="H3605" God's|strong="H0430" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004". I|strong="H3559"  
have|strong="H3605" given gold|strong="H2091"  
for|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605"  
things|strong="H3605" made|strong="H3559"  
of|strong="H1004" gold|strong="H2091".  
I|strong="H3559" have|strong="H3605" given sil-  
ver|strong="H3701" for|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605"  
made|strong="H3559" of|strong="H1004" sil-  
ver|strong="H3701". I|strong="H3559"  
have|strong="H3605" given bronze|strong="H5178"  
for|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605"  
things|strong="H3605" made|strong="H3559"  
of|strong="H1004" bronze|strong="H5178".  
I|strong="H3559" have|strong="H3605" given  
iron|strong="H1270" for|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605"  
made|strong="H3559" of|strong="H1004"  
iron|strong="H1270". I|strong="H3559"  
have|strong="H3605" given wood|strong="H6086"  
for|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605"  
things|strong="H3605" made|strong="H3559"  
of|strong="H1004" wood|strong="H6086".  
I|strong="H3559" have|strong="H3605" al-  
so|strong="H0430" given onyx|strong="H7718"  
stones|strong="H0068" for|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3605" settings|strong="H4394", <sup>1</sup> mosa-

ic tiles, <sup>1</sup> all kinds of valuable stones in many different colors, and white marble stones. <sup>3</sup> I am making a special gift of gold and silver and things my God's Temple am doing this because I really want of my God's temple built. I am giving all these things to build this holy Temple. <sup>4</sup> I have given 110 tons of pure gold from Ophir. I have given 263 tons of pure silver. The silver for covering the walls of the buildings in the Temple. <sup>5</sup> I have given gold and silver for all things made of gold and silver. I have given gold and silver so that skilled men can make all different kinds of things for the Temple. Now, how many of you Israelites are ready to give

I SETTINGS The frames in which stones are mounted. I MOSAIC TILES Literally, "stones set in mortar." II 110 TONS Literally, "3000 talents" (103,500 kg). III 263 TONS Literally, "7000 talents" (241,500 kg).

yourselves to the LORD today?"

<sup>6</sup> The family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals, the captains, and the officials responsible for the king's work, were all ready and gave their valuable things. <sup>7</sup> These are the things they gave for God's house: 190 tons of gold; 375 tons of silver; 675 tons of bronze; and 3750 tons of iron. <sup>8</sup> People who had valuable stones gave them to the LORD'S Temple. Jehiel took care of the valuable stones. He was from the Gershon family. <sup>9</sup> The people were very happy because their leaders were willing to give much. The leaders had given freely to the LORD from good hearts. King David was also very happy.

#### David's Beautiful Prayer

10 Then David praised the LORD

IV 190 TONS Literally, "5000 talents and 10,000 darics." V 375 TONS Literally, "10,000 talents" (345 metric tons). VI 675 TONS Literally, "18,000 talents" (621 metric tons). VII 3750 TONS Literally, "100,000 talents" (3450 metric tons).

LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0430" front of |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5869" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" gathered |strong="H6951" together.  
David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559",  
" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", our |strong="H3068" Father |strong="H0001",  
may |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0859" be |strong="H1288" and |strong="H1288" forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5769"!

<sup>11</sup> Greatness |strong="H1420", power |strong="H1369", glory |strong="H8597", victory |strong="H5331", and |strong="H3068" honor |strong="H8597" belong to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588",

because |strong="H3588" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3068" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776" belongs to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588"!

The |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4467" belongs to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588", LORD |strong="H3068"!

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H8064" the |strong="H3605" head |strong="H7218", the |strong="H3605" Ruler over |strong="H7218" everything |strong="H3605".

<sup>12</sup> Riches |strong="H6239" and |strong="H3027" honor |strong="H3519" come from |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0859".

You |strong="H0859" rule |strong="H4910" everything |strong="H3605".

You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0859" the |strong="H3605" power |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" strength |strong="H1369" in |strong="H2388" your |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027"!

And |strong="H3027" in |strong="H2388" your |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027" is |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" power |strong="H3027" to |strong="H3027" make |strong="H1431" anyone |strong="H3605" great |strong="H1431" and |strong="H3027" powerful |strong="H2388"!

<sup>13</sup> Now |strong="H6258", our |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430", we |strong="H0587" thank |strong="H3034" you |strong="H3034",  
and |strong="H0430" we |strong="H0587" praise |strong="H1984" your |strong="H3034" glorious |strong="H8597" name |strong="H8034"!

<sup>14</sup> All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3605" didn't come from |strong="H4480" me |strong="H5414"

and |strong="H3027" my |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3605" come from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588".

We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3027" only |strong="H3605" giving |strong="H5414" back |strong="H6113" to |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3588" came from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>15</sup> We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H3117" only |strong="H3605" strangers |strong="H1616" traveling through |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3588" world |strong="H0776"

like |strong="H0776" our |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001".

Our |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" on |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0369" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" passing shadow |strong="H6738",  
and |strong="H0776" we |strong="H0587" cannot |strong="H0369" stop it |strong="H5921".

<sup>16</sup> LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", we |strong="H0834" gathered all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H6944" to |strong="H3068" build |strong="H1129" your |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".

We |strong="H0834" build |strong="H1129" it |strong="H1931" to |strong="H3068" honor |strong="H8034" your |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034".

But |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H6944" have |strong="H0834" come from |strong="H3027" you |strong="H0834".

Everything |strong="H3605" belongs to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>17</sup> My |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430", I |strong="H0589" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" test |strong="H0974" people |strong="H5971",  
and |strong="H0430" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0428" happy |strong="H8057" when |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971" do |strong="H0589" what |strong="H3476" is |strong="H0430" right |strong="H4339".

I |strong="H0589" gladly give |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0859" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428"

with |strong="H3045" a |strong="H3588" pure, honest |strong="H3476" heart |strong="H3824".

I |strong="H0589" see |strong="H7200" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" gathered |strong="H3588" here |strong="H6311",

and |strong="H0430" I |strong="H0589" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0428" happy |strong="H8057" about |strong="H3045" giving these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" to |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0859".

<sup>18</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0413" are |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" our |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001", Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3327", and |strong="H3068" Jacob.

Please help |strong="H5971" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" plan |strong="H4284" the |strong="H0413" right |strong="H3559" things |strong="H3478".

Help |strong="H5971" them |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3478" loyal |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0413".

<sup>19</sup> And |strong="H1121" help my |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" Solomon |strong="H8010" be |strong="H1121" true to |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

Help him |strong="H5414" always obey |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687", laws |strong="H5715", and |strong="H1121" rules |strong="H2708".

Help Solomon |strong="H8010" do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605".

And |strong="H1121" help him |strong="H5414" build |strong="H1129" this |strong="H0834" Temple |strong="H1002" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" planned |strong="H3824".

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H0853" David |strong="H1732" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" group of |strong="H4428" people gathered |strong="H6951" together, " Now |strong="H4994" give |strong="H4994" praise |strong="H1288" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". " So |strong="H4994" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people gave |strong="H0559" praise |strong="H1288" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" worshiped |strong="H7812". They |strong="H3068" bowed |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" ground to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H4994" honor to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428".

### Solomon Becomes King |strong="H4428"

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H3605" next |strong="H4283" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1931" offered |strong="H5927" sacrifices |strong="H2077" and |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"—1000 bulls |strong="H6499", 1000 rams |strong="H0352", 1000 lambs |strong="H3532", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" drink offerings |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3605" go |strong="H5927" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5927". They |strong="H3117" offered |strong="H5927" these |strong="H1931" and |strong="H3068" many |strong="H7230" other |strong="H3605" sacrifices |strong="H2077" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478". <sup>22</sup> That |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" very |strong="H1419" happy |strong="H8057" as |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3117" ate |strong="H0398" and |strong="H1121" drank |strong="H8354" there |strong="H3068" together with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".

And |strong="H1121" they |strong="H3117" made David's |strong="H1732" son |strong="H1121" Solomon |strong="H8010" king |strong="H4427" the |strong="H6440" second |strong="H8145" time |strong="H3117". <sup>1</sup> They |strong="H3117" anointed |strong="H4886" Solomon |strong="H8010" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4427", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H3117" anointed |strong="H4886" Zadok |strong="H6659" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" priest |strong="H3548". They |strong="H3117" did |strong="H3117" this |strong="H1931" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" place where the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068".

<sup>23</sup> Then |strong="H8085" Solomon |strong="H8010" sat |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" throne |strong="H3678" as |strong="H3068" king |strong="H4428". Solomon |strong="H8010" took his |strong="H3605" father's |strong="H0001" place |strong="H8478". He |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" very successful |strong="H6743". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" obeyed |strong="H8085" him |strong="H0413". <sup>24</sup> All |strong="H3605"

<sup>1</sup> AND THEY MADE ... TIME Solomon was chosen to be king the first time when his half-brother Adonijah tried to make himself king. See 1 Kings 1:5-39.

the *strong*="H3605" leaders *strong*="H8269", soldiers *strong*="H1368", and *strong*="H1121" all *strong*="H3605" of *strong*="H1121" King *strong*="H4428" David's *strong*="H1732" sons *strong*="H1121" accepted Solomon *strong*="H8010" as *strong*="H1571" king *strong*="H4428" and *strong*="H1121" obeyed him *strong*="H5414". <sup>25</sup> The *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" made *strong*="H5414" Solomon *strong*="H8010" very *strong*="H4605" great *strong*="H1431". All *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" Israelites *strong*="H3478" knew that *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H3605" Lord *strong*="H3068" was *strong*="H1961" making *strong*="H5414" him *strong*="H5414" great *strong*="H1431". He *strong*="H0834" gave *strong*="H5414" Solomon *strong*="H8010" the *strong*="H3605" honor *strong*="H1935" that *strong*="H0834" a *strong*="H1961" king *strong*="H4428" should *strong*="H3068" have *strong*="H1961". No *strong*="H3808" king *strong*="H4428" in *strong*="H5921" Israel *strong*="H3478" before *strong*="H6440" Solomon *strong*="H8010" had *strong*="H3068" such *strong*="H0834" honor *strong*="H1935".

#### David's Death

<sup>26</sup> David son of Jesse was king over all Israel for 40 years. He was king in the city of Hebron for seven years. Then he was king in the city of Jerusalem for 33 years. <sup>28</sup> David *strong*="H3117" died *strong*="H4191" when *strong*="H3117" he *strong*="H3117" was *strong*="H3117" old *strong*="H1121". He *strong*="H3117" had *strong*="H8010" lived a *strong*="H8478" good *strong*="H2896",

long *strong*="H3117" life *strong*="H3117" and *strong*="H1121" had *strong*="H8010" many riches *strong*="H6239" and *strong*="H1121" honors. His *strong*="H8478" son *strong*="H1121" Solomon *strong*="H8010" became *strong*="H4427" the *strong*="H3117" new king *strong*="H4427" after *strong*="H3117" him *strong*="H4191".

<sup>29</sup> The *strong*="H5921" things *strong*="H1697" that *strong*="H7200" King *strong*="H4428" David *strong*="H1732" did, from *strong*="H5921" beginning *strong*="H7223" to *strong*="H5921" end *strong*="H0314", are *strong*="H1697" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" books written *strong*="H3789" by *strong*="H5921" Samuel *strong*="H8050" the *strong*="H5921" seer *strong*="H2374", Nathan *strong*="H5416" the *strong*="H5921" prophet *strong*="H5030", and *strong*="H4428" Gad *strong*="H1410" the *strong*="H5921" seer *strong*="H2374". <sup>30</sup> Those *strong*="H3605" writings tell *strong*="H3605" all *strong*="H3605" about *strong*="H5921" what *strong*="H0834" David *strong*="H5973" did *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" king *strong*="H5921" of *strong*="H0776" Israel *strong*="H3478". They *strong*="H0834" tell *strong*="H3605" about *strong*="H5921" David's power *strong*="H1369" and *strong*="H3478" what *strong*="H0834" happened to *strong*="H5921" him *strong*="H5921" and *strong*="H3478" to *strong*="H5921" Israel *strong*="H3478" and *strong*="H3478" to *strong*="H5921" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" kingdoms *strong*="H4467" around *strong*="H5921" them *strong*="H5921".

## 2 Chronicles

### Solomon Asks for Wisdom

**1** Solomon *strong="H8010"*, the *strong="H5921"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* David *strong="H1732"*, became *strong="H1431"* a *strong="H5921"* very *strong="H4605"* *strong="H2388"* king *strong="H5921"*, because *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* LORD *strong="H3068"* his *strong="H5921"* God *strong="H0430"* was *strong="H3068"* with *strong="H5973"* him *strong="H5921"* and *strong="H1121"* made *strong="H2388"* him *strong="H5921"* very *strong="H4605"* great *strong="H1431"*.

**2** The people of Israel and the captains, generals, judges, leaders, and heads of the families were all gathered together. Solomon spoke to them, and then they all went to the high place at Gibeon. They went there because God's Meeting Tent was there. The LORD'S servant Moses made this tent when he and the Israelites were in the desert. **4** David *strong="H1732"* had *strong="H0430"* carried *strong="H5927"* God's *strong="H0430"* Box of *strong="H0430"* the *strong="H3588"* Agreement from *strong="H5927"* Kiriath *strong="H7157"* Jearim to *strong="H3389"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"* where he *strong="H3588"* had *strong="H0430"* set *strong="H3559"* up *strong="H5927"* another tent *strong="H0168"* for *strong="H3588"* it *strong="H3588"*. **5** But *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H6440"* bronze *strong="H5178"* altar *strong="H4196"* that *strong="H0834"* Bezalel *strong="H1212"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Uri *strong="H0221"*, who *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H6440"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Hur *strong="H2354"*, had *strong="H3068"* made *strong="H6213"* was *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H3068"* front *strong="H6440"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H6440"* Holy Tent at *strong="H3068"* Gibeon. So *strong="H6213"* Solomon *strong="H8010"* and *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H6440"* people *strong="H1121"* went *strong="H6440"* there *strong="H3068"* to *strong="H3068"* ask *strong="H1875"* the *strong="H6440"* LORD *strong="H3068"* for *strong="H4196"* advice. **6** Solomon *strong="H8010"* went *strong="H5927"*

up *strong="H5927"* to *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H6440"* bronze *strong="H5178"* altar *strong="H4196"* before *strong="H6440"* the *strong="H6440"* LORD *strong="H3068"* at *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H6440"* Meeting *strong="H4150"* Tent *strong="H0168"* and *strong="H3068"* offered *strong="H5927"* a *strong="H0834"* thousand *strong="H0505"* burnt *strong="H5930"* offerings *strong="H3068"* on *strong="H5921"* it *strong="H5921"*.

**7** That *strong="H7200"* night *strong="H3915"* God *strong="H0430"* came *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* Solomon *strong="H8010"* and *strong="H0430"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Ask *strong="H7592"* me *strong="H5414"* for *strong="H7592"* whatever *strong="H4100"* you *strong="H5414"* want me *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H0559"* give *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H5414"*."

**8** Solomon *strong="H8010"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* God *strong="H0430"*, "You *strong="H0859"* were *strong="H0430"* very *strong="H1419"* kind to *strong="H0559"* my *strong="H1732"* father *strong="H0001"* David *strong="H1732"* when *strong="H6213"* you *strong="H0859"* allowed me *strong="H5973"* to *strong="H0559"* rule *strong="H4427"* on *strong="H8478"* his *strong="H1732"* throne after him *strong="H5973"*". **9** Now *strong="H6258"*, LORD *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*, continue to *strong="H5921"* keep your *strong="H3068"* promise *strong="H1697"* to *strong="H5921"* my *strong="H3068"* father *strong="H0001"* David *strong="H1732"*. You *strong="H0859"* made me *strong="H5921"* king *strong="H4427"* over *strong="H5921"* so *strong="H6258"* many *strong="H7227"* people *strong="H5971"* that *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H3588"* are *strong="H3068"* like *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H5921"* dust *strong="H6083"* of *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H5921"* earth *strong="H0776"*". **10** Now *strong="H6258"* give *strong="H5414"* me *strong="H5414"* wisdom *strong="H2451"* and *strong="H0935"* knowledge *strong="H4093"* so *strong="H5414"* that *strong="H3588"* I *strong="H3588"* can *strong="H4310"* lead *strong="H3318"* these *strong="H2088"* people *strong="H5971"* in *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0853"* right



way|strong="H2088". No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H2088" could|strong="H4310" rule|strong="H8199" this|strong="H2088" great|strong="H1419" nation|strong="H5971" without your|strong="H5414" help|strong="H5971"."

<sup>11</sup> God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Solomon|strong="H8010", " You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" right|strong="H1571" attitude|strong="H3824". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" ask|strong="H7592" for|strong="H5921" long|strong="H3117" life|strong="H5315" and|strong="H0430" riches|strong="H6239" for|strong="H5921" yourself|strong="H5315". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" ask|strong="H7592" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" death|strong="H5315" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H5921" enemies|strong="H8130". You|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H7592" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" wisdom|strong="H2451" and|strong="H0430" knowledge|strong="H4093" so|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" make the|strong="H0853" right|strong="H1571" decisions. <sup>12</sup>

So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" wisdom|strong="H2451" and|strong="H4428" knowledge|strong="H4093", but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" wealth|strong="H6239", riches|strong="H6239", and|strong="H4428" honor|strong="H3519". No|strong="H3808" king|strong="H4428" who|strong="H0834" lived|strong="H0310" before|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" ever had|strong="H0834" so|strong="H3651" much|strong="H0834" wealth|strong="H6239" and|strong="H4428" honor|strong="H3519", and|strong="H4428" no|strong="H3808" king|strong="H4428" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H6440" future will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" as|strong="H0834" much|strong="H0834" wealth|strong="H6239" and|strong="H4428" honor|strong="H3519"."

<sup>13</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" left|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" Meeting|strong="H4150" Tent|strong="H0168" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" high|strong="H1116" place|strong="H1116" in|strong="H5921" Gibeon|strong="H1391" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"

to|strong="H0935" rule|strong="H4427" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" king|strong="H4427" of|strong="H0168" Israel|strong="H3478".

### Solomon|strong="H8010" Strengthens His|strong="H5921" Army|strong="H3389"

<sup>14</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" started|strong="H1961" gathering|strong="H0622" horses|strong="H6571" and|strong="H3967" chariots|strong="H7393" for|strong="H4428" his|strong="H1961" army|strong="H0622". He|strong="H8010" had|strong="H1961" 1400 chariots|strong="H7393" and|strong="H3967" 12,000 horse soldiers|strong="H3967". He|strong="H8010" kept them|strong="H1961" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H1961" chariot|strong="H7393" cities|strong="H5892" and|strong="H3967" in|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" where he|strong="H8010" lived|strong="H1961". <sup>15</sup> In|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" Solomon gathered|strong="H5414" so|strong="H5414" much|strong="H7230" gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H4428" silver|strong="H3701" that|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5414" was|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" common as|strong="H0834" rocks|strong="H0068". He|strong="H0834" gathered|strong="H5414" so|strong="H5414" much|strong="H7230" cedar|strong="H0730" wood that|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5414" was|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" common as|strong="H0834" sycamore|strong="H8256" trees|strong="H8256" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" western hill country. <sup>16</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" imported|strong="H4161" horses|strong="H5483" from|strong="H3947" Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H4428" Kue. <sup>II</sup> His|strong="H3947" merchants|strong="H5503" bought the|strong="H0834" horses|strong="H5483" in|strong="H4428" Kue for|strong="H4714" a|strong="H3947" set|strong="H0834" price|strong="H4242". <sup>17</sup> They|strong="H3651" also|strong="H4428" bought chariots|strong="H4818" from|strong="H3318" Egypt|strong="H4714" for|strong="H3027" 600 shekels|strong="H3701" of|strong="H4428" silver|strong="H3701" each|strong="H3605" and|strong="H3967" horses|strong="H5483" for|strong="H3027" 150 shekels|strong="H3701" of|strong="H4428" silver|strong="H3701" each|strong="H3605". They|strong="H3651" then|strong="H3318" sold|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H3967" chari-

<sup>I</sup> CHARIOT CITIES Cities with special places to keep the horses and chariots. <sup>II</sup> KUE Or "Cilicia," a country in what is now southern Turkey. <sup>III</sup> 600 SHEKELS 15 pounds (6.9 kg). <sup>IV</sup> 150 SHEKELS 3 3/4 pounds (1.725 kg).

ots/strong="H4818" to/strong="H4714" the/strong="H3605" kings/strong="H4428" of/strong="H4428" the/strong="H3605" Hittites/strong="H2850" and/strong="H3967" Arameans/strong="H0758".

### Plans for the Temple and Palace

**2** Solomon/strong="H8010" planned to/strong="H5921" build a/strong="H5921" Temple to/strong="H5921" give honor to/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" LORD'S name. He/strong="H8010" also/strong="H8010" planned to/strong="H5921" build a/strong="H5921" palace for/strong="H5921" himself/strong="H0376". <sup>2</sup> He/strong="H0834" got 70,000 laborers and/strong="H4428" 80,000 stonemasons to/strong="H0413" cut stones in/strong="H3427" the/strong="H0559" mountains. He/strong="H0834" chose/strong="H6213" 3600 foremen/strong="H6213" to/strong="H0413" supervise the/strong="H0559" workers/strong="H6213".

<sup>3</sup> Then/strong="H2009" Solomon sent this/strong="H2063" message/strong="H3068" to/strong="H5921" King/strong="H5921" Hiram of/strong="H1004" Tyre:

"Help me/strong="H6440" as/strong="H3068" you/strong="H6440" helped my/strong="H3068" father David. You/strong="H6440" sent him/strong="H5921" cedar logs/strong="H1129" so/strong="H0589" that/strong="H3068" he/strong="H0430" could build/strong="H1129" a/strong="H1129" palace/strong="H1004" for/strong="H5921" himself/strong="H6942" to/strong="H5921" live/strong="H8034" in/strong="H5921". <sup>4</sup> I/strong="H0589" will/strong="H0430" build/strong="H1129" a/strong="H3588" Temple/strong="H1004" to/strong="H0430" honor the/strong="H3605" name of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H3605" LORD my/strong="H3605" God/strong="H0430". At/strong="H1004" the/strong="H3605" Temple/strong="H1004" we/strong="H3588" will/strong="H0430" burn incense in/strong="H0430" front of/strong="H1004" him/strong="H3605", and/strong="H0430" we/strong="H3588" will/strong="H0430" always put the/strong="H3605" holy bread on/strong="H1004" the/strong="H3605" special table. We/strong="H3588" will/strong="H0430" offer burnt offerings/strong="H3588" every/strong="H3605" morning and/strong="H0430" evening, on/strong="H1004" the/strong="H3605" Sabbath days, during/strong="H3605" New Moon celebrations, and/strong="H0430" on/strong="H1004" the/strong="H3605" other/strong="H3605" special meeting days that/strong="H0834" the/strong="H3605" LORD our/strong="H3605"

God/strong="H0430" has/strong="H0430" commanded us/strong="H3588" to/strong="H0430" celebrate. This/strong="H3588" is/strong="H0834" a/strong="H3588" rule for/strong="H3588" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H0834" of/strong="H1004" Israel to/strong="H0430" obey forever.

<sup>5</sup> " I/strong="H0589" will/strong="H4310" build/strong="H1129" a/strong="H3588" great temple/strong="H1004" because/strong="H3588" our/strong="H3588" God/strong="H3808" is/strong="H0834" greater than/strong="H3808" all the/strong="H6440" other gods. <sup>6</sup> No one/strong="H0376" can/strong="H0834" really build a/strong="H7971" house to/strong="H7971" put/strong="H7971" our/strong="H0834" God/strong="H7971" in/strong="H0376". The/strong="H0834" whole sky and/strong="H3063" the/strong="H0834" highest heaven cannot contain our/strong="H0834" God/strong="H7971", so/strong="H6213" I/strong="H0834" cannot build a/strong="H7971" temple to/strong="H7971" put/strong="H7971" him/strong="H7971" in/strong="H0376". I/strong="H0834" can/strong="H0834" only build a/strong="H7971" place/strong="H3559" to/strong="H7971" burn incense to/strong="H7971" honor him/strong="H7971".

<sup>7</sup> " Now/strong="H2009" I/strong="H0589" would/strong="H0834" like/strong="H0834" you/strong="H0834" to/strong="H7971" send/strong="H7971" me/strong="H7971" a/strong="H3588" man who/strong="H0834" is/strong="H0834" skilled in/strong="H5650" working with/strong="H5973" gold, silver, bronze, and/strong="H7971" iron. He/strong="H0834" must know/strong="H3045" how/strong="H0834" to/strong="H7971" work with/strong="H5973" purple, red, and/strong="H7971" blue cloth. He/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0834" work here/strong="H2009" in/strong="H5650" Judah and/strong="H7971" Jerusalem with/strong="H5973" the/strong="H0834" craftsmen my/strong="H7971" father chose. <sup>8</sup> Also/strong="H3588" send me/strong="H0589" wood/strong="H6086" from/strong="H6086" cedar trees/strong="H6086", pine trees/strong="H6086", and/strong="H1004" algum trees/strong="H6086" <sup>1</sup> from/strong="H6086" the/strong="H0834" country of/strong="H1004" Lebanon. I/strong="H0589" know your/strong="H0834" servants are/strong="H0834" experienced at/strong="H1004" cutting down/strong="H3588" trees/strong="H6086" from/strong="H6086" Lebanon. My/strong="H0834" servants will/strong="H0834" help your/strong="H0834" ser-

<sup>1</sup> ALGUM TREES Or "Almug," as in 1 Kings. No one knows exactly what type of wood this was, but it might have been sandalwood.

vants.<sup>9</sup> I will need lots of wood because the Temple I am building will be very large and beautiful.<sup>10</sup> This is what I will pay for your servants to cut down the trees for wood. I will give them 125,000 bushels<sup>I</sup> of wheat for food, 125,000 bushels of barley, 115,000 gallons<sup>II</sup> of wine, and 115,000 gallons of oil."

<sup>11</sup> Then Hiram answered Solomon and this message to him:

"Solomon, the LORD loves his people. That is why he chose you to be king." <sup>12</sup> Hiram also said, "Praise the LORD, the God of Israel! He made heaven and earth. He gave a wise son to King David. Solomon, you have wisdom and understanding. You are building a Temple for the LORD. You are also building a palace for yourself." <sup>13</sup> I will send you a skilled craftsman named Hiram Abi.<sup>III</sup> <sup>14</sup> His mother was from Dan,

and his father was from Tyre. Hiram Abi has skill in working with gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, and wood. He also has skill in working with purple, blue, and red cloth and expensive linen. Hiram Abi can design and build anything you tell him to work with your craftsmen and with craftsmen of your father King David.

<sup>15</sup> "Now, sir, you offered to give us wheat, barley, oil, and wine. Give them my servants, and we will cut as much wood as you need from Lebanon. We will tie the logs together and float them by sea to the town of Joppa. Then you can carry the wood to Jerusalem."

<sup>17</sup> So Solomon counted all the foreigners living in Israel. (This was after the time when his father David counted the people.) They found 153,600 strangers in the country.<sup>18</sup> Solomon chose 70,000 men to carry the stones, 80,000 men to cut the stone in the mountains, and 3600 men to supervise the workers.

### Solomon Builds the Temple

**3** Solomon began building

I 125,000 BUSHELS Literally, "20,000 cors  
115,000 GALLONS Literally, "20,000 baths" (440,000 l). III Or "I will send one of the craftsmen of my father Hiram."

the LORD'S Temple at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared to David, Solomon's father. This was the place David had prepared for the Temple. It had been the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. Solomon started to build on the second day of the second month of his fourth year as king of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> These measurements he used for building the foundation of God's Temple, using the old cubit. The foundation was 60 cubits long and 20 cubits wide. The porch front of the Temple was 20 cubits long and 20 cubits high. He covered the inside of the porch with pure gold. He put panels made of cypress wood on

I ARAUNAH In Hebrew, "Ornan." II JEBUSITE A person who lived in Jerusalem before the Israelites took the city. "Jebus" was the old name for Jerusalem. III THE OLD CUBIT This was the Egyptian cubit, measuring about 20 3/8" (51.83 cm). IV 60 CUBITS 102' 3/8" (31.1 m). V 20 CUBITS 34' 1/8" (10.37 m). Also in verses 4, 8, 11, 13. VI 20 CUBITS HIGH 34' 1/8" (10.37 m). Some of the Hebrew texts have "120 cubits high."

the walls of the larger room. Then he put pure gold over the panels and then put pictures of palm trees and chains on the gold. He put valuable stones in the Temple for its beauty. The gold used was gold from Parvaim. He covered the inside of the Temple with the gold. He put the gold on the ceiling beams, doorposts, walls, and doors. He carved Cherub angels on the walls.

<sup>8</sup> Then he made the Most Holy Place room was 20 cubits long and 20 cubits wide. It was as wide as the Temple. He put pure gold on the walls of the Most Holy Place. The gold weighed about 22 1/2 tons. The gold nails weighed 1 1/4 pounds. He covered the upper

VII PARVAIM This was a place where there was much gold. It was probably in the country of Ophir. VIII 22 1/2 TONS Literally, "600 talents" (20,700 kg). IX 1 1/4 POUNDS Literally, "50 shekels" (575 g).

with gold. He made two Cherubim angels to put in the Most Holy Place. The workers covered the Cherubim angels with gold. Each wing of the Cherubim angels was 5 cubits long. The total length of the wings was 20 cubits. One wing of the first Cherubim angel touched the wall on one side of the room. The other wing touched one side of the room. The other wing touched one side of the room. The second Cherubim angel touched the wall on the other side of the room. So the wings of the two Cherubim angels together across the room— a total of 20 cubits. The Cherubim angels stood facing the Holy Place. <sup>I</sup> He made the curtain from blue, pur-

ple, and red materials and expensive linen. There were Cherubim angels on the curtain.

<sup>15</sup> He put two columns in front of the Temple. The columns were 35 cubits tall. The top of the column was 5 cubits long. He made chains in a necklace and put them on the tops of the columns. He made 100 pomegranates and put them on the chains. <sup>17</sup> Then he put the columns in front of the Temple. One column stood on the right side. The other column stood on the left side. He named the column on the right side "Jakin." <sup>VI</sup> And he named the column on the left side "Boaz."

I 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). Also in verse 15. II FACING THE HOLY PLACE Or "facing each other." The Holy Place is the room in the Temple that was used by the priests to do their daily service to God. III CURTAIN This curtain was a large piece of cloth that hung between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place so that no one could see the LORD'S Box of the Agreement and Cherubim angels that were in there.

IV 35 CUBITS 59' 6 3/16" (18.14 m). V POMEGRANATES Small bells shaped like pomegranates, a red fruit with many tiny seeds covered with a soft, juicy part of the fruit. Also in 4:13. VI JAKIN In Hebrew, Jakin seems to mean "he establishes." VII BOAZ In Hebrew, Boaz seems to mean "in him is strength."

## Furniture for the Temple

4 He made a bronze altar that was 20 cubits long, 20 cubits wide, and 10 cubits tall. Then he made from melted bronze a large tank from round it measured 10 cubits across from edge to edge. It was 5 cubits tall and about 30 cubits around. There were images of bulls under the lip of the large bronze tank. They were in rows that went around the tank. The bulls were molded in place when the tank was shaped. The large bronze tank was on top of twelve large statues of bulls. Three bulls looked toward the north, three toward the west, three toward the south, and three toward the east. The large bronze tank was on top of

I 20 CUBITS 34' 1/8" (10.37 m). II 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m). III LARGE TANK Literally, "sea." IV 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). V 30 CUBITS 51' 3/16" (15.55 m). VI LARGE BRONZE TANK Literally, "sea." Also in verses 10, 14.

these bulls. All bulls stood with their rear ends to each other and the center. The large bronze tank was 3 inches thick. The edge of the large tank was like the edge of a cup. The edge looked like a blossom. The tank could hold about 17,400 gallons.

6 He made ten basins. He put five basins on the right side of the large bronze tank and five basins on the left side. These ten basins were to be used to wash the things offered by the large bronze tank. He used the basins to wash the things offered by the priests before they offered sacrifices.

7 He made ten lampstands of gold. He followed the plans for these lampstands. He put the lampstands in the Temple. There

VII 3 INCHES Literally, "1 handbreadth" (7.4 cm). VIII 17,400 GALLONS Literally, "3000 baths" (66,000 l).

were *five lampstands on the right side five lampstands on the left side*.<sup>8</sup> He made ten tables and them the Temple. Five tables were on the right side five tables on the left side in the Temple. And he used gold to make 100 basins.<sup>9</sup> He also made the priests' courtyard, the large courtyard, and the doors that open to them. He used bronze to cover these doors.<sup>10</sup> Then he put the large bronze tank on the right side of the Temple on the southeast side.

<sup>11</sup> Hiram also made the pots, shovels, and basins. So he finished his work King Solomon on God's Temple:

<sup>12</sup> 2 columns;

2 capitals shaped like bowls for the top of the columns;

2 nets to go around the capitals;

400 pomegranates for the two nets (two rows of pomegranates for each net to cover the two bowls for the capitals on top of the columns);  
10 carts with a bowl on each cart;  
the large tank with 12 bulls under it;  
the pots, small shovels, small bowls, and all the dishes for the LORD'S Temple.

All the things that Hiram made for King Solomon were made of polished bronze.<sup>17</sup> King Solomon poured these things in clay molds. The molds were made in the Jordan Valley between the towns of Succoth and Zeredah.<sup>18</sup> Solomon made so many of them that no one tried to weigh the bronze used.

<sup>19</sup> Solomon also made the dishes and things for God's Temple. He made the golden altar and the tables where they put the bread of Presence.<sup>20</sup> He made the lamps and lampstands of pure gold. These were put inside the Holy Place in front of the Most Holy Place.<sup>21</sup> He used pure gold to make the flowers, lamps, tongs, pure gold to make lamp snuffers, bowls, pans, and the censers.<sup>II</sup> He used pure

I TONGS A tool used to hold hot coals. II CENSERS Bowls used to carry fire.

gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H1004" make the |strong="H5462" doors |strong="H1817" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5462" Temple |strong="H1004", the |strong="H5462" inside |strong="H1004" doors |strong="H1817" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5462" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5462" doors |strong="H1817" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5462" main hall |strong="H1004".

5 When |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399" was |strong="H0834" completed on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004", Solomon |strong="H8010" brought |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" everything |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732" had |strong="H3068" set |strong="H5414" aside for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004". Solomon |strong="H8010" put |strong="H5414" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" furniture |strong="H3627" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H6944" made |strong="H6213" of |strong="H1004" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H0935" gold |strong="H2091" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" storage rooms |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0935" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004".

**The |strong="H3605" Holy |strong="H6944" Box Carried |strong="H0935" Into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004"**

2 Solomon |strong="H8010" commanded the |strong="H3605" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H4294", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" heads |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1121" families |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" meet together |strong="H6950" in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H1931" did this |strong="H1931" so |strong="H5927" that |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3068" could bring |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Temple from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732", that |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3068", Zion |strong="H6726".<sup>3</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"

men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" met together |strong="H6950" before |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Solomon during |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" special festival |strong="H2282"<sup>I</sup> in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" seventh |strong="H7637" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" year |strong="H7637".

4 When |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H2205" Israel |strong="H3478" arrived |strong="H0935", the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881"<sup>II</sup> lifted |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H2205" the |strong="H3605" Agreement<sup>5</sup> and |strong="H3548" carried |strong="H5927" it |strong="H0834" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H4150" the |strong="H3605" Temple. The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3548" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881"<sup>III</sup> also |strong="H0853" brought |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" Meeting |strong="H4150" Tent |strong="H0168" and |strong="H3548" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" holy |strong="H6944" things |strong="H6944" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3881" it |strong="H0834" to |strong="H4150" the |strong="H3605" Temple in |strong="H3881" Jerusalem.<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" met in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Box of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Agreement to |strong="H5921" offer |strong="H2076" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H3478" bulls |strong="H1241" as |strong="H0834" sacrifices |strong="H2076". There |strong="H7230" were |strong="H0834" so |strong="H3808" many |strong="H7230" offerings |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" could count |strong="H5608" them |strong="H5921".<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" carried |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Box of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H4725" that |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" prepared for |strong="H8478" it |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Most |strong="H6944"

I THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL That is, the Festival of Shelters. See "Festival of Shelters" in the Word List. II LEVITES Or "priests from the tribe of Levi." III THE PRIESTS AND THE LEVITES Or "The priests from the tribe of Levi."



Holy Place inside the Temple put the Box of Agreement under the wings of the Cherubim.<sup>8</sup> The Cherubim stood with their wings spread over the Box of Agreement and poles that were to carry it.<sup>9</sup> The poles are still there today. They were too long for Most Holy Place, so ends be by in no outside see The things the tablets Moses there out Egypt.

<sup>11</sup> All the priests were did to themselves. Then they

of the Holy Place, they stood together, but not in their special groups.<sup>12</sup> The Levite singers stood at the east side of the altar. All the singing groups of Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and Jehothun were there their sons and relatives were. The Levite singers were dressed in white linen. They had cymbals, lyres, and harps. There were 120 priests with the Levite singers. The 120 priests blew trumpets. Those who blew trumpets and those who sang like a person. They made one sound when they praised and thanked the LORD. They made a loud noise with the trumpets, cymbals, and instruments of music. They praised the LORD, singing, "The LORD is good." His love will last forever.

Then **the LORD'S** was filled with cloud. <sup>14</sup> The priests could not continue to serve because of the cloud, because the cloud was filled with the LORD's glory of the LORD filled with the Temple.

**6** Then Solomon said, "The LORD chose to live in dark cloud. But Lord, I have a beautiful house for you to live in forever."

#### Solomon's Speech

**3** King turned and all Israelites in front of him. He said,

"Praise the LORD, God of Israel, who has what he promised my father David. The LORD said, 'I led out of Egypt ago in that time, I have not chosen a city from any tribe of Is-

rael for a place to build a house for my name. I have not chosen a man to lead my people, the people of Israel now. But I have chosen Jerusalem as a place for my name, and I have chosen David to lead my people. Israel!

**7** My father David wanted to build a temple for the LORD, the God of Israel. But the LORD said to my father David, 'It is good that you want to build a temple for my name, but you cannot build the Temple. Your son will build the Temple for my name.' <sup>10</sup> Now, the LORD has done what he said he would do. I am the new king in my father's place for

David *strong="H1732"* was *strong="H8034"* my *strong="H3068"* father *strong="H0001"*. Now *strong="H1696"* I *strong="H0834"* am *strong="H3068"* Israel's *strong="H3478"* king *strong="H3678"*. That *strong="H0834"* is *strong="H0834"* what *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* promised *strong="H1696"*, and *strong="H6965"* I *strong="H0834"* have *strong="H0834"* built *strong="H1129"* the *strong="H0853"* Temple *strong="H1004"* for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* name *strong="H8034"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, the *strong="H0853"* God *strong="H0430"* of *strong="H1004"* Israel *strong="H3478"*. <sup>11</sup> I *strong="H0834"* have *strong="H0834"* put *strong="H7760"* the *strong="H0853"* Box of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* Agreement *strong="H1285"* in *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0853"* Temple. The *strong="H0853"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Agreement *strong="H1285"* with *strong="H5973"* Israel *strong="H3478"* is *strong="H0834"* in *strong="H3068"* that *strong="H0834"* box."

#### Solomon's Prayer

<sup>12</sup> Solomon had made a bronze platform and placed it in the middle of the outer courtyard. The platform was 5 cubits <sup>I</sup> long, 5 cubits wide, and 3 cubits <sup>II</sup> tall. Solomon stood on the platform and faced the LORD'S altar. In front of all the Israelites who were gathered together, Solomon kneeled, spread his hands out toward heaven, <sup>14</sup> and *strong="H1980"* said *strong="H0559"*,

" LORD *strong="H3068"*, God *strong="H0430"* of *strong="H0776"* Israel *strong="H3478"*, there *strong="H0369"* is *strong="H0369"* no *strong="H0369"* god *strong="H0430"* like *strong="H3644"* you *strong="H3605"* in *strong="H1980"* heaven *strong="H8064"* or *strong="H0369"* on *strong="H1980"* earth *strong="H0776"*. You *strong="H3605"* keep *strong="H8104"* the *strong="H3605"* agreement *strong="H1285"* that *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H3605"* made *strong="H3605"* with *strong="H1980"* your *strong="H3068"* people *strong="H0776"*. You *strong="H3605"* are *strong="H3478"* kind and *strong="H1980"* loyal *strong="H3068"* to *strong="H0559"* those *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H3605"* follow *strong="H1980"* you *strong="H3605"* with *strong="H1980"* all *strong="H3605"* their *strong="H3605"* heart *strong="H3820"*. <sup>15</sup> You *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H1696"* a *strong="H0834"* promise *strong="H1696"* to *strong="H1696"* your *strong="H0834"* ser-

vant *strong="H5650"*, my *strong="H8104"* father *strong="H0001"* David *strong="H1732"*, and *strong="H3027"* you *strong="H0834"* kept *strong="H8104"* that *strong="H0834"* promise *strong="H1696"*. You *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H1696"* that *strong="H0834"* promise *strong="H1696"* with *strong="H0854"* your *strong="H0834"* own mouth *strong="H6310"*, and *strong="H3027"* with *strong="H0854"* your *strong="H0834"* own hands *strong="H3027"* you *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H1696"* it *strong="H1696"* come *strong="H4390"* true today *strong="H3117"*. <sup>16</sup> Now *strong="H6258"*, LORD *strong="H3068"*, God *strong="H0430"* of *strong="H1121"* Israel *strong="H3478"*, keep *strong="H8104"* the *strong="H0853"* other *strong="H0376"* promises you *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H3772"* to *strong="H0559"* your *strong="H3068"* servant *strong="H5650"* David *strong="H1732"*, my *strong="H8104"* father *strong="H0001"*. You *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"*, ' David *strong="H1732"*, if *strong="H0518"* your *strong="H3068"* sons *strong="H1121"* carefully *strong="H8104"* obey *strong="H8104"* me *strong="H6440"* as *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H0834"*, you *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* always *strong="H7535"* have *strong="H0834"* someone *strong="H0376"* from *strong="H5921"* your *strong="H3068"* family *strong="H0001"* ruling *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H0376"* of *strong="H1121"* Israel *strong="H3478"*. <sup>17</sup> Again *strong="H1696"*, LORD *strong="H3068"*, God *strong="H0430"* of *strong="H0430"* Israel *strong="H3478"*, I *strong="H0834"* ask you *strong="H0834"* to *strong="H1696"* keep the *strong="H0834"* promise *strong="H1697"* you *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H1696"* to *strong="H1696"* your *strong="H3068"* servant *strong="H5650"*, my *strong="H3068"* father David *strong="H1732"*.

<sup>18</sup> " But *strong="H3588"*, God *strong="H0430"*, will *strong="H0430"* you *strong="H0834"* really *strong="H2088"* live *strong="H3427"* here *strong="H2009"* with *strong="H0854"* us *strong="H5921"* on *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0834"* earth *strong="H0776"*? The *strong="H0834"* whole sky *strong="H8064"* and *strong="H0430"* the *strong="H0834"* highest *strong="H8064"* heaven *strong="H8064"* cannot *strong="H3808"* contain *strong="H3557"* you *strong="H0834"*. Certainly *strong="H3588"* this *strong="H2088"* house *strong="H1004"* that *strong="H0834"* I *strong="H0834"* built *strong="H1129"* cannot *strong="H3808"* contain *strong="H3557"* you *strong="H0834"* either *strong="H3588"*. <sup>19</sup> But *strong="H6437"*

I 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). II 3 CUBITS 5' 1 3/16" (1.55 m).

please *listen* my *prayer* and my *request*. I am your *servant* and you are *the LORD* God *of Israel*. Hear *this* *prayer* that I am *praying* to you today. In *the past* I *will be* there *please* over *and* *day*. And *listen* to my *prayer* as I *turn* toward *this* *Temple* and *pray* to you. <sup>21</sup> And *please* *listen* to our *prayers* in *the future* when I and your *people* of *Israel* *turn* to *this* *place* and *pray* to you. We *know* that *you* *live* in *heaven*. We *ask* you to *hear* our *prayer* there and *forgive* us.

<sup>22</sup> "Whoever does *wrong* to *someone* *will be* brought to *this* *altar*. If *they* are *not* *guilty*, they *will* *make* an *oath*

and *promise* that *they* are *innocent*. <sup>23</sup> *Please* *listen* from *heaven* and *judge* them. If *they* are *guilty*, please *show* that *they* are *guilty*. And *if* they are *innocent*, please *show* us that *they* are *innocent*. And *if* they are *innocent*, please *show* us that *they* are *not* *guilty*.

<sup>24</sup> "Sometimes your *people* of *Israel* *will* *sin* against *you* and *their* *enemies* *will* *defeat* them. Then *the* *people* *will* *come* back *to* you and *praise* you. They *will* *pray* to you in *this* *Temple*. <sup>25</sup> In *heaven*, please *listen* to *the* *prayers* of *your* *people* of *Israel*. *Forgive* them for *their* *sins* and *let* them *have* *their* *land* again. You *gave* *this* *land* to *their* *ancestors*.

<sup>26</sup> "Sometimes *they* *will* *sin* against *you* and *if* they *stop* *the* *rain* from *falling* on *their* *land*. Then *they* *will* *pray* to

ward |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725" and |strong="H7725" praise |strong="H3034" your |strong="H7725" name |strong="H8034". You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0413" suffer |strong="H1961", and |strong="H7725" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" sorry for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3588" sins |strong="H2398".<sup>27</sup> So |strong="H5414" please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" in |strong="H5921" heaven |strong="H8064" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H5414" prayer. Then |strong="H0859" forgive |strong="H5545" us |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3588" our |strong="H5414" sins |strong="H2403". Teach |strong="H3384" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H1870" right |strong="H2896". Then |strong="H0859", please |strong="H8085" send |strong="H5414" rain |strong="H4306" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0859" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>28</sup> " The |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" might become |strong="H1961" very dry so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" no |strong="H3605" food will |strong="H1961" grow on |strong="H0776" it |strong="H3588". Or |strong="H5061" maybe a |strong="H1961" great sickness |strong="H4245" will |strong="H1961" spread among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0776". Maybe all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" food that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0776" growing will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed by |strong="H1961" insects. Or |strong="H5061" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0776" might be |strong="H1961" attacked in |strong="H0776" some |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" their |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H8179" by |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341". Or |strong="H5061" many of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0776" might get sick.<sup>29</sup> When |strong="H1961" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1004" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H3605" happen |strong="H1961", people |strong="H5971" feel the |strong="H3605" need |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" spread |strong="H6566" their |strong="H3605" hands |strong="H3709" in |strong="H0413" prayer |strong="H8605" toward |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>30</sup> Please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" their |strong="H3605" prayer while |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834"

in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H3605" home in |strong="H3427" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H1121" forgive |strong="H5545" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H1121" help them |strong="H5414". Only |strong="H0905" you |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0120" are |strong="H0834" really thinking, so |strong="H4480" only |strong="H0905" you |strong="H0859" can |strong="H0834" judge them |strong="H5414" fairly.<sup>31</sup> Do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H0834" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" fear |strong="H3372" and |strong="H3117" respect |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" live |strong="H2416" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" you |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" our |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001".

<sup>32</sup> " People |strong="H5971" from |strong="H0935" other |strong="H2088" places |strong="H1004" will |strong="H0776" hear about |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0834" greatness |strong="H1419" and |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0834" power |strong="H3027". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H5186" to |strong="H0413" pray |strong="H6419" at |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>33</sup> From |strong="H4480" your |strong="H3605" home |strong="H1004" in |strong="H3427" heaven |strong="H8064", please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" prayers. Please |strong="H8085" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" from |strong="H4480" other |strong="H2088" places |strong="H1004" ask you |strong="H0859". Then |strong="H2088" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" fear |strong="H3372" and |strong="H3478" respect |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H2088" as |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H3427" Israel |strong="H3478". Then |strong="H2088" all |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" everywhere |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0413" honor |strong="H8034" you |strong="H0859".

34 "Sometimes you *will* command your people to go and fight against their enemies. Then your *will* turn toward this city that have chosen and the Temple I built in your honor, and they pray to you. 35 Listen to their prayers your home in heaven, and help them.

36 "Your *will* sin against I know this because sins you *will* be with your people. You *will* let their enemies defeat them. Their *will* make them prisoners and to some faraway land. 37 In that faraway land, your people think about what happened. They *will* be sorry for their sins, and *will* pray to you. They *will* say, 'We sinned and

done wrong.' 38 They *will* be in that faraway land of their enemies, but they *will* turn back to you. They *will* feel sorry for their sins with their whole heart and soul. They *will* turn toward land you gave their ancestors. They *will* look toward the city you chose and toward the Temple I built, and *will* pray to you. 39 Please listen from your home in heaven. Accept their prayers when they beg for help, and help them. Forgive your people who have sinned against you. 40 Now God, I ask you, open your eyes and ears. Listen and pay attention to the prayers we are praying in this place.

41 "Now LORD God, get up and come to your special place,

the **Box of Agreement** that shows your **strength**.

**LORD God**, may your **priests** be dressed with **salvation**,

and may your **true followers** be **happy** about these **good things**.

<sup>42</sup> **LORD God**, accept your **anointed king**.

Remember your **loyal David**.

### The Temple Dedicated to the Lord

**7** When **Solomon** finished **praying**, **fire** came down **from the sky** and **burned up the burnt offering** and **sacrifices**. **The Glory** of **the LORD** filled **the Temple**. **The priests** could **not enter** **LORD'S Temple** because **the Glory** of **LORD** filled **it**. <sup>3</sup> When **all** **Israelites** saw **the fire** come down **from heaven** and **the Glory** of **LORD** on **the Temple**, they **bowed** on **the pavement** with **their faces**

**low to the ground**. They **worshiped** and **thanked** **LORD**, singing,

" **The LORD** is **good**."

His **faithful** **love** will **last forever**.

<sup>4</sup> Then **King Solomon** and **all** **Israelites** offered **sacrifices** to **the LORD**. <sup>5</sup> **King Solomon** offered **22,000 bulls** and **120,000 sheep**. So **the king** and **the people** showed that they **had dedicated** **the Temple** to **God**. <sup>6</sup> **The priests** stood **ready to do** their **work**. **The Levites** stood with **the instruments** they would use to **play music** to **the LORD**. **King David** had **made** these **instruments** to use when they **gave thanks** to **LORD** and **sang**, " His **faithful** **love** will **last forever**." **The priests** **blew** their **trumpets** as they **stood** across **from** **the Levites**. And **all** **Israelites** were **standing**.

<sup>7</sup> **King Solomon** also **dedicated** **the middle**

of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" courtyard|strong="H2691", the|strong="H0853" part|strong="H8432" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3068" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". There|strong="H8033" he|strong="H0834" offered burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002", grain offerings|strong="H8002", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" fat|strong="H2459" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" animals that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" used|strong="H6213" as|strong="H0834" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" bronze|strong="H5178" altar|strong="H4196" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" built|strong="H6213" was|strong="H0834" too|strong="H3808" small to|strong="H3068" hold|strong="H3557" all|strong="H3201" these|strong="H0834" offerings|strong="H8002".

<sup>8</sup> So|strong="H6213" there|strong="H3605" at|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" Temple, King Solomon|strong="H8010" and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1931" of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478" celebrated|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" festival|strong="H2282".<sup>1</sup> People|strong="H1931" came|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" away|strong="H5973" as|strong="H5704" Hamath|strong="H2574" Pass|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" north and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" border|strong="H0935" of|strong="H3117" Egypt|strong="H4714" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" south. This|strong="H1931" huge crowd|strong="H6951" of|strong="H3117" people|strong="H1931" enjoyed themselves for|strong="H4714" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117".<sup>9</sup> On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588" eighth|strong="H8066" day|strong="H3117", they|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" holy meeting because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3588" celebrated|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3588" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". They|strong="H3588" made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3588" altar|strong="H4196" holy and|strong="H3117" it|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3117" to|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3117" used|strong="H6213" only for|strong="H3588" wor-

shipping the|strong="H3588" Lord. And|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3588" celebrated|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3588" festival|strong="H2282" for|strong="H3588" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117".<sup>10</sup> On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" 23rd day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" seventh|strong="H7637" month|strong="H2320", Solomon|strong="H8010" told|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H5921" go|strong="H7971" home|strong="H0168". All|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" thanked the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H5921", said goodbye, and|strong="H3068" went home|strong="H0168". They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" happy|strong="H8056" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" good|strong="H2896" things|strong="H7969" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" David|strong="H1732" his|strong="H5921" servant and|strong="H3068" for|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478".

**The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" Comes|strong="H3117" to|strong="H5921" Solomon|strong="H8010"**

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H6213" Solomon|strong="H8010" finished|strong="H3615" building the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004". Solomon|strong="H8010" did|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H6213" had|strong="H3068" planned to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H6213" in|strong="H5921" building a|strong="H0935" house|strong="H1004" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H0935" for|strong="H5921" himself|strong="H3820".<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" appeared|strong="H7200" to|strong="H0413" Solomon|strong="H8010" at|strong="H0413" night|strong="H3915" and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413",

" Solomon|strong="H8010", I|strong="H7200" have|strong="H3068" heard|strong="H8085" your|strong="H3068" prayer|strong="H8605", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H7200" have|strong="H3068" chosen|strong="H0977" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725" for|strong="H0413" myself to|strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> FESTIVAL This was probably Passover.



be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7200" house |strong="H1004" for |strong="H0413" sacrifices |strong="H2077". <sup>13</sup> When |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0518" close |strong="H6113" the |strong="H5921" sky |strong="H8064" so |strong="H7971" that |strong="H3808" there |strong="H1961" is |strong="H0776" no |strong="H3808" rain |strong="H4306", or |strong="H0518" command |strong="H6680" the |strong="H5921" locusts |strong="H2284" to |strong="H1961" destroy the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776", or |strong="H0518" send |strong="H7971" sicknesses to |strong="H1961" my |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" <sup>14</sup> and |strong="H0776" if |strong="H0834" my |strong="H8085" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" by |strong="H5921" my |strong="H8085" name |strong="H0834" become |strong="H7495" humble |strong="H3665" and |strong="H0776" pray |strong="H6419", and |strong="H0776" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H6440", and |strong="H0776" turn |strong="H7725" away |strong="H7725" from |strong="H4480" their |strong="H5921" evil |strong="H7451" ways |strong="H1870", then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0776" hear |strong="H8085" them |strong="H0853" from |strong="H4480" heaven |strong="H8064". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0776" forgive |strong="H5545" their |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2403" and |strong="H0776" heal |strong="H7495" their |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776". <sup>15</sup> Now |strong="H6258", my |strong="H1961" eyes |strong="H5869" are |strong="H5869" open |strong="H6605", and |strong="H5869" my |strong="H1961" ears |strong="H0241" will |strong="H1961" pay |strong="H0241" attention |strong="H0241" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" prayers |strong="H8605" prayed in |strong="H4725" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725". <sup>16</sup> I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H1961" chosen |strong="H0977" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004", and |strong="H1004" I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H1961" made |strong="H1961" it |strong="H8033" a |strong="H1961" holy |strong="H6942" place |strong="H1961". So |strong="H1961" I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" honored there |strong="H8033" forever |strong="H5769". I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1961" watch |strong="H5869" over |strong="H0853" it |strong="H8033" and |strong="H1004" think |strong="H3820" of |strong="H1004" it |strong="H8033" always |strong="H5769". <sup>17</sup>

You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0518" serve |strong="H1980" me |strong="H6440" with |strong="H1980" a |strong="H0518" pure and |strong="H1980" honest |strong="H4941" heart, just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" David |strong="H1732" did |strong="H6213". You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0518" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H2706" and |strong="H1980" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0859". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" obey |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680", and |strong="H1980" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H2706" and |strong="H1980" rules |strong="H2706", <sup>18</sup> then |strong="H6965" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" make |strong="H3772" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3772" strong king |strong="H3678" and |strong="H6965" your |strong="H0834" kingdom |strong="H4438" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" great. That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" agreement I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3772" with |strong="H0376" David |strong="H1732" your |strong="H0834" father |strong="H0001" when |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0853" that |strong="H0834" Israel |strong="H3478" would |strong="H3478" always be |strong="H3808" ruled |strong="H4910" by |strong="H3478" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H1732" descendants.

<sup>19</sup> " But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" don't obey |strong="H1980" my |strong="H5414" laws and |strong="H1980" commands |strong="H4687" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859", and |strong="H1980" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" worship |strong="H7812" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430" and |strong="H1980" serve |strong="H5647" them |strong="H5414", <sup>20</sup> then |strong="H2088" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" take |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H2088" out |strong="H6440" from |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". And |strong="H1004" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" leave this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H0834"

I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5414" holy |strong="H6942" for |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3605" name |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" make |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004" something that |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0834" speak evil about |strong="H5921".<sup>21</sup> Every-one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" sees it |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" amazed. They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" ask |strong="H0559", ' Why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2088" terrible thing |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" temple |strong="H1004"?<sup>22</sup> People |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H2063" hap-pened |strong="H0935" because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" left |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" their |strong="H3605" ances-tors |strong="H0001". He |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0853" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714", but |strong="H2388" they |strong="H0834" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" follow |strong="H3068" oth-er |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0834" began |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" worship |strong="H7812" and |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" serve |strong="H5647" those |strong="H3605" gods |strong="H0430". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" caused |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2063" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0559" happen to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853"."

### The Cities Solomon Built

**8** It |strong="H1961" took |strong="H0853" 20 years |strong="H8141" for |strong="H1004" King Solomon |strong="H8010" to |strong="H1961" build |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" king's palace |strong="H1004".<sup>2</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Solomon |strong="H8010" rebuilt |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" towns |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" Hiram gave |strong="H5414"

him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H1121" then |strong="H0853" moved Is-raelites |strong="H3478" into |strong="H5414" those |strong="H0834" towns |strong="H5892" to |strong="H3478" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033".<sup>3</sup> After |strong="H5921" this Solomon |strong="H8010" went to |strong="H5921" Hamath of |strong="H5921" Zobah and |strong="H2388" captured |strong="H2388" it |strong="H5921".<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3605" Tadmor |strong="H8412" in |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057". He |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" in |strong="H1129" Hamath |strong="H2574" to |strong="H0834" store |strong="H4543" things |strong="H3605" in |strong="H1129".<sup>5</sup> He |strong="H0853" rebuilt |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" towns |strong="H5892" of |strong="H2346" Upper |strong="H5945" Beth Horon and |strong="H0853" Lower |strong="H8481" Beth Horon. He |strong="H0853" made |strong="H1129" them |strong="H0853" into strong forts with |strong="H1280" strong walls |strong="H2346", gates |strong="H1817", and |strong="H0853" bars |strong="H1280" in |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" gates |strong="H1817".<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" rebuilt |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" town |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0776" Baalath |strong="H1191" and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" stored things |strong="H3605". He |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" chariots |strong="H7393" were |strong="H0834" kept and |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" horse rid-ers |strong="H7393" lived |strong="H1961". Solomon |strong="H8010" built |strong="H1129" all |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" want-ed |strong="H2836" in |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", Lebanon |strong="H3844", and |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" coun-try |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" king.

<sup>7</sup> There were many people left in the land who were not Israelites. There were Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. The Israelites had not been able to destroy them, but Solomon forced them to work for him as slaves. They are still slaves today.<sup>9</sup>

Solomon *did* not *force* any of *the* Israelites *to* his slaves. They were *soldiers*, government officials, officers, and *chariot commanders* and *drivers*.<sup>10</sup> There were 250 supervisors over Solomon's projects.

They supervised the men.

<sup>11</sup> Solomon brought daughter from City David the house he *built* for her. He *said*, "My wife must live *in* King palace *because* the *places* where LORD'S Holy Box has *been* are *holy* places."

<sup>12</sup> Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the LORD'S altar. He *built* that altar *in* front of the Temple porch.<sup>13</sup> Solomon offered sacrifices every day the way Moses *commanded*. Sacrifices were *to* be offered on Sabbath days, during New Moon celebrations, and

at *the* three yearly festivals. The three yearly festivals were *the* Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Harvest, and *the* Festival of Shelters.<sup>14</sup> Solomon followed his father David's instructions. He *chose* the groups of priests for their service and the Levites for their duties. The Levites were *to* lead the praise and help the priests from day to day *to* do what needed *to* be done *in* the Temple service. And *he* *chose* the gatekeepers *by* their groups *to* serve each gate. This *is* the way David, the man God *instructed*.<sup>15</sup> The Israelites *did* not change or disobey any of Solomon's instructions *to* the priests and Levites. They *did* not change any of the instructions, even *in* the way they should keep the valuable things.

<sup>16</sup> So Solomon completed his

work |strong="H4399" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Work |strong="H4399" began the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" laid the |strong="H3605" foundation |strong="H4143" and |strong="H3068" continued without stopping until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" was |strong="H3068" finished |strong="H3615".

17 King |strong="H5921" Solomon |strong="H8010" also |strong="H8010" built ships at |strong="H0413" Ezion Geber. This town is |strong="H0776" near |strong="H5921" Elath |strong="H0359" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" shore |strong="H8193" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" Red Sea |strong="H3220", in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Edom |strong="H0123". 18 Hiram sent |strong="H7971" ships |strong="H0591" to |strong="H0413" Solomon |strong="H8010". Hiram's own |strong="H5973" men |strong="H5650" sailed the |strong="H0413" ships |strong="H0591". They |strong="H8033" were |strong="H5650" skilled at |strong="H0413" sailing on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" sea |strong="H3220". His |strong="H3947" men |strong="H5650" went |strong="H0935" with |strong="H5973" Solomon's |strong="H8010" servants |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0413" Ophir |strong="H0211"<sup>I</sup> and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" 17 tons <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H4428" gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010".

#### The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

9 The |strong="H3605" queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H3605" Sheba |strong="H7614" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H1961" Solomon |strong="H8010", so |strong="H1961" she |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" test |strong="H5254" him |strong="H0413" with |strong="H5973" hard |strong="H3515" questions |strong="H2420". She |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" very |strong="H3966" large |strong="H7230" group with |strong="H5973" her |strong="H3605". She |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" camels |strong="H1581" that |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" spices |strong="H1314", much |strong="H7230" gold |strong="H2091", and |strong="H0935" valuable |strong="H3368" stones |strong="H0068". She |strong="H0834" traveled |strong="H0935"

I OPHIR A place where there was much gold. Today no one knows where Ophir really was. Also in 9:10. II 17 TONS Literally, "450 talents" (15,525 kg).

to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" with |strong="H5973" a |strong="H1961" very |strong="H3966" large |strong="H7230" group of |strong="H3605" servants. There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7230" camels |strong="H1581" carrying |strong="H5375" spices |strong="H1314", jewels, and |strong="H0935" a |strong="H1961" lot of |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091". She |strong="H0834" met |strong="H5375" Solomon |strong="H8010" and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H1696" him |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" questions |strong="H2420" that |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" could |strong="H5375" think |strong="H3824" of |strong="H3605". 2 Solomon |strong="H8010" answered |strong="H5046" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" questions |strong="H1697". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1697" her |strong="H3605" questions |strong="H1697" was |strong="H0834" too |strong="H3808" hard for |strong="H3605" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1697" explain |strong="H5046". 3 The |strong="H0853" queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H1004" Sheba |strong="H7614" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" Solomon |strong="H8010" was |strong="H0834" very wise |strong="H2451". She |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" beautiful palace |strong="H1004" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129". 4 She |strong="H0834" saw the |strong="H0834" food |strong="H3978" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" king's table |strong="H7979". She |strong="H0834" saw his |strong="H3068" officials |strong="H5650" meeting together. She |strong="H0834" saw the |strong="H0834" servants |strong="H5650" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" good clothes they |strong="H0834" wore. She |strong="H0834" saw his |strong="H3068" parties and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" sacrifices that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" offered |strong="H5927" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". She |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" so |strong="H1961" amazed, she |strong="H0834" could hardly breathe!

5 Then |strong="H8085" she |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Solomon, " The |strong="H0559" stories I |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H8085" country |strong="H0776" about |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" great works |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5921" wis-

dom |strong="H2451" are |strong="H0834" true |strong="H0571". <sup>6</sup> I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" believe |strong="H0539" it |strong="H5921" until |strong="H5704" I |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H7200" it |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" my |strong="H8085" own |strong="H5869" eyes |strong="H5869". Now |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0834" even |strong="H5704" greater than |strong="H3808" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085". Your |strong="H5921" wealth |strong="H3808" and |strong="H0935" wisdom |strong="H2451" is |strong="H0834" much |strong="H1697" greater than |strong="H3808" people |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" me |strong="H5046". <sup>7</sup> Your |strong="H8085" wives <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H0376" officers |strong="H5650" are |strong="H0428" very fortunate! They |strong="H0376" can |strong="H5975" serve |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0376" hear |strong="H8085" your |strong="H8085" wisdom |strong="H2451" every |strong="H0376" day. <sup>8</sup> Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"! He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" pleased |strong="H2654" to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" loves |strong="H0160" Israel |strong="H3478", so |strong="H6213" he |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". You |strong="H0834" follow |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" law and |strong="H3068" treat |strong="H6213" people |strong="H0834" fairly |strong="H4941".

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" Queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H4428" Sheba |strong="H7614" gave |strong="H5414" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" <sup>4 1/2</sup> tons <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H4428" gold |strong="H2091", a |strong="H1961" huge amount |strong="H7230" of |strong="H4428" spices |strong="H1314", and |strong="H3967" precious |strong="H3368" stones |strong="H0068". She |strong="H1931" gave |strong="H5414" Solomon |strong="H8010" more |strong="H3966" spices |strong="H1314" than |strong="H3808" anyone |strong="H0834"

has |strong="H0834" ever brought |strong="H5414" into |strong="H1961" Israel.

<sup>10</sup> Hiram's |strong="H2438" servants |strong="H5650" brought |strong="H0935" gold |strong="H2091" from |strong="H0935" Ophir |strong="H0211". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H1571" brought |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" jewels and |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" special kind of |strong="H5650" wood |strong="H6086". <sup>III</sup> <sup>11</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon used |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3068" special wood |strong="H6086" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" steps |strong="H4546" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". Solomon also |strong="H3068" used |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" algum |strong="H0418" wood |strong="H6086" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" lyres |strong="H3658" and |strong="H3068" harps |strong="H3658" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" singers |strong="H7891". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" ever saw |strong="H7200" such |strong="H3808" beautiful things |strong="H1992" like |strong="H0776" those |strong="H1992" made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" algum |strong="H0418" wood |strong="H6086" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>12</sup> King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" Queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H4428" Sheba |strong="H7614" everything |strong="H3605" she |strong="H1931" asked |strong="H7592" for |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" her |strong="H3605" more than |strong="H4428" she |strong="H1931" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" Queen |strong="H4436" of |strong="H4428" Sheba |strong="H7614" and |strong="H0935" her |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" left |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" own country |strong="H0776".

#### Solomon's |strong="H8010" Great Wealth

<sup>13</sup> Every |strong="H0259" year |strong="H8141" Solomon |strong="H8010" got almost 25 tons <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>I</sup> WIVES This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "men." <sup>II</sup> 4 1/2 TONS Literally, "120 talents" (4140 kg).

<sup>III</sup> SPECIAL ... WOOD Literally, "algum" or "Almug," as in 1 Kings. No one knows exactly what type of wood this was, but it might have been sandalwood. <sup>IV</sup> 25 TONS Literally, "666 talents" (22,977 kg).

of *gold*.<sup>14</sup> In addition to *gold* brought by the merchants and traders of the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land also brought *gold* and *silver* Solomon<sup>15</sup>.

<sup>15</sup> King Solomon made 200 large shields of hammered *gold*. He used about 15 pounds<sup>I</sup> of *gold* for each shield.<sup>16</sup> He also made 300 smaller shields of hammered *gold*. He used about 7 1/2 pounds<sup>II</sup> of *gold* for each shield.<sup>17</sup> The king put them in the Forest-of-Lebanon House.<sup>III</sup>

<sup>17</sup> King Solomon also built a large throne with ivory decorations. It was covered with pure *gold*.<sup>18</sup> There were six steps leading up to the throne. The back of the throne was round at the top. There were armrests on both sides of the throne,

and there were lions in the sides of the throne under the armrests.<sup>19</sup> There were two lions on each of the six steps, one at the end. There was nothing like it in any other kingdom.

<sup>20</sup> All Solomon's cups and glasses were made of *gold*. And all the dishes<sup>IV</sup> in the building called the Forest of Lebanon were made from pure *gold*. Nothing in the palace was made from *silver*. There was much *gold* that Solomon's time people did not think was important!

<sup>21</sup> The king also had cargo ships that went to Tarshish to trade things with other countries. Hiram's men were on these ships. Every three years the ships would come back with a new load of

I ABOUT 15 POUNDS Literally, "600 shekels  
1/2 POUNDS Literally, "300 shekels  
III FOREST-OF-LEBANON House The largest of king Solomon's palace buildings. See 1 Kings 7:2-5.

IV DISHES The Hebrew word can mean "dishes," "tools," or "weapons."

gold|strong="H2091", silver|strong="H3701", ivory|strong="H8143", and|strong="H1980" apes|strong="H6971" and|strong="H1980" baboons.

<sup>22</sup> King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" became|strong="H1431" greater|strong="H1431" in|strong="H0776" riches|strong="H6239" and|strong="H0776" wisdom|strong="H2451" than|strong="H4428" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776". <sup>23</sup> People|strong="H0834" everywhere|strong="H3605" wanted|strong="H1245" to|strong="H8085" see|strong="H0834" King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010". They|strong="H0834" wanted|strong="H1245" to|strong="H8085" hear|strong="H0885" the|strong="H3605" great|strong="H0430" wisdom|strong="H2451" that|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" had|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414". <sup>24</sup> Every|strong="H0376" year|strong="H8141" people|strong="H0376" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" see|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" king, and|strong="H0935" everyone|strong="H0376" brought|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" gift|strong="H4503". They|strong="H1992" brought|strong="H0935" things|strong="H1697" made|strong="H3627" from|strong="H0935" gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H0935" silver|strong="H3701", clothes|strong="H8008", weapons|strong="H3627", spices|strong="H1314", horses|strong="H5483", and|strong="H0935" mules|strong="H6505".

<sup>25</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" had|strong="H1961" 4000 stalls|strong="H0723" to|strong="H1961" keep horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H4428" chariots|strong="H7393". He|strong="H8010" had|strong="H1961" 12,000 horse|strong="H5483" soldiers. Solomon|strong="H8010" built special cities|strong="H5892" for|strong="H4428" these chariots|strong="H7393". So|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" chariots|strong="H7393" were|strong="H1961" kept in|strong="H4428" these cities|strong="H5892". King|strong="H4428" Solomon|strong="H8010" also|strong="H8010" kept some of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H1961" chariots|strong="H7393" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5973" in|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". <sup>26</sup> Solomon was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" over|strong="H4910" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" Euphrates|strong="H5104" River|strong="H5104" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428"

the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430", and|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714". <sup>27</sup> King|strong="H4428" Solomon had|strong="H0834" so|strong="H5414" much|strong="H7230" silver|strong="H3701" that|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5414" was|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" common as|strong="H0834" rocks|strong="H0068" in|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". And|strong="H4428" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" so|strong="H5414" much|strong="H7230" cedar|strong="H0730" wood that|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5414" was|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" common as|strong="H0834" sycamore|strong="H8256" trees|strong="H8256" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" hill country. <sup>28</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776" brought|strong="H3318" horses|strong="H5483" to|strong="H4714" Solomon|strong="H8010" from|strong="H3318" Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H0776" from|strong="H3318" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776".

#### Solomon's|strong="H8010" Death

<sup>29</sup> Everything else|strong="H3808" Solomon|strong="H8010" did|strong="H3808", from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" beginning|strong="H7223" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" end|strong="H0314", is|strong="H1697" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" writings of|strong="H1121" Nathan|strong="H5416" the|strong="H5921" Prophet|strong="H5030", in|strong="H5921" The|strong="H5921" Prophecy|strong="H5016" of|strong="H1121" Ahijah|strong="H0281" from|strong="H5921" Shiloh, and|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5921" The|strong="H5921" Visions|strong="H2378" of|strong="H1121" Iddo|strong="H3260" the|strong="H5921" Seer|strong="H2374". Iddo|strong="H3260" was|strong="H1697" a|strong="H5921" seer|strong="H2374" who|strong="H1121" wrote|strong="H3789" about|strong="H5921" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028". <sup>30</sup> Solomon|strong="H8010" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" over|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" 40 years|strong="H8141". <sup>31</sup> Then|strong="H1732" he|strong="H1732" died<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1732" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H6912"

<sup>I</sup> DIED Literally, "slept with his ancestors."

the|strong="H8478" city|strong="H5892"  
of|strong="H1121" David|strong="H1732",  
his|strong="H1732" father|strong="H0001".  
Then|strong="H1732" Solomon's|strong="H8010"  
son|strong="H1121" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" be-  
came|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" next  
king|strong="H4427".

### Rehoboam Acts Foolishly

**10** Jeroboam son of Nebat was still in Egypt where he had run away from Solomon. When he heard about Solomon's death, he returned to his city, Zeredah, in the hills of Ephraim.

Rehoboam and all the Israelites went to Shechem to make Rehoboam the king. The people said to Rehoboam, <sup>4</sup> "Your|strong="H5414" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" forced us|strong="H5414"  
to|strong="H5921" work|strong="H5656"  
very|strong="H6258" hard|strong="H7186".  
Now|strong="H6258", make|strong="H5414"  
it|strong="H5414" easier|strong="H7043"  
for|strong="H5921" us|strong="H5414". Stop  
the|strong="H0853" heavy|strong="H3515"  
work|strong="H5656" that|strong="H0834"  
your|strong="H5414" father|strong="H0001" forced  
us|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5921"  
do|strong="H5647" and|strong="H0001"  
we|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
serve|strong="H5647" you|strong="H0834"."

<sup>5</sup> Rehoboam answered|strong="H0559", "  
Come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"  
in|strong="H0413" three|strong="H7969"  
days|strong="H3117", and|strong="H7725"  
I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H5750" an-  
swer|strong="H7725" you|strong="H3117"."  
So|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0559" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" left|strong="H7725".

<sup>6</sup> There|strong="H1961" were|strong="H0834"  
some|strong="H5971" older|strong="H2205"  
men|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834"  
had|strong="H0834" helped  
Solomon|strong="H8010" make|strong="H7725" deci-  
sions when|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834"  
was|strong="H1961" alive|strong="H2416".  
So|strong="H1961" King|strong="H4428" Re-  
hoboam|strong="H7346" asked|strong="H0559"  
these|strong="H2088" men|strong="H5971"  
what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"  
should|strong="H0001" do|strong="H2088".  
He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "  
How|strong="H0349" do|strong="H2088"  
you|strong="H0859" think|strong="H0559"  
I|strong="H0834" should|strong="H0001" an-  
swer|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0559" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971"?"

<sup>7</sup> They|strong="H0518" answered|strong="H0559",  
" If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518"

do|strong="H0518" what|strong="H1697"  
is|strong="H2088" good|strong="H2896"  
for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971", you|strong="H0518"  
will|strong="H1961" please|strong="H7521"  
them|strong="H0413". If|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H0518" speak|strong="H1696" kind-  
ly|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0413"  
them|strong="H0413", they|strong="H0518"  
will|strong="H1961" always|strong="H3117"  
work|strong="H1697" for|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H0518"."

<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H5800" Rehoboam|strong="H1431"  
did|strong="H0834" not listen to|strong="H6440"  
the|strong="H0853" advice|strong="H6098"  
from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" old-  
er|strong="H2205" men|strong="H2205".  
He|strong="H0834" asked the|strong="H0853"  
young|strong="H3206" men|strong="H2205"  
who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834"  
his|strong="H0834" friends. <sup>9</sup> Rehoboam  
said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" said|strong="H0559", '  
Give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" easi-  
er|strong="H7043" work|strong="H1697"  
than|strong="H4480" your|strong="H5414" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" gave|strong="H5414"  
us|strong="H5414".' How|strong="H4100"  
do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859"  
think|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0834"  
should|strong="H4100" answer|strong="H7725"  
them|strong="H0413"? What|strong="H4100"  
should|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0834"  
tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413"?"

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853"  
young|strong="H3206" men|strong="H5971"  
who|strong="H0834" grew|strong="H1431"  
up|strong="H5921" with|strong="H0854"  
him|strong="H0413" answered|strong="H0559", "  
Those|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971"  
came|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0001"  
said|strong="H0559", ' Your|strong="H5921" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" forced us|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" work very hard.  
Now|strong="H3541" make|strong="H1431"  
our|strong="H5921" work easier|strong="H7043".'  
So|strong="H3541" you|strong="H0859"  
should|strong="H0001" tell|strong="H0559"  
them|strong="H0413", ' My|strong="H5921" lit-  
tle|strong="H6995" finger|strong="H6995"  
is|strong="H0834" stronger than|strong="H5921"  
my|strong="H5921" father's|strong="H0001" whole  
body|strong="H4975". <sup>11</sup> My|strong="H5921" fa-  
ther|strong="H0001" forced you|strong="H5921"  
to|strong="H5921" work hard|strong="H3515",  
but|strong="H6258" I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H0589" make|strong="H3254"



you *work much harder!* My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with whips that have sharp metal tips."

<sup>12</sup> Three days later and the people came to Rehoboam, just as he had told them to do. <sup>13</sup> King Rehoboam did not listen to the advice from the older men, and he was rude to the people. <sup>14</sup> He did his friends told him to do and said, "My father forced you to work hard, but I will make you work much harder!" My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with whips that have sharp metal tips." <sup>15</sup> So the king did do what the LORD caused this to happen. He did in order to keep the promise he made

to Jeroboam son Nebat when he sent Ahijah prophet from Shiloh, to speak to him.

<sup>16</sup> The Israelites saw that the new king refused to listen to them, so they said to him, "We are not David's family are we?"

We don't get of Jesse's land we?

So, people of Israel, let's go home

and let David's son rule his own people! So the Israelites went home. <sup>17</sup> But Rehoboam still ruled over the Israelites who lived in the cities of Judah.

<sup>18</sup> A man named Adoniram was one of the men who directed the workers. King Rehoboam sent Adoniram to talk to the people, but the Israelites threw stones at him until he died. King Rehoboam ran to his chariot

and |strong="H1121" escaped |strong="H5127" to |strong="H4191" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>19</sup> So |strong="H2088" Israel |strong="H3478" rebelled |strong="H6586" against |strong="H6586" the |strong="H5704" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" David |strong="H1732", and |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3117" is |strong="H2088" how things |strong="H3478" are |strong="H3117" even |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117".

**11** Rehoboam |strong="H7346" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H0935" gathered |strong="H6950" together |strong="H5973" an |strong="H0935" army |strong="H3389" of |strong="H1004" 180,000 men |strong="H0970" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" families |strong="H0505" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H1004" Benjamin |strong="H1144". Rehoboam |strong="H7346" wanted to |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H0935" take |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" his |strong="H7725" kingdom |strong="H4467".<sup>2</sup> But |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" named Shemaiah |strong="H0898". He |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559",<sup>3</sup> "Talk to |strong="H0413" Rehoboam |strong="H7346", the |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Solomon |strong="H8010", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144".<sup>4</sup> Say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", 'The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" war against |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" brothers |strong="H0251". Everyone |strong="H0376", go |strong="H5927" home |strong="H1004"! I |strong="H3588" made |strong="H1961" all |strong="H1697" this |strong="H2088" happen |strong="H1961"." So |strong="H3541" all |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0413" Rehoboam's army |strong="H5927" obeyed |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068"

went |strong="H5927" home |strong="H1004". They |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" attack |strong="H5927" Jeroboam |strong="H3379".

### Rehoboam Strengthens Judah

<sup>5</sup> Rehoboam |strong="H7346" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3063" built |strong="H1129" strong cities |strong="H5892" in |strong="H3427" Judah |strong="H3063" to |strong="H3389" defend against |strong="H3389" attacks.<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H0853" repaired the |strong="H0853" cities of |strong="H1129" Bethlehem |strong="H1035", Etam |strong="H5862", Tekoa |strong="H8620",<sup>7</sup> Beth Zur, Soco |strong="H7755", Adullam |strong="H5725",<sup>8</sup> Gath |strong="H1661", Mareshah |strong="H4762", Ziph |strong="H2128",<sup>9</sup> Adoraim |strong="H0115", Lachish |strong="H3923", Azekah |strong="H5825",<sup>10</sup> Zorah |strong="H6881", Aijalon |strong="H0357", and |strong="H3063" Hebron |strong="H2275". These |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H5892" in |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Benjamin |strong="H1144" were |strong="H0834" made |strong="H0834" strong.<sup>11</sup> When Rehoboam made |strong="H5414" these cities strong |strong="H2388", he |strong="H5414" put |strong="H5414" commanders in |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". He |strong="H5414" also |strong="H0853" put |strong="H5414" supplies |strong="H5414" of |strong="H0214" food |strong="H3978", oil |strong="H8081", and |strong="H2388" wine |strong="H3196" in |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414".<sup>12</sup> Also |strong="H1144", he |strong="H3063" put |strong="H2388" shields |strong="H6793" and |strong="H3063" spears |strong="H7420" in |strong="H1961" every |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H3063" made |strong="H2388" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" very |strong="H3966" strong |strong="H2388". He |strong="H3063" kept the |strong="H3605" peoples and |strong="H3063" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3605" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Benjamin |strong="H1144" under his |strong="H3605" control |strong="H2388".<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" from |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" over |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478" agreed with |strong="H5921" Rehoboam and |strong="H3478" joined him |strong="H5921".<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" left |strong="H5800" their |strong="H3068" grasslands and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H0272" fields and |strong="H1121" came to |strong="H3068" Ju-

dah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". The |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" did this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121" refused to |strong="H3068" let them |strong="H0853" serve |strong="H3547" as |strong="H3547" priests |strong="H3547" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>15</sup> Jeroboam |strong="H5975" chose |strong="H6213" his |strong="H0834" own priests |strong="H3548" to |strong="H5975" serve |strong="H5975" in |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0834" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116", where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" set |strong="H5975" up |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0834" goat |strong="H8163" and |strong="H3548" calf |strong="H5695" idols he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213". <sup>16</sup> When |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Levites left |strong="H5414" Israel |strong="H3478", the |strong="H3605" people in |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" faithful to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" to |strong="H0935" sacrifice |strong="H2076" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3605" fathers |strong="H0001". <sup>17</sup> These people |strong="H1121" made |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" kingdom |strong="H4438" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" strong |strong="H2388", and |strong="H1980" they |strong="H3588" supported |strong="H0553" Solomon's |strong="H8010" son |strong="H1121" Rehoboam |strong="H7346" for |strong="H3588" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141". They |strong="H3588" did |strong="H1980" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" during that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H8141" they |strong="H3588" lived the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H1870" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1980" Solomon |strong="H8010" had |strong="H1732" lived.

#### Rehoboam's |strong="H7346" Family

<sup>18</sup> Rehoboam |strong="H7346" married |strong="H3947" Mahalath |strong="H4258". Her |strong="H3947" father was |strong="H1732" Jeri-

moth. Her |strong="H3947" mother was |strong="H1732" Abihail |strong="H0032". Jerimoth was |strong="H1732" David's |strong="H1732" son |strong="H1121". Abihail |strong="H0032" was |strong="H1732" Eliab's |strong="H0446" daughter |strong="H1323", and |strong="H1121" Eliab |strong="H0446" was |strong="H1732" Jesse's |strong="H3448" son |strong="H1121". <sup>19</sup> Mahalath gave |strong="H3205" Rehoboam these sons |strong="H1121": Jeush |strong="H3266", She-mariah |strong="H8114", and |strong="H1121" Zaha-m |strong="H2093". <sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H3947" Rehoboam married |strong="H3947" Maacah |strong="H4601". Maacah |strong="H4601" was |strong="H3205" Absalom's |strong="H0053" granddaughter |strong="H1323". <sup>1</sup> And |strong="H1323" Maacah |strong="H4601" gave |strong="H3205" Rehoboam these |strong="H3947" children |strong="H3205": Abijah |strong="H0029", Attai |strong="H6262", Ziza |strong="H2124", and |strong="H1323" Shelomith |strong="H8019". <sup>21</sup> Rehoboam |strong="H7346" loved |strong="H0157" Maacah |strong="H4601" more |strong="H3588" than |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" loved |strong="H0157" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" wives |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" slave women |strong="H0802". Rehoboam |strong="H7346" had |strong="H3205" 18 wives |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" 60 slave women |strong="H0802". He |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0802" the |strong="H3605" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H1121" 28 sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" 60 daughters |strong="H1323".

<sup>22</sup> Rehoboam |strong="H7346" chose Abijah |strong="H0029" to |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" leader |strong="H5057" among |strong="H0251" his |strong="H3588" own brothers |strong="H0251". He |strong="H3588" did this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" planned to |strong="H1121" make |strong="H3588" Abijah |strong="H0029" king |strong="H4427". <sup>23</sup> Rehoboam acted |strong="H0995" wisely |strong="H0995" and |strong="H1121" spread |strong="H6555" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" sons |strong="H1121" through |strong="H6555" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" areas |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144" to |strong="H5414" every |strong="H3605" strong city |strong="H5892". And |strong="H1121" Rehoboam gave |strong="H5414" plenty |strong="H7230" of |strong="H1121" supplies |strong="H5414"

I GRANDDAUGHTER Literally, "daughter."

to|strong="H5414" his|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121". He|strong="H5414" also|strong="H1144" looked|strong="H0995" for|strong="H0776" wives|strong="H0802" for|strong="H0776" them|strong="H5414".

### Shishak King of Egypt Attacks Jerusalem

**12** Rehoboam|strong="H7346" became|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" strong|strong="H2393" king and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3559" his|strong="H3605" kingdom|strong="H4438" strong|strong="H2393". Then|strong="H1961" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" tribe of|strong="H3068" Judah<sup>1</sup> refused to|strong="H1961" obey|strong="H8451" the|strong="H3605" law|strong="H8451" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>2</sup> During|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" fifth|strong="H2549" year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H3588" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" was|strong="H1961" king|strong="H4428", Shishak|strong="H7895" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" attack|strong="H5927" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". This|strong="H3588" happened|strong="H1961" because|strong="H3588" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" people of|strong="H4428" Judah rebelled|strong="H4603" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>3</sup> Shishak had|strong="H0834" 12,000 chariots|strong="H7393", 60,000 horse riders|strong="H7393", and|strong="H0935" an|strong="H0935" army|strong="H5971" that|strong="H0834" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" could|strong="H5971" count|strong="H4557". In|strong="H0935" Shishak's large army|strong="H5971" there|strong="H0369" were|strong="H0834" Libyan soldiers|strong="H5971", Sukkite soldiers|strong="H5971", and|strong="H0935" Ethiopian|strong="H3569" soldiers|strong="H5971".

<sup>4</sup> Shishak defeated the|strong="H0853" strong cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063". Then|strong="H0853" Shishak brought|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0834" army|strong="H3389" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Shemaiah|strong="H8098" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H5030" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H8269"

of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063". The|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" had|strong="H3068" gathered|strong="H0622" together|strong="H0622" in|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" because|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" all|strong="H0622" were|strong="H0834" afraid of|strong="H3068" Shishak|strong="H7895". Shemaiah|strong="H8098" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063", " This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": ' Rehoboam|strong="H7346", you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" people of|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" have|strong="H0834" left|strong="H5800" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" refused to|strong="H0413" obey my|strong="H3068" law. So|strong="H3541" now|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H5800" you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H0413" face|strong="H6440" Shishak|strong="H7895" without my|strong="H3068" help."

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" Judah and|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4428" Rehoboam were|strong="H3478" sorry and|strong="H3068" humbled|strong="H3665" themselves|strong="H3665". They|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" right|strong="H6662"."

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" king and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" leaders of|strong="H3068" Judah had|strong="H3068" humbled|strong="H3665" themselves|strong="H1992". Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Shemaiah|strong="H8098". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559" king and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" leaders humbled|strong="H3665" themselves|strong="H1992". So|strong="H1961" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7843" them|strong="H0413", but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" save them|strong="H0413" soon|strong="H4592". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> JUDAH Literally, "Israel."

not |strong="H3808" use |strong="H1961" Shishak |strong="H7895" to |strong="H0413" pour |strong="H5413" out |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5414" anger |strong="H2534" on |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" Shishak's servants |strong="H5650". This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" may |strong="H1961" learn |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" serving |strong="H5656" me |strong="H5650" is |strong="H0776" different from |strong="H1961" serving |strong="H5656" the |strong="H3588" kings of |strong="H0776" other nations |strong="H4467".

<sup>9</sup> Shishak |strong="H7895" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H0214" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091" shields |strong="H4043" that |strong="H0834" Solomon |strong="H8010" had |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213".<sup>10</sup> King |strong="H4428" Rehoboam |strong="H7346" made |strong="H6213" more |strong="H5921" shields |strong="H4043" to |strong="H5921" put |strong="H6485" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" places |strong="H1004", but |strong="H4428" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3027" made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H5921" bronze |strong="H5178". He |strong="H6213" gave |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" guards |strong="H7323" on |strong="H5921" duty |strong="H5921" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" palace |strong="H1004" gates |strong="H6607".<sup>11</sup> Every time |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004", the |strong="H0413" guards |strong="H7323" took |strong="H5375" out |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" shields and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". After |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1961" finished, they |strong="H3068" put |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" shields back |strong="H7725" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" wall in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" guardroom |strong="H8372".

<sup>12</sup> Rehoboam humbled |strong="H3665" himself |strong="H3665", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H4480" LORD |strong="H3068" stopped |strong="H7725" being |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H3068" him |strong="H7725". So |strong="H4480" he |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" completely |strong="H3617" destroy |strong="H7843" Rehoboam. There |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" some |strong="H4480" good |strong="H2896" in |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>13</sup> King |strong="H4428" Rehoboam |strong="H7346" made |strong="H7760" himself |strong="H2388" a |strong="H3588" strong |strong="H2388" king |strong="H4428" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H8034" 41 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" became |strong="H2388" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah. Rehoboam |strong="H7346" ruled |strong="H4427" 17 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" chose |strong="H0977" for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3605" own |strong="H2388". He |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" this |strong="H3588" city |strong="H5892" from |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0259" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Rehoboam's |strong="H7346" mother |strong="H0517" was |strong="H8034" Naamah |strong="H5279". She |strong="H0834" was |strong="H8034" an |strong="H7760" Ammonite.<sup>14</sup> Rehoboam did |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7451" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808" decide in |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3820" to |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>15</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H1697" Rehoboam |strong="H7346" did |strong="H3808" when |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" was |strong="H1697" king, from |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" beginning |strong="H7223" to |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" end |strong="H0314" of |strong="H3117" his |strong="H3605" rule |strong="H1697", are |strong="H3117" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H3789" the |strong="H3605" writings of |strong="H3117" She-maiah |strong="H8098" the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" and |strong="H3117" in |strong="H3789" the |strong="H3605" writings

of|strong="H3117" Iddo|strong="H5714" the|strong="H3605" seer|strong="H2374". Those|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" wrote|strong="H3789" family histories. And|strong="H3117" there|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992" wars|strong="H4421" between|strong="H4421" Rehoboam|strong="H7346" and|strong="H3117" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" both|strong="H3605" kings ruled. <sup>16</sup> Rehoboam|strong="H7346" rested with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H1732" ancestors|strong="H0001" and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1732" buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H6912" the|strong="H8478" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" David|strong="H1732". Then|strong="H1732" Rehoboam's|strong="H7346" son|strong="H1121" Abijah|strong="H0029" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8478" next king|strong="H4427" after him|strong="H5973".

### Abijah, King of Judah

**13** Abijah|strong="H0029" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H5921" new king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063". This was|strong="H4428" during the|strong="H5921" 18th year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son of|strong="H4428" Nebat ruled|strong="H4427" Israel. <sup>2</sup> Abijah|strong="H0029" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" for|strong="H3389" three|strong="H7969" years|strong="H8141". His|strong="H1961" mother's|strong="H0517" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Maacah. She|strong="H0517" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H4480" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323" Uriel|strong="H0222", from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" town of|strong="H1323" Gibeah|strong="H1390". And|strong="H3389" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H8034" war|strong="H4421" between|strong="H0996" Abijah|strong="H0029" and|strong="H3389" Jeroboam|strong="H3379". <sup>3</sup> Abijah's|strong="H0029" army|strong="H2428" had|strong="H0376" 400,000 brave|strong="H2428" soldiers|strong="H0376". Abijah|strong="H0029" led that|strong="H4421" army|strong="H2428" into|strong="H0376" battle|strong="H4421". Jeroboam's|strong="H3379" army|strong="H2428" had|strong="H0376" 800,000 brave|strong="H2428" soldiers|strong="H0376". Jeroboam|strong="H3379" got ready|strong="H0631" to|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376" a|strong="H0376" war|strong="H4421" with|strong="H5973" Abijah|strong="H0029".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H6965" Abijah|strong="H0029" stood|strong="H6965" on|strong="H5921"

Mount|strong="H2022" Zemaraim|strong="H6787" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Ephraim|strong="H0669" and|strong="H6965" said|strong="H0559", "Jeroboam|strong="H3379" and|strong="H6965" all|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5921"! <sup>5</sup> You|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", gave|strong="H5414" David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5414" sons|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" right to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H3808" king|strong="H5921" over|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478" forever|strong="H5769". God|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H5414" this|strong="H3588" right to|strong="H5921" David|strong="H1732" with|strong="H3068" an|strong="H5414" agreement|strong="H1285" of|strong="H1121" salt|strong="H4417". <sup>16</sup> But|strong="H5921" Jeroboam|strong="H3379" turned against|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" master|strong="H0113". Jeroboam|strong="H3379" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nebat|strong="H5028" was|strong="H1732" one|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" servants|strong="H5650" of|strong="H1121" David's|strong="H1732" son|strong="H1121" Solomon|strong="H8010". <sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H1961" worthless|strong="H1100", evil|strong="H1100" men|strong="H0376" became|strong="H1961" friends with|strong="H5921" Jeroboam. Then|strong="H1961" Jeroboam and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" bad men|strong="H0376" turned|strong="H1961" against|strong="H5921" Rehoboam|strong="H7346", Solomon's|strong="H8010" son|strong="H1121". Rehoboam|strong="H7346" was|strong="H1961" young|strong="H5288" and|strong="H1121" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961" experience. So|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3808" could|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" Jeroboam and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" bad friends.

<sup>8</sup> "Now|strong="H6258", you|strong="H0859" people|strong="H1121" have|strong="H0834" decided|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" defeat the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" kingdom|strong="H4467"— the|strong="H0559" king-

<sup>1</sup> AGREEMENT OF SALT When people ate salt together, it meant their agreement of friendship would never be broken. Abijah was saying here that God had made an agreement with David that would never be broken.

dom |strong="H4467" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" ruled by |strong="H3027" David's |strong="H1732" sons |strong="H1121". You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" so |strong="H6213" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H1121" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" golden |strong="H2091" calves |strong="H5695"— the |strong="H0559" 'gods' that |strong="H0834" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" made |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3027" you |strong="H0859". <sup>9</sup> You |strong="H3605" threw out |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" priests |strong="H3548", the |strong="H3605" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175". And |strong="H1121" you |strong="H3605" threw out |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881". Then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3605" chose |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" priests |strong="H3548", as |strong="H1961" every |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" nation |strong="H5971" on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776" does |strong="H6213". And |strong="H1121" now |strong="H1961", anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H1961" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" and |strong="H1121" seven |strong="H7651" rams |strong="H0352" can |strong="H6213" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" priest |strong="H3548" to |strong="H0935" serve |strong="H1961" these |strong="H3605" 'no-gods.'

<sup>10</sup> " But |strong="H3808" as |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3068" us, the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H0587" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah have |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" obey God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" left |strong="H5800" him |strong="H0430". The |strong="H3068" priests |strong="H3548" who |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H8334" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" are |strong="H1121" Aaron's |strong="H0175" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3068" Levites |strong="H3881" help the |strong="H3068" priests |strong="H3548" in |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3068" work |strong="H4399". <sup>11</sup> They |strong="H3588" offer |strong="H6999" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" burn |strong="H6999" in-

cense |strong="H7004" of |strong="H0430" spices |strong="H5561" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" every |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242" and |strong="H3068" every |strong="H1242" evening |strong="H6153". They |strong="H3588" put the |strong="H0853" bread |strong="H3899" in |strong="H5921" rows |strong="H4635" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" special table |strong="H7979" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Temple. And |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3588" take |strong="H8104" care |strong="H4931" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" golden |strong="H2091" lampstand |strong="H4501" so |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" it |strong="H5921" shines bright each |strong="H7979" and |strong="H3068" every |strong="H1242" evening |strong="H6153". We |strong="H0587" very carefully |strong="H8104" serve the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" people |strong="H5800" have |strong="H0859" abandoned |strong="H5800" him |strong="H5921". <sup>12</sup> God |strong="H0430" himself |strong="H3808" is |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H5921". He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" ruler, and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" priests |strong="H3548" are |strong="H3478" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H5921". God's |strong="H0430" priests |strong="H3548" blow his |strong="H5921" trumpets |strong="H2689" to |strong="H5921" wake you |strong="H3588" up |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" make |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" excited about |strong="H5921" coming |strong="H2009" to |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". Men |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", don't |strong="H0408" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068", God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" succeed |strong="H6743"!"

<sup>13</sup> But |strong="H1961" Jeroboam |strong="H3379" sent a |strong="H1961" group of |strong="H6440" soldiers to |strong="H0935" sneak behind |strong="H0310" Abijah's army. Jeroboam's |strong="H3379" army was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0935" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" Abijah's army. The |strong="H0853" hidden soldiers from |strong="H0935" Jeroboam's |strong="H3379" army were |strong="H1961" behind |strong="H0310"

Abijah's army. <sup>14</sup> When the soldiers in Abijah's army from Judah looked around, they saw Jeroboam's army attacking both in front and back. <sup>1</sup> The men of Judah shouted out to the LORD and the priests blew trumpets. <sup>15</sup> Then the men in Abijah's army shouted. When the men of Judah shouted, God defeated Jeroboam's whole army from Israel. <sup>16</sup> The men of Israel ran away from the men of Judah. God let the army from Judah defeat the army from Israel. <sup>17</sup> Abijah's army greatly defeated the army of Israel, and 500,000 of the best men of Israel were killed. <sup>18</sup> So at that time the Israelites were defeated, and the people of Judah won. The army from Judah won because they depended on the

I WHEN THE SOLDIERS ... IN BACK The standard Hebrew text has "The battle was in front and in the back."

LORD, the God of their ancestors.

<sup>19</sup> Abijah's army chased Jeroboam's army, and they captured the towns of Bethel, Jeshanah, and Ephron from Jeroboam. They captured the towns and the small villages near them.

<sup>20</sup> Jeroboam never again while Abijah lived. The LORD killed Jeroboam, but Abijah became strong. He married 14 women and the father of 22 sons and 16 daughters. <sup>22</sup> Everything else Abijah did is written in the books of the prophet Iddo.

**14** When Abijah died, they buried him in the City of David. Abijah's son Asa became the new king after him. There was peace in the country for ten years in Asa's time.

**Asa, King of Judah**

<sup>2</sup> Asa did what the LORD his God said was good and right. <sup>3</sup> He took away the altars of the foreigners and high places. He also smashed the memorial stones and cut down the Asherah poles. <sup>4</sup> He commanded the



people of *strong="H6440"* Judah *strong="H3063"* to *strong="H6440"* follow the *strong="H3605"* LORD, the *strong="H3605"* God their *strong="H3605"* ancestors had *strong="H3063"* worshiped, and *strong="H3063"* to *strong="H6440"* obey his *strong="H3605"* laws and *strong="H3063"* commands. <sup>5</sup> He *strong="H3588"* also *strong="H3068"* removed all the *strong="H3588"* high places and *strong="H3068"* incense altars from *strong="H0776"* all the *strong="H3588"* towns *strong="H5892"* in *strong="H8141"* Judah *strong="H3063"*. So *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H3588"* kingdom had *strong="H3068"* peace *strong="H8252"* when *strong="H3588"* Asa was *strong="H0369"* king. <sup>6</sup> Asa built *strong="H1129"* strong cities *strong="H5892"* in *strong="H0430"* Judah *strong="H3063"* while *strong="H5750"* there *strong="H3068"* was *strong="H3068"* peace *strong="H5117"* in *strong="H0430"* Judah *strong="H3063"*. He *strong="H3588"* had *strong="H3068"* no war in *strong="H0430"* these *strong="H0428"* years because *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* gave *strong="H0559"* him *strong="H0853"* peace *strong="H5117"*.

<sup>7</sup> Asa *strong="H0609"* said to *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* people of *strong="H3605"* Judah *strong="H3063"*, "Let's build these *strong="H0428"* towns and *strong="H3063"* make *strong="H5375"* walls around them *strong="H5375"*. Let's make *strong="H5375"* towers *strong="H5375"*, gates, and *strong="H3063"* bars in *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* gates. Let's do *strong="H3605"* this *strong="H0428"* while *strong="H1961"* we *strong="H3605"* still live in *strong="H1961"* this *strong="H0428"* country. This *strong="H0428"* country is *strong="H3605"* ours because *strong="H3605"* we *strong="H3605"* have *strong="H1961"* followed the *strong="H3605"* LORD our *strong="H3605"* God. He *strong="H1144"* has *strong="H1961"* given us peace all *strong="H3605"* around us." So *strong="H1961"* they *strong="H0428"* built and *strong="H3063"* had *strong="H1961"* success.

<sup>8</sup> Asa had *strong="H0935"* an *strong="H0935"* army *strong="H2428"* of *strong="H0505"* 300,000 men from *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0413"* tribe of *strong="H0505"* Judah and *strong="H0935"* 280,000 men from *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0413"* tribe of *strong="H0505"* Benjamin. The *strong="H0413"* men from *strong="H0935"* Judah carried *strong="H0935"* large shields and *strong="H0935"* spears. The *strong="H0413"* men from *strong="H0935"* Benjamin carried *strong="H0935"* small shields and *strong="H0935"* shot arrows from *strong="H0935"* bows. All *strong="H5704"* of *strong="H0505"* them *strong="H0413"*

were *strong="H2428"* strong *strong="H2428"* and *strong="H0935"* brave *strong="H2428"* soldiers *strong="H2428"*.

<sup>9</sup> Then *strong="H3318"* Zerah from *strong="H3318"* Ethiopia <sup>I</sup> came *strong="H3318"* out *strong="H3318"* against *strong="H6440"* Asa's *strong="H0609"* army *strong="H4421"*. He *strong="H3318"* had *strong="H0609"* 1,000,000 men and *strong="H6440"* 300 chariots in *strong="H6440"* his *strong="H6440"* army *strong="H4421"*. His *strong="H6440"* army *strong="H4421"* went *strong="H3318"* as *strong="H3318"* far as *strong="H3318"* the *strong="H6440"* town of *strong="H6440"* Mareshah *strong="H4762"*. <sup>10</sup> Asa *strong="H0609"* went *strong="H0935"* out *strong="H5921"* to *strong="H0413"* fight against *strong="H5921"* Zerah. Asa's *strong="H0609"* army *strong="H1995"* got ready for *strong="H3588"* battle in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0559"* Valley of *strong="H0430"* Zephathah at *strong="H0413"* Mareshah.

<sup>11</sup> Asa *strong="H0609"* called out *strong="H6440"* to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* his *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H3068"* and *strong="H3068"* said, "LORD *strong="H3068"*, only you *strong="H6440"* can help weak people against *strong="H6440"* those *strong="H0853"* who *strong="H3068"* are *strong="H3068"* strong! Help us *strong="H6440"*, LORD *strong="H3068"* our *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H3068"*! We depend on *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H6440"*. We fight against *strong="H6440"* this *strong="H3068"* large army in *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* name. LORD *strong="H3068"*, you *strong="H6440"* are *strong="H3068"* our *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H3068"*! Don't let anyone defeat you *strong="H6440"*!"

<sup>12</sup> Then *strong="H5375"* the *strong="H6440"* LORD *strong="H3068"* used Asa's *strong="H0609"* army *strong="H4264"* from *strong="H6440"* Judah to *strong="H5704"* defeat the *strong="H6440"* Ethiopian *strong="H3569"* army *strong="H4264"*. And *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H6440"* army *strong="H4264"* ran away *strong="H5375"*.

<sup>13</sup> Asa's army chased the *strong="H3605"* Ethiopian army all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* way *strong="H3605"* to *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* town *strong="H5892"* of *strong="H3068"* Gerar *strong="H1642"*. So *strong="H1961"* many *strong="H7227"* Ethiopians were *strong="H1961"* killed *strong="H5221"* that *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H3588"* could not *strong="H1961"* get together *strong="H5921"* as *strong="H1961"* an *strong="H1961"* army to *strong="H1961"* fight again *strong="H1961"*.

I ETHIOPIA Or "Cush."

They were crushed by the LORD and his army. Asa and his army carried many valuable things away from the enemy. <sup>14</sup> Asa and his army defeated all the towns near Gerar. The people living in those towns were afraid of the LORD. Those towns had very many valuable things. Asa's army took away from those towns. <sup>15</sup> His army also attacked the camps where the shepherds lived and took many sheep and camels. Then they went back to Jerusalem.

#### Asa's Changes

**15** The Spirit of God came on Azariah, who was Obed's son. <sup>2</sup> Azariah went to meet Asa and said, "Listen to me, Asa and all you people of Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you look for him, you will find him. But if you leave him, he will leave you." <sup>3</sup> For a long time Israel was the true God. And they were with-

out a teaching priest, and without the law. <sup>4</sup> But when the Israelites had trouble, they turned again to the LORD. The LORD, God of Israel, they looked for and found him. In those times of trouble, no one could travel safely. There was great trouble in the nations. <sup>6</sup> One nation would destroy another nation and one city would destroy another city. This was happening because God gave them all kinds of trouble. <sup>7</sup> But Asa, you and the people of Judah and Benjamin, be strong. Don't be weak and don't give up, because you will get a reward for your good work!

<sup>8</sup> Asa felt encouraged when he heard these words and the message from Obed the prophet. Then he removed the idols from the whole area of Judah and Benjamin. He also removed

the **H3605** hated idols **H8251** from **H4480** the **H3605** towns **H5892** he **H0834** had **H3068** captured **H3920** in **H3068** the **H3605** hill **H2022** country **H2022** of **H0776** Ephraim **H0669**. And **H3068** he **H0834** repaired **H2388** the **H3605** LORD'S **H3068** altar **H4196** that **H0834** was **H0834** in **H3068** front **H6440** of **H0776** the **H3605** porch **H0197** of **H0776** the **H3605** LORD'S **H3068** Temple.

<sup>9</sup> Then **H0853** Asa gathered **H6908** all **H3605** the **H3605** people **H6908** from **H5921** Judah **H3063** and **H3068** Benjamin **H1144** and **H3068** the **H3605** people **H6908** from **H5921** the **H3605** tribes of **H0430** Ephraim **H0669**, Manasseh **H4519**, and **H3068** Simeon **H8095** who **H3605** had **H3068** moved from **H5921** the **H3605** country of **H0430** Israel **H3478** to **H5921** live **H1481** in **H5921** the **H3605** country of **H0430** Judah **H3063**. A **H3588** great **H7230** many **H7230** of **H0430** these **H3605** people **H6908** came **H5307** to **H5921** Judah **H3063** because **H3588** they **H3588** saw **H7200** that **H3588** the **H3605** LORD **H3068**, Asa's God **H0430**, was **H3068** with **H5973** him **H5921**.

<sup>10</sup> Asa **H0609** and **H3389** these people **H6908** gathered **H6908** together **H6908** in **H8141** Jerusalem **H3389** on **H3389** the **H6908** third **H7992** month **H2320** in **H8141** the **H6908** 15th year **H8141** of **H8141** Asa's **H0609** rule **H4438**. <sup>11</sup> At **H3068** that **H3117** time **H3117** they **H3117** sacrificed **H2076** 700 bulls **H1241** and **H0935** 7000 sheep **H6629** and **H0935** goats to **H0935** the **H0935** LORD **H3068**. Asa's army had **H3068** taken the **H0935** animals and **H0935** other valuable things

from **H4480** their **H3068** enemies. <sup>12</sup> Then **H0853** they **H3068** made **H3605** an **H0935** agreement **H1285** to **H0935** serve the **H3605** LORD **H3068** God **H0430** with **H3068** all **H3605** their **H3605** heart **H3824** and **H0935** with **H3068** all **H3605** their **H3605** soul **H5315**. He **H0430** is **H3068** the **H3605** God **H0430** their **H3605** ancestors **H0001** served. <sup>13</sup> Anyone **H3605** who **H0834** refused **H3808** to **H5704** serve the **H3605** LORD **H3068** God **H0430** was **H0834** to **H5704** be **H4191** killed **H4191**. It **H5704** did **H0834** not **H3808** matter if **H0834** that **H0834** person **H0376** was **H0834** important **H5704** or **H3808** not **H3808** or **H3808** if **H0834** that **H0834** person **H0376** was **H0834** a **H4480** man **H0376** or **H3808** woman **H0802**. <sup>14</sup> Then **H3068** Asa and **H3068** the **H3068** people made **H7650** an **H7650** oath **H7650** to **H3068** the **H3068** LORD **H3068**. They **H3068** shouted **H8643** it **H3068** out **H1419** loudly **H6963** and **H3068** blew their **H3068** trumpets **H2689** and **H3068** rams' horns **H7782**. <sup>15</sup> All **H3605** the **H3605** people of **H3068** Judah **H3063** were **H3063** happy **H8055** about **H5439** the **H3605** oath **H7621**, because **H3588** they **H3588** had **H3068** promised **H7650** with **H3068** all **H3605** their **H3605** heart **H3824**. They **H3588** followed God **H3068** with **H3068** all **H3605** their **H3605** heart **H3824**. They **H3588** looked **H1245** for **H3588** God **H3068** and **H3068** found **H4672** him **H5921**, so **H3588** the **H3605** LORD **H3068** gave **H5117** them **H5921** peace **H5117** in **H5921** all **H3605** the **H3605** country.

<sup>16</sup> King *Asa* *also* removed *Maacah*, his mother, from being queen. He did *because* she had *set* up *of* those *to* honor the goddess *Asherah* that *she* cut *down* that *Asherah* pole, smashed it *into* small pieces, and *burned* pieces *in* *Kidron* Valley. <sup>17</sup> *Asa* did *not* *destroy* the *high* places, even *though* he *was* faithful *to* God *all* his *life*.

<sup>18</sup> *Asa* and *his* father *had* given some special gifts *to* God. *Asa* put *these* gifts *of* gold, silver, and *other things* *into* the Temple. <sup>19</sup> There *was* *no* more *war* until *the* 35th year *of* *Asa's* rule. <sup>I</sup>

#### Asa's Last Years

<sup>16</sup> In *the* 36th year *as* *Baasha* attacked *Judah* and *then* built *the* city of *Ramah* to *keep* *Asa* from *leaving* *Judah* on *any* kind of *military*

<sup>I</sup> 35TH YEAR OF ASA'S RULE About the year 880 B.C. <sup>II</sup> 36TH YEAR AS KING About the year 879 B.C.

*campaign*. <sup>2</sup> *So* *Asa* took *gold* and *silver* *from* the *treasuries* of *LORD'S* Temple and *the* king's *palace*. He *gave* it *to* his *officials* and *sent* *them* *to* *Ben-Hadad* *of* *Aram*. *Ben-Hadad* *was* *son* of *Tabrimmon* *was* *son* of *Hezion*. *Damascus* *was* *Ben-Hadad's* capital *city*. <sup>3</sup> *Asa* sent *this* *message*: *My* father and *your* father *had* a *peace agreement*. Now *I* want *to* make a *peace agreement* *with* you *I* am sending *this* *gift* *of* gold and *silver* *to* your *treaty* *with* King *Baasha* *of* *Israel* and *make* him *leave* *us* alone.

<sup>4</sup> King *Ben-Hadad* made *an agreement* with *King* *Asa* and *sent* *his* *army* *to* fight *against* *the* *Israelite* towns *of* *Ijon*, *Dan*, and *the* *storage* *cities* *in* *the* area *of* *Naphtali*. <sup>5</sup> When *Baasha* *heard* *about* *these* attacks, he *stopped*

building |strong="H1129" up |strong="H1129" Ramah |strong="H7414" and |strong="H8085" went |strong="H1961" back |strong="H2308" to |strong="H1961" Tirzah. He |strong="H0853" stopped |strong="H2308" all the |strong="H0853" work |strong="H4399" he |strong="H0853" was |strong="H1961" doing. <sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H3947" King |strong="H4428" Asa |strong="H0609" gave |strong="H3947" an |strong="H1129" order for |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063", with |strong="H3605" no |strong="H3605" exceptions. They |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" to |strong="H4428" go to |strong="H4428" Ramah |strong="H7414" and |strong="H3063" carry |strong="H5375" out |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" stone |strong="H0068" and |strong="H3063" wood |strong="H6086" that |strong="H0834" Baasha |strong="H1201" was |strong="H0834" using to |strong="H4428" build |strong="H1129" up |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" city. They |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" material to |strong="H4428" Geba |strong="H1387" in |strong="H4428" Benjamin and |strong="H3063" to |strong="H4428" Mizpah |strong="H4709" and |strong="H3063" used |strong="H3947" it |strong="H5375" to |strong="H4428" strengthen those |strong="H3605" two |strong="H3947" cities.

<sup>7</sup> At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H7200" time |strong="H6256" Hanani |strong="H2607" the |strong="H0559" seer came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Asa |strong="H0609" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Asa |strong="H0609", you |strong="H5921" depended on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" to |strong="H0413" help you |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". That's |strong="H3651" why |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" king's |strong="H4428" army |strong="H2426" has |strong="H3068" escaped |strong="H4422" from |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5921". <sup>8</sup> Did |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5414" forget what |strong="H5921" happened |strong="H1961" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" Ethiopians |strong="H3569" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" Libyans |strong="H3864" who |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" a |strong="H1961" powerful |strong="H2428"

army |strong="H2428" with |strong="H3068" many |strong="H7230" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H3068" horse soldiers |strong="H2428"? That |strong="H3068" time |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5414" depended on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" help you |strong="H5414", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3605" eyes |strong="H5869" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" go around |strong="H5921" looking in |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" for |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5869" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H5869" faithful to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" so |strong="H6258" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" can |strong="H5869" make |strong="H2388" them |strong="H0413" strong |strong="H2388". Asa, you |strong="H3588" did a |strong="H3588" foolish |strong="H5528" thing |strong="H2063". So |strong="H6258" from |strong="H5921" now |strong="H6258" on |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3426" wars |strong="H4421"."

<sup>10</sup> Asa |strong="H0609" was |strong="H1931" angry |strong="H3707" with |strong="H5973" Hanani because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H1004" what |strong="H5921" he |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0413". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" so |strong="H4480" mad that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" put |strong="H5414" Hanani in |strong="H5921" prison |strong="H1004". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" also |strong="H6256" very rough and |strong="H1004" cruel to |strong="H0413" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" then |strong="H5414".

<sup>11</sup> Everything Asa |strong="H0609" did, from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" beginning |strong="H7223" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" end |strong="H0314", is |strong="H2009" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H5921" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>12</sup> Asa's |strong="H0609" feet |strong="H7272" became |strong="H2456" infected in |strong="H8141" his |strong="H3068" 39th year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H5704" king. <sup>1</sup> Even |strong="H1571" though |strong="H3588"

I 39TH YEAR AS KING About the year 875 B.C.

the infection was very serious, Asa did not go to the LORD for help. He went to the doctors instead.<sup>13</sup> Asa died in the 41st year as king and rested with his ancestors.<sup>14</sup> The people buried Asa in his own tomb that he made for himself in the City of David. They laid him a bed that filled with spices and different kinds of perfumes, and they burned a large fire for him.<sup>II</sup>

#### Jehoshaphat, King of Judah

**17** Asa's son Jehoshaphat became new king after him. Jehoshaphat made Judah so they could fight against Israel.<sup>2</sup> He put groups of soldiers in all the towns of Judah that were made into fortresses. He built fortresses in Judah and in the towns of Ephraim.

**I** 41ST YEAR AS KING About the year 873 B.C. **II** This probably means the people burned spices in honor of Asa, but it could also mean they burned his body.

that his father had captured.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he lived his young life he did not follow Baal idols. He looked for God's commands and did not live the same way the Israelites lived.<sup>5</sup> The LORD made Jehoshaphat a strong king over Judah. All the people of Judah brought gifts to Jehoshaphat. So he had much and his heart found pleasure in the ways the LORD removed the high places and poles from the country of Judah.<sup>7</sup> During the third year of Jehoshaphat's rule, he sent his leaders to teach in the towns of Judah. These leaders were Ben Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micah.<sup>8</sup> Jehoshaphat also sent

**III** THIRD YEAR OF JEHOShAPHAT'S RULE About the year 871 B.C.

Levites |strong="H3881" with |strong="H5973" these leaders. These Levites |strong="H3881" were |strong="H3881" Shemaiah |strong="H8098", Nethaniah |strong="H5418", Zebadiah |strong="H2069", Asahel |strong="H6214", Shemiramoth |strong="H8070", Jehonathan |strong="H3083", Adonijah |strong="H0138", and |strong="H3548" Tobijah |strong="H2900". He also sent the |strong="H5973" priests |strong="H3548" Elishama |strong="H0476" and |strong="H3548" Jehoram |strong="H3088".<sup>9</sup> These |strong="H3605" leaders, Levites, and |strong="H3068" priests taught |strong="H3925" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063". They |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" went |strong="H5437" through |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" taught |strong="H3925" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H4467" near |strong="H5973" Judah |strong="H3063" were |strong="H0834" afraid |strong="H6343" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", so |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" start a |strong="H1961" war against |strong="H5921" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092".<sup>11</sup> Some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" Philistines |strong="H6430" brought |strong="H0935" gifts |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0935" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092". They |strong="H0935" also |strong="H1571" brought |strong="H0935" silver |strong="H3701" to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935" because |strong="H4480" they |strong="H0935" knew he |strong="H4480" was |strong="H6430" a |strong="H0935" very |strong="H1571" powerful king. Some |strong="H4480" Arabian people brought |strong="H0935" flocks |strong="H6629" to |strong="H0935" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092". They |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" 7700 rams |strong="H0352" and |strong="H0935" 7700 goats |strong="H8495" to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935".

<sup>12</sup> Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" became |strong="H1961" more and |strong="H1980" more powerful. He |strong="H5704" built |strong="H1129" fortresses |strong="H1003" and |strong="H1980" storage |strong="H4543"

towns |strong="H5892" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H5704" country of |strong="H5704" Judah |strong="H3063".<sup>13</sup> He |strong="H3389" kept many |strong="H7227" supplies |strong="H4399" in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H1961" storage towns |strong="H5892". And |strong="H3063" Jehoshaphat kept trained soldiers |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0376" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>14</sup> These |strong="H0428" soldiers |strong="H2428" were |strong="H0428" listed |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1004" their |strong="H5973" tribes. This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5973" list of |strong="H1004" these |strong="H0428" soldiers |strong="H2428" in |strong="H1004" Jerusalem:

From |strong="H5973" the |strong="H5973" tribe of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063", these |strong="H0428" were |strong="H0428" the |strong="H5973" generals |strong="H8269": Adnah was |strong="H3063" the |strong="H5973" general |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1004" 300,000 soldiers |strong="H2428".

<sup>15</sup> Jehohanan |strong="H3076" was |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921" general |strong="H8269" of |strong="H3027" 280,000 soldiers |strong="H3967".

<sup>16</sup> Amasiah |strong="H6007" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" general of |strong="H1121" 200,000 soldiers |strong="H2428". Amasiah |strong="H6007" was |strong="H3068" Zicri's son |strong="H1121". Amasiah |strong="H6007" was |strong="H3068" happy to |strong="H5921" give himself |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921" serve the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>17</sup> From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" tribe of |strong="H4480" Benjamin |strong="H1144" these were |strong="H1144" the |strong="H4480" generals:

Eliada |strong="H0450" had |strong="H2428" 200,000 soldiers |strong="H2428" who |strong="H1368" used bows |strong="H7198", arrows |strong="H7198", and |strong="H3967" shields |strong="H4043". Eliada |strong="H0450" was |strong="H2428" a |strong="H4480" very |strong="H2428" brave |strong="H2428" soldier.

<sup>18</sup> Jehozabad |strong="H3075" had |strong="H6635" 180,000 men |strong="H6635" ready for |strong="H5921" war |strong="H6635".

<sup>19</sup> All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" soldiers served |strong="H8334" King |strong="H4428" Jehoshaphat. The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" also |strong="H0853" had |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0428" men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" fortresses |strong="H4013" in |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" country of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063".

## Micaiah Warns King Ahab

**18** Jehoshaphat *became* very rich and famous. He made an agreement with King Ahab through marriage.<sup>12</sup> A few years later, Jehoshaphat visited Ahab in the town of Samaria. Ahab sacrificed many sheep and cattle for Jehoshaphat and the people with him. Ahab encouraged Jehoshaphat to join in attack on the city of Ramoth Gilead. Ahab said, "Will you go with me to attack Ramoth Gilead?" Ahab was the king of Israel and was the king of Judah. Jehoshaphat answered, "Yes, you and I will be as my men will be as yours in battle." But first let's ask the LORD for advice.<sup>1</sup> So Ahab called a meeting of prophets. There were 400 prophets at

<sup>1</sup> Jehoshaphat's son, Jehoram, married Athaliah, Ahab's daughter. See 2 Chronicles 21:6.

that time. Ahab asked the prophets, "Should we go and attack Gilead or not?"

The prophets answered Ahab, "Yes, because God will let you defeat Ramoth Gilead."

<sup>6</sup> But Jehoshaphat said, "Doesn't the LORD have another prophet here?" Let's ask him what God says.

<sup>7</sup> King Ahab answered, "Yes, there is another prophet. His name is Micaiah son of Imlah. But I hate him. He never says anything good about me when he speaks the LORD's word. He always says things that I don't like."

Jehoshaphat said, "The king shouldn't say things like that!"

<sup>8</sup> So King Ahab told one of his officers to go and find Micaiah.

<sup>9</sup> At that time two kings were sitting on their thrones, with their royal



robes |strong="H0899" on |strong="H5921",  
 at |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" judgment  
 place |strong="H3605" near |strong="H6440"  
 the |strong="H3605" gates |strong="H8179"  
 of |strong="H4428" Samaria |strong="H8111".  
 All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
 prophets |strong="H5030" were |strong="H3478"  
 standing before |strong="H6440"  
 them |strong="H5921", prophesying |strong="H5012".  
 10 One |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
 the |strong="H0853" prophets was |strong="H3068"  
 named Zedekiah |strong="H6667"  
 son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ke-  
 naanah |strong="H3668". Zedekiah |strong="H6667"  
 made |strong="H6213" some |strong="H0428"  
 iron |strong="H1270" horns |strong="H7161"<sup>I</sup>  
 and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0559" Ahab |strong="H0559", "  
 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 says |strong="H0559", ' You |strong="H5704"  
 will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H3615"  
 these |strong="H0428" iron |strong="H1270"  
 horns |strong="H7161" to |strong="H0559" fight  
 against the |strong="H0853" army of |strong="H1121"  
 Aram |strong="H0758". You |strong="H5704"  
 will |strong="H3068" defeat them |strong="H0853"  
 and |strong="H1121" destroy |strong="H3615"  
 them |strong="H0853".' 11 All |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605"  
 prophets |strong="H5030" agreed  
 with |strong="H3068" Zedekiah and |strong="H3068"  
 said |strong="H0559", " Your |strong="H3068"  
 army |strong="H5927" should |strong="H3068" march  
 now |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559"  
 go |strong="H5927" fight against |strong="H3027"  
 the |strong="H3605" Arameans at |strong="H3068"  
 Ramoth |strong="H7433" Gilead |strong="H1568".  
 You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068"  
 win |strong="H6743" the |strong="H3605" battle.  
 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414"  
 you |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414"  
 them |strong="H5414"."

12 While |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697"  
 was |strong="H1961" happening, the |strong="H0559"  
 officer went |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" find  
 Micaiah |strong="H4321". When |strong="H1961"  
 he |strong="H0834" found him |strong="H0413",  
 the |strong="H0559" officer told |strong="H0559"  
 him |strong="H0413", " All |strong="H0259"  
 the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H0259"  
 prophets |strong="H5030" have |strong="H1961"  
 said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428"  
 will |strong="H1961" succeed |strong="H4994",  
 so |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834"  
 should |strong="H1980" say |strong="H0559"

I IRON HORNS These were a symbol of great strength.

the |strong="H0559" same |strong="H0259"  
 thing |strong="H1697"."

13 But |strong="H3588" Micaiah |strong="H4321" an-  
 swered |strong="H0559", " As |strong="H0834" sure-  
 ly |strong="H3588" as |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 lives |strong="H2416", I |strong="H0834"  
 can |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559" only  
 what |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559"."

14 Micaiah |strong="H0559" went |strong="H0935"  
 and |strong="H0935" stood |strong="H0935" be-  
 fore |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428"  
 Ahab |strong="H0559". The |strong="H0559"  
 king |strong="H4428" asked |strong="H0559"  
 him |strong="H0413", " Micaiah |strong="H0559",  
 should |strong="H0518" we |strong="H0518"  
 go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" at-  
 tack |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0559" Arameans  
 at |strong="H0413" Ramoth |strong="H7433"  
 Gilead |strong="H1568" or |strong="H0518"  
 not |strong="H2308"?"

Micaiah |strong="H0559" answered |strong="H0559",  
 "Yes, go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935"  
 be |strong="H3027" successful |strong="H6743".  
 You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428"  
 take |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" city."

15 But |strong="H7535" Ahab |strong="H0559" an-  
 swered |strong="H0559", " How |strong="H4100"  
 many |strong="H4100" times |strong="H6471"  
 do |strong="H4100" I |strong="H0589"  
 have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413"  
 tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834"?  
 Tell |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413"  
 the |strong="H0559" truth |strong="H0571".  
 What |strong="H4100" does |strong="H4100"  
 the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 say |strong="H0559"?"

16 So |strong="H3808" Micaiah |strong="H0559" an-  
 swered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834"  
 can |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200"  
 the |strong="H3605" army of |strong="H1004" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" scattered |strong="H6327"  
 all |strong="H3605" over |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H3605" hills |strong="H2022",  
 like |strong="H0834" sheep |strong="H6629"  
 with |strong="H1004" no |strong="H3808"  
 one |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" lead  
 them |strong="H0853". This |strong="H0428"  
 is |strong="H0369" what |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 says |strong="H0559": ' These |strong="H0428"  
 men |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0834"  
 no |strong="H3808" leaders. Let |strong="H3808"  
 them |strong="H0853" go |strong="H7725"  
 home |strong="H1004" in |strong="H5921"  
 peace |strong="H7965"."

17 Then *Ahab* said to *Je-hoshaphat*, "See, I told you *this* prophet never says anything good about me. He always says something bad!"

18 *Micaiah* said, "Hear the message from the LORD: 'I saw the LORD sitting on his throne. All of heaven's army was standing around him, some on his left and some on his right side.' 19 The LORD said, 'Which of you will go with *Ahab* into attacking the *Arameans* at *Ramoth Gilead* so that he will be killed?' The angels discussed many different plans. 20 Then a spirit went and stood before the LORD. He said, 'I will fool him!' The LORD asked, 'How will you do it?' 21 He answered, 'I will go out and become a spirit of lies in the mouths of *Ahab's*

prophets— they will speak lies!' So the LORD said, 'Yes, that will fool *Ahab*'. Go out and do that!"

22 "So that *is* what has happened here. The LORD made your prophets lie to you. The LORD himself decided to bring this disaster to you!"

23 Then the prophet *Zedekiah* went to *Micaiah* and hit him on the face. *Zedekiah* said, "How is it that the Spirit of the LORD left me to speak through you?"

24 *Micaiah* answered, "Look, what I said will happen! And you see it, you will go into the deepest part of your house to hide!"

25 Then *King Ahab* ordered one of his officers to arrest *Micaiah*. *Ahab* said, "Arrest him and take him to *Amon* the governor of the city and

prince |strong="H8269" Joash |strong="H3101". 26 Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" put |strong="H7760" Micah |strong="H0559" in |strong="H1004" prison |strong="H3608". Give |strong="H7760" him |strong="H7725" nothing but |strong="H4428" bread |strong="H3899" and |strong="H4428" water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398". Keep him |strong="H7725" there |strong="H2088" until |strong="H5704" I |strong="H5704" come |strong="H7725" home |strong="H1004" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0559" battle."

27 Micah |strong="H4321" said |strong="H0559", "Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H7725", everyone |strong="H3605"! Ahab |strong="H0559", if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" alive from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" battle, the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" spoken |strong="H1696" through |strong="H3605" me |strong="H7725"."

#### The |strong="H3605" Battle at |strong="H3068" Ramoth Gilead

28 King |strong="H4428" Ahab of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" King |strong="H4428" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" fight the |strong="H0413" Arameans at |strong="H0413" Ramoth |strong="H7433" Gilead |strong="H1568". 29 Ahab |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092", "Disguise |strong="H2664" yourself |strong="H0859" when |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H4421", but |strong="H0859" wear |strong="H3847" your |strong="H0935" own clothes |strong="H0899". And |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H4428" disguise |strong="H2664" myself." The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" battle |strong="H4421" dressed |strong="H3847" like |strong="H3478" an |strong="H0935" ordinary soldier |strong="H4421".

30 The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Aram |strong="H0758" had |strong="H0834" 32 chariot |strong="H7393" commanders |strong="H8269". He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6680" them |strong="H0853" this |strong="H3588" command |strong="H6680", "Don't |strong="H3808" go after |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H3588" except |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478",

no |strong="H3808" matter how |strong="H0834" important |strong="H1419" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"! 31 During |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" battle |strong="H3898", the |strong="H0853" commanders |strong="H8269" saw |strong="H7200" King |strong="H4428" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" and |strong="H3068" thought |strong="H0559" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". So |strong="H4480" they |strong="H1992" went |strong="H5437" to |strong="H0559" kill him |strong="H5921". Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" started |strong="H1961" shouting |strong="H2199", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" helped |strong="H5826" him |strong="H5921". God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" chariot |strong="H7393" commanders |strong="H8269" turn |strong="H5437" away |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092". 32

When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" commanders |strong="H8269" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" King |strong="H4428" Ahab, they |strong="H3588" stopped |strong="H7725" chasing |strong="H0310" him |strong="H0310".

33 Then |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3588" soldier pulled |strong="H4900" back |strong="H3318" on |strong="H3027" his |strong="H0376" bow |strong="H7198" and |strong="H3478" shot |strong="H4900" an |strong="H4480" arrow into |strong="H2015" the |strong="H0853" air. By |strong="H3027" chance it |strong="H3588" hit |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" between |strong="H0996" two |strong="H4480" pieces of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H0376" armor |strong="H8302". King |strong="H4428" Ahab |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H0376" chariot |strong="H7395" driver |strong="H7395", "I've been hit |strong="H5221"! Turn |strong="H2015" the |strong="H0853" chariot |strong="H7395" around |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3478" take |strong="H3318" me |strong="H4480" off |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" battlefield!"

34 The |strong="H0935" armies continued |strong="H1961" fighting all |strong="H5704" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117". King |strong="H4428" Ahab leaned against |strong="H4421" the |strong="H0935" side of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H1961" chariot |strong="H4818" to |strong="H0935" hold himself |strong="H1931" up |strong="H5927", facing

the |strong="H0935" Arameans |strong="H0758". He |strong="H1931" watched until |strong="H5704" evening |strong="H6153". Then |strong="H1961", just |strong="H5975" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0935" sun |strong="H8121" was |strong="H1961" setting, he |strong="H1931" died |strong="H4191".

**19** King |strong="H4428" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" came |strong="H0413" back |strong="H7725" safely |strong="H7965" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7725" house |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H2374" Jehu |strong="H3058", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hanani |strong="H2607", went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428". Jehu |strong="H3058" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", "Why did you |strong="H6440" help |strong="H5826" those |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H7563" wicked |strong="H7563"? Why do |strong="H3318" you |strong="H6440" love |strong="H0157" those |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068" hate |strong="H8130" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"? That's the |strong="H0559" reason |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H7110" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H6440" now. <sup>3</sup> Fortunately, you |strong="H3588" did some |strong="H4480" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H1697" in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3588" life. You |strong="H3588" did remove the |strong="H3588" Asherah |strong="H0842" poles from |strong="H4480" this |strong="H3588" country |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H3588" did decide to |strong="H0430" ask |strong="H1875" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3588" advice |strong="H1697"."

#### Jehoshaphat Chooses Judges |strong="H0430"

<sup>4</sup> Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", but |strong="H5971" he |strong="H5704" would |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" among |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H5971" throughout |strong="H0413" Judah, from |strong="H7725" Beersheba |strong="H0884" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0430" Ephraim |strong="H0669". He |strong="H5704" helped

the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H5971" turn |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" worshiped. <sup>5</sup> Jehoshaphat went from |strong="H0776" town |strong="H5892" to |strong="H0776" town |strong="H5892" and |strong="H3063" appointed |strong="H5975" judges |strong="H8199" in |strong="H0776" each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" fortresses of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3588" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" judges |strong="H8199", " Be |strong="H3808" careful in |strong="H0413" what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100" doing |strong="H6213", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3808" judging |strong="H8199" for |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0120", but |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" make |strong="H6213" decisions |strong="H4941". <sup>7</sup> You |strong="H3588" must fear |strong="H6343" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". Protect |strong="H8104" justice and |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0369" right because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0369" fair. He |strong="H3588" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H0369" treat |strong="H6213" some people as |strong="H1961" if |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" more |strong="H0369" important than |strong="H5921" others, and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3588" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H0369" accept bribes |strong="H7810" to |strong="H1961" change his |strong="H8104" judgments."

<sup>8</sup> In |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" chose some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H4480" Levites |strong="H3881", priests |strong="H3548", and |strong="H3068" heads |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H4480" families |strong="H0001" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H7725" be |strong="H1571" judges. These men |strong="H7218" lived in |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3068" used the |strong="H4480" law of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H4480" LORD |strong="H3068"

to |strong="H7725" settle problems among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" people. <sup>9</sup> Jehoshaphat commanded |strong="H6680" them |strong="H5921", " You |strong="H6680" must serve faithfully |strong="H0530" with |strong="H3068" all your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824". You |strong="H6680" must fear |strong="H3374" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>10</sup> People |strong="H3427" from |strong="H0935" cities |strong="H5892" around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" country will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3605" problems to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" listen |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0935" cases where |strong="H0834" people |strong="H3427" have |strong="H1961" broken a |strong="H1961" law |strong="H8451" or |strong="H3808" a |strong="H1961" command |strong="H4687" or |strong="H3808" maybe killed someone. In |strong="H3427" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" cases you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" warn |strong="H2094" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0935" sin against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" get |strong="H0935" angry |strong="H7110" and |strong="H0935" punish you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H3427".

<sup>11</sup> " Amariah |strong="H0568" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" high priest |strong="H3548", so |strong="H6213" he |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" final decision about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people's responsibilities to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Zebadiah |strong="H2069" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ishmael |strong="H3458" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" leader |strong="H5057" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" tribe of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", so |strong="H6213" he |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" final decision about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people's responsibilities to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428". The |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1697" scribes for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3605". Be |strong="H1961" brave and |strong="H1121" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068"

right |strong="H2896"! May |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5973" those |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" you |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H1121" good |strong="H2896" judges."

### Jehoshaphat Faces War

**20** Later |strong="H0310", the |strong="H5921" Moabites |strong="H4124", the |strong="H5921" Ammonites |strong="H5984", and |strong="H1121" some Meunites <sup>1</sup> came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" start a |strong="H1961" war |strong="H4421" with |strong="H5973" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092". <sup>2</sup> Some |strong="H7227" men |strong="H0559" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H5046" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092", " There |strong="H2009" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H0935" large |strong="H7227" army |strong="H1995" coming |strong="H0935" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" from |strong="H0935" Edom |strong="H0758". They |strong="H5921" are |strong="H0758" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Dead Sea |strong="H3220". They |strong="H5921" are |strong="H0758" already in |strong="H5921" Hazazon Tamar! (Hazazon Tamar is |strong="H1931" also |strong="H0935" called |strong="H0559" En Gedi.) <sup>3</sup> Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" became afraid |strong="H3372", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" decided to |strong="H5921" ask |strong="H1875" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" what |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H3605". He |strong="H3068" announced a |strong="H5414" time of |strong="H3068" fasting |strong="H6685" for |strong="H5921" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H6908" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063" came |strong="H0935" together |strong="H6908" to |strong="H0935" ask the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3605" help. They |strong="H3068" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" out |strong="H1245" of |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063" to |strong="H0935" ask for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" help. <sup>5</sup> Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440"

<sup>1</sup> MEUNITES In some copies of the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "Ammonites."

new|strong="H2319" courtyard|strong="H2691"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004".  
He|strong="H3068" stood|strong="H5975"  
up|strong="H5975" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H6440" meeting of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H6440" people from|strong="H6440" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3068"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389"<sup>6</sup> and|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H0559",

" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H0430" our|strong="H3068" ances-  
tors|strong="H0001", you|strong="H0859"  
are|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605"  
God|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0430" heav-  
en|strong="H8064". You|strong="H0859"  
rule|strong="H4910" over|strong="H3027"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" king-  
doms|strong="H4467" in|strong="H0430"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" na-  
tions|strong="H1471". You|strong="H0859"  
have|strong="H0369" power|strong="H3027"  
and|strong="H3068" strength|strong="H1369".  
No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0369"  
can|strong="H0369" stand|strong="H3320"  
against|strong="H5973" you|strong="H0859".<sup>7</sup>  
You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478"  
our|strong="H5414" God|strong="H0430"!  
You|strong="H0859" forced the|strong="H0853"  
people|strong="H5971" living|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" this|strong="H2063"  
land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H3478"  
leave|strong="H3423". You|strong="H0859"  
did|strong="H3808" this|strong="H2063"  
in|strong="H3427" front|strong="H6440"  
of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H5414" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478".  
You|strong="H0859" gave|strong="H5414"  
this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H0776"  
to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" descen-  
dants|strong="H2233" of|strong="H0776" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085" forever|strong="H5769".  
Abraham|strong="H0085" was|strong="H3478"  
your|strong="H5414" friend|strong="H0157".<sup>8</sup>  
His|strong="H1129" descendants  
lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" this land,  
and|strong="H3427" built|strong="H1129"  
a|strong="H1129" Temple|strong="H4720"  
for|strong="H3427" your|strong="H0559"  
name|strong="H8034".<sup>9</sup> They|strong="H3588"  
said|strong="H0413", ' If|strong="H0518" trou-  
ble|strong="H7451" comes|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413"—  
the|strong="H6440" sword|strong="H2719", pun-  
ishment, sicknesses, or|strong="H0518"  
famine|strong="H7458"— we|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H2719" stand|strong="H5975"  
in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440"

of|strong="H1004" this|strong="H2088" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H0935"  
in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440"  
of|strong="H1004" you|strong="H3588".  
Your|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034"  
is|strong="H2088" on|strong="H5921"  
this|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004".  
We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H2719" shout  
to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588"  
when|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588"  
are|strong="H1004" in|strong="H5921" trou-  
ble|strong="H7451". Then|strong="H2088"  
you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H2719"  
hear|strong="H8085" and|strong="H0935"  
save|strong="H3467" us|strong="H0413".'

<sup>10</sup> " But|strong="H3588" now|strong="H6258",  
here|strong="H2009" are|strong="H0834"  
men|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5493" Am-  
mon|strong="H5983", Moab|strong="H4124",  
and|strong="H1121" Mount|strong="H2022"  
Seir|strong="H8165". You|strong="H0834"  
would|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808"  
let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0834" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" enter|strong="H0935"  
their|strong="H5414" lands|strong="H0776"  
when|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834"  
came|strong="H0935" out|strong="H5921"  
of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714".<sup>11</sup>  
So|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0834" Is-  
raelites|strong="H3478" turned|strong="H5493"  
away|strong="H5493" and|strong="H1121"  
didn't|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H8045"  
them|strong="H5414".<sup>11</sup> But|strong="H2009"  
see|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0834" kind  
of|strong="H5921" reward those|strong="H0834"  
people|strong="H0834" give|strong="H0935"  
us|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" not de-  
stroying them|strong="H1992".  
They|strong="H1992" have|strong="H0834"  
come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" force  
us|strong="H5921" out|strong="H3423"  
of|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" land  
that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
gave|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935"  
us|strong="H5921".<sup>12</sup> Our|strong="H5921"  
God|strong="H0430", punish  
those|strong="H5921" people|strong="H1995".  
We|strong="H0587" don't|strong="H3808"  
have|strong="H0369" the|strong="H6440"  
strength|strong="H3581" to|strong="H0935"  
stop|strong="H3808" this|strong="H2088"  
large|strong="H7227" army|strong="H1995"  
that|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0369" com-  
ing|strong="H0935" against|strong="H5921"  
us|strong="H5921". We|strong="H0587"  
don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045"  
what|strong="H4100" to|strong="H0935"

I YOU WOULD NOT LET ... EGYPT See Deuteronomy 2:4-9, 19.

do|strong="H6213"! We|strong="H0587"  
 are|strong="H4100" looking to|strong="H0935"  
 you|strong="H3588" for|strong="H3588" help." I  
 13 All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
 men|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ju-  
 dah|strong="H3063" stood|strong="H5975" be-  
 fore|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" with|strong="H3068"  
 their|strong="H3605" wives|strong="H0802", ba-  
 bies|strong="H0802", and|strong="H1121" chil-  
 dren|strong="H1121". 14 Then|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H5921" Spirit|strong="H7307"  
 of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961"  
 on|strong="H5921" Jahaziel|strong="H3166"  
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zechari-  
 ah|strong="H2148". ( Zechariah|strong="H2148"  
 was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921"  
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bena-  
 iah|strong="H1141", the|strong="H5921"  
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
 Jeiel|strong="H3273", the|strong="H5921"  
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Mattani-  
 ah|strong="H4983".) Jahaziel|strong="H3166"  
 was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"  
 Levite|strong="H3881" from|strong="H4480"  
 the|strong="H5921" family of|strong="H1121" As-  
 aph|strong="H0623". In|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H5921" middle|strong="H8432"  
 of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" meeting,  
 15 Jahaziel said|strong="H0559", " Lis-  
 ten|strong="H7181" to|strong="H0559"  
 me|strong="H6440" King|strong="H4428" Je-  
 hoshaphat|strong="H3092" and|strong="H3068"  
 everyone|strong="H3605" living|strong="H3427"  
 in|strong="H3427" Judah|strong="H3063"  
 and|strong="H3068" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"!  
 The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 says|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088"  
 to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859": '   
 Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H3808"  
 afraid|strong="H3372" or|strong="H3808" wor-  
 ry|strong="H3372" about|strong="H4428"  
 this|strong="H2088" large|strong="H7227"  
 army|strong="H1995", because|strong="H3588"  
 the|strong="H3605" battle|strong="H4421"  
 is|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"  
 your|strong="H3068" battle|strong="H4421".  
 It|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
 God's|strong="H0430" battle|strong="H4421"! 16 To-  
 morrow|strong="H4279", they|strong="H5921"  
 will|strong="H3381" come|strong="H5927"  
 up|strong="H5927" through|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H0853" Ziz|strong="H6732" Pass.  
 You|strong="H6440" must|strong="H0853"  
 go|strong="H5927" down|strong="H3381"  
 to|strong="H3381" them|strong="H0853".

I WE ARE ... HELP Literally, "But our eyes are on you!"

You|strong="H6440" will|strong="H3381"  
 find|strong="H4672" them|strong="H0853"  
 at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
 end|strong="H5490" of|strong="H6440"  
 the|strong="H0853" valley|strong="H5158"  
 on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" other side  
 of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853"  
 desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H6440" Jeruel. 17  
 You|strong="H6440" will|strong="H3068"  
 not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3068"  
 to|strong="H3068" fight|strong="H3898"  
 this|strong="H2063" battle|strong="H3898".  
 Just|strong="H5975" stand|strong="H5975"  
 there|strong="H5975" and|strong="H3068"  
 watch|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" save|strong="H3444"  
 you|strong="H6440". Judah|strong="H3063"  
 and|strong="H3068" Jerusalem|strong="H3389",  
 don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H3808"  
 afraid|strong="H3372". Don't|strong="H0408" wor-  
 ry|strong="H3372", because|strong="H6440"  
 the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973"  
 you|strong="H6440". So|strong="H3808"  
 go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318"  
 to|strong="H3068" stand|strong="H5975"  
 against|strong="H5973" those|strong="H0853" peo-  
 ple|strong="H3808" tomorrow|strong="H4279"."

18 Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092"  
 bowed|strong="H7812" with|strong="H3068"  
 his|strong="H3605" face|strong="H6440"  
 to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
 ground|strong="H0776". And|strong="H3068"  
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H3427" of|strong="H0776" Ju-  
 dah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3068"  
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389" bowed|strong="H7812"  
 down|strong="H7812" before|strong="H6440"  
 the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 and|strong="H3068" worshiped|strong="H7812"  
 him|strong="H6440". 19 The|strong="H4480"  
 Levites|strong="H3881" from|strong="H4480"  
 the|strong="H4480" Kohath family  
 groups|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121"  
 the|strong="H4480" Korah|strong="H7145" family  
 stood|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965"  
 to|strong="H3068" praise|strong="H1984"  
 the|strong="H4480" LORD|strong="H3068",  
 the|strong="H4480" God|strong="H0430"  
 of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".  
 They|strong="H3068" sang very|strong="H4605"  
 loudly|strong="H6963".

20 Early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H0559" next  
 morning|strong="H1242", Je-  
 hoshaphat's|strong="H3092" army|strong="H3389"  
 went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" in-  
 to|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0559"  
 desert|strong="H4057" of|strong="H0430"

Tekoa |strong="H8620". As |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" marched |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318", Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" stood |strong="H5975" there |strong="H3427" saying |strong="H0559", " Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H3318", men |strong="H0559" of |strong="H0430" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Have |strong="H5030" faith |strong="H0539" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H1242" will |strong="H3068" stand |strong="H5975" strong! Have |strong="H5030" faith |strong="H0539" in |strong="H3427" his |strong="H3068" prophets |strong="H5030", and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H1242" will |strong="H3068" succeed |strong="H6743"! "

<sup>21</sup> Jehoshaphat encouraged the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" instructions. Then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Temple singers |strong="H7891" stand |strong="H5975" up |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3068" special clothes to |strong="H0413" praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3588" marched |strong="H3318" in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" army |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" sang |strong="H7891",

" Give |strong="H3034" thanks |strong="H3034" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"! "

His |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769". "

<sup>22</sup> As |strong="H0935" they |strong="H5921" began |strong="H2490" to |strong="H0935" sing and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0935" praise |strong="H8416" God |strong="H3068", the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" set |strong="H5414" an |strong="H5414" ambush |strong="H0693" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" army from |strong="H0935" Ammon |strong="H5983", Moab |strong="H4124", and |strong="H1121" Mount |strong="H2022" Seir |strong="H8165" who |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" attack |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063". The |strong="H5921" enemy was |strong="H3068" defeated |strong="H5062"! <sup>23</sup> The |strong="H5921" Ammonites |strong="H5983" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Moabites |strong="H4124" started to |strong="H5921"

fight the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" Mount |strong="H2022" Seir |strong="H8165". After |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" killed them |strong="H5921", the |strong="H5921" Ammonites |strong="H5983" and |strong="H1121" Moabites |strong="H4124" turned on |strong="H5921" themselves |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" killed each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H7453".

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H5921" men from |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063" arrived |strong="H0935" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" lookout |strong="H4707" point in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" desert |strong="H4057". They |strong="H5921" looked |strong="H6437" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" enemy's large army |strong="H1995", but |strong="H0369" all they |strong="H5921" saw were |strong="H3063" dead |strong="H6297" bodies |strong="H6297" lying |strong="H5307" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H0776". There |strong="H0369" were |strong="H3063" no |strong="H0369" survivors |strong="H6413". <sup>25</sup> Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H1961" army |strong="H5971" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" take |strong="H0962" things |strong="H7969" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" bodies |strong="H6297". They |strong="H3588" found |strong="H4672" many |strong="H7227" animals |strong="H1961", riches, clothes, and |strong="H0935" other |strong="H0369" valuable things |strong="H7969". It |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0369" more |strong="H0369" than |strong="H7227" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H1961" men |strong="H5971" could |strong="H5971" carry |strong="H4853" away |strong="H5337". There |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" so |strong="H1961" much |strong="H7230" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" spent three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117" taking |strong="H0935" everything from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" dead |strong="H6297" bodies |strong="H6297". <sup>26</sup> On |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" fourth |strong="H7243" day |strong="H3117" Jehoshaphat and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921" army |strong="H6010" met in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Valley |strong="H6010" of |strong="H3068" Beracah |strong="H1294". <sup>1</sup> They |strong="H3588" praised |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" why |strong="H3651" people |strong="H1931" still |strong="H5704" call |strong="H7121" that |strong="H3588" place |strong="H4725", "

<sup>1</sup> BERACAH This word means "blessing" or "praise."



The Valley of Beracah.

<sup>27</sup> All the men of Judah and Jerusalem were very happy as they marched back to Jerusalem with Jehoshaphat the LORD's front. The LORD made them very happy when he defeated their enemy.<sup>28</sup> They entered Jerusalem with lyres, harps, trumpets and went to the Temple of the LORD.

<sup>29</sup> People all around afraid of God that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.<sup>30</sup> That is why there was peace for Jehoshaphat's kingdom— his God brought him rest from the enemies that were around him.

#### Summary of Jehoshaphat's Rule

<sup>31</sup> Jehoshaphat ruled over the country of Judah. He was 35 years old when he became king, and he ruled 25 years in

Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.<sup>32</sup> Like his father Asa, Jehoshaphat was good and did everything that the LORD wanted, except he did not destroy the high places. Also, the people did not turn back to the God their ancestors worshiped.

<sup>34</sup> Everything else Jehoshaphat did from the beginning to the end, is written in the Official Records of Jehu's Son Hanani. It was copied and included in the book, The History of the Kings of Israel.

<sup>35</sup> Later, King Jehoshaphat of Judah made an agreement with King Ahaziah of Israel. Ahaziah was very evil.<sup>36</sup> Jehoshaphat joined with Ahaziah to make ships to go to the town of Tarshish. They built some ships at Ezion Geber. There was a man from the town of Mareshah named Eliezer son of Dodavahu of Israel, who spoke against Jehoshaphat and said, "Jehoshaphat, since you have joined with Ahaziah, the LORD will destroy what you have built." The ships

were wrecked, so Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah were not able to send them to Tarshish.

**21** Then Jehoshaphat died and was buried with his ancestors in City of David. Then his son Jehoram became the next king. Jehoram's brothers were Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah. They the sons of King Jehoshaphat of Judah. Jehoshaphat gave his sons many gifts of silver, gold, and precious things. He also gave them strong fortresses in Judah. But Jehoshaphat gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he was his oldest son.

**Jehoram, King of Judah**

<sup>4</sup> Jehoram took over his father's kingdom and made himself strong. Then he used sword to kill all his brothers. He also killed some

of the leaders of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Jehoram was 32 years old when he began to rule. He ruled eight years in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> He lived the same way the kings of Israel lived. He the same way Ahab's family lived. This was because Jehoram married Ahab's daughter. And Jehoram did evil in the LORD'S sight. <sup>7</sup> But the LORD would not destroy David's family because the agreement he made with David. He had promised to keep a lamp burning for David and his children forever. <sup>8</sup> In Jehoram's time, Edom broke away from Judah's authority. The Edomites chose their own king. <sup>9</sup> So Jehoram went to Edom with his commanders and chariots. The Edomite army surrounded Jehoram and his chariot commanders. But Jehoram fought his way

I JUDAH Literally, "Israel."

II HE ... FOREVER Here, the writer means that one of David's descendants would always rule.

out *at* night <sup>10</sup> Since *that* time and now has *been* rebellious *against* Judah. The *people* the *town* of Libnah *also* turned *against* Jehoram. This *happened* because *Jehoram* left *the* LORD *God*. He *is* the *God* the *ancestors* followed. <sup>11</sup> Jehoram *also* built *high* places *on* the *hills* in Judah. He *caused* the *people* of Jerusalem *to* start *worshiping* other gods. He *led* the *people* of Judah *away* from *their* God.

<sup>12</sup> Jehoram *received* this *message* from *Elijah* the *prophet*:

" This *is* what *the* LORD *God* your *father* *David* followed *says*, ' Jehoram *you* have *not* lived *the* way *your* father *Jehoshaphat* lived. You *have* not *lived* the way *King* Asa *of* Judah *lived*. <sup>13</sup> But *you* have *lived* the way *the* kings *of* Is-

rael *lived*. You *have* *caused* the *people* of Judah *to* stop *doing* what *God* wants. That *is* what *Ahab* and *his* family *did*. They *were* *unfaithful* *to* God. You *have* *killed* your *brothers*, and *they* were *better* than *you*. <sup>14</sup> So now *the* LORD *will* soon *punish* your *people* with *terrible* suffering. He *will* *punish* your *children*, your *wives*, and *all* your *property*. <sup>15</sup> You *will* *have* a *painful* sickness *in* your *intestines* that *will* get *worse* and *worse*. Your *intestines* *will* *finally* *come* out."

<sup>16</sup> The *LORD* *caused* the *Philistines* and *the* *Arabs* living *near* the *Ethiopians* *to* be *angry* with *Jehoram*. <sup>17</sup> They *attacked* and *carried* away *all* the *riches* in *the* *king's* palace *the* *king* *also* *took* *Jehoram's* sons *wives*. Only *Jehoram's* youngest *son*, Ahaziah, <sup>1</sup> was *left*.

<sup>1</sup> I AHАЗIAH Literally, "Jehoahaz."

18 After this happened, the LORD made Jehoram sick with a disease in his intestines that he could not be cured. 19 His intestines fell out two years later because his sickness did him in. He died in a very bad pain. The people did not make a large fire to honor Jehoram as they did for his father. 20 Jehoram was 32 years old when he became king. He ruled eight years in Jerusalem. No one was sad when he died. The people buried him in the City of David, but not in the graves where the kings are buried.

#### Ahaziah, King of Judah

22 The people of Jerusalem chose Ahaziah to be king in Jehoram's place. Ahaziah was Jehoram's youngest son. The people came with the Arabs to attack Jehoram's camp and killed him. All of Jehoram's

sons older than Ahaziah began to rule in Judah. 2 He was 22 years old when he began to rule. He ruled one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah. Her father's name was Omri. 3 Ahaziah also lived the way Ahab's family lived because his mother encouraged him to do wrong things. 4 Ahaziah did evil in the LORD'S sight. That what Ahab's family did gave Ahaziah advice to follow Ahaziah's father. He died. They gave Ahaziah bad advice that led to his death. 5 Ahaziah followed the advice of Ahab's family and joined King Joram to fight against King Hazael from Aram. They fought near the town of Ramoth in Gilead. Joram, who was the son of King Ahab of Israel, was wounded in the battle. He went back to the town of Jezreel to heal from the wounds he suffered at Ramoth. King Ahaziah II went there later to visit him.

7 God caused Ahaziah's death when he went to visit Joram. Ahaziah arrived and went out with Joram to

I HE WAS ... RULE The standard Hebrew text has "42 years old." 2 Kings 8:26 says Ahaziah was 22 years old when he began to rule.

II AHAZIAH Literally, "Azariah."

meet |strong="H3318" Jehu |strong="H3058" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nimshi |strong="H5250". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" chose |strong="H4886" Jehu |strong="H3058" to |strong="H0413" destroy |strong="H3772" Ahab's |strong="H0256" family |strong="H1004".<sup>8</sup> Jehu |strong="H3058" was |strong="H1961" punishing Ahab's |strong="H0256" family |strong="H1004". He |strong="H0853" found |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Ahaziah's |strong="H0274" relatives |strong="H0251" who |strong="H1121" served |strong="H8334" Ahaziah |strong="H0274". He |strong="H0853" killed |strong="H2026" the |strong="H0853" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Ahaziah's |strong="H0274" relatives |strong="H0251".<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Jehu |strong="H3058" looked |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3588" Ahaziah |strong="H0274". Jehu's |strong="H3058" men |strong="H1121" caught |strong="H3920" him |strong="H0413" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" tried |strong="H1245" to |strong="H0413" hide |strong="H2244" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" town of |strong="H1121" Samaria |strong="H8111". They |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Jehu |strong="H3058". They |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H4191" Ahaziah |strong="H0274" and |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" him |strong="H0413". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "Ahaziah |strong="H0274" is |strong="H0369" the |strong="H3605" descendant |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092". Jehoshaphat |strong="H3092" followed |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3824". Ahaziah's |strong="H0274" family |strong="H1004" had |strong="H3068" no |strong="H0369" power |strong="H3581" to |strong="H0413" hold |strong="H1875" the |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4467" of |strong="H1121" Judah together.

#### Queen Athaliah

<sup>10</sup> Athaliah |strong="H6271" was |strong="H3063" Ahaziah's |strong="H0274" mother |strong="H0517". When |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" her |strong="H3605" son |strong="H1121" was |strong="H3063" dead |strong="H4191", she |strong="H3588" killed |strong="H4191" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king's chil-

dren |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063".<sup>11</sup> But |strong="H3588" Jehosheba took |strong="H3947" Ahaziah's |strong="H0274" son |strong="H1121" Joash |strong="H3101" and |strong="H1121" hid |strong="H5641" him |strong="H5414". Jehosheba put |strong="H5414" Joash |strong="H3101" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" nurse |strong="H3243" in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" inside |strong="H8432" bedroom |strong="H2315". Jehosheba was |strong="H1961" King |strong="H4428" Jehoram's |strong="H3088" daughter |strong="H1323". She |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1961" also |strong="H0853" Jehoiada's |strong="H3077" wife |strong="H0802". Jehoiada |strong="H3077" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" priest |strong="H3548", and |strong="H1121" Jehosheba was |strong="H1961" Ahaziah's |strong="H0274" sister |strong="H0269". Athaliah |strong="H6271" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H4191" Joash |strong="H3101", because |strong="H3588" Jehosheba hid |strong="H5641" him |strong="H5414".<sup>12</sup> Joash was |strong="H1961" hidden |strong="H2244" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H5921" priests in |strong="H5921" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004" for |strong="H5921" six |strong="H8337" years |strong="H8141". During |strong="H1961" that |strong="H8141" time |strong="H1961" Athaliah |strong="H6271" ruled |strong="H4427" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" as |strong="H1961" queen.

#### Priest Jehoiada and King Joash

**23** After |strong="H8141" six years |strong="H8141", Jehoiada |strong="H3077" showed his |strong="H3947" strength |strong="H2388" and |strong="H1121" made |strong="H2388" an |strong="H3947" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" captains |strong="H8269". These |strong="H3947" captains |strong="H8269" were |strong="H1121" Azariah |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jeroham |strong="H3395", Ishmael |strong="H3458" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehohanan |strong="H3076", Azariah |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Obed |strong="H5744", Maaseiah |strong="H4641" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Athaliah |strong="H5718", and |strong="H1121" Elishaphat |strong="H0478" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zicri |strong="H2147".<sup>2</sup> They |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" around |strong="H5437" in |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H0935" gathered |strong="H6908" the |strong="H3605"

Levites *strong="H3881"* from *strong="H0935"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* towns *strong="H5892"* of *strong="H7218"* Judah *strong="H3063"*. They *strong="H0935"* also *strong="H0853"* gathered *strong="H6908"* the *strong="H3605"* leaders *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H7218"* the *strong="H3605"* families *strong="H0001"* of *strong="H7218"* Israel *strong="H3478"*. Then *strong="H0853"* they *strong="H0935"* went *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*.<sup>3</sup> All *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H1121"* meeting together *strong="H5973"* made *strong="H3772"* an *strong="H3772"* agreement *strong="H1285"* with *strong="H5973"* the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"* in *strong="H5921"* God's *strong="H0430"* Temple *strong="H1004"*. Jehoiada *strong="H0559"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H1121"*, " The *strong="H3605"* king's *strong="H4428"* son *strong="H1121"* will *strong="H3068"* rule *strong="H4428"*. That *strong="H0834"* is *strong="H0834"* what *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* promised *strong="H1696"* about *strong="H5921"* David's *strong="H1732"* descendants *strong="H1121"*.<sup>4</sup> Now *strong="H2088"*, this *strong="H2088"* is *strong="H0834"* what *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* must do *strong="H6213"*: One-third *strong="H7992"* of *strong="H1697"* you *strong="H0834"* priests *strong="H3548"* and *strong="H0935"* Levites *strong="H3881"* who *strong="H0834"* go *strong="H0935"* on *strong="H0935"* duty *strong="H1697"* on *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0834"* Sabbath *strong="H7676"* will *strong="H0834"* guard the *strong="H0834"* doors.<sup>5</sup> And *strong="H3068"* one-third *strong="H7992"* of *strong="H4428"* you *strong="H3605"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* at *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3605"* king's *strong="H4428"* palace *strong="H1004"*, and *strong="H3068"* one-third *strong="H7992"* of *strong="H4428"* you *strong="H3605"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* at *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3605"* Foundation *strong="H3247"* Gate *strong="H8179"*. But *strong="H4428"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* other *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* will *strong="H3068"* stay in *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3605"* yards of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Temple *strong="H1004"*.<sup>6</sup> Only *strong="H0518"* the *strong="H3605"* priests *strong="H3548"* and *strong="H0935"* Levites *strong="H3881"* who *strong="H3605"* serve *strong="H8334"*

in *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Temple *strong="H1004"* are *strong="H1992"* permitted to *strong="H0935"* enter *strong="H0935"* it *strong="H0518"*. They *strong="H1992"* are *strong="H1992"* the *strong="H3605"* only *strong="H0518"* ones *strong="H6944"* who *strong="H3605"* have *strong="H3068"* been *strong="H3605"* made *strong="H3605"* holy *strong="H6944"*. Don't *strong="H0408"* let *strong="H0408"* anyone *strong="H3605"* else *strong="H3605"* enter *strong="H0935"*. All *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* others *strong="H5971"* must *strong="H0518"* do *strong="H0408"* only *strong="H0518"* the *strong="H3605"* work the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* has *strong="H3068"* given them *strong="H1992"*.<sup>7</sup> The *strong="H0853"* Levites *strong="H3881"* must *strong="H4191"* stay *strong="H0854"* near *strong="H0854"* the *strong="H0853"* king *strong="H4428"*. Every *strong="H0376"* man *strong="H0376"* must *strong="H4191"* have *strong="H1961"* his *strong="H1961"* sword with *strong="H0854"* him *strong="H0413"*. If *strong="H0376"* anyone *strong="H0376"* tries *strong="H0854"* to *strong="H0413"* enter *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0853"* Temple *strong="H1004"*, kill *strong="H4191"* that *strong="H1961"* person *strong="H0376"*. You *strong="H0935"* must *strong="H4191"* stay *strong="H0854"* with *strong="H0854"* the *strong="H0853"* king *strong="H4428"* everywhere *strong="H5439"* he *strong="H0853"* goes *strong="H3318"*."

<sup>8</sup> The *strong="H3605"* Levites *strong="H3881"* and *strong="H0935"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H0376"* of *strong="H0376"* Judah *strong="H3063"* obeyed all *strong="H3605"* that *strong="H0834"* Jehoiada *strong="H3077"* the *strong="H3605"* priest *strong="H3548"* commanded *strong="H6680"*. Jehoiada *strong="H3077"* the *strong="H3605"* priest *strong="H3548"* did *strong="H6213"* not *strong="H3808"* excuse anyone *strong="H3605"* from *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H3605"* groups of *strong="H0376"* the *strong="H3605"* priests *strong="H3548"*. So *strong="H6213"* each *strong="H0376"* captain and *strong="H0935"* all *strong="H3605"* his *strong="H3605"* men *strong="H0376"* came *strong="H0935"* in *strong="H0935"* on *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H3605"* Sabbath *strong="H7676"* with *strong="H5973"* those *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H0834"* went *strong="H3318"* out *strong="H3318"* on *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H3605"* Sabbath *strong="H7676"*.<sup>9</sup> Jehoiada *strong="H3077"* the *strong="H0853"* priest *strong="H3548"* gave *strong="H5414"*

the *spears* and *large* *small* that King David to *King David* to *officers* were in *Temple* *God's Temple* *Then* *Jehoiada* told the *men* where *stand* *man* his *in* *hand* *men* all *way* the *side* the *to* *left* of *the Temple* *They* stood *the* *the* *altar* and *the Temple* *near* *king* *They* brought *the king's* *son* put *the crown* *him* *They* gave *a* the *agreement*.<sup>1</sup>

Then *they* made *Joash king*. *Jehoiada* and *his* *sons* *anointed* *Joash* and *he* said, "Long live *the king*!"

<sup>12</sup> *Athaliah* heard *the noise* of *the people* running

I A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT Literally, "testimony." This could be a copy of the Law of Moses (see Deuteronomy 17:18) or a special agreement between God and the king (see 1 Sam. 10:25; 2 Kings 11:17).

to *the Temple* and *praising* *the king*. She came *into* *LORD'S Temple* to *the people* and *saw* *the king* *standing* *by* *his* *column* *at* *the front entrance*. The *officers* and *the men* *who* *blew* *trumpets* *near* *the king*. The *people* *of* *the land* were *happy* and *blowing* *trumpets* *singers* were *playing* *on* *instruments* *of* *music*. *They* led *the people* *singing* *praises*. *Then* *Athaliah* *tore* *her* *clothes* and *said*, "Treason *Treason*!"<sup>III</sup>

<sup>14</sup> *Jehoiada* the *priest* brought *out* *the army* *captains*. He *said* *to* *them*, "Take *Athaliah* *outside* *among* *the army*. Use *your* *swords* *to* *kill* *anyone* *who* *follows* *her*." *Then* *the priest* *warned* *the soldiers*, "Don't *kill* *Athaliah* *in* *the LORD'S Temple*!"<sup>15</sup>

II TORE HER CLOTHES A way to show that she was very upset. III TREASON Turning against the government. Here, Athaliah was blaming the people for turning against her government.

Then *those men* grabbed Athaliah when *she came* to *the entrance* of *the Horse Gate* at *the king's palace*. Then *they* killed *her* there.

<sup>16</sup> Then *Jehoiada* made *an agreement* with *all the people* and *the king*. They *agreed* that *they* all *would be* *LORD'S* *people*. <sup>17</sup> All *the people* went *into* *the temple* of *the idol Baal* and *it* *fell* down. They *also* *broke* *the altars* and *the idols* that *were* in *Baal's temple*. They *killed* *Matan* *the priest* of *Baal* in *the front* of *the altars* of *Baal*.

<sup>18</sup> Then *Jehoiada* chose *the priests* to *be* *responsible* for *the LORD'S* *Temple*. *The priests* were *Levites*, and *David* had *given* *them* *the job* of *being* *responsible* for *the LORD'S* *Temple*. They *were* to *offer* *the burnt offerings* to *the LORD*.

*the way* *the Law* of *Moses* *commanded*. They *offered* *the sacrifices* with *much joy* and *singing* *the way* *David* *commanded*. <sup>19</sup> *Jehoiada* put *guards* at *the gates* of *the LORD'S* *Temple* to *prevent* *any* *unclean* *person* *entering* *the Temple*.

<sup>20</sup> *Jehoiada* took *the army* *captains*, *the leaders*, *the rulers* of *the people*, and *all the people* of *the land* with *him*. Then *Jehoiada* took *the king* out of *the LORD'S* *Temple*. They *went* through *the Upper Gate* to *the king's palace* and *put* *the king* on *the throne*. <sup>21</sup> All *the people* of *Judah* were *very* *happy*, and *the city* of *Jerusalem* had *peace* *because* *Athaliah* was *killed* with *a sword*.

#### Joash Rebuilds the Temple

<sup>24</sup> *Joash* was *seven* *years* old *when* *he* *became*



king|strong="H4427". He|strong="H3389" ruled|strong="H4427" 40 years|strong="H8141" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". His|strong="H8034" mother's|strong="H0517" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Zibiah|strong="H6645". Zibiah|strong="H6645" was|strong="H8034" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H8034" town of|strong="H1121" Beer-sheba|strong="H0884".<sup>2</sup> Joash|strong="H3101" did|strong="H6213" right|strong="H3477" in|strong="H3068" front of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" long|strong="H3117" as|strong="H3068" Jehoiada|strong="H3077" the|strong="H3605" priest|strong="H3548" was|strong="H3068" living.<sup>3</sup> Jehoiada|strong="H3077" chose|strong="H5375" two|strong="H8147" wives|strong="H0802" for|strong="H0802" Joash. Joash had|strong="H3205" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H1961" later|strong="H0310" on|strong="H3068", Joash|strong="H3101" decided to|strong="H1961" rebuild the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004".<sup>5</sup> Joash called|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" together|strong="H6908". He|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", "Go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1004" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" gather|strong="H6908" the|strong="H3605" money|strong="H3701" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" pay|strong="H3701" every|strong="H3605" year|strong="H8141". Use that|strong="H3605" money|strong="H3701" to|strong="H0559" rebuild your|strong="H3605" God's|strong="H0430" Temple|strong="H1004". Hurry|strong="H4116" and|strong="H3063" do|strong="H3318" this|strong="H1697". But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" didn't|strong="H3808" hurry|strong="H4116".

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H7121" King|strong="H4428" Joash|strong="H0935" called|strong="H7121" Jehoiada|strong="H3077" the|strong="H0853" leading|strong="H7218" priest. The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559", "Jehoiada|strong="H3077", why|strong="H4069" haven't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H5921" made|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" bring|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tax|strong="H4864" money from|strong="H0935" Ju-

dah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"? Moses|strong="H4872", the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" used that|strong="H3068" tax|strong="H4864" money for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Tent|strong="H0168" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" Agreement."

<sup>7</sup> In|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" past, Athaliah's sons|strong="H1121" broke|strong="H6555" into|strong="H6555" God's|strong="H0430" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1121" used|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3605" worship of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Baal|strong="H1168" gods|strong="H0430". Athaliah|strong="H6271" was|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H1571" wicked|strong="H4849" woman|strong="H1004".

<sup>8</sup> King|strong="H4428" Joash gave|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" command|strong="H0559" for|strong="H1004" a|strong="H5414" box to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213" and|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0559" gate|strong="H8179" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004".<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5921" Levites made|strong="H5414" an|strong="H5414" announcement|strong="H3068" in|strong="H5921" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". They|strong="H5921" told the|strong="H5921" people to|strong="H0935" bring|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" tax|strong="H4864" money for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068". That|strong="H3068" tax|strong="H4864" money is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H6963" Moses|strong="H4872" the|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430" had|strong="H3068" required the|strong="H5921" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0935" give|strong="H5414" while|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" were|strong="H3478" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" desert|strong="H4057".<sup>10</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" were|strong="H8269" happy|strong="H8055". They|strong="H5704" brought|strong="H0935" their|strong="H3605" mon-

ey and *put* the *box*. They *continued* giving until the *box* was full. <sup>11</sup> Then the *Levites* would take the *box* to the *king's* officials. They *saw* that the *box* was full of *money*. The *king's* secretary the *leading* priest's *officer* came took the *money* out of the *box*. Then they took the *box* back to its *place* again. They *did* this often and *gathered* much *money*. <sup>12</sup> Then King *Joash* and *Jehoiada* gave the *money* to the *people* who *worked* on the *Temple*. And the *people* who *worked* on the *Temple* hired *skilled* wood-carvers and *carpenters* to rebuild the *LORD'S* *Temple*. They *also* hired *workers* who *knew* how to *work* with *iron* and *bronze* to rebuild the *LORD'S* *Temple*.

<sup>13</sup> The *men* who *supervised* the *work* were *very* faithful.

The *work* to rebuild the *Temple* was *successful*. They *built* God's *Temple* the *way* it *was* before and they *made* it *stronger*. <sup>14</sup> When the *workers* finished, they *brought* the *money* that *was* left to King *Joash* and *Jehoiada*. They *used* that *money* to *make* things for the *LORD'S* *Temple*. These things *were* used for the *service* in the *Temple* and *for* offering *burnt* offerings. They *also* made *bowls* and *other* things from *gold* and *silver*. The *priests* offered *burnt* offerings in the *Temple* every *day* while *Jehoiada* was *alive*.

<sup>15</sup> *Jehoiada* became *old*. He *had* a *very* long *life*, and he *died* when *he* was *130* years *old*. <sup>16</sup> The *people* buried *Jehoiada* in the *City* of *David* where the *kings* are buried. The *people*

buried |strong="H6912" Jehoiada there because |strong="H3588" in |strong="H0430" his |strong="H1732" life he |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" much good |strong="H2896" in |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" for |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3478" for |strong="H3588" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>17</sup> After |strong="H0310" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" died |strong="H4194", the |strong="H0413" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" came |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" bowed |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Joash |strong="H0935". The |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" leaders |strong="H8269". <sup>18</sup> They |strong="H5921" all stopped worshipping |strong="H5647" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" worshiped |strong="H5647". Instead |strong="H0430", they |strong="H5921" started |strong="H1961" worshipping |strong="H5647" Asherah |strong="H0842" poles and |strong="H3068" other idols |strong="H6091". Because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" sinned in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" way |strong="H2063", God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H7110" with |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5800" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>19</sup> God |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H0413" prophets |strong="H5030" warned |strong="H5749" them |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H0238".

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0853" Spirit |strong="H7307" of |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430" filled Zechariah |strong="H2148" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548", and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3588" stood |strong="H5975" in |strong="H5921" front of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068"

what |strong="H4100" God |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559": ' Why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" people |strong="H5971" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" obey the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H0559"? You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" successful |strong="H6743". You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H1121" left |strong="H5800" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". So |strong="H3541" he |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" left |strong="H5800" you |strong="H0859"! "

<sup>21</sup> But |strong="H4687" the |strong="H5921" people made |strong="H7194" plans against |strong="H5921" Zechariah. The |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" commanded |strong="H4687" the |strong="H5921" people to |strong="H5921" kill Zechariah, so |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" threw rocks |strong="H0068" at |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" until |strong="H5921" he |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" dead. The |strong="H5921" people did this |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" courtyard |strong="H2691" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>22</sup> Joash |strong="H3101" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" didn't |strong="H3808" remember |strong="H2142" Jehoiada's |strong="H3077" kindness |strong="H2617" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0853". Jehoiada |strong="H3077" was |strong="H0834" Zechariah's father |strong="H0001". But |strong="H3808" Joash |strong="H3101" killed |strong="H2026" Zechariah, Jehoiada's |strong="H3077" son |strong="H1121". Before |strong="H5973" Zechariah died |strong="H4191", he |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " May |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213" and |strong="H1121" punish you |strong="H0834"! "

<sup>23</sup> At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" end of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" year |strong="H8141", the |strong="H3605" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H5971" came |strong="H0935" against |strong="H5921" Joash |strong="H0935". They |strong="H5921" attacked |strong="H5927" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H0935" killed all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H5921" sent |strong="H7971" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" valuable things |strong="H3605"

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Damascus |strong="H1834".<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H0853" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H2428" came |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0854" only a |strong="H3588" small |strong="H4705" group of |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376", but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" defeat |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" much |strong="H7230" larger army |strong="H2428" of |strong="H0376" Judah. This |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" punishment |strong="H3027" for |strong="H3588" Joash |strong="H3101" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Judah had |strong="H3068" left |strong="H5800" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" worshiped.<sup>25</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" Arameans left |strong="H5800" Joash |strong="H4251", he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1732" badly |strong="H7227" wounded. His |strong="H5921" own servants |strong="H5650" made |strong="H7194" plans against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". They |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" Joash |strong="H4251" killed |strong="H2026" Zechariah the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiada |strong="H3077" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548". The |strong="H0853" servants |strong="H5650" killed |strong="H2026" Joash |strong="H4251" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" own bed |strong="H4296". After |strong="H4480" he |strong="H3588" died |strong="H4191", the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" him |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732", but |strong="H3588" not |strong="H3808" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H6913" where |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" are |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912".

<sup>26</sup> These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0428" the |strong="H5921" servants who |strong="H1121" made |strong="H7194" plans against |strong="H5921" Joash: Zabad |strong="H2066" and |strong="H1121" Jehozabad |strong="H3075". Zabad's mother was |strong="H1121" Shimeath |strong="H8100", a |strong="H5921" woman from |strong="H5921" Ammon |strong="H5985". And |strong="H1121" Jehozabad's mother was |strong="H1121" Shimrith |strong="H8116" from |strong="H5921"

Moab |strong="H4125".<sup>27</sup> The |strong="H5921" story about |strong="H5921" Joash's sons |strong="H1121", the |strong="H5921" great |strong="H7230" prophecies against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921", and |strong="H1121" how he |strong="H0430" rebuilt God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004" are |strong="H1121" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" book |strong="H5612", Commentary on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Kings |strong="H4428". Joash's son |strong="H1121" Amaziah |strong="H0558" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H5921" new king |strong="H4428" after |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

### Amaziah, King of Judah

**25** Amaziah |strong="H0558" was |strong="H8034" 25 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" for |strong="H3389" 29 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H0558" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Jehoaddin |strong="H3086". Jehoaddin |strong="H3086" was |strong="H8034" from |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>2</sup> Amaziah did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3477" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" wanted |strong="H3824" him |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213", but |strong="H7535" not |strong="H3808" with |strong="H3068" all his |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824".<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H0834" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" strong |strong="H2388" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" killed |strong="H2026" the |strong="H0853" officials |strong="H5650" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2026" his |strong="H5921" father |strong="H0001" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428".<sup>4</sup> But |strong="H3588" Amaziah |strong="H0001" obeyed the |strong="H0853" law |strong="H8451" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H1121" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H1121" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" kill |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" official's children |strong="H1121". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680", "Parents |strong="H0001" must |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H4191" put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0559" death |strong="H4191" for |strong="H3588" something their |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" did |strong="H0834", and |strong="H1121" chil-

dren |strong="H1121" must |strong="H4191"  
not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H4191"  
put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0559"  
death |strong="H4191" for |strong="H3588" some-  
thing their |strong="H3068" parents |strong="H0001"  
did |strong="H0834". People |strong="H0376"  
should |strong="H0376" be |strong="H4191"  
put |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0559"  
death |strong="H4191" only for |strong="H3588"  
what |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" them-  
selves |strong="H5921" did |strong="H0834".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Amaziah |strong="H0558" gath-  
ered |strong="H6908" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063" together |strong="H6908".  
He |strong="H0853" grouped them |strong="H0853"  
by |strong="H8141" families |strong="H0505"  
and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0853"  
put |strong="H6485" generals |strong="H8269"  
and |strong="H1121" captains |strong="H8269"  
in |strong="H8141" charge |strong="H6485"  
of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H3605"  
groups |strong="H1121". The |strong="H3605" lead-  
ers |strong="H8269" were |strong="H1121"  
in |strong="H8141" charge |strong="H6485"  
of |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H3967"  
from |strong="H3318" Judah |strong="H3063"  
and |strong="H1121" Benjamin |strong="H1144".  
All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
men |strong="H0970" who |strong="H3605"  
were |strong="H1121" chosen to |strong="H0001"  
be |strong="H1121" soldiers |strong="H3967"  
were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141"  
old |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" old-  
er |strong="H4605". In |strong="H8141"  
all |strong="H3605" there |strong="H4672"  
were |strong="H1121" 300,000 skilled |strong="H0970"  
soldiers |strong="H3967" ready to |strong="H0001"  
fight with |strong="H1004" spears |strong="H7420"  
and |strong="H1121" shields |strong="H6793".

<sup>6</sup> Amaziah also |strong="H3478"  
hired |strong="H7936" 100,000 sol-  
diers |strong="H2428" from |strong="H3478" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478". He |strong="H3478" paid 3 3/4  
tons<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H3603" silver |strong="H3701"  
to |strong="H3478" hire |strong="H7936" these sol-  
diers |strong="H2428".<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H3588"  
a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376"  
of |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430"  
came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Amaziah  
and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", "   
King |strong="H4428", don't |strong="H0408"  
let |strong="H0408" the |strong="H3605"  
army |strong="H6635" of |strong="H1121" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" go |strong="H0935"

I PARENTS ... DID See Deuteronomy 24:16. II 3 3/4 TONS Literally, "100 talents" (3450 kg).

with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588".  
The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369"  
with |strong="H5973" Israel |strong="H3478"  
or |strong="H0408" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121"  
Ephraim |strong="H0669".<sup>8</sup> Maybe  
you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0430"  
make |strong="H6213" yourself |strong="H0859"  
strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H0935" ready  
for |strong="H3588" war |strong="H4421",  
but |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430"  
can |strong="H0518" help |strong="H5826"  
you |strong="H0859" win or |strong="H0518"  
help |strong="H5826" you |strong="H0859" lose."<sup>9</sup>  
Amaziah |strong="H0558" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559"  
man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376"  
God |strong="H0430", " But |strong="H0376"  
what |strong="H4100" about the |strong="H0559"  
money I |strong="H0834" already  
paid |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559"  
the |strong="H0559" Israelite |strong="H3478" army?  
The |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376"  
of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430" an-  
swered |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" plenty.  
He |strong="H0834" can |strong="H4100"  
give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834"  
much |strong="H7235" more |strong="H7235"  
than |strong="H7235" that |strong="H0834"."

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H0834" Amaziah |strong="H0558"  
sent |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0834" Israelite  
army back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H4725"  
to |strong="H0413" Ephraim |strong="H0669".  
These |strong="H0834" men were |strong="H0834"  
very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H2734"  
with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" king  
and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" of |strong="H4725" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063". They |strong="H0834"  
went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725"  
home |strong="H4725" very |strong="H3966" an-  
gry |strong="H2734".

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Amaziah |strong="H0558"  
became |strong="H2388" very brave  
and |strong="H1121" led |strong="H5090"  
his |strong="H5221" army |strong="H5971"  
to |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853"  
Salt |strong="H4417" Valley |strong="H1516"  
in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" country  
of |strong="H1121" Edom. There his |strong="H5221"  
army |strong="H5971" killed |strong="H5221" 10,000  
men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121"  
Seir |strong="H8165".<sup>III12</sup> They |strong="H0935" al-  
so |strong="H0935" captured |strong="H7617" 10,000  
men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H0935" Seir

III SEIR Or "Edom," a country east of Judah.

and they took them the top of the cliff of H5553. Then the army of Judah threw them from the top of the cliff while they were still alive and their bodies were broken on the rocks below.

<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile, the Israelite army was attacking the towns in Judah. They attacked the towns of Beth Horon all the way to Samaria. They killed 3000 people and took many valuable things. They were angry because Amaziah didn't let them join him in the war.

<sup>14</sup> Amaziah came home after he defeated the Edomites. He brought the idols that the people of Seir worshiped. He started to worship those idols. He bowed down in front of them and burned incense to them. <sup>15</sup> The LORD was very angry with Amaziah, so he sent a prophet to him.

prophet said, "Amaziah, why have you worshiped the gods of those people? Those gods could not save their own people from you!"

<sup>16</sup> When the prophet spoke, Amaziah said to the king, "We prophet made you an advisor to the king. Be quiet! If you don't be quiet, you will be killed." The prophet became quiet, but then he said, "God has decided to destroy you because you did this and you didn't listen to my advice."

<sup>17</sup> King Amaziah of Judah talked with his advisors. Then he sent a message to King Jehoash of Israel. Amaziah said to Jehoash, "Let's meet face to face." Jehoash was Jehoahaz's son. Jehoahaz was Jeho's son.

<sup>18</sup> Then Jehoash sent his answer to Amaziah. Jehoash was the king of Israel and Amaziah was the king of Judah.

dah |strong="H3063". Jehoash told |strong="H0559" this |strong="H0834" story: " A |strong="H5414" little thornbush of |strong="H1121" Lebanon |strong="H3844" sent |strong="H7971" a |strong="H5414" message to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5414" big cedar |strong="H0730" tree of |strong="H1121" Lebanon |strong="H3844". The |strong="H0853" little thornbush said |strong="H0559", ' Let |strong="H7971" your |strong="H5414" daughter |strong="H1323" marry |strong="H0802" my |strong="H5414" son |strong="H1121"'. But |strong="H4428" a |strong="H5414" wild |strong="H7704" animal |strong="H2416" came |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1121" walked over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" thornbush and |strong="H1121" destroyed it |strong="H5414". <sup>19</sup> You |strong="H0859" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" yourself |strong="H0859", ' I |strong="H2009" have |strong="H0859" defeated |strong="H5221" Edom |strong="H0123"! You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4100" proud |strong="H5375" and |strong="H3063" you |strong="H0859" brag. But |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" should |strong="H4100" stay |strong="H3427" at |strong="H3427" home |strong="H1004". There |strong="H2009" is |strong="H4100" no need for |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0559" get into |strong="H5307" trouble |strong="H7451". If |strong="H2009" you |strong="H0859" fight me |strong="H5973", you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H3820" destroyed |strong="H5221"."

<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3588" Amaziah |strong="H0558" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085". God |strong="H0430" made |strong="H5414" this |strong="H1931" happen. God |strong="H0430" planned to |strong="H8085" let |strong="H5414" Israel defeat |strong="H5414" Judah, because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0430" Judah followed the |strong="H0853" gods |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0430" Edom |strong="H0123" followed.

<sup>21</sup> So |strong="H5927" King |strong="H4428" Jehoash of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" met King |strong="H4428" Amaziah |strong="H0558" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" face |strong="H6440" to |strong="H3478" face |strong="H6440" at |strong="H3478" the |strong="H6440" town of |strong="H4428" Beth Shemesh in |strong="H3478" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>22</sup> Israel |strong="H3478" defeated |strong="H5062" Judah |strong="H3063". Every |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Judah |strong="H3063" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" to |strong="H3478"

his |strong="H0376" home |strong="H0168". <sup>23</sup> Jehoash captured |strong="H8610" Amaziah |strong="H0558" at |strong="H3478" Beth Shemesh and |strong="H1121" took |strong="H8610" him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Amaziah |strong="H0558" was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joash |strong="H3101", and |strong="H1121" Joash |strong="H3101" was |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoahaz |strong="H3059". Jehoash tore |strong="H6555" down |strong="H6555" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346" of |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Ephraim |strong="H0669" Gate |strong="H8179" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Corner Gate |strong="H8179", a |strong="H0935" section about |strong="H4428" 600 feet |strong="H0520" long |strong="H5704". <sup>24</sup> He |strong="H0430" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H1121" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0430" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H3605" Obed Edom was |strong="H0430" responsible for |strong="H1004". Jehoash also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H0214" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" some |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" as |strong="H1121" hostages |strong="H8594". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0430" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Samaria |strong="H8111".

<sup>25</sup> Amaziah |strong="H0558" lived |strong="H2421" 15 years |strong="H8141" after |strong="H0310" Jehoash died |strong="H4191". Amaziah's |strong="H0558" father was |strong="H3478" King |strong="H4428" Joash |strong="H3101" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>26</sup> Everything else |strong="H3808" Amaziah |strong="H0558" did |strong="H3808", from |strong="H5921" beginning |strong="H7223" to |strong="H5921" end |strong="H0314", is |strong="H1697" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H5921" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>27</sup> When |strong="H0834" Amaziah |strong="H0558" stopped |strong="H5493" obeying

I 600 FEET Literally, "400 cubits" (207.33 m).

the LORD, the people in Jerusalem made Amaziah ran away to the town of Lachish. But the people sent and killed there. Then they carried his body on horses buried with his ancestors in the City of Judah.

#### Uzziah, King of Judah

**26** Then the people of Judah chose Uzziah to be the new king in place of Amaziah. Amaziah's father was Uzziah. Uzziah was 16 years old when he became king. Uzziah rebuilt the town of Elath and gave back to Judah. He did this after Amaziah died and was buried with his ancestors.  
<sup>3</sup> Uzziah was 16 years old when he became king. He reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah. Jecoliah was from Jerusalem.

Uzziah did what the LORD wanted him to do. He obeyed God the same as his father. Amaziah had done. Uzziah followed God in the time of Zechariah's life. Zechariah taught Uzziah how to respect and obey God. When Uzziah was obeying the LORD, God gave him success.

<sup>6</sup> Uzziah fought a war against the Philistines. He tore down the walls around the towns of Gath, Jabneh, and Ashdod. Uzziah built towns near the town of Ashdod in other places among the Philistines. God helped Uzziah fight the Philistines, the Arabs living in the town of Gur Baal, and the Meunites.  
<sup>8</sup> The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah. His name became famous all the way to the border of Egypt. He was famous because he was very powerful.  
<sup>9</sup> Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and



at the place where the wall turned. He made them strong. <sup>10</sup> He built towers in the desert. He also dug many wells. He had many cattle in the hill country and in the flat lands. He had farmers in the mountains and in the lands where growth was good. He also had men who took care of vineyards. He loved farming.

<sup>11</sup> Uzziah had an army of trained soldiers. They were put in groups by Jeiel the secretary and Maaseiah the officer. Hananiah was their leader. Jeiel and Maaseiah counted the soldiers and put them into groups. Hananiah was one of them. The king's officers. <sup>12</sup> There were 2600 leaders over the soldiers. <sup>13</sup> These families leaders were in charge of an army of 307,500 men who fought with great power. These soldiers helped the king against

the enemy. <sup>14</sup> Uzziah gave the army shields, spears, helmets, armor, bows, and stones for the slings. <sup>15</sup> In Jerusalem he made machines that were invented by clever men. These machines were put on the towers and corner walls. They shot arrows large rocks. Uzziah became famous. People knew his name in far away places. He had much help and became a powerful king.

<sup>16</sup> But when Uzziah became strong, his pride caused him to be destroyed. He was not faithful to the LORD his God. He went into the LORD'S Temple to burn incense on the altar for burning incense. <sup>17</sup> Azariah the priest and 80 brave priests who served the LORD followed Uzziah into the Temple. <sup>18</sup> They told Uzziah he was wrong. They said to him, "Uzziah, it is not your job to burn incense

to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" right |strong="H0175". That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" priests |strong="H3548", Aaron's |strong="H0175" descendants |strong="H1121", to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H3318". They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" only ones |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1121" been |strong="H4603" prepared for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" holy |strong="H6942" work of |strong="H1121" burning |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999". You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" been |strong="H4603" faithful, so |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3588" must |strong="H1121" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" Most |strong="H4480" Holy |strong="H6942" Place |strong="H4720". The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" honor |strong="H3519" you |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588"."

<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H5973" Uzziah |strong="H5818" was |strong="H3068" angry. He |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" bowl in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3027" for |strong="H5921" burning |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H7004". While |strong="H5973" Uzziah |strong="H5818" was |strong="H3068" very angry with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H6440" priests |strong="H3548", leprosy |strong="H6883" broke |strong="H2224" out |strong="H6440" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" forehead |strong="H4696". This |strong="H3068" happened in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H6440" priests |strong="H3548" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H5921" burning |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H7004". <sup>20</sup> Azariah |strong="H5838" the |strong="H3605" leading |strong="H7218" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" looked |strong="H6437" at |strong="H0413" Uzziah |strong="H1931". They |strong="H3588" could |strong="H1571" see |strong="H2009" the |strong="H3605" leprosy on |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" forehead |strong="H4696". The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" quickly |strong="H1765" forced him |strong="H0413"

out |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" Temple. Uzziah |strong="H1931" himself |strong="H1931" hurried |strong="H1765" out |strong="H3318" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" punished him |strong="H0413". <sup>21</sup> So |strong="H1961" Uzziah |strong="H5818" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" leper |strong="H6879". He |strong="H3588" could |strong="H5971" not |strong="H1961" enter |strong="H8199" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". His |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" Jotham |strong="H3147" controlled the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" became |strong="H1961" governor for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>22</sup> Everything else Uzziah |strong="H5818" did, from |strong="H1121" beginning |strong="H7223" to |strong="H1697" end |strong="H0314", is |strong="H1697" written |strong="H3789" by |strong="H3789" the |strong="H1697" prophet |strong="H5030" Isaiah |strong="H3470" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531". <sup>23</sup> Uzziah |strong="H5818" died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H0834" buried |strong="H6912" near |strong="H5973" his |strong="H0834" ancestors |strong="H0001" in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" field |strong="H7704" near |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" burial |strong="H6900" places |strong="H0559". This |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " Uzziah |strong="H5818" has |strong="H0834" leprosy." And |strong="H1121" Uzziah's |strong="H5818" son |strong="H1121" Jotham |strong="H3147" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4428" in |strong="H4428" his |strong="H0834" place |strong="H8478".

#### Jotham, King of Judah

<sup>27</sup> Jotham |strong="H3147" was |strong="H8034" 25 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" 16 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H3147" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Jerusha |strong="H3388". Jerusha |strong="H3388" was |strong="H8034" Zadok's |strong="H6659" daughter |strong="H1323". <sup>2</sup> Jotham did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" wanted

him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213". He |strong="H0834" obeyed God |strong="H3068" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" Uzziah |strong="H5818" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". But |strong="H7535" Jotham did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1964" to |strong="H0413" burn incense as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" had |strong="H3068". But |strong="H7535" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" continued |strong="H5750" doing |strong="H6213" wrong. <sup>3</sup> Jotham rebuilt |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" Upper |strong="H5945" Gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". He |strong="H1931" did much |strong="H7230" building |strong="H1129" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H1004" named Ophel |strong="H6077". <sup>4</sup> He |strong="H3063" also |strong="H3063" built |strong="H1129" towns |strong="H5892" in |strong="H1129" the |strong="H1129" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022" of |strong="H2022" Judah |strong="H3063". He |strong="H3063" built |strong="H1129" fortresses |strong="H1003" and |strong="H3063" towers |strong="H4026" in |strong="H1129" the |strong="H1129" forests. <sup>5</sup> Jotham also |strong="H4428" fought |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Ammonites |strong="H5983" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" army and |strong="H1121" defeated them |strong="H5414". So |strong="H5414" each year |strong="H8141" for |strong="H5921" three |strong="H7992" years |strong="H8141" the |strong="H5921" Ammonites |strong="H5983" gave |strong="H5414" Jotham 3 3/4 tons <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H1121" silver |strong="H3701", 62,000 bushels <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H1121" wheat |strong="H2406", and |strong="H1121" 62,000 bushels of |strong="H1121" barley |strong="H8184". <sup>6</sup> Jotham |strong="H3147" became |strong="H2388" powerful |strong="H2388" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" faithfully obeyed the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". <sup>7</sup> Everything |strong="H3605" else |strong="H3605" Jotham |strong="H3147" did and |strong="H3063" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> 3 3/4 TONS Literally, "100 talents" (3450 kg). <sup>II</sup> 62,000 BUSHELS Literally, "10,000 cors" |strong="H3734"

wars |strong="H4421" are |strong="H3478" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H3605" History of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>8</sup> Jotham was |strong="H1961" 25 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3389" became |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H3389" ruled |strong="H4427" 16 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Jotham |strong="H3147" died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1732" buried |strong="H6912" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H1732" ancestors |strong="H0001". The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0853" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732". Jotham's |strong="H3147" son |strong="H1121" Ahaz |strong="H0271" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427" in |strong="H6912" his |strong="H1732" place |strong="H8478".

#### Ahaz, King of Judah

**28** Ahaz |strong="H0271" was |strong="H3068" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H6213" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427". He |strong="H6213" ruled |strong="H4427" 16 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H6213" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" live right |strong="H3477", as |strong="H3068" David |strong="H1732" his |strong="H3068" ancestor had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". Ahaz |strong="H0271" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3477" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" wanted him |strong="H1732" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213". <sup>2</sup> He |strong="H6213" followed the |strong="H1571" bad example |strong="H1870" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H1571" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" molds to |strong="H3478" make |strong="H6213" idols to |strong="H3478" worship |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1571" Baal |strong="H1168" gods. <sup>3</sup> He |strong="H0834" burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H1121" Ben Hinnom |strong="H2011" <sup>III</sup> and |strong="H1121" sacrificed his |strong="H0834" own |strong="H6440" sons |strong="H1121"

by|strong="H0784" burning|strong="H6999" them|strong="H0853" in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784". He|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H1931" terrible sins that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" peoples living in|strong="H3478" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H6440" did|strong="H0834". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3069" had|strong="H0834" forced them|strong="H0853" out|strong="H3423" when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478" entered that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H6440".<sup>4</sup> Ahaz offered|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" and|strong="H6086" burned|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116", on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" hills|strong="H1389", and|strong="H6086" under|strong="H8478" every|strong="H3605" green|strong="H7488" tree|strong="H6086".

<sup>5</sup> Because Ahaz did these things, the LORD his God let the king of Aram defeat him. The king and his army defeated Ahaz and took many people of Judah as prisoners to the city of Damascus. Ahaz also suffered a terrible defeat by the king of Israel, Pekah son of Remaliah. Pekah and his army killed 120,000 of the bravest soldiers in Judah in one day. All this happened because the people of Judah had turned away from the LORD, the God their ancestors worshiped.<sup>7</sup> Zicri|strong="H2147" was|strong="H4428" a|strong="H2026" brave soldier from|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669". He|strong="H0853" killed|strong="H2026" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" son|strong="H1121" Maa-seiah|strong="H4641". He|strong="H0853" also|strong="H0853" killed|strong="H2026" Azrikam|strong="H5840", the|strong="H0853" officer|strong="H5057" in|strong="H1004" charge of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004", and|strong="H1121" Elkanah|strong="H0511", who|strong="H1121" was|strong="H4428" second|strong="H4932" in|strong="H1004" command to|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428".

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" Israelite|strong="H3478" army captured|strong="H7617" 200,000 of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H1992" own relatives|strong="H0251" living in|strong="H0935" Judah. They|strong="H1992" took|strong="H7617" women|strong="H0802", children|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" many|strong="H7227" valuable things|strong="H1992" from|strong="H0935" Judah

III VALLEY OF BEN HINNOM Later, called "Gehenna." This valley was west and south of Jerusalem. Many babies and young children were sacrificed to false gods in this valley.

and|strong="H1121" carried|strong="H7617" them|strong="H1992" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Samaria|strong="H8111".<sup>9</sup> But|strong="H1961" one|strong="H1961" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" prophets|strong="H5030" named|strong="H8034" Oded|strong="H5752" was|strong="H8034" there|strong="H8033". Oded|strong="H5752" met the|strong="H0559" Israelite army|strong="H6635" that|strong="H0559" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" Samaria|strong="H8111". He|strong="H5704" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" Israelite army|strong="H6635", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" worshiped, let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" people of|strong="H0430" Judah|strong="H3063" because|strong="H5921" he|strong="H5704" was|strong="H8034" angry|strong="H2534" with|strong="H3068" them|strong="H5414". But|strong="H1961" now|strong="H1961" he|strong="H5704" is|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H2534" with|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414", because|strong="H5921" he|strong="H5704" has|strong="H3068" seen how|strong="H2009" cruel you|strong="H5414" were|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5921" killing|strong="H2026" them|strong="H5414".<sup>10</sup> And|strong="H1121" now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H0859" plan to|strong="H0559" keep the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H1121" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" as|strong="H3068" slaves|strong="H5650". But|strong="H7535" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1121" as|strong="H3068" guilty|strong="H0819" as|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H1121" for|strong="H3068" sinning against|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".<sup>11</sup> Now|strong="H6258" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H7725" me|strong="H7725". Send back|strong="H7725" all those|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" captured|strong="H7617", your|strong="H3068" own brothers|strong="H0251" and|strong="H3068" sisters, because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0834" LORD'S|strong="H3068" terrible anger|strong="H0639" is|strong="H0834" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834"."

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H6965" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" leaders|strong="H7218" in|strong="H5921" Ephraim|strong="H0669" saw the|strong="H5921" Is-

raelite soldiers *strong*="H0376" coming *strong*="H0935" home from *strong*="H4480" war *strong*="H6635". They *strong*="H5921" met the *strong*="H5921" Israelite soldiers *strong*="H0376" and *strong*="H1121" warned them *strong*="H5921". The *strong*="H5921" leaders *strong*="H7218" were *strong*="H1121" Azariah *strong*="H5838" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Jehohanan *strong*="H3076", Berekiah son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Meshillemoth *strong*="H4919", Jehizkiah *strong*="H3169" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Shallum *strong*="H7967", and *strong*="H1121" Amasa *strong*="H6021" son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Hadlai *strong*="H2311". <sup>13</sup> They *strong*="H3588" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0559" the *strong*="H0853" Israelite *strong*="H3478" soldiers, " Don't *strong*="H3808" bring *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0853" prisoners from *strong*="H0935" Judah here *strong*="H2008". If *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H0859" do *strong*="H3254" that *strong*="H3588", it *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H3068" add *strong*="H3254" to *strong*="H0559" our *strong*="H3068" sin *strong*="H2403" against *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068". It *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H3068" make *strong*="H3254" our *strong*="H3068" sin *strong*="H2403" and *strong*="H0935" guilt *strong*="H0819" before *strong*="H5921" him *strong*="H5921" even *strong*="H3588" worse than *strong*="H3808" it *strong*="H5921" is *strong*="H3068" now *strong*="H2008", and *strong*="H0935" he *strong*="H3588" is *strong*="H3068" already very *strong*="H7227" angry *strong*="H0639" with *strong*="H3068" Israel *strong*="H3478"!"

<sup>14</sup> So *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H3605" soldiers gave the *strong*="H3605" prisoners and *strong*="H6440" valuable things *strong*="H3605" to *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H3605" leaders *strong*="H8269" and *strong*="H6440" to *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H5800". <sup>15</sup> The *strong*="H3605" leaders (Azariah, Berekiah, Jehizkiah, and *strong*="H0935" Amasa) stood *strong*="H6965" up *strong*="H6965" and *strong*="H0935" helped *strong*="H2388" the *strong*="H3605" prisoners. These *strong*="H3605" four men *strong*="H0376" got *strong*="H6965" the *strong*="H3605" clothes *strong*="H3847" that *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H3605" Israelite army took *strong*="H2388" and *strong*="H0935" gave *strong*="H8248" them *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H0376" who *strong*="H0834" were *strong*="H0834" naked *strong*="H4636". The *strong*="H3605" leaders also *strong*="H0935" gave *strong*="H8248" them *strong*="H7725" san-

dals *strong*="H5274". They *strong*="H0834" gave *strong*="H8248" the *strong*="H3605" prisoners from *strong*="H4480" Judah something to *strong*="H0935" eat *strong*="H0398" and *strong*="H0935" drink *strong*="H8248". They *strong*="H0834" rubbed oil on *strong*="H3847" them *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0935" soften and *strong*="H0935" heal their *strong*="H3605" wounds. Then *strong*="H6965" the *strong*="H3605" leaders from *strong*="H4480" Ephraim *strong*="H8034" put *strong*="H3847" the *strong*="H3605" weak *strong*="H3782" prisoners on *strong*="H3847" donkeys *strong*="H2543" and *strong*="H0935" took *strong*="H2388" them *strong*="H7725" back *strong*="H7725" home *strong*="H8034" to *strong*="H0935" their *strong*="H3605" families in *strong*="H0935" Jericho *strong*="H3405", the *strong*="H3605" city *strong*="H5892" of *strong*="H0376" palm *strong*="H8558" trees *strong*="H8558". Then *strong*="H6965" the *strong*="H3605" four leaders went *strong*="H0935" back *strong*="H7725" home *strong*="H8034" to *strong*="H0935" Samaria *strong*="H8111".

<sup>16</sup> At that same time the people from Edom came again and defeated the people of Judah. The Edomites captured people and took them away as prisoners. So King Ahaz asked the king of Assyria to help him. <sup>18</sup> The *strong*="H0853" Philistines *strong*="H6430" also *strong*="H0853" attacked the *strong*="H0853" towns *strong*="H1323" in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H0853" hills and *strong*="H3063" in *strong*="H3427" south *strong*="H5045" Judah *strong*="H3063". The *strong*="H0853" Philistines *strong*="H6430" captured *strong*="H3920" the *strong*="H0853" towns *strong*="H1323" of *strong*="H1323" Beth Shemesh, Aijalon *strong*="H0357", Gederoth *strong*="H1450", Socco *strong*="H7755", Timnah *strong*="H8553", and *strong*="H3063" Gimzo *strong*="H1579". They *strong*="H8033" also *strong*="H0853" captured *strong*="H3920" the *strong*="H0853" villages *strong*="H1323" near *strong*="H3920" these towns *strong*="H1323". Then *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H0853" Philistines *strong*="H6430" lived *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" them *strong*="H0853". <sup>19</sup> The *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" gave troubles to *strong*="H3068" Judah *strong*="H3063" because *strong*="H3588" King *strong*="H4428" Ahaz *strong*="H0271" of *strong*="H4428" Judah *strong*="H3063" encouraged the *strong*="H0853" people of *strong*="H4428" Judah *strong*="H3063" to *strong*="H3068" sin. He *strong*="H3588" was *strong*="H3068" very *strong*="H4604" unfaithful *strong*="H4603" to *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068". <sup>20</sup> King *strong*="H4428" Tiglath Pileser

of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" came|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" gave|strong="H2388" Ahaz trouble instead|strong="H3808" of|strong="H4428" helping him|strong="H5921". <sup>21</sup> Ahaz|strong="H0271" took|strong="H0853" some valuable things|strong="H3808" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" prince's house|strong="H1004". Ahaz|strong="H0271" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804", but|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" didn't|strong="H3808" help|strong="H5833" him|strong="H5414".

<sup>22</sup> In|strong="H3068" Ahaz's|strong="H0271" troubles, he|strong="H1931" sinned worse and|strong="H3068" became|strong="H4603" more|strong="H3254" unfaithful|strong="H4603" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>23</sup> He|strong="H3588" offered|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2076" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H4428" Damascus|strong="H1834" worshiped. The|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H4428" Damascus|strong="H1834" had|strong="H1961" defeated|strong="H5221" Ahaz. So|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3588" thought|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" himself, "The|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H4428" Aram|strong="H0758" worship|strong="H3478" helped|strong="H5826" them|strong="H1992". So|strong="H1961" if|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" offer|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2076" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H1992", maybe they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0430" help|strong="H5826" me|strong="H5221" also|strong="H0853"." Ahaz worshiped these|strong="H1992" gods|strong="H0430". In|strong="H0430" this|strong="H3588" way|strong="H3605" he|strong="H3588" sinned, and|strong="H3478" he|strong="H3588" made|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478" sin.

<sup>24</sup> Ahaz|strong="H0271" gathered|strong="H0622" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" from|strong="H3068" God's|strong="H0430" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" broke them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H3068" pieces|strong="H7112". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0430" closed|strong="H5462"

the|strong="H3605" doors|strong="H1817" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". He|strong="H0430" made|strong="H6213" altars|strong="H4196" and|strong="H3068" put|strong="H0622" them|strong="H0853" on|strong="H3068" every|strong="H3605" street corner|strong="H6438" in|strong="H0430" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". <sup>25</sup> In|strong="H0430" every|strong="H3605" town|strong="H5892" in|strong="H0430" Judah|strong="H3063" Ahaz made|strong="H6213" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" for|strong="H3605" burning|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999" to|strong="H3068" worship other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". Ahaz made|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" his|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001" obeyed, very angry|strong="H3707".

<sup>26</sup> Everything|strong="H3605" else|strong="H3605" Ahaz did, from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" beginning|strong="H7223" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" end|strong="H0314", is|strong="H1697" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612", The|strong="H3605" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>27</sup> Ahaz|strong="H0271" died and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H3478" buried|strong="H6912" with|strong="H5973" his|strong="H0935" ancestors|strong="H0001". The|strong="H3588" people|strong="H1121" buried|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". But|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" didn't|strong="H3808" bury|strong="H6912" him|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" same burial|strong="H6913" place|strong="H8478" where|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3588" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" buried|strong="H6912". Ahaz's|strong="H0271" son|strong="H1121" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H3588" new king|strong="H4428" in|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0935" place|strong="H8478".

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**29** Hezekiah|strong="H2396" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4427" when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3389" was|strong="H8034" 25 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121". He|strong="H3389"

ruled |strong="H4427" 29 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". His |strong="H2396" mother's |strong="H0517" name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Abijah |strong="H0029". Abijah |strong="H0029" was |strong="H8034" Zechariah's daughter |strong="H1323". <sup>2</sup> Hezekiah did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" wanted him |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213". He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3477" just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" David |strong="H1732" his |strong="H3605" ancestor had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213".

<sup>3</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2388" repaired |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" doors |strong="H1817" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" made |strong="H2388" them |strong="H0853" strong |strong="H2388". He |strong="H1931" opened |strong="H6605" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" again. He |strong="H1931" did this |strong="H1931" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" year |strong="H8141" after |strong="H8141" he |strong="H1931" became |strong="H2388" king |strong="H4427". <sup>4</sup> Hezekiah called the priests and Levites together in one assembly. He had a meeting with them in the courtyard on the east side of the Temple. Hezekiah said to them, "Listen to me, Levites! Make yourselves ready for holy service. Make the Temple of the LORD God ready for holy service. He is the God your ancestors obeyed. Take away the things from the Temple that don't belong in there. These things make the Temple unclean. <sup>6</sup>

Our |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" were |strong="H5869" not |strong="H3588" faithful and |strong="H3068" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7451" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" says is |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7451". They |strong="H3588" stopped following him |strong="H5414". They |strong="H3588" no |strong="H5414" longer paid |strong="H5414" any |strong="H6440" attention |strong="H6440" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" house <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H3068" turned |strong="H5437" their |strong="H3068" backs |strong="H6203" on |strong="H3068" him |strong="H5414". <sup>7</sup> They |strong="H3808" shut |strong="H5462" the |strong="H0853" doors |strong="H1817" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" porch |strong="H0197"

I LORD'S HOUSE Another name for the Temple in Jerusalem.

of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Temple and |strong="H3478" let |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" fire go |strong="H5927" out |strong="H0853" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" lamps |strong="H5216". They |strong="H3808" stopped burning |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H7004" and |strong="H3478" offering |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3478" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>8</sup> So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" became |strong="H1961" very angry |strong="H7110" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H0834" punished them |strong="H5414" so |strong="H1961" badly that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H5414" shocks and |strong="H3068" scares people |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1961" hear about |strong="H1961" it |strong="H5414". But |strong="H1961" then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" laugh and |strong="H3068" shout their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" insults against |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063". You |strong="H0859" know this |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" true |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H1961" seen |strong="H7200" it |strong="H5414" happen |strong="H1961". <sup>9</sup> That |strong="H5307" is |strong="H2009" why our |strong="H5921" ancestors |strong="H0001" were |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H2719" in |strong="H5921" battle. Our |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121", daughters |strong="H1323", and |strong="H1121" wives |strong="H0802" were |strong="H1121" made |strong="H0802" prisoners |strong="H7628". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="H4480" now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H6258", Hezekiah, have |strong="H3068" decided to |strong="H7725" make |strong="H3772" an |strong="H4480" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H4480" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H4480" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". Then |strong="H6258" he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" not be |strong="H3478" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H7725" anymore. <sup>11</sup> So |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3068" sons |strong="H1121", <sup>II</sup> don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1961" lazy or |strong="H0408" waste any |strong="H1961" more |strong="H3588"

II MY SONS Here, Hezekiah is speaking to the priests like a father to his sons. They are not really his children.

time |strong="H6258". The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" chose you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H1961" serve |strong="H8334" him |strong="H6440" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" Temple and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H1961" burn |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999".

<sup>12</sup> This is a list of the Levites who started to work: From the Kohath family there were Mahath son of Amasai and Joel son of Azariah. From the Merari family there were Kish son of Abdi and Azariah son of Jehallelel. From the Gershon family there were Joah son of Zimmah and Eden son of Joab. From Elizaphan's descendants there were Shimri and Jeiel. From Asaph's descendants there were Zechariah and Mattaniah. From Heman's descendants there were Jehiel and Shimei. From Jeduthun's descendants there were Shemaiah and Uzziel.

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0853" these Levites gathered |strong="H0622" their |strong="H3068" brothers |strong="H0251" together |strong="H0622" and |strong="H0935" made |strong="H6942" themselves |strong="H6942" ready for |strong="H1004" holy |strong="H6942" service |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004". They |strong="H3068" obeyed the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" command |strong="H4687" that |strong="H1697" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0935" clean |strong="H2891" it |strong="H6942". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" went |strong="H3318" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" inside |strong="H1004" part |strong="H6441" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0935" clean |strong="H2891" it |strong="H3068". They |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" unclean |strong="H2932" things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" found |strong="H4672" there |strong="H4672". They |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" unclean |strong="H2932" things |strong="H3605" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" courtyard |strong="H2691" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605"

Levites |strong="H3881" took |strong="H3318" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Kidron |strong="H6939" Valley |strong="H5158". <sup>17</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320", the |strong="H0853" Levites began |strong="H2490" to |strong="H0935" make |strong="H3615" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" ready for |strong="H1004" holy |strong="H6942" service |strong="H1004". By |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" eighth |strong="H8083" day |strong="H3117", they |strong="H3117" had |strong="H3068" finished |strong="H3615" cleaning all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" area up |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" porch |strong="H0197" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". For |strong="H1004" eight |strong="H8083" more days |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" cleaned the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" itself to |strong="H0935" make |strong="H3615" it |strong="H6942" ready for |strong="H1004" holy |strong="H6942" use |strong="H3615". They |strong="H3117" finished |strong="H3615" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" 16th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320".

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H0935" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396", we |strong="H3605" cleaned all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H0413" burning offerings |strong="H3068" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004". We |strong="H3605" cleaned the |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" rows |strong="H4635" of |strong="H4428" bread with |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" used |strong="H3605" for |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" table |strong="H7979". <sup>19</sup> During |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" time that |strong="H0834" Ahaz |strong="H0271" was |strong="H0834"



king|strong="H4428", he|strong="H0834" rebelled against|strong="H0854" God|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0834" threw away|strong="H3605" many of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Temple. But|strong="H4428" we|strong="H0834" repaired all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3559" them|strong="H6440" ready|strong="H3559" for|strong="H4196" their|strong="H3605" special use. They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" now|strong="H2005" in|strong="H3068" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" altar|strong="H4196".

<sup>20</sup> King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" gathered|strong="H0622" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" officials|strong="H8269" and|strong="H3068" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" early|strong="H7925" the|strong="H0853" next morning|strong="H7925".  
<sup>21</sup> They|strong="H5921" brought|strong="H0935" seven|strong="H7651" bulls|strong="H6499", seven|strong="H7651" rams|strong="H0352", seven|strong="H7651" lambs|strong="H3532", and|strong="H1121" seven|strong="H7651" young|strong="H1121" male|strong="H3532" goats|strong="H5795". These|strong="H0175" animals were|strong="H1121" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0935" sin|strong="H2403" offering|strong="H5927" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" kingdom|strong="H4467" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063", for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" Holy|strong="H4720" Place|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" make it|strong="H5921" clean, and|strong="H1121" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". King|strong="H5921" Hezekiah commanded|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" priests|strong="H3548" who|strong="H3068" were|strong="H1121" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175" to|strong="H0559" offer|strong="H5927" these|strong="H0175" animals on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" altar|strong="H4196".<sup>22</sup> So|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" killed|strong="H7819" the|strong="H0853" bulls|strong="H1241" and|strong="H3548" kept the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3548" sprin-

kled|strong="H2236" the|strong="H0853" bulls' blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3548" killed|strong="H7819" the|strong="H0853" rams|strong="H0352" and|strong="H3548" sprinkled|strong="H2236" the|strong="H0853" rams' blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3548" killed|strong="H7819" the|strong="H0853" lambs|strong="H3532" and|strong="H3548" sprinkled|strong="H2236" the|strong="H0853" lambs' blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H4196" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196".<sup>23</sup> Then the priests brought the male goats in front of the king, and the people gathered together. The goats were the sin offering. The priests put their hands on the goats and killed the goats. They made a sin offering with the goats' blood on the altar. They did this so that God would forgive the sins of the Israelites. The king said that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all the Israelites.

<sup>25</sup> King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah put|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" with|strong="H1004" cymbals|strong="H4700", harps|strong="H3658", and|strong="H3068" lyres|strong="H3658" as|strong="H3068" David|strong="H1732", Gad|strong="H1410", the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" seer|strong="H2374", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H5030" Nathan|strong="H5416" had|strong="H3068" commanded|strong="H4687". This|strong="H3588" command|strong="H4687" came from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" through|strong="H3027" his|strong="H3068" prophets|strong="H5030".<sup>26</sup> So|strong="H5975" the|strong="H5975" Levites|strong="H3881" stood|strong="H5975" ready with|strong="H1732" David's|strong="H1732" instruments|strong="H3627" of|strong="H3627" music, and|strong="H3548" the|strong="H5975" priests|strong="H3548" stood|strong="H5975" ready with|strong="H1732" their|strong="H5975" trumpets|strong="H2689".<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" gave|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" order|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" sacrifice the|strong="H0559" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" altar|strong="H4196". When|strong="H6256" the|strong="H0559" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927" began|strong="H2490", singing|strong="H7892" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" al-

so |strong="H3068" began |strong="H2490". The |strong="H0559" trumpets |strong="H2689" were |strong="H3478" blown, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" instruments |strong="H3627" of |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" played. <sup>28</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" assembly |strong="H6951" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812", the |strong="H3605" musicians |strong="H7891" sang |strong="H7891", and |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" trumpet |strong="H2689" players blew |strong="H2690" their |strong="H3605" trumpets |strong="H2689" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" burnt |strong="H5930" offering was |strong="H3605" finished |strong="H3615".

<sup>29</sup> After the |strong="H3605" sacrifices were |strong="H4428" finished |strong="H3615", King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0854" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" and |strong="H4428" worshiped |strong="H7812". <sup>30</sup> King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" officials |strong="H8269" ordered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H0559" give praise |strong="H1984" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" sang songs that |strong="H1697" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3068" Asaph |strong="H0623" the |strong="H0559" seer |strong="H2374" had |strong="H3068" written. They |strong="H3068" praised |strong="H1984" God |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" became |strong="H1697" happy |strong="H8057". They |strong="H3068" all |strong="H5704" bowed |strong="H7812" and |strong="H3068" worshiped |strong="H7812" God |strong="H3068". <sup>31</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" said |strong="H0559", " Now |strong="H6258" you |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3820" of |strong="H1004" Judah have |strong="H3068" given |strong="H3027" yourselves |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Come |strong="H0935" near |strong="H5066" and |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" sacrifices |strong="H2077" and |strong="H0935" thank |strong="H8426" offerings |strong="H8426" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Then |strong="H6030" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3820" brought |strong="H0935" sacrifices |strong="H2077" and |strong="H0935" thank |strong="H8426" offerings |strong="H8426". Anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" wanted to |strong="H0559", al-

so |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H0935" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8426". <sup>32</sup> This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H0834" how |strong="H0834" many |strong="H4557" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" assembly |strong="H6951" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Temple: 70 bulls |strong="H1241", 100 rams |strong="H0352", and |strong="H0935" 200 lambs |strong="H3532". All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" animals |strong="H1961" were |strong="H0834" sacrificed as |strong="H0834" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>33</sup> There were |strong="H1241" also 600 bulls |strong="H1241" and |strong="H3967" 3000 sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H3967" goats that were |strong="H1241" sacrificed as |strong="H6942" holy |strong="H6942" offerings. <sup>34</sup> But |strong="H3588" there |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" enough |strong="H4592" priests |strong="H3548" to |strong="H5704" skin |strong="H6584" and |strong="H3548" cut up |strong="H5704" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H1961" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5930". So |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3605" relatives |strong="H0251", the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881", helped |strong="H2388" them |strong="H0853" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399" was |strong="H1961" finished |strong="H3615" and |strong="H3548" until |strong="H5704" other |strong="H0251" priests |strong="H3548" could |strong="H3201" make |strong="H2388" themselves |strong="H6942" ready for |strong="H3588" holy |strong="H6942" service |strong="H4399". The |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" had |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" more |strong="H3808" serious than |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" about |strong="H1961" making |strong="H3605" themselves |strong="H6942" ready to |strong="H5704" serve |strong="H1961". <sup>35</sup> There |strong="H7230" were |strong="H1571" many |strong="H7230" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" fat |strong="H2459" of |strong="H1004" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002", and |strong="H3068" drink offerings |strong="H8002". So |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3068" service |strong="H5656" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" began again. <sup>36</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H1961"

very|strong="H8055" happy|strong="H8055" about|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H1697" God|strong="H0430" prepared|strong="H3559" for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". And|strong="H0430" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1961" happy|strong="H8055" he|strong="H3588" did it|strong="H5921" so|strong="H1961" quickly!

### Hezekiah Celebrates the Passover

**30** King|strong="H5921" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" sent|strong="H7971" messages to|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063". He|strong="H0430" wrote|strong="H3789" letters|strong="H0107" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H1004" Ephraim|strong="H0669" and|strong="H0935" Manasseh|strong="H4519"<sup>1</sup> also|strong="H1571". He|strong="H0430" invited all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" people to|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3605" they|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" could|strong="H1571" celebrate the|strong="H3605" Passover|strong="H6453" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>2</sup> King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah agreed with|strong="H3389" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" officials|strong="H8269" and|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" assembly|strong="H6951" in|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H3389" have|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Passover|strong="H6453" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" second|strong="H8145" month|strong="H2320". <sup>3</sup> They|strong="H3588" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3808" celebrate the|strong="H3588" Passover Festival at|strong="H0622" the|strong="H3588" regular time|strong="H6256", because|strong="H3588" not|strong="H3808" enough|strong="H6213" priests|strong="H3548" had|strong="H3588" made|strong="H6213" themselves|strong="H6942" ready for|strong="H3588" holy|strong="H6942" service and|strong="H3548" the|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" had|strong="H3588" not|strong="H3808" gath-

<sup>1</sup> EPHRAIM AND MANASSEH Joseph's sons. Since these were the largest tribes, Ephraim and Manasseh sometimes means the whole northern kingdom of Israel.

ered|strong="H0622" in|strong="H0622" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". <sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1697" satisfied King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah and|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" assembly|strong="H6951". <sup>5</sup> So|strong="H6213" they|strong="H3588" sent the|strong="H3605" announcement|strong="H3068" throughout|strong="H3605" Israel|strong="H3478", from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H0430" Beersheba|strong="H0884" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H0430" Dan|strong="H1835". They|strong="H3588" told|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H0935" celebrate the|strong="H3605" Passover|strong="H6453" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478". Not|strong="H3808" many|strong="H7230" people|strong="H3808" had|strong="H3068" been|strong="H3808" celebrating it|strong="H3588" as|strong="H5704" it|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" described|strong="H3789" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" law. <sup>6</sup> So|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" messengers|strong="H7323" took|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" letters|strong="H0107" all|strong="H3605" through|strong="H3027" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H6413" the|strong="H3605" letters|strong="H0107" said|strong="H0559":

" Children|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", turn|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" who|strong="H3605" Abraham|strong="H0085", Isaac|strong="H3327", and|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" obeyed. Then|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3478" still|strong="H7725" alive|strong="H7604" and|strong="H1121" have|strong="H1121" escaped|strong="H6413" from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Assyria|strong="H0804". <sup>7</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3068" fa-

thers|strong="H0001" or|strong="H0408"  
 your|strong="H3068" brothers|strong="H0251".  
 The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 was|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3068"  
 God|strong="H0430", but|strong="H1961"  
 they|strong="H0834" turned|strong="H5414"  
 against him|strong="H5414". So|strong="H1961"  
 he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H5414" peo-  
 ple|strong="H0834" hate them|strong="H5414"  
 and|strong="H3068" speak evil  
 about|strong="H1961" them|strong="H5414".  
 You|strong="H0859" can|strong="H0834"  
 see|strong="H7200" with|strong="H3068"  
 your|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" eyes  
 that|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834"  
 is|strong="H0834" true|strong="H3068".<sup>8</sup>  
 Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" stub-  
 born|strong="H7185" as|strong="H0834"  
 your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001"  
 were|strong="H0834". But|strong="H0935" obey  
 the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 with|strong="H3068" a|strong="H5414" willing  
 heart. Come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935"  
 the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H4720"  
 that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"  
 has|strong="H3068" made|strong="H5414"  
 to|strong="H0935" be|strong="H0408"  
 holy|strong="H6942" forever|strong="H5769".  
 Serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
 God|strong="H0430". Then|strong="H6258"  
 his|strong="H5414" fearful anger|strong="H0639"  
 will|strong="H3068" turn|strong="H7725"  
 away|strong="H7725" from|strong="H4480"  
 you|strong="H0834".<sup>9</sup> If|strong="H0518"  
 you|strong="H3588" come|strong="H7725"  
 back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H1121" obey  
 the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068",  
 your|strong="H3068" relatives|strong="H0251"  
 and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" chil-  
 dren|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068" find  
 mercy|strong="H7356" from|strong="H4480"  
 the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H1121"  
 who|strong="H3068" captured|strong="H7617"  
 them|strong="H0413". And|strong="H1121"  
 your|strong="H3068" relatives|strong="H0251"  
 and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" chil-  
 dren|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068"  
 come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
 to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2063"  
 land|strong="H0776". The|strong="H6440"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
 God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H3068" kind  
 and|strong="H1121" merciful|strong="H7349".  
 He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
 not|strong="H3808" turn|strong="H7725"  
 away|strong="H5493" from|strong="H4480"  
 you|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518"

you|strong="H3588" come|strong="H7725"  
 back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413"  
 him|strong="H0413".

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H5921" messen-  
 gers|strong="H7323" went|strong="H1961"  
 to|strong="H5704" every town|strong="H5892"  
 in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
 area|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776"  
 Ephraim|strong="H0669" and|strong="H0776" Man-  
 asseh|strong="H4519". They|strong="H5921"  
 went|strong="H1961" all|strong="H5704"  
 the|strong="H5921" way|strong="H5921"  
 to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921"  
 area|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Zebu-  
 lun|strong="H2074", but|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H0776"  
 laughed|strong="H7832" at|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H5921" messengers|strong="H7323"  
 and|strong="H0776" made|strong="H1961" fun  
 of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H5921".<sup>11</sup>  
 But|strong="H0389", some|strong="H0376"  
 men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0935"  
 the|strong="H0935" areas of|strong="H0376" Ash-  
 er|strong="H0836", Manasseh|strong="H4519",  
 and|strong="H0935" Zebulun|strong="H2074" hum-  
 bled|strong="H3665" themselves|strong="H3665"  
 and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935"  
 to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".<sup>12</sup> Al-  
 so|strong="H1571", in|strong="H0430" Ju-  
 dah|strong="H3063" God's|strong="H0430" pow-  
 er|strong="H3027" united|strong="H0259"  
 the|strong="H5414" people|strong="H3820"  
 so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H1697"  
 they|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3068"  
 obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H5414"  
 king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H3068"  
 his|strong="H5414" officials|strong="H8269" concern-  
 ing|strong="H1697" the|strong="H5414"  
 word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H4428"  
 the|strong="H5414" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>13</sup> Many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H5971"  
 came together|strong="H0622" in|strong="H0622"  
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H3389" cele-  
 brate|strong="H2282" the|strong="H0853" Festi-  
 val|strong="H2282" of|strong="H6951" Unleav-  
 ened|strong="H4682" Bread|strong="H4682"  
 in|strong="H0622" the|strong="H0853" sec-  
 ond|strong="H8145" month|strong="H2320".  
 It|strong="H6213" was|strong="H3389"  
 a|strong="H3389" very|strong="H3966"  
 large|strong="H7230" crowd|strong="H6951".<sup>14</sup>  
 The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834"  
 took|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493"  
 the|strong="H3605" altars|strong="H4196"  
 in|strong="H4196" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"  
 that|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834"  
 for|strong="H3605" false gods and|strong="H6965"  
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" in-

cense |strong="H6999" altars |strong="H4196" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" for |strong="H3605" false gods. They |strong="H0834" threw |strong="H7993" them |strong="H0853" into |strong="H7993" the |strong="H3605" Kidron |strong="H6939" Valley |strong="H5158".<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H0935" Passover |strong="H6453" lamb on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" 14th day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0935" second |strong="H8145" month |strong="H2320". The |strong="H0935" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Levites |strong="H3881" felt ashamed |strong="H3637". They |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6942" themselves |strong="H6942" ready for |strong="H1004" holy |strong="H6942" service |strong="H1004". The |strong="H0935" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Levites |strong="H3881" brought |strong="H0935" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H6453" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>16</sup> They |strong="H5921" took |strong="H0853" their |strong="H5921" regular places in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Temple as |strong="H0376" described in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H0376" Moses |strong="H4872", the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0430". The |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" gave the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" sprinkled |strong="H2236" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar.<sup>17</sup> There |strong="H3068" were |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" group who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" made |strong="H6942" themselves |strong="H6942" ready for |strong="H3588" holy |strong="H6942" service, so |strong="H3808" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" permitted to |strong="H5921" kill the |strong="H3605" Passover |strong="H6453" lambs. That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" were |strong="H0834" responsible for |strong="H3588" killing the |strong="H3605" Passover |strong="H6453" lambs for |strong="H3588" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" clean |strong="H2889".

The |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" made |strong="H6942" each |strong="H3605" lamb holy |strong="H6942" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>18</sup> Many people from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun had not prepared themselves in the right way for the Passover Festival. They did not celebrate the Passover the right way, as the Law of Moses says. But Hezekiah prayed for the people. So he said this prayer, "LORD God, you are good. These people sincerely wanted to worship you in the right way, but they did not make themselves clean as the law says. Please forgive these people. You are the LORD, the God our ancestors worshiped. Forgive them, even if some did not make themselves clean as the rules of the Most Holy Place say."<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" King Hezekiah's |strong="H2396" prayer and |strong="H3068" forgave the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971".<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" in |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" celebrated |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H1121" Unleavened |strong="H4682" Bread |strong="H4682" with |strong="H3068" great |strong="H1419" joy |strong="H8057" for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". And |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" and |strong="H1121" priests |strong="H3548" praised |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3117" their |strong="H3068" strength |strong="H5797".<sup>22</sup> King |strong="H5921" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" encouraged all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H3605" understood |strong="H7919" very well |strong="H2896" how to |strong="H1696" do |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" service of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3820" celebrated the |strong="H3605" festival |strong="H4150" for |strong="H5921" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" offered |strong="H2076" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002". They |strong="H3117" gave |strong="H3034" thanks |strong="H3034" and |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H3034" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001".

<sup>1</sup> WITH ALL THEIR STRENGTH Or "with mighty instruments of the LORD."

23 All the people agreed to stay seven more days. They were joyful as they celebrated the Passover for seven more days. 24 King Hezekiah of Judah gave 1000 bulls and 7000 sheep to the assembly to eat. The leaders gave 1000 bulls and 10,000 sheep to the assembly. Many priests prepared themselves for holy service. 25 All the assembly of Judah, the priests, the Levites, all the assembly who came from Israel, the travelers who came from Israel and moved to Judah— all these people were very happy. 26 So there much joy in Jerusalem. There had not a like since time of Solomon son of King David of Israel. 27 The priests and the Levites stood up and asked God to bless the people, and he

heard them. Their prayer came up to heaven, the holy place where he lives.

### King Hezekiah Makes Improvements

31 When the Passover celebration was finished, the Israelites who were in Jerusalem for the Passover went out to the towns of Judah. Then they smashed the stone idols that were in the towns. These stone idols were used to worship false gods. They also cut down the Asherah poles. And they destroyed the high places and the altars through the areas of Judah and Benjamin. They did the same things in the area of Ephraim and Manasseh. They did these things until they destroyed all the things used for worshiping false gods. Then all the Israelites went back home their own towns.

2 The priests and Levites had been divided into groups, and

each group had its own special job to do. So King Hezekiah told these groups to begin doing their jobs again. So the priests and Levites again had the job of offering burnt offerings the fellowship offerings. And they had the job of serving in the Temple and singing and praising God by the doors to LORD'S house.<sup>13</sup> Hezekiah gave some of his own animals to be offered as the burnt offerings. These animals were used for the daily burnt offerings that were given each morning and each evening. They were offered on the Sabbath days, during New Moon celebrations, and on the other special meeting days, as law of the LORD commands.

<sup>4</sup> The people were supposed to give a part of their crops and things to the priests and Levites. So Hezekiah commanded the people living in Jerusalem to give

<sup>1</sup> LORD'S HOUSE Or "LORD'S Camp," that is, the courtyard of the Temple in Jerusalem.

them their share. In that way the priests and Levites could spend all of their time doing what the law commanded. LORD told them to give a part of their harvest around the country about this command. So Israelites gave the first part of their harvest of grain, grapes, oil, honey, and all the things they grew in their fields. They brought one-tenth of these things. <sup>6</sup> The men of Israel and Judah living in the towns also brought one-tenth of their cattle and sheep. They also brought one-tenth of their things and put them in piles.

<sup>7</sup> The people began to bring these things in the

third month they finished bringing the collection in the seventh month. <sup>8</sup> When Hezekiah and the leaders they saw the piles of things that were collected. They praised the LORD and his people, the Israelites.

<sup>9</sup> Then Hezekiah asked the priests and the Levites about the things of Shimei and Azariah, the high priest Zadok's family said to Hezekiah, "From the time the people started bringing the offerings into the LORD'S house, we had plenty to eat until we were full and there is still plenty left over!" The LORD has blessed his people. That is why we have so much left over.

<sup>11</sup> Then Hezekiah commanded the priests to make storerooms ready for the LORD'S Temple. So this was

done. <sup>12</sup> Then the priests brought the offerings, tithes, and other things that were to be given only to God. All these things collected were put in storerooms in the Temple. Conaniah the Levite was in charge of everything that was collected. Shimei was second in charge of these things. Shimei was Conaniah's brother. <sup>13</sup> Conaniah and his brother Shimei were these men: Jehiel, Azariah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismahiah, and Benaiah. King Hezekiah and Azariah the official in charge of God's Temple chose these men.

<sup>14</sup> Kore was in charge of the offerings that the people freely gave to God. He was responsible for giving out the collections that were given to the LORD. And he was responsible for giving out the gifts that the LORD had been made

<sup>1</sup> TITHES One-tenth of a person's crops or animals.



holy|strong="H6944". Kore|strong="H6981" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" gatekeeper|strong="H7778" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" East|strong="H4217" Gate. His|strong="H5414" father's name was|strong="H3068" Imnah|strong="H3232" the|strong="H5921" Levite|strong="H3881".<sup>15</sup> Eden|strong="H5731", Miniamin|strong="H4509", Jeshua|strong="H3442", Shemaiah|strong="H8098", Amariah|strong="H0568", and|strong="H3027" Shecaniah|strong="H7935" helped|strong="H3027" Kore. These men|strong="H1419" served faithfully|strong="H0530" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" towns|strong="H5892" where|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" priests|strong="H3548" were|strong="H3027" living. They|strong="H5921" gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5921" collection of|strong="H3027" things|strong="H1419" to|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5414" relatives|strong="H0251" in|strong="H5921" each group of|strong="H3027" priests|strong="H3548". They|strong="H5921" gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5921" same things|strong="H1419" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" more|strong="H1419" important|strong="H1419" people and|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" less|strong="H6996" important|strong="H1419".

<sup>16</sup> These|strong="H3605" men|strong="H1121" also|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" collection of|strong="H1121" things|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" males|strong="H2145" three|strong="H7969" years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" older|strong="H4605" who|strong="H3605" had|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" names in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H3605" Levite family|strong="H1004" histories. All|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" males|strong="H2145" were|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0935" enter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" for|strong="H1004" daily|strong="H3117" service|strong="H5656" to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H1697" they|strong="H3117" were|strong="H1121" responsible to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H3605". Each|strong="H3605" group of|strong="H1121" Levites had|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" own responsibility|strong="H4931".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" were|strong="H1121" given their|strong="H3548" part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" collection. This was|strong="H1004" done by|strong="H8141" families|strong="H1004", in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" way they|strong="H8141"

were|strong="H1121" listed|strong="H1004" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" histories. The|strong="H0853" Levites|strong="H3881" who|strong="H3548" were|strong="H1121" 20 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" older|strong="H4605" were|strong="H1121" given their|strong="H3548" part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" collection, according to|strong="H0001" their|strong="H3548" groups|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" responsibilities|strong="H4931".<sup>18</sup> The|strong="H3605" Levites' babies|strong="H0802", wives|strong="H0802", sons|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323" also|strong="H3588" got part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" collection. This|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0802" done|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Levites who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1121" listed in|strong="H0802" the|strong="H3605" family histories. This|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0802" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" Levites were|strong="H1121" faithful|strong="H0530" to|strong="H1121" always keep|strong="H6942" themselves|strong="H6942" holy|strong="H6944" and|strong="H1121" ready for|strong="H3588" service.

<sup>19</sup> Some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Aaron's|strong="H0175" descendants|strong="H1121", the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548", lived in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" or|strong="H7704" on|strong="H3605" farms near the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" were|strong="H0834" living|strong="H0376". Men|strong="H0376" were|strong="H0834" chosen by|strong="H3187" name|strong="H8034" in|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" these|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" to|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" collection to|strong="H5414" these|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" males|strong="H2145" and|strong="H1121" those|strong="H3605" named|strong="H8034" in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" family histories of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" got part of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" collection.

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H6213" King Hezekiah|strong="H2396" did|strong="H6213" those|strong="H3605" good|strong="H2896"

things |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" Judah |strong="H3063". He |strong="H6213" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H3477" was |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896" and |strong="H3068" right |strong="H3477" and |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H0571" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". <sup>21</sup> He |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" success |strong="H6743" in |strong="H0430" every |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4639" he |strong="H0834" began |strong="H2490"—the |strong="H3605" service |strong="H5656" of |strong="H1004" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0430" in |strong="H0430" obeying the |strong="H3605" law |strong="H8451" and |strong="H0430" commands |strong="H4687", and |strong="H0430" in |strong="H0430" following his |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". Hezekiah did |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" with |strong="H1004" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3824".

### The King of Assyria Attacks Judah

**32** After |strong="H0310" Hezekiah had |strong="H4428" faithfully |strong="H0571" done everything the |strong="H0559" LORD commanded |strong="H0559", King |strong="H4428" Sennacherib |strong="H5576" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" attack |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" country of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". Sennacherib |strong="H5576" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" army camped |strong="H2583" outside |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" fortresses. He |strong="H0310" did this |strong="H0428" so |strong="H0935" that |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0310" could |strong="H1697" make |strong="H1234" plans to |strong="H0413" defeat these |strong="H0428" towns |strong="H5892". Sennacherib |strong="H5576" wanted to |strong="H0413" win them |strong="H0413" for |strong="H5921" himself |strong="H0413". <sup>2</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" knew that |strong="H3588" Sennacherib |strong="H5576" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" to |strong="H0935" attack |strong="H0935" it |strong="H5921". <sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Hezekiah talked to |strong="H4325" his |strong="H0834" officials |strong="H8269" and |strong="H5869" army officers |strong="H8269". They |strong="H0834" all agreed to |strong="H4325" stop |strong="H5640" the |strong="H0853" waters |strong="H4325" of |strong="H8269" the |strong="H0853" wa-

ter |strong="H4325" springs outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892". The |strong="H0853" officials |strong="H8269" and |strong="H5869" army officers |strong="H8269" helped |strong="H5826" Hezekiah. <sup>4</sup> Many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" came |strong="H0935" together |strong="H6908" and |strong="H0935" stopped |strong="H5640" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" springs |strong="H4599" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" stream |strong="H5158" that |strong="H3605" flowed |strong="H7857" through |strong="H8432" the |strong="H3605" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776". They |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H0776" find |strong="H4672" much |strong="H7227" water |strong="H4325" when |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0853" comes |strong="H0935" here |strong="H4672"! <sup>5</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2388" made |strong="H6213" Jerusalem stronger |strong="H2388". This |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" how |strong="H6213" he |strong="H6213" did |strong="H6213" it |strong="H5921": He |strong="H6213" rebuilt |strong="H1129" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" parts of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" wall |strong="H2346" that |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1732" broken |strong="H6555" down |strong="H6555". He |strong="H6213" also |strong="H0853" built |strong="H1129" towers |strong="H4026" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" wall |strong="H2346". He |strong="H6213" also |strong="H0853" built |strong="H1129" another |strong="H0312" wall |strong="H2346" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H0312" wall |strong="H2346". He |strong="H6213" rebuilt |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" strong |strong="H2388" places |strong="H3605" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" east side of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" old part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" Jerusalem. He |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" many |strong="H7230" weapons |strong="H7973" and |strong="H1732" shields |strong="H4043". <sup>6</sup> Hezekiah chose officers of war to be in charge of the people. He met with these officers at the open place near the city gate. He talked to the officers and encouraged them. He said, "Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid or worry about the king of Assyria or the large army with him. There is a greater power with us than the king of Assyria has with him! <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria only

has|strong="H3068" men|strong="H5971". But|strong="H4428" we|strong="H1697" have|strong="H1697" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" with|strong="H5973" us|strong="H5921"! Our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" help|strong="H5826" us|strong="H5921". He|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" fight|strong="H3898" our|strong="H3068" battles|strong="H4421"! So|strong="H1697" King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" encouraged the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H3068" made them|strong="H5921" feel stronger.

<sup>9</sup> King|strong="H4428" Sennacherib|strong="H5576" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" and|strong="H3063" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H3389" were|strong="H0834" camped near|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H4428" Lachish|strong="H3923" so|strong="H7971" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" could|strong="H2088" defeat it|strong="H1931". Then|strong="H2088" Sennacherib|strong="H5576" sent|strong="H7971" his|strong="H3605" officers|strong="H5650" to|strong="H0559" King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" to|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". His|strong="H3605" officers|strong="H5650" had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H7971" message|strong="H3389" for|strong="H5921" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" and|strong="H3063" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

<sup>10</sup> They|strong="H5921" said|strong="H0559", "King|strong="H4428" Sennacherib|strong="H5576" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" says|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3541": 'What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" trust|strong="H0982" in|strong="H3427" that|strong="H0559" makes|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" stay|strong="H3427" under|strong="H5921" attack in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"? <sup>11</sup> Hezekiah|strong="H2396" is|strong="H3068" fooling you|strong="H5414". You|strong="H5414" are|strong="H3068" being|strong="H0430" tricked into|strong="H5414" staying in|strong="H0430" Jerusalem so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068"

die|strong="H4191" from|strong="H3068" hunger|strong="H7458" and|strong="H3068" thirst|strong="H6772". Hezekiah|strong="H2396" says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5414", "The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" us|strong="H5414" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804". <sup>12</sup> But|strong="H3808" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" himself|strong="H1931" took|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" the|strong="H0853" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" and|strong="H3063" altars|strong="H4196" that|strong="H1931" belonged to|strong="H0559" that|strong="H1931" god|strong="H0559". He|strong="H1931" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H6440" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H6440" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" that|strong="H1931" you|strong="H6440" must|strong="H0853" worship|strong="H7812" and|strong="H3063" burn|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999" on|strong="H5921" only|strong="H0259" one|strong="H0259" altar|strong="H4196". <sup>13</sup> Of|strong="H0776" course, you|strong="H3605" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4100" my|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0430" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0001" done|strong="H6213" to|strong="H3201" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peoples|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0430" other|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776". The|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3808" save|strong="H5337" their|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". Those|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" me|strong="H0589" from|strong="H3027" destroying their|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". <sup>14</sup> My|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001" destroyed those|strong="H0428" countries. There|strong="H3605" is|strong="H0834" no|strong="H4310" god|strong="H0430" that|strong="H0834" can|strong="H4310" stop me|strong="H5337" from|strong="H3027" destroying his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971". So|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" think your|strong="H3605" god|strong="H0430" can|strong="H4310" save|strong="H5337" you|strong="H0834" from|strong="H3027" me|strong="H5337"? <sup>15</sup> Don't|strong="H0408"

let you fool you or trick you. Don't believe him because god any or has able his from or can me  
 you |strong="H3588" or |strong="H3808" trick you |strong="H3588". Don't |strong="H0408" believe |strong="H0539" him |strong="H0853" because |strong="H3588" no |strong="H3808" god |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" any |strong="H3605" nation |strong="H1471" or |strong="H3808" kingdom |strong="H4467" has |strong="H0430" ever been |strong="H6258" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H3201" keep his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" safe from |strong="H3027" me |strong="H3808" or |strong="H3808" my |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001". Don't |strong="H0408" think your |strong="H3605" god |strong="H0430" can |strong="H3201" stop |strong="H0408" me |strong="H3808" from |strong="H3027" destroying you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H5921" officers |strong="H5650" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0430" Assyria said |strong="H1696" worse things against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" against |strong="H5921" Hezekiah |strong="H2396", God's |strong="H0430" servant |strong="H5650". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" Assyria also |strong="H3068" wrote |strong="H3789" letters |strong="H5612" that |strong="H0834" insulted the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478". This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" Assyria said |strong="H0559" in |strong="H5921" those |strong="H0834" letters |strong="H5612": "The |strong="H0559" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" other nations |strong="H1471" could |strong="H5971" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" me |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" destroying their |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971". In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H5921" Hezekiah's |strong="H2396" god |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" stop |strong="H3808" me |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" destroying his |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971"."<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Assyrian officers shouted |strong="H7121" loudly |strong="H6963" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H6963" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834"

on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" wall |strong="H2346". They |strong="H0834" spoke in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" language |strong="H3066" of |strong="H6963" Judah |strong="H3066" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346" could |strong="H5971" understand and |strong="H1419" be |strong="H6963" frightened enough that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Assyrians could |strong="H5971" capture |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H6963" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H1696" they |strong="H5921" insulted the |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" just |strong="H1696" as |strong="H0776" they |strong="H5921" had |strong="H0430" insulted all the |strong="H5921" gods |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" from |strong="H5921" other nations |strong="H5971"— even |strong="H0776" though those |strong="H5921" gods |strong="H0430" are |strong="H3027" only things |strong="H4639" people |strong="H5971" made |strong="H4639" with |strong="H0413" their |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3027".

<sup>20</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" prophet |strong="H5030" Isaiah |strong="H3470" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531" prayed |strong="H6419" about |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" problem. They |strong="H5921" prayed |strong="H6419" very loudly to |strong="H5921" heaven |strong="H8064". <sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" an |strong="H8033" angel |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria's camp |strong="H4264". That |strong="H3605" angel |strong="H4397" killed |strong="H2719" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H2428", leaders |strong="H8269", and |strong="H0935" officers |strong="H8269" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Assyrian army |strong="H2428". So |strong="H7971" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605" own |strong="H6440" country |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3582" were |strong="H2428" ashamed of |strong="H4428"

him |strong="H7971". He |strong="H8033" went |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" god |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0935" some |strong="H8033" of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" own |strong="H6440" sons killed |strong="H2719" him |strong="H7971" there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H1004" a |strong="H0935" sword |strong="H2719".<sup>22</sup> So |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" saved |strong="H3467" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" from |strong="H3027" King |strong="H4428" Sennacherib |strong="H5576" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" and |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3027" all |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427". He |strong="H3068" cared for |strong="H3027" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>23</sup> Many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H1471" brought |strong="H0935" gifts |strong="H4503" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". They |strong="H3651" brought |strong="H0935" valuable |strong="H4030" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0935" King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". From |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3605" time on |strong="H0935", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" respected |strong="H5869" Hezekiah |strong="H2396".

<sup>24</sup> It |strong="H5414" was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0413" those |strong="H1992" days |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" became very |strong="H5704" sick |strong="H2470" and |strong="H3068" near |strong="H5704" death |strong="H4191". He |strong="H5704" prayed |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H5704" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5414" sign |strong="H4159".<sup>25</sup> But |strong="H3588" Hezekiah's |strong="H2396" heart |strong="H3820" was |strong="H1961" proud |strong="H1361", so |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H7725" God |strong="H3808" thanks

I THE LORD SPOKE ... SIGN See Isaiah 38:1-8 for the story about Hezekiah and how the LORD gave him 15 more years to live.

for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H5921" kindness. This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3820" why |strong="H3588" God |strong="H3808" was |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H7110" with |strong="H5921" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H3063" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>26</sup> But |strong="H3808" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" changed their |strong="H3068" hearts |strong="H3820" and |strong="H0935" lives |strong="H3427". They |strong="H3117" became humble |strong="H3665" and |strong="H0935" stopped |strong="H0935" being proud. So |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" anger didn't |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" while |strong="H1931" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" was |strong="H3068" alive.

<sup>27</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" had |strong="H1961" many |strong="H7235" riches |strong="H6239" and |strong="H3701" much |strong="H7235" honor |strong="H3519". He |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" places |strong="H3605" to |strong="H1961" keep |strong="H6213" silver |strong="H3701", gold |strong="H2091", valuable |strong="H3368" jewels |strong="H3627", spices |strong="H1314", shields |strong="H4043", and |strong="H3701" all |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H3627" of |strong="H3627" things |strong="H3605".<sup>28</sup> Hezekiah had storage |strong="H4543" buildings for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H1715", new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H8492", and |strong="H0929" oil |strong="H3323" that |strong="H3605" people sent to |strong="H0929" him |strong="H3605". He |strong="H3605" had stalls |strong="H0723" for |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cattle |strong="H0929" and |strong="H0929" stalls |strong="H0723" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" sheep.<sup>29</sup> Hezekiah also |strong="H0430" built |strong="H6213" many |strong="H7227" towns |strong="H5892", and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H3588" got many |strong="H7227" flocks |strong="H6629" of |strong="H0430" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H0430" cattle |strong="H1241". God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" much |strong="H7230" wealth |strong="H7399".<sup>30</sup> It |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1732" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" who |strong="H3605" stopped |strong="H5640" up |strong="H5640" the |strong="H3605" up-

per |strong="H5945" source of |strong="H4325" the |strong="H3605" waters |strong="H4325" of |strong="H4325" the |strong="H3605" Gihon |strong="H1521" Spring |strong="H4161" in |strong="H4639" Jerusalem and |strong="H1732" made |strong="H4639" the |strong="H3605" waters |strong="H4325" flow straight |strong="H3474" down |strong="H4295" on |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" west |strong="H4628" side |strong="H4628" of |strong="H4325" the |strong="H3605" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4325" David |strong="H1732". And |strong="H1732" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1732" successful |strong="H6743" in |strong="H4639" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H1931" did |strong="H4639".

<sup>31</sup> One |strong="H3605" time |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0776" Babylon |strong="H0894" sent |strong="H7971" messengers to |strong="H1961" Hezekiah. The |strong="H3605" messengers asked |strong="H7971" about |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" strange sign |strong="H4159" that |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" happened |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H0776".<sup>I</sup> When |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" came |strong="H1961", God |strong="H0430" left |strong="H5800" Hezekiah alone |strong="H3045" to |strong="H1961" test |strong="H5254" him |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H1961" know |strong="H3045" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" Hezekiah's heart |strong="H3824".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Everything else Hezekiah |strong="H2396" did as |strong="H1697" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" ways |strong="H1697" he |strong="H5921" served God faithfully |strong="H2617" are |strong="H3478" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H5921" Vision |strong="H2377" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Prophet |strong="H5030" Isaiah |strong="H3470" Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531" and |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" book |strong="H5612", The |strong="H5921" History of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>33</sup> Hezekiah |strong="H2396" died |strong="H4194" and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1732" buried |strong="H6912" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H3605" ances-

tors |strong="H0001". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" him |strong="H5973" on |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" hill where |strong="H8478" the |strong="H3605" graves |strong="H6913" of |strong="H1121" David's |strong="H1732" ancestors |strong="H0001" are |strong="H1121". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" those |strong="H3605" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" gave |strong="H6213" honor |strong="H3519" to |strong="H3389" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H6213" died |strong="H4194". Hezekiah's |strong="H2396" son |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H3605" new king |strong="H4427" in |strong="H3427" his |strong="H3605" place |strong="H8478".

### Manasseh, King of Judah

**33** Manasseh |strong="H4519" was |strong="H1121" twelve |strong="H6240" years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah. He |strong="H3389" was |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4427" for |strong="H3389" 55 years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>2</sup> Manasseh did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" said was |strong="H0834" wrong |strong="H7451". He |strong="H0834" followed the |strong="H6440" terrible |strong="H7451" and |strong="H1121" sinful ways of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" nations |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" forced out |strong="H3423" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H6440" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478".<sup>3</sup> Manasseh |strong="H1129" rebuilt |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" that |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" had |strong="H0834" broken |strong="H5422" down |strong="H7812". Manasseh |strong="H1129" built |strong="H1129" altars |strong="H4196" for |strong="H4196" the |strong="H3605" Baal |strong="H1168" gods and |strong="H6965" made |strong="H6213" Asherah |strong="H0842" poles. He |strong="H0834" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" constellations<sup>III</sup> and |strong="H6965" worshiped |strong="H7812" those |strong="H3605" groups of |strong="H0001"

<sup>I</sup> A STRANGE SIGN ... NATIONS See Isaiah 38:1-8. <sup>II</sup> IN HEZEKIAH'S HEART See 2 Kings 20:12-19.

stars.<sup>4</sup> Manasseh built altars for false gods in the LORD'S Temple. The LORD said about the temple, "My name will be in Jerusalem forever!"<sup>5</sup> He built altars for all the groups of stars in the two yards of the LORD'S Temple.<sup>6</sup> He also burned his own children a sacrifice in the Valley of Ben Hinnom.<sup>1</sup> He used magic by doing, divination, and sorcery.<sup>2</sup> He talked with mediums and wizards. He did many things that the LORD said were evil and made him angry.<sup>7</sup> Manasseh also a statue of an idol put in God's Temple— the very same Temple that God had talked about to David his son Solomon.<sup>8</sup> God had said,

III **CONSTELLATIONS** Groups of stars. These are probably the twelve "signs of the Zodiac." Some people thought the stars, not God, controlled their life. I **VALLEY OF BEN HINNOM** Later, called "Gehenna." This valley was west and south of Jerusalem. Many babies and young children were sacrificed to false gods in this valley. II **SOOTHSAYING, DIVINATION, AND SORCERY** Different ways people try to do magic or tell what will happen in the future.

I will put my name in this house and Jerusalem— the city that I chose from all the cities in the tribes of Israel— and my name will be there forever!<sup>8</sup> I will not stop continuing to keep the Israelites off land that I chose to give to their ancestors. But they obey everything I commanded them. The Israelites must obey all the laws, rules, and commands that I gave Moses to give to them."

<sup>9</sup> Manasseh encouraged the people of Judah and the people living in Jerusalem to do wrong.<sup>7</sup> They were worse than the nations were in the land before the Israelites— and the LORD destroyed those people.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> The LORD spoke to Manasseh and

to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H7181".<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H0935" commanders|strong="H8269" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria's army|strong="H6635" to|strong="H0935" attack|strong="H0935" Judah. These|strong="H0834" commanders|strong="H8269" captured|strong="H3920" Manasseh|strong="H4519" and|strong="H0935" made|strong="H0631" him|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" prisoner|strong="H0631". They|strong="H0834" put|strong="H0935" hooks|strong="H2336" in|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0935" brass|strong="H5178" chains|strong="H5178" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" hands and|strong="H0935" took|strong="H3920" him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" country of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894".

<sup>12</sup> When|strong="H3068" these troubles came to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H0853", Manasseh|strong="H2470" begged for|strong="H0430" help from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". He|strong="H0430" humbled|strong="H3665" himself|strong="H3665" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" his|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001".<sup>13</sup> Manasseh|strong="H4519" prayed|strong="H6419" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3068" begged him|strong="H0413" for|strong="H3588" help. God|strong="H0430" heard|strong="H8085" his|strong="H3068" begging and|strong="H3068" felt sorry for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0413", so|strong="H7725" he|strong="H1931" let Manasseh|strong="H4519" return|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3068" throne|strong="H4438". Then|strong="H8085" Manasseh|strong="H4519" knew|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" true|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>14</sup> After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H3605" happened|strong="H0935", Manasseh|strong="H1129" built|strong="H1129" an|strong="H1129" outer|strong="H2435" wall|strong="H2346" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" City|strong="H5892" of|strong="H8269" David|strong="H1732". This|strong="H3651" wall|strong="H2346" went|strong="H0935"

to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" west|strong="H4628" of|strong="H8269" Gihon|strong="H1521" Spring|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" Kidron Valley|strong="H5158", to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" entrance|strong="H0935" of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H3605" Fish|strong="H1709" Gate|strong="H8179", and|strong="H0935" around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H3605" hill of|strong="H8269" Ophel|strong="H6077".<sup>1</sup> He|strong="H0310" made|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" wall|strong="H2346" very|strong="H3966" tall. Then|strong="H3651" he|strong="H0310" put|strong="H7760" officers|strong="H8269" in|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" fortresses in|strong="H0935" Judah|strong="H3063".<sup>15</sup> Manasseh|strong="H1129" took|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" the|strong="H3605" strange|strong="H5236" idol|strong="H5566" gods|strong="H0430", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834" took|strong="H5493" the|strong="H3605" idol|strong="H5566" out|strong="H7993" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". He|strong="H0834" took|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" altars|strong="H4196" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" built|strong="H1129" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" hill|strong="H2022", and|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0430" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". Manasseh|strong="H1129" threw|strong="H7993" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" altars|strong="H4196" out|strong="H7993" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1004" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".<sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0430" set|strong="H3559" up|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" altar|strong="H4196" and|strong="H3068" offered|strong="H2076" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H3068" thank|strong="H8426" offerings|strong="H8002" on|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". He|strong="H0430" gave|strong="H0559" a|strong="H2076" command|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" all the|strong="H0853" people of|strong="H0430" Judah|strong="H3063" to|strong="H0559" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" contin-

<sup>1</sup> OPHEL The upper part of the City of David, just south of the Temple area.



ued |strong="H5750" to |strong="H3068" of-fer |strong="H2076" sacrifices |strong="H2076" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116", but |strong="H7535" their |strong="H3068" sacri-fices |strong="H2076" were |strong="H0430" on-ly |strong="H7535" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>18</sup> Everything else Manasseh |strong="H4519" did, his |strong="H5921" prayer |strong="H8605" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" words |strong="H1697" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" seers |strong="H2374" who |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Is-rael |strong="H3478", are |strong="H3478" all |strong="H1697" written in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" book, The |strong="H5921" Offi-cial Records |strong="H1697" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" Kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>19</sup> Man-asseh's prayer |strong="H8605" and |strong="H6440" how |strong="H0834" God listened |strong="H6279" and |strong="H6440" felt sorry for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" are |strong="H0834" writ-ten |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" The |strong="H3605" Book of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" Seers . Also |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2403", the |strong="H3605" wrongs he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" be-fore |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0834" hum-bled |strong="H3665" himself |strong="H3665", and |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H1116" where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" and |strong="H6440" set |strong="H5975" up |strong="H5975" the |strong="H3605" Asher-ah |strong="H0842" poles are |strong="H0834" writ-ten |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" The |strong="H3605" Book of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" Seers . <sup>20</sup> So Man-asseh |strong="H4519" died and |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1004" buried |strong="H6912" with |strong="H5973" his |strong="H8478" ances-tors |strong="H0001". The |strong="H8478" peo-ple |strong="H1121" buried |strong="H6912" Man-asseh |strong="H4519" in |strong="H1004" his |strong="H8478" own |strong="H5973" palace |strong="H1004". Manasseh's |strong="H4519"

son |strong="H1121" Amon |strong="H0526" be-came |strong="H4427" the |strong="H8478" new king |strong="H4427" in |strong="H1004" his |strong="H8478" place |strong="H8478".

Amon |strong="H0526", King |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah

<sup>21</sup> Amon |strong="H0526" was |strong="H1121" 22 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3389" be-came |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah. He |strong="H3389" was |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4427" for |strong="H3389" two |strong="H8147" years |strong="H8141" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>22</sup> Amon |strong="H0526" did |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7451" be-fore |strong="H5869" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" fa-ther |strong="H0001" Manasseh |strong="H4519" had |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213". Amon |strong="H0526" offered |strong="H2076" sacri-fices |strong="H2076" for |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" carved |strong="H6456" idols |strong="H6456" and |strong="H3068" statues that |strong="H0834" Manasseh |strong="H4519" his |strong="H3605" fa-ther |strong="H0001" made |strong="H6213". Amon |strong="H0526" worshiped |strong="H5647" those |strong="H3605" idols |strong="H6456". <sup>23</sup> Amon |strong="H0526" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" humble |strong="H3665" him-self |strong="H1931" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" like |strong="H3808" Manasseh |strong="H4519" his |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" hum-bled |strong="H3665" himself |strong="H1931". But |strong="H3588" Amon |strong="H0526" sinned more |strong="H3808" and |strong="H3068" more |strong="H3808". <sup>24</sup> His |strong="H5921" ser-vants |strong="H5650" made |strong="H7194" plans against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". They |strong="H5921" killed |strong="H4191" Amon in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" own house |strong="H1004". <sup>25</sup> But |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Judah killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" servants who |strong="H3605" planned against |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" Amon |strong="H0526". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" chose Amon's |strong="H0526" son |strong="H1121" Josi-ah |strong="H2977" to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" new king |strong="H4428".

## Josiah, King of Judah

**34** Josiah *strong="H2977"* was *strong="H0259"* eight *strong="H8083"* years *strong="H8141"* old *strong="H1121"* when *strong="H1121"* he *strong="H3389"* became *strong="H4427"* king *strong="H4427"*. He *strong="H3389"* was *strong="H0259"* king *strong="H4427"* for *strong="H0259"* 31 years *strong="H8141"* in *strong="H8141"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. **2** He *strong="H6213"* lived in *strong="H3068"* a *strong="H3068"* way *strong="H1870"* that *strong="H3068"* pleased *strong="H5869"* the *strong="H3068"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, always doing *strong="H6213"* what *strong="H3477"* was *strong="H3068"* right *strong="H3225"*, as *strong="H3068"* his *strong="H3068"* ancestor David *strong="H1732"* had *strong="H3068"* done *strong="H6213"*. Josiah never *strong="H3808"* changed this *strong="H3068"* way *strong="H1870"* of *strong="H3068"* life. **3** When *strong="H4480"* Josiah was *strong="H1732"* in *strong="H8141"* his *strong="H1732"* eighth *strong="H8083"* year *strong="H8141"* as *strong="H3063"* king *strong="H4427"*, he *strong="H1931"* began *strong="H2490"* to *strong="H3389"* follow the *strong="H0853"* God *strong="H0430"* worshiped by *strong="H8141"* David *strong="H1732"* his *strong="H1732"* ancestor. He *strong="H1931"* was *strong="H1732"* still *strong="H5750"* young *strong="H5288"* when *strong="H4480"* he *strong="H1931"* began *strong="H2490"* to *strong="H3389"* obey God *strong="H0430"*. When *strong="H4480"* he *strong="H1931"* was *strong="H1732"* in *strong="H8141"* his *strong="H1732"* twelfth year *strong="H8141"* as *strong="H3063"* king *strong="H4427"* he *strong="H1931"* began *strong="H2490"* to *strong="H3389"* destroy the *strong="H0853"* high *strong="H1116"* places *strong="H1116"*, the *strong="H0853"* Asherah *strong="H0842"* poles, and *strong="H3063"* idols *strong="H6456"* that *strong="H1931"* were *strong="H3063"* carved *strong="H6456"* and *strong="H3063"* idols *strong="H6456"* that *strong="H1931"* were *strong="H3063"* made *strong="H1875"* from *strong="H4480"* molds from *strong="H4480"* Judah *strong="H3063"* and *strong="H3063"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. **4** As *strong="H0834"* Josiah watched, the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H0834"* broke *strong="H7665"* down *strong="H5422"* the *strong="H0853"* altars *strong="H4196"* for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* Baal *strong="H1168"* gods. Then *strong="H0853"* he *strong="H0834"* cut *strong="H1438"* down *strong="H5422"* the *strong="H0853"* incense *strong="H2553"* altars *strong="H4196"* that *strong="H0834"* stood

high *strong="H4605"* above *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H0834"*. He *strong="H0834"* broke *strong="H7665"* the *strong="H0853"* idols *strong="H6456"* that *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* carved *strong="H6456"* and *strong="H4196"* the *strong="H0853"* idols *strong="H6456"* that *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* made *strong="H0834"* from *strong="H5921"* molds. He *strong="H0834"* beat the *strong="H0853"* idols *strong="H6456"* into *strong="H5921"* powder *strong="H1854"* and *strong="H4196"* sprinkled *strong="H2236"* the *strong="H0853"* powder *strong="H1854"* on *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* graves *strong="H6913"* of *strong="H6440"* the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H0834"* who *strong="H0834"* had *strong="H0834"* offered *strong="H2076"* sacrifices *strong="H2076"* to *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* Baal *strong="H1168"* gods. **5** Josiah even *strong="H0853"* burned *strong="H8313"* the *strong="H0853"* bones *strong="H6106"* of *strong="H4196"* the *strong="H0853"* priests *strong="H3548"* who *strong="H3548"* had *strong="H3063"* served the *strong="H0853"* Baal gods on *strong="H5921"* their *strong="H5921"* own altars *strong="H4196"*. This is *strong="H3063"* how he *strong="H0853"* destroyed idols and *strong="H3063"* idol worship from *strong="H5921"* Judah *strong="H3063"* and *strong="H3063"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. **6** Josiah did the *strong="H5704"* same for *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H5704"* towns *strong="H5892"* in *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H5704"* areas of *strong="H1004"* Manasseh *strong="H4519"*, Ephraim *strong="H0669"*, Simeon *strong="H8095"*, and *strong="H1004"* all *strong="H5439"* the *strong="H5704"* way *strong="H5704"* to *strong="H5704"* Naphthali *strong="H5321"*. He *strong="H5704"* did the *strong="H5704"* same for *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H5704"* ruins *strong="H5892"* near *strong="H5704"* all *strong="H5439"* these towns *strong="H5892"*. **7** Josiah broke *strong="H5422"* down *strong="H5422"* the *strong="H3605"* altars *strong="H4196"* and *strong="H3478"* the *strong="H3605"* Asherah *strong="H0842"* poles. He *strong="H0853"* beat *strong="H3807"* the *strong="H3605"* idols *strong="H6456"* into *strong="H0776"* powder *strong="H1854"*. He *strong="H0853"* cut *strong="H1438"* down *strong="H5422"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* incense *strong="H2553"* altars *strong="H4196"* used *strong="H3605"* for *strong="H0776"* Baal worship *strong="H3478"* in *strong="H3478"*

<sup>1</sup> RUINS NEAR ALL THESE TOWNS The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478". Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H0853" went |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>8</sup> When |strong="H7971" Josiah was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H8141" his |strong="H3068" 18th year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H3068" king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah, he |strong="H0430" sent |strong="H7971" Shaphan |strong="H8227", Maaseiah |strong="H4641", and |strong="H1121" Joah |strong="H3098" to |strong="H3068" rebuild and |strong="H1121" repair |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Shaphan |strong="H8227" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Azaliah |strong="H0683". Maaseiah |strong="H4641" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" leader |strong="H8269". Joah |strong="H3098", who |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joahaz |strong="H3099", wrote about |strong="H1004" what happened.

So |strong="H7971" Josiah commanded the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" repaired |strong="H2388" so |strong="H7971" that |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0430" could make |strong="H2388" Judah and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" clean |strong="H2891". <sup>9</sup> These |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1419" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Hilkiah |strong="H2518" the |strong="H3605" high |strong="H1419" priest |strong="H3548". They |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" money |strong="H3701" that |strong="H0834" people |strong="H3427" gave |strong="H5414" for |strong="H0413" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004". The |strong="H3605" Levite |strong="H3881" doorkeepers |strong="H5592" had |strong="H0834" collected |strong="H0622" this |strong="H0834" money |strong="H3701" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H1004" Manasseh |strong="H4519", Ephraim |strong="H0669", and |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" left |strong="H5414". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" collected |strong="H0622"

this |strong="H0834" money |strong="H3701" from |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" Judah |strong="H3063", Benjamin |strong="H1144", and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" Levites paid |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H6485" who |strong="H0834" supervised |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" work |strong="H4399" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" supervisors |strong="H6485" paid |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" workers |strong="H4399" who |strong="H0834" repaired |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>11</sup> They |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" money to |strong="H5414" carpenters |strong="H2796" and |strong="H3063" builders |strong="H1129" to |strong="H5414" buy |strong="H7069" large |strong="H1004" rocks |strong="H0068" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" already cut, and |strong="H3063" to |strong="H5414" buy |strong="H7069" wood |strong="H6086". The |strong="H0853" wood |strong="H6086" was |strong="H0834" used |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" rebuild |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" buildings |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3063" to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" beams |strong="H6086" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" buildings |strong="H1004". In |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" past, the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" did |strong="H0834" not take |strong="H5414" care of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" buildings |strong="H1004". The |strong="H0853" buildings |strong="H1004" had |strong="H0834" become old and |strong="H3063" ruined |strong="H7843". <sup>12</sup> The men worked faithfully. Their supervisors were Jahath and Obadiah. Jahath and Obadiah were Levites, and they were descendants of Merari. Other supervisors were Zechariah and Meshullam. They were descendants of Kohath. The Levites who were skilled in playing instruments of music also supervised the laborers and all the other workers. Some Levites worked as secretaries, officials, and doorkeepers.

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<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0853" Levites brought |strong="H0935" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" money |strong="H3701" that |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"

LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" time |strong="H3318" Hilki'ah |strong="H2518" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" found |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" given |strong="H3027" through |strong="H3027" Moses |strong="H4872".<sup>15</sup> Hilki'ah |strong="H2518" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Shaphan |strong="H8227" the |strong="H0853" secretary |strong="H5608", "I |strong="H5414" found |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Law |strong="H8451" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004".<sup>16</sup> Hilki'ah |strong="H2518" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" book |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0413" Shaphan |strong="H8227".<sup>16</sup> Shaphan |strong="H8227" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Josiah. Shaphan |strong="H8227" reported |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428", "Your |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" are |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213".<sup>17</sup> They |strong="H5921" got the |strong="H0853" money |strong="H3701" that |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3027" paying |strong="H3701" the |strong="H0853" supervisors |strong="H6485" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" workers |strong="H4399".<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H5414" Shaphan |strong="H8227" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" King |strong="H4428" Josiah, "Hilki'ah |strong="H2518" the |strong="H0559" priest |strong="H3548" gave |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" book |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5414". Then |strong="H5414" Shaphan |strong="H8227" read |strong="H7121" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0559" book |strong="H5612" in |strong="H4428" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428".<sup>19</sup> When |strong="H1961" King |strong="H4428" Josiah heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" of |strong="H4428"

I THE LORD'S HOUSE Another name for the Temple in Jerusalem.

the |strong="H0853" law |strong="H8451" being |strong="H1961" read, he |strong="H0853" tore |strong="H7167" his |strong="H8085" clothes |strong="H0899".<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" gave |strong="H6680" a |strong="H6680" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" Hilki'ah |strong="H2518", Ahikam |strong="H0296" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shaphan |strong="H8227", Abdon |strong="H5658" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Micah |strong="H4318", Shaphan |strong="H8227" the |strong="H0853" secretary |strong="H5608", and |strong="H1121" Asaiah |strong="H6222" the |strong="H0853" servant |strong="H5650".<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H5921" said |strong="H1697", "Go, ask |strong="H1875" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063". Ask |strong="H1875" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" words |strong="H1697" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" found |strong="H4672". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" very |strong="H2088" angry |strong="H2534" with |strong="H3068" us |strong="H5921" because |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" word |strong="H1697". They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" this |strong="H2088" book |strong="H5612" says |strong="H1697" to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H6213"."

<sup>22</sup> Hilki'ah |strong="H2518" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" king's |strong="H4428" servants<sup>III</sup> went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" newer part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H0834" Huldah |strong="H2468" the |strong="H0834" prophetess |strong="H5031". She |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" wife |strong="H0802" of |strong="H1121" Shalum |strong="H7967", the |strong="H0834"

II TORE HIS CLOTHES A way of showing that a person was upset. Josiah was upset because his people had not obeyed the Lord's laws. Also in verse 27. III THE KING'S SERVANTS Literally, "those ... of the king."

son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Tokhath |strong="H8445", whose |strong="H0834" father was |strong="H0834" Hasrah |strong="H2641". Shallum |strong="H7967" had |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" job |strong="H8104" of |strong="H1121" taking care |strong="H8104" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" king's |strong="H4428" clothes |strong="H0899". Hilki-ah |strong="H2518" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" king's |strong="H4428" servants told |strong="H1696" Huldah |strong="H2468" what |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" hap-  
pened. <sup>23</sup> Huldah said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0376" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": Tell |strong="H0559" King Josiah that |strong="H0834"<sup>24</sup> the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" trouble |strong="H7451" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725" and |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" here |strong="H2088". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" terri-  
ble |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" writ-  
ten |strong="H3789" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" read |strong="H7121" in |strong="H3427" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>25</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" do |strong="H4639" this |strong="H2088" be-  
cause |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" left |strong="H5800" me |strong="H3707" and |strong="H0430" burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" to |strong="H3027" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0834" made |strong="H4639" me |strong="H3707" an-  
gry |strong="H3707" because |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" bad things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H4639". So |strong="H4616" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" pour |strong="H5413" out |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" anger |strong="H3707" on |strong="H3027" this |strong="H2088"

place |strong="H4725". Like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" hot |strong="H2534" burn-  
ing |strong="H6999" fire, my |strong="H3605" anger |strong="H3707" will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" put |strong="H3518" out |strong="H3605"! <sup>26</sup> " Go |strong="H7971" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Josiah of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063", who |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" ask |strong="H0559" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" wants. Tell |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559" about |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" being |strong="H0430" read: <sup>27</sup> Josiah, when |strong="H8085" you |strong="H6440" heard |strong="H8085" my |strong="H8085" words |strong="H1697" against |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" city and |strong="H3068" its |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427", you |strong="H6440" were |strong="H1697" sorry and |strong="H3068" humbled |strong="H3665" your-  
self |strong="H3665" before |strong="H6440" me |strong="H6440". You |strong="H6440" even |strong="H1571" tore |strong="H7167" your |strong="H3068" clothes |strong="H0899" to |strong="H5921" show |strong="H8085" your |strong="H3068" sorrow |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" cried |strong="H1058" be-  
fore |strong="H6440" me |strong="H6440". Be-  
cause |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824" was |strong="H3068" ten-  
der |strong="H7401", I |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", have |strong="H1571" heard |strong="H8085" you |strong="H6440". <sup>28</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834" take |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3808" with |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001". <sup>1</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3605" grave |strong="H6913" in |strong="H3427" peace |strong="H7965". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" trouble |strong="H7451"

<sup>1</sup> TAKE YOU TO BE WITH YOUR ANCESTORS This means that Josiah would die.

that |strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" bring|strong="H0935" on|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725" and|strong="H0935" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" here|strong="H2088"." Hilkiyah and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" servants brought|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" this|strong="H2088" message|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Josiah.

<sup>29</sup> Then|strong="H0853" King|strong="H4428" Josiah called for|strong="H7971" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H7971" come and|strong="H3063" meet with|strong="H3389" him|strong="H7971". <sup>30</sup> The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" from|strong="H0376" Judah|strong="H3063", the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548", the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881", and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971", both|strong="H3605" important|strong="H5704" and|strong="H3068" not important|strong="H5704", were|strong="H0376" with|strong="H1004" Josiah. He|strong="H5704" read|strong="H7121" to|strong="H5704" them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" words|strong="H1697" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" Book|strong="H5612" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Agreement|strong="H1285". That|strong="H3605" book|strong="H5612" was|strong="H3068" found|strong="H4672" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". <sup>31</sup> Then|strong="H2088" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" stood|strong="H5975" up|strong="H5975" in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" place|strong="H5977". He|strong="H0310" made|strong="H6213" an|strong="H6440" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H0310" agreed|strong="H5975" to|strong="H5921" follow|strong="H0310" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" obey|strong="H6213" his|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H4687", laws|strong="H5715",

and|strong="H3068" rules|strong="H2706". He|strong="H0310" agreed|strong="H5975" to|strong="H5921" obey|strong="H6213" with|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3824" and|strong="H3068" soul|strong="H5315" the|strong="H3605" words|strong="H1697" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2088" book|strong="H5612". <sup>32</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Josiah made|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H0430" Benjamin|strong="H1144" promise|strong="H1285" to|strong="H3389" accept the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" of|strong="H0430" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" obeyed the|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" of|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" their|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001" obeyed. <sup>33</sup> The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H3068" idols from|strong="H5493" many different countries|strong="H0776", but|strong="H3808" Josiah|strong="H2977" destroyed all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" terrible idols. He|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" in|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430". And|strong="H1121" as|strong="H0834" long|strong="H3117" as|strong="H0834" Josiah|strong="H2977" was|strong="H0834" alive, the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" continued to|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001".

### Josiah Celebrates Passover

**35** King Josiah|strong="H2977" celebrated|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3068" Passover|strong="H6453" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". The|strong="H3068" Passover|strong="H6453" lamb was|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H6453" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" 14th day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320". <sup>2</sup> Josiah chose the|strong="H5921" priests|strong="H3548" to|strong="H5921" do their|strong="H3068" du-

ties |strong="H4931". He |strong="H3068" encouraged |strong="H2388" the |strong="H5921" priests |strong="H3548" while |strong="H1004" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H5921" serving |strong="H5656" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H0834" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H0834" taught |strong="H0995" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5414" holy |strong="H6944" for |strong="H1004" service |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881", " Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" Holy |strong="H6944" Box in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H0834" Solomon |strong="H8010" built |strong="H1129". Solomon |strong="H8010" was |strong="H0369" David's |strong="H1732" son |strong="H1121". David |strong="H1732" was |strong="H0369" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Don't |strong="H0369" carry |strong="H4853" the |strong="H3605" Holy |strong="H6944" Box from |strong="H3478" place |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" place |strong="H5414" on |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" shoulders |strong="H3802" again. Now |strong="H6258" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478".<sup>4</sup> Make |strong="H3559" yourselves ready |strong="H3559" for |strong="H1004" service |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3559" Temple |strong="H1004" by |strong="H3478" your |strong="H3559" tribes. Do the |strong="H3559" jobs that |strong="H1732" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1732" son |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" gave you |strong="H1004" to |strong="H3478" do.<sup>5</sup> Stand |strong="H5975" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0251" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" with |strong="H1004" a |strong="H5975" group of |strong="H1121" Levites |strong="H3881". Do this |strong="H5975" for |strong="H1004" each |strong="H5971" different tribe |strong="H0251" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0251" people |strong="H5971" so |strong="H5975" that |strong="H1121" you |strong="H5971"

can |strong="H5975" help |strong="H5971" them |strong="H5975".<sup>6</sup> Kill |strong="H7819" the |strong="H3068" Passover |strong="H6453" lambs and |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" yourselves |strong="H3027" holy |strong="H6942" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" Lord |strong="H3068". Get |strong="H3559" ready |strong="H3559" to |strong="H3068" help your |strong="H3068" fellow |strong="H0251" Israelites. Do |strong="H6213" everything the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" commanded us |strong="H6213" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" laws he |strong="H6213" gave |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3068" Moses |strong="H4872"."

<sup>7</sup> Josiah |strong="H2977" gave the |strong="H3605" Israelites 30,000 sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H1121" goats |strong="H5795" to |strong="H4428" kill for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Passover |strong="H6453" sacrifices. He |strong="H1241" also |strong="H4428" gave 3000 cattle |strong="H1241" to |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". All |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" animals were |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Josiah's |strong="H2977" own animals.<sup>8</sup> Josiah's officials |strong="H8269" also |strong="H0430" freely |strong="H5071" gave |strong="H5414" animals and |strong="H3967" things |strong="H7969" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971", to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" priests |strong="H3548", and |strong="H3967" Levites |strong="H3881" to |strong="H5414" use for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5414" Passover |strong="H6453". Hilkiah |strong="H2518" the |strong="H5414" high |strong="H7311" priest |strong="H3548", Zechariah |strong="H2148", and |strong="H3967" Jehiel |strong="H3171" were |strong="H3881" the |strong="H5414" officials |strong="H8269" in |strong="H0430" charge |strong="H5414" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5414" Temple |strong="H1004". They |strong="H5971" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" priests |strong="H3548" 2600 lambs and |strong="H3967" goats and |strong="H3967" 300 bulls |strong="H1241" for |strong="H1004" Passover |strong="H6453" sacrifices.<sup>9</sup> Also |strong="H8269" Conaniah |strong="H3562" with |strong="H1241" Shemaiah |strong="H8098" and |strong="H3967" Nathanel |strong="H5417", his |strong="H7311" brothers |strong="H0251", and |strong="H3967" Hashabiah |strong="H2811", Jeiel |strong="H3273" and |strong="H3967" Jozabad |strong="H3107" gave 500 sheep and |strong="H3967" goats and |strong="H3967" 500 bulls |strong="H1241" for |strong="H1241" Passover |strong="H6453" sacri-

fices to *the Levites*. These men were *leaders* of *the Levites*.

<sup>10</sup> When everything was ready for *the Passover service*, *the priests* and *Levites* went to *their places*. This is *what* the *king*.

<sup>11</sup> The *Passover lambs* were *killed*. Then *the Levites* skinned *the animals* and gave *the blood* to *the priests*. The *priests* sprinkled *the blood* on *the altar*.

<sup>12</sup> Then *they* gave *the animals* to *be used* for *burnt offerings* to *the different tribes*. This was *done so* that *the burnt offerings* could *be offered* to *the LORD* *the way* of *Moses* *taught*. And *they* did *the same* with *the bulls*.

<sup>13</sup> The *Levites* roasted *the Passover sacrifices* over *the fire* in *the way* they were *commanded*. And *they* boiled *the holy offerings* in *pots*, *kettles*, and *pans*. Then *they* quickly gave

*the meat* to *the people*. <sup>14</sup> After *this* was finished, *the Levites* got *meat* for *themselves* and *for* *the priests* who were *descendants* of *Aaron*. These *priests* were *kept very busy*, working until *it* got dark. They worked hard burning *the burnt offerings* and *the fat* of *the sacrifices*. <sup>15</sup> The *Levite singers* from *Asaph's family* got in *the places* that *King David* had chosen for *them* to stand. They were *Asaph*, *Heman*, and *Jeduthun* the *king's prophet*. The *gatekeepers* at *each gate* did not *have* to *leave* their *places* because *their brother* *Levites* made *everything ready* for *them* for *the Passover*.

<sup>16</sup> So *everything* was *done* that *the day* for *the worship* of *the LORD* as *King Josiah* *commanded*. The *Passover* was *celebrated* and *the burnt offerings* were *offered* on *the LORD'S altar*. <sup>17</sup> The *Israelites* who



were there celebrated and the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days hadn't been celebrated like this since the time of Samuel the prophet None of the kings of Israel had ever celebrated a Passover like this. King Josiah, the priests, the Levites, and the people of Judah and Israel who were with all the people in Jerusalem celebrated the Passover in a very special way. <sup>19</sup> They celebrated this in Josiah's 18th year as king.

#### The Death of Josiah

<sup>20</sup> Josiah did all these good things for the Temple. Later, King Neco of Egypt led an army to fight against the town of Carchemish on the Euphrates River. King Josiah went out to fight against Neco. <sup>21</sup> But Neco

sent messengers to Josiah.

They said, "King Josiah, this war is not your problem. I didn't come to fight against you." Josiah came to fight my enemies. God told me to hurry. He is on my side, so don't bother me. If you fight against me, God will destroy you!"

<sup>22</sup> But Josiah did go away. He put on different clothes to hide who he was and went to fight the battle. Josiah refused to listen to the warning Neco had from God and went to fight on the plain of Megiddo. <sup>23</sup> Then King Josiah was shot by arrows while he was in the battle. He told his servants, "Take me away," I am wounded badly!"

<sup>24</sup> So the servants took Josiah out of his chariot

ot |strong="H4818" and |strong="H3063" put |strong="H4191" him |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" another chariot |strong="H4818" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" brought with |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H3605" battle. Then |strong="H5674" they |strong="H0834" took |strong="H4191" Josiah |strong="H2977" to |strong="H4191" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H0834" died |strong="H4191" there |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3063" was |strong="H0834" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" tombs |strong="H6913" where |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" were |strong="H0834" buried |strong="H6912". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0001" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" were |strong="H0834" very sad because |strong="H5921" Josiah |strong="H2977" was |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H4191".<sup>25</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H3414" wrote |strong="H3789" and |strong="H3478" sang |strong="H7891" some |strong="H3605" funeral songs for |strong="H5921" Josiah |strong="H2977". And |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3478" women |strong="H6969" singers |strong="H7891" still |strong="H5704" sing |strong="H7891" these |strong="H3605" sad songs today |strong="H3117". It |strong="H5414" became something the |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H3117" Israel |strong="H3478" always |strong="H3117" do |strong="H3605"—they |strong="H3117" sing |strong="H7891" a |strong="H5414" sad song |strong="H7891" for |strong="H5921" Josiah |strong="H2977". These |strong="H3605" songs are |strong="H3117" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" book, *Funeral Songs*.

<sup>26</sup> Everything else Josiah did while he was king, from the beginning to the end of his rule, is written in the book, *The History of the Kings of Israel and Judah*. The book tells about the way he served God faithfully by obeying the law of the LORD.

### Jehoahaz, King of Judah

**36** The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Judah chose Jehoahaz |strong="H3059" to |strong="H3389" be |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4427" in |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Jehoahaz |strong="H3059" was |strong="H0776" Josiah's |strong="H2977" son |strong="H1121".<sup>2</sup> He |strong="H3389" was |strong="H1121" 23 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121"

he |strong="H3389" became |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah. He |strong="H3389" was |strong="H1121" king |strong="H4427" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" for |strong="H3389" three |strong="H7969" months |strong="H2320".<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0853" King |strong="H4428" Neco from |strong="H5493" Egypt |strong="H4714" made Jehoahaz a |strong="H0776" prisoner. Neco made the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0776" of |strong="H4428" Judah pay |strong="H3701" <sup>3</sup> <sup>3/4</sup> tons<sup>I</sup> of |strong="H4428" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3967" 75 pounds<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H4428" gold |strong="H2091" for |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" fine |strong="H3701".<sup>4</sup> Neco |strong="H5224" chose Jehoahaz's brother |strong="H0251" Eliakim |strong="H0471" to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Neco |strong="H5224" gave |strong="H3947" Eliakim |strong="H0471" a |strong="H3947" new name |strong="H8034". He |strong="H0853" named |strong="H8034" him |strong="H5921" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079". But |strong="H0935" Neco |strong="H5224" took |strong="H3947" Jehoahaz |strong="H3099" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714".

**Jehoiakim |strong="H3079", King |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063"**

<sup>5</sup> Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" was |strong="H3068" 25 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" when |strong="H1121" he |strong="H6213" became |strong="H4427" the |strong="H3068" new king |strong="H4427" of |strong="H1121" Judah. He |strong="H6213" was |strong="H3068" king |strong="H4427" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" for |strong="H0259" eleven |strong="H6240" years |strong="H8141". Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1121" obey |strong="H6213" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H6213" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7451" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" considered evil |strong="H7451".

<sup>6</sup> King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" from |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894" attacked |strong="H5927" Judah. He |strong="H5921" made |strong="H0631" Jehoiakim a |strong="H5921" prisoner |strong="H0631" and |strong="H4428" put |strong="H5927" bronze |strong="H5178" chains |strong="H5178" on |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

<sup>I</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>3/4</sup> TONS Literally, "100 talents" (3450 kg). <sup>II</sup> 75 POUNDS Literally, "1 talent" (34.5 kg).

Then Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiakim to Babylon. <sup>7</sup> Nebuchadnezzar took some of the things from the LORD'S Temple. He carried them to Babylon and put them in his own house. <sup>8</sup> Everything else Jehoiakim did, the terrible sins he did, and everything he was guilty of doing, are written in the book, The History of the Kings of Israel and Judah. Jehoiakim's son Jehoiachin became the new king in his place.

**Jehoiachin, King of Judah**

<sup>9</sup> Jehoiachin was 18 years old when he became king of Judah. He was king in Jerusalem for three months and ten days. He did not obey God. He did what he wanted. The LORD considered evil. <sup>10</sup> In the spring, King Nebuchadnezzar sent some servants to get Jehoiachin and some

treasures from the LORD'S Temple to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar chose Zedekiah to be king of Judah and Jerusalem. Zedekiah was one of Jehoiachin's relatives.

**Zedekiah, King of Judah**

<sup>11</sup> Zedekiah was 21 years old when he became king of Judah. He was king in Jerusalem for eleven years. <sup>12</sup> Zedekiah did what the LORD his God considered evil. Jeremiah the prophet told him messages from the LORD. But Zedekiah did not humble himself and obey what Jeremiah said.

**Jerusalem Is Destroyed**

<sup>13</sup> Zedekiah turned against King Nebuchadnezzar. In the past Nebuchadnezzar forced Zedekiah to make a promise to be faithful to him. Zedekiah used God's name and promised to be faithful to Nebuchadnezzar. But Zedekiah was stubborn and would not change his life. He refused

to obey the LORD God of Israel.<sup>14</sup> Also all the leaders of the priests and the leaders of the people of Judah sinned worse and became unfaithful more to the LORD their God than the other nations. They ruined the Temple that the LORD had made holy in Jerusalem.<sup>15</sup> The LORD God of their ancestors sent prophets again and to warn his people. He did this because for them and for his Temple. He didn't want to destroy them or his Temple.<sup>16</sup> But they made fun of God's prophets and refused to listen to them. They hated God's messages. Finally, the LORD could not hold his anger any longer. He became angry with his people and there was nothing that could be done to stop it.<sup>17</sup> So

God brought the king of Babylon to attack the people of Judah and Jerusalem.<sup>1</sup> The king of Babylon killed the young men even they were in the Temple didn't have mercy on the people of Judah and Jerusalem. The king of Babylon killed the old people. He killed men and women. He killed sick and healthy people. God permitted Nebuchadnezzar to punish the people of Judah and Jerusalem.<sup>18</sup> Nebuchadnezzar carried all the things in God's Temple away to Babylon. He took all the valuable things from the LORD'S Temple, from the king, and from the king's officials.<sup>19</sup> Nebuchadnezzar and his army burned the Temple. They broke down Jerusalem's wall and burned all the houses that belonged to the king and his officials. They took or

<sup>1</sup> This happened in the year 586 B.C., when Jerusalem was finally destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar from Babylon.

stroyed every valuable thing in Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup> Nebuchadnezzar took the people who were still alive back to Babylon and forced them to be slaves. They stayed in Babylon as slaves until the Persian kingdom defeated the kingdom of Babylon. <sup>21</sup> The land of Judah became an empty desert and stayed that way for 70 years. All this time land rested to make up the Sabbath rests <sup>I</sup> that the people had not kept. This is just what the LORD said would happen in the warning he gave through prophet Jeremiah <sup>II</sup>.

<sup>22</sup> During the first year that Cyrus was king of Persia,

<sup>I</sup> SABBATH RESTS The Law said that every seventh year the land was not to be farmed. See Leviticus 25:1-7. <sup>II</sup> WARNING ... JEREMIAH See Jeremiah 25:11; 29:10. <sup>III</sup> THE FIRST YEAR ... CYRUS This was about 539-538 B.C.

the LORD caused Cyrus to make a special announcement. He did this so that the LORD promised through Jeremiah the prophet would really happen. Cyrus sent messengers to every place his kingdom. They carried this message:

<sup>23</sup> This is the King Cyrus of Persia:

The LORD, the God of heaven, made me king over the whole earth. He gave the responsibility of building a Temple for him in Jerusalem. Now, all of you who are his people are free to go to Jerusalem. And the LORD your God be with you.

# Ezra

## Cyrus Helps the Prisoners Return

1 During the first year that Cyrus was of Persia, the LORD caused to be read throughout his kingdom. This was done so that what the LORD had told Jeremiah years before now happen. This the announcement.  
 2 From King Cyrus of Persia:

The LORD, the God of heaven, gave the kingdoms on earth to me. And he chose me to build a temple for him in Jerusalem the country of Judah.  
 3 If any people of God's peo-

ple are living among you, I pray God will bless them. You must let them go to Jerusalem in the country of Judah. You must let them go to build the Temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem. And in any place where there be survivors of Israel, the men that place must support these. Give them silver, gold, animals, and other things. Give them gifts for God's Temple in Jerusalem.

5 So the family from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin prepared to go up to Jerusalem. They were going to Jerusalem to

I FIRST YEAR That is, 538 B.C. II WHAT THE LORD HAD TOLD JEREMIAH See Jeremiah 25:12-14.

build |strong="H1129" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Also |strong="H3068" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H3068" encouraged prepared |strong="H6965" to |strong="H3068" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>6</sup> All |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" neighbors gave |strong="H2388" them |strong="H5921" many gifts. They |strong="H5921" gave |strong="H2388" them |strong="H5921" silver |strong="H3701", gold |strong="H2091", animals |strong="H0929", and |strong="H3027" other |strong="H3605" expensive things |strong="H3605". Their |strong="H3605" neighbors freely gave |strong="H2388" them |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605". <sup>7</sup> Also |strong="H3068", King |strong="H4428" Cyrus |strong="H3566" brought |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" things |strong="H3627" that |strong="H0834" belonged |strong="H3318" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H0834" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" had |strong="H3068" taken |strong="H3318" away |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" put |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" in |strong="H0430" his |strong="H5414" temple |strong="H1004" where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" kept |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" false gods |strong="H0430". <sup>8</sup> King |strong="H4428" Cyrus |strong="H3566" of |strong="H4428" Persia |strong="H6539" told |strong="H5608" Mithredath |strong="H4990", the |strong="H5921" man who |strong="H3063" keeps his |strong="H5921" money, to |strong="H5921" bring |strong="H3318" those |strong="H5921" things out |strong="H3318". So |strong="H3318" Mithredath |strong="H4990" brought |strong="H3318" them |strong="H5921" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5921" Sheshbazzar |strong="H8339", the |strong="H5921" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>9</sup> This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H3701" what Mithredath brought out of |strong="H4557" the |strong="H0428" Lord's Temple: 30 gold |strong="H2091" dishes |strong="H0105", 1000 silver |strong="H3701" dishes |strong="H0105", 29 knives and |strong="H3701" pans, <sup>10</sup> 30 gold |strong="H2091" bowls |strong="H3713", 410 silver |strong="H3701" bowls |strong="H3713" similar to |strong="H0312" the |strong="H3967" gold |strong="H2091" bowls |strong="H3713", and |strong="H3967" 1000 other |strong="H0312" dishes.

<sup>11</sup> All |strong="H3605" together |strong="H5973", there |strong="H5927" were |strong="H0702" 5400 things |strong="H3605" made |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5927" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3967" silver |strong="H3701". Sheshbazzar |strong="H8339" brought |strong="H5927" them |strong="H5927" all |strong="H3605" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973" when |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" prisoners left |strong="H5927" Babylon |strong="H0894" and |strong="H3967" went |strong="H5927" back |strong="H5927" to |strong="H3389" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

### The List of the Prisoners Who Returned

<sup>2</sup> These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" province |strong="H4082" who |strong="H0834" returned |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" captivity |strong="H1540". King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5020" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894" had |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H5927" these |strong="H0428" people |strong="H0376" as |strong="H0834" prisoners |strong="H7628" to |strong="H7725" Babylon |strong="H0894". They |strong="H0834" now returned |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", everyone |strong="H0376" to |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" own |strong="H0376" town |strong="H5892". <sup>2</sup> These |strong="H5971" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0834" returned |strong="H0935" with |strong="H5973" Zerubbabel |strong="H2216": Jeshua |strong="H3442", Nehemiah |strong="H5166", Seraiah |strong="H8304", Reelaiah |strong="H7480", Mordecai |strong="H4782", Bilshan |strong="H1114", Mispar |strong="H4558", Bigvai |strong="H0902", Rehum |strong="H7348", and |strong="H0935" Baanah |strong="H1196". This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" list |strong="H4557" of |strong="H0376" names and |strong="H0935" numbers |strong="H4557" of |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" returned |strong="H0935":

<sup>3</sup> the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Parosh |strong="H6551" 2172

<sup>4</sup> the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shephatiah |strong="H8203" 372

<sup>5</sup> the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Arah |strong="H0733" 775

6 the|strong="H3097" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Pahath  
Moab of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3097" fami-  
ly|strong="H0505" of|strong="H1121"  
Jeshua|strong="H3442" and|strong="H1121"  
Joab|strong="H3097" 2812  
7 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Elam|strong="H5867" 1254  
8 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zat-  
tu|strong="H2240" 945  
9 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zac-  
cai|strong="H2140" 760  
10 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Bani|strong="H1137" 642  
11 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Be-  
bai|strong="H0893" 623  
12 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Az-  
gad|strong="H5803" 1222  
13 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Adonikam|strong="H0140" 666  
14 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Big-  
vai|strong="H0902" 2056  
15 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Adin|strong="H5720" 454  
16 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Ater|strong="H0333" through the|strong="H1121"  
family of|strong="H1121" Hezeki-  
ah|strong="H2396" 98  
17 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Bezai|strong="H1209" 323  
18 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jo-  
rah|strong="H3139" 112  
19 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Hashum|strong="H2828" 223  
20 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Gib-  
bar|strong="H1402" 95  
21 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Bethlehem|strong="H1035" 123  
22 from|strong="H0376" the town  
of|strong="H0376" Netophah|strong="H5199" 56  
23 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3967" town  
of|strong="H0376" Anathoth|strong="H6068" 128  
24 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Azmaveth|strong="H5820" 42

25 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
towns of|strong="H1121" Kiriath|strong="H7157"  
Jearim, Kephirah|strong="H3716",  
and|strong="H1121" Beeroth|strong="H0881" 743  
26 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
towns of|strong="H1121" Ramah|strong="H7414"  
and|strong="H1121" Geba|strong="H1387" 621  
27 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H8147" town  
of|strong="H0376" Micmash|strong="H4363" 122  
28 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3967"  
towns of|strong="H0376" Bethel|strong="H1008"  
and|strong="H3967" Ai|strong="H5857" 223  
29 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Nebo|strong="H5015" 52  
30 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Magbish|strong="H4019" 156  
31 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" oth-  
er|strong="H0312" town named  
Elam|strong="H5867" 1254  
32 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Harim|strong="H2766" 320  
33 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
towns of|strong="H1121" Lod, Ha-  
did|strong="H2307", and|strong="H1121"  
Ono|strong="H0207" 725  
34 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Jericho|strong="H3405" 345  
35 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Senaah|strong="H5570" 3630  
36 These are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
priests|strong="H3548":  
the|strong="H1121" descendants|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Jedaiah|strong="H3048"  
through the|strong="H1121" fami-  
ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121"  
Jeshua|strong="H3442" 973  
37 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Im-  
mer|strong="H0564" 1052  
38 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Pash-  
hur|strong="H6583" 1247  
39 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Harim|strong="H2766" 1017  
40 These are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H1121" tribe of|strong="H1121"  
Levi|strong="H3881":  
the|strong="H1121" descendants|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Jeshua|strong="H3442"  
and|strong="H1121" Kadmiel|strong="H6934"  
through the|strong="H1121" family  
of|strong="H1121" Hodaviah|strong="H1938" 74  
41 These are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
singers|strong="H7891":  
the|strong="H1121" descendants|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Asaph|strong="H0623" 128



42 These *are* these *are* the *descendants* of the *Temple gatekeepers*:  
 the *descendants* of *Shallum*,  
*Ater*,  
*Akkub*,  
 and *Shobai* 139

43 These *are* the *descendants* of the *special Temple servants*:  
*Ziha*,  
*Tabbaoth*,  
 44 *Keros*,  
*Padon*,  
 45 *Lebanah*,  
*Hagabah*,  
 46 *Hagab*,  
*Hanan*,  
 47 *Giddel*,  
*Reaiah*,  
 48 *Rezin*,  
*Gazzam*,  
 49 *Uzza*,  
*Besai*,  
 50 *Asnah*,  
*Meunim*,  
 51 *Bakbuk*,  
*Hakupha*,  
 52 *Bazluth*,  
*Meilda*,  
 53 *Barkos*,  
*Sisera*,  
*Temah*,  
 54 *Neziah*, and *Hatipha*.

55 These *are* the *descendants* of *Solomon's servants*:  
*Sotai*,  
*Hasso-phereth*,  
 56 *Jaala*,  
*Giddel*,  
 57 *Shephatiah*,  
*Hattil*,  
 and *Ami*,  
 58 the *servants* and *descendants* of *Solomon's servants* 392

59 Some *people* came from the *towns* of *Tel Melah*, *Tel Harsha*, *Kerub*,  
*Addon*, and *Immer*.

But these *people* could not prove that their families were from the *family* of *Israel*:  
 60 the *descendants* of *Delaiah*,  
*Tobiah*,  
 and *Nekoda* 652  
 61 From the *family* of *priests* there *were* *descendants* of *Hobaiah*,  
 and *Barzillai* ( *If* a *man* a *daughter* of *Barzillai* from *Gilead*, he was counted as a *descendant* of *Barzillai*.)

62 These *people* searched their *family histories*, but they could not find them. Their names were not included in the *list* of *priests*. They could not prove that their *ancestors* were *priests*, so they could not serve as *priests*.  
 The *governor* ordered them not to eat *any* of the *holy* food until there was a *priest* who could use *Urim* and *Thummim* to ask *God* what *to* do.

64 All together, there were 42,360 people in the group who came back. This is not counting their 7337 men and women slaves. They also had 200 men and

women singers with them. <sup>66</sup> They had 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels, and 6720 donkeys.

<sup>68</sup> When the group arrived at the place in Jerusalem where the LORD'S Temple had been, the family leaders gave their gifts for building this house of God again. They wanted to build it in this same place. <sup>69</sup> They gave as much as they were able. These are the things they gave for building the Temple: 1100 pounds<sup>I</sup> of gold, about 4 tons<sup>II</sup> of silver, and 100 coats that priests wear.

<sup>70</sup> So the priests, Levites, and some of the other people moved to Jerusalem and the area around it. This group included the singers, gatekeepers, and the Temple servants. The other Israelites settled in their own hometowns.

### Rebuilding the Altar

**3** So by the seventh month, the Israelites moved back to their own hometowns. At that time all the people

<sup>I</sup> 1100 POUNDS Literally, "61,000 drachmas" (about 526 kg). <sup>II</sup> ABOUT 4 TONS Literally, "5000 minas" (3450 kg). <sup>III</sup> SEVENTH MONTH That is, September–October, 538 B.C.

met together in Jerusalem. They were united as one people. <sup>2</sup> Then Jeshua's son of Jozadak and the priests with him, along with Zerubbabel's son Shealtiel, and the people built with him, built an altar of God of Israel. They built the altar of God of Israel so they could offer sacrifices on it. They built it just as it says in the Law of Moses. Moses was God's special servant.

<sup>3</sup> They were afraid of the other people living near them, but that didn't stop them. They built the altar on its old foundation and offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD. They offered sacrifices in the morning and evening. <sup>4</sup> Then they celebrated the Festival of Shelters just as it says in the Law of Moses

said |strong="H1697". They |strong="H3117" offered the |strong="H0853" right |strong="H4941" number |strong="H4557" of |strong="H3117" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5930" for |strong="H4941" each |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" festival |strong="H2282".<sup>5</sup> After |strong="H0310" that |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3068" began offering |strong="H5071" the |strong="H3605" continual |strong="H8548" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5071" each |strong="H3605" day |strong="H2320" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" offerings |strong="H5071" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" New |strong="H2320" Moon |strong="H2320" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" festivals |strong="H4150" that |strong="H3605" were commanded by |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" people also |strong="H3068" began giving any |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" gifts they |strong="H3068" wanted to |strong="H3068" give to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3808" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" first |strong="H0259" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" seventh |strong="H7637" month |strong="H2320", these Israelites again began |strong="H2490" offering |strong="H5927" sacrifices to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" done, even |strong="H3808" though the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1964" had |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" been |strong="H5927" rebuilt.

#### **Rebuilding |strong="H3245" the |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1964"**

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="H0935" those |strong="H4480" who |strong="H4428" had |strong="H4428" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" captivity gave |strong="H5414" money |strong="H3701" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" stonecutters |strong="H2672" and |strong="H0935" carpenters |strong="H2796". They |strong="H5921" also |strong="H4428" gave |strong="H5414" food |strong="H3978", wine, and |strong="H0935" olive |strong="H8081" oil |strong="H8081". They |strong="H5921" used |strong="H5414" these things to |strong="H0413" pay |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5921" people of |strong="H4428" Tyre |strong="H6876" and |strong="H0935" Sidon to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H0935" cedar |strong="H0730" logs |strong="H6086" from |strong="H4480"

Lebanon |strong="H3844". They |strong="H5921" wanted to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" logs |strong="H6086" in |strong="H5921" ships to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" seacoast town of |strong="H4428" Joppa |strong="H3305" as |strong="H0935" they |strong="H5921" did for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" first Temple. King |strong="H4428" Cyrus |strong="H3566" of |strong="H4428" Persia |strong="H6539" gave |strong="H5414" permission |strong="H7558" for |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H0935" this |strong="H0935".

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" second |strong="H8145" month |strong="H2320"<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" second |strong="H8145" year |strong="H8141" after |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", Zerubba-bel |strong="H2216" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shealtiel |strong="H7597" and |strong="H1121" Jeshua |strong="H3442" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jozadak began |strong="H2490" the |strong="H3605" work |strong="H4399". Their |strong="H3605" brothers |strong="H0251", the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", Levites |strong="H3881", and |strong="H1121" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" came |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" from |strong="H0935" captivity |strong="H7628" began |strong="H2490" working with |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". They |strong="H5921" chose Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" 20 years |strong="H8141" old |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" older |strong="H4605" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" leaders in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" building of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>9</sup> These were |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" supervised |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" work |strong="H4399" of |strong="H1121" building the |strong="H5921" LORD'S Temple |strong="H1004": Jeshua |strong="H3442" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121", Kadmiel |strong="H6934" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" ( the |strong="H5921" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063"),

<sup>1</sup> SECOND MONTH That is, April-May, 536 B.C.

the |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Henadad |strong="H2582" and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H5921" brothers |strong="H0251", the |strong="H5921" Levites |strong="H3881".<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H0853" builders |strong="H1129" finished laying |strong="H3245" the |strong="H0853" foundation |strong="H3245" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1964". When |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" foundation |strong="H3245" was |strong="H3068" finished, the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" put |strong="H3847" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" special clothing |strong="H3847". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H5921" got their |strong="H3068" trumpets |strong="H2689", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Asaph |strong="H0623" got their |strong="H3068" cymbals |strong="H4700". They |strong="H5921" all took |strong="H0853" their |strong="H3068" places to |strong="H5921" praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" done |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" way |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" David |strong="H1732" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3068" ordered in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" past.<sup>11</sup> They |strong="H3588" sang |strong="H7321" songs of |strong="H1004" praise |strong="H1984" and |strong="H3068" thanksgiving |strong="H3034", taking turns |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" singing each |strong="H3605" part |strong="H5921".<sup>1</sup> They |strong="H3588" sang |strong="H7321",

" The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896".

His |strong="H3605" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769". Then |strong="H6030" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" cheered— they |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H7321" a |strong="H3588" loud |strong="H1419" shout |strong="H7321" and |strong="H3068" praised |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" foundation |strong="H3245" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" had |strong="H3068" been |strong="H5769" laid |strong="H3245".

<sup>1</sup> TAKING TURNS ... PART These songs were sung in two parts. One group (the Levites) sang the first part and the other group (the people) responded with the second part. Here, these are probably Psalm 111—118 and Psalm 136.

<sup>12</sup> But |strong="H7200" many |strong="H7227" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" older |strong="H1419" priests |strong="H3548", Levites |strong="H3881", and |strong="H1004" family |strong="H1004" leaders |strong="H7218", who |strong="H0834" could |strong="H2088" remember seeing |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" Temple |strong="H1004", began to |strong="H0001" cry |strong="H8643" aloud |strong="H7311". They |strong="H0834" cried |strong="H1058" while |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" others |strong="H7227" there |strong="H2088" shouted |strong="H8643" for |strong="H1004" joy |strong="H8057".<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H3588" sound |strong="H6963" could |strong="H5971" be |strong="H6963" heard |strong="H8085" far |strong="H5704" away |strong="H7350". All |strong="H5704" of |strong="H6963" them |strong="H5704" made |strong="H8085" so |strong="H3588" much |strong="H1419" noise |strong="H6963" that |strong="H3588" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" could |strong="H5971" tell the |strong="H3588" difference between |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588" shouts |strong="H8643" of |strong="H6963" joy |strong="H8057" and |strong="H1419" the |strong="H3588" crying |strong="H1065".

#### Enemies Against Rebuilding the Temple

**4** Many people living in the area were against the people of Judah and Benjamin. These enemies heard that the people who had come from captivity were building a temple for the LORD, the God of Israel. So they came to Zerubbabel and to the family leaders and said, "Let us help you build. We are the same as you, we ask your God for help. We have offered sacrifices to your God since the time King Esarhaddon of Assyria brought us here."

<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H3588" Zerubbabel |strong="H2216", Jeshua |strong="H3442", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H3162" family |strong="H1004" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" answered |strong="H0559", " No |strong="H3808", you |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" help us |strong="H3588" build |strong="H1129" a |strong="H3588" temple |strong="H1004" for |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Only we |strong="H0587" can |strong="H0834" build |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0559" Temple |strong="H1004" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478".

This *is* King Cyrus of Persia us do

<sup>4</sup> So the enemies began to discourage them and tried to frighten them in order to stop them from building the Temple. <sup>5</sup> These enemies hired government officials to work against the people of Judah. The officials constantly did things to stop the Jews' plans to build the Temple. This continued the whole time that Cyrus king was the king until Darius became the king of Persia.

<sup>6</sup> These enemies even wrote letters to the king of Persia trying to stop the Jews. They wrote a letter the year that Xerxes <sup>1</sup> became the king of Persia.

#### Enemies Against Rebuilding Jerusalem

<sup>7</sup> Later, when Artaxerxes became the new king of Persia, some of these men wrote another letter complaining about the Jews. The men who wrote the letter were Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the other people in

their group. The letter was written in Aramaic and translated.

<sup>8</sup> III Then Rehum the commanding officer and Shimshai the secretary wrote a letter against the people of Jerusalem. They wrote the letter to Artaxerxes the king. This is what they wrote:

<sup>9</sup> From Rehum the commanding officer and Shimshai the secretary, and from the judges and important officials over the men from Tripolis, Persia, Erech, Babylon, and from the Elamites from Susa, and from other people who are great and powerful Ashurbanipal moved to the city of Samaria and other places in the country west of the Euphrates River.

<sup>11</sup> This is the copy of the letter sent to King Artaxerxes: From your servants living in the area west of the Euphrates River.

<sup>12</sup> King Artaxerxes, we wish to in-

II THE LETTER ... TRANSLATED Or "The letter was written in the local language, but with Aramaic characters, and then translated into Aramaic." This would mean the scribe used the "modern" Aramaic alphabet rather than the older alphabet that was still being used in Judah. III Here, the original language changes from Hebrew to Aramaic.

I XERXES King of Persia about 485–465 B.C.

form |strong="H3046" you |strong="H1768" that |strong="H1768" the |strong="H5922" Jews |strong="H3062" you |strong="H1768" sent from |strong="H4481" there |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" now |strong="H4430" in |strong="H5922" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". They |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" trying to |strong="H5922" rebuild |strong="H1124" that |strong="H1768" terrible city |strong="H7149". The |strong="H5922" people there |strong="H1768" have |strong="H4430" always rebelled against |strong="H5922" other kings |strong="H4430". Now |strong="H4430" they |strong="H1768" have |strong="H4430" almost finished |strong="H3635" repairing |strong="H2338" the |strong="H5922" foundations |strong="H0787" and |strong="H4430" building |strong="H1124" the |strong="H5922" walls |strong="H7792".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Also, King |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes, you |strong="H1768" should |strong="H4430" know |strong="H3046" that |strong="H1768" if |strong="H2006" Jerusalem and |strong="H4430" its |strong="H3046" walls |strong="H7792" are |strong="H1768" rebuilt |strong="H1124", the |strong="H1768" people of |strong="H4430" Jerusalem will |strong="H1768" stop paying their taxes |strong="H4061". They |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" stop sending money to |strong="H3046" honor you |strong="H1768". They |strong="H1768" also will |strong="H1768" stop paying customs fees, and |strong="H4430" the |strong="H1768" king |strong="H4430" will |strong="H1768" lose all that |strong="H1768" money.

<sup>14</sup> We |strong="H1768" have |strong="H4430" a |strong="H2370" responsibility to |strong="H5922" the |strong="H3606" king |strong="H4430". We |strong="H1768" don't want to |strong="H5922" see |strong="H2370" this |strong="H1836" happen, so |strong="H1768" we |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" sending this |strong="H1836" letter to |strong="H5922" inform |strong="H3046" the |strong="H3606" king |strong="H4430".

<sup>15</sup> King |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes, we |strong="H1768" suggest that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" search |strong="H1240" the |strong="H5922" writings of |strong="H4481" the |strong="H5922" kings |strong="H4430" who |strong="H1768" ruled before you |strong="H1768". You |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" see in |strong="H5922" the |strong="H5922" writings that |strong="H1768" Jerusalem always rebelled against |strong="H5922" other kings |strong="H4430". It |strong="H5922" has |strong="H1768" caused much trouble

I BUILDING THE WALLS This was a way of protecting a city. These men wanted the king to think that the Jews were preparing to rebel against the king.

for |strong="H1768" other kings |strong="H4430" and |strong="H4430" nations. Many rebellions have |strong="H4430" started in |strong="H5922" this |strong="H1836" city |strong="H7149" since |strong="H1768" ancient times. That |strong="H1768" is |strong="H1768" why Jerusalem was |strong="H4430" destroyed.

<sup>16</sup> King |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes, we |strong="H0586" wish to |strong="H3046" inform |strong="H3046" you |strong="H1768" that |strong="H1768" if |strong="H2006" this |strong="H1836" city |strong="H7149" and |strong="H4430" its |strong="H3046" walls |strong="H7792" are |strong="H1768" rebuilt |strong="H1124", you |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" lose control of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" area west of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" Euphrates River |strong="H5103".

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H4430" King |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes sent |strong="H7972" this answer |strong="H6600": To |strong="H5922" Rehum |strong="H7348" the |strong="H5675" commanding officer, Shimshai |strong="H8124" the |strong="H5675" secretary, and |strong="H4430" all the |strong="H5675" people with |strong="H5922" them living in |strong="H5922" Samaria |strong="H8115" and |strong="H4430" other places west of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" Euphrates River |strong="H5103".

Greetings:

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H5922" letter you |strong="H1768" sent |strong="H7972" us has |strong="H1768" been translated |strong="H6568" and |strong="H1768" read |strong="H7123" to |strong="H5922" me |strong="H6925".<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H4481" gave |strong="H7761" an |strong="H5648" order for |strong="H1768" the |strong="H5922" writings of |strong="H4481" the |strong="H5922" kings |strong="H4430" before me to |strong="H5922" be |strong="H1240" searched. The |strong="H5922" writings were |strong="H1768" read, and |strong="H4430" we |strong="H1768" found |strong="H7912" out |strong="H5648" that |strong="H1768" Jerusalem has |strong="H1768" a |strong="H7761" long |strong="H5957" history of |strong="H4481" rebellion |strong="H4776" against |strong="H5922" kings |strong="H4430". Jerusalem has |strong="H1768" been a |strong="H7761" place where |strong="H1768" rebellion |strong="H4776" and |strong="H4430" revolt |strong="H0849" has |strong="H1768" happened often.<sup>20</sup> Jerusalem |strong="H3390" has |strong="H4430" had |strong="H4430" powerful |strong="H8624" kings |strong="H4430" ruling over |strong="H5922"

it |strong="H5922" and |strong="H4430" over |strong="H5922" the |strong="H3606" whole |strong="H3606" area west of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H3606" Euphrates River |strong="H5103". Their |strong="H3606" kings |strong="H4430" received taxes |strong="H4061", customs, fees, and |strong="H4430" tribute |strong="H4061".

<sup>21</sup> Now |strong="H3705", you must give |strong="H7761" an order for |strong="H5705" these |strong="H0479" men |strong="H1400" to |strong="H2942" stop |strong="H0989" work. That |strong="H2942" order must be |strong="H3705" given to |strong="H2942" keep Jerusalem from |strong="H4481" being rebuilt |strong="H1124" until |strong="H5705" I |strong="H4481" say so |strong="H4481". <sup>22</sup> Be |strong="H1934" careful not to |strong="H5922" overlook this |strong="H1836" matter. We should |strong="H4101" not let the |strong="H5922" building of |strong="H4430" Jerusalem continue. If that |strong="H4430" work continues, I |strong="H1836" will |strong="H4101" not get any more |strong="H5922" money from Jerusalem.

<sup>23</sup> So |strong="H0116" a |strong="H0116" copy |strong="H6573" of |strong="H4481" the |strong="H0116" letter that |strong="H1768" King |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes |strong="H0783" sent was |strong="H4430" read |strong="H7123" to |strong="H5922" Rehum |strong="H7348", Shimshai |strong="H8124" the |strong="H0116" secretary, and |strong="H4430" the |strong="H0116" people with |strong="H5922" them |strong="H1994". They |strong="H0116" went |strong="H0236" very quickly to |strong="H5922" the |strong="H0116" Jews |strong="H3062" in |strong="H0236" Jerusalem |strong="H3390" and |strong="H4430" forced them |strong="H1994" to |strong="H5922" stop |strong="H0989" building.

**The |strong="H0116" Work on |strong="H5922" the |strong="H0116" Temple Stopped |strong="H0989"**

<sup>24</sup> So |strong="H0116" the |strong="H0116" work |strong="H5673" stopped |strong="H0989" on |strong="H5705" God's Temple |strong="H1005" in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". The |strong="H0116" work |strong="H5673" did not continue until |strong="H5705" the |strong="H0116" second |strong="H8648" year |strong="H8140" that |strong="H1768" Darius |strong="H1868" was |strong="H1934" king |strong="H4430" of |strong="H0426" Persia |strong="H6540".

**5** At |strong="H0426" that |strong="H1768" time the |strong="H5922" prophets Hag-

I THE WORK STOPPED Here, this refers to the time of Xerxes, when work on the Temple was stopped, not to the time of Artaxerxes, when work on the walls around Jerusalem was stopped. II SECOND YEAR That is, 520 B.C.

gai |strong="H2292" and |strong="H3061" Zechariah |strong="H2148" son |strong="H1247" of |strong="H0426" Iddo |strong="H5714" began to |strong="H5922" prophesy in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H5922" name |strong="H8036" of |strong="H0426" God |strong="H0426". They |strong="H1768" encouraged the |strong="H5922" Jews |strong="H3062" in |strong="H0426" Judah |strong="H3061" and |strong="H3061" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H0116" Zerubbabel |strong="H2217" son |strong="H1247" of |strong="H0426" Shealtiel |strong="H7598" and |strong="H1005" Jeshua |strong="H3443" son |strong="H1247" of |strong="H0426" Jozadak again started working on the |strong="H0116" Temple |strong="H1005" in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". All of |strong="H0426" God's prophets |strong="H5029" were |strong="H1768" with |strong="H5974" them and |strong="H1005" were |strong="H1768" supporting |strong="H5583" the |strong="H0116" work. <sup>3</sup> At that |strong="H2942" time |strong="H2166" Tattenai |strong="H8674" was |strong="H2942" the |strong="H5675" governor |strong="H6347" of |strong="H1005" the |strong="H5675" area west of |strong="H1005" the |strong="H5675" Euphrates River |strong="H5103". Tattenai |strong="H8674", Shethar Bozenai, and |strong="H3652" the |strong="H5675" men with |strong="H5922" them |strong="H0560" went |strong="H0858" to |strong="H5922" Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and |strong="H3652" the |strong="H5675" others who |strong="H4479" were building |strong="H1124". Tattenai |strong="H8674" and |strong="H3652" the |strong="H5675" people with |strong="H5922" him asked |strong="H0560" Zerubbabel and |strong="H3652" the |strong="H5675" people with |strong="H5922" him, "Who |strong="H4479" gave |strong="H0560" you |strong="H5922" permission to |strong="H5922" rebuild |strong="H1124" this |strong="H1836" Temple |strong="H1005" and |strong="H3652" repair it |strong="H5922" like new?" <sup>4</sup> They |strong="H0116" also |strong="H3660" asked |strong="H0560" Zerubbabel, "What |strong="H4479" are |strong="H1768" the |strong="H0116" names |strong="H8036" of |strong="H8036" the |strong="H0116" men |strong="H1400" who |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" working on this |strong="H1836" building |strong="H1124"?"

<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H0116" God |strong="H0426" was |strong="H1934" watching |strong="H5870" over |strong="H5922" the |strong="H0116" Jewish |strong="H3062" leaders. The |strong="H0116" builders didn't have |strong="H1934" to |strong="H5922" stop |strong="H0989" working un-

III HAGGAI See Haggai 1:1. IV ZECHARIAH SON OF IDDO See Zechariah 1:1.

til |strong="H5705" a |strong="H5705" report could be |strong="H0426" sent to |strong="H5922" King Darius |strong="H1868". They |strong="H0116" continued |strong="H1934" working until |strong="H5705" the |strong="H0116" king sent his |strong="H5922" answer back.

<sup>6</sup> Tattenai |strong="H8674" the |strong="H5675" governor |strong="H6347" of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" area west of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" Euphrates River |strong="H5103", Shethar Bozenai, and |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" important people with |strong="H5922" them sent |strong="H7972" a |strong="H7972" letter |strong="H0104" to |strong="H5922" King |strong="H4430" Darius |strong="H1868". <sup>7</sup> This |strong="H1836" is a |strong="H7972" copy of |strong="H4430" that |strong="H4430" letter: To |strong="H5922" King |strong="H4430" Darius |strong="H1868".

Greetings:

<sup>8</sup> King |strong="H4430" Darius, you |strong="H1768" should |strong="H4430" know |strong="H3046" that |strong="H1768" we |strong="H1768" went |strong="H0236" to |strong="H3046" the |strong="H1768" province |strong="H4083" of |strong="H0426" Judah |strong="H3061". We |strong="H1768" went |strong="H0236" to |strong="H3046" the |strong="H1768" Temple |strong="H1005" of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" great |strong="H7229" God |strong="H0426". The |strong="H1768" people in |strong="H0426" Judah |strong="H3061" are |strong="H1768" building |strong="H1124" that |strong="H1768" Temple |strong="H1005" with |strong="H1124" large |strong="H7229" stones |strong="H0069". They |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" putting big wooden timbers |strong="H0636" in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" walls |strong="H3797". The |strong="H1768" work |strong="H5673" is |strong="H1768" being done |strong="H5648" with |strong="H1124" much care |strong="H0629" and |strong="H4430" the |strong="H1768" people of |strong="H0426" Judah |strong="H3061" are |strong="H1768" working very hard. They |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" building |strong="H1124" very fast; it will |strong="H1768" soon |strong="H1768" be |strong="H0426" done |strong="H5648".

<sup>9</sup> We |strong="H0116" asked |strong="H7593" their leaders some questions about the |strong="H0116" work they |strong="H0116" are doing. We |strong="H0116" asked |strong="H7593" them |strong="H0560", " Who |strong="H4479" gave |strong="H0560" you permission to |strong="H0560" rebuild |strong="H1124" this |strong="H1836" temple |strong="H1005"

and |strong="H1005" repair it like new?" <sup>10</sup> We |strong="H1768" also |strong="H0638" asked |strong="H7593" for |strong="H1768" their names |strong="H8036". We |strong="H1768" wanted to |strong="H8036" write |strong="H3790" down |strong="H3790" the |strong="H1768" names |strong="H8036" of |strong="H7217" their leaders so |strong="H1768" that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" would know |strong="H3046" who |strong="H1768" they |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768".

<sup>11</sup> This |strong="H1836" is |strong="H1768" the |strong="H1768" answer |strong="H6600" they |strong="H3660" gave |strong="H0560" us |strong="H5649":

" We |strong="H0586" are |strong="H1768" the |strong="H1768" servants |strong="H5649" of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" heaven |strong="H8065" and |strong="H4430" earth |strong="H0772". We |strong="H0586" are |strong="H1768" rebuilding |strong="H1124" the |strong="H1768" Temple |strong="H1005" that |strong="H1768" a |strong="H1934" great |strong="H7229" king |strong="H4430" of |strong="H0426" Israel |strong="H3479" built |strong="H1124" and |strong="H4430" finished |strong="H3635" many |strong="H7690" years |strong="H8140" ago |strong="H6928". <sup>12</sup> But |strong="H3861" our ancestors made the |strong="H1768" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" heaven |strong="H8065" angry, so |strong="H1768" God |strong="H0426" gave |strong="H3052" our ancestors to |strong="H4481" King |strong="H4430" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5020" of |strong="H0426" Babylon |strong="H0895". Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5020" destroyed this |strong="H1836" Temple |strong="H1005", and |strong="H4430" he |strong="H1768" forced the |strong="H1768" people |strong="H5972" to |strong="H4481" go to |strong="H4481" Babylon |strong="H0895" as |strong="H1768" prisoners. <sup>13</sup> But |strong="H1297", in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" first |strong="H2298" year |strong="H8140" that |strong="H1768" Cyrus |strong="H3567" was |strong="H4430" king |strong="H4430" of |strong="H0426" Babylon |strong="H0895", King |strong="H4430" Cyrus |strong="H3567" gave |strong="H7761" a |strong="H7761" special order for |strong="H1768" God's Temple |strong="H1005" to |strong="H2942" be |strong="H0426" rebuilt |strong="H1124". <sup>14</sup> And |strong="H4430" Cyrus |strong="H3567" brought |strong="H2987" out from |strong="H4481" his |strong="H5020" false god's temple |strong="H1005" in |strong="H0426" Babylon |strong="H0895" the |strong="H1768"



gold|strong="H1722" and|strong="H4430" silver|strong="H3702" things that|strong="H1768" were|strong="H1768" taken|strong="H5312" from|strong="H4481" God's Temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" the|strong="H1768" past. Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5020" took|strong="H5312" them|strong="H1994" from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H1768" Temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" Jerusalem|strong="H3390" and|strong="H4430" brought|strong="H2987" them|strong="H1994" to|strong="H4481" his|strong="H5020" false god's temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" Babylon|strong="H0895". Then|strong="H4430" King|strong="H4430" Cyrus|strong="H3567" gave|strong="H7761" those|strong="H1768" gold|strong="H1722" and|strong="H4430" silver|strong="H3702" things to|strong="H4481" Sheshbazzar|strong="H8340"." Cyrus|strong="H3567" chose Sheshbazzar|strong="H8340" to|strong="H4481" be|strong="H0426" governor|strong="H6347".

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H1768" Cyrus said|strong="H0560" to|strong="H5922" Sheshbazzar, " Take|strong="H5376" these|strong="H0412" gold and|strong="H1005" silver things and|strong="H1005" put|strong="H5182" them|strong="H1994" back in|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5922" Temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" Jerusalem|strong="H3390". Rebuild|strong="H1124" God's Temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5922" same place|strong="H0870" it|strong="H5922" was|strong="H1768" in|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5922" past."

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="H0116" Sheshbazzar|strong="H8340" came|strong="H0858" and|strong="H1005" built|strong="H1124" the|strong="H0116" foundations|strong="H0787" of|strong="H0426" God's Temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" Jerusalem|strong="H3390". From|strong="H4481" that|strong="H1768" day until|strong="H5705" now|strong="H3705", the|strong="H0116" work has|strong="H0426" continued, but|strong="H1768" it is|strong="H1768" not|strong="H3809" yet finished.

<sup>17</sup> Now|strong="H3705", if|strong="H2006" it|strong="H2006" pleases|strong="H2869" the|strong="H5922" king|strong="H4430", please search|strong="H1240" the|strong="H5922" official records of|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5922" king|strong="H4430". See if|strong="H2006" it|strong="H2006" is|strong="H1768" true that|strong="H1768" King|strong="H4430" Cyrus|strong="H3567" gave|strong="H7761" an|strong="H7972" order to|strong="H5922" rebuild|strong="H1124" God's Tem-

ple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" Jerusalem|strong="H3390". And|strong="H4430" then|strong="H4430", sir, please send|strong="H7972" us a|strong="H7761" letter to|strong="H5922" let|strong="H3705" us know what|strong="H1768" you|strong="H1768" have|strong="H0383" decided to|strong="H5922" do|strong="H0383" about|strong="H5922" this|strong="H1836".

### The Order of Darius

**6** So|strong="H0116" King|strong="H4430" Darius|strong="H1868" gave|strong="H7761" an order to|strong="H2942" search|strong="H1240" the|strong="H0116" writings of|strong="H1005" the|strong="H0116" kings|strong="H4430" before him. The|strong="H0116" writings were|strong="H1768" kept in|strong="H4430" Babylon|strong="H0895" in|strong="H4430" the|strong="H0116" same place the|strong="H0116" money was|strong="H4430" kept. <sup>2</sup> A|strong="H7912" scroll|strong="H4040" was|strong="H1768" found|strong="H7912" in|strong="H1768" the|strong="H1768" fortress of|strong="H4083" Ecbatana|strong="H0307". ( Ecbatana|strong="H0307" is|strong="H1768" in|strong="H1768" the|strong="H1768" province|strong="H4083" of|strong="H4083" Media|strong="H4076".) This is|strong="H1768" what|strong="H1768" was|strong="H1768" written|strong="H3790" on that|strong="H1768" scroll|strong="H4040".

Official Note: <sup>3</sup> During the|strong="H1768" first|strong="H2298" year|strong="H8140" that|strong="H1768" Cyrus|strong="H3567" was|strong="H4430" king|strong="H4430", he|strong="H1768" gave|strong="H7761" an order about the|strong="H1768" Temple|strong="H1005" of|strong="H0426" God|strong="H0426" in|strong="H0426" Jerusalem|strong="H3390". The|strong="H1768" order said:

Let the|strong="H1768" Temple|strong="H1005" of|strong="H0426" God|strong="H0426" be|strong="H0426" rebuilt|strong="H1124". It will|strong="H1768" be|strong="H0426" a|strong="H7761" place|strong="H0870" to|strong="H2942" offer sacrifices|strong="H1685". Let its foundations|strong="H0787" be|strong="H0426" built|strong="H1124". The|strong="H1768" Temple|strong="H1005" must be|strong="H0426" 60 cubits|strong="H0521" high and|strong="H4430" 60 cubits|strong="H0521" wide|strong="H6613". <sup>4</sup> Its|strong="H4481" wall will|strong="H1768" be|strong="H5313" in|strong="H1768" layers|strong="H5073" that|strong="H1768" have|strong="H4430"

I 60 CUBITS 102' 3/8" (31.1 m).

three|strong="H8532" rows of|strong="H1005" large stones|strong="H0069"<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H4430" one row of|strong="H1005" wooden timbers|strong="H0636". The|strong="H1768" cost|strong="H5313" of|strong="H1005" building the|strong="H1768" Temple|strong="H1005" must be|strong="H5313" paid|strong="H3052" for|strong="H1768" from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H1768" king's|strong="H4430" treasury|strong="H1005".<sup>5</sup> Also|strong="H0638", the|strong="H1768" gold|strong="H1722" and|strong="H3702" silver|strong="H3702" things from|strong="H4481" God's Temple|strong="H1005" must be|strong="H0426" put|strong="H5182" back in|strong="H0426" their places|strong="H0870". Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5020" took|strong="H5312" them from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H1768" Temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" Jerusalem|strong="H3390" and|strong="H3702" brought|strong="H2987" them to|strong="H4481" Babylon|strong="H0895". They|strong="H1768" must be|strong="H0426" put|strong="H5182" back in|strong="H0426" God's Temple|strong="H1005".

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H1768" King Darius sent this message to|strong="H4481" his|strong="H1768" officials:

To|strong="H4481" Tattenai|strong="H8674", governor|strong="H6347" of|strong="H4481" the|strong="H5675" area west of|strong="H4481" the|strong="H5675" Euphrates River|strong="H5103", to|strong="H4481" Shethar Bozenai, and|strong="H8370" to|strong="H4481" all the|strong="H5675" officials living in|strong="H1768" that|strong="H1768" province. I|strong="H4481" order you|strong="H1768" to|strong="H4481" stay away|strong="H7352" from|strong="H4481" Jerusalem.<sup>7</sup> Don't bother the|strong="H5922" workers. Don't try to|strong="H5922" stop the|strong="H5922" work|strong="H5673" on|strong="H5922" this|strong="H1791" Temple|strong="H1005" of|strong="H0426" God|strong="H0426". Let the|strong="H5922" Jewish|strong="H3062" governor|strong="H6347" and|strong="H1005" the|strong="H5922" Jewish|strong="H3062" leaders rebuild|strong="H1124" it|strong="H5922". Let them rebuild|strong="H1124" God's Temple|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5922" same place|strong="H0870" it|strong="H5922" was|strong="H1005" in|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5922" past.

<sup>8</sup> Now|strong="H4430" I|strong="H4481" give|strong="H3052" this|strong="H1791" order. You|strong="H1768" must do|strong="H5648" this|strong="H1791" for|strong="H1768" the|strong="H5675" Jewish|strong="H3062" leaders building|strong="H1124" God's Tem-

ple|strong="H1005": The|strong="H5675" cost|strong="H5313" of|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5675" building|strong="H1124" must be|strong="H0426" fully paid|strong="H3052" from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H5675" king's|strong="H4430" treasury|strong="H1005". The|strong="H5675" money will|strong="H1768" come from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H5675" taxes|strong="H4061" collected from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H5675" provinces in|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5675" area west of|strong="H0426" the|strong="H5675" Euphrates River|strong="H5103".

Do|strong="H5648" these|strong="H0479" things quickly, so|strong="H1768" the|strong="H5675" work will|strong="H1768" not|strong="H3809" stop|strong="H0989".<sup>9</sup> Give|strong="H3052" them anything they|strong="H1768" need|strong="H2818". If they|strong="H1768" need|strong="H2818" young|strong="H1123" bulls|strong="H8450", rams|strong="H1798", or|strong="H0426" male lambs|strong="H0563" for|strong="H1768" sacrifices to|strong="H2818" the|strong="H1768" God|strong="H0426" of|strong="H0426" heaven|strong="H8065", give|strong="H3052" these things to|strong="H2818" them. If the|strong="H1768" priests|strong="H3549" of|strong="H0426" Jerusalem|strong="H3390" ask for|strong="H1768" wheat, salt|strong="H4416", wine|strong="H2562", and|strong="H8065" oil|strong="H4887", give|strong="H3052" these things to|strong="H2818" them every day|strong="H3118" without|strong="H3809" fail|strong="H7960".<sup>10</sup> Give them to|strong="H8065" the|strong="H1768" Jewish priests so|strong="H1768" that|strong="H1768" they|strong="H1768" may|strong="H2417" offer|strong="H7127" sacrifices|strong="H5208" that|strong="H1768" please the|strong="H1768" God|strong="H0426" of|strong="H0426" heaven|strong="H8065". Give these things so|strong="H1768" that|strong="H1768" the|strong="H1768" priests may|strong="H2417" pray|strong="H6739" for|strong="H1768" me and|strong="H4430" my|strong="H1768" sons|strong="H1123".

<sup>11</sup> Also, I|strong="H4481" give|strong="H7761" this|strong="H1836" order: If anyone|strong="H0606" changes|strong="H8133" this|strong="H1836" order, a|strong="H7761" wooden beam must be pulled from|strong="H4481" their|strong="H3606" house|strong="H1005" and|strong="H0606" pushed through their|strong="H3606" body. Then|strong="H1768" their|strong="H3606" house|strong="H1005" must be destroyed until

I LARGE STONES Or "marble stones."

it |strong="H5922" is |strong="H1768" only a |strong="H7761" pile of |strong="H1005" rocks.

<sup>12</sup> God |strong="H0426" put his |strong="H7972" name |strong="H8036" there |strong="H8536" in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". May God |strong="H0426" defeat any |strong="H3606" king |strong="H4430" or |strong="H0426" other person who |strong="H1768" tries to |strong="H2942" change |strong="H8133" this |strong="H1791" order. If anyone |strong="H3606" tries to |strong="H2942" destroy |strong="H2255" this |strong="H1791" Temple |strong="H1005" in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390", may God |strong="H0426" destroy |strong="H2255" that |strong="H1768" person.

I |strong="H0576", Darius |strong="H1868", have |strong="H0576" ordered it. This |strong="H1791" order must be |strong="H0426" obeyed quickly and |strong="H4430" completely.

### The |strong="H3606" Temple |strong="H1005" Completed and |strong="H4430" Dedicated

<sup>13</sup> So |strong="H0116" Tattenai |strong="H8674" the |strong="H5675" governor |strong="H6347" of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" area west of |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" Euphrates River |strong="H5103", Shethar Bozenai, and |strong="H4430" the |strong="H5675" men with |strong="H6903" them obeyed King |strong="H4430" Darius' order. They |strong="H0116" obeyed the |strong="H5675" order quickly and |strong="H4430" completely. <sup>14</sup> So |strong="H4481" the |strong="H1868" Jewish |strong="H3062" leaders continued to |strong="H2942" build. Encouraged by |strong="H4481" the |strong="H1868" preaching of |strong="H0426" Haggai |strong="H2292" the |strong="H1868" prophet |strong="H5029" and |strong="H4430" Zechariah |strong="H2148" son |strong="H1247" of |strong="H0426" Id-do |strong="H5714", they had |strong="H4430" great success |strong="H6744". They finished |strong="H3635" building |strong="H1124" the |strong="H1868" Temple as the |strong="H1868" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" Israel |strong="H3479" had |strong="H4430" commanded and |strong="H4430" as Cyrus |strong="H3567", Darius |strong="H1868", and |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes |strong="H0783", the |strong="H1868" kings |strong="H4430" of |strong="H0426" Persia |strong="H6540", had |strong="H4430" ordered. <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H1768" Temple |strong="H1005" was |strong="H4430" finished on |strong="H5705" the |strong="H1768" third |strong="H8532" day |strong="H3118" of |strong="H1005" the |strong="H1768" month |strong="H3393" of |strong="H1005" Adar |strong="H0144". <sup>I</sup>

That |strong="H1768" was |strong="H4430" in |strong="H4437" the |strong="H1768" sixth |strong="H8353" year |strong="H8140" of |strong="H1005" the |strong="H1768" rule of |strong="H1005" King |strong="H4430" Darius |strong="H1868". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Then the |strong="H5648" Israelites celebrated |strong="H5648" the |strong="H5648" dedication |strong="H2597" of |strong="H0426" God's Temple |strong="H1005" with |strong="H5648" much happiness. The |strong="H5648" priests |strong="H3549", the |strong="H5648" Levites |strong="H3879", and |strong="H1005" all the |strong="H5648" other people who came back from captivity joined in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H5648" celebration.

<sup>17</sup> This |strong="H1836" is |strong="H0426" the |strong="H3606" way they dedicated God's Temple |strong="H1005": They offered |strong="H7127" 100 bulls |strong="H8450", 200 rams |strong="H1798", and |strong="H1005" 400 male |strong="H6841" lambs |strong="H0563". And |strong="H1005" they offered |strong="H7127" twelve |strong="H6236" male |strong="H6841" goats |strong="H5796" for |strong="H5922" all |strong="H3606" Israel |strong="H3479" for |strong="H5922" a sin |strong="H2409" offering |strong="H7127". That is |strong="H0426" one |strong="H1836" goat for |strong="H5922" each of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H3606" twelve |strong="H6236" tribes |strong="H7625" of |strong="H0426" Israel |strong="H3479". <sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H1768" they |strong="H1768" chose the |strong="H5922" priests |strong="H3549" in |strong="H0426" their groups and |strong="H3792" the |strong="H5922" Levites |strong="H3879" in |strong="H0426" their groups to |strong="H5922" serve in |strong="H0426" God's Temple in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". They |strong="H1768" did these things as |strong="H1768" it |strong="H5922" is |strong="H1768" written |strong="H3792" in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H5922" Book |strong="H5609" of |strong="H0426" Moses |strong="H4873".

### The |strong="H5922" Passover

<sup>19</sup> <sup>III</sup> On |strong="H6453" the |strong="H0853" fourteenth day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320", <sup>IV</sup> the |strong="H0853" Jews who |strong="H1121" came back from |strong="H1121" captivity celebrated |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Passover |strong="H6453". <sup>20</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121"

<sup>I</sup> THIRD ... ADAR That is, February–March. Some ancient writers have "23rd of Adar." <sup>II</sup> THE SIXTH YEAR ... DARIUS That is, 515 B.C. <sup>III</sup> Here, the original language changes from Aramaic back to Hebrew. <sup>IV</sup> FIRST MONTH That is, March–April, 515 B.C.

Levites |strong="H3881" made |strong="H3605" themselves |strong="H2891" pure |strong="H2889". They |strong="H1992" all |strong="H3605" made |strong="H3605" themselves |strong="H2891" clean |strong="H2889" and |strong="H1121" ready to |strong="H1121" celebrate the |strong="H3605" Passover |strong="H6453". The |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" killed |strong="H7819" the |strong="H3605" Passover |strong="H6453" lamb for |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Jews who |strong="H3605" came back from |strong="H1121" captivity. They |strong="H1992" did that |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3605" brothers |strong="H0251" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", and |strong="H1121" for |strong="H3588" themselves |strong="H2891". <sup>21</sup> So |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3605" came |strong="H0413" back |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" captivity ate |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" Passover meal. Other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" washed themselves and |strong="H1121" made |strong="H7725" themselves pure from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" unclean |strong="H2932" things |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" living in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776". These |strong="H3605" pure people |strong="H1121" also |strong="H3068" shared in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Passover meal. They |strong="H3068" did this |strong="H3068" so |strong="H7725" that |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3068" could go |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", for |strong="H0413" help. <sup>22</sup> They |strong="H3588" celebrated |strong="H8055" the |strong="H5921" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H4428" Unleavened |strong="H4682" Bread |strong="H4682" with |strong="H1004" much |strong="H3027" joy |strong="H8057" for |strong="H3588" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5921" very |strong="H8055" happy |strong="H8055" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3068" changed |strong="H5437" the |strong="H5921" attitude |strong="H3820" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804". <sup>1</sup> So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria

<sup>1</sup> KING OF ASSYRIA This probably means King Darius of Persia.

ia |strong="H0804" had |strong="H3068" helped |strong="H2388" them |strong="H5921" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5921" work |strong="H4399" on |strong="H5921" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004".

### Ezra Comes to Jerusalem

**7** After |strong="H0310" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697", <sup>II</sup> during |strong="H0428" the |strong="H0310" rule |strong="H4438" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes |strong="H0783" of |strong="H1121" Persia |strong="H6539", Ezra |strong="H5830" came to |strong="H1697" Jerusalem from |strong="H1121" Babylon. Ezra |strong="H5830" was |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0310" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Seraiah |strong="H8304". Seraiah |strong="H8304" was |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0310" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Azariah |strong="H5838". Azariah |strong="H5838" was |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0310" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hilkiyah |strong="H2518". <sup>2</sup> Hilkiyah was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6659" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shalum |strong="H7967". Shalum |strong="H7967" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6659" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zadok |strong="H6659". Zadok |strong="H6659" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6659" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahitub |strong="H0285". <sup>3</sup> Ahitub was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amariah |strong="H0568". Amariah |strong="H0568" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Azariah |strong="H5838". Azariah |strong="H5838" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Meraioth |strong="H4812". <sup>4</sup> Meraioth was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zeraiyah |strong="H2228". Zeraiyah |strong="H2228" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Uzzi |strong="H5813". Uzzi |strong="H5813" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bukki |strong="H1231". <sup>5</sup> Bukki was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0499" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Abishua |strong="H0050". Abishua |strong="H0050" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0499" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Phinehas |strong="H6372". Phinehas |strong="H6372" was |strong="H1121"

<sup>II</sup> AFTER THESE THINGS There is a time period of 58 years between Ezra 6 and Ezra 7. The story of Esther takes place at this time.

the |strong="H0499" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Eleazar |strong="H0499". Eleazar |strong="H0499" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0499" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Aaron |strong="H0175" the |strong="H0499" high priest |strong="H3548".

<sup>6</sup> Ezra |strong="H5830" came |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" Jerusalem from |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" teacher <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H3068" knew the |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H4428" Moses |strong="H4872" very well |strong="H0834". The |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H4428" Moses |strong="H4872" was |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes gave |strong="H5414" Ezra |strong="H5830" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" asked for |strong="H5921" because |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H0834" with |strong="H3068" Ezra |strong="H5830". <sup>7</sup> Among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3548" came |strong="H5927" with |strong="H0413" Ezra were |strong="H3478" Israelites |strong="H3478", priests |strong="H3548", Levites |strong="H3881", singers |strong="H7891", gatekeepers |strong="H7778", and |strong="H1121" Temple |strong="H5411" servants |strong="H5411". They |strong="H8141" arrived in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" during the |strong="H0413" seventh |strong="H7651" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes |strong="H0783". <sup>8</sup> Ezra arrived |strong="H0935" in |strong="H8141" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0935" fifth |strong="H2549" month |strong="H2320" <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0935" seventh |strong="H7637" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H1931" Artaxerxes was |strong="H1931" king |strong="H4428". <sup>9</sup> Ezra left |strong="H0935" Babylon |strong="H0894" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320" and |strong="H0935" arrived |strong="H0935" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921"

I TEACHER Literally, "scribe." This was a person who made copies of books. These men studied those books and became teachers.

II FIFTH MONTH That is, July–August, 458 B.C.

fifth |strong="H2549" month |strong="H2320". With |strong="H0413" God's |strong="H0430" blessing his |strong="H5921" trip went |strong="H0935" well |strong="H2896". <sup>10</sup> Ezra |strong="H5830" had |strong="H3068" always given his |strong="H3068" time |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068" attention to |strong="H3068" studying and |strong="H3068" obeying the |strong="H0853" law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3588" also |strong="H3068" loved to |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3925" its |strong="H0853" rules |strong="H2706" and |strong="H3068" commandments to |strong="H3068" others in |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478".

#### King Artaxerxes' Letter to |strong="H3068" Ezra |strong="H5830"

<sup>11</sup> Ezra |strong="H5830" was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" teacher. He |strong="H0834" knew much |strong="H1697" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" commands |strong="H4687" and |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H2706" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" Israel |strong="H3478". This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" copy |strong="H6572" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" letter |strong="H5406" King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes |strong="H0783" gave |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" Ezra |strong="H5830" the |strong="H0834" teacher:  
<sup>12</sup> <sup>III</sup> From |strong="H1768" King |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes |strong="H0783", To |strong="H4430" Ezra |strong="H5831" the |strong="H1768" priest |strong="H3549", a teacher of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" law |strong="H1882" of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" heaven |strong="H8065":  
Greetings!

<sup>13</sup> I |strong="H4481" give |strong="H7761" this order: Any |strong="H3606" of |strong="H4481" the |strong="H3606" Israelites living in |strong="H4437" my |strong="H1768" kingdom |strong="H4437", including priests |strong="H3549" and |strong="H4437" Levites |strong="H3879", who |strong="H1768" want to |strong="H2942" go with |strong="H5974" you |strong="H1768" to |strong="H2942" Jerusalem |strong="H3390", may go.

<sup>14</sup> I |strong="H4481" and |strong="H4430" my |strong="H1768" seven |strong="H7655" advisors send |strong="H7972" you |strong="H1768"

III Here, the text changes from Hebrew to Aramaic.

to |strong="H5922" Judah |strong="H3061" and |strong="H4430" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". Go and |strong="H4430" see how |strong="H5922" your |strong="H5922" people are |strong="H1768" doing in |strong="H0426" obeying the |strong="H3606" law |strong="H1882" of |strong="H0426" your |strong="H5922" God |strong="H0426". You |strong="H1768" have |strong="H4430" that |strong="H1768" law |strong="H1882" with |strong="H5922" you |strong="H1768".

<sup>15</sup> I |strong="H1768" and |strong="H4430" my |strong="H1768" advisors are |strong="H1768" giving gold |strong="H1722" and |strong="H4430" silver |strong="H3702" to |strong="H2987" the |strong="H1768" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" Israel |strong="H3479", who |strong="H1768" lives in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". You |strong="H1768" must take this gold |strong="H1722" and |strong="H4430" silver |strong="H3702" with |strong="H0426" you |strong="H1768". <sup>16</sup> You |strong="H1768" must also go through all |strong="H3606" the |strong="H3606" provinces |strong="H4083" of |strong="H0426" Babylonia. Collect the |strong="H3606" gifts from |strong="H1768" your peo- ple |strong="H5972", from |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" priests |strong="H3549", and |strong="H3702" from |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" Levites. The |strong="H3606" gifts are |strong="H1768" for |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" Temple |strong="H1005" of |strong="H0426" their |strong="H3606" God |strong="H0426" in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390".

<sup>17</sup> Use this |strong="H1836" mon- ey |strong="H3702" to |strong="H5922" buy |strong="H7066" bulls |strong="H8450", rams |strong="H1798", and |strong="H3702" male lambs |strong="H0563". Buy |strong="H7066" the |strong="H3606" grain offer- ings |strong="H5261" and |strong="H3702" drink |strong="H5261" offerings |strong="H5261" that |strong="H1768" go with |strong="H5922" these |strong="H1836" sacrifices. Then |strong="H6903" sacrifice |strong="H4504" them |strong="H1994" on |strong="H5922" the |strong="H3606" altar |strong="H4056" in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H3606" Tem- ple |strong="H1005" of |strong="H0426" your |strong="H5922" God |strong="H0426" in |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". <sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H1768" you |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3702" the |strong="H5921" other Jews may spend the |strong="H5921" sil- ver |strong="H3702" and |strong="H3702" gold |strong="H1722" left over |strong="H5921" any

way |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" want to |strong="H5921". Use it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" way |strong="H5921" that |strong="H1768" is |strong="H1768" pleasing to |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0426". <sup>19</sup> Take all these things to |strong="H6925" the |strong="H1768" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" Jerusalem |strong="H3390". They |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" for |strong="H1768" the |strong="H1768" worship in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" Tem- ple |strong="H1005" of |strong="H0426" your |strong="H3052" God |strong="H0426". <sup>20</sup> And |strong="H4430" you |strong="H1768" may get any other things that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" need for |strong="H1768" the |strong="H1768" Temple |strong="H1005" of |strong="H0426" your God |strong="H0426". Use the |strong="H1768" money in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" king's |strong="H4430" trea- sury |strong="H1005" to |strong="H4481" buy any- thing you |strong="H1768" need.

<sup>21</sup> Now |strong="H4430" I |strong="H0576", King |strong="H4430" Artaxerxes |strong="H0783", give |strong="H7761" this order: I |strong="H0576" order all |strong="H3606" the |strong="H3606" men who |strong="H1768" keep the |strong="H3606" king's |strong="H4430" money in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H3606" area west of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H3606" Euphrates Riv- er |strong="H5103" to |strong="H2942" give |strong="H7761" Ezra |strong="H5831" any- thing he |strong="H1768" wants. Ezra |strong="H5831" is |strong="H1768" a |strong="H7761" priest |strong="H3549" and |strong="H4430" a |strong="H7761" teacher of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H3606" Law |strong="H1882" of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H3606" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" heaven |strong="H8065". Do |strong="H5648" this quickly and |strong="H4430" completely. <sup>22</sup> Give this much to |strong="H5705" Ezra: 3 3/4 tons <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H1325" silver |strong="H3702", 600 bushels <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H1325" wheat, 600 gallons <sup>III</sup> of |strong="H1325" wine |strong="H2562", 600 gal- lons of |strong="H1325" olive oil |strong="H4887", and |strong="H3702" as |strong="H1768" much salt |strong="H4416" as |strong="H1768" Ezra wants. <sup>23</sup> Anything that |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" heaven |strong="H8065" has |strong="H0426" ordered for |strong="H1768" Ezra to |strong="H5922" get, you |strong="H1768"

I 3 3/4 TONS Literally, "100 talents" (3450 kg). II 600 BUSHELS Literally, "100 cors" |strong="H3734" III 600 GALLONS Lit- erally, "100 baths" (2200 l).

must give to **H5922** Ezra quickly and **H4430** completely. Do **H5648** this for **H1768** the **H3606** Temple **H1005** of **H0426** the **H3606** God **H0426** of **H0426** heaven **H8065**. We **H1768** don't want God **H0426** to **H5922** be **H0426** angry with **H5922** my **H1768** kingdom **H4437** or **H0426** my **H1768** sons **H1123**.

<sup>24</sup> I **H1768** want you **H1768** men to **H5922** know **H3046** that **H1768** it **H5922** is **H1768** against **H5922** the **H3606** law to **H5922** make **H3046** the **H3606** priests **H3549**, Levites **H3879**, singers **H2171**, gatekeepers, Temple **H1005** servants **H6399**, and **H1005** other workers in **H0426** God's Temple **H1005** pay taxes **H4061**. They **H1768** don't have to **H5922** pay taxes **H4061**, money to **H5922** honor the **H3606** king, or **H0426** any **H3606** customs fees. <sup>25</sup> Ezra **H5831**, I **H1768** give you **H0607** the **H3606** authority to **H2452** use the **H3606** wisdom **H2452** you **H0607** have **H1934** from **H1768** your **H4483** God **H0426** and **H2452** choose civil and **H2452** religious judges **H1782**. These men will **H1768** be **H0426** judges **H1782** for **H1768** all **H3606** the **H3606** people **H5972** living in **H0426** the **H3606** area west of **H0426** the **H3606** Euphrates River **H5103**. They **H1768** will **H1768** judge all **H3606** the **H3606** people **H5972** who **H1768** know **H3046** the **H3606** laws **H1882** of **H0426** your **H4483** God **H0426** and **H2452** they **H1768** will **H1768** teach **H3046** those **H1768** who **H1768** don't know **H3046** those **H1768** laws **H1882**. <sup>26</sup> Anyone **H3606** who **H1768** does **H5648** not **H3809** obey the **H3606** law **H1882** of **H0426** your God **H0426**,

or **H0426** the **H3606** law **H1882** of **H0426** the **H3606** king **H4430**, must be **H0426** punished. Depending on the **H3606** crime, they **H1768** must be **H0426** punished with **H0426** death **H4193**, or **H0426** sent away to **H4481** another country, or **H0426** their **H3606** property taken away, or **H0426** put into prison.

#### Ezra Praises God **H0426**

<sup>27</sup> I Blessed **H1288** is **H0834** the **H0853** LORD **H3068**, the **H0853** God **H0430** of **H4428** our **H3068** ancestors **H0001**. He **H0834** put **H5414** the **H0853** idea into **H5414** the **H0853** king's **H4428** heart **H3820** to **H3068** honor **H6286** the **H0853** LORD'S **H3068** Temple **H1004** in **H0430** Jerusalem **H3389**. <sup>28</sup> God **H0430** showed his **H3605** faithful **H2617** love **H2617** to **H5921** me **H6440** in **H5921** front **H6440** of **H4428** the **H3605** king **H4428**, his **H3605** advisors, and **H3068** the **H3605** king's **H4428** important officials **H8269**. The **H3605** LORD **H3068** my **H3605** God **H0430** was **H3068** with **H5973** me **H6440**, and **H3068** that **H3605** gave **H2388** me **H6440** courage **H2388**. I **H0589** gathered **H6908** together **H5973** the **H3605** leaders **H7218** of **H4428** Israel **H3478** to **H5921** go **H5927** with **H5973** me **H6440** to **H5921** Jerusalem.

#### List of Leaders Returning With Ezra

<sup>8</sup> These **H0428** are **H0428** the **H5973** names of **H4428** the **H5973** family **H0001** leaders **H7218** and **H4428** the **H5973** other **H0428** people who **H0428** came **H5927** with **H5973** me **H5973** to **H0001** Jerusalem from **H5927** Babylon **H0894**. We came **H5927**

<sup>1</sup> Here, the text changes from Aramaic back to Hebrew.

to|strong="H0001" Jerusalem during|strong="H0428" the|strong="H5973" rule|strong="H4438" of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Artaxerxes|strong="H0783". Here is|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5973" list|strong="H3187" of|strong="H4428" names:

<sup>2</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1732" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Phinehas|strong="H6372": Ger-shom|strong="H1647"; from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1732" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ithamar|strong="H0385": Daniel|strong="H1840"; from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1732" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" David|strong="H1732": Hat-tush|strong="H2407";

<sup>3</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shecaniah|strong="H7935": the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Parosh|strong="H6551", Zechariah|strong="H2148", and|strong="H1121" 150 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>4</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Pahath Moab: Eliehoenai|strong="H0454" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zeraiyah|strong="H2228", and|strong="H1121" 200 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>5</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zattu: Shecaniah|strong="H7935" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jahaziel|strong="H3166", and|strong="H1121" 300 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>6</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Adin|strong="H5720": Ebed|strong="H5651" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jonathan|strong="H3129", and|strong="H1121" 50 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>7</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Elam|strong="H5867": Jeshaiyah|strong="H3470" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Athaliah|strong="H6271", and|strong="H1121" 70 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>8</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shephatiah|strong="H8203": Zebadi-ah|strong="H2069" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Michael|strong="H4317", and|strong="H1121" 80 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>9</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Joab|strong="H3097": Obadiah|strong="H5662" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Je-

hiel|strong="H3171", and|strong="H1121" 218 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>10</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bani: Shelomith|strong="H8019" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Josiphiah|strong="H3131", and|strong="H1121" 160 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>11</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bebai|strong="H0893": Zechariah|strong="H2148" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bebai|strong="H0893", and|strong="H1121" 28 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>12</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Azgad|strong="H5803": Johanan|strong="H3110" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hakkatan|strong="H6997", and|strong="H1121" 110 other men|strong="H1121";

<sup>13</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" last|strong="H0314" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Adonikam|strong="H0140": Eliphelet|strong="H0467", Jeuel|strong="H3273", Shemaiah|strong="H8098", and|strong="H1121" 60 other|strong="H0428" men|strong="H1121";

<sup>14</sup> from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5973" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bigvai|strong="H0902": Uthai|strong="H5793", Zaccur, and|strong="H1121" 70 other men|strong="H1121".

#### The|strong="H5973" Return to|strong="H1121" Jerusalem

<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H3117" called|strong="H8033" all|strong="H3117" these|strong="H5971" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0413" meet|strong="H4672" together|strong="H6908" at|strong="H2583" the|strong="H0413" river|strong="H5104" that|strong="H3117" flows|strong="H0935" toward|strong="H0413" Aha-va|strong="H0163". We|strong="H3117" camped|strong="H2583" at|strong="H2583" that|strong="H3117" place|strong="H0935" for|strong="H0413" three|strong="H7969" days|strong="H3117". I|strong="H3117" learned|strong="H0995" there|strong="H8033" were|strong="H1121" priests|strong="H3548" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0413" group, but|strong="H3808" there|strong="H8033" were|strong="H1121" no|strong="H3808" Levites|strong="H3878". <sup>16</sup> So|strong="H7971" I|strong="H7971" called these lead-ers|strong="H7218": Eliezer|strong="H0461", Ariel|strong="H0740", Shemaiah|strong="H8098", El-nathan|strong="H0494", Jarib|strong="H3402", El-nathan|strong="H0494", Nathan|strong="H5416",



Zechariah |strong="H2148", and |strong="H7971" Meshullam |strong="H4918", and |strong="H7971" I |strong="H7971" called Joiarib |strong="H3114" and |strong="H7971" Elnathan |strong="H0494". (These men |strong="H7218" were |strong="H7218" teachers |strong="H0995".) <sup>17</sup> I |strong="H7760" sent |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H7218" to |strong="H0413" Iddo |strong="H0112", leader |strong="H7218" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" town of |strong="H1004" Casiphia |strong="H3703". I |strong="H7760" told |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413" what |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" Iddo |strong="H0112" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" relatives |strong="H0251", who |strong="H0430" are |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" workers in |strong="H5921" Casiphia |strong="H3703". I |strong="H7760" told |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H7218" to |strong="H0413" ask Iddo |strong="H0112" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H5921" relatives |strong="H0251" to |strong="H0413" send |strong="H3318" us |strong="H0413" workers to |strong="H0413" serve |strong="H8334" in |strong="H5921" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>18</sup> Because |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H3478" with |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921", they |strong="H5921" sent |strong="H3027" Sherebiah |strong="H8274", a |strong="H0935" skilled man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Mahli |strong="H4249" ( Mahli |strong="H4249" was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H0935" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3878", one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" Israel's |strong="H3478" sons |strong="H1121".) They |strong="H5921" also |strong="H3478" sent |strong="H3027" his |strong="H5921" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" brothers |strong="H0251", <sup>18</sup> men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" all |strong="H0376". <sup>19</sup> They also |strong="H0853" sent Hashabiah |strong="H2811" and |strong="H1121" Jeshaiiah |strong="H3470" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Merari |strong="H4847", along |strong="H0853" with |strong="H0854" their |strong="H4847" brothers |strong="H0251" and |strong="H1121" nephews. In |strong="H1121" all there were |strong="H1121" <sup>20</sup> men |strong="H1121". <sup>20</sup> Besides |strong="H4480" these |strong="H3605", there |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3881" <sup>220</sup> Temple |strong="H5411" workers |strong="H5656" whose |strong="H3605" ancestors

had |strong="H1732" been |strong="H3605" chosen by |strong="H8034" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H3967" his |strong="H3605" officials |strong="H8269" to |strong="H5414" help the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881". The |strong="H3605" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H8269" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3881" written on |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" list.

<sup>21</sup> There |strong="H8033" near |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" Ahava |strong="H0163" River |strong="H5104", I |strong="H4480" announced that |strong="H3605" we |strong="H8033" all |strong="H3605" should fast |strong="H6685". We |strong="H8033" should fast |strong="H6685" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H7121" ourselves |strong="H4480" humble before |strong="H6440" our |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H8033" wanted |strong="H1245" to |strong="H5921" ask God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H7121" safe |strong="H3477" trip for |strong="H5921" ourselves |strong="H4480", our |strong="H3605" children |strong="H2945", and |strong="H0430" for |strong="H5921" everything |strong="H3605" we |strong="H8033" owned. <sup>22</sup> I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0430" embarrassed |strong="H0954" to |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H7592" King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes for |strong="H3588" soldiers |strong="H2428" and |strong="H0430" horsemen |strong="H6571" to |strong="H0559" protect |strong="H5826" us |strong="H5921" as |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" traveled. There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3027" enemies |strong="H0341" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" road |strong="H1870". The |strong="H3605" reason |strong="H5921" I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0430" embarrassed |strong="H0954" to |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H7592" for |strong="H3588" protection was |strong="H0430" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H4428" what |strong="H2896" we |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0430" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428". We |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes, " Our |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" with |strong="H5921" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" trusts him |strong="H5921", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" very |strong="H2428" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H5921" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" turns |strong="H5921" away |strong="H4480" from |strong="H4480"

him |strong="H5921".<sup>23</sup> So |strong="H5921" we fast-  
ed |strong="H6684" and |strong="H0430"  
prayed |strong="H6279" to |strong="H5921"  
our |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430"  
about |strong="H5921" our |strong="H5921" trip.  
He |strong="H0430" answered |strong="H6279"  
our |strong="H5921" prayers |strong="H6279".

<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H3548" I |strong="H8147" chose  
twelve |strong="H6240" of |strong="H8269"  
the |strong="H5973" priests |strong="H3548"  
who |strong="H3548" were |strong="H8269" lead-  
ers |strong="H8269". I |strong="H8147" chose Sherebi-  
ah |strong="H8274", Hashabiah |strong="H2811",  
and |strong="H3548" ten |strong="H6235"  
of |strong="H8269" their |strong="H3548" broth-  
ers |strong="H0251".<sup>25</sup> I |strong="H3478"  
weighed |strong="H8254" the |strong="H3605" sil-  
ver |strong="H3701", gold |strong="H2091",  
and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" oth-  
er |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605"  
that |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" giv-  
en |strong="H3289" for |strong="H1004"  
God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004".  
I |strong="H3478" gave |strong="H3289"  
them |strong="H1992" to |strong="H3478"  
the |strong="H3605" twelve priests I |strong="H3478"  
had |strong="H0430" chosen. King |strong="H4428"  
Artaxerxes, his |strong="H3605" advisors,  
his |strong="H3605" important offi-  
cials |strong="H8269", and |strong="H3478"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Is-  
raelites |strong="H3478" in |strong="H0430" Babylon  
gave |strong="H3289" those |strong="H3605"  
things |strong="H3605" for |strong="H1004"  
God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>26</sup>  
I |strong="H5921" weighed |strong="H8254" all these  
things |strong="H3627". There were |strong="H3027"  
25 tons<sup>I</sup> of |strong="H3027" silver |strong="H3701".  
There were |strong="H3027" also 7500 pounds<sup>II</sup>  
of |strong="H3027" silver |strong="H3701" dishes  
and |strong="H3967" things |strong="H3627". There  
were |strong="H3027" 3 3/4 tons of |strong="H3027"  
gold |strong="H2091".<sup>27</sup> And |strong="H2091"  
I |strong="H8147" gave them |strong="H0505" 20  
gold |strong="H2091" bowls |strong="H3713".  
The |strong="H8147" bowls |strong="H3713" weighed  
about 19 pounds.<sup>III</sup> And |strong="H2091"  
I |strong="H8147" gave them |strong="H0505"  
two |strong="H8147" beautiful |strong="H2532" dishes  
made |strong="H3627" from |strong="H2091" polished  
bronze |strong="H5178" that |strong="H3627"  
were |strong="H3627" as |strong="H2091" valu-  
able |strong="H2532" as |strong="H2091"  
gold |strong="H2091".<sup>28</sup> Then |strong="H0859"  
I |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559"

I 25 TONS Literally, "650 talents" (22,425 kg). II 7500 POUNDS  
Literally, "100 talents" (3450 kg). III 19 POUNDS Literally, "1000 dar-  
ics |strong="H0150"

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" twelve  
priests: " You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068"  
these things |strong="H6944" are |strong="H3068"  
holy |strong="H6944" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". People  
gave |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068" sil-  
ver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3068"  
gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068",  
the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"  
of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" ances-  
tors |strong="H0001".<sup>29</sup> So |strong="H6440"  
guard |strong="H8104" these things |strong="H3478"  
carefully |strong="H8104". You |strong="H6440"  
are |strong="H3478" responsible for |strong="H1004"  
them |strong="H6440" until |strong="H5704"  
you |strong="H6440" give |strong="H8104"  
them |strong="H6440" to |strong="H5704"  
the |strong="H6440" Temple |strong="H1004" lead-  
ers |strong="H8269" in |strong="H3068"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389". You |strong="H6440"  
will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H8104"  
them |strong="H6440" to |strong="H5704"  
the |strong="H6440" leading |strong="H8269"  
Levites |strong="H3881" and |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H6440" family |strong="H1004" lead-  
ers |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1004" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478". They |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" weigh |strong="H8254"  
them |strong="H6440" and |strong="H3068" put  
them |strong="H6440" in |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H6440" rooms |strong="H3957"  
of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H6440"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004"  
in |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>30</sup>  
So |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935"  
priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H0935"  
Levites |strong="H3881" accepted |strong="H6901"  
the |strong="H0935" silver |strong="H3701",  
gold |strong="H2091", and |strong="H0935" special  
things |strong="H3627" that |strong="H1004" Ezra  
had |strong="H0430" weighed |strong="H4948"  
and |strong="H0935" given to |strong="H0935"  
them |strong="H0935". They |strong="H0935"  
were |strong="H3881" told to |strong="H0935"  
take |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0935" God's |strong="H0430" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0935"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>31</sup> On |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" twelfth  
day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H0430"  
the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223"  
month |strong="H2320",<sup>IV</sup> we left |strong="H5265"  
the |strong="H5921" Ahava |strong="H0163" Riv-  
er |strong="H5104" and |strong="H0430" start-  
ed |strong="H1961" toward |strong="H1870"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389". God |strong="H0430"

IV FIRST MONTH That is, March–April, 458 B.C.

was |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921", and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H0430" protected us |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5265" enemies |strong="H0341" and |strong="H0430" robbers along |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" way |strong="H1870".<sup>32</sup> Then |strong="H0935" we |strong="H3117" arrived |strong="H0935" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". We |strong="H3117" rested there |strong="H8033" for |strong="H3117" three |strong="H7969" days |strong="H3117".<sup>33</sup> On |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" fourth |strong="H7243" day |strong="H3117", we |strong="H3117" went |strong="H1004" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" weighed |strong="H8254" the |strong="H5921" silver |strong="H3701", gold |strong="H2091", and |strong="H1121" special things |strong="H3627". We |strong="H3117" gave them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" Meremoth |strong="H4822" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Uriah |strong="H0223" the |strong="H5921" priest |strong="H3548". Eleazar |strong="H0499" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Phinehas |strong="H6372" was |strong="H0430" with |strong="H5973" Meremoth |strong="H4822". The |strong="H5921" Levites |strong="H3881", Jozabad |strong="H3107" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jeshua |strong="H3442", and |strong="H1121" Noadiah |strong="H5129" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Binui |strong="H1131" were |strong="H1121" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H5921" also |strong="H0430".<sup>34</sup> We |strong="H3605" counted |strong="H4557" and |strong="H3605" weighed |strong="H4948" everything |strong="H3605" and |strong="H3605" we |strong="H3605" wrote |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" the |strong="H3605" total |strong="H3605" weight |strong="H4948".

<sup>35</sup> Then |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Jewish people |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3605" came |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" captivity |strong="H7628" offered |strong="H7126" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H5921" offered |strong="H7126" twelve |strong="H6240" bulls |strong="H6499" for |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478", 96 rams |strong="H0352", 77 male |strong="H3532" lambs |strong="H3532", and |strong="H1121" twelve |strong="H6240" male |strong="H3532" goats |strong="H6842" for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7126".

All |strong="H3605" this |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0935" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H7126" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>36</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" letter from |strong="H0430" King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" royal |strong="H4428" satraps |strong="H0323" and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" governors |strong="H6346" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" area west |strong="H5676" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" leaders gave |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5375" support |strong="H5375" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Israelites and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004".

#### Marriages to Non-Jewish People

**9** After |strong="H0413" we |strong="H0776" finished |strong="H3615" all |strong="H3615" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428", the |strong="H0559" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" came |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3478" said |strong="H0559", "Ezra, the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" have |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" kept themselves |strong="H0428" separate |strong="H0914" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H0428" people |strong="H5971" living around us |strong="H0413". And |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" Levites |strong="H3881" have |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" kept themselves |strong="H0428" separate |strong="H0914". The |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478" are |strong="H0428" being influenced by |strong="H0413" evil things |strong="H0428" done by |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Canaanites |strong="H3669", Hittites |strong="H2850", Perizzites |strong="H6522", Jebusites |strong="H2983", Ammonites |strong="H5984", Moabites |strong="H4125", Egyptians |strong="H4713", and |strong="H3478" Amorites |strong="H0567".<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3588" Israelites |strong="H2088" have |strong="H1961" married |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971" living around |strong="H3027" us |strong="H3588". The |strong="H3588" Israelites |strong="H2088" are |strong="H1992" supposed to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" special,

but |strong="H3588" now |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" mixed with |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" other |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" living around |strong="H3027" them |strong="H1992". The |strong="H3588" leaders |strong="H8269" and |strong="H1121" important officials |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" Israelites |strong="H2088" have |strong="H1961" set |strong="H6944" a |strong="H1961" bad example in |strong="H0776" this |strong="H2088" thing |strong="H6944"."<sup>3</sup> When |strong="H8085" I |strong="H1697" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H1697" this |strong="H2088", I |strong="H1697" tore |strong="H7167" my |strong="H8085" robe |strong="H4598" and |strong="H7218" my |strong="H8085" coat to |strong="H8085" show |strong="H8085" I |strong="H1697" was |strong="H1697" upset |strong="H1697". I |strong="H1697" pulled |strong="H4803" hair |strong="H8181" from |strong="H8085" my |strong="H8085" head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H7218" beard |strong="H2206". I |strong="H1697" sat |strong="H3427" down |strong="H3427", shocked |strong="H8074" and |strong="H7218" upset |strong="H1697".<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H3605" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" respected God's |strong="H0430" Law shook with |strong="H0413" fear. They |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3478" afraid because |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3605" came |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0413" from |strong="H5921" captivity were |strong="H3478" not faithful to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H3478" shocked |strong="H8074" and |strong="H3478" upset |strong="H1697". I |strong="H0589" sat |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" evening |strong="H6153" sacrifice |strong="H4503", and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" gathered |strong="H0622" around |strong="H5921" me |strong="H0413".

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H6965", when |strong="H3068" it |strong="H5921" was |strong="H3068" time for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" evening |strong="H6153" sacrifice |strong="H4503", I |strong="H3068" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965". I |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" made myself look shameful while |strong="H5921" I |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" sitting there |strong="H3068". My |strong="H3068" robe |strong="H4598" and |strong="H6965" coat were |strong="H0430" torn |strong="H7167", and |strong="H6965"

I |strong="H3068" fell |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" knees |strong="H1290" with |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3068" hands |strong="H3709" spread |strong="H6566" out |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H0559" I |strong="H3588" prayed |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3588" prayer:  
" My |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430", I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H0430" too ashamed |strong="H0954" and |strong="H0430" embarrassed |strong="H3637" to |strong="H0413" look at |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H0430" ashamed |strong="H0954" because |strong="H3588" our |strong="H0430" sins |strong="H5771" are |strong="H8064" higher |strong="H4605" than |strong="H7235" our |strong="H0430" heads |strong="H7218". Our |strong="H0430" guilt |strong="H5771" has |strong="H0430" reached |strong="H5704" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0559" way |strong="H6440" up |strong="H7311" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" heavens |strong="H8064".<sup>7</sup> We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H0001" been |strong="H0776" guilty |strong="H5771" of |strong="H4428" many |strong="H1419" sins |strong="H5771" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H4428" our |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001" until |strong="H5704" now |strong="H3117". We |strong="H0587" sinned so |strong="H5414" our |strong="H5414" kings |strong="H4428" and |strong="H0776" priests |strong="H3548" were |strong="H3117" punished. Foreign kings |strong="H4428" attacked |strong="H3027" us |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0776" took |strong="H5414" our |strong="H5414" people |strong="H0776" away. They |strong="H3117" took |strong="H5414" away our |strong="H5414" wealth and |strong="H0776" made |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" ashamed. It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H2088" the |strong="H6440" same |strong="H2088" even |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117".

<sup>8</sup> " But |strong="H1961" now |strong="H6258", finally, you |strong="H5414" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H1961" us |strong="H5414". You |strong="H5414" have |strong="H1961" let |strong="H5414" a |strong="H1961" few |strong="H4592" of |strong="H0430" us |strong="H5414" escape |strong="H6413" captivity and |strong="H3068" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" live in |strong="H0430" this |strong="H6258" holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H4725".

LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H5414" gave |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" new life |strong="H4241" and |strong="H3068" relief |strong="H4241" from |strong="H1961" our |strong="H3068" slavery |strong="H5659".<sup>9</sup> Yes |strong="H3588", we |strong="H0587" were |strong="H3063" slaves |strong="H5650", but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" would |strong="H4428" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" be |strong="H3808" slaves |strong="H5650" forever. You |strong="H3588" were |strong="H3063" kind to |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5414". You |strong="H3588" made |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Persia |strong="H6539" be |strong="H3808" kind to |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5414". Your |strong="H5414" Temple |strong="H1004" was |strong="H0430" ruined |strong="H2723", but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" new life |strong="H4241" so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H0587" can |strong="H5975" rebuild your |strong="H5414" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3063" repair it |strong="H5414" like |strong="H3808" new. God |strong="H0430", you |strong="H3588" helped us |strong="H5414" build a |strong="H3588" wall |strong="H1447" to |strong="H5921" protect Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>10</sup> " Now |strong="H6258", God |strong="H0430", what |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" we |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588"? We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H6258" stopped obeying you |strong="H3588" again |strong="H0310".

<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H0859" used your |strong="H0834" servants |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0559" prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H6680" these |strong="H1931" commands |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0859" said |strong="H0559", ' The |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" going |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H4390" in |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" own is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0935" ruined land |strong="H0776". It |strong="H1931" has |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" ruined by |strong="H3027" evil things |strong="H8441" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" living there |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H3027". They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H3027" very bad things |strong="H8441" in |strong="H0935" every place |strong="H3027" in |strong="H0935"

this |strong="H1931" land |strong="H0776". They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" made |strong="H0834" this |strong="H1931" land |strong="H0776" dirty with |strong="H4390" their |strong="H0935" sins.<sup>12</sup> So |strong="H4616" Israelites, don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" children |strong="H1121" marry |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5375" children |strong="H1121". Don't |strong="H0408" join them |strong="H5414". Don't |strong="H0408" want |strong="H3423" the |strong="H0853" things |strong="H2898" they |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1121". Obey my |strong="H5414" commands so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H4616" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" strong |strong="H2388" and |strong="H1121" enjoy the |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H2898" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776". And |strong="H1121" then |strong="H6258" you |strong="H5414" can |strong="H1121" keep this |strong="H6258" land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H1121" give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5704" your |strong="H5414" children |strong="H1121".'

<sup>13</sup> " What |strong="H4639" has |strong="H0430" happened |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" us |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0430" our |strong="H3605" own fault |strong="H7451". We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" done |strong="H4639" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605", and |strong="H0935" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" much |strong="H3605" guilt |strong="H5771". But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859", our |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430", have |strong="H0859" punished us |strong="H5414" much |strong="H3605" less |strong="H3588" than |strong="H5921" we |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" been |strong="H3605". We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" done |strong="H4639" many |strong="H1419" terrible |strong="H7451" sins |strong="H5771", and |strong="H0935" we |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" been |strong="H3605" punished worse |strong="H7451". And |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0859" even |strong="H3588" let |strong="H5414" some |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" our |strong="H3605" people escape |strong="H6413" captivity.<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H3808" we |strong="H5704" know that |strong="H3808" we |strong="H5704" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" break |strong="H6565" your |strong="H7725" commands |strong="H4687". We |strong="H5704" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" marry

those **strong**="H0428" people **strong**="H5971". They **strong**="H3808" do **strong**="H0369" very **strong**="H5704" bad things **strong**="H0428". God **strong**="H3808", if we **strong**="H5704" continue to **strong**="H5704" marry these **strong**="H0428" bad people **strong**="H5971", we **strong**="H5704" know you **strong**="H5704" will **strong**="H0369" de-  
stroy **strong**="H3615" us **strong**="H7725". Then **strong**="H7725" there **strong**="H0369" would **strong**="H0369" be **strong**="H3808" no **strong**="H3808" one **strong**="H0369" from **strong**="H7725" the **strong**="H5704" Israelites left **strong**="H7725" alive.

<sup>15</sup> " LORD **strong**="H3068", God **strong**="H0430" of **strong**="H0430" Israel **strong**="H3478", you **strong**="H0859" are **strong**="H3117" good **strong**="H2005", and **strong**="H3068" you **strong**="H0859" still **strong**="H5975" have **strong**="H0369" let some **strong**="H3117" of **strong**="H0430" us **strong**="H5921" live **strong**="H3117". Yes **strong**="H3588", we **strong**="H3588" are **strong**="H3117" guilty **strong**="H0819", and **strong**="H3068" be-  
cause **strong**="H3588" of **strong**="H0430" our **strong**="H3068" guilt **strong**="H0819", not **strong**="H0369" one **strong**="H0369" of **strong**="H0430" us **strong**="H5921" should **strong**="H3068" be **strong**="H3478" al-  
lowed **strong**="H3068" to **strong**="H5921" stand **strong**="H5975" in **strong**="H5921" front **strong**="H6440" of **strong**="H0430" you **strong**="H0859"."

### The People Confess Their Sin

**10** Ezra **strong**="H5830" was **strong**="H3478" praying **strong**="H6419" and **strong**="H3478" confessing **strong**="H3034". He **strong**="H3588" was **strong**="H3478" crying **strong**="H1058" and **strong**="H3478" bowing down **strong**="H5307" in **strong**="H0413" front **strong**="H6440" of **strong**="H1004" God's **strong**="H0430" Tem-  
ple **strong**="H1004". While **strong**="H3588" Ezra **strong**="H5830" was **strong**="H3478" doing that **strong**="H3588", a **strong**="H3588" large **strong**="H7227" group **strong**="H7235" of **strong**="H1004" the **strong**="H6440" Is-  
raelites **strong**="H3478"— men **strong**="H0376", women **strong**="H0802", and **strong**="H3478" chil-  
dren **strong**="H3206"— gathered **strong**="H6908" around **strong**="H6440" him **strong**="H0413". They **strong**="H3588" were **strong**="H3478" cry-  
ing **strong**="H1058". <sup>2</sup> Then **strong**="H6030" Sheca-  
niah **strong**="H7935" son **strong**="H1121" of **strong**="H1121" Jehiel **strong**="H3171", one **strong**="H0802" of **strong**="H1121" the **strong**="H0559" descendants **strong**="H1121" of **strong**="H1121" Elam **strong**="H5867", spoke **strong**="H0559" to **strong**="H0559"

Ezra **strong**="H5830" and **strong**="H1121" said **strong**="H0559", " We **strong**="H0587" have **strong**="H3426" not **strong**="H0776" been **strong**="H4603" faithful to **strong**="H0559" our **strong**="H5921" God **strong**="H0430". We **strong**="H0587" have **strong**="H3426" mar-  
ried **strong**="H0802" the **strong**="H0559" peo-  
ple **strong**="H5971" living **strong**="H3427" around **strong**="H5921" us **strong**="H5921". But **strong**="H6030", even **strong**="H0776" though we **strong**="H0587" have **strong**="H3426" done this **strong**="H2063", there **strong**="H3426" is **strong**="H0776" still **strong**="H0559" hope for **strong**="H5921" Israel **strong**="H3478". <sup>3</sup> Now **strong**="H6258" let **strong**="H6258" us **strong**="H6213" make **strong**="H6213" an **strong**="H3772" agreement **strong**="H1285" be-  
fore **strong**="H0430" our **strong**="H3605" God **strong**="H0430" to **strong**="H3205" send **strong**="H3318" away **strong**="H3318" all **strong**="H3605" these **strong**="H1992" women **strong**="H0802" and **strong**="H0430" their **strong**="H3605" children **strong**="H3205". We **strong**="H6258" will **strong**="H0430" do **strong**="H6213" that **strong**="H3605" to **strong**="H3205" follow the **strong**="H3605" ad-  
vice **strong**="H6098" of **strong**="H0430" Ezra and **strong**="H0430" the **strong**="H3605" people who **strong**="H3605" respect the **strong**="H3605" laws **strong**="H8451" of **strong**="H0430" our **strong**="H3605" God **strong**="H0430". We **strong**="H6258" will **strong**="H0430" obey **strong**="H6213" God's **strong**="H0430" law **strong**="H8451". <sup>4</sup> Get **strong**="H6965" up **strong**="H6965", Ezra. This **strong**="H3588" is **strong**="H1697" your **strong**="H5921" responsi-  
bility **strong**="H5921", but **strong**="H3588" we **strong**="H0587" will **strong**="H1697" sup-  
port **strong**="H2388" you **strong**="H3588". So **strong**="H6213" be **strong**="H1697" brave and **strong**="H6965" do **strong**="H6213" it **strong**="H5921"."

<sup>5</sup> So **strong**="H6213" Ezra **strong**="H5830" got **strong**="H6965" up **strong**="H6965". He **strong**="H6213" made **strong**="H6213" the **strong**="H3605" leading **strong**="H8269" priests **strong**="H3548", the **strong**="H3605" Levites **strong**="H3881", and **strong**="H6965" all **strong**="H3605" the **strong**="H3605" Is-  
raelites **strong**="H3478" promise **strong**="H1697" to **strong**="H3478" do **strong**="H6213" what **strong**="H1697" he **strong**="H6213" said **strong**="H1697". <sup>6</sup> Then **strong**="H6965" Ezra **strong**="H5830" went **strong**="H6965" away **strong**="H0398" from **strong**="H5921" the **strong**="H6440" front **strong**="H6440" of **strong**="H1121" God's **strong**="H0430" house **strong**="H1004". He **strong**="H3588"

went *strong="H6965"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H6440"* room *strong="H1004"* of *strong="H1121"* Jehohanan *strong="H3076"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Eliashib *strong="H0475"*. While *strong="H3588"* Ezra *strong="H5830"* was *strong="H0430"* there *strong="H8033"*, he *strong="H3588"* didn't *strong="H3808"* eat *strong="H0398"* food *strong="H3899"* or *strong="H3808"* drink *strong="H8354"* water *strong="H4325"*. He *strong="H3588"* did *strong="H3808"* that *strong="H3588"* because *strong="H3588"* he *strong="H3588"* was *strong="H0430"* still very *strong="H4604"* sad. He *strong="H3588"* was *strong="H0430"* very *strong="H0430"* sad about *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H6440"* Israelites who *strong="H1121"* came *strong="H0413"* back *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup> Then *strong="H5674"* he *strong="H3389"* sent a *strong="H3389"* message *strong="H3389"* to *strong="H3389"* every *strong="H3605"* place *strong="H3605"* in *strong="H1121"* Judah *strong="H3063"* and *strong="H1121"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. The *strong="H3605"* message *strong="H3389"* told all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* Jewish people *strong="H1121"* who *strong="H3605"* had *strong="H3063"* come back from *strong="H1121"* captivity to *strong="H3389"* meet *strong="H6908"* together *strong="H6908"* in *strong="H1121"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. <sup>8</sup> Those *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H0834"* not *strong="H3808"* come *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* Jerusalem in *strong="H0935"* three *strong="H7969"* days *strong="H3117"* like *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* officials *strong="H8269"* and *strong="H0935"* elders *strong="H2205"* said would *strong="H0834"* lose their *strong="H3605"* property *strong="H7399"* and *strong="H0935"* be *strong="H3808"* removed from *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H3605"* group.

<sup>9</sup> So *strong="H1697"* in *strong="H3427"* three *strong="H7969"* days *strong="H3117"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* men *strong="H0376"* from *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* families *strong="H1004"* of *strong="H1004"* Judah *strong="H3063"* and *strong="H3063"* Benjamin *strong="H1144"* gathered *strong="H6908"* in *strong="H3427"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. And *strong="H3063"* on *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* twentieth *strong="H6242"* day *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H3605"* ninth *strong="H8671"* month *strong="H2320"*, <sup>I</sup> all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* met together *strong="H6908"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H3605"* Tem-

I NINTH MONTH That is, November–December.

ple *strong="H1004"* yard. They *strong="H3117"* were *strong="H0376"* very upset *strong="H1697"* because *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H3605"* reason *strong="H1697"* for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* meeting and *strong="H3063"* because *strong="H5921"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H3605"* heavy rain *strong="H1653"*. <sup>10</sup> Then *strong="H6965"* Ezra *strong="H5830"* the *strong="H0559"* priest *strong="H3548"* stood *strong="H6965"* and *strong="H6965"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* them *strong="H0413"*, " You *strong="H0859"* people *strong="H3427"* have *strong="H0859"* not *strong="H3254"* been *strong="H4603"* faithful to *strong="H0413"* God *strong="H0559"*. You *strong="H0859"* have *strong="H0859"* married *strong="H0802"* foreign *strong="H5237"* women *strong="H0802"*. You *strong="H0859"* have *strong="H0859"* made *strong="H0802"* Israel *strong="H3478"* more *strong="H3254"* guilty *strong="H0819"* by *strong="H5921"* doing that *strong="H0559"*. <sup>11</sup> Now *strong="H6258"* you *strong="H5414"* must *strong="H0776"* confess your *strong="H3068"* sins to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H5414"* LORD *strong="H3068"*, the *strong="H5414"* God *strong="H0430"* of *strong="H0776"* your *strong="H3068"* ancestors *strong="H0001"*. You *strong="H5414"* must *strong="H0776"* obey *strong="H6213"* his *strong="H5414"* command. Separate *strong="H0914"* yourselves *strong="H3068"* from *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H5414"* people *strong="H5971"* living around you *strong="H5414"* and *strong="H3068"* from *strong="H4480"* your *strong="H3068"* foreign *strong="H5237"* wives *strong="H0802"*."

<sup>12</sup> Then *strong="H6030"* the *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* group who *strong="H3605"* met together *strong="H5921"* answered *strong="H0559"* Ezra. They *strong="H3651"* shouted, "Ezra, you *strong="H3605"* are *strong="H1697"* right *strong="H3651"*! We *strong="H3605"* must do *strong="H6213"* what *strong="H1697"* you *strong="H3605"* say *strong="H0559"*. <sup>13</sup> But *strong="H3588"* there *strong="H0369"* are *strong="H3117"* many *strong="H7227"* people *strong="H5971"* here *strong="H2088"*. And *strong="H3117"* it *strong="H3588"* is *strong="H0369"* the *strong="H3588"* rainy *strong="H1653"* time *strong="H6256"* of *strong="H3117"* year *strong="H3117"*, so *strong="H3808"* we *strong="H3588"* cannot *strong="H3808"* stay *strong="H5975"* outside *strong="H2351"*. This *strong="H2088"* problem cannot *strong="H3808"* be *strong="H3808"* solved in *strong="H3117"* a *strong="H3588"* day *strong="H3117"* or *strong="H3808"*

two |strong="H8147" because |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0369" sinned in |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3588" very |strong="H2088" bad way |strong="H1697".<sup>14</sup> Let |strong="H4994" our |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" decide |strong="H8199" for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" group meeting here |strong="H2088". Then |strong="H2088" let |strong="H4994" every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H2205" in |strong="H3427" our |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" who |strong="H0834" married |strong="H0802" a |strong="H0935" foreign |strong="H5237" woman |strong="H0802" come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem at |strong="H3427" a |strong="H0935" planned time |strong="H6256". Let |strong="H4994" them |strong="H7725" come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H2088" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H3605" elders |strong="H2205" and |strong="H0935" judges |strong="H8199" of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892". Then |strong="H2088" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" stop |strong="H5975" being |strong="H0430" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H4994"."

<sup>15</sup> Only |strong="H0389" a |strong="H5921" few men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1121" against |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" plan. They |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1121" Jonathan |strong="H3129" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Asahel |strong="H6214" and |strong="H1121" Jahzeiah |strong="H3167" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Tikvah |strong="H8616". Meshullam |strong="H4918" and |strong="H1121" Shabbethai |strong="H7678" the |strong="H5921" Levite |strong="H3881" also |strong="H2063" were |strong="H1121" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" plan.

<sup>16</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" Israelites who |strong="H3605" came |strong="H0376" back |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0376" Jerusalem accepted the |strong="H3605" plan |strong="H1697". Ezra |strong="H5830" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" chose |strong="H6213" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" family |strong="H1004" leaders |strong="H7218". He |strong="H3117" chose |strong="H6213" one |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0376" each |strong="H0376" tribe. Each |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" was |strong="H8034" chosen by |strong="H3117" name |strong="H8034". On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H0259" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605"

tenth |strong="H6224" month |strong="H2320",<sup>I</sup> the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1121" chosen sat |strong="H3427" down |strong="H3427" to |strong="H0376" study |strong="H1875" each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" cases |strong="H1697".<sup>17</sup> And |strong="H3117" by |strong="H0802" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320",<sup>II</sup> they |strong="H3117" finished |strong="H3615" discussing all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" who |strong="H3605" had |strong="H0376" married |strong="H0802" foreign |strong="H5237" women |strong="H0802".

List of |strong="H0376" Men |strong="H0376" Who |strong="H3605"

Married |strong="H0802" Foreign |strong="H5237" Women |strong="H0802"

<sup>18</sup> These |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" names of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" priests |strong="H3548" who |strong="H0834" married |strong="H0802" foreign |strong="H5237" women |strong="H0802":

From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jeshua |strong="H3442" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jozadak and |strong="H1121" Jeshua's brothers |strong="H0251", these |strong="H0834" men |strong="H1121": Maa-seiah |strong="H4641", Eliezer |strong="H0461", Jarib |strong="H3402", and |strong="H1121" Gedaliah |strong="H1436".<sup>19</sup> All of |strong="H3027" them |strong="H5414" promised |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" divorce their |strong="H5414" wives |strong="H0802". And |strong="H3027" then |strong="H3318" each |strong="H0802" one |strong="H0802" of |strong="H3027" them |strong="H5414" offered |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" ram |strong="H0352" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5921" flock |strong="H6629" for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5414" guilt |strong="H0819" offering |strong="H0819". They |strong="H5921" did that |strong="H3027" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3027" their |strong="H5414" guilt |strong="H0819".

<sup>20</sup> From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Immer |strong="H0564", these men |strong="H1121":

I TENTH MONTH That is, December-January. II FIRST MONTH That is, March-April.



Hanani |strong="H2607" and |strong="H1121" Zebadiah |strong="H2069".

21 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H8098" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Harim |strong="H2766", these men |strong="H1121": Maaseiah |strong="H4641", Elijah |strong="H0452", Shemaiah |strong="H8098", Jehiel |strong="H3171", and |strong="H1121" Uzzi-ah |strong="H5818".

22 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3458" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Pashhur |strong="H6583", these men |strong="H1121": Elioenai |strong="H0454", Maaseiah |strong="H4641", Ishmael |strong="H3458", Nethanel |strong="H5417", Jozabad |strong="H3107", and |strong="H1121" Elasah |strong="H0501".

23 Among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" Levites |strong="H3881", these |strong="H1931" are |strong="H3063" the |strong="H4480" men who |strong="H1931" married foreign women:

Jozabad |strong="H3107", Shimei |strong="H8096", Kelaiah |strong="H7041" ( also |strong="H3063" called Kelita |strong="H7042"), Pethahiah |strong="H6611", Judah |strong="H3063", and |strong="H3063" Eliezer |strong="H0461".

24 Among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" singers |strong="H7891", this is the |strong="H4480" man who |strong="H7891" married a |strong="H4480" foreign woman: Eliashib |strong="H0475".

Among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" gatekeepers |strong="H7778", these are the |strong="H4480" men who |strong="H7891" married foreign women: Shallum |strong="H7967", Telem |strong="H2928", and |strong="H7891" Uri |strong="H0221".

25 Among |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0499" other Israelites |strong="H3478", these men |strong="H1121" married foreign women:

From |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0499" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Parosh |strong="H6551", these men |strong="H1121": Ramiah |strong="H7422", Izziah |strong="H3150", Malkijah |strong="H4441", Mijamin |strong="H4326", Eleazar |strong="H0499", Malkijah |strong="H4441", and |strong="H1121" Benaiah |strong="H1141".

26 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Elam |strong="H5867", these men |strong="H1121": Mattaniah |strong="H4983", Zechariah |strong="H2148", Jehiel |strong="H3171", Abdi |strong="H5660", Jeremoth |strong="H3406", and |strong="H1121" Elijah |strong="H0452".

27 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zattu |strong="H2240", these men |strong="H1121":

Elioenai |strong="H0454", Eliashib |strong="H0475", Mattaniah |strong="H4983", Jeremoth |strong="H3406", Zabad |strong="H2066", and |strong="H1121" Aziza |strong="H5819".

28 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3076" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bebai |strong="H0893", these men |strong="H1121": Jehohanan |strong="H3076", Hananiah |strong="H2608", Zabbai |strong="H2079", and |strong="H1121" Athlai.

29 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bani |strong="H1137", these men |strong="H1121": Meshullam |strong="H4918", Mal-luch |strong="H4409", Adaiah |strong="H5718", Jashub |strong="H3437", Sheal |strong="H7594", and |strong="H1121" Jeremoth |strong="H3406".

30 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1141" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Pahath Moab, these men |strong="H1121": Adna |strong="H5733", Kelal |strong="H3636", Benaiah |strong="H1141", Maaseiah |strong="H4641", Mattaniah |strong="H4983", Bezalel |strong="H1212", Binnui |strong="H1131", and |strong="H1121" Manasseh |strong="H4519".

31 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H8098" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Harim |strong="H2766", these men |strong="H1121": Eliezer |strong="H0461", Ishijah |strong="H3449", Malkijah |strong="H4441", Shemaiah |strong="H8098", Shimeon |strong="H8095",

32 Benjamin |strong="H1144", Mal-luch |strong="H4409", and |strong="H1144" She-mariah |strong="H8114".

33 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hashum |strong="H2828", these men |strong="H1121": Mattenai |strong="H4982", Mattattah |strong="H4992", Zabad |strong="H2066", Eliphelet |strong="H0467", Jeremai |strong="H3413", Manasseh |strong="H4519", and |strong="H1121" Shimei |strong="H8096".

34 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Bani |strong="H1137", these men |strong="H1121": Maadai |strong="H4572", Amram |strong="H6019", Uel |strong="H0177",<sup>35</sup> Benaiah |strong="H1141", Bedeiah |strong="H0912", Keluhi |strong="H3622",

36 Vaniah |strong="H2057", Jeremoth |strong="H4822", Eliashib |strong="H0475",<sup>37</sup> Mattaniah |strong="H4983", Mattenai |strong="H4982", and Jaasu |strong="H3299".

38 From |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Binnui |strong="H1131", these men |strong="H1121": Shimei |strong="H8096",<sup>39</sup> Shele-miah |strong="H8018", Nathan |strong="H5416", Adaiah |strong="H5718",<sup>40</sup> Macnadebai,

Shashai|strong="H8343", Sharai|strong="H8298",  
<sup>41</sup> Azarel|strong="H5832", Shelemi-  
 ah|strong="H8018", Shemariah|strong="H8114", <sup>42</sup>  
 Shallum|strong="H7967", Amariah|strong="H0568",  
 and|strong="H3130" Joseph|strong="H3130".  
<sup>43</sup> From|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1141" de-  
 scendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
 Nebo|strong="H5015", these men|strong="H1121":  
 Jeiel|strong="H3273", Mattithiah|strong="H4993",  
 Zabad|strong="H2066", Zebina|strong="H2081",

Jaddai|strong="H3035", Joel|strong="H3100",  
 and|strong="H1121" Benaiah|strong="H1141".  
<sup>44</sup> All|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428"  
 men|strong="H1121" married|strong="H0802" for-  
 eign|strong="H5237" women|strong="H0802",  
 and|strong="H1121" some|strong="H0428"  
 of|strong="H1121" them|strong="H1992"  
 had|strong="H1121" children|strong="H1121"  
 with|strong="H0802" these|strong="H0428"  
 wives|strong="H0802".

# Nehemiah

## Nehemiah's Prayer

<sup>1</sup> These are *the words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah*: I was in the capital city of Susa in the month of Kislev. This was in the 20th year that Artaxerxes was king. <sup>2</sup> While I was in Susa, one of my brothers named Hanani and some other men came from Judah. I asked about the Jews who had escaped captivity in Judah. I also asked about the city of Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> They answered, "Nehemiah, the Jews who escaped captivity are in the land of Judah in much trouble. They are having many problems and are full of shame because

the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

<sup>4</sup> When I heard about the people and the wall, I sat down and cried. I was very sad. I fasted and prayed to God of heaven for several days. <sup>5</sup> Then I prayed this prayer:

" LORD, God of heaven, you are the great and powerful God. You are the God who keeps his agreement of love with people who love you and obey your commands."

<sup>6</sup> " Please open your eyes and ears and listen to the prayer of your servant who is praying before you day

I KISLEV ... 20TH YEAR This was about December, 444 B.C.

and |strong="H1121" night |strong="H3915". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" praying |strong="H6419" for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" servants |strong="H5650", the |strong="H6440" Israelites |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0589" confess |strong="H3034" the |strong="H6440" sins |strong="H2398" we |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478" have |strong="H1961" done |strong="H1961" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" confessing |strong="H3034" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H1961" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" other people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H0805" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H1004" have |strong="H1961" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834". <sup>7</sup> We |strong="H0834" Israelites have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" very bad to |strong="H8104" you |strong="H0834". We |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obeyed |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" commands |strong="H6680", rules |strong="H2706", and |strong="H4872" laws |strong="H2706" you |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6680" your |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872".

<sup>8</sup> " Please |strong="H4994" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0853" teaching you |strong="H0859" gave |strong="H6680" your |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650" Moses |strong="H4872". You |strong="H0859" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0853", ' If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" Israelites are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H2142" faithful, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834" force you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1697" scattered |strong="H6327" among the |strong="H0853" other nations |strong="H5971". <sup>9</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" Israelites come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H4687", this |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213": Even |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" forced to |strong="H0413" leave their |strong="H7725" homes and |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935"

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" ends of |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" earth |strong="H8064", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" gather |strong="H6908" them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H7725" there |strong="H8033". And |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H4725" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" chosen |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0413" put |strong="H0935" my |strong="H8104" name |strong="H8034".'

<sup>10</sup> " The |strong="H0834" Israelites are |strong="H0834" your |strong="H0834" servants |strong="H5650" and |strong="H3027" your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971". You |strong="H0834" used your |strong="H0834" great |strong="H1419" power |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" rescued |strong="H6299" them |strong="H1992". <sup>11</sup> So |strong="H1961", Lord |strong="H0136", please |strong="H4994" listen |strong="H0241" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5414" prayer |strong="H8605". And |strong="H4428" listen |strong="H0241" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" prayers |strong="H8605" of |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3117" your |strong="H5414" other |strong="H2088" servants |strong="H5650" who |strong="H0376" are |strong="H3117" happy to |strong="H0413" honor |strong="H8034" you |strong="H5414". Help me |strong="H0413" today |strong="H3117" as |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" ask |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" for |strong="H0413" help. Make |strong="H5414" him |strong="H0413" pleased with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" kind and |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" what |strong="H2088" I |strong="H0589" ask |strong="H4428" for |strong="H0413".'

At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117", I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" wine servant |strong="H5650".  
I

### The King Sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem

<sup>2</sup> In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" Nisan |strong="H5212" in |strong="H8141"

I WINE SERVANT This important official was always close to the king and tasted the food and wine to make sure they were safe for the king to eat and drink.

the <sup>1</sup>20th year of King Artaxerxes, some wine was brought to the king. I took wine and gave it to the king. I had never before when I was with him now was sad. <sup>2</sup> So the king asked me, "Are you sick? Why do you look sad? Think your heart is full of sadness."

Then I was afraid. <sup>3</sup> But even though I was afraid, I said to the king, "May the king live forever! I am sad because the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and the gates that have been destroyed by fire."

<sup>4</sup> Then the king said to me, "What do you want me to do?"

Before I answered, I

prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I answered the king, "If it would please the king, and if I have good you, please send to Jerusalem, the city in Judah my ancestors are buried. I want to go there and rebuild the city."

<sup>6</sup> The king and queen was sitting next him and asked me, "How long will your trip take? When will you get back here?"

The king was to send me, so I gave him a certain time. <sup>7</sup> I also said to the king, "If it would please the king to do something else for me, let me ask you. Please give me some letters to show the governors of the area west of the king's area."

phrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104". I |strong="H0834" need these |strong="H0834" letters |strong="H0107" so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" governors |strong="H6346" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" permission to |strong="H0413" pass |strong="H5674" safely through |strong="H5674" their |strong="H5414" lands on |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5414" way |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>8</sup> I |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" need lumber for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" heavy wooden |strong="H6086" beams |strong="H6086" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" gates |strong="H8179", the |strong="H0853" walls |strong="H2346", the |strong="H0853" walls |strong="H2346" around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004", and |strong="H0935" my |strong="H8104" house |strong="H1004". So |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0834" need a |strong="H5414" letter |strong="H0107" from |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" Asaph |strong="H0623", who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" your |strong="H5414" forests |strong="H6086"."

The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" gave |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" letters |strong="H0107" and |strong="H0935" everything |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H0413" for |strong="H5921". The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" did |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" because |strong="H5921" my |strong="H8104" God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0834" kind |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".

<sup>9</sup> So |strong="H7971" I |strong="H5414" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" governors |strong="H6346" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" area west |strong="H5676" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104" and |strong="H0935" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" letters |strong="H0107" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" had |strong="H4428" also |strong="H0853" sent |strong="H7971" army |strong="H2428" officers |strong="H8269" and |strong="H0935" soldiers |strong="H2428" on |strong="H0413" horses |strong="H6571" with |strong="H5973" me |strong="H0413". <sup>10</sup> Sanballat |strong="H5571" from |strong="H0935" Horon and |strong="H1121" Tobiah |strong="H2900"

the |strong="H0834" Ammonite |strong="H5984" official |strong="H5650" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H7451". They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H0834" very |strong="H1419" upset |strong="H7489" and |strong="H1121" angry that |strong="H0834" someone |strong="H0120" had |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" help the |strong="H0834" Israelites |strong="H3478".

### Nehemiah Inspects the |strong="H0834" Walls of |strong="H1121" Jerusalem

<sup>11</sup> I went to Jerusalem and stayed there three days. Then at night I started out with a few men. I had not said anything to anyone about what my God had put on my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no horses with me except the horse I was riding. <sup>13</sup> While |strong="H1961" it |strong="H0398" was |strong="H1961" dark I |strong="H0834" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" through |strong="H6555" the |strong="H6440" Valley |strong="H1516" Gate |strong="H8179". I |strong="H0834" rode toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" Dragon |strong="H8577" Well |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0398" the |strong="H6440" Gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H5869" the |strong="H6440" Ash |strong="H0830" Piles. I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" inspecting |strong="H7663" the |strong="H6440" walls |strong="H2346" of |strong="H5869" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" that |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H1961" broken |strong="H6555" down |strong="H6555" and |strong="H0398" the |strong="H6440" gates |strong="H8179" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" wall |strong="H2346" that |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H1961" burned with |strong="H0413" fire |strong="H0784". <sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H5674" I |strong="H8478" rode on |strong="H0413" toward |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Fountain Gate |strong="H8179" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0413" King's |strong="H4428" Pool |strong="H1295". As |strong="H8478" I |strong="H8478" got close, I |strong="H8478" could see |strong="H5869" there |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" enough room |strong="H4725" for |strong="H8478" my |strong="H8478" horse to |strong="H0413" get through |strong="H5674". <sup>15</sup> So |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0935" valley |strong="H1516" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" dark, inspecting |strong="H7663" the |strong="H0935"

wall |strong="H2346". Finally, I |strong="H0935" turned |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" in |strong="H0935" through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Valley |strong="H1516" Gate |strong="H8179".<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0589" officials |strong="H5461" and |strong="H1980" important |strong="H5704" Israelites didn't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" where |strong="H0575" I |strong="H0589" had |strong="H3045" gone |strong="H1980". They |strong="H3651" didn't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4100" I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H3651" doing |strong="H6213". I |strong="H0589" had |strong="H3045" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3808" said |strong="H3651" anything |strong="H4399" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0589" Jews |strong="H3064", the |strong="H0589" priests |strong="H3548", the |strong="H0589" king's family, the |strong="H0589" officials |strong="H5461", or |strong="H3808" any |strong="H4399" of |strong="H3548" the |strong="H0589" other people |strong="H3808" who |strong="H3548" would |strong="H4100" be |strong="H3808" doing |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0589" work |strong="H4399".

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", " You |strong="H0859" can |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" trouble |strong="H7451" we |strong="H0587" have |strong="H1961" here: Jerusalem |strong="H3389" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" pile of |strong="H8179" ruins |strong="H2717", and |strong="H3389" its |strong="H0853" gates |strong="H8179" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" burned |strong="H3341" with |strong="H0413" fire |strong="H0784". Come |strong="H1961", let's rebuild |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346" of |strong="H8179" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Then |strong="H1961" we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" ashamed anymore |strong="H5750"."

<sup>18</sup> I |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0637" told |strong="H5046" them |strong="H0853" that |strong="H0834" my |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H2388" kind |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5046". I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" them |strong="H0853" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" had |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5046". Then |strong="H6965" they |strong="H0834" an-

swered |strong="H0559", "Let's start |strong="H2388" to |strong="H0559" work |strong="H1697", now |strong="H3027"! So |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" began this |strong="H1931" good |strong="H2896" work |strong="H1697".<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H0859" Sanballat |strong="H5571" from |strong="H5921" Horon, Tobiah |strong="H2900" the |strong="H0559" Ammonite |strong="H5984" official |strong="H5650", and |strong="H4428" Geshem |strong="H1654" the |strong="H0559" Arab heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" building again. They |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" fun of |strong="H4428" us |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H8085" very |strong="H2088" ugly way |strong="H1697". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" doing |strong="H6213"? Are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" turning against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428"?"

<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H0369" this |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0369" what |strong="H1697" I |strong="H1697" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853": " The |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" heaven |strong="H8064" will |strong="H0430" help |strong="H6965" us |strong="H7725" succeed |strong="H6743". We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H8064" God's |strong="H0430" servants |strong="H5650" and |strong="H6965" we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H0430" rebuild |strong="H1129" this |strong="H1931" city |strong="H1931". You |strong="H7725" cannot |strong="H0369" help |strong="H6965" us |strong="H7725" in |strong="H0430" this |strong="H1931" work |strong="H1697" because |strong="H0559" none |strong="H0369" of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H7725" family lived here in |strong="H0430" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". You |strong="H7725" don't |strong="H0369" own any |strong="H0369" of |strong="H0430" this |strong="H1931" land |strong="H2506", and |strong="H6965" you |strong="H7725" have |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" right |strong="H6666" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H1697" in |strong="H0430" this |strong="H1931" place."

### Builders of the Wall

**3** The |strong="H0853" name of |strong="H8179" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1419" priest |strong="H3548" was |strong="H6629" Eliashib |strong="H0475". He |strong="H5704" and |strong="H6965" his |strong="H6965" brothers |strong="H0251", the |strong="H0853"

priests |strong="H3548", went |strong="H6965" to |strong="H5704" work and |strong="H6965" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" Sheep |strong="H6629" Gate |strong="H8179". They |strong="H1992" prayed to |strong="H5704" make |strong="H6965" that |strong="H5704" gate |strong="H8179" holy |strong="H6942" to |strong="H5704" God. They |strong="H1992" set |strong="H6965" its |strong="H0853" doors |strong="H1817" in |strong="H5975" place |strong="H5975" in |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" wall. The |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" worked |strong="H5704" on |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" wall of |strong="H8179" Jerusalem as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" Tower |strong="H4026" of |strong="H8179" the |strong="H0853" Hundred |strong="H3968" and |strong="H6965" the |strong="H0853" Tower |strong="H4026" of |strong="H8179" Hananel |strong="H2606". They |strong="H1992" prayed to |strong="H5704" make |strong="H6965" all |strong="H5704" this |strong="H5975" work holy |strong="H6942" to |strong="H5704" God.

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" Jericho |strong="H3405" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H5921" wall next |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" priests. And |strong="H1121" Zaccur |strong="H2139" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H1129" man |strong="H0376" named Imri |strong="H0566" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H5921" wall next |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" Jericho |strong="H3405".

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0853" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H1129" man |strong="H1121" named Hasse-naah |strong="H5570" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" Fish |strong="H1709" Gate |strong="H8179". They |strong="H1992" set |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" beams in |strong="H1121" place |strong="H5975". They |strong="H1992" put doors |strong="H1817" on |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" building |strong="H1129". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H1992" put the |strong="H0853" locks and |strong="H1121" bolts |strong="H4514" on |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" doors |strong="H1817".

<sup>4</sup> Meremoth |strong="H4822" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Uriah |strong="H0223" repaired |strong="H2388" the |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" section of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" wall. ( Uriah |strong="H0223" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921"

son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hakkoz |strong="H6976".)

Meshullam |strong="H4918" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Berekiah repaired |strong="H2388" the |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" section of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" wall. (Berekiah was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Meshez-abel |strong="H4898".)

Zadok |strong="H6659" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Baana |strong="H1195" repaired |strong="H2388" the |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" section of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" wall.

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H5921" men from |strong="H0935" Tekoa |strong="H8621" repaired |strong="H2388" the |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" section of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921" wall, but |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" leaders from |strong="H0935" Tekoa |strong="H8621" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0935" work |strong="H5656" for |strong="H5921" Nehemiah their |strong="H5921" governor.

<sup>6</sup> Joiada |strong="H3111" and |strong="H1121" Meshullam |strong="H4918" fixed |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" Old |strong="H1121" Gate |strong="H8179". Joiada |strong="H3111" is |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Paseah |strong="H6454" and |strong="H1121" Meshullam |strong="H4918" is |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Besodeiah |strong="H1152". They |strong="H1992" set |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" beams in |strong="H1121" place |strong="H5975". They |strong="H1992" put |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" doors |strong="H1817" on |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" hinges. Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H1992" put |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853" locks and |strong="H1121" bolts |strong="H4514" on |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" doors |strong="H1817".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" Gibeon |strong="H1391" and |strong="H3027" Mizpah |strong="H4709" fixed the |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" section of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" wall. Melatiah |strong="H4424" from |strong="H5921" Gibeon |strong="H1391" and |strong="H3027" Jadon |strong="H3036" from |strong="H5921" Meronoth did |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" work. Gibeon |strong="H1391" and |strong="H3027" Meronoth are |strong="H3027" places that |strong="H3027" are |strong="H3027" controlled by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" governors |strong="H6346" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" area west |strong="H5676"



of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H5921" Eu-  
phrates|strong="H5104" River|strong="H5104".

<sup>8</sup> Uzziel|strong="H5816" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Harhaiah re-  
paired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921"  
next|strong="H5921" section of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H5921" wall|strong="H2346".  
Uzziel|strong="H5816" was|strong="H1121"  
a|strong="H5921" goldsmith|strong="H6884". Hana-  
niah|strong="H2608" was|strong="H1121"  
one|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H5921" perfume makers. These  
men|strong="H1121" built and|strong="H1121" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"  
as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704"  
as|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921"  
Broad|strong="H7342" Wall|strong="H2346".

<sup>9</sup> Rephaiah|strong="H7509" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Hur|strong="H2354" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921"  
next|strong="H5921" section of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H5921" wall. Rephaiah|strong="H7509"  
was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" gover-  
nor|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121"  
half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H1121"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

<sup>10</sup> Jedaiah|strong="H3042" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Harumaph|strong="H2739" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921"  
next|strong="H5921" section of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H5921" wall. Jedaiah|strong="H3042" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921" wall  
next|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921"  
his|strong="H5921" own|strong="H2388"  
house|strong="H1004". Hattush|strong="H2407"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hashab-  
neiah|strong="H2813" repaired|strong="H2388"  
the|strong="H5921" next|strong="H5921" section. <sup>11</sup>  
Malkijah|strong="H4441" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Harim|strong="H2766"  
and|strong="H1121" Hasshub|strong="H2815"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Pahath-  
Moab|strong="H6355" repaired|strong="H2388"  
the|strong="H0853" next|strong="H8145" sec-  
tion|strong="H4060". They also|strong="H0853" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" Oven|strong="H8574" Tow-  
er|strong="H4026".

<sup>12</sup> Shallum|strong="H7967" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Hallohesh|strong="H3873" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921"  
next|strong="H5921" section of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H5921" wall. His|strong="H5921" daugh-  
ters|strong="H1323" helped|strong="H2388"  
him|strong="H5921". Shallum|strong="H7967"  
was|strong="H1931" the|strong="H5921" gover-  
nor|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H5921" other half|strong="H2677"  
of|strong="H1121" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0853" Valley|strong="H1516"  
Gate|strong="H8179" was|strong="H2346" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" by|strong="H3427" Ha-  
nun|strong="H2586" and|strong="H2388"  
the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3427"  
who|strong="H3427" live|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853"  
town|strong="H8179" of|strong="H3427"  
Zanoah|strong="H2182". They|strong="H1992"  
built|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" Val-  
ley|strong="H1516" Gate|strong="H8179".  
They|strong="H1992" put|strong="H2388"  
the|strong="H0853" doors|strong="H1817"  
on|strong="H3427" their|strong="H1992" hinges.  
Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H1992"  
put|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0853" locks  
and|strong="H2388" bolts|strong="H4514"  
on|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853"  
doors|strong="H1817". They|strong="H1992" al-  
so|strong="H0853" repaired|strong="H2388" 500  
yards<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853"  
wall|strong="H2346". They|strong="H1992"  
worked|strong="H2388" on|strong="H3427"  
the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346"  
all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853"  
way|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704"  
the|strong="H0853" Gate|strong="H8179"  
of|strong="H3427" Ash|strong="H0830" Piles.

<sup>14</sup> Malkijah|strong="H4441" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Recab|strong="H7394" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0853"  
Gate|strong="H8179" of|strong="H1121"  
Ash|strong="H0830" Piles. Malkijah|strong="H4441"  
was|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" gover-  
nor|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0853" district|strong="H6418"  
of|strong="H1121" Beth Hakkerem.  
He|strong="H1931" repaired|strong="H2388"  
the|strong="H0853" gate|strong="H8179".  
He|strong="H1931" put|strong="H2388"  
the|strong="H0853" doors|strong="H1817"  
on|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0853" hinges.  
Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H1931"  
put|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0853" locks  
and|strong="H1121" bolts|strong="H4514"  
on|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0853"  
doors|strong="H1817".

<sup>15</sup> Shallum|strong="H7968" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Col-Hozeh|strong="H3626" re-  
paired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0853" Fountain  
Gate|strong="H8179". Shallum|strong="H7968"  
was|strong="H1732" the|strong="H0853" gover-  
nor|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0853" district|strong="H6418"  
of|strong="H1121" Mizpah|strong="H4709".  
He|strong="H1931" repaired|strong="H2388"  
the|strong="H0853" gate|strong="H8179"

<sup>I</sup> 500 YARDS Literally, "1000 cubits" (444 m).

and put a roof over it. He put the doors the hinges. Then he put the locks and bolts on the doors. He also repaired the wall of the Pool of Siloam that is next to the King's Garden. He repaired the wall all the way to the steps that go down from the City of David.

<sup>16</sup> Nehemiah son of Azbuk repaired the wall next section. This was the governor half the district of Beth Zur. He made up a place that is across from the tombs of David. And he worked as far as the man-made pool and the House of Heroes.

<sup>17</sup> The men from the tribe of Levi repaired the next section. They worked under Rehum son of Bani. Hashabiah repaired

the next section. Hashabiah was governor of half the district of Keilah. He made repairs for his own district.

<sup>18</sup> Their brothers repaired the next section. They worked under Binnui son of Henadad. Binnui was the governor of the other half of the district of Keilah.

<sup>19</sup> Ezer son of Jeshua repaired the next section. Ezer was governor of Mizpah. He repaired the section of wall from the room for weapons to the corner of the wall. <sup>20</sup> Baruch son of Zab-bai repaired the next section. Baruch worked very hard and repaired the section of wall from the corner to the entrance of the house of Eliashib the priest. <sup>21</sup> Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section of wall from the entrance

to|strong="H5704" Eliashib's|strong="H0475" house|strong="H1004" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0310" end|strong="H8503" of|strong="H1121" that|strong="H5704" house|strong="H1004".<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H0310" next section of|strong="H0376" walls was|strong="H0376" repaired|strong="H2388" by|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0310" priests|strong="H3548" who|strong="H0376" lived|strong="H0310" in|strong="H0376" that|strong="H0310" area.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Benjamin|strong="H1144" and|strong="H1121" Hasshub|strong="H2815" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" wall in|strong="H1004" front|strong="H5048" of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H0310" own|strong="H2388" house|strong="H1004". And|strong="H1121" Azariah|strong="H5838" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Maaseiah|strong="H4641", the|strong="H0310" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ananiah|strong="H6055", repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" wall next to|strong="H1004" his|strong="H2388" house|strong="H1004".

<sup>24</sup> Binnui|strong="H1131" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Henadad|strong="H2582" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5704" section|strong="H4060" of|strong="H1121" wall from|strong="H5704" Azariah's|strong="H5838" house|strong="H1004" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" bend in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5704" wall and|strong="H1121" then|strong="H0310" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" corner|strong="H6438".

<sup>25</sup> Palal|strong="H6420" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Uzai|strong="H0186" worked|strong="H5048" across from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0834" bend in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0834" wall near|strong="H5048" the|strong="H0834" tower|strong="H4026". This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" tower|strong="H4026" at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0834" king's|strong="H4428" upper|strong="H5945" house|strong="H1004". That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" near|strong="H5048" the|strong="H0834" courtyard|strong="H2691" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" king's|strong="H4428" guard|strong="H4307". Pedayah|strong="H6305" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Parosh|strong="H6551" worked|strong="H5048" next to|strong="H1004" Palal|strong="H6420".

<sup>26</sup> The|strong="H5704" Temple|strong="H5411" servants|strong="H5411" lived|strong="H3427" on|strong="H3427" Ophel|strong="H6077" Hill. They|strong="H5704" repaired the|strong="H5704" next section all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704"

way|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" east|strong="H4217" side|strong="H4217" of|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5704" Water|strong="H4325" Gate|strong="H8179" and|strong="H4325" the|strong="H5704" tower|strong="H4026" near|strong="H5048" it|strong="H1961".

<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H0310" men|strong="H1419" from|strong="H3318" Tekoa|strong="H8621" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" rest of|strong="H2346" that|strong="H5704" section|strong="H4060" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0310" big tower|strong="H4026" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0310" way|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0310" Ophel|strong="H6077" wall|strong="H2346".

<sup>28</sup> The|strong="H5921" priests|strong="H3548" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921" section over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Horse|strong="H5483" Gate|strong="H8179". Each|strong="H0376" priest|strong="H3548" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921" wall in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H5048" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H5921" own|strong="H0376" house|strong="H1004".<sup>29</sup> Zadok|strong="H6659" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Immer|strong="H0564" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" section in|strong="H1004" front|strong="H5048" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H8104" house|strong="H1004". Shemaiah|strong="H8098" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shecaniah|strong="H7935" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" next section. Shemaiah|strong="H8098" was|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0310" guard|strong="H8104" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0310" East|strong="H4217" Gate|strong="H8179".

<sup>30</sup> Hananiah|strong="H2608" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shelemiah|strong="H8018" and|strong="H1121" Hanun|strong="H2586" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zalahaph|strong="H6764" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" rest of|strong="H1121" that|strong="H1121" section|strong="H4060" of|strong="H1121" wall. ( Hanun|strong="H2586" was|strong="H1121" Zalahaph's sixth|strong="H8345" son|strong="H1121".)

Meshullam|strong="H4918" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Berekiyah repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" section|strong="H4060" in|strong="H1121" front|strong="H5048" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H2388" house.<sup>31</sup> Malkijah|strong="H4441" repaired|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0310" next section of|strong="H1121" wall all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0310" way|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704"

I THAT AREA Or possibly, "the Jordan Valley."

the houses of the temple and the merchants that is across from the Inspection Gate. Malkijah repaired the section all the way to the room over the corner of the wall. Malkijah a goldsmith. <sup>32</sup> The goldsmiths and merchants repaired the section of wall from that corner to the Sheep Gate.

#### Sanballat and Tobiah

<sup>4</sup> When Sanballat heard that we were building the wall of Jerusalem, he was very angry and upset. He started making fun of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> Sanballat talked with his friends and the army at Samaria and said, "What are these weak Jews doing? Do they think we will leave them alone? Do they think they will offer sacrifices? Maybe they think they can finish building in only one day. They cannot bring stones back to life from these piles of trash and dirt. These are just piles of ashes and dirt!"

<sup>3</sup> Tobiah the Ammonite was with Sanballat. Tobiah said, "What do these Jews think they are building? If even a small fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!"

<sup>4</sup> Nehemiah prayed and said, "Our God, listen to our prayer. These men hate us. Sanballat and Tobiah are insulting us. Make bad things happen to them as ashamed people taken away as prisoners. Don't take away their guilt or forgive the sins they have done in your sight. They have insulted and discouraged the builders."

<sup>6</sup> We built the wall of Jerusalem the way around the city. But it was only half as tall as it should be. We did this much because the people worked with all their heart.

<sup>7</sup> But Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the men from Ashdod were very angry. They heard that the people of Jerusalem continued working on the walls of Jerusalem. They heard the people were repairing the holes in the wall. <sup>8</sup> So all

these men got together and made plans against Jerusalem. They planned to stir up trouble against Jerusalem. They planned to come fight against the city.<sup>9</sup> But we prayed to our God. And we put guards on the walls to watch day and night so that we could be ready to meet them.

<sup>10</sup> And so at that time the people of Judah said, "The workers are becoming tired. There is much dirt and trash in the way." We cannot to build the wall. And our enemies are saying, "Before the Jews know it or see us, we will be right there among them." We will kill them and that will stop the work."

<sup>12</sup> Then the Jews living among our enemies came and said this to us ten times, "Our enemies are all around us." They are everywhere we turn."

<sup>13</sup> So I put some of the people behind

the lowest places along the wall, and I put them by the holes in the wall. I put families together, with their swords, spears, and bows.<sup>14</sup> After looking over everything, I stood up and spoke to the important families, the officials, and the rest of the people. I said, "Don't be afraid of our enemies. Remember the Lord, who is great and powerful! You must fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters! You must fight for your wives and your homes!"

<sup>15</sup> Then our enemies heard that we knew about their plans. They knew that God ruined their plans. So all we went back to work on the wall. Everyone went back to their own place and did their part.<sup>16</sup> From that day on, half of my men worked on the wall. The other half of my men were on guard, ready with spears, shields, bows, and armor. The army officers stood behind

all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0376" Judah who |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1961" building the |strong="H0559" wall. <sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0834" builders and |strong="H0376" their |strong="H0310" helpers had |strong="H0834" their |strong="H0310" tools in |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376" hand and |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0834" weapon |strong="H7973" in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H0251" hand. <sup>18</sup> Each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. The man who blew the trumpet to warn the people stayed next to me. <sup>19</sup> Then I spoke to the leading families, the officials, and the rest of the people. I said, "This is a very big job and we are spread out along the wall. We are far from one another. <sup>20</sup> So if you hear the trumpet, run to that place. We will all meet together there, and our God will fight for us!"

<sup>21</sup> So we continued to work on the wall of Jerusalem, and half the men held spears. We worked from the first light of the morning until the stars came out at night.

<sup>22</sup> At that time I also said this to the people, "Every builder and his helper must stay inside Jerusalem at night. Then they can be guards at night and workers during the day." <sup>23</sup> So none of us took off our clothes—not me, not my brothers, not my men, and not the guards. Each of us had our weapon ready at all times, even when we went to get water.

#### Nehemiah Helps the Poor

<sup>5</sup> Many |strong="H1419" of |strong="H0802" the |strong="H0413" poor people |strong="H5971" began |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" complain against |strong="H0413" their |strong="H1961" fellow |strong="H0251" Jews |strong="H3064". <sup>2</sup> Some |strong="H7227" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H0398" were |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7227" children |strong="H1121". We |strong="H0587" must |strong="H1121" get |strong="H3947" some |strong="H7227" grain |strong="H1715" if |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834" going |strong="H3426" to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H1121" stay alive |strong="H2421"."

<sup>3</sup> Other people |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" time of |strong="H1004" famine |strong="H7458". We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" use |strong="H3947" our |strong="H3947" fields |strong="H7704", vineyards |strong="H3754", and |strong="H1004" homes |strong="H1004"

to |strong="H0559" pay for |strong="H1004" grain |strong="H1715"."

<sup>4</sup> And |strong="H4428" still |strong="H0559" other people |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" pay |strong="H3701" the |strong="H0559" king's |strong="H4428" tax on |strong="H3426" our |strong="H0834" fields |strong="H7704" and |strong="H4428" vineyards |strong="H3754". But |strong="H4428" we |strong="H0834" cannot afford to |strong="H0559" pay |strong="H3701", so |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" borrowing money |strong="H3701" to |strong="H0559" pay |strong="H3701" the |strong="H0559" tax. <sup>5</sup> We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H3027" as |strong="H1121" good as |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" others |strong="H0312". Our |strong="H5650" sons |strong="H1121" are |strong="H3027" as |strong="H1121" good as |strong="H1121" their |strong="H0410" sons |strong="H1121". But |strong="H0369" we |strong="H0587" will |strong="H5650" have |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" sell our |strong="H5650" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323" as |strong="H1121" slaves |strong="H5650". Some |strong="H2009" of |strong="H1121" us |strong="H3027" have |strong="H0369" already |strong="H6258" had |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" sell our |strong="H5650" daughters |strong="H1323" as |strong="H1121" slaves |strong="H5650". There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" nothing |strong="H0369" we |strong="H0587" can |strong="H0369" do |strong="H3027". We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H0369" already |strong="H6258" lost our |strong="H5650" fields |strong="H7704" and |strong="H1121" vineyards |strong="H3754". Other |strong="H0312" people |strong="H1121" own them |strong="H0853" now |strong="H6258"."

<sup>6</sup> When |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" their |strong="H8085" complaints |strong="H1697", I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H2734". <sup>7</sup> I |strong="H5414" calmed myself |strong="H3820" down |strong="H5414", and |strong="H1419" then |strong="H0859" I |strong="H5414" went |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" rich |strong="H1419" families and |strong="H1419" the |strong="H0559" officials |strong="H5461". I |strong="H5414" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H5414", " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0376" forcing your |strong="H5414" own |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" pay |strong="H5414" interest

on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" money you |strong="H0859" loan |strong="H5383" them |strong="H5414". You |strong="H0859" must stop doing that |strong="H0559"! Then |strong="H0859" I |strong="H5414" called |strong="H0559" for |strong="H5921" all |strong="H1419" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" meet together |strong="H5921"<sup>8</sup> and |strong="H0251" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", " Our |strong="H7069" fellow |strong="H0251" Jews |strong="H3064" were |strong="H1697" sold |strong="H4376" as |strong="H1697" slaves to |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1471" in |strong="H1697" other |strong="H0251" countries. We |strong="H0587" did |strong="H3808" our |strong="H7069" best to |strong="H0559" buy |strong="H7069" them |strong="H0853" back and |strong="H0251" make |strong="H4376" them |strong="H0853" free. And |strong="H0251" now |strong="H1571", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697" selling |strong="H4376" them |strong="H0853" like |strong="H3808" slaves again!"

The |strong="H0853" rich people |strong="H1471" and |strong="H0251" officials kept quiet. They |strong="H3808" could |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" anything |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559".<sup>9</sup> So |strong="H6213" I |strong="H0834" continued |strong="H0559" speaking |strong="H0559". I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" people |strong="H1471" are |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" right |strong="H2896"! You |strong="H0859" know that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" should |strong="H0559" fear |strong="H3374" and |strong="H0430" respect our |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0859" should |strong="H0559" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0559" shameful things |strong="H1697" other people |strong="H1471" do |strong="H6213"!<sup>10</sup> My |strong="H2088" men |strong="H5288", my |strong="H2088" brothers |strong="H0251", and |strong="H3701" I |strong="H0589" are |strong="H1571" also |strong="H1571" lending |strong="H5383" money |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" grain |strong="H1715" to |strong="H0251" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5288". But |strong="H5800" let's |strong="H4994" stop forcing them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0251" pay |strong="H3701" interest on |strong="H1571" these |strong="H2088" loans.<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H0859" must give |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" fields |strong="H7704", vineyards |strong="H3754",

olive |strong="H2132" fields |strong="H7704", and |strong="H3967" houses |strong="H1004" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" them |strong="H7725", right now |strong="H4994"! And |strong="H3967" you |strong="H0859" must give |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0834" interest you |strong="H0859" charged them |strong="H7725". You |strong="H0859" charged them |strong="H7725" one |strong="H0834" percent for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" money |strong="H3701", grain |strong="H1715", new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H8492", and |strong="H3967" oil |strong="H3323" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" loaned |strong="H5383" them |strong="H7725"."

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" rich people |strong="H0834" and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" officials said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H7725" it |strong="H7121" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725" not |strong="H3808" demand |strong="H1245" anything |strong="H1697" more |strong="H3651" from |strong="H7725" them |strong="H1992". Nehemiah, we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" say |strong="H0559"."

Then |strong="H2088" I |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548". I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" rich people |strong="H0834" and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" officials promise |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" would |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" said |strong="H0559".<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" shook |strong="H5287" out |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" folds of |strong="H1004" my |strong="H3605" clothes. I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H2088" thing |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" keep |strong="H6213" their |strong="H3605" promise |strong="H1697". God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" shake |strong="H5287" them |strong="H0853" out |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" houses |strong="H1004" and |strong="H6965" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" lose |strong="H5287" everything |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" worked |strong="H3018" for |strong="H1004".

They will lose everything I finished saying these things and all the people of the land agreed. They said, "Amen" and praised the LORD. So the people did as they had promised.

<sup>14</sup> And also, during the whole time that was to be governor of the land of Judah, neither my brothers I ate the food that for the governor I never forced the people to pay taxes to buy my food. I was from the 20th year until the 32nd year that I was king. I was governor of Judah for twelve years. But the governors who ruled before me made life hard for the people. The governors forced everyone to pay 1 pound of silver. They also made the people give

I THE 20TH YEAR ... KING This was from 444–432 B.C. II 1 POUND Literally, "40 shekels" (460 g).

food and wine. The leaders under these governors also ruled over the people and made life even harder. But I respected God, so I didn't do things like that. I worked hard at building the wall of Jerusalem. All my men gathered there to work on the wall. We didn't take any land from anyone.

<sup>17</sup> Also, I regularly fed 150 Jews who were always welcome at my table, and I fed those who came to us from the nations around us. Every day I prepared this much food for the people who ate at my table: one ox, six good sheep, and different kinds of birds. Every ten days all kinds of wine were brought to my table. But I never demanded that they give me the food that was allowed for the governor



nor |strong="H6346". I |strong="H0834" knew that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" work |strong="H5656" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0834" doing |strong="H6213" was |strong="H1961" very |strong="H2088" hard. <sup>19</sup> My |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430", remember |strong="H2142" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" for |strong="H5921" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971".

### More Problems

**6** Then |strong="H1961" Sanballat |strong="H5571", Tobiah |strong="H2900", Geshem |strong="H1654" the |strong="H0853" Arab, and |strong="H8085" our |strong="H1961" other enemies |strong="H0341" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346". We |strong="H3588" repaired all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" holes in |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346", but |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H3588" put the |strong="H0853" doors |strong="H1817" in |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" gates |strong="H8179". <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H6213" Sanballat |strong="H5571" and |strong="H7971" Geshem |strong="H1654" sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" this |strong="H6213" message: "Come, Nehemiah, let's meet |strong="H3259" together |strong="H3162". We |strong="H6213" can |strong="H6213" meet |strong="H3259" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" town of |strong="H0559" Kephirim on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" plain |strong="H1237" of |strong="H0559" Ono |strong="H0207"." But |strong="H1992" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" planning |strong="H2803" to |strong="H0413" hurt me |strong="H0413".

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H6213" I |strong="H0589" sent |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H4397" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0834" answer |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" doing |strong="H6213" important |strong="H1419" work |strong="H4399", so |strong="H6213" I |strong="H0589" cannot |strong="H3808" come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381". I |strong="H0589" don't |strong="H3808" want the |strong="H0559" work |strong="H4399" to |strong="H0413" stop |strong="H3808" just |strong="H0834" so |strong="H6213" I |strong="H0589"

can |strong="H3201" come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" and |strong="H7971" meet with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>4</sup> Sanballat and |strong="H7725" Geshem sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H2088" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" four |strong="H0702" times |strong="H6471", and |strong="H7725" I |strong="H1697" sent |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H2088" answer |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0702" time |strong="H6471". <sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H2088", the |strong="H0853" fifth |strong="H2549" time |strong="H6471", Sanballat |strong="H5571" sent |strong="H7971" his |strong="H7971" helper to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H2088" message |strong="H1697". And |strong="H3027" he |strong="H0853" had |strong="H0853" a |strong="H7971" letter |strong="H0107" in |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7971" hand |strong="H3027" that |strong="H1697" was |strong="H1697" not |strong="H2088" sealed. <sup>6</sup> This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" what |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" letter said |strong="H0559".

"There is |strong="H3651" a |strong="H1129" rumor going around |strong="H5921". People |strong="H1471" are |strong="H0428" talking about |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" everywhere. And |strong="H4428", by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" way |strong="H1697", Geshem |strong="H1654" says |strong="H0559" it |strong="H5921" is |strong="H3651" true |strong="H3651". People |strong="H1471" are |strong="H0428" saying |strong="H0559" that |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" Jews |strong="H3064" are |strong="H0428" planning |strong="H2803" to |strong="H0559" turn against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428". This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" why |strong="H3651" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0428" building |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0559" wall |strong="H2346" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem. People |strong="H1471" are |strong="H0428" also |strong="H4428" saying |strong="H0559" that |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1471" be |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" new king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" Jews |strong="H3064". <sup>7</sup> And |strong="H3063" the |strong="H0559" rumor is |strong="H1571" that |strong="H8085" you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1571" chosen

prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0559" announce |strong="H8085" this |strong="H0428" about |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389": ' There |strong="H5975" is |strong="H1571" a |strong="H8085" king |strong="H4428" in |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063"!'

" Now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H1697" warn you |strong="H5921", Nehemiah, King |strong="H4428" Artaxerxes will |strong="H4428" hear |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0428". So |strong="H7121" come, let's meet and |strong="H3063" talk |strong="H1697" about |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0428" together |strong="H3162"."

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H7971" I |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" this |strong="H0428" answer |strong="H1697" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Sanballat: " Nothing |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559" is |strong="H0834" happening. You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" making all |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" up |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0834" own |strong="H1961" head."

<sup>9</sup> Our |strong="H3605" enemies were |strong="H3027" only |strong="H3605" trying to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H6213" us |strong="H3588" afraid |strong="H3372". They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3027" thinking |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" themselves, " The |strong="H3605" Jews will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372" and |strong="H3027" too |strong="H4480" weak |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" keep |strong="H6213" on |strong="H3027" working. Then |strong="H6258" the |strong="H3605" wall will |strong="H3027" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" finished."

But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" prayed |strong="H0559", " God |strong="H0559", make |strong="H6213" me |strong="H4480" strong |strong="H2388"."

<sup>10</sup> One |strong="H1931" day I |strong="H0589" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H1121" named Shemaiah |strong="H8098" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Delaiah |strong="H1806". Delaiah |strong="H1806" was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H0559" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Mehetabel |strong="H4105". Shemaiah |strong="H8098" had |strong="H0430" to |strong="H0413" stay in |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" house |strong="H1004".

He |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", "Nehemiah, let's meet |strong="H3259" in |strong="H0935" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004". Let's go |strong="H0935" inside |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0559" Holy Place |strong="H1004"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="H1121" lock the |strong="H0559" doors |strong="H1817". Men |strong="H1121" are |strong="H1121" coming |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H2026" you |strong="H3588". Tonight |strong="H3915" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1121" coming |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H2026" you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>11</sup> But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Shemaiah, " Should |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0935" man |strong="H0376" like |strong="H3644" me |strong="H0413" run away |strong="H1272"? You |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834" an |strong="H0935" ordinary |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" like |strong="H3644" me |strong="H0413" cannot |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Holy Place |strong="H0935" without |strong="H3808" being put |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" death. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H4310" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935"!"

<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H3588" knew that |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808" sent |strong="H7971" Shemaiah. I |strong="H3588" knew that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0430" prophesied |strong="H1696" against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H7971" because |strong="H3588" Tobiah |strong="H2900" and |strong="H0430" Sanballat |strong="H5571" had |strong="H0430" paid him |strong="H5921" to |strong="H1696" do that |strong="H3588". <sup>13</sup> They |strong="H1992" hired |strong="H7936" Shemaiah to |strong="H1961" scare me |strong="H1961" and |strong="H2398" make |strong="H6213" me |strong="H1961" sin |strong="H2398" by |strong="H8034" going into |strong="H1961" that |strong="H1931" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" Temple . They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1961" planning those |strong="H1992" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1961" against |strong="H2398" me |strong="H1961" so |strong="H3651" that |strong="H1931" they |strong="H1992" could shame me |strong="H1961".

<sup>14</sup> My |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430", please remember |strong="H2142" Tobiah |strong="H2900" and |strong="H0430" Sanballat |strong="H5571" and |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" bad

<sup>1</sup> HOLY PLACE Literally, "palace." Only priests were allowed to go into this part of the Temple.

things|strong="H0428" they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" done|strong="H1961". Also|strong="H1571" remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H0853" woman prophet|strong="H5030" Noadiah|strong="H5129" and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0428" prophets|strong="H5030" who|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" trying to|strong="H1961" scare me|strong="H1961".

### The|strong="H0853" Wall Is|strong="H0834" Finished

<sup>15</sup> So the|strong="H3117" wall|strong="H2346" of|strong="H3117" Jerusalem was|strong="H3117" completed on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" 25th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" month of|strong="H3117" Elul|strong="H0435". <sup>1</sup> It|strong="H7999" had|strong="H3117" taken 52 days|strong="H3117" to|strong="H3117" finish building the|strong="H3117" wall|strong="H2346". <sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" our|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" we|strong="H3588" had|strong="H0834" completed the|strong="H3605" wall, and|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" around|strong="H5439" us|strong="H3045" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" it|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1961" finished. So|strong="H6213" they|strong="H0834" lost|strong="H5307" their|strong="H3605" courage, because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834" understood|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2063" work|strong="H4399" had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H1961" done|strong="H6213" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H3605" help of|strong="H0430" our|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>17</sup> Also|strong="H1571" in|strong="H5921" those|strong="H0834" days|strong="H3117" after|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" wall had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" completed, the|strong="H0834" rich people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3117" Judah|strong="H3063" were|strong="H0834" sending many|strong="H7235" letters|strong="H0107" to|strong="H0413" Tobiah|strong="H2900", and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" answering their|strong="H1992" letters|strong="H0107". <sup>18</sup> They|strong="H3588" sent|strong="H3947" those|strong="H1121" letters because|strong="H3588" many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" had|strong="H3588" promised to|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" loyal

<sup>1</sup> ELUL That is, August–September, 443 B.C.

to|strong="H1121" him|strong="H0853". The|strong="H0853" reason for|strong="H3588" this|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" that|strong="H3588" Tobiah was|strong="H1931" son-in-law|strong="H2860" to|strong="H1121" Shecaniah|strong="H7935" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Arah|strong="H0733". And|strong="H1121" Tobiah's son|strong="H1121" Jehohanan|strong="H3076" had|strong="H3588" married|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Meshullam|strong="H4918". Meshullam|strong="H4918" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Berekiah. <sup>19</sup> And|strong="H7971" in|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0559" past, those|strong="H1961" people had|strong="H1961" made|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" special promise|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" Tobiah|strong="H2900". So|strong="H7971" they|strong="H0559" kept telling|strong="H0559" me|strong="H7971" how good|strong="H2896" Tobiah|strong="H2900" was|strong="H1961". And|strong="H7971" they|strong="H0559" kept telling|strong="H0559" Tobiah|strong="H2900" what|strong="H1697" I|strong="H1697" was|strong="H1961" doing|strong="H3318". Tobiah|strong="H2900" kept sending|strong="H7971" me|strong="H7971" letters|strong="H0107" to|strong="H0559" make me|strong="H7971" afraid|strong="H3372".

<sup>7</sup> After|strong="H1961" we|strong="H0834" finished building|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0834" wall|strong="H2346" and|strong="H5975" put|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0834" doors|strong="H1817" in|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0834" gates|strong="H1817", we|strong="H0834" chose the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H6485" who|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0834" guard the|strong="H0834" gates|strong="H1817" and|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H6485" to|strong="H1961" sing|strong="H7891" in|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0834" Temple and|strong="H5975" help the|strong="H0834" priests. <sup>2</sup> Next|strong="H5921", I|strong="H3588" put|strong="H6680" my|strong="H5921" brother|strong="H0251" Hanani|strong="H2607" in|strong="H5921" charge|strong="H5921" of|strong="H0376" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". I|strong="H3588" chose another|strong="H0251" man|strong="H0376" named Hananiah|strong="H2608" to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" commander|strong="H8269" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" fort. I|strong="H3588" picked Hanani|strong="H2607" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H7227" honest

man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H1931" feared |strong="H3372" God |strong="H0430" more |strong="H5921" than |strong="H5921" most people |strong="H0376" do |strong="H6680".<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0559" I |strong="H5704" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Hanani and |strong="H1004" Hananiah, " Each |strong="H0376" day you |strong="H5704" must |strong="H3808" wait |strong="H3427" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0559" sun |strong="H8121" has |strong="H0376" been |strong="H3808" up |strong="H5975" for |strong="H1004" several hours before |strong="H5048" you |strong="H5704" open |strong="H6605" the |strong="H0559" gates |strong="H8179" of |strong="H1004" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". You |strong="H5704" must |strong="H3808" shut |strong="H1479" and |strong="H1004" lock the |strong="H0559" gates |strong="H8179" before |strong="H5048" the |strong="H0559" sun |strong="H8121" goes down |strong="H3427". Also choose people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" as |strong="H5704" guards |strong="H4931". Put some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1004" them |strong="H1992" at |strong="H3427" special places |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0559" guard |strong="H4929" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H8179", and |strong="H1004" put the |strong="H0559" other |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" near |strong="H5048" their |strong="H1992" own |strong="H0376" houses |strong="H1004"."

#### The |strong="H0559" List of |strong="H1004" Captives Who |strong="H0376" Returned

<sup>4</sup> Now |strong="H0369" the |strong="H1129" city |strong="H5892" was |strong="H0369" large |strong="H1419" and |strong="H3027" there |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" plenty of |strong="H1004" room |strong="H1004". But |strong="H0369" there |strong="H0369" were |strong="H3027" few |strong="H4592" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H1004" it |strong="H1129", and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H1129" houses |strong="H1004" had |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" yet |strong="H0369" been |strong="H4592" rebuilt |strong="H1129".<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" God |strong="H0430" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" in |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5414" heart |strong="H3820" to |strong="H0413" have |strong="H4672" all |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" meet |strong="H4672" together |strong="H6908". I |strong="H5414" called together |strong="H6908"

all |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" important people |strong="H5971", the |strong="H0853" officials |strong="H5461", and |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" common people |strong="H5971". I |strong="H5414" did this |strong="H3820" so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H5927" I |strong="H5414" could |strong="H5971" make |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" list |strong="H3187" of |strong="H0430" all |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" families. I |strong="H5414" found |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" family lists<sup>1</sup> of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0430" been |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H7223" to |strong="H0413" return from |strong="H0413" captivity. This |strong="H3820" is |strong="H0430" what I |strong="H5414" found |strong="H4672" written |strong="H3789" there |strong="H5927".

<sup>6</sup> These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" province |strong="H4082" who |strong="H0834" came |strong="H5927" back |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" captivity |strong="H1540". In |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" past, King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894" took |strong="H5927" them |strong="H7725" as |strong="H0834" prisoners |strong="H7628" to |strong="H7725" Babylon |strong="H0894". These |strong="H0428" people |strong="H0376" came |strong="H5927" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". They |strong="H0834" all |strong="H0376" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" own |strong="H0376" towns |strong="H5892".<sup>7</sup> They |strong="H0376" returned |strong="H0935" with |strong="H5973" Zerubbabel |strong="H2216", Jeshua |strong="H3442", Nehemiah |strong="H5166", Azariah |strong="H5838", Raamiah |strong="H7485", Nahamani |strong="H5167", Mordecai |strong="H4782", Bilshan |strong="H1114", Mispereth |strong="H4559", Bigvai |strong="H0902", Nehum |strong="H5149", and |strong="H0935" Baanah |strong="H1196". This |strong="H0935" is |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0935" list |strong="H4557" of |strong="H0376" names and |strong="H0935" numbers |strong="H4557" of |strong="H0376" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0376" came |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935".

<sup>1</sup> FAMILY LISTS See Ezra 2.

8 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Parosh|strong="H6551" 2172  
9 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shephati-  
ah|strong="H8203" 372  
10 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Arah|strong="H0733" 652  
11 the|strong="H3097" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Pahath  
Moab of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3097" fami-  
ly|strong="H0505" line of|strong="H1121"  
Jeshua|strong="H3442" and|strong="H1121"  
Joab|strong="H3097" 2818  
12 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Elam|strong="H5867" 1254  
13 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zat-  
tu|strong="H2240" 845  
14 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zac-  
cai|strong="H2140" 760  
15 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Bin-  
nui|strong="H1131" 648  
16 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Be-  
bai|strong="H0893" 628  
17 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Az-  
gad|strong="H5803" 2322  
18 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Adonikam|strong="H0140" 667  
19 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Big-  
vai|strong="H0902" 2067  
20 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Adin|strong="H5720" 655  
21 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Ater|strong="H0333" through the|strong="H1121"  
family of|strong="H1121" Hezeki-  
ah|strong="H2396" 98  
22 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Hashum|strong="H2828" 328  
23 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Bezai|strong="H1209" 324  
24 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ha-  
riph|strong="H2756" 112

25 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Gibeon|strong="H1391" 95  
26 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3967"  
towns of|strong="H0376" Bethle-  
hem|strong="H1035" and|strong="H3967" Ne-  
tophah|strong="H5199" 188  
27 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3967" town  
of|strong="H0376" Anathoth|strong="H6068" 128  
28 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H8147" town  
of|strong="H0376" Beth Azmaveth 42  
29 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3967"  
towns of|strong="H0376" Kiriath|strong="H7157"  
Jearim, Kephirah|strong="H3716",  
and|strong="H3967" Beeroth|strong="H0881" 743  
30 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3967"  
towns of|strong="H0376" Ramah|strong="H7414"  
and|strong="H3967" Geba|strong="H1387" 621  
31 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H8147" town  
of|strong="H0376" Micmash|strong="H4363" 122  
32 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3967"  
towns of|strong="H0376" Bethel|strong="H1008"  
and|strong="H3967" Ai|strong="H5857" 123  
33 from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H8147" oth-  
er|strong="H0312" town of|strong="H0376"  
Nebo|strong="H5015" 52  
34 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" oth-  
er|strong="H0312" town of|strong="H1121"  
Elam|strong="H5867" 1254  
35 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Harim|strong="H2766" 320  
36 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Jericho|strong="H3405" 345  
37 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
towns of|strong="H1121" Lod, Ha-  
did|strong="H2307", and|strong="H1121"  
Ono|strong="H0207" 721  
38 from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" town  
of|strong="H1121" Senaah|strong="H5570" 3930  
39 These are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
priests|strong="H3548":  
the|strong="H1121" descendants|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Jedaiah|strong="H3048"  
through the|strong="H1121" fami-  
ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121"  
Jeshua|strong="H3442" 973  
40 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Im-  
mer|strong="H0564" 1052  
41 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Pash-  
hur|strong="H6583" 1247  
42 the|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
Harim|strong="H2766" 1017  
43 These are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121"  
people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121"

the |strong="H1121" tribe of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881":  
 the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jeshua |strong="H3442" through Kadmiel |strong="H6934" through the |strong="H1121" family of |strong="H1121" Hodeiah <sup>I</sup> 74  
 44 These are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" singers |strong="H7891":  
 the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Asaph |strong="H0623" 148  
 45 These are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" gatekeepers |strong="H7778":  
 the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shallum |strong="H7967", Ater |strong="H0333", Talmon |strong="H2929", Akkub |strong="H6126", Hatita |strong="H2410", and |strong="H1121" Shobai |strong="H7630" 138  
 46 These are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" special Temple |strong="H5411" servants |strong="H5411":  
 the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ziha |strong="H6727", Hasupha |strong="H2817", Tabbaoth |strong="H2884",  
 47 Keros |strong="H7026", Sia |strong="H5517", Padon |strong="H6303",  
 48 Lebana |strong="H3838", Hagaba, Shalmal |strong="H8014",  
 49 Hanan |strong="H2605", Giddel |strong="H1435", Gaher,  
 50 Reaiah |strong="H7211", Rezin |strong="H7526", Nekoda |strong="H5353",  
 51 Gazzam |strong="H1502", Uzza |strong="H5798", Paseah |strong="H6454",  
 52 Besai |strong="H1153", Meunim |strong="H4586", Nephussim,  
 53 Bakbuk |strong="H1227", Hakupha |strong="H2709", Harhur,  
 54 Bazluth |strong="H1213", Mehida |strong="H4240", Harsha |strong="H2797",  
 55 Barkos |strong="H1302", Sisera |strong="H5516", Temah |strong="H8547",  
 56 Neziah |strong="H5335", and |strong="H1121" Hatipha |strong="H2412".  
 57 These are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5650" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5650" servants |strong="H5650" of |strong="H1121" Solomon |strong="H8010":  
 Sotai |strong="H5479", Sophereth |strong="H5618", Perida |strong="H6514",  
 58 Jaala |strong="H3279", Darkon |strong="H1874", Giddel |strong="H1435",  
 59 Shephatiah |strong="H8203", Hattil |strong="H2411", Pokereth Hazzebaim, and |strong="H1121" Amon |strong="H0526",  
 60 the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H5411" servants |strong="H5650" and |strong="H1121"

the |strong="H3605" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Solomon's |strong="H8010" servants |strong="H5650" 392

61 Some |strong="H0428" people |strong="H3808" came |strong="H5927" to |strong="H3201" Jerusalem from |strong="H3478" these |strong="H0428" towns of |strong="H1004" Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Kerub |strong="H3743", Addon |strong="H0114", and |strong="H3478" Immer |strong="H0564". But |strong="H0518" these |strong="H0428" people |strong="H3808" could |strong="H3201" not |strong="H3808" prove that |strong="H3478" their |strong="H1992" families |strong="H1004" really |strong="H1992" came |strong="H5927" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0518" Israelites |strong="H3478":

62 the |strong="H1121" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Delaiah |strong="H1806", Tobiah |strong="H2900", and |strong="H1121" Nekoda |strong="H5353" 642  
 63 From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" family of |strong="H1121" priests |strong="H3548" there |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"

Hobaiah |strong="H2252", Hakkoz |strong="H6976", and |strong="H1121" Barzillai |strong="H1271" ( If |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" man |strong="H1121" married |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" Barzillai |strong="H1271" from |strong="H4480" Gilead, he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H8034" counted as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" descendant |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Barzillai |strong="H1271". )

64 These |strong="H0428" people |strong="H3808" searched |strong="H1245" for |strong="H1245" their |strong="H1245" family histories, but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" could not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" them |strong="H4672". They |strong="H3808" could not |strong="H3808" prove that |strong="H4480" their |strong="H1245" ancestors were |strong="H0428" priests |strong="H3808", so |strong="H4480" they |strong="H3808" could not |strong="H3808" serve as |strong="H3550" priests |strong="H3808". Their |strong="H1245" names were |strong="H0428" not |strong="H3808" included in |strong="H4672" the |strong="H4480" list |strong="H3187" of |strong="H4480" priests |strong="H3808". 65  
 The |strong="H0559" governor |strong="H8660" ordered |strong="H0559" them |strong="H5975" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0398" of |strong="H3548" the |strong="H0559" most |strong="H6944" holy |strong="H6944" food |strong="H0398" until |strong="H5704" a |strong="H0834" priest |strong="H3548" could

I HODEIAH Or "Hodaviah."

use *the* *Urim* *and* *Thummim* *to* *ask* *God* *what* *do*.

<sup>66</sup> All together, there were 42,360 people in the group who came back. This is not counting their 7337 men and women slaves. They also had 245 men and women singers with them. <sup>68</sup> They had 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels, and 6720 donkeys.

<sup>70</sup> Some of *the* *family* *leaders* *gave* *to* *work* *gave* *gold* *the* *He* *bowls* *and* *of* *the* *the* *family* *leaders* *gave* *gold* *the* *support* *the* *work* *They* *gave* *of* *All* *the* *people* *gave* *of* *of* *pieces* *for* *priests*. <sup>71</sup> *The* *family* *leaders* *gave* *gold* *the* *treasury* *to* *support* *the* *work* *They* *also* *gave* *of* *of* *All* *the* *other* *people* *gave* *of* *of* *pieces* *of* *clothing* *for* *priests*.

<sup>73</sup> So the priests, the people from the tribe of Levi, the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Temple servants settled down in their own towns. And all the other Israelites settled down in their own towns. By the seventh month <sup>V</sup> of the year, all the Israelites had settled down in their own towns.

#### Ezra Reads the Law

**8** *So* *the* *Israelites* *met* *together* *in* *the* *seventh* *month* *of* *the* *year*. *They* *were* *united* *and*

I 19 POUNDS Literally, "1000 drachmas" (8.63 kg). II 375 POUNDS Literally, "20,000 drachmas" (172.5 kg). III 2750 POUNDS Literally, "2200 minas" (1265 kg). IV 2500 POUNDS Literally, "2000 minas" (1150 kg). V SEVENTH MONTH That is, September–October. Also in 8:1, 14-15.

*in* *complete* *agreement*. *They* *all* *met* *together* *in* *the* *open* *place* *in* *the* *front* *of* *the* *Water* *Gate*. *All* *the* *people* *asked* *Ezra* *the* *teacher* *to* *bring* *out* *the* *Book* *of* *the* *Law* *of* *Moses* *which* *he* *had* *given* *to* *the* *Israelites*. <sup>2</sup> *So* *Ezra* *the* *priest* *brought* *the* *law* *before* *those* *who* *had* *met* *together*. *This* *was* *on* *the* *first* *day* *of* *the* *month*. <sup>VI</sup> *It* *was* *the* *seventh* *month* *of* *the* *year*. *Men* *and* *anyone* *old* *enough* *to* *listen* *and* *understand* *were* *at* *the* *meeting*. <sup>3</sup> *Ezra* *read* *a* *loud* *voice* *from* *the* *Book* *of* *the* *Law* *from* *early* *morning* *until* *noon*. *He* *was* *facing* *the* *open* *place* *that* *was* *in* *the* *front* *of* *the* *Water* *Gate*. *He* *read* *to*

VI FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH This was a special day of worship. The people met together and shared a fellowship meal.

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" and |strong="H3117" women |strong="H0802", and |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0413" everyone |strong="H3605" old |strong="H6440" enough to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H0241" and |strong="H3117" understand |strong="H0995". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" listened carefully |strong="H0995" and |strong="H3117" paid |strong="H0995" attention |strong="H0241" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" Law |strong="H8451".

<sup>4</sup> Ezra |strong="H5830" stood |strong="H5975" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0834" high wooden |strong="H6086" stage. It |strong="H5921" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" built |strong="H6213" just |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" this |strong="H1697" special time. On |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" right |strong="H3225" side |strong="H3225" stood |strong="H5975" Mattithiah |strong="H4993", Shema |strong="H8087", Anaiah |strong="H6043", Uria |strong="H0223", Hilkiyah |strong="H2518", and |strong="H6086" Maaseiah |strong="H4641". And |strong="H6086" on |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" left |strong="H8040" side |strong="H3225" stood |strong="H5975" Pedaiyah |strong="H6305", Mishael |strong="H4332", Malkijah |strong="H4441", Hashum |strong="H2828", Hashbaddanah |strong="H2806", Zechariah |strong="H2148", and |strong="H6086" Meshulam |strong="H4918".

<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H1961" Ezra |strong="H5830" opened |strong="H6605" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" could |strong="H5971" see |strong="H5869" him |strong="H5921" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" standing |strong="H5975" above |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" high stage. As |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3588" opened |strong="H6605" the |strong="H3605" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H5869" the |strong="H3605" Law, all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" stood |strong="H5975" up |strong="H5975". <sup>6</sup> Ezra |strong="H5830" praised |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" great |strong="H1419" God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" held up |strong="H0853" their |strong="H3605" hands |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H6030", " Amen |strong="H0543"! Amen |strong="H0543"! Then |strong="H6030"

all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" bowed |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" and |strong="H3068" put |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3605" faces |strong="H0639" low |strong="H6915" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" worshiped |strong="H7812" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>7</sup> These |strong="H5971" men |strong="H5971" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H5921" Levi |strong="H3881" taught |strong="H0995" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" law |strong="H8451" as |strong="H3881" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3881" all standing |strong="H5977" there. The |strong="H0853" Levites |strong="H3881" were |strong="H3881" Jeshua |strong="H3442", Bani |strong="H1137", Sherebiah |strong="H8274", Jamin |strong="H3226", Akkub |strong="H6126", Shabbethai |strong="H7678", Hodiah |strong="H1941", Maaseiah |strong="H4641", Kelita |strong="H7042", Azariah |strong="H5838", Jozabad |strong="H3107", Hanan |strong="H2605", and |strong="H0853" Pelaiyah |strong="H6411". <sup>8</sup> They |strong="H0430" read |strong="H7121" the |strong="H7760" Book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H7760" Law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0430" made |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" easy to |strong="H0430" understand |strong="H0995", and |strong="H0430" explained |strong="H0995" what it |strong="H7760" meant. They |strong="H0430" did this so |strong="H7121" that |strong="H7121" the |strong="H7760" people could understand |strong="H0995" what was |strong="H0430" being |strong="H0430" read |strong="H7121".

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Nehemiah |strong="H5166" the |strong="H3605" governor |strong="H8660", Ezra |strong="H5830" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" teacher |strong="H0995", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Levites |strong="H3881" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3881" teaching |strong="H8451" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" spoke |strong="H0559". They |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " Today |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" special day |strong="H3117" <sup>1</sup> to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" sad and |strong="H3068" cry."

<sup>1</sup> SPECIAL DAY The first and second days of each month were special days of worship. The people met together and shared a fellowship meal.



They *strong="H3588"* said *strong="H0559"* that *strong="H3588"* because *strong="H3588"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* had *strong="H3068"* begun to *strong="H0559"* cry as *strong="H1697"* they *strong="H3588"* were *strong="H3881"* listening *strong="H8085"* to *strong="H0559"* the *strong="H3605"* messages *strong="H1697"* of *strong="H0430"* God *strong="H0430"* in *strong="H0430"* the *strong="H3605"* law *strong="H8451"*.

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said *strong="H0559"*, "Go *strong="H7971"* and *strong="H3068"* enjoy the *strong="H0559"* good food *strong="H0398"* and *strong="H3068"* sweet *strong="H4477"* drinks *strong="H8354"*. Give *strong="H0398"* some *strong="H3117"* food *strong="H0398"* and *strong="H3068"* drinks *strong="H8354"* to *strong="H0559"* those *strong="H3588"* who *strong="H1931"* didn't prepare *strong="H3559"* any *strong="H0369"* food *strong="H0398"*. Today *strong="H3117"* is *strong="H0369"* a *strong="H3588"* special day *strong="H3117"* to *strong="H0559"* our *strong="H3068"* Lord *strong="H3068"*. Don't *strong="H0408"* be *strong="H0408"* sad, because *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H0559"* joy *strong="H2304"* of *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* make *strong="H3559"* you *strong="H3588"* strong *strong="H4581"*."

<sup>11</sup> The *strong="H3605"* Levites *strong="H3881"* helped the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* to *strong="H0559"* calm down *strong="H3588"*. They *strong="H3588"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Be *strong="H0408"* quiet *strong="H2013"*, calm down *strong="H3588"*, this *strong="H3588"* is *strong="H3117"* a *strong="H3588"* special day *strong="H3117"*. Don't *strong="H0408"* be *strong="H0408"* sad."

<sup>12</sup> Then *strong="H7971"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* went to *strong="H7971"* eat *strong="H0398"* the *strong="H3605"* special meal. They *strong="H0834"* shared their *strong="H3605"* food *strong="H0398"* and *strong="H0398"* drinks *strong="H8354"*. They *strong="H0834"* celebrated *strong="H6213"* that *strong="H0834"* special day. They *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* happy *strong="H8057"* that *strong="H0834"* they *strong="H0834"* could *strong="H1697"* hear the *strong="H3605"* reading *strong="H6213"* of *strong="H1697"* God's law and *strong="H0398"* were *strong="H0834"* now *strong="H3588"* able to *strong="H7971"* understand *strong="H0995"* it *strong="H3588"*.

<sup>13</sup> Then *strong="H3605"* on *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* second *strong="H8145"*

day *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* month, <sup>1</sup> the *strong="H3605"* leaders *strong="H7218"* of *strong="H3117"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* families *strong="H0001"* went *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* meet with *strong="H0413"* Ezra *strong="H5830"*, the *strong="H3605"* priests *strong="H3548"*, and *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* Levites *strong="H3881"*. They *strong="H3117"* all *strong="H3605"* gathered *strong="H0622"* around Ezra *strong="H5830"* the *strong="H3605"* teacher to *strong="H0413"* study of *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* law *strong="H8451"*.

<sup>14</sup> They studied and found these commands in the law. The LORD gave this command to the people through Moses: In the seventh month of the year, the Israelites must go to Jerusalem to celebrate a special festival. They must live in temporary shelters. And the people are supposed to go through all of their towns and Jerusalem and say this: "Go out into the hill country and get branches from different kinds of olive trees. Get branches from myrtle trees, palm trees, and shade trees. Use the branches to make temporary shelters. Do what the law says."

<sup>16</sup> So *strong="H6213"* the *strong="H5921"* people *strong="H5971"* went *strong="H3318"* out *strong="H3318"* and *strong="H0935"* got *strong="H3318"* tree branches. Then *strong="H3318"* they *strong="H1992"* built *strong="H6213"* temporary *strong="H5521"* shelters *strong="H5521"* for *strong="H5921"* themselves *strong="H1992"*. They *strong="H1992"* built *strong="H6213"* shelters *strong="H5521"* on *strong="H5921"* their *strong="H1992"* own *strong="H0376"* roofs *strong="H1406"* and *strong="H0935"* in *strong="H5921"* their *strong="H1992"* own *strong="H0376"* yards. And *strong="H0935"* they *strong="H1992"* built *strong="H6213"* shelters *strong="H5521"* in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* Temple *strong="H1004"* yard, in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* open *strong="H7339"* place *strong="H1004"* near *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* Water *strong="H4325"* Gate *strong="H8179"*, and *strong="H0935"* near *strong="H5921"* Ephraim *strong="H0669"* Gate *strong="H8179"*. <sup>17</sup> The *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* group that *strong="H3588"* had *strong="H1961"* come *strong="H1961"* back *strong="H7725"* from *strong="H4480"* captivity *strong="H7628"* built *strong="H6213"* shelters *strong="H5521"*. They *strong="H3588"* lived *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"*

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the|strong="H3605" shelters|strong="H5521" they|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1961" built|strong="H6213". Since|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" Joshua son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nun|strong="H5126" up|strong="H5704" until|strong="H5704" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" had|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" celebrated|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" Festival|strong="H8057" of|strong="H1121" Shelters|strong="H5521" like|strong="H1961" this|strong="H3651". Everyone|strong="H3605" was|strong="H1961" very|strong="H3966" happy|strong="H8057"!

<sup>18</sup> Ezra|strong="H7121" read|strong="H7121" to|strong="H5704" them|strong="H7121" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" Book|strong="H5612" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H4480" Law|strong="H8451" every|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H4480" festival|strong="H2282" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" first|strong="H7223" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H4480" festival|strong="H2282" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H4480" last|strong="H0314" day|strong="H3117". The|strong="H4480" Israelites celebrated|strong="H6213" the|strong="H4480" festival|strong="H2282" for|strong="H7121" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117". Then|strong="H6213" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H4480" eighth|strong="H8066" day|strong="H3117", the|strong="H4480" people met together for|strong="H7121" a|strong="H7121" special meeting, as|strong="H5704" the|strong="H4480" law|strong="H8451" says.

#### The People of Israel Confess Their Sins

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H2088" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" 24th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" that|strong="H3117" same|strong="H2088" month|strong="H2320", the|strong="H5921" Israelites|strong="H3478" gathered|strong="H0622" together|strong="H0622" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" fasting|strong="H6685". They|strong="H3117" wore|strong="H5921" sackcloth|strong="H8242" and|strong="H1121" put|strong="H0622" ashes on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" heads to|strong="H5921" show they|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3478" sad and|strong="H1121" upset.  
<sup>2</sup> Those|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H3478" true Israelites|strong="H3478" separated|strong="H0914"

themselves|strong="H5771" from|strong="H5921" foreigners|strong="H5236". The|strong="H3605" Israelites|strong="H3478" stood|strong="H5975" and|strong="H1121" confessed|strong="H3034" their|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2403" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" sins|strong="H2403" of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H3605" ancestors|strong="H0001".<sup>3</sup> They|strong="H3117" stood|strong="H6965" there|strong="H3068" for|strong="H5921" about|strong="H5921" three hours, and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H5921" people read|strong="H7121" the|strong="H5921" Book|strong="H5612" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H5921" Law|strong="H8451" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". Then|strong="H6965" for|strong="H5921" three more|strong="H5921" hours they|strong="H3117" confessed|strong="H3034" their|strong="H3068" sins and|strong="H6965" bowed|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H5921" worship|strong="H7812" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H6965" these Levites|strong="H3881" stood|strong="H6965" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" stairs: Jeshua|strong="H3442", Bani|strong="H1137", Kadmiel|strong="H6934", Shebaniah|strong="H7645", Bunni|strong="H1138", Sherebiah|strong="H8274", Bani|strong="H1137", and|strong="H6965" Kenani. They|strong="H5921" called|strong="H2199" out|strong="H2199" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" with|strong="H0413" loud|strong="H1419" voices|strong="H6963".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H6965" these|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" spoke|strong="H0559" again|strong="H6965": Jeshua|strong="H3442", Bani|strong="H1137", Kadmiel|strong="H6934", Bani|strong="H1137", Hashabneiah|strong="H2813", Sherebiah|strong="H8274", Hodiah|strong="H1941", Shebaniah|strong="H7645", and|strong="H6965" Pethahiah|strong="H6611". They|strong="H5921" said|strong="H0559", "Stand|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" praise|strong="H8416" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"! God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H3068" always|strong="H5769" lived and|strong="H6965" will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H8034" forever|strong="H5769".

"People should|strong="H3068" praise|strong="H8416" your|strong="H3068" glorious name|strong="H8034".

May |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" be |strong="H8034" lifted |strong="H7311" above |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" blessing |strong="H1293" and |strong="H6965" praise |strong="H8416".

<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" God |strong="H3068".

LORD |strong="H3068", only |strong="H0905" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" God |strong="H3068".

You |strong="H0859" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" highest |strong="H8064" heavens |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853".

You |strong="H0859" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H1931".

You |strong="H0859" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" seas |strong="H3220" and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853".

You |strong="H0859" give life |strong="H2421" to |strong="H5921" everything |strong="H3605".

All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" heavenly |strong="H8064" angels bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" and |strong="H3068" worship |strong="H7812" you |strong="H0859".

<sup>7</sup> You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" who |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" Abram |strong="H0087".

You |strong="H0859" led |strong="H3318" him |strong="H7760" from |strong="H3318" Ur in |strong="H0430" Babylonia |strong="H3778".

You |strong="H0859" changed his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H3068" Abraham |strong="H0085".

<sup>8</sup> You |strong="H0859" saw he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0776" true and |strong="H6965" loyal to |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859", and |strong="H6965" you |strong="H0859" made |strong="H3772" an |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5414".

You |strong="H0859" promised |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776"

of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Canaanites |strong="H3669", Hittites |strong="H2850", and |strong="H6965" Amorites |strong="H0567", Perizzites |strong="H6522", Jebusites |strong="H2983", and |strong="H6965" Girgashites |strong="H1622".

But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" promised |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5414" Abraham's descendants |strong="H2233".

And |strong="H6965" you |strong="H0859" kept |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" promise |strong="H1697" because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697" good |strong="H6965".

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H5921" saw |strong="H7200" our |strong="H5921" ancestors |strong="H0001" suffering |strong="H6040" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714"

and |strong="H4714" heard |strong="H8085" them |strong="H0853" call |strong="H8085" for |strong="H5921" help by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Red Sea |strong="H3220".

<sup>10</sup> You |strong="H3588" showed |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" miracles |strong="H4159" to |strong="H5921" Pharaoh |strong="H6547".

You |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" amazing things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" officials |strong="H5650" and |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

You |strong="H3588" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Egyptians thought |strong="H3045"

they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H3117" better |strong="H5921" than |strong="H5921" our |strong="H3605" ancestors.

But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" proved how |strong="H3588" great you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3117",

and |strong="H0776" they |strong="H3588" remember that |strong="H3588" even |strong="H3588" today |strong="H3117".

<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H6440" split |strong="H1234" the |strong="H0853" Red Sea |strong="H3220" in |strong="H8432" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" them |strong="H0853",

and |strong="H0068" they |strong="H6440" walked through |strong="H5674" on |strong="H3220" dry |strong="H3004" land |strong="H3004".

The |strong="H0853" Egyptian soldiers were |strong="H4325" chasing |strong="H7291" them |strong="H0853",

but |strong="H4325" you |strong="H6440" threw |strong="H7993" that |strong="H4325" enemy into |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220".

And |strong="H0068" they |strong="H6440" sank like |strong="H3644" a |strong="H3644" rock |strong="H0068" into |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220".

<sup>12</sup> With |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0853" tall cloud |strong="H6051", you |strong="H0834"

led them by day, and night you used the column of fire.

That is the way you lit their path and showed them where to go.

<sup>13</sup> Then you came down to Mount Sinai.

You spoke to them from heaven.

You gave them laws.

You gave them true teachings.

You gave them laws and commands that were very good.

<sup>14</sup> You told them about your special day of rest—the Sabbath.

Through your servant Moses, you gave them commands, laws, and teachings.

<sup>15</sup> They were hungry,

so you gave them food from heaven.

They were thirsty,

so you gave them water from a rock.

You told them,

'Come, take this land.'

You used your power, and took the land for them.

<sup>16</sup> But our ancestors became proud and stubborn.

They refused to obey your commands.

<sup>17</sup> They refused to listen.

They forgot the amazing things you did with them.

They became stubborn.

They decided to return to Egypt and become slaves again.

'But you are forgiving God!

You are kind and full of mercy.

You are patient and full of love.

So you didn't leave them!

<sup>18</sup> You didn't leave them even when they made golden calves and said,

'These are our gods that led us out of Egypt.'

<sup>19</sup> You are very kind,

so you didn't leave them in the desert.

You didn't take the tall cloud

away from them by day.

You continued to lead them.

You didn't take the column of fire away from them.

You continued to light their path and show them which way to go.

You gave them good Spirit to make them wise.

You gave them manna for food.

You gave them water for thirst.

You took care of them for 40 years.

They had the desert.

Their clothes didn't out, and their feet didn't swell.

You gave them kingdoms and nations, and you gave them faraway places where few people live.

They got the land of King Sihon of Heshbon.

They got the land of King Og of Bashan.

You made their descendants as many as

stars in the sky.

You brought them to the land they promised to give their ancestors.

They went to the land in which they took children.

They defeated the Canaanites living there.

You brought them to the land you promised to give their ancestors.

They went to the land in which they took children.

They defeated the Canaanites living there.

You let them defeat those people.

You let them do whatever they wanted.

to those nations, and their kings.

They defeated powerful cities.

They took the fertile land.

They got houses filled with good things.

They got wells that were already dug.

They got vineyards, olive trees, and plenty of fruit and trees.

They ate until they were full and fat.

They enjoyed all the wonderful things you gave them.

And then they turned against you.

They threw away your teachings.

They *strong="H0834"* killed *strong="H2026"* your *strong="H0834"* prophets *strong="H5030"*.

Those *strong="H0834"* prophets *strong="H5030"* warned *strong="H5749"* the *strong="H0853"* people *strong="H0834"*.

They *strong="H0834"* tried to *strong="H0413"* bring *strong="H7725"* them *strong="H0413"* back *strong="H7725"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H0834"*.

But *strong="H5749"* our *strong="H0834"* ancestors said *strong="H0413"* terrible things *strong="H1419"* against *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H0834"*.

<sup>27</sup> So *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H0859"* let *strong="H5414"* their *strong="H5414"* enemies have *strong="H0859"* them *strong="H0413"*.

The *strong="H0413"* enemy caused *strong="H5414"* our *strong="H0413"* much *strong="H3027"* trouble *strong="H6869"*.

When *strong="H8085"* trouble *strong="H6869"* came *strong="H0413"*, our *strong="H5414"* ancestors called *strong="H6817"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H0859"* for *strong="H0413"* help *strong="H3467"*.

And *strong="H3027"* in *strong="H0413"* heaven *strong="H8064"*, you *strong="H0859"* heard *strong="H8085"* them *strong="H0413"*.

You *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H3027"* very *strong="H7227"* kind,

so *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H0859"* sent *strong="H5414"* people *strong="H6862"* to *strong="H0413"* save *strong="H3467"* them *strong="H0413"*.

And *strong="H3027"* they *strong="H6256"* rescued them *strong="H0413"* from *strong="H3027"* their *strong="H5414"* enemies.

<sup>28</sup> Then *strong="H0859"* as *strong="H6440"* soon as *strong="H6440"* our *strong="H5337"* ancestors were *strong="H8064"* rested *strong="H5117"*, they *strong="H6256"* started doing *strong="H6213"* terrible *strong="H7451"* things *strong="H6256"* again *strong="H7725"*!

So *strong="H6213"* you *strong="H0859"* let *strong="H5117"* the *strong="H6440"* enemy *strong="H0341"* defeat them *strong="H7725"* and *strong="H3027"* punish them *strong="H7725"*.

They *strong="H6256"* called *strong="H2199"* to *strong="H7725"* you *strong="H0859"* for *strong="H3027"* help,

and *strong="H3027"* in *strong="H8085"* heaven *strong="H8064"* you *strong="H0859"* heard *strong="H8085"* them *strong="H7725"* and *strong="H3027"* helped *strong="H3027"* them *strong="H7725"*.

You *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H3027"* so *strong="H6213"* kind.

That *strong="H8085"* happened so *strong="H6213"* many *strong="H7227"* times *strong="H6256"*.

<sup>29</sup> You *strong="H0834"* warned *strong="H5749"* them *strong="H0413"*.

You *strong="H0834"* told *strong="H0413"* them *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* come *strong="H7725"* back *strong="H7725"*, but *strong="H3808"* they *strong="H1992"* were *strong="H0834"* too *strong="H3808"* proud.

They *strong="H1992"* refused *strong="H3808"* to *strong="H0413"* listen *strong="H8085"* to *strong="H0413"* your *strong="H5414"* commands *strong="H4687"*.

If *strong="H0834"* people *strong="H0120"* obey *strong="H8085"* your *strong="H5414"* laws *strong="H8451"*, they *strong="H1992"* will *strong="H0834"* live *strong="H2421"*.

But *strong="H3808"* our *strong="H5414"* ancestors broke your *strong="H5414"* laws *strong="H8451"*.

They *strong="H1992"* were *strong="H0834"* stubborn *strong="H5637"*.

They *strong="H1992"* turned *strong="H7725"* their *strong="H5414"* backs *strong="H6203"* on *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H0834"*.

They *strong="H1992"* refused *strong="H3808"* to *strong="H0413"* listen *strong="H8085"*.

<sup>30</sup> You *strong="H5414"* were *strong="H3027"* very *strong="H7227"* patient with *strong="H5921"* our *strong="H5414"* ancestors.

You *strong="H5414"* let *strong="H5414"* them *strong="H5414"* mistreat you *strong="H5414"* for *strong="H5921"* many *strong="H7227"* years *strong="H8141"*.

You *strong="H5414"* warned *strong="H5749"* them *strong="H5414"* with *strong="H5921"* your *strong="H5414"* Spirit *strong="H7307"*.

You *strong="H5414"* sent *strong="H5414"* the *strong="H5921"* prophets *strong="H5030"* to *strong="H5921"* warn *strong="H5971"* them *strong="H5414"*.

But *strong="H3808"* our *strong="H5414"* ancestors didn't *strong="H3808"* listen *strong="H0238"*.

So *strong="H5414"* you *strong="H5414"* gave *strong="H5414"* them *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H5921"* people *strong="H5971"* in *strong="H5921"* other countries *strong="H0776"*.

<sup>31</sup> " But *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H7356"* so *strong="H6213"* kind!

You *strong="H0859"* didn't *strong="H3808"* completely *strong="H3617"* destroy *strong="H6213"* them *strong="H6213"*.

You *strong="H0859"* didn't *strong="H3808"* leave *strong="H5800"* them *strong="H6213"*.

You *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H7356"* such *strong="H3808"* a *strong="H3588"* kind and *strong="H2587"* merciful *strong="H7349"* God *strong="H0410"*!

<sup>32</sup> Our *strong="H3605"* God *strong="H0430"*, you *strong="H0834"* are *strong="H0834"*

the |strong="H3605" great |strong="H1419" God |strong="H0430",  
 the |strong="H3605" awesome |strong="H3372",  
 powerful |strong="H1368" soldier!  
 You |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" kind  
 and |strong="H0430" loyal |strong="H2617".  
 You |strong="H0834" keep |strong="H8104"  
 your |strong="H3605" agreement |strong="H1285".  
 We |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834"  
 had |strong="H0834" many |strong="H1419" troubles,  
 and |strong="H0430" our |strong="H3605" troubles  
 are |strong="H0834" important |strong="H5704"  
 to |strong="H5704" you |strong="H0834".  
 Bad things |strong="H3605" hap-  
 pened |strong="H4672" to |strong="H5704"  
 all |strong="H3605" our |strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971",  
 and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H5704"  
 our |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428"  
 and |strong="H0430" leaders |strong="H8269",  
 and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H5704"  
 our |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548"  
 and |strong="H0430" prophets |strong="H5030".  
 Those |strong="H3605" terrible  
 things |strong="H3605" have |strong="H0834" hap-  
 pened |strong="H4672"  
 from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605"  
 days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H4428"  
 the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428"  
 of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" un-  
 til |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117".  
<sup>33</sup> But |strong="H3588" God, you |strong="H0859"  
 were |strong="H5921" right |strong="H6662"  
 about |strong="H5921" everything |strong="H3605"  
 that |strong="H3588" happened |strong="H0935"  
 to |strong="H0935" us |strong="H5921".  
 You |strong="H0859" were |strong="H5921"  
 right |strong="H6662", and |strong="H0935"  
 we |strong="H0587" were |strong="H5921" wrong.  
<sup>34</sup> Our |strong="H0834" kings |strong="H4428", lead-  
 ers |strong="H8269", priests |strong="H3548",  
 and |strong="H4428" fathers |strong="H0001"  
 did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808"  
 obey |strong="H6213" your |strong="H0834"  
 law |strong="H8451".  
 They |strong="H0834" didn't |strong="H3808" lis-  
 ten |strong="H7181" to |strong="H0413"  
 your |strong="H0834" commands |strong="H4687".  
 They |strong="H0834" ignored your |strong="H0834"  
 warnings |strong="H5715".  
<sup>35</sup> Our |strong="H5414" ancestors  
 didn't |strong="H3808" serve |strong="H5647"  
 you |strong="H0834" even |strong="H3808"  
 when |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992"  
 were |strong="H0834" living in |strong="H0776"  
 their |strong="H5414" own |strong="H6440" king-  
 dom |strong="H4438".

They |strong="H1992" didn't |strong="H3808"  
 stop |strong="H3808" doing |strong="H7451"  
 evil |strong="H7451".

They |strong="H1992" enjoyed all  
 the |strong="H6440" wonderful  
 things |strong="H2898" you |strong="H0834"  
 gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414".  
 They |strong="H1992" enjoyed the |strong="H6440"  
 rich land |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776"  
 had |strong="H0834" plenty |strong="H7227"  
 of |strong="H0776" room,  
 but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992"  
 didn't |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808"  
 their |strong="H5414" evil |strong="H7451" ways.  
<sup>36</sup> And |strong="H0776" now |strong="H2009",  
 we |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834"  
 slaves |strong="H5650".

We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834"  
 slaves |strong="H5650" in |strong="H5921"  
 this |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776",  
 the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776"  
 you |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414"  
 our |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001"  
 so |strong="H5414" they |strong="H0834" could en-  
 joy its |strong="H5414" fruit |strong="H6529"  
 and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3117"  
 the |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2898"  
 things |strong="H2898" that |strong="H0834" grow  
 here |strong="H2009".

<sup>37</sup> The |strong="H0834" harvest |strong="H8393"  
 is |strong="H0834" big in |strong="H5921"  
 this |strong="H0834" land.

But |strong="H4428" we |strong="H0587"  
 sinned |strong="H2403", so |strong="H5414"  
 that |strong="H0834" harvest |strong="H8393" goes  
 to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834"  
 kings |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0834"  
 put |strong="H5414" over |strong="H5921"  
 us |strong="H5414".

They |strong="H0834" control |strong="H4910"  
 us |strong="H5414" and |strong="H4428"  
 our |strong="H5414" cattle |strong="H0929".

They |strong="H0834" do anything  
 they |strong="H0834" want.

We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834"  
 in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5414" lot  
 of |strong="H4428" trouble |strong="H6869".

<sup>38</sup> "Because of all these things, we are making an agreement that cannot be changed. We are putting this agreement in writing. Our leaders, Levites, and priests are signing their names to this agreement and sealing it with a seal."

**10** These |strong="H2063" are |strong="H3548"  
 the |strong="H3605" names  
 on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605"  
 sealed |strong="H2856" agreement |strong="H0548":  
 Nehemiah the |strong="H3605" gover-  
 nor |strong="H8269", son of |strong="H8269" Hacali-

ah. Zedekiah, <sup>2</sup> Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, <sup>3</sup> Pashhur, Amariah, Malkijah, <sup>4</sup> Hattush, Shebaniah, Mal-luch, <sup>5</sup> Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, <sup>6</sup> Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, <sup>7</sup> Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, <sup>8</sup> Maaziah, Bilgai, and <sup>9</sup> Shemaiah. These were the <sup>10</sup> priests who put their names on the <sup>11</sup> sealed agree-ment.

<sup>9</sup> And <sup>12</sup> these <sup>13</sup> are <sup>14</sup> the <sup>15</sup> Levites who <sup>16</sup> put their <sup>17</sup> names on <sup>18</sup> the <sup>19</sup> sealed agreement:

Jeshua son of <sup>20</sup> Azaniah, Binnui from <sup>21</sup> the <sup>22</sup> family of <sup>23</sup> Henadad, Kadmiel, <sup>24</sup> and <sup>25</sup> their <sup>26</sup> brothers: Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, <sup>27</sup> Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, <sup>28</sup> Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, <sup>29</sup> Hodiah, Bani, and <sup>30</sup> Beninu.

<sup>14</sup> And these are the <sup>15</sup> names of the <sup>16</sup> leaders who put their names on the <sup>17</sup> sealed agreement:

Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani <sup>18</sup> and <sup>19</sup> Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, <sup>20</sup> Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, <sup>21</sup> Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, <sup>22</sup> Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, <sup>23</sup> Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, <sup>24</sup> Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, <sup>25</sup> Meshez-abel, Zadok, Jaddua, <sup>26</sup> Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, <sup>27</sup> Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, <sup>28</sup> Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, <sup>29</sup> Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, <sup>30</sup> Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, <sup>31</sup> Malluch, Harim, and <sup>32</sup> Baanah.

<sup>28</sup> So all these people now make this special promise to God. And they all ask for bad things to happen if they don't keep their promise. All these people promise to follow the law of God. That law of God was given to us through Moses his servant. These people promise with an oath to carefully obey all the commands, rules, and teachings of our Lord GOD. Now, these are the people who are making this promise: The rest of the people—the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, Temple servants, and all the Israelites who separated themselves from the people living around them. They have separated themselves to obey God's law. Their wives, sons, and daughters who are able to listen and understand also did this. All these people joined their brothers and the important people to accept for themselves the promise to obey God's law. And they accepted the curse that asks for bad things to happen to them if they don't obey God's law.

<sup>30</sup> " We <sup>31</sup> promise <sup>32</sup> not to <sup>33</sup> let <sup>34</sup> our <sup>35</sup> daughters mar-ry <sup>36</sup> the <sup>37</sup> peo-ple <sup>38</sup> living around <sup>39</sup> us

us <sup>40</sup>. And <sup>41</sup> we <sup>42</sup> promise <sup>43</sup> not to <sup>44</sup> let <sup>45</sup> our <sup>46</sup> sons marry <sup>47</sup> their <sup>48</sup> daughters.

<sup>31</sup> " We <sup>32</sup> promise <sup>33</sup> to <sup>34</sup> work <sup>35</sup> on <sup>36</sup> the <sup>37</sup> Sabbath day. If <sup>38</sup> the <sup>39</sup> people <sup>40</sup> living around us <sup>41</sup> bring <sup>42</sup> grain or <sup>43</sup> other things <sup>44</sup> to <sup>45</sup> sell <sup>46</sup> on <sup>47</sup> the <sup>48</sup> Sabbath, we <sup>49</sup> will <sup>50</sup> not <sup>51</sup> buy <sup>52</sup> them <sup>53</sup> on <sup>54</sup> that <sup>55</sup> special day or <sup>56</sup> on <sup>57</sup> any <sup>58</sup> other festival. Every seventh year, <sup>59</sup> we <sup>60</sup> will <sup>61</sup> not <sup>62</sup> plant or <sup>63</sup> work <sup>64</sup> the <sup>65</sup> land <sup>66</sup>. And <sup>67</sup> every sev-enth year, we <sup>68</sup> will <sup>69</sup> cancel every debt that <sup>70</sup> other peo-ple <sup>71</sup> owe to <sup>72</sup> us <sup>73</sup>.

<sup>32</sup> " We <sup>33</sup> will <sup>34</sup> ac-cept <sup>35</sup> the <sup>36</sup> responsibil-ity for <sup>37</sup> obeying the <sup>38</sup> com-mands to <sup>39</sup> take <sup>40</sup> care <sup>41</sup> of <sup>42</sup> God's Tem-ple. We <sup>43</sup> will <sup>44</sup> give <sup>45</sup> 1/3 shekel <sup>46</sup> of <sup>47</sup> silver each <sup>48</sup> year <sup>49</sup> to <sup>50</sup> support <sup>51</sup> the <sup>52</sup> Temple service <sup>53</sup> to <sup>54</sup> honor our <sup>55</sup> God <sup>56</sup>. <sup>57</sup> This <sup>58</sup> money will <sup>59</sup> pay <sup>60</sup> for <sup>61</sup> the <sup>62</sup> special bread that <sup>63</sup> the <sup>64</sup> priests put <sup>65</sup> on <sup>66</sup> the <sup>67</sup> table in <sup>68</sup> the <sup>69</sup> Temple <sup>70</sup>. It <sup>71</sup> will <sup>72</sup> pay <sup>73</sup> for <sup>74</sup> the <sup>75</sup> daily grain offerings and <sup>76</sup> burnt offerings. It <sup>77</sup> will <sup>78</sup> pay <sup>79</sup> for <sup>80</sup> the <sup>81</sup> offerings on <sup>82</sup> the <sup>83</sup> Sabbaths, New Moon celebra-tions, and <sup>84</sup> other special meeting days <sup>85</sup>.

I SEVENTH YEAR See Exodus 23:10, 11. II 1/3 SHEKEL This was probably a coin at this time, but 1 shekel is 2/5 of an ounce (11.5 g).



will pay for the holy offerings and for the sin offerings that make Israelites pure. It will pay for any work needed on the Temple of our God.

<sup>34</sup> "We, the Levites, and the people have thrown lots to decide when each of our families is to bring a gift of wood to the Temple of our God at certain times each year. The wood is to burn on the altar of the LORD our God. We must do that as it is written in the law.

<sup>35</sup> "We also accept the responsibility of bringing the first part of our harvest, whether from the grain in our fields or the fruit from trees. We will bring them to the LORD'S Temple each year.

<sup>36</sup> "Just as it is written in the law, this is what we will do: We will bring

our firstborn sons and our firstborn cattle, sheep, and goats. We will bring these to the Temple of our God, to the priests who are serving there.

<sup>37</sup> "And we will also bring the first part of our harvest to the priests in storage rooms of our God's Temple. We will bring the first of our ground meal, the first of our grain offerings, the first fruit from our trees, and the first of our new wine and oil. And we will bring a tenth of our crops to the Levites, because they are the ones who collect these things in all the towns where we work.

<sup>38</sup> "A priest from the family of Aaron must be with the Levites when they receive the crops. Then the Levites must bring the crops to the Temple of our God and put them in the storerooms of the Temple treasury. <sup>39</sup> The Israelites and the Levites must

bring *strong="H5927"* their *strong="H1961"* gifts to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* storerooms. They *strong="H0430"* are *strong="H1121"* to *strong="H0413"* bring *strong="H5927"* their *strong="H1961"* gifts of *strong="H1121"* grain, new wine, and *strong="H1121"* oil.

All *strong="H5927"* the *strong="H0853"* things *strong="H5973"* for *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* Temple *strong="H1004"* are *strong="H1121"* kept in *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* storerooms, and *strong="H1121"* that *strong="H1961"* is *strong="H0430"* where *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* priests *strong="H3548"* who *strong="H3548"* are *strong="H1121"* on *strong="H0413"* duty stay. The *strong="H0853"* singers and *strong="H1121"* gatekeepers also *strong="H0853"* stay there *strong="H1961"*.

"We all *strong="H5927"* promise that *strong="H1961"* we will *strong="H0430"* take *strong="H1961"* care of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0853"* Temple *strong="H1004"* of *strong="H1121"* our *strong="H0430"* God *strong="H0430"*."

#### New People Move Into Jerusalem

**11** Now *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0935"* leaders *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H3027"* the *strong="H0935"* Israelites moved *strong="H3389"* into *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0935"* city *strong="H5892"* of *strong="H3027"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. The *strong="H0935"* rest *strong="H7605"* of *strong="H3027"* the *strong="H0935"* people *strong="H5971"* to *strong="H0935"* live *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*, the *strong="H0935"* holy *strong="H6944"* city *strong="H5892"*. The *strong="H0935"* rest *strong="H7605"* of *strong="H3027"* the *strong="H0935"* people *strong="H5971"* stayed *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* their *strong="H0935"* own towns *strong="H5892"*.<sup>2</sup> The *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* who *strong="H3605"* stayed *strong="H3427"* asked God to *strong="H0376"* bless *strong="H1288"* those *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H3605"* were *strong="H0376"* willing *strong="H5068"* to *strong="H0376"* move to *strong="H0376"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*.

<sup>3</sup> Some *strong="H0376"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0834"* Israelites *strong="H3478"*, priests *strong="H3548"*, Levites *strong="H3881"*, ser-

vants *strong="H5650"*, and *strong="H1121"* descendants *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Solomon's *strong="H8010"* servants *strong="H5650"* lived *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H0834"* various towns *strong="H5892"* throughout Judah *strong="H3063"*.

These *strong="H0428"* all *strong="H0376"* lived *strong="H3427"* on *strong="H3427"* property *strong="H0272"* they *strong="H0834"* owned *strong="H0272"* in *strong="H3427"* these *strong="H0428"* towns *strong="H5892"*. But *strong="H0376"* the *strong="H0834"* area leaders *strong="H7218"* lived *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*.<sup>4</sup> And *strong="H1121"* other people *strong="H1121"* from *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* families *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Judah *strong="H3063"* and *strong="H1121"* Benjamin *strong="H1144"* lived *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. These are *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1121"* descendants *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Judah *strong="H3063"* who *strong="H1121"* moved *strong="H3389"* into *strong="H3063"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*:

Athaiah *strong="H6265"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Uzziah *strong="H5818"* ( the *strong="H1121"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Zechariah *strong="H2148"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H3063"* the *strong="H1121"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Amariah *strong="H0568"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H3063"* the *strong="H1121"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Shephatiah *strong="H8203"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H3063"* the *strong="H1121"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Mahalalel *strong="H4111"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H3063"* a *strong="H3389"* descendant *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Perez *strong="H6557"*)<sup>5</sup> and *strong="H1121"* Maaseiah *strong="H4641"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Baruch *strong="H1263"* ( the *strong="H1263"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Col-Hozeh *strong="H3626"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1263"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Hazariah *strong="H2382"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1263"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Adahiah *strong="H5718"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1263"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Joiarib *strong="H3114"*, who *strong="H1121"* was *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H1263"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Zechariah *strong="H2148"*, who *strong="H1121"*

was a descendant of Shelah).<sup>6</sup> The number of Perez's descendants living in Jerusalem was 468. All of them were brave men.<sup>7</sup> These are the descendants of Benjamin who moved into Jerusalem: Sallu son of Meshullam (the son of Joed), who was the son of Pedaiiah, who was the son of Kolaiah, who was the son of Maaseiah, who was the son of Ithiel, who was the son of Jeshaiiah,<sup>8</sup> and those who followed Jeshaiiah were Gabbai and Sallai. All together there were 928 men.<sup>9</sup> Joel son of Zicri was in charge of them. And Judah son of Hassenuah was in charge of the Second District of Jerusalem.<sup>10</sup> These are the priests who moved into Jerusalem: Jedaiah son of Joiarib, Jakin son of Seraiah, and Hilkiyah son of Meshullam,

who was the son of Zadok, who was the son of Meraioth, who was the son of Ahitub, who was the supervisor in the Temple of God,<sup>12</sup> and 822 men of their brothers that they did the work for the Temple, and Adaiyah son of Jeroham (the son of Pelaliah), who was the son of Amzi, who was the son of Zechariah, who was the son of Pashhur, who was the son of Malkijah,<sup>13</sup> and 242 men who were Adaiyah's brothers (leaders of their families), Amashsai son of Azarel (the son of Ahzai), who was the son of Meshilloth, who was the son of Immer son of Amashsai's brothers.<sup>14</sup> (These men were soldiers. The officer over them was Zab-

diel/strong="H2068" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Hagedolim.)  
 15 These are/strong="H1121" the/strong="H4480"  
 Levites/strong="H3881" who/strong="H1121" moved  
 into/strong="H4480" Jerusalem:  
 Shemaiah/strong="H8098" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Hasshub/strong="H2815" (   
 the/strong="H4480" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Azrikam/strong="H5840",  
 who/strong="H1121" was/strong="H1121"  
 the/strong="H4480" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Hashabiah/strong="H2811",  
 who/strong="H1121" was/strong="H1121"  
 the/strong="H4480" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Bunni/strong="H1138"), 16 Shab-  
 bethai/strong="H7678" and/strong="H0430" Joz-  
 abad/strong="H3107" ( two/strong="H1004"  
 of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H5921" lead-  
 ers/strong="H7218" of/strong="H1004"  
 the/strong="H5921" Levites/strong="H3881"  
 in/strong="H5921" charge/strong="H5921"  
 of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H5921" out-  
 side/strong="H2435" work/strong="H4399"  
 of/strong="H1004" God's/strong="H0430" Tem-  
 ple/strong="H1004"), 17 Mattaniah/strong="H4983" (   
 the/strong="H0251" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Mica, who/strong="H1121"  
 was/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0251"  
 son/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121" Zab-  
 di/strong="H2067", who/strong="H1121"  
 was/strong="H1121" the/strong="H0251"  
 son/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121" As-  
 aph/strong="H0623"), the/strong="H0251" director  
 who/strong="H1121" led the/strong="H0251" peo-  
 ple/strong="H1121" in/strong="H1121" singing songs  
 of/strong="H1121" praise/strong="H3034"  
 and/strong="H1121" prayer/strong="H8605", Bak-  
 bukiah/strong="H1229" ( the/strong="H0251" sec-  
 ond/strong="H4932" in/strong="H1121" charge  
 over/strong="H7218" his/strong="H1121" broth-  
 ers/strong="H0251"), and/strong="H1121" Ab-  
 da/strong="H5653" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Shammua/strong="H8051" (   
 the/strong="H0251" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Galal/strong="H1559",  
 who/strong="H1121" was/strong="H1121"  
 the/strong="H0251" son/strong="H1121"  
 of/strong="H1121" Jeduthun/strong="H3038"). 18 So  
 there/strong="H3605" were/strong="H3881" 284  
 Levites/strong="H3881" who/strong="H3605" moved  
 into Jerusalem, the/strong="H3605"  
 holy/strong="H6944" city/strong="H5892".  
 19 These are/strong="H8179" the/strong="H8104"  
 gatekeepers/strong="H7778" who/strong="H8104"  
 moved into Jerusalem/strong="H8104":  
 Akkub/strong="H6126", Talmon/strong="H2929",  
 and/strong="H3967" 172 of/strong="H8179"  
 their/strong="H8104" brothers/strong="H0251".

They/strong="H8179" watched/strong="H8104"  
 and/strong="H3967" guarded/strong="H8104"  
 the/strong="H8104" gates/strong="H8179"  
 of/strong="H8179" the/strong="H8104"  
 city/strong="H8179".

20 The/strong="H3605" other/strong="H3605" Is-  
 raelites/strong="H3478", and/strong="H3063"  
 the/strong="H3605" other/strong="H3605"  
 priests/strong="H3548" and/strong="H3063"  
 Levites/strong="H3881", lived in/strong="H3478"  
 all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605"  
 towns/strong="H5892" of/strong="H0376" Ju-  
 dah/strong="H3063". Everyone/strong="H3605" lived  
 on/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605"  
 land/strong="H5159" that/strong="H3605"  
 their/strong="H3605" ancestors had/strong="H3478"  
 owned. 21 The/strong="H5921" Tem-  
 ple/strong="H5411" servants/strong="H5411"  
 lived/strong="H3427" on/strong="H5921"  
 the/strong="H5921" hill of/strong="H3427"  
 Ophel/strong="H6077". Ziha/strong="H6727"  
 and/strong="H3427" Gishpa/strong="H1658"  
 were/strong="H3427" in/strong="H3427"  
 charge/strong="H5921" of/strong="H3427"  
 the/strong="H5921" Temple/strong="H5411" ser-  
 vants/strong="H5411".

22 The/strong="H5048" officer/strong="H6496"  
 over/strong="H4399" the/strong="H5048"  
 Levites/strong="H3881" in/strong="H0430"  
 Jerusalem/strong="H3389" was/strong="H0430"  
 Uzzi/strong="H5813". Uzzi/strong="H5813"  
 was/strong="H0430" the/strong="H5048"  
 son/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121"  
 Bani/strong="H1137" ( the/strong="H5048"  
 son/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121" Hashabi-  
 ah/strong="H2811", who/strong="H1121"  
 was/strong="H0430" the/strong="H5048"  
 son/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121" Mattani-  
 ah/strong="H4983", who/strong="H1121"  
 was/strong="H0430" the/strong="H5048"  
 son/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121" Mi-  
 ca/strong="H4316"). Uzzi/strong="H5813"  
 was/strong="H0430" a/strong="H3389" descen-  
 dant/strong="H1121" of/strong="H1121" As-  
 aph/strong="H0623". Asaph's descen-  
 dants/strong="H1121" were/strong="H1121"  
 the/strong="H5048" singers/strong="H7891"  
 who/strong="H1121" were/strong="H1121" responsi-  
 ble/strong="H5048" for/strong="H1004"  
 the/strong="H5048" service/strong="H4399"  
 in/strong="H0430" God's/strong="H0430" Tem-  
 ple/strong="H1004". 23 The/strong="H5921"  
 singers/strong="H7891" obeyed or-  
 ders/strong="H4687" from/strong="H5921"  
 the/strong="H5921" king/strong="H4428",  
 which/strong="H1697" told/strong="H1697"  
 them/strong="H5921" what/strong="H1697"  
 to/strong="H5921" do from/strong="H5921"

day|strong="H3117" to|strong="H5921" day|strong="H3117".<sup>24</sup> Pethahiah|strong="H6611" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Meshezabel|strong="H4898" told|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" wanted done|strong="H3027". (Meshezabel|strong="H4898" was|strong="H4428" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zerah|strong="H2226". Zerah|strong="H2226" was|strong="H4428" Judah's|strong="H3063" son|strong="H1121".)

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H0413" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" these towns|strong="H1323". In|strong="H3427" Kiriath Arba and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" small towns|strong="H1323" around it|strong="H1121", in|strong="H3427" Dibon|strong="H1769" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" small towns|strong="H1323" around it|strong="H1121", in|strong="H3427" Jekabzeel and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" small towns|strong="H1323" around it|strong="H1121",<sup>26</sup> and|strong="H4137" in Jeshua|strong="H3442", in Moladah|strong="H4137", in Beth Pelet,<sup>27</sup> in|strong="H1323" Hazar Shual, in|strong="H1323" Beersheba|strong="H0884" and|strong="H1323" the|strong="H1323" small towns|strong="H1323" around it,<sup>28</sup> and|strong="H1323" in|strong="H1323" Ziklag|strong="H6860", in|strong="H1323" Meconah|strong="H4368" and|strong="H1323" the|strong="H1323" small towns|strong="H1323" around it,<sup>29</sup> and|strong="H6881" in En Rimmon, in Zorah|strong="H6881", in Jarmuth|strong="H3412",<sup>30</sup> and|strong="H7704" in|strong="H2583" Zanoah|strong="H2182" and|strong="H7704" Adullam|strong="H5725" and|strong="H7704" the|strong="H5704" small towns|strong="H1323" around them|strong="H5704", in|strong="H2583" Lachish|strong="H3923" and|strong="H7704" the|strong="H5704" fields|strong="H7704" around it|strong="H5704", and|strong="H7704" in|strong="H2583" Azekah|strong="H5825" and|strong="H7704" the|strong="H5704" small towns|strong="H1323" around it|strong="H5704". So|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" people of|strong="H1323" Judah were|strong="H1323" living all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" way|strong="H5704" from|strong="H5704" Beersheba|strong="H0884" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" Valley|strong="H1516" of|strong="H1323" Hinnom|strong="H2011".

<sup>31</sup> The|strong="H1121" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" family of|strong="H1121" Benjamin|strong="H1144" from|strong="H1121" Ge-

ba|strong="H1387" lived in|strong="H1121" Micmash|strong="H4363", Aija|strong="H5857", Bethel|strong="H1008", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1121" small towns|strong="H1323" around it|strong="H1121",<sup>32</sup> in Anathoth|strong="H6068", Nob|strong="H5011", and|strong="H6068" Ananiah|strong="H6055",<sup>33</sup> in Hazor|strong="H2674", Ramah|strong="H7414", and|strong="H7414" Gittaim|strong="H1664",<sup>34</sup> in Hadid|strong="H2307", Zeboim|strong="H6650", and|strong="H2307" Neballat|strong="H5041",<sup>35</sup> in Lod and|strong="H0207" Ono|strong="H0207", and|strong="H0207" in the Valley|strong="H1516" of|strong="H1516" the Craftsmen.<sup>36</sup> Some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" groups from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" family of|strong="H4480" Levi|strong="H3881" moved to|strong="H3063" the|strong="H4480" land of|strong="H4480" Benjamin|strong="H1144".

#### Priests and Levites

**12** These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H1121" Levites|strong="H3881" who|strong="H0834" came|strong="H5927" back|strong="H5927" to|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0834" land of|strong="H1121" Judah. They|strong="H0834" came|strong="H5927" back|strong="H5927" with|strong="H5973" Zerubbabel|strong="H2216" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shealtiel|strong="H7597" and|strong="H1121" Jeshua|strong="H3442". This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" list of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H0834" names:

Seraiah|strong="H8304", Jeremiah|strong="H3414", Ezra|strong="H5830",

<sup>2</sup> Amariah|strong="H0568", Mal-

luch|strong="H4409", Hattush|strong="H2407",

<sup>3</sup> Shecaniah|strong="H7935", Re-

hum|strong="H7348", Meremoth|strong="H4822",

<sup>4</sup> Iddo|strong="H5714", Gin-

nethon|strong="H1599", Abijah|strong="H0029",

<sup>5</sup> Mijamin|strong="H4326", Maadi-

ah|strong="H4573", Bilgah|strong="H1083",

<sup>6</sup> Shemaiah|strong="H8098",

Joiarib|strong="H3114", Jedaiah|strong="H3048",

<sup>7</sup> Sallu|strong="H5543", Amok|strong="H5987",

Hilkiah|strong="H2518", and|strong="H3117" Jedaiah|strong="H3048".

These|strong="H0428" men|strong="H7218" were|strong="H0428" the|strong="H3117" leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3117" their|strong="H3117" relatives|strong="H0251" in|strong="H3117"

the |strong="H3117" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" Jeshua |strong="H3442".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H5921" Levites |strong="H3881" were |strong="H3881" Jeshua |strong="H3442", Bin-nui |strong="H1131", Kadmiel |strong="H6934", Shere-biah |strong="H8274", Judah |strong="H3063", and |strong="H3063" also |strong="H3063" Mattaniah |strong="H4983". These |strong="H1931" men, with |strong="H5921" Mattaniah's relatives |strong="H0251", were |strong="H3881" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" songs |strong="H1960" of |strong="H5921" praise to |strong="H5921" God. <sup>9</sup> Bakkukiah |strong="H1229" and |strong="H0251" Unni |strong="H6042" were |strong="H0251" the |strong="H5048" relatives |strong="H0251" of |strong="H0251" those Levites. These two men stood across from |strong="H0251" them |strong="H0251" in |strong="H0251" the |strong="H5048" services. <sup>10</sup>

Jeshua |strong="H3442" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Joiakim |strong="H3113". Joiakim |strong="H3113" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Eliashib |strong="H0475". Eliashib |strong="H0475" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Joiada |strong="H3111". <sup>11</sup> Joiada |strong="H3111" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Jonathan |strong="H3129", and |strong="H0853" Jonathan |strong="H3129" was |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0853" father |strong="H3205" of |strong="H3205" Jaddua |strong="H3037".

<sup>12</sup> In |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" Joiakim |strong="H3113", these men |strong="H7218" were |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3117" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" families |strong="H0001" of |strong="H3117" priests |strong="H3548":

The |strong="H3117" leader |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3117" Seraiah's family |strong="H0001" was |strong="H1961" Meraiah |strong="H4811". The |strong="H3117" leader |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3117" Jeremiah's |strong="H3414" family |strong="H0001" was |strong="H1961" Hananiah |strong="H2608".

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H3076" leader of Ezra's family was |strong="H5830" Meshullam |strong="H4918". The |strong="H3076" leader of Amariah's family was |strong="H5830" Jehohanan |strong="H3076".

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H3130" leader of |strong="H3130" Malluch's family was |strong="H3130" Jonathan |strong="H3129".

The |strong="H3130" leader of |strong="H3130" Shecaniah's family was |strong="H3130" Joseph |strong="H3130".

<sup>15</sup> The leader of Harim's family was Adna |strong="H5733".

The leader of Meremoth's family was Helkai |strong="H2517".

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H4918" leader of |strong="H2148" Iddo's family was Zechariah |strong="H2148".

The |strong="H4918" leader of |strong="H2148" Ginnethon's family was Meshullam |strong="H4918".

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0029" leader of Abijah's |strong="H0029" family was Zicri |strong="H2147".

The |strong="H0029" leader of Miniamin |strong="H4509" and |strong="H0029" Maadiah's families was Piltai |strong="H6408".

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H8098" leader of Bilgah's family was |strong="H3083" Shammua |strong="H8051".

The |strong="H8098" leader of Shemaiah's family was |strong="H3083" Jehonathan |strong="H3083".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3048" leader of Joiarib's family was Mattenai |strong="H4982".

The |strong="H3048" leader of Jedaiah's family was Uzzi |strong="H5813".

<sup>20</sup> The leader of Sallu's family was Kallai |strong="H7040".

The leader of Amok's family was Eber |strong="H5677".

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H2518" leader of Hilkiyah's family was Hashabiah |strong="H2811".

The |strong="H2518" leader of Jedaiah's family was Nethanel |strong="H5417".

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H5921" names of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" families |strong="H0001" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" Levites |strong="H3881" and |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" priests |strong="H3548" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" Eliashib |strong="H0475", Joiada |strong="H3111", Johanan |strong="H3110", and |strong="H3117" Jaddua |strong="H3037" were |strong="H3881" written |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" during |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" rule |strong="H4438" of |strong="H3117" Darius |strong="H1867" the |strong="H5921" Persian |strong="H6542" king |strong="H5921". <sup>23</sup> The |strong="H5921" family |strong="H0001" leaders |strong="H7218" among |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" Levites |strong="H3878" and |strong="H1121" up |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" Johanan |strong="H3110" son |strong="H1121"

of|strong="H1121" Eliashib|strong="H0475" were|strong="H1121" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" history book|strong="H5612".<sup>24</sup> And|strong="H1121" these were|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5048" leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5048" Levites|strong="H3881": Hashabiah|strong="H2811", Sherebiah|strong="H8274", Jeshua|strong="H3442" the|strong="H5048" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kadmiel|strong="H6934", and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H5048" brothers|strong="H0251". Their|strong="H5048" brothers|strong="H0251" stood across from|strong="H0376" them|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0376" sing praise|strong="H1984" and|strong="H1121" honor to|strong="H0376" God|strong="H0430". One|strong="H0376" group answered the|strong="H5048" other|strong="H0251" group. That|strong="H1732" is|strong="H0430" what|strong="H4687" was|strong="H1732" commanded|strong="H4687" by|strong="H0430" David|strong="H1732" the|strong="H5048" man|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H8104" gatekeepers|strong="H7778" who|strong="H8104" guarded|strong="H8104" the|strong="H8104" storerooms next to|strong="H8104" the|strong="H8104" gates|strong="H8179" were|strong="H7778" Mattaniah|strong="H4983", Bakbukiah|strong="H1229", Obadiah|strong="H5662", Meshullam|strong="H4918", Talmon|strong="H2929", and|strong="H8179" Akkub|strong="H6126".<sup>26</sup> They|strong="H3117" served in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" Joiakim|strong="H3113". Joiakim|strong="H3113" was|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jeshua|strong="H3442", who|strong="H3548" was|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jozadak. And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3117" gatekeepers also|strong="H3117" served in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" Nehemiah|strong="H5166" the|strong="H3117" governor|strong="H6346" and|strong="H1121" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" Ezra|strong="H5830" the|strong="H3117" priest|strong="H3548" and|strong="H1121" teacher.

#### Dedication of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3117" Wall of|strong="H1121" Jerusalem

<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H3605" people dedicated the|strong="H3605" wall|strong="H2346" of|strong="H2346" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

They|strong="H0935" brought|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". The|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" came|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" towns they|strong="H0935" lived in|strong="H0935". They|strong="H0935" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H0935" celebrate the|strong="H3605" dedication|strong="H2598" of|strong="H2346" the|strong="H3605" wall|strong="H2346" of|strong="H2346" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". They|strong="H0935" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" sing songs|strong="H7892" of|strong="H2346" praise|strong="H8426" and|strong="H0935" thanks|strong="H8426" to|strong="H0935" God. They|strong="H0935" played their|strong="H3605" cymbals|strong="H4700", harps|strong="H3658", and|strong="H0935" lyres|strong="H3658".

<sup>28</sup> And all the singers also came to Jerusalem. They came from the towns all around Jerusalem. They came from the town of Netophah, from Beth Gilgal, Geba, and Azmaveth. The singers had built small towns for themselves in the area around Jerusalem.

<sup>30</sup> So|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3548" Levites|strong="H3881" made themselves|strong="H2891" pure|strong="H2891" in|strong="H3881" a|strong="H2346" ceremony. Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H5971" also|strong="H0853" made the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971", the|strong="H0853" gates|strong="H8179", and|strong="H3548" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346" of|strong="H8179" Jerusalem pure|strong="H2891" in|strong="H3881" a|strong="H2346" ceremony.

<sup>31</sup> I|strong="H5921" told the|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Judah|strong="H3063" to|strong="H5921" go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" and|strong="H3063" stand|strong="H5975" on|strong="H5921" top|strong="H5921" of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346". I|strong="H5921" also|strong="H0853" chose two|strong="H8147" large|strong="H1419" singing groups to|strong="H5921" give|strong="H5927" thanks|strong="H8426" to|strong="H5921" God. One|strong="H8147" group was|strong="H3063" to|strong="H5921" start going|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" on|strong="H5921" top|strong="H5921" of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" right|strong="H3225" side|strong="H3225", toward|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"

Ash [Pile Gate](#) [H8179](#). <sup>32</sup> Hoshaiah [H1955](#) and [H3063](#) half [H2677](#) of [H8269](#) the [H0310](#) leaders [H8269](#) of [H8269](#) Judah [H3063](#) followed [H0310](#) the [H0310](#) singers. <sup>33</sup> Also following them were Azariah [H5838](#), Ezra [H5830](#), Meshullam [H4918](#), <sup>34</sup> Judah [H3063](#), Benjamin [H1144](#), Shemaiah [H8098](#), and [H3063](#) Jeremiah [H3414](#). <sup>35</sup> And [H1121](#) some of [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) priests [H3548](#) with [H3548](#) trumpets [H2689](#) also followed them [H1121](#) up [H1121](#) to [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) wall. Zechariah [H2148](#) also followed them [H1121](#). ( Zechariah [H2148](#) was [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) son [H1121](#) of [H1121](#) Jonathan [H3129](#), who [H3548](#) was [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) son [H1121](#) of [H1121](#) Shemaiah [H8098](#), who [H3548](#) was [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) son [H1121](#) of [H1121](#) Mattaniah [H4983](#), who [H3548](#) was [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) son [H1121](#) of [H1121](#) Micahiah [H4320](#), who [H3548](#) was [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) son [H1121](#) of [H1121](#) Zaccur [H2139](#), who [H3548](#) was [H1121](#) the [H8098](#) son [H1121](#) of [H1121](#) Asaph [H0623](#).) <sup>36</sup> There were [H0376](#) also [H1732](#) Asaph's brothers [H0251](#), who [H0376](#) were [H0376](#) Shemaiah [H8098](#), Azarel [H5832](#), Milalai [H4450](#), Gilalai [H1562](#), Maai [H4597](#), Nethanel [H5417](#), Judah [H3063](#), and [H3063](#) Hanani [H2607](#). They [H0376](#) had [H0430](#) the [H6440](#) musical [H3627](#) instruments [H3627](#) that [H1732](#) David [H1732](#), the [H6440](#) man [H0376](#) of [H0376](#) God [H0430](#), had [H0430](#) made [H3627](#). Ezra [H5830](#) the [H6440](#) teacher led [H6440](#) the [H6440](#) group of [H0376](#) people [H0376](#) who [H0376](#) were [H0376](#) there to [H0376](#) dedicate the [H6440](#) wall. <sup>37</sup> They [H5921](#) went [H5921](#) to [H5704](#) the [H5921](#) Fountain Gate [H8179](#) and [H1004](#) walked

up [H5927](#) the [H5921](#) stairs all [H5704](#) the [H5921](#) way [H5921](#) to [H5704](#) the [H5921](#) City [H5892](#) of [H1004](#) David [H1732](#). They [H5921](#) were [H5869](#) on [H5921](#) top [H5921](#) of [H1004](#) the [H5921](#) city [H5892](#) wall [H2346](#). They [H5921](#) walked over [H5921](#) the [H5921](#) house [H1004](#) of [H1004](#) David [H1732](#) and [H1004](#) went [H5927](#) toward [H5921](#) the [H5921](#) Water [H4325](#) Gate [H8179](#). <sup>38</sup> The [H5921](#) second [H8145](#) group of [H5921](#) singers started out [H5921](#) in [H5921](#) the [H5921](#) other [H8145](#) direction, to [H5704](#) the [H5921](#) left [H1980](#). I [H0589](#) followed [H0310](#) them [H5921](#) as [H5704](#) they [H5921](#) went [H1980](#) up [H5704](#) to [H5704](#) the [H5921](#) top [H5921](#) of [H5921](#) the [H5921](#) wall [H2346](#). Half [H2677](#) of [H5921](#) the [H5921](#) people [H5971](#) also [H0310](#) followed [H0310](#) them [H5921](#). They [H5921](#) went [H1980](#) past the [H5921](#) Tower [H4026](#) of [H5921](#) Ovens [H8574](#) to [H5704](#) the [H5921](#) Broad [H7342](#) Wall [H2346](#). <sup>39</sup> Then [H5975](#) they [H5921](#) went over [H5921](#) these gates [H8179](#): the [H5921](#) Gate [H8179](#) of [H8179](#) Ephraim [H0669](#), the [H5921](#) Old [H5975](#) Gate [H8179](#), and [H6629](#) the [H5921](#) Fish [H1709](#) Gate [H8179](#). And [H6629](#) they [H5921](#) went over [H5921](#) the [H5921](#) Tower [H4026](#) of [H8179](#) Hananel [H2606](#) and [H6629](#) the [H5921](#) Tower [H4026](#) of [H8179](#) the [H5921](#) Hundred [H3968](#). They [H5921](#) went as [H5704](#) far [H5704](#) as [H5704](#) the [H5921](#) Sheep [H6629](#) Gate [H8179](#) and [H6629](#) stopped [H5975](#) at [H5921](#) the [H5921](#) Guard [H4307](#) Gate [H8179](#). <sup>40</sup> Then [H5975](#) the [H0589](#) two [H8147](#) singing groups



went |strong="H1004" to |strong="H0430" their |strong="H5975" places |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0430" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004". And |strong="H0430" I |strong="H0589" stood |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0430" my |strong="H5975" place |strong="H1004". And |strong="H0430" half |strong="H2677" the |strong="H0589" officials |strong="H5461" stood |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0430" their |strong="H5975" places |strong="H1004" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0589" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>41</sup> Then |strong="H3548" these priests |strong="H3548" stood in |strong="H3548" their |strong="H3548" places: Eliakim |strong="H0471", Maseiah |strong="H4641", Mijamin, Micaiah |strong="H4320", Elioenai |strong="H0454", Zechariah |strong="H2148", and |strong="H3548" Hananiah |strong="H2608". These priests |strong="H3548" had |strong="H3548" their |strong="H3548" trumpets |strong="H2689" with |strong="H3548" them.<sup>42</sup> Then |strong="H8085" these priests stood in |strong="H8085" their |strong="H8085" places in |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" Temple: Maseiah |strong="H4641", Shemaiah |strong="H8098", Eleazar |strong="H0499", Uzzi |strong="H5813", Jehohanan |strong="H3076", Malkijah |strong="H4441", Elam |strong="H5867", and |strong="H8085" Ezer |strong="H5829".

Then |strong="H8085" two singing |strong="H7891" groups began singing |strong="H7891" with |strong="H8085" Jezrahiah |strong="H3156" leading them |strong="H8085".<sup>43</sup> So |strong="H1571" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3588" special day |strong="H3117", the |strong="H3588" priests offered |strong="H2076" many |strong="H1419" sacrifices |strong="H2077". Everyone |strong="H0802" was |strong="H1931" very |strong="H1419" happy |strong="H8055" because |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H0430" made |strong="H8055" them |strong="H8055" happy |strong="H8055". Even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3588" women |strong="H0802" and |strong="H0430" children |strong="H3206" were |strong="H0802" excited and |strong="H0430" happy |strong="H8055". People |strong="H8085" far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H7350" could |strong="H1571" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3588" happy |strong="H8055" sounds coming from |strong="H8085" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>44</sup> Men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0376" chosen to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" storerooms on |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" day |strong="H3117". People |strong="H0376"

brought |strong="H6485" the |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7225" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" harvest and |strong="H3063" a |strong="H3588" tenth |strong="H4643" of |strong="H0376" their |strong="H5921" crops. So |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" put |strong="H6485" these |strong="H1931" things in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" storerooms. The |strong="H5921" Jewish people |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0376" very happy |strong="H8057" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3063" Levites |strong="H3881" on |strong="H5921" duty |strong="H5921". So |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" brought |strong="H6485" many things to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H0376" put |strong="H6485" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" storerooms.<sup>45</sup> The |strong="H8104" priests and |strong="H1121" Levites did |strong="H8104" their |strong="H8104" work for |strong="H0430" their |strong="H8104" God |strong="H0430". They |strong="H0430" did |strong="H8104" the |strong="H8104" ceremonies that |strong="H1732" made people |strong="H1121" pure, and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H8104" singers |strong="H7891" and |strong="H1121" gatekeepers |strong="H7778" did |strong="H8104" their |strong="H8104" part. They |strong="H0430" did |strong="H8104" everything that |strong="H1732" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" Solomon |strong="H8010" had |strong="H0430" commanded |strong="H4687".<sup>46</sup> ( Long |strong="H3117" ago |strong="H3117", in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3588" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0430" David |strong="H1732", Asaph |strong="H0623" had |strong="H0430" been the |strong="H3588" director. And |strong="H0430" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H0430" many songs |strong="H7892" of |strong="H0430" praise |strong="H8416" and |strong="H0430" thanks |strong="H3034" to |strong="H3117" God |strong="H0430".)

<sup>47</sup> So |strong="H5414" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" Zerubbabel |strong="H2216" and |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nehemiah |strong="H5166", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" gave |strong="H5414" every |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" to |strong="H3478" support the |strong="H3605" singers |strong="H7891" and |strong="H1121" gatekeepers |strong="H7778". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" also |strong="H3478" set |strong="H5414" aside the |strong="H3605" money for |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605"

Levites *strong="H3881"*. And *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H3605"* Levites *strong="H3881"* set *strong="H5414"* aside the *strong="H3605"* money for *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* descendants *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Aaron *strong="H0175"*.

### Nehemiah's Last Commands

**13** On *strong="H3117"* that *strong="H0834"* day *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H0834"* Book *strong="H5612"* of *strong="H0430"* Moses *strong="H4872"* was *strong="H0834"* read *strong="H7121"* out *strong="H4672"* loud, so *strong="H7121"* that *strong="H0834"* all *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H0834"* people *strong="H5971"* could *strong="H5971"* hear *strong="H5612"*. They *strong="H0834"* found *strong="H4672"* this *strong="H1931"* law written *strong="H3789"* there *strong="H4672"*: No *strong="H3808"* Ammonite *strong="H5984"* and *strong="H0935"* no *strong="H3808"* Moabite *strong="H4125"* would *strong="H0834"* be *strong="H3808"* permitted to *strong="H0935"* join in *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0834"* meetings with *strong="H0935"* God *strong="H0430"*.<sup>2</sup> That *strong="H3588"* law was *strong="H3478"* written because *strong="H3588"* those *strong="H1121"* people *strong="H1121"* didn't *strong="H3808"* give *strong="H2015"* the *strong="H0853"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* food *strong="H3899"* and *strong="H1121"* water *strong="H4325"*. And *strong="H1121"* they *strong="H3588"* had *strong="H0430"* paid Balaam *strong="H1109"* to *strong="H5921"* say *strong="H3478"* a *strong="H3588"* curse *strong="H7045"* against *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0853"* Israelites *strong="H3478"*. But *strong="H3588"* our *strong="H5921"* God *strong="H0430"* changed *strong="H2015"* that *strong="H3588"* curse *strong="H7045"* and *strong="H1121"* made it *strong="H5921"* a *strong="H3588"* blessing *strong="H1293"* for *strong="H3588"* us *strong="H5921"*.<sup>3</sup> So *strong="H1961"* when *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* Israelites *strong="H3478"* heard *strong="H8085"* that *strong="H3605"* law *strong="H8451"*, they *strong="H3605"* obeyed *strong="H8085"* it *strong="H1961"*. They *strong="H3605"* separated *strong="H0914"* themselves *strong="H8085"* from *strong="H3478"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H8085"* who *strong="H3605"* were *strong="H1961"* descendants of *strong="H3605"* foreigners.

<sup>4</sup> But, before that happened, Eliashib had given a room in the Temple to Tobiah. Eliashib was the priest in charge of the storerooms in our God's Temple. And he was a close friend of Tobiah. That room had been used for storing the grain offerings, incense, and the

Temple dishes and things. They also kept the tenth of grain, new wine, and oil for the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers in that room. And they also kept the gifts for the priests in that room. But Eliashib gave that room to Tobiah.

<sup>6</sup> I *strong="H3588"* was *strong="H1961"* not *strong="H3808"* in *strong="H8141"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"* while *strong="H1961"* all *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H4428"* this *strong="H2088"* was *strong="H1961"* happening. I *strong="H3588"* had *strong="H1961"* gone *strong="H0935"* back *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"* of *strong="H4428"* Babylon *strong="H0894"*. I *strong="H3588"* went *strong="H0935"* back *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* Babylon *strong="H0894"* in *strong="H8141"* the *strong="H3605"* 32nd year *strong="H8141"* that *strong="H3588"* Artaxerxes *strong="H0783"* was *strong="H1961"* king *strong="H4428"* of *strong="H4428"* Babylon *strong="H0894"*.<sup>1</sup> Later *strong="H7093"*, I *strong="H3588"* asked *strong="H7592"* the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"* for *strong="H3588"* permission to *strong="H0413"* go *strong="H0935"* back *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*.<sup>7</sup> So *strong="H6213"* I *strong="H0834"* came *strong="H0935"* back *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. There *strong="H0834"* I *strong="H0834"* heard about *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0834"* sad thing *strong="H7451"* that *strong="H0834"* Eliashib *strong="H0475"* had *strong="H0834"* done *strong="H6213"*. He *strong="H0834"* had *strong="H0834"* given Tobiah *strong="H2900"* a *strong="H0935"* room *strong="H1004"* in *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0834"* Temple *strong="H1004"* of *strong="H1004"* God *strong="H0430"*.<sup>8</sup> I *strong="H4480"* was *strong="H1004"* very *strong="H3966"* angry about *strong="H4480"* what Eliashib had *strong="H0853"* done *strong="H3605"*, so *strong="H4480"* I *strong="H4480"* threw *strong="H7993"* all *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H1004"* Tobiah's *strong="H2900"* things *strong="H3605"* out *strong="H4480"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H3605"* room *strong="H1004"*.<sup>9</sup> I *strong="H0559"* gave *strong="H0559"* commands *strong="H0559"* for *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H0559"* rooms *strong="H3957"* to *strong="H0559"* be *strong="H0430"* made *strong="H7725"* pure *strong="H2891"* and *strong="H0430"* clean *strong="H2891"*. Then *strong="H0559"* I *strong="H0559"* put *strong="H7725"* the *strong="H0559"* Temple *strong="H1004"* dishes

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and things, the grain offerings, and the incense back into the rooms.

<sup>10</sup> I also heard that the people had not given Levites their share. So the Levites and singers had gone back to work in their own fields. <sup>11</sup> So I told the officials that they were wrong. I asked them, "Why didn't you take care of God's Temple?" Then I called all Levites together and told them to go back to their places in the Temple. <sup>12</sup> Then everyone in Judah brought their tenth of grain, new wine, and oil to the Temple. These things were put into the storerooms.

<sup>13</sup> I put these men in charge of the storerooms: Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the teacher, and a Levite named Pedaiah. And I made Hanan son of Zac-

cur, son of Mattaniah, their helper. I knew I could trust these men. They were responsible for giving the supplies to their relatives.

<sup>14</sup> My God, please remember me for these things I have done. Don't forget all I have done faithfully for the Temple of my God and for its services.

<sup>15</sup> In those days in Judah, I saw people working on the Sabbath. I saw people pressing grapes to make wine. I saw people bringing grain and loading on donkeys. I saw people carrying grapes, figs, and all kinds of things in the city. They were bringing these things into Jerusalem on the Sabbath, so I warned them about this. I told them they must not sell food on the Sabbath day.

16 There were some men from Tyre living in Jerusalem. They were bringing fish and all kinds of things into Jerusalem and selling them on the Sabbath day. And the Jews were buying them. <sup>17</sup> I told the important people of Judah that they were wrong. I said, "You are doing a very bad thing. You are ruining the Sabbath day." <sup>18</sup> You know that your ancestors did the same things. That is why our God brought all the troubles and disaster to us and to this city. Now you people are making it so that more of these bad things will happen to Israel. They are doing this because you are breaking the Sabbath by just as if it were any other day."

19 So this is what I did: Every Friday evening, just before dark, I commanded the gatekeepers to shut the gates and lock them until the Sabbath day. <sup>20</sup> I put some of my own men at the gates. They were commanded to make sure that no load was brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day.

<sup>21</sup> One or two times, traders and merchants had to stay the night outside Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> But I warned them, "Don't stay in front of the wall." If you do that again, I will arrest you." So from that time they didn't come on the Sabbath day to sell their things.

Then I commanded the Levites to make themselves

pure |strong="H2891". After |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834", they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" guard |strong="H8104" the |strong="H0853" gates |strong="H8179". This |strong="H2063" was |strong="H1961" done |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H2142" sure the |strong="H0853" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day |strong="H3117" was |strong="H1961" kept |strong="H8104" a |strong="H1961" holy |strong="H6942" day |strong="H3117".

My |strong="H8104" God |strong="H0430", please remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" doing this |strong="H2063". Be |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" show |strong="H2347" me |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" great |strong="H7230" love |strong="H2617".

<sup>23</sup> In |strong="H3427" those |strong="H1992" days |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" also |strong="H1571" noticed |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3117" some |strong="H1992" Jewish |strong="H3064" men had |strong="H0853" married |strong="H0802" women |strong="H0802" from |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" countries of |strong="H3117" Ashdod |strong="H0796", Ammon |strong="H4125", and |strong="H3117" Moab |strong="H4125". <sup>24</sup> And |strong="H1121" half |strong="H2677" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1696" children |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" those |strong="H1121" marriages didn't know |strong="H5234" how to |strong="H1696" speak |strong="H1696" the |strong="H1696" Jewish language |strong="H3956". They |strong="H5971" spoke |strong="H1696" the |strong="H1696" language |strong="H3956" of |strong="H1121" Ashdod |strong="H0797", Ammon, or |strong="H0369" Moab. <sup>25</sup> So |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0518" told |strong="H0518" the |strong="H5414" men |strong="H0376" that |strong="H1121" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1121" wrong. I |strong="H0518" said bad things |strong="H5973" to |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". I |strong="H0518" hit |strong="H5221" some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H5414", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0518" pulled |strong="H4803" out |strong="H0376" their |strong="H5375" hair |strong="H4803". I |strong="H0518" forced them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" promise |strong="H7650" in |strong="H0430" God's |strong="H0430" name |strong="H0518". I |strong="H0518" said to |strong="H5414"

them |strong="H5414", " You |strong="H5414" must |strong="H0518" not |strong="H0518" marry |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" daughters |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H1992" foreigners |strong="H1121". Don't let |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5375" daughters |strong="H1323" marry |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" don't let |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" daughters |strong="H1323" marry |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H1992" foreigners |strong="H1121". <sup>26</sup> You |strong="H5414" know that |strong="H3605" marriages like |strong="H3644" this |strong="H0428" caused |strong="H1961" Solomon |strong="H8010" to |strong="H1961" sin |strong="H2398". In |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" many |strong="H7227" nations |strong="H1471", there |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" a |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" as |strong="H1961" great |strong="H7227" as |strong="H1961" Solomon |strong="H8010". God |strong="H0430" loved |strong="H0157" him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3478" made |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" nation |strong="H1471" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". But |strong="H3808" even |strong="H1571" Solomon |strong="H8010" was |strong="H1961" made |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1961" sin |strong="H2398" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" foreign |strong="H5237" women |strong="H0802". <sup>27</sup> And |strong="H0430" now |strong="H8085", we |strong="H8085" hear |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" also |strong="H0853" are |strong="H0430" doing |strong="H6213" this |strong="H2063" terrible |strong="H7451" sin. You |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0430" not being |strong="H0430" true to |strong="H8085" our |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0430" marrying |strong="H3427" foreign |strong="H5237" women |strong="H0802"."

<sup>28</sup> Joiada |strong="H3111" was |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Eliashib |strong="H0475" the |strong="H5921" high |strong="H1419" priest |strong="H3548". One |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Joiada's sons |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1121" a |strong="H5921" son-in-law |strong="H2860" of |strong="H1121" Sanballat |strong="H5571" from |strong="H5921" Horon. I |strong="H5921" forced him |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" leave this place. I |strong="H5921"

forced him *to* run away.

<sup>29</sup> My God, punish these people. They made the priesthood unclean. They treated it as if it was not important. They did not obey the agreement that you made with the priests and Levites. <sup>30</sup> So I made the priests and Levites clean and pure. I took away all the foreigners

and the strange things they taught. And I gave the Levites and priests their own duties and responsibilities. <sup>31</sup> And I made sure that people will bring gifts of wood and the first part of their harvest at the right times.

My God, remember for me doing these good things.

# Esther

## Queen Vashti Disobeys the King

**1** This is what happened during the time when Xerxes I was king. Xerxes ruled over the 127 provinces from India to Ethiopia.<sup>2</sup> King Xerxes ruled from his throne in the capital city of Susa

<sup>3</sup> In the third year of Xerxes' rule, he gave a party for his officers and leaders. The army leaders and important leaders from all Persia and Media there continued for 180 days. All during this time, King Xerxes was showing the great wealth of his kingdom, the majestic beauty of his palace.<sup>5</sup> And when the 180 days over, King Xerxes gave another party

I XERXES Hebrew, "Ahasuerus." He was king of Persia about 485-465 B.C.

that continued for seven days. It held the inside garden of the palace. All the people who were in the capital city of Susa were invited, from the most important to the least important.<sup>6</sup> The inside garden had white and blue linen hangings around the room. They held in place with cords of white linen and purple material on silver rings and marble pillars. There were couches made of gold and silver. They were sitting on mosaic pavement made of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and other expensive stones.<sup>7</sup> Wine was served in golden cups, and every cup was different. There was plenty of the king's wine, because the king was very generous.<sup>8</sup> The king

II PORPHYRY A dark red or purple stone.

had |strong="H0369" given |strong="H3245" a |strong="H3588" command |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H0376". He |strong="H3588" told |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" each |strong="H0376" guest must be |strong="H0376" given |strong="H3245" as |strong="H3651" much |strong="H7227" wine as |strong="H3651" he |strong="H3588" wanted, and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" wine server obeyed the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428".

<sup>9</sup> Queen |strong="H4436" Vashti |strong="H2060" also |strong="H1571" gave |strong="H6213" a |strong="H0834" party for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" women |strong="H0802" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004".

<sup>10</sup> On the seventh day of the party, King Xerxes was in high spirits from drinking wine. He gave a command to the seven eunuchs who served him. The eunuchs were Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas. He commanded them to bring Queen Vashti to him wearing her royal crown. She was to come so that she could show her beauty to the leaders and important people. She was very beautiful.

<sup>12</sup> But |strong="H0935" when |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" eunuchs |strong="H5631" told |strong="H1697" Queen |strong="H4436" Vashti |strong="H2060" about |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0834" king's |strong="H4428" command |strong="H1697", she |strong="H0834" refused |strong="H3985" to |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935". Then |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" was |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3966" angry |strong="H7107". <sup>13</sup> It was the custom for the king to ask the advice of the experts about the law and punishments. So King Xerxes spoke with the wise men who understood the laws. They were very close to the king. Their names were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan. They were the seven most important officials of Persia and Media. They had special privileges to see the king. They were the highest officials in the kingdom. <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" asked |strong="H4100" them |strong="H0853", "What |strong="H4100" does |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" law |strong="H1881" say must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H3808" done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H5921" Queen |strong="H4436" Vashti |strong="H2060"? She |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obeyed the |strong="H0853" command |strong="H3982" of |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Xerxes that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" eunuchs |strong="H5631"

had |strong="H0834" taken to |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921"."

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Memucan |strong="H4462" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" officials |strong="H8269" listening, "Queen |strong="H4436" Vashti |strong="H2060" has |strong="H0834" done |strong="H3605" wrong. She |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" done |strong="H3605" wrong against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" also |strong="H4428" against |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" and |strong="H4428" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" provinces |strong="H4082" of |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Xerxes. <sup>17</sup> I |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3588", because |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802" will |strong="H4428" hear about |strong="H5921" what |strong="H1697" Queen |strong="H4436" Vashti |strong="H2060" did |strong="H3808". Then |strong="H3318" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" stop |strong="H3808" obeying their |strong="H3605" husbands |strong="H1167". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H3605" husbands |strong="H1167"; King |strong="H4428" Xerxes commanded |strong="H0559" Queen |strong="H4436" Vashti |strong="H2060" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3808" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5921", but |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" come |strong="H0935".

<sup>18</sup> "Today |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" wives of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Persian and |strong="H4428" Median |strong="H4074" leaders |strong="H8269" have |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" queen |strong="H4436" did |strong="H0834", and |strong="H4428" these |strong="H2088" women will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1697" influenced by |strong="H3117" what |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H2088" thing |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" important leaders |strong="H8269". And |strong="H4428" there |strong="H2088" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1697" plenty |strong="H3605"



of|strong="H4428" disrespect and|strong="H4428" anger.

<sup>19</sup> " So|strong="H4480" if|strong="H0518" it|strong="H5414" pleases|strong="H2895" the|strong="H6440" king|strong="H4428", here|strong="H3318" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" suggestion: Let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H6440" king|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" royal|strong="H4438" command|strong="H1697" and|strong="H0935" let|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" be|strong="H3808" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" laws|strong="H1881" of|strong="H4428" Persia|strong="H6539" and|strong="H0935" Media|strong="H4074". The|strong="H6440" laws|strong="H1881" of|strong="H4428" Persia|strong="H6539" and|strong="H0935" Media|strong="H4074" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" changed. The|strong="H6440" royal|strong="H4438" command|strong="H1697" should|strong="H0518" be|strong="H3808" that|strong="H0834" Vashti|strong="H2060" is|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0935" enter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" presence|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Xerxes. Let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H6440" king|strong="H4428" also|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5921" royal|strong="H4438" position|strong="H4438" to|strong="H0935" someone|strong="H5414" else|strong="H3808" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" better|strong="H2896" than|strong="H4480" she|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834". <sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H5414" when|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" command is|strong="H0834" announced|strong="H8085" in|strong="H8085" all|strong="H3605" parts of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3605" large|strong="H1419" kingdom|strong="H4438", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802" will|strong="H0834" respect their|strong="H3605" husbands|strong="H1167". From|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" most|strong="H4428" important|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3605" least important|strong="H5704", all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802" will|strong="H0834" respect their|strong="H3605" husbands|strong="H1167".

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H1697" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H4428" his|strong="H4428" important officials|strong="H8269" were|strong="H1697" happy|strong="H3190" with|strong="H1697" this|strong="H1697" advice|strong="H1697", so|strong="H6213" King|strong="H4428" Xerxes

did|strong="H6213" as|strong="H1697" Memucan|strong="H4462" suggested. <sup>22</sup> King|strong="H4428" Xerxes sent|strong="H7971" letters|strong="H5612" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" parts of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" kingdom|strong="H4428". He|strong="H0376" sent|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" each|strong="H0376" province|strong="H4082", written in|strong="H0413" its|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" language|strong="H3956". He|strong="H0376" sent|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" each|strong="H0376" nation|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0413" its|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" language|strong="H3956". These|strong="H1696" letters|strong="H5612" announced|strong="H1696" in|strong="H0413" each|strong="H0376" person's language|strong="H3956" that|strong="H3605" every|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" was|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" ruler over|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" family|strong="H1004".

#### Esther Made Queen

<sup>2</sup> Later|strong="H0310", King|strong="H4428" Xerxes stopped being angry|strong="H2534". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0834" remembered|strong="H2142" Vashti|strong="H2060" and|strong="H4428" what|strong="H0834" she|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213". He|strong="H0834" remembered|strong="H2142" his|strong="H5921" commands|strong="H1697" about|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921". <sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" king's|strong="H4428" personal|strong="H8334" servants|strong="H5288" had|strong="H4428" a|strong="H1245" suggestion. They|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Search|strong="H1245" for|strong="H1245" beautiful|strong="H4758" young|strong="H5288" virgins|strong="H1330" for|strong="H1245" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428". <sup>3</sup> Let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" choose leaders in|strong="H0413" every|strong="H3605" province|strong="H4082" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3605" kingdom|strong="H4438". Then|strong="H0853" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" leaders bring|strong="H5414" every|strong="H3605" beautiful|strong="H4758" young|strong="H5291" virgin|strong="H1330" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" capital city of|strong="H4428" Susa|strong="H7800". These|strong="H3605" young|strong="H5291" women|strong="H0802" will|strong="H4428"

be |strong="H3027" put |strong="H5414" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" group of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" women |strong="H0802". They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3027" under |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" care |strong="H3027" of |strong="H4428" Hegai |strong="H1896", the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" eunuch |strong="H5631", who |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3027" in |strong="H0413" charge |strong="H3027" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802". Then |strong="H0853" give |strong="H5414" beauty treatments to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" them |strong="H0413".<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H3651" let |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" pleasing |strong="H3190" to |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" become the |strong="H0834" new queen in |strong="H4428" Vashti's place |strong="H8478". The |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" liked |strong="H5869" this |strong="H3651" suggestion, so |strong="H3651" he |strong="H0834" accepted it |strong="H3651".

<sup>5</sup> Now |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" was |strong="H8034" a |strong="H1961" Jew |strong="H3064" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H1961" tribe of |strong="H1121" Benjamin named |strong="H8034" Mordecai |strong="H4782". Mordecai |strong="H4782" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jair |strong="H2971", and |strong="H1121" Jair |strong="H2971" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shimei |strong="H8096", and |strong="H1121" Shimei |strong="H8096" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1961" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kish |strong="H7027". Mordecai |strong="H4782" was |strong="H8034" in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H1961" capital city, Susa |strong="H7800".<sup>6</sup> Mordecai had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H1540" into |strong="H1540" captivity |strong="H1540" from |strong="H1540" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" by |strong="H3389" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0834" group that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H1540" into |strong="H1540" captivity |strong="H1540" with |strong="H5973" King |strong="H4428" Jehoiachin |strong="H3204" of |strong="H4428" Ju-

dah |strong="H3063".<sup>7</sup> Mordecai |strong="H4782" had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" cousin named Hadassah |strong="H1919". She |strong="H1931" didn't have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" father |strong="H0001" or |strong="H0369" a |strong="H1961" mother |strong="H0517", so |strong="H3947" Mordecai |strong="H4782" took |strong="H3947" care of |strong="H1323" her |strong="H3947". Mordecai |strong="H4782" had |strong="H1961" adopted her |strong="H3947" as |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3947" own |strong="H1961" daughter |strong="H1323" when |strong="H3588" her |strong="H3947" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0001" mother |strong="H0517" died |strong="H4194". Hadassah |strong="H1919" was |strong="H0369" also |strong="H0853" called Esther |strong="H0635". She |strong="H1931" had |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" very pretty face |strong="H4758" and |strong="H0001" a |strong="H1961" good |strong="H2896" figure |strong="H8389".

<sup>8</sup> When |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" king's |strong="H4428" command |strong="H1697" had |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" heard |strong="H8085", many |strong="H7227" young |strong="H5291" women |strong="H0802" were |strong="H1961" brought |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" capital city of |strong="H4428" Susa |strong="H7800". They |strong="H3027" were |strong="H1961" put |strong="H3947" under |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0413" care |strong="H3027" of |strong="H4428" Hegai |strong="H1896". Esther |strong="H0635" was |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0802" of |strong="H4428" these |strong="H3947" women |strong="H0802". She |strong="H0635" was |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3027" put |strong="H3947" into |strong="H0413" Hegai's care |strong="H3027". Hegai |strong="H1896" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" charge |strong="H3027" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0413" king's |strong="H4428" women |strong="H0802".<sup>9</sup> He |strong="H5414" liked |strong="H5869" Esther. She |strong="H2896" became |strong="H7200" his |strong="H5414" favorite, so |strong="H5414" he |strong="H5414" quickly |strong="H0926" gave |strong="H5414" Esther beauty treatments and |strong="H4428" special food |strong="H4490". He |strong="H5414" chose |strong="H5375" seven |strong="H7651" slave women |strong="H0802" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H4428" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" Esther. Then |strong="H0853"

he|strong="H5414" moved Esther and|strong="H4428" her|strong="H0802" seven|strong="H7651" women|strong="H0802" servants into|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" best|strong="H2896" place|strong="H5414" where|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" women|strong="H0802" lived.<sup>10</sup> Esther|strong="H0635" didn't|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5046" anyone|strong="H3588" she|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" Jew. She|strong="H0834" didn't|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5046" anyone|strong="H3588" about|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5046" family background, because|strong="H3588" Mordecai|strong="H4782" had|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5046" her|strong="H5046" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H5921".<sup>11</sup> Every|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" Mordecai|strong="H4782" walked|strong="H1980" back|strong="H1980" and|strong="H1980" forth|strong="H3045" near|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" area where|strong="H4100" the|strong="H3605" king's women|strong="H0802" lived. He|strong="H3117" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3117" because|strong="H6440" he|strong="H3117" wanted to|strong="H1980" find|strong="H3045" out|strong="H3045" how|strong="H4100" Esther|strong="H0635" was|strong="H0802", and|strong="H1980" what|strong="H4100" was|strong="H0802" happening to|strong="H1980" her|strong="H3605".

<sup>12</sup> Before|strong="H0413" a|strong="H1961" young|strong="H5291" woman|strong="H0802" could take|strong="H1961" her|strong="H0413" turn|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" before|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Xerxes, she|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" complete|strong="H4390" twelve|strong="H6240" months|strong="H2320" of|strong="H4428" beauty treatments— six|strong="H8337" months|strong="H2320" with|strong="H4390" oil|strong="H8081" of|strong="H4428" myrrh|strong="H4753" and|strong="H0935" six|strong="H8337" months|strong="H2320" with|strong="H4390" perfumes and|strong="H0935" cosmetics|strong="H8562".<sup>13</sup> When|strong="H0834" her|strong="H3605" time|strong="H5704" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428", she|strong="H0834" could|strong="H2088" choose to|strong="H0413" wear or|strong="H5704" take|strong="H0935" whatever|strong="H0834" she|strong="H0834" wanted from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" women's

living area.<sup>14</sup> In|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" evening|strong="H6153" the|strong="H3588" young woman|strong="H0802" would|strong="H4428" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004". And|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" morning|strong="H1242" she|strong="H1931" would|strong="H4428" return|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" another|strong="H8145" area where|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3588" king's|strong="H4428" women|strong="H0802" lived. Then|strong="H0935" she|strong="H1931" would|strong="H4428" be|strong="H5750" placed under|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3588" care|strong="H3027" of|strong="H4428" a|strong="H3588" man named|strong="H8034" Shaashgaz|strong="H8190". He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H3588" king's|strong="H4428" eunuch|strong="H5631" in|strong="H0935" charge|strong="H3027" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588" slave women|strong="H0802". She|strong="H1931" would|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428" again|strong="H5750" unless|strong="H0518" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H8034" pleased|strong="H2654" with|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H0935" he|strong="H1931" would|strong="H4428" call|strong="H7121" her|strong="H0413" by|strong="H3027" name|strong="H8034" to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413".

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" came|strong="H0935" for|strong="H3588" Esther|strong="H0635" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428". She|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" Mordecai|strong="H4782" had|strong="H0834" adopted, the|strong="H3605" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3605" uncle|strong="H1730" Abihail|strong="H0032". All|strong="H3605" she|strong="H0834" wanted|strong="H1245" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H3947" with|strong="H0413" her|strong="H3605" was|strong="H1961" what|strong="H0834" Hegai|strong="H1896", the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" officer|strong="H5631" in|strong="H0935" charge|strong="H8104" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802", suggested. Everyone|strong="H3605"

who **strong="H0834"** saw **strong="H7200"** Esther **strong="H0635"** liked **strong="H5869"** her **strong="H3605"**. <sup>16</sup> So **strong="H3947"** Esther **strong="H0635"** was **strong="H1931"** taken **strong="H3947"** to **strong="H0413"** King **strong="H4428"** Xerxes in **strong="H8141"** the **strong="H0413"** palace **strong="H1004"**. This **strong="H1931"** happened in **strong="H8141"** the **strong="H0413"** tenth **strong="H6224"** month **strong="H2320"**, the **strong="H0413"** month **strong="H2320"** of **strong="H4428"** Tebeth **strong="H2887"**, in **strong="H8141"** the **strong="H0413"** seventh **strong="H7651"** year **strong="H8141"** of **strong="H4428"** his **strong="H3947"** rule **strong="H4438"**.

<sup>17</sup> The **strong="H3605"** king **strong="H4428"** loved **strong="H0157"** Esther **strong="H0635"** more than **strong="H4428"** any **strong="H3605"** of **strong="H4428"** the **strong="H3605"** other **strong="H3605"** young women **strong="H0802"**, and **strong="H4428"** she **strong="H0635"** became **strong="H4427"** his **strong="H3605"** favorite. He **strong="H0853"** approved of **strong="H4428"** her **strong="H3605"** more than **strong="H4428"** any **strong="H3605"** of **strong="H4428"** the **strong="H3605"** others. So **strong="H5375"** King **strong="H4428"** Xerxes put **strong="H7760"** a **strong="H7760"** crown **strong="H3804"** on **strong="H8478"** Esther's **strong="H0635"** head **strong="H7218"** and **strong="H4428"** made **strong="H7760"** her **strong="H3605"** the **strong="H3605"** new queen in **strong="H4428"** place **strong="H8478"** of **strong="H4428"** Vashti **strong="H2060"**. <sup>18</sup> And **strong="H3027"** the **strong="H3605"** king **strong="H4428"** gave **strong="H5414"** a **strong="H5414"** big party for **strong="H3027"** Esther **strong="H0635"**. It **strong="H5414"** was **strong="H4428"** for **strong="H3027"** all **strong="H3605"** his **strong="H3605"** important **strong="H1419"** people and **strong="H3027"** leaders **strong="H8269"**. He **strong="H6213"** announced a **strong="H5414"** festival in **strong="H4428"** all **strong="H3605"** the **strong="H3605"** provinces **strong="H4082"** and **strong="H3027"** sent **strong="H5414"** out **strong="H3605"** gifts **strong="H4864"** to **strong="H5414"** people, because **strong="H3027"** he **strong="H6213"** was **strong="H4428"** a **strong="H5414"** generous king **strong="H4428"**.

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<sup>19</sup> Mordecai **strong="H4782"** was **strong="H4428"** sitting **strong="H3427"** next **strong="H8145"** to **strong="H4428"** the **strong="H6908"** king's **strong="H4428"** gate **strong="H8179"** at **strong="H3427"** the **strong="H6908"** time **strong="H8145"** the **strong="H6908"** young

women **strong="H1330"** were **strong="H3427"** gathered **strong="H6908"** together **strong="H6908"** the **strong="H6908"** second **strong="H8145"** time **strong="H8145"**. <sup>20</sup> Esther **strong="H0635"** had **strong="H0834"** still kept **strong="H6213"** it **strong="H5921"** a **strong="H1961"** secret that **strong="H0834"** she **strong="H0834"** was **strong="H0369"** a **strong="H1961"** Jew. She **strong="H0834"** had **strong="H0834"** not **strong="H0369"** told **strong="H5046"** anyone **strong="H0834"** about **strong="H1961"** her **strong="H5046"** family background. This **strong="H0834"** is **strong="H0369"** what **strong="H0834"** Mordecai **strong="H4782"** had **strong="H0834"** told **strong="H5046"** her **strong="H5046"** to **strong="H1961"** do **strong="H6213"**. She **strong="H0834"** still obeyed Mordecai **strong="H4782"** just **strong="H0834"** as **strong="H0834"** she **strong="H0834"** had **strong="H0834"** done **strong="H6213"** when **strong="H1961"** he **strong="H0834"** was **strong="H0369"** taking care **strong="H0545"** of **strong="H5921"** her **strong="H5046"**.

<sup>21</sup> During **strong="H3117"** the **strong="H3117"** time **strong="H3117"** Mordecai **strong="H4782"** was **strong="H4428"** sitting **strong="H3427"** next **strong="H3027"** to **strong="H7971"** the **strong="H3117"** king's **strong="H4428"** gate **strong="H8179"**, this **strong="H3117"** happened: Bigthana **strong="H0904"** and **strong="H3027"** Teresh **strong="H8657"**, two **strong="H8147"** of **strong="H4428"** the **strong="H3117"** king's **strong="H4428"** officers **strong="H5631"** who **strong="H3427"** guarded **strong="H8104"** the **strong="H3117"** doorway, became **strong="H7107"** angry **strong="H7107"** with **strong="H3027"** the **strong="H3117"** king **strong="H4428"**. They **strong="H1992"** began to **strong="H7971"** make **strong="H3027"** plans to **strong="H7971"** kill King **strong="H4428"** Xerxes. <sup>22</sup> But **strong="H4428"** Mordecai **strong="H4782"** learned **strong="H3045"** about **strong="H1697"** these plans and **strong="H4428"** told **strong="H5046"** Queen **strong="H4436"** Esther **strong="H0635"**. Then **strong="H0559"** she **strong="H0635"** told **strong="H5046"** the **strong="H0559"** king **strong="H4428"**. She **strong="H0635"** also **strong="H4428"** told **strong="H5046"** him **strong="H5046"** that **strong="H3045"** Mordecai **strong="H4782"** was **strong="H8034"** the **strong="H0559"** one **strong="H1697"** who **strong="H4428"** had **strong="H4428"** learned **strong="H3045"** about **strong="H1697"** the **strong="H0559"** evil plan **strong="H1697"**. <sup>23</sup> Then **strong="H4428"** the **strong="H6440"** report **strong="H1697"** was **strong="H4428"** checked out **strong="H6440"**. It **strong="H5921"** was **strong="H4428"** learned that **strong="H3117"**

Mordecai's report |strong="H1697" was |strong="H4428" true. The |strong="H6440" two |strong="H8147" guards who |strong="H4428" had |strong="H4428" planned to |strong="H5921" kill the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428" were |strong="H3117" hanged |strong="H8518" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H4672" post. All |strong="H3117" these things |strong="H1697" were |strong="H3117" written |strong="H3789" down |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H4672" book |strong="H5612" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" king's |strong="H4428" histories in |strong="H5921" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428".

### Haman's Plan to Destroy the Jews

**3** After |strong="H0310" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697" happened |strong="H1697", King |strong="H4428" Xerxes honored Haman |strong="H2001" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hammedatha the |strong="H3605" Agagite |strong="H0091". The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" promoted |strong="H1431" Haman |strong="H2001" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H7760" him |strong="H5921" a |strong="H7760" place |strong="H7760" of |strong="H1121" honor more |strong="H5921" important than |strong="H5921" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0428" leaders |strong="H8269". <sup>2</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" leaders at |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" gate |strong="H8179" would |strong="H0834" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" and |strong="H4428" give |strong="H6680" honor to |strong="H5650" Haman |strong="H2001". This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" commanded |strong="H6680" them |strong="H6680" to |strong="H5650" do |strong="H6680". But |strong="H3588" Mordecai |strong="H4782" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5650" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" or |strong="H3808" give |strong="H6680" honor to |strong="H5650" Haman |strong="H2001". <sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" leaders at |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179" asked |strong="H0559" Mordecai |strong="H4782", " Why |strong="H4069" don't you |strong="H0859" obey the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" command |strong="H4687" to |strong="H0559" bow down to |strong="H0559" Haman?"

<sup>4</sup> Day |strong="H3117" after |strong="H1961" day |strong="H3117", the |strong="H0559" king's leaders spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Mordecai |strong="H4782", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0559" command |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" bow down |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" Haman |strong="H2001". So |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1992" told |strong="H5046" Haman |strong="H2001" about |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1931". They |strong="H1992" wanted to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" Haman |strong="H2001" would |strong="H0559" do |strong="H8085" about |strong="H1961" Mordecai |strong="H4782". Mordecai |strong="H4782" had |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" Jew |strong="H3064". <sup>5</sup> When |strong="H3588" Haman |strong="H2001" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" Mordecai |strong="H4782" refused to |strong="H0369" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0369" him |strong="H7200" or |strong="H0369" give |strong="H7200" him |strong="H7200" honor, he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0369" very |strong="H3766" angry |strong="H2534". <sup>6</sup> Haman |strong="H2001" had |strong="H0834" learned that |strong="H0834" Mordecai |strong="H4782" was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" Jew |strong="H3064". But |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3588" satisfied to |strong="H7971" kill only |strong="H0905" Mordecai |strong="H4782". He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" wanted |strong="H1245" to |strong="H7971" find |strong="H1245" a |strong="H3588" way |strong="H3605" to |strong="H7971" destroy |strong="H8045" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3027" Mordecai's |strong="H4782" people |strong="H5971", the |strong="H3605" Jews |strong="H3064", in |strong="H5869" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3027" Xerxes' kingdom |strong="H4438". <sup>7</sup> In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H6440" twelfth year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Xerxes' rule |strong="H4428", in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H6440" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320", the |strong="H6440" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" Nisan |strong="H5212", Haman |strong="H2001" threw |strong="H5307" lots |strong="H1486" to |strong="H3117" choose a |strong="H3117" special day |strong="H3117" and |strong="H4428" month |strong="H2320". And |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" twelfth

month |strong="H2320", the |strong="H6440" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" Adar |strong="H0143" was |strong="H1931" chosen. ( At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H6440" lot |strong="H1486" was |strong="H1931" called " pur |strong="H6332".")<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Haman |strong="H2001" came |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" King |strong="H4428" Xerxes and |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559", " King |strong="H4428" Xerxes, there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" a |strong="H0259" certain |strong="H0259" group of |strong="H4428" people |strong="H5971" scattered |strong="H6340" among |strong="H0996" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" provinces |strong="H4082" of |strong="H4428" your |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4438". They |strong="H0559" keep |strong="H6213" themselves separate |strong="H6504" from |strong="H6504" other |strong="H0259" people |strong="H5971". Their |strong="H3605" customs are |strong="H3426" different from |strong="H6504" those |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0259" people |strong="H5971". And |strong="H4428" they |strong="H0559" don't |strong="H0369" obey |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" laws |strong="H1881". It |strong="H6213" is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" right for |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" to |strong="H0559" allow |strong="H3240" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0559" continue to |strong="H0559" live in |strong="H4428" your |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4438".

<sup>9</sup> " If |strong="H0518" it |strong="H0518" pleases |strong="H2895" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428", I |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" suggestion: Give |strong="H0006" a |strong="H0518" command |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" destroy |strong="H0006" these people |strong="H0518". And |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H4428" put |strong="H0935" 750,000 pounds <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H4428" silver |strong="H3701" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" king's |strong="H4428" treasury. This |strong="H0935" money |strong="H3701" could be |strong="H3027" used |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" pay |strong="H8254" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H6213" who |strong="H4428" do |strong="H6213" these things."

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" took |strong="H5493" the |strong="H0853" official ring |strong="H2885"

<sup>I</sup> 750,000 POUNDS Literally, "10,000 talents" (340,000 kg).

off |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5414" finger |strong="H2885" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" Haman |strong="H2001" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hammedatha the |strong="H0853" Agagite |strong="H0091". Haman |strong="H2001" was |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" enemy |strong="H6887" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Jews |strong="H3064".<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Haman |strong="H2001", " Keep |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0559" money |strong="H3701". Do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H2896" you |strong="H5414" want with |strong="H4428" them |strong="H5414"."

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H4428" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" 13th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320", the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" secretaries were |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121". They |strong="H0834" wrote |strong="H3789" out |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" Haman's |strong="H2001" commands |strong="H6680" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" language |strong="H3956" of |strong="H4428" each |strong="H3605" province |strong="H4082". And |strong="H4428" they |strong="H0834" wrote |strong="H3789" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" language |strong="H3956" of |strong="H4428" each |strong="H3605" group of |strong="H4428" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" wrote |strong="H3789" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" satraps |strong="H0323", the |strong="H3605" governors |strong="H6346" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" different provinces |strong="H4082", and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" different groups of |strong="H4428" people |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" wrote |strong="H3789" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" authority |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Xerxes himself |strong="H3117", and |strong="H4428" sealed |strong="H2856" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" own ring |strong="H2885".

<sup>13</sup> Messengers |strong="H7323" carried |strong="H7323" the |strong="H3605" letters |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" provinces |strong="H4082". The |strong="H3605" letters |strong="H5612"

were |strong="H0802" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" command |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" ruin, kill |strong="H2026", and |strong="H3027" completely |strong="H3605" destroy |strong="H8045" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Jews |strong="H3064". This |strong="H1931" meant young |strong="H5288" people |strong="H5288" and |strong="H3027" old |strong="H2205" people |strong="H5288", women |strong="H0802", and |strong="H3027" little |strong="H2945" children |strong="H2945" too. The |strong="H3605" command |strong="H3027" was |strong="H1931" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H2026" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Jews |strong="H3064" on |strong="H3117" a |strong="H7971" single |strong="H0259" day |strong="H3117". The |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" was |strong="H1931" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" 13th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" twelfth month |strong="H2320", the |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" Adar |strong="H0143". And |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" command |strong="H3027" was |strong="H1931" to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H0962" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" belonged to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Jews |strong="H3064".

<sup>14</sup> A |strong="H1961" copy |strong="H6572" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" letters with |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" command was |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" given |strong="H5414" as |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" law |strong="H1881". It |strong="H5414" was |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" law |strong="H1881" in |strong="H3117" every |strong="H3605" province |strong="H4082" and |strong="H3117" announced to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3117" every |strong="H3605" nation |strong="H5971" living in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" kingdom. Then |strong="H1961" everyone |strong="H3605" would |strong="H3605" be |strong="H1961" ready |strong="H6264" for |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117". <sup>15</sup> At |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5414" king's |strong="H4428" command |strong="H1697" the |strong="H5414" messengers |strong="H7323" hurried |strong="H1765" off |strong="H5414". The |strong="H5414" command |strong="H1697" was |strong="H4428" given |strong="H5414" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5414" capital |strong="H3427" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428"

Susa |strong="H7800". The |strong="H5414" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" Haman |strong="H2001" sat |strong="H3427" down |strong="H3427" to |strong="H5414" drink |strong="H8354", but |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5414" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" Susa |strong="H7800" was |strong="H4428" in |strong="H3427" confusion |strong="H0943".

#### Mordecai Persuades Esther to Help

**4** When |strong="H0834" Mordecai |strong="H4782" heard about |strong="H3045" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213", he |strong="H0834" tore |strong="H7167" his |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899". Then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3847" on |strong="H3847" sackcloth |strong="H8242", put |strong="H3847" ashes |strong="H0665" on |strong="H3847" his |strong="H3605" head, and |strong="H1419" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" into |strong="H8432" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" crying |strong="H2199" loudly |strong="H1419". <sup>2</sup> But |strong="H3588" Mordecai went |strong="H0935" only |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" far |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" the |strong="H6440" king's |strong="H4428" gate |strong="H8179". No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" allowed to |strong="H0413" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" gate |strong="H8179" dressed |strong="H3830" in |strong="H0935" sackcloth |strong="H8242". <sup>3</sup> In |strong="H4428" every |strong="H3605" province |strong="H4082" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" command |strong="H1697" had |strong="H0834" come |strong="H5060", there |strong="H3605" was |strong="H0834" much |strong="H7227" crying |strong="H1065" and |strong="H4428" sadness among the |strong="H3605" Jews |strong="H3064". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" fasting |strong="H6685" and |strong="H4428" crying |strong="H1065" loudly |strong="H1419". Many |strong="H7227" Jews |strong="H3064" were |strong="H0834" lying on |strong="H4725" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H4725" dressed in |strong="H4428" sackcloth |strong="H8242" with |strong="H1697" ashes |strong="H0665" on |strong="H4725" their |strong="H3605" heads.

<sup>4</sup> Esther's |strong="H0635" slave women |strong="H5291" and |strong="H0935" eunuchs |strong="H5631" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" her |strong="H7971" and |strong="H0935" told |strong="H5046"

her|strong="H7971" about|strong="H5921" Mordecai|strong="H4782". This|strong="H5046" made|strong="H6901" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635" very|strong="H3966" sad and|strong="H0935" upset. She|strong="H0635" sent|strong="H7971" clothes|strong="H0899" for|strong="H5921" Mordecai|strong="H4782" to|strong="H0935" put|strong="H3847" on|strong="H5921" instead|strong="H3808" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sackcloth|strong="H8242", but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" would|strong="H5291" not|strong="H3808" accept|strong="H6901" them|strong="H0853".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H2088" Esther|strong="H0635" called|strong="H7121" Hathach|strong="H2047", one|strong="H2088" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H6440" king's|strong="H4428" eunuchs|strong="H5631" who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" chosen|strong="H3045" to|strong="H5921" serve|strong="H6440" her|strong="H5921". She|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680" him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" find|strong="H3045" out|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4100" was|strong="H0834" bothering Mordecai|strong="H4782", and|strong="H4428" why|strong="H4100".<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H3318" Hathach|strong="H2047" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" where|strong="H0834" Mordecai|strong="H4782" was|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" open|strong="H6440" place of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H6440" city|strong="H5892" in|strong="H0413" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H6440" king's|strong="H4428" gate|strong="H8179".<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Mordecai|strong="H4782" told|strong="H5046" Hathach everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H7136" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5921". Mordecai|strong="H4782" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H5921" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" exact|strong="H6575" amount|strong="H6575" of|strong="H4428" money|strong="H3701" Haman|strong="H2001" had|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" put into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" treasury for|strong="H5921" killing Jews|strong="H3064".<sup>8</sup> Mordecai also|strong="H0853" gave|strong="H5414" Hathach a|strong="H5414" copy|strong="H6572" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" command|strong="H6680" to|strong="H0413" kill the|strong="H0853" Jews. The|strong="H0853" command|strong="H6680"

had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H5414" out|strong="H6440" all over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" city of|strong="H4428" Susa|strong="H7800". He|strong="H0834" wanted|strong="H1245" Hathach to|strong="H0413" show|strong="H7200" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" Esther|strong="H0635" and|strong="H0935" tell|strong="H5046" her|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H0834". And|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5046" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" encourage Esther|strong="H0635" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H0935" beg|strong="H1245" him|strong="H0413" for|strong="H5921" mercy|strong="H2603" for|strong="H5921" Mordecai and|strong="H0935" her|strong="H0413" people|strong="H5971".

<sup>9</sup> Hathach|strong="H2047" went|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" told|strong="H5046" Esther|strong="H0635" everything Mordecai|strong="H4782" had|strong="H0853" said|strong="H1697".

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Esther|strong="H0635" told|strong="H0559" Hathach|strong="H2047" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H0559" this to|strong="H0413" Mordecai|strong="H4782":  
<sup>11</sup> "Mordecai, all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" leaders and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" provinces|strong="H4082" know|strong="H3045" this|strong="H2088": The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" has|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0259" law|strong="H1881" for|strong="H7121" any|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" or|strong="H3808" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H0834" goes|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" without|strong="H3808" being called|strong="H7121". That|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0376" must|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H0413" death|strong="H4191" unless|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" holds|strong="H3447" out|strong="H3045" his|strong="H3605" gold|strong="H2091" scepter|strong="H8275" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". If|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" does|strong="H3808" this|strong="H2088", that|strong="H0834" person's life|strong="H3117" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H4191" saved. And|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589"



have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" been|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" see|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" for|strong="H7121" 30 days|strong="H3117"."

<sup>12</sup> Then Esther's message was given to Mordecai. When he got her message, Mordecai sent his answer back: "Esther, don't think that just because you live in the king's palace you will be the only Jew to escape. <sup>14</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" keep quiet now|strong="H3588", help and|strong="H1004" freedom for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" Jews|strong="H3064" will|strong="H4310" come|strong="H5060" from|strong="H0006" another|strong="H0312" place|strong="H4725". But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1004" your|strong="H3045" father's|strong="H0001" family|strong="H1004" will|strong="H4310" all|strong="H3045" die|strong="H0006". And|strong="H1004" who|strong="H4310" knows|strong="H3045", maybe you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0001" been|strong="H0006" chosen|strong="H3045" to|strong="H6256" be|strong="H0001" the|strong="H3588" queen for|strong="H3588" such|strong="H2063" a|strong="H3588" time|strong="H6256" as|strong="H3588" this|strong="H2063"."

<sup>15</sup> Then Esther sent this answer to Mordecai: "Mordecai, go and get all the Jews in Susa together, and fast for me. Don't eat or drink for three days and nights. I and my women servants will fast too. After we fast, I will go to the king. I know it is against the law to go to the king if he didn't call me, but I will do it anyway. If I die, I die."

<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H6213" Mordecai|strong="H4782" went away|strong="H3605" and|strong="H3605" did|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" Esther|strong="H0635" told|strong="H6680" him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H6213".

### Esther Speaks to the King

<sup>5</sup> On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" third|strong="H7992" day|strong="H3117", Esther|strong="H0635" put|strong="H3847" on|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" special robes|strong="H4438". Then|strong="H1961" she|strong="H0635" stood|strong="H5975" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" inside|strong="H1004" area of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5921" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004", in|strong="H3427" front|strong="H5227" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5921" king's|strong="H4428" hall|strong="H1004". The|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428" was|strong="H1961" sit-

ting|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" throne|strong="H3678" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" hall|strong="H1004", facing the|strong="H5921" place|strong="H1961" where|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3427" enter|strong="H5975" the|strong="H5921" throne|strong="H3678" room|strong="H1004". <sup>2</sup> When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" saw|strong="H7200" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635" standing|strong="H5975" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" court|strong="H2691", he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" very pleased|strong="H5869". He|strong="H0834" held|strong="H1961" out|strong="H7200" to|strong="H1961" her|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" gold|strong="H2091" scepter|strong="H8275" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" in|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5375" hand|strong="H3027". So|strong="H1961" Esther|strong="H0635" went|strong="H1961" in|strong="H4428" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" room and|strong="H3027" went|strong="H1961" near|strong="H7126" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428". Then|strong="H1961" she|strong="H0834" touched|strong="H5060" the|strong="H0853" end of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" gold|strong="H2091" scepter|strong="H8275".

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" asked|strong="H0559", "What|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" bothering you|strong="H5414" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635"? What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5414" want to|strong="H0559" ask|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5414"? I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" anything|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5414" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H4428", even|strong="H5704" half|strong="H2677" my|strong="H5414" kingdom|strong="H4438"."

<sup>4</sup> Esther|strong="H0635" said|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" prepared|strong="H6213" a|strong="H0518" party for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0935" Haman|strong="H2001". Will|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0935" Haman|strong="H2001" please|strong="H2895" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" party today|strong="H3117"?"

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559", "Bring|strong="H0935" Haman|strong="H2001" quick-

ly|strong="H4116" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834" may|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" Esther|strong="H0635" asks|strong="H0559".

So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H0935" Haman|strong="H2001" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" party Esther|strong="H0635" had|strong="H0834" prepared|strong="H6213" for|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413".<sup>6</sup> While|strong="H5704" they|strong="H5704" were|strong="H4428" drinking|strong="H4960" wine|strong="H3196", the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" asked|strong="H0559" her|strong="H5414" again, "Now|strong="H5414" Esther|strong="H0635", what|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H5414" want to|strong="H0559" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H4960"? Ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H4960" anything|strong="H4100", I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5414". So|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" it|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" want? I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" anything|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5414" want, up|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0559" half|strong="H2677" my|strong="H5414" kingdom|strong="H4438"."

<sup>7</sup> Esther|strong="H0635" answered|strong="H0559", "This is|strong="H0559" what|strong="H1246" I|strong="H0559" want to|strong="H0559" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H0559".<sup>8</sup> If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" is|strong="H0834" pleased|strong="H5869" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" thinks it|strong="H5414" good|strong="H2895" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" me|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" ask|strong="H4428" for|strong="H5921", let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H0935" Haman|strong="H2001" come|strong="H0935" tomorrow|strong="H4279". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" prepare|strong="H6213" another party for|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" really want."

### Haman's|strong="H2001" Anger at|strong="H0413" Mordecai

<sup>9</sup> Haman|strong="H2001" left|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" palace that|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" very happy|strong="H8056" and|strong="H6965" in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H7200" good|strong="H2896" mood. But|strong="H3808" when|strong="H3117" he|strong="H1931" saw|strong="H7200" Mordecai|strong="H4782" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" gate|strong="H8179", he|strong="H1931" became|strong="H7200" very angry|strong="H2534". Haman|strong="H2001" was|strong="H1931" very mad at|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" because|strong="H5921" Mordecai|strong="H4782" didn't|strong="H3808" show|strong="H7200" any|strong="H4480" respect|strong="H5921" when|strong="H3117" Haman|strong="H2001" walked by|strong="H5921". Mordecai|strong="H4782" was|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" afraid of|strong="H4428" Haman|strong="H2001", and|strong="H6965" this|strong="H1931" made Haman|strong="H2001" mad.<sup>10</sup> But|strong="H0935" Haman|strong="H2001" controlled|strong="H0662" his|strong="H7971" anger and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" home|strong="H1004". Then|strong="H0853" Haman|strong="H2001" called together his|strong="H7971" friends|strong="H0157" and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H7971" wife|strong="H0802", Zeresh|strong="H2238".<sup>11</sup> Haman|strong="H2001" started bragging about|strong="H5921" how|strong="H0834" rich|strong="H1431" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" bragging to|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" friends about|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" many|strong="H7230" sons|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" about|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" ways the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" had|strong="H0834" honored him|strong="H5921". And|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" bragging about|strong="H5921" how|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" had|strong="H0834" promoted|strong="H1431" him|strong="H5921" higher than|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269".<sup>12</sup> And|strong="H0935" that's|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" all|strong="H0637"; Haman|strong="H2001" added|strong="H0559". "I'm the|strong="H0853" only|strong="H0518" one|strong="H3808" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635" invited|strong="H7121"

to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3808" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" party she|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H0559". And|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Queen|strong="H4436" also|strong="H1571" has|strong="H0834" invited|strong="H7121" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3808" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" again tomorrow|strong="H4279".<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" this|strong="H2088" means nothing|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0369" me|strong="H7200". I|strong="H0589" cannot|strong="H369" be|strong="H4428" happy as|strong="H0834" long as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" Jew|strong="H3064" Mordecai|strong="H4782" sitting|strong="H3427" at|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" gate|strong="H8179"."

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Haman's|strong="H2001" wife|strong="H0802" Zeresh|strong="H2238" and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" friends|strong="H0157" had|strong="H4428" a|strong="H0935" suggestion. They|strong="H5921" said|strong="H0559", "Tell|strong="H0559" someone to|strong="H0413" build a|strong="H0935" post to|strong="H0413" hang|strong="H8518" him|strong="H0413" on|strong="H5921". Make|strong="H6213" it|strong="H5921" 75 feet|strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> tall. In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" morning|strong="H1242" ask|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0413" hang|strong="H8518" Mordecai|strong="H4782" on|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". Then|strong="H0853" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" party with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3605" can|strong="H6213" be|strong="H1697" happy|strong="H8056"."

Haman|strong="H2001" liked this|strong="H1697" suggestion, so|strong="H6213" he|strong="H6213" ordered|strong="H0559" someone to|strong="H0413" build the|strong="H3605" hanging|strong="H8518" post.

### Mordecai Is Honored

**6** That|strong="H3117" same|strong="H1931" night|strong="H3915", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" could|strong="H1697" not|strong="H1961" sleep|strong="H8142".

I 75 FEET Literally, "50 cubits" (22 m).

So|strong="H7121" he|strong="H1931" told|strong="H0559" a|strong="H1961" servant to|strong="H0559" bring|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" history book|strong="H5612" and|strong="H0935" read|strong="H7121" it|strong="H1931" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853". ( The|strong="H0853" Book|strong="H5612" of|strong="H4428" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" Kings|strong="H4428" lists everything that|strong="H3117" happens|strong="H1961" during|strong="H3117" a|strong="H1961" king's|strong="H4428" rule|strong="H1697".)<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0834" servant read the|strong="H0834" book to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428". He|strong="H0834" read about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" evil plan to|strong="H5921" kill King|strong="H4428" Xerxes. That|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" when|strong="H0834" Mordecai|strong="H4782" had|strong="H0834" learned about|strong="H5921" Bigthana|strong="H0904" and|strong="H3027" Teresh|strong="H8657". These|strong="H0834" two|strong="H8147" men|strong="H8147" were|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" king's|strong="H4428" officers|strong="H5631" who|strong="H0834" guarded|strong="H8104" the|strong="H0834" doorway. They|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" planned to|strong="H5921" kill the|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428", but|strong="H4428" Mordecai|strong="H4782" learned about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" plan and|strong="H3027" told|strong="H5046" someone about|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921".

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" asked|strong="H0559", "What|strong="H4100" honor|strong="H3366" and|strong="H4428" good things|strong="H1697" have|strong="H1697" been|strong="H3808" given to|strong="H0559" Mordecai|strong="H4782" for|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2088"?"

The|strong="H0559" servants|strong="H5288" answered|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428", " Nothing|strong="H3808" has|strong="H4428" been|strong="H3808" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H5921" Mordecai|strong="H4782"."

<sup>4</sup> Haman|strong="H2001" had|strong="H0834" just|strong="H0834" entered|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" outer|strong="H2435" area of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004". He|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" ask|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0559" hang|strong="H8518" Mordecai|strong="H4782"

on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" hang-  
ing |strong="H8518" post Haman |strong="H2001"  
had |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H4428" built.  
The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428"  
said |strong="H0559", " Who |strong="H0834"  
just |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" in-  
to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" court-  
yard |strong="H2691"?"<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0559"  
king's |strong="H4428" servants |strong="H5288"  
said |strong="H0559", " Haman |strong="H2001"  
is |strong="H2009" standing |strong="H5975"  
in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" court-  
yard |strong="H2691"."

So |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559"  
king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559", "  
Bring |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413"  
in |strong="H0935"."

<sup>6</sup> When |strong="H0834" Haman |strong="H2001"  
came |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935",  
the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428"  
asked |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0935"  
a |strong="H0935" question. He |strong="H0834"  
said |strong="H0559", " Haman |strong="H2001",  
what |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100"  
be |strong="H0376" done |strong="H6213"  
for |strong="H4428" a |strong="H0935"  
man |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559"  
king |strong="H4428" wants to |strong="H0559" hon-  
or |strong="H3366"?"

Haman |strong="H2001" thought |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0559" himself |strong="H3820", "  
Who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834"  
there |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428"  
would |strong="H4310" want |strong="H2654"  
to |strong="H0559" honor |strong="H3366"  
more |strong="H4480" than |strong="H4480"  
me |strong="H4480"? I'm sure that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428"  
is |strong="H0834" talking about |strong="H4480"  
honoring me |strong="H4480"."

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H0834" Haman |strong="H2001" an-  
swered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559"  
king |strong="H4428", "Do this |strong="H0834"  
for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559"  
man |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559"  
king |strong="H4428" loves to |strong="H0413" hon-  
or |strong="H3366":<sup>8</sup> Have |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0834" servants bring |strong="H0935"  
a |strong="H5414" special robe |strong="H3830"  
the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" himself  
has |strong="H0834" worn |strong="H3847"  
and |strong="H0935" a |strong="H5414"  
horse |strong="H5483" the |strong="H0834"  
king |strong="H4428" himself has |strong="H0834" rid-  
den |strong="H7392". Have |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0834" servants put |strong="H5414"

the |strong="H0834" king's |strong="H4428" special  
mark on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" horse's  
head |strong="H7218".<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0853"  
put |strong="H5414" one |strong="H0376"  
of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853"  
king's |strong="H4428" most |strong="H4428" impor-  
tant leaders |strong="H8269" in |strong="H5921"  
charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428"  
the |strong="H0853" robe |strong="H3830"  
and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853"  
horse |strong="H5483", and |strong="H3027"  
let |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853"  
leader |strong="H8269" put |strong="H5414"  
the |strong="H0853" robe |strong="H3830"  
on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428" wants to |strong="H5921" hon-  
or |strong="H3366". Then |strong="H0853"  
let |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414"  
lead |strong="H7392" him |strong="H5414"  
on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
horse |strong="H5483" through |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892"  
streets |strong="H7339". As |strong="H0834"  
he |strong="H0834" leads him |strong="H5414",  
let |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" an-  
nounce |strong="H7121", ' This |strong="H3602"  
is |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213"  
for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428" wants to |strong="H5921" hon-  
or |strong="H3366"!"

<sup>10</sup> " Go |strong="H5307" quickly |strong="H4116",  
the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" command-  
ed |strong="H0559" Haman |strong="H2001". "  
Get |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605"  
robe |strong="H3830" and |strong="H4428"  
the |strong="H3605" horse |strong="H5483"  
and |strong="H4428" do |strong="H6213"  
just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834"  
you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" suggested  
for |strong="H3605" Mordecai |strong="H4782"  
the |strong="H3605" Jew |strong="H3064".  
He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" sit-  
ting |strong="H3427" near the |strong="H3605"  
king's |strong="H4428" gate |strong="H8179".  
Do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605"  
that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" suggest-  
ed."

<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H6213" Haman |strong="H2001"  
got |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853"  
robe |strong="H3830" and |strong="H4428"  
the |strong="H0853" horse |strong="H5483".  
Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H0834"  
put |strong="H3847" the |strong="H0853"  
robe |strong="H3830" on |strong="H3847" Morde-  
cai |strong="H4782" and |strong="H4428"  
led |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0853"

on|strong="H3847" horseback|strong="H5483" through the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" streets|strong="H7339". Haman|strong="H2001" announced ahead|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" Mordecai|strong="H4782", " This|strong="H3602" is|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" for|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" wants to|strong="H0376" honor|strong="H3366"!"

<sup>12</sup> After|strong="H0413" that|strong="H7725" Mordecai|strong="H4782" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" king's|strong="H4428" gate|strong="H8179", but|strong="H4428" Haman|strong="H2001" hurried|strong="H1765" home|strong="H1004" with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H7725" head|strong="H7218" covered|strong="H2645" because|strong="H0413" he|strong="H1004" was|strong="H4428" embarrassed and|strong="H4428" ashamed. <sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Haman|strong="H2001" told|strong="H0559" his|strong="H3605" wife|strong="H0802" Zeresh|strong="H2238" and|strong="H0802" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" friends|strong="H0157" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H7136" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853". His|strong="H3605" wife|strong="H0802" and|strong="H0802" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H2450" who|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853" advice said|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0518" Mordecai|strong="H4782" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" Jew|strong="H3064", you|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" win. You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" already started|strong="H2490" to|strong="H0559" fall|strong="H5307". Surely|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3808" ruined!"

<sup>14</sup> While|strong="H5750" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" still|strong="H5750" talking|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Haman|strong="H2001", the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" eunuchs|strong="H5631" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Haman's|strong="H2001" house. They|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" Haman|strong="H2001" hurry|strong="H0926" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" party that|strong="H0834" Esther|strong="H0635" had|strong="H0834" prepared|strong="H6213".

#### Haman Is Hanged

**7** So|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H0935"

Haman|strong="H2001" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" eat with|strong="H5973" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635". <sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H5414" as|strong="H5704" they|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3117" drinking|strong="H4960" wine|strong="H3196" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" second|strong="H8145" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" party, the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" again|strong="H8145" asked|strong="H0559" Esther|strong="H0635" a|strong="H5414" question, " Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635", what|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" it|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" want to|strong="H0559" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H3117"? Ask|strong="H0559" anything|strong="H4100" and|strong="H4428" it|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H1571" given|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5414". What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H5414" want? I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" anything|strong="H4100", even|strong="H1571" half|strong="H2677" my|strong="H5414" kingdom|strong="H4438"."

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H6030" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635" answered|strong="H0559", " King|strong="H4428", if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H5414" like|strong="H4672" me|strong="H5414" and|strong="H4428" it|strong="H5414" pleases|strong="H2895" you|strong="H5414", please|strong="H2895" let|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" live. And|strong="H4428" I|strong="H0518" ask|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" let|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971" live too|strong="H5921". This|strong="H0518" is|strong="H5315" what|strong="H5921" I|strong="H0518" ask|strong="H0559" for|strong="H5921". <sup>4</sup> I|strong="H0589" ask|strong="H4428" this|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H4428" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0369" been|strong="H0006" sold|strong="H4376" to|strong="H0369" be|strong="H4428" destroyed|strong="H8045"— to|strong="H0369" be|strong="H4428" killed|strong="H2026" and|strong="H4428" wiped|strong="H0006" out|strong="H0006" completely|strong="H8045". If|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" had|strong="H0369" just been|strong="H0006" sold|strong="H4376" as|strong="H3588" slaves|strong="H5650", I|strong="H0589" would|strong="H8198" have|strong="H0369" kept

quiet, because **that** **would not be a problem to the king**."

<sup>5</sup> Then **King Xerxes** asked **Queen Esther**, "Who **did** **you** **Where** **the** **man who** **dared** **do** **such** **a** **thing** **to** **you**?"

<sup>6</sup> **Esther** **said**, "The **man** **against** **us**, **our**, **is** **this** **wicked** **Haman**."

Then **Haman** **was** **filled with** **terror** **before** **the** **king** **and** **queen**. <sup>7</sup> **The** **king** **was** **very** **angry**. **He** **got** **up**, **left** **his** **wine**, **and** **went** **out** **into** **the** **garden**. **But** **Haman** **stayed** **inside** **to** **beg** **Queen** **Esther** **to** **save** **his** **life**. **He** **begged** **for** **his** **life** **because** **he** **knew** **that** **the** **king** **had** **already** **decided** **to** **kill** **him**. <sup>8</sup> **Just** **as** **the** **king** **was** **coming** **back** **in** **from** **the** **garden** **to** **the** **party** **room**, **he** **saw** **Haman** **falling** **on** **the** **couch** **where** **Esther** **was** **ly-**

**ing**. **The** **king** **said** **with** **anger** **in** **his** **voice**, "Will **you** **attack** **the** **queen** **even** **while** **I** **am** **in** **the** **house**?"

**As** **soon** **as** **the** **king** **had** **said** **this**, **servants** **came** **in** **and** **killed** **Haman**. <sup>19</sup> **One** **of** **the** **eunuchs** **who** **served** **the** **king** **was** **named** **Harbona**. **He** **said**, "A **hanging** **post** **75** **feet** **tall** **has** **been** **built** **near** **Haman's** **house**. **Haman** **had** **it** **made** **so** **that** **he** **could** **hang** **Mordecai** **on** **it**. **Mordecai** **is** **the** **man** **who** **helped** **you** **when** **he** **told** **you** **about** **the** **evil** **plans** **to** **kill** **you**."

**The** **king** **said**, "Hang **Haman** **on** **that** **post**!"

<sup>10</sup> **So** **they** **hanged** **Haman** **on** **the** **hanging** **post** **he** **had** **built** **for** **Mordecai**. **Then** **the** **king** **stopped** **being** **angry**.

#### The King's Order to Help the Jews

**8** **That** **same** **day** **King Xerxes** **gave** **Queen** **Es-**

<sup>1</sup> KILLED HAMAN Literally, "covered Haman's face." <sup>11</sup> 75 FEET Literally, "50 cubits" (22 m).

ther|strong="H0635" everything that|strong="H3588" belonged to|strong="H0935" Haman|strong="H2001", the|strong="H0853" enemy|strong="H6887" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064". Esther|strong="H0635" told|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" that|strong="H3588" Mordecai|strong="H4782" was|strong="H1931" her|strong="H5046" cousin. Then|strong="H0853" Mordecai|strong="H4782" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" see|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428".<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" had|strong="H0834" gotten his|strong="H5414" ring|strong="H2885" back|strong="H1004" from|strong="H5493" Haman|strong="H2001". The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" took|strong="H5493" the|strong="H0853" ring|strong="H2885" off|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414" finger|strong="H2885" and|strong="H4428" gave|strong="H5414" it|strong="H7760" to|strong="H5921" Mordecai|strong="H4782". Then|strong="H0853" Esther|strong="H0635" put|strong="H5414" Mordecai|strong="H4782" in|strong="H5921" charge|strong="H5921" of|strong="H4428" everything|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" belonged to|strong="H5921" Haman|strong="H2001".

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H1696" Esther|strong="H0635" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" again|strong="H3254". She|strong="H0834" fell|strong="H5307" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" feet|strong="H7272" and|strong="H4428" began crying|strong="H1058". She|strong="H0834" begged the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" to|strong="H1696" cancel the|strong="H0853" evil|strong="H7451" plan|strong="H2803" of|strong="H4428" Haman|strong="H2001" the|strong="H0853" Agagite|strong="H0091". Haman|strong="H2001" had|strong="H0834" thought|strong="H2803" up|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" plan|strong="H2803" to|strong="H1696" hurt the|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" held out|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" gold|strong="H2091" scepter|strong="H8275" to|strong="H6440" Esther|strong="H0635". Esther|strong="H0635" got|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" stood|strong="H5975" in|strong="H4428" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0853" she|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", "

King|strong="H4428", if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" like|strong="H0834" me|strong="H6440" and|strong="H1121" if|strong="H0518" it|strong="H0518" pleases|strong="H5869" you|strong="H0834", please do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H1697" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H6440". Please do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H1697" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" think|strong="H5869" it|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0518" good|strong="H2896" idea|strong="H1697". If|strong="H0518" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" is|strong="H0834" happy|strong="H2896" with|strong="H5921" me|strong="H6440", please write|strong="H3789" a|strong="H0518" command|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0559" stop the|strong="H3605" command|strong="H1697" Haman|strong="H2001" sent|strong="H7725" out|strong="H6440". Haman|strong="H2001" the|strong="H3605" Agagite|strong="H0091" thought|strong="H0559" of|strong="H1121" a|strong="H0518" plan|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" destroy|strong="H0006" the|strong="H3605" Jews|strong="H3064" in|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" provinces|strong="H4082", and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7725" out|strong="H6440" commands|strong="H0559" for|strong="H5921" this|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" happen|strong="H4672".<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H0834" am begging the|strong="H0853" king because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3201" bear to|strong="H3201" see|strong="H7200" these|strong="H5971" terrible|strong="H7451" things|strong="H0834" happen|strong="H4672" to|strong="H3201" my|strong="H7200" people|strong="H5971". I|strong="H0834" could|strong="H3201" not|strong="H3201" bear to|strong="H3201" see|strong="H7200" my|strong="H7200" family killed."

<sup>7</sup> King|strong="H4428" Xerxes answered|strong="H0559" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635" and|strong="H3027" Mordecai|strong="H4782" the|strong="H0853" Jew|strong="H3064", " Because|strong="H5921" Haman|strong="H2001" was|strong="H0834" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064", I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" property|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" Esther|strong="H0635". And|strong="H3027" my|strong="H5414" soldiers have|strong="H0834" hanged|strong="H8518" him|strong="H5414" on|strong="H5921"

the **hanging** post. <sup>8</sup> Now **write** another command **by** the **authority** of the **king**. Write **it** to **help** the **Jews** in **any** way **that** seems **best** to **you**. Then **seal** the **order** with the **king's** special ring. No **official letter** **written** **by** the **authority** of the **king** and **sealed** with the **king's** ring **can** be **canceled**.

<sup>9</sup> Very **quickly** the **king's** secretaries **were** **called**. This **was** **done** on the **23rd** day of the **third** month, the **month** of **Sivan**. They **wrote** **out** **all** of **Mordecai's** commands to the **Jews**, and **to** the **satraps**, the **governors**, and **officials** of the **127** provinces. These **1931** provinces **reached** from **India** to **Ethiopia**. The **commands** **were** **written** in the **language** of each **province** and **translated** into the **language** of each **group** of **people**. The **commands**

**were** **written** to the **Jews** in their **own** language and **alphabet**. <sup>10</sup> **Mordecai** **wrote** commands **by** the **authority** of the **king** **Xerxes**. Then **he** **sealed** the **letters** with the **king's** ring and **sent** them **by** **messengers** on **horses**. The **messengers** **rode** **fast** horses, which **were** raised especially for the **king**.

<sup>11</sup> The **king's** commands in the **letters** said this: The **Jews** in **every** city **have** the **right** to **gather** together to **protect** themselves. They **have** the **right** to **ruin**, **kill**, and **completely** **destroy** **any** **army** from **any** **group** who **might** **attack** them and **their** **women** and **children**. And **the** **Jews** **have** the **right** to **take** and **destroy** the **property** of **their** **enemies**.

<sup>12</sup> The **day** set for **the** **Jews** to **do** this **was** the **13th** day of the **twelfth** month, the **month** of **Adar**. They **were** **permitted** to **do** this **in** **all**



King *strong="H4428"* Xerxes' provinces *strong="H4082"*. <sup>13</sup> A *strong="H1961"* copy *strong="H6572"* of *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* letter *strong="H3791"* with *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* king's command was *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H1961"* be *strong="H1961"* sent *strong="H5414"* out *strong="H3605"*. It *strong="H5414"* became *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* law *strong="H1881"* in *strong="H3117"* every *strong="H3605"* province *strong="H4082"*. They *strong="H3117"* announced it *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H1961"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* of *strong="H3117"* every *strong="H3605"* nation *strong="H5971"* living in *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3605"* kingdom. They *strong="H3117"* did *strong="H3117"* this *strong="H2088"* so *strong="H1961"* that *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* Jews *strong="H3064"* would *strong="H3605"* be *strong="H1961"* ready for *strong="H3117"* that *strong="H3605"* special day *strong="H3117"*. They *strong="H3117"* would *strong="H3605"* be *strong="H1961"* allowed *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H1961"* pay *strong="H5414"* their *strong="H3605"* enemies *strong="H0341"* back. <sup>14</sup> The *strong="H5414"* messengers *strong="H7323"* hurried *strong="H1765"* out *strong="H3318"*, riding *strong="H7392"* on *strong="H7392"* the *strong="H5414"* king's *strong="H4428"* horses *strong="H7409"*. The *strong="H5414"* king *strong="H4428"* commanded them *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H5414"* hurry *strong="H0926"*. And *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H5414"* command *strong="H1697"* was *strong="H4428"* also *strong="H4428"* put *strong="H5414"* in *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H5414"* capital city of *strong="H4428"* Susa *strong="H7800"*.

<sup>15</sup> Mordecai *strong="H4782"* left *strong="H3318"* the *strong="H6440"* king *strong="H4428"*. He *strong="H3318"* was *strong="H4428"* wearing special clothes *strong="H3830"* from *strong="H3318"* the *strong="H6440"* king *strong="H4428"*. His *strong="H6440"* clothes *strong="H3830"* were *strong="H6440"* blue *strong="H8504"* and *strong="H4428"* white *strong="H2353"*, and *strong="H4428"* he *strong="H3318"* had *strong="H4428"* on *strong="H2091"* a *strong="H3318"* large *strong="H1419"* gold *strong="H2091"* crown *strong="H5850"*. He *strong="H3318"* also *strong="H4428"* had *strong="H4428"* a *strong="H3318"* purple *strong="H0713"* robe *strong="H3830"* made *strong="H8055"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H6440"* best linen *strong="H0948"*. There was *strong="H4428"* a *strong="H3318"* special celebration in *strong="H4428"* Susa *strong="H7800"*.

The *strong="H6440"* people were *strong="H6440"* very *strong="H1419"* happy *strong="H8055"*. <sup>16</sup> It *strong="H1961"* was *strong="H1961"* an *strong="H1961"* especially happy *strong="H8057"* day for *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H1961"* Jews *strong="H3064"*, a *strong="H1961"* day of *strong="H8057"* great joy *strong="H8057"* and *strong="H8057"* happiness *strong="H8057"*.

<sup>17</sup> Wherever *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* king's *strong="H4428"* command *strong="H1697"* went in *strong="H5921"* every *strong="H3605"* province *strong="H4082"* and *strong="H0776"* every *strong="H3605"* city *strong="H5892"*, there *strong="H3605"* was *strong="H0834"* joy *strong="H8057"* and *strong="H0776"* gladness *strong="H8057"* among *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* Jews *strong="H3064"*. They *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* having *strong="H3588"* parties and *strong="H0776"* celebrating. Many *strong="H7227"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H3605"* common *strong="H0776"* people *strong="H5971"* from *strong="H5921"* other *strong="H3605"* groups became *strong="H1697"* Jews *strong="H3064"*. They *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H0834"* this *strong="H3588"* because *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* very *strong="H7227"* afraid *strong="H6343"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H3605"* Jews *strong="H3064"*.

### Victory for the Jews

<sup>9</sup> On *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H0834"* 13th day *strong="H3117"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0834"* twelfth month *strong="H2320"* (Adar *strong="H0143"*), the *strong="H0834"* people *strong="H0834"* were *strong="H0834"* supposed to *strong="H3117"* obey *strong="H6213"* the *strong="H0834"* king's *strong="H4428"* command *strong="H1697"*. This *strong="H1931"* was *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0834"* day *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H0834"* enemies *strong="H0341"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H0834"* Jews *strong="H3064"* hoped to *strong="H3117"* defeat them *strong="H1992"*, but *strong="H1992"* now *strong="H3117"* things *strong="H1697"* had *strong="H0834"* changed *strong="H2015"*. The *strong="H0834"* Jews *strong="H3064"* were *strong="H0834"* stronger than *strong="H4428"* their *strong="H1992"* enemies *strong="H0341"* who *strong="H0834"* hated *strong="H8130"* them *strong="H1992"*. <sup>2</sup> The *strong="H3605"* Jews *strong="H3064"* met together *strong="H5921"* in *strong="H5921"* their *strong="H3605"* cities *strong="H5892"* in *strong="H5921"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* provinces *strong="H4082"* of *strong="H4428"* King *strong="H4428"* Xerxes so *strong="H7971"* that *strong="H3588"*

they|strong="H3588" would|strong="H0376" be|strong="H3808" strong enough|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5921" attack the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H3605" wanted|strong="H1245" to|strong="H5921" destroy|strong="H3605" them|strong="H5921". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" was|strong="H0376" strong enough|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5921" stand|strong="H5975" against|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921". They|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0376" afraid|strong="H6343" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Jews|strong="H3064".<sup>3</sup> And|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" officials|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" provinces|strong="H4082", the|strong="H3605" satraps|strong="H0323", the|strong="H3605" governors|strong="H6346", and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" administrators helped the|strong="H3605" Jews|strong="H3064". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269" helped them|strong="H0853" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" afraid|strong="H6343" of|strong="H4428" Mordecai|strong="H4782".<sup>4</sup> Mordecai|strong="H4782" had|strong="H4428" become|strong="H1980" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H1419" important|strong="H1419" man|strong="H0376" in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004". Everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" provinces|strong="H4082" knew his|strong="H3605" name and|strong="H1980" knew how|strong="H3588" important|strong="H1419" he|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0376".

And|strong="H1980" Mordecai|strong="H4782" became|strong="H1980" more|strong="H1419" and|strong="H1980" more|strong="H1419" powerful.

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" Jews|strong="H3064" defeated|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341". They|strong="H5221" used|strong="H6213" swords|strong="H2719" to|strong="H3605" kill|strong="H5221" and|strong="H2719" destroy|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5221". They|strong="H5221" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H7522" they|strong="H5221" wanted to|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people who|strong="H3605" hated|strong="H8130" them|strong="H5221".<sup>6</sup> They|strong="H0376" killed|strong="H2026" and|strong="H3967" destroyed|strong="H0006" 500 men|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H2026" capital city of|strong="H0376" Susa|strong="H7800".<sup>7</sup> They also|strong="H0853" killed these men: Parshandatha|strong="H6577", Dalphon|strong="H1813", As-

patha|strong="H0630",<sup>8</sup> Poratha|strong="H6334", Adalia|strong="H0118", Aridatha|strong="H0743",<sup>9</sup> Parmashta|strong="H6534", Arisai|strong="H0747", Aridai|strong="H0742", and|strong="H0853" Vaizatha|strong="H2055".<sup>10</sup> These men|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" ten|strong="H6235" sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Haman|strong="H2001". Haman|strong="H2001" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hammedatha was|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" enemy|strong="H6887" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064". The|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064" killed|strong="H2026" all the|strong="H0853" men|strong="H1121", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" didn't|strong="H3808" take anything|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3808" belonged to|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0853".

<sup>11</sup> That|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H6440" king|strong="H4428" heard how many|strong="H4557" men had|strong="H4428" been killed|strong="H2026" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" capital city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H4428" Susa|strong="H7800".<sup>12</sup> So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635", " The|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064" have|strong="H0376" killed|strong="H2026" 500 men|strong="H0376" in|strong="H4428" Susa|strong="H7800", including|strong="H4428" Haman's|strong="H2001" ten|strong="H6235" sons|strong="H1121". Now|strong="H5414", what|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H5414" want done|strong="H6213" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H5750" provinces|strong="H4082" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"? Tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5414", and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" have|strong="H0376" it|strong="H5414" done|strong="H6213". Ask|strong="H0559", and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H5414"."

<sup>13</sup> Esther|strong="H0635" said|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H0518" it|strong="H5414" pleases the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428", please let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064" in|strong="H5921" Susa|strong="H7800" do|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" thing again tomorrow|strong="H4279". Also|strong="H1571", hang|strong="H8518" the|strong="H0853" bodies of|strong="H1121"

Haman's sons ten sons on posts.

<sup>14</sup> So the king gave the command that it should be done. So the law was given in Susa, and they hanged ten thousand Jews in Susa. The Susa met together on the 14th day of the month Adar. They killed 300 men in Susa, but they didn't take things that belonged to them.

<sup>16</sup> At the same time, the Jews in the other provinces also met together. They met together so that they would be strong enough to protect themselves. And so they got rid of their enemies. They killed 75,000 of their enemies. But the Jews didn't take anything that belonged to them. <sup>17</sup> This happened on the 13th day of the month Adar. On the 14th day the Jews rested and made that day a happy

day of feasting.

### The Festival of Purim

<sup>18</sup> The Jews in Susa had met together on the 13th and 14th days of the month of Adar. And then the 15th day they rested. So they made the 15th day a happy day of feasting. <sup>19</sup> So those who live in the country and small villages celebrate Purim on the 14th day of Adar. They keep the 14th day as a happy day of feasting. On this day they have parties and give presents to each other.

<sup>20</sup> Mordecai wrote down what happened, and he sent letters to all Jews in all parts of the King's provinces. He sent far near did to the Jews to celebrate Purim every year on

the **"H3605"** 14th and **"H6965"** 15th days **"H3117"** of **"H3117"** the **"H3605"** month **"H2320"** of **"H3117"** Adar **"H0143"**. <sup>22</sup> They **"H1992"** were **"H0834"** to **"H0376"** celebrate those **"H0834"** days **"H3117"** because **"H0834"** on **"H3117"** those **"H0834"** days **"H3117"** the **"H0853"** Jews **"H3064"** got rid **"H5117"** of **"H0376"** their **"H1992"** enemies **"H0341"**. And **"H3117"** they **"H1992"** were **"H0834"** also **"H0853"** to **"H0376"** celebrate that **"H0834"** month **"H2320"** as **"H0834"** the **"H0853"** month **"H2320"** when **"H3117"** their **"H1992"** sadness was **"H0834"** turned **"H2015"** into **"H2015"** joy **"H8057"**. It **"H5117"** was **"H0834"** a **"H0834"** month **"H2320"** when **"H3117"** their **"H1992"** crying was **"H0834"** changed **"H2015"** into **"H2015"** a **"H0834"** day **"H3117"** of **"H0376"** celebration **"H8057"**. Mordecai wrote letters to **"H0376"** all **"H3117"** the **"H0853"** Jews **"H3064"** and **"H3117"** told **"H6213"** them **"H1992"** to **"H0376"** celebrate those **"H0834"** days **"H3117"** as **"H0834"** a **"H0834"** happy **"H8057"** day **"H3117"** of **"H0376"** feasting **"H4960"**. They **"H1992"** should **"H0376"** have **"H0834"** parties **"H0376"**, give **"H5117"** gifts **"H4979"** to **"H0376"** each **"H0376"** other **"H7453"**, and **"H3117"** give **"H5117"** presents **"H4979"** to **"H0376"** the **"H0853"** poor **"H0034"**.

<sup>23</sup> So **"H6213"** the **"H0853"** Jews **"H3064"** agreed to **"H0413"** do **"H6213"** what **"H0834"** Mordecai **"H4782"** had **"H0834"** written **"H3789"** to **"H0413"** them **"H0413"**. And **"H0853"** they **"H0834"** agreed to **"H0413"** continue the **"H0853"** celebration they **"H0834"** had **"H0834"** begun **"H2490"**.

<sup>24</sup> Haman **"H2001"** son **"H1121"** of **"H1121"** Hammedatha the **"H3605"** Agagite **"H0091"** was **"H1931"** the **"H3605"** enemy **"H6887"** of **"H1121"** all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** Jews **"H3064"**.

He **"H1931"** had **"H3588"** made **"H3605"** an **"H3588"** evil plan **"H2803"** against **"H5921"** the **"H3605"** Jews **"H3064"** to **"H5921"** destroy **"H0006"** them **"H5921"**. And **"H1121"** Haman **"H2001"** had **"H3588"** thrown the **"H3605"** lot **"H1486"** to **"H5921"** choose a **"H3588"** day to **"H5921"** ruin and **"H1121"** to **"H5921"** destroy **"H0006"** the **"H3605"** Jews **"H3064"**. At **"H5921"** that **"H3588"** time the **"H3605"** lot **"H1486"** was **"H1931"** called a **"H3588"** "purim" **"H6332"**." <sup>25</sup> Haman did **"H0834"** this **"H0834"**, but **"H0935"** Esther went **"H0935"** to **"H0559"** talk to **"H0559"** the **"H0853"** king **"H4428"**. So **"H0834"** he **"H0834"** sent **"H7725"** out **"H6440"** new commands **"H0559"**. These **"H0834"** commands **"H0559"** not **"H1121"** only ruined Haman's plans **"H4284"**, but **"H0935"** these **"H0834"** commands **"H0559"** caused **"H0834"** those **"H0834"** bad **"H7451"** things **"H5973"** to **"H0559"** happen to **"H0559"** Haman and **"H1121"** his **"H5921"** family! So **"H0834"** Haman and **"H1121"** his **"H5921"** sons **"H1121"** were **"H0834"** hanged **"H8518"** on **"H5921"** the **"H0853"** posts.

<sup>26</sup> At this time lots were called "purim." So this festival is called "Purim." Mordecai wrote a letter and told the Jews to celebrate this festival. And so the Jews started the custom of celebrating these two days every year. <sup>28</sup> They **"H3117"** do **"H6213"** this **"H0428"** to **"H3117"** help them **"H8432"** remember **"H2142"** what **"H2233"** they **"H3117"** had **"H3064"** seen happen to **"H3117"** them **"H8432"**. The **"H3605"** Jews **"H3064"** and **"H3117"** all **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** people **"H3808"** who **"H3605"** join them **"H8432"** celebrate **"H2142"** these **"H0428"** two **"H8432"** days **"H3117"** every **"H3605"** year **"H3117"** at **"H3117"** the **"H3605"** right time **"H3117"** in **"H3117"** just **"H3605"** the **"H3605"** right way **"H3605"**. Every **"H3605"** generation **"H1755"** and **"H3117"** every **"H3605"** family **"H4940"** remembers **"H2142"** these **"H0428"**

two|strong="H8432" days|strong="H3117". They|strong="H3117" celebrate|strong="H2142" this|strong="H0428" festival in|strong="H3117" each|strong="H3605" and|strong="H3117" every|strong="H3605" province|strong="H4082" and|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3117" each|strong="H3605" and|strong="H3117" every|strong="H3605" town|strong="H5892". And|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" Jews|strong="H3064" will|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" celebrating the|strong="H3605" days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" Purim|strong="H6332". Their|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H2233" will|strong="H3808" always|strong="H3117" remember|strong="H2142" this|strong="H0428" festival.

<sup>29</sup> So|strong="H6965" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323" Abihail|strong="H0032", along|strong="H0853" with|strong="H0854" Mordecai|strong="H4782" the|strong="H3605" Jew|strong="H3064", wrote|strong="H3789" an|strong="H6965" official letter|strong="H0107" about|strong="H3605" Purim|strong="H6332". They|strong="H3605" wrote|strong="H3789" with|strong="H0854" full|strong="H3605" authority|strong="H8633" of|strong="H1323" the|strong="H3605" king to|strong="H6965" prove that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" second|strong="H8145" letter|strong="H0107" was|strong="H3605" true. <sup>30</sup> So|strong="H7971" Mordecai sent|strong="H7971" letters|strong="H5612" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Jews|strong="H3064" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" 127 provinces|strong="H4082" of|strong="H1697" King Xerxes' kingdom|strong="H4438". He|strong="H7971" told|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" people that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" festival should|strong="H0413" bring peace|strong="H7965" and|strong="H3967" make people trust <sup>I</sup> each|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605". <sup>31</sup> He|strong="H0834" wrote these|strong="H0428" letters to|strong="H5921" tell the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5315" to|strong="H5921" start celebrating Purim|strong="H6332". And|strong="H6965" he|strong="H0834" told|strong="H1697" them|strong="H0853" when|strong="H3117" to|strong="H5921" celebrate this|strong="H0428" new festival. Mordecai|strong="H4782" the|strong="H0853" Jew|strong="H3064" and|strong="H6965" Queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635" had|strong="H0834" sent out|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" com-

mand|strong="H1697" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064" to|strong="H5921" establish|strong="H6965" this|strong="H0428" two-day festival for|strong="H5921" themselves|strong="H5315" and|strong="H6965" their|strong="H5921" descendants|strong="H2233". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remember this|strong="H0428" festival just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" remember the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0428" festivals when|strong="H3117" they|strong="H0834" fast|strong="H6685" and|strong="H6965" cry|strong="H2201" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" bad things|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" happened|strong="H1697". <sup>32</sup> Esther's|strong="H0635" letter|strong="H5612" made the|strong="H1697" rules for|strong="H1697" Purim|strong="H6332" official, and|strong="H6965" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697" were|strong="H0428" written|strong="H3789" down|strong="H3789" in|strong="H3789" a|strong="H6965" book|strong="H5612".

#### Mordecai Honored

**10** King|strong="H4428" Xerxes made|strong="H7760" people|strong="H0776" pay|strong="H7760" taxes. All the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H0776" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" kingdom|strong="H4428", even|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921" faraway cities on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" seacoast, had|strong="H4428" to|strong="H5921" pay|strong="H7760" taxes. <sup>2</sup> And|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" great|strong="H1431" things|strong="H1697" Xerxes did|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Book|strong="H5612" of|strong="H4428" History of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Media|strong="H4074" and|strong="H4428" Persia|strong="H6539". Also|strong="H4428" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" those|strong="H3605" history books|strong="H5612" are|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H1697" Mordecai|strong="H4782" did|strong="H0834". The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" made|strong="H4639" Mordecai|strong="H4782" a|strong="H0834" great|strong="H1431" man|strong="H3605". <sup>3</sup> Mordecai|strong="H4782" the|strong="H3605" Jew|strong="H3064" was|strong="H4428" second|strong="H4932" in|strong="H4428" importance to|strong="H1696" King|strong="H4428" Xerxes. He|strong="H3588" was|strong="H4428"

<sup>I</sup> PEACE ... TRUST Or "fellowship and truth." Zechariah 8:19 teaches that this is how people should celebrate the festivals and why God gave them.

the |strong="H3605" most |strong="H4428" impor-  
tant |strong="H1419" man |strong="H3605"  
among |strong="H0251" the |strong="H3605"  
Jews |strong="H3064". His |strong="H3605" fel-  
low |strong="H0251" Jews |strong="H3064" respect-  
ed |strong="H7230" him |strong="H3605"  
very |strong="H1419" much |strong="H7230", be-  
cause |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" worked

hard |strong="H1419" for |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896"  
of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" and |strong="H4428" brought  
peace |strong="H7965" to |strong="H1696"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
Jews |strong="H3064".

# Job

## Job, the Good Man

1 There *was* a man named Job who lived in the country of Uz. He was a good, honest man. He respected God and refused to do evil. 2 Job had seven sons and three daughters. 3 He owned 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 1000 oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He had many servants. He was the richest man in the east. 4 Job's sons took turns having dinner parties in their homes. They invited their sisters. 5 The day after each of these parties, Job got up early in the morning, sent his children, and offered a burnt offering for each of them. He thought, "Maybe my children were careless

and sinned against God at their party." Job always did this so his children would be forgiven of their sins.

6 Then the day for the angels to meet with the LORD was there with them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you been?"

Satan answered the LORD, "I have been roaming around the earth from place to place."

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? There is one on earth like him. He is a good, faithful man. He respects God and refuses to do evil."

I ANGELS Literally, "sons of God."

9 Satan answered the LORD, "But Job has a good reason to respect you. You always protect him, his family, and everything he has. You have blessed him and made him successful in everything he does. He is so wealthy that his herds and flocks are all over the country." 10 But if you were to destroy everything he has, I promise you that he would curse you to your face. 11 The LORD said to Satan, "All right, do whatever you want with anything that he has, but don't hurt Job himself."

Then Satan left the meeting.

### Job Loses Everything

13 One day Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking at the oldest house. 14 A messenger came to Job and said, "We were plowing

the fields with oxen and donkeys were eating grass nearby, when some Sabeans attacked us and took your animals! They killed the other servants. I am only one who escaped to come and tell you the news!"

16 That messenger was still speaking when another one came in and said, "A bolt of lightning struck your sheep and servants and burned them up. I am only one who escaped to come and tell the news!"

17 That messenger was still speaking when another one came in and said, "The Chaldeans sent out three raiding parties that attacked us and took the camels. They killed the other servants. I am only one who escaped to come and tell the news!"

I SABEANS A group of people from the Arabian Desert, probably south of Uz. II A BOLT OF LIGHTNING Or "God's fire fell from the sky." III CHALDEANS Tribes of people who moved from place to place in the area between the Euphrates and Jordan rivers.



who|strong="H5288" escaped|strong="H4422"  
to|strong="H0559" come|strong="H0935"  
and|strong="H0935" tell|strong="H5046"  
you|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
news|strong="H0559"!"

<sup>18</sup> That|strong="H2088" messenger  
was|strong="H1004" still|strong="H5704" speak-  
ing|strong="H1696" when|strong="H0935" anothe-  
r|strong="H0251" one|strong="H2088"  
came|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935"  
and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559", "  
Your|strong="H0935" sons|strong="H1121"  
and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323"  
were|strong="H1121" eating|strong="H0398"  
and|strong="H1121" drinking|strong="H8354"  
wine|strong="H3196" at|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H0559" oldest|strong="H1060" broth-  
er's|strong="H0251" house|strong="H1004". <sup>19</sup>  
A|strong="H0935" strong|strong="H1419"  
wind|strong="H7307" suddenly|strong="H2009"  
came|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921"  
from|strong="H0935" across|strong="H5676"  
the|strong="H5921" desert|strong="H4057"  
and|strong="H0935" blew the|strong="H5921"  
house|strong="H1004" down|strong="H5307".  
It|strong="H5921" fell|strong="H5307"  
on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" sons  
and|strong="H0935" daughters, and|strong="H0935"  
they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H1004"  
all|strong="H1419" dead|strong="H4191".  
I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
the|strong="H5921" only|strong="H7535"  
one|strong="H1419" who|strong="H5288" es-  
caped|strong="H4422" to|strong="H0935"  
come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935"  
tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" news!"

<sup>20</sup> When|strong="H5307" Job|strong="H0347"  
heard this, he|strong="H0853" got|strong="H6965"  
up|strong="H6965", tore|strong="H7167"  
his|strong="H7167" clothes, and|strong="H6965"  
shaved|strong="H1494" his|strong="H7167"  
head|strong="H7218" to|strong="H0776" show  
his|strong="H7167" sadness. Then|strong="H6965"  
he|strong="H0853" fell|strong="H5307"  
to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853"  
ground|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0776"  
bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" before  
God <sup>21</sup> and|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",  
" When|strong="H1961" I|strong="H5414"  
was|strong="H8034" born into|strong="H1961"  
this|strong="H3068" world,

I|strong="H5414" was|strong="H8034"  
naked|strong="H6174" and|strong="H3068"  
had|strong="H3068" nothing.

When|strong="H1961" I|strong="H5414" die  
and|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H3318"  
this|strong="H3068" world,

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1961" naked|strong="H6174"  
and|strong="H3068" have|strong="H1961" nothing.

The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
gives|strong="H5414",  
and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" takes|strong="H3947"  
away|strong="H7725".

Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0559"  
name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"!"

<sup>22</sup> Even|strong="H3808" after all|strong="H3605"  
this|strong="H2063", Job|strong="H0347"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
sin|strong="H2398". He|strong="H0430"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" accuse  
God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" doing any-  
thing|strong="H3605" wrong|strong="H2398".

### Satan Bothers Job Again

<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H1961" anothe-  
r|strong="H1571" day|strong="H3117"  
came|strong="H0935" for|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" angels <sup>1</sup> to|strong="H0935" meet  
with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921"  
LORD|strong="H3068". Satan|strong="H7854"  
joined|strong="H0935" them|strong="H5921"  
for|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3068" meeting  
with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921"  
LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Satan|strong="H7854", "  
Where|strong="H0335" have|strong="H0776"  
you|strong="H0935" been|strong="H0776"?"  
Satan|strong="H7854" answered|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", "  
I|strong="H2088" have|strong="H0776"  
been|strong="H0776" roaming  
around|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853"  
earth|strong="H0776", going|strong="H1980"  
from|strong="H0935" place|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" place|strong="H0935"."

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Satan|strong="H7854", "  
Have|strong="H0369" you|strong="H3588" noticed  
my|strong="H7760" servant|strong="H5650"  
Job|strong="H0347"? There|strong="H0369"  
is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369"  
one|strong="H0376" on|strong="H0413"  
earth|strong="H0776" like|strong="H3644"  
him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3588"  
is|strong="H0369" a|strong="H3588" good, faithful  
man|strong="H0376". He|strong="H3588" respects  
God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H3068" refuses  
to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H5493"

<sup>1</sup> ANGELS Literally, "sons of God."

evil |strong="H7451". He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0369" still |strong="H5750" faithful, even |strong="H3588" though |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" asked |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" let |strong="H7760" you |strong="H3588" de-  
stroy |strong="H1104", without |strong="H0369" rea-  
son, everything he |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3068"."

<sup>4</sup> Satan |strong="H7854" answered |strong="H0559", " Skin |strong="H5785" for |strong="H1157" skin |strong="H5785"! <sup>1</sup> A |strong="H5414" man |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" everything |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" protect himself |strong="H5315". <sup>5</sup> I |strong="H0518" swear, if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" attack his |strong="H7971" flesh |strong="H1320" and |strong="H3027" bones |strong="H6106", he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3027" curse |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0518" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H6440" face |strong="H6440"!"

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Satan |strong="H7854", "All right, Job |strong="H8104" is |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" hands |strong="H3027", but |strong="H0389" you |strong="H0853" are |strong="H3027" not |strong="H5315" allowed |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" kill him |strong="H0413"."

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H3318" Satan |strong="H7854" left |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" meeting with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H3318" Job |strong="H0347" painful sores all |strong="H5704" over |strong="H6440" his |strong="H3068" body, from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" bottom of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" feet |strong="H7272" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" top of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" head |strong="H6936". <sup>8</sup> Job sat |strong="H3427" on |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3947" pile of |strong="H3427" ashes |strong="H0665" where he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" mourning and |strong="H3427" used |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" piece of |strong="H3427" broken pottery to |strong="H3427" scrape |strong="H1623" his |strong="H3947" sores. <sup>9</sup> His |strong="H2388" wife |strong="H0802" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H4191", " Are |strong="H0430" you |strong="H1288" still |strong="H5750" holding |strong="H2388" on |strong="H0430" to |strong="H0559"

<sup>1</sup> SKIN FOR SKIN This means a person will do anything to avoid pain.

your |strong="H2388" faith? Why don't you |strong="H1288" just curse |strong="H1288" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0430" die |strong="H4191"!"

<sup>10</sup> Job |strong="H0347" answered |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H3605" sound like |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0430" those |strong="H3605" fools |strong="H5036" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" street cor-  
ner! How can |strong="H3808" we |strong="H3605" ac-  
cept |strong="H6901" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" gives us |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808" ac-  
cept |strong="H6901" the |strong="H3605" problems?" So |strong="H3808" even |strong="H1571" af-  
ter |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" happened |strong="H2398" to |strong="H0413" Job |strong="H0347", he |strong="H0430" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" sin |strong="H2398". He |strong="H0430" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" accuse God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" doing |strong="H7451" any-  
thing |strong="H3605" wrong |strong="H7451".

#### Job's |strong="H0347" Three Friends Come to |strong="H0413" See Him |strong="H0413"

<sup>11</sup> Job's |strong="H0347" three |strong="H7969" friends |strong="H7453" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" hap-  
pened |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H5921", so |strong="H0935" Elip-  
haz |strong="H0464" came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" Teman, Bildad |strong="H1085" from |strong="H0935" Shuah, and |strong="H0935" Zophar |strong="H6691" from |strong="H0935" Naamah. They |strong="H5921" met togeth-  
er |strong="H3162" and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" com-  
fort |strong="H5162" Job |strong="H0347" and |strong="H0935" show |strong="H8085" him |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" sympa-  
thy |strong="H5110". <sup>12</sup> But |strong="H3808" his |strong="H5921" friends didn't |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" recognize |strong="H5234" him |strong="H5921" when |strong="H0376" they |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7218" saw him |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" distance |strong="H7350"! They |strong="H5921" began to |strong="H5921" cry |strong="H6963" loudly |strong="H6963". They |strong="H5921" tore |strong="H7167" their |strong="H5375" clothes and |strong="H8064" threw |strong="H2236" dirt |strong="H6083"

in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" air  
over|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5375"  
heads|strong="H7218" to|strong="H5921"  
show|strong="H5375" how sad they|strong="H5921"  
were|strong="H0376".<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H1696"  
they|strong="H3588" sat|strong="H3427"  
on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588"  
ground|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0854" Job  
for|strong="H3588" seven|strong="H7651"  
days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H0776" sev-  
en|strong="H7651" nights|strong="H3915".  
They|strong="H3588" didn't say|strong="H1696"  
a|strong="H3588" word|strong="H1697", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588"  
saw|strong="H7200" he|strong="H3588"  
was|strong="H0369" in|strong="H3427"  
so|strong="H3588" much|strong="H1697"  
pain|strong="H3511".

### Job Curses the Day He Was Born

**3** Then|strong="H0853" Job|strong="H0347"  
opened|strong="H6605" his|strong="H7043"  
mouth|strong="H6310" and|strong="H3117"  
cursed|strong="H7043" the|strong="H0853"  
day|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0310"  
was|strong="H3117" born.<sup>2</sup> He|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559",  
<sup>3</sup> " I|strong="H3117" wish the|strong="H0559"  
day|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117"  
was|strong="H3117" born|strong="H3205"  
would|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3117"  
lost|strong="H0006" forever|strong="H3117".  
I|strong="H3117" wish the|strong="H0559"  
night|strong="H3915" they|strong="H3117"  
said|strong="H0559", "It's a|strong="H3205"  
boy|strong="H1397"! had|strong="H3205" never hap-  
pened.  
<sup>4</sup> I|strong="H3117" wish that|strong="H3117"  
day|strong="H3117" had|strong="H1961" re-  
mained|strong="H1961" dark|strong="H2822".  
I|strong="H3117" wish God|strong="H0433"  
above|strong="H5921" had|strong="H1961" forgot-  
ten that|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117"  
and|strong="H3117" not|strong="H0408"  
let|strong="H0408" any|strong="H1961"  
light|strong="H5105" shine|strong="H3313"  
on|strong="H5921" it|strong="H1931".  
<sup>5</sup> I|strong="H3117" wish that|strong="H3117" bitter  
day|strong="H3117" had|strong="H3117" re-  
mained|strong="H7931" as|strong="H3117"  
dark|strong="H2822" as|strong="H3117"  
death|strong="H6757",  
covered with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
darkest clouds.  
<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H3117" wish the|strong="H0935" dark-  
ness|strong="H0652" had|strong="H0935" car-  
ried|strong="H0935" away|strong="H3947"  
that|strong="H3117" night|strong="H3915",

that|strong="H3117" it|strong="H1931"  
was|strong="H1931" left|strong="H0935" off  
the|strong="H0935" calendar  
and|strong="H0935" not|strong="H0408" included  
in|strong="H8141" any of|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H0935" months|strong="H3391".  
<sup>7</sup> I|strong="H2009" wish that|strong="H1931"  
night|strong="H3915" had|strong="H1961" produced  
nothing|strong="H0408"  
and|strong="H0935" no|strong="H0408" happy  
shouts had|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961"  
heard.  
<sup>8</sup> Some|strong="H3117" magicians think  
they|strong="H3117" can wake|strong="H5782"  
Leviathan|strong="H3882".<sup>1</sup>  
So|strong="H5782" let them|strong="H3117" say  
their|strong="H3117" curses|strong="H0779"  
and|strong="H3117" curse|strong="H0779"  
the|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117"  
I|strong="H3117" was|strong="H3117" born.  
<sup>9</sup> Let|strong="H0408" that|strong="H7200" day's  
morning|strong="H7837" star|strong="H3556"  
be|strong="H0408" dark|strong="H2821".  
Let|strong="H0408" that|strong="H7200" night  
wait|strong="H6960" for|strong="H3556"  
a|strong="H7200" morning|strong="H7837"  
that|strong="H7200" never|strong="H0369"  
comes|strong="H0216".  
I|strong="H7200" wish it|strong="H7200"  
had|strong="H0369" never|strong="H0369"  
seen|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" first rays  
of|strong="H3556" sunlight|strong="H0216".  
<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H3588" wish it|strong="H3588"  
had|strong="H3588" stopped me|strong="H5462"  
from|strong="H5869" being|strong="H0990"  
born|strong="H3808"  
and|strong="H5869" kept me|strong="H5462"  
from|strong="H5869" seeing|strong="H3588"  
all|strong="H5999" these troubles.  
<sup>11</sup> Why|strong="H4100" didn't|strong="H3808"  
I|strong="H4100" die|strong="H4191"  
when|strong="H3318" I|strong="H4100"  
was|strong="H3808" born|strong="H3808"?  
Why|strong="H4100" didn't|strong="H3808"  
I|strong="H4100" die|strong="H4191"  
as|strong="H3318" I|strong="H4100"  
came|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318"  
my|strong="H3318" mother's womb|strong="H0990"?  
<sup>12</sup> Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100"  
my|strong="H3588" mother hold me|strong="H6923"  
on|strong="H4100" her|strong="H3588"  
knees|strong="H1290"?  
Why|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100"  
her|strong="H3588" breasts|strong="H7699" feed  
me|strong="H6923"?

<sup>1</sup> LEVIATHAN Here, this is probably a giant sea monster. Some people thought magicians were able to make it "swallow the sun," that is, cause an eclipse.

13 If I had died when I was born,

I would be at peace now.

I wish I were asleep at rest

with the kings and their advisors

who were built in palaces that are now in ruins.

15 I wish I were buried with the rulers who filled their graves with gold and silver.

16 Why wasn't I a child who died at birth

and was put in the ground?

I wish I had been buried like a baby

who never saw the light of day.

17 There wicked stop causing trouble,

and weary find rest.

18 Even prisoners find relief there;

they no longer hear their guards shouting at them.

19 Everyone— from the greatest to the least important— will be there,

and even the slave free from his master.

20 "Why must a suffering person continue to live?"

Why let anyone live such a bitter life?

21 Such people want to die, but death does not come.

They search for more than hidden treasure.

22 They would be happy to find their grave.

They would rejoice to find their tomb.

23 But God keeps their future secret

and builds a wall around them to protect them.

24 When it is time to eat, all I can do is sigh with sadness, not joy.

My groans pour out like water.

25 I was afraid something terrible would happen,

and I feared most has happened.

26 I cannot calm or relax.

I am too upset to rest!

### Eliphaz Speaks

4 Eliphaz from Teman answered:

2 "I must say something."

Would you speak?

<sup>3</sup> Job, you have taught many people.

You encouraged those who were ready to quit.

<sup>4</sup> Your words helped those who were ready to fall.

You gave strength to those who could not stand by themselves.

<sup>5</sup> But now trouble comes to you,

and you are discouraged.

Trouble hits you, and you are upset.

<sup>6</sup> You worship God.

You trust him.

You are a good man,

so that your hope is that

<sup>7</sup> Can you think of any innocent person who was destroyed?

Do you know of any place where good people are punished?

<sup>8</sup> Yes, I have seen people whose lives were cut short,

but they were evil trouble-makers.

<sup>9</sup> They lost the breath God gave them.

They were cut off from his breath of life.

<sup>10</sup> They were like roaring lions, like growling lions with broken teeth—

<sup>11</sup> like a lioness that cannot find prey.

They died, and their cubs starved to death.

<sup>12</sup> I happened to hear a message.

My ears caught a whisper of it.

<sup>13</sup> Like a bad dream<sup>1</sup> in the night,

it ruined my sleep.

<sup>14</sup> It frightened me, and I trembled down to my bones.

<sup>15</sup> A spirit passed by my face.

The hair on my body stood up!

<sup>16</sup> The spirit stood still,

but I could not see what it was.

A shape stood before my eyes,

and there was silence.

Then I heard a quiet voice:

<sup>17</sup> A person cannot be more right than God.

People cannot be more pure than their Maker.

<sup>18</sup> Look, God cannot trust his heavenly servants.

He sees faults even in his angels.

<sup>19</sup> So surely people are worse!

<sup>1</sup> BAD DREAM Or "vision of the night."

They|strong="H0834" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H1004" houses|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" clay<sup>I</sup> built on|strong="H1004" dust|strong="H6083".

They|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1004" crushed|strong="H1792" as|strong="H0834" easily as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" moth|strong="H6211"<sup>I</sup>

<sup>20</sup> From|strong="H0006" dawn|strong="H1242" to|strong="H1242" sunset|strong="H6153" people are destroyed|strong="H0006".

They|strong="H1242" die|strong="H0006"—gone forever|strong="H5331"— and|strong="H1242" no|strong="H1097" one|strong="H1097" even notices.

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H3808" ropes of|strong="H4191" their|strong="H3808" tent are|strong="H3808" pulled|strong="H5265" up,

and|strong="H2451" they|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191" before|strong="H3808" gaining wisdom|strong="H2451".

<sup>5</sup> "Job, call|strong="H7121" out|strong="H0413" if you|strong="H0413" want, and|strong="H6437" see if anyone answers|strong="H6030".

But|strong="H6030" to|strong="H0413" which|strong="H4310" of|strong="H6918" the|strong="H0413" angels will|strong="H4310" you|strong="H0413" turn|strong="H6437"?

<sup>2</sup> A|strong="H3588" fool's|strong="H0191" anger|strong="H7068" will|strong="H7068" kill|strong="H2026" him|strong="H4191".

His|strong="H3588" jealousy|strong="H7068" will|strong="H7068" destroy|strong="H4191" him|strong="H4191".

<sup>3</sup> I|strong="H0589" saw|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" fool|strong="H0191" who thought he|strong="H7200" was|strong="H0589" safe, but|strong="H7200" suddenly|strong="H6597" he|strong="H7200" died. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>4</sup> There|strong="H0369" was|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0369" help his|strong="H5337" children|strong="H1121".

No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" defended|strong="H5337" them|strong="H7368" in|strong="H1121" court|strong="H8179".

<sup>5</sup> Hungry|strong="H7456" people|strong="H0834" ate|strong="H0398" all|strong="H0398" his|strong="H3947" crops|strong="H7105", even the|strong="H0834" grain growing among|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" thorns|strong="H6791",

and|strong="H0398" greedy people|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" all|strong="H0398" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834".

<sup>I</sup> HOUSES OF CLAY This means the human body. <sup>II</sup> SUDDENLY HE DIED Or "suddenly his home was cursed."

<sup>6</sup> Bad times don't|strong="H3808" come|strong="H3318" up|strong="H6779" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3588" dirt|strong="H6083".

Trouble|strong="H5999" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" grow|strong="H6779" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3588" ground|strong="H0127".

<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H3588" people|strong="H0120" are|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" have|strong="H1121" trouble|strong="H5999",

as|strong="H3588" surely|strong="H3588" as|strong="H3588" sparks rise from|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3588" fire.

<sup>8</sup> If|strong="H7760" I|strong="H0589" were|strong="H0430" you|strong="H7760", I|strong="H0589" would turn|strong="H7760" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430"

and|strong="H0430" tell|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" about|strong="H0413" my|strong="H7760" problems.

<sup>9</sup> People cannot|strong="H0369" understand the|strong="H5704" wonderful|strong="H6381" things|strong="H1419" God|strong="H0369" does|strong="H6213".

His|strong="H5704" miracles|strong="H6381" are|strong="H0369" too|strong="H6381" many|strong="H4557" to|strong="H5704" count|strong="H4557".

<sup>10</sup> He|strong="H5414" sends|strong="H7971" rain|strong="H4306" all over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" earth|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" waters|strong="H4325" the|strong="H6440" fields|strong="H2351".

<sup>11</sup> He|strong="H7760" raises|strong="H7682" up|strong="H7760" the|strong="H7760" humble|strong="H8217"

and|strong="H7760" makes|strong="H7760" sad people happy.

<sup>12</sup> He|strong="H6213" spoils the|strong="H3027" plans|strong="H4284" of|strong="H3027" even|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3027" smartest people|strong="H3808"

so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3027" not|strong="H3808" succeed.

<sup>13</sup> He catches those|strong="H2450" who|strong="H2450" think they|strong="H3920" are|strong="H2450" wise|strong="H2450" in|strong="H2450" their own clever traps

and|strong="H4116" brings to|strong="H4116" an end their evil plans|strong="H6098".

<sup>14</sup> Daylight will|strong="H2822" be|strong="H2822" like darkness|strong="H2822" for|strong="H2822" them|strong="H3119".

Even at|strong="H4959" noon|strong="H6672" they|strong="H3915" will|strong="H2822"

have |strong="H6298" to |strong="H3915" feel |strong="H4959" their way as in |strong="H4959" the |strong="H3915" dark |strong="H2822".

<sup>15</sup> God |strong="H3027" saves |strong="H3467" the |strong="H3027" poor |strong="H0034" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" hurtful words |strong="H6310" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" wicked.

He |strong="H3027" saves |strong="H3467" them |strong="H3027" from |strong="H3027" those |strong="H3467" who |strong="H2389" are |strong="H3027" powerful |strong="H2389".

<sup>16</sup> So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" poor |strong="H1800" have |strong="H1961" hope |strong="H8615";

God shuts |strong="H7092" the |strong="H1961" mouths |strong="H6310" of |strong="H6310" those |strong="H1961" who would cause |strong="H6310" them |strong="H1961" harm.

<sup>17</sup> " You |strong="H3198" are |strong="H0835" fortunate when |strong="H2009" God |strong="H0433" corrects |strong="H3198" you |strong="H3198".

So |strong="H0408" don't |strong="H0408" complain when |strong="H2009" God |strong="H0433" All-Powerful punishes you |strong="H3198".

<sup>18</sup> God |strong="H3027" might injure you |strong="H3588", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3027" bandage |strong="H2280" those |strong="H3588" wounds |strong="H4272".

He |strong="H1931" might hurt you |strong="H3588", but |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3027" hands |strong="H3027" also |strong="H3588" heal |strong="H7495".

<sup>19</sup> He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" save |strong="H5337" you |strong="H3808" again and |strong="H3808" again.

No |strong="H3808" evil |strong="H7451" will |strong="H3808" harm |strong="H7451" you |strong="H3808".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>20</sup> God |strong="H3027" will |strong="H2719" save you |strong="H3027" from |strong="H3027" death |strong="H4194"

when |strong="H3027" there is |strong="H3027" famine |strong="H7458".

He |strong="H4194" will |strong="H2719" protect you |strong="H3027" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" sword |strong="H2719"

when |strong="H3027" there is |strong="H3027" war |strong="H4421".

<sup>21</sup> People |strong="H3808" might say bad things |strong="H3808" about |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" with |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3588" sharp tongues |strong="H3956".

But |strong="H3588" God |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" protect you |strong="H3588".

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "In six troubles, he will rescue you, and in seven, evil will not touch you."

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372" when |strong="H3588" bad things |strong="H3808" happen!

<sup>22</sup> You |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" laugh |strong="H7832" at |strong="H7832" destruction |strong="H7701" and |strong="H0776" famine |strong="H3720".

You |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H0776" wild |strong="H0776" animals |strong="H2416".

<sup>23</sup> It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H7704" as |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" peace treaty |strong="H1285" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H3588" wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416" and |strong="H0068" the |strong="H3588" rocks |strong="H0068" in |strong="H0068" the |strong="H3588" field |strong="H7704".

<sup>24</sup> You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" live in |strong="H3808" peace |strong="H7965" because |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3045" tent |strong="H0168" is |strong="H0168" safe |strong="H7965".

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" count your |strong="H3045" property and |strong="H3045" find |strong="H3045" nothing |strong="H3808" missing |strong="H6485".

<sup>25</sup> You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" have |strong="H3045" many |strong="H7227" children |strong="H2233".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" as |strong="H3588" many |strong="H7227" as |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" blades of |strong="H0776" grass |strong="H6212" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" earth |strong="H0776".

<sup>26</sup> You |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0935" be |strong="H6256" like |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0413" wheat that |strong="H6256" grows |strong="H5927" until harvest |strong="H0935" time |strong="H6256".

Yes, you |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0935" live to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" ripe old age |strong="H0935".

<sup>27</sup> " We |strong="H8085" have |strong="H3045" studied this |strong="H2063" and |strong="H8085" know |strong="H3045" it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" true |strong="H3651".

So |strong="H3651" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" us |strong="H3045", and |strong="H8085" learn |strong="H3045" for |strong="H3651" yourself |strong="H0859"."

## Job Answers Eliphaz

6 Then *Job* answered:

2 "I wish my suffering could be weighed

and my trouble be put on the scales.

3 They would be heavier than the sand of the sea!

That why my words so crazy.

4 God All-Powerful has with his arrows

My spirit feels their poison!

God's terrible weapons are lined up against me.

5 Even a wild donkey does not complain when it has grass to eat.

And a cow is quiet when it has food.

6 Food without salt does not taste good, and the white an egg has no taste.

7 I refuse to touch that food;

it makes me sick!

8 "I wish I could have I ask for

I wish God would

give me what I want.

9 I wish he would crush me—

just go ahead and kill me!

10 Then I would be comforted by this thing:

Even through all pain,

I refused to obey the commands of the Holy One.

11 "With my strength have I gone, I have to go on living.

With nothing to look forward to, why should I be patient?

12 I am not strong like a rock.

My body is not made from bronze.

13 I don't have the power to help myself, because all hope of success has been taken away from me.

14 "Friends should be loyal to you in times of trouble, even if you turn away from God All-Powerful."

15 But I cannot depend on you brothers.

You are like a stream that has no water when the weather is dry

I Or "People who fail to be loyal to their friends have also failed to respect God All-Powerful."



but is flooded  
when the rains  
come.

16 In the winter,  
it is choked  
with ice  
and melting snow.

17 But when the  
weather is hot  
and dry,  
the water stops flowing,  
and the stream  
disappears.

18 It twists and  
turns along the  
way

and then disappears  
into the desert.

19 Traders from Tema  
search for it.  
Travelers from Sheba  
hope to find it.

20 They are sure  
they can find water,  
but they will be  
disappointed.

21 Now, you are  
like those streams.

You see my troubles  
and are afraid.

22 But have I ever asked  
you to help me?

Did I ask you to offer  
a bribe for me  
from your wealth?

23 No, and I never  
said, 'Save me  
from my enemies!  
or Save me  
from those who  
are cruel!'

24 " So now,  
teach me,  
and I will be quiet.

Show me  
what I have done wrong.

25 Honest words  
are powerful,  
but your arguments  
prove nothing.

26 Do you plan  
to criticize me?  
Will you speak  
more tiring words?

27 Are you kind  
of people  
who would gamble or  
orphans

and sell out  
your own friends?

28 Now, look  
me in the face,  
and see that  
I am telling  
the truth!

29 You need to  
start over and stop  
being so unfair!

Think again, because  
I am innocent.

30 I am  
not lying.

I know right from  
wrong.

7 " People have  
a hard struggle  
on earth.

Their life is  
like that of  
a hired worker.

2 They are like  
a slave looking  
for cool shade  
or a hired worker  
waiting for pay-  
day.

3 Month after frustrating  
month has gone by.

I suffered  
night after night.

4 When I  
lie down,  
I think,

<sup>4</sup> How|strong="H4970" long|strong="H5704" before|strong="H5704" it's time|strong="H5704" to|strong="H0559" get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965"?

The|strong="H0559" night|strong="H6153" drags on|strong="H7901".

I|strong="H0518" toss and|strong="H6965" turn until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0559" sun comes up|strong="H6965".

<sup>5</sup> My|strong="H1320" skin|strong="H5785" is|strong="H1320" covered with|strong="H3847" worms|strong="H7415" and|strong="H1320" scabs|strong="H6083".

It is|strong="H1320" cracked and|strong="H1320" covered with|strong="H3847" sores.

<sup>6</sup> " My|strong="H4480" days|strong="H3117" pass|strong="H3615" by|strong="H3117" faster than|strong="H4480" a|strong="H4480" weaver's|strong="H0708" shuttle|strong="H0708",<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H3117" my|strong="H4480" life|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3117" end|strong="H3615" without|strong="H4480" hope|strong="H8615".

<sup>7</sup> God|strong="H3808", remember|strong="H2142", my|strong="H7200" life|strong="H2416" is|strong="H7307" like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3588" breath|strong="H7307".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5869" not|strong="H3808" get|strong="H7725" a|strong="H3588" second chance to|strong="H7725" enjoy|strong="H7200" it|strong="H3588".

<sup>8</sup> Those who|strong="H0369" see|strong="H5869" me|strong="H3808" now|strong="H0369" will|strong="H5869" never|strong="H3808" see|strong="H5869" me|strong="H3808" again.

You|strong="H3808" watch|strong="H7789" me|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" while|strong="H5869", but|strong="H3808" then|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3808" am gone|strong="H0369".

<sup>9</sup> Just as|strong="H3651" clouds|strong="H6051" that|strong="H3651" come|strong="H5927" and|strong="H3381" go|strong="H5927", people|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3808" put|strong="H3381" in|strong="H7585" the|strong="H3651" grave, never|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3381" rise|strong="H5927" again.

<sup>10</sup> They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" their|strong="H7725" old homes|strong="H1004".

The|strong="H7725" people|strong="H3808" there|strong="H7725" would not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H5234" them|strong="H7725".

<sup>I</sup> WEAVER'S SHUTTLE The tool a person who makes cloth uses to pass the thread between the other threads.

<sup>11</sup> " So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" quiet!

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" let|strong="H3808" my|strong="H1696" suffering spirit|strong="H7307" speak|strong="H1696"!

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" let|strong="H3808" my|strong="H1696" bitter|strong="H4751" soul|strong="H5315" complain|strong="H7878"!

<sup>12</sup> Am|strong="H0589" I|strong="H0589" one|strong="H3588" of|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" enemies?

Is|strong="H0518" that|strong="H3588" why|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" put|strong="H7760" a|strong="H3588" guard|strong="H4929" over|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921"?<sup>II</sup>

<sup>13</sup> My|strong="H3588" bed|strong="H4904" should|strong="H3588" bring|strong="H5375" me|strong="H3588" comfort|strong="H5162".

My|strong="H3588" couch|strong="H6210" should|strong="H3588" give|strong="H5162" me|strong="H3588" rest|strong="H5162" and|strong="H5375" relief.

<sup>14</sup> But when I lie down, you|strong="H2865" scare me|strong="H2472" with dreams|strong="H2472"; you|strong="H2865" frighten|strong="H1204" me|strong="H2472" with visions|strong="H2384".

<sup>15</sup> So I|strong="H5315" would|strong="H5315" rather be|strong="H5315" choked to|strong="H5315" death|strong="H4194"

than to|strong="H5315" live|strong="H0977" like|strong="H5315" this.

<sup>16</sup> I|strong="H3588" hate my|strong="H4480" life|strong="H3117"— I|strong="H3588" give up|strong="H4480".

I|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" want to|strong="H3117" live|strong="H2421" forever|strong="H5769".

Leave|strong="H2308" me|strong="H4480" alone|strong="H2308"!

My|strong="H4480" life|strong="H3117" means nothing|strong="H3808".

<sup>17</sup> God|strong="H0413", why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" people|strong="H0582" so|strong="H3588" important to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588"?

Why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" even|strong="H3588" notice them|strong="H0413"?

<sup>18</sup> Why do you|strong="H6485" visit|strong="H6485" them|strong="H6485" every|strong="H1242" morning|strong="H1242"

<sup>II</sup> Literally, "Am I Yam or Tannin that you should appoint a guard to watch me?" In ancient Canaanite stories, Yam was the god of the sea, and Tannin was a sea monster.

and|strong="H1242" test|strong="H0974" them|strong="H6485" at every|strong="H1242" moment|strong="H7281"?

19 You|strong="H5704" never|strong="H3808" look|strong="H8159" away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480" or|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480" alone|strong="H7503" for|strong="H3808" a|strong="H4480" second.

20 You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H4100" always watching us|strong="H5921"!

If|strong="H1961" I|strong="H7760" sinned|strong="H2398", would|strong="H4100" that|strong="H1961" hurt you|strong="H5921"?

Why|strong="H4100" have|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5921" made|strong="H7760" me|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" target|strong="H4645"?

Have|strong="H1961" I|strong="H7760" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" problem for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921"?

21 Why|strong="H4100" don't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3588" just|strong="H6258" pardon|strong="H5375" me|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3588" doing wrong|strong="H5771"?

Why|strong="H4100" don't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3588" just|strong="H6258" forgive|strong="H5375" me|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3588" sins|strong="H5771"?

Soon|strong="H6258" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0369" die and|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3808" in|strong="H3808" my|strong="H3588" grave.

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0369" search for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H3808", but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H3808" gone|strong="H0369".

### Bildad Speaks to Job

8 Then|strong="H6030" Bildad|strong="H1085" from Shuah answered|strong="H0559".

2 " How|strong="H0575" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H7307" you|strong="H5704" talk|strong="H6310" like|strong="H5704" that|strong="H5704"?

Your|strong="H5704" words|strong="H0561" are|strong="H0428" nothing but hot air|strong="H7307"!

3 God|strong="H0410" is|strong="H0410" always fair.

God|strong="H0410" All-Powerful does|strong="H0518" what|strong="H6664" is|strong="H0410" right|strong="H4941".

4 If|strong="H0518" your|strong="H0518" children|strong="H1121" sinned|strong="H2398"

against|strong="H2398" God|strong="H3027", he|strong="H0518" punished them|strong="H7971".

They|strong="H0518" paid|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" their|strong="H7971" sins|strong="H2398".

5 But|strong="H0518" now|strong="H0859", look to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0410" and|strong="H0859" pray to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" All-Powerful.

6 If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0859" pure|strong="H2134" and|strong="H6664" good,

he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3477" quickly come to|strong="H5921" help you|strong="H0859".

He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3477" give your|strong="H5921" family back|strong="H7999" to|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0859".

7 Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0319" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" lot more|strong="H3966"

than you|strong="H0319" had|strong="H1961" in|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" beginning|strong="H7225"!

8 " Ask|strong="H7592" those|strong="H3588" who|strong="H0001" are|strong="H0001" now|strong="H4994" old|strong="H7223".

Find out|strong="H3559" what|strong="H3559" their|strong="H3588" ancestors|strong="H0001" learned.

9 It|strong="H5921" seems|strong="H3045" as|strong="H3117" though|strong="H3588" we|strong="H0587" were|strong="H3117" born|strong="H3808" yesterday|strong="H8543".

We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H3117" too|strong="H5921" young|strong="H3117" to|strong="H5921" know|strong="H3045" anything|strong="H3808".

Our|strong="H5921" days|strong="H3117" on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776" are|strong="H3117" very|strong="H3045" short, like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H3588" shadow|strong="H6738".

10 Maybe the|strong="H0559" old people|strong="H3808" can|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3808" something.

Maybe they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3820" teach|strong="H3384" you|strong="H3808" what|strong="H4405" they|strong="H1992" learned.

11 " Can|strong="H3808" papyrus|strong="H1573" grow|strong="H7685" tall on|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" dry land?

Can|strong="H3808" reeds|strong="H0260" grow|strong="H7685" without|strong="H3808" water|strong="H4325"?

12 No|strong="H3808", they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" dry|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001" before|strong="H6440" harvest.

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H5750" too|strong="H5750" small to|strong="H6440" cut|strong="H6998" and|strong="H6440" use.

<sup>13</sup> People who|strong="H3605" forget|strong="H7911" God|strong="H0410" are|strong="H0734" like|strong="H3651" that|strong="H3605".

Those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" oppose him|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3605" no|strong="H0006" hope|strong="H8615".

<sup>14</sup> They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" put their|strong="H0834" trust|strong="H4009" in|strong="H1004" something weak.

It|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" spider's|strong="H5908" web|strong="H1004".

<sup>15</sup> When|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" lean|strong="H8172" against|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921",

it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1004" break.

When|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" reach out|strong="H2388" for|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921",

it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1004" not|strong="H3808" hold|strong="H2388" them|strong="H5921" up|strong="H6965".

<sup>16</sup> Such|strong="H1931" people|strong="H1931" are|strong="H6440" like|strong="H3318" a|strong="H5921" vine that|strong="H1931" gets plenty of|strong="H6440" water and|strong="H6440" sunshine,

and|strong="H6440" its|strong="H5921" branches spread|strong="H3318" throughout|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" garden|strong="H1593".

<sup>17</sup> Its|strong="H5921" roots|strong="H8328" spread among|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" rocks|strong="H0068",

searching for|strong="H5921" good soil.

<sup>18</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" move it|strong="H0518", it|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3808" die,

and|strong="H7200" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" can|strong="H0518" tell|strong="H7200" it|strong="H0518" was|strong="H4725" ever there.

<sup>19</sup> Everything might have been going|strong="H2005" well,

but|strong="H1870" another|strong="H0312" vine will|strong="H1931" take its place.

<sup>20</sup> God|strong="H0410" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" support|strong="H2388" evil|strong="H7489" people|strong="H3808",

and|strong="H3027" he|strong="H3808" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" abandon the|strong="H2388" innocent.

<sup>21</sup> So|strong="H5704" perhaps you|strong="H5704" might laugh again.

Maybe shouts|strong="H8643" of|strong="H6310" joy|strong="H8643" will|strong="H5704" come|strong="H4390" from|strong="H5704" your|strong="H5704" lips|strong="H8193".

<sup>22</sup> Maybe your|strong="H8130" enemies|strong="H8130" will|strong="H7563" be|strong="H7563" humiliated|strong="H1322" and|strong="H0168" the|strong="H8130" homes of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H8130" wicked|strong="H7563" destroyed|strong="H0369".

### Job Answers Bildad

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H6030" Job|strong="H0347" answered|strong="H0559".

<sup>2</sup> "Of|strong="H0410" course, I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H4100" true|strong="H0551".

But|strong="H3588" how|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100" a|strong="H3588" human being win an|strong="H3588" argument with|strong="H5973" God|strong="H0410"?

<sup>3</sup> Anyone who|strong="H0259" chose to|strong="H5973" argue|strong="H7378" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5973"

could not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030" one|strong="H0259" question in|strong="H3808" a|strong="H0518" thousand|strong="H0505"!

<sup>4</sup> God|strong="H0413" is|strong="H4310" so wise|strong="H2450" and|strong="H3824" powerful|strong="H0533" that|strong="H4310"

no|strong="H4310" one|strong="H0533" could|strong="H4310" oppose him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3824" survive.

<sup>5</sup> When|strong="H0834" God|strong="H3808" is|strong="H0834" angry|strong="H0639", he|strong="H0834" moves|strong="H6275" mountains|strong="H2022" before|strong="H3808" they|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H0834" happened.

<sup>6</sup> He|strong="H0776" can shake|strong="H7264" the|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0776" it|strong="H4725" will|strong="H0776" tremble|strong="H7264" down to|strong="H0776" its foundations.

<sup>7</sup> With|strong="H0559" one|strong="H3808" command|strong="H0559" he|strong="H3808" can|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" sun from|strong="H3808" rising.

He|strong="H3808" can|strong="H3808" lock up|strong="H2856" the|strong="H0559" stars|strong="H3556" and|strong="H0559" keep them|strong="H0559" from|strong="H3808" shining.

<sup>8</sup> He|strong="H5921" alone|strong="H0905" made the|strong="H5921" skies|strong="H5921", and|strong="H8064" he|strong="H5921" walks on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" ocean waves|strong="H1116".

<sup>9</sup> "God made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6213" Bear |strong="H5906", Orion |strong="H3685", and |strong="H2315" the |strong="H6213" Pleiades |strong="H3598".<sup>I</sup>

He |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6213" planets that cross the |strong="H6213" southern sky.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>10</sup> He |strong="H5704" does |strong="H6213" things |strong="H1419" too |strong="H6381" marvelous |strong="H6381" for |strong="H5704" people to |strong="H5704" understand.

He |strong="H5704" does |strong="H6213" too |strong="H6381" many |strong="H4557" miracles |strong="H6381" to |strong="H5704" count |strong="H4557"!

<sup>11</sup> When |strong="H7200" he |strong="H3808" passes |strong="H5674" by |strong="H5921", I |strong="H2005" cannot |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200" him |strong="H5921".

He |strong="H3808" goes right past |strong="H2498" me |strong="H5921", and |strong="H7200" I |strong="H2005" don't |strong="H3808" notice.

<sup>12</sup> If |strong="H2005" he |strong="H6213" takes something away |strong="H7725", no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" stop him |strong="H0413".

No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", 'What |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H7725" doing |strong="H6213"?'

<sup>13</sup> God |strong="H0433" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" hold back |strong="H7725" his |strong="H7725" anger |strong="H0639".

Even |strong="H3808" Rahab's helpers |strong="H5826" are |strong="H5826" afraid of |strong="H8478" him |strong="H7725".

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0595" cannot argue with |strong="H5973" God.

I |strong="H0595" would |strong="H1697" not |strong="H3588" know what |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1697" say |strong="H0977" to |strong="H1697" him |strong="H5973".

<sup>15</sup> I |strong="H0834" am innocent |strong="H6663", but |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" give |strong="H6663" him |strong="H6663" an |strong="H0518" answer |strong="H6030".

All I |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0518" do |strong="H0518" is |strong="H0834" beg my |strong="H0834" Judge |strong="H8199" for |strong="H0518" mercy |strong="H2603".

<sup>I</sup> BEAR, ORION, AND THE PLEIADES Names of well-known constellations (groups of stars) in the night sky. <sup>II</sup> PLANETS ... SKY Literally, "Rooms of the South" or "Rooms of Teman." This might be the planets or the twelve constellations of the Zodiac. North of the equator, these seem to move across the southern sky.

<sup>16</sup> Even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" I |strong="H3588" called |strong="H7121" and |strong="H6963" he |strong="H3588" answered |strong="H6030",

I |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" believe |strong="H0539" he |strong="H3588" would listen |strong="H0238" to |strong="H7121" me |strong="H6963".

<sup>17</sup> He |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" send storms to |strong="H0834" crush me |strong="H2600".

He |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834" give me |strong="H2600" more |strong="H7235" wounds |strong="H6482" for |strong="H0834" no reason |strong="H0834".

<sup>18</sup> He |strong="H3588" would |strong="H7307" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" catch my |strong="H5414" breath |strong="H7307" again |strong="H7725".

He |strong="H3588" would |strong="H7307" just give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" more |strong="H3808" trouble.

<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H0518" cannot defeat God.

He |strong="H0518" is |strong="H4310" too powerful |strong="H0533"!

I |strong="H0518" cannot take him to |strong="H4941" court |strong="H4941" for |strong="H4941" justice |strong="H4941".

Who |strong="H4310" could |strong="H4310" force him to |strong="H4941" come?

<sup>20</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" innocent |strong="H6663", but |strong="H0518" anything I |strong="H0589" say |strong="H6310" makes me |strong="H0589" seem guilty |strong="H7561".

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" innocent |strong="H6663", but |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0589" speak |strong="H6310", my |strong="H0518" mouth |strong="H6310" proves me |strong="H0589" wrong.

<sup>21</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" innocent, but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0589" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" to |strong="H5315" think.

I |strong="H0589" hate my |strong="H3045" own |strong="H5315" life |strong="H5315".

<sup>22</sup> So |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" say |strong="H0559", 'Does it |strong="H1931" make |strong="H3615" any |strong="H0259" difference?

God |strong="H0559" destroys |strong="H3615" the |strong="H0559" innocent as |strong="H3651" well |strong="H3651" as |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" guilty |strong="H7563".'

<sup>23</sup> Is |strong="H0518" it |strong="H0518" God who laughs when |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" disaster kills |strong="H4191" innocent |strong="H5355" people |strong="H0518"?

<sup>24</sup> Is|strong="H1931" it|strong="H5414" God|strong="H3808" who|strong="H4310" keeps the|strong="H6440" leaders|strong="H8199" from|strong="H6440" seeing when|strong="H0518" an|strong="H5414" evil|strong="H7563" person|strong="H3027" takes|strong="H5414" control|strong="H3027"?

If|strong="H0518" it|strong="H5414" is|strong="H1931" not|strong="H3808" God|strong="H3808", then|strong="H0645" who|strong="H4310" is|strong="H1931" it|strong="H5414"?

<sup>25</sup> " My|strong="H7200" days|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" passing faster than|strong="H4480" a|strong="H7200" runner|strong="H7323".

They|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" flying by|strong="H3117" without|strong="H3808" any|strong="H4480" joy.

<sup>26</sup> They|strong="H5921" go|strong="H2498" by|strong="H5921" as quickly as papyrus boats|strong="H0591",

as fast as an|strong="H5921" eagle|strong="H5404" swooping down|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" its|strong="H5921" prey|strong="H0400".

<sup>27</sup> " I|strong="H0518" could say|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0518" not|strong="H0518" complain.

I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0518" forget|strong="H7911" my|strong="H0518" pain|strong="H7879" and|strong="H6440" put a|strong="H0518" smile|strong="H1082" on|strong="H6440" my|strong="H0518" face|strong="H6440".

<sup>28</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" suffering still frightens me|strong="H3808".

I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" God|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" see|strong="H3045" me|strong="H3808" as|strong="H3588" innocent|strong="H5352".

<sup>29</sup> I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H4100" be found guilty|strong="H7561",

so|strong="H2088" why|strong="H4100" should|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0595" even think about it|strong="H4100"?

<sup>30</sup> Even|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" scrubbed my|strong="H0518" hands|strong="H3709" with|strong="H7364" soap and|strong="H3709" washed|strong="H7364" myself whiter than|strong="H0518" snow|strong="H7950",

<sup>31</sup> God would|strong="H8008" still push me|strong="H8581" into the|strong="H0227" slime pit|strong="H7845",<sup>I</sup>

and|strong="H8581" even my|strong="H0227" clothes|strong="H8008" would|strong="H8008"

I SLIME PIT The grave, a place where bodies rot.

hate|strong="H8581" to|strong="H8581" touch me|strong="H8581".

<sup>32</sup> God|strong="H3808" is|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3588" human like|strong="H3644" me|strong="H0935", so|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" argue with|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935".

I|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" take|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" court|strong="H4941".

<sup>33</sup> I|strong="H5921" wish there|strong="H3426" were|strong="H3027" someone who|strong="H3426" could listen to|strong="H5921" both|strong="H8147" sides|strong="H3027",<sup>II</sup>

someone to|strong="H5921" judge both|strong="H8147" of|strong="H3027" us|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" fair way|strong="H5921".

<sup>34</sup> I|strong="H5921" wish someone could take|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" the|strong="H5921" threat of|strong="H7626" God's punishment.

Then he|strong="H5921" would|strong="H5493" not|strong="H0408" frighten|strong="H1204" me|strong="H5921" anymore.

<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="H1696" I|strong="H0595" could say|strong="H1696" what|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0595" want without|strong="H3808" being afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H3808" him|strong="H1696".

But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0595" cannot|strong="H3808" do that|strong="H3588" now|strong="H3588".

**10** " I|strong="H5315" hate my|strong="H5921" own|strong="H5315" life|strong="H5315", so|strong="H1696" I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H5315" complain freely.

I|strong="H5315" am very bitter|strong="H4751", so|strong="H1696" now|strong="H1696" I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H5315" speak|strong="H1696".

<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H3045" will|strong="H4100" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0433", ' Don't|strong="H0408" just say|strong="H0559" I|strong="H3045" am guilty|strong="H7561"!'

Tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5921" have|strong="H3045" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413".

<sup>3</sup> Do you|strong="H3588" enjoy hurting me|strong="H5921"?

Do you|strong="H3588" enjoy ignoring me|strong="H5921" while|strong="H3588" smiling at|strong="H5921" what|strong="H2896" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H7563" say?

II SOMEONE ... SIDES Literally, "a mediator" or "an umpire."

4 Do you have human eyes? Do you see things the way people do?

5 Is your life as short as ours?

Is your life as short as a man's life?

6 You look wrong

and I search for sin.

7 You know I am innocent,

but no one can save me from your power.

8 Your hands made and shaped my body.

But they are closing around me and squeezing me to death!

9 Remember, you molded me like clay.

Will you turn me into clay again?

10 You poured me milk.

You spun me around and squeezed me like someone making cheese.

11 You put me together with bones and muscles,

and then you clothed me with skin and flesh.

12 You gave me life and I was very kind to me.

You cared for me and

watched over my spirit.

13 But this is what you hid in your heart.

Now I know what you were planning for me.

14 If I sinned, you would be watching me

so you could punish me for doing wrong.

15 If I sin, I am guilty and I will be cursed.

But even when I am innocent,

I cannot lift my head.

I am so ashamed because of all the troubles I have.

16 If I have any success and feel proud, you hunt me down like a lion.

and you show your power over me.

17 You bring witness after witness

to prove that I am wrong. Again and again you show your anger

as you send army against me.

18 So why did I let you be born?

I wish I had

fore |strong="H5869" anyone |strong="H7200" saw |strong="H7200" me |strong="H7200".

<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H0834" wish I |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" lived |strong="H1961".

I |strong="H0834" wish they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H2986" me |strong="H1961" from |strong="H1961" my |strong="H1961" mother's womb |strong="H0990" straight to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" grave |strong="H6913".

<sup>20</sup> My |strong="H4480" life |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" almost |strong="H4592" finished.

So |strong="H4480" leave |strong="H2308" me |strong="H4480" alone |strong="H2308"!

Let |strong="H3808" me |strong="H4480" enjoy the |strong="H4480" little |strong="H4592" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3117" left |strong="H4480".

<sup>21</sup> I |strong="H2962" am going |strong="H7725" soon to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" no |strong="H3808" return |strong="H7725", the |strong="H0413" place |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" death |strong="H6757" and |strong="H0776" darkness |strong="H2822"—

<sup>22</sup> that |strong="H3808" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" darkest night, of |strong="H0776" shadows and |strong="H0776" confusion, where |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3808" light is |strong="H0776" darkness |strong="H6757"."

### Zophar Speaks to Job

**11** Then |strong="H6030"

Zophar |strong="H6691" from Naamah answered |strong="H0559" Job and |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559",

<sup>2</sup> " This |strong="H1697" flood of |strong="H0376" words |strong="H1697" should |strong="H0376" be |strong="H3808" answered |strong="H6030"!

Does |strong="H3808" all |strong="H1697" this |strong="H1697" talking make Job |strong="H3808" right |strong="H6663"?

<sup>3</sup> Do |strong="H0369" you think we don't |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0369" an |strong="H0369" answer for |strong="H3637" you?

Do |strong="H0369" you think no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0369" warn you when you laugh |strong="H3932"

at |strong="H0369" God |strong="H0369"?

<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H1961" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0559",

' My |strong="H1961" arguments are |strong="H5869" right |strong="H5869", and |strong="H5869" you |strong="H1961" can |strong="H5869" see |strong="H5869"

I |strong="H0559" am |strong="H1961" pure |strong="H2134".'

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H5414" wish |strong="H4310" God |strong="H0433" would |strong="H4310" answer you |strong="H5414"

and |strong="H1696" tell |strong="H1696" you |strong="H5414" that |strong="H4310" you |strong="H5414" are |strong="H4310" wrong.

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3588" could tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" secret of |strong="H5771" wisdom |strong="H2451".

He |strong="H3588" would |strong="H0433" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" every story has |strong="H3588" two |strong="H3718" sides |strong="H3718".

You |strong="H3588" can |strong="H3045" be |strong="H2451" sure |strong="H3045" of |strong="H5771" this |strong="H3588":

God |strong="H0433" is |strong="H2451" not |strong="H3588" punishing you |strong="H3588" as |strong="H3588" much as |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588".

<sup>7</sup> " Do |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" think you |strong="H0518" really understand God |strong="H0433"?

Do |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" completely understand God |strong="H0433" All-Powerful?

<sup>8</sup> That |strong="H3045" knowledge |strong="H3045" is |strong="H4100" higher than the |strong="H3045" heavens |strong="H8064"

and |strong="H8064" deeper |strong="H6013" than the |strong="H3045" place of |strong="H6466" death |strong="H7585".

So what |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3045" do |strong="H6466"?

How |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3045" learn |strong="H3045" it |strong="H3045" all |strong="H3045"?

<sup>9</sup> It is |strong="H0776" greater than |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" bigger than |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" seas |strong="H3220".

<sup>10</sup> " If |strong="H0518" God decides to |strong="H7725" arrest you |strong="H0518" and |strong="H7725" take |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0518" to |strong="H7725" court, no |strong="H0518" one |strong="H0518" could |strong="H4310" stop him |strong="H7725".

<sup>11</sup> God |strong="H3808" knows |strong="H3045" who |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" worthless |strong="H7723".

When |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" sees |strong="H7200" evil |strong="H0205", he |strong="H1931" remembers it |strong="H1931".

<sup>12</sup> A |strong="H3205" wild |strong="H6501" donkey |strong="H6501" cannot give |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" man |strong="H0376",



and |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3205" stupid person |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" never become |strong="H3205" wise.

13 Prepare |strong="H3559" your |strong="H0518" heart |strong="H3820" to |strong="H0413" serve only |strong="H0518" God |strong="H0413".

Lift your |strong="H0518" arms and |strong="H3820" pray to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413".

14 Put |strong="H7368" away |strong="H7368" the |strong="H0518" sin |strong="H0205" that |strong="H3027" you |strong="H0518" still hold on |strong="H3027" to |strong="H3027".

Don't |strong="H0408" keep |strong="H7368" evil |strong="H0205" in |strong="H7931" your |strong="H0518" tent |strong="H0168".

15 If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" do that |strong="H3588", you |strong="H3588" could |strong="H5375" look |strong="H5375" to |strong="H1961" God |strong="H3808" without |strong="H3808" shame.

You |strong="H3588" can |strong="H3808" stand strong and |strong="H6440" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H3372".

16 Then |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" can forget |strong="H7911" your |strong="H3588" troubles,

like water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" already passed |strong="H5674" by |strong="H3588".

17 Your |strong="H1961" life |strong="H2465" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" brighter |strong="H6965" than the |strong="H1961" sunshine at |strong="H1961" noon |strong="H6672".

Life's darkest hours will |strong="H1961" shine like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" morning |strong="H1242" sun.

18 You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3426" feel safe because |strong="H3588" there |strong="H3426" is |strong="H3426" hope |strong="H8615".

God will |strong="H3426" protect you |strong="H3588" and |strong="H7901" give you |strong="H3588" rest |strong="H7901".

19 You |strong="H6440" will |strong="H0369" lie |strong="H7257" down |strong="H7257" without |strong="H0369" fear |strong="H2729" of |strong="H6440" anyone.

Many |strong="H7227" people will |strong="H0369" come |strong="H2729" to |strong="H0369" you |strong="H6440" for |strong="H6440" help.

20 Evil |strong="H7563" people |strong="H5315" might look |strong="H5869" for |strong="H5315" help,

but |strong="H7563" they |strong="H5315" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H5315" escape |strong="H4498" their |strong="H4480" troubles.

Their |strong="H4480" hope |strong="H8615" leads only to |strong="H4480" death |strong="H5315".

## Job Answers His Friends

12 Then |strong="H6030" Job |strong="H0347" answered |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0559".

2 "I'm sure you |strong="H0859" think you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" the |strong="H3588" only wise |strong="H2451" people |strong="H5971" left.

You |strong="H0859" think that |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" die |strong="H4191",

wisdom |strong="H2451" will |strong="H2451" be |strong="H4191" gone with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0859".

3 But |strong="H3808" my |strong="H4480" mind |strong="H3824" is |strong="H0369" as |strong="H3644" good as |strong="H3644" yours |strong="H0428".

You |strong="H3808" aren't |strong="H0369" any |strong="H4480" smarter than |strong="H4480" I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595".

You |strong="H3808" haven't |strong="H3808" said anything |strong="H3808"

that |strong="H4480" people |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" already know |strong="H0854".

4 " My |strong="H1961" friends |strong="H7453" laugh at |strong="H1961" me |strong="H7121" now |strong="H1961".

They |strong="H7121" say, ' He |strong="H7121" prayed |strong="H7121" to |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0433" and |strong="H7453" got his |strong="H1961" answer |strong="H6030".

I |strong="H1961" am |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" good, innocent |strong="H8549" man |strong="H6662",

but |strong="H1961" still they |strong="H7121" laugh at |strong="H1961" me |strong="H7121".

5 Those |strong="H7600" who |strong="H7600" have no troubles make |strong="H3559" fun of |strong="H7272" those |strong="H7600" who |strong="H7600" do.

They |strong="H7272" hit a |strong="H3559" man when |strong="H3559" he |strong="H7272" is down.

6 But |strong="H0935" robbers' tents |strong="H0168" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0168" bothered.

Those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" make |strong="H3027" God |strong="H0410" angry live in |strong="H0935" peace,

even though God |strong="H0410" has |strong="H0834" them |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0834" power |strong="H3027".

7 " But |strong="H0199" ask |strong="H7592" the |strong="H5046" animals |strong="H0929", and |strong="H8064" they will |strong="H8064" teach |strong="H3384" you |strong="H5046".

Or *ask* *birds* of *the* *air*, and *they will tell* you.

<sup>8</sup> Or *speak* *the* *earth*, and *it will teach* you.

Or *let the* *fish* *the* *sea* *tell* *you* *their* *wisdom*.

<sup>9</sup> Everyone *knows* *that* *LORD* *made* *these* *things*.

<sup>10</sup> Every *animal* *that* *lives* *and* *everyone* *who* *breathes*—

*they* *all* *under* *God's* *power*.

<sup>11</sup> But *just as* *the* *food*,

*the* *ears* *test* *the* *words* *they* *hear*.

<sup>12</sup> People say, ' *Wisdom* *is* *be* *found in* *those* *who are* *old* *Long* *life* *brings* *understanding*.'

<sup>13</sup> But *wisdom* *and* *power* *belong* *to* *God*.

*Good advice* *and* *understanding* *are* *his*.

<sup>14</sup> Anything *God* *tears* *down* *cannot* *be* *re-built*.

Anyone *he* *puts* *in* *prison* *cannot* *be* *set* *free*.

<sup>15</sup> If *he* *holds* *back* *the* *rain* *the* *earth* *will* *dry* *up*.

If *he* *lets* *the* *rain* *loose*, *it will flood* *the* *land*.

<sup>16</sup> God *is* *strong* *and* *always* *wins*.

*He* *controls* *those* *who* *fool* *others* *and* *who* *are* *fooled*.

<sup>17</sup> He *strips* *advisors* *of* *their* *wisdom* *and* *makes* *leaders* *act* *like* *fools*.

<sup>18</sup> He *strips* *kings* *of* *their* *authority* *and* *makes* *them* *slaves*.

<sup>19</sup> He *strips* *priests* *of* *their* *power* *and* *removes* *those* *who* *feel* *so* *secure* *in* *their* *position*.

<sup>20</sup> He *makes* *trusted* *advisors* *be* *silent*.

*He* *takes* *away* *the* *wisdom* *of* *the* *older* *leaders*.

<sup>21</sup> He *brings* *disgrace* *to* *important* *people*.

*He* *takes* *power* *away* *from* *rulers*.

<sup>22</sup> He *exposes* *even* *the* *darkest* *secrets*.

*He* *sends* *light* *into* *places* *that* *are* *as* *dark* *as* *death*.

<sup>23</sup> God *makes* *nations* *great*, *and* *then* *he* *destroys* *them*.

*He* *makes* *nations* *grow* *large*,

*and* *then* *he* *scatters* *their* *people*.

<sup>24</sup> He *makes* *their* *leaders* *foolish*.

*He* *makes* *them* *wander* *around* *in* *the* *desert*.

<sup>25</sup> They *are* *like* *their* *way* *in* *the* *dark*.

They|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" drunks who|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" know where|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3808" going.

**13** " I|strong="H2005" have|strong="H5869" seen|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" this|strong="H3605" before|strong="H5869".

I|strong="H2005" have|strong="H5869" already heard|strong="H8085" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" say.

I|strong="H2005" understand|strong="H0995" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605".

<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H0589" know|strong="H3045" as|strong="H1571" much as|strong="H1571" you|strong="H3045" do|strong="H0589".

I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" as|strong="H1571" smart as|strong="H1571" you|strong="H3045" are|strong="H1571".

<sup>3</sup> But|strong="H0199" I|strong="H0589" don't want|strong="H2654" to|strong="H0413" argue|strong="H3198" with|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0413".

I|strong="H0589" want|strong="H2654" to|strong="H0413" speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0410" All-Powerful.

I|strong="H0589" want|strong="H2654" to|strong="H0413" argue|strong="H3198" with|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0410" about|strong="H0413" my|strong="H1696" troubles.

<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H0199" you|strong="H0859" men|strong="H3605" try to|strong="H3605" cover up|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" ignorance with|strong="H3605" lies|strong="H8267".

You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0859" like worthless|strong="H0457" doctors who|strong="H3605" cannot heal|strong="H7495" anyone|strong="H3605".

<sup>5</sup> I|strong="H5414" wish|strong="H4310" you|strong="H5414" would|strong="H4310" just be|strong="H1961" quiet.

That|strong="H1961" would|strong="H4310" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5414" wisest thing you|strong="H5414" could|strong="H4310" do|strong="H4310".

<sup>6</sup> " Now|strong="H4994", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" my|strong="H8085" argument.

Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" what I|strong="H8085" have|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" say.

<sup>7</sup> Will|strong="H0410" you|strong="H1696" speak|strong="H1696" lies for God|strong="H0410"?

Do you|strong="H1696" really believe your|strong="H1696" lies are what|strong="H1696" God|strong="H0410" wants you|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" say|strong="H1696"?

<sup>8</sup> Are|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0518" trying to|strong="H6440" defend|strong="H7378"

God|strong="H0410" against|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440"?

You|strong="H0518" are|strong="H6440" not|strong="H0518" being fair.

You|strong="H0518" are|strong="H6440" choosing God's|strong="H0410" side simply because|strong="H6440" he|strong="H0518" is|strong="H0410" God|strong="H0410".

<sup>9</sup> If|strong="H0518" God checked you|strong="H3588" very closely,

would he|strong="H3588" see|strong="H0518" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0582" right|strong="H2896"?

Do|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" really think you|strong="H3588" can|strong="H0518" fool God the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" as|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" fool people|strong="H0582"?

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H0518" know that|strong="H0518" God would criticize you|strong="H0518"

if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" chose|strong="H5375" someone's side simply because|strong="H6440" they|strong="H0518" were|strong="H6440" important.

<sup>11</sup> God's majesty|strong="H7613" frightens you|strong="H5921".

You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3808" afraid|strong="H6343" of|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921".

<sup>12</sup> The wise sayings|strong="H2146" you quote|strong="H4911" are|strong="H2146" worthless.

Your arguments are|strong="H2146" as weak as clay.

<sup>13</sup> " Be|strong="H4480" quiet and|strong="H1696" let me|strong="H5921" talk|strong="H1696"!

I|strong="H0589" accept whatever|strong="H4100" happens to|strong="H1696" me|strong="H5921".

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H1320" put|strong="H7760" myself|strong="H5315" in|strong="H5921" danger|strong="H3709" and|strong="H5315" take|strong="H5375" my|strong="H7760" life|strong="H5315" in|strong="H5921" my|strong="H7760" own|strong="H5315" hands|strong="H3709".

<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3808" continue to|strong="H0413" trust God|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" if|strong="H2005" he|strong="H3808" kills|strong="H6991" me|strong="H0413".<sup>1</sup>

But|strong="H0389" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3808" defend|strong="H3198" myself to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H6440" face|strong="H6440".

<sup>16</sup> And|strong="H0935" if|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" lets me|strong="H6440" live, it|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1571"

<sup>1</sup> I WILL ... KILLS ME Or "If he decides to kill me, I have no hope."

be |strong="H3808" because |strong="H3588"  
I |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H6440" confidence to |strong="H0935"  
speak.

No |strong="H3808" guilty person |strong="H0935"  
would dare meet |strong="H6440"  
God |strong="H3808" face |strong="H6440"  
to |strong="H0935" face |strong="H6440".

17 Listen |strong="H8085" carefully |strong="H8085"  
to |strong="H8085" what |strong="H4405"  
I |strong="H8085" say |strong="H4405".

Let me explain.

18 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" ready  
now |strong="H4994" to |strong="H3045" defend my-  
self |strong="H0589".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" careful-  
ly |strong="H4994" present my |strong="H3045" argu-  
ments.

I |strong="H0589" know |strong="H3045"  
I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589"  
be |strong="H4994" shown |strong="H3045"  
to |strong="H3045" be |strong="H4994"  
right |strong="H4941".

19 If |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H3588"  
can |strong="H4310" prove I |strong="H3588" am  
wrong,

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4310" shut up  
and |strong="H1478" wait to |strong="H3588"  
die |strong="H1478".

20 " God |strong="H0410", just |strong="H0389" give  
me |strong="H6440" two |strong="H8147"  
things |strong="H8147",

and |strong="H6440" then |strong="H0227"  
I |strong="H0227" will |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" hide |strong="H5641"  
from |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440":

21 Stop |strong="H0408" punishing  
me |strong="H5921",

and |strong="H3709" don't |strong="H0408" fright-  
en |strong="H1204" me |strong="H5921"  
with |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" ter-  
rors |strong="H0367".

22 Then |strong="H6030" call |strong="H7121"  
to |strong="H1696" me |strong="H7725",  
and |strong="H7725" I |strong="H0595"  
will |strong="H7725" answer |strong="H6030"  
you |strong="H7725".

Or |strong="H0176" let me |strong="H7725"  
speak |strong="H1696", and |strong="H7725"  
you |strong="H7725" answer |strong="H6030"  
me |strong="H7725".

23 How |strong="H4100" many |strong="H4100"  
sins |strong="H2403" have |strong="H3045"  
I |strong="H3045" committed?

What |strong="H4100" wrongs  
have |strong="H3045" I |strong="H3045" done?

Show |strong="H3045" me |strong="H4100"  
where |strong="H4100" I |strong="H3045" went

wrong |strong="H5771" or |strong="H5771"  
how |strong="H4100" I |strong="H3045"  
sinned |strong="H2403".

24 God, why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100"  
you |strong="H6440" avoid me |strong="H6440"  
and |strong="H6440" treat me |strong="H6440"  
like |strong="H2803" your |strong="H6440" ene-  
my |strong="H0341"?

25 Are you |strong="H0853" trying to |strong="H5929"  
scare me |strong="H7291"?

I am only a |strong="H7291" leaf |strong="H5929"  
blowing in |strong="H6206" the |strong="H0853" wind.

You |strong="H0853" are attacking  
a |strong="H7291" piece of |strong="H5929"  
straw |strong="H7179"!

26 You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5771"  
a |strong="H3588" list of |strong="H5921" terrible  
charges against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921".

Are |strong="H5771" you |strong="H3588" making  
me |strong="H5921" suffer for |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H5921" sins |strong="H5771"  
I |strong="H3588" did when |strong="H3588"  
I |strong="H3588" was young?

27 You |strong="H3605" have |strong="H3605"  
put |strong="H7760" chains on |strong="H5921"  
my |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272".

You |strong="H3605" watch |strong="H8104"  
every |strong="H3605" step |strong="H7272"  
I |strong="H7760" take |strong="H8104".

You |strong="H3605" see every |strong="H3605"  
move I |strong="H7760" make |strong="H7760".

28 So |strong="H1931" I am becoming weaker  
and |strong="H0398" weaker,  
like |strong="H6211" a |strong="H0398" piece  
of |strong="H0398" wood rotting  
away |strong="H1086",

like |strong="H6211" a |strong="H0398" piece  
of |strong="H0398" cloth |strong="H0899" eat-  
en |strong="H0398" by |strong="H0398" moths.

14 " We |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117"  
all |strong="H3117" human |strong="H0120"  
beings.<sup>I</sup>

Our life |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117"  
short |strong="H7116" and |strong="H3117"  
full |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" trouble.

2 Our |strong="H3318" life is |strong="H5975"  
like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3318"  
flower |strong="H6731" that |strong="H3808"  
grows |strong="H3318" quickly and |strong="H3318"  
then |strong="H3318" dies away |strong="H1272".

Our |strong="H3318" life is |strong="H5975"  
like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3318" shad-  
ow |strong="H6738" that |strong="H3808"  
is |strong="H5975" here |strong="H3318"  
for |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3318" short  
time |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3318"

I HUMAN BEINGS Literally, "born of woman."

then *is* gone.

<sup>3</sup> God, do you need to keep an eye on something so small?

Why bother to bring charges against me?

<sup>4</sup> "No one can make something clean from something so dirty.

<sup>5</sup> The length of our life has been decided.

You alone know how long that is.

You have set the limits for us and nothing can change them.

<sup>6</sup> So stop watching us; leave us alone, and let us enjoy this hard life until we have put in our time.

<sup>7</sup> "There is always hope for a tree.

If it is cut down, it can grow again.

It will keep sending out new branches.

<sup>8</sup> Its roots might grow old in the ground

and its stump die in the dirt,

<sup>9</sup> but with water, it will grow again.

It will grow a new plant.

<sup>10</sup> But when a man dies, he becomes weak and sick, and then is gone!

<sup>11</sup> Like a lake that goes dry or a river that loses its source,

<sup>12</sup> so people lose their lives, never to live again.

The skies will all pass away before they rise from death.

The skies will all disappear before anyone wakes up from sleep!

<sup>13</sup> "I wish you would hide in my grave.

I wish you would hide there, until your anger is gone.

Then you could pick a time to remember me.

<sup>14</sup> If a man dies, will he live again?

If so, I would gladly suffer through this time for my release.

<sup>15</sup> God, would you call me, and I would answer you.

I I WOULD ... RELEASE Or "I would wait my whole tour of duty for my replacement to come."

Then |strong="H6030" I|strong="H0595",  
the |strong="H7121" one|strong="H3027"  
you |strong="H3027" made|strong="H4639",  
would |strong="H4639" be|strong="H3027" impor-  
tant to |strong="H3027" you|strong="H3027".

<sup>16</sup> You |strong="H3588" would still  
watch |strong="H8104" every step I|strong="H3588"  
take |strong="H8104",

but |strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" would  
not |strong="H3808" remember my|strong="H8104"  
sins |strong="H2403".

<sup>17</sup> It |strong="H5921" would be as if  
you |strong="H5921" had sealed |strong="H2856"  
my |strong="H5921" sins |strong="H5771"  
in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921"  
bag |strong="H6872".

It |strong="H5921" would be as if  
you |strong="H5921" had covered my |strong="H5921"  
guilt |strong="H5771" with |strong="H5921" plaster.

<sup>18</sup> " Mountains |strong="H2022" fall |strong="H5307"  
and |strong="H2022" crumble away |strong="H5307".

Large rocks |strong="H6697" break  
loose |strong="H4725" and |strong="H2022"  
fall |strong="H5307".

<sup>19</sup> Water |strong="H4325" flowing |strong="H4325"  
over |strong="H0776" stones |strong="H0068"  
wears |strong="H7833" them |strong="H0006" down.

Floods wash |strong="H7857" away |strong="H7857"  
the |strong="H0776" soil |strong="H6083"  
on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776"  
ground |strong="H0776".

In |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" same way,  
God, you |strong="H0776" destroy |strong="H0006"  
the |strong="H0776" hope |strong="H8615" peo-  
ple |strong="H0582" have |strong="H0776".

<sup>20</sup> You |strong="H6440" defeat  
them |strong="H7971" completely  
and |strong="H1980" then |strong="H1980"  
they |strong="H6440" are |strong="H6440"  
gone |strong="H1980".

You |strong="H6440" change the |strong="H6440"  
way |strong="H1980" they |strong="H6440" look  
and |strong="H1980" send |strong="H7971"  
them |strong="H7971" away |strong="H7971" forev-  
er |strong="H5331" to |strong="H1980"  
the |strong="H6440" place of |strong="H6440" death.

<sup>21</sup> If |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3808"  
sons |strong="H1121" are |strong="H1121" hon-  
ored |strong="H3513", they |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H1121" never |strong="H3808"  
know |strong="H3045" it |strong="H3045".

If |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3808"  
sons |strong="H1121" do wrong, they |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H1121" never |strong="H3808"  
see |strong="H0995" it |strong="H3045".

<sup>22</sup> They |strong="H5921" only |strong="H0389" feel  
the |strong="H5921" pain |strong="H3510"

in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" bod-  
ies |strong="H1320",

and |strong="H5315" they |strong="H5921"  
alone |strong="H0389" cry for |strong="H5921" them-  
selves |strong="H5315".

### Eliphaz Answers Job

**15** Then |strong="H6030" Elip-  
haz |strong="H0464" from Teman an-  
swered |strong="H0559" Job:

<sup>2</sup> "If you |strong="H1847" were |strong="H4390" real-  
ly wise |strong="H2450",

you |strong="H1847" would |strong="H7307" not an-  
swer |strong="H6030" with |strong="H4390"  
your |strong="H4390" worthless personal opinions!

A |strong="H7307" wise |strong="H2450"  
man |strong="H2450" would |strong="H7307" not be  
so |strong="H6030" full |strong="H4390"  
of |strong="H7307" hot air |strong="H7307".

<sup>3</sup> Do you |strong="H3808" think a |strong="H3808"  
wise man would |strong="H1697" use empty  
words |strong="H1697"

and |strong="H1697" meaningless speeches  
to |strong="H1697" win his |strong="H3808" argu-  
ments?

<sup>4</sup> If you |strong="H0859" had |strong="H0637"  
your |strong="H6440" way |strong="H6440",  
no |strong="H0637" one |strong="H0410" would re-  
spect |strong="H6440" God |strong="H0410"  
and |strong="H6440" pray to |strong="H6440"  
him |strong="H6440".

<sup>5</sup> What |strong="H6310" you |strong="H3588"  
say |strong="H6310" clearly shows  
your |strong="H3588" sin |strong="H5771".

Job, you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H6310" trying  
to |strong="H6310" hide your |strong="H3588"  
sin |strong="H5771" by |strong="H3588" using clever  
words |strong="H6310".

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H0589" don't |strong="H3808" need  
to |strong="H6310" prove to |strong="H6310"  
you |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3808"  
you |strong="H3808" are |strong="H6310" wrong.

The |strong="H0589" words |strong="H6310"  
from |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3808" own  
mouth |strong="H6310" show that |strong="H3808"  
you |strong="H3808" are |strong="H6310" wrong.

Your |strong="H3808" own lips |strong="H8193"  
speak |strong="H6310" against you |strong="H3808".

<sup>7</sup> "Do you |strong="H6440" think you |strong="H6440"  
were |strong="H7223" the |strong="H6440"  
first |strong="H7223" person |strong="H0120"  
ever |strong="H0120" to |strong="H3205"  
be |strong="H1389" born |strong="H3205"?

Were |strong="H7223" you |strong="H6440"  
born |strong="H3205" before |strong="H6440"  
the |strong="H6440" hills |strong="H1389"?

<sup>8</sup> Did you *listen* to God's *secret plans*?

Do you think you are *the only wise person*?

<sup>9</sup> We know as much as you do!

We understand as well as you.

<sup>10</sup> The *old, gray-haired men* agree with us.

People older than your father are on our side.

<sup>11</sup> God tries to comfort you, but that is not enough for you.

We have spoken his message to you in a gentle way.

<sup>12</sup> Why will you not understand?

Why can you not see the truth?

<sup>13</sup> You are expressing your anger against God when you say these things.

<sup>14</sup> "People cannot really be pure."

They cannot be more right than God!

<sup>15</sup> God does not trust his angels. II

He does not think sky is pure.

<sup>16</sup> People are even worse.

They are disgusting and dirty.

I THEY Literally, "a man born of woman." II ANGELS Literally, "holy ones."

They drink up like water.

<sup>17</sup> "Listen to me, and I will explain it to you."

Let me tell what I have seen.

<sup>18</sup> I will tell you what wise men would say,

things heard from their fathers and passed on.

They didn't hide secrets from me.

<sup>19</sup> These are important people in our country!

Everyone knows who they are.

<sup>20</sup> And they said that an evil man suffers all his life.

A cruel man suffers all his years.

<sup>21</sup> Every noise scares him.

His enemy will attack when he thinks he is safe.

<sup>22</sup> An evil man has no hope of escaping the darkness.

There is a sword somewhere waiting to kill him.

<sup>23</sup> He wanders from place to place, looking for food.

But he knows dark is coming, which

he |strong="H1931" brought |strong="H3027" on |strong="H3117" himself |strong="H1931".

<sup>24</sup> He |strong="H4428" lives in |strong="H4428" fear, with |strong="H4428" worry and |strong="H4428" suffering threatening him |strong="H8630"

like a |strong="H4428" king |strong="H4428" ready |strong="H6264" to |strong="H4428" attack |strong="H3593".

<sup>25</sup> That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3027" because |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" evil man shook his |strong="H3027" fist |strong="H3027" at |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0410", refusing to |strong="H0413" obey.

He |strong="H3588" dared to |strong="H0413" attack God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful,

<sup>26</sup> like |strong="H7323" a |strong="H0413" soldier with |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0413" thick |strong="H5672", strong |strong="H1354" shield |strong="H4043"

who |strong="H7323" runs |strong="H7323" at |strong="H0413" his |strong="H0413" enemy to |strong="H0413" strike him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" neck |strong="H6677".

<sup>27</sup> He |strong="H3588" might be |strong="H3588" rich and |strong="H6440" fat |strong="H2459",

<sup>28</sup> but |strong="H3808" his |strong="H0834" town |strong="H5892" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" ruined;

his |strong="H0834" home |strong="H1004" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H3582";

his |strong="H0834" house |strong="H1004" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" empty.

<sup>29</sup> He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" rich |strong="H6238" for |strong="H0776" long.

His |strong="H5186" wealth |strong="H2428" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" last |strong="H6965".

His |strong="H5186" crops will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" grow large.

<sup>30</sup> He |strong="H4480" will |strong="H7307" not |strong="H3808" escape |strong="H5493" the |strong="H4480" darkness |strong="H2822".

He |strong="H4480" will |strong="H7307" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H4480" tree whose leaves die from |strong="H4480" disease

and |strong="H6310" are |strong="H6310" blown away |strong="H5493" by |strong="H3808" the |strong="H4480" wind |strong="H7307".

<sup>31</sup> That |strong="H3588" evil man should |strong="H3588" not |strong="H0408" fool himself by |strong="H1961" trusting in |strong="H0539" worthless |strong="H7723" things |strong="H1961", because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" keep nothing |strong="H0408".

<sup>32</sup> He |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3808" die before |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3808" time |strong="H3117",

like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808" tree whose top branches have |strong="H3117" already begun to |strong="H3117" die.

<sup>33</sup> He will |strong="H1612" be like a |strong="H7993" vine |strong="H1612" that loses its |strong="H7993" grapes before they ripen.

He will |strong="H1612" be like an |strong="H7993" olive |strong="H2132" tree |strong="H2132" that loses its |strong="H7993" buds.

<sup>34</sup> That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0168" because |strong="H3588" people without God have |strong="H3588" nothing.

Those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3588" take bribes |strong="H7810" will |strong="H0784" have |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3588" homes destroyed |strong="H0398" by |strong="H0784" fire |strong="H0784".

<sup>35</sup> They |strong="H3205" are |strong="H5999" always thinking of |strong="H3205" ways to |strong="H3205" do evil |strong="H0205" and |strong="H2029" cause trouble |strong="H5999".

They |strong="H3205" are |strong="H5999" always planning how they |strong="H3205" might cheat others."

#### Job Answers Eliphaz

**16** Then |strong="H6030" Job |strong="H0347" answered |strong="H0559":

<sup>2</sup> " I |strong="H8085" have |strong="H3605" heard |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" before.

You |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" give |strong="H5162" me |strong="H5162" trouble |strong="H5999", not comfort |strong="H5162".

<sup>3</sup> Your |strong="H3588" long |strong="H4100" speeches never end |strong="H7093"!

Why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" continue arguing?

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0595" also |strong="H1571" could |strong="H1571" say |strong="H1696" the |strong="H5921" same things |strong="H7218" you |strong="H5921" say |strong="H1696",

if |strong="H3863" you |strong="H5921" had |strong="H3426" my |strong="H5921" troubles.

I |strong="H0595" could |strong="H1571" say |strong="H1696" wise things |strong="H7218" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921"

and |strong="H7218" shake |strong="H5128" my |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218" at |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921".

<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H0553" I would say |strong="H6310" things to |strong="H6310" encourage you |strong="H6310"

and |strong="H6310" give you |strong="H6310" hope.



6 " Nothing |strong="H3808" I|strong="H0518" say|strong="H1696" makes|strong="H1696" my|strong="H4480" pain|strong="H3511" go|strong="H1980" away|strong="H1980".

But|strong="H0518" keeping quiet does|strong="H4100" not|strong="H3808" help either|strong="H0518".

7 God, you|strong="H3605" surely|strong="H0389" took away|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" strength.

You|strong="H3605" destroyed my|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" family.

8 You|strong="H6440" have|strong="H1961" made|strong="H1961" me|strong="H6440" thin and|strong="H6965" weak,

and|strong="H6965" people think that|strong="H1961" means I|strong="H6965" am|strong="H1961" guilty.

9 "God attacks me|strong="H5921"; he|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0639" angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" and|strong="H5869" tears|strong="H2963" my|strong="H5921" body apart.

He|strong="H5921" grinds his|strong="H5921" teeth|strong="H8127" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

My|strong="H5921" enemy looks|strong="H5869" at|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" with|strong="H5921" hate.

10 People|strong="H6473" have|strong="H5921" crowded around|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

They|strong="H5921" make fun of|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" and|strong="H6310" slap my|strong="H5921" face|strong="H6310".

11 God|strong="H0410" has|strong="H0410" given|strong="H5462" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H7563".

He|strong="H5921" let the|strong="H5921" wicked|strong="H7563" hurt me|strong="H0413".

12 I|strong="H6965" was|strong="H1961" enjoying a|strong="H1961" quiet|strong="H7961", peaceful|strong="H7961" life,

but|strong="H1961" then|strong="H1961" God crushed me|strong="H0270".

Yes, he took|strong="H1961" me|strong="H0270" by|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" neck|strong="H6203"

and|strong="H6965" broke me|strong="H0270" into|strong="H1961" pieces.

He has|strong="H1961" made|strong="H1961" me|strong="H0270" his|strong="H1961" target|strong="H4307".

13 With|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" archers all|strong="H5437" around|strong="H5437" me|strong="H5921",

he|strong="H3808" shoots arrows|strong="H7228" into|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" kidneys|strong="H3629".

He|strong="H3808" shows no|strong="H3808" mercy|strong="H2550"

and|strong="H0776" spills my|strong="H5921" gall|strong="H4845"<sup>I</sup> on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" ground|strong="H0776".

14 Again|strong="H6440" and|strong="H6440" again|strong="H6440" he|strong="H5921" attacks me|strong="H6440".

He|strong="H5921" runs|strong="H7323" at|strong="H5921" me|strong="H6440" like|strong="H7323" a|strong="H5921" soldier in|strong="H5921" battle.

15 " I|strong="H5921" am very sad, so|strong="H5921" I|strong="H5921" wear this sackcloth|strong="H8242".

I|strong="H5921" sit here|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" dust|strong="H6083" and|strong="H8242" ashes|strong="H6083", feeling defeated.

16 My|strong="H5921" face|strong="H6440" is|strong="H6440" red from|strong="H4480" crying|strong="H1065".

There are|strong="H6079" dark|strong="H6757" rings around|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" eyes.

17 I|strong="H5921" was|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" cruel to|strong="H5921" anyone, and|strong="H3709" my|strong="H5921" prayers|strong="H8605" are|strong="H3808" pure|strong="H2134".

18 " Earth|strong="H0776", don't|strong="H0408" hide|strong="H3680" the|strong="H1961" wrong things|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" done|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H1961".<sup>II</sup>

Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" my|strong="H1961" begging for|strong="H0776" fairness be|strong="H1961" stopped.

19 Even|strong="H1571" now|strong="H6258" there|strong="H2009" is|strong="H1571" someone in|strong="H1571" heaven|strong="H8064" who|strong="H5707" will|strong="H1571" speak for|strong="H1571" me.

There|strong="H2009" is|strong="H1571" someone above|strong="H4791" who|strong="H5707" will|strong="H1571" testify for|strong="H1571" me.

20 My|strong="H0413" friend|strong="H7453" speaks for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", while|strong="H5869" my|strong="H0413" eyes|strong="H5869" pour out|strong="H0413" tears to|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0433".

I GALL The bitter contents of the gall bladder, which is near the liver. Here, it means something bitter and painful. II EARTH ... DONE TO ME Literally, "Earth, don't cover my blood." See Genesis 4:10-11.

21 He *strong="H0120"* speaks to *strong="H1121"* God *strong="H0433"* for *strong="H3198"* me *strong="H5973"*,

like *strong="H5973"* someone *strong="H0120"*<sup>I</sup> presenting an argument *strong="H3198"* for *strong="H3198"* a *strong="H3198"* friend *strong="H7453"*.

22 " In *strong="H1980"* only a *strong="H3588"* few *strong="H4557"* years *strong="H8141"*

I *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3808"* go *strong="H1980"* to *strong="H1980"* that *strong="H3588"* place of *strong="H8141"* no *strong="H3808"* return *strong="H7725"*.

17 My *strong="H3117"* spirit *strong="H7307"* is *strong="H3117"* broken;

I *strong="H3117"* am ready to *strong="H3117"* give up.

My *strong="H3117"* life *strong="H3117"* is *strong="H3117"* almost *strong="H3117"* gone; the *strong="H3117"* grave *strong="H6913"* is *strong="H3117"* waiting for *strong="H3117"* me *strong="H3117"*.

2 People *strong="H3808"* stand around me *strong="H5978"* and *strong="H5869"* laugh at *strong="H3808"* me *strong="H5978"*.

I *strong="H0518"* watch *strong="H5869"* them as they *strong="H0518"* tease and *strong="H5869"* insult me *strong="H5978"*.

3 " God *strong="H3027"*, give *strong="H7760"* me *strong="H4994"* some *strong="H3027"* support *strong="H3027"*.

No *strong="H4310"* one *strong="H1931"* else *strong="H3027"* will *strong="H4310"*<sup>I</sup>

4 You *strong="H3588"* have *strong="H3588"* closed my *strong="H5921"* friends' minds *strong="H3820"*, and *strong="H3820"* they *strong="H3588"* don't *strong="H3808"* understand.

Please don't *strong="H3808"* let *strong="H3808"* them *strong="H5921"* win.

5 You *strong="H5046"* know *strong="H5046"* what people *strong="H1121"* say:

' A *strong="H5046"* man *strong="H1121"* neglects his *strong="H5046"* own *strong="H5869"* children *strong="H1121"* to *strong="H1121"* help his *strong="H5046"* friends *strong="H7453"*.'<sup>II</sup>

But my *strong="H3615"* friends *strong="H7453"* have *strong="H5869"* turned against *strong="H5869"* me *strong="H5046"*.

6 God has *strong="H1961"* made *strong="H1961"* my *strong="H1961"* name a *strong="H1961"* bad word to *strong="H1961"* everyone.

People *strong="H5971"* spit *strong="H8611"* in *strong="H6440"* my *strong="H1961"* face *strong="H6440"*.

I SOMEONE Literally, "son of man."<sup>II</sup> YOU KNOW ... FRIENDS Literally, "He promises a share to his friends and his children's eyes go blind."

7 My *strong="H3605"* eyes *strong="H5869"* are *strong="H5869"* almost blind *strong="H3543"* from *strong="H5869"* my *strong="H3605"* grief.

My *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* body is *strong="H3605"* as thin as a *strong="H5869"* shadow *strong="H6738"*.

8 Good people wonder how this *strong="H2063"* could happen.

The *strong="H5921"* innocent *strong="H5355"* are *strong="H8074"* upset with *strong="H5921"* anyone who *strong="H3477"* is *strong="H3477"* against *strong="H5921"* God.

9 But *strong="H6662"* those who *strong="H6662"* do *strong="H3254"* right *strong="H6662"* will *strong="H6662"* continue *strong="H3254"* to *strong="H3027"* do *strong="H3254"* what *strong="H1870"* is *strong="H3027"* right *strong="H6662"*.

Those who *strong="H6662"* are *strong="H3027"* not *strong="H3254"* guilty grow *strong="H3254"* stronger *strong="H0555"* and *strong="H3027"* stronger *strong="H0555"*.

10 " But *strong="H3808"* come *strong="H0935"* on *strong="H0935"*, all *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H3605"*, and *strong="H0935"* try to *strong="H0935"* prove me *strong="H4994"* wrong.

I *strong="H3808"* don't *strong="H3808"* find *strong="H4672"* any *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H3605"* you *strong="H3605"* to *strong="H0935"* be *strong="H3808"* wise *strong="H2450"*.

11 My *strong="H3117"* life *strong="H3117"* is *strong="H3117"* passing *strong="H5674"* away *strong="H5423"*, and *strong="H3117"* my *strong="H3117"* plans *strong="H2154"* are *strong="H3117"* destroyed.

My *strong="H3117"* hope is *strong="H3117"* gone.

12 Everything is *strong="H3117"* confused— night *strong="H3915"* is *strong="H3117"* day *strong="H3117"*, and *strong="H3117"* evening *strong="H3915"* comes *strong="H6440"* when *strong="H3117"* it *strong="H7760"* should *strong="H3117"* be *strong="H3117"* dawn *strong="H0216"*.

13 " I *strong="H0518"* might hope *strong="H6960"* for *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H0518"* grave to *strong="H1004"* be *strong="H1004"* my *strong="H0518"* new home *strong="H1004"*.

I *strong="H0518"* might hope *strong="H6960"* to *strong="H1004"* make *strong="H7502"* my *strong="H0518"* bed *strong="H3326"* in *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H0518"* dark *strong="H2822"* grave.

14 I *strong="H7121"* might say to *strong="H0001"* the *strong="H7121"* grave, ' You *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H0859"* my *strong="H7121"* father *strong="H0001"*;

and |strong="H0001" to |strong="H0001" the |strong="H7121" worms |strong="H7415", ' my |strong="H7121" mother' or |strong="H0001" my |strong="H7121" sister |strong="H0269".'

<sup>15</sup> But you can't really call that |strong="H0645" hope |strong="H8615", can |strong="H4310" you?

Does anyone see |strong="H7789" any hope |strong="H8615" for me |strong="H7789"?

<sup>16</sup> Will |strong="H0518" hope go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" with |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H5921" place of |strong="H5921" death |strong="H7585"?

Will |strong="H0518" we |strong="H0518" go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" in- to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" dirt |strong="H6083" together |strong="H3162"?"

### Bildad Answers Job

**18** Then |strong="H6030" Bildad |strong="H1085" from Shuah answered |strong="H0559":

<sup>2</sup> " When |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5704" stop |strong="H0310" talk- ing |strong="H1696"?

Be sensible; let |strong="H7760" us |strong="H7760" say |strong="H1696" something.

<sup>3</sup> Why |strong="H4069" do you |strong="H5869" think |strong="H2803" we are |strong="H5869" stu- pid |strong="H2933",

like |strong="H2803" dumb cows?

<sup>4</sup> Your |strong="H5315" anger |strong="H0639" is |strong="H0776" hurting no one |strong="H0776" but |strong="H5800" you |strong="H0776".

Do you |strong="H0776" think this |strong="H4616" world |strong="H0776" was |strong="H0776" made for |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0776" alone |strong="H4616"?

Do you |strong="H0776" think God should |strong="H0776" move mountains just to |strong="H4616" satisfy |strong="H5315" you |strong="H0776"?

<sup>5</sup> " Yes |strong="H1571", the |strong="H1571" light |strong="H0216" of |strong="H0216" those who |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" evil |strong="H7563" will |strong="H1571" go |strong="H1846" out |strong="H1846".

Their |strong="H3808" fire |strong="H0784" will |strong="H1571" stop |strong="H3808" burn- ing |strong="H0784".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H5921" light |strong="H0216" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" houses will |strong="H0216" become dark |strong="H2821".

The |strong="H5921" lamps |strong="H5216" next |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0216" go |strong="H1846" out |strong="H5921".

<sup>7</sup> Their |strong="H7993" steps |strong="H6806", once strong |strong="H0202" and |strong="H6098" fast, be- come weak.

Their |strong="H7993" own evil plans |strong="H6098" make them |strong="H7993" fall.

<sup>8</sup> Their |strong="H5921" own feet |strong="H7272" lead |strong="H1980" them |strong="H5921" in- to |strong="H1980" a |strong="H3588" net |strong="H7568".

They |strong="H3588" fall into |strong="H1980" its |strong="H5921" hidden pit and |strong="H1980" are |strong="H7272" caught.

<sup>9</sup> A |strong="H5921" trap |strong="H6782" catches them |strong="H5921" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" heel |strong="H6119", and |strong="H2388" it |strong="H5921" holds |strong="H2388" them |strong="H5921" tight.

<sup>10</sup> A |strong="H5921" rope is |strong="H0776" hid- den |strong="H2934" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5921" trip them |strong="H5921".

A |strong="H5921" trap |strong="H4434" is |strong="H0776" waiting in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" path |strong="H5410".

<sup>11</sup> On |strong="H5439" every |strong="H5439" side |strong="H5439" terrors |strong="H1091" fright- en |strong="H1204" them |strong="H5439".

Fears follow |strong="H7272" every |strong="H5439" step |strong="H7272" they |strong="H7272" take.

<sup>12</sup> Disaster |strong="H0343" is |strong="H1961" hun- gry |strong="H7457" for |strong="H3559" them |strong="H1961".

Ruin stands close by |strong="H1961", waiting for |strong="H3559" them |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" fall |strong="H1961".

<sup>13</sup> Diseases will |strong="H0905" eat |strong="H0398" away |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" skin |strong="H5785".

Death |strong="H4194" itself |strong="H0905" will |strong="H0905" eat |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" arms and |strong="H0398" legs.

<sup>14</sup> They |strong="H4009" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H4428" taken away |strong="H5423" from |strong="H5423" the |strong="H5423" safety of |strong="H4428" their |strong="H5423" tents |strong="H0168"

and |strong="H4428" be |strong="H4428" led away |strong="H5423" to |strong="H4428" meet death, the |strong="H5423" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" terrors |strong="H1091".

<sup>15</sup> Nothing |strong="H1097" will be left in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" tents |strong="H0168",

which will be sprinkled with |strong="H5921" burn- ing sulfur |strong="H1614".

I DEATH ITSELF Literally, "Death's firstborn," a name for a deadly disease, or the worms that eat a dead body.

16 Their|strong="H8478" roots|strong="H8328" below|strong="H8478" will|strong="H8328" dry|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001", and|strong="H4605" their|strong="H8478" branches above|strong="H4605" will|strong="H8328" die.

17 People|strong="H3808" on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" remember|strong="H2143" them|strong="H5921".

Their|strong="H5921" names|strong="H8034" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" forgotten.

18 They|strong="H2822" will|strong="H0216" be|strong="H2822" forced from|strong="H0413" light|strong="H0216" into|strong="H0413" darkness|strong="H2822".

They|strong="H2822" will|strong="H0216" be|strong="H2822" chased|strong="H5074" out|strong="H0413" of|strong="H0216" this world|strong="H8398".

19 They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0369" leave behind no|strong="H3808" children|strong="H5209", no|strong="H3808" descendants|strong="H5220".

None|strong="H0369" of|strong="H0369" their|strong="H3808" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H3808" left|strong="H8300" alive.

20 People in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" west|strong="H0314" will|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3117" shocked|strong="H8074" at|strong="H5921" what|strong="H5921" happened to|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921".

People in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" east|strong="H6931" will|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3117" numb with|strong="H5921" fear.

21 This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H2088" what|strong="H2088" will|strong="H3808" happen to|strong="H4725" the|strong="H3045" homes|strong="H4908" of|strong="H4725" those|strong="H0428" who|strong="H0410" are|strong="H0428" evil.

This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H3045" place|strong="H4725" of|strong="H4725" those|strong="H0428" who|strong="H0410" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" God|strong="H0410"!'

### Job Answers

19 Then|strong="H6030" Job|strong="H0347" answered|strong="H0559":

2 " How|strong="H0575" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H5315" you|strong="H5704" hurt me|strong="H5315"

and|strong="H5315" crush|strong="H1792" me|strong="H5315" with|strong="H5315" your|strong="H5704" words|strong="H4405"?

3 You|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3808" insulted|strong="H3637" me|strong="H3808"

ten|strong="H6235" times|strong="H6471" now|strong="H6471".

You|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3808" attacked me|strong="H3808" without|strong="H3808" shame|strong="H0954"!

4 Even|strong="H0637" if I|strong="H0551" have|strong="H0637" sinned,

it is my|strong="H0854" problem, not yours!

5 You|strong="H0518" want me|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" look bad to|strong="H5921" make|strong="H1431" yourselves|strong="H5921" look good.

You|strong="H0518" say my|strong="H5921" troubles are proof that|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" did wrong.

6 I|strong="H3588" want you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H5921" know|strong="H3045" it|strong="H5921" was God|strong="H0433" who|strong="H3588" did this|strong="H3588".

He|strong="H3588" set this|strong="H3588" trap for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H5921".

7 I|strong="H2005" shout|strong="H7768", ' He|strong="H3808" hurt me|strong="H3808"! but|strong="H3808" get no|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030".

No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0369" hears my|strong="H3808" cry|strong="H6817" for|strong="H7768" fairness|strong="H4941".

8 God|strong="H3808" has blocked|strong="H1443" my|strong="H7760" way|strong="H0734" to|strong="H5921" keep me|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5921" getting through|strong="H5674".

He|strong="H3808" has hidden my|strong="H7760" path|strong="H0734" in|strong="H5921" darkness|strong="H2822".

9 He|strong="H5921" took|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" my|strong="H5921" honor|strong="H3519".

He|strong="H5921" took|strong="H5493" the|strong="H5921" crown|strong="H5850" from|strong="H5493" my|strong="H5921" head|strong="H7218".

10 He|strong="H5422" hits me|strong="H5422" on|strong="H5422" every|strong="H5439" side|strong="H5439" until I am worn out|strong="H5265".

He|strong="H5422" takes away my|strong="H5439" hope|strong="H8615".

It|strong="H5439" is like|strong="H5439" a|strong="H5265" tree|strong="H6086" pulled|strong="H5265" up by|strong="H5265" the|strong="H5439" roots.

11 His|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H0639" burns|strong="H2734" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

He|strong="H5921" treats me|strong="H5921" like|strong="H0639" an|strong="H2803" enemy.

12 He *strong="H5921"* sends his *strong="H5921"* army to *strong="H0935"* attack *strong="H0935"* me *strong="H5921"*.

They *strong="H5921"* build *strong="H5549"* attack *strong="H0935"* towers *strong="H5921"* around *strong="H5439"* me *strong="H5921"*.

They *strong="H5921"* camp *strong="H2583"* around *strong="H5439"* my *strong="H5921"* tent *strong="H0168"*.

13 "God has *strong="H3045"* made *strong="H3045"* my *strong="H5921"* brothers *strong="H0251"* hate me *strong="H5921"*.

Those *strong="H4480"* who *strong="H0251"* knew *strong="H3045"* me *strong="H5921"* have *strong="H3045"* become strangers *strong="H2114"*.

14 My *strong="H3045"* relatives *strong="H7138"* have *strong="H3045"* left me *strong="H7911"*.

My *strong="H3045"* friends *strong="H3045"* have *strong="H3045"* forgotten *strong="H7911"* me *strong="H7911"*.

15 My *strong="H1961"* servant *strong="H0519"* girls and *strong="H1004"* visitors in *strong="H1004"* my *strong="H1961"* home *strong="H1004"*

look *strong="H5869"* at *strong="H1004"* me *strong="H1961"* as *strong="H1961"* if *strong="H1961"* I *strong="H1961"* am *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"*

stranger *strong="H5237"* and *strong="H1004"* a *strong="H1961"* foreigner *strong="H5237"*.

16 I *strong="H5650"* call *strong="H7121"* for *strong="H7121"* my *strong="H5650"* servant *strong="H5650"*, but *strong="H3808"* he *strong="H3808"* does *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* answer *strong="H6030"*.

Even *strong="H3808"* if *strong="H2603"* I *strong="H5650"* beg for *strong="H7121"* help *strong="H6030"*, he *strong="H3808"* will *strong="H5650"* not *strong="H3808"* answer *strong="H6030"*.

17 My wife *strong="H0802"* hates the *strong="H1121"* smell of *strong="H1121"* my breath *strong="H7307"*.

My own brothers hate me *strong="H2603"*.

18 Even *strong="H1571"* little *strong="H5759"* children *strong="H5759"* make *strong="H6965"* fun of *strong="H1696"* me *strong="H1696"*.

When *strong="H1696"* I *strong="H1571"* get *strong="H6965"* up *strong="H6965"*, they *strong="H1571"* say *strong="H1696"* bad things about *strong="H1696"* me *strong="H1696"*.

19 All *strong="H3605"* my *strong="H3605"* close friends *strong="H0157"* hate *strong="H8581"* me *strong="H8581"*.

Even my *strong="H3605"* loved *strong="H0157"* ones have *strong="H3605"* turned *strong="H2015"* against *strong="H3605"* me *strong="H8581"*.

20 " I *strong="H1320"* am so thin, my *strong="H6106"* skin *strong="H5785"* hangs loose on *strong="H5785"* my *strong="H6106"* bones *strong="H6106"*.

I *strong="H1320"* have little life left *strong="H4422"* in *strong="H1320"* me.

21 " Pity *strong="H2603"* me *strong="H5060"*, my *strong="H3588"* friends *strong="H7453"*, pity *strong="H2603"* me *strong="H5060"*,

because *strong="H3588"* God *strong="H0433"* is *strong="H3027"* against *strong="H3027"* me *strong="H5060"*.

22 Why *strong="H4100"* do *strong="H4100"* you *strong="H3808"* persecute *strong="H7291"* me *strong="H7291"* as *strong="H3644"* God *strong="H0410"* does *strong="H4100"*?

Don't *strong="H3808"* you *strong="H3808"* get *strong="H7646"* tired of *strong="H0410"* hurting me *strong="H7291"*?

23 " I *strong="H5414"* wish *strong="H4310"* someone *strong="H4310"* would *strong="H4310"* write *strong="H3789"* down *strong="H3789"* everything I *strong="H5414"* say *strong="H4405"*.

I *strong="H5414"* wish *strong="H4310"* my *strong="H5414"* words *strong="H4405"* were *strong="H5612"* written *strong="H3789"* on *strong="H3789"* a *strong="H5414"* scroll *strong="H5612"*.

24 I wish they *strong="H5777"* were carved with an iron *strong="H1270"* tool into lead *strong="H5777"* or scratched on a *strong="H2672"* rock *strong="H6697"* so that they *strong="H5777"* would last forever *strong="H5703"*.

25 I *strong="H0589"* know *strong="H3045"* that *strong="H3045"* there *strong="H3045"* is *strong="H1350"* someone to *strong="H5921"* defend me *strong="H5921"* and *strong="H6965"* that *strong="H3045"* he *strong="H5921"* lives *strong="H2416"*!

And *strong="H6965"* in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* end *strong="H0314"*, he *strong="H5921"* will *strong="H0589"* stand *strong="H6965"* here *strong="H1350"* on *strong="H5921"* earth *strong="H6083"* and *strong="H6965"* defend me *strong="H5921"*.

26 After *strong="H0310"* I *strong="H0310"* leave my *strong="H0310"* body *strong="H1320"* and *strong="H1320"* my *strong="H0310"* skin *strong="H5785"* has *strong="H0433"* been destroyed,

I *strong="H0310"* know I *strong="H0310"* will *strong="H1320"* still see *strong="H2372"* God *strong="H0433"*.

27 I *strong="H0589"* will *strong="H0834"* see *strong="H7200"* him *strong="H7200"* with *strong="H5869"* my *strong="H7200"* own *strong="H5869"* eyes *strong="H5869"*.

I |strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589",  
not |strong="H3808" someone else|strong="H3808",  
will |strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200"  
God|strong="H3808".

And|strong="H5869" I|strong="H0589" can-  
not|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H7200"  
you|strong="H0834" how|strong="H0834" excited  
that|strong="H0834" makes|strong="H7200"  
me|strong="H7200" feel|strong="H5869"! I

<sup>28</sup> "Maybe you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1697"  
say|strong="H0559"; ' How|strong="H4100"  
can|strong="H4100" we|strong="H3588" push Job  
a|strong="H3588" little harder

and|strong="H1697" make|strong="H3588"  
him|strong="H4672" realize that|strong="H3588"  
he|strong="H3588" is|strong="H4100"  
the|strong="H0559" source of|strong="H1697"  
his|strong="H3588" problems?"

<sup>29</sup> But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" need  
to|strong="H4616" worry about|strong="H3045"  
your|strong="H3045" own|strong="H6440" punish-  
ment|strong="H5771".

God might|strong="H4616" use  
the|strong="H6440" sword|strong="H2719"  
against|strong="H6440" you|strong="H3588"!

Then|strong="H4616" you|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H2719" know|strong="H3045"  
there|strong="H1779" is|strong="H5771"  
a|strong="H3588" time for|strong="H3588" judg-  
ment|strong="H1779"."

### Zophar Answers Job

**20** Then|strong="H6030"  
Zophar|strong="H6691" from Naamah an-  
swered|strong="H0559".

<sup>2</sup> " You|strong="H7725" upset me|strong="H7725",  
so|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651" must an-  
swer|strong="H7725" you|strong="H7725".

I|strong="H3651" must tell you|strong="H7725"  
what|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651" am thinking.

<sup>3</sup> You|strong="H8085" insulted me|strong="H6030"  
with|strong="H8085" your|strong="H8085" an-  
swers|strong="H6030"!

But|strong="H6030" I|strong="H8085" am  
wise|strong="H0998" and|strong="H8085" know  
how|strong="H6030" to|strong="H8085" an-  
swer|strong="H6030" you|strong="H8085".

<sup>4</sup> "You know that the joy of the wicked does not last long.

That has been true a long time, ever since Adam was <sup>II</sup> put on earth.

Those who don't know God are happy for only a short time.

I Or "And in the end, he will stand here on earth and defend me, <sup>26</sup> \*even after my skin has been destroyed. But I want to see God while I am still in my body. <sup>27</sup> \*I want to see him with my own eyes, not through someone else's eyes. And I cannot tell you how much I want this to happen!" <sup>II</sup> ADAM WAS Or "people were."

<sup>6</sup> Maybe an|strong="H0518" evil man's pride  
will|strong="H8064" reach|strong="H5060"  
up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5060"  
the|strong="H0518" sky|strong="H8064",  
and|strong="H8064" his|strong="H0518"  
head|strong="H7218" will|strong="H8064"  
touch|strong="H5060" the|strong="H0518"  
clouds|strong="H5645".

<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H7200" he|strong="H0559" will  
be|strong="H5331" gone forever|strong="H5331" like  
his|strong="H7200" own body waste.

People|strong="H7200" who|strong="H0559" knew  
him|strong="H7200" will say|strong="H0559"; '  
Where|strong="H0335" is|strong="H0335"  
he|strong="H0559"?"

<sup>8</sup> Like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H4672"  
dream|strong="H2472", he|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H3808" fly|strong="H5774"  
away|strong="H5074", never|strong="H3808"  
to|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808"  
found|strong="H4672".

He|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808"  
be|strong="H3808" chased|strong="H5074"  
away|strong="H5074" like|strong="H3808"  
a|strong="H4672" bad dream|strong="H2472". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Those who|strong="H3808" knew him be-  
fore|strong="H5869" will|strong="H5869"  
not|strong="H3808" see|strong="H5869" him  
again|strong="H5750".

His|strong="H3808" family will|strong="H5869"  
never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" get  
to|strong="H5869" see|strong="H5869" him.

<sup>10</sup> His|strong="H7725" children|strong="H1121"  
will|strong="H1121" have|strong="H1121"  
to|strong="H7725" give|strong="H7725"  
back|strong="H7725" what he|strong="H7725"  
took|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725"  
the|strong="H7725" poor|strong="H1800".

His|strong="H7725" own hands|strong="H3027"  
will|strong="H1121" give|strong="H7725"  
up|strong="H1121" his|strong="H7725"  
wealth|strong="H0202".

<sup>11</sup> When|strong="H4390" he|strong="H5921" was  
young, his|strong="H5921" bones|strong="H6106"  
were|strong="H4390" strong,

but|strong="H5973", like|strong="H5973"  
the|strong="H5921" rest|strong="H7901"  
of|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921"  
body|strong="H6106", they|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H6106" soon lie|strong="H7901"  
in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
dirt|strong="H6083".

<sup>12</sup> " Evil|strong="H7451" tastes  
sweet|strong="H4985" in|strong="H8478"  
his|strong="H0518" mouth|strong="H6310".

He|strong="H0518" keeps it|strong="H0518" un-  
der|strong="H8478" his|strong="H0518"

tongue |strong="H3956" to |strong="H6310" enjoy it |strong="H0518" fully.

<sup>13</sup> He |strong="H3808" hates to |strong="H5921" let |strong="H3808" it |strong="H5921" go and |strong="H3808" holds |strong="H4513" it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" mouth |strong="H2441".

<sup>14</sup> But that |strong="H6620" evil will turn |strong="H2015" sour |strong="H4846" in |strong="H3899" his |strong="H7130" stomach |strong="H4578".

It |strong="H2015" will be |strong="H3899" like |strong="H2015" a |strong="H3899" snake's bitter |strong="H4846" poison inside |strong="H7130" him.

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3423" evil man will |strong="H0410" spit out |strong="H3423" the |strong="H3423" riches |strong="H2428" he |strong="H0990" has |strong="H0410" swallowed |strong="H1104".

God |strong="H0410" will |strong="H0410" make him |strong="H1104" vomit |strong="H6958" them |strong="H3423" up |strong="H1104".

<sup>16</sup> What he drank will |strong="H3956" be |strong="H2026" like |strong="H2026" a |strong="H2026" snake's poison |strong="H7219"; it will |strong="H3956" kill |strong="H2026" him |strong="H2026" like |strong="H2026" the |strong="H2026" bite of |strong="H3956" a |strong="H2026" deadly snake |strong="H0660".

<sup>17</sup> He |strong="H7200" will |strong="H5104" never |strong="H0408" again enjoy |strong="H7200" so |strong="H7200" much wealth—

rivers |strong="H5104" flowing with |strong="H7200" honey |strong="H1706" and |strong="H7200" cream.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>18</sup> He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" forced to |strong="H7725" give |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" his |strong="H7725" profits.

He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" allowed to |strong="H7725" enjoy |strong="H5965" what |strong="H3022" he |strong="H3808" worked for |strong="H2428",

<sup>19</sup> because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" hurt the |strong="H3588" poor |strong="H1800" and |strong="H1004" left |strong="H5800" them |strong="H3588" with |strong="H1004" nothing |strong="H3808".

He |strong="H3588" took |strong="H1497" houses |strong="H1004" he |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" build |strong="H1129".

<sup>I</sup> RIVERS ... CREAM A figure meaning a plentiful supply of rich food. The word translated "cream" could mean butter, curds, or yogurt.

<sup>20</sup> "The |strong="H3588" evil man is |strong="H3588" never |strong="H3808" satisfied |strong="H7961".

But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" things |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3588" wants cannot |strong="H3808" save |strong="H4422" him |strong="H3045".

<sup>21</sup> After |strong="H5921" filling himself |strong="H3808", there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" nothing |strong="H3808" left |strong="H8300".

His |strong="H5921" success will |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808" continue |strong="H3651".

<sup>22</sup> Even while he |strong="H0935" has |strong="H3027" plenty |strong="H3605", he |strong="H0935" will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" pressed down |strong="H3027" with |strong="H4390" trouble.

His |strong="H3605" problems will |strong="H3027" come |strong="H0935" down |strong="H3027" on |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935".

<sup>23</sup> If |strong="H1961" he |strong="H5921" does get |strong="H7971" all he |strong="H5921" wants, God |strong="H7971" will |strong="H1961" throw |strong="H7971" his |strong="H5921" burning |strong="H2740" anger |strong="H0639" against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

God |strong="H7971" will |strong="H1961" attack him |strong="H5921" and |strong="H7971" rain |strong="H4305" down |strong="H4305" punishment on |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

<sup>24</sup> Maybe he will |strong="H7198" run away |strong="H1272" from |strong="H1272" an iron |strong="H1270" sword,

but then a bronze |strong="H5154" arrow<sup>II</sup> will |strong="H7198" strike him |strong="H1272" down.

<sup>25</sup> It |strong="H5921" will go |strong="H1980" through |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" body and |strong="H1980" stick out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" back |strong="H1980".

Its |strong="H5921" shining point |strong="H1465" will pierce his |strong="H5921" liver, and |strong="H1980" he |strong="H5921" will be shocked with |strong="H1980" terror |strong="H0367".

<sup>26</sup> All |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H6845" will |strong="H0784" be |strong="H3808" lost in |strong="H0784" darkness |strong="H2822".

He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0784" be |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H0398" by |strong="H0784" a |strong="H3808" fire |strong="H0784", a |strong="H3808" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H3605" no |strong="H3808" human started.

<sup>II</sup> BRONZE ARROW Literally, "bronze bow." Or "powerful bow," possibly a bow made of sinew, wood and horn.

It will destroy everything left in his house.

<sup>27</sup> Heaven will prove that he is guilty.

The earth will witness against him.

<sup>28</sup> His house and everything in it will be away

in the flood of God's anger.

<sup>29</sup> That what God will do to those who are evil

That what he plans to give them

### Job Answers

**21** Then Job answered:

<sup>2</sup> "Listen to what I say.

Let me be your way of comforting me.

<sup>3</sup> Be patient while I speak.

Then after I have finished speaking, you may make me fun.

<sup>4</sup> "My complaint is not against people.

There is a good reason why I am not patient.

<sup>5</sup> Look at me and be shocked.

Put your hand over your mouth,

and stare at me in shock!

<sup>6</sup> When I think about what happened to me,

I feel afraid and my body shakes!

<sup>7</sup> Why do evil people live long lives?

Why do they grow old and successful?

<sup>8</sup> They watch their children grow up

and live to see their grandchildren.

<sup>9</sup> Their homes are safe and free from fear.

God does not punish them.

<sup>10</sup> Their bulls never fail to mate.

Their cows have healthy calves.

<sup>11</sup> They send their children out to play like lambs.

Their children dance around.

<sup>12</sup> They sing and dance to the sound of harps and flutes.

<sup>13</sup> Evil people enjoy success during their lives and then go to the grave without suffering.

<sup>14</sup> They say, 'Leave us alone!

We don't care what you want to do!

<sup>15</sup> And they say, 'Who is God All-Powerful?



We |strong="H3588" don't need to |strong="H6293" serve |strong="H5647" him |strong="H5647"!

It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3588" help |strong="H3276" to |strong="H6293" pray to |strong="H6293" him |strong="H5647"!

16 " Of |strong="H3027" course, evil |strong="H7563" people |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" make |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3808" own success.

I |strong="H2005" would never |strong="H3808" follow their |strong="H3808" advice |strong="H6098".

17 But |strong="H7563" how |strong="H4100" often |strong="H4100" does |strong="H4100" God blow out |strong="H4100" their |strong="H5921" light?

How |strong="H4100" often |strong="H4100" does |strong="H4100" trouble come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" them |strong="H5921"?

How |strong="H4100" often |strong="H4100" does |strong="H4100" God get |strong="H0935" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0935" punish them |strong="H5921"?

18 Does |strong="H6440" God blow them |strong="H6440" away |strong="H1589", as |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" wind |strong="H7307" blows straw |strong="H8401" or |strong="H1589" as |strong="H1961" strong winds |strong="H7307" blow the |strong="H6440" grain husks?

19 But |strong="H7999" you |strong="H3045" say, ' God |strong="H0433" is |strong="H1121" saving their |strong="H3045" punishment for |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3045" children |strong="H1121".'

No! Let God |strong="H0433" punish the |strong="H0413" evil |strong="H0205" people |strong="H1121" themselves |strong="H0205" so that |strong="H3045" they |strong="H0433" will |strong="H1121" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" they |strong="H0433" have |strong="H3045" done!

20 Let them |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200" their |strong="H7200" own |strong="H5869" punishment.

Let them |strong="H7200" feel |strong="H5869" the |strong="H7200" anger |strong="H2534" of |strong="H5869" God All-Powerful.

21 When |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3588" life is |strong="H4100" finished and |strong="H1004" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H4100" dead, they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" not |strong="H3588" care |strong="H0310" about |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3588" family |strong="H1004" they |strong="H3588" leave behind |strong="H0310".

22 "No one |strong="H1931" can teach |strong="H3925" God |strong="H0410" anything

he |strong="H1931" doesn't already |strong="H8199" know |strong="H1847".

God |strong="H0410" judges |strong="H8199" even those |strong="H1931" in |strong="H3925" high |strong="H7311" places.

23 One |strong="H2088" person dies |strong="H4191" after living a |strong="H2088" full |strong="H3605" and |strong="H2088" successful life |strong="H4191",

a |strong="H2088" life |strong="H4191" completely |strong="H3605" safe and |strong="H2088" comfortable,

24 with |strong="H4390" a |strong="H8248" body |strong="H6106" that was well fed and |strong="H2461" bones |strong="H6106" that were |strong="H4390" still strong.

25 But |strong="H3808" another |strong="H2088" person |strong="H5315" dies |strong="H4191" after |strong="H5315" a |strong="H2088" hard life |strong="H5315" that |strong="H2088" has |strong="H2088" made them |strong="H0398" bitter |strong="H4751",

never |strong="H3808" having |strong="H3808" enjoyed anything |strong="H0398" good |strong="H2896".

26 In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" end, both |strong="H3162" of |strong="H5921" these people will |strong="H6083" lie |strong="H7901" together |strong="H3162" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" dirt |strong="H6083".

The |strong="H5921" worms |strong="H7415" will |strong="H6083" cover |strong="H3680" them |strong="H5921" both |strong="H3162".

27 " But |strong="H5921" I |strong="H2005" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" you |strong="H5921" are |strong="H4284" thinking, and |strong="H3045" I |strong="H2005" know |strong="H3045" you |strong="H5921" want to |strong="H5921" hurt me |strong="H5921".

28 You |strong="H3588" might say |strong="H0559", "Show me |strong="H1004" a |strong="H3588" good man's house |strong="H1004".

Now |strong="H3588", show me |strong="H1004" where |strong="H0346" evil |strong="H7563" people |strong="H7563" live.'<sup>1</sup>

29 " Surely |strong="H7592" you |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" talked with |strong="H1870" travelers |strong="H5674".

Surely |strong="H7592" you |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" accept their |strong="H3808" stories.

30 Evil |strong="H7451" people are |strong="H3117" spared |strong="H2820" when |strong="H3588" disaster |strong="H7451" comes |strong="H3117".

<sup>1</sup> I SHOW ME ... LIVE Or "Show me a wicked ruler's house. Show me where evil people live."

They|strong="H3588" survive when|strong="H3588" God shows his|strong="H3588" anger|strong="H5678".

31 No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H1931" criticizes them|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" faces|strong="H6440" for|strong="H5921" how|strong="H4310" they|strong="H5921" lived.

No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H1931" punishes them|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" evil they|strong="H5921" have|strong="H5921" done|strong="H6213".

32 When|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H6913" carried|strong="H2986" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" grave|strong="H6913",

they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1931" have|strong="H5921" someone to|strong="H5921" watch|strong="H8245" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" place|strong="H6913" they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H6913" buried.

33 So|strong="H6440" even the|strong="H3605" soil in|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" valley|strong="H5158" will|strong="H0120" be|strong="H0369" pleasant for|strong="H3605" them|strong="H0310",

and|strong="H0120" thousands of|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0120" will|strong="H0120" join their|strong="H3605" funeral procession.

34 "So your|strong="H5162" empty words are no comfort|strong="H5162" to|strong="H7604" me|strong="H5162".

There|strong="H7604" is no truth at all in|strong="H7604" your|strong="H5162" answers|strong="H8666"!"

### Eliphaz Answers Job

22 Then|strong="H6030" Eliphaz|strong="H0464" from Teman answered|strong="H0559".

2 "Does God|strong="H0410" need our|strong="H5921" help?

Even|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" wisest of|strong="H5921" us|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0410" not|strong="H3588" really useful to|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921".

3 Does|strong="H0518" your|strong="H3588" living|strong="H1870" right|strong="H6663" benefit him|strong="H3588"?

Does|strong="H0518" God All-Powerful gain|strong="H1215" anything if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" follow him|strong="H3588"?

4 Why does|strong="H3198" God blame and|strong="H0935" punish|strong="H3198" you|strong="H5973"?

Is|strong="H4941" it|strong="H0935" because|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5973" worship him|strong="H0935"?

5 No|strong="H3808", it|strong="H3808" is|strong="H0369" because|strong="H5771" you|strong="H3808" sin|strong="H5771" so|strong="H3808" much|strong="H7227".

You|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" sinning.

6 Maybe to|strong="H0251" guarantee loans you|strong="H3588" took things from|strong="H0251" people for|strong="H3588" no reason.

Maybe you|strong="H3588" took a|strong="H3588" poor man's clothes|strong="H0899" to|strong="H0251" make|strong="H3588" sure he|strong="H3588" paid you|strong="H3588" back. I

7 Maybe you|strong="H3808" failed|strong="H3808" to|strong="H4325" give|strong="H8248" water|strong="H4325" or|strong="H3808" food|strong="H3899"

to|strong="H4325" people|strong="H3808" who|strong="H3808" were|strong="H4325" tired|strong="H5889" or|strong="H3808" hungry|strong="H7456".

8 You|strong="H6440" have|strong="H0376" a|strong="H5375" lot of|strong="H0776" farmland, and|strong="H0776" people|strong="H0376" respect|strong="H6440" you|strong="H6440".

9 But maybe you|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971" widows|strong="H0490" away|strong="H7971" without|strong="H7387" giving them|strong="H7971" anything.

And|strong="H7971" maybe you|strong="H7971" took advantage of|strong="H2220" orphans|strong="H3490".

10 That|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" why|strong="H3651" traps|strong="H6341" are all|strong="H5439" around|strong="H5439" you|strong="H5921",

and|strong="H5439" sudden|strong="H6597" trouble makes you|strong="H5921" afraid|strong="H6343".

11 That|strong="H7200" is|strong="H4325" why|strong="H3808" it|strong="H7200" is|strong="H4325" so|strong="H3808" dark|strong="H2822" you|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200",

and|strong="H7200" why|strong="H3808" a|strong="H0176" flood|strong="H4325" of|strong="H4325" water|strong="H4325" covers|strong="H3680" you|strong="H3808".

12 "God|strong="H0433" lives in|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3588" highest|strong="H8064" part of|strong="H7218" heaven|strong="H8064"

and|strong="H8064" looks|strong="H7200" down|strong="H7218" on|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3588" highest|strong="H8064" stars|strong="H3556".

I PAID YOU BACK See Deuteronomy 24:12-13 for rules about making loans to the poor.

13 But you might say, 'What does God know?

Can he see through the dark clouds to us?

14 Thick clouds hide us from his eyes, so he cannot see us as he walks around the edge of sky.

15 "Job, you are the old path

that evil people walked on long ago.

16 They were destroyed before it was their time to die.

They were washed away by the flood.

17 They told God, 'Leave us alone!

and God All-Powerful cannot do anything to us!

18 And it was filled with good things.

No, I would never follow the advice of evil people.

19 Those who do what is right are happy to see them destroyed.

The innocent laugh at them and say, 'Surely our enemies are destroyed!'

Their wealth burned up in the fire!

21 "Now, Job, give yourself God and make peace with him.

Do this, and you will get many good things.

22 Accept his teaching.

Pay attention to what he says.

23 If you return to God All-Powerful, you will be restored.

But remove the evil from your house.

24 Think of your gold as nothing but dirt.

Think of your finest gold as rocks from a stream.

25 And let God All-Powerful be gold.

Let him be your pile of silver.

26 Then you will enjoy God All-Powerful, and you will look up to him.

27 When you pray, he will hear you.

And you will be able to do all that you promised him.

28 If you decide to do something, it will be successful.

And *your* future will *be* very bright!

<sup>29</sup> When *people* are brought down and you *ask* God *to* help *them*, he *will* rescue *those* who *have* been humbled.

<sup>30</sup> Even those who are *guilty* will *be* forgiven.

They *will* *be* saved because you *did* what was right."

### Job Answers

**23** Then *Job* answered:

<sup>2</sup> " I *am* still *com-plain*ing today.

I *groan* because *God* is *still* making me *suf-fer*.

<sup>3</sup> I *wish* I *knew* where *to* find him.

I *wish* I *knew* how *to* go *to* where he *lives*.

<sup>4</sup> I would present my *case* to him.

I would make *my* arguments *to* show that I *am* innocent.

<sup>5</sup> He *could* give *his* re-sponse, and I *would* under-stand.

I *would* listen closely *to* what he *says*.

<sup>6</sup> Would *God* use *his* power *against* me?

No *he* would listen *to* me!

<sup>7</sup> Since *I* *am* an *honest* man, he

would let me *tell* my *story*.

Then my *Judge* would set me *free*!

<sup>8</sup> " If I go *to* the *east*, *God* is *not* there.

If I go *to* the *west*, I *still* see *him*.

<sup>9</sup> When *he* is *working* in the *north*, I *don't* see *him*.

When *he* turns *to* the *south*, I *still* don't see *him*.

<sup>10</sup> But *God* knows *me*.

He *is* test-ing and *will* see *that* I *am* as *pure* as *gold*.

<sup>11</sup> I *have* *always* lived the *way* *God* *wants*.

I *have* *nev-er* stopped follow-ing *him*.

<sup>12</sup> I *always* obey *his* *commands*.

I *love* the *words* *from* *his* *mouth* *more* *than* I *love* my *food*.

<sup>13</sup> " But *God* never changes, and *who* *can* stand against *him*?

He *does* anything *he* *wants*.

<sup>14</sup> He *will* do *to* me *what* he *planned*,

and *he* many plans for *me*.

<sup>15</sup> That *is* why *I* am terrified to stand before *him*.

Just thinking about *it* makes *me* afraid.

<sup>16</sup> The *fear of* God *has* made *me* lose *my* courage.

God *makes* *me* afraid.

<sup>17</sup> What *has* happened *is* like a dark cloud over *my* face.

But *the* darkness *will* not *keep* *me* quiet.

**24** "Why *doesn't* God *set* times for *judgment*?

And *why* *can't* *his* followers know *when* those times *will* be?

<sup>2</sup> "People move property markers to get more of *their* neighbor's land.

People steal *flocks* and *lead* them to other grasslands.

<sup>3</sup> a They steal a donkey that belongs to an orphan.

They take a widow's cow until she pays what she owes them.

<sup>3</sup> b <sup>g</sup> They take a nursing baby from its mother.

They take a poor person's child to guarantee a loan.

<sup>4</sup> They force the poor to move out of *their* way and

and to get off the road.

<sup>5</sup> "The poor are like wild donkeys that go out to the

desert to find food.

From morning to night they work to gather food for their children.

<sup>6</sup> They have to work in the fields, harvesting grain.

They work for the rich, gathering grapes in their vineyards.

<sup>7</sup> They must sleep all night without clothes.

They have to cover them from the cold.

<sup>8</sup> They are soaked with rain the mountains.

They stay close to the large rocks for shelter.

<sup>10</sup> They have no clothes, so they work naked.

They carry piles of grain for others, but they go hungry.

<sup>11</sup> They press out olive oil and on grapes the winepress, but they have nothing to drink.

<sup>12</sup> In the city *can* hear the sad sounds of dying people.

Those who are hurt cry out for help, but God does not listen.

<sup>13</sup> "Some people rebel against the light.

They don't know what God wants.

I In the Hebrew text this verse follows verse 8.

II THE RICH Or "the wicked."

They|strong="H1992" don't|strong="H3808" live|strong="H3427" the|strong="H1961" way|strong="H1870" he|strong="H3808" wants.

14 A|strong="H1961" murderer|strong="H7523" gets|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" at|strong="H1961" dawn|strong="H0216" and|strong="H6965" kills|strong="H7523" poor|strong="H6041", helpless people.

And|strong="H6965" at|strong="H1961" night|strong="H3915" he becomes|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" thief|strong="H1590".

15 A|strong="H7760" man who|strong="H8104" commits|strong="H5003" adultery|strong="H5003" waits|strong="H8104" for|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" night to|strong="H0559" come.

He|strong="H3808" thinks, ' No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" will|strong="H5869" see|strong="H5869" me|strong="H6440"; but|strong="H3808" still|strong="H0559", he|strong="H3808" covers his|strong="H8104" face|strong="H6440".

16 When it|strong="H3045" is|strong="H0216" dark|strong="H2822", evil people|strong="H3808" go out|strong="H3045" and|strong="H1004" break in to|strong="H2864" houses|strong="H1004".

But|strong="H3808" during the|strong="H3045" day|strong="H3119" they|strong="H3808" lock themselves in|strong="H1004" their|strong="H3808" homes|strong="H1004" to|strong="H1004" avoid the|strong="H3045" light|strong="H0216".

17 The|strong="H3588" darkest night is|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3588" morning|strong="H1242".

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1091" friends with|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" terrors|strong="H1091" of|strong="H6757" darkness|strong="H6757".

18 " You|strong="H6440" say, 'Evil people|strong="H3808" are|strong="H0776" taken away|strong="H6437" like|strong="H0776" things|strong="H3808" carried|strong="H5921" away|strong="H6437" in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" flood|strong="H4325".

The|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776" they|strong="H5921" own|strong="H6440" is|strong="H1931" cursed|strong="H7043", so|strong="H3808" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" goes|strong="H6440" to|strong="H5921" work in|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" vineyards|strong="H3754".

19 As|strong="H1571" hot|strong="H2527", dry|strong="H6723" weather melts away|strong="H1497" the|strong="H1571" winter snows,

so|strong="H1571" the|strong="H1571" grave takes away|strong="H1497" those who have|strong="H1571" sinned|strong="H2398".

20 Their|strong="H3808" own mothers|strong="H7911" will|strong="H3808" forget|strong="H7911" them|strong="H7665".

Only the|strong="H2142" worms|strong="H7415" will|strong="H3808" want them|strong="H7665".

No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" remember|strong="H2142" them|strong="H7665".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H5750" broken|strong="H7665" like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H5750" rotten stick|strong="H6086".

21 These evil people|strong="H3808" hurt women who|strong="H3205" have|strong="H3808" no|strong="H3808" children|strong="H3205" to|strong="H3205" protect them|strong="H7462",

and|strong="H3205" they|strong="H3808" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3205" help widows|strong="H0490".

22 By|strong="H6965" his|strong="H6965" power|strong="H3581" God|strong="H3808" removes the|strong="H6965" powerful.

Even|strong="H3808" if they|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" high position, they|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" sure|strong="H0539" of|strong="H3808" their|strong="H3808" lives|strong="H2416".

23 They|strong="H5921" might feel|strong="H5869" safe and|strong="H5869" secure|strong="H0983", but|strong="H1870" God|strong="H5414" is|strong="H1870" watching|strong="H5869" how|strong="H1870" they|strong="H5921" live|strong="H1870".

24 They|strong="H0369" might be|strong="H0369" successful for|strong="H3605" a|strong="H0369" while|strong="H4592", but|strong="H0369" then|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0369" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H0369" gone|strong="H0369".

Like everyone|strong="H3605" else|strong="H3605", they|strong="H0369" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H0369" cut down|strong="H4355" like grain|strong="H7641".

25 " I|strong="H0518" swear these|strong="H7760" things|strong="H3808" are|strong="H4310" true!

Who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" prove|strong="H3576" that|strong="H0645" I|strong="H0518" lied|strong="H3576"?

Who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" show|strong="H7760" that|strong="H0645" I|strong="H0518" am wrong?"

#### Bildad Answers Job

25 Then|strong="H6030" Bildad|strong="H1085" from Shuah answered|strong="H0559":

2 "God is|strong="H4791" the|strong="H5973" ruler|strong="H4910".

He *strong="H6213"* makes *strong="H6213"* people fear *strong="H6343"* and *strong="H7965"* respect *strong="H6343"* him *strong="H5973"*.

He *strong="H6213"* keeps peace *strong="H7965"* in *strong="H4910"* his *strong="H4910"* kingdom above *strong="H4791"*.

<sup>3</sup> No *strong="H3808"* one *strong="H3808"* can *strong="H4310"* count *strong="H4557"* his *strong="H5921"* stars. <sup>I</sup>

His *strong="H5921"* sun *strong="H0216"* rises *strong="H6965"* on *strong="H5921"* all people *strong="H3808"*.

<sup>4</sup> How *strong="H4100"* can *strong="H4100"* anyone claim to *strong="H3205"* be *strong="H0582"* right *strong="H6663"* before *strong="H5973"* God *strong="H0410"*?

No human being <sup>II</sup> can *strong="H4100"* really be *strong="H0582"* pure *strong="H2135"*.

<sup>5</sup> In *strong="H5869"* God's eyes *strong="H5869"* even *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H5704"* moon *strong="H3394"* is *strong="H5869"* not *strong="H3808"* pure *strong="H2141"* and *strong="H5869"* bright *strong="H0166"*; even *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H5704"* stars *strong="H3556"* are *strong="H5869"* not *strong="H3808"* pure *strong="H2141"*.

<sup>6</sup> People *strong="H0120"* are *strong="H1121"* much *strong="H0637"* less *strong="H0637"* pure.

They *strong="H3588"* are *strong="H1121"* like *strong="H1121"* maggots *strong="H7415"*, as *strong="H1121"* worthless as *strong="H1121"* worms *strong="H8438"*!

### Job Answers Bildad

**26** Then *strong="H6030"* Job *strong="H0347"* answered *strong="H0559"*:

<sup>2</sup> "Bildad, what *strong="H4100"* a *strong="H3808"* great help *strong="H5826"* you *strong="H3808"* are *strong="H4100"* to *strong="H3808"* this tired, weary man!

You *strong="H3808"* have *strong="H3808"* really supported me *strong="H3467"*!

<sup>3</sup> You *strong="H3045"* have *strong="H3045"* given *strong="H3289"* such *strong="H3808"* wonderful advice *strong="H3289"* to *strong="H3045"* this *strong="H3045"* foolish man!

You *strong="H3045"* have *strong="H3045"* provided *strong="H3045"* so *strong="H3808"* much *strong="H7230"* useful information! <sup>III</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Who *strong="H4310"* helped you *strong="H5046"* say *strong="H4405"* these things?

Whose *strong="H4310"* spirit *strong="H5397"* inspired you *strong="H5046"* to *strong="H3318"* speak?

<sup>I</sup> HIS STARS Or "his troops." This means God's heavenly army. It could be all the angels or all the stars in the sky. <sup>II</sup> NO HUMAN BEING Literally, "No one born from woman." <sup>III</sup> Job is being sarcastic here—showing by the way he speaks that he does not really mean it.

<sup>5</sup> The *strong="H8478"* ghosts and *strong="H4325"* their *strong="H8478"* neighbors in *strong="H7931"* the *strong="H8478"* underworld <sup>IV</sup> shake with *strong="H4325"* fear.

<sup>6</sup> But *strong="H0369"* God *strong="H0369"* can *strong="H0369"* see clearly into that *strong="H0369"* place of *strong="H5048"* death *strong="H7585"*.

Death *strong="H7585"* <sup>V</sup> is *strong="H0369"* not *strong="H0369"* hidden from *strong="H7585"* God *strong="H0369"*.

<sup>7</sup> God stretched *strong="H5186"* the *strong="H5921"* northern *strong="H6828"* sky over *strong="H5921"* empty *strong="H8414"* space *strong="H8414"*.

He *strong="H5921"* hung *strong="H8518"* the *strong="H5921"* earth *strong="H0776"* on *strong="H5921"* nothing *strong="H8414"*.

<sup>8</sup> He *strong="H3808"* fills the *strong="H8478"* thick *strong="H5645"* clouds *strong="H5645"* with *strong="H4325"* water *strong="H4325"*.

But *strong="H3808"* he *strong="H3808"* does *strong="H3808"* not *strong="H3808"* let *strong="H3808"* its *strong="H8478"* heavy *strong="H6051"* weight break *strong="H1234"* the *strong="H8478"* clouds *strong="H5645"* open *strong="H1234"*.

<sup>9</sup> He *strong="H5921"* covers the *strong="H6440"* face *strong="H6440"* of *strong="H6440"* the *strong="H6440"* full moon.

He *strong="H5921"* spreads *strong="H6576"* his *strong="H5921"* clouds *strong="H6051"* over *strong="H5921"* it *strong="H5921"* and *strong="H6440"* hides it *strong="H5921"*.

<sup>10</sup> He *strong="H5704"* drew the *strong="H6440"* horizon on *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H6440"* ocean *strong="H4325"*,

like *strong="H5973"* a *strong="H5921"* circle *strong="H2328"* where *strong="H5921"* light *strong="H0216"* and *strong="H6440"* darkness *strong="H2822"* meet *strong="H6440"*.

<sup>11</sup> The *strong="H8064"* foundations that hold up the *strong="H8064"* sky *strong="H8064"* shake with *strong="H8064"* fear when God *strong="H8064"* threatens them.

<sup>12</sup> With *strong="H3220"* his own power *strong="H3581"* God calmed the *strong="H4272"* sea *strong="H3220"*.

With *strong="H3220"* his wisdom *strong="H8394"* he *strong="H8394"* destroyed Ra-hab *strong="H7293"*.

<sup>13</sup> His *strong="H3027"* breath *strong="H7307"* made the *strong="H3027"* skies clear.

<sup>IV</sup> THE GHOSTS ... UNDERWORLD Literally, "The ghosts under the water." This refers to Sheol, the place of death. <sup>V</sup> DEATH Or "Abaddon," a Hebrew name meaning "death" or "destruction." See Rev. 9:11.

His *hand* destroyed the *snake* that *tried to get away*.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>14</sup> These *are* only a *few of* the *amazing things* God has *done*.

We *hear* only a *small whisper* of *God's thundering power*.

**27** Job *continued* his *answer*:

<sup>2</sup> "God *All-Powerful* has *been unfair to me*;

he *made* my *life* *bitter*.

But I *swear by* his *life*,

<sup>3</sup> *as long as* I *have* *in* me,

*as long as* I *have* *breath* from *God* is *in* my *nostrils*,

<sup>4</sup> I *will not be* a *hypocrite*.

I *will not lie*.

<sup>5</sup> You *will never hear me* *say* *men are right*!

Until *the* day I *die* I *will not be* *untrue to* myself.

<sup>6</sup> I *will hold on to* my *innocence* and *never let go*!

My *conscience* *will always be* *clear*!

<sup>7</sup> May *my enemies* *be* *punished*

<sup>1</sup> SNAKE ... GET AWAY Or "the escaping monster." This might be another name for Rahab. See Isaiah 27:1.

like *those who* *are* *evil*.

May *those who* *stood against me* *end up* *like* *all who* *have* *done* *wrong*.

<sup>8</sup> What *hope* *do* *people* *without God* *have* *when* *it* *is* *time to die*, *when* *God* *takes* *their* *life* *away*?

<sup>9</sup> When *they* *have* *troubles and* *cry* *for* *help*,

God *will not listen to* *them*!

<sup>10</sup> It *will be* *too late for* *them to* *enjoy* *talking with* *God* *All-Powerful*.

They *should have* *prayed to* *God* *all* *the* *time*.

<sup>11</sup> "I *will teach* *you* *about God's* *power*."

I *will not hide anything* *about God* *All-Powerful*.

<sup>12</sup> But *you* *have* *seen* *it* *with* *your* *own eyes*.

So *why* *do* *you* *say* *such* *things*?

<sup>13</sup> "Here *is* *what* *God* *has* *planned for* *those* *who* *are* *evil*."

This *is* *what* *cruel* *peo-*

<sup>11</sup> Though Zophar is not mentioned in the text, many scholars think he answers Job in verses 13-23.



ple |strong="H0120" will |strong="H7563"  
get |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3947"  
God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful.

14 They |strong="H0518" may |strong="H1121"  
have |strong="H1121" many |strong="H7235" chil-  
dren |strong="H1121"; but |strong="H0518" all  
of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H1121"  
will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H3808"  
killed |strong="H2719" in |strong="H1121"  
war |strong="H2719".

Or |strong="H0518" their |strong="H3808" chil-  
dren |strong="H1121" will |strong="H2719"  
not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1121"  
enough |strong="H7646" to |strong="H1121" eat.

15 All |strong="H1058" those who |strong="H8300"  
are |strong="H3808" left |strong="H8300"  
will |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4194",  
and |strong="H1058" the |strong="H3808" wid-  
ows |strong="H0490" will |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" cry  
for |strong="H3808" them |strong="H6912".

16 Evil people |strong="H0518" collect sil-  
ver |strong="H3701" as |strong="H3701" easily  
as |strong="H3701" dirt |strong="H6083".

They |strong="H0518" may have |strong="H0518"  
so |strong="H3559" many clothes  
that |strong="H3559" they |strong="H0518" are  
piled |strong="H6651" up |strong="H6651"  
like |strong="H3701" clay.

17 But |strong="H6662" their |strong="H3559" piles  
of |strong="H3701" clothes |strong="H3847"  
will |strong="H6662" be |strong="H6662"  
worn |strong="H3847" by |strong="H3559" those  
who |strong="H6662" have lived  
right |strong="H6662".

All that |strong="H3559" silver |strong="H3701"  
will |strong="H6662" be |strong="H6662" given  
to |strong="H3559" those who |strong="H6662" have  
done |strong="H3559" no wrong.

18 Evil people might build |strong="H1129" hous-  
es |strong="H1004", but they |strong="H6213"  
will |strong="H1004" not last long.

They |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1004"  
be |strong="H1004" like |strong="H1004"  
a |strong="H1129" spider's web |strong="H1004"  
or |strong="H1004" a |strong="H1129" guard's tent.

19 They |strong="H3808" might be |strong="H3808"  
rich |strong="H6223" when |strong="H7901"  
they |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0622"  
to |strong="H0369" bed |strong="H7901",  
but |strong="H3808" when |strong="H7901"  
they |strong="H3808" open |strong="H6491"  
their |strong="H3808" eyes |strong="H5869",  
all |strong="H0622" their |strong="H3808" riches  
will |strong="H5869" be |strong="H3808"  
gone |strong="H0369".

20 Terrible fears will |strong="H4325" come over  
them |strong="H5381" like a |strong="H1589"  
flood |strong="H4325",

like a |strong="H1589" storm in |strong="H4325"  
the |strong="H3915" night |strong="H3915"  
that |strong="H4325" blows everything  
away |strong="H1589".

21 The |strong="H5375" east |strong="H6921"  
wind |strong="H6921" will |strong="H4725" car-  
ry |strong="H5375" them |strong="H5375"  
away |strong="H5375", and |strong="H4725"  
they |strong="H5375" will |strong="H4725"  
be |strong="H5375" gone.

The |strong="H5375" storm will |strong="H4725"  
sweep them |strong="H5375" out |strong="H4725"  
of |strong="H4725" their |strong="H5375" homes.

22 They |strong="H5921" may |strong="H3808" try  
to |strong="H5921" run away |strong="H7993"  
from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" pow-  
er |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H5921" storm,

but |strong="H3808" it |strong="H5921"  
will |strong="H3027" come down |strong="H7993"  
on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" with-  
out |strong="H3808" mercy |strong="H2550".

23 It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H4725" make  
a |strong="H5921" sound like |strong="H5921" clap-  
ping hands |strong="H3709" as they |strong="H5921"  
run away.

It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H4725" whis-  
tle |strong="H8319" at |strong="H5921"  
them |strong="H5921" as they |strong="H5921" run  
from |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" homes."

### The Value of Wisdom

28 " There |strong="H3426" are |strong="H3426"  
mines where |strong="H4725" people get sil-  
ver |strong="H3701"

and |strong="H3701" places |strong="H4725"  
where |strong="H4725" people melt  
gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H4725"  
make |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" pure.

2 Iron |strong="H1270" is |strong="H1270" dug out  
of |strong="H0068" the |strong="H3947"  
ground |strong="H6083",

and |strong="H0068" copper |strong="H5154"  
is |strong="H1270" melted out of |strong="H0068"  
the |strong="H3947" rocks |strong="H0068".

3 Miners carry lights deep |strong="H6757" in-  
to |strong="H6757" caves

to |strong="H7093" search |strong="H2713"  
for |strong="H3605" these |strong="H1931"  
rocks |strong="H0068" in |strong="H0068"  
the |strong="H3605" deepest dark-  
ness |strong="H2822".

4 Far from |strong="H4480" where peo-  
ple |strong="H0582" live |strong="H1481",

they|strong="H7272" dig deep into|strong="H6555" the|strong="H4480" ground,  
down|strong="H6555" where no|strong="H4480" one|strong="H4480" else has|strong="H7272" been before|strong="H4480".

There they|strong="H7272" work all|strong="H4480" alone|strong="H4480", hanging from|strong="H4480" ropes.

<sup>5</sup> Food|strong="H3899" grows|strong="H3318" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H4480" ground|strong="H0776" above|strong="H4480".

But underground it|strong="H2015" is|strong="H0776" different,  
as|strong="H3644" if|strong="H3644" everything were|strong="H0776" melted by|strong="H0784" fire|strong="H0784".

<sup>6</sup> In|strong="H4725" the|strong="H4725" rocks|strong="H0068" there are|strong="H0068" sapphires|strong="H5601"

and|strong="H2091" grains of|strong="H4725" pure gold|strong="H2091".

<sup>7</sup> Wild birds|strong="H5861" know|strong="H3045" nothing|strong="H3808" about|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3045" way to|strong="H5869" these places.

No|strong="H3808" falcon|strong="H0344" has|strong="H5869" ever seen|strong="H5869" it|strong="H3045".

<sup>8</sup> Wild animals have|strong="H1121" never|strong="H3808" been|strong="H3808" there.

Lions have|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" traveled that|strong="H3808" way|strong="H5921".

<sup>9</sup> Miners dig the|strong="H7971" hardest rocks.

They|strong="H3027" dig away|strong="H7971" at|strong="H2022" the|strong="H7971" mountains|strong="H2022" and|strong="H3027" make|strong="H3027" them|strong="H7971" bare.

<sup>10</sup> They|strong="H3605" cut tunnels through|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" rocks|strong="H6697"

and|strong="H5869" see|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" treasures they|strong="H3605" hold.

<sup>11</sup> They|strong="H3318" even find places where rivers|strong="H5104" begin.

They|strong="H3318" bring|strong="H3318" to|strong="H3318" light|strong="H0216" what|strong="H8587" once was|strong="H0216" hidden|strong="H8587".

<sup>12</sup> "But where|strong="H0335" can|strong="H0370" anyone find|strong="H4672" wisdom|strong="H2451"?"

Where|strong="H0335" can|strong="H0370" we|strong="H4672" get understanding|strong="H0998"?"

1 FALCON A kind of bird, like a hawk.

<sup>13</sup> People|strong="H0582" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" where|strong="H3808" wisdom is|strong="H0776".

It|strong="H3045" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" found|strong="H4672" by|strong="H3808" anyone on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0559" deep|strong="H8415" ocean|strong="H8415" says|strong="H0559", 'It's not|strong="H3808" here with|strong="H3220" me|strong="H5978".'

The|strong="H0559" sea|strong="H3220" says|strong="H0559", 'It's not|strong="H3808" here with|strong="H3220" me|strong="H5978".'

<sup>15</sup> You|strong="H5414" cannot|strong="H3808" buy wisdom with|strong="H5414" even|strong="H3808" the|strong="H5414" purest gold|strong="H5458".

There's not|strong="H3808" enough silver|strong="H3701" in|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" world to|strong="H5414" pay|strong="H5414" for|strong="H8478" it|strong="H5414".

<sup>16</sup> You|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808" buy it|strong="H3808" with gold|strong="H3800" from|strong="H3808" Ophir|strong="H0211" or|strong="H3808" with precious|strong="H3368" onyx|strong="H7718" or|strong="H3808" sapphires|strong="H5601".

<sup>17</sup> Wisdom is|strong="H3808" worth more|strong="H3808" than|strong="H3808" gold|strong="H2091" or|strong="H3808" crystal.

It|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" bought with|strong="H3627" expensive jewels|strong="H3627" set in|strong="H3808" gold|strong="H2091".

<sup>18</sup> It|strong="H3808" is|strong="H2451" far more|strong="H3808" valuable than|strong="H3808" coral|strong="H7215" and|strong="H2451" jasper, more|strong="H3808" precious than|strong="H3808" rubies.

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H3808" topaz|strong="H6357" from|strong="H3808" Ethiopia|strong="H3568" cannot|strong="H3808" match its|strong="H3808" value, which is|strong="H3808" greater than|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3808" purest gold|strong="H3800".

<sup>20</sup> "So|strong="H0935" where|strong="H0335" does|strong="H2088" wisdom|strong="H2451" come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935"?"

Where|strong="H0335" can|strong="H0935" we find understanding|strong="H0998"?"

<sup>21</sup> Wisdom is|strong="H3605" hidden|strong="H5641" from|strong="H5869" every|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" thing|strong="H3605" on|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H8064".

Even birds *strong="H5775"* in *strong="H5869"* the *strong="H3605"* sky *strong="H8064"* cannot see *strong="H5869"* it *strong="H3605"*.

<sup>22</sup> Death *strong="H4194"* and *strong="H8085"* destruction *strong="H0011"*<sup>I</sup> say *strong="H0559"*,

' We *strong="H8085"* have *strong="H4194"* never seen wisdom;

we *strong="H8085"* have *strong="H4194"* only heard *strong="H8085"* rumors about *strong="H8085"* it.'

<sup>23</sup> "Only God *strong="H0430"* knows *strong="H3045"* the *strong="H0853"* way *strong="H1870"* to *strong="H0430"* wisdom.

Only he *strong="H1931"* knows *strong="H3045"* where *strong="H4725"* wisdom is *strong="H1931"*.

<sup>24</sup> He *strong="H1931"* can *strong="H7200"* see *strong="H7200"* to *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H3605"* very ends *strong="H7098"* of *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H3605"* earth *strong="H0776"*.

He *strong="H1931"* sees *strong="H7200"* everything *strong="H3605"* under *strong="H8478"* the *strong="H3605"* sky *strong="H8064"*.

<sup>25</sup> God gave *strong="H6213"* the *strong="H6213"* wind *strong="H7307"* its *strong="H8505"* power.

He *strong="H6213"* decided how *strong="H6213"* big to *strong="H4325"* make *strong="H6213"* the *strong="H6213"* oceans.

<sup>26</sup> He *strong="H6213"* decided where to *strong="H1870"* send the *strong="H1870"* rain *strong="H4306"*

and *strong="H6963"* where the *strong="H1870"* thunderstorms should *strong="H6213"* go.

<sup>27</sup> He *strong="H0227"* looked *strong="H7200"* at *strong="H7200"* wisdom and *strong="H7200"* discussed it *strong="H7200"*.

He *strong="H0227"* examined *strong="H7200"* it *strong="H7200"* and *strong="H7200"* saw *strong="H7200"* how *strong="H5608"* much it *strong="H7200"* is *strong="H1571"* worth.

<sup>28</sup> Then *strong="H0559"* he *strong="H1931"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* humans,

' To *strong="H0559"* fear *strong="H3374"* and *strong="H0120"* respect the *strong="H0559"* Lord *strong="H0136"* is *strong="H1931"* wisdom *strong="H2451"*.

To *strong="H0559"* turn *strong="H5493"* away *strong="H5493"* from *strong="H5493"* evil *strong="H7451"* is *strong="H1931"* understanding *strong="H0998"*.'

### Job Continues His Speech

**29** Job *strong="H0347"* continued *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0559"* speak *strong="H0559"*:

<sup>I</sup> DEATH AND DESTRUCTION Or "Abaddon," a Hebrew name meaning "death" or "destruction." See Rev. 9:11.

<sup>2</sup> " I *strong="H5414"* wish *strong="H4310"* my *strong="H8104"* life *strong="H3117"* could *strong="H4310"* be *strong="H5414"* the *strong="H5414"* same as *strong="H3117"* it *strong="H5414"* was *strong="H3117"* a *strong="H5414"* few months *strong="H3391"* ago *strong="H3117"*,

when *strong="H3117"* God *strong="H0433"* watched *strong="H8104"* over *strong="H5414"* me *strong="H5414"* and *strong="H3117"* cared for *strong="H3117"* me *strong="H5414"*.

<sup>3</sup> God's light *strong="H0216"* shined above *strong="H5921"* me *strong="H5921"*; so *strong="H5921"* I *strong="H5921"* could walk through *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* darkness *strong="H2822"*.

<sup>4</sup> I *strong="H0834"* wish for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H0834"* days *strong="H3117"* when *strong="H1961"* I *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H1961"* successful,

when *strong="H1961"* I *strong="H0834"* enjoyed God's *strong="H0433"* friendship *strong="H5475"* and *strong="H3117"* blessing in *strong="H5921"* my *strong="H5921"* home *strong="H0168"*.

<sup>5</sup> God All-Powerful was *strong="H5288"* still *strong="H5750"* with *strong="H5750"* me *strong="H5978"* then,

and *strong="H5288"* my *strong="H5750"* children *strong="H5288"* were *strong="H5288"* all *strong="H5439"* around *strong="H5439"* me *strong="H5978"*.

<sup>6</sup> Life was so good that I washed *strong="H7364"* my *strong="H7364"* feet in *strong="H7364"* cream and *strong="H8081"* had *strong="H6697"* plenty of *strong="H6697"* the *strong="H7364"* finest oils *strong="H8081"*.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>7</sup> " Those *strong="H5921"* were *strong="H8179"* the *strong="H5921"* days when *strong="H3318"* I *strong="H5921"* went *strong="H3318"* to *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* city *strong="H7176"* gate *strong="H8179"*

and *strong="H3318"* sat in *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* public meeting of *strong="H8179"* the *strong="H5921"* elders.

<sup>8</sup> When *strong="H7200"* the *strong="H7200"* young *strong="H5288"* men *strong="H5288"* saw *strong="H7200"* me *strong="H7200"* coming, they *strong="H7200"* stepped out *strong="H7200"* of *strong="H5288"* my *strong="H7200"* way.

And *strong="H6965"* the *strong="H7200"* old *strong="H3453"* men *strong="H5288"* stood *strong="H5975"* up *strong="H6965"* to *strong="H7200"* show *strong="H7200"* they *strong="H7200"* respected me *strong="H7200"*.

<sup>II</sup> I HAD PLENTY OF THE FINEST OILS Literally, "Around the anointed rock near me were streams of oil." This probably means Job had so much olive oil that there were streams of oil running down the altar from the part Job gave as a gift to God.

9 The *leaders* of the people stopped talking and

put their hands over their mouths.

10 Even the most important leaders were quiet,

as if their tongues were stuck to the roof of their mouths.

11 All who heard me said good things about me.

Those who saw I did praised me,

12 because I helped the poor when they cried out

I helped the orphans who had no one to care for them.

13 People who were dying asked God to

My help brought joy to widows in need.

14 Right living was my clothing.

Fairness was my robe and my turban.

15 I was like the eyes for the blind,

like the feet for the crippled.

16 I was like a father to the poor.

I helped people I didn't even know win

their case in court.

17 I stopped evil people from abusing power

and saved innocent people from them.

18 "I always thought I would live a long life,

growing old with my family around me.

19 I was like a healthy plant with roots that have plenty of water

and branches that are wet with dew.

20 I thought each new day would bring more honor

and be full of new possibilities.

21 "In the past people listened to me.

They waited quietly for my advice.

22 When I finished speaking, they had more to say.

My words fell gently on their ears.

23 They waited for my words as they would for rain.

They drank them in like rain in the springtime.

24 I smiled at them,

I Literally, "I shattered the teeth of the crooked and snatched the victims from their teeth." II Literally, "My glory is new with me and my bow in my hand renewed." The words "glory" and "bow" might both refer to a rainbow—the promise of good weather after a storm. Or this might be understood as, "My soul feels new every day, my hand always strong enough to shoot a new bow."

and they could hardly believe it.

My smile made them feel better.

I was their leader and made decisions about their future.

I was like a king among his troops, comforting those who were sad.

**30** " But now men younger than I make me—

men whose fathers too put my dogs

2 Their still to of to

All strength is gone.

3 They are starving with nothing to eat, so they chew on the dry

4 They pull up salt plants in the desert and eat the roots the broom tree

5 They are forced away from other people,

who shout at them as if they were thieves.

6 They must live in the dry hillside caves, and holes in the ground.

7 They howl in the bushes and huddle together under thornbushes.

8 They are a worthless people without names,

who were forced to leave their country.

9 " Now their sons sing songs to make fun of me.

My name has become a bad word to them.

10 They hate me and stay far from me, except they come to spit in my face!

11 God has taken the string from my bow and made me weak, so they feel free to do whatever they want to me.

12 They attack me on my right side.

They knock my feet out from under me.

They build ramps to attack me and destroy me like a city.

13 They guard the road so I cannot escape.

They succeed in destroying me, without help from anyone.

14 They break a hole in the wall and come rushing through it,

and the crashing rocks fall on me.

15 I am shaking with fear.

They|strong="H5921" chased|strong="H7291" my|strong="H5921" honor|strong="H5082" away|strong="H2015" like|strong="H2015" dust in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" wind|strong="H7307".

My|strong="H5921" safety disappears like|strong="H2015" a|strong="H5921" cloud|strong="H5645".

16 " Now|strong="H6258" my|strong="H5921" life|strong="H5315" is|strong="H5315" almost|strong="H3117" gone, and|strong="H3117" soon|strong="H6258" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H5315" die.

Days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" suffering|strong="H6040" have|strong="H3117" grabbed me|strong="H5315".

17 All|strong="H7901" my|strong="H5921" bones|strong="H6106" ache at|strong="H5921" night|strong="H3915".

Pain never|strong="H3808" stops chewing on|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

18 God|strong="H2664" grabbed the|strong="H6310" collar|strong="H6310" of|strong="H6310" my|strong="H6310" coat|strong="H3801"

and|strong="H6310" twisted my|strong="H6310" clothes|strong="H3830" out of|strong="H6310" shape.

19 He|strong="H3384" threw me in- to|strong="H6083" the|strong="H3384" mud, and|strong="H6083" I became like|strong="H0665" dust|strong="H6083" and|strong="H6083" ashes|strong="H0665".

20 " God|strong="H3808", I|strong="H3808" cry|strong="H7768" out|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3808" for|strong="H0413" help|strong="H7768", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030".

I|strong="H3808" stand|strong="H5975" up|strong="H5975" and|strong="H5975" pray, but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" pay|strong="H0995" atten- tion|strong="H0995" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".

21 You|strong="H3027" have|strong="H3027" be- come|strong="H2015" cruel|strong="H0393" to|strong="H3027" me|strong="H7852";

you|strong="H3027" use your|strong="H3027" power|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3027" hurt me|strong="H7852".

22 You|strong="H0413" let the|strong="H0413" strong wind|strong="H7307" blow me|strong="H0413" away|strong="H5375".

You|strong="H0413" throw me|strong="H0413" around in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" storm.

23 I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1004" lead me|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" my|strong="H3605" death|strong="H4194", to|strong="H7725" that|strong="H3588" place|strong="H4150" where|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" liv- ing|strong="H2416" must go|strong="H7725".

24 " Surely|strong="H0389" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" would attack a|strong="H0518" man|strong="H3861" who|strong="H3808" is|strong="H3027" already ruined, when|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0518" is|strong="H3027" hurt and|strong="H3027" crying for|strong="H3027" help|strong="H7769".

25 God|strong="H3808", you|strong="H0518" know that|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0518" cried|strong="H1058" for|strong="H3117" those|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" were|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3117" trouble.

You|strong="H0518" know that|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0518" mourned|strong="H1058" for|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" poor|strong="H0034".

26 But|strong="H3588" when|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" hoped|strong="H3176" for|strong="H3588" good|strong="H2896", trou- ble|strong="H7451" came|strong="H0935" in- stead|strong="H3588".

When|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" looked for|strong="H3588" light|strong="H0216", dark- ness|strong="H0652" came|strong="H0935".

27 I|strong="H3117" constantly|strong="H3117" feel upset.

And|strong="H3117" my|strong="H3808" suffer- ing|strong="H6040" has|strong="H3117" only just be- gun.

28 I|strong="H6965" am|strong="H1980" always sad and|strong="H1980" depressed, with- out|strong="H3808" any|strong="H3808" relief.

I|strong="H6965" stand|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H1980" public meeting and|strong="H1980" cry|strong="H7768" for|strong="H7768" help|strong="H7768",

29 making sad sounds like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" wild dogs,

like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" ostrich- es|strong="H3284" in|strong="H0251" the|strong="H1961" desert.

30 My|strong="H5921" skin|strong="H5785" is|strong="H5785" burned|strong="H2787" and|strong="H5785" peeling away|strong="H4480".

My|strong="H5921" body|strong="H6106" is|strong="H5785" hot with|strong="H5921" fever|strong="H2721".

<sup>31</sup> My harp is tuned to play songs of sorrow.

My flute makes sad sounds like someone crying.

**31** " I made an agreement with my eyes not to look at a young woman in a way that would make me want her.

<sup>2</sup> What God above have for us?

How does God All-Powerful repay people from his home high in heaven?

<sup>3</sup> He sends trouble to wicked

and disaster to those who do wrong.

<sup>4</sup> God is the one who knows what I do

and sees every step I take.

<sup>5</sup> " I have not lied to anyone.

I never tried to cheat people.

<sup>6</sup> If God would use accurate scales, he would know that I am innocent.

<sup>7</sup> If I ever stepped off right path, if my eyes led

<sup>1</sup> Or possibly, "I made an agreement with my eyes not to look with desire at the Virgin or the sacred things that belong to God All-Powerful." Here, "the Virgin" refers to a goddess worshiped by the Canaanites. <sup>II</sup> ACCURATE SCALES Literally, "scales of righteousness." As a wordplay, this could mean either "accurate scales" or "scales that show a person is good."

my heart to do evil, or if my hands are dirty with sin, then let others eat

Let my crops be pulled up by the roots.

<sup>9</sup> " If I desired another woman or waited for her or my neighbor's door to sin with his wife,

<sup>10</sup> then let my wife serve someone else,

and let other men sleep with her.

<sup>11</sup> To do such a thing would be shameful,

a sin that must be punished.

<sup>12</sup> Such sin is like fire that burns until it destroys everything.

It would completely ruin my life's work.

<sup>13</sup> " If I refused to be fair to my slaves

when they had a complaint against me,

<sup>14</sup> then what will I do when I must face God?

What will I say when he asks me to explain what I did?

<sup>15</sup> The one who made me in my mother's womb

also |strong="H6213" made |strong="H6213" them |strong="H6213".

God |strong="H3808" shaped us |strong="H6213" all |strong="H0259" inside |strong="H0990" our mothers.

16 " I |strong="H0518" have |strong="H5869" never |strong="H0518" refused to |strong="H5869" help the |strong="H0518" poor |strong="H1800".

I |strong="H0518" always gave widows |strong="H0490" what |strong="H2656" they |strong="H0518" needed |strong="H2656".

17 I |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" been |strong="H3808" selfish with |strong="H0398" my |strong="H4480" food |strong="H0398".

I |strong="H3808" shared what I |strong="H3808" had |strong="H0398" with |strong="H0398" orphans |strong="H3490".

18 All my |strong="H3588" life I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0001" been like |strong="H0001" a |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001" to |strong="H0001" orphans

and |strong="H0001" have |strong="H0001" taken care of |strong="H0001" widows.

19 Whenever |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0518" found |strong="H0369" people |strong="H0518" suffering because |strong="H1097" they |strong="H0518" didn't have |strong="H0369" clothes |strong="H3830"

or |strong="H0518" saw |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" poor |strong="H0034" man |strong="H0369" with |strong="H0518" no |strong="H0369" coat,

20 I |strong="H0518" always gave them |strong="H1288" something to |strong="H3808" wear.

I |strong="H0518" used the |strong="H1288" wool from |strong="H3808" my |strong="H0518" own sheep |strong="H3532" to |strong="H3808" make them |strong="H1288" warm |strong="H2552".

And |strong="H3532" they |strong="H0518" thanked |strong="H1288" me |strong="H1288" with |strong="H0518" all |strong="H1288" their |strong="H3808" heart.

21 I |strong="H3588" never |strong="H0518" threatened an |strong="H7200" orphan |strong="H3490", even |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" knew I |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" support |strong="H3027" in |strong="H5921" court |strong="H8179".<sup>I</sup>

22 If I |strong="H7665" ever did |strong="H5307" that |strong="H5307", may |strong="H5307" my |strong="H7665" arm |strong="H0248" be |strong="H0248" pulled from |strong="H5307" its |strong="H7665" socket

I Or "I never shook my fist at an orphan who was at the gate asking for help."

and |strong="H7665" fall |strong="H5307" from |strong="H5307" my |strong="H7665" shoulder |strong="H3802"!

23 But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808" do |strong="H3201" any |strong="H3588" of |strong="H0410" these bad things |strong="H3808".

I |strong="H3588" fear |strong="H6343" God's |strong="H0410" punishment too |strong="H3808" much.

His |strong="H3588" majesty |strong="H7613" scares me |strong="H0413".<sup>II</sup>

24 " I |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" never |strong="H0518" trusted in |strong="H0559" riches.

I |strong="H0518" never |strong="H0518" said |strong="H0559" even |strong="H0518" to |strong="H0559" pure |strong="H3800" gold |strong="H2091", ' You |strong="H0518" are |strong="H3689" my |strong="H7760" hope.'

25 I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0518" been wealthy |strong="H2428",

but |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" didn't make |strong="H8055" me |strong="H8055" proud.

I |strong="H3588" earned a |strong="H3588" lot of |strong="H3027" money,

but |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3027" not |strong="H0518" what |strong="H3588" made |strong="H8055" me |strong="H8055" happy |strong="H8055".

26 I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0518" never |strong="H0518" worshiped the |strong="H3588" bright sun |strong="H0216"

or |strong="H0518" the |strong="H3588" beautiful moon |strong="H3394".

27 I |strong="H3820" was |strong="H3820" never foolish enough |strong="H3027" to |strong="H3820" worship the |strong="H3027" sun and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" moon.

28 This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" also |strong="H1571" a |strong="H3588" sin |strong="H5771" that |strong="H3588" must |strong="H1571" be |strong="H1571" punished.

If |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" worshiped them |strong="H1931", I |strong="H3588" would have |strong="H1571" been unfaithful to |strong="H1571" God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful.

29 " I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0518" never |strong="H0518" been happy |strong="H8055" when |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H8130" were |strong="H4672" destroyed.

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0518" never |strong="H0518" laughed at |strong="H4672" my |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H8130"

II HIS MAJESTY ... ME Or "I could not stand before his majesty."



when **bad** things happened **to** them **them**.

<sup>30</sup> I **have** **never** **let** **my** **mouth** **sin** **by** **cursing** **my** **enemies**

and **wishing for** them **to** die.

<sup>31</sup> The **people** **in** **my** **house** know that **that**

I **have** **never** **let** anyone go hungry.

<sup>32</sup> I **always** invited **strangers** **into** **my** **home**

so **that** **they** **have** **to** **sleep** **in** **the** **streets**

<sup>33</sup> I **have** **not** **tried to** **hide** **my** **sins** **as** some **people** **do**

I **have** **never** **hidden** **my** **guilt**

<sup>34</sup> I **was** **never** **so** **afraid** **of** **what** **people** **might say** **or** **of** **making** **enemies**

that **I** **kept** **my** **sins** **secret** **and** **avoided** **going** **out**

<sup>35</sup> "How **I** **wish** **would** **to** **me** **!**

I **will** **sign** **to** **all** **I** **have** **said**

Now **let** **God** **answer** **me**

Let **him** **make** **a** **list** **of** **what** **he** **thinks** **I** **did** **wrong**.

<sup>36</sup> I **would wear** **it** **around** **my** **neck**.

I **would put** **it** **on** **my** **head** **like** **a** **crown**

<sup>37</sup> Then **I** **could explain** **everything** **I** **have** **done**.

I **could come** **to** **God** **with** **my** **head** **held high** **like** **a** **prince**

<sup>38</sup> "I **did not** **use** **my** **land** **in** **any** **wrong** **way**

I **never** **caused** **it** **to** **suffer**.

<sup>39</sup> I **always** paid **the** **workers** **for** **the** **food** **I** **got from** **the** **land**

I **never** **let** **any** **of** **them** **starve**.

<sup>40</sup> If I **ever did any** **of** **these bad things** **let** **thorns** **and** **weeds** **grow** **in** **my** **fields** **instead** **of** **wheat** **and** **barley**

Job's **words** **are** **finished**

### Elihu Adds to the Argument

<sup>32</sup> Then **Job's** **three** **friends** **gave** **up** **trying to** **answer** **him** **because** **he** **was** **so** **sure** **that** **he** **was** **innocent**. <sup>2</sup> **But** **there was** **a** **young** **man** **there** **named** **Elihu** **son** **of** **Barakel**. **He** **was** **a** **descendant** **of** **a** **man** **named** **Buz**. **Elihu** **was** **from** **the** **family** **of**

Ram |strong="H7410". He |strong="H0430" became |strong="H2734" very |strong="H2734" angry |strong="H2734" because |strong="H5921" Job |strong="H0347" kept saying he |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0430" innocent |strong="H6663"—that |strong="H5315" he |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0430" right |strong="H6663" and |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0430" wrong. <sup>3</sup> Elihu was |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H5921" Job's |strong="H0347" three |strong="H7969" friends |strong="H7453" because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" could not |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H4617" him |strong="H5921", and |strong="H0639" yet |strong="H4672" they |strong="H0834" still considered him |strong="H5921" guilty |strong="H7561" of |strong="H5921" doing wrong. <sup>4</sup> Elihu |strong="H0453" was |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" youngest one |strong="H4480" there |strong="H1992", so |strong="H4480" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" waited |strong="H2442" until everyone finished talking. <sup>5</sup> But |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" Job's three |strong="H7969" friends had |strong="H0369" nothing |strong="H0369" more |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" say |strong="H6310", his |strong="H0376" anger |strong="H0639" forced him |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0369" speak |strong="H6310". <sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3651" here's what |strong="H1843" Elihu |strong="H0453" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Barakel the |strong="H0853" Buzite |strong="H0940" said |strong="H0559":  
 " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" only a |strong="H5921" young |strong="H1121" man |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3117" older.

That |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" why |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H3117" afraid |strong="H3372" to |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" what |strong="H1843" I |strong="H0589" think |strong="H1843".

<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H3117" thought |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" myself |strong="H3045", 'Older people |strong="H1696" should |strong="H0559" speak |strong="H1696" first |strong="H3117'.

They |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3045" lived many |strong="H7230" years |strong="H8141", so |strong="H1696" they |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3045" learned |strong="H3045" many |strong="H7230" things.'

<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H0403" it |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H0995" spir-

it |strong="H7307" in |strong="H7307" people |strong="H0582", the |strong="H0995" breath |strong="H7307" from |strong="H7307" God All-Powerful,

that |strong="H1931" makes them |strong="H1931" understand |strong="H0995".

<sup>9</sup> Old |strong="H2205" men |strong="H2205" are |strong="H4941" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3808" only wise |strong="H2449" people |strong="H3808".

They |strong="H3808" are |strong="H4941" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3808" only ones |strong="H4941" who |strong="H3808" understand |strong="H0995" what |strong="H4941" is |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941".

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H3651" please |strong="H0805" listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0589",

and |strong="H0805" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3651" what |strong="H1843" I |strong="H0589" think |strong="H1843".

<sup>11</sup> I |strong="H2005" waited |strong="H3176" patiently while |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5704" men talked.

I |strong="H2005" listened |strong="H0238" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" answers you |strong="H5704" gave as |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5704" searched |strong="H2713" for |strong="H3176" the |strong="H5704" right words |strong="H1697".

<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H5704" listened carefully |strong="H0995" to |strong="H5704" what you |strong="H5704" said |strong="H6030".

Not |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" of |strong="H4480" you |strong="H5704" proved Job |strong="H0347" wrong.

Not |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" of |strong="H4480" you |strong="H5704" answered |strong="H6030" his |strong="H4480" arguments |strong="H0561".

<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H3808" men |strong="H0376" cannot |strong="H3808" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0376" found |strong="H4672" wisdom |strong="H2451".

The |strong="H0559" answer |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Job's arguments must |strong="H3808" come |strong="H4672" from |strong="H0376" God |strong="H0410", not |strong="H3808" people |strong="H0376".

<sup>14</sup> Job |strong="H3808" was |strong="H3808" arguing with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7725", not |strong="H3808" me |strong="H0413",

so |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" use your |strong="H7725" arguments |strong="H0561"

to|strong="H0413" answer|strong="H7725" him|strong="H0413".

<sup>15</sup> " Job|strong="H3808", these|strong="H1992" men lost the|strong="H3808" argument.

They|strong="H1992" don't|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3808" anything|strong="H1992" more|strong="H5750" to|strong="H3808" say|strong="H4405".

They|strong="H1992" don't|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3808" any|strong="H5750" more|strong="H5750" answers|strong="H6030".

<sup>16</sup> I|strong="H3588" waited|strong="H3176" for|strong="H3588" them|strong="H5975" to|strong="H1696" answer|strong="H6030" you|strong="H3588".

But|strong="H3588" now|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3808" quiet.

They|strong="H3588" stand|strong="H5975" there|strong="H5975" with|strong="H1696" nothing|strong="H3808" more|strong="H5750" to|strong="H1696" say|strong="H1696".

<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H0589" now|strong="H0589" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0589" give|strong="H6030" you|strong="H0637" my|strong="H0637" answer|strong="H6030".

Yes|strong="H0637", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0589" tell you|strong="H0637" what|strong="H1843" I|strong="H0589" think|strong="H1843".

<sup>18</sup> I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3588" so|strong="H3588" much to|strong="H7307" say|strong="H4405"

that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" cannot hold it|strong="H3588" in|strong="H7307".

<sup>19</sup> I|strong="H2009" feel like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" jar of|strong="H3808" wine|strong="H3196" that|strong="H3808" has|strong="H2009" never|strong="H3808" been|strong="H3808" opened|strong="H6605".

I|strong="H2009" am like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" new|strong="H2319" wineskin ready to|strong="H3808" burst|strong="H1234".

<sup>20</sup> I must speak|strong="H1696" so|strong="H1696" that|strong="H6030" I will|strong="H8193" feel better.

I must answer|strong="H6030" your|strong="H1696" arguments.

<sup>21</sup> I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" treat you|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" same as|strong="H0376" I|strong="H3808" would|strong="H0376" treat anyone|strong="H0376" else|strong="H3808".

I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" praise you|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0413" win your|strong="H6440" favor|strong="H6440".

<sup>22</sup> I|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" treat|strong="H6213" one|strong="H3808" per-

son|strong="H3045" better than|strong="H3808" another|strong="H3808".

If|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" did|strong="H6213", God|strong="H3808" my|strong="H3045" Maker would|strong="H6213" punish me|strong="H3808"!

**33** " Now|strong="H4994", Job|strong="H0347", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" me|strong="H4994".

Listen|strong="H8085" carefully|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" what|strong="H1697" I|strong="H1697" say|strong="H4405".

<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H2009" am ready to|strong="H1696" speak|strong="H1696".

<sup>3</sup> My|strong="H1847" heart|strong="H3820" is|strong="H3820" honest|strong="H3476", so my|strong="H1847" words|strong="H0561" are|strong="H8193" sincere|strong="H3476".

I|strong="H3820" will|strong="H3820" speak|strong="H8193" the|strong="H1847" truth|strong="H1847" about what|strong="H1847" I|strong="H3820" know|strong="H1847".

<sup>4</sup> God's|strong="H0410" Spirit|strong="H7307" made|strong="H6213" me|strong="H2421".

My life|strong="H2421" comes from|strong="H7307" God|strong="H0410" All-Powerful.

<sup>5</sup> Listen to|strong="H7725" me|strong="H6440" and|strong="H7725" answer|strong="H7725" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" can|strong="H3201".

Get|strong="H7725" your|strong="H7725" arguments ready to|strong="H7725" face|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440".

<sup>6</sup> You|strong="H6310" and|strong="H6310" I|strong="H0589" are|strong="H6310" the|strong="H0589" same before God|strong="H0410".

He|strong="H2005" used clay to|strong="H6310" make us both|strong="H1571".

<sup>7</sup> Don't|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" afraid of|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H2009" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" hard on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921".

<sup>8</sup> " But|strong="H0389", Job, I|strong="H0559" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H6963" you|strong="H0389" said|strong="H0559".

These were|strong="H4405" your|strong="H8085" very words|strong="H4405".

<sup>9</sup> I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" pure|strong="H2134" and|strong="H5771" innocent|strong="H2643";

I|strong="H0589" did|strong="H3808" nothing|strong="H3808" wrong|strong="H5771"; I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" not|strong="H3808" guilty|strong="H5771"!

10 But *God found* an excuse to attack me.

He treats me like an enemy.

11 He put chains on my feet

and watches everything I do.

12 "But you are wrong about this, and I will prove it to you."

God knows more than any of us.<sup>1</sup>

13 You are arguing with God!

Why do you think he should explain everything to you?

14 But maybe God does he

but speaks in ways that people don't understand.

15 He may speak in a dream, or in a vision at night,

when people are asleep lying in their beds.

16 He may whisper something in their ear,

and they are frightened when they hear his warnings.

17 God warns people to stop

them from doing wrong

and keep them from becoming proud.

18 He does this to save them death.

He wants to keep them from being destroyed.

19 "Or those who are sick in bed might suffer punishment from God.

The pain that makes their bones ache might be a warning from him.

20 They feel so bad they cannot eat.

Even the best food makes them sick.

21 Their bodies might waste away until they thin

and their bones stick out.

22 They might be close to death,

their lives about to end.

23 But maybe one of God's thousands of angels

is watching over them,

to speak for them and tell them the good things they have done.

24 Maybe the angel will be kind and say to God,

"Save this one from the place of death!"

1 God ... ANY OF US Or "God is much greater than anyone."

II DEATH Literally, "the Pit," the place where people go when they die. Also in verse 22.

I |strong="H0559" have |strong="H4672" found |strong="H4672" a |strong="H4672" way to |strong="H0559" pay for |strong="H0559" his |strong="H4672" life.'

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="H7725" that |strong="H3117" person's body |strong="H1320" will |strong="H1320" become |strong="H7375" young |strong="H3117" and |strong="H7725" strong again |strong="H7725".

He |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1320" be |strong="H7725" as |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" was |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" was |strong="H3117" young |strong="H3117".

<sup>26</sup> He |strong="H7725" will |strong="H6666" pray |strong="H6279" and |strong="H7725" God |strong="H0433" will |strong="H6666" answer |strong="H7725".

He |strong="H7725" will |strong="H6666" worship God |strong="H0433" and |strong="H7725" shout |strong="H8643" with |strong="H0413" joy |strong="H8643".

He |strong="H7725" will |strong="H6666" again |strong="H7725" stand as |strong="H6440" right |strong="H6666" before |strong="H6440" God |strong="H0433".

<sup>27</sup> He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0376" tell |strong="H0559" everyone |strong="H0376", ' I |strong="H0559" sinned |strong="H2398".

I |strong="H0559" changed good in- to |strong="H5921" bad,

but |strong="H3808" God |strong="H0559" didn't |strong="H3808" give me |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" punishment I |strong="H0559" deserved!

<sup>28</sup> God saved me |strong="H5315" from |strong="H5315" going down to |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" place of |strong="H5315" death |strong="H7845".

Now I |strong="H5315" can |strong="H7200" en- joy |strong="H7200" life |strong="H5315" again.'

<sup>29</sup> " God |strong="H0410" does |strong="H6466" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" for |strong="H3605" peo- ple |strong="H1397" again and |strong="H3605" again.

<sup>30</sup> He |strong="H4480" wants them |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" be |strong="H5315" saved from |strong="H4480" death |strong="H7845" so |strong="H4480" that |strong="H4480" they |strong="H5315" can enjoy life |strong="H5315".

<sup>31</sup> " Job |strong="H0347", pay |strong="H7181" atten- tion |strong="H7181" and |strong="H8085" lis- ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1696" me |strong="H1696".

Be quiet and |strong="H8085" let me |strong="H1696" talk |strong="H1696".

<sup>32</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3426" an |strong="H3588" answer |strong="H7725",

go |strong="H7725" ahead and |strong="H7725" speak |strong="H1696".

Tell |strong="H1696" me |strong="H7725" your |strong="H7725" argument.

I |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3426" be |strong="H7725" happy to |strong="H1696" know that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3426" innocent |strong="H6663"!

<sup>33</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0369" noth- ing |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" say, then |strong="H0859" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0369" me |strong="H0859".

Be |strong="H0369" quiet, and |strong="H8085" I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0369" teach |strong="H0502" you |strong="H0859" wis- dom |strong="H2451".

**34** Then |strong="H6030" Elihu |strong="H0453" continued |strong="H0559"

his |strong="H0559" speech:

<sup>2</sup> " Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" what |strong="H4405" I |strong="H3045" say |strong="H4405", you |strong="H3045" wise |strong="H2450" men |strong="H2450".

Pay |strong="H8085" attention |strong="H8085", you |strong="H3045" who |strong="H2450" know |strong="H3045" so |strong="H8085" much.

<sup>3</sup> Your |strong="H3588" tongue tastes |strong="H2938" the |strong="H3588" food |strong="H0398" it |strong="H3588" touches, and |strong="H0398" your |strong="H3588" ear |strong="H0241" tests |strong="H0974" the |strong="H3588" words |strong="H4405" it |strong="H3588" hears.

<sup>4</sup> So let us |strong="H3045" test these arguments and |strong="H4941" decide |strong="H4941" for |strong="H4941" ourselves |strong="H0996" what |strong="H4100" is |strong="H4100" right |strong="H4941".

Together we will |strong="H4100" learn |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4100" is |strong="H4100" good |strong="H2896".

<sup>5</sup> Job |strong="H0347" says |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H3588" am innocent |strong="H6663", and |strong="H4941" God |strong="H0410" is |strong="H0410" not |strong="H3588" being fair to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H3588".

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H5921" am right |strong="H4941", but |strong="H5921" I |strong="H5921" am judged |strong="H4941" to |strong="H5921" be a |strong="H5921" liar |strong="H3576".

I |strong="H5921" have |strong="H5921" done no |strong="H1097" wrong, but |strong="H5921" I |strong="H5921" am badly hurt.'

<sup>7</sup> " Would |strong="H4310" anyone but |strong="H4325" Job |strong="H0347" say such things?

He |strong="H8354" has |strong="H4310" more  
thirst for |strong="H4325" insulting God than  
for |strong="H4325" water |strong="H4325".

<sup>8</sup> He |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0376"  
a |strong="H0376" friend |strong="H0376"  
of |strong="H0376" evil |strong="H0205" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376".

He |strong="H0376" likes to |strong="H0376" spend  
time with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H5973"  
wicked |strong="H0205".

<sup>9</sup> I |strong="H3588" know this |strong="H3588" be-  
cause |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588"  
says |strong="H0559",

' You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" gain  
nothing |strong="H3808" if |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H3588" try to |strong="H0559"  
please |strong="H7521" God |strong="H0430".'

<sup>10</sup> " You |strong="H3651" men |strong="H0376"  
can |strong="H0376" understand |strong="H8085",  
so |strong="H3651" listen |strong="H8085"  
to |strong="H8085" me |strong="H2486".

God |strong="H0410" would |strong="H0376" never  
do |strong="H8085" what |strong="H3651"  
is |strong="H0376" evil |strong="H7562".

God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful  
would |strong="H0376" never do |strong="H8085"  
wrong |strong="H5766".

<sup>11</sup> He |strong="H3588" pays |strong="H7999"  
us |strong="H3588" back |strong="H7999"  
for |strong="H3588" what |strong="H6467"  
we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0376"  
done |strong="H6467".

He |strong="H3588" gives us |strong="H3588"  
what |strong="H6467" we |strong="H3588" de-  
serve |strong="H0376".

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H3808" truth |strong="H0551"  
is |strong="H0410" that |strong="H3808"  
God |strong="H0410" does |strong="H3808"  
no |strong="H3808" wrong.

God |strong="H0410" All-Powerful  
is |strong="H0410" always fair.

<sup>13</sup> No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3605" chose  
God to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H0776"  
in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921"  
of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605"  
earth |strong="H0776".

No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3605"  
gave |strong="H7760" him |strong="H5921" responsi-  
bility |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605"  
world |strong="H8398".

<sup>14</sup> If |strong="H0518" God |strong="H0413" decided  
to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H7760"  
away |strong="H0622" his |strong="H7760" spir-  
it |strong="H7307"

and |strong="H3820" the |strong="H0413"  
breath |strong="H7307" of |strong="H7307"

life |strong="H5397" he |strong="H0518"  
gave |strong="H7760" us |strong="H0413",  
<sup>15</sup> then |strong="H7725" everything |strong="H3605"  
on |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H6083"  
would |strong="H3605" die |strong="H1478".

We |strong="H3605" would |strong="H3605"  
all |strong="H3605" become |strong="H7725"  
dust |strong="H6083" again |strong="H7725".

<sup>16</sup> " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" men are  
wise |strong="H0998",

you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0518" lis-  
ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085"  
what |strong="H6963" I |strong="H0518"  
say |strong="H6963".

<sup>17</sup> Can |strong="H0518" someone  
be |strong="H6662" a |strong="H0518" ruler  
if |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0518"  
hates |strong="H8130" justice |strong="H4941"?

Job, God is |strong="H6662" not |strong="H0518"  
only |strong="H0518" powerful, but |strong="H0518"  
he |strong="H0518" is |strong="H6662" fair.

Do |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518"  
think |strong="H8130" you |strong="H0518"  
can |strong="H0518" judge |strong="H4941"  
him |strong="H8130" guilty |strong="H7561"?

<sup>18</sup> God |strong="H0559" is |strong="H7563"  
the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H1100"  
who |strong="H4428" says |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" kings |strong="H4428", '   
You |strong="H0413" are |strong="H7563" worth-  
less |strong="H1100".

He |strong="H0559" says |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" leaders, ' You |strong="H0413"  
are |strong="H7563" evil |strong="H7563".

<sup>19</sup> He |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" respect |strong="H6440" lead-  
ers |strong="H8269" more |strong="H3808"  
than |strong="H3808" other |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834".

And |strong="H3027" he |strong="H0834"  
does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" re-  
spect |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" rich  
more |strong="H3808" than |strong="H3808"  
the |strong="H3605" poor |strong="H1800".

God |strong="H3808" made |strong="H4639" every-  
one |strong="H3605".

<sup>20</sup> Any |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3027"  
us |strong="H5971" can |strong="H3808"  
die |strong="H4191" suddenly |strong="H7281",  
in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H5493" middle  
of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5493"  
night |strong="H3915".

Anyone can |strong="H3808" get |strong="H5493"  
sick and |strong="H3027" pass |strong="H5674"  
away |strong="H5493".

Even |strong="H3808" powerful peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" die |strong="H4191"

for |strong="H3027" no |strong="H3808" reason we |strong="H4191" can |strong="H3808" see.

<sup>21</sup> "God watches |strong="H7200" what |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376" do |strong="H3605".

He |strong="H3588" sees |strong="H7200" every |strong="H3605" step they |strong="H3588" take |strong="H7200".

<sup>22</sup> There |strong="H8033" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" place |strong="H8033" dark |strong="H2822" enough

for |strong="H8033" evil |strong="H0205" people to |strong="H0369" hide |strong="H5641" from |strong="H8033" God |strong="H0369".

<sup>23</sup> God |strong="H0410" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" need |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" set |strong="H7760" a |strong="H3588" time |strong="H5750"

for |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H1980" before |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1980" be |strong="H5750" judged |strong="H4941".

<sup>24</sup> He |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0312" ask questions when |strong="H5975" people |strong="H3808" do wrong |strong="H7489",

even |strong="H3808" if they |strong="H3808" are |strong="H3808" powerful leaders.

He |strong="H3808" simply destroys them |strong="H5975"

and |strong="H5975" chooses others |strong="H0312" to |strong="H0312" take |strong="H5975" their |strong="H8478" place |strong="H8478".

<sup>25</sup> When he |strong="H3651" learns what |strong="H3651" people have done,

he |strong="H3651" defeats them |strong="H5234", and |strong="H3915" overnight |strong="H3915" they |strong="H3651" are gone.

<sup>26</sup> He |strong="H7200" will |strong="H7563" punish them |strong="H7200" for |strong="H8478" the |strong="H7200" evil |strong="H7563" they |strong="H8478" have |strong="H7200" done,

and |strong="H7200" he |strong="H7200" will |strong="H7563" do it |strong="H7200" where |strong="H4725" everyone can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200".

<sup>27</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H5493" this |strong="H3651" because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" rebelled against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921"

and |strong="H1870" ignored what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" wanted.

<sup>28</sup> They |strong="H5921" hurt the |strong="H5921" poor |strong="H6041" and |strong="H0935" made |strong="H8085" them |strong="H5921"

cry |strong="H6818" to |strong="H0935" God for |strong="H5921" help.

And |strong="H0935" he |strong="H5921" hears |strong="H8085" their |strong="H5921" cry |strong="H6818"!

<sup>29</sup> But |strong="H5921" if |strong="H1931" God decides not to |strong="H5921" help them |strong="H5921",

no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H0120" can |strong="H4310" judge him |strong="H5921" guilty |strong="H7561".

If |strong="H1931" he |strong="H1931" hides |strong="H5641" himself |strong="H1931", no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H0120" can |strong="H4310" find him |strong="H5921".

He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H6440" ruler over |strong="H5921" every |strong="H1471" person |strong="H0120" and |strong="H0120" nation |strong="H1471".

<sup>30</sup> He |strong="H0120" keeps the |strong="H5971" wicked from |strong="H0120" ruling

so that they |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0120" not bring harm to |strong="H0120" the |strong="H5971" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>31</sup> "A |strong="H3588" person |strong="H0413" should |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0410",

' I |strong="H3588" am guilty; I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" sin anymore.

<sup>32</sup> Show me |strong="H3254" the |strong="H0518" sins I |strong="H0518" am not |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H3254" see |strong="H2372".

If |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0859" done |strong="H6466" wrong |strong="H5766", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6466" it |strong="H0518" again |strong="H3254".

<sup>33</sup> Job |strong="H3808", you |strong="H0859" want God |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1696" reward |strong="H7999" you |strong="H0859",

but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1696" change.

It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4100" your |strong="H3045" decision, not |strong="H3808" mine |strong="H5973".

Tell |strong="H1696" me |strong="H0589" what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" think.

<sup>34</sup> A |strong="H8085" wise |strong="H2450" person |strong="H0376" would |strong="H0559" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H3824".

A |strong="H8085" wise |strong="H2450" person |strong="H0376" would |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559",

<sup>35</sup> ' Job |strong="H0347" talks like |strong="H3808" an ignorant person |strong="H1696".

What **he** doesn't make sense!

<sup>36</sup> I think Job should be punished even **more**;

because **he** answers like **someone** who **is** evil!

<sup>37</sup> He adds rebellion **to** his **other sins**.

He sits there insulting us **and** arguing with **God**!

**35** Elihu continued talking

**and** said,

<sup>2</sup> "Job, it is **not** fair for **you** to say,

'I am **more** right than **God**;

<sup>3</sup> because **you** also **ask** him,

'What's **the** use of **trying** to please **you**?

What **good** will **it** do **if** I don't sin?

<sup>4</sup> "Job, I want to answer **and** your friends **here** with **you**.

<sup>5</sup> Look up at the sky.

Look at the clouds, which are **so** much higher **than** you.

<sup>6</sup> If **you** sin does **not** hurt God.

Even **if** your sins are **too** many to count, that **does** nothing to **God**.

<sup>7</sup> And **if** you are good, that **does** not help God.

He gets nothing from **you**.

<sup>8</sup> Job, the bad things you do affect only other people like yourself.

<sup>9</sup> "If people are being hurt, they cry out

**and** beg for protection from those who hurt them.

<sup>10</sup> But **they** forget to say, 'Where **is** God, the one made **me**?

He **is** the one who gives us songs to sing in the night.

<sup>11</sup> He **is** the one who makes us smarter than any animal on earth

**and** wiser than any bird.

<sup>12</sup> Or **if** evil people ask God for help, he will answer them, because **they** are proud.

<sup>13</sup> God will not listen to their worthless begging.

God All-Powerful will not pay attention to them.

<sup>14</sup> So **Job**, God will not listen to **you**.



when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7789" him |strong="H6440".

You |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0637" waiting for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H6440" chance to |strong="H0559" meet |strong="H6440" with |strong="H6440" him |strong="H6440"

and |strong="H6440" prove that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0637" innocent.

<sup>15</sup> " Job |strong="H3808" thinks that |strong="H3588" God |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" punish |strong="H6485" evil

and |strong="H0639" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" pays no |strong="H3808" attention |strong="H3045" to |strong="H0369" sin.

<sup>16</sup> So |strong="H1097" he |strong="H6310" continues his |strong="H0347" worthless |strong="H1892" talking |strong="H4405".

Everything he |strong="H6310" has |strong="H6310" said |strong="H6310" shows he |strong="H6310" does not know |strong="H1847" what |strong="H6310" he |strong="H6310" is |strong="H6310" talking |strong="H4405" about |strong="H1097".

**36** Elihu |strong="H0453" continued |strong="H0559" talking and |strong="H3254" said |strong="H0559",  
<sup>2</sup> " Be |strong="H5750" patient with |strong="H3803" me |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" little |strong="H2191" longer |strong="H5750".

God |strong="H0433" has |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" few more |strong="H5750" words |strong="H4405" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" wants me |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5750" say |strong="H4405".

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" share |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" knowledge |strong="H1843" with |strong="H5375" everyone.

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" prove that |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" Maker |strong="H6466" is |strong="H6664" right |strong="H6664".

<sup>4</sup> Job |strong="H3808", I |strong="H3588" am telling the |strong="H3588" truth |strong="H0551".

I |strong="H3588" know what |strong="H4405" I |strong="H3588" am talking |strong="H4405" about.

<sup>5</sup> " God |strong="H0410" is |strong="H3820" very powerful, but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" hate people |strong="H3808".

He |strong="H3808" is |strong="H3820" very powerful, but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" is |strong="H3820" also |strong="H3820" very wise.

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3808" will |strong="H7563" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" evil |strong="H7563" people |strong="H3808" live |strong="H2421".

He |strong="H3808" brings |strong="H5414" justice |strong="H4941" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" poor |strong="H6041".

<sup>7</sup> He |strong="H3808" watches over |strong="H5869" those who |strong="H3427" live |strong="H3427" right |strong="H6662".

He |strong="H3808" lets them |strong="H0854" rule |strong="H4428" in |strong="H3427" high |strong="H1361" places.

<sup>8</sup> So if |strong="H0518" people |strong="H0518" are punished,

if |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" are tied |strong="H0631" with |strong="H0518" chains and |strong="H0631" ropes |strong="H2256", they |strong="H0518" did something wrong.

<sup>9</sup> And |strong="H5046" God will tell |strong="H5046" them |strong="H1992" what |strong="H6467" they |strong="H1992" did,

that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" sinned and |strong="H5046" were |strong="H1992" proud.

<sup>10</sup> He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0241" force them |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" listen |strong="H0241" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H7725" warning |strong="H0559".

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0241" command |strong="H0559" them |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" stop sinning.

<sup>11</sup> If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" serve |strong="H5647" and |strong="H3117" obey |strong="H8085" him |strong="H5647", he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3117" make |strong="H8085" them |strong="H3615" successful

and |strong="H3117" they |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3117" live |strong="H3117" a |strong="H0518" happy |strong="H2896" life |strong="H3117".

<sup>12</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H8085" obey |strong="H8085" him |strong="H8085", they |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" destroyed.

They |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" die |strong="H1478" like |strong="H3808" fools.

<sup>13</sup> " People |strong="H3808" who |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" care about God |strong="H3808" are |strong="H3820" always bitter.

Even |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" punishes them |strong="H7760", they |strong="H3588" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3820" pray to |strong="H3820" him |strong="H7760" for |strong="H3588" help |strong="H7768".

<sup>14</sup> They |strong="H5315" will |strong="H5315" die |strong="H4191" while |strong="H5315" they |strong="H5315" are |strong="H5315" still young,

like|strong="H4191" the|strong="H4191"  
male|strong="H6945" prostitutes|strong="H6945".  
15 God saves those who|strong="H6041" suffer  
by|strong="H6040" using their|strong="H1540" suf-  
fering|strong="H6040".

He uses their|strong="H1540" troubles  
to|strong="H1540" speak in|strong="H6041"  
a|strong="H1540" way that makes  
them|strong="H1540" listen|strong="H0241".

16 " In|strong="H3808" fact, God|strong="H3808"  
wants to|strong="H6310" help you|strong="H3808"  
out of|strong="H8478" your|strong="H3808" trou-  
bles.

He|strong="H3808" wants to|strong="H6310" take  
away your|strong="H3808" burdens  
that|strong="H3808" are|strong="H6310" crushing  
you|strong="H3808".

He|strong="H3808" wants to|strong="H6310" load  
your|strong="H3808" table|strong="H7979"  
with|strong="H4390" plenty of|strong="H8478"  
food|strong="H1880".

17 But|strong="H7563" you are|strong="H7563"  
full|strong="H4390" of|strong="H4390" this talk  
about guilt, judgment|strong="H4941",  
and|strong="H4941" justice|strong="H4941".

18 Job, don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408"  
your|strong="H5186" anger|strong="H2534" fill  
you|strong="H3588" with|strong="H2534" doubt  
about God.

And|strong="H2534" don't|strong="H0408"  
let|strong="H0408" the|strong="H3588"  
price|strong="H3724" of|strong="H2534" forgiveness  
turn|strong="H5186" you|strong="H3588"  
away|strong="H5186".

19 Do|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" think  
your|strong="H3605" wealth|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H3808" keep you|strong="H3605"  
out|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" trouble?

Will|strong="H3808" your|strong="H3605" great  
strength|strong="H3581" be|strong="H3808"  
of|strong="H3605" any|strong="H3605"  
help|strong="H7769" to|strong="H3808"  
you|strong="H3605" now?

20 Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408"  
like|strong="H5927" those who wish darkness would  
come|strong="H5927" and|strong="H3915" hide  
them|strong="H8478".

They|strong="H5971" try to|strong="H5927" disap-  
pear into|strong="H3915" the|strong="H8478"  
night|strong="H3915".<sup>I</sup>

21 Job|strong="H8104", don't|strong="H0408"  
let|strong="H0408" your|strong="H5921" suffer-  
ing|strong="H6040" cause you|strong="H3588"  
to|strong="H0413" choose|strong="H0977"  
evil|strong="H0205".

Be|strong="H0408" careful|strong="H8104"  
not|strong="H0408" to|strong="H0413"  
do|strong="H0408" wrong|strong="H0205".

22 " Look|strong="H2005", God's|strong="H0410"  
power|strong="H3581" makes|strong="H3581"  
him|strong="H3384" great!

He|strong="H2005" is|strong="H4310"  
the|strong="H0410" greatest teacher|strong="H3384"  
of|strong="H0410" all.

23 No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H4310"  
can|strong="H4310" tell|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H5921" what|strong="H4310"  
to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6466".

No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H4310"  
can|strong="H4310" say|strong="H0559", '  
God|strong="H0559", you|strong="H5921"  
have|strong="H5921" done|strong="H6466"  
wrong|strong="H5766".

24 Remember|strong="H2142" to|strong="H0376"  
praise|strong="H3588" him|strong="H2142"  
for|strong="H3588" what|strong="H0834"  
he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834"  
done|strong="H6467",

as|strong="H0834" many others  
have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6467"  
in|strong="H0376" song|strong="H7891".

25 Everyone|strong="H3605" can|strong="H0120"  
see|strong="H2372" what he|strong="H0120"  
has|strong="H3605" done|strong="H3605",  
even people|strong="H0120" in|strong="H0120"  
faraway countries.

26 Yes|strong="H2005", God|strong="H0410"  
is|strong="H0410" great, but|strong="H3808"  
we|strong="H2005" cannot|strong="H3808" under-  
stand|strong="H3045" his|strong="H3045" greatness.

We|strong="H2005" don't|strong="H3808"  
know|strong="H3045" how|strong="H3045" long  
he|strong="H3808" has|strong="H0410" lived.

27 "God takes up water|strong="H4325"  
from|strong="H1639" the|strong="H3588" earth  
and|strong="H4325" changes it|strong="H3588" in-  
to|strong="H4325" mist|strong="H0108"  
and|strong="H4325" rain|strong="H4306".

28 So|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834"  
clouds|strong="H7834" pour|strong="H5140"  
out|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" wa-  
ter|strong="H5140",

and|strong="H0120" the|strong="H0834"  
rain|strong="H7491" falls on|strong="H5921"  
many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H0120".

29 No|strong="H0518" one|strong="H0518"  
can|strong="H0518" understand|strong="H0995"  
how|strong="H0637" he|strong="H0518" spreads  
the|strong="H0518" clouds|strong="H5645" out  
or|strong="H0518" how|strong="H0637"  
the|strong="H0518" thunder rumbles from  
his|strong="H0518" home in|strong="H0995"  
the|strong="H0518" sky.

I The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

<sup>30</sup> Look *he* spreads *lightning* all over *the* sky and *covers* the *deepest part* of *the* ocean.

<sup>31</sup> He *uses them* to *control the* nations

and to *give* them *plenty of* food.

<sup>32</sup> He *grabs the* lightning *with* his *hands*,

and *commands* it *to* strike *where* he *wants*.

<sup>33</sup> The *thunder* warns that *a* storm is *coming*

So *even* the *cattle* know *it* is near *the*.

**37** " The *thunder* and *lightning* frighten *me*; *my* heart pounds *in* *my* chest.

<sup>2</sup> Listen *to* God's *thundering voice*!

Listen *to* the *sound* *coming* *from* his *mouth*.

<sup>3</sup> He *sends his* lightning *to* flash across *the* whole *sky*.

It *lights* up *the* earth *from* *one* *end to* *the* *other*.

<sup>4</sup> After *the* flashes of *lightning* you *can* hear *his* roaring *voice*.

He *thunders* with *his* wonderful *voice*!

And *while* his *voice* thun-

ders *the* lightning flashes continue.

<sup>5</sup> God's *thundering voice* is *amazing*!

He *does* great *things* that *we* *cannot* understand.

<sup>6</sup> He *says* to *the* snow,

'Fall on *the* earth.'

And *he* says to *the* rain,

'Pour down *on* the *earth*.'

<sup>7</sup> God *does* this *to* stop every-  
one's *work*

and *to* show *the* people *he* made *what* he *can* do.

<sup>8</sup> The *animals* run into *their* dens *and* stay *there*.

<sup>9</sup> Whirlwinds come *from* the *south*.

The *cold* winds come *from* the *north*.

<sup>10</sup> God's *breath* makes *ice* and *freezes* even large bodies of *water*.

<sup>11</sup> He *fills the* clouds *with* water and *scatters his* lightning *through* them.

<sup>12</sup> He *orders* the *clouds* to *be* blown all *around* the *earth*.

The *clouds* do *whatever* he *commands*.

<sup>13</sup> He *causes the* clouds to *punish* people *with* floods

or *to* water his earth and show his love *to*.

<sup>14</sup> "Job, stop for a minute and listen."

Think about the things God does.

<sup>15</sup> Do you know how God controls the clouds?

Do you know how he makes his lightning flash?

<sup>16</sup> Do you know how the clouds hang in the sky?

This is just one of the amazing works of the one who knows everything.

<sup>17</sup> All you know is that you sweat, your clothes stick

and all is still and quiet when the heat wave comes from the south.

<sup>18</sup> Can you help God spread out the sky

and make it shine like polished brass?

<sup>19</sup> "Job, tell us what we should say to God!"

We cannot think of what to say because of our ignorance.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>20</sup> I would not tell God that I wanted to talk to him.

I WE CANNOT ... IGNORANCE Literally, "We cannot arrange our thoughts

That would be like asking to be destroyed.

<sup>21</sup> A person cannot look at the sun.

It is too bright as it shines in the sky after the wind blows the clouds away.

<sup>22</sup> In the same way God's golden glory shines from Holy Mountain.<sup>II</sup>

He is surrounded by the brightest light.

<sup>23</sup> We have seen that God All-Powerful really is all powerful!

But he is just and never treats anyone unfairly.<sup>III</sup>

<sup>24</sup> That is why people fear and respect him.

He shows no respect for those who think they are wise.

### God Speaks to Job

**38** Then LORD spoke to Job from the whirlwind and said,

<sup>2</sup> "Who is this?"

saying these foolish things?<sup>IV</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Brace yourself and get ready to answer the ques-

II HOLY MOUNTAIN Or "the north" or "Zaphon." III BUT HE ... UNFAIRLY Or "He does not answer us when we try to sue him for justice." IV Or "Who is this person darkening advice with ignorant words." V BRACE YOURSELF Literally, "gird yourself like a man." This means "get ready for battle."

tions I will ask you.

4 "Where were you when I made the earth?"

If you are so smart, answer me.

5 And who decided how big the earth should be?

Who measured it with a measuring line?

6 What is the earth resting on?

Who put the first stone in its place?

7 When the morning stars sang together and the angels I shouted with joy?

8 "Who closed the flood gates?"

as the sea gushed from the womb?"

9 Who covered it with clouds and wrapped it in darkness?

10 I set the limits for the sea and put it behind locked gates.

11 I said to the sea, 'You can come far, but no farther.'

This is where your proud will stop.

12 "Did you ever in your life the morning to begin

or the day dawn?"

13 Did you ever tell the morning light to grab the earth and shake those who are evil out of their hiding places?

14 The morning light makes the hills and valleys easy to see.

When the daylight comes to the earth, the shapes of these places stand out like the folds of a coat.

They take shape like soft clay that is pressed with a stamp.

15 Evil people don't like the daylight.

When it shines bright, it keeps them from doing the bad things they do.

16 "Have you ever gone to the deepest parts of the sea?"

Have you ever walked on the ocean bottom?

17 Has anyone shown the gates to the world of the dead?

Have you ever seen those gates that lead to the dark place of death?

18 Do you really understand how big the earth is?

Tell me, if you know this.

19 "Where does light come from?  
Where does darkness come from?"

20 Can you take back where they belong?  
Do you know how to get there?

21 Surely you know these things,  
since you are old and wise.

You were alive when I made them, weren't you?

22 "Have you ever gone into the storerooms where I keep snow and hail?"

23 I save them there times of trouble,  
for times of war and battle.

24 Have you ever gone to the place where the sun up,  
where it makes the east wind blow all over the earth?

25 Who dug ditches in the sky for heavy rain?  
Who made a path for the thunderstorm?

26 Who makes it rain in desert places

where it makes the east wind blow all over the earth?

27 Who makes it rain in desert places

where it makes the east wind blow all over the earth?

28 Who makes it rain in desert places

where it makes the east wind blow all over the earth?

29 Who makes it rain in desert places

where it makes the east wind blow all over the earth?

where no one lives?

27 The rain gives that dry empty land all the water it needs,  
and grass begins to grow.

28 Does the rain have a father?  
Who produces the dew?

29 Does ice have a mother?  
Who gives birth to the frost?

30 That's when the water freezes as hard as a rock.

Even the deep sea freezes over!

31 "Can you tie up the Pleiades?  
Can you unfasten the belt of Orion?"

32 Can you bring out the other constellations at times?

Can you lead out the Bear with its cubs?

33 Do you know the laws that control the sky?

Can you put each star in its place above the earth?

34 "Can you shout at the clouds?"

III PLEIADES A famous group of stars. It is often called, "The Seven Sisters." IV ORION A famous group of stars. It looks like a hunter or powerful soldier. V CONSTELLATIONS Groups of stars in the night sky. Here, this probably means the twelve constellations of the Zodiac. They seem to pass through the sky so that a new constellation is in a certain part of the sky each month. VI BEAR A famous group of stars. It looks like a bear. It is often called, "the Big Dipper." Near it is a smaller constellation that looks like a small bear. It is often called, "the Little Dipper." VII CAN YOU ... EARTH Or "Can you put it in charge over the earth?"

and **command** them  
to **cover** you  
with **rain**?

**35** Can you **give a command** to **lightning**?

Will **it come** to you  
and **say**,  
'Here **we are**; what  
do you **want, sir**?

Will **it go** wherever you  
**want it to go**?

**36** "Who **makes**  
people **wise**?"

Who **puts wisdom**  
in **them**?

**37** Who **is wise**  
enough to **count**  
the **clouds**?

and **tip** them  
over to **pour**  
out **their rain**?

**38** The **rain** makes  
the **dust** become  
mud,

and **the clumps**  
of **dirt**  
**stick** together.

**39** "Do **you find**  
food **for**  
the **lions**?"

Do **you feed** their  
hungry babies?

**40** No, they **hide in**  
their **caves**

or **wait**  
in **the grass**, ready  
to **attack** their **prey**.

**41** Who **feeds**  
the **ravens** when  
their babies **cry**  
out to **God**?

and **wander**  
around **without**  
food?

**39** "Do **you know**  
the **mountain goats**  
are **born**?"

Do **you watch**  
when **the**

the **mother deer**  
gives **birth**?

**2** Do **you know**  
how **many months**  
they **must carry**  
their **babies**?

Do **you know**  
when **it is**  
the **right time**  
for **them**  
to **be born**?

**3** These animals lie down,  
they feel  
their **birth pains**,  
and **their babies**  
are **born**.

**4** Their **babies**  
grow **strong**  
in **the wild**.

Then **they leave**  
and **never come**  
back.

**5** "Who **lets**  
the **wild donkeys**  
go **free**?"

Who **untied** their  
ropes and **lets**  
them **loose**?

**6** I **let**  
the **wild donkey**  
have **the desert**  
a **home**.

I **gave**  
the **salt lands**  
to **them**  
for **a place**  
to **live**.

**7** They **are** **happy**  
to **be away**  
from **the noise**  
of **the city**.

They **never have**  
to **listen**  
their **drivers shouting**  
at **them**.

**8** They **live in**  
the **mountains**.

That **is**  
their **pasture**.

That **is** where  
they **look for**  
to **eat**.

9 "Will a wild bull agree to serve you? Will he stay in your barn at night?"

10 Will he let you put ropes on him to plow your fields?"

11 A wild bull is very strong, but can you trust him to do your work?"

12 Can you trust him to gather your grain and bring it to your place?"

13 "An ostrich gets excited and flaps its wings, but it cannot fly.

Its wings and feathers are not like the wings of a stork.

14 An ostrich lays her eggs on the ground and lets the sand keep them warm.

15 The ostrich forgets that someone might step on her eggs or that a wild animal might break them.

16 An ostrich leaves her little babies. She treats them as if they were her own.

If her babies die, she does not care that all

her work was for nothing.

17 That's because I did not give wisdom to the ostrich.

She is foolish, and I made her that way.

18 But when the ostrich gets up to run, she laughs at her horse and its rider,

because she can run faster than any horse.

19 "Did you give the horse its strength?"

Did you put the mane on its neck?"

20 Did you make it able to jump like a locust or snort so loudly that it scares people?"

21 A horse is happy to be so strong.

It scratches the ground with its foot and runs into battle.

22 It laughs at fear; nothing it is afraid of!

It does not run away from battle.

23 The soldier's quiver shakes on the horse's side.

The spear and weapons its rider carries shine in the sun.

24 The horse gets very excited and races over the ground.

When it hears the trumpet blow,

I MANE The hair on a horse's neck. II SNORT The sound a horse makes by blowing air very hard through the nose. III RACES OVER THE GROUND Literally, "swallows up the ground."



it |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" stand |strong="H0539" still |strong="H0539".

<sup>25</sup> When |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" trumpet |strong="H7782" sounds, it snorts, 'Hurray!'

It can smell |strong="H7306" the |strong="H0559" battle |strong="H4421" from |strong="H7350" far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H7350"

and |strong="H8269" hear the |strong="H0559" shouts |strong="H8643" of |strong="H8269" commanders |strong="H8269" with |strong="H4421" all the |strong="H0559" other sounds of |strong="H8269" battle |strong="H4421".

<sup>26</sup> "Did you teach the |strong="H6566" hawk |strong="H5322" how to |strong="H6566" spread |strong="H6566" its wings |strong="H3671" and |strong="H3671" fly south |strong="H8486"?"

<sup>27</sup> Are |strong="H6310" you |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" one |strong="H6310" who |strong="H3588" told |strong="H0518" the |strong="H5921" eagle |strong="H5404" to |strong="H5921" fly high |strong="H7311" into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sky?

Did you |strong="H3588" tell it |strong="H0518" to |strong="H5921" build its |strong="H5921" nest |strong="H7064" high |strong="H7311" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" mountains?

<sup>28</sup> It |strong="H5921" lives |strong="H7931" high on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" peak at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" top |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" cliff |strong="H5553".

That is its |strong="H5921" fortress.

<sup>29</sup> From |strong="H5027" there |strong="H8033" it |strong="H8033" looks |strong="H5027" far |strong="H7350" into the |strong="H8033" distance |strong="H7350",

searching for |strong="H8033" its food |strong="H0400".

<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H0834" eagles gather around dead |strong="H2491" bodies,

and |strong="H8033" their |strong="H0834" young |strong="H0667" eat the |strong="H0834" blood |strong="H1818".

**40** Then |strong="H6030" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Job |strong="H0347",

<sup>2</sup> " You |strong="H5973" wanted to |strong="H5973" argue |strong="H3198" with |strong="H5973" God |strong="H0433" All-Powerful.

You |strong="H5973" wanted to |strong="H5973" correct |strong="H3198" me |strong="H5973" and |strong="H5973" prove |strong="H3198" that |strong="H6030" I was wrong.

So |strong="H7378" give |strong="H6030" me |strong="H5973" your |strong="H7378" answer |strong="H6030"!"

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H6030" Job |strong="H0347" answered |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068":

<sup>4</sup> " I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H2005" not worthy to |strong="H7725" speak |strong="H6310"!

What |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100" I |strong="H2005" say |strong="H6310"

to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725"?"

I |strong="H2005" cannot answer |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725"!"

I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3027" put |strong="H7760" my |strong="H7760" hand |strong="H3027" over |strong="H3027" my |strong="H7760" mouth |strong="H6310".

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H0259" spoke |strong="H1696" once |strong="H0259", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0259" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" speak |strong="H1696" again |strong="H3254".

I |strong="H0259" spoke |strong="H1696" twice |strong="H8147", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0259" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" say |strong="H1696" anything |strong="H3808" more |strong="H3254".

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H6030" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Job |strong="H0347" again from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" storm |strong="H5591":

<sup>7</sup> "Brace yourself |strong="H3045"!"

and |strong="H3045" get |strong="H0247" ready to |strong="H3045" answer the |strong="H3045" questions I |strong="H3045" will |strong="H1397" ask |strong="H7592" you |strong="H3045".

<sup>8</sup> " Are |strong="H4941" you |strong="H0637" trying to |strong="H4616" show that |strong="H4616" I am unfair?

Are |strong="H4941" you |strong="H0637" trying to |strong="H4616" look innocent |strong="H6663" by |strong="H6663" saying that |strong="H4616" I am guilty |strong="H7561"?"

<sup>9</sup> Are your |strong="H0518" arms |strong="H2220" as |strong="H3644" strong |strong="H0410" as |strong="H3644" mine?

Do |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" voice |strong="H6963" like |strong="H3644" mine that |strong="H0518" is |strong="H0410" as |strong="H3644" loud as |strong="H3644" thunder |strong="H6963"?"

<sup>10</sup> If so |strong="H4994", you |strong="H3847" can |strong="H4994" be |strong="H4994" proud |strong="H1347"

and |strong="H4994" wear |strong="H3847" glory |strong="H1935" and |strong="H4994" honor |strong="H1935" like clothes |strong="H3847".

I SOUTH Or "to Teman." II EAGLE Or "vulture."

III BRACE YOURSELF Literally, "Gird yourself like a man." This means "get ready for battle."

11 If you are as powerful as God, then show your anger!

Punish those who are proud and humble them.

12 Yes, just look at the proud and make them humble.

Crush those evil people where they stand.

13 Bury them all the dirt.

Wrap their bodies up and put them in their graves.

14 If you can do any of these things even I will praise you.

And I will admit that you save yourself by your own power.

15 "Look at the behemoth. I

made the behemoth, and I made you.

He eats grass like a cow.

16 But he has great strength in his body.

The muscles in his stomach are powerful.

17 His tail stands strong like cedar tree.

His leg muscles are very strong.

18 His bones are as strong as bronze.

His legs are like iron bars.

19 The behemoth is the most amazing animal I made, but I can defeat him.

20 He eats grass that the hills where wild animals play.

21 He lies under the lotus plants.

He hides among the reeds of the swamp.

22 The lotus plants hide him in their shade.

He lives under the willow trees that grow near the river.

23 If the river floods, the behemoth will not run away.

He is not afraid if the Jordan River splashes on his face.

24 No one can blind his eyes and capture him.

No one can catch him in a trap.

41 "Can you catch Leviathan with a fishhook?

Can you tie his tongue with a rope?

2 Can you put a rope through his nose

I BEHEMOTH This might be a hippopotamus, a rhinoceros, or possibly an elephant.

II LEVIATHAN This animal might be a crocodile or a giant sea monster.

or *hook through his jaw?*

<sup>3</sup> Will he beg you to let him go free?

Will he speak to you with gentle words?

<sup>4</sup> Will he make an agreement with you?

and promise to serve you forever?

<sup>5</sup> Will you play with Leviathan as you would play with a bird?

Will you put a rope on him so that your girls can play with him?

<sup>6</sup> Will fishermen try to buy him from you?

Will they cut him into pieces and sell him to the merchants?

<sup>7</sup> Can you throw spears into his skin or head?

<sup>8</sup> "If ever lay a hand on Leviathan, you will never do it again!

Just think about the battle that would be!

<sup>9</sup> Do you think you can defeat him?

Well, forget it! There is no hope.

Just looking at him will scare you!

<sup>10</sup> No one is brave enough to wake him up and make him angry.

"Well, no one can challenge me either!"

<sup>11</sup> I owe nothing to anyone.

Everything under heaven belongs to me.

<sup>12</sup> "I will tell you about Leviathan's legs, his strength, and his graceful shape.

<sup>13</sup> No one can pierce his skin.

It is like armor!

<sup>14</sup> No one can force him to open his jaws.

The teeth in his mouth scare people.

<sup>15</sup> His back has rows of shields tightly sealed together.

<sup>16</sup> They are so close to each other

that no air can pass between them.

<sup>17</sup> The shields are joined to each other.

They hold together so tightly that they cannot be pulled apart.

<sup>18</sup> When Leviathan sneezes, it is like lightning flashing out.

His eyes shine like the light of dawn.

<sup>19</sup> Burning torches come from his mouth.

Sparks of fire shoot out.

<sup>20</sup> Smoke pours from his nose like burning weeds under a boiling pot.

<sup>21</sup> His breath sets coals on fire, and flames shoot from his mouth.

<sup>22</sup> His neck is very powerful.

People are afraid and run away from him.

<sup>23</sup> There is no soft spot in his skin.

It is as hard as iron.

<sup>24</sup> His heart is like a rock; he has no fear.

It is as hard as a millstone.

<sup>25</sup> When he gets up, even

II Or "No one has come near to Leviathan and survived—no one under heaven!" III IT IS LIKE ARMOR Or "No one can approach him with a bridle."

I WELL, NO ONE ... EITHER Or "No one can stand and fight him."

the strongest people I are afraid.

They run away when he swings his tail.

<sup>26</sup> Swords, spears, and darts only bounce off when they hit him.

These weapons don't hurt him all!

<sup>27</sup> He breaks iron as easily as straw.

He breaks bronze like rotten wood.

<sup>28</sup> Arrows don't make him run away.

Rocks thrown at him seem as light as chaff.

<sup>29</sup> When a wood club hits him, it feels to him like a piece of straw.

He laughs when anyone throws a spear at him.

<sup>30</sup> The skin on his belly is like sharp pieces of broken pottery.

He leaves tracks in the mud like a threshing board.

<sup>31</sup> He stirs up the water like a boiling pot.

He makes it bubble like a pot of boiling oil.

<sup>32</sup> When he swims, he leaves a sparkling path behind him.

He stirs up the water and makes it white with foam.

<sup>33</sup> No animal on earth is like him.

He is an animal made without fear.

<sup>34</sup> He looks down on the proudest of creatures.

He is king over all the wild animals."

#### Job Answers the Lord

**42** Then Job answered

the LORD:

<sup>2</sup> "I know you can do everything.

You make plans, and nothing can change or stop them.

<sup>3</sup> You asked, 'Who is ignorant person saying these foolish things?'

I talked about things I did not understand.

I talked about things I too amazing for

me to know.

<sup>4</sup> "You said to me, 'Listen, I will speak.

I will ask you questions, and you will answer me.'

<sup>5</sup> In the past I heard about you, but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

<sup>6</sup> And I am ashamed of myself.

I am so sorry.

As I sit in dust and ashes,

I promise to change my heart and my life."

#### The Lord Gives Job's Wealth Back

<sup>7</sup> After the LORD finished talking to Job, he spoke to Eliphaz from Teman. He said, "I am angry with you and your friends, because you did not tell me the truth about me, as my servant Job did." So now, Eliphaz, get seven bulls and seven rams.

I STRONGEST PEOPLE Or "gods." II WHO ... THINGS Or "Who is this person darkening advice with ignorant words."

III I AM ASHAMED OF MYSELF Or "I take back what I said." IV DUST AND ASHES People sat in dust and ashes to show that they were very sad about something.

Take |strong="H3947" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" my|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650" Job|strong="H0347". Kill them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H5650" offer|strong="H5927" them|strong="H0413" as|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3947" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5927" for|strong="H3588" yourselves|strong="H5375". My|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650" Job|strong="H0347" will|strong="H5650" pray|strong="H6419" for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H5650" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5650" answer his|strong="H5921" prayer. Then|strong="H1696" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5650" not|strong="H3808" give|strong="H5927" you|strong="H3588" the|strong="H6440" punishment you|strong="H3588" deserve. You|strong="H3588" should|strong="H0518" be|strong="H3808" punished, because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H5650" very|strong="H6258" foolish. You|strong="H3588" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" say|strong="H1696" what|strong="H3559" is|strong="H5650" right|strong="H3559" about|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413", as|strong="H3588" my|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650" Job|strong="H0347" did|strong="H6213"."

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H6213" Eliphaz|strong="H0464" from|strong="H6440" Teman, Bildad|strong="H1085" from|strong="H6440" Shuah, and|strong="H3068" Zophar|strong="H6691" from|strong="H6440" Naamah obeyed the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" answered Job's|strong="H0347" prayer.

<sup>10</sup> Job|strong="H0347" prayed|strong="H6419" for|strong="H1157" his|strong="H3605" friends|strong="H7453", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H7725" Job|strong="H0347" successful again|strong="H3254". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H7725" him|strong="H0853" twice|strong="H4932" as|strong="H0834" much|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" before.<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" brothers|strong="H0251" and|strong="H0935" sisters|strong="H0269" and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" knew|strong="H3045" him|strong="H0413" before|strong="H6440" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004". They|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" ate|strong="H0398" a|strong="H5414" big meal|strong="H3899"

with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0413". They|strong="H0834" comforted|strong="H5162" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" were|strong="H0834" sorry|strong="H5162" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" so|strong="H5414" much|strong="H0834" trouble|strong="H7451". Each|strong="H0376" person|strong="H0376" gave|strong="H5414" Job a|strong="H5414" piece|strong="H7192" of|strong="H1004" silver and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H5414" gold|strong="H2091" ring|strong="H5141".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" blessed|strong="H1288" Job|strong="H0347" with|strong="H3068" even|strong="H0853" more than he|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" beginning|strong="H7225". Job|strong="H0347" got 14,000 sheep|strong="H6629", 6000 camels|strong="H1581", 2000 oxen|strong="H1241", and|strong="H3068" 1000 female|strong="H0860" donkeys|strong="H0860".<sup>13</sup> He|strong="H1121" also got seven|strong="H7658" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" three|strong="H7969" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>14</sup> He|strong="H0259" named|strong="H8034" the|strong="H7121" first|strong="H0259" daughter Jemimah|strong="H3224" and|strong="H8034" the|strong="H7121" second|strong="H8145" daughter Keziah|strong="H7103". He|strong="H0259" named|strong="H8034" the|strong="H7121" third|strong="H7992" daughter Keren Happuch.<sup>15</sup> Job's|strong="H0347" daughters|strong="H1323" were|strong="H1992" among|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3605" most beautiful|strong="H3303" women|strong="H0802" in|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776". And|strong="H0776", like|strong="H0776" their|strong="H3605" brothers|strong="H0251", they|strong="H1992" each|strong="H3605" got a|strong="H5414" share|strong="H5159" of|strong="H0776" their|strong="H3605" father's|strong="H0001" property|strong="H5159".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="H7200" Job|strong="H0347" lived|strong="H2421" for|strong="H8141" 140 years|strong="H8141" more. He|strong="H0310" lived|strong="H2421" to|strong="H1121" see|strong="H7200" his|strong="H7200" children|strong="H1121", his|strong="H7200" grandchildren|strong="H1121", his|strong="H7200" great-grandchildren, and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H7200" great-great-grandchildren.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>1</sup> AND ... PROPERTY Usually a person's property was divided only among the sons, but here, even Job's daughters got part of his property.

*Job* |strong="H0347" lived to |strong="H4191"  
be |strong="H4191" a |strong="H3117" very  
old |strong="H2205" man |strong="H2205" who

*had* |strong="H0347" lived a |strong="H3117" good,  
long |strong="H3117" life |strong="H3117".

# Psalm

## Book 1

(Psalms 1—41)

**1** Great blessings belong to *strong="H1980"* those *strong="H0834"* who *strong="H0834"* don't *strong="H3808"* listen to *strong="H1980"* evil *strong="H7563"* advice *strong="H6098"*, who *strong="H0834"* don't *strong="H3808"* live *strong="H3427"* like *strong="H0834"* sinners *strong="H2400"*, and *strong="H1980"* who *strong="H0834"* don't *strong="H3808"* join *strong="H5975"* those *strong="H0834"* who *strong="H0834"* make *strong="H5975"* fun of *strong="H0376"* God *strong="H3808"*.<sup>I</sup>

**2** Instead *strong="H3588"*, they *strong="H3588"* love the *strong="H3588"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* teachings *strong="H8451"* and *strong="H3068"* think about *strong="H1897"* them *strong="H3588"* day *strong="H3119"* and *strong="H3068"* night *strong="H3915"*.

**3** So *strong="H6213"* they *strong="H0834"* grow strong, like *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* tree *strong="H6086"* planted *strong="H8362"* by *strong="H5921"* a *strong="H1961"* stream *strong="H4325"*— a *strong="H1961"* tree *strong="H6086"* that *strong="H0834"* produces *strong="H5414"* fruit *strong="H6529"* when *strong="H1961"* it *strong="H5414"* should *strong="H6213"* and *strong="H6086"* has *strong="H0834"* leaves *strong="H5929"* that *strong="H0834"* never *strong="H3808"* fall *strong="H1961"*. Everything *strong="H3605"* they *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H6213"* is *strong="H0834"* successful *strong="H6743"*.

**4** But *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H0834"* wicked *strong="H7563"* are *strong="H0834"* not *strong="H3808"* like *strong="H3651"* that *strong="H0834"*. They *strong="H0834"* are *strong="H0834"* like *strong="H3651"* chaff *strong="H4671"*

<sup>I</sup> Or "The one who does not follow the advice of the wicked or turn onto Sinners Road or stay at Scoffers' House is blessed."

that *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0834"* wind *strong="H7307"* blows away *strong="H5086"*.

**5** When *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* time for *strong="H5921"* judgment *strong="H4941"* comes, the *strong="H5921"* wicked *strong="H7563"* will *strong="H6662"* be *strong="H3808"* found guilty *strong="H7563"*. Sinners *strong="H2400"* have *strong="H7563"* no *strong="H3808"* place *strong="H4941"* among *strong="H5921"* those *strong="H5921"* who *strong="H6662"* do what *strong="H4941"* is *strong="H3651"* right *strong="H4941"*.<sup>II</sup>

**6** The *strong="H3588"* LORD *strong="H3068"* shows his *strong="H3068"* people *strong="H7563"* how *strong="H3588"* to *strong="H3068"* live *strong="H1870"*, but *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H3588"* wicked *strong="H7563"* have *strong="H3045"* lost *strong="H0006"* their *strong="H3068"* way *strong="H1870"*.

**2** Why *strong="H4100"* are *strong="H4100"* the *strong="H4100"* nations *strong="H1471"* so angry? Why *strong="H4100"* are *strong="H4100"* the *strong="H4100"* people *strong="H1471"* making such foolish plans? **2** Their *strong="H3068"* kings *strong="H4428"* and *strong="H3068"* leaders join together *strong="H3162"* to *strong="H5921"* fight against *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* LORD *strong="H3068"* and *strong="H3068"* his *strong="H5921"* chosen *strong="H4899"* king *strong="H4428"*.<sup>III</sup>

**3** They say, " Let's *strong="H5423"* rebel against *strong="H4480"* them *strong="H0853"*. Let's *strong="H5423"* break *strong="H5423"* free from *strong="H4480"* them *strong="H0853"*!"

**4** But the *strong="H3427"* one who *strong="H3427"* rules in *strong="H3427"* heaven *strong="H8064"* laughs *strong="H7832"* at *strong="H3427"* them *strong="H3427"*. The *strong="H3427"* Lord *strong="H0136"* makes *strong="H3427"* fun of *strong="H3427"* them *strong="H3427"*.

<sup>II</sup> Or "The wicked will not be allowed to sit as judges nor sinners in the meeting of good people."<sup>III</sup> HIS CHOSEN KING Or "his anointed one."

<sup>5</sup> He *speaks* to them in anger, and it fills them with fear.

<sup>6</sup> He says, "I have chosen this man to be king,"

and he will rule on Zion, my holy mountain."

<sup>7</sup> Let me tell you the LORD'S agreement:

He said to me, "Today have your father, I, and you are son."

<sup>8</sup> If you ask, I will give the nations.

Everyone on earth be yours.

<sup>9</sup> You will rule over them with great power.

You will scatter your enemies like broken pieces of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> So kings and rulers be smart

and learn this lesson.

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear and trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Show that you are loyal to his son, or the Lord will be angry and destroy you.

I I HAVE BECOME YOUR FATHER Literally, "I fathered you." Originally, this probably meant God was "adopting" the king as his son. II SHOW ... HIS SON Literally, "Kiss the son."

He is almost angry enough to do now,

but those who go to him for protection will be blessed.

A song of David written during the time he was running from his son Absalom.

**3** LORD, I have so many enemies.

So many people have turned against me.

<sup>2</sup> They say to themselves, "God will not rescue him!"  
Selah

<sup>3</sup> But you, LORD, protect me.

You bring me honor; you give me hope.

<sup>4</sup> I will pray to the LORD,

and he will answer me from his holy mountain. Selah

<sup>5</sup> I can lie down to rest, that I will wake up, because the LORD covers and protects me.

<sup>6</sup> So I will not be afraid of my enemies,

even if thousands surround me.

<sup>7</sup> LORD, get up!

My God, come rescue me!

If you hit my enemies on the cheek,

III LORD, GET UP The people said this when they lifted the Box of the Agreement and took it into battle, showing that God was with them. See Num. 10:35-36.



you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" break all |strong="H5439" their |strong="H5921" teeth.

<sup>8</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" victory |strong="H3467"<sup>I</sup> is |strong="H3068" yours!

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H7563" so |strong="H6965" good |strong="H6965" to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H7563". Selah

To the director: With stringed instruments. A song of David.

**4** God, you showed that |strong="H1732" I was |strong="H1732" innocent.

You gave me relief from all my |strong="H1732" troubles.

So listen to |strong="H1732" me now when I call to |strong="H1732" you for |strong="H1732" help.

Be |strong="H1732" kind to |strong="H1732" me and |strong="H1732" hear my |strong="H1732" prayer.

<sup>2</sup> Men |strong="H7121", <sup>II</sup> how |strong="H6030" long will |strong="H0430" you |strong="H7121" try to |strong="H8085" dishonor me |strong="H7121"?

Do |strong="H8085" you |strong="H7121" enjoy wasting your |strong="H8085" time searching for |strong="H7121" new lies against me |strong="H7121"? Selah

<sup>3</sup> You |strong="H5704" can |strong="H4100" be |strong="H0376" sure that |strong="H5704" anyone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" serves the |strong="H5704" LORD faithfully is |strong="H4100" special to |strong="H5704" him |strong="H0157".

The |strong="H5704" LORD listens when |strong="H5704" I |strong="H5704" pray to |strong="H5704" him |strong="H0157".

<sup>4</sup> Tremble with |strong="H0413" fear, and |strong="H3068" stop sinning. <sup>III</sup>

Think about |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" go to |strong="H0413" bed, and |strong="H3068" calm down |strong="H7121". Selah

<sup>5</sup> Give the |strong="H0559" right sacrifices to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD, and |strong="H3824" put your |strong="H5921" trust in |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921"!

<sup>6</sup> Many people say, " I |strong="H3068" wish I |strong="H3068" could enjoy the |strong="H0413" good life.

LORD |strong="H3068", give us |strong="H0413" some of |strong="H3068" those blessings." <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H7200" you |strong="H6440" have |strong="H7200" made me |strong="H6440" happier than |strong="H2896" they |strong="H5921"

<sup>I</sup> VICTORY Or "salvation." <sup>II</sup> MEN Literally, "Sons of man." This may be a term of respect spoken to the leaders who were judging the writer of this psalm. <sup>III</sup> Or "Be angry, but don't sin." See Eph. 4:26, which is based on the ancient Greek version. <sup>IV</sup> I WISH ... BLESSINGS Or "Who will show us good. Lift up on us the light of your face, LORD."

will |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5375" be |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068" all their |strong="H3068" wine and |strong="H3068" grain.

<sup>8</sup> When |strong="H6256" I |strong="H5414" go to |strong="H5414" bed, I |strong="H5414" sleep in |strong="H5414" peace,

because, LORD, you |strong="H5414" keep me |strong="H5414" safe.

To the director: With flutes. <sup>V</sup> A song of David.

**5** LORD, listen to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1732" understand what I am trying to |strong="H0413" say.

<sup>2</sup> My |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" King, listen |strong="H0238" to |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" prayer.

<sup>3</sup> Every morning, LORD, I |strong="H3588" lay my |strong="H3588" gifts before |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588"

and |strong="H0430" look to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" help |strong="H7773".

And |strong="H0430" every morning you |strong="H3588" hear |strong="H6963" my |strong="H3588" prayers.

<sup>4</sup> God |strong="H3068", you |strong="H6963" don't want |strong="H6963" evil people |strong="H8085" near you |strong="H6963".

They |strong="H3068" cannot stay in |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" presence. <sup>VI</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Fools <sup>VII</sup> cannot |strong="H3808" come near |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859".

You |strong="H0859" hate those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H0410" do |strong="H7562" evil |strong="H7451".

<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H3605" destroy |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" tell |strong="H3605" lies.

LORD, you |strong="H3605" hate |strong="H8130" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" make secret plans to |strong="H5869" hurt others.

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H1696" by |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" great mercy |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3068" can |strong="H0376" enter your |strong="H3068" house.

I |strong="H3068" can |strong="H0376" worship in |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" holy Temple with |strong="H3068" fear and |strong="H3068" respect for |strong="H3068" you |strong="H1696".

<sup>V</sup> WITH FLUTES This might be the name of a tune instead of a type of instrument. <sup>VI</sup> Or "You are not a God who likes evil people, and they don't respect you." <sup>VII</sup> FOOLS Here, this means people who do not follow God and his wise teachings.

8 LORD |strong="H2617", show me |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0935" right way of |strong="H1004" living,

and |strong="H0935" make it |strong="H0935" easy for |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" follow.

People are |strong="H1004" looking for |strong="H0413" my |strong="H0935" weaknesses, so |strong="H0935" show me |strong="H0413" how you |strong="H0935" want me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" live.

9 My |strong="H3068" enemies never tell the |strong="H6440" truth.

They |strong="H3068" only want to |strong="H3068" destroy people.

Their |strong="H3068" words come from |strong="H6440" mouths that |strong="H4616" are |strong="H3068" like |strong="H1870" open |strong="H6440" graves.

They |strong="H3068" use their |strong="H3068" lying tongues to |strong="H3068" deceive others. <sup>I</sup>

10 Punish them |strong="H7130", God |strong="H0369"!

Let them |strong="H7130" be |strong="H0369" caught in |strong="H7130" their |strong="H3588" own traps.

They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0369" turned against you |strong="H3588",

so |strong="H3588" punish them |strong="H7130" for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3588" many crimes.

11 But |strong="H3588" let those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H0430" trust |strong="H6588" in |strong="H0430" you |strong="H3588" be |strong="H0430" happy forever.

Protect and |strong="H0430" strengthen those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H0430" love your |strong="H3588" name.

12 LORD, when |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3605" bless good people,

you |strong="H3605" surround them |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3605" love |strong="H0157", like |strong="H0157" a |strong="H5921" large shield that |strong="H3605" protects them |strong="H5921".

To the director: With stringed instruments, on the sheminith. A song of David.

6 LORD, don't punish me |strong="H5921". Don't correct me |strong="H5921" when |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" are so |strong="H5921" angry.

2 LORD |strong="H3068", be |strong="H0408" kind to |strong="H3068" me |strong="H3256".

I |strong="H3068" am |strong="H3068" sick and |strong="H3068" weak.

<sup>I</sup> THEY USE ... OTHERS Or "They say nice things to others, but only to trap them."

Heal me |strong="H3256", LORD |strong="H3068"! My |strong="H3068" bones are |strong="H3068" shaking.

3 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" trembling all over |strong="H3068".

LORD |strong="H3068", how |strong="H3588" long until you |strong="H3588" heal |strong="H7495" me |strong="H0589"? <sup>II</sup>

4 LORD |strong="H3068", come back and |strong="H3068" make me |strong="H5315" strong again.

Save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315" because you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" so |strong="H3966" loyal |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" kind.

5 If I |strong="H5315" am |strong="H3068" dead |strong="H5315", I |strong="H5315" cannot sing about |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725".

Those |strong="H5315" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" grave don't praise you |strong="H7725".

6 Lord, I |strong="H3588" am so |strong="H3588" weak.

I |strong="H3588" cried to |strong="H0369" you |strong="H3588" all night.

My |strong="H3588" pillow is |strong="H0369" soaked;

my |strong="H3588" bed is |strong="H0369" dripping wet from |strong="H7585" my |strong="H3588" tears.

7 My |strong="H3605" enemies have |strong="H3605" caused me |strong="H3605" such |strong="H3605" sorrow

that |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" eyes are |strong="H0585" worn |strong="H3021" out |strong="H3605" from |strong="H3605" crying.

8 Go away |strong="H6244", you |strong="H3605" wicked people |strong="H5869",

because |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD has |strong="H5869" heard my |strong="H3605" cries.

9 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085" my |strong="H3605" request |strong="H6963" for |strong="H3588" mercy |strong="H3068".

The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" accepted |strong="H8085" my |strong="H3605" prayer.

10 All my |strong="H8085" enemies will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" filled with |strong="H3068" fear and |strong="H3068" shame.

They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" sorry when |strong="H8085" disgrace suddenly comes upon them |strong="H3947".

A song <sup>III</sup> of David that he sang to the LORD about Cush from the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>II</sup> LORD ... HEAL ME Literally, "As for you, LORD, how long?"

7 LORD my God, I |strong="H0834" come to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" protection.

Save me |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" chasing me |strong="H5921".

2 If you |strong="H3605" don't help |strong="H3467" me |strong="H3467", I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" torn apart like |strong="H3068" an |strong="H3467" animal caught by |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" lion.

I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" carried away |strong="H5337" with |strong="H3068" no |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3068" save |strong="H3467" me |strong="H3467".

3 LORD my |strong="H5337" God |strong="H0369", I |strong="H5315" have |strong="H0369" done nothing |strong="H0369" wrong.

4 I |strong="H0518" have |strong="H3426" done |strong="H6213" nothing |strong="H0518" to |strong="H3068" hurt a |strong="H0518" friend I |strong="H0518" to |strong="H3068" help his |strong="H3068" enemies.

5 If |strong="H0518" that |strong="H0518" is |strong="H0518" not |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0518" truth, then punish me |strong="H1580".

Let an |strong="H0518" enemy |strong="H6887" chase me |strong="H1580", catch me |strong="H1580", and kill me |strong="H1580".

Let him |strong="H1580" grind me |strong="H1580" into the |strong="H0518" dirt and put me |strong="H1580" in |strong="H0518" my |strong="H0518" grave. Selah

6 LORD, get up <sup>II</sup> and |strong="H0776" show your |strong="H7291" anger!

My |strong="H7291" enemy |strong="H0341" is |strong="H0776" angry, so stand and |strong="H0776" fight against him |strong="H7291".

Get me |strong="H5315" the |strong="H0776" justice that |strong="H5315" you |strong="H0776" demand.

7 Gather the |strong="H3068" nations around you |strong="H6680",

and |strong="H6965" take |strong="H5375" your |strong="H3068" place |strong="H4941" as |strong="H3068" judge |strong="H4941".

8 LORD, judge the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3816".

LORD, judge me |strong="H7725".

III SONG Hebrew, "shiggayon

I FRIEND Or "ally."

II LORD, GET UP The people said this when they lifted the Box of the Agreement and took it into battle, showing that God was with them. See Num. 10:35-36.

Prove that |strong="H7725" I |strong="H5921" am right and |strong="H7725" that |strong="H7725" I |strong="H5921" am innocent.

9 Stop those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H3068" do evil.

Support those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H3068" do good.

God |strong="H3068", you |strong="H5921" are |strong="H3068" fair.

You |strong="H5921" know what |strong="H6664" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H3068" thinking.

10 God |strong="H0430" helps people |strong="H7563" who |strong="H0430" want to |strong="H0430" do |strong="H4994" right |strong="H6662",

so |strong="H4994" he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" protect me |strong="H4994".

11 God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" a |strong="H5921" good judge.

He |strong="H0430" always condemns evil.

12 If the wicked will not change, then God is ready to punish them. He has prepared his deadly weapons.

His sword is sharp. His bow is strung, drawn back, and ready to shoot its flaming arrow.

14 The |strong="H3559" minds of |strong="H3627" the |strong="H3559" wicked are |strong="H2671" full |strong="H3559" of |strong="H3627" evil;

they are |strong="H2671" pregnant with |strong="H3627" wicked plans, which give birth to |strong="H3559" lies.

15 They |strong="H3205" dig a |strong="H3205" pit to |strong="H3205" trap others,

but |strong="H2009" they |strong="H3205" are |strong="H5999" the |strong="H3205" ones who |strong="H3205" will |strong="H5999" fall into it |strong="H2009".

16 The |strong="H5307" trouble they cause will |strong="H5307" come |strong="H5307" back on |strong="H5307" them |strong="H5307".

They plan harm for others, but they are the |strong="H5307" ones who will |strong="H5307" be hurt.

17 I |strong="H5921" praise the |strong="H5921" LORD because |strong="H5921" he |strong="H5921" is |strong="H7218" good.

I |strong="H5921" praise the |strong="H5921" name of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H5921" LORD Most High.

To the director: With the gittith. A song of David.

8 LORD our |strong="H5921" Lord, your |strong="H5921" name is |strong="H1732" the |strong="H5921" most wonderful in |strong="H5921" all the |strong="H5921" earth!

It |strong="H5921" brings you |strong="H5921" praise everywhere in |strong="H5921" heaven.

2 From the mouths of children and babies come songs of praise to you.

They sing of your power to silence your enemies who were seeking revenge.

3 I look at the heavens you made with your hands.

I see the moon and the stars you created.

4 And I wonder, "Why are people so important to you?"

Why do you even think about them?"

Why do you care so much about humans?

Why do you even notice them?"

5 But you made them almost like gods

and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 You put them in charge of everything you made.

You put everything under their control.

7 People rule over the sheep and cattle and all the wild animals.

8 They rule over the birds in the sky

and the fish that swim in the sea.

9 LORD our Lord, your name is the most wonderful name in all the earth!

I PEOPLE ... HUMANS Literally, "man ... son of man" or "Enosh ... son of Adam." These are Hebrew ways of saying humans—descendants of Adam and Enosh.

II To the director: Use the Alamoth of Ben. III A song of David.

9 I will praise you, LORD, all my heart.

I will tell about the wonderful things you have done.

2 You make me happy, so I will rejoice in you.

God Most High, I praise your name.

3 My enemies turned to run from you,

but they fell and were destroyed.

4 You listened to me from your throne like a good judge,

and that I was right.

5 You told the nations how wrong they were.

You destroyed those evil people.

You erased their names from our memory forever and ever.

6 The enemy is finished!

You destroyed their cities.

There is nothing left to remind us of them.

7 The LORD set up his throne to bring justice,

and he will rule forever.

8 He judges everyone on earth fairly.

He judges all nations honestly.

9 Many people are suffering—  
crushed by the weight of their troubles.

II In many Hebrew copies and in the ancient Greek version, Psalms 9 and 10 are combined as one psalm. III ALAMOTH OF BEN This might be the name of a tune, "On the Death of the Son," a music style, or one of the orchestral groups in the Temple. See 1 Chron. 15:20.

But *strong="H1931" the* *strong="H8199" LORD* is *strong="H1931" a* *strong="H1931" refuge* for *strong="H1931" them* *strong="H1931"*,  
*a* *strong="H1931" safe place* they *strong="H1931"* can run to.

<sup>10</sup> LORD *strong="H3068"*, those *strong="H1961"* who *strong="H3068"* know your *strong="H3068"* name

come *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H1961"* you *strong="H1961"* for *strong="H6256"* protection.

And *strong="H3068"* when *strong="H1961"* they *strong="H3068"* come *strong="H1961"*,  
 you *strong="H1961"* do not *strong="H1961"* leave them *strong="H1961"* without help.

<sup>11</sup> Sing praises *strong="H3068"* to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3588"* LORD *strong="H3068"*,  
 who *strong="H3068"* sits as *strong="H3068"* King in *strong="H3068"* Zion. <sup>I</sup>

Tell *strong="H3045"* the *strong="H3588"* nations about *strong="H3045"* the *strong="H3588"* great things *strong="H3808"* he *strong="H3588"* has *strong="H3068"* done.

<sup>12</sup> He *strong="H3068"* punishes murderers and *strong="H3068"* remembers those who *strong="H3068"* are *strong="H3068"* in *strong="H3427"* need.

When *strong="H3068"* suffering people *strong="H5971"* cry for *strong="H3068"* help *strong="H5971"*,

he *strong="H3068"* does *strong="H3068"* not ignore them *strong="H5046"*.

<sup>13</sup> I *strong="H3588"* said this *strong="H3588"* prayer: "LORD, be *strong="H3808"* kind to *strong="H2142"* me *strong="H7911"*."

See how *strong="H3588"* my *strong="H3588"* enemies are *strong="H1818"* hurting me *strong="H7911"*.

Save me *strong="H7911"* from *strong="H0853"* the *strong="H0853"* 'gates of' *strong="H1818"* death *strong="H1818"*."

<sup>14</sup> Then *strong="H7200"*, at *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H7200"* gates *strong="H8179"* of *strong="H3068"* Jerusalem, <sup>II</sup> I *strong="H7200"* can *strong="H7200"* sing praises *strong="H3068"* to *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H7200"*."

I *strong="H7200"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* so *strong="H7200"* happy because you *strong="H7200"* saved me *strong="H8130"*."

<sup>15</sup> Those *strong="H3605"* other *strong="H3605"* nations have *strong="H3605"* fallen in-  
 to *strong="H1323"* the *strong="H3605"* pit they *strong="H5608"* dug to *strong="H4616"* catch others.

<sup>I</sup> SING ... ZION Or "Inhabitants of Zion, sing praises to the LORD." See "Zion" in the Word List. <sup>II</sup> JERUSALEM Literally, "daughter Zion." See "Zion" in the Word List.

They *strong="H5608"* have *strong="H3605"* been *strong="H3605"* caught in *strong="H8416"* their *strong="H3605"* own trap.

<sup>16</sup> The *strong="H3920"* LORD showed that *strong="H1471"* he *strong="H6213"* judges fairly.

The *strong="H3920"* wicked were *strong="H7272"* caught *strong="H3920"* by *strong="H3920"* what *strong="H6213"* they *strong="H6213"* did *strong="H6213"* to *strong="H1471"* hurt others. Higgayon <sup>III</sup> Selah

<sup>17</sup> The *strong="H3068"* wicked *strong="H7563"* will *strong="H3068"* go to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3068"* place *strong="H4941"* of *strong="H3068"* death,

as *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* all *strong="H3045"* the *strong="H3068"* nations that *strong="H3045"* forget God *strong="H3068"*.

<sup>18</sup> It *strong="H7725"* may *strong="H0430"* seem that *strong="H3605"* those *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H3605"* are *strong="H7563"* poor and *strong="H0430"* needy have *strong="H1471"* been *strong="H3605"* forgotten,

but *strong="H7563"* God *strong="H0430"* will *strong="H0430"* not forget *strong="H7913"* them *strong="H7725"*.

He *strong="H0430"* will *strong="H0430"* not leave them *strong="H7725"* without hope.

<sup>19</sup> LORD, get up <sup>IV</sup> and *strong="H0006"* judge the *strong="H3588"* nations.

Don't *strong="H3808"* let *strong="H3808"* any-one *strong="H3588"* think they *strong="H3588"* can *strong="H3808"* win against you *strong="H3588"*."

<sup>20</sup> Teach them *strong="H5921"* a *strong="H5921"* lesson, LORD *strong="H3068"*."

Let *strong="H0408"* them *strong="H5921"* know they *strong="H5921"* are *strong="H3068"* only human. Selah

<sup>10</sup> LORD *strong="H3068"*, why *strong="H4100"* do *strong="H4100"* you *strong="H4100"* stay *strong="H5975"* so *strong="H5975"* far *strong="H7350"* away *strong="H7350"*?

Why *strong="H4100"* do *strong="H4100"* you *strong="H4100"* hide *strong="H5956"* from *strong="H3068"* people in *strong="H3068"* times *strong="H6256"* of *strong="H3068"* trouble *strong="H6869"*?

<sup>2</sup> The *strong="H8610"* wicked *strong="H7563"* are *strong="H7563"* proud *strong="H1346"* and *strong="H6041"* make *strong="H2803"* evil *strong="H7563"* plans *strong="H2803"* to *strong="H2803"* hurt the *strong="H8610"* poor *strong="H6041"*,

<sup>III</sup> HIGGAYON Or "Meditation." Together with Selah

<sup>IV</sup> LORD, GET UP The people said this when they lifted the Box of the Agreement and took it into battle, showing that God was with them. See Num. 10:35-36. Also in Psalm 10:12.

who *are* *caught* *in* *their* *traps* and *made* *to* *suffer*.

<sup>3</sup> Those *greedy* *people* *brag* *about* *the* *things* *they* *want* *to* *get*.

They *curse* *the* *LORD* *and* *show* *that* *and* *hate* *him*.

<sup>4</sup> The *wicked* *are* *too* *proud* *to* *ask* *for* *help*.

He *does* *not* *fit* *into* *their* *plans*.

<sup>5</sup> They *succeed* *in* *everything* *do*.

They *don't* *understand* *how* *you* *can* *judge* *them*.

They *make* *fun* *of* *all* *their* *enemies*.

<sup>6</sup> They *say* *to* *themselves*, "Nothing *bad* *will* *ever* *happen* *to* *us*."

We *will* *have* *our* *fun* *and* *never* *be* *punished*."

<sup>7</sup> They *are* *always* *cursing*, *lying*,

*and* *planning* *evil* *things* *to* *do*.

<sup>8</sup> They *hide* *just* *outside* *the* *villages*, *waiting* *to* *kill* *innocent* *people*, *always* *looking* *for* *any* *helpless* *person* *they* *can* *hurt*.

<sup>9</sup> They *are* *like* *lions* *hiding* *in* *the* *bushes*

*to* *catch* *weak* *and* *helpless* *animals*.

They *lay* *their* *traps* *for* *the* *poor*,

who *are* *caught* *in* *their* *nets*.

<sup>10</sup> Again *and* *again* *they* *hurt* *people* *who* *are* *already* *weak* *and* *suffering*.

<sup>11</sup> They *say* *to* *themselves*, "God *has* *forgotten* *about* *us*."

He *is* *not* *watching*.

He *will* *never* *see* *what* *we* *are* *doing*."

<sup>12</sup> LORD *get* *up* *and* *do* *something*.

Punish *those* *who* *are* *wicked*, God *Don't* *forget* *those* *who* *are* *poor* *and* *helpless*.

<sup>13</sup> The *wicked* *turn* *against* *God* *because* *they* *think* *he* *will* *not* *punish* *them*.

<sup>14</sup> But *Lord*, *you* *do* *see* *the* *pain* *and* *suffering* *they* *cause*.

You *see* *it*, *so* *punish* *them*.

Those *who* *were* *left* *helpless* *put* *their* *trust* *in* *you*.

After *all*, *you* *are* *the* *one* *who* *cares* *for* *orphans*.

<sup>15</sup> Break *the* *arms* *of* *those* *who* *are* *wicked* *and* *evil*.

Punish *them* *for* *the* *evil* *they* *have* *done*, *and* *stop* *them* *from* *doing* *any* *more*.

16 LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0776" are |strong="H3068" King |strong="H4428" forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5703",

so I |strong="H3068" know you |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" remove the |strong="H3068" wicked nations |strong="H1471" from |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776".

17 LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H8085" have |strong="H3068" heard |strong="H8085" what |strong="H3559" the |strong="H8085" poor |strong="H6035" want.

Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" prayers, and |strong="H3068" do |strong="H8085" what |strong="H3559" they |strong="H3068" ask.

18 Protect the |strong="H4480" orphans |strong="H3490" and |strong="H0776" those |strong="H4480" who |strong="H0582" have |strong="H0776" been |strong="H0776" hurt.

Don't let powerful people |strong="H0582" drive us |strong="H8199" from |strong="H4480" our |strong="H4480" land |strong="H0776".

To the director: A song of David.

11 I |strong="H5315" trust in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", so why |strong="H0349" did you |strong="H5315" tell |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5315" to |strong="H0559" run and |strong="H3068" hide?

Why |strong="H0349" did you |strong="H5315" say |strong="H0559", "Fly like |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" bird |strong="H6833" to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H3068" mountain |strong="H2022"?"

2 Like |strong="H3820" hunters, the |strong="H5921" wicked |strong="H7563" hide in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" dark.

They |strong="H3588" get |strong="H3559" their |strong="H5921" bows |strong="H7198" ready |strong="H3559" and |strong="H3820" aim |strong="H3559" their |strong="H5921" arrows |strong="H2671".

They |strong="H3588" shoot |strong="H3384" at |strong="H5921" good, honest people |strong="H7563".

3 What |strong="H4100" would |strong="H4100" good people do |strong="H6466"

if |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" wicked destroyed |strong="H2040" all that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4100" good? <sup>I</sup>

4 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944" temple |strong="H1964".

The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" sits on |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068"

throne |strong="H3678" in |strong="H3068" heaven |strong="H8064".

He |strong="H3068" sees |strong="H2372" everything that |strong="H3068" happens.

He |strong="H3068" watches people |strong="H0120" closely.

5 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" examines those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H7563" good and |strong="H3068" those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H7563" wicked |strong="H7563"; he |strong="H3068" hates |strong="H8130" those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H3068" enjoy hurting others |strong="H5315".

6 He |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7563" make hot coals |strong="H0784" and |strong="H0784" burning |strong="H0784" sulfur |strong="H1614" fall like |strong="H7307" rain |strong="H4305" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" wicked |strong="H7563".

They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7563" get nothing but |strong="H7563" a |strong="H5921" hot, burning |strong="H0784" wind |strong="H7307".

7 The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" always does |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3477" is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H3477", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3588" loves |strong="H0157" seeing |strong="H3588" people do right |strong="H3477".

Those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3068" live good lives will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068" him |strong="H6440". <sup>II</sup>

To the director: With the sheminith. A song of David.

12 Save me |strong="H5921", LORD!  
We can no longer trust anyone!

All the |strong="H5921" good, loyal people are gone.

2 People |strong="H0120" lie to |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" neighbors.

They |strong="H3588" say whatever they |strong="H3588" think people |strong="H0120" want to |strong="H3068" hear.

3 The |strong="H1696" LORD should |strong="H0376" cut off |strong="H7453" their |strong="H0376" lying lips |strong="H8193"

and |strong="H0376" cut out |strong="H0376" their |strong="H0376" bragging tongues.

4 Those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1696" think they |strong="H3068" can win any |strong="H3605" argument.

They |strong="H3068" say |strong="H1696", "We |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3068" so |strong="H1696" good with |strong="H3068" words |strong="H8193",

no |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" master."

I Or "What if the foundations of society were really destroyed?"

II THOSE ... HIM Literally, "They will see his face."

5 They|strong="H0834" took advantage of|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" poor and|strong="H0113" stole what|strong="H0834" little they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834".

But|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H0113" knows what|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834", and|strong="H0113" he|strong="H0834" says|strong="H0559",

"I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H4310" rescue those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" poor and|strong="H0113" helpless,

and|strong="H0113" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H4310" punish those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" hurt them|strong="H0854".<sup>1</sup>

6 The|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" words are|strong="H3068" true|strong="H3068" and|strong="H6965" pure,

like|strong="H3068" silver purified by|strong="H3068" fire,

like|strong="H3068" silver melted seven times to|strong="H0559" make|strong="H7896" it|strong="H3068" perfectly pure.

7 LORD|strong="H3068", take care of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3068" helpless.

Protect them|strong="H3068" forever from|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3068" wicked people|strong="H0776" in|strong="H3068" this|strong="H3068" world|strong="H0776".

8 The|strong="H4480" wicked are|strong="H3068" all|strong="H1755" around us|strong="H4480", and|strong="H3068" everyone thinks evil is|strong="H3068" something|strong="H8104" to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" praised!

To the director: A song of David.

**13** How long will you forget me, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you refuse to|strong="H1732" accept me? <sup>II</sup>

2 How|strong="H0575" long|strong="H5704" must|strong="H0853" I|strong="H5704" wonder if you|strong="H6440" have|strong="H3068" forgotten|strong="H7911" me|strong="H6440"?

How|strong="H0575" long|strong="H5704" must|strong="H0853" I|strong="H5704" feel this|strong="H3068" sadness in|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" heart?

How|strong="H0575" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" enemy win against|strong="H4480" me|strong="H6440"?

3 LORD my|strong="H5921" God, look at|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5315"

<sup>I</sup> I WILL RESCUE ... HURT THEM Or "I will rescue poor, helpless people who were hurt and asked me for help." <sup>II</sup> REFUSE TO ACCEPT ME Literally, "hide your face from me."

and|strong="H3119" give me|strong="H5315" an|strong="H7311" answer.

Make|strong="H7896" me|strong="H5315" feel|strong="H3824" strong again, or|strong="H5704" I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H5315" die.

4 If|strong="H6435" that|strong="H3068" happens, my|strong="H3068" enemy will|strong="H3068" say, "I|strong="H3068" beat him|strong="H0430"!"

He|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" so|strong="H6435" happy that|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0430" won.

5 But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" trust in|strong="H0559" your|strong="H3588" faithful love, Lord.

I|strong="H3588" will be|strong="H3588" happy when|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" save me|strong="H0341".

6 Then|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" sing|strong="H7891" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068"

because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" so|strong="H3588" good to|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

To the director: A song of David.

**14** Only fools|strong="H5036" think|strong="H3820" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" God|strong="H0430".

People|strong="H3820" like|strong="H3820" that|strong="H1732" are|strong="H0430" evil and|strong="H0430" do|strong="H6213" terrible things.

They|strong="H0559" never|strong="H0369" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H2896" is|strong="H0369" right|strong="H2896".

2 The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" looks|strong="H7200" down|strong="H8259" from|strong="H5921" heaven|strong="H8064" to|strong="H5921" see|strong="H7200" if|strong="H7200" there|strong="H3426" is|strong="H3068" anyone|strong="H0120" who|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" wise|strong="H7919",

anyone|strong="H0120" who|strong="H3068" looks|strong="H7200" to|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" help.

3 But|strong="H0369" everyone|strong="H3605" has|strong="H0369" gone|strong="H0369" the|strong="H3605" wrong way|strong="H3605".

Everyone|strong="H3605" has|strong="H0369" turned|strong="H5493" bad.

No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0259" does|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H3605" good|strong="H2896".

No|strong="H0369", not|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0259" person!



4 Those *who* are *evil* treat *my* *people* like *bread* to *be* eaten.

And they never ask for the help of LORD'S.

Don't they know what they are doing?

5 They have plenty to fear,

because God is those *who* do what is right.

6 You wicked people want to spoil the hopes of the poor,

but LORD will protect them.

7 I wish the one *who* lives on Mount Zion

would bring victory to Israel!

When LORD makes his *people* successful again,

the *people* of Jacob will be happy;

the *people* of Israel will be glad.

A song of David.

15 LORD, *who* can live in your Holy Tent?

I HOLY TENT The special tent where the people of Israel worshiped God. Here, it is probably the Temple on the "holy mountain" (see "Zion" in the Word List) in Jerusalem.

*Who* can live your holy mountain?

2 Only those *who* live pure, do *what* is right, and *do* not speak the truth from their hearts.

3 Such *people* don't say bad things about others.

They don't hurt their neighbors.

They don't tell shameful things about those close to them.

4 They hate those *who* fail to please God and honor those *who* respect the LORD.

If they make a promise to their neighbor, they do what they promised.

5 If they loan money to someone,

they do not charge them interest.

And they refuse to testify against an innocent person,

even if someone offers them money to do so.

Whoever lives like this always stand strong.

A miktam of David.

II IF THEY ... PROMISED Or "They promised not to do bad things, and they do not do bad things."

16 Protect *me*, God, because I depend on you.

2 Some of you have said to the LORD,

"You are my Lord."

Every good thing I have is yours.

3 But you have said about the gods of land,

"They are my powerful gods."

They are the ones who make me happy.

4 But those who worship other gods will have many troubles.

I will not share in the blood of their idols.

I will not even say their names.

5 LORD, you give me all that I need.

You support me.

You give me my share.

6 My share is wonderful.

My inheritance is very beautiful.

7 I praise the LORD because he taught me well.

I SOME OF YOU Literally, "you" (singular). Most translations assume it should be "I," giving a different meaning to verses 2 and 3, which are very difficult in the Hebrew text. II GODS Literally, "holy ones." III SHARE Or "section of land." IV INHERITANCE Here, this probably means the land each Israelite received.

Even at night he put his instructions deep in my mind.

8 I always remember that the LORD is with me.

He is here, close by my side,

so nothing can defeat me.

9 So my heart will be very happy.

Even my body will live in safety,

10 because you will leave in place death.

You will not let your faithful one rot in the grave.

11 You will teach me the way to live.

Just being with you will bring complete happiness.

Being at right will make me happy forever.

A prayer of David. VII

17 LORD, hear my prayer for justice.

I am calling loudly to you.

V MIND Literally, "my kidneys." VI Literally, "I set the LORD before me always." VII A PRAYER OF DAVID Or "A prayer dedicated to David."

I |strong="H3808" am |strong="H3068" being honest |strong="H6664" in |strong="H3068" what |strong="H6664" I |strong="H3808" say, so |strong="H3808" please |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" my |strong="H8085" prayer |strong="H8605".

<sup>2</sup> You |strong="H6440" will |strong="H5869" make |strong="H4941" the |strong="H6440" right |strong="H4941" decision |strong="H4941", because |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440" can |strong="H5869" see |strong="H2372" the |strong="H6440" truth.

<sup>3</sup> You |strong="H3915" were |strong="H6485" with |strong="H6310" me |strong="H4672" all |strong="H6485" night |strong="H3915" and |strong="H3915" looked deep into |strong="H3915" my |strong="H4672" heart |strong="H3820".

You |strong="H3915" questioned me |strong="H4672" and |strong="H3915" found |strong="H4672" that |strong="H6485"

I |strong="H4672" did not |strong="H1077" say |strong="H6310" or |strong="H3915" do anything wrong.

<sup>4</sup> Unlike most people |strong="H0120", I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H1697" obeyed |strong="H8104" your |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H1697",

so |strong="H0589" I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H1697" never been like |strong="H1697" those |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0120" are |strong="H1697" cruel and |strong="H0120" evil.

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H6471" have followed your way |strong="H4570".

My |strong="H8551" feet |strong="H6471" never |strong="H1077" left your path |strong="H4570".

<sup>6</sup> Every time I |strong="H0589" call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H8085" you |strong="H3588", God |strong="H0410", you |strong="H3588" answer |strong="H6030" me |strong="H7121".

So |strong="H7121" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" me |strong="H7121" now |strong="H3588", and |strong="H8085" hear |strong="H8085" what |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" say.

<sup>7</sup> Show |strong="H6395" your |strong="H6965" amazing kindness |strong="H2617"

and |strong="H6965" rescue |strong="H3467" those |strong="H3467" who |strong="H3467" depend on |strong="H6965" you |strong="H3467".

Use your |strong="H6965" great power and |strong="H6965" protect them |strong="H3467" from |strong="H6965" their |strong="H6965" enemies |strong="H6965".

<sup>8</sup> Protect |strong="H8104" me |strong="H8104" like |strong="H1323" the |strong="H8104"

pupil |strong="H0380" of |strong="H1323" your |strong="H8104" eye |strong="H5869".

Hide |strong="H5641" me |strong="H8104" in |strong="H5869" the |strong="H8104" shadow |strong="H6738" of |strong="H1323" your |strong="H8104" wings |strong="H3671".

<sup>9</sup> Save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" wicked |strong="H7563" people |strong="H5315" who |strong="H5315" are |strong="H7563" trying to |strong="H5921" destroy |strong="H7703" me |strong="H5315".

Protect me |strong="H5315" from |strong="H5921" those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H5315" come to |strong="H5921" hurt me |strong="H5315".

<sup>10</sup> They |strong="H6310" think only of |strong="H6310" themselves |strong="H1696" and |strong="H6310" brag about |strong="H1696" what |strong="H6310" they |strong="H6310" will |strong="H6310" do.

<sup>11</sup> They |strong="H6258" have |strong="H5869" been |strong="H6258" following me |strong="H5437", and |strong="H0776" now |strong="H6258" they |strong="H6258" are |strong="H5869" all |strong="H5437" around |strong="H5437" me |strong="H5437".

They |strong="H6258" watch |strong="H5869" me |strong="H5437", waiting to |strong="H0776" throw me |strong="H5437" to |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5437" ground |strong="H0776".

<sup>12</sup> Like |strong="H1825" hungry lions |strong="H0738", they want to |strong="H3427" kill and |strong="H3427" eat.

Like |strong="H1825" young |strong="H3715" lions |strong="H0738", they hide, ready to |strong="H3427" attack.

<sup>13</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" face |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" enemy.

Make |strong="H6965" them |strong="H6440" surrender.

Use your |strong="H3068" sword |strong="H2719" and |strong="H6965" save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315" from |strong="H6440" these wicked |strong="H7563" people |strong="H5315".

<sup>14</sup> Use your |strong="H3068" power |strong="H3027", LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H1121" remove them |strong="H3027" from |strong="H3027" this |strong="H3068" life |strong="H2416".

But |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121" you |strong="H3027" treasure |strong="H6840",

I PUPIL The center of the eye, which everyone wants to protect.  
II LORD, GET UP The people said this when they lifted the Box of the Agreement and took it into battle, showing that God was with them. See Num. 10:35-36.

fill |strong="H4390" them |strong="H3027" with |strong="H4390" food.

Give |strong="H2416" them |strong="H3027" plenty |strong="H7646" for |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3068" grandchildren |strong="H1121".

<sup>15</sup> I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H7646" done only what |strong="H6664" is |strong="H6664" right |strong="H6664", so |strong="H0589" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" see |strong="H2372" your |strong="H6440" face |strong="H6440".

And |strong="H6440" seeing |strong="H2372" you |strong="H6440", <sup>I</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" be fully satisfied |strong="H7646".

*II To the director: A song of David, the LORD'S servant. He sang this song to the LORD when the LORD saved him from Saul and all his other enemies.*

**18** I |strong="H0834" love you |strong="H0834", LORD |strong="H3068"!

You |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3605" strength |strong="H3027".

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" Rock, my |strong="H3068" fortress, my |strong="H3068" place of |strong="H3068" safety.

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" Rock I |strong="H0559" run to |strong="H0559" for |strong="H3068" protection.

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" shield; by |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" power I |strong="H0559" am |strong="H3068" saved. <sup>III</sup>

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" hiding place high in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" hills.

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H3068" called to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3068" help,

and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" saved me |strong="H3468" from |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" enemies!

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" worthy of |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" praise!

<sup>4</sup> Death had |strong="H3068" its |strong="H4480" ropes wrapped around me |strong="H4480".

A |strong="H7121" deadly flood was |strong="H3068" carrying me |strong="H4480" away |strong="H4480".

*I you Literally, "your likeness." II This song is also found in 2 Sam. 22. III BY HIS POWER I AM SAVED Literally, "He is the horn of my salvation."*

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H4194" ropes |strong="H2256" of |strong="H4194" the |strong="H4194" grave wrapped around me |strong="H0661".

Death |strong="H4194" set its trap right there in front of |strong="H4194" me |strong="H0661".

<sup>6</sup> In |strong="H7585" my |strong="H5437" trouble I |strong="H7585" called to |strong="H5437" the |strong="H5437" LORD.

Yes, I |strong="H7585" cried out to |strong="H5437" my |strong="H5437" God for |strong="H4170" help.

There in |strong="H7585" his |strong="H5437" temple he |strong="H4194" heard my |strong="H5437" voice.

He |strong="H4194" heard my |strong="H5437" cry for |strong="H4170" help.

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H6440" earth shook and |strong="H0935" shivered.

The |strong="H6440" foundations of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" mountains trembled.

They |strong="H3068" shook because |strong="H6440" he |strong="H0430" was |strong="H3068" angry.

<sup>8</sup> Smoke came from |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3588" nose.

Burning flames came from |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3588" mouth.

Red-hot coals fell from |strong="H0776" him |strong="H3588".

<sup>9</sup> He |strong="H4480" tore open the |strong="H4480" sky and |strong="H0398" came |strong="H5927" down |strong="H0639".

He |strong="H4480" stood on |strong="H5927" a |strong="H4480" thick, dark cloud.

<sup>10</sup> He |strong="H5186" flew across the |strong="H8478" sky |strong="H8064", riding on |strong="H8478" a |strong="H5186" Cherub angel racing on |strong="H8478" the |strong="H8478" wings of |strong="H8478" the |strong="H8478" wind.

<sup>11</sup> He |strong="H5921" wrapped himself in |strong="H5921" darkness that |strong="H3742" covered him |strong="H5921" like |strong="H7307" a |strong="H5921" tent.

He |strong="H5921" was |strong="H7307" hidden by |strong="H5921" dark clouds heavy with |strong="H5921" water.

<sup>12</sup> Out |strong="H4325" of |strong="H4325" the |strong="H5439" brightness before him |strong="H7896",

hail broke through the |strong="H5439" clouds |strong="H5645" with |strong="H4325" flashes of |strong="H4325" lightning.

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H5048" LORD thundered from |strong="H0784" the |strong="H5048" sky;

God Most High let his |strong="H5048" voice be heard. <sup>IV</sup>

*IV The ancient Greek version and some Hebrew copies add "with hailstones and bolts of lightning."*

14 He scattered his enemies with his arrows—

the lightning bolts that he threw into confusion.

15 LORD, you shouted your command,

and a powerful wind began to blow.<sup>1</sup>

Then the bottom of the sea could be seen,

and the earth's foundations were uncovered.

16 He reached down from above and grabbed me.

He pulled me from the deep water.

17 He saved me from my powerful enemies, who hated me.

They were strong for me, so he saved me.

18 They attacked me in my time of trouble, but the LORD was there to support me.

19 He was pleased with me, so he rescued me.

He took me to a safe place.

20 The LORD rewarded me for doing what is right.

He was good to me because I am innocent.

21 The LORD did this because I have obeyed him.

I have not turned against my God.

22 I always remembered his laws.

I never rejected his rules.

23 He knows I did that was wrong.

I have kept myself from sinning.

24 So the LORD rewarded me for doing what is right.

He could see that I am innocent.

25 Lord, you are faithful to those who are faithful.

You are good to those who are good.

26 You never do wrong to those who have done no wrong.

But you outsmart the wicked, no matter how clever they are.

27 You help those who are humble, but you humiliate the proud.

28 LORD, you provide the flame for my lamp.

You, God, turn the darkness around me into light.

29 With your help I can defeat an army.

If my God is with me, I can climb over enemy walls.

30 God's way is perfect.

The LORD'S promise always proves to be true.

He protects those who trust in him.

31 There is no God except the LORD.

There is no Rock except our God.

<sup>1</sup> AND ... BLOW Or "and a blast of breath came from your nose."

32 God is one who gives me strength.

He clears the path I need to take.

33 He makes my feet as steady as those of a deer.

Even on steep mountains he keeps me from falling.

34 He trains me for war

so that my arms can bend the most powerful bow.

35 Lord, you have given me your shield to protect me.

You support me with your right hand.

It is your help that has made me great.

36 You cleared a path for my feet

so I could walk without stumbling.

37 I chased my enemies and caught them.

I did not stop until they were destroyed.

38 I struck them down, and they could not get up again.

They fell under my feet.

39 God, you made me strong in battle.

You made my enemies fall before me.

40 You made my enemies turn and run away.

I destroyed those who hated me.

41 They cried out for help,

but there was no one to save them.

They cried out to the LORD,

but he did not answer them.

42 I beat them to pieces like dust blown by the wind.

I smashed them like mud in the streets.

43 You saved me from those who fought against me.

You made me ruler over nations.

People I never knew now serve me.

44 As they heard about me, they were ready to obey.

Those foreigners fall helpless before me!

45 They lose all their courage

and come out of their hiding places shaking with fear.

46 The LORD lives!

I praise my Rock, the God who saves me.

How great he is!

47 He is the God who punishes my enemies for me, the one who puts people under my control.

48 He saves me from my enemies!

You, Lord, help me defeat those who attack me.

You save me from cruel people.

49 LORD, that is why I praise you among the nations.

That is why I sing songs of praise to your name.

<sup>50</sup> The *Lord* helps his *king* win battle after battle.

He shows his faithful love to his chosen one,<sup>I</sup>

to David and his descendants forever.

To the director: A song of David.

**19** The heavens tell about the glory of God.

The skies announce what his hands have made.

<sup>2</sup> Each new day tells more of the story, and each night reveals more and more about God's power.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>3</sup> You cannot hear them say anything.

They don't make any sound we can hear.

<sup>4</sup> But their message goes throughout the world.

Their teaching reaches the ends of the earth.

The sun's tent is set up in the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> It comes out like a happy bridegroom from his bedroom.

It begins its path across the sky

like an athlete eager to run a race.

<sup>6</sup> It starts at one end of the sky

and runs all the way to the other end.

Nothing can hide from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD'S teachings are perfect.

<sup>I</sup> HIS CHOSEN ONE Literally, "his anointed one." <sup>II</sup> Or "Like the changing of the guards,

They give strength to his people.

The LORD'S rules can be trusted.

They help even the foolish become wise.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD'S laws are right.

They make people happy.

The LORD'S commands are good.

They show people the right way to live.

<sup>9</sup> Learning respect for the LORD is good.

It will last forever.

The LORD'S judgments are right.

They are completely fair.

<sup>10</sup> His teachings are worth more than pure gold.

They are sweeter than the best honey dripping from the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> His teachings warn his servants, and good things come to those who obey them.

<sup>12</sup> People cannot see their own mistakes,

so don't let me commit secret sins.

<sup>13</sup> Don't let me do what I know is wrong.

Don't let sin control me. If you help me, I can be pure and free from sin.

<sup>14</sup> May my words and thoughts please you.

LORD, you are my Rock— the one who rescues me.

To the director: A song of David.

**20** May the LORD answer you in times of trouble.

May *the* God of Jacob protect you.

<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from his Holy Place.

May he support you from Zion.

<sup>3</sup> May he remember all the gifts you have offered.

May he accept all your sacrifices. Selah

<sup>4</sup> May he give you what you really want.

May he make all your plans successful.

<sup>5</sup> We will celebrate when he helps you.

We will praise the name of God.

May the LORD give you everything you ask for.

<sup>6</sup> Now I know the LORD helps his chosen king.

From his holy heaven he answered.

With his great power he saved him.

<sup>7</sup> Some give credit for victory to their chariots and soldiers,

but we honor the LORD our God.

<sup>8</sup> They fall in battle, totally defeated,

but we survive and stand strong!

<sup>9</sup> LORD, save the king!

Answer us when we call to you for help.

To the director: A song of David.

**21** LORD, your strength makes the king happy.

He is so happy when you give him victory.

<sup>2</sup> And you gave him what he wanted.

You gave him what he asked for. Selah

<sup>3</sup> You gave king such wonderful blessings.

You put a golden crown on his head.

<sup>4</sup> He asked for life, and you gave it.

You gave him life that goes on forever.

<sup>5</sup> You led him to victory that brought him great glory.

You gave him honor and fame.

<sup>6</sup> You have given him blessings that will last forever.

You have given him joy of being near you.

<sup>7</sup> The king trusts in the LORD, and the faithful love of God Most High will keep him from falling.

<sup>8</sup> Lord, you will show all your enemies that you are strong.

Your power will defeat those who hate you.

<sup>9</sup> When you appear,

you will burn them up like a blazing furnace.

In your anger, LORD, you will completely destroy them;



they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3027" be|strong="H3027" swallowed by|strong="H3027" flames of|strong="H3027" fire. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Their|strong="H3068" families will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" destroyed|strong="H0398".

They|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" removed|strong="H1104" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" earth.

<sup>11</sup> That|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0776" because|strong="H2233" they|strong="H0776" made evil plans against you|strong="H0776".

They|strong="H0776" wanted to|strong="H0776" do things they|strong="H0776" could not|strong="H0776" do.

<sup>12</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4209" make|strong="H2803" them|strong="H5921" turn|strong="H5186" and|strong="H5186" run away|strong="H5186"

when|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" aim your|strong="H5921" arrows at|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" faces.

<sup>13</sup> LORD, we|strong="H3588" lift you|strong="H3588" up|strong="H5921" with|strong="H5921" our|strong="H5921" songs of|strong="H6440" praise|strong="H3588".

We|strong="H3588" sing and|strong="H6440" play songs about|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" power|strong="H3559".

To the director: To the tune "The Deer of Dawn." II A song of David.

**22** My|strong="H5921" God, my|strong="H5921" God, why have|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" left me|strong="H5921"?

You|strong="H5921" seem too|strong="H5921" far|strong="H5921" away|strong="H7837" to|strong="H5921" save me|strong="H5921", too|strong="H5921" far|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" hear my|strong="H5921" cries for|strong="H5921" help!

<sup>2</sup> My|strong="H4100" God|strong="H0410", I|strong="H1697" kept calling by day, and|strong="H1697" I|strong="H1697" was|strong="H1697" not silent at night.

But|strong="H5800" you|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" not answer|strong="H1697" me|strong="H1697".

<sup>3</sup> God|strong="H0430", you|strong="H3808" are|strong="H0430" the|strong="H7121" Holy One|strong="H3808".

You|strong="H3808" sit as|strong="H7121" King up-on|strong="H7121" the|strong="H7121" praises of|strong="H0430" Israel.

<sup>1</sup> Or "You will make your king like a burning oven when you come to help him, LORD. And in his anger, he will completely destroy them." II "THE DEER OF DAWN" This is probably the name of the tune for this song, but it might refer to a music style or type of instrument.

<sup>4</sup> Our|strong="H0859" ancestors trusted you|strong="H0859".

Yes, they|strong="H3478" trusted you|strong="H0859", and|strong="H3478" you|strong="H0859" saved them|strong="H3427".

<sup>5</sup> They called to|strong="H0001" you|strong="H0001" for help and|strong="H0001" escaped their|strong="H0982" enemies.

They trusted|strong="H0982" you|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0001" were not disappointed!

<sup>6</sup> But|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3808" feel|strong="H0954" like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" worm, less than|strong="H3808" human!

People|strong="H3808" insult me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0954" look down|strong="H0982" on|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".

<sup>7</sup> Everyone|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" sees me|strong="H3808" makes fun of|strong="H0376" me|strong="H3808".

They|strong="H3808" shake their|strong="H3808" heads and|strong="H0376" stick out|strong="H0376" their|strong="H3808" tongues at|strong="H3808" me|strong="H3808".

<sup>8</sup> They|strong="H3605" say, "Call to|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" LORD for|strong="H3605" help.

Maybe he|strong="H3605" will|strong="H8193" save you|strong="H3605".

If|strong="H7200" he|strong="H3605" likes you|strong="H3605" so|strong="H7200" much|strong="H3605", surely|strong="H7200" he|strong="H3605" will|strong="H8193" rescue you|strong="H3605"!

<sup>9</sup> God|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3588" truth is|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" one|strong="H3588" who|strong="H3068" brought me|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3588" world.

You|strong="H3588" made me|strong="H0413" feel safe while|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" still at|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3068" mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0859" been my|strong="H5921" God since|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" day I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0517" born.

I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0517" thrown in-to|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" arms as|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" came from|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" mother's|strong="H0517" womb|strong="H0990".

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H5921" don't leave me|strong="H5921"!

Trouble is|strong="H0410" near|strong="H5921", and|strong="H0990" there is|strong="H0410" no one|strong="H0410" to|strong="H5921" help me|strong="H5921".

12 My *enemies surround me* like angry bulls.

They are like powerful bulls of Bashan, and they are all around me.

13 Their mouths are opened wide, like a lion roaring and tearing at its prey.

14 My strength is gone, like water poured out on the ground.

My bones have separated.

My courage is gone.<sup>I</sup>

15 My mouth is as dry as a piece of baked pottery.

My tongue is sticking to the roof of my mouth.

You have left me dying in the dust.

16 The "dogs" are all around me— a pack of evil people has trapped me.

They have pierced my hands and feet.<sup>IV</sup>

17 I can see each one of my bones.

My enemies are looking at me;

they just keep staring.

18 They divide my clothes among themselves, and they throw lots for what I am wearing.

19 LORD, don't leave me! You are my strength—hurry and help me!

20 Save me from the sword.

I MY COURAGE IS GONE Literally, "My heart is melted inside me like wax." II MOUTH Or "strength." III PACK A group of dogs. Dogs travel together in packs to hunt and kill other animals for food. IV THEY ... FEET Literally, "Like a lion, my hands and feet."

Save my precious life from these dogs.

21 Rescue me from the lion's mouth.

Protect me from the horns of the bulls.<sup>V</sup>

22 I will tell my people about you.

I will praise you in the great assembly.

23 Praise the LORD, all you who worship him!

Honor him, you descendants of Jacob!

Fear and respect him, all you people of Israel!

24 He does not ignore those who need help.

He does not hate them.

He does not turn away from them.

He listens when they cry for help.

25 Lord, because of you I offer praise in the great assembly.

In front of all these worshipers I will do that I promised.

26 Poor people, come eat and be satisfied.<sup>VI</sup>

You who have come looking for the LORD, praise him!

May your hearts be happy forever.<sup>VII</sup>

27 May those faraway countries remember the LORD!

V PROTECT ME ... BULLS Or "You have answered me and protected me from the horns of the bulls." This could be both a prayer for help (like the first half of the psalm) and also a statement that God had answered this prayer (like the second half of the psalm). VI COME EAT ... SATISFIED This person was giving a thank offering that would be shared with other people at the Temple. This was how someone shared their happiness when God blessed them. See Leviticus 3:1-5 and Deuteronomy 14:22-29. VII BE HAPPY Literally, "live."

and *strong*="H3068" come back to *strong*="H3068" him *strong*="H0398".

May *strong*="H3068" those *strong*="H0398" in *strong*="H3068" distant lands worship him *strong*="H0398",

<sup>28</sup> because *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" is *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3605" King.

He *strong*="H3068" rules all *strong*="H3605" nations *strong*="H1471".

<sup>29</sup> The *strong*="H3588" people *strong*="H1471" have *strong*="H1471" eaten all they *strong*="H3588" wanted

and *strong*="H3068" bowed down *strong*="H3588" to *strong*="H3068" worship him *strong*="H3588".

Yes *strong*="H3588", everyone will *strong*="H3068" bow down *strong*="H3588" to *strong*="H3068" him *strong*="H3588"—

all who *strong*="H3068" are *strong*="H3068" on *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3588" way to *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3588" grave, unable to *strong*="H3068" hold on *strong*="H3068" to *strong*="H3068" life.

<sup>30</sup> Our *strong*="H3605" descendants will *strong*="H0776" serve *strong*="H6440" him *strong*="H6440".

Those *strong*="H3605" who *strong*="H3605" are *strong*="H0776" not *strong*="H3808" yet *strong*="H3808" born *strong*="H3808" will *strong*="H0776" be *strong*="H3808" told about *strong*="H3605" him *strong*="H6440".

<sup>31</sup> Each generation *strong*="H1755" will *strong*="H0136" tell *strong*="H5608" their *strong*="H5647" children *strong*="H2233"

about *strong*="H5608" the *strong*="H5647" good things the *strong*="H5647" Lord *strong*="H0136" has *strong*="H0136" done.

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**23** The *strong*="H3068" LORD *strong*="H3068" is *strong*="H3068" my *strong*="H3068" shepherd *strong*="H7462".

I *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" always have *strong*="H3068" everything I *strong*="H3068" need *strong*="H2637". <sup>I</sup>

<sup>2</sup> He *strong*="H5921" gives me *strong*="H5921" green *strong*="H1877" pastures *strong*="H4999" to *strong*="H5921" lie *strong*="H7257" in *strong*="H5921".

He *strong*="H5921" leads *strong*="H5095" me *strong*="H5921" by *strong*="H5921" calm pools of *strong*="H5921" water *strong*="H4325".

<sup>3</sup> He *strong*="H7725" restores *strong*="H7725" my *strong*="H7725" strength *strong*="H5315".

He *strong*="H7725" leads *strong*="H5148" me *strong*="H5315" on *strong*="H7725" right *strong*="H6664" paths *strong*="H4570" <sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> I WILL ... NEED Literally, "I will lack nothing."

to *strong*="H7725" show that *strong*="H4616" he *strong*="H7725" is *strong*="H5315" good.

<sup>4</sup> Even *strong*="H1571" if *strong*="H3588" I *strong*="H3588" walk through *strong*="H3588" a *strong*="H3588" valley *strong*="H1516" as *strong*="H1571" dark *strong*="H6757" as *strong*="H1571" the *strong*="H3588" grave, <sup>III</sup>

I *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H1571" not *strong*="H3808" be *strong*="H3808" afraid *strong*="H3372" of *strong*="H7626" any *strong*="H1571" danger *strong*="H7451", because *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H0859" are *strong*="H1992" with *strong*="H1571" me *strong*="H5978".

Your *strong*="H3588" rod *strong*="H7626" and *strong*="H7626" staff *strong*="H4938" <sup>IV</sup> comfort *strong*="H5162" me *strong*="H5978".

<sup>5</sup> You *strong*="H6440" prepared a *strong*="H6440" meal for *strong*="H6440" me *strong*="H6440" in *strong*="H6440" front *strong*="H6440" of *strong*="H7218" my *strong*="H5048" enemies.

You *strong*="H6440" welcomed me *strong*="H6440" as *strong*="H6440" an *strong*="H6440" honored guest. <sup>V</sup>

My *strong*="H5048" cup *strong*="H3563" is *strong*="H7218" full *strong*="H7218" and *strong*="H7218" spilling over *strong*="H6440".

<sup>6</sup> Your *strong*="H3068" goodness and *strong*="H3068" mercy *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H3068" with *strong*="H1004" me *strong*="H7291" all *strong*="H3605" my *strong*="H3605" life *strong*="H3117",

and *strong*="H3068" I *strong*="H3117" will *strong*="H3068" live *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H3605" LORD'S *strong*="H3068" house *strong*="H1004" <sup>VI</sup> a *strong*="H3068" long *strong*="H0753", long *strong*="H0753" time *strong*="H3117". <sup>VII</sup>

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**24** The *strong*="H3068" earth *strong*="H0776" and *strong*="H3068" everything on *strong*="H0776" it *strong*="H4393" belong to *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3068" LORD *strong*="H3068".

The *strong*="H3068" world *strong*="H8398" and *strong*="H3068" all *strong*="H4393" its *strong*="H4393" people *strong*="H3427" belong to *strong*="H3068" him *strong*="H1732".

<sup>2</sup> He *strong*="H1931" built the *strong*="H5921" earth on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" water.

<sup>II</sup> RIGHT PATHS Or "paths of goodness." <sup>III</sup> VALLEY ... GRAVE Or "death's dark valley" or "a very dark valley." <sup>IV</sup> ROD AND STAFF The club and walking stick a shepherd uses to protect and guide his sheep. <sup>V</sup> YOU WELCOMED ... GUEST Literally, "You anointed my head with oil." <sup>VI</sup> HOUSE Or "Temple." See "Temple" in the Word List. <sup>VII</sup> I ... LONG TIME Or "I will return again and again to the LORD'S Temple for as long as I live."

He |strong="H1931" built it |strong="H1931" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" rivers |strong="H5104".

<sup>3</sup> Who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" mountain |strong="H2022"<sup>I</sup>?

Who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" stand |strong="H6965" in |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944" Temple?

<sup>4</sup> Only those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" done evil, who |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" pure |strong="H1249" hearts |strong="H3824", who |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" used |strong="H7650" my |strong="H0834" name <sup>II</sup> to |strong="H7650" hide their |strong="H5375" lies |strong="H7723", and |strong="H3709" who |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" made |strong="H7650" false |strong="H7723" promises |strong="H7650".

<sup>5</sup> Good people ask the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" bless others.

They |strong="H3068" ask God |strong="H0430", their |strong="H3068" Savior, to |strong="H3068" do good things.

<sup>6</sup> They |strong="H6440" try to |strong="H6440" follow God.

They |strong="H6440" go to |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" God of |strong="H6440" Jacob |strong="H3290" for |strong="H1245" help. Selah |strong="H5542"

<sup>7</sup> Gates |strong="H8179", proudly lift |strong="H5375" your |strong="H0935" heads |strong="H7218"!

Open, ancient |strong="H5769" doors |strong="H6607",

and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" glorious King |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935".

<sup>8</sup> Who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" glorious King |strong="H4428"?

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3068" powerful |strong="H1368" soldier |strong="H4421".

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3068" war |strong="H4421" hero.

<sup>9</sup> Gates |strong="H8179", proudly lift |strong="H5375" your |strong="H0935" heads |strong="H7218"!

Open, ancient |strong="H5769" doors |strong="H6607",

<sup>I</sup> LORD'S MOUNTAIN Mount Zion, the hill in Jerusalem where the Temple was built. <sup>II</sup> MY NAME Literally, "my soul."

and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" glorious King |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" come |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935".

<sup>10</sup> Who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" glorious King |strong="H4428"?

The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" glorious King |strong="H4428".

### III A song of David.

<sup>25</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H5315" put |strong="H5375" my |strong="H3068" life |strong="H5315" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" hands. <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>2</sup> I trust |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0430" you, my |strong="H0982" God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H0430" I will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" disappointed |strong="H0954".

My |strong="H0982" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H0408" laugh at |strong="H0430" me |strong="H0341".

<sup>3</sup> No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" trusts in |strong="H1571" you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1571" be |strong="H3808" disappointed |strong="H0954".

But |strong="H3808" disappointment will |strong="H1571" come to |strong="H0954" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" try to |strong="H0954" deceive |strong="H0898" others.

They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1571" get nothing |strong="H3808".

<sup>4</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", help me |strong="H3925" learn |strong="H3925" your |strong="H3068" ways |strong="H1870".

Show |strong="H3045" me |strong="H3925" how |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3045" want me |strong="H3925" to |strong="H3068" live |strong="H1870".

<sup>5</sup> Guide |strong="H1869" me |strong="H3925" and |strong="H0430" teach |strong="H3925" me |strong="H3925" your |strong="H3605" truths.

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3117" my |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430", my |strong="H3605" Savior.

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0859" been |strong="H3605" waiting for |strong="H3588".

<sup>6</sup> Remember |strong="H2142" to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" kind to |strong="H3068" me |strong="H2142", LORD |strong="H3068".

Show |strong="H7356" me |strong="H2142" the |strong="H3588" tender love |strong="H2617" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"

III In Hebrew, each verse in this psalm begins with the next letter of the alphabet. IV I PUT ... HANDS Literally, "I lift my soul to you."

have |strong="H3068" always |strong="H5769"  
had |strong="H3068".

7 Don't |strong="H0408" remember |strong="H2142"  
the |strong="H3068" sinful |strong="H2403"  
things |strong="H2898" I |strong="H3068" did  
when |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3068"  
was |strong="H3068" young.

Because |strong="H4616" you |strong="H0859"  
are |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2898",  
LORD |strong="H3068", remember |strong="H2142"  
me |strong="H2142" with |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617"  
love |strong="H2617".

8 The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896"  
and |strong="H3068" does |strong="H3068"  
what |strong="H3477" is |strong="H3068"  
right |strong="H3477".

He |strong="H3651" shows |strong="H3384" sin-  
ners |strong="H2400" the |strong="H5921"  
right |strong="H3477" way |strong="H1870"  
to |strong="H5921" live |strong="H1870".

9 He teaches |strong="H3925" his |strong="H1869"  
ways |strong="H1870" to |strong="H1870" hum-  
ble |strong="H6035" people.

He leads |strong="H1869" them |strong="H1869"  
with |strong="H4941" fairness |strong="H4941".

10 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" kind and |strong="H3068"  
true |strong="H0571" to |strong="H3068"  
those |strong="H3605"

who |strong="H3605" obey what he |strong="H3068"  
said in |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" agree-  
ment |strong="H1285".

11 LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3588"  
have |strong="H5771" done many |strong="H7227"  
wrong |strong="H5771" things.

But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" ask  
you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H3068" for-  
give |strong="H5545" them |strong="H4616" all  
to |strong="H3068" show your |strong="H3068" good-  
ness.

12 When |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0376"  
choose |strong="H0977" to |strong="H3068" fol-  
low |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068",

he |strong="H3068" shows |strong="H3384"  
them |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3068" best  
way |strong="H1870" to |strong="H3068"  
live |strong="H0977".

13 They |strong="H5315" will |strong="H0776" enjoy  
good |strong="H2896" things,

and |strong="H0776" their |strong="H3423" chil-  
dren |strong="H2233" will |strong="H0776" get  
the |strong="H3423" land |strong="H0776" God  
promised.

14 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"  
tells |strong="H3045" his |strong="H3068" se-

crets |strong="H5475" to |strong="H3068"  
his |strong="H3068" followers.

He |strong="H3068" teaches them |strong="H3068"  
about |strong="H3045" his |strong="H3068" agree-  
ment |strong="H1285".

15 I |strong="H3588" always |strong="H8548"  
look |strong="H5869" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"  
for |strong="H3588" help.

Only he |strong="H1931" can |strong="H5869"  
free |strong="H3318" me |strong="H0413"  
from |strong="H3318" my |strong="H3068" troubles. I

16 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" hurt  
and |strong="H6041" lonely |strong="H3173".

Turn |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H6041" show  
me |strong="H0413" mercy |strong="H2603".

17 Free |strong="H3318" me |strong="H3318"  
from |strong="H3318" my |strong="H3318" troubles.

Help me |strong="H3318" solve my |strong="H3318"  
problems |strong="H6869".

18 Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200"  
my |strong="H3605" trials and |strong="H7200" trou-  
bles |strong="H7200".

Forgive |strong="H5375" me |strong="H7200"  
for |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2403"  
I |strong="H7200" have |strong="H7200"  
done |strong="H3605".

19 Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" all  
the |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H0341"  
I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H7200".

They |strong="H3588" hate |strong="H8130"  
me |strong="H8130" and |strong="H7200" want  
to |strong="H7200" hurt me |strong="H8130".

20 Protect |strong="H8104" me |strong="H5315"!  
Save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315"  
from |strong="H5315" them |strong="H8104".

I |strong="H3588" come to |strong="H0954"  
you |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" protec-  
tion |strong="H2620", so |strong="H3588"  
don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408"  
me |strong="H5315" be |strong="H0408" disappoint-  
ed |strong="H0954".

21 You |strong="H3588" are good  
and |strong="H8537" do what |strong="H3476"  
is |strong="H3476" right |strong="H3476".

I |strong="H3588" trust you |strong="H3588"  
to |strong="H3588" protect |strong="H5341"  
me |strong="H3588".

22 God |strong="H0430", save the |strong="H3605"  
people of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478"  
from |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605"  
their |strong="H3605" enemies.

A song of David.

I ONLY ... TROUBLES Literally, "For he will remove my feet from the net."

26 LORD be the judge that have lived a pure life.

I have depended on you, LORD, to keep me from falling.

2 Look closely at me, LORD, and test me.

Judge my deepest thoughts and emotions.

3 I always remember your love.

I depend on your faithfulness.

4 I don't run around with troublemakers.

I have nothing to do with hypocrites.

5 I hate being around evil people.

I refuse to join those gangs of crooks.

6 LORD, I wash my hands to make myself pure,

so that I can come to your altar.

7 I sing a song to you, thank you,

and tell all the wonderful things you have done.

8 LORD, I love the house you live in, the place where your glory is.

9 Lord, don't treat me like one of those sinners.

Don't kill me with those murderers.

10 They are guilty of cheating people.

They take bribes to do wrong.

11 But I am innocent, so be kind to me and save me.

12 I am safe from all danger as I stand here praising you, LORD, in the assembly of your people.

A song of David.

27 LORD, you are my Light and my Savior,

so why should I be afraid of anyone?

The LORD is where my life is, so I will be afraid of no one!

2 Evil people might attack me.

They might try to destroy my body.

Yes, my enemies might attack me and try to destroy me,

but they will stumble and fall.

3 Even an army surrounds me, I will not be afraid.

Even if people attack me in war, I will not be afraid.

will |strong="H3820" trust |strong="H0982"  
in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Lord.

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H3117" ask |strong="H7592" on-  
ly |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259"  
thing |strong="H0259" from |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what  
I |strong="H3117" want |strong="H1245" most:

Let me |strong="H7592" live |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004"  
all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605"  
life |strong="H3117",

enjoying the |strong="H3605"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" beauty |strong="H5278"  
and |strong="H3068" spending  
time |strong="H3117" in |strong="H3427"  
his |strong="H3605" palace |strong="H1004". <sup>I</sup>

<sup>5</sup> He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117" pro-  
tect |strong="H3117" me |strong="H7311"  
when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am  
in |strong="H3117" danger |strong="H7451".

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117"  
hide |strong="H5641" me |strong="H7311"  
in |strong="H3117" his |strong="H3588"  
tent |strong="H0168". <sup>II</sup>

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117"  
take |strong="H7311" me |strong="H7311"  
up |strong="H7311" to |strong="H3117"  
his |strong="H3588" place |strong="H5520"  
of |strong="H3117" safety.

<sup>6</sup> If he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" help  
me |strong="H5921" defeat the |strong="H5921" ene-  
mies |strong="H0341" around |strong="H5439"  
me |strong="H5921",

I |strong="H6258" will |strong="H3068" of-  
fer |strong="H2076" sacrifices |strong="H2077"  
in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921"  
tent |strong="H0168" with |strong="H3068"  
shouts |strong="H8643" of |strong="H3068"  
joy |strong="H8643".

I |strong="H6258" will |strong="H3068"  
sing |strong="H2167" and |strong="H3068" play songs  
to |strong="H5921" honor the |strong="H5921"  
LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>7</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", hear |strong="H8085"  
my |strong="H8085" voice |strong="H6963".

Be |strong="H3068" kind and |strong="H3068" an-  
swer |strong="H6030" me |strong="H6963".

<sup>8</sup> My |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3820"  
told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H6440"  
to |strong="H0559" come to |strong="H0559"  
you |strong="H6440", LORD |strong="H3068",

<sup>I</sup> PALACE A large house built for a king. Here, it is the Temple. See "Temple" in the Word List. <sup>II</sup> TENT The place where God lives among his people. Here, it is the Temple in Jerusalem. See "Holy Tent" and "Temple" in the Word List.

so |strong="H6440" I |strong="H0559"  
am |strong="H3068" coming to |strong="H0559"  
ask |strong="H0559" for |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" help.

<sup>9</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" turn |strong="H5186"  
away |strong="H5186" from |strong="H4480"  
me |strong="H6440".

Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1961" an-  
gry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H0430"  
your |strong="H5186" servant |strong="H5650".

You |strong="H6440" are |strong="H0430"  
the |strong="H6440" only one |strong="H4480"  
who |strong="H5650" can |strong="H5650"  
help |strong="H5833" me |strong="H6440".

My |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430",  
don't |strong="H0408" leave |strong="H5800"  
me |strong="H6440" all |strong="H4480"  
alone |strong="H4480".

You |strong="H6440" are |strong="H0430"  
my |strong="H1961" Savior.

<sup>10</sup> Even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588"  
my |strong="H3068" mother |strong="H0517"  
and |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001"  
leave |strong="H5800" me |strong="H3588",

the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H0622"  
me |strong="H3588" in |strong="H3068".

<sup>11</sup> I |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" enemies,  
LORD |strong="H3068", so |strong="H4616"  
teach |strong="H3384" me |strong="H5148"  
your |strong="H3068" ways |strong="H1870".

Show me |strong="H5148" the |strong="H3068"  
right way |strong="H1870" to |strong="H3068"  
live |strong="H1870".

<sup>12</sup> My |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H6965"  
have |strong="H5414" attacked |strong="H6965"  
me |strong="H5414".

They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5414" told  
lies |strong="H8267" about me |strong="H5414"  
and |strong="H6965" have |strong="H5414" tried  
to |strong="H5414" hurt me |strong="H5414".

<sup>13</sup> But |strong="H7200" I |strong="H7200" really be-  
lieve |strong="H0539"

that |strong="H7200" I |strong="H7200"  
will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200"  
the |strong="H7200" LORD'S |strong="H3068" good-  
ness |strong="H2898" before I |strong="H7200" die. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Wait |strong="H6960" for |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0413" LORD'S |strong="H3068" help.

Be |strong="H3820" strong |strong="H2388"  
and |strong="H3068" brave,  
and |strong="H3068" wait |strong="H6960"  
for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" help.

A song of David.

<sup>III</sup> BEFORE I DIE Literally, "in the land of the living."

28 LORD, you are my Rock

I am calling to you you help.

Don't close your ears to my prayers.

If you don't answer me,

I will be counted among the dead.

I lift my hands and pray toward you. Most Holy Place.

Hear me when I call you.

Show me mercy.

Don't treat me like evil who wicked things.

They greet their neighbors like friends, but secretly plan to hurt them.

They do bad things to others, so bad things happen to them.

Give them the punishment they deserve.

They don't notice what the LORD does.

They ignore all the good things he has made.

So instead of building them up, he will destroy them.

Praise the LORD!

He heard my prayer for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and shield.

I trusted him with all my heart.

He helped me, so I am happy.

I sing songs of praise to him.

The LORD protects his chosen one.

He saves him and gives him strength.

Save your people.

Bless those who belong to you.

Lead them honor forever.

A song of David.

29 Praise the LORD, you heavenly angels. Praise the LORD'S glory and power.

Praise the LORD and honor his name!

Worship the LORD in all his holy beauty.

The LORD'S voice can be heard over the sea.

The voice of our glorious LORD God is like thunder over

I HIS CHOSEN ONE Or "his anointed one." This might be anyone God chose to serve in a special way, but it is usually the king he has chosen. II HONOR THEM Or "forgive them." Literally, "lift them up." III HEAVENLY ANGELS Literally, "sons of gods." This probably means God's angels who are pictured here as priests worshipping him in heaven.



the|strong="H5921" great|strong="H7227"  
ocean|strong="H4325".

4 The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
voice|strong="H6963" is|strong="H3068" powerful.

It|strong="H3068" shows the|strong="H3068"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" glory.

5 The|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
voice|strong="H6963" shatters|strong="H7665" great  
cedar|strong="H0730" trees.

The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
breaks|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0853" great  
cedars|strong="H0730" of|strong="H3068"  
Lebanon|strong="H3844".

6 He|strong="H1121" makes  
Lebanon|strong="H3844" shake like|strong="H3644"  
a|strong="H3644" young|strong="H1121"  
calf|strong="H5695" dancing.

Sirion|strong="H8303"<sup>I</sup> trembles  
like|strong="H3644" a|strong="H3644"  
young|strong="H1121" bull jumping|strong="H7540"  
up|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" down.

7 The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
voice|strong="H6963" cuts the|strong="H3068" air  
with|strong="H3068" flashes of|strong="H3068" light-  
ning.

8 The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
voice|strong="H6963" shakes|strong="H2342"  
the|strong="H3068" desert|strong="H4057".

The|strong="H3068" desert|strong="H4057"  
of|strong="H3068" Kadesh|strong="H6946"<sup>II</sup> trem-  
bles at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" voice|strong="H6963".

9 The|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
voice|strong="H6963" frightens the|strong="H3605"  
deer|strong="H0355".<sup>III</sup>

He|strong="H3068" destroys the|strong="H3605"  
forests.

In|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605" tem-  
ple|strong="H1964" everyone|strong="H3605"  
shouts|strong="H6963", "Glory|strong="H3519"  
to|strong="H0559" God|strong="H3068"!"

10 The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
ruled|strong="H4428" as|strong="H3068"  
king|strong="H4428" at|strong="H3427"  
the|strong="H3068" time|strong="H5769"  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3068"  
flood|strong="H3999",

and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
rule|strong="H4428" as|strong="H3068"  
king|strong="H4428" forever|strong="H5769".

11 May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414"  
his|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971"  
strong|strong="H5797".

I SIRION Or "Mount Hermon." II THE DESERT OF KADESH A desert in Syria. This might also mean "the holy desert." III DEER Or "oak trees."

May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" bless|strong="H1288"  
his|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971"  
with|strong="H3068" peace|strong="H7965".

A song of David for the dedication of the Temple. <sup>IV</sup>

30 LORD, you|strong="H1004" lifted  
me|strong="H1004" out of|strong="H1004"  
my|strong="H1732" troubles.

You|strong="H1004" did not|strong="H1732" give  
my|strong="H1732" enemies a|strong="H1732" rea-  
son to|strong="H1004" laugh,  
so I will|strong="H1004" praise  
you|strong="H1004".

2 LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H3068", I|strong="H3588" prayed  
to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588",  
and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" healed  
me|strong="H7311".

3 LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0413" lifted  
me|strong="H0413" out|strong="H0413"  
of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0413" grave.

I|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" falling in-  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" place  
of|strong="H0430" death, but|strong="H3068"  
you|strong="H0413" saved my|strong="H3068" life.

4 Praise the|strong="H4480" LORD|strong="H3068",  
you|strong="H4480" who|strong="H3068"  
are|strong="H3068" loyal|strong="H3068"  
to|strong="H3381" him|strong="H3381"!

Praise his|strong="H3068" holy name!<sup>V</sup>

5 His|strong="H3068" anger lasts  
for|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" little while,  
but|strong="H3068" then|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H3068" kindness brings life.

The|strong="H3068" night may|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" filled with|strong="H3068" tears,  
but|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" morning we can

sing|strong="H2167" for|strong="H3068" joy!

6 When|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588"  
was|strong="H0639" safe and|strong="H1242" se-  
cure,

I|strong="H3588" thought nothing could hurt  
me|strong="H3588".

7 Yes, LORD, while you|strong="H5769"  
were|strong="H1077" kind to|strong="H0559"  
me|strong="H0589",

I|strong="H0589" felt that|strong="H0559" noth-  
ing|strong="H1077" could defeat  
me|strong="H0589".<sup>VI</sup>

But|strong="H4131" when|strong="H0559"  
you|strong="H5769" turned away from  
me|strong="H0589",

IV A SONG ... TEMPLE Or "A psalm. The song for the dedication of the house. Dedicated to David." V NAME Literally, "memory" or "memorial." VI I FELT ... DEFEAT ME Literally, "You placed me on the strong mountains."

I *was* filled with *fear*.

<sup>8</sup> So *LORD*, *I* turned and *prayed* to *you*.

*I* asked *you*, *Lord*, to show *mercy*.

<sup>9</sup> *I* said, "What good is *it* if *I* die

and go down to the grave?

The *dead* just lie in the dirt.

They cannot praise *you*.

They cannot tell anyone how faithful *you* are.

<sup>10</sup> *LORD*, hear *my* prayer, and be kind to *me*.

*LORD*, help *me*!

<sup>11</sup> *You* have changed *my* sorrow into dancing.

*You* have taken *my* sackcloth

and clothed *me* with joy.

<sup>12</sup> *You* wanted *me* to praise *you* and not be silent.

*LORD* *my* God, *I* will praise *you* forever!

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**31** *LORD*, *I* come to *you* for protection.

Don't let *me* be disappointed.

*You* always do what is right, so save *me*.

<sup>2</sup> Listen to *me*.

Come quickly and save *me*.

Be *Rock*, *my* place of safety.

Be *fortress* and protect *me*!

<sup>3</sup> Yes, *you* are *Rock* and *protection*.

For *the* good of *your* name, lead *me* and guide *me*.

<sup>4</sup> Save *me* from *the* traps *my* enemy has set.

*You* are *my* place of safety.

<sup>5</sup> *LORD*, *you* are *the* God *we* can trust.

*I* put *my* life in *your* hands.

Save *me*!

<sup>6</sup> *I* hate those who worship false gods.

*I* trust only in *the* LORD.

<sup>7</sup> *Your* kindness makes *me* so happy.

*You* have seen *my* suffering.

*You* know about *the* troubles *I* have.

<sup>8</sup> *You* will not let *my* enemies take *me*.

*You* will free *me* from *their* traps.

<sup>9</sup> *LORD*, *I* have many troubles, so be kind to *me*.

*I* have cried until *my* eyes hurt.

*My* throat and stomach are aching.

<sup>10</sup> Because of *my* sin, *my* life is ending in grief;

*my* years are passing away in sighs of pain.

*My* life is ending in weakness.

*My* strength is draining away.

11 My enemies despise me,  
and even my neighbors have turned away.

When my friends see me in the street,  
they turn the other way.

They are afraid to be around me.

12 People want to forget me  
someone already dead,

thrown away like a broken dish.

13 I hear them whispering about me

They have turned against me  
and plan to kill me.

14 LORD, I trust in you.

You are my God.

15 My life is in your hands.

Save me from those who are persecuting me.

16 Please welcome and accept your servant.<sup>1</sup>

Be kind to me and save me.

17 LORD, I am praying to you.

Don't let me be disappointed.

The wicked are the ones who should be disappointed.

Let them go to the grave in silence.

18 Those evil people brag

and tell lies about those who do right.

They are so proud now,

<sup>1</sup> PLEASE ... SERVANT Literally, "Let your face shine on your servant."

but their lying lips will be silent.

19 Lord, you have hidden away many wonderful things for your followers.

You have done so many good things for those who trust in you.

You have blessed them so that all the world can see.

20 Others make plans to hurt them.

They say such bad things about them.

But you hide your people in your shelter  
and protect them.

21 Praise the LORD, because he showed me how wonderful his faithful love is

when the city was surrounded by enemies.

22 I was afraid and said, "I am in a place where he cannot see me."

But I prayed to you, and heard my loud cries for help.

23 Love the LORD, all of you who are his loyal followers.

The LORD protects those who are loyal to him.

But he punishes those who brag about their own power.

He gives them all the punishment they deserve.

24 Be strong and brave,

all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068"  
 you |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605"  
 are |strong="H3068" waiting for |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" help.

A maskil of David.

**32** It |strong="H5375" is |strong="H6588"  
 a |strong="H5375" great blessing  
 when |strong="H5375" people are |strong="H6588"  
 forgiven |strong="H5375" for |strong="H1732"  
 the |strong="H5375" wrongs they |strong="H5375"  
 have |strong="H1732" done,

when |strong="H5375" their |strong="H5375" sins  
 are |strong="H6588" erased.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> It |strong="H3808" is |strong="H0369"

a |strong="H3808" great blessing  
 when |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" says they |strong="H3808"  
 are |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808"  
 guilty |strong="H5771",

when |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3808"  
 don't |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H0369" hide  
 their |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H5771".

<sup>3</sup> Lord, I |strong="H3588" prayed to |strong="H3117"  
 you |strong="H3588" again and |strong="H3117"  
 again,

but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"  
 did |strong="H3117" not |strong="H3588" talk  
 about |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" sins.

So |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" on-  
 ly |strong="H3605" became weaker  
 and |strong="H3117" more |strong="H3588" miser-  
 able.

<sup>4</sup> Every day |strong="H3119" you |strong="H3588"  
 made |strong="H3513" life harder for |strong="H3588"  
 me |strong="H5921".

I |strong="H3588" became |strong="H3513"  
 like |strong="H2015" a |strong="H3588" dry land  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" hot summer-  
 time. Selah |strong="H5542"

<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H3808" then |strong="H5375"  
 I |strong="H3045" decided |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0559" confess |strong="H3034"  
 my |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2403"  
 to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559"  
 LORD |strong="H3068".

I |strong="H3045" stopped hiding  
 my |strong="H3068" guilt |strong="H5771"  
 and |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559"  
 you |strong="H0859" about |strong="H5921"  
 my |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2403".

And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" for-  
 gave |strong="H5375" them |strong="H5921"  
 all |strong="H3045"! Selah |strong="H5542"

<sup>6</sup> That |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605"  
 why |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3605" loy-  
 al |strong="H2623" followers |strong="H2623"

pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413"  
 you |strong="H3605" while |strong="H5921"  
 there |strong="H4672" is |strong="H3605" still  
 time |strong="H6256".

Then |strong="H3605" when |strong="H6256" trou-  
 ble rises |strong="H7227" like |strong="H3808"  
 a |strong="H4672" flood |strong="H7858",  
 it |strong="H5921" will |strong="H4325"  
 not |strong="H3808" reach |strong="H5060"  
 them |strong="H0413".

<sup>7</sup> You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859"  
 a |strong="H5437" hiding |strong="H5643" place  
 for |strong="H6862" me |strong="H5437".

You |strong="H0859" protect |strong="H5341"  
 me |strong="H5437" from |strong="H5437"  
 my |strong="H5341" troubles.

You |strong="H0859" surround |strong="H5437"  
 me |strong="H5437" and |strong="H5437" pro-  
 tect |strong="H5341" me |strong="H5437",

so |strong="H5437" I sing about |strong="H5437"  
 the |strong="H5437" way you |strong="H0859" saved  
 me |strong="H5437". Selah |strong="H5542"

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H5921" Lord says, " I |strong="H5921"  
 will |strong="H5869" teach |strong="H3384"  
 you |strong="H5921"

and |strong="H5869" guide you |strong="H5921"  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921"  
 way |strong="H1870" you |strong="H5921" should  
 live |strong="H1870".

I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5869"  
 watch |strong="H5869" over |strong="H5921"  
 you |strong="H5921" and |strong="H5869"  
 be |strong="H5869" your |strong="H5921" guide.

<sup>9</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1961"  
 like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" stupid  
 horse |strong="H5483" or |strong="H0408"  
 mule |strong="H6505" that |strong="H1961"  
 will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H0369"  
 come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413"  
 you |strong="H0413"

unless |strong="H0369" you |strong="H0413" put  
 a |strong="H1961" bit |strong="H4964"  
 in |strong="H0413" its |strong="H1961" mouth  
 and |strong="H7126" pull it |strong="H7126"  
 with |strong="H0413" reins."

<sup>10</sup> Many |strong="H7227" pains will |strong="H3068"  
 come |strong="H5437" to |strong="H3068"  
 the |strong="H3068" wicked |strong="H7563",

but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H3068"  
 LORD'S |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617"  
 love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068" sur-  
 round |strong="H5437" those |strong="H5437"  
 who |strong="H3068" trust |strong="H0982"  
 in |strong="H3068" him |strong="H3068".

<sup>11</sup> Good people |strong="H3820", re-  
 joice |strong="H8055" and |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H3820" very |strong="H8055" hap-

<sup>1</sup> ERASED Or "covered over" or "atoned."

py|strong="H8055" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

All|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605"  
who|strong="H3605" want to|strong="H3068"  
do|strong="H3605" right|strong="H3477", re-  
joice|strong="H8055"!

**33** Rejoice|strong="H7442" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068",  
good people!

It|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" only  
right|strong="H3477" for|strong="H7442" good peo-  
ple to|strong="H3068" praise|strong="H8416"  
him|strong="H3068".

<sup>2</sup> Play the|strong="H3068" lyre|strong="H3658"  
and|strong="H3068" praise|strong="H3034"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".

Play the|strong="H3068" ten-  
stringed|strong="H6218" harp|strong="H3658"  
for|strong="H3068" him|strong="H3068".

<sup>3</sup> Sing|strong="H7891" a|strong="H7891"  
new|strong="H2319" song|strong="H7892"<sup>I</sup>  
to|strong="H7891" him.

Play|strong="H5059" it|strong="H3190"  
well|strong="H3190" and|strong="H7891"  
sing|strong="H7891" it|strong="H3190" loud!

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
word|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068"  
true|strong="H3068",

and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588"  
is|strong="H3068" faithful|strong="H0530"  
in|strong="H3068" everything|strong="H3605"  
he|strong="H3588" does|strong="H4639".

<sup>5</sup> He|strong="H3068" loves|strong="H0157" good-  
ness and|strong="H3068" justice|strong="H4941".

The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" faith-  
ful|strong="H2617" love|strong="H0157"  
fills|strong="H4390" the|strong="H3068"  
earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
spoke|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" com-  
mand|strong="H6310", and|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" world was|strong="H3068"  
made|strong="H6213".

The|strong="H3605" breath|strong="H7307"  
from|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605"  
mouth|strong="H6310" created|strong="H6213"  
everything|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" heavens|strong="H8064".

<sup>7</sup> He|strong="H5414" gathered|strong="H5414" to-  
gether|strong="H3220" the|strong="H5414" wa-  
ter|strong="H4325" of|strong="H4325"  
the|strong="H5414" sea|strong="H3220".

He|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H5414" ocean|strong="H8415"  
in|strong="H5414" its|strong="H5414"  
place|strong="H5414".

<sup>I</sup> NEW SONG Whenever God did a new and wonderful thing for his people, they would write a new song about it.

<sup>8</sup> Everyone|strong="H3605" on|strong="H0776"  
earth|strong="H0776" should|strong="H3068"  
fear|strong="H3372" and|strong="H3068" respect  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"  
the|strong="H3605" world|strong="H8398"  
should|strong="H3068" fear|strong="H3372"  
him|strong="H3605",

<sup>9</sup> because|strong="H3588" when|strong="H3588"  
he|strong="H1931" speaks|strong="H0559",  
things|strong="H1961" happen|strong="H1961".

And|strong="H5975" if|strong="H3588"  
he|strong="H1931" says|strong="H0559", "  
Stop|strong="H5975"!"— then|strong="H1961"  
it|strong="H1931" stops. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" can  
ruin every|strong="H1471" decision  
the|strong="H3068" nations|strong="H1471" make.

He|strong="H3068" can spoil all  
their|strong="H3068" plans|strong="H4284".

<sup>11</sup> But|strong="H3820" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" decisions|strong="H6098"  
are|strong="H3068" good forever|strong="H5769".

His|strong="H3068" plans|strong="H4284"  
are|strong="H3068" good for|strong="H3068" gener-  
ation|strong="H1755" after genera-  
tion|strong="H1755".

<sup>12</sup> Great|strong="H0430" blessings be-  
long|strong="H0430" to|strong="H3068"  
those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834"  
have|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834"  
LORD|strong="H3068" as|strong="H0834"  
their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"!

He|strong="H0834" chose|strong="H0977"  
them|strong="H0834" to|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" own special  
people|strong="H5971".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
looked|strong="H7200" down|strong="H5027"  
from|strong="H1121" heaven|strong="H8064"  
and|strong="H1121" saw|strong="H7200"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H0120".

<sup>14</sup> From|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" high  
throne he|strong="H4349" looked  
down|strong="H3427"

at|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" liv-  
ing|strong="H3427" on|strong="H0413"  
earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>15</sup> He|strong="H3335" created|strong="H3335"  
every|strong="H3605" person's|strong="H3820"  
mind|strong="H3820",

<sup>II</sup> AND IF ... STOPS Or "He gives the command, and it stands!" The word "stand" can mean "stand forever" or "stop."

and he knows what each one is doing.

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the power of his army.

A soldier does not survive by his own great strength.

<sup>17</sup> Horses really bring victory in war.

Their strength cannot help you escape.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD watches over his followers,

those who for him to show his faithful love.

<sup>19</sup> He saves them from death.

He gives them strength when they are hungry.

<sup>20</sup> So we will for the LORD.

He helps us and protects us.

<sup>21</sup> He makes us happy.

We trust his holy name.

<sup>22</sup> LORD, we worship you,

so show your great love for us.

<sup>I</sup> A song of David when he pretended to be crazy so that Abimelech would send him away, which he did.

**34** I will praise the LORD at all times.

I will never stop singing his praises.

<sup>I</sup> In Hebrew, each verse in this psalm begins with the next letter of the alphabet.

<sup>2</sup> Humble people, listen and while I brag about the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD with me.

Let us honor his name.

<sup>4</sup> I went to the LORD for help, and he listened.

He saved me from that I fear.

<sup>5</sup> If you look to him for help,

he will put a smile on your face.

You will have no need to be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> As a poor, helpless man I prayed to the LORD,

and he heard me.

He saved me from all my troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD'S angel builds a camp around his followers,

and he protects them.

<sup>8</sup> Give the LORD a chance to show you how good he is.

Great blessings belong to those who depend on him!

<sup>9</sup> The LORD'S holy people should fear and respect him.

Those who respect him will always have what they need.

<sup>10</sup> Even strong lions get weak and hungry,

but those who go to the LORD

<sup>II</sup> GIVE ... SHOW you Literally, "Taste and see."

for help will have every good thing.

<sup>11</sup> Children, come and listen to me;

I will teach you to respect the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> Do you want to enjoy life?

Do you want to have many happy days?

<sup>13</sup> Then avoid saying anything hurtful,

and never let a lie come out of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup> Stop doing anything evil, and do good.

Look for peace, and do all you can to help people live peacefully.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD watches over those who do what is right, and he hears their prayers.

<sup>16</sup> But the LORD is against those who do evil,

so they are forgotten soon after they die.

<sup>17</sup> Pray to the LORD, and he will hear you.

He will save you from all your troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is close to those who have suffered disappointment.

He saves those who are discouraged.

<sup>19</sup> Good people might have many problems,

but the LORD will take them all away.

<sup>20</sup> He will protect them completely.

Not one of their bones will be broken.

<sup>21</sup> But troubles will kill the wicked.

The enemies of those who live right will be punished.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD saves his servants.

All who go to him for protection will escape punishment.

A song of David.

**35** LORD, oppose those who oppose me.

Fight those who fight me.

<sup>2</sup> Pick up your shields and large and small.

Get up and help me!

<sup>3</sup> Take a spear and javelin

and fight those who are chasing me.

Tell me, "I will rescue you!"

<sup>4</sup> Some people are trying to kill me.

Disappoint them and make them ashamed.

Make them turn away and run away.

They are planning to hurt me.

Defeat and embarrass them.

<sup>5</sup> Make them like chaff blown by the wind.

<sup>1</sup> WIND This may be a wordplay, because the Hebrew word also means "spirit."

Let *strong="H1961"* them *strong="H6440"* be *strong="H1961"* chased by *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H6440"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* angel *strong="H4397"*.

<sup>6</sup> Make their *strong="H3068"* road *strong="H1870"* dark *strong="H2822"* and *strong="H3068"* slippery *strong="H2519"*.

Let *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3068"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* angel *strong="H4397"* chase *strong="H7291"* them *strong="H7291"*.

<sup>7</sup> I *strong="H3588"* did nothing *strong="H2600"* wrong, but *strong="H3588"* they *strong="H3588"* tried to *strong="H5315"* trap me *strong="H5315"*.

For *strong="H3588"* no reason at all, they *strong="H3588"* dug *strong="H2658"* a *strong="H3588"* pit *strong="H7845"* to *strong="H5315"* catch me *strong="H5315"*.

<sup>8</sup> So *strong="H3808"* let *strong="H3808"* them *strong="H0935"* fall *strong="H5307"* into *strong="H0935"* their *strong="H0935"* own traps.

Let *strong="H3808"* them *strong="H0935"* stumble into *strong="H0935"* their *strong="H0935"* own nets.

Let *strong="H3808"* some unknown danger catch *strong="H3920"* them *strong="H0935"*.

<sup>9</sup> Then *strong="H3068"* I *strong="H5315"* will *strong="H3068"* rejoice *strong="H1523"* in *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3068"* LORD *strong="H3068"*.

I *strong="H5315"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* happy when *strong="H3068"* he *strong="H3068"* saves me *strong="H5315"*.

<sup>10</sup> With *strong="H3068"* my *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* self I *strong="H0559"* will *strong="H3068"* say *strong="H0559"*,  
"LORD *strong="H3068"*, there *strong="H3068"* is *strong="H3068"* no *strong="H4480"* one *strong="H3605"* like *strong="H3644"* you *strong="H3605"*.

You *strong="H3605"* protect the *strong="H3605"* poor *strong="H6041"* from *strong="H4480"* those *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H4310"* are *strong="H3068"* stronger *strong="H2389"*.

You *strong="H3605"* save *strong="H5337"* the *strong="H3605"* poor *strong="H6041"* and *strong="H3068"* helpless from *strong="H4480"* those *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H4310"* try to *strong="H0559"* rob *strong="H1497"* them *strong="H4480"*."

<sup>11</sup> There *strong="H3045"* are *strong="H0834"* witnesses *strong="H5707"*<sup>1</sup> trying to *strong="H6965"* harm me *strong="H7592"*.

They *strong="H0834"* ask *strong="H7592"* me *strong="H7592"* questions that *strong="H0834"* I *strong="H0834"* know *strong="H3045"* nothing *strong="H3808"* about *strong="H3045"*.

<sup>1</sup> WITNESSES People who tell what they have seen or heard. Here, these people were probably telling lies.

<sup>12</sup> They *strong="H7451"* pay *strong="H7999"* me *strong="H5315"* back *strong="H7999"* evil *strong="H7451"* for *strong="H8478"* the *strong="H8478"* good *strong="H2896"* I *strong="H5315"* have done *strong="H7451"*.

They *strong="H7451"* make me *strong="H5315"* so very sad.

<sup>13</sup> When *strong="H7725"* they *strong="H5921"* were *strong="H5315"* sick *strong="H2470"*, I *strong="H0589"* was *strong="H5315"* sad and *strong="H7725"* wore *strong="H5921"* sackcloth *strong="H8242"*.

I *strong="H0589"* went *strong="H7725"* without eating to *strong="H7725"* show my *strong="H5921"* sorrow *strong="H5921"*.

( May *strong="H7725"* my *strong="H5921"* prayers *strong="H8605"* for *strong="H5921"* them *strong="H5921"* not *strong="H5315"* be *strong="H5315"* answered *strong="H7725"*!)

<sup>14</sup> I *strong="H6937"* mourned for *strong="H7453"* them *strong="H0251"* as *strong="H1980"* I *strong="H6937"* would *strong="H0517"* for *strong="H7453"* a *strong="H1980"* friend *strong="H7453"* or *strong="H7453"* a *strong="H1980"* brother *strong="H0251"*.

I *strong="H6937"* bowed *strong="H7817"* low *strong="H7817"* with *strong="H1980"* sadness, crying as *strong="H1980"* I *strong="H6937"* would *strong="H0517"* for *strong="H7453"* my *strong="H1980"* own mother *strong="H0517"*.

<sup>15</sup> But *strong="H3808"* when *strong="H5921"* I *strong="H3045"* had *strong="H3045"* troubles, they *strong="H5921"* laughed at *strong="H5921"* me *strong="H5921"*.

They *strong="H5921"* were *strong="H5921"* not *strong="H3808"* really friends *strong="H3045"*.

I *strong="H3045"* was *strong="H3808"* surrounded and *strong="H3045"* attacked

by *strong="H5921"* people *strong="H3808"* I *strong="H3045"* didn't *strong="H3808"* even *strong="H3808"* know *strong="H3045"*.

<sup>16</sup> They *strong="H5921"* made fun of *strong="H5921"* me *strong="H5921"*, using the *strong="H5921"* worst language.

They *strong="H5921"* ground their *strong="H5921"* teeth *strong="H8127"* to *strong="H5921"* show their *strong="H5921"* anger.

<sup>17</sup> My *strong="H7200"* Lord *strong="H0136"*, how *strong="H4100"* long *strong="H4100"* will *strong="H0136"* you *strong="H7725"* watch *strong="H7200"* this *strong="H7725"* happen?

Save *strong="H5315"* my *strong="H7200"* life *strong="H5315"* from *strong="H7725"* these people *strong="H5315"*

who *strong="H5315"* are *strong="H4100"* attacking me *strong="H5315"* like *strong="H7725"* lions *strong="H3715"* and *strong="H7725"* trying to *strong="H7725"* destroy me *strong="H5315"*.



18 I will praise you in great assembly.  
I will praise you there among the crowds.

19 Don't let them lie about me laughing at me.  
They have no reason to hate me.  
Surely they will be punished for their secret plans.

20 They have no friendly words but plan ways to hurt those who want to live in peace.

21 They are telling lies about me.  
They say, "Aha! We know what you did!"

22 LORD, surely you can see what is happening.  
So keep quiet.  
Lord, leave me.

23 Wake up! Get up!  
My God and Lord, fight for me, and bring me justice.

24 LORD, my God, judge me with your fairness.  
Don't let those people laugh at me.

25 Don't let them think,

1 SURELY ... PLANS Literally, "Will the people who hate me freely wink their eyes?"

Aha! We got what we wanted!"

Don't let them say, "We destroyed him!"

26 Let my enemies be ashamed and embarrassed—  
all those who were happy about my troubles.

Proud of themselves, they treated me as worthless.

So let them be covered with shame and disgrace.

27 To those who want the best for me,

I wish them joy and happiness.

May they always say, "Praise the LORD, who is his servant."

28 So, Lord, I tell you how good you are.

I will praise you all day long.

To the director: A song of David, the LORD'S servant.

36 Deep in hearts of wicked people, a voice tells them to do wrong.

They have no respect for God.

2 They lie to themselves.

They don't see their own faults,  
so they are not sorry for what they do.

<sup>3</sup> Their words are wicked lies.

They have stopped doing anything wise or good.

<sup>4</sup> They make wicked plans in bed at night.

They choose a way of life that no one good.

And they never say no to anything evil.

<sup>5</sup> LORD, your faithful love reaches to the sky.

Your faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> Your goodness is higher than the highest mountains.

Your fairness is deeper than the deepest ocean.

LORD, you protect people and animals.

<sup>7</sup> Nothing is more precious than your loving kindness.

All people can find protection close to you.

<sup>8</sup> They get strength from all the good things in your house.

You let them drink from your wonderful river.

<sup>9</sup> The fountain of life flows from you.

Your light lets us see light.

<sup>10</sup> Continue to love those who really know you,

and do good to those who are true to you.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Don't let proud people trap me.

Don't let the wicked force me to run away.

<sup>12</sup> Put this on their grave markers:

"Here fell the wicked."

They were crushed.

They will never stand up again."

## II A song of David.

**37** Don't get upset about evil people.

Don't be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> They are like grass and other green plants that dry up quickly and then die.

<sup>3</sup> So trust in the LORD and do good.

Live on your land and be dependable.

**III**  
<sup>4</sup> Enjoy serving the LORD, and he will give you whatever you ask for.

<sup>5</sup> Depend on the LORD.

Trust in him, and he will help you.

<sup>6</sup> He will make as clear as day that you are right.

II In Hebrew, about every other verse in this psalm begins with the next letter of the alphabet. III BE DEPENDABLE Literally, "shepherd faithfulness."

I TRUE TO YOU Or "honest hearted."

Everyone will see  
that you are being fair.

<sup>7</sup> Trust in the LORD and wait quietly for his help.

Don't be angry when people make evil plans and succeed.

<sup>8</sup> Don't become angry and upset that you do evil.

<sup>9</sup> The wicked will be destroyed,

but those who call on the LORD for help will get the land he promised.

<sup>10</sup> In a short time will not be evil.

You can look at them and you want, but they will be gone.

<sup>11</sup> Humble people will get the land God promised, and they will enjoy peace.

<sup>12</sup> The wicked plan bad things for those who are good.

They show their teeth in anger at them.

<sup>13</sup> But our Lord will laugh at them.

He will make sure they get what they deserve.

<sup>14</sup> The wicked draw their swords

to kill the poor and helpless.

They aim their arrows who live right.

<sup>15</sup> But their bows will break, and their swords will pierce their own hearts.

<sup>16</sup> A few good people are better than a large crowd of those who are evil.

<sup>17</sup> The wicked will be destroyed, but the LORD cares for those who are good.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD protects pure people their life.

Their reward will continue forever.

<sup>19</sup> When trouble comes, good people will not be destroyed. When times of hunger come, good people will have plenty to eat.

<sup>20</sup> But evil people the LORD'S enemies, and they will be destroyed.

Their valleys will dry up and burn.

They will be completely.

<sup>21</sup> The wicked borrow money and never pay it back.

But *good people* are *kind and generous*.

<sup>22</sup> Everyone the Lord blesses will get the *land* he promised.

Everyone he curses will be destroyed.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD shows us how we should live,

and he pleased when he sees people that way.

<sup>24</sup> If they stumble, they will not fall,

because the LORD reaches out to steady them.

<sup>25</sup> I was young now, am old,

but I have seen left no one to help them;

I have never seen their children begging for food.

<sup>26</sup> They are kind and generous, and their children are a blessing.

<sup>27</sup> Stop doing anything evil, do good,

and you will always have a place to live.

<sup>28</sup> The LORD loves what is right,

and he will never leave his followers without help.

He will always protect them,

but he will destroy the families of the wicked.

<sup>29</sup> Good people will get the land God promised

and live on it forever.

<sup>30</sup> Those who do what is right give good advice.

Their decisions are always fair.

<sup>31</sup> They have learned God's teachings,

and they will never stop living right.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>32</sup> The wicked are always looking for ways to kill good people.

<sup>33</sup> But the LORD will not let the wicked defeat them.

He will not let good people be judged guilty.

<sup>34</sup> Do what the LORD says, and for his help.

He will reward you and give you the land he promised.

You will see the wicked being forced to leave.

<sup>35</sup> I once saw a wicked man who was powerful.

<sup>1</sup> THEY ... RIGHT Literally, "his steps will not slip."

He *was like* a tree.

<sup>36</sup> But *then* he *was* gone.

I *looked for* him, but *could not find* him.

<sup>37</sup> Be *pure* and *honest*.

Peace *loving people* will *have* descendants.

<sup>38</sup> But *those who break the law* will *be* completely *destroyed*.

And *their* descendants *will be* forced to *leave the* land.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>39</sup> The *LORD* *saves* those who *are* good.

When *they* have *troubles*, he *is* their *strength*.

<sup>40</sup> The *LORD* *helps* and *rescues* them.

They *depend on* him *so* he *rescues* them *from* the *wicked*.

A song of David for the day of remembrance. II

**38** LORD, don't criticize me *when* you *are* angry.

Don't discipline me *in* anger.

<sup>2</sup> You *have* hurt me.

You *punished* me *and* hurt me *deeply*.

<sup>3</sup> You *punished* me *severely*, so

my *whole body is* sore.

I *sinned*, and *now* all my *bones* hurt.

<sup>4</sup> My *guilt* *is* like *a* heavy burden.

I *am* sinking beneath *its* weight.

<sup>5</sup> I *did a* foolish thing,

*and* *now* I *have* infected sores that *stink*.

<sup>6</sup> I *am* bent and *bowed down*.

I *am* depressed all day *long*.

<sup>7</sup> I *am* burning with *fever*,

*and* my *body* hurts.

<sup>8</sup> I *hurt so* much I *cannot* feel anything.

My *pounding heart* makes me *scream*!

<sup>9</sup> My *Lord*, you *heard* my *groaning*.

You *can hear* my *sighs*.

<sup>10</sup> My *heart is* pounding.

My *strength is* gone,

I *am* going blind.<sup>III</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Because *of* my *sickness*, my *friends* and *neighbors* will *not* visit me;

my *family* will *not* come near me.

<sup>12</sup> My *enemies* say bad things about *me*.

They *are* spreading lies and *rumors*.

They *talk about* me *all the* time.

<sup>13</sup> But *I* *am* like *a* deaf man *and* cannot hear.

I FORCED TO LEAVE THE LAND Or "destroyed." Literally, "cut off."

II FOR ... REMEMBRANCE The ancient Greek version has "for the Sabbath."

III I AM GOING BLIND Or "My eyes have lost their sparkle." Literally, "Even the light of my eyes is no longer with me."

I am like someone who cannot speak.

<sup>14</sup> I am like those who cannot hear what people are saying about them.

I cannot answer to prove my enemies wrong.

<sup>15</sup> LORD, you must defend me.

Lord my God, you must speak for me.

<sup>16</sup> That's why I prayed, "Don't let my enemies smile at my pain.

Full of pride, they will laugh if I stumble and fall."

<sup>17</sup> I know I am guilty of doing wrong.

I cannot forget my pain.

<sup>18</sup> Lord, I told you about the evil I have done.

I am sorry for my sin.

<sup>19</sup> But my enemies are healthy,

and they have told many lies.

<sup>20</sup> I did nothing but good, and they paid me back with evil.

I try to do what is right,

but that only makes them turn against me.

<sup>21</sup> LORD, don't leave me. My God, stay close to me.

<sup>22</sup> Come quickly and help me.

My Lord, you are the one who saves me.

To the director, Jeduthun. <sup>I</sup> A song of David.

<sup>39</sup> I said, "I will be careful about what I say.

I will not let my tongue cause me to sin.

I will keep my mouth closed when I am around wicked people."

<sup>2</sup> So I didn't say anything.

I didn't even say anything good, but I became even more upset.

<sup>3</sup> I was very angry, and the more I thought about it, the angrier I became.

So I said something.

<sup>4</sup> LORD, tell me what will happen to me now?

Tell me, how long will I live?

Let me know how short my life really is.

<sup>5</sup> You gave me only a short life.

Compared to you, my whole life is nothing.

The life of every human is like a cloud that quickly disappears. Selah

<sup>6</sup> Our life is like an image in a mirror.

We rush through life collecting things,

but we don't know who will get them after we die.

<sup>7</sup> So, Lord, what hope do I have?

<sup>I</sup> JEDUTHUN Or "and to Jeduthun," one of the three main temple musicians. See 1 Chron. 9:16; 16:38-42. <sup>II</sup> WILL KEEP ... CLOSED Literally, "guard my mouth with a muzzle." <sup>III</sup> OUR LIFE ... MIRROR Or "This life is not real—it is only a shadow" or "People wander around in the dark—not knowing what will happen."

You <sup>8</sup> are my hope!

<sup>8</sup> Save me from the bad things I did.

Don't let me be treated like a fool.

<sup>9</sup> I will not open my mouth.

I will not say anything.

You did what should have been done.

<sup>10</sup> But please stop punishing me.

You will destroy if I do not stop.

<sup>11</sup> You will punish people for doing wrong to the right way to live.

As a moth destroys cloth, you destroy what people love.

Yes, our lives are like that that quickly disappears. Selah

<sup>12</sup> LORD, hear my prayer!

Listen to the words I cry to you.

Look at my tears.

I am only a traveler passing through this life with you.

Like all my ancestors, I will live here only a short time. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Leave me alone and let me be happy before I am dead and gone.

To the director: A song of David.

<sup>I</sup> I LIVE ... TIME Literally, "I am a settler." <sup>II</sup> LEAVE ME ALONE Or "Stop looking at me."

<sup>40</sup> I called to the LORD, and he heard me. He heard my cries.

<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the grave.

He lifted me from that muddy place.

He picked me up, put me on solid ground,

and kept my feet from slipping.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

Many will see what he did and worship him.

They will put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Great blessings belong to those who trust in the LORD,

for those who do not turn to demons and false gods for help.

<sup>5</sup> LORD my God, you have done many amazing things!

You have made for us—too many to list.

I could talk on and on about them,

because there are too many to count.

<sup>III</sup> CALLED Or "waited patiently." <sup>IV</sup> GRAVE Literally, "pit of destruction." That is, "Sheol," the place of death. <sup>V</sup> MUDDY PLACE In many ancient stories, Sheol, the place of death, is a dark place with mud all around, like a grave. <sup>VI</sup> NEW SONG Whenever God did a new and wonderful thing for his people, they would write a new song about it. <sup>VII</sup> DEMONS AND FALSE GODS Or "proud and deceptive people."

<sup>6</sup> Lord *made* me *understand this*:<sup>I</sup>

You *don't* really want sacrifices and grain offerings.

You *don't* want burnt offerings and sin offerings.

<sup>7</sup> So I *said*, "Here I am,

ready to do what was written about me in the book.

<sup>8</sup> My God, I am happy to do whatever you want.

I *never stop thinking about* your teachings."

<sup>9</sup> I told the good news of victory<sup>II</sup> to the people in the great assembly.

And LORD, you know that I will *never stop telling that* good news.

<sup>10</sup> I told about the good things you did.

I *did not* hide these things in my heart.

I spoke of how you can be trusted to save us.

I *did not* hide your love and loyalty from those in the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup> LORD, do not hide your mercy from me.

Let your love and loyalty always protect me.

<sup>I</sup> YOU MADE ... THIS Literally, "you have dug my ears." The ancient Greek version has "you prepared a body for me." <sup>II</sup> VICTORY Or "goodness" or "righteousness."

<sup>12</sup> Troubles have surrounded me.

They are too many to count! My sins have caught me,

and I cannot escape them.

They are more than the hairs on my head.

I have lost my courage.

<sup>13</sup> Please, LORD, rescue me!  
LORD, hurry and help me!

<sup>14</sup> People are trying to kill me.

Please disappoint them.

Humiliate them completely! They wanted to hurt me.

Make them run away in shame!

<sup>15</sup> May those who make fun of me

be too embarrassed to speak!

<sup>16</sup> But may those who come to you be happy and rejoice.

May those who love being saved by you always be able to say, "Praise the LORD!"<sup>III</sup>

<sup>17</sup> My Lord, I am only a poor, helpless man,

but please pay attention to me.

You are my helper, the one who can save me.

My God, don't be too late.

To the director: A song of David.

<sup>III</sup> PRAISE THE LORD Literally, "The LORD is great" or "May the LORD be magnified."



**41** Those who help *the* poor succeed will get many blessings. <sup>I</sup>

When trouble comes, *the* LORD will save them.

*The* LORD will protect them and save their lives.

*He* will bless them in *his* land.

*He* will not let their enemies harm them.

*When* they are sick in bed, *the* LORD will give them strength and make them well!

*I* say, "LORD, be kind to me."

*I* sinned against you, but forgive me and make me well."

*My* enemies say bad things about me.

*They* ask, "When will *he* die and be forgotten?"

*If* they come to see me,

*they* don't say what *they* are really thinking.

*They* come to gather a little gossip

and then go to spread their rumors.

*Those who* hate me whisper about me.

*They* think *the* worst about me.

*They* say, "He did something wrong."

*That* is why *he* is sick.

*He* will never get well."

<sup>I</sup> Or "Those who teach the poor will be very fortunate."

*My* best friend, *the* one *I* trusted,

*the* one who ate with me— even *he* has turned against me.

LORD, please be kind to me.

Let me get up, and *I* will pay them back.

Don't let my enemy defeat me.

*Then* *I* will know that you care for me.

*I* was innocent and you supported me.

You let me stand and serve you forever.

Praise *the* LORD, *the* God of Israel.

*He* always was *he* always will be.

Amen and Amen!

## Book 2

(Psalms 42—72)

To the director: A maskil from the Korah family.

**42** Like a deer drinking from a stream,

*I* reach out to you, my God. <sup>II</sup>

*My* soul thirsts for *the* living God.

When can *I* go to meet with him?

*Instead* of food, *I* have only tears day and night,

as my enemies laugh at me.

<sup>II</sup> Or "As a deer stretches out to drink water from a stream, so my soul thirsts for you, God."

and *strong="H0935"* say, "Where is *strong="H0430"* your *strong="H7200"* God *strong="H0430"?*"

<sup>4</sup> My *strong="H3605"* heart breaks as *strong="H1961"* I *strong="H3117"* remember the *strong="H3605"* pleasant times *strong="H3117"* in *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* past, when *strong="H1961"* I *strong="H3117"* walked with *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* crowds as *strong="H1961"* I *strong="H3117"* led them *strong="H0413"* up *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H0413"* God's *strong="H0430"* Temple. I *strong="H3117"* remember the *strong="H3605"* happy songs of *strong="H0430"* praise as *strong="H1961"* they *strong="H3117"* celebrated the *strong="H3605"* festival.

<sup>5</sup> Why am I so sad?  
Why am I so upset?  
I tell myself, "Wait for God's help!  
You will again be able to praise him,  
your God, the one who will save you."  
In my sadness I say, "I will remember you from here  
on this small hill, <sup>I</sup>

where Mount Hermon and the Jordan River meet."  
<sup>7</sup> I *strong="H3651"* hear the *strong="H5921"* roar of *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H5921"* water coming from *strong="H5921"* deep within *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* earth *strong="H0776"*.

It *strong="H5921"* shouts to *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* water below as *strong="H5315"* it *strong="H5921"* tumbles down *strong="H7817"* the *strong="H5921"* waterfall.

God *strong="H0430"*, your *strong="H5921"* waves come *strong="H2142"* one *strong="H0776"* after *strong="H5921"* another,  
crashing all around *strong="H5921"* and *strong="H0430"* over *strong="H5921"* me *strong="H5315"*. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>8</sup> By *strong="H5921"* day the *strong="H3605"* LORD shows his *strong="H3605"* faithful love,  
and *strong="H6963"* at *strong="H0413"* night I *strong="H5921"* have *strong="H3605"* a *strong="H7121"* song for *strong="H5921"* him *strong="H0413"*— a *strong="H7121"* prayer for *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* God *strong="H0413"* of *strong="H6963"* my *strong="H3605"* life. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>9</sup> I *strong="H6680"* say to *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0410"*, my *strong="H3068"* Rock,  
"Why have *strong="H3068"* you *strong="H6680"* forgotten me *strong="H5973"?*"

Why must I *strong="H6680"* suffer this *strong="H3068"* sadness that *strong="H3068"* my *strong="H3068"* enemies have *strong="H3068"* brought me *strong="H5973"?*"

<sup>I</sup> SMALL HILL Or "Mount Mizar." <sup>II</sup> GOD, YOUR WAVES ... OVER ME These word pictures describe the psalmist's feelings about the many troubles the Lord has allowed him to experience. <sup>III</sup> THE GOD OF MY LIFE Or "my living God."

<sup>10</sup> Their *strong="H0410"* constant insults are *strong="H4100"* killing me *strong="H7911"*.

They *strong="H0559"* never stop asking *strong="H0559"*, "Where *strong="H4100"* is *strong="H4100"* your *strong="H7911"* God *strong="H0410"?*"

<sup>11</sup> Why am *strong="H0430"* I *strong="H3117"* so sad?

Why am *strong="H0430"* I *strong="H3117"* so upset?

I *strong="H3117"* tell *strong="H0559"* myself, "Wait for *strong="H0413"* God's *strong="H0430"* help!

You *strong="H3605"* will *strong="H0430"* again be *strong="H0430"* able to *strong="H0413"* praise him *strong="H0413"*,

your *strong="H3605"* God *strong="H0430"*, the *strong="H3605"* one *strong="H3605"* who *strong="H3605"* will *strong="H0430"* save you *strong="H3605"*."

**43** Defend *strong="H8199"* me *strong="H3808"*, God *strong="H0430"*.

Argue *strong="H7378"* my *strong="H7378"* case *strong="H7379"* against *strong="H0376"* those *strong="H0376"* people *strong="H0376"* who *strong="H0376"* don't *strong="H3808"* know you *strong="H3808"*.

Protect me *strong="H3808"* from *strong="H0376"* those *strong="H0376"* evil *strong="H5766"* liars.

<sup>2</sup> God *strong="H0430"*, you *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H4100"* my *strong="H3588"* place of *strong="H0430"* safety *strong="H4581"*.

Why *strong="H4100"* have *strong="H0859"* you *strong="H0859"* turned me *strong="H1980"* away *strong="H1980"?*

Why *strong="H4100"* must I *strong="H3588"* suffer this *strong="H3588"* sadness

that *strong="H3588"* my *strong="H3588"* enemies *strong="H0341"* have *strong="H0859"* brought *strong="H1980"* me *strong="H1980"?*

<sup>3</sup> Send *strong="H7971"* your *strong="H0935"* light *strong="H0216"* and *strong="H0935"* your *strong="H0935"* truth *strong="H0571"* to *strong="H0413"* guide *strong="H5148"* me *strong="H0413"*,

to *strong="H0413"* lead *strong="H5148"* me *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* your *strong="H0935"* holy *strong="H6944"* mountain *strong="H2022"*, to *strong="H0413"* your *strong="H0935"* home.

<sup>4</sup> I *strong="H0935"* want to *strong="H0413"* go *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* God's *strong="H0430"* altar *strong="H4196"*, to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* God *strong="H0430"* who *strong="H0410"* makes me *strong="H0413"* so *strong="H0935"* very happy *strong="H8057"*.

God *strong="H0430"*, my *strong="H0935"* God *strong="H0430"*, I *strong="H0935"* want

to play my harp and sing praises to you!  
 5 Why am I so sad? Why am I so upset? I tell myself, "Wait for God's help!" You will again have a chance to praise him, your God, the one who will save you.

To the director: A maskil from the Korah family.

**44** God, we have heard about you.

Our fathers told us what you did in their lifetime.

They told us what you did long ago.

2 With your great power you took this land from other people, and you gave us.

You crushed those foreigners and forced them to leave this land.

3 It was not our fathers' swords that they took the land.

It was not their strong arms that they brought them victory.

It was your power.

It was because you accepted them and smiled down on them.

4 God, you are my king.

Give the command and lead Jacob's people to victory.

5 We need your help to push our enemies back.

Only in your name can we trample those who attacked us.

6 I don't put my trust in my bow.

My sword cannot save me.

7 You are the one who saved us from our enemies.

You are the one who put our enemies to shame.

8 We have praised you all day long, and we will praise your name forever. Selah

9 But you left us and put us to shame.

You did not go with us into battle.

10 You let our enemies push us back.

You let them take our wealth.

11 You gave us away like sheep to be killed and eaten.

You scattered us among the nations.

12 You sold your people for nothing.

You did not even argue over the price.

13 You made us a joke to our neighbors.

They laugh and make us fun of.

14 You made us one of the stories that people love to tell.

People all |strong="H5439" over the |strong="H7760" world laugh at |strong="H2781" us |strong="H7760" and |strong="H5439" shake their |strong="H7760" heads.

15 All I |strong="H7760" can think |strong="H7760" about is |strong="H7218" my |strong="H7760" shame.

Just look at |strong="H7218" my |strong="H7760" face, and |strong="H7218" you |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1471" see it |strong="H7760".

16 All |strong="H3605" I |strong="H3117" can hear are |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" jokes and |strong="H3117" insults |strong="H3639" of |strong="H3117" my |strong="H3605" enemies,

as |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" watch them |strong="H6440" take |strong="H3680" their |strong="H3605" revenge.

17 We have not forgotten you |strong="H6440".

But you |strong="H6440" do all those things to |strong="H6440" us |strong="H6440".

We did not break the |strong="H6440" agreement you |strong="H6440" gave us |strong="H6440".

18 We |strong="H3605" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" turn away |strong="H3605" from |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3605".

We |strong="H3605" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" following you |strong="H3605".

19 But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" crushed us |strong="H4480" in |strong="H3808" this |strong="H3820" home of |strong="H4480" jackals.

You |strong="H3808" left |strong="H5186" us |strong="H4480" in |strong="H3808" this |strong="H3820" place as dark as death.

20 Did we |strong="H3588" forget the |strong="H5921" name of |strong="H5921" our |strong="H5921" God?

Did we |strong="H3588" pray to |strong="H5921" foreign gods?

21 If |strong="H0518" we |strong="H0518" did, then God |strong="H0430" knows it |strong="H0518",

because he |strong="H0518" knows our |strong="H0430" deepest secrets.

22 All |strong="H3045" day long we |strong="H3588" died for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588".

We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0430" like |strong="H3808" sheep being |strong="H0430" led away to |strong="H3820" be |strong="H3808" killed.

23 Lord, wake up |strong="H5921"!

Why |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3588" sleeping?

Get up |strong="H5921"! Don't ignore us |strong="H5921" forever |strong="H3117"!

24 Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H4100" hiding from us?

Have you |strong="H4100" forgotten our |strong="H0136" pain and |strong="H5782" troubles?

25 We have been pushed down |strong="H6440" into the |strong="H6440" dirt.

We are |strong="H4100" lying face |strong="H6440" down |strong="H6440" in |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" dust. I

26 Get up and |strong="H0776" help us |strong="H3588"!

Rescue |strong="H5315" us |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3588" faithful love.

To the director: To the tune "Shoshanim." II A maskil from the Korah family. A love song.

45 Beautiful thoughts fill my |strong="H5921" mind

as |strong="H1121" I |strong="H5921" speak these lines for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H5921".

These words come from |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" tongue

as |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" pen of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H5921" skilled writer.

2 You |strong="H3820" are |strong="H1697" more handsome |strong="H2896" than |strong="H2896" anyone,

and |strong="H4428" you |strong="H3820" say |strong="H0559" such pleasant |strong="H2896" things |strong="H1697".

So |strong="H0589" God |strong="H0559" will |strong="H4428" always bless you |strong="H3820".

3 Put on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" sword, mighty |strong="H0430" warrior,

so |strong="H3651" impressive in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" splendid uniform.

4 Go out |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" greatness to |strong="H5921" win the |strong="H5921" victory for |strong="H5921" what |strong="H5921" is |strong="H2719" true and |strong="H2719" right.

Let us |strong="H5921" see the |strong="H5921" amazing things you |strong="H5921" can do with |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" powerful |strong="H1368" right arm. III

5 Your |strong="H5921" sharp arrows will |strong="H1697" go deep into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" hearts of |strong="H1697" your |strong="H5921" enemies,

who |strong="H6664" will |strong="H1697" fall to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground in |strong="H5921" front of |strong="H1697" you |strong="H5921".

I This shows that the people were being treated like slaves who must bow down to their masters. II To the tune "Shoshanim." Or "On the Shoshanim." III RIGHT ARM This pictures God as a warrior-king. The right arm is a symbol of his power and authority.

<sup>6</sup> God, I your king-dom will last forever.

You use your authority for justice.

<sup>7</sup> You love what is right and hate what is wrong.

So God, your God, chose you to be king,

giving you more joy and honor than anyone like you.

<sup>8</sup> From your clothes comes the wonderful smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia.

In palaces decorated with ivory, you enjoy the music of stringed instruments.

<sup>9</sup> Here are ladies of honor, daughters of kings.

Your bride stands at your right side, wearing a gown decorated with the finest gold.

<sup>10</sup> My lady, listen to me.

Listen carefully and understand me.

Forget your people and your father's family,

<sup>11</sup> so that the king will be pleased with your beauty.

He will be your new husband,

so you must honor him.

<sup>12</sup> People from Tyre will bring you gifts.

Their richest people will try to win your friendship.

I **GOD** This might be a song to God as king. Or here, the writer might be using the word "God" as a title for the king. II **CHOSE ... ANYONE LIKE YOU** Literally, "anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions." This refers to the special oil used in the dedication of a new priest or king. III **BRIDE** Or "queen." IV **MY LADY** Literally, "Daughter." V **HUSBAND** Or "master."

<sup>13</sup> The princess is so beautiful in her gown, like a pearl set in gold.

<sup>14</sup> Clothed in beauty, she is led to the king, followed by her bridesmaids.

<sup>15</sup> Filled with joy and excitement,

they enter into the king's palace.

<sup>16</sup> Your sons will be like their ancestors.

You will make them rulers throughout the land.

<sup>17</sup> You will be famous for generations.

People will praise you forever and ever.

To the director: A song from the Korah family. Use the alamoth. VI A song.

**46** God is our protection and source of strength.

He is always ready to help us in times of trouble.

<sup>2</sup> So we are not afraid when the earth quakes and the mountains fall into the sea.

<sup>3</sup> We are not afraid when the seas become rough and dark

and the mountains tremble. Selah

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams bring happiness to God's city, to the holy city of God Most High.

VI **ALAMOTH** This might be a musical instrument, a special way of tuning an instrument, a music style, or one of the groups that played harps in the Temple orchestra. See 1 Chron. 15:21.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the city will never be destroyed.

He there to sunrise.

<sup>6</sup> Nations will shake and fall when

God shouts and earth move.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD All-Powerful is us

The God of Jacob is our place of safety. Selah

<sup>8</sup> Look at the powerful things LORD has done.

See the awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>9</sup> He stops wars all over the world.

He breaks the soldiers' bows, shatters their spears, and burns their shields. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>10</sup> God says, "Stop fighting and know that I am God!

I am the one who defeats the nations;

I am the one who controls the world."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD All-Powerful is us

The God of Jacob is our place of safety. Selah

To the director: A song from the Korah family.

**47** Everyone, clap your hands. Shout with joy to God!

<sup>2</sup> The LORD Most High is awesome.

<sup>I</sup> SHIELDS Or "chariots."

He the King over the earth.

<sup>3</sup> He helped us defeat other nations.

He put those people under our control.

<sup>4</sup> He chose our land for us.

He chose that wonderful land for Jacob, the one he loved. Selah

<sup>5</sup> The LORD God goes up to his throne

at the sound of the trumpet and horn.

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

<sup>7</sup> God is the King of the whole world.

Sing songs of praise!

<sup>8</sup> God sits on his holy throne;

he rules all the nations.

<sup>9</sup> The leaders of the nations have come together

with the people of the world to Abraham.

All the rulers of the world belong to God.

He is over all!

A song of praise from the Korah family.

**48** The LORD is great!

He is praised throughout the city

of |strong="H1121" our God, his |strong="H1121" holy mountain.

<sup>2</sup> His |strong="H3068" city |strong="H5892" is |strong="H3068" such a |strong="H3068" pleasant place |strong="H6944".

It |strong="H3068" brings joy to |strong="H3068" people from |strong="H3068" around the |strong="H3068" world.

Mount |strong="H2022" Zion is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068" mountain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430".<sup>I</sup>

It |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" great |strong="H11419" King.

<sup>3</sup> In |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" palaces of |strong="H4428" that |strong="H3605" city |strong="H7151",

God is |strong="H0776" known as |strong="H3303" the |strong="H3605" fortress.

<sup>4</sup> Once some kings met together and |strong="H0430" planned an |strong="H0430" attack against this |strong="H3045" city.

They |strong="H0430" marched toward the |strong="H3045" city,

<sup>5</sup> but |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H2009" it |strong="H3588", they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H2009" amazed.

They |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3162" panicked and |strong="H4428" ran away |strong="H5674".

<sup>6</sup> Fear grabbed them |strong="H1992"; they |strong="H1992" trembled like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H7200" woman giving birth.

<sup>7</sup> God, with |strong="H8033" a |strong="H3205" strong east wind,

you |strong="H3205" wrecked their |strong="H8033" big ships.

<sup>8</sup> Yes, we heard the |strong="H7665" stories about your |strong="H7665" power.

But we also saw it |strong="H7665" in |strong="H7665" the |strong="H7665" city of |strong="H7307" our God, the |strong="H7665" city of |strong="H7307" the |strong="H7665" LORD All-Powerful.

God makes that |strong="H7307" city strong forever. Selah

<sup>9</sup> God |strong="H0430", in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" Temple we |strong="H0834" remember your |strong="H3068" loving kindness.

<sup>10</sup> Your |strong="H7130" name is |strong="H0430" known everywhere, God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H0430" people throughout |strong="H7130" the |strong="H7130" earth praise you |strong="H7130".

<sup>I</sup> TRUE MOUNTAIN OF GOD Literally, "the summit of Zaphon." In Canaanite stories, Matthew Zaphon was where the gods lived.

You |strong="H7130" have |strong="H0430" shown that |strong="H0430" you |strong="H7130" do what is |strong="H0430" right.

<sup>11</sup> Mount Zion is |strong="H0776" happy, and |strong="H0430" the |strong="H5921" towns of |strong="H0776" Judah rejoice, because |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" decisions are |strong="H0776" fair.

<sup>12</sup> Walk around Jerusalem |strong="H4616", and |strong="H3063" count its towers.

<sup>13</sup> Look at the |strong="H5437" tall walls, and |strong="H5437" see the |strong="H5437" palaces.

Then |strong="H5437" you |strong="H6726" can tell |strong="H5608" the |strong="H5437" next generation about |strong="H5437" them.

<sup>14</sup> This |strong="H4616" God is |strong="H3820" our |strong="H7896" God forever |strong="H1755" and |strong="H3820" ever.

He |strong="H3820" will |strong="H3820" lead us |strong="H5608" from |strong="H3820" now to |strong="H3820" the |strong="H5608" end |strong="H0314" of |strong="H3820" time |strong="H1755".

To the director: A song from the Korah family.

**49** Listen to |strong="H1121" this, all you nations. Pay attention, all you people |strong="H1121" on earth.

<sup>2</sup> Everyone |strong="H3605", rich and |strong="H8085" poor, listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" me |strong="H3605".

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H1571" have |strong="H1571" some |strong="H0376" very |strong="H1571" wise words for |strong="H1571" you |strong="H1571".

My |strong="H1571" thoughts will |strong="H0376" give you |strong="H1571" understanding.

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H3820" listened to |strong="H1696" these |strong="H1696" sayings.

And |strong="H6310" now |strong="H1696", with |strong="H1696" my |strong="H1696" harp, I |strong="H3820" will |strong="H3820" sing |strong="H1696" and |strong="H6310" make the |strong="H1696" hidden meaning clear.

<sup>5</sup> Why should I be |strong="H0241" afraid when trouble comes?

There is no need to |strong="H0241" fear when evil enemies surround me.

<sup>6</sup> They |strong="H3117" think their |strong="H3117" wealth will |strong="H4100" protect |strong="H3117" them |strong="H3117".

They |strong="H3117" brag about |strong="H5437" how |strong="H4100" rich they |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117".

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H5921" no one has enough to |strong="H5921" buy back a |strong="H5921" life, and |strong="H6239" you |strong="H5921" cannot bribe <sup>II</sup> God.

8 You will never get enough money to pay for your own life.

9 You will never have enough to buy the right to live forever

and keep your body out of the grave.

10 Look, the wise die the same as fools and stupid people.

They die and leave their wealth to others.

11 The grave will be their new home forever.

And how much land they owned will not make any difference.

12 People might be wealthy, but they cannot stay here forever.

They will die like animals.

13 That is what happens to all who trust in themselves

and to anyone who accepts their way of life. Selah

14 They are just like sheep, but the grave will be their pen.

Death will be their shepherd.

When morning comes, the good people will enjoy victory, as the bodies of the proud slowly rot in the grave, far away from their fancy houses.

15 But God will pay the price to save me from the grave.

II BRIBE Here, this means offering a gift or sacrifice so that God will not punish a guilty person. I STUPID PEOPLE Or "animals."

He will take me to be with him. Selah

16 Don't be afraid of people just because they are rich.

Don't be afraid of people just because they have big, fancy houses.

17 They will not take anything with them when they die.

They will not take their wealth with them.

18 A wealthy man might tell himself how well he has done in life.

And other people might praise him.

19 But the time will come for him and he will go to his ancestors.

And he will never again see the light of day.

20 Wealthy people don't seem to understand

that they will die like the animals.

One of Asaph's songs.

50 The LORD God has spoken.

He calls everyone on earth, from where the sun rises to where it sets.

2 God appeared from Zion, the city of perfect beauty.

II GOD ... BEAUTY Or "God shining from Zion is absolutely beautiful."



<sup>3</sup> Our *God* is and *will* not *keep* quiet.

*Fire* *burns* in *front* of *him*.

There is *a* *great* *storm* around *him*.

<sup>4</sup> He *tells* the *sky* and *the* *earth* to *be* as *witnesses* as *he* *judges* *his* *people*.

<sup>5</sup> He *says*, " *My* *followers* around *me*."

Come, *my* *worshippers*, who *made* an *agreement* with *me*.

<sup>6</sup> *God* is *the* *judge*, and *the* *skies* *tell* *how* *fair* *he* is. *Se-lah*

<sup>7</sup> *God* *says*, " *My* *people*, *listen* to *me*!"

*People* of *Israel*, *I* *will* *show* *my* *evidence* against *you*.

*I* *am* *God*, *your* *God*.

<sup>8</sup> *The* *problem* *I* *have* *you* *not* *your* *sacri-fices*

or *the* *burnt* *offerings* *you* *bring* to *me* *everyday*.

<sup>9</sup> *Why* *would* *I* *want* more *bulls* *from* *your* *barns* or *goats* *from* *your* *pens*?

<sup>10</sup> *I* *already* *own* *all* *the* *ani-*

*mals* *in* *the* *forest*.

*I* *own* *all* *the* *animals* *on* *a* *thou-sand* *hills*.

<sup>11</sup> *I* *know* *every* *bird* *in* *the* *moun-tains*.

Everything *that* *moves* *in* *the* *fields* *is* *mine*.

<sup>12</sup> *If* *I* *were* *hungry*, *I* *would* *not* *ask* *you* *for* *food*.

*I* *already* *own* *the* *world* *and* *every-thing* *in* *it*.

<sup>13</sup> *I* *don't* *eat* *the* *meat* *of* *bulls* or *drink* *the* *blood* *of* *goats*.

<sup>14</sup> *You* *made* *promises* to *God* *Most* *High*, so *give* *him* *what* *you* *promised*.

*Bring* *your* *sacri-fices* *and* *thank* *offerings*.

<sup>15</sup> *God* *says*, " *Call* *me* *when* *trou-ble* *comes* *to* *me*."

*I* *will* *help* *you* *and* *you* *will* *hon-or* *me*.

<sup>16</sup> *But* *God* *says* *to* *the* *wicked*, " *Stop* *quoting* *my* *laws*!"

*Stop* *talking* *about* *my* *agreement*!

<sup>17</sup> *You* *hate* *for* *me* *to* *tell* *you* *what* *to* *do*.

*You* *ignore* *what* *I* *say*.

<sup>18</sup> *You* *see* *a* *thief* *and* *run* *to* *join* *him*.

You **jump into** bed with those **who commit adultery**.

<sup>19</sup> You **say** things and **tell lies**.

<sup>20</sup> You **sit** around talking about **people**,

finding fault with **own brothers**.

<sup>21</sup> When you **did** these things, I **said nothing**.

So you **thought** I **was** just like you.

But I **will be** longer.

I **correct** and **make** clear what I **have** against you.

<sup>22</sup> You **have** God

understand **what** I **am** telling you, or I **will** tear you apart,

and **no** one **will be** able to save you!

<sup>23</sup> Whoever gives a **thank** shows **me** honor.

And **whoever** decides to **live** right **will see** my **power** to **save**.

To the director: A song of David written when Nathan the prophet came to him after David's sin with Bathsheba.

**51** God, **be** merciful to **me** because of **your** faithful love.

I THAT I Or "that the I AM."

Because of **your** great compassion,

erase all the **wrongs** I **have** done.

<sup>2</sup> Scrub away **my** guilt.

Wash me **clean** from **my** sin.

<sup>3</sup> I **know** I **done** wrong.

I **remember** that **sin** all **the** time.

<sup>4</sup> I **did** what you **said** is **wrong**.

You **are** **one** I **sinned** against.

I **say** this so that people **will** know

that I **am** **wrong** and **you** **are** right.

What you **decided** is **fair**.

<sup>5</sup> I **was** born to **do** wrong, a **sinner** before **my** mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup> You **want** me to **be** loyal,

so **put** true wisdom deep inside of **me**.

<sup>7</sup> Remove **my** **sin** and **make** me **pure**.

II

Wash me **until** I **am** whiter than snow!

<sup>8</sup> Let me **hear** sounds of **joy** and **happiness** again.

Let the **bones** you **crushed** **me** happy again.

<sup>9</sup> Don't look at my **sins**.

Erase them all.

<sup>10</sup> God, create a **pure** heart **in** me, and **make** my **spirit** strong again.

<sup>11</sup> Don't push me away **or** take your **Holy Spirit** from **me**.

II REMOVE ... PURE Literally, "Cleanse me with hyssop." See "hyssop" in the Word List.

12 Your help made me so happy.

Give me that joy again.

Make my spirit ready to obey you.

13 I will teach the guilty how you want them to live, and the sinners will come back to you.

14 God, spare me from punishment of death.

My God, you are the one who saves me!

Let me sing about all the good things you do for me!

15 My Lord, I will open my mouth and sing your praises!

16 You don't really want sacrifices, or I would give them to you.

17 The sacrifice that God wants is a humble spirit.

God, you will not turn away someone who comes with a humble heart and is willing to obey you.

18 God, please be good to Zion.

Rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you can enjoy the kind of sacrifices you want.

You will receive whole burnt offerings, and you will again offer bulls on your altar.

I SPARE ... DEATH Or "don't consider me guilty of murder." II SOMEONE ... OBEY YOU Literally, "a broken and crushed heart." III THE KIND ... YOU WANT Or "the offering of righteousness."

To the director: A maskil of David written when Doeg the Edomite went to Saul and told him, "David is in Ahimelech's house."

52 Great warrior, why are you bragging about the evil you did?

You are a disgrace to God.

2 You are nothing but a hired killer, making plans to hurt people and making up lies!

3 You love evil more than goodness.

You love lies more than truth. Selah

4 You and your lying tongue love to hurt people.

5 So God will ruin you forever!

He will grab you and pull you from your home, like someone pulling up a plant by the roots! Selah

6 Good people will see this and

and learn to fear and respect God.

They will laugh at you and say,

"Look what happened to the warrior who did not depend on God!"

That fool thought his wealth would protect him."

8 But I am like a green olive tree growing in God's Temple.

I will trust God's faithful love forever and ever.

9 God, I praise you forever for what you have done.

I will speak your name be-

IV HIRED KILLER Literally, "sharpened razor." V HOME This means the body. This is a poetic way of saying, "God will end your life here on earth." VI LIKE SOMEONE ... ROOTS Literally, "He will root you up from the land of the living." This also means "He will kill you and your descendants." VII SPEAK YOUR NAME Or "I will trust your name."

fore |strong="H3808" your |strong="H7760" followers because |strong="H7230" it |strong="H7760" is |strong="H0430" so |strong="H3808" good!

To the director: Use the mahalath. <sup>I</sup> A maskil of David.

**53** Only fools think there is |strong="H1732" no God.

People like |strong="H5921" that |strong="H1732" are evil and |strong="H1732" do terrible things.

They |strong="H5921" never do what |strong="H5921" is |strong="H1732" right.

<sup>2</sup> God |strong="H0430" looks down from |strong="H3820" heaven to |strong="H0559" see if there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" anyone who |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" wise, anyone who |strong="H0369" looks to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0559" for |strong="H0430" help.

<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H7200" everyone |strong="H0120" has |strong="H0430" turned away from |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

Everyone |strong="H0120" has |strong="H0430" become |strong="H7200" evil.

No one |strong="H0120" does |strong="H3426" anything good.

No, not |strong="H1121" one |strong="H0120" person |strong="H0120"!

<sup>4</sup> Those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0369" evil treat |strong="H6213" my |strong="H3605" people like |strong="H3162" bread to |strong="H0369" be |strong="H1571" eaten.

And |strong="H3605" they |strong="H1571" never |strong="H0369" ask for |strong="H3605" God's help.

Don't |strong="H0369" they |strong="H1571" understand what |strong="H2896" they |strong="H1571" are |strong="H0369" doing |strong="H6213"?

<sup>5</sup> They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H3808" filled with |strong="H3045" fear—a |strong="H7121" fear like |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3045" never |strong="H3808" felt before |strong="H3808"!

People |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H5971", you |strong="H3045" will |strong="H0430" defeat those |strong="H0398" who |strong="H0430" attacked you |strong="H3045", because God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" rejected them |strong="H7121".

And |strong="H0430" he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" scatter their |strong="H0398" bones.

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H3588" wish the |strong="H3588" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H0430" lives |strong="H1961" on |strong="H1961" Mount Zion would bring |strong="H1961" victory to |strong="H1961" Israel!

<sup>I</sup> MAHALATH Probably a musical term. It might be the name of an instrument or a tune, or it might mean a certain musical style.

When |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" makes Israel successful again |strong="H1961", the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0430" Jacob |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" very |strong="H6106" happy; the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0430" Israel will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" glad.

To the director: With instruments. A maskil of David written when the Ziphites went to Saul and told him, "We think David is hiding among our people."

**54** God, use your |strong="H1732" power and |strong="H1732" save me.

Use your |strong="H1732" great power to |strong="H1732" set me free. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>2</sup> God |strong="H0559", listen to |strong="H0559" my |strong="H1732" prayer.

Listen to |strong="H0559" what I |strong="H3808" say |strong="H0559".

<sup>3</sup> Strangers who |strong="H0430" don't even think about |strong="H8034" God |strong="H0430" have |strong="H0430" turned against me |strong="H3467".

Those |strong="H3467" powerful men are |strong="H0430" trying to |strong="H0430" kill me |strong="H3467". Selah

<sup>4</sup> Look, my |strong="H8085" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" help me.

My |strong="H8085" Lord will |strong="H0430" support me.

<sup>5</sup> He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" punish the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5315" who |strong="H5315" turned |strong="H7760" against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5315".

God |strong="H0430", be |strong="H3808" faithful to |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5315" and |strong="H6965" destroy them |strong="H5921".

<sup>6</sup> LORD |strong="H0136", I |strong="H2009" will |strong="H0430" give freewill offerings to |strong="H0430" you |strong="H5315".

I |strong="H2009" will |strong="H0430" praise your |strong="H2009" good name.

<sup>7</sup> You |strong="H7725" saved me |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" all my |strong="H7725" troubles.

I saw my |strong="H7725" enemies defeated.

To the director: With instruments. A maskil of David.

**55** God, hear my |strong="H1732" prayer. Don't ignore my |strong="H1732" cry

for |strong="H1732" help.

<sup>2</sup> Please listen |strong="H0238" and |strong="H0430" answer me.

<sup>II</sup> Literally, "God, save me with your name, judge me with your might."

Let me speak to you and tell you what upsets me.

<sup>3</sup> My enemies shout at me and threaten me.

In their anger they attack me.

They bring troubles crashing down on me.

<sup>4</sup> My heart is pounding inside me.

I am afraid to die.

<sup>5</sup> I am trembling with fear.

I am terrified!

<sup>6</sup> Oh, I wish I had wings like a dove.

I would fly away and find a place to rest.

<sup>7</sup> I would go far into the desert and stay there. Selah

<sup>8</sup> I would run away.

I would escape from this storm of trouble.

<sup>9</sup> My Lord, confuse their words and stop their plans.

I see so much cruelty and fighting in this city.

<sup>10</sup> Day and night, in every neighborhood, the city is filled with evil and trouble.

<sup>11</sup> There is so much crime in the streets.

People who hurt and cheat others are everywhere.

<sup>12</sup> If it were an enemy insulting me,

I could bear it.

If it were my enemies attacking me,

I could hide.

<sup>13</sup> But it is you, the one so close to me,

my companion, my good friend, who does this.

<sup>14</sup> We used to share our secrets with one another,

as we walked through the crowds together in God's Temple.

<sup>15</sup> I wish death would take my enemies by surprise!

I wish the earth would open up and swallow them alive,<sup>1</sup>

because they plan such terrible things together.

<sup>16</sup> I will call to God for help, and the LORD will save me.

<sup>17</sup> I speak to God morning, noon, and night.

I tell him what upsets me, and he listens to me!

<sup>18</sup> I have fought in many battles,

but he has always rescued me and brought me back safely.

<sup>19</sup> God, who has always ruled as king, will hear me and punish my enemies. Selah

But they will never change.

They don't fear and respect God.

<sup>20</sup> This one who was once my friend now attacks his friends.

He is breaking every promise he made.

<sup>21</sup> His words about peace are as smooth as butter, but he has war on his mind.

<sup>1</sup> I WISH ... ALIVE Literally, "I wish they would go down into Sheol alive." See Num. 16:31-33.

His words are slick as oil, but they cut like a knife.

22 Give your worries to the LORD, and he will care for you.

He will never let those who are good be defeated.

23 But God, you will send and the murderers to the grave.

They will die before their life is half finished!

As for me, I will put my trust in you.

To the director: To the tune "The Dove in the Distant Oak." A miktam of David written when the Philistines captured him in Gath.

56 God, people have attacked me, so be merciful to me.

They have been chasing me all day, closing in to attack me.

2 My enemies come at me constantly.

There are too many fighters to count. I

3 When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

4 I trust God, so I am not afraid of what people can do to me!

I praise God for his promise to me.

1 THERE ARE ... COUNT Or "There are many attacking me from above."

5 My enemies are always twisting my words.

They are always making plans against me.

6 They hide together and watch every move I make, hoping for some way to kill me.

7 God, send them away because of the bad things they did.

Show your anger and defeat those people.

8 You know I am very upset.

You know how much I have cried.

Surely you kept an account of all my tears.

9 I know that when I call for help, my enemies will turn and run.

I know that because God is with me!

10 I praise God for his promise.

I praise the LORD for his promise to me.

11 I trust God, so I am not afraid

of what people can do to me!

12 God will keep the special promises I made to you.

I will give you my thank offering.

13 You saved me from death.

You *kept me being defeated.*

So I will in the light that only the living can see.

To the director: To the tune "Don't Destroy." A miktam of David written when he escaped from Saul and went into the cave.

**57** God, be merciful to me.

Be kind because my soul trusts in you.

I have come to you for protection, while the trouble passes.

<sup>2</sup> I pray to God Most High for help,

and he takes care of me completely!

<sup>3</sup> From heaven he helps me and saves me.

He will punish the one who attacks me. Selah

God will remain loyal to me and send his love to protect me.

<sup>4</sup> My life is in danger.

My enemies are all around me.

They are like man-eating lions, with teeth like spears or arrows and tongues like sharp swords.

<sup>5</sup> God, rise above the heavens! Let all the world see your glory.

<sup>6</sup> My enemies set a trap for my feet to bring me down.

They dug a deep pit to catch me,

but they fell into it. Selah

<sup>7</sup> God, I am ready, heart and soul, to sing songs of praise.

<sup>8</sup> Wake up, my soul! Harps and lyres, wake up, and let's wake the dawn!

<sup>9</sup> My Lord, I will praise you before all people.

I will sing praises about you to every nation.

<sup>10</sup> Your faithful love is higher than the highest clouds in the sky!

<sup>11</sup> Rise above the heavens, God.

Let all the world see your glory.

To the director: To the tune "Don't Destroy." A miktam of David.

**58** You judges are not being fair in your decisions.

You are not judging people fairly.

<sup>2</sup> No, you only think of evil things to do.

You do violent crimes in this country.

<sup>3</sup> Those wicked people started doing wrong as soon as they were born.

They have been liars from birth.

<sup>4</sup> Their anger is as deadly as the poison of a snake.<sup>1</sup>

They shut their ears like a deaf cobra

<sup>5</sup> that does not listen to the music of the snake charmers, no matter how well they play.

<sup>1</sup> ANGER ... SNAKE A wordplay in Hebrew. The word meaning "anger" can also mean "venom" (poison).

<sup>6</sup> God |strong="H3808", they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" lions.

So |strong="H3808" LORD, break their |strong="H8085" teeth.

<sup>7</sup> May |strong="H0430" they |strong="H3068" disappear like |strong="H3068" water

down |strong="H5422" a |strong="H3068" drain.

May |strong="H0430" they |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" crushed like |strong="H3068" weeds on |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" path. I

<sup>8</sup> May |strong="H4325" they |strong="H3988" be |strong="H4325" like |strong="H3644" snails melting away |strong="H1980" as |strong="H3644" they |strong="H3988" move |strong="H1980".

May |strong="H4325" they |strong="H3988" be |strong="H4325" like |strong="H3644" a |strong="H3644" baby born dead, who |strong="H1980" never saw the |strong="H1980" light of |strong="H4325" day.

<sup>9</sup> May they |strong="H1077" be destroyed suddenly, like |strong="H3644" the |strong="H1980" thorns that |strong="H1980" are |strong="H0802" burned to |strong="H1980" quickly heat a |strong="H3644" pot.

<sup>10</sup> Good people will |strong="H0995" be happy when |strong="H3644" they |strong="H2962" see |strong="H0995" the |strong="H0995" wicked getting the |strong="H0995" punishment they |strong="H2962" deserve.

They |strong="H2962" will |strong="H0995" feel |strong="H0995" like |strong="H3644" soldiers walking through the |strong="H0995" blood of |strong="H0995" their |strong="H0995" enemies! II

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1818" will |strong="H6662" say, "Good people |strong="H1818" really are |strong="H7563" rewarded.

Yes |strong="H3588", there is |strong="H6662" a |strong="H3588" God judging the |strong="H3588" world!" III

To the director: To the tune "Don't Destroy." A miktam of David written when Saul sent people to watch David's house to try to kill him.

**59** God |strong="H7971", save me |strong="H7971" from |strong="H7971" my |strong="H8104" enemies.

Protect |strong="H8104" me |strong="H7971" from |strong="H7971" those |strong="H0853" who |strong="H8104" stand against |strong="H8104" me |strong="H7971".

<sup>2</sup> Save |strong="H5337" me |strong="H7682" from |strong="H6965" those who |strong="H0430" do wrong.

I Or "May he shoot his arrows, cutting them down grass II THEY ... ENEMIES Literally, "They will wash their feet in the blood of the wicked." III YES ... WORLD Or "There really are judges in this land doing their job."

Save |strong="H5337" me |strong="H7682" from |strong="H6965" those murderers.

<sup>3</sup> Look, powerful men |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" waiting for |strong="H0376" me |strong="H3467".

LORD, they |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" waiting to |strong="H0376" kill me |strong="H3467", even though I did |strong="H6466" not |strong="H3467" sin |strong="H0205" or |strong="H0376" commit a |strong="H0376" crime |strong="H1818".

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" done nothing |strong="H3808" wrong, but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" rushing to |strong="H5921" attack me |strong="H5315".

Come and |strong="H3068" see |strong="H2009" for |strong="H3588" yourself |strong="H5315"!

<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H7200" are |strong="H5771" the |strong="H7200" LORD God All-Powerful, the |strong="H7200" God of |strong="H5771" Israel! Get |strong="H3559" up |strong="H7200" and |strong="H7200" punish them |strong="H7200".

Don't show |strong="H7200" any mercy to |strong="H7200" those traitors. Selah

<sup>6</sup> Those |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H0205" men |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" like |strong="H3478" dogs

that |strong="H3605" come |strong="H6635" into |strong="H6635" town in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" evening, growling and |strong="H3068" roaming the |strong="H3605" streets.

<sup>7</sup> Listen to |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" threats and |strong="H7725" insults.

They |strong="H3611" say such cruel things, and |strong="H7725" they |strong="H3611" don't care who hears them |strong="H7725".

<sup>8</sup> LORD, laugh at them |strong="H3588".

Make |strong="H8085" fun of |strong="H6310" them |strong="H3588" all |strong="H2009".

<sup>9</sup> God |strong="H3068", my |strong="H3605" strength, I |strong="H3068" look to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" for |strong="H3605" help. IV

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" safety, high |strong="H1471" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" mountains.

<sup>10</sup> God |strong="H0430" loves me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" help me |strong="H0413" win.

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" help me |strong="H0413" defeat my |strong="H8104" enemies.

<sup>11</sup> Don't just kill them |strong="H7200", or |strong="H7200" my |strong="H7200" people |strong="H7200" might forget.

IV GOD ... HELP Or "I will sing my songs of praise to you." See Psalm 59:17.



My |strong="H7200" Lord |strong="H2617"  
and |strong="H0430" Protector, scatter  
and |strong="H0430" defeat them |strong="H7200"  
with |strong="H0430" your |strong="H7200" strength.

12 Those evil people |strong="H5971" curse  
and |strong="H3381" tell lies.

Punish them |strong="H3381" for |strong="H2428"  
what they |strong="H5971" said.

Let |strong="H0408" their |strong="H2026" pride  
trap them |strong="H3381".

13 Destroy them |strong="H1697" in |strong="H1697"  
your |strong="H1697" anger.

Destroy them |strong="H1697" completely!  
Then people all |strong="H1697" over  
the |strong="H1697" world will |strong="H1697" know  
that |strong="H1697" God rules over  
the |strong="H1697" people of |strong="H1697" Ja-  
cob |strong="H5608". Selah

14 Those |strong="H3588" evil men  
are |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" dogs  
that |strong="H3588" come |strong="H3615" in-  
to |strong="H0776" town in |strong="H0430"  
the |strong="H3588" evening, growling  
and |strong="H0430" roaming the |strong="H3588"  
streets.

15 They |strong="H3611" roam  
around |strong="H5437" looking for |strong="H7725"  
food,

but |strong="H7725" even if they |strong="H3611"  
eat their |strong="H7725" fill, they |strong="H3611"  
still |strong="H7725" growl |strong="H1993"  
and |strong="H7725" complain.

16 But |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0518"  
will |strong="H3808" sing about |strong="H5128"  
your |strong="H0398" strength.

I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" rejoice  
in |strong="H3808" your |strong="H0398" love every  
morning.

You |strong="H0518" have |strong="H7646"  
been |strong="H3808" my |strong="H0398" place  
of |strong="H0398" safety,

the |strong="H0398" place I |strong="H0518"  
can |strong="H0518" run to |strong="H3808"  
when |strong="H0518" troubles come.

17 I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1961"  
sing |strong="H7891" praises to |strong="H1961"  
you |strong="H3588", my |strong="H1961" source  
of |strong="H3117" strength |strong="H5797".

You |strong="H3588", God, are |strong="H3117"  
my |strong="H1961" place |strong="H1961"  
of |strong="H3117" safety.

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3588" God who |strong="H3588" loves  
me |strong="H0589"!

To the director: To the tune "Lily of the Agreement." A  
miktam of David for teaching. Written when David  
fought Aram Naharaim and Aram Zobah, and Joab

came back and defeated 12,000 Edomite soldiers at  
Salt Valley.

60 God, you |strong="H5921"  
were |strong="H1732" angry  
with |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921".

You |strong="H5921" rejected us |strong="H5921"  
and |strong="H1732" destroyed our |strong="H5921"  
defenses.

Please make us |strong="H5921" strong  
again |strong="H3925".

2 You |strong="H7725" shook the |strong="H0853"  
earth and |strong="H7725" split it |strong="H7725"  
open.

It |strong="H7725" is falling apart  
like |strong="H7725" a |strong="H5221" broken wall.

Please put |strong="H7725" it |strong="H7725"  
back |strong="H7725" together |strong="H0854".

3 You |strong="H7725" have |strong="H0430" given  
your |strong="H7725" people many troubles.

We |strong="H7725" are |strong="H0430" dizzy  
and |strong="H0430" fall down |strong="H6555"  
like |strong="H7725" drunks.

4 But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
have |strong="H0776" provided a |strong="H3588" flag  
to |strong="H0776" show your |strong="H3588" faith-  
ful followers

where to |strong="H0776" gather  
to |strong="H0776" escape the |strong="H3588" ene-  
my's attack. Selah

5 Use your |strong="H7200" great power  
and |strong="H7200" give |strong="H8248"  
us |strong="H7200" victory!

Answer our |strong="H7200" prayer  
and |strong="H7200" save the |strong="H7200" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" you |strong="H7200" love.

6 God |strong="H5414" has |strong="H5414" spoken  
in |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" Temple 1:

" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" win  
the |strong="H6440" war and |strong="H6440" rejoice  
in |strong="H5414" victory!

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" di-  
vide |strong="H5414" this land |strong="H6440"  
among my |strong="H5414" people.

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414"  
give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" Shechem.

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414"  
give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" Succoth  
Valley.

7 Gilead and |strong="H6032" Manasseh  
will |strong="H4616" be mine.

Ephraim will |strong="H4616" be  
my |strong="H3467" helmet.

Judah will |strong="H4616" be my |strong="H3467"  
royal scepter.

<sup>8</sup> Moab will be the bowl for washing my feet.

Edom will be the slave who carries my sandals.

I will defeat the Philistines and shout in victory!

<sup>9</sup> But, God, it seems that you have left us!

You do not go out with our army.

So who will lead me into the strong, protected city?

Who will lead me into battle against Edom?

<sup>11</sup> Help us defeat the enemy!

No one on earth can rescue us.

<sup>12</sup> Only God can make us strong.

Only God can defeat our enemies!

*To the director: With stringed instruments. A song of David.*

**61** God, hear my cry for help.

Listen to my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> From a faraway land I call to you for help.

I feel so weak and helpless!

Carry me to a high rock

where no one can reach me.

<sup>3</sup> You are my place of safety,

a strong tower that protects me from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup> I want to live in your tent forever.

I want to hide where you can protect me. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> God, you heard what I promised to give you,

but everything your worshipers have comes from you.

<sup>6</sup> Give the king a long life.

Let him live forever!

<sup>7</sup> Let him rule in your presence forever.

Protect him with love.

<sup>8</sup> Then I will praise your name forever.

Every day I will do what I promised.

*To the director, Jeduthun. II A song of David.*

**62** I must calm down and turn to God; only he can rescue me.

<sup>2</sup> He is my Rock, the only one who can save me.

He is my high place of safety, where no army can defeat me.

<sup>3</sup> How long will you people attack me?

Do you all want to kill me?

I am like a leaning wall, like a fence ready to fall.

<sup>4</sup> You want only to destroy me,

to bring me down from my important position.

It makes you happy to tell lies about me.

In public, you say nice things,

but in private, you curse me. *Selah*

<sup>I</sup> *TENT* The place where God lives among his people. Here, it is the Temple in Jerusalem. See "Holy Tent" and "Temple" in the Word List.

<sup>II</sup> *JEDUTHUN* Or "and to Jeduthun," one of the three main temple musicians. See 1 Chron. 9:16; 16:38-42.

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H0389" must |strong="H0389" calm down |strong="H5080" and |strong="H6310" turn to |strong="H6310" God;

he |strong="H6310" is |strong="H6310" my |strong="H7130" only |strong="H0389" hope.

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3588" Rock, the |strong="H3588" only |strong="H0389" one |strong="H4480" who |strong="H5315" can save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315".

He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3588" high place of |strong="H0430" safety, where no |strong="H4480" army can defeat me |strong="H5315".

<sup>7</sup> My |strong="H3808" victory |strong="H3444" and |strong="H6697" honor come from |strong="H3444" God |strong="H3808".

He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3808" mighty Rock |strong="H6697", where |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3808" am safe.

<sup>8</sup> People, always put your |strong="H5921" trust in |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430"!

Tell him |strong="H5921" all your |strong="H5921" problems.

God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" our |strong="H5921" place of |strong="H0430" safety |strong="H3468". Selah

<sup>9</sup> People |strong="H5971" cannot really help |strong="H5971".

You |strong="H3605" cannot depend on |strong="H0430" them |strong="H6440".

Compared to |strong="H6256" God |strong="H0430", they |strong="H6256" are |strong="H0430" nothing |strong="H3605"—

no |strong="H3605" more than |strong="H3605" a |strong="H6256" gentle puff of |strong="H0430" air!

<sup>10</sup> Don't trust in |strong="H0376" your |strong="H5927" power to |strong="H0376" take |strong="H5927" things |strong="H1992" by |strong="H0376" force.

Don't think you |strong="H0389" will |strong="H0376" gain anything |strong="H1992" by |strong="H0376" stealing.

And |strong="H1121" if |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0389" become wealthy, don't put |strong="H5927" your |strong="H5927" trust in |strong="H0376" riches.

<sup>11</sup> God says there is |strong="H3820" one |strong="H0408" thing |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" can really depend on |strong="H0982", and |strong="H3820" I |strong="H3588" believe it |strong="H3588":

"Strength |strong="H2428" comes from |strong="H3820" God!"

<sup>12</sup> My |strong="H8085" Lord, your |strong="H8085" love is |strong="H0430" real.

You |strong="H3588" reward all |strong="H0259" people |strong="H8085" for |strong="H3588"

what |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" do |strong="H8085".

A song of David written when he was in the desert of Judah.

**63** God, you |strong="H1961" are |strong="H1961" my |strong="H1961" God.

I |strong="H1961" am |strong="H1961" searching so |strong="H1961" hard to |strong="H1961" find you |strong="H1961".

Body and |strong="H3063" soul, I |strong="H1961" thirst for |strong="H1732" you |strong="H1961" in |strong="H1961" this dry and |strong="H3063" weary land without water.

<sup>2</sup> Yes, I |strong="H5315" have |strong="H0776" seen you |strong="H0859" in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H0859" Temple. <sup>I</sup>

I |strong="H5315" have |strong="H0776" seen your |strong="H0859" strength |strong="H5315" and |strong="H0430" glory.

<sup>3</sup> Your |strong="H7200" faithful love is |strong="H3651" better than life, so |strong="H3651" my |strong="H7200" lips praise you |strong="H7200".

<sup>4</sup> By |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3588" life |strong="H2416", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H8193" praise |strong="H8193" you |strong="H3588".

In |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3588" name, I |strong="H3588" lift my |strong="H3588" hands in |strong="H3588" prayer.

<sup>5</sup> When |strong="H5375" I |strong="H3651" sit down |strong="H1288" to |strong="H8034" satisfy my |strong="H5375" hunger, my |strong="H5375" joyful lips hunger to |strong="H8034" praise |strong="H1288" you |strong="H1288"!

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H5315" remember you |strong="H3644" while |strong="H5315" lying on |strong="H6310" my |strong="H5315" bed.

I |strong="H5315" think about you |strong="H3644" in |strong="H5315" the |strong="H1984" middle of |strong="H6310" the |strong="H1984" night.

<sup>7</sup> That |strong="H2142" is |strong="H0518" because |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0518" are the |strong="H5921" one |strong="H0518" who helps me |strong="H5921".

It |strong="H0518" makes me |strong="H5921" happy to |strong="H5921" be under |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" protection!

<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H3588" stay close to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588",

and |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" hold me |strong="H1961" with |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3588" powerful arm.

<sup>9</sup> Those |strong="H0310" who |strong="H5315" are |strong="H5315" trying to |strong="H5315" kill

<sup>I</sup> YOUR TEMPLE Or "your holiness."

me |strong="H5315" will |strong="H5315" be |strong="H5315" destroyed.

They |strong="H0310" will |strong="H5315" go down to |strong="H5315" their |strong="H0310" graves.

<sup>10</sup> They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H5315" killed with |strong="H0935" swords.

Wild |strong="H0776" dogs will |strong="H0776" eat their |strong="H1992" dead |strong="H5315" bodies.

<sup>11</sup> But |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961"

be |strong="H1961" happy with |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" God |strong="H3027",

and |strong="H3027" those |strong="H5921" who promised to |strong="H1961" obey him |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" praise him |strong="H5921" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H5921" defeats those |strong="H5921" liars.

To the director: A song of David.

**64** God, listen to |strong="H1732" my |strong="H1732" complaint.

Save me from the |strong="H1732" terrible threats of |strong="H1732" my |strong="H1732" enemies!

<sup>2</sup> Protect |strong="H5341" me |strong="H6963" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" secret |strong="H5341" plans of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H8085" wicked.

Hide me |strong="H6963" from |strong="H8085" that |strong="H8085" gang of |strong="H0430" evil people |strong="H8085".

<sup>3</sup> They sharpen their |strong="H5641" tongues to use like swords.

They aim their |strong="H5641" poisonous words like arrows.

<sup>4</sup> Suddenly, from |strong="H1697" their |strong="H0834" hiding places, they |strong="H0834" let their |strong="H0834" arrows |strong="H2671" fly.

They |strong="H0834" shoot to |strong="H1697" kill |strong="H2719" innocent people |strong="H0834".

<sup>5</sup> They |strong="H3808" encourage each other to |strong="H3808" do wrong.

They |strong="H3808" talk about setting traps and |strong="H8535" say, " No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" see them |strong="H3384" here!

<sup>6</sup> No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H7200" will |strong="H4310" discover our |strong="H7200" crime |strong="H1697".

We |strong="H1697" have |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" perfect plan |strong="H1697"!

Yes |strong="H7200", people |strong="H7200" can |strong="H4310" be |strong="H1697" very tricky and |strong="H2388" hard to |strong="H0559" understand |strong="H7200".

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H0376" suddenly, God |strong="H2664" will |strong="H0376" shoot his |strong="H0376" arrows,

and |strong="H0376" those |strong="H0376" wicked people |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" hit.

<sup>8</sup> He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" use |strong="H1961" their |strong="H1961" own |strong="H1961" words against them |strong="H1961",

and |strong="H0430" they |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" destroyed.

Then |strong="H1961" everyone who |strong="H0430" sees them |strong="H1961" will |strong="H0430" shake their |strong="H1961" heads in |strong="H0430" amazement.

<sup>9</sup> People |strong="H7200" will |strong="H3956" see |strong="H7200" what |strong="H5921" God has |strong="H3605" done |strong="H3605".

They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3956" tell |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H7200" about |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

Then |strong="H7200" everyone |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3956" learn more |strong="H5921" about |strong="H5921" God.

They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3956" learn to |strong="H5921" fear and |strong="H7200" respect |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

<sup>10</sup> Good people |strong="H0120" are |strong="H0430" happy to |strong="H0430" serve the |strong="H3605" LORD.

They |strong="H3605" depend on |strong="H0430" him |strong="H5046" to |strong="H0430" protect them |strong="H5046".

All |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" want to |strong="H0430" do |strong="H4639" right will |strong="H0430" praise him |strong="H5046"!

To the director: A praise song of David.

**65** God in |strong="H1732" Zion, we praise you and |strong="H1732" give you what we promised.

<sup>2</sup> Anyone can come to |strong="H0430" you |strong="H6726", and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H6726" will |strong="H0430" listen to |strong="H0430" their prayers.

<sup>3</sup> When |strong="H8085" our |strong="H3605" sins become too heavy for |strong="H3605" us |strong="H0935",

you |strong="H3605" wipe them |strong="H0935" away |strong="H3605".

<sup>4</sup> Oh, how wonderful it is |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1697" be |strong="H1697" the |strong="H4480" people you |strong="H0859" chose

to |strong="H1697" come and |strong="H1697" stay  
in |strong="H1697" your |strong="H4480" Temple.

And |strong="H1697" we |strong="H1697"  
are |strong="H1697" so |strong="H4480" happy  
to |strong="H1697" have |strong="H0859"  
the |strong="H4480" wonderful  
things |strong="H1697"

that |strong="H1697" are |strong="H1697"  
in |strong="H1697" your |strong="H4480" Temple,  
your |strong="H4480" holy palace.

<sup>5</sup> God, you |strong="H7126" answer  
our |strong="H0977" prayers and |strong="H1004" do  
what |strong="H0977" is |strong="H1004" right.

You |strong="H7126" do amazing  
things |strong="H2898" to |strong="H1004" save us.

People all over the |strong="H7126" world know they  
can |strong="H1004" trust in |strong="H1004"  
you |strong="H7126",

even those |strong="H7126" who  
live |strong="H7931" across the |strong="H7126" sea.

<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H3605" made |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" mountains.

We |strong="H3605" see your |strong="H3605" pow-  
er all |strong="H3605" around us.

<sup>7</sup> You |strong="H2022" can calm the |strong="H3559"  
roughest seas

or |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3559" nations  
raging around us.

<sup>8</sup> People |strong="H3816" all around  
the |strong="H7623" world are |strong="H1995"  
amazed at |strong="H3220" the |strong="H7623" won-  
derful things you do.

You make all people |strong="H3816", east  
and |strong="H3220" west |strong="H3220", sing  
with |strong="H3220" joy.

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H3427" take |strong="H3427" care  
of |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3372" land.

You |strong="H3427" water it |strong="H1242"  
and |strong="H1242" make it |strong="H1242" fertile.

Your |strong="H3427" streams are always filled  
with |strong="H3427" water.

That's how you |strong="H3427" make  
the |strong="H3372" crops grow.

<sup>10</sup> You |strong="H3588" pour rain |strong="H4325"  
on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" plowed  
fields;

you |strong="H3588" soak the |strong="H3588"  
fields with |strong="H4390" water |strong="H4325".

You |strong="H3588" make |strong="H3559"  
the |strong="H3588" ground |strong="H0776" soft  
with |strong="H4390" rain |strong="H4325",

and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H3588"  
make |strong="H3559" the |strong="H3588" young  
plants grow.

<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H1288" start the |strong="H1288"  
new year with |strong="H7301" a |strong="H5181"  
good harvest.

You |strong="H1288" end the |strong="H1288" year  
with |strong="H7301" many crops. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H8141" desert and |strong="H8141"  
hills are |strong="H8141" covered  
with |strong="H8141" grass.

<sup>13</sup> The pastures |strong="H4999" are covered  
with |strong="H2296" sheep.

The valleys are filled with |strong="H2296" grain.

Everything is singing and |strong="H1389" shouting  
for joy.

To the director: A song of praise.

**66** Everything |strong="H3605"  
on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776",  
shout |strong="H7321" with |strong="H0430"  
joy |strong="H7321" to |strong="H0430"  
God |strong="H0430"!

<sup>2</sup> Praise |strong="H8416" his |strong="H7760" glori-  
ous name |strong="H8034"!

Honor |strong="H3519" him |strong="H7760"  
with |strong="H8034" songs of |strong="H8034"  
praise |strong="H8416"!

<sup>3</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430", "  
Your |strong="H0559" works |strong="H4639"  
are |strong="H4100" wonderful!

Your |strong="H0559" great |strong="H7230" pow-  
er |strong="H5797" makes |strong="H0559"  
your |strong="H0559" enemies |strong="H0341" bow  
down in |strong="H0430" fear |strong="H3372" be-  
fore |strong="H0430" you |strong="H4100".

<sup>4</sup> Let the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605"  
world |strong="H0776" worship |strong="H7812"  
you |strong="H3605".

Let everyone |strong="H3605" sing |strong="H2167"  
praises |strong="H2167" to |strong="H0776"  
your |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034". " Se-  
lah |strong="H5542"

<sup>5</sup> Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H5921"  
what |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430"  
has |strong="H0430" done |strong="H5949"!

These things amaze us |strong="H5921".

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H8033" changed |strong="H2015"  
the |strong="H8033" sea |strong="H3220"  
to |strong="H8033" dry |strong="H3004"  
land |strong="H3004", <sup>II</sup>

and |strong="H8033" his |strong="H2015" people  
went across |strong="H5674" the |strong="H8033" wa-  
ter <sup>III</sup> on |strong="H3220" foot |strong="H7272".

So |strong="H5674" let's celebrate be-  
cause |strong="H8033" of |strong="H5104" what  
he |strong="H8033" has |strong="H7272" done!

<sup>I</sup> In ancient Israel there were two calendars. The calendar for religious festivals began in the spring, at the barley harvest. The other calendar started in the fall, when they gathered other crops.

<sup>II</sup> CHANGED THE SEA TO DRY LAND This was with Moses at the Red Sea. See Exodus 14. <sup>III</sup> WATER Literally, "river." Although this word is not used for the Jordan River elsewhere, some think this line may refer to the later crossing there. See Josh. 3:14-17.

<sup>7</sup> He rules the world with his great power.

He watches people everywhere.

No one can rebel against him. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> People, praise our God.

Sing loud songs of praise to him.

<sup>9</sup> He continues to give life,

and keeps us from falling.

<sup>10</sup> God, you have tested us, as people test silver with fire.

<sup>11</sup> You let us be trapped.

You put heavy burdens on us.

<sup>12</sup> You let our enemies run over us.

We went through fire and water,

but you brought us to a safe place.

<sup>13</sup> So I bring sacrifices to your Temple. When I was in trouble, I asked for help and made promises to you.

Now I am giving you what I promised.

<sup>15</sup> I bring my best sheep burnt offerings.

I offer smoke from them to you.

I give you sacrifices of bulls and goats. *Selah*

<sup>16</sup> All you people who worship God,

come and I will tell you what he has

done for me.

<sup>17</sup> I cried out to him for help, and I praised him.

If I had been hiding sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened to me.

<sup>19</sup> But God did listen to me;

he heard my prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Praise God!

He did not turn away from me— he listened to my prayer.

He continues to show his love to me!

To the director: With instruments. A song of praise.

**67** God, show mercy to us and bless us. Please accept us! *Selah*

<sup>2</sup> Let everyone on earth learn about you.

Let every nation see how you save people.

<sup>3</sup> May people praise you, God!

May all people praise you.

<sup>4</sup> May all nations rejoice and be happy

because you judge people fairly.

You rule over every nation.

<sup>5</sup> May the people you love, God!

May all people praise you.

<sup>6</sup> God, our God, bless us.

Let our land give us great harvest.

<sup>7</sup> May God bless us,

and may all people on earth fear and respect him.

To the director: A praise song of David.

68 God, get up and scatter your enemies!  
 May all your enemies run from you.  
 2 May your enemies be scattered like smoke blown away by the wind.  
 May your enemies be destroyed like wax melting in fire.  
 3 But let good people be happy.  
 Let them gather before God and enjoy themselves together.  
 4 Sing to God! Sing praises to his name!  
 Prepare the way for the one who rides on the clouds.  
 His name is YAH.<sup>I</sup>  
 Worship before him with joy.  
 5 God, who lives in his holy palace, is a father to orphans,  
 and he takes care of widows.  
 6 God provides homes for those who are lonely.  
 He frees people from prison and makes them happy.  
 But those who turn against him will live in the desert.  
 7 God, you led your people out of Egypt.  
 You marched across the desert.  
 8 The ground shook and rain poured from the sky when God, the God

<sup>I</sup> YAH This is a Hebrew name for God. It is like the Hebrew name usually translated "LORD." Also in verse 18.

of Israel, came to Sinai.  
 9 God sent the rain to make a tired, old land strong again.  
 10 Your people came back to live there,  
 and you provided good things for the poor.  
 11 My Lord gave the command,  
 and many people went to tell the good news:  
 12 "The armies of powerful kings ran away!  
 At home, the women divide the things brought from the battle."  
 13 Those who stayed home will share in the wealth—  
 metal doves with wings covered in silver and feathers sparkling with gold.  
 14 God All-Powerful scattered the kings  
 like snow falling on Mount Zalmon.  
 15 Mount Bashan is a great mountain  
 with many high peaks.  
 16 But, Bashan, why are you jealous of Mount Zion?  
 That is where God has chosen to live.  
 The LORD will live there forever.  
 17 With his millions of chariots,  
 the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place.  
 18 You went up to your high place,  
 leading a parade of captives.  
 You received gifts from people,<sup>III</sup>

<sup>II</sup> PEOPLE Or "animals" or "living things."

even those *who* turned against you.

The LORD God went up there to live.

<sup>19</sup> Praise the Lord!

Every day he helps us with the loads we must carry.

He is the God who saves us.

<sup>20</sup> He is our God, the God who saves us.

My Lord GOD saves us from death.

<sup>21</sup> God will smash the heads of his enemies.

He will punish those who fight against him.

<sup>22</sup> My Lord said, "If they run up to Bashan or down to the depths of the sea,

I will bring them back.

<sup>23</sup> So you will march through pools of their blood, and there will be plenty left for your dogs."

<sup>24</sup> God, everyone can see your victory parade—

the victory march of my God and King into his holy place!

<sup>25</sup> Singers come marching in front, followed by the musicians;

they are surrounded by young girls playing tambourines.

III RECEIVED GIFTS FROM PEOPLE Or "took people as gifts." Or "gave gifts to people," as in the ancient Syriac and Aramaic versions and in Eph. 4:8. I Literally, "God will smash the heads of his enemies. He will smash the hairy skull walking in guilt." II OF MY GOD ... HOLY PLACE Or "led by my holy God and King!"

<sup>26</sup> Praise God in the meeting place. III

Praise the LORD, people of Israel!

<sup>27</sup> There is the smallest tribe, Benjamin, leading them.

And there comes a large group of leaders from Judah.

Following them are the leaders of Zebulun and Naphtali.

<sup>28</sup> God, show us your power! Show us the power you used for us in the past.

<sup>29</sup> Kings will bring their wealth to you,

to your Temple in Jerusalem.

<sup>30</sup> Punish the people in Egypt.

They are like the marshes, like the bulls among the calves.

You humiliated them.

You scattered them in war.

Now let them come crawling to you, bringing their pieces of silver.

<sup>31</sup> Messengers from Egypt will come bearing gifts.

Ethiopia will offer God their tribute.

<sup>32</sup> Kings on earth, sing to God!

Sing songs of praise to our Lord!

<sup>33</sup> Sing to him who rides his chariot through the ancient skies.

Listen to his powerful voice!

<sup>34</sup> Tell everyone how powerful he is!

He rules over Israel.

III IN THE MEETING PLACE Or "with the trumpets that announce the assembly!"



His power fills the skies.

<sup>35</sup> God, you are awesome in your Temple!

The God of Israel is the one who gives strength and power to his people.

Praise God!

To the director: To the tune "The Lilies." A song of David.

**69** God, save me from all my troubles!

The rising water has reached my neck.

<sup>2</sup> I have nothing to stand on.

I am sinking down, down into the mud.

I am in deep water, and waves are about to cover me.

<sup>3</sup> I am getting weak from calling for help.

My throat is sore.

I have waited and looked for your help

until my eyes are hurting.

<sup>4</sup> I have more enemies than the hairs on my head.

They hate me for no reason.

They try hard to destroy me.

My enemies tell lies about me.

They say I stole from them and demand that I pay for things I did not steal.

<sup>5</sup> God, you know my faults.

I cannot hide my sins from you.

<sup>6</sup> My Lord GOD All-Powerful, don't let me embarrass your followers.

God of Israel, don't let me bring disgrace to those who worship you.

<sup>7</sup> My face is covered with shame.

I carry this shame for you.

<sup>8</sup> My own brothers treat me like a stranger.

They act as if I came from a foreign land.

<sup>9</sup> My strong devotion to your Temple is destroying me.

Those who insult you are also insulting me.

<sup>10</sup> When I spend time crying and fasting, they make fun of me.

<sup>11</sup> When I wear sackcloth to show my sorrow, they tell jokes about me.

<sup>12</sup> They talk about me in public places.

The beer drinkers make up songs about me.

<sup>13</sup> As for me, LORD, this is my prayer to you:

Please accept me!

God, I want you to answer me with love.

I know I can trust you to save me.

<sup>14</sup> Pull me from the mud,

and don't let me sink deeper.

Save me from those who hate me.

Save me from this deep water.

15 Don't let the waves drown me.

Don't let the deep sea swallow me.

or let the grave close its mouth on me.

16 Answer me, LORD, from your goodness of your faithful love.

Out of your great kindness turn to me and help me!

17 Don't turn away from your servant.

I am in trouble, so hurry and help me!

18 Come save my soul.

Rescue me from my enemies.

19 You know the shame I have suffered.

You know all my enemies.

You saw how they humiliated me.

20 I feel the pain of their insults.

The shame makes me feel like dying!

I wanted some sympathy,

but there was none.

I waited for someone to comfort me,

but no one came.

21 They gave me poison, not food.

They gave me vinegar, not wine.

22 Their tables are covered with food.

Let their fellowship meals destroy them.

23 Let them go their backs become weak.

24 Show them how angry you are.

Let them feel what your anger can do.

25 Make their homes empty. Don't let anyone live there.

26 They try to hurt people you have already punished.

They tell everyone about suffering you gave them.

27 Punish them for the bad things they have done.

Don't show them how good you can be.

28 Erase their names from the book of life.

Don't let their names appear on the list of those who do what is right.

29 I am sad and hurting.

God, lift me up and save me!

30 I will praise God's name in song. I will honor him by giving him thanks.

31 The LORD will be happier with this than with the offering of a full-grown bull as a sacrifice.

32 Poor people, you came to worship God.

You will be happy to know these things.

33 The LORD listens to poor, helpless people.

He does not turn away from those who are in prison.

<sup>34</sup> Praise *him*, heaven and earth!

Sea and everything in it, praise *him*!

<sup>35</sup> God will save Zion.

He will rebuild the cities of Judah.

The people will settle there again and own the land.

<sup>36</sup> The descendants of his servants get that land.

Those who love his name will live there.

To the director: A song of David to help people remember.

**70** Please, God, rescue me!  
LORD, hurry and help me!

<sup>2</sup> People are trying to kill me.

Please disappoint them.

Humiliate them!

They want to hurt me.

Make them run away in shame.

<sup>3</sup> May those who make fun of me be

embarrassed to speak.

<sup>4</sup> But *may* those who come to you

be happy and rejoice.

*May* those who love being saved by you

always be able to say, "Praise God!"<sup>I</sup>

<sup>5</sup> I am on-ly a poor, helpless man.

God, please hurry to me.

You are my helper, the one who can save me.

LORD, don't be too late!

**71** LORD, I depend on you for protection.

Don't let me be disappointed.

<sup>2</sup> You always do what is right, so come and save me.

Listen to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup> Be my Rock, my place of safety.

Be my fortress, and protect me!

You are my Rock and my protection.

<sup>4</sup> My God, save me from wicked people.

Save me from cruel, evil people.

<sup>5</sup> Lord GOD, you are my hope.

I have trusted you since I was a young boy.

<sup>6</sup> I depended on you even before I was born.

I relied on you even in my mother's womb.

I have always prayed to you.

<sup>7</sup> You are my source of strength,

so I have been

<sup>I</sup> PRAISE GOD Literally, "God is great" or "May God be magnified."

<sup>II</sup> PRAYED TO YOU Or "praised you."

an|strong="H1961" example to|strong="H1961" others|strong="H7227".

8 I|strong="H3117" am always|strong="H3117" singing about|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" wonderful things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" do|strong="H3605".

9 Don't|strong="H0408" throw|strong="H7993" me|strong="H7993" away|strong="H7993" just because|strong="H5800" I|strong="H6256" am old|strong="H2209".

Don't|strong="H0408" leave|strong="H5800" me|strong="H7993" as|strong="H6256" I|strong="H6256" lose my|strong="H3615" strength|strong="H3581".

10 My|strong="H8104" enemies|strong="H0341" make|strong="H3588" plans against|strong="H8104" me|strong="H5315".

They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3588" met together|strong="H3162" and|strong="H5315" are|strong="H5315" making plans to|strong="H0559" kill me|strong="H5315".

11 They|strong="H3588" say|strong="H0559", "Go get him|strong="H0559"!

God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" left|strong="H5800" him|strong="H0559", so|strong="H3588" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0559" help him|strong="H0559"."

12 God|strong="H0430", don't|strong="H0408" leave|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480"!

My|strong="H4480" God|strong="H0430", hurry and|strong="H0430" help|strong="H5833" me|strong="H4480"!

13 Defeat my|strong="H1245" enemies.

Destroy|strong="H3615" them|strong="H3615" completely|strong="H3615"!

They|strong="H0954" are|strong="H5315" trying to|strong="H0954" hurt me|strong="H5315".

Let|strong="H5315" them|strong="H3615" suffer shame|strong="H0954" and|strong="H0954" disgrace|strong="H3639".

14 Then|strong="H3254" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0589" always|strong="H8548" trust in|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605"

and|strong="H3254" praise|strong="H8416" you|strong="H3605" more|strong="H3254" and|strong="H3254" more|strong="H3254".

15 I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5608" people|strong="H3808" how|strong="H3588" good you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3117".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5608" about|strong="H3045" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" times|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3588" saved me|strong="H3808"—

too|strong="H3808" many times|strong="H3117" to|strong="H3117" count|strong="H5608".

16 I|strong="H2142" will|strong="H0136" tell about|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" greatness, my|strong="H0935" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136".

I|strong="H2142" will|strong="H0136" talk only|strong="H0905" about|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" goodness.

17 God|strong="H0430", you|strong="H5704" have|strong="H0430" taught|strong="H3925" me|strong="H5046" since I|strong="H5704" was|strong="H0430" a|strong="H5704" young boy.

And|strong="H0430" to|strong="H5704" this|strong="H2008" day I|strong="H5704" have|strong="H0430" told|strong="H5046" people about the|strong="H5704" wonderful|strong="H6381" things|strong="H6381" you|strong="H5704" do.

18 Now|strong="H1571" that|strong="H3605" I|strong="H5704" am|strong="H0430" old|strong="H7872" and|strong="H0935" my|strong="H3605" hair|strong="H7872" is|strong="H0430" gray|strong="H7872", don't|strong="H0408" leave|strong="H5800" me|strong="H5046", God|strong="H0430".

I|strong="H5704" must|strong="H1571" tell|strong="H5046" the|strong="H3605" next generation|strong="H1755" about|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3605" power|strong="H1369" and|strong="H0935" greatness.

19 God|strong="H0430", your|strong="H0834" goodness reaches|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704" above|strong="H4791" the|strong="H0834" skies.

You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" wonderful things|strong="H1419".

God|strong="H0430", there|strong="H5704" is|strong="H0834" no|strong="H4310" one|strong="H0834" like|strong="H3644" you|strong="H0834".

20 You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" let me|strong="H7725" see|strong="H7200" troubles|strong="H7200" and|strong="H0776" hard times,

but|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" give|strong="H7725" me|strong="H7725" new life|strong="H2421"; you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" lift|strong="H5927" me|strong="H7725" up|strong="H5927" from|strong="H7725" this|strong="H0834" pit of|strong="H0776" death!

21 You|strong="H7235" will help me|strong="H5437" do even greater|strong="H7235" things|strong="H1420".

You|strong="H7235" will comfort|strong="H5162" me|strong="H5437" again!

22 I will play the harp and praise you.

My God, I will sing about your faithfulness.

I will play songs on my lyre

for Holy One of Israel.

23 I will shout for joy,

singing songs of praise to you for saving me.

24 My tongue will sing about your goodness all the time,

because those who wanted to kill me

have been defeated and disgraced.

To Solomon. I

72 God, help the king like you and make fair decisions.

Help the king's son know what justice is.

2 Help the king judge your people fairly.

Help him make wise decisions for your poor people.

3 Let there be peace and justice throughout the land,

known on every mountain and hill.

I To SOLOMON This might mean that this song was written by Solomon or dedicated to him, or that it is from some special collection of songs.

4 May the king be fair to the poor.

May he help the helpless and punish those who hurt them.

5 May people always fear and respect you, God, as long as you are on the sun, the moon, and the sky.

6 Help the king be like rain falling on the fields,

like showers falling on the land.

7 Let goodness grow everywhere while he is king.

Let peace continue as long as there is a moon.

8 Let his kingdom grow from the sea to the sea, from the Euphrates River to faraway places on earth.

9 May all the people living in the desert bow down to him.

May all his enemies bow before him with their faces to the dirt.

10 May the kings of Tarshish and all the faraway lands by the sea bring gifts to him.

II FARAWAY PLACES ON EARTH This usually means the countries around the Mediterranean Sea.

May |strong="H4428" the |strong="H7725" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Sheba |strong="H7614" and |strong="H4428" Seba |strong="H5434" bring |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" tribute |strong="H4503" to |strong="H7725" him |strong="H7725".

<sup>11</sup> May |strong="H1471" all |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H4428" our |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428".

May |strong="H1471" all |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" serve |strong="H5647" him |strong="H5647".

<sup>12</sup> Our |strong="H3588" king helps |strong="H5826" the |strong="H3588" poor |strong="H6041" who |strong="H0369" cry |strong="H7768" out |strong="H7768" to |strong="H0369" him |strong="H5826"—

those |strong="H3588" in |strong="H6041" need who |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" help |strong="H5826" them |strong="H3588".

<sup>13</sup> He |strong="H5921" feels sorry |strong="H2347" for |strong="H5921" all who |strong="H5315" are |strong="H0034" weak and |strong="H5315" poor |strong="H0034".

He |strong="H5921" protects their |strong="H5921" lives |strong="H5315".

<sup>14</sup> He |strong="H1818" saves them from |strong="H5315" the |strong="H5869" cruel people |strong="H5315" who |strong="H5315" try to |strong="H5315" hurt them.

Their |strong="H1350" lives |strong="H5315" are |strong="H5869" important to |strong="H5315" him |strong="H5315".

<sup>15</sup> Long |strong="H3117" live |strong="H2421" the |strong="H3605" king!

Let |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" receive |strong="H5414" gold |strong="H2091" from |strong="H3117" Sheba |strong="H7614".

Always |strong="H8548" pray |strong="H6419" for |strong="H1157" the |strong="H3605" king.

Ask God |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" bless |strong="H1288" him |strong="H5414" every |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117".

<sup>16</sup> May |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" fields grow plenty of |strong="H0776" grain |strong="H1250" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H1961" hills |strong="H2022" be |strong="H1961" covered with |strong="H0776" crops.

May |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" fields be |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" fertile as |strong="H1961" Lebanon |strong="H3844", and |strong="H0776" may |strong="H1961" people |strong="H0776" fill the |strong="H1961" cities |strong="H5892" as |strong="H1961" grass |strong="H6212" covers a |strong="H1961" field.

<sup>17</sup> May |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" king be |strong="H1961" famous |strong="H8034" forever |strong="H5769".

May |strong="H1961" people |strong="H1471" remember his |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" as |strong="H1961" long |strong="H5769" as |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" sun |strong="H8121" shines.

May |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" be |strong="H1961" blessed |strong="H1288" through |strong="H3605" him |strong="H6440",

and |strong="H6440" may |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" bless |strong="H1288" him |strong="H6440".

<sup>18</sup> Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478".

Only |strong="H0905" he |strong="H0430" can |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" such amazing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H6381".

<sup>19</sup> Praise |strong="H1288" his |strong="H3605" glorious name |strong="H8034" forever |strong="H5769".

Let his |strong="H3605" glory |strong="H3519" fill |strong="H4390" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776".

Amen |strong="H0543" and |strong="H0776" Amen |strong="H0543".

<sup>20</sup> (This ends the |strong="H1732" prayers |strong="H8605" of |strong="H1121" David |strong="H1732" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jesse |strong="H3448".)

## Book 3

(Psalms 73—89)

*Asaph's song of praise.*

**73** God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H0430" so good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478", to |strong="H3478" those whose hearts |strong="H3824" are |strong="H3478" pure |strong="H1249".

<sup>2</sup> But |strong="H0369" I |strong="H0589" almost |strong="H4592" slipped |strong="H8210" and |strong="H7272" lost my |strong="H5186" balance.

I |strong="H0589" almost |strong="H4592" fell into sin.

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H3588" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H3588" wicked |strong="H7563" people |strong="H7563" were successful, and |strong="H7200" I |strong="H3588" became |strong="H7065" jealous |strong="H7065"

of|strong="H7065" those|strong="H3588" proud people|strong="H7563".

<sup>4</sup> They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0369" healthy|strong="H1277".

They|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H0369" have|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0369" struggle to|strong="H0369" survive.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup> They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" suffer|strong="H5060" like|strong="H5973" the|strong="H5973" rest of|strong="H0369" us.

They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0369" troubles like|strong="H5973" other|strong="H0369" people|strong="H0120".

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H3651" they|strong="H3651" are|strong="H2555" proud|strong="H1346" and|strong="H2555" hateful.

This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" as|strong="H3651" easy to see as|strong="H3651" the|strong="H3651" jewels and|strong="H2555" fancy clothes they|strong="H3651" wear.

<sup>7</sup> If they|strong="H3318" see|strong="H5869" something they|strong="H3318" like|strong="H3318", they|strong="H3318" go|strong="H3318" and|strong="H5869" take|strong="H3318" it.

They|strong="H3318" do|strong="H3318" whatever they|strong="H3318" want.

<sup>8</sup> They|strong="H1696" make fun of|strong="H1696" others and|strong="H1696" say|strong="H1696" cruel things about|strong="H1696" them.

In|strong="H1696" their|strong="H7451" pride they|strong="H1696" make plans to|strong="H1696" hurt people|strong="H1696".

<sup>9</sup> They|strong="H6310" think they|strong="H6310" are|strong="H8064" gods|strong="H1980".

They|strong="H6310" think they|strong="H6310" are|strong="H8064" the|strong="H1980" rulers of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H1980" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>10</sup> II Even|strong="H3651" God's people|strong="H5971" turn|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" them|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" do what|strong="H4392" they|strong="H3651" say.

<sup>11</sup> Those evil people|strong="H3045" say|strong="H0559", " God|strong="H0410" does|strong="H3426" not|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H0349" we are|strong="H3426" doing!

God|strong="H0410" Most High does|strong="H3426" not|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045".

<sup>12</sup> Those|strong="H0428" proud people|strong="H7563" are|strong="H0428" wicked|strong="H7563",

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "They have no bonds to their death." II The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

but|strong="H7563" they|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" rich and|strong="H5769" getting richer.

<sup>13</sup> Clearly, then, I|strong="H0389" gain nothing|strong="H0389" by keeping my|strong="H7364" thoughts|strong="H3824" pure|strong="H2135".

What good is|strong="H3824" it to|strong="H3824" keep|strong="H2135" myself from sin?

<sup>14</sup> God, I|strong="H3117" suffer|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117",

and|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3605" punish me|strong="H1961" every|strong="H3605" morning|strong="H1242".

<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H0518" wanted to|strong="H0559" tell|strong="H0559" others these things,

but|strong="H0518" that|strong="H0559" would|strong="H0559" have|strong="H1121" made me|strong="H3644" a|strong="H0518" traitor to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H0518" people|strong="H1121".

<sup>16</sup> I|strong="H3045" tried hard to|strong="H2803" understand|strong="H3045" all|strong="H3045" this|strong="H2063",

but|strong="H1931" it|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" too hard for|strong="H3045" me|strong="H2803".

<sup>17</sup> But|strong="H0935" then|strong="H0935", God|strong="H0410", I|strong="H5704" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0935" Temple|strong="H4720", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H5704" understood|strong="H0995" what will|strong="H0410" happen to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" wicked.

<sup>18</sup> Clearly, you|strong="H0389" have put|strong="H7896" them|strong="H7896" in|strong="H5307" danger.

You|strong="H0389" make|strong="H7896" it|strong="H7896" easy for them|strong="H7896" to|strong="H0389" fall|strong="H5307" and|strong="H5307" be|strong="H0389" destroyed.

<sup>19</sup> Trouble can|strong="H0349" come|strong="H1961" suddenly|strong="H7281", and|strong="H1961" they|strong="H7281" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" ruined|strong="H8047".

Terrible things|strong="H1961" can|strong="H0349" happen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" them|strong="H1961",

and|strong="H1961" they|strong="H7281" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" finished|strong="H8552".

<sup>20</sup> Then they|strong="H6754" will|strong="H0136" be|strong="H0136" like a|strong="H5782" dream|strong="H2472"

that|strong="H0136" we forget when we wake|strong="H6974" up|strong="H5782".

You will|strong="H0136" make them|strong="H6754" disappear like the|strong="H5782" monsters in our|strong="H0136" dreams|strong="H2472".

<sup>21</sup> I was so stupid.

I thought about such people and became upset. God, I was upset and angry with you!

I acted like a senseless animal.

<sup>23</sup> But|strong="H3225" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" always|strong="H8548" with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5973".

You|strong="H5973" hold|strong="H0270" my|strong="H3027" hand|strong="H3027".

<sup>24</sup> You|strong="H0310" lead|strong="H5148" me|strong="H0310" and|strong="H3947" give|strong="H3947" me|strong="H0310" good advice|strong="H6098",

and|strong="H3947" later|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0310" will lead|strong="H5148" me|strong="H0310" to|strong="H0310" glory|strong="H3519".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>25</sup> In|strong="H0776" heaven|strong="H8064", God|strong="H3808", I|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0776" only you|strong="H5973".

And|strong="H0776" if I|strong="H3808" am with|strong="H5973" you|strong="H5973", what|strong="H4310" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776" could|strong="H4310" I|strong="H3808" want|strong="H2654"?

<sup>26</sup> Maybe my|strong="H3615" mind|strong="H3824"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="H0430" body|strong="H3824" will|strong="H0430" become weak,

but God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0430" my|strong="H3615" source of|strong="H0430" strength|strong="H6697".<sup>III</sup>

He|strong="H0430" is|strong="H0430" mine forever|strong="H5769"!

<sup>27</sup> God, people who|strong="H3605" leave|strong="H4480" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3605" be|strong="H3605" lost|strong="H0006".

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3605" destroy|strong="H0006" all|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are not|strong="H3588" faithful to|strong="H4480" you|strong="H3588".

<sup>28</sup> As|strong="H0589" for|strong="H3605" me|strong="H0589", all|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0589" need is|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0430" close to|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430".

I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0589" made|strong="H7896" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0430" my|strong="H3605" place|strong="H7896" of|strong="H0430" safety.

<sup>I</sup> LEAD ME TO GLORY Or "receive me in honor."<sup>II</sup> MIND Literally, "heart."<sup>III</sup> MY ... STRENGTH Literally, "the Rock of my heart."

And|strong="H0430", God|strong="H0430", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0430" tell|strong="H5608" about|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" have|strong="H0589" done|strong="H3605".

A maskil of Asaph.

**74** God|strong="H0430", why|strong="H4100" have|strong="H0430" you|strong="H4100" turned away from|strong="H0430" us|strong="H6629" for|strong="H0430" so long|strong="H4100"?

Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H4100" still angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H0430" us|strong="H6629", your|strong="H4100" own flock|strong="H6629"?

<sup>2</sup> Remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H2142" people|strong="H5159" you|strong="H5159" bought|strong="H7069" so|strong="H2088" long ago.

You|strong="H5159" saved us|strong="H2142", and|strong="H2022" we belong to|strong="H5159" you|strong="H5159".

And|strong="H2022" remember|strong="H2142" Mount|strong="H2022" Zion|strong="H6726", the|strong="H2142" place|strong="H2088" where|strong="H7931" you|strong="H5159" lived|strong="H7931".

<sup>3</sup> God, come walk through|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" ancient ruins|strong="H4876".

Come back to|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6944" Place|strong="H6944" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" enemy|strong="H0341" destroyed.

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H7760" enemy|strong="H6887" shouted their|strong="H7760" war cries in|strong="H7130" the|strong="H7760" Temple.

They|strong="H7130" put|strong="H7760" up|strong="H7760" their|strong="H7760" flags there to|strong="H4150" show|strong="H7760" they|strong="H7130" had|strong="H7760" won the|strong="H7760" war.

<sup>5</sup> Their|strong="H0935" soldiers attacked|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" doors, like|strong="H6086" workmen chopping down|strong="H4605" trees|strong="H6086".

<sup>6</sup> Using axes and|strong="H6258" hatchets, they|strong="H6258" smashed the|strong="H6258" carved|strong="H6603" panels inside.

<sup>7</sup> They|strong="H0776" burned down|strong="H7971" your|strong="H7971" Holy|strong="H4720" Place|strong="H4908".

It|strong="H7971" was|strong="H8034" built to|strong="H7971" honor|strong="H8034" your|strong="H7971" name|strong="H8034",

but they|strong="H0776" pulled it|strong="H7971" down|strong="H7971" to|strong="H7971" the|strong="H7971" ground|strong="H0776".



8 The enemy decided to crush us completely.

They burned every holy place in the country.

9 We do not see any of our signs.

There are no more prophets.

And no one knows how this will last.

10 God will not let the enemy make fun of us?

Will you let them insult your name forever?

11 Why won't you help us?

Use your power to defeat our enemies!

12 God, you have been our King for a long time.

You have saved us many times on this earth.

13 With your great power you split open the sea

and broke the heads of the sea monster.

14 Yes, you smashed the heads of Leviathan and left his body for animals to eat.

I HOLY PLACE Or "El meeting place." This means every place where people went to meet with God. II SIGNS These were probably signal fires that people burned as a way of passing messages from one town to the next. In war, this was a way people showed other towns that the enemy had not yet destroyed their own town. III SEA MONSTER ... LEVIATHAN These were creatures from ancient stories. People believed that they kept the world from being a safe, orderly place. So this verse means that God controls every part of the world and everything in it.

15 You make the springs and rivers flow, and you dry up the rivers.

16 You control the day and night.

You made the sun and moon.

17 You set the limits for everything on earth.

And you created summer and winter.

18 LORD, remember the enemy insulted you!

Those foolish people hate your name!

19 Don't give us a helpless dove to those wild animals.

Never forget your poor, suffering people.

20 Remember the agreement you gave, because violence fills every dark place this land.

21 Your people were treated badly.

Don't let them be hurt anymore.

Let your poor, helpless people praise you.

22 God, get up and defend yourself!

Remember, those fools challenged you.

23 Don't forget the shouts

of|strong="H6963" your|strong="H7911" enemies|strong="H6965".

They|strong="H7911" insulted you|strong="H6963" again|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" again|strong="H6965".

To the director: To the tune "Don't Destroy." One of Asaph's songs of praise.

**75** We praise you, God!  
We praise you because you <sup>I</sup> are near to|strong="H0623" us.

We tell about the|strong="H0623" amazing things you have done.

<sup>2</sup> God|strong="H0430" says, " I|strong="H8034" have|strong="H0430" chosen a|strong="H6381" time for|strong="H0430" judgment,

and|strong="H0430" I|strong="H8034" will|strong="H0430" judge fairly.

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H3588" earth and|strong="H3947" all its|strong="H3588" people may|strong="H8199" shake,

but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" one|strong="H3588" who|strong="H3588" keeps it|strong="H3588" steady. Selah

<sup>4</sup> " To|strong="H0776" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H0776" proud I|strong="H0595" say, 'Stop your|strong="H3605" boasting.'

I|strong="H0595" warn the|strong="H3605" wicked, 'Don't brag about|strong="H3605" how strong you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H0776".

<sup>5</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" so|strong="H0408" sure that|strong="H0559" you will|strong="H7563" win.

Don't|strong="H0408" boast|strong="H1984" that|strong="H0559" victory is|strong="H7563" yours!"

<sup>6</sup> There is|strong="H1696" no|strong="H0408" power on|strong="H4791" earth

that can make|strong="H7311" a|strong="H1696" person|strong="H1696" important. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>7</sup> God|strong="H3808" is|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" judge.

He|strong="H3588" decides who|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" important.

He|strong="H3588" lifts|strong="H7311" one|strong="H3808" person up|strong="H7311" and|strong="H7311" brings another|strong="H3808" down|strong="H3588".

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3588" LORD has|strong="H0430" a|strong="H3588" cup in|strong="H0430" his|strong="H3588" hand.

It|strong="H3588" is|strong="H2088" filled with|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3588" poisoned wine of|strong="H0430" his|strong="H3588" anger.

<sup>I</sup> you Literally, "your name." <sup>II</sup> Literally, "Not from the east or the west and not from the desert mountains."

He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" pour out this|strong="H2088" wine,

and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3588" wicked will|strong="H0430" drink it|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3588" last drop.

<sup>9</sup> I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" always tell|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0776" how|strong="H3588" great God|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" sing praise|strong="H3588" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H3068" of|strong="H0776" Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> God|strong="H0430" says, " I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0430" take away any power the|strong="H0589" wicked have|strong="H0589"

and|strong="H0430" give|strong="H5046" it to|strong="H0430" those who|strong="H0430" are|strong="H0430" good."

To the director: With instruments. One of Asaph's songs of praise.

**76** People in Judah know God.  
People in Israel respect his name.

<sup>2</sup> His|strong="H3045" Temple is|strong="H0430" in|strong="H0430" Salem. <sup>III</sup>

His|strong="H3045" house is|strong="H0430" on|strong="H0430" Mount Zion.

<sup>3</sup> There|strong="H1961" he shattered the|strong="H1961" arrows,

shields, swords, and|strong="H6726" other weapons of|strong="H1961" war. Selah

<sup>4</sup> God, you|strong="H7665" are|strong="H8033" glorious coming back

from|strong="H8033" the|strong="H7665" hills where|strong="H8033" you|strong="H7665" defeated your|strong="H8033" enemies.

<sup>5</sup> They thought they were strong, but|strong="H0859" now|strong="H0859" they lie dead in the|strong="H0215" fields.

Their|strong="H2964" bodies are|strong="H0859" stripped of all they owned.

They could not defend themselves. <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3605" God|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0376" Jacob shouted at|strong="H3808" them|strong="H3027",

and|strong="H3027" their|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H0376" chariots and|strong="H3027" horses fell dead.

<sup>7</sup> God|strong="H0430", you are|strong="H0430" awesome!

No one can stand against|strong="H3290" you when|strong="H3290" you are|strong="H0430" angry.

<sup>8</sup> You stood as judge and announced your decision. You saved the humble people of the land.

<sup>III</sup> SALEM Another name for Jerusalem. This name means "Peace." <sup>IV</sup> THEY ... THEMSELVES Literally, "The warriors could not find their hands."

From heaven you gave the decision,  
and the whole earth was silent and afraid.  
10 Even human anger can bring you honor  
when you use it to punish your enemies.<sup>1</sup>  
11 People made promises to LORD your God.  
Now give him what he promised.  
People everywhere fear and respect God,  
and they will bring gifts to him.<sup>2</sup>  
12 God defeats great leaders;  
all the kings on earth fear him.

To the director, Jeduthun. <sup>II</sup> One of Asaph's songs.

**77** I cry out to God for help.

I cry out to you, God; listen to me!

<sup>2</sup> My Lord, in my time of trouble I came to you.

I reached out for you all night long.

My soul refused to be comforted.

<sup>3</sup> I thought about you, God,  
and I tried to tell you how I felt,  
but I could not.

<sup>4</sup> You would not let me sleep.

I tried to say something, but I was too upset.

<sup>5</sup> I kept thinking about the past,

about things that happened long ago.

<sup>6</sup> During the night, I thought about my songs.

I talked to myself, trying to understand what is happening.

<sup>7</sup> I wondered, "Has our Lord rejected us forever?"

Will he ever accept us again?

<sup>8</sup> Is his love gone forever?

Will he never speak to us?

<sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten what mercy is?

Has his compassion changed to anger? *Selah*

<sup>10</sup> Then I said to myself, "What bothers me most is the thought that God Most High has lost his power."

<sup>11</sup> LORD, I remember what you have done.

I remember the amazing things you did long ago.

<sup>12</sup> I think about those things.

I think about them all the time.

<sup>13</sup> God, all you do is holy.

No god is as great as you are.

<sup>14</sup> You are the God who does amazing things.

You showed the nations your great power.

<sup>15</sup> By your power you saved your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

<sup>16</sup> God, the water saw you and became afraid.

<sup>1</sup> The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. <sup>II</sup> JEDUTHUN Or "and to Jeduthun," one of the three main temple musicians. See 1 Chron. 9:16; 16:38-42.

The *deep water* shook with fear.

<sup>17</sup> The *thick clouds* dropped their *water*.

Thunder roared in *the sky* above.

Your *arrows* of *lightning* flashed through *the clouds*.

<sup>18</sup> There were *loud claps* of *thunder*.

Lightning lit up *the world*.

The *earth* shook and *trembled*.

<sup>19</sup> You *walked* through *water* and *crossed* the *deep sea*,

but you *left* no footprints.

<sup>20</sup> You *led* your *people* like *sheep*, using *Moses* and *Aaron* to *guide* them.

One of Asaph's maskils.

**78** My *people*, listen to *my* *teachings*.

Listen to *what* I say.

<sup>2</sup> I *will* tell you *a* *story*.

I *will* tell you *about* things from *the past* that *are* *hard* to *understand*.

<sup>3</sup> We *have* *heard* *the* *story*, and *we* *know* *it* *well*.

Our *fathers* told *it* to *us*.

<sup>4</sup> And *we* *will* *not* *forget* *it*.

Our *people* *will* *telling* *this* *story* to *the* *last* *generation*.

We *will* *praise* *the* *LORD*

and *tell* *about* *the* *amazing* *things* *he* *did*.

<sup>5</sup> He *made* *an* *agreement* with *Jacob*.

He *gave* *the* *law* to *Israel*.

He *gave* *the* *commands* to *our* *ancestors*.

He *told* *them* to *teach* *the* *law* *to* *their* *children*.

<sup>6</sup> Then *the* *next* *generation*, even *the* *children* *not* *yet* *born*, would *learn* *the* *law*.

And *they* would be *able* to *teach* *it* to *their* *own* *children*.

<sup>7</sup> So *they* would all *trust* *in* *God*,

*never* *forgetting* *what* *he* *had* *done*

and *always* *obeying* *his* *commands*.

<sup>8</sup> They *would* *not* *be* *like* *their* *ancestors*,

*who* *were* *stubborn* and *refused* *to* *obey*.

Their *hearts* *were* *not* *devoted* to *God*,

and *they* *were* *not* *faithful* to *him*.

<sup>9</sup> The *men* from *Ephraim* *had* *their* *weapons*,

but *they* *ran* from *the* *battle*.

10 They|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" keep|strong="H8104" their|strong="H3808" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H1285" God|strong="H0430".

They|strong="H3808" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H3985" obey|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" teachings|strong="H8451".

11 They|strong="H0834" forgot|strong="H7911" the|strong="H0834" great things|strong="H6381" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" done|strong="H5949"

and|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0834" amazing|strong="H6381" things|strong="H6381" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" shown|strong="H7200" them|strong="H7200".

12 While their|strong="H5048" ancestors|strong="H0001" watched,

he|strong="H6213" showed his|strong="H5048" great power at|strong="H7704" Zoan|strong="H6814" in|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714".

13 He|strong="H4325" split|strong="H1234" the|strong="H1234" Red Sea|strong="H3220" and|strong="H4325" led the|strong="H1234" people across|strong="H5674".

The|strong="H1234" water|strong="H4325" stood|strong="H5324" like|strong="H3644" a|strong="H3644" solid wall on|strong="H3220" both sides of|strong="H4325" them.

14 Each|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3119" God led|strong="H5148" them|strong="H5148" with|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tall cloud|strong="H6051",

and|strong="H3915" each|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915" he|strong="H3605" led|strong="H5148" them|strong="H5148" with|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" light|strong="H0216" from|strong="H0784" the|strong="H3605" column of|strong="H3605" fire|strong="H0784".

15 He split|strong="H1234" the|strong="H8248" rocks|strong="H6697" in|strong="H1234" the|strong="H8248" desert|strong="H4057"

and|strong="H6697" gave|strong="H8248" them|strong="H8248" an ocean|strong="H8415" of|strong="H6697" fresh water|strong="H8248".

16 He|strong="H3318" brought|strong="H3318" a|strong="H3318" stream|strong="H5104" of|strong="H4325" water|strong="H4325" out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H4325" the|strong="H3318" rock|strong="H5553"

and|strong="H4325" made it|strong="H3381" flow|strong="H5140" like|strong="H3318" a|strong="H3318" river|strong="H5104".

17 But they continued|strong="H5750" sinning|strong="H2398" against|strong="H2398" him|strong="H2398".

They rebelled|strong="H4784" against|strong="H2398" God Most High

in|strong="H5750" the|strong="H3254" desert|strong="H6723".

18 Then they|strong="H3824" decided to|strong="H5315" test|strong="H5254" God|strong="H0410"

by telling him|strong="H7592" to|strong="H5315" give them|strong="H7592" the|strong="H7592" food|strong="H0400" they|strong="H3824" wanted|strong="H3824".

19 They|strong="H0559" complained about|strong="H1696" him|strong="H0559" and|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559",

" Can|strong="H3201" God|strong="H0430" give|strong="H1696" us|strong="H0559" food in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" desert|strong="H4057"?"

20 Yes|strong="H1571", he|strong="H0518" struck|strong="H5221" the|strong="H5414" rock|strong="H6697" and|strong="H3899" a|strong="H5414" flood|strong="H4325" of|strong="H4325" water|strong="H4325" came out|strong="H3559".

But|strong="H0518" can|strong="H3201" he|strong="H0518" give|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" bread|strong="H3899" and|strong="H3899" meat|strong="H7607"?"

21 The|strong="H8085" LORD|strong="H3068" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H1571" they|strong="H3651" said|strong="H3651"

and|strong="H3068" became angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H3068" Jacob's|strong="H3290" people|strong="H8085".

He|strong="H3651" was|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478",

22 because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" trust|strong="H0982" in|strong="H0430" him|strong="H0430".

They|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" believe|strong="H0539" that|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430" could save|strong="H3444" them|strong="H3588".

23 But then God opened the clouds above, and manna rained down on them for food. It was as if doors in the sky opened, and grain poured down from a storehouse in the sky.

25 These|strong="H1992" people|strong="H0376" ate|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0398" food|strong="H3899" of|strong="H0376" angels|strong="H0047".

God|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971" plenty|strong="H0398" of|strong="H0376" food|strong="H3899" to|strong="H7971" satisfy|strong="H7648" them|strong="H1992".

26 He|strong="H8064" sent a|strong="H5265" strong|strong="H5797" wind|strong="H6921"

from |strong="H5265" the |strong="H8064" east |strong="H6921",

and |strong="H8064" by |strong="H5265" his |strong="H5797" power |strong="H5797" he |strong="H8064" made the |strong="H8064" south |strong="H8486" wind |strong="H6921" blow |strong="H5265".

27 He |strong="H5921" made quail fall like |strong="H5921" rain |strong="H4305" until |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" covered the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H6083".

There were |strong="H3671" so |strong="H5921" many birds |strong="H5775" that they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H3671" like |strong="H5921" sand |strong="H2344" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" seashore |strong="H3220".

28 The |strong="H5439" birds fell |strong="H5307" in |strong="H5307" the |strong="H5439" middle |strong="H7130" of |strong="H4264" the |strong="H5439" camp |strong="H4264",

all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439" their |strong="H7130" tents |strong="H4908".

29 The |strong="H0935" people ate |strong="H0398" until they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" full |strong="H7646".

God had |strong="H0398" given them |strong="H1992" what |strong="H8378" they |strong="H1992" wanted.

30 But |strong="H3808" before |strong="H5750" they |strong="H3808" were fully satisfied,

while |strong="H5750" the |strong="H3808" food |strong="H0400" was |strong="H6310" still |strong="H5750" in |strong="H5750" their |strong="H3808" mouths |strong="H6310",

31 God |strong="H0430" became angry |strong="H0639" and |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H2026" even the |strong="H5927" strongest of |strong="H0430" them |strong="H5927".

He |strong="H0430" brought |strong="H5927" down |strong="H3766" Israel's |strong="H3478" best young |strong="H0970" men |strong="H0970".

32 But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" continued |strong="H5750" to |strong="H3808" sin |strong="H2398".

They |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" trust |strong="H0539" in |strong="H5750" the |strong="H3605" amazing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H3605" God |strong="H3808" could do |strong="H3605".

33 So he |strong="H3117" ended |strong="H3615" their |strong="H3117" worthless |strong="H1892" lives;

he |strong="H3117" brought |strong="H3615" their |strong="H3117" years |strong="H8141" to |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" close with |strong="H3117" disaster.

34 When |strong="H0518" he |strong="H0518" killed |strong="H2026" some of |strong="H0410" them |strong="H7725", the |strong="H0518" others would turn |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" him |strong="H7725".

They |strong="H0518" would come |strong="H7725" running back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" God |strong="H0410".

35 They |strong="H3588" would remember |strong="H2142" that |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" was |strong="H0430" their |strong="H3588" Rock |strong="H6697".

They |strong="H3588" would remember |strong="H2142" that |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" Most High had |strong="H0430" saved them |strong="H3588".

36 But they |strong="H6310" tried to |strong="H6310" fool him with |strong="H6310" their |strong="H3956" words |strong="H6310";

they |strong="H6310" told |strong="H3576" him lies |strong="H3576".

37 Their |strong="H3559" hearts |strong="H3820" were |strong="H1285" not |strong="H3808" really with |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973".

They |strong="H3808" were |strong="H1285" not |strong="H3808" faithful |strong="H0539" to |strong="H3820" the |strong="H5973" agreement |strong="H1285" he |strong="H3808" gave them.

38 But |strong="H3808" God |strong="H3808" was |strong="H1931" merciful |strong="H7349".

He |strong="H1931" forgave their |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H5771" and |strong="H7725" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" destroy |strong="H7843" them |strong="H7725".

Many |strong="H7235" times he |strong="H1931" held back |strong="H7725" his |strong="H3605" anger |strong="H0639".

He |strong="H1931" never |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" it |strong="H1931" get |strong="H7725" out |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" control.

39 He |strong="H3588" remembered |strong="H2142" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" only people |strong="H1320",

like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" wind |strong="H7307" that |strong="H3588" blows and |strong="H1980" then |strong="H1980" is |strong="H7307" gone |strong="H1980".

40 Oh, they |strong="H4100" caused him |strong="H4057" so much |strong="H4100" trouble in the |strong="H4100" desert |strong="H3452".

They |strong="H4100" made him |strong="H4057" so sad.

41 Again |strong="H7725" and |strong="H3478" again |strong="H7725" they |strong="H3478" tested |strong="H5254" his |strong="H7725" patience.

They|strong="H3478" really|strong="H7725" hurt  
the|strong="H7725" Holy|strong="H6918"  
One|strong="H6918" of|strong="H6918" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478".

42 They|strong="H0834" forgot  
about|strong="H4480" his|strong="H0834" pow-  
er|strong="H3027".

They|strong="H0834" forgot the|strong="H0853"  
many times|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834"  
saved them|strong="H0853" from|strong="H4480"  
the|strong="H0853" enemy.

43 They|strong="H0834" forgot the|strong="H0834"  
miracles|strong="H4159" in|strong="H4714"  
Egypt|strong="H4714",

the|strong="H0834" miracles|strong="H4159"  
in|strong="H4714" the|strong="H0834"  
fields|strong="H7704" of|strong="H7704"  
Zoan|strong="H6814".

44 God turned|strong="H2015" the|strong="H2015"  
rivers|strong="H2975" into|strong="H2015"  
blood|strong="H1818",

and|strong="H1818" the|strong="H2015" Egyptians  
could not|strong="H1077" drink|strong="H8354"  
the|strong="H2015" water|strong="H5140".

45 He|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971"  
swarms|strong="H6157" of|strong="H0398"  
flies|strong="H6157" that|strong="H7971" bit  
them|strong="H7971".

He|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971"  
the|strong="H0398" frogs|strong="H6854"  
that|strong="H7971" ruined|strong="H7843"  
their|strong="H0398" lives.

46 He|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414"  
their|strong="H5414" crops|strong="H2981"  
to|strong="H5414" grasshoppers

and|strong="H3018" their|strong="H5414" other  
plants to|strong="H5414" locusts|strong="H0697".

47 He destroyed|strong="H2026"  
their|strong="H2026" vines|strong="H1612"  
with|strong="H1612" hail|strong="H1259"  
and|strong="H1612" their|strong="H2026"  
trees|strong="H8256" with|strong="H1612" sleet.

48 He killed their|strong="H5462" animals  
with|strong="H4735" hail|strong="H1259"  
and|strong="H4735" their|strong="H5462" cat-  
tle|strong="H4735" with|strong="H4735" light-  
ning|strong="H7565".

49 He|strong="H7971" showed the|strong="H7971"  
Egyptians his|strong="H7971" anger|strong="H0639".

He|strong="H7971" sent|strong="H7971"  
his|strong="H7971" destroying|strong="H7451" an-  
gels|strong="H4397" against them|strong="H7971".

50 He|strong="H3808" found a|strong="H3808" way  
to|strong="H5315" show his|strong="H3808"  
anger|strong="H0639".

He|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" spare|strong="H2820"  
their|strong="H3808" lives|strong="H5315".

He|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808"  
them|strong="H0639" die|strong="H4194"  
with|strong="H0639" a|strong="H3808" dead-  
ly|strong="H4194" disease.

51 He|strong="H5221" killed|strong="H5221"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" first-  
born|strong="H1060" sons in|strong="H1060"  
Egypt|strong="H4714".

He|strong="H5221" killed|strong="H5221"  
every|strong="H3605" firstborn|strong="H1060"  
in|strong="H1060" Ham's<sup>1</sup> family|strong="H0168".

52 Then|strong="H5265" he led|strong="H5090" Is-  
rael|strong="H5971" like|strong="H6629"  
a|strong="H5265" shepherd.

He led|strong="H5090" his|strong="H5971" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" like|strong="H6629"  
sheep|strong="H6629" into the|strong="H5971"  
desert|strong="H4057".

53 He|strong="H3808" guided|strong="H5148"  
them|strong="H0853" safely|strong="H0983".

They|strong="H3808" had|strong="H0853" noth-  
ing|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3220"  
fear|strong="H6342".

He|strong="H3808" drowned their|strong="H3808"  
enemies|strong="H0341" in|strong="H3808"  
the|strong="H0853" sea|strong="H3220".

54 He|strong="H0935" led|strong="H0935"  
his|strong="H0935" people to|strong="H0413"  
his|strong="H0935" holy|strong="H6944"  
land|strong="H1366",

to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" moun-  
tain|strong="H2022" he|strong="H0935"  
took|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0413"  
his|strong="H0935" own power.

55 He|strong="H6440" forced the|strong="H6440"  
other nations|strong="H1471" out|strong="H1644"  
before|strong="H6440" them|strong="H6440"  
and|strong="H3478" gave|strong="H5159"  
each|strong="H1471" family|strong="H0168"  
its|strong="H6440" share|strong="H5159"  
of|strong="H0168" the|strong="H6440"  
land|strong="H5159".

He|strong="H6440" gave|strong="H5159"  
each|strong="H1471" tribe|strong="H7626"  
of|strong="H0168" Israel|strong="H3478"  
a|strong="H3478" place to|strong="H3478"  
live|strong="H7931".

56 But|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" test-  
ed|strong="H5254" God|strong="H0430" Most High  
and|strong="H0430" made him|strong="H0853"  
very|strong="H4784" sad.

They|strong="H3808" didn't|strong="H3808"  
obey|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" com-  
mands.

57 They turned|strong="H2015" against him  
and|strong="H0001" were unfaithful just

<sup>1</sup> HAM The Egyptians were Ham's descendants. See Genesis 10:6-10.

like|strong="H2015" their|strong="H2015" ancestors|strong="H0001".

They changed|strong="H2015" directions like|strong="H2015" a|strong="H5472" boomerang.

<sup>58</sup> They built high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" and|strong="H1116" made|strong="H7065" God angry|strong="H3707".

They built statues of|strong="H1116" false gods and|strong="H1116" made|strong="H7065" him|strong="H7065" jealous|strong="H7065".

<sup>59</sup> God|strong="H0430" heard|strong="H8085" what they|strong="H0430" were|strong="H3478" doing and|strong="H3478" became very|strong="H3966" angry.

So|strong="H3966" he|strong="H0430" rejected|strong="H3988" Israel|strong="H3478" completely|strong="H3966".

<sup>60</sup> He|strong="H0120" abandoned|strong="H5203" his|strong="H7931" place|strong="H4908" at|strong="H4908" Shiloh|strong="H7887",<sup>I</sup> the|strong="H5203" Holy Tent|strong="H0168" where|strong="H7931" he|strong="H0120" lived|strong="H7931" among|strong="H7931" the|strong="H5203" people|strong="H0120".

<sup>61</sup> He|strong="H5414" let|strong="H5414" foreigners capture the|strong="H5414" Box of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H5414" Agreement, the|strong="H5414" symbol of|strong="H3027" his|strong="H5414" power|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" glory|strong="H8597".

<sup>62</sup> He|strong="H2719" showed his|strong="H5462" anger against|strong="H2719" his|strong="H5462" people|strong="H5971"

and|strong="H2719" let them be|strong="H2719" killed|strong="H2719" in|strong="H5159" war|strong="H2719".

<sup>63</sup> Their|strong="H0398" young|strong="H0970" men|strong="H0970" were|strong="H0784" burned to|strong="H3808" death,

and|strong="H0398" there were|strong="H0784" no|strong="H3808" wedding songs for|strong="H3808" their|strong="H0398" young|strong="H0970" women|strong="H1330".

<sup>64</sup> Their|strong="H3808" priests|strong="H3548" were|strong="H2719" killed|strong="H2719",

but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3808" widows|strong="H0490" had|strong="H3548" no|strong="H3808" time to|strong="H5307" mourn|strong="H1058" for|strong="H3808" them|strong="H5307".

<sup>65</sup> Finally, our|strong="H0136" Lord|strong="H0136" got up

like|strong="H1368" a man|strong="H1368" waking from|strong="H3196" his sleep|strong="H3463",

like|strong="H1368" a soldier after drinking too much wine|strong="H3196".

<sup>66</sup> He|strong="H5414" forced his|strong="H5414" enemies to|strong="H5414" turn|strong="H5414" back|strong="H0268" defeated|strong="H5221".

He|strong="H5414" brought|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" shame|strong="H2781" that|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>67</sup> Then|strong="H3130" he|strong="H0977" rejected|strong="H3988" Joseph's|strong="H3130" family|strong="H0168".

He|strong="H0977" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" accept Ephraim's|strong="H0669" family|strong="H0168".

<sup>68</sup> No, he|strong="H0834" chose|strong="H0977" the|strong="H0853" tribe|strong="H7626" of|strong="H2022" Judah|strong="H3063", and|strong="H3063" he|strong="H0834" chose|strong="H0977" Mount|strong="H2022" Zion|strong="H6726", the|strong="H0853" place he|strong="H0834" loves|strong="H0157".

<sup>69</sup> He|strong="H1129" built|strong="H1129" his|strong="H1129" holy|strong="H4720" Temple|strong="H4720" high|strong="H7311" on|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0776" mountain.

Like|strong="H3644" the|strong="H1129" earth|strong="H0776", God built|strong="H1129" his|strong="H1129" Temple|strong="H4720" to|strong="H0776" last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>70</sup> He|strong="H1732" chose|strong="H0977" David|strong="H1732" to|strong="H5650" be|strong="H1732" his|strong="H3947" special servant|strong="H5650".

He|strong="H1732" took|strong="H3947" him|strong="H3947" from|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3947" sheep|strong="H6629" pens.

<sup>71</sup> He|strong="H0310" took|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0310" away|strong="H0310" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" job of|strong="H0935" caring for|strong="H0935" sheep

and|strong="H0935" gave|strong="H5159" him|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0935" job of|strong="H0935" caring for|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" descendants of|strong="H0935" Jacob|strong="H3290"— Israel|strong="H3478", his|strong="H0935" chosen people|strong="H5971".

<sup>72</sup> And|strong="H3709" David|strong="H7462" led|strong="H5148" them|strong="H7462" with|strong="H3709" a pure heart|strong="H3824" and|strong="H3709" guided|strong="H5148" them|strong="H7462" very wisely.

One of Asaph's songs of praise.

**79** God|strong="H0430", some people|strong="H1471" from|strong="H0935" other nations|strong="H1471" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" fight your|strong="H7760" people|strong="H1471".



They|strong="H0935" ruined|strong="H2930" your|strong="H7760" holy|strong="H6944" Temple|strong="H1964".

They|strong="H0935" left|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" in|strong="H0935" ruins|strong="H5856".

<sup>2</sup> They|strong="H0776" left|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" bodies|strong="H1320" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H5414" servants|strong="H5650" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" wild|strong="H0776" birds|strong="H5775" to|strong="H5414" eat|strong="H3978".

They|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" wild|strong="H0776" animals|strong="H2416" eat|strong="H3978" the|strong="H0853" bodies|strong="H1320" of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H5414" followers|strong="H2623".

<sup>3</sup> Blood|strong="H1818" flowed like|strong="H1818" water|strong="H4325" all|strong="H5439" over Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" left to|strong="H0369" bury|strong="H6912" the|strong="H5439" bodies.

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H1961" countries around|strong="H5439" us|strong="H5439" insult|strong="H2781" us|strong="H5439".

The|strong="H1961" people around|strong="H5439" us|strong="H5439" laugh at|strong="H1961" us|strong="H5439" and|strong="H5439" make fun of|strong="H2781" us|strong="H5439".

<sup>5</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", will|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5704" be|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H0599" with|strong="H3068" us forever|strong="H5331"?

Will|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" strong feelings<sup>1</sup> continue|strong="H5331" to|strong="H5704" burn|strong="H1197" like|strong="H3644" a|strong="H3644" fire|strong="H0784"?

<sup>6</sup> Turn your|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H2534" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" nations|strong="H1471" that|strong="H0834" do not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0834",

against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1471" who|strong="H0834" do not|strong="H3808" honor|strong="H8034" you|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" God|strong="H3808".

<sup>7</sup> Those|strong="H0853" nations killed Jacob's|strong="H3290" family and|strong="H0398" destroyed|strong="H0398" their|strong="H3588" land.

<sup>1</sup> STRONG FEELINGS The Hebrew word can mean any strong feelings such as zeal, jealousy, or love.

<sup>8</sup> Please don't|strong="H0408" punish us|strong="H3588" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" sins|strong="H5771" of|strong="H5771" our|strong="H3588" ancestors|strong="H7223".

Hurry, show|strong="H7356" us|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" mercy|strong="H7356"!

We|strong="H3588" need you|strong="H3588" so|strong="H3588" much|strong="H3966"!

<sup>9</sup> Our|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0430" and|strong="H0430" Savior, help|strong="H5826" us|strong="H5921"!

That|strong="H4616" will|strong="H0430" bring glory|strong="H3519" to|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034".

Save|strong="H5337" us|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0430" forgive|strong="H3722" our|strong="H5921" sins|strong="H2403"

for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" good of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034".

<sup>10</sup> Don't give the|strong="H0559" other nations|strong="H1471" a|strong="H4100" reason to|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559",

"Where|strong="H0346" is|strong="H4100" their|strong="H3045" God|strong="H0430"? Can't|strong="H3045" he|strong="H0430" help them|strong="H3045"?"

Let us|strong="H3045" see|strong="H5869" you|strong="H3045" punish those people|strong="H1471".

Punish them|strong="H3045" for|strong="H3045" killing|strong="H8210" your|strong="H3045" servants|strong="H5650".

<sup>11</sup> Listen to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" sad cries of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" prisoners|strong="H0616"!

Use your|strong="H0935" great power|strong="H2220" to|strong="H0935" free those|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" are|strong="H1121" sentenced to|strong="H0935" die|strong="H8546".

<sup>12</sup> Punish the|strong="H0834" nations around|strong="H7725" us|strong="H0413"!

Pay|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" seven|strong="H7659" times|strong="H7659" for|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413".

Punish them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413" insulting you|strong="H0834".

<sup>13</sup> We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H0587" your|strong="H3034" people|strong="H5971", the|strong="H3034" sheep|strong="H6629" of|strong="H6629" your|strong="H3034" flock|strong="H6629".

We |strong="H0587" will |strong="H6629" praise |strong="H8416" you |strong="H3034" forever |strong="H5769".

We |strong="H0587" will |strong="H6629" praise |strong="H8416" you |strong="H3034" forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H6629" ever |strong="H5769"!

To the director: To the tune "Lilies of the Agreement."  
One of Asaph's songs of praise.

**80** Shepherd of |strong="H0413" Israel, listen to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413".

You |strong="H0413" lead |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0413" people <sup>I</sup> like |strong="H0413" sheep.

You |strong="H0413" sit on |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0413" throne above |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Cherub angels.

Let us |strong="H0413" see you |strong="H0413".

<sup>2</sup> Shepherd |strong="H7462" of |strong="H3427" Israel |strong="H3478", show your |strong="H3478" greatness to |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3427" tribes of |strong="H3427" Ephraim, Benjamin, and |strong="H3478" Manasseh.

Come and |strong="H3478" save your |strong="H3478" people |strong="H3427".

<sup>3</sup> God, accept us |strong="H6440" again |strong="H6440".

Smile down |strong="H6440" on |strong="H6440" us |strong="H6440" and |strong="H6440" save |strong="H3444" us |strong="H6440"!

<sup>4</sup> LORD God |strong="H0430" All-Powerful, when |strong="H7725" will |strong="H0430" you |strong="H6440" listen to |strong="H7725" our |strong="H0430" prayers?

How long |strong="H6440" will |strong="H0430" you |strong="H6440" be |strong="H0430" angry with |strong="H0430" us |strong="H7725"?

<sup>5</sup> Instead |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" bread and |strong="H3068" water,

you |strong="H5704" gave your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" tears.

<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H0398" made |strong="H8248" us |strong="H8248" the |strong="H0398" target of |strong="H3899" everyone's hatred.

Our enemies make fun of |strong="H3899" us |strong="H8248".

<sup>7</sup> God All-Powerful, accept us |strong="H7760" again.

Smile down |strong="H7760" on |strong="H7760" us |strong="H7760" and |strong="H7760" save us |strong="H7760"!

<sup>8</sup> When |strong="H7725" you |strong="H6440" brought |strong="H7725" us |strong="H7725" out |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0430" Egypt,

<sup>I</sup> YOUR PEOPLE Literally, "Joseph," the father of Ephraim and Manasseh, whose names are often used to mean all the tribes in northern Israel.

we |strong="H7725" were |strong="H0430" like |strong="H7725" your |strong="H6440" special vine.

You |strong="H6440" forced |strong="H6635" other nations to |strong="H7725" leave this |strong="H7725" land |strong="H6440",

and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H6440" planted that |strong="H7725" vine here.

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H4714" prepared the |strong="H1471" ground for |strong="H4714" it |strong="H1644",

and |strong="H4714" it |strong="H1644" sent its roots down deep and |strong="H4714" spread throughout the |strong="H1471" land.

<sup>10</sup> It |strong="H6440" covered |strong="H4390" the |strong="H6440" mountains,

and |strong="H0776" its |strong="H4390" leaves shaded even |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440" giant cedar trees.

<sup>11</sup> Its |strong="H3680" branches |strong="H6057" spread to |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3680" Mediterranean Sea,

its |strong="H3680" shoots to |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3680" Euphrates River.

<sup>12</sup> God |strong="H7971", why did you |strong="H7971" pull down |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0413" walls that |strong="H5704" protect your |strong="H7971" vine?

Now |strong="H5104" everyone who passes by |strong="H0413" picks its |strong="H3220" grapes.

<sup>13</sup> Wild pigs come and |strong="H1870" ruin it |strong="H4100".

Wild animals eat the |strong="H3605" leaves.

<sup>14</sup> God All-Powerful, come back.

Look down from |strong="H7704" heaven at |strong="H7704" your vine and |strong="H7704" protect it |strong="H3765".

<sup>15</sup> Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H0430" the |strong="H7200" vine |strong="H1612" you |strong="H7725" planted with |strong="H0430" your |strong="H7200" own hands.

Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H0430" the |strong="H7200" young plant <sup>II</sup> you |strong="H7725" raised.

<sup>16</sup> Our |strong="H5921" enemies have |strong="H0834" cut it |strong="H5921" down |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" burned it |strong="H5921" up |strong="H5921".

Show them |strong="H5921" how |strong="H0834" angry you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" destroy them |strong="H5921".

<sup>17</sup> Reach out |strong="H6440" and |strong="H6440" help your |strong="H6440" chosen one. <sup>III</sup>

Reach out |strong="H6440" to |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" people <sup>IV</sup> you |strong="H6440" raised up.

<sup>II</sup> YOUNG PLANT Literally, "son." <sup>III</sup> CHOSEN ONE Literally, "the man of your right hand." <sup>IV</sup> PEOPLE Literally, "son of man."

18 Then *we will* never leave you.

Let *us* live, and *we will* worship you.

19 LORD God All-Powerful, accept us again.

Smile down on us and *save us*.

To the director: On the gittith. One of Asaph's songs.

**81** Be happy and sing to God, our strength.

Shout with joy to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> Begin the music.

Play the tambourines.

Play the pleasant harps and lyres.

<sup>3</sup> Blow the ram's horn at the time of the new moon <sup>I</sup> and at the time of the full moon, <sup>II</sup>

when our festival begins.

<sup>4</sup> This is the law for the people of Israel.

The God of Jacob gave the command.

<sup>5</sup> God made this agreement with Joseph's people,

when he led them out of Egypt.

In a language we didn't understand, God said,

<sup>6</sup> "I took the load from your shoulder.

I let you drop the worker's basket.

<sup>7</sup> When you were in trouble, you called for help, and I set you free.

<sup>I</sup> NEW MOON The first day of the Hebrew month. There were special meetings on these days when the people shared fellowship offerings as part of their worship to God. <sup>II</sup> FULL MOON The middle of the Hebrew month. Many of the special meetings and festivals started at the time of a full moon.

I was hidden in the storm clouds, and I answered you.

I tested you by the water at Meribah. <sup>III</sup> Selah

<sup>8</sup> " My people, I am warning you.

Israel, listen to me!

<sup>9</sup> Don't worship any of the false gods that the foreigners worship.

<sup>10</sup> I, LORD, am your God.

I brought you out of Egypt. Israel, open your mouth, and I will feed you.

<sup>11</sup> " But my people did not listen to me.

Israel did not obey me.

<sup>12</sup> So I let them go their own stubborn way and do whatever they wanted.

<sup>13</sup> If my people would listen to me and would live the way I want,

<sup>14</sup> then I would defeat their enemies.

I would punish those who cause them trouble.

<sup>15</sup> Those who hate the LORD would shake with fear.

They would be punished forever.

<sup>16</sup> I would give the best wheat to my people.

I would give them the purest honey, until they were satisfied.

One of Asaph's songs of praise.

**82** God stands in assembly

<sup>III</sup> MERIBAH See Exodus 17:1-7.

bly|strong="H5712" of|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H8199" gods|strong="H0430". I

He|strong="H0430" stands|strong="H5324"  
as|strong="H0430" judge|strong="H8199"  
among|strong="H7130" the|strong="H8199"  
judges|strong="H8199".

<sup>2</sup> He|strong="H5704" says, "How|strong="H4970"  
long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H7563"  
you|strong="H6440" judge|strong="H8199" unfairly  
and|strong="H6440" show|strong="H5375" special  
favours to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H6440"  
wicked|strong="H7563"? Selah|strong="H5542"

<sup>3</sup> "Defend|strong="H8199" the|strong="H8199"  
poor|strong="H7326" and|strong="H6041" or-  
phans|strong="H3490".

Protect the|strong="H8199" rights|strong="H1800"  
of|strong="H8199" the|strong="H8199"  
poor|strong="H7326".

<sup>4</sup> Help those who|strong="H7563"  
are|strong="H3027" poor|strong="H0034"  
and|strong="H3027" helpless.

Save|strong="H5337" them|strong="H3027"  
from|strong="H3027" those who|strong="H7563"  
are|strong="H3027" evil|strong="H7563".

<sup>5</sup> "They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808"  
know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H3045"  
is|strong="H0776" happening.

They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" under-  
stand|strong="H0995".

They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808"  
know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H3045"  
they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H0776" doing.

Their|strong="H3605" world|strong="H0776"  
is|strong="H0776" falling down|strong="H1980"  
around|strong="H1980" them|strong="H3045".

<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H0589", God|strong="H0430" Most  
High, say|strong="H0559",

"You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1121"  
gods|strong="H0430", III my|strong="H3605" own  
sons|strong="H1121".

<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H0403" you|strong="H0403"  
will|strong="H0120" die|strong="H4191"  
as|strong="H0259" all|strong="H0259" peo-  
ple|strong="H0120" must|strong="H4191"  
die|strong="H4191".

Your|strong="H5307" life|strong="H4191"  
will|strong="H0120" end like|strong="H4191"  
that|strong="H5307" of|strong="H8269"  
any|strong="H0259" ruler|strong="H8269".

<sup>8</sup> Get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965",  
God|strong="H0430"! You|strong="H0859"

I ASSEMBLY OF THE GODS Other nations taught that El (God) and the other gods met together to decide what to do with the people on earth. But many times kings and leaders were also called "gods." So this psalm may be God's warning to the leaders of Israel. II THEY This might mean that the poor don't understand what is happening. Or it might mean that the "gods" or leaders don't understand that they are ruining the world by not being fair and by not doing what is right. III gods Or "judges."

be|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605"  
judge|strong="H8199".

You|strong="H0859" be|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H3605" leader over|strong="H6965"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" na-  
tions|strong="H1471".

One of Asaph's songs of praise.

**83** God, don't keep quiet!  
Don't close your ears!

Please say something, God.

<sup>2</sup> Your|strong="H0430" enemies  
are|strong="H0430" getting ready to|strong="H0430"  
do|strong="H0408" something.

Those who|strong="H0410" hate you  
will|strong="H0430" soon attack.

<sup>3</sup> They|strong="H3588" are making|strong="H1993"  
secret plans against|strong="H8130"  
your|strong="H3588" people.

Your|strong="H3588" enemies|strong="H0341" are  
discussing plans against|strong="H8130"  
the|strong="H3588" people you|strong="H3588" love.

<sup>4</sup> They|strong="H5921" say, "Come, let  
us|strong="H5921" destroy them|strong="H5921"  
completely.

Then no one will ever again remember  
the|strong="H5921" name Israel|strong="H5971".

<sup>5</sup> God|strong="H0559", they|strong="H3808"  
have|strong="H1471" all|strong="H5750" joined to-  
gether.

They|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1471" united  
against|strong="H2142" you|strong="H3808".

<sup>6</sup> Their army includes the Edomites, Ishmaelites,  
Moabites, and Hagar's descendants,  
the people of Byblos, Ammon, and Amalek,  
the Philistines, and the people of Tyre.

<sup>8</sup> Even the|strong="H5973" Assyrians  
have|strong="H5973" joined them|strong="H3427".

They|strong="H5983" have|strong="H5973" made  
Lot's descendants very powerful. Selah

<sup>9</sup> God, defeat them|strong="H1961"  
just|strong="H1571" as|strong="H1961"  
you|strong="H5973" defeated Midian.

Do what|strong="H1571" you|strong="H5973" did  
to|strong="H1961" Sisera and|strong="H1121" Jabin  
at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" Kishon River.

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H6213" destroyed  
the|strong="H6213" enemy at|strong="H5158" Endor,  
and|strong="H4080" their|strong="H1992" bodies  
rotted on the|strong="H6213" ground.

<sup>11</sup> Punish their|strong="H1961" leaders  
as|strong="H1961" you|strong="H8045" did Oreb  
and|strong="H1961" Zeeb.

Do what you|strong="H8045" did  
to|strong="H1961" Zebah and|strong="H1961" Zal-  
munna.

12 They/strong="H3605" said, "Let's make/strong="H7896" this/strong="H3605" land our/strong="H3605" own— these/strong="H3605" fields of/strong="H3605" grass that/strong="H3605" belong to/strong="H3605" God!"

13 Make them/strong="H0853" like/strong="H0834" weeds blown by/strong="H0430" the/strong="H0853" wind.

Scatter them/strong="H0853" the/strong="H0853" way wind scatters straw.

14 Be/strong="H0430" like/strong="H6440" a/strong="H7896" fire that/strong="H0430" destroys a/strong="H7896" forest

or/strong="H0430" like/strong="H6440" a/strong="H7896" flame that/strong="H0430" sets/strong="H7896" the/strong="H6440" hills on/strong="H0430" fire.

15 Chase them/strong="H3857" away with/strong="H2022" your blasts of/strong="H2022" wind;

frighten them/strong="H3857" with/strong="H2022" your storms.

16 LORD, cover them/strong="H7291" with/strong="H3651" shame

until they/strong="H3651" come to/strong="H7291" you/strong="H3651" for/strong="H3651" help.

17 May/strong="H3068" they/strong="H3068" be/strong="H8034" forever ashamed and/strong="H3068" afraid.

Disgrace/strong="H7036" and/strong="H3068" defeat them/strong="H6440".

18 Then they/strong="H5704" will/strong="H5704" know that/strong="H5704" your/strong="H5704" name is YAHWEH—

that/strong="H5704" you/strong="H5704" alone are the/strong="H5704" LORD.

They/strong="H5704" will/strong="H5704" know that/strong="H5704" you/strong="H5704" are God Most High,

ruler over/strong="H5704" all/strong="H5704" the/strong="H5704" earth!

To the director: On the gittith . A song of praise from the Korah family.

**84** LORD All-Powerful, the/strong="H5921" place where/strong="H5921" you/strong="H5921" live is/strong="H1121" so/strong="H5921" beautiful!

2 LORD/strong="H3068", I/strong="H4100" cannot wait to/strong="H3068" enter your/strong="H3068" Temple.

I/strong="H4100" am/strong="H3068" so excited!

Every part of/strong="H3068" me/strong="H4100" cries out/strong="H4100" to/strong="H3068"

be/strong="H3068" with/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3068" Living God/strong="H3068".

3 LORD/strong="H3068" All-Powerful, my/strong="H3068" King, my/strong="H3068" God/strong="H0410",

even/strong="H1571" the/strong="H0413" birds have/strong="H1571" found/strong="H1571" a/strong="H1571" home/strong="H3068"

in/strong="H0413" your/strong="H3068" Temple.

They/strong="H3068" make/strong="H3615" their/strong="H3068" nests near your/strong="H3068" altar,

and/strong="H3068" there/strong="H3068" they/strong="H3068" have/strong="H1571" their/strong="H3068" babies.

4 Great/strong="H0430" blessings belong/strong="H0430" to/strong="H3068" those/strong="H0834" who/strong="H0834" live at/strong="H3068" your/strong="H3068" Temple/strong="H1004"!

They/strong="H0834" continue to/strong="H3068" praise you/strong="H0834". Selah

5 Great blessings belong to/strong="H1004" those who/strong="H3427" depend on/strong="H3427" you/strong="H3427" for/strong="H1004" strength!

Their/strong="H3427" heart's desire is/strong="H1004" to/strong="H1004" make the/strong="H1984" trip to/strong="H1004" your/strong="H3427" Temple/strong="H1004".

6 They/strong="H4546" travel through Baca Valley, which God has/strong="H0120" made into a place of/strong="H3824" springs.

Autumn rains form pools of/strong="H3824" water there.

7 The/strong="H1571" people travel/strong="H5674" from/strong="H1571" town to/strong="H1571" town<sup>I</sup>

on/strong="H1293" their/strong="H7896" way to/strong="H1571" Zion, where they/strong="H1571" will/strong="H1571" meet with/strong="H1571" God.

8 LORD God/strong="H0430" All-Powerful, listen to/strong="H0413" my/strong="H7200" prayer.

God/strong="H0430" of/strong="H0430" Jacob, listen to/strong="H0413" me/strong="H0413". Selah

9 God/strong="H0430", watch over/strong="H3068" the/strong="H8085" king, our/strong="H3068" protector.<sup>II</sup>

Be/strong="H3068" kind to/strong="H3068" him/strong="H8085", the/strong="H8085" one/strong="H3068" you/strong="H8085" have/strong="H3068" chosen.

10 One/strong="H7200" day in/strong="H0430" your/strong="H7200" Temple is/strong="H0430" better

than a/strong="H7200" thousand days anywhere else.

Serving as/strong="H6440" a/strong="H7200" guard at/strong="H7200" the/strong="H6440" gate

<sup>I</sup> TOWN TO TOWN Or "wall to wall." <sup>II</sup> THE KING, OUR PROTECTOR Literally, "our shield." This line could also mean "God, our Shield, look!"

of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H7200"  
God's |strong="H0430" house is |strong="H0430" bet-  
ter

than living in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440"  
homes of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440"  
wicked.

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3588" LORD God |strong="H0430"  
is |strong="H0430" our |strong="H0430" protector  
and |strong="H0430" glorious king. <sup>I</sup>

He |strong="H3588" blesses us |strong="H3588"  
with |strong="H1004" kindness and |strong="H0430"  
honor.

The |strong="H3588" LORD freely gives  
every |strong="H3117" good |strong="H2896"  
thing |strong="H3588"

to |strong="H3117" those |strong="H3588"  
who |strong="H0430" do |strong="H7562"  
what |strong="H2896" is |strong="H0430"  
right |strong="H2896".

<sup>12</sup> LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful,  
great |strong="H0430" blessings be-  
long |strong="H0430" to |strong="H1980"  
those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3068" trust  
in |strong="H1980" you |strong="H3588"!

To the director: A song of praise from the Korah family.

**85** LORD, you have |strong="H1121" been so kind  
to |strong="H1121" your |strong="H1121" land.

You have |strong="H1121" brought success again  
to |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You |strong="H7725" have |strong="H0776" forgiv-  
en the |strong="H3068" bad things  
your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0776" did.

You |strong="H7725" have |strong="H0776" tak-  
en |strong="H7521" away |strong="H7725"  
the |strong="H3068" guilt of |strong="H0776"  
their |strong="H3068" sins! *Selah*

<sup>3</sup> You |strong="H3605" stopped being angry  
with |strong="H3680" them |strong="H5375".

Your |strong="H3605" terrible  
anger |strong="H5375" has |strong="H3605" gone  
away |strong="H5375".

<sup>4</sup> Our |strong="H3605" God and |strong="H7725"  
Savior, accept us |strong="H7725"  
again |strong="H7725".

Don't be |strong="H7725" angry |strong="H0639"  
with |strong="H3605" us |strong="H7725" anymore.

<sup>5</sup> Will |strong="H0430" you |strong="H7725"  
be |strong="H0430" angry with |strong="H5973"  
us |strong="H7725" forever?

Will |strong="H0430" your |strong="H7725" anger  
reach to |strong="H7725" our |strong="H0430" chil-  
dren and |strong="H0430" to |strong="H7725"  
their |strong="H7725" children?

<sup>6</sup> Please, give us new life!

<sup>I</sup> PROTECTOR AND GLORIOUS KING Literally, "sun and shield."

Make |strong="H4900" your |strong="H4900" people  
happy to |strong="H1755" be |strong="H5769" yours.

<sup>7</sup> LORD, save us |strong="H7725"

and |strong="H7725" show us |strong="H7725"  
your |strong="H7725" love.

<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H5414" heard |strong="H7200" what  
the |strong="H7200" LORD |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H3068" said.

He |strong="H3068" said there |strong="H3068"  
would |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" peace  
for |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5414" peo-  
ple |strong="H7200" and |strong="H3068"  
his |strong="H5414" loyal |strong="H3068" followers.

So |strong="H5414" they |strong="H3068" must not  
go back to |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068"  
foolish way of |strong="H3068" living.

<sup>9</sup> He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068"  
soon |strong="H3588" save his |strong="H3068" faith-  
ful followers |strong="H2623".

His |strong="H3068" glory will |strong="H3068"  
again |strong="H7725" live in |strong="H0413"  
our |strong="H3068" land. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>10</sup> God's love will |strong="H0776" come together  
with |strong="H0776" his |strong="H7931" faithful  
people |strong="H0776".

Goodness and |strong="H0776" peace  
will |strong="H0776" greet them |strong="H0776"  
with |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" kiss.

<sup>11</sup> People on |strong="H7965" earth  
will |strong="H6664" be loyal |strong="H2617"  
to |strong="H0571" God,

and |strong="H0571" God in |strong="H7965" heav-  
en will |strong="H6664" be good to |strong="H0571"  
them |strong="H6298". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0776" LORD will |strong="H0776"  
give us many good things.

The |strong="H0776" ground |strong="H0776"  
will |strong="H0776" grow |strong="H6779" many  
good crops.

<sup>13</sup> Goodness will |strong="H3068" go before  
the |strong="H5414" Lord |strong="H3068"  
and |strong="H3068" prepare the |strong="H5414"  
way for |strong="H0776" him |strong="H5414".

A prayer of David.

**86** I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
a |strong="H3588" poor |strong="H6041", help-  
less man |strong="H6041".

LORD |strong="H3068", please lis-  
ten |strong="H0241" to |strong="H3068"  
me |strong="H0589" and |strong="H3068" an-  
swer |strong="H6030" my |strong="H3068"  
prayer |strong="H8605"!

<sup>II</sup> WE ... LAND Or "We will soon live with honor in our land." <sup>III</sup>  
Literally, "Loyalty will sprout from the ground, and goodness will  
look down from the sky."

<sup>2</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H8104" follower, so |strong="H3588" please protect |strong="H8104" me |strong="H0413".

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H8104" servant |strong="H5650", and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0430" my |strong="H8104" God |strong="H0430".

I |strong="H0589" trust |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859", so |strong="H3588" save |strong="H3467" me |strong="H0413".

<sup>3</sup> My |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136", be |strong="H0136" kind to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3117" been |strong="H3605" praying to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117".

<sup>4</sup> My |strong="H5375" Lord |strong="H0136", I |strong="H3588" put |strong="H5375" my |strong="H5375" life |strong="H5315" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3588" hands.

I |strong="H3588" am your |strong="H3588" servant |strong="H5650", so |strong="H5375" make |strong="H8055" me |strong="H0413" happy |strong="H8055".

<sup>5</sup> My |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" good |strong="H2896" and |strong="H7121" merciful.

You |strong="H0859" love |strong="H2617" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H7121" you |strong="H0859" for |strong="H3588" help.

<sup>6</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", hear |strong="H0238" my |strong="H3068" prayer |strong="H8605".

Listen |strong="H0238" to |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" cry |strong="H6963" for |strong="H3068" mercy |strong="H3068".

<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H3588" am praying to |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H3117" my |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" trouble |strong="H6869".

I |strong="H3588" know you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117" answer |strong="H6030" me |strong="H7121".

<sup>8</sup> My |strong="H0136" Lord |strong="H0136", there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" God |strong="H0430" like |strong="H3644" you |strong="H3644".

No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" can |strong="H0369" do |strong="H4639" what |strong="H4639" you |strong="H3644" have |strong="H0369" done |strong="H4639".

<sup>9</sup> My |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136", you |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" every-one |strong="H3605".

I |strong="H0834" wish they |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" would |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" worship |strong="H7812" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0935" honor |strong="H3513" your |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034".

<sup>10</sup> You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0430" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H0430" do |strong="H6213" amazing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H1419".

You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0859" alone |strong="H0905" are |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>11</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", teach |strong="H3384" me |strong="H1980" your |strong="H3068" ways |strong="H1870",

and |strong="H1980" I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" obey |strong="H3372" your |strong="H3068" truths.

Help me |strong="H1980" make |strong="H8034" worshiping your |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034"

the |strong="H3068" most important thing in |strong="H1980" my |strong="H3068" life.

<sup>12</sup> My |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" God |strong="H0430", I |strong="H8034" praise |strong="H3034" you |strong="H3605" with |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3824".

I |strong="H8034" will |strong="H0430" honor |strong="H3513" your |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" such |strong="H5315" great |strong="H1419" love |strong="H2617" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5315".

You |strong="H3588" save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" place of |strong="H5921" death |strong="H7585".

<sup>14</sup> Proud |strong="H2086" people |strong="H5315" are |strong="H0430" attacking me |strong="H5315", God |strong="H0430".

A |strong="H7760" gang of |strong="H0430" cruel men |strong="H6184" is |strong="H0430" trying to |strong="H5921" kill me |strong="H5315".

They |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H3808" respect |strong="H7760" you |strong="H5921".

<sup>15</sup> My |strong="H0136" Lord |strong="H0136", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" a |strong="H0639" kind and |strong="H0639" merciful |strong="H7349" God |strong="H0410".

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" patient |strong="H0750", loyal |strong="H2617", and |strong="H0639" full |strong="H7227" of |strong="H0410" love |strong="H2617".

16 Show that you hear me and be kind to me.

I am your servant, so give me strength.

I am your slave, as my mother was, so save me!

LORD, show me a sign that you care for me.

My enemies will see it and be disappointed, because you helped and comforted me.

*A song of praise from the Korah family.*

87 The LORD built his city on the hills.

2 He loves the gates of Zion more than any other place in Israel.

3 Wonderful things are said about you, City of God. Selah

4 God says, "Some of my people live in Egypt and Babylon."

Some of them were born in Philistia, Tyre, and even Ethiopia.

5 But he says,

"I know each and every person born there."

<sup>1</sup> EGYPT Literally, "Rahab." This name means the "Dragon." It became a popular name for Egypt.

It is the city built by God Most High.

6 The LORD keeps a list of all his people, and he knows where each of them is born. Selah

7 At the festivals, people will dance and sing, "All good things come from Zion."

*A song from the Korah family. To the director: About a painful sickness. A maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.*

88 LORD God, you are my Savior.

I have been praying to you day and night.

2 Please pay attention to my prayers.

Listen to my prayers for mercy.

3 My soul has had this pain!

I am ready to die.

4 People already treat me like a dead man,

like someone too weak to live.

5 Look for me among the dead,

like a body in the grave.

I am one of those you have forgotten,

cut off from you and your care.

6 You put me in that hole in the ground.

Yes, you put me in that dark place.



7 Your anger presses down on me like a heavy weight.

It's like one wave after another pounding against me.

8 You made my friends leave me.

They avoid me like someone no one wants to touch.

Like a prisoner in my house, I cannot go out.

9 My eyes hurt from crying.

LORD, I pray to you constantly!

I lift my arms in prayer to you.

10 Do you do miracles for the dead?

Do ghosts rise up and praise you? No!

11 The dead in their graves cannot talk about your faithful love.

People in the world of the dead cannot talk about your faithfulness.

12 The dead who lie in darkness cannot see the amazing things you do.

Those in the world of the forgotten cannot talk about your goodness.

13 LORD, I am asking you to help me!

Early each morning I pray to you.

14 LORD, why have you abandoned me?

Why do you refuse to listen to me?

15 I have been sick and weak

since I was young.

I suffered your anger, and I am helpless.

16 Your anger covers me like a flood.

Your attacks are killing me.

17 They surround me on every side.

I feel like a drowning man.

18 You caused my friends and loved ones to leave me.

Now darkness is my closest friend.

A maskil from Ethan the Ezrahite.

89 I will sing forever about the LORD'S love.

I will sing about his faithfulness forever and ever!

2 I will say, "Your faithful love will last forever."

Your loyalty is like the sky— there is no end to it!

3 You said, "I made an agreement with my chosen king."

I made this promise to my servant David:

4 There will always be your family to rule.

I will make your kingdom continue forever.

5 LORD, the heavens praise you for the amazing things you do.

The assembly of holy ones sings about your loyalty.

6 No one in heaven is equal to the LORD.

I THE WORLD OF THE DEAD Or "Abaddon," a Hebrew name meaning "death" or "destruction." See Rev. 9:11.

None of *the* *gods* can compare to *the* *LORD*.

7 When *God's* *holy ones*— *the* *angels* around *his* *throne*—meet together, *they* *fear and* *respect him*;

*he* *is* *more* *awesome* *than* *all those* *around him*.

8 *LORD God* *All-Powerful*, *there* *is* *no* *one* *like* *you*.

*You* *are* *LORD*, *and* *always* *faithful*.

9 *You* *rule the* *stormy sea*.

*You* *can* *calm its* *angry waves*.

10 *You* *defeated* *Rahab*.

*You* *scattered your* *enemies with* *your* *own powerful arm*.

11 *Everything in* *heaven* *and* *earth* *belongs to* *you*.

*You* *made the* *world* *and* *everything in* *it*.

12 *You* *created* *everything* *north* *and* *south*.

*Mount Tabor* *and* *Mount Hermon* *sing praises to* *your* *name*.

13 *You* *have* *the* *power!*

*Your* *power is* *great!*

*Victory is* *yours!*

14 *Your* *kingdom is* *built on* *truth* *and* *justice*.

*Love* *and* *faithfulness* *are* *servants* *before* *your* *throne*.

15 *LORD*, *your* *loyal* *followers* *are* *happy*.

*They* *live in* *the* *light of* *your* *kindness*.

16 *Your* *name* *always* *makes* *them* *happy*.

*They* *praise your* *goodness*.

17 *You* *are* *their* *amazing strength*.

*Their* *power* *comes* *from* *you*.

18 *The* *king*, *our* *protector*, *belongs to* *LORD*,

*who* *is* *Holy One* *of* *Israel*.

19 *Lord*, *you* *once* *spoke in* *your* *vision* *to* *your* *followers*:

"*I* *have* *made* *a* *young soldier* *strong*.

*From* *among* *my* *people* *I* *chose* *him* *for* *an* *important position*.

20 *I* *have* *found* *my* *servant* *David*

*and* *anointed him* *as* *king* *with* *my* *special oil*.

21 *I* *will* *support* *him* *with* *my* *right hand*,

*and* *my* *arm* *will* *make him* *strong*.

22 *So* *no* *enemy* *will* *ever control* *him*.

*The* *wicked* *will* *never defeat him*.

23 *I* *will* *destroy* *his* *enemies* *before* *his* *eyes*.

*I* *will* *defeat* *those* *who* *hate him*.

24 *I* *will* *always* *love* *and* *support him*.

*I* *will* *always* *make him* *strong*.

25 *I* *will* *put* *him* *in* *charge* *of* *the* *sea*.

*He* *will* *control the* *ivers*.

26 *He* *will* *say* *to* *me*; *'* *You* *are* *my* *father*.

You *are* God, my Rock, my Savior.<sup>27</sup> And I will make him my firstborn son.

He will be on earth.

<sup>28</sup> My love will protect him forever.

My agreement with him will never end.

<sup>29</sup> I will make his family continue forever.

His kingdom will last long as the skies.

<sup>30</sup> If his descendants stop following me,

and stop obeying my commands,

<sup>31</sup> if they break my laws

and ignore my commands,

<sup>32</sup> I will punish them severely for their sins and wrongs.

<sup>33</sup> But I will never take my love from him.

I will never stop being loyal to him.

<sup>34</sup> I will not break my agreement with David.

I will never change what I said.

<sup>35</sup> By my holiness, I made a promise

and I would not lie to David.

<sup>36</sup> His family will continue forever.

His kingdom will last as long as the sun.

<sup>37</sup> Like the moon, it will continue forever.

The sky is a witness to the agreement that I can be trusted." Selah

<sup>38</sup> But now, Lord, you have become angry with your chosen king, I

and you have left him alone.

<sup>39</sup> You ended the agreement you made with your servant.

You threw the king's crown into the dirt.

<sup>40</sup> You pulled down the walls of his city.

You destroyed all his fortresses.

<sup>41</sup> Everyone passing by steals from him.

His neighbors laugh at him.

<sup>42</sup> You made all the king's enemies happy

and let his enemies win the war.

<sup>43</sup> You helped them defend themselves.

You did not help your king win the battle.

<sup>44</sup> You did not let him win.

You threw his throne to the ground.

<sup>45</sup> You cut his life short.

You shamed him. Selah

<sup>46</sup> LORD, how long will this continue?

Will you ignore us forever?

Will your anger burn like a fire forever?

<sup>47</sup> Remember how short my life is.

You created us to live a short life and then die.

<sup>48</sup> Is there anyone alive who will never die?

Will anyone escape the grave? Selah

<sup>49</sup> Lord, where is your love who showed the past?

You promised David that you would be loyal to his family.

<sup>50</sup> My Lord, please remember how people insulted your servant.

LORD, I had to listen to all the insults from your enemies.

They insulted your chosen king wherever he went.

<sup>52</sup> Praise the LORD forever!

Amen and Amen!

## Book 4

(Psalms 90—106)

*The prayer of Moses, the man of God.*

**90** My Lord, you have been our home forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> You were God the mountains were born,

before the earth and the world were made.

You have always and will always be God!

<sup>3</sup> You bring people into this world,

and change them into dust again.

<sup>4</sup> To you a thousand

years is like yesterday,

like a few hours in the night.

<sup>5</sup> Our life is like a dream that ends when morning comes.

We are like grass

that grows and looks so fresh in the morning

but in the evening it is dry and dying.

<sup>7</sup> Your anger could destroy us.

Your anger frightens us!

<sup>8</sup> You know about all our sins

You see every one of our secret sins.

<sup>9</sup> Your anger can end our life.

Our lives fade away like a whisper.

<sup>10</sup> We live about 70 years or, if we are strong, 80 years.

But most of them are filled with hard work and pain.

Then, suddenly, the years are gone, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> No one really knows the full power of your anger,

but our fear and respect for you is as great as your anger.

<sup>12</sup> Teach us how short our lives are

so |strong="H3651" that |strong="H3045" we |strong="H3117" can |strong="H3045" become wise |strong="H2451".

<sup>13</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" us |strong="H5921".

Be |strong="H3068" kind to |strong="H5704" your |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650".

<sup>14</sup> Fill |strong="H7646" us |strong="H3117" with |strong="H7646" your |strong="H3605" love |strong="H2617" every |strong="H3605" morning |strong="H1242".

Let |strong="H8055" us |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" happy |strong="H8055" and |strong="H3117" enjoy |strong="H7646" our |strong="H3605" lives.

<sup>15</sup> For |strong="H3117" years |strong="H8141" you |strong="H3117" have |strong="H7200" made |strong="H8055" life |strong="H3117" hard for |strong="H3117" us |strong="H7200" and |strong="H3117" have |strong="H7200" given |strong="H8055" us |strong="H7200" many troubles |strong="H7200".

Now |strong="H3117" make |strong="H8055" us |strong="H7200" happy |strong="H8055" for |strong="H3117" just as |strong="H3117" long |strong="H3117".

<sup>16</sup> Let your |strong="H5921" servants |strong="H5650" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H5921" wonderful things you |strong="H5921" can |strong="H7200" do for |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0413".

And |strong="H1121" let their |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121" see |strong="H7200" your |strong="H5921" glory.

<sup>17</sup> Lord |strong="H0136", our |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430", be |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H1961" us |strong="H5921".

Make |strong="H3559" everything we do |strong="H4639" successful |strong="H3559".

Yes, make |strong="H3559" it |strong="H5921" all successful |strong="H3559".

**91** You |strong="H3427" can go to |strong="H3427" God Most High to |strong="H3427" hide |strong="H5643".

You |strong="H3427" can go to |strong="H3427" God All-Powerful for |strong="H3427" protection |strong="H6738".

<sup>2</sup> I |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", "You are |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" place of |strong="H0430" safety, my |strong="H3068" fortress.

My |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", I |strong="H0559" trust |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0430" you."

<sup>3</sup> God will |strong="H1931" save |strong="H5337" you |strong="H3588" from |strong="H5337" hidden dangers

and |strong="H1698" from |strong="H5337" deadly |strong="H1942" diseases |strong="H1698".

<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H8478" can go to |strong="H0571" him |strong="H8478" for |strong="H8478" protection |strong="H2620".

He will |strong="H3671" cover you |strong="H8478" like |strong="H8478" a |strong="H8478" bird |strong="H3671" spreading its |strong="H8478" wings |strong="H3671" over its |strong="H8478" babies.

You |strong="H8478" can trust him |strong="H8478" to |strong="H0571" surround and |strong="H0571" protect you |strong="H8478" like |strong="H8478" a |strong="H8478" shield |strong="H6793".

<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3808" fear |strong="H3372" at |strong="H3808" night |strong="H3915"

and |strong="H3915" no |strong="H3808" need to |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H6343" enemy arrows |strong="H2671" during the |strong="H3372" day |strong="H3119".

<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H1980" will have |strong="H1980" no fear of diseases |strong="H1698" that |strong="H1698" come |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H1980" dark

or |strong="H1980" terrible suffering that |strong="H1698" comes |strong="H1980" at |strong="H1980" noon |strong="H6672".

<sup>7</sup> A |strong="H3808" thousand |strong="H0505" people |strong="H3808" may |strong="H3808" fall |strong="H5307" dead at |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3808" side |strong="H6654"

or |strong="H3808" ten |strong="H7233" thousand |strong="H0505" right |strong="H3225" beside |strong="H6654" you |strong="H3808",

but |strong="H3808" nothing |strong="H3808" bad will |strong="H3808" happen to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3808"!

<sup>8</sup> All you |strong="H7200" will |strong="H5869" have |strong="H5869" to |strong="H7200" do is |strong="H7563" watch |strong="H7200", and |strong="H5869" you |strong="H7200" will |strong="H5869" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" wicked |strong="H7563" are |strong="H5869" punished.

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H0859" trust in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" protection.

You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0859" made |strong="H7760" God |strong="H3068" Most High your |strong="H3068" place |strong="H7760" of |strong="H3068" safety.

10 So *nothing* will happen to you *you*.

No *diseases* will come near your *home*.

11 He *will* command *angels* to protect you *wherever* you go.

12 Their *hands* will catch you *so*

you *will* not *hit* your *foot* *on* a *rock*.

13 You *will* have *power* to *trample* on *lions*

and *poisonous snakes*.

14 The *Lord* says, "If *someone* trusts me *I* will *save* them."

*I* will protect *my* *followers* *who* call to *me* for *help*.

15 When *my* *followers* call *me* *I* will *answer* them.

*I* will *be* with *them* when they *are* in *trouble*.

*I* will *rescue* them *and* *honor* them.

16 *I* will *give* a *long* *life*

and *show* them *my* *power* to *save*.

A song of praise for the Sabbath.

92 It is *good* to praise the *LORD*.

God Most High, it is *good* to praise your *name*.

2 It *is* *good* to sing *about* your *love* in the *morning*

and *about* your *faithfulness* at *night*.

3 It *is* *good* to play for you *on* the *ten-stringed instrument* and *lyre*

and *add* the *soft sounds* of the *harp* to *my* *praise*.

4 *LORD*, you *make* us *very* *happy* *because* of *what* you *did*.

*I* *gladly* sing *about* *it*.

5 *LORD*, you *did* *great* *things*

Your *thoughts* are *too* hard for *us* to *understand*.

6 *Stupid* people don't know *this*.  
Fools don't understand.

7 The *wicked* may *sprout* like *grass*,

and *those* *who* do *evil* may *blossom* like *flowers*,  
but *they* will *never* *be* *seen* again.

8 But *LORD*, you *will* *be* *honored* *forever*.

9 *LORD*, *all* your *enemies* will *be* *destroyed*,

and *all* *who* do *evil* will *be* *scattered*.

10 But *you* *have* *made* *me* *strong* as *a* *wild* ox.

You *have* *given* me *your* *blessing*. I

I You ... BLESSING Or "You poured your refreshing oil over me."

11 My|strong="H7311" eyes will see the|strong="H7311" defeat of|strong="H7161" those waiting to|strong="H7311" attack me|strong="H7311".

My|strong="H7311" ears will hear the|strong="H7311" cries of|strong="H7161" my|strong="H7311" evil enemies.

12 Good|strong="H6965" people|strong="H5869" are|strong="H5869" like|strong="H5869" budding palm trees.

They|strong="H5921" grow strong like|strong="H5869" the|strong="H5921" cedar trees of|strong="H5869" Lebanon.

13 They are|strong="H6662" planted in|strong="H6662" the house<sup>I</sup> of|strong="H0730" the LORD|strong="H6662".

They grow|strong="H7685" strong there in|strong="H6662" the courtyards of|strong="H0730" our God.

14 Even when|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" old,

they|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" continue producing fruit like|strong="H1004" young, healthy trees.

15 They are|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" show|strong="H1961" everyone that|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" LORD is|strong="H1961" good. <sup>II</sup>

He is|strong="H1961" my|strong="H1961" Rock, and|strong="H5750" he does no wrong. <sup>III</sup>

**93** The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4427".

The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" wears majesty|strong="H1348" and|strong="H3068" strength|strong="H5797" like|strong="H3068" clothes|strong="H3847".

He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" ready|strong="H3559", so|strong="H0637" the|strong="H3068" whole world|strong="H8398" is|strong="H3068" safe.

It|strong="H3559" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3559" be|strong="H3068" shaken|strong="H4131".

<sup>2</sup> Your|strong="H3559" kingdom has continued forever|strong="H5769".

You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0859" lived forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>3</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3068" ocean roars.

The|strong="H3068" mighty ocean sounds|strong="H6963" like|strong="H3068" thunder|strong="H6963"

as|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" waves|strong="H1796" crash on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" shore.

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3068" crashing waves|strong="H4867" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" sea|strong="H3220" are|strong="H3068" loud and|strong="H3068" powerful|strong="H0117",

but|strong="H4325" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" above|strong="H4791" is|strong="H3068" even more|strong="H7227" powerful|strong="H0117".

<sup>5</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", your|strong="H3068" laws will|strong="H3068" continue forever|strong="H3117". <sup>IV</sup>

Your|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6944" Temple|strong="H1004" will|strong="H3068" stand|strong="H0539" for|strong="H1004" a|strong="H3068" long|strong="H0753" time|strong="H3117".

**94** The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0410" who|strong="H3068" punishes people.

God|strong="H0410", come punish them|strong="H3068".

<sup>2</sup> You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921" judge|strong="H8199" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921" whole earth|strong="H0776".

Give|strong="H7725" proud|strong="H1343" people|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921" punishment they|strong="H5921" deserve.

<sup>3</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", how|strong="H4970" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" wicked|strong="H7563" have|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" fun?

How|strong="H4970" much longer?

<sup>4</sup> How much|strong="H3605" longer will|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" criminals brag about|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H0205" they|strong="H0559" did|strong="H6466"?

<sup>5</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", they|strong="H3068" hurt|strong="H6031" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971"

and|strong="H3068" make them|strong="H3068" suffer.

<sup>6</sup> They kill|strong="H2026" widows|strong="H0490" and|strong="H2026" foreigners|strong="H1616" living in|strong="H1616" our|strong="H2026" country.

They murder|strong="H7523" orphans|strong="H3490".

<sup>7</sup> And|strong="H0430" they|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3050" does|strong="H3808"

<sup>IV</sup> YOUR LAWS ... FOREVER Or "your agreement can really be trusted."

<sup>I</sup> HOUSE Or "Temple." See "Temple" in the Word List. <sup>II</sup> GOOD This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word means "straight" (like the trees) and "good" or "honest." <sup>III</sup> HE ... WRONG Or "there is no crookedness in him."

not |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200"  
them |strong="H7200" doing these evil  
things |strong="H3808"!

They |strong="H3808" say |strong="H0559"  
the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"  
of |strong="H0430" Jacob |strong="H3290"  
does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" know what  
is |strong="H0430" happening.

<sup>8</sup> You |strong="H5971" evil people |strong="H5971"  
are |strong="H0995" foolish |strong="H3684".

When |strong="H4970" will |strong="H3684"  
you |strong="H5971" learn your |strong="H0995" les-  
son?

You |strong="H5971" are |strong="H0995"  
so |strong="H3684" stupid |strong="H3684"!

You |strong="H5971" must try to |strong="H3684"  
understand |strong="H0995".

<sup>9</sup> God |strong="H3808" made |strong="H8085"  
our |strong="H0518" ears |strong="H0241",

so |strong="H3808" surely |strong="H0518"  
he |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518"  
hear |strong="H8085" what |strong="H5193"  
is |strong="H5869" happening!

He |strong="H0518" made |strong="H8085"  
our |strong="H0518" eyes |strong="H5869",

so |strong="H3808" surely |strong="H0518"  
he |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518"  
see |strong="H5869" you |strong="H0518"!

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0120"  
who |strong="H0120" disciplines |strong="H3256" na-  
tions |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1471" sure-  
ly |strong="H3198" correct |strong="H3256"  
you |strong="H3808".

He |strong="H3808" is |strong="H0120"  
the |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0120"  
who |strong="H0120" teaches |strong="H3925" us  
everything.

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"  
knows |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" peo-  
ple |strong="H0120" are |strong="H1992" thinking.

He |strong="H3588" knows |strong="H3045"  
that |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3068"  
thoughts |strong="H4284" are |strong="H1992"  
like |strong="H0120" a |strong="H3588" puff  
of |strong="H3068" wind.

<sup>12</sup> LORD |strong="H3050", great blessings belong  
to |strong="H3925" those |strong="H0834"  
you |strong="H0834" discipline |strong="H3256",

to |strong="H3925" those |strong="H0834"  
you |strong="H0834" teach |strong="H3925"  
from |strong="H1397" your |strong="H0834"  
law |strong="H8451".

<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H3117" help them |strong="H3117"  
stay calm |strong="H8252" when |strong="H3117"  
trouble |strong="H7451" comes |strong="H3117".

You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H7563" help  
them |strong="H3117" until |strong="H5704"  
the |strong="H5704" wicked |strong="H7563"

are |strong="H3117" put in |strong="H3117"  
their |strong="H3117" graves.

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808"  
leave |strong="H5800" his |strong="H3068" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971".

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H5800"  
them |strong="H3588" without |strong="H3808"  
help |strong="H5971".

<sup>15</sup> Justice |strong="H4941" will |strong="H3820" re-  
turn |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725"  
bring |strong="H7725" fairness |strong="H6664".

And |strong="H7725" those |strong="H3605"  
who |strong="H3605" want to |strong="H5704"  
do |strong="H3605" right |strong="H3477"  
will |strong="H3820" be |strong="H3820"  
there |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5704" see  
it |strong="H3588".

<sup>16</sup> No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H4310" helped  
me |strong="H5973" fight against |strong="H5973"  
the |strong="H5973" wicked |strong="H0205".

No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H4310"  
stood |strong="H6965" with |strong="H5973"  
me |strong="H5973" against |strong="H5973"  
those |strong="H5973" who |strong="H4310"  
do |strong="H6466" evil |strong="H0205".

<sup>17</sup> And |strong="H3068" if |strong="H3884"  
the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"  
had |strong="H3068" not |strong="H5315" helped  
me |strong="H5315",

I |strong="H5315" would |strong="H3068"  
have |strong="H3068" been |strong="H4592" silenced  
by |strong="H3068" death |strong="H5315".

<sup>18</sup> I |strong="H0518" know I |strong="H0518"  
was |strong="H3068" ready to |strong="H0559"  
fall |strong="H4131",

but |strong="H0518", LORD |strong="H3068",  
your |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617"  
love |strong="H2617" supported me |strong="H5582".

<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H5315" was |strong="H5315" very wor-  
ried and |strong="H5315" upset,

but you |strong="H7130" comforted  
me |strong="H5315" and |strong="H5315" made  
me |strong="H5315" happy |strong="H8173"!

<sup>20</sup> You |strong="H5921" don't help crooked judges.

They |strong="H5921" use the |strong="H5921" law  
to |strong="H5921" make life hard for |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" people.

<sup>21</sup> They |strong="H5921" attack  
those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H5315"  
do |strong="H7561" right |strong="H6662".

They |strong="H5921" say innocent |strong="H5355"  
people |strong="H5315" are |strong="H6662"  
guilty |strong="H7561" and |strong="H1818" put  
them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921"  
death |strong="H5315".



22 But *the LORD my God* is *my place of safety*, high on *the mountain*.

*God*, *my Rock*, is *my safe place*!  
23 He *will* punish those *evil* judges *for* the *bad* things they *did*.

He *will* *destroy* them *because* they *sinned*.

The *LORD* *our God* *will* *destroy* them.

95 Come, let us *praise* *the LORD*!

Let us *shout* *praises* *the Rock* *who* *saves* us.

2 Come *and* *worship* him *with* *songs* *of* *thanks*.<sup>I</sup>

Let us *sing* *happy songs* *of* *praise* *to* him.

3 *For* *the LORD* *is* *a* *great* *God*,

*the King* *all* *other* *gods*.

4 *The* *deepest* *caves* *and* *the* *highest* *mountains* *belong* *to* him.

5 *The* *ocean* *is* *his* — *he* *created* *it*.

He *made* *the* *dry* *land* *with* *his* *own* *hands*.

6 Come *let* us *bow* *down*

*and* *worship* him!

Let us *kneel* *before* *the LORD* *who* *made* us.

7 He *is* *our* *God*, *and* *we* *are* *the* *people* *for*

*his* *sheep* *that* *he* *walks* *by* *his* *side*.

Listen *to* *his* *voice* *to* *day*!

8 "Don't *be* *stubborn* *you* *were* *at*

*Meribah*, *as* *you* *were* *at* *Massah* *in* *the* *desert*."

9 *Your* *ancestors* *doubted* *and* *tested* *me*,

*even* *after* *they* *saw* *I* *could* *do*!

10 *I* *was* *angry* *with* *them* *for* *40* *years*.

*I* *said*, "They *are* *not* *faithful* *to* *me*."

They *refuse* *to* *do* *what* *I* *say*!

11 *So* *in* *my* *anger* *I* *made* *this* *vow*:

"They *will* *never* *enter* *my* *land* *rest*."

96 Sing *a* *new* *song* *to* *the LORD*!

I SONGS OF THANKS Or "thank offerings."  
II MERIBAH ... MASSAH See Exodus 17:1-7. III NEW SONG Whenever God did a new and wonderful thing for his people, they would write a new song about it.

Let the *whole world* to sing to the LORD  
 LORD!

2 Sing to the LORD and his name!

Tell the good news every day about how he saves us!

3 Tell all the nations how wonderful he is!

Tell every-where about the amazing things he does.

4 The LORD is great and worthy of praise.

He is more awesome than any of the gods.

5 All the gods in other nations are but statues,

but the LORD made the heavens.

6 He lives in the presence of glory and honor.

His Temple is a place of power and beauty.

7 Praise the LORD, all people every nation;

praise the LORD'S glory and power.

8 Give the LORD praise worthy of his glory!

Come, bring your offerings in-

to his courtyard.

9 Worship the LORD in all his holy beauty.

Everyone on earth should tremble before him.

10 Tell the nations that the LORD is King!

The world stands firm and cannot be moved.

He will judge all people fairly.

11 Let the heavens and earth be happy!

Let the sea and everything in it shout for joy!

12 Let the fields and everything in them be happy!

Let the trees in the forest for joy!

13 when they see the LORD coming!

He is coming to rule the world.

He will rule all the nations of the world with justice and fairness.

97 The LORD rules the earth is happy.

All the *lands* faraway  
are *happy*.

<sup>2</sup> Thick *clouds* surround  
him.

Goodness and *justice*  
his *kingdom*.

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes *before*  
him.

and *destroys*  
enemies.

<sup>4</sup> His *lightning*  
flashes *in*  
the *sky*.

The *earth*  
sees *it*  
and *trembles*  
with *fear*.

<sup>5</sup> The *mountains*  
melt *like*  
wax *before*  
the *LORD*,  
*before*  
Lord *of*  
all *the*  
earth.

<sup>6</sup> The *skies* tell  
about *his* goodness,  
and *the* *na-*  
*tions* *see*  
his *glory*.

<sup>7</sup> People worship  
their *idols*.

They *brag* about  
their *gods*.  
But *they*  
will *be* *embar-*  
*rassed*.

And *all*  
their *gods*  
will *bow*  
down *before*  
the *Lord*.

<sup>8</sup> Zion, listen  
and *be* *hap-*  
*py*!

Cities of *Judah*,  
*be* *glad*!

Rejoice *because*  
the *LORD'S* *deci-*  
*sions* *are* *fair*.

<sup>9</sup> LORD, Most *High*,  
you *really*  
are *the* *ruler*  
of *the*  
earth.

You *are*  
much *better*  
than *the*  
gods.

<sup>10</sup> Hate *evil*,  
you *who*  
love *the*  
LORD.

He *protects*  
his *followers*  
and *saves*  
them *from*  
evil *people*.

<sup>11</sup> Light and *hap-*  
*piness* *shine*  
on *those*  
who *want* *to* *do*  
*right*.

<sup>12</sup> Good people, *be* *hap-*  
*py* *in*  
the *LORD*!  
Praise *his*  
*holy* *name*!

A song of praise.

**98** Sing *a*  
new *song*  
to *the*  
LORD,

*because* *he*  
has *done* *amaz-*  
*ing* *things*!

His *powerful* and *holy*  
*arm*

has *brought*  
him *another* *victory*.

<sup>2</sup> The *LORD*  
showed *the* *nations*  
his *power* to *save*.

He *showed* them *goodness*.

<sup>3</sup> He *has* *kept*  
his *promise* of *love*  
and *loyal-*  
*ty* to *the*  
people *of* *Israel*.

People *every-*  
where *have*  
seen *our*  
God's *power*  
to *save*.

I NEW SONG Whenever God did a new and wonderful thing for his people, they would write a new song about it. II HOLY RIGHT ARM This pictures God as a warrior-king. The right arm symbolizes his power and authority. "Holy" may refer to the special cleansing and dedication that Israelites performed before going into battle.

4 Everyone |strong="H3605" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776", shout|strong="H7321" with|strong="H3068" joy|strong="H7442" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

Start singing happy songs of|strong="H0776" praise|strong="H2167"!

5 Praise|strong="H2167" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" with|strong="H3068" harps|strong="H3658".

Yes, praise|strong="H2167" him|strong="H6963" with|strong="H3068" music from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" harps|strong="H3658".

6 Blow the|strong="H6440" pipes and|strong="H3068" horns|strong="H7782", and|strong="H3068" shout|strong="H7321" for|strong="H3068" joy|strong="H7321" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4428"!

7 Let|strong="H7481" the|strong="H3427" sea|strong="H3220" and|strong="H3220" everything in|strong="H3427" it|strong="H4393",

the|strong="H3427" earth and|strong="H3220" all|strong="H4393" who|strong="H3427" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" it|strong="H4393" shout his|strong="H3427" praise!

8 Rivers|strong="H5104", clap|strong="H4222" your|strong="H5104" hands|strong="H3709"!

All|strong="H3162" together|strong="H3162" now|strong="H5104", mountains|strong="H2022" sing|strong="H7442" out!

9 Sing before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068"

because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" coming|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" judge|strong="H8199" the|strong="H6440" world|strong="H8398".

He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" rule|strong="H8199" the|strong="H6440" world|strong="H8398" fairly|strong="H6664".

He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" rule|strong="H8199" the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H5971" with|strong="H3068" goodness.

**99** The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4427", so|strong="H3427" let the|strong="H3068" nations|strong="H5971" shake|strong="H7264" with|strong="H3068" fear.

He|strong="H3068" sits|strong="H3427" as|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4427" above the|strong="H3068" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels|strong="H5120",

so|strong="H3427" let the|strong="H3068" whole earth|strong="H0776" shake|strong="H7264".

2 The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" in|strong="H5921" Zion|strong="H6726" is|strong="H3068" great|strong="H1419"!

He|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" great|strong="H1419" leader over|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971".

3 Let all|strong="H1419" the|strong="H3372" nations praise|strong="H3034" your|strong="H3034" name|strong="H8034".

Your|strong="H3034" name|strong="H8034" is|strong="H1931" great|strong="H1419" and|strong="H1419" awesome|strong="H3372".

Your|strong="H3034" name|strong="H8034" is|strong="H1931" holy|strong="H6918".

4 You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0859" the|strong="H0157" powerful King|strong="H4428" who|strong="H4428" loves|strong="H0157" justice|strong="H4941".

You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0859" made|strong="H6213" things|strong="H4339" right|strong="H4941".

You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0859" brought|strong="H6213" goodness and|strong="H4428" fairness|strong="H6666" to|strong="H4428" Jacob|strong="H3290".

5 Praise|strong="H7311" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430",

and|strong="H3068" bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" before|strong="H0430" his|strong="H3068" footstool,<sup>1</sup> for|strong="H0430" he|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6918".

6 Moses|strong="H4872" and|strong="H3068" Aaron|strong="H0175" were|strong="H0175" some of|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" priests|strong="H3548",

and|strong="H3068" Samuel|strong="H8050" was|strong="H8034" one|strong="H1931" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413" men|strong="H7121" who|strong="H1931" called|strong="H7121" on|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034".

They|strong="H3068" prayed|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068",

and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H1931" answered|strong="H6030" them|strong="H0413".

7 God|strong="H5414" spoke|strong="H1696" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" tall cloud|strong="H6051",

and|strong="H2706" they|strong="H1696" obeyed|strong="H8104" his|strong="H8104" commands

and|strong="H2706" the|strong="H0413" law he|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>1</sup> FOOTSTOOL This probably means the Temple. See "Temple" in the Word List.

8 LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", you |strong="H0859" answered |strong="H6030" their |strong="H3068" prayers.

You |strong="H0859" showed |strong="H5375" them |strong="H1992" that |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1992" a |strong="H1961" forgiving |strong="H5375" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" punish people for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" evil they |strong="H1992" do.

9 Praise |strong="H7311" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

Bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" toward his |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944" mountain |strong="H2022" and |strong="H3068" worship |strong="H7812" him |strong="H0430".

The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944".

A song of thanks.

100 Earth |strong="H0776", sing to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

2 Be |strong="H3068" happy |strong="H8057" as |strong="H0935" you |strong="H6440" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

Come |strong="H0935" before |strong="H6440" him |strong="H0853" with |strong="H3068" happy |strong="H8057" songs!

3 Know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

He |strong="H1931" made |strong="H6213" us |strong="H3045", and |strong="H3068" we |strong="H0587" belong |strong="H0430" to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H1931".

We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971", the |strong="H3588" sheep |strong="H6629" he |strong="H1931" takes care of |strong="H0430".

4 Come |strong="H0935" through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" gates |strong="H8179" to |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" Temple giving |strong="H3034" thanks |strong="H3034" to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935".

Enter |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" courtyards |strong="H2691" with |strong="H0935" songs of |strong="H8179" praise |strong="H8416".

Honor |strong="H8034" him |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" bless |strong="H1288" his |strong="H0935" name |strong="H8034".

5 The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896".

There |strong="H5769" is |strong="H3068" no end to |strong="H5704" his |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617".

We |strong="H3588" can trust |strong="H0530" him |strong="H3588" forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5769".

A song of David.

101 I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" sing |strong="H2167" about love |strong="H2617" and |strong="H3068" justice |strong="H4941".

LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" sing |strong="H2167" to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H2167".

2 I |strong="H1870" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" careful to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H1980" a |strong="H0935" pure life.

I |strong="H1870" will |strong="H1004" live |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" my |strong="H0935" house |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1980" complete |strong="H8549" honesty.

When |strong="H4970" will |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"?

3 I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" look |strong="H5869" at |strong="H3808" anything |strong="H1697" shameful. <sup>1</sup>

I |strong="H1697" hate |strong="H8130" all |strong="H1697" wrongdoing.

I |strong="H1697" want no |strong="H3808" part |strong="H1692" of |strong="H1697" it |strong="H6213".

4 I |strong="H3045" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" involved in |strong="H5493" anything |strong="H3808" dishonest.

I |strong="H3045" will |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3045" nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H4480" do |strong="H5493" with |strong="H3045" evil |strong="H7451".

5 I |strong="H3201" will |strong="H5869" stop |strong="H3808" anyone who |strong="H3808" secretly

says bad things |strong="H3808" about |strong="H3824" a |strong="H3808" neighbor |strong="H7453".

I |strong="H3201" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H3808" allow people |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3201" be |strong="H3808" proud |strong="H7342".

<sup>1</sup> ANYTHING SHAMEFUL Or "an idol."

and *think* they *are* *better* than *others*.

<sup>6</sup> I *will* *look* *throughout* *the* *land* *for* *those* *who* *can* *be* *trusted*.

Only *such* *people* *can* *live* *with* *me*.

Only *those* *who* *live* *pure* *lives* *can* *be* *my* *servants*.

<sup>7</sup> I *will* *never* *let* *a* *dishonest* *person* *live* *in* *my* *house*.

I *will* *not* *let* *liars* *stay* *near* *me*.

<sup>8</sup> My *goal* *each* *day* *will* *be* *to* *de-* *stroy* *the* *wicked* *living* *in* *our* *land*.

I *will* *force* *all* *who* *do* *evil* *to* *leave* *the* *city* *of* *the* *LORD*.

A prayer for a time of suffering, when anyone feels weak and wants to tell their complaints to the LORD.

**102** LORD, *hear* *my* *prayer*.

*Listen* *to* *my* *cry* *for* *help*.

<sup>2</sup> Don't *turn* *away* *from* *me* *when* *I* *have* *troubles*.

*Listen* *to* *me*, *and* *answer* *me* *quickly* *when* *I* *cry* *for* *help*.

<sup>3</sup> My *life* *is* *passing* *away* *like* *smoke*.

My *life* *is* *like*

*a* *fire* *slowly* *burning* *out*.

<sup>4</sup> My *strength* *is* *gone*—

I *am* *like* *dry*, *dying* *grass*.

I *even* *forget* *to* *eat*.

<sup>5</sup> Because *of* *my* *sadness*, I *am* *losing* *so* *much* *weight* *that* *my* *skin* *hangs* *from* *my* *bones*.

<sup>6</sup> I *am* *lonely*, *like* *an* *owl* *living* *in* *the* *desert*, *like* *an* *owl* *living* *among* *old* *ruined* *buildings*.

<sup>7</sup> I *cannot* *sleep*.

I *am* *like* *a* *lonely* *bird* *on* *the* *roof*.

<sup>8</sup> My *enemies* *insult* *me* *all* *the* *time*.

They *make* *fun* *of* *me* *and* *use* *as* *an* *example* *in* *their* *curses*.

<sup>9</sup> My *great* *sadness* *is* *my* *only* *food*.

My *tears* *fall* *into* *my* *drink*.

<sup>10</sup> You *were* *angry* *with* *me*, *so* *you* *picked* *me* *up* *and* *threw* *me* *away*.

<sup>11</sup> My *life* *is* *almost* *finished*, *like* *the* *long* *shadows* *at* *the* *end* *of* *the* *day*.

I *am* *like* *dry* *and* *dying* *grass*.

<sup>12</sup> But *you*, LORD, *will* *rule* *as* *king* *fore-* *ver*!

Your *name* *will* *continue* *fore-* *ver* *and* *ever*!

<sup>13</sup> You *will* *rise* *up* *and* *comfort* *Zion*.

The *time* *has* *you* *be* *to* *Zion*.

14 Your *servants* *love* *her* *stones*.

They *love* *her* *dust* *that* *city!*

15 The *nations* *will* *worship* *the* *LORD'S* *name*.

All the *kings* *on* *earth* *will* *honor* *you* *H3588*".

16 The *LORD* *will* *rebuild* *Zion*, *and* *people* *will* *again* *see* *her* *glory* *H3519*".

17 He *will* *listen* *to* *the* *prayers* *of* *those* *in* *poverty*.

He *will* *not* *ignore* *them* *H7200*".

18 Write these *things* *for* *future* *generations*, *so* *that* *they* *will* *praise* *the* *LORD*.

19 The *LORD* *will* *look* *down* *from* *his* *Holy* *Place* *above*.

He *will* *look* *down* *at* *the* *earth* *from* *heaven*.

20 And *he* *will* *hear* *the* *prisoner's* *prayers*.

He *will* *free* *those* *who* *were* *condemned* *to* *die*.

21 Then *people* *in* *Zion* *will* *tell* *about* *the* *LORD*.

They *will* *praise* *his* *name* *in* *Jerusalem*

22 *when* *nations* *gather* *together* *and* *kingdoms* *come* *to* *serve* *the* *LORD*.

23 My *strength* *failed* *me*.

My *life* *is* *cut* *short*.

24 So I *said*, "Don't let *me* *die* *while* *I* *am* *still* *young* *H3117*".

God, *you* *will* *live* *forever* *and* *ever!*

25 Long *ago* *you* *made* *the* *world*.

*You* *made* *the* *sky* *with* *your* *own* *hands!*

26 The *earth* *and* *sky* *will* *end*,

but *you* *will* *live* *forever!*

They *will* *wear* *out* *like* *clothes*, *and* *like* *clothes*, *you* *will* *change* *them* *H6440*".

27 But *you* *never* *change* *H2498*".

*You* *will* *live* *forever!*

28 We *are* *your* *servants* *today*.

Our *children* *will* *live* *here*,

*and* *their* *descendants* *will* *come* *here* *to* *worship* *you* *H0859*".

A song of David.

103 My *soul* *praise* *the* *LORD* *H3068*!"

Every *part* *of* *me* *praise* *his* *holy* *name* *H8034*!"

2 My *soul* *praise* *the* *LORD* *H3068*"

*and* *never* *forget* *how* *kind* *he* *is* *H3068*!"

3 He *forgives* *all* *our* *sins* *and* *heals* *all* *our* *sicknesses*.

4 He *saves* *us* *from* *the* *grave*, *and* *he* *gives* *us* *love* *and* *compassion* *H7356*".

5 He gives us plenty of good things.

He makes us young again, like an eagle that grows new feathers.

6 The LORD does what is fair.

He brings justice to all who have been hurt by others.

7 He taught his laws to Moses.

He let Israel see the powerful things he can do.

8 The LORD is kind and merciful.

He is patient and full of love.

9 He does not always criticize.

He does not stay angry with us forever.

10 We sinned against him, but he didn't give us the punishment we deserved.

11 His love for his followers is

as high above the earth as heaven is above the earth.

12 And he has taken our sins

as far away from us as the east is from the west.

13 The LORD is kind to his followers

as a father is

to his children.

14 He knows all about us.

He knows we are made from dust.

15 He knows our lives are short, that they are like grass.

He knows we are a little wildflower that grows so quickly,

but when the hot wind blows, it dies.

Soon you cannot see the flower where the flower was.

17 But the LORD has always loved his followers,

and he will love them forever and ever!

He will be good to all their descendants,

18 to those who are faithful to his agreement and who remember to obey his commands.

19 The LORD set his throne in heaven, and he rules over everything.

20 Angels praise the LORD!

You are the powerful soldiers



who |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085"  
his |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H1697".

You |strong="H6213" listen |strong="H8085"  
to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H6963"  
and |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085"  
his |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H1697".

<sup>21</sup> Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068", all |strong="H3605"  
his |strong="H3605" armies |strong="H6635". <sup>I</sup>

You |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3068"  
his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H8334",  
and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3605"  
do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7522"  
he |strong="H6213" wants.

<sup>22</sup> Everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068"  
made |strong="H4639" should |strong="H3068"  
praise |strong="H1288" him |strong="H0853"

throughout |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
world that |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3068" rules!

My |strong="H3605" soul |strong="H5315",  
praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068"!

**104** My |strong="H3068" soul |strong="H5315",  
praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068"!

LORD |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0430", you |strong="H1288"  
are |strong="H3068" very |strong="H3966"  
great |strong="H1431"!

You |strong="H1288" are |strong="H3068"  
clothed |strong="H3847" with |strong="H3847" glo-  
ry |strong="H1935" and |strong="H3068" hon-  
or |strong="H1935".

<sup>2</sup> You |strong="H5186" wear light |strong="H0216"  
like |strong="H8064" a |strong="H5186"  
robe |strong="H8008".

You |strong="H5186" spread |strong="H5186"  
out |strong="H5186" the |strong="H5186" skies  
like |strong="H8064" a |strong="H5186" cur-  
tain |strong="H3407".

<sup>3</sup> You |strong="H5921" built your |strong="H5921"  
home above |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921".  
<sup>II</sup>

You |strong="H5921" use the |strong="H5921"  
thick |strong="H5645" clouds |strong="H5645"  
like |strong="H1980" a |strong="H7760" chari-  
ot |strong="H7398"

and |strong="H1980" ride across |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" sky on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" wings |strong="H3671"

<sup>I</sup> ARMIES This word can mean "armies," "angels," or the "stars and planets." This word is part of the name translated "LORD All-Powerful." It shows that God is in control of all the powers in the universe.

<sup>II</sup> ABOVE THEM Literally, "on the water above." This is like the picture of the world in Genesis 1. There the sky was like a bowl turned upside down on the earth. There was water below the bowl and water above it.

of |strong="H7307" the |strong="H5921"  
wind |strong="H7307".

<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213"  
the |strong="H6213" winds |strong="H7307" your mes-  
sengers |strong="H4397"

and |strong="H0784" flames of |strong="H7307"  
fire |strong="H0784" your servants |strong="H8334". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H5921" built the |strong="H5921"  
earth |strong="H0776" on |strong="H5921"  
its |strong="H5921" foundations |strong="H3245",  
so |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" can nev-  
er |strong="H5769" be |strong="H0776"  
moved |strong="H4131".

<sup>6</sup> You |strong="H5921" covered |strong="H3680"  
it |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" wa-  
ter |strong="H4325" like |strong="H2022"  
a |strong="H5921" blanket.

The |strong="H5921" water |strong="H4325" cov-  
ered |strong="H3680" even |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" mountains |strong="H2022".

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H5127" you |strong="H4480" gave  
the |strong="H4480" command, and |strong="H6963"  
the |strong="H4480" water turned back.

You |strong="H4480" shouted at |strong="H1606"  
the |strong="H4480" water, and |strong="H6963" it  
rushed away |strong="H4480".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0413" water flowed  
down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H3381"  
the |strong="H0413" mountains |strong="H2022" in-  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" val-  
leys |strong="H1237",

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413"  
places |strong="H4725" you |strong="H3381"  
made |strong="H5927" for |strong="H0413"  
it |strong="H3381".

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H7725" set |strong="H7760"  
the |strong="H7725" limits for |strong="H0776"  
the |strong="H7725" seas,

and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H7725" water  
will |strong="H0776" never |strong="H1077"  
again |strong="H7725" rise to |strong="H7725" cov-  
er |strong="H3680" the |strong="H7725"  
earth |strong="H0776".

<sup>10</sup> Lord, you |strong="H7971" cause water  
to |strong="H1980" flow |strong="H1980"  
from |strong="H1980" springs |strong="H4599" in-  
to |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0996"  
streams |strong="H5158"

that |strong="H7971" flow |strong="H1980"  
down |strong="H1980" between |strong="H0996"  
the |strong="H0996" mountains |strong="H2022".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3605" streams provide wa-  
ter |strong="H8248" for |strong="H3605"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416".

<sup>III</sup> Or "You make your angels spirits and your servants flames of fire." This may be a wordplay referring to the Cherub and Seraph angels.

Even the *wild* donkeys come there to drink.

<sup>12</sup> Wild birds come to live by the pools; they sing in the branches of nearby trees.

<sup>13</sup> You send rain down on the mountains.

The earth gets everything it needs from you; you have made it.

<sup>14</sup> You make the grass grow to feed the animals.

You provide plants for the crops we grow—

the plants that give us food; the earth.

<sup>15</sup> You give us wine that makes us happy,

the oil that makes our skin soft,<sup>1</sup>

and the food makes us strong.

<sup>16</sup> The great cedar trees of Lebanon belong to the LORD.

He planted them and gives them the water they need.

<sup>17</sup> That's where the birds make their nests,

and the storks live in the fir trees.

<sup>18</sup> The high mountains are

home for wild goats.

The large rocks are hiding places for rock badgers.

<sup>19</sup> Lord, you made the moon show us when the festivals begin.

And the sun always knows when to set.

<sup>20</sup> You made darkness to be night—

the time when wild animals come out and roam around.

<sup>21</sup> Lions roar as

as if they are asking God for the food he gives them.

<sup>22</sup> When the sun rises, they leave and go back to their dens to rest.

<sup>23</sup> Then people go out to work, and they work until evening.

<sup>24</sup> LORD, you created many things!

With your wisdom made them all!

The earth is full of living things you made.

<sup>25</sup> Look at the ocean, so big and wide!

It is filled with all kinds

<sup>1</sup> MAKES OUR SKIN SOFT Literally, "makes our face shine." This can also mean "makes us happy."

of|strong="H3027" sea|strong="H3220" life|strong="H2416".

There|strong="H8033" are|strong="H3027" creatures large|strong="H1419" and|strong="H3027" small|strong="H6996"—too many|strong="H4557" to|strong="H0369" count|strong="H4557"!

<sup>26</sup> Ships|strong="H0591" sail over the|strong="H8033" ocean, and|strong="H1980" playing|strong="H7832" there|strong="H8033" is|strong="H2088" Leviathan|strong="H3882",<sup>I</sup>

the|strong="H8033" great sea creature you|strong="H1980" made|strong="H3335".

<sup>27</sup> Lord, all|strong="H3605" living things|strong="H3605" depend on|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5414".

You|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" food|strong="H0400" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" right time|strong="H6256".

<sup>28</sup> You|strong="H5414" give|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414", and|strong="H3027" they|strong="H1992" eat it|strong="H5414".

They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" filled|strong="H7646" with|strong="H7646" good|strong="H2896" food from|strong="H3027" your|strong="H5414" open|strong="H6605" hands|strong="H3027".

<sup>29</sup> When|strong="H7725" you|strong="H6440" turn|strong="H7725" away|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0413", they|strong="H6440" become|strong="H7725" frightened.

When|strong="H7725" you|strong="H6440" take|strong="H7725" away|strong="H7725" their|strong="H6440" breath|strong="H7307",<sup>II</sup>

they|strong="H6440" die|strong="H1478", and|strong="H7725" their|strong="H6440" bodies return|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" dust|strong="H6083".

<sup>30</sup> But when|strong="H7971" you|strong="H6440" send|strong="H7971" out|strong="H7971" your|strong="H6440" life-giving breath|strong="H7307",<sup>III</sup>

things come alive, and|strong="H7971" the|strong="H6440" world is|strong="H7307" like|strong="H6440" new again|strong="H7971"!

<sup>31</sup> May|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" glory|strong="H3519" continue|strong="H1961" forever|strong="H5769"!

May|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" enjoy what|strong="H4639" he|strong="H3068" made|strong="H4639".

<sup>I</sup> LEVIATHAN This might mean any large sea animal, like a whale. But it probably means "the sea monster," the "Dragon," or "Rahab." This creature represents the great power of the ocean, the power that God controls. <sup>II</sup> BREATH Or "spirit." <sup>III</sup> LIFE-GIVING BREATH Or "Spirit."

<sup>32</sup> He|strong="H0776" just looks|strong="H5027" at|strong="H5027" the|strong="H5060" earth|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0776" it|strong="H5060" trembles|strong="H7460".

He|strong="H0776" just touches|strong="H5060" the|strong="H5060" mountains|strong="H2022", and|strong="H0776" smoke|strong="H6225" rises from|strong="H0776" them|strong="H5060".

<sup>33</sup> I|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" sing|strong="H2167" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" rest of|strong="H0430" my|strong="H3068" life|strong="H2416".

I|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" sing|strong="H2167" praises|strong="H2167" to|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" as|strong="H3068" long|strong="H5750" as|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3068" live|strong="H2416".

<sup>34</sup> May|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" words be|strong="H3068" pleasing|strong="H6149" to|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921".

The|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" one|strong="H3068" who|strong="H3068" makes|strong="H8055" me|strong="H5921" happy|strong="H8055".

<sup>35</sup> I|strong="H5315" wish|strong="H5315" sinners|strong="H2400" would|strong="H3068" disappear|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776".

I|strong="H5315" wish|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0853" wicked|strong="H7563" would|strong="H3068" be|strong="H5750" gone|strong="H0369" forever.

My|strong="H3068" soul|strong="H5315", praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"!

Praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"!

**105** Give|strong="H3034" thanks|strong="H3034" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" out|strong="H3045" to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H7121"!

Tell|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3068" nations|strong="H5971" what|strong="H3045" he|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" done|strong="H5949"!

<sup>2</sup> Sing|strong="H2167" to|strong="H7891" him|strong="H3605", sing|strong="H2167" praises|strong="H2167" to|strong="H7891" him|strong="H3605".

Tell|strong="H3605" about|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" amazing|strong="H6381"

things|strong="H3605" he|strong="H3605"  
has|strong="H3605" done|strong="H3605".

<sup>3</sup> Be|strong="H8034" proud of|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6944"  
name|strong="H8034".

You|strong="H1245" followers|strong="H8034"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068", be|strong="H8034" hap-  
py|strong="H8055"!

<sup>4</sup> Depend on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440"  
LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3068"  
strength|strong="H5797".

Always|strong="H8548" go to|strong="H3068"  
him|strong="H6440" for|strong="H3068" help.

<sup>5</sup> Remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H0834"  
amazing|strong="H6381" things|strong="H6381"  
he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834"  
done|strong="H6213".

Remember|strong="H2142" his|strong="H0834"  
miracles|strong="H6381" and|strong="H4941"  
his|strong="H0834" fair decisions|strong="H4941".

<sup>6</sup> You|strong="H2233" belong to|strong="H5650"  
the|strong="H5650" family|strong="H2233"  
of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0085" ser-  
vant|strong="H5650" Abraham|strong="H0085".

You|strong="H2233" are|strong="H1121" descen-  
dants|strong="H2233" of|strong="H1121" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290", the|strong="H5650" peo-  
ple|strong="H1121" God chose.

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430".

He|strong="H1931" rules the|strong="H3605"  
whole|strong="H3605" world|strong="H0776".

<sup>8</sup> He|strong="H1285" will|strong="H1697" remem-  
ber|strong="H2142" his|strong="H6680" agree-  
ment|strong="H1285" forever|strong="H5769".

He|strong="H1285" will|strong="H1697" al-  
ways|strong="H5769" keep|strong="H2142"  
the|strong="H1697" promises|strong="H1697"  
he|strong="H1285" made to|strong="H1697"  
his|strong="H6680" people.

<sup>9</sup> He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" keep  
the|strong="H0834" agreement he|strong="H0834"  
made|strong="H3772" with|strong="H0854" Abra-  
ham|strong="H0085"

and|strong="H0085" the|strong="H0834" promise  
he|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3772"  
to|strong="H0854" Isaac|strong="H3446".

<sup>10</sup> He|strong="H3290" gave it|strong="H5975"  
as|strong="H5975" a|strong="H5975" law  
to|strong="H3478" Jacob|strong="H3290".

He|strong="H3290" gave it|strong="H5975"  
to|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478"  
as|strong="H5975" an agreement|strong="H1285"  
that|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769"!

<sup>11</sup> He|strong="H5414" said|strong="H0559", "  
I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776"  
give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" Canaan|strong="H3667".

It|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776"  
be|strong="H0776" your|strong="H5414" very own."

<sup>12</sup> At|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961"  
time|strong="H1961" God said this,  
there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" only  
a|strong="H1961" few|strong="H4592"  
of|strong="H4557" his|strong="H1961" people,  
and|strong="H1961" they were|strong="H1961"  
strangers there|strong="H1961".

<sup>13</sup> They|strong="H5971" traveled|strong="H1980"  
around|strong="H1980" from|strong="H1980" na-  
tion|strong="H1471" to|strong="H0413" na-  
tion|strong="H1471",

from|strong="H1980" one|strong="H0413" king-  
dom|strong="H4467" to|strong="H0413" ano-  
ther|strong="H0312".

<sup>14</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H5921" Lord  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
let|strong="H3808" anyone|strong="H0120" mistreat  
them|strong="H5921".

He|strong="H3808" warned kings|strong="H4428"  
not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H5921" harm  
them|strong="H5921".

<sup>15</sup> He said, " Don't|strong="H0408"  
hurt|strong="H5060" my|strong="H5060" cho-  
sen|strong="H4899" people|strong="H0408".

Don't|strong="H0408" harm|strong="H7489"  
my|strong="H5060" prophets|strong="H5030"."

<sup>16</sup> He|strong="H5921" caused a|strong="H7121"  
famine|strong="H7458" in|strong="H5921"  
that|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776",  
and|strong="H0776" people|strong="H0776" did  
not|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0776" enough  
food|strong="H3899".

<sup>17</sup> But|strong="H0376" he|strong="H7971"  
sent|strong="H7971" a|strong="H7971"  
man|strong="H0376" named Joseph|strong="H3130"  
to|strong="H7971" go|strong="H7971"  
ahead|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0376"  
them|strong="H7971".

Joseph|strong="H3130" was|strong="H0376"  
sold|strong="H4376" like|strong="H0376"  
a|strong="H7971" slave|strong="H5650".

<sup>18</sup> They|strong="H0935" tied a|strong="H0935" rope  
around his|strong="H0935" feet|strong="H7272"  
and|strong="H0935" put|strong="H0935"  
an|strong="H0935" iron|strong="H1270" ring around  
his|strong="H0935" neck.

<sup>19</sup> Joseph was|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0935"  
slave until|strong="H5704" what|strong="H1697"  
he|strong="H5704" said|strong="H1697"  
had|strong="H3068" really hap-  
pened|strong="H1697".

The LORD'S message proved that Joseph was right.

20 So the king of Egypt set him free.

That nation's leader let him out of jail.

21 He put Joseph in charge of his house.

Joseph took care of everything the king owned.

22 Joseph gave instructions to the other leaders.

He taught the older men.

23 Then Israel came to Egypt.

Jacob lived there in Ham's country.

24 Jacob's family became very large and more powerful than their enemies.

25 So the Egyptians began to hate his people.

They made plans against his servants.

26 So the Lord sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, his chosen priest.

27 He used Moses and Aaron

to do many miracles in Ham's country.

28 He sent darkness to cover their land,

but the Egyptians did not listen to him.

29 So he changed the water into blood,

and all their fish died.

30 Their country was filled with frogs,

even in the king's bedroom.

31 The Lord gave the command,

and the flies and gnats came.

They were everywhere!

32 He made the rain become hail.

Lightning struck throughout their land.

33 He destroyed their vines and fig trees.

He destroyed every tree in their country.

34 He gave the locusts and grasshoppers.

There were too many to count!

35 They ate all the plants, including the crops in their fields.

36 Then the Lord killed every first-born in their country.

He killed their oldest sons.

37 He led his people out of Egypt.

They were carrying gold and silver,

and none of them stumbled or fell behind.

1 HAM'S COUNTRY Or "Egypt." The Egyptians were Ham's descendants. See Genesis 10:6-20.

<sup>38</sup> Egypt |strong="H4714" was |strong="H4714" happy |strong="H8055" to |strong="H5921" see his |strong="H5921" people go |strong="H3318", because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H4714" afraid |strong="H6343" of |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921".

<sup>39</sup> The |strong="H3915" Lord spread |strong="H6566" out |strong="H6566" his |strong="H6566" cloud |strong="H6051" like |strong="H6051" a |strong="H6566" blanket.

He used his |strong="H0784" fire |strong="H0784" to |strong="H3915" give |strong="H0215" his |strong="H6566" people light |strong="H0215" at |strong="H0215" night |strong="H3915".

<sup>40</sup> They |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H7592" for |strong="H7592" food |strong="H3899", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0935" sent them |strong="H0935" quail |strong="H7958".

He |strong="H0935" also |strong="H0935" gave |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0935" plenty |strong="H7646" of |strong="H3899" bread |strong="H3899" from |strong="H0935" heaven |strong="H8064".

<sup>41</sup> He |strong="H1980" split the |strong="H1980" rock |strong="H6697", and |strong="H1980" water |strong="H4325" came |strong="H1980" bubbling out |strong="H2100".

A |strong="H1980" river |strong="H5104" began flowing |strong="H2100" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H1980" desert |strong="H6723".

<sup>42</sup> The |strong="H0853" Lord remembered |strong="H2142" his |strong="H3588" holy |strong="H6944" promise |strong="H1697" that |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" made to |strong="H5650" his |strong="H3588" servant |strong="H5650" Abraham |strong="H0085".

<sup>43</sup> He |strong="H0853" brought |strong="H3318" his |strong="H3318" people |strong="H5971" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H7440" Egypt.

They |strong="H5971" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" rejoicing |strong="H8342" and |strong="H3318" singing |strong="H7440" their |strong="H3318" happy songs!

<sup>44</sup> Then |strong="H5414" he |strong="H5414" gave |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" people |strong="H1471" the |strong="H5414" lands |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" other |strong="H3816" nations |strong="H1471".

His |strong="H5414" people |strong="H1471" got what others had |strong="H5414" worked for |strong="H0776".

<sup>45</sup> He |strong="H8451" did |strong="H8104" this so |strong="H5668" that |strong="H5668" his |strong="H8104" people would obey |strong="H8104" his |strong="H8104" laws |strong="H8451"

and |strong="H2706" follow his |strong="H8104" teachings |strong="H8451".

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H8104" LORD |strong="H3050"!

**106** Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"!

Give |strong="H3034" thanks |strong="H3034" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896"!

His |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769"!

<sup>2</sup> No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3605" can |strong="H4310" describe how |strong="H4310" great the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" really is |strong="H3068".

No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3605" can |strong="H4310" praise |strong="H8416" him |strong="H3605" enough.

<sup>3</sup> Those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" obey |strong="H6213" his |strong="H3605" commands are |strong="H0835" happy |strong="H0835".

They |strong="H6256" do |strong="H6213" good things |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H6256".

<sup>4</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H2142" when |strong="H3068" you |strong="H6485" show kindness to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".

Remember |strong="H2142" to |strong="H3068" save |strong="H3444" me |strong="H2142" too!

<sup>5</sup> Let |strong="H8055" me |strong="H7200" share |strong="H5159" in |strong="H8055" the |strong="H7200" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H5973"

that |strong="H7200" you |strong="H5973" do for |strong="H5973" your |strong="H7200" chosen |strong="H0972" people |strong="H1471".

Let |strong="H8055" me |strong="H7200" rejoice |strong="H8055" with |strong="H5973" your |strong="H7200" nation |strong="H1471".

Let |strong="H8055" me |strong="H7200" join |strong="H5973" with |strong="H5973" your |strong="H7200" people |strong="H1471" in |strong="H8055" praise |strong="H1984".

<sup>6</sup> We sinned |strong="H2398" just as |strong="H0001" our |strong="H5973" ancestors |strong="H0001" did.

We were wrong |strong="H2398"; we did bad things |strong="H5973"!

<sup>7</sup> Lord |strong="H2617", our |strong="H5921" ancestors |strong="H0001" learned nothing |strong="H3808"

from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" miracles |strong="H6381" you |strong="H5921"

did|strong="H3808" in|strong="H5921"  
Egypt|strong="H4714".

They|strong="H5921" forgot your|strong="H5921"  
kindness|strong="H2617" at|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" Red Sea|strong="H3220"  
and|strong="H4714" rebelled|strong="H4784"  
against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921".

<sup>8</sup> But the|strong="H0853" Lord  
saved|strong="H3467" our|strong="H3045" ancestors  
for|strong="H4616" the|strong="H0853" hon-  
or|strong="H8034" of|strong="H8034"  
his|strong="H3045" name|strong="H8034".

He|strong="H0853" saved|strong="H3467"  
them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H4616"  
show|strong="H3045" his|strong="H3045" great pow-  
er|strong="H1369".

<sup>9</sup> He gave the|strong="H1605" command,  
and|strong="H3220" the|strong="H1605" Red  
Sea|strong="H3220" became dry|strong="H2717".

He led them through the|strong="H1605"  
deep|strong="H8415" sea|strong="H3220"  
on|strong="H3220" land as dry|strong="H2717" as  
the|strong="H1605" desert|strong="H4057".

<sup>10</sup> He|strong="H3027" saved|strong="H3467" our  
ancestors

and|strong="H3027" rescued them|strong="H3027"  
from|strong="H3027" their|strong="H1350" ene-  
mies|strong="H0341".

<sup>11</sup> He|strong="H3808" covered|strong="H3680"  
their|strong="H1992" enemies with|strong="H3680"  
the|strong="H3680" sea.

Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259"  
of|strong="H4325" them|strong="H1992" es-  
caped|strong="H3498".

<sup>12</sup> Then our|strong="H0539" ancestors be-  
lieved|strong="H0539" what|strong="H1697" he  
had|strong="H1697" said|strong="H1697".

They sang|strong="H7891" praises|strong="H8416"  
to|strong="H1697" him|strong="H0539".

<sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" quick-  
ly|strong="H4116" forgot|strong="H7911" about  
what|strong="H4639" he|strong="H3808"  
did|strong="H3808".

They|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" listen to|strong="H4116"  
his|strong="H3808" advice|strong="H6098".

<sup>14</sup> They became hungry in|strong="H0410"  
the|strong="H5254" desert|strong="H3452",  
and|strong="H0183" they tested|strong="H5254"  
him|strong="H4057" in|strong="H0410"  
the|strong="H5254" wilderness|strong="H4057".

<sup>15</sup> He|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414"  
them|strong="H5414" what they|strong="H1992"  
asked|strong="H7971" for|strong="H7971",

but|strong="H1992" he|strong="H5414" also  
gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414"  
a|strong="H5414" terrible disease|strong="H7332".

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H3068" people be-  
came|strong="H7065" jealous|strong="H7065"  
of|strong="H3068" Moses|strong="H4872".

They|strong="H3068" became|strong="H7065" jeal-  
ous|strong="H7065" of|strong="H3068"  
Aaron|strong="H0175", the|strong="H3068"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6918" priest.

<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H5921" ground|strong="H0776"  
opened|strong="H6605" up|strong="H1104"  
and|strong="H0776" swallowed|strong="H1104"  
Dathan|strong="H1885".

Then|strong="H6605" the|strong="H5921"  
ground|strong="H0776" closed|strong="H3680"  
up|strong="H1104" and|strong="H0776" cov-  
ered|strong="H3680" Abiram's group.

<sup>18</sup> Then a fire|strong="H0784"  
burned|strong="H1197" that|strong="H0784" mob  
of|strong="H5712" people|strong="H7563".

It|strong="H0784" burned|strong="H1197" those  
wicked|strong="H7563" people|strong="H7563".

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H7812" people  
made|strong="H6213" a|strong="H7812" golden  
calf|strong="H5695" at Mount  
Horeb|strong="H2722".

They|strong="H6213" worshiped|strong="H7812"  
a|strong="H7812" statue!

<sup>20</sup> They|strong="H4171" traded  
their|strong="H0398" glorious God|strong="H8403"  
for|strong="H0398" a|strong="H0398" statue  
of|strong="H8403" a|strong="H0398" grass-eating  
bull|strong="H7794".

<sup>21</sup> They|strong="H6213" forgot|strong="H7911"  
all|strong="H1419" about God|strong="H0410",  
the|strong="H7911" one|strong="H0410"  
who|strong="H0410" saved|strong="H3467"  
them|strong="H6213",

the|strong="H7911" one|strong="H0410"  
who|strong="H0410" did|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H7911" miracles in|strong="H1419"  
Egypt|strong="H4714".

<sup>22</sup> He|strong="H5921" did amazing|strong="H6381"  
things|strong="H6381" there in|strong="H5921"  
Ham's country|strong="H0776".<sup>1</sup>

He|strong="H5921" did awesome|strong="H3372"  
things|strong="H6381" at|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" Red Sea|strong="H3220".

<sup>23</sup> God|strong="H0559" wanted to|strong="H0559"  
destroy|strong="H7843" those people,  
but|strong="H0559" Moses|strong="H4872",  
the|strong="H0559" leader he|strong="H0559" chose,  
stood|strong="H5975" in|strong="H5975"  
the|strong="H0559" way|strong="H6440".

God|strong="H0559" was|strong="H4872" very an-  
gry|strong="H2534", but|strong="H0559"  
Moses|strong="H4872" begged him|strong="H6440"  
to|strong="H0559" stop|strong="H5975",

<sup>1</sup> HAM'S COUNTRY Or "Egypt." The Egyptians were Ham's descen-  
dants. See Genesis 10:6-20.

so |strong="H7725" God |strong="H0559" did not destroy |strong="H7843" the |strong="H0559" people. I  
 24 But |strong="H3808" then |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0776" go into |strong="H0776" the |strong="H1697" wonderful land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Canaan.

They |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" believe |strong="H0539" that |strong="H1697" God |strong="H3808" would |strong="H1697" help them |strong="H0776" defeat the |strong="H1697" people |strong="H3808" there.

25 Our |strong="H3068" ancestors complained in |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" tents |strong="H0168"

and |strong="H3068" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068".

26 So |strong="H5375" he |strong="H0853" swore |strong="H5375" that |strong="H5307" they |strong="H1992" would die |strong="H5307" in |strong="H5307" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057".

27 He |strong="H2233" promised to |strong="H0776" scatter |strong="H2219" them |strong="H5307" among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" nations |strong="H1471"

and |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0776" let other people |strong="H1471" defeat their |strong="H5307" descendants |strong="H2233".

28 At |strong="H4191" Baal |strong="H1187" Pe- or |strong="H1187" they |strong="H0398" joined |strong="H6775" in |strong="H4191" worshipping Baal |strong="H1187"

and |strong="H0398" ate |strong="H0398" sacrifices |strong="H2077" to |strong="H4191" honor the |strong="H0398" dead |strong="H4191". II

29 The |strong="H3707" LORD be- came |strong="H6555" angry |strong="H3707" with |strong="H3707" his people,

so he made |strong="H6555" them sick.

30 But Phinehas |strong="H6372" prayed |strong="H6419" III to |strong="H5975" God, and |strong="H5975" God stopped |strong="H5975" the |strong="H5975" sickness.

31 He |strong="H5704" considered |strong="H2803" what Phinehas did a |strong="H5704" good work, and |strong="H5769" it |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" be |strong="H5769" remembered

I Or "God said he would destroy them. But Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach and repelled his anger from destroying." This compares Moses to a soldier standing at a break in a wall defending the city against enemy soldiers. II THE DEAD This might refer to "lifeless gods" or to dead friends or relatives honored with meals eaten at their graves. III PRAYED Or "intervened," or "judged." Phinehas not only prayed to God, but he also did something to stop the people from doing these sins. See Num. 25:1-16.

forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H5769" ever |strong="H5769".

32 At |strong="H5921" Meribah the |strong="H5921" people made the |strong="H5921" LORD an- gry |strong="H7107"

and |strong="H4872" created trouble for |strong="H5921" Moses |strong="H4872".

33 They |strong="H3588" upset Moses |strong="H3588",

and |strong="H0853" he |strong="H3588" spoke |strong="H0981" without stopping to |strong="H7307" think.

34 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" peo- ple |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0559" de- stroy |strong="H8045" the |strong="H0853" other na- tions |strong="H5971" living in |strong="H3068" Canaan.

But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" Israelites did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obey him |strong="H0853".

35 They |strong="H1471" mixed with |strong="H6148" the |strong="H3925" other peo- ple |strong="H1471"

and |strong="H1471" did |strong="H4639" what |strong="H4639" those people |strong="H1471" were |strong="H1471" doing.

36 They |strong="H1992" began |strong="H1961" worshipping |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" false gods those |strong="H1992" people wor- shipped |strong="H5647".

And |strong="H0853" their |strong="H1992" idols |strong="H6091" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" trap |strong="H4170".

37 They even |strong="H0853" of- fered |strong="H2076" their |strong="H2076" own chil- dren |strong="H1121"

as |strong="H1121" sacrifices |strong="H2076" to |strong="H1121" demons |strong="H7700".

38 They |strong="H0834" killed their |strong="H0834" innocent |strong="H5355" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323"

and |strong="H1121" offered |strong="H2076" them |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" false gods of |strong="H1121" Canaan |strong="H3667".

So |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" was |strong="H0834" pollut- ed |strong="H2610" with |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" sin of |strong="H1121" murder.

39 They were unfaithful |strong="H2181" to |strong="H4639" him |strong="H2930", and |strong="H4639" they became |strong="H2930" dirty with |strong="H2930" the |strong="H2181" sins of |strong="H4639" other nations.

40 So |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" became |strong="H2734" an-



gry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971".

He|strong="H3068" rejected|strong="H8581"  
those|strong="H0853" who|strong="H3068" belonged  
to|strong="H3068" him|strong="H0853".

<sup>41</sup> He|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414"  
his|strong="H5414" people|strong="H1471"  
to|strong="H5414" other nations|strong="H1471"  
and|strong="H3027" let|strong="H5414"  
their|strong="H5414" enemies|strong="H8130"  
rule|strong="H4910" over|strong="H3027"  
them|strong="H5414".

<sup>42</sup> Their|strong="H8478" enemies|strong="H0341"  
controlled them|strong="H3027"  
and|strong="H3027" made life hard  
for|strong="H8478" them|strong="H3027".

<sup>43</sup> He saved|strong="H5337" his|strong="H5337"  
people many|strong="H7227" times|strong="H6471",  
but|strong="H1992" they|strong="H1992" turned  
against|strong="H4784" him and|strong="H6098" did  
what they|strong="H1992" wanted to|strong="H5771"  
do.

His|strong="H5337" people did  
many|strong="H7227" bad things|strong="H1992".

<sup>44</sup> But|strong="H7200" whenever  
they|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992"  
in|strong="H8085" trouble|strong="H6862",  
he|strong="H0853" listened|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H8085" their|strong="H1992" prayers.

<sup>45</sup> He|strong="H1285" always remem-  
bered|strong="H2142" his|strong="H2142" agree-  
ment|strong="H1285",  
and|strong="H1285" because|strong="H7230"  
of|strong="H7230" his|strong="H2142" faith-  
ful|strong="H2617" love|strong="H2617",  
he|strong="H1285" comforted|strong="H5162"  
them|strong="H1992".

<sup>46</sup> Other|strong="H3605" nations  
took|strong="H7617" them|strong="H5414"  
as|strong="H5414" prisoners,  
but|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Lord  
caused|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414"  
to|strong="H5414" be|strong="H5414" kind  
to|strong="H5414" his|strong="H3605" people.

<sup>47</sup> LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430", save|strong="H3467"  
us|strong="H3467".

Bring us|strong="H3467" back togeth-  
er|strong="H6908" from|strong="H4480"  
those|strong="H4480" nations|strong="H1471".

Then|strong="H3068" we will|strong="H3068"  
give|strong="H3034" thanks|strong="H3034"  
to|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068"  
holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034"  
and|strong="H3068" joyfully praise|strong="H8416"  
you|strong="H4480".

<sup>48</sup> Praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605"

God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478".

He|strong="H5704" always|strong="H5769"  
was|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" always|strong="H5769"  
be|strong="H1288" worthy|strong="H1288"  
of|strong="H0430" praise|strong="H1984".

Let all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" say|strong="H0559",  
Amen|strong="H0543".

Praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

## Book 5

(Psalms 107—150)

**107** Praise|strong="H3034" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588"  
is|strong="H3068" good|strong="H2896".

His|strong="H3068" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H3068"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>2</sup> Everyone the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" saved  
should|strong="H3068" repeat that|strong="H0834"  
word|strong="H0559" of|strong="H3068" thanks.

Praise him|strong="H0559", all  
who|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
been|strong="H0834" rescued from|strong="H3027"  
the|strong="H0559" enemy.

<sup>3</sup> He|strong="H0776" gathered|strong="H6908" his  
people|strong="H0776" together|strong="H6908"  
from|strong="H0776" many different coun-  
tries|strong="H0776".

He|strong="H0776" brought|strong="H6908"  
them|strong="H0776" from|strong="H0776"  
east|strong="H4217" and|strong="H0776"  
west|strong="H3220", north|strong="H6828"  
and|strong="H0776" south|strong="H3220". <sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Some of|strong="H1870" them|strong="H8582"  
wandered|strong="H8582" in|strong="H1870"  
the|strong="H1870" dry desert|strong="H3452".

They|strong="H3808" were|strong="H4057" look-  
ing|strong="H4672" for|strong="H3808"  
a|strong="H4672" place|strong="H4186"  
to|strong="H1870" live|strong="H1870",

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" could  
not|strong="H3808" find|strong="H4672"  
a|strong="H4672" city|strong="H5892".

<sup>5</sup> They|strong="H1571" were|strong="H5315" hun-  
gry|strong="H7457" and|strong="H5315"  
thirsty|strong="H6771"

and|strong="H5315" growing weak.

<sup>1</sup> SOUTH Or "the Sea." This might refer to all the coastal areas  
around the Mediterranean Sea.

6 Then *they* called *to* the LORD for help, and he saved them from their troubles.

7 He led them straight to the city where they would live.

8 Thank LORD for his love

and the amazing things he does for people.

9 He satisfies those who are thirsty.

He fills those who are hungry with good things.

10 Some of God's people were prisoners,

locked behind bars in dark prisons.

11 That was because they had fought against what God said.

They refused to listen to the advice of God Most High.

12 God made life hard for those people

because of what they did.

They stumbled and fell,

and there was no one to help them.

13 They were in trouble, so they called to the LORD for help,

and he saved them from their troubles.

14 He took them out of dark prisons.

He broke the ropes that held them.

15 Thank LORD for his love

and the amazing things he does for people.

16 He breaks down bronze gates.

He shatters their iron bars.

17 Some people became fools and

turned against God, and they suffered for evil they did.

18 They became so sick that they refused to eat,

so they almost died.

19 They were in trouble, so they called to the LORD for help,

and he saved them from their troubles.

20 He gave them the command and healed them,

so they were saved from the grave.

21 Thank LORD for his love

and the amazing things he

does|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0120".

22 Offer|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2077" of|strong="H2077" thanks|strong="H8426" to|strong="H2076" him|strong="H5608".

Sing with|strong="H2077" joy|strong="H7440" about|strong="H5608" all that|strong="H2077" he has done|strong="H4639".

23 Some|strong="H7227" sailed the|strong="H6213" sea|strong="H3220" in|strong="H3220" ships|strong="H0591".

Their|strong="H3381" work|strong="H4399" carried|strong="H6213" them|strong="H3381" across the|strong="H6213" water|strong="H4325".

24 They|strong="H1992" saw|strong="H7200" what|strong="H4639" the|strong="H7200" LORD|strong="H3068" can|strong="H7200" do|strong="H4639".

They|strong="H1992" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" amazing|strong="H6381" things|strong="H4639" he|strong="H3068" did|strong="H4639" at|strong="H3068" sea.

25 He|strong="H0559" gave|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" command|strong="H0559", and|strong="H5975" a|strong="H5975" strong wind|strong="H7307" began to|strong="H0559" blow.

The|strong="H0559" waves|strong="H1530" became|strong="H7311" higher|strong="H7311" and|strong="H5975" higher|strong="H7311".

26 The|strong="H5927" waves lifted|strong="H5927" them|strong="H3381" high into|strong="H3381" the|strong="H5927" sky|strong="H8064"

and|strong="H8064" dropped them|strong="H3381" into|strong="H3381" the|strong="H5927" deep|strong="H8415" sea.

The|strong="H5927" storm was|strong="H5315" so|strong="H5927" dangerous|strong="H7451" that|strong="H5315" the|strong="H5927" men lost their|strong="H8064" courage.

27 They|strong="H3605" were stumbling and|strong="H2451" falling like someone who|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3605" drunk|strong="H7910".

Their|strong="H3605" skill|strong="H2451" as sailors was|strong="H3605" useless.

28 They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992" in|strong="H0413" trouble|strong="H6862", so|strong="H3318" they|strong="H1992" called|strong="H6817" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" help,

and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" saved them|strong="H0413" from|strong="H3318" their|strong="H3068" troubles.

29 He stopped the|strong="H6965" storm|strong="H5591"

and|strong="H6965" calmed|strong="H2814" the|strong="H6965" waves|strong="H1530".

30 The|strong="H3588" sailors were happy|strong="H8055" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" sea became calm|strong="H8367",

and|strong="H8055" he|strong="H3588" led|strong="H5148" them|strong="H0413" safely to|strong="H0413" where|strong="H0413" they|strong="H3588" wanted to|strong="H0413" go.

31 Thank|strong="H3034" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" faithful|strong="H2617" love|strong="H2617"

and|strong="H1121" for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" amazing|strong="H6381" things|strong="H6381" he|strong="H3068" does|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0120".

32 Praise|strong="H1984" God in|strong="H4186" the|strong="H7311" great assembly|strong="H6951".

Praise|strong="H1984" him when|strong="H1984" the|strong="H7311" older|strong="H2205" leaders|strong="H2205" meet together|strong="H5971".

33 He|strong="H7760" changed rivers|strong="H5104" into|strong="H4325" a|strong="H7760" desert|strong="H4057".

He|strong="H7760" stopped springs|strong="H4161" from|strong="H4325" flowing|strong="H4325".

34 He|strong="H0776" made the|strong="H0776" fertile land|strong="H0776" become salty, because the|strong="H0776" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427" did such evil|strong="H7451" things.

35 He|strong="H7760" changed the|strong="H7760" desert|strong="H4057" into|strong="H0776" a|strong="H7760" land|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0776" pools|strong="H0098" of|strong="H0776" water|strong="H4325".

He|strong="H7760" caused springs|strong="H4161" to|strong="H0776" flow from|strong="H0776" dry|strong="H6723" ground|strong="H0776".

36 He|strong="H8033" led the|strong="H8033" hungry|strong="H7457" to|strong="H8033" that|strong="H8033" good land,

and|strong="H8033" they|strong="H8033" built a|strong="H8033" city|strong="H5892" to|strong="H8033" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427".

37 They|strong="H6213" planted|strong="H5193" seeds in|strong="H2232" their fields|strong="H7704" and|strong="H7704" grapes in|strong="H2232" their vineyards|strong="H3754",

and|strong="H7704" they|strong="H6213" had|strong="H7704" a|strong="H5193" good harvest|strong="H8393".

38 God blessed them with many children and plenty of animals.

39 But because of disaster and troubles, their families became small and weak.

40 God shames even great leaders and makes them wander through empty deserts.

41 But he rescues the poor from their misery.

He makes their families large like flocks of sheep.

42 Good people see and are happy.

But the wicked see it and don't know what to say.

43 Whoever is wise will remember these things and begin to understand the LORD'S faithful love.

*A praise song of David.*

**108** God, I am ready, heart and soul, to sing songs of praise.

Wake up, my soul!  
2 Harps and lyres, wake up, and let's wake the dawn!

3 LORD, I will praise you before all people.

I will sing praises about you to every nation.

4 Your faithful love is higher than the highest clouds in the sky!

5 Rise above the heavens, God.

Let all the world see your glory.

6 Use your great power and help us!  
Answer my prayer and save the people you love.

7 God has made his promise in his Temple:

"I will win the war and rejoice in victory!"

I will divide this land among my people.

I will give them Shechem.

I will give them Succoth Valley.

8 Gilead and Manasseh will be mine.

Ephraim will be my helmet.

Judah will be my royal scepter.

9 Moab will be the bowl for washing my feet.

Edom will be the slave who carries my sandals.

I will defeat the Philistines and shout in victory!

10 But, God, it seems that you have left us!  
You do not go out with our army.

So who will lead me into the strong, protected city?  
Who will lead me into battle against Edom?

12 Help us defeat the enemy!  
No one on earth can rescue us.

13 Only God can make us strong.

Only God can defeat our enemies!

*To the director: A praise song of David.*

**109** God, I praise you!  
Hear my prayer and do something!

2 Wicked people are telling lies about me.

They are saying things that are not true.

3 They|strong="H2600" are|strong="H1697" saying|strong="H1697" hateful things|strong="H1697" about|strong="H5437" me|strong="H5437".

They|strong="H2600" are|strong="H1697" attacking me|strong="H5437" for|strong="H1697" no reason|strong="H1697".

4 I|strong="H0589" loved them|strong="H8478", but|strong="H0589" they|strong="H8478" were against me|strong="H0589".

So|strong="H0589" I|strong="H0589" said a|strong="H8478" prayer|strong="H8605".

5 I|strong="H7760" did good|strong="H2896" things to|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921",

but|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H8478" doing|strong="H7451" bad|strong="H7451" things to|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H7760" loved them|strong="H5921", but|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921" hated|strong="H8135" me|strong="H5921".

6 They|strong="H5921" said, "Choose someone evil|strong="H7563" to|strong="H5921" represent|strong="H5975" him|strong="H5921".

Let|strong="H6485" the|strong="H5921" one|strong="H7563" at|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" side|strong="H3225" really be|strong="H7563" his|strong="H5921" accuser|strong="H7854".

7 Let|strong="H1961" even his|strong="H1961" prayer|strong="H8605" be|strong="H1961" used|strong="H1961" as|strong="H1961" evidence against him|strong="H3318",

and|strong="H3318" let|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" court|strong="H3318" find him|strong="H3318" guilty|strong="H7563".

8 Let|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3947" life|strong="H3117" be|strong="H1961" cut short, and|strong="H3117" let|strong="H1961" someone else|strong="H0312" take|strong="H3947" over his|strong="H3947" work.

9 Let|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" children|strong="H1121" become|strong="H1961" orphans|strong="H3490" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H1961" wife|strong="H0802" a|strong="H1961" widow|strong="H0490".

10 Make his|strong="H5128" children|strong="H1121" wander|strong="H5128" around|strong="H5128" as|strong="H1121" beggars, forced from|strong="H1121" homes|strong="H2723" that|strong="H1121" lie in|strong="H1121" ruins|strong="H2723".

11 Let the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" owes take|strong="H0962" everything|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" owns.

Let strangers|strong="H2114" get everything|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0834" worked|strong="H3018" for|strong="H3605".

12 Let|strong="H0408" no|strong="H0408" one|strong="H0408" be|strong="H1961" kind to|strong="H1961" him|strong="H1961".

Let|strong="H0408" no|strong="H0408" one|strong="H0408" show|strong="H1961" mercy|strong="H2603" to|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" children|strong="H3490".

13 May|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" family come|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" end|strong="H0319".

May|strong="H1961" his|strong="H1961" name|strong="H8034" be|strong="H1961" unknown to|strong="H1961" future|strong="H0319" generations|strong="H1755".

14 May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H0413" sins|strong="H2403" of|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001",

and|strong="H3068" may|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" mother's|strong="H0517" sins|strong="H2403" never|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" erased.

15 May|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" remember|strong="H2143" their|strong="H3068" sins forever,

and|strong="H3068" may|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3068" cause|strong="H1961" people|strong="H0776" to|strong="H1961" forget his|strong="H3068" family completely|strong="H3772".

16 He|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" did|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H3808" good. He|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" loved anyone|strong="H0376".

He|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" life|strong="H4191" hard for|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0834" poor|strong="H6041" and|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" helpless.

17 He|strong="H4480" loved|strong="H0157" to|strong="H0935" curse|strong="H7045" others, so|strong="H4480" let|strong="H3808" those|strong="H4480" bad things|strong="H3808" happen to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935".

He|strong="H4480" never|strong="H3808" blessed|strong="H1293" others, so|strong="H4480" don't|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" good|strong="H7368" things|strong="H3808" happen to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0935".

18 Cursing|strong="H7045" was|strong="H4325" a|strong="H0935" daily part|strong="H7130" of|strong="H4325" his|strong="H0935" life, like|strong="H7130" the|strong="H0935" clothes|strong="H3847" he|strong="H0935" wears.

Cursing|strong="H7045" others became a|strong="H0935" part|strong="H7130" of|strong="H4325" him|strong="H0935",

like|strong="H7130" the|strong="H0935" wa-  
ter|strong="H4325" he|strong="H0935" drinks  
and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935"  
oil|strong="H8081" he|strong="H0935" puts  
on|strong="H3847" his|strong="H0935"  
body|strong="H6106".

19 So|strong="H1961" let|strong="H1961" curses  
cover|strong="H5844" him|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" robe he  
wears

and|strong="H1961" always|strong="H8548" sur-  
round him|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" belt."

20 My|strong="H3068" enemies  
said|strong="H1696" these|strong="H2063"  
evil|strong="H7451" things against|strong="H5921"  
me|strong="H5315".

But|strong="H1696" may|strong="H3068"  
those|strong="H5921" curses be|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H5921" way|strong="H6468"  
the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" punishes  
them|strong="H5921".

21 My|strong="H3588" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136", treat|strong="H6213"  
me|strong="H5337" in|strong="H8034"  
a|strong="H3588" way that|strong="H3588" brings  
honor|strong="H8034" to|strong="H4616"  
your|strong="H3588" name|strong="H8034".

Save|strong="H5337" me|strong="H5337" be-  
cause|strong="H3588" of|strong="H8034"  
your|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617".

22 I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" only  
a|strong="H3588" poor|strong="H6041", helpless  
man|strong="H6041".

I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595"  
so|strong="H3588" sad; my|strong="H3588"  
heart|strong="H3820" is|strong="H3820" broken.

23 I|strong="H6738" feel my|strong="H5186" life  
is|strong="H6738" over, fading like|strong="H1980"  
a|strong="H5186" shadow|strong="H6738"  
at|strong="H1980" day's end.

I|strong="H6738" feel like|strong="H1980"  
a|strong="H5186" bug that|strong="H1980" someone  
brushed away|strong="H1980".

24 My|strong="H1320" knees|strong="H1290"  
are|strong="H1320" weak|strong="H3782"  
from|strong="H3782" fasting|strong="H6685".

I|strong="H1320" have lost weight  
and|strong="H8081" become thin.

25 My|strong="H7200" enemies in-  
sult|strong="H2781" me|strong="H0589".

They|strong="H1992" look|strong="H7200"  
at|strong="H7200" me|strong="H0589"  
and|strong="H7218" shake|strong="H5128"  
their|strong="H1992" heads|strong="H7218".

26 LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430", help|strong="H5826"  
me|strong="H3467"!

Show your|strong="H3068" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" and|strong="H3068"  
save|strong="H3467" me|strong="H3467"!

27 Then|strong="H0859" they|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859"  
did|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588".

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
it|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" power|strong="H3027",  
LORD|strong="H3068", that|strong="H3588"  
helped|strong="H3027" me|strong="H3045".

28 They|strong="H1992" curse|strong="H7043"  
me|strong="H1288", but|strong="H0859"  
you|strong="H0859" can|strong="H5650"  
bless|strong="H1288" me|strong="H1288".

They|strong="H1992" attacked|strong="H6965"  
me|strong="H1288", so|strong="H6965" defeat  
them|strong="H1992".

Then|strong="H6965" I|strong="H5650",  
your|strong="H0859" servant|strong="H5650",  
will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H1288" hap-  
py|strong="H8055".

29 Humiliate my enemies!

Let them|strong="H3847" wear|strong="H3847"  
their shame|strong="H1322" like a|strong="H3847"  
coat.

30 I|strong="H3068" give|strong="H3034"  
thanks|strong="H3034" to|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".

I|strong="H3068" praise|strong="H1984"  
him|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" front  
of|strong="H3068" everyone.

31 He|strong="H3588" stands|strong="H5975"  
by|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" helpless  
and|strong="H5975" saves|strong="H3467"  
them|strong="H5975" from|strong="H5315"  
those|strong="H3588" who|strong="H5315" try  
to|strong="H5315" put them|strong="H5975"  
to|strong="H5315" death|strong="H5315".

A praise song of David.

**110** The|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068"  
said to|strong="H5704" my|strong="H3068"  
lord|strong="H3068",<sup>1</sup>

" Sit|strong="H3427" at|strong="H3427"  
my|strong="H3068" right|strong="H3225"  
side|strong="H3225", while|strong="H5704"  
I|strong="H5704" put|strong="H7896"  
your|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H0341" un-  
der|strong="H3427" your|strong="H3068" control."

2 The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" cause your|strong="H3068" king-

<sup>1</sup> MY LORD That is, the king.

dom to |strong="H3068" grow|strong="H7971", begin-  
ning at |strong="H3068" Zion |strong="H6726",  
until you |strong="H7971" rule |strong="H7287"  
the |strong="H3068" lands of |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341"!

<sup>3</sup> Your |strong="H3117" people |strong="H5971"  
will |strong="H3117" gladly join you |strong="H3117"  
when |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" gather  
your |strong="H3117" army |strong="H2428" togeth-  
er |strong="H5971".

You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" wear  
your |strong="H3117" special clothes  
and |strong="H3117" meet togeth-  
er |strong="H5971" early in |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3117" morning.

Your |strong="H3117" young |strong="H3117"  
men |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3117"  
be |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3117" around  
you |strong="H3117"

like dew |strong="H2919" on |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3117" ground.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"  
has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H7650"  
a |strong="H5921" promise |strong="H7650"  
with |strong="H3068" an |strong="H7650"  
oath |strong="H7650"

and |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H3808" change |strong="H5162"  
his |strong="H5921" mind |strong="H5162":

" You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068"  
a |strong="H5921" priest |strong="H3548" forev-  
er |strong="H5769"—

the |strong="H5921" kind of |strong="H3068"  
priest |strong="H3548" Melchizedek |strong="H4442"  
was |strong="H3068":

<sup>5</sup> My |strong="H5921" Lord |strong="H0136"  
is |strong="H3117" at |strong="H5921"  
your |strong="H5921" right |strong="H3225"  
side |strong="H3225".

He |strong="H3117" will |strong="H4428" defeat  
the |strong="H5921" other kings |strong="H4428"  
when |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" becomes  
angry |strong="H0639".

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0776"  
judge |strong="H1777" the |strong="H5921" na-  
tions |strong="H1471".

The |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H0776"  
will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" cov-  
ered |strong="H4390" with |strong="H4390" dead bod-  
ies |strong="H1472".

He |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0776" punish  
the |strong="H5921" leaders |strong="H7218"  
of |strong="H0776" powerful nations |strong="H1471"  
all around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921"  
world |strong="H0776".

<sup>1</sup> The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. Literally, "Your people will be freewill offerings on your day of power. In holy splendor from the womb of dawn your dew of youth will be yours."

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H5921" king |strong="H5921"  
will |strong="H1870" drink |strong="H8354"  
from |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921"  
stream |strong="H5158" on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" way |strong="H1870".

Then |strong="H3651" he |strong="H3651"  
will |strong="H1870" lift |strong="H7311"  
his |strong="H5921" head |strong="H7218"  
and |strong="H7218" become |strong="H7311" strong!  
II

III

**111** Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068"!

I |strong="H3068" thank |strong="H3034"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605"  
my |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3824"  
in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" assem-  
bly |strong="H5712" of |strong="H3068"  
his |strong="H3605" good people.

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
does |strong="H4639" wonderful  
things |strong="H3605",

more |strong="H1419" than |strong="H3605" any-  
one |strong="H3605" could ask |strong="H1875"  
for |strong="H3605".<sup>IV</sup>

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H5975" things he does  
are |strong="H1926" great and |strong="H5975" glori-  
ous |strong="H1935"!

There |strong="H5975" is |strong="H6467" no end  
to |strong="H5975" his |strong="H5975" goodness.

<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H6213" does |strong="H6213" amaz-  
ing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H6381"  
so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H3068"  
we |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" remem-  
ber |strong="H2143"

that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" kind  
and |strong="H3068" merciful |strong="H7349".

<sup>5</sup> He |strong="H5414" gives |strong="H5414"  
food |strong="H2964" to |strong="H5414"  
his |strong="H5414" followers.

He |strong="H5414" remembers |strong="H2142"  
his |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285" for-  
ever |strong="H5769".

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H5414" has |strong="H1471"  
shown |strong="H5046" his |strong="H5414" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" how powerful he |strong="H5414"  
is |strong="H4639"

by |strong="H5414" giving |strong="H5414"  
them |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414"  
land |strong="H5159" of |strong="H4639" other na-  
tions |strong="H1471".

II LIFT HIS HEAD AND BECOME STRONG Literally, "lift his head." Here, the poet probably means two things: "he will raise his head after drinking the water;" and "he will become strong or important." III In Hebrew, each line of this psalm begins with the next letter in the alphabet. IV MORE ... FOR Literally, "requested for all their desires."

7 Everything *he* does *is* good and *fair*.

All *his* commands can be *trusted*.

8 *His* commands will *continue forever*.

They *must be* done *with* truth *and* *honesty*.

9 *He* *rescued his* people *and* *made his* agreement *with* them *forever*.

*His* name *is* awesome *and* *holy*.

10 Wisdom *begins* with *fear* and *respect for* the LORD.

Those *who* obey *him* are *very wise*.

*Praises* will be *sung to* him *forever*.

I

**112** Praise the LORD!

Great blessings belong to those *who* fear *and* respect the LORD,

*who* are *happy* to do what *he* commands.

2 Their descendants will be given power on earth.

Those *who* do right will be *greatly* blessed.

3 Their family will be *very rich*,

*and* their goodness will *continue forever*.

I In Hebrew, each line of this psalm begins with the next letter in the alphabet.

4 A *light* shines *in* the *dark* for those *who* are good,

*for* those *who* are *merciful*, kind, and *fair*.

5 It *is* good *for* people *to* be *kind* and *generous*

*and* *to* be *fair* in *business*.

6 Such *good* people *will* never *fall*.

They *will* always be *remembered*.

7 They *will* not be *afraid* of *bad* news.

They *are* confident *because* they *trust* in the LORD.

8 They *remain* confident and *without* fear, so *they* defeat their enemies.

9 They *freely* give *to* the poor.

Their *goodness* will *continue forever*.

They *will* be *honored* with *victory*.

10 The *wicked* become *angry* when *they* see *this*.

They *grind* their teeth *in* anger, but *then* they disappear.

They *will* never get what *they* want most.

**113** Praise the LORD!



Servants |strong="H5650" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", praise |strong="H1984" him |strong="H0853"!

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034".

2 May |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" be |strong="H1961" praised |strong="H1288"

now |strong="H6258" and |strong="H3068" forever |strong="H5769".

3 May |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" be |strong="H8034" praised |strong="H1984"

from |strong="H5704" where the |strong="H3068" sun |strong="H8121" rises to |strong="H5704" where it |strong="H5704" goes down.

4 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" higher |strong="H7311" than |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471".

His |strong="H3605" glory |strong="H3519" rises to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" skies |strong="H5921".

5 There |strong="H3427" is |strong="H3068" no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H4310" like |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

He |strong="H0430" sits |strong="H3427" on |strong="H3427" his |strong="H3068" throne high |strong="H1361" in |strong="H3427" heaven.

6 He |strong="H7200" is |strong="H0776" so |strong="H7200" high above us |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" he |strong="H7200" must |strong="H0776" look |strong="H7200" down |strong="H8213"

to |strong="H0776" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" sky |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H7200" earth |strong="H0776".

7 He lifts |strong="H7311" the |strong="H6965" poor |strong="H0034" out |strong="H6965" of |strong="H6083" the |strong="H6965" dirt |strong="H6083"

and |strong="H6965" rescues beggars from |strong="H6965" the |strong="H6965" garbage dump.

8 He puts them |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" important positions,

giving them |strong="H3427" a |strong="H3427" place among |strong="H5973" the |strong="H5973" leaders of |strong="H3427" his |strong="H3427" people |strong="H5971".

9 He |strong="H1004" gives children |strong="H1121" to |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3050" woman |strong="H6135" whose |strong="H1121" home |strong="H1004" is |strong="H1121" empty.

He |strong="H1004" makes |strong="H3427" her a |strong="H3427" happy |strong="H8056" mother |strong="H0517".

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3050" LORD |strong="H3050"!

114 The |strong="H3318" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" escaped |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" Egypt |strong="H4714".

Yes, Jacob's |strong="H3290" descendants |strong="H3318" left |strong="H3318" that |strong="H3478" foreign country.

2 Then |strong="H1961" Judah |strong="H3063" became |strong="H1961" God's special people, and |strong="H3063" Israel |strong="H3478" became |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" kingdom |strong="H4475".

3 The |strong="H7200" Red Sea |strong="H3220" saw |strong="H7200" this and |strong="H7200" ran |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127".

The |strong="H7200" Jordan |strong="H3383" River turned |strong="H5437" and |strong="H7200" ran |strong="H5127".

4 The |strong="H1121" mountains |strong="H2022" danced like |strong="H7540" rams |strong="H0352".

The |strong="H1121" hills |strong="H1389" danced like |strong="H7540" lambs |strong="H6629".

5 Red Sea |strong="H3220", why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5437"?

Jordan |strong="H3383" River |strong="H3588", why |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3588" turn |strong="H5437" and |strong="H3220" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5437"?

6 Mountains |strong="H2022", why did you |strong="H2022" dance |strong="H7540" like |strong="H7540" rams |strong="H0352"?

Hills |strong="H1389", why did you |strong="H2022" dance |strong="H7540" like |strong="H7540" lambs |strong="H6629"?

7 The |strong="H6440" earth |strong="H0776" shook in |strong="H0776" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H0113",

the |strong="H6440" God |strong="H0433" of |strong="H0776" Jacob |strong="H3290".

8 He |strong="H4325" is |strong="H4325" the |strong="H2015" one who |strong="H6697" caused water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H4325" flow |strong="H2496" from |strong="H4325" a |strong="H2015" rock |strong="H6697".

He |strong="H4325" made a |strong="H2015" spring |strong="H4599" of |strong="H4325" water |strong="H4325" flow |strong="H2496" from |strong="H4325" that |strong="H4325" hard rock |strong="H6697".

**115** LORD should receive or us  
 LORD, you should receive the honor of us  
 LORD, you should receive the honor of us  
 LORD, you should receive the honor of us

The honor belongs to you because of your love and loyalty.

<sup>2</sup> Why should the nations wonder where God is?

<sup>3</sup> Our God is in heaven,

and he does whatever he wants.

<sup>4</sup> The "gods" of those nations are only statues

that some human made from gold and silver.

<sup>5</sup> Those statues have mouths, but cannot talk.

They have eyes, but cannot see.

<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but cannot hear.

They have noses, but cannot smell.

<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but cannot feel.

They have feet, but cannot walk.

No sounds come from their throats.

<sup>8</sup> The people who and in trust

will become like them!

<sup>9</sup> People of Israel, trust

in the LORD!

He is your strength and shield.

<sup>10</sup> Aaron's family, trust in the LORD!

He is your strength and shield.

<sup>11</sup> Followers of the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is your strength and shield.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD remembers us.

He will bless us.

He will bless Israel.

He will bless Aaron's family.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD will bless his followers, great and small.

<sup>14</sup> May the LORD give more and more to you

and your children.

<sup>15</sup> May you receive blessings from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

<sup>16</sup> Heaven belongs to the LORD,

but he gave earth to people.

<sup>17</sup> The dead don't praise him.

Those in the grave don't

<sup>1</sup> MAY ... THE LORD Or "The LORD welcomes you with a blessing."

praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3050".

18 But |strong="H6258" we |strong="H0587"  
will |strong="H5704" praise |strong="H1984"  
the |strong="H5704" LORD |strong="H3050"  
now |strong="H6258" and |strong="H5769" forev-  
er |strong="H5769"!

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H5704"  
LORD |strong="H3050"!

**116**

I |strong="H3588" love |strong="H0157"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
for |strong="H3588" hearing |strong="H8085"  
me |strong="H6963",

for |strong="H3588" listening |strong="H8085"  
to |strong="H3068" my |strong="H8085" prayers.

2 Yes |strong="H3588", he |strong="H3588" paid at-  
tention |strong="H0241" to |strong="H3117"  
me |strong="H7121",

so |strong="H7121" I |strong="H3588"  
will |strong="H3117" always |strong="H3117"  
call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H3117"  
him |strong="H7121" whenever |strong="H3588"  
I |strong="H3588" need help.

3 Death's ropes |strong="H2256"  
were |strong="H4194" around me |strong="H0661".

The |strong="H4672" grave was closing  
in |strong="H4672" on |strong="H4194"  
me |strong="H0661".

I |strong="H4672" was worried and |strong="H4194"  
afraid.

4 Then |strong="H3068" I |strong="H5315"  
called |strong="H7121" on |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068"  
name |strong="H8034".

I |strong="H5315" said, " LORD |strong="H3068",  
save |strong="H4422" me |strong="H5315"!"

5 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" good and |strong="H3068" merci-  
ful |strong="H2587",

our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
is |strong="H3068" so kind.

6 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" takes  
care |strong="H8104" of |strong="H3068" helpless  
people.

I |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" without  
help |strong="H3467", and |strong="H3068"  
he |strong="H3068" saved |strong="H3467"  
me |strong="H8104".

7 My |strong="H3068" soul |strong="H5315", relax!  
The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" caring for |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H3588".

8 Lord |strong="H2502", you |strong="H3588" saved  
my |strong="H3588" soul |strong="H5315"  
from |strong="H4480" death |strong="H4194".

You |strong="H3588" stopped my |strong="H3588"  
tears |strong="H1832".

You |strong="H3588" kept me |strong="H5315"  
from |strong="H4480" falling.

9 I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" contin-  
ue |strong="H1980" to |strong="H1980"  
serve |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440"  
LORD |strong="H3068"

in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440"  
land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776"  
the |strong="H6440" living |strong="H2416".

10 I |strong="H0589" continued believing  
even |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588"  
I |strong="H0589" said |strong="H1696",

" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" complete-  
ly |strong="H3966" ruined!"

11 Yes, even when |strong="H0559" I |strong="H0589"  
was |strong="H3605" upset and |strong="H0120"  
said |strong="H0559",

" There |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605"  
no |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605"  
I |strong="H0589" can |strong="H0120" trust!"

12 What |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100"  
I |strong="H4100" give |strong="H7725"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"

for |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605"  
that |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3068"  
has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H3605"  
for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H7725"?

13 He |strong="H3068" saved me |strong="H7121",  
so |strong="H7121" I |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5375"  
him |strong="H7121" a |strong="H5375" drink offer-  
ing |strong="H3068",

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" call |strong="H7121"  
on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034".

14 I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
give |strong="H4994" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" what |strong="H7999"  
I |strong="H3068" promised |strong="H3068".

I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
go |strong="H4994" in |strong="H3068"  
front |strong="H5048" of |strong="H3068"  
all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" now |strong="H4994".

15 Very dear to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068" are |strong="H5869"  
the |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H4194"  
of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" follow-  
ers |strong="H2623".

He |strong="H3068" cares when |strong="H3068"  
they |strong="H3068" face |strong="H5869"  
death |strong="H4194".

16 LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3068" ser-  
vant |strong="H5650"!

Yes |strong="H3588", I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3068"

slave/strong="H5650", as/strong="H3068" my/strong="H3068" mother was/strong="H3068".

You/strong="H3588" set me/strong="H0589" free from/strong="H1121" the/strong="H3588" chains/strong="H4147" of/strong="H1121" death.

<sup>17</sup> I/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" give you/strong="H7121" a/strong="H7121" thank/strong="H8426" offering/strong="H2076".

I/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" call/strong="H7121" on/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3068" LORD'S/strong="H3068" name/strong="H8034".

<sup>18</sup> I/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" stand before/strong="H5048" the/strong="H3605" gathering of/strong="H3068" his/strong="H3605" people/strong="H5971"

and/strong="H3068" give/strong="H4994" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" what/strong="H7999" I/strong="H3068" promised/strong="H3068".

<sup>19</sup> I/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" do this/strong="H3068" in/strong="H3068" Jerusalem/strong="H3389",

in/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3068" courtyards/strong="H2691" of/strong="H1004" the/strong="H3068" LORD'S/strong="H3068" Temple/strong="H1004".

Praise/strong="H1984" the/strong="H3068" LORD/strong="H3068"!

**117** Praise/strong="H1984" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068", all/strong="H3605" you/strong="H3605" nations/strong="H1471".

Praise/strong="H1984" him/strong="H0853", all/strong="H3605" you/strong="H3605" people/strong="H1471".

<sup>2</sup> He/strong="H3588" loves us/strong="H5921" very much/strong="H5921"!

The/strong="H5921" LORD/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" be/strong="H3068" faithful/strong="H2617" to/strong="H5921" us/strong="H5921" forever/strong="H5769"!

Praise/strong="H1984" the/strong="H5921" LORD/strong="H3068"!

**118** Praise/strong="H3034" the/strong="H3588" LORD/strong="H3068" because/strong="H3588" he/strong="H3588" is/strong="H3068" good/strong="H2896"!

His/strong="H3068" faithful/strong="H2617" love/strong="H2617" will/strong="H3068" last/strong="H5769" forever/strong="H5769"!

<sup>2</sup> Israel/strong="H3478", say/strong="H0559" it/strong="H3588":

"His/strong="H3588" faithful/strong="H2617" love/strong="H2617" will/strong="H3478" last/strong="H5769" forever/strong="H5769"!"

<sup>3</sup> Aaron's/strong="H0175" family/strong="H1004", I say/strong="H0559" it/strong="H3588":

I AARON'S FAMILY That is, the priests.

"His/strong="H3588" faithful/strong="H2617" love/strong="H2617" will/strong="H1004"

last/strong="H5769" forever/strong="H5769"!"

<sup>4</sup> You/strong="H3588" people worshiping the/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068", say/strong="H0559" it/strong="H3588":

"His/strong="H3068" faithful/strong="H2617" love/strong="H2617" will/strong="H3068" last/strong="H5769" forever/strong="H5769"!"

<sup>5</sup> I/strong="H4480" was in/strong="H7121" trouble, so/strong="H4480" I/strong="H4480" called/strong="H7121" to/strong="H7121" the/strong="H4480" LORD/strong="H3050" for/strong="H7121" help/strong="H6030".

The/strong="H4480" LORD/strong="H3050" answered/strong="H6030" and/strong="H7121" made/strong="H7121" me/strong="H4480" free.

<sup>6</sup> The/strong="H3068" LORD/strong="H3068" is/strong="H3068" with/strong="H3068" me/strong="H3808", so/strong="H6213" I/strong="H3808" will/strong="H3068" not/strong="H3808" be/strong="H3808" afraid/strong="H3372".

No/strong="H3808" one/strong="H0120" on/strong="H3068" earth can/strong="H4100" do/strong="H6213" anything/strong="H4100" to/strong="H3068" harm me/strong="H3808".

<sup>7</sup> The/strong="H7200" LORD/strong="H3068" is/strong="H3068" my/strong="H3068" helper/strong="H5826".

I/strong="H0589" will/strong="H3068" see/strong="H7200" my/strong="H3068" enemies/strong="H8130" defeated.

<sup>8</sup> It/strong="H3068" is/strong="H3068" better/strong="H2896" to/strong="H3068" trust/strong="H0982" in/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3068" LORD/strong="H3068" than/strong="H2896" to/strong="H3068" trust/strong="H0982" in/strong="H3068" people/strong="H0120".

<sup>9</sup> It/strong="H3068" is/strong="H3068" better/strong="H2896" to/strong="H3068" trust/strong="H0982" in/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3068" LORD/strong="H3068" than/strong="H2896" to/strong="H3068" trust/strong="H0982" in/strong="H3068" great/strong="H2896" leaders.

<sup>10</sup> Many enemies surrounded/strong="H5437" me/strong="H5437",

but/strong="H3588" with/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3605" LORD'S/strong="H3068" power I/strong="H3588" defeated them/strong="H4135".

<sup>11</sup> They/strong="H3588" surrounded/strong="H5437" me/strong="H5437" again and/strong="H3068" again,

but/strong="H3588" I/strong="H3588" defeated them/strong="H4135" with/strong="H3068" the/strong="H3588" LORD'S/strong="H3068" power.

12 They|strong="H3588" surround-  
ed|strong="H5437" me|strong="H5437"  
like|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" swarm  
of|strong="H3068" bees|strong="H1682",  
but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588"  
were|strong="H0784" quickly destroyed  
like|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" fast-burning  
bush.

I|strong="H3588" defeated them|strong="H4135"  
with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" power.

13 My|strong="H3068" enemy at-  
tacked|strong="H5307" me|strong="H1760"  
and|strong="H3068" almost destroyed  
me|strong="H1760",

but|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068" helped|strong="H5826"  
me|strong="H1760".

14 The|strong="H1961" LORD|strong="H3050"  
is|strong="H1961" my|strong="H1961"  
strength|strong="H5797" and|strong="H5797"  
my|strong="H1961" reason for|strong="H1961"  
singing.<sup>I</sup>

He|strong="H5797" saved me|strong="H1961".

15 You|strong="H6213" can|strong="H6213"  
hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3068" victo-  
ry|strong="H3444" celebration in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" homes of|strong="H3068" those  
who|strong="H3068" live right|strong="H3225".

The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" shown|strong="H6213"  
his|strong="H3068" great|strong="H2428" pow-  
er|strong="H2428" again!

16 The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" arm  
is|strong="H3068" raised in|strong="H3068" victory.

The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" shown|strong="H6213"  
his|strong="H3068" great|strong="H2428" pow-  
er|strong="H2428" again.

17 I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808"  
live|strong="H2421" and|strong="H4191"  
not|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191",  
and|strong="H4191" I|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5608"  
what|strong="H4639" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3050" has|strong="H3588"  
done|strong="H4639".

18 The|strong="H5414" LORD|strong="H3050" pun-  
ished|strong="H3256" me|strong="H5414",

but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H5414"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
let|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414"  
die|strong="H4194".

19 Gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H8179" good-  
ness, open|strong="H6605" for|strong="H0935"  
me|strong="H0935",

and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0935"  
will|strong="H6664" come|strong="H0935"  
in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" worship  
the|strong="H0935" LORD|strong="H3050".

20 Those|strong="H2088" are|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0935" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
gates|strong="H8179",

and|strong="H0935" only good people  
can|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935"  
through|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0935".

21 Lord, I|strong="H3588" thank|strong="H3034"  
you|strong="H3588" for|strong="H3588" answering  
my|strong="H1961" prayer.

I|strong="H3588" thank|strong="H3034"  
you|strong="H3588" for|strong="H3588" sav-  
ing|strong="H3444" me|strong="H1961".

22 The|strong="H1129" stone|strong="H0068"  
that|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1129"  
builders|strong="H1129" rejected|strong="H3988"  
became|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1129" cor-  
nerstone|strong="H6438".

23 The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
made|strong="H1961" this|strong="H2063" hap-  
pen|strong="H1961",

and|strong="H3068" we|strong="H0854"  
think|strong="H5869" it|strong="H1931"  
is|strong="H3068" wonderful|strong="H6381".

24 This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" day|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213".

Let|strong="H1523" us|strong="H3117" re-  
joice|strong="H8055" and|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" happy|strong="H8055" to-  
day|strong="H3117".

25 The|strong="H3068" people say, "Praise  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".  
The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
saved|strong="H3467" us|strong="H4994".<sup>II</sup>

26 Welcome to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935"  
one|strong="H8034" who|strong="H3068"  
comes|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0935" name|strong="H8034"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0935"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

The|strong="H0935" priests answer, "We welcome  
you|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0935" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
house|strong="H1004".

27 The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0410",  
and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H5704" accepts  
us|strong="H0215".

Tie|strong="H0631" up|strong="H5704"  
the|strong="H3068" lamb for|strong="H4196"

<sup>II</sup> Literally, "LORD, please save us. LORD, please make us successful." This was a shout of victory to honor a king returning after winning a war.

<sup>I</sup> MY REASON FOR SINGING Or "my protection."

the |strong="H3068" sacrifice |strong="H2282"  
and |strong="H3068" carry it |strong="H5704"  
to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3068"  
horns |strong="H7161" of |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196".

28 Lord, you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0430"  
my |strong="H7311" God |strong="H0430",  
and |strong="H0430" I |strong="H7311"  
thank |strong="H3034" you |strong="H0859".

My |strong="H7311" God |strong="H0430",  
I |strong="H7311" praise |strong="H3034"  
you |strong="H0859"!

29 Praise |strong="H3034" the |strong="H3588"  
LORD |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588"  
he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068"  
good |strong="H2896".

His |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617"  
love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068"  
last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

### Aleph <sup>I</sup>

**119** Great blessings belong to |strong="H1980"  
those |strong="H1980" who |strong="H3068"  
live |strong="H1980" pure lives!

They |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H1980"  
the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" teach-  
ings |strong="H8451".

2 Great blessings belong to |strong="H3820"  
those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" follow  
his |strong="H3605" rules |strong="H5713"!

They |strong="H3605" seek |strong="H1875"  
him |strong="H3605" with |strong="H3605"  
all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605"  
heart |strong="H3820".

3 They |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808"  
do |strong="H6466" wrong |strong="H5766".

They |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H1980"  
his |strong="H3808" ways |strong="H1870".

4 Lord, you |strong="H0859" gave |strong="H6680" us  
your |strong="H8104" instructions |strong="H6680"

and |strong="H8104" told |strong="H6680" us  
to |strong="H8104" always obey |strong="H8104"  
them |strong="H6680".

5 How |strong="H1870" I |strong="H3559"  
wish |strong="H0305" I |strong="H3559"  
could |strong="H3559" be |strong="H1870" more faith-  
ful

in |strong="H1870" obeying |strong="H8104"  
your |strong="H8104" laws |strong="H2706"!

6 Then |strong="H0227" I |strong="H0227"  
would |strong="H3605" never |strong="H3808"  
feel |strong="H0954" ashamed |strong="H0954"  
when |strong="H5027" I |strong="H0227"

look |strong="H5027" closely at |strong="H0413"  
your |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687".

**I** ALEPH The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This psalm has a section for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and each of the eight verses in each section begins with the Hebrew letter for its section.

7 The |strong="H3034" more I understand how fair  
your |strong="H3034" laws are |strong="H4941",  
the |strong="H3034" more sincerely I  
will |strong="H3824" praise |strong="H3034"  
you |strong="H3034".

8 I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704"  
obey |strong="H8104" your |strong="H8104"  
laws |strong="H2706",

so |strong="H3966" please don't |strong="H0408"  
leave |strong="H5800" me |strong="H8104"!

### Beth

9 How |strong="H4100" can |strong="H4100"  
a |strong="H4100" young |strong="H5288" person live  
a |strong="H4100" pure |strong="H2135" life?

By obeying |strong="H8104" your |strong="H8104"  
word |strong="H1697".

10 I |strong="H3820" try with |strong="H3605"  
all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605"  
heart |strong="H3820" to |strong="H3820" serve  
you |strong="H3605".

Help me |strong="H1875" obey  
your |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687".

11 I |strong="H3808" study your |strong="H3808"  
teachings very carefully |strong="H3808"

so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H4616"  
I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3820"

not |strong="H3808" sin |strong="H2398"  
against |strong="H2398" you |strong="H3808".

12 LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0859"  
are |strong="H3068" worthy |strong="H1288"  
of |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1288"!

Teach |strong="H3925" me |strong="H1288"  
your |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H2706".

13 I will |strong="H6310" repeat the |strong="H3605"  
laws we |strong="H3605" have |strong="H3605" heard  
from |strong="H8193" you |strong="H3605".

14 I |strong="H5921" enjoy follow-  
ing |strong="H1870" your |strong="H3605"  
rules |strong="H5715"

as much |strong="H3605" as others enjoy great rich-  
es |strong="H1952".

15 I |strong="H7878" will study your instructions.

I |strong="H7878" will give thought  
to |strong="H6490" your way |strong="H0734"  
of |strong="H0734" life.

16 I |strong="H1697" enjoy your |strong="H7911"  
laws.

I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1697"  
not |strong="H3808" forget |strong="H7911"  
your |strong="H7911" word |strong="H1697".

### Gimel

17 Be |strong="H1697" good to |strong="H5921"  
me |strong="H5921", your |strong="H5921" ser-  
vant |strong="H5650",

so |strong="H1697" that |strong="H1697"  
I |strong="H1697" may live |strong="H2421"  
to |strong="H5921" obey |strong="H8104"  
your |strong="H5921" word |strong="H1697".

<sup>18</sup> Open |strong="H1540" my |strong="H1540"  
eyes |strong="H5869" so that |strong="H5869"  
I |strong="H5869" can |strong="H5869"  
see |strong="H5869"

all the |strong="H1540" wonderful |strong="H6381"  
things |strong="H6381" in |strong="H5869"  
your |strong="H1540" teachings |strong="H8451".

<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H0595" feel like |strong="H0776"  
a |strong="H4480" stranger |strong="H1616" visiting  
here on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776".

I |strong="H0595" need to |strong="H0776" know  
your |strong="H5641" commands |strong="H4687".

Don't |strong="H0408" keep |strong="H4687"  
them |strong="H4480" hidden |strong="H5641"  
from |strong="H4480" me |strong="H4480".

<sup>20</sup> I |strong="H5315" constantly feel  
a |strong="H6256" hunger |strong="H5315"  
to |strong="H0413" understand  
your |strong="H3605" laws.

<sup>21</sup> You |strong="H7686" tell the |strong="H1605"  
proud |strong="H2086" how angry  
you |strong="H7686" are |strong="H4687"  
with |strong="H7686" them |strong="H0779".

All those who refuse to |strong="H4687" obey  
your |strong="H1605" word are |strong="H4687"  
cursed |strong="H0779".

<sup>22</sup> Don't let me |strong="H5921" be |strong="H3588"  
ashamed and |strong="H2781" embarrassed.

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" obeyed  
your |strong="H5921" rules |strong="H5713".

<sup>23</sup> Even |strong="H1571" if rulers |strong="H8269"  
say |strong="H1696" bad things  
about |strong="H1696" me |strong="H1696",

I |strong="H7878" am your |strong="H1571" ser-  
vant |strong="H5650",  
and |strong="H5650" I |strong="H7878" continue  
to |strong="H1696" study your |strong="H1571"  
laws |strong="H2706".

<sup>24</sup> Your |strong="H1571" rules |strong="H5713" make  
me happy.

They |strong="H0376" give me good ad-  
vice |strong="H6098".

### Daleth

<sup>25</sup> I |strong="H1697" lie here like |strong="H1697"  
a |strong="H1697" dying man |strong="H5315".

Say |strong="H1697" the |strong="H1697"  
word |strong="H1697", and |strong="H1697"  
I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1697"  
live |strong="H2421" again. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>26</sup> I |strong="H1870" told |strong="H5608"  
you |strong="H3925" about |strong="H1870"

I SAY ... AGAIN Or "Give me life as you promised."

my |strong="H3925" life, and |strong="H1870"  
you |strong="H3925" answered |strong="H6030"  
me |strong="H3925".

Now, teach |strong="H3925" me |strong="H3925"  
your |strong="H3925" laws |strong="H2706".

<sup>27</sup> Help me |strong="H0995" under-  
stand |strong="H0995" your |strong="H0995" instruc-  
tions |strong="H1870",

and |strong="H1870" I |strong="H7878"  
will |strong="H1870" think about |strong="H1870"  
your |strong="H0995" wonderful |strong="H6381"  
teachings |strong="H1870". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>28</sup> I |strong="H1697" am sad and |strong="H6965"  
tired.

Say |strong="H1697" the |strong="H1697"  
word |strong="H1697", and |strong="H6965"  
make |strong="H6965" me |strong="H5315" strong  
again |strong="H6965".

<sup>29</sup> Don't let me |strong="H4480" live |strong="H8451"  
a |strong="H4480" lie |strong="H8267".

Guide me |strong="H4480" with |strong="H1870"  
your |strong="H4480" teachings |strong="H8451".

<sup>30</sup> I |strong="H1870" have chosen |strong="H0977"  
to |strong="H1870" be |strong="H1870" loyal  
to |strong="H1870" you |strong="H1870".

I |strong="H1870" respect your |strong="H1870"  
laws.

<sup>31</sup> I |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" rules |strong="H5715" close-  
ly |strong="H1692", LORD |strong="H3068".

Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408"  
me |strong="H0954" be |strong="H0408"  
put |strong="H0954" to |strong="H3068"  
shame |strong="H0954".

<sup>32</sup> I |strong="H3588" do |strong="H1870"  
my |strong="H3588" best to |strong="H3820" follow  
your |strong="H3588" commands |strong="H4687",  
because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
are |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3588"  
one |strong="H3588" who |strong="H7323" gives  
me |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" desire.

### He |strong="H3588"

<sup>33</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", teach |strong="H3384" me  
your |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H2706",  
and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" always follow |strong="H3068"  
them |strong="H3384".

<sup>34</sup> Help me |strong="H0995" under-  
stand |strong="H0995" your |strong="H3605" teach-  
ings |strong="H8451",

and |strong="H3820" I |strong="H3820"  
will |strong="H3820" follow them |strong="H0995".

Obeying |strong="H8104" them |strong="H0995"  
will |strong="H3820" be |strong="H3820"  
my |strong="H3605" greatest desire.

II TEACHINGS Or "deeds."

35 Help me *strong="H5410"* follow your *strong="H3588"* commands *strong="H4687"*, because *strong="H3588"* that *strong="H3588"* makes me *strong="H5410"* happy.

36 Give *strong="H5186"* me *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* desire to *strong="H0413"* follow your *strong="H5186"* rules *strong="H5715"*, not *strong="H0408"* the *strong="H0413"* desire to *strong="H0413"* get rich.

37 Don't let me *strong="H7200"* look *strong="H7200"* at *strong="H7200"* worthless *strong="H7723"* things.

Help me *strong="H7200"* live *strong="H2421"* your *strong="H7200"* way *strong="H1870"*.

38 Do what *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* promised me *strong="H5650"*, your *strong="H0834"* servant *strong="H5650"*,

so *strong="H6965"* that *strong="H0834"* people *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H0834"* respect you *strong="H0834"*.

39 Take away *strong="H5674"* the *strong="H0834"* shame *strong="H2781"* I *strong="H0834"* fear.

Your *strong="H0834"* laws are *strong="H0834"* good *strong="H2896"*.

40 See *strong="H2009"* how *strong="H2009"* much I *strong="H2009"* want to *strong="H6490"* obey your *strong="H2009"* instructions!

Be good to *strong="H6490"* me *strong="H2421"*, and *strong="H6666"* let me *strong="H2421"* live *strong="H2421"*.

### Waw

41 LORD *strong="H3068"*, show me *strong="H0935"* your *strong="H3068"* faithful *strong="H2617"* love *strong="H2617"*.

Save me *strong="H0935"*, as *strong="H0935"* you *strong="H0935"* promised *strong="H3068"*.

42 Then *strong="H6030"* I *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H1697"* have *strong="H1697"* an *strong="H3588"* answer *strong="H6030"* for *strong="H3588"* those *strong="H3588"* who *strong="H3588"* make *strong="H3588"* fun of *strong="H1697"* me *strong="H1697"*

for *strong="H3588"* trusting *strong="H0982"* what *strong="H1697"* you *strong="H3588"* say *strong="H1697"*.

43 Let *strong="H0408"* me *strong="H1697"* always say *strong="H6310"* what *strong="H1697"* is *strong="H1697"* true *strong="H0571"*.

I *strong="H3588"* depend on *strong="H1697"* your *strong="H3588"* judgment *strong="H4941"* to *strong="H5704"* be *strong="H0408"* fair.

44 I will *strong="H8451"* follow your *strong="H8104"* teachings *strong="H8451"* forever *strong="H5769"* and *strong="H5769"* ever *strong="H5703"*.

45 So *strong="H1980"* I *strong="H3588"* will live *strong="H1980"* in *strong="H1980"* freedom,

because *strong="H3588"* I *strong="H3588"* do my *strong="H3588"* best to *strong="H1980"* know your *strong="H3588"* instructions.

46 I *strong="H3808"* will *strong="H4428"* discuss *strong="H1696"* your *strong="H3808"* rules *strong="H4428"* with *strong="H1696"* kings *strong="H4428"*,

and *strong="H4428"* no *strong="H3808"* one *strong="H3808"* will *strong="H4428"* embarrass me *strong="H5048"*.

47 What *strong="H0834"* joy your *strong="H0834"* commands *strong="H4687"* give me *strong="H0834"*!

How *strong="H0834"* I *strong="H0834"* love *strong="H0157"* them *strong="H0157"*!

48 Not only do I *strong="H0834"* love *strong="H0157"* your *strong="H0834"* commands *strong="H4687"*, but *strong="H4687"* I *strong="H0834"* also *strong="H0834"* honor them *strong="H0413"*.

I *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H0834"* study your *strong="H0834"* laws *strong="H2706"*.

### Zain

49 Remember *strong="H2142"* your *strong="H5921"* promise *strong="H1697"* to *strong="H5921"* me *strong="H5921"*, your *strong="H5921"* servant *strong="H5650"*.

It *strong="H5921"* gives me *strong="H5921"* hope *strong="H3176"*.

50 You *strong="H3588"* comfort *strong="H5165"* me *strong="H3588"* in *strong="H3588"* my *strong="H3588"* suffering *strong="H6040"*, because *strong="H3588"* your *strong="H3588"* promise *strong="H0565"* gives me *strong="H3588"* new life *strong="H2421"*.

51 People *strong="H3808"* full of *strong="H8451"* pride are *strong="H3808"* always making fun of *strong="H8451"* me *strong="H3808"*, but *strong="H3808"* I *strong="H5704"* have *strong="H2086"* not *strong="H3808"* stopped following your *strong="H5186"* teachings *strong="H8451"*.

52 I *strong="H2142"* remember *strong="H2142"* the *strong="H3068"* laws you *strong="H2142"* gave us *strong="H5162"* long *strong="H5769"* ago *strong="H5769"*, LORD *strong="H3068"*, and *strong="H3068"* they *strong="H3068"* bring *strong="H2142"* me *strong="H2142"* comfort *strong="H5162"*.

53 I am overcome with *strong="H0270"* anger when I see wicked *strong="H7563"* people *strong="H5800"*, who *strong="H7563"* have *strong="H7563"* stopped following your teachings *strong="H8451"*.

54 Your *strong="H1961"* laws *strong="H2706"* are *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H1961"* songs *strong="H2158"* I *strong="H1961"* sing wherever I *strong="H1961"* am *strong="H1961"* living.



55 LORD |strong="H3068", in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915" I |strong="H2142" remembered |strong="H2142" your |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H2142" obeyed |strong="H8104" your |strong="H3068" teachings |strong="H8451".

56 This |strong="H2063" happened |strong="H1961" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" carefully obey your |strong="H3588" instructions.

### Heth

57 LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H1697" decided |strong="H0559" that |strong="H1697" my |strong="H8104" duty |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" obey |strong="H8104" your |strong="H3068" commandments |strong="H1697".

58 I |strong="H3820" beg you |strong="H3605" with |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3820", be |strong="H3820" kind |strong="H2470" to |strong="H3820" me |strong="H6440", as |strong="H6440" you |strong="H3605" promised.

59 I |strong="H1870" thought |strong="H2803" very carefully about |strong="H0413" my |strong="H7725" life,

and |strong="H7725" I |strong="H1870" decided to |strong="H0413" follow |strong="H7272" your |strong="H7725" rules |strong="H5713".

60 Without |strong="H3808" wasting any |strong="H3808" time,

I |strong="H3808" hurried back to |strong="H8104" obey |strong="H8104" your |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H4687".

61 The |strong="H7911" wicked |strong="H7563" tried to |strong="H3808" trap me |strong="H7911", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3808" have |strong="H7563" not |strong="H3808" forgotten |strong="H7911" your |strong="H7911" teachings |strong="H8451".

62 In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" middle of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" night |strong="H3915", I |strong="H5921" get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" to |strong="H5921" thank |strong="H3034" you |strong="H5921"

because |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" laws are |strong="H4941" so |strong="H6965" fair.

63 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H0834" friend to |strong="H8104" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" worships you |strong="H0834".

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H0834" friend to |strong="H8104" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" obeys your |strong="H3605" instructions |strong="H8104".

64 LORD |strong="H3068", your |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" fills |strong="H4390" the |strong="H3068" earth |strong="H0776".

Teach |strong="H3925" me |strong="H3925" your |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H2706".

### Teth

65 LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H5973" did |strong="H6213" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H1697" for |strong="H3068" me |strong="H5973", your |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650".

You |strong="H5973" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H1697" you |strong="H5973" promised |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213".

66 Give me |strong="H3925" the |strong="H3588" knowledge |strong="H1847" to |strong="H3925" make |strong="H3588" wise decisions.

I |strong="H3588" trust |strong="H0539" your |strong="H3588" commands |strong="H4687".

67 Before |strong="H2962" I |strong="H0589" suffered, I |strong="H0589" did |strong="H8104" many wrong things.

But |strong="H6258" now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H0589" carefully |strong="H8104" obey |strong="H8104" everything you |strong="H8104" say.

68 You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" good |strong="H2896", and |strong="H2706" you |strong="H0859" do good |strong="H2896" things.

Teach |strong="H3925" me |strong="H3925" your |strong="H0859" laws |strong="H2706".

69 People |strong="H3820" full |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" pride made |strong="H3605" up |strong="H5921" lies |strong="H8267" about |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921".

But |strong="H0589" I |strong="H0589" keep |strong="H5341" obeying your |strong="H3605" instructions with |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3820".

70 Those |strong="H2459" people |strong="H3820" are |strong="H3820" so |strong="H0589" stupid that |strong="H2459" they |strong="H3820" care for |strong="H3820" nothing,

but |strong="H0589" I |strong="H0589" enjoy studying your teachings |strong="H8451".

71 Suffering was good |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H3925";

I |strong="H3588" learned |strong="H3925" your |strong="H3588" laws |strong="H2706".

72 Your |strong="H3701" teachings |strong="H8451" are |strong="H6310" worth more |strong="H2091" to |strong="H6310" me

than |strong="H2896" a |strong="H6310" thousand |strong="H0505" pieces of |strong="H6310" sil-

ver|strong="H3701" and|strong="H3701"  
gold|strong="H2091".

## Yod

73 With|strong="H3027" your|strong="H3559"  
hands|strong="H3027" you|strong="H6213"  
made|strong="H6213" me|strong="H0995"  
and|strong="H3027" helped|strong="H3027"  
me|strong="H0995" become what|strong="H3559"  
I|strong="H3559" am.

Now|strong="H3027" help me|strong="H0995"  
learn|strong="H3925" and|strong="H3027" under-  
stand|strong="H0995" your|strong="H3559" com-  
mands|strong="H4687".

74 Your|strong="H7200" followers  
will|strong="H1697" see|strong="H7200"  
me|strong="H7200" and|strong="H7200"  
be|strong="H1697" happy|strong="H8055",  
because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" trust  
in|strong="H1697" your|strong="H7200"  
word|strong="H1697".

75 LORD|strong="H3068", I|strong="H3588"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
your|strong="H3068" decisions|strong="H4941"  
are|strong="H3068" fair,

and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588"  
were|strong="H4941" right|strong="H4941"  
to|strong="H3068" punish me|strong="H3045".

76 Now|strong="H4994" comfort|strong="H5162"  
me|strong="H4994" with|strong="H1961"  
your|strong="H4994" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617",

as|strong="H1961" you|strong="H1961" promised.

77 Comfort me|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935"  
let me|strong="H0935" live|strong="H2421".

I|strong="H3588" enjoy your|strong="H0935"  
teachings|strong="H8451".

78 Bring shame|strong="H0954" on|strong="H6490"  
those|strong="H3588" proud|strong="H2086" people  
who|strong="H3588" lied about me|strong="H0589".

All|strong="H0954" I|strong="H0589" want  
to|strong="H0954" do|strong="H0589"  
is|strong="H3588" study your|strong="H3588" in-  
structions.

79 Let your|strong="H3045" followers  
come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H7725" me|strong="H7725"

so|strong="H7725" that|strong="H3045" they  
may|strong="H7725" learn|strong="H3045"  
your|strong="H3045" rules|strong="H5713".

80 Let|strong="H1961" me|strong="H1961" obey  
your|strong="H1961" laws|strong="H2706" perfectly  
so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H4616"

I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961"  
not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961"  
ashamed|strong="H0954".

## Kaph

81 I|strong="H1697" feel weaker  
and|strong="H1697" weaker as|strong="H1697"  
I|strong="H1697" wait|strong="H3176"  
for|strong="H5315" you|strong="H5315"  
to|strong="H1697" save|strong="H5315"  
me|strong="H5315".

But I|strong="H1697" put|strong="H3615"  
my|strong="H3615" trust in|strong="H5315"  
your|strong="H1697" word|strong="H1697".

82 I|strong="H0559" keep looking  
for|strong="H5869" what you|strong="H3615"  
promised|strong="H0559", but|strong="H0559"  
my|strong="H3615" eyes|strong="H5869"  
are|strong="H5869" feeling tired.

When|strong="H4970" will|strong="H5869"  
you|strong="H3615" comfort|strong="H5162"  
me|strong="H3615"?

83 Even|strong="H3588" when|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" dried wine-  
skin|strong="H4997" on|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H3588" trash pile,

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
not|strong="H3808" forget|strong="H7911"  
your|strong="H3588" laws|strong="H2706".

84 How|strong="H4100" long|strong="H3117" must  
I|strong="H3117" wait for|strong="H4941"  
you|strong="H3117"

to|strong="H3117" punish those|strong="H7291"  
who|strong="H5650" persecute|strong="H7291"  
me|strong="H5650"?

85 Proud|strong="H2086" people|strong="H0834"  
have|strong="H0834" tried to|strong="H0834" trap  
me|strong="H3808"

and|strong="H8451" make me|strong="H3808" dis-  
obey your|strong="H0834" teach-  
ings|strong="H8451".

86 All|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" com-  
mands|strong="H4687" can be|strong="H3605" trust-  
ed.

Those|strong="H3605" people are|strong="H4687"  
wrong to|strong="H3605" persecute|strong="H7291"  
me|strong="H7291".

Help|strong="H5826" me|strong="H7291"!

87 They|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0776" al-  
most|strong="H4592" destroyed|strong="H3615"  
me|strong="H0589",

but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0589"  
have|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" stopped  
obeying your|strong="H3808" instructions.

88 Show me|strong="H8104" your|strong="H8104"  
faithful|strong="H2617" love|strong="H2617"  
and|strong="H6310" let me|strong="H8104"  
live|strong="H2421".

I will|strong="H6310" do|strong="H8104" whatever  
you|strong="H8104" say|strong="H6310".

## Lamedh

<sup>89</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", your |strong="H3068" word |strong="H1697" continues forever |strong="H5769" in |strong="H3068" heaven |strong="H8064".

<sup>90</sup> You |strong="H0776" are |strong="H0776" loyal forever |strong="H1755" and |strong="H0776" ever.

You |strong="H0776" made |strong="H3559" the |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0776" it |strong="H3559" still |strong="H5975" stands |strong="H5975".

<sup>91</sup> All |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" continue |strong="H5975" today |strong="H3117" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3605" laws.

Like |strong="H4941" slaves |strong="H5650", they |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" obey you |strong="H3588".

<sup>92</sup> If |strong="H3884" I |strong="H0227" had not found joy in |strong="H8451" your |strong="H0006" teachings |strong="H8451",

my |strong="H0227" suffering |strong="H6040" would have |strong="H8451" destroyed |strong="H0006" me.

<sup>93</sup> I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" forget |strong="H7911" your |strong="H3588" commands,

because |strong="H3588" through |strong="H3588" them |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" gave me |strong="H7911" new life |strong="H2421".

<sup>94</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" yours, so |strong="H0589" save |strong="H3467" me |strong="H0589"!

I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0589" done my |strong="H3588" best to |strong="H1875" know your |strong="H3588" instructions.

<sup>95</sup> The |strong="H0995" wicked |strong="H7563" tried to |strong="H7563" destroy |strong="H0006" me |strong="H0995",

but |strong="H7563" your |strong="H0006" rules |strong="H5713" made me |strong="H0995" wise.

<sup>96</sup> Everything |strong="H3605" has |strong="H3605" its |strong="H3605" limits,

except your |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H4687".

## Mem

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how |strong="H4100" I |strong="H3117" love |strong="H0157" your |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451"!

I |strong="H3117" talk about |strong="H3605" them |strong="H0157" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117".

<sup>98</sup> Your |strong="H3588" commands |strong="H4687" are |strong="H4687" al-

ways |strong="H5769" with |strong="H3588" me |strong="H0341",

and |strong="H5769" they |strong="H3588" make |strong="H2449" me |strong="H0341" wiser |strong="H2449" than |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H0341".

<sup>99</sup> I |strong="H3588" am wiser than |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" teachers |strong="H3925",

because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" study your |strong="H3605" rules |strong="H5715".

<sup>100</sup> I |strong="H3588" understand |strong="H0995" more |strong="H3588" than |strong="H3588" those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0995" older |strong="H2205",

because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" obey your |strong="H3588" instructions.

<sup>101</sup> I |strong="H1697" have |strong="H1697" avoided every |strong="H3605" path |strong="H0734" that |strong="H3605" leads to |strong="H8104" evil |strong="H7451"

so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H3605" I |strong="H1697" could |strong="H1697" obey |strong="H8104" your |strong="H3605" word |strong="H1697".

<sup>102</sup> You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H4941" my |strong="H5493" teacher |strong="H3384",

so |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" always do |strong="H5493" whatever you |strong="H0859" decide |strong="H4941".

<sup>103</sup> Your |strong="H4100" words |strong="H6310" are |strong="H4100" so |strong="H6310" sweet |strong="H4452" to |strong="H6310" me |strong="H4100",

like the |strong="H4100" taste |strong="H2441" of |strong="H6310" honey |strong="H1706"!

<sup>104</sup> I |strong="H3651" gain |strong="H0995" understanding |strong="H0995" from |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3605" instructions,

so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" hate |strong="H8130" anything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" leads people the |strong="H3605" wrong way |strong="H0734".

## Nun

<sup>105</sup> Your |strong="H1697" word |strong="H1697" is |strong="H1697" like |strong="H7272" a |strong="H7272" lamp |strong="H5216"

that |strong="H1697" guides my |strong="H7272" steps |strong="H7272",

a |strong="H7272" light |strong="H0216" that |strong="H1697" shows the |strong="H1697" path |strong="H5410" I |strong="H1697" should take.

<sup>106</sup> Your |strong="H8104" laws are |strong="H6965" fair.

I |strong="H6965" have |strong="H8104" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H8104" obey |strong="H8104" them |strong="H7650",

and I will keep my promise.  
 107 LORD, I have suffered a long time.

Say the word I will live again!

108 LORD, accept the praise I want to give you,

and teach me your laws.

109 My life is in danger, but I have forgotten your teachings.

110 The wicked try to trap me, but I have not disobeyed your instructions.

111 The rules you have given me to follow will be mine forever.

They give me great joy.

112 More than anything I obey your laws, until the end of my life.

### Samekh

113 Lord, I hate those who are not completely loyal to you, but I love your teachings.

114 Hide me and protect me.

I trust what you say.

I SAY ... AGAIN Or "Give me life as you promised."

115 Don't come near me, you who are evil, so I can obey God's commands.

116 Support me, Lord, as you promised, and I will live.

I trust in you, so don't disappoint me.

117 Help me and I will be saved.

And I will always give attention to your laws.

118 You reject all who who don't obey your laws,

because they are liars and did not do what they said.

119 You throw away the wicked of this world like trash.

So I love your rules.

120 I am shaking with fear before you.

I fear and respect your judgments.

### Ain

121 I have done what is right and good.

Don't let me fall into the hands of those who want to hurt me.

122 Promise to be good to me, your servant.

Don't let those proud people do harm to me.

123 I have worn out my eyes looking for your help,

waiting for you to save me, as you promised.

124 Show your faithful love to me, your servant.

Teach me your laws.

125 I am your servant.

Give me wisdom to understand your rules.

126 LORD, it is your time for action.

The people do what is against your teachings.

127 I love your commands more than gold,

more than the purest gold.

128 I carefully obey all your commands.

So I hate anything that leads people the wrong way.

### Pe

129 Lord, your rules are wonderful.

That is why I follow them.

130 As people understand your word, it brings light to their lives.

Your word makes even simple people wise.

131 My desire to hear your commands is so strong

that I wait with an open mouth, gasping for breath.

132 Look at me, and be kind to me, just as you always are to those who love your name.

133 Guide me, as you promised.

Don't let evil rule over me.

134 Save me from those who want to hurt me, and I will obey your instructions.

135 Accept your servant, and teach me your laws.

136 I have cried a river of tears

because people don't obey your teachings.

### Tsadhe

137 LORD, you do what is right,

and your decisions are fair.

138 The you have given us are right.

We can trust them completely.

139 Something that really upsets me is your thought

that my enemies ignore your commands.

140 I love your word

Time and again it has been proven true.

<sup>141</sup> I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" young |strong="H6810", and |strong="H0959" people |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" respect me |strong="H7911".

But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0595" have |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" forgotten |strong="H7911" your |strong="H7911" instructions.

<sup>142</sup> Your |strong="H6666" goodness is |strong="H6664" forever |strong="H5769", and |strong="H5769" your |strong="H6666" teachings |strong="H8451" can be |strong="H5769" trusted.

<sup>143</sup> Even though I |strong="H4672" have |strong="H4672" troubles and |strong="H4687" hard times,

your |strong="H4672" commands |strong="H4687" give me |strong="H4672" joy.

<sup>144</sup> Your |strong="H0995" rules |strong="H5715" are |strong="H5715" always |strong="H5769" right |strong="H6664".

Help me |strong="H0995" understand |strong="H0995" them |strong="H0995" so that |strong="H0995" I can live |strong="H2421".

## Qoph

<sup>145</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3068" call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3605" with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3820".

Answer |strong="H6030" me |strong="H7121", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" obey your |strong="H3068" laws |strong="H2706".

<sup>146</sup> I |strong="H7121" call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H8104" you |strong="H3467".

Save |strong="H3467" me |strong="H7121", and |strong="H7121" I |strong="H7121" will |strong="H7121" obey |strong="H8104" your |strong="H8104" rules |strong="H5713".

<sup>147</sup> I |strong="H1697" get up early in |strong="H1697" the |strong="H1697" morning to |strong="H1697" pray to |strong="H1697" you |strong="H1697".

I |strong="H1697" trust what |strong="H1697" you |strong="H1697" say |strong="H1697".

<sup>148</sup> Late into the |strong="H5869" night I |strong="H7878" stay awake to |strong="H5869" think |strong="H5869" about your |strong="H5869" word |strong="H0565".

<sup>149</sup> I |strong="H3068" know your |strong="H3068" love |strong="H2617" is |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068", so |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" me |strong="H6963".

LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H6963" always do |strong="H8085" what |strong="H6963" is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H4941",

so |strong="H8085" let me |strong="H6963" live |strong="H2421".

<sup>150</sup> Here come |strong="H7126" those |strong="H7126" who have |strong="H7291" evil |strong="H2154" plans |strong="H2154" to |strong="H7126" hurt me |strong="H7291".

They live |strong="H8451" far |strong="H7368" away |strong="H7368" from |strong="H7368" your |strong="H7126" teachings |strong="H8451".

<sup>151</sup> But |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" near |strong="H7138" me |strong="H0859", LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H4687" can be |strong="H3068" trusted.

<sup>152</sup> Long |strong="H5769" ago |strong="H5769", I |strong="H3588" learned |strong="H3045" from |strong="H6924" your |strong="H3045" rules |strong="H5769"

that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" made |strong="H3045" them |strong="H6924" to |strong="H3045" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

## Resh

<sup>153</sup> Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" my |strong="H7200" suffering |strong="H6040" and |strong="H7200" rescue me |strong="H7200".

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H7200" not |strong="H3808" forgotten |strong="H7911" your |strong="H7200" teachings |strong="H8451".

<sup>154</sup> Argue |strong="H7378" my |strong="H7378" case |strong="H7379", and |strong="H7379" set me |strong="H7379" free.

Let |strong="H1350" me |strong="H7379" live |strong="H2421", as you |strong="H1350" promised.

<sup>155</sup> The |strong="H3588" wicked |strong="H7563" have |strong="H7563" no |strong="H3808" hope of |strong="H1875" being saved,

because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" follow your |strong="H3588" laws |strong="H2706".

<sup>156</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H7356" are |strong="H3068" very |strong="H7227" kind |strong="H4941".

You |strong="H7356" always do what |strong="H4941" is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H4941", so let me |strong="H4941" live |strong="H2421".

<sup>157</sup> I |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" many |strong="H7227" enemies trying to |strong="H3808" hurt me |strong="H7291",

but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" stopped following your |strong="H5186" rules |strong="H5715".

<sup>158</sup> I |strong="H0834" look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" those |strong="H0834" traitors

and I hate what they see, because they refuse to do what you say.  
 159 See how much I love your instructions! LORD, I know your love is true, so let me live!  
 160 Every word you say can be trusted.  
 Your laws are fair and will last forever.

## Shin

161 Powerful leaders attack me for no reason, but the only thing I fear is your command.  
 162 Your word makes me happy, like someone who has found a great treasure.  
 163 I hate lies; they make me sick! But I love your teachings.  
 164 Seven times a day I praise you because your laws are fair.  
 165 Those who love your teachings will find true peace.  
 Nothing can make them fall.  
 166 LORD, I am waiting for you to save me.  
 I obey your commands.  
 167 I follow your rules.

I love very much.  
 168 I obey all your instructions and rules, because you know everything I do.

## Taw

169 LORD, listen to my cry for help. Make me wise, as you promised.  
 170 Listen to my prayer. Save me, as you promised.  
 171 I will burst into songs of praise, because you have taught me your laws.  
 172 Let my voice sing about your word, because all your commands are good.  
 173 I have chosen to follow your instructions, so you can reach out and help me!  
 174 LORD, I want you to save me. Your teachings make me happy.  
 175 Let me live and praise you. Let me find the help I need in your laws.  
 176 I have wandered away like lost sheep. Come and find me.

I |strong="H3588" am your |strong="H3588" servant |strong="H5650",  
and |strong="H5650" I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5650" not |strong="H3808" forgotten |strong="H7911" your |strong="H3588" commands |strong="H4687".

A song for going up to the Temple.

**120** I |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0413" trouble |strong="H6869".  
I |strong="H3068" called |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H7121" help |strong="H6030",  
and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" answered |strong="H6030" me |strong="H0413".  
<sup>2</sup> I |strong="H5315" said, " LORD |strong="H3068", save |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315" from |strong="H5315" liars |strong="H8267",  
from |strong="H5315" those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H3068" say things that |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" not |strong="H5315" true |strong="H3068"."

<sup>3</sup> Liars, do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5414" know what |strong="H4100" the |strong="H5414" Lord has |strong="H4100" for |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414"?

Do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5414" know what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" get?

<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H5973" will |strong="H2671" get a soldier's sharp |strong="H8150" arrow |strong="H2671"

and |strong="H1368" hot |strong="H1513" coals |strong="H1513" to |strong="H5973" punish you |strong="H5973".

<sup>5</sup> How |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" hate living |strong="H1481" here among |strong="H5973" these people!

It's like |strong="H5973" living |strong="H1481" in |strong="H7931" Meshech |strong="H4902" or |strong="H3588" in |strong="H7931" the |strong="H3588" tents |strong="H0168" of |strong="H0168" Kedar |strong="H6938". <sup>I</sup>

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H5315" have |strong="H7965" lived |strong="H5315" too |strong="H7227" long |strong="H5315"

with |strong="H5973" those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H5315" hate |strong="H8130" peace |strong="H7965".

<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H0589" ask for |strong="H3588" peace |strong="H7965",

but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" want war |strong="H4421".

A song for going up to the Temple.

<sup>I</sup> MESHECH ... KEDAR Places where the people were known as wild and savage fighters.

**121** I |strong="H0935" look |strong="H5869" up |strong="H5375" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" hills |strong="H2022",  
but |strong="H0935" where |strong="H0370" will |strong="H5869" my |strong="H0935" help |strong="H5828" really come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935"?

<sup>2</sup> My |strong="H3068" help |strong="H5828" will |strong="H3068" come from |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068",  
the |strong="H3068" Creator of |strong="H0776" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" earth |strong="H0776".

<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" not |strong="H0408" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" fall.

Your |strong="H5414" Protector |strong="H8104" will |strong="H5414" not |strong="H0408" fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Israel's |strong="H3478" Protector |strong="H3478" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" get tired.

He |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" sleeps |strong="H3462".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" Protector |strong="H8104".

The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" stands by |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" side |strong="H3225", shading and |strong="H3068" protecting you |strong="H5921".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H5221" sun |strong="H8121" cannot |strong="H3808" harm |strong="H5221" you |strong="H3808" during the |strong="H5221" day |strong="H3119",

and |strong="H3915" the |strong="H5221" moon |strong="H3394" cannot |strong="H3808" harm |strong="H5221" you |strong="H3808" at |strong="H3808" night |strong="H3915".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" protect |strong="H8104" you |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5315" every |strong="H3605" danger |strong="H7451".

He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" protect |strong="H8104" your |strong="H3068" soul |strong="H5315".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" protect |strong="H8104" you |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704"

you |strong="H5704" come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" go |strong="H3318", <sup>II</sup>

both now |strong="H6258" and |strong="H0935" forever |strong="H5769".

A song of David for going up to the Temple.

**122** I |strong="H0559" was |strong="H3068" happy |strong="H8055" when |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" people said |strong="H0559",

<sup>II</sup> COME AND GO This may refer to going to war.



" Let *us* go to *the* LORD'S Temple."

<sup>2</sup> Here we are, standing at the gates of Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> This is New Jerusalem!

The city has been rebuilt as one united city.

<sup>4</sup> This is where the tribes who belong to the LORD.

The people of Israel here praise the LORD's name.

<sup>5</sup> The kings from David's family put their thrones here.

They set up their thrones to judge the people.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for peace, Jerusalem!

" May those who love you find peace."

<sup>7</sup> May there be peace within your walls.

May there be safety in your great buildings.

<sup>8</sup> For the good of my family and neighbors,

I will pray that there will be peace here.

<sup>9</sup> For the good of the Temple of the LORD,

LORD our God,

I pray that good things will happen to this city.

A song for going up to the Temple.

**123** Lord, I will look up and pray to you.

You sit as King in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> A slave looks to his master to provide what he needs,

and a servant depends on the woman she serves.

So we depend on the LORD our God,

waiting for him to have mercy on us.

<sup>3</sup> LORD, be merciful to us, because we have been insulted much too long.

<sup>4</sup> We had had enough of hateful words of proud people who

make fun of us and show us no respect.

A song of David for going up to the Temple.

**124** What would have happened to us if the LORD had not been on our side?

Tell us about it, Israel!

<sup>2</sup> What would have happened to us if LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us?

<sup>3</sup> They would have swallowed us alive

when they became with us.

<sup>4</sup> Their armies would have been like a flood washing over us,

like a river drowning us.

<sup>5</sup> Those proud people would have been

like water rising up to our mouth and drowning us.

<sup>6</sup> Praise the LORD!

He did not let our enemies tear us apart.

<sup>7</sup> We escaped like a bird from the net of a hunter.

The net broke, and we escaped!

<sup>8</sup> Our help came from LORD,

the one who made heaven and earth!

A song for going up to the Temple.

**125** Those who trust the LORD are like Mount Zion.

They will never be shaken.

They will continue forever.

<sup>2</sup> Like the mountains surround Jerusalem, the LORD surrounds and protects his people now and forever.

<sup>3</sup> The wicked will not always control the land of those who do right.

If they did those who do right might start doing wrong.

<sup>4</sup> LORD, be good to those who are good,

to those who have pure hearts.

<sup>5</sup> But LORD, LORD, when you punish those who do evil, also punish those who have stopped following your way.

Let Israel always enjoy peace!

A song for going up to the Temple.

**126** It will be a dream when LORD comes back with the captives of Zion.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> We will laugh and sing happy songs!

Then other nations will say,

<sup>1</sup> WHEN ... ZION Or "when the LORD restores Zion." See "Zion" in the Word List.

" The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3068" great |strong="H1431" thing for |strong="H3068" Zion!"

<sup>3</sup> Yes, we |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" happy |strong="H8056" because |strong="H5973" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" did |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1961" great |strong="H1431" thing for |strong="H3068" us |strong="H6213".

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H7725", LORD |strong="H3068", bring |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" good times, like |strong="H7725" a |strong="H3068" desert stream filled again |strong="H7725" with |strong="H3068" flowing water.

<sup>5</sup> Then those who were sad when |strong="H7114" they planted |strong="H2232"

will be happy when |strong="H7114" they gather |strong="H7114" the |strong="H2232" harvest |strong="H7114"!

<sup>6</sup> Those |strong="H1980" who |strong="H1980" cried |strong="H1058" as |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0935" carried |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0935" seeds |strong="H2233"<sup>I</sup> will |strong="H2233" be |strong="H5375" happy when |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0935" crops!

A song from Solomon for going up to the Temple.

**127** If |strong="H0518" it |strong="H0518" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" who |strong="H3068" builds |strong="H1129" a |strong="H1129" house |strong="H1004", the |strong="H3068" builders |strong="H1129" are |strong="H3068" wasting their |strong="H3068" time.

If |strong="H0518" it |strong="H0518" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" who |strong="H3068" watches |strong="H8104" over |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" city |strong="H5892", the |strong="H3068" guards |strong="H8104" are |strong="H3068" wasting their |strong="H3068" time.

<sup>2</sup> It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H3651" a |strong="H5414" waste of |strong="H3427" time to |strong="H5414" get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" early |strong="H7925" and |strong="H6965" stay |strong="H3427" up |strong="H6965" late |strong="H0309", trying to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" living |strong="H3427".

I CARRIED THE SEEDS Or "carried all their possessions."

The |strong="H5414" Lord provides |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3651" those |strong="H0398" he |strong="H3651" loves, even |strong="H3651" while |strong="H3427" they |strong="H3651" are sleeping.

<sup>3</sup> Children |strong="H1121" are |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" gift |strong="H5159"<sup>II</sup> from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068",

a |strong="H3068" reward |strong="H7939" from |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3068" mother's womb |strong="H0990".

<sup>4</sup> A |strong="H3651" young |strong="H1121" man's sons |strong="H1121"

are |strong="H3027" like |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3651" arrows |strong="H2671" in |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3651" soldier's hand |strong="H3027".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0853" man |strong="H1397" who |strong="H0834" fills |strong="H4390" his |strong="H0834" quiver |strong="H0827" with |strong="H0854" sons

will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" very blessed |strong="H0835".

He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" defeated when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" opposes his |strong="H0834" enemy |strong="H0341" at |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H8179" gates |strong="H8179".<sup>III</sup>

A song for going up to the Temple.

**128** Great blessings belong to |strong="H1980" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" fear |strong="H3373" and |strong="H1980" respect the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1980" live |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870" he |strong="H3068" wants.

<sup>2</sup> You |strong="H3588" will get what |strong="H2896" you |strong="H3588" work for |strong="H3588".

You |strong="H3588" will enjoy the |strong="H3588" Lord's blessings, and |strong="H0398" all |strong="H0398" will go well |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>3</sup> At |strong="H1004" home |strong="H1004", your |strong="H5439" wife |strong="H0802" will |strong="H1004" have |strong="H1121" many children |strong="H1121", like |strong="H1004" a |strong="H0802" vine |strong="H1612" full of |strong="H1121" grapes.

The |strong="H5439" children |strong="H1121" around |strong="H5439" your |strong="H5439" table |strong="H7979" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1121" like |strong="H1004" an orchard

II GIFT Literally, "inheritance." This usually means the land God gave to each family in Israel. III CITY GATES This can refer to either a battle to protect the city or to a court case held in this public place.

full of olive trees.

<sup>4</sup> Yes, LORD, will you really bless those who respect him?

<sup>5</sup> May the LORD bless you from Mount Zion.

May you enjoy the blessings of Jerusalem all your life.

<sup>6</sup> And may you live to see your grandchildren.

Let Israel always enjoy peace!

A song for going up to the Temple.

**129** All my life enemies have attacked me.

Say it again, Israel.

<sup>2</sup> All my life enemies have attacked me,

but they have never defeated me.

<sup>3</sup> They beat me until I had deep cuts.

My back looked like a freshly plowed field.

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD does what is right;

he cut the ropes and set me free from those wicked people.

<sup>5</sup> May those who hate Zion be put to shame.

May they be stopped and chased away.

<sup>6</sup> They will be like

grass on a flat roof that dies before it has time to grow.

<sup>7</sup> The one who goes to harvest will not find enough to cut and stack.

<sup>8</sup> May no one walking by those wicked people ever say,

"May the LORD bless you in the name of the LORD!"

We bless you in the name of the LORD!

We bless you in the name of the LORD!

A song for going up to the Temple.

**130** LORD, I am deep in trouble,

so I am calling to you for help.

<sup>2</sup> My Lord, listen to me.

Listen to my cry for help.

<sup>3</sup> LORD, if you punished people for all their sins, no one would be left alive.

<sup>4</sup> But you forgive people, so they fear and respect you.

<sup>5</sup> I am waiting for the LORD to help me.

My soul waits for him.

I trust what he says.

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H5315" am waiting |strong="H8104" for |strong="H5315" my |strong="H8104" Lord |strong="H0136";

like |strong="H5315" a |strong="H8104" guard |strong="H8104" waiting |strong="H8104" and |strong="H1242" waiting |strong="H8104" for |strong="H5315" the |strong="H8104" morning |strong="H1242" to |strong="H8104" come.

<sup>7</sup> Israel |strong="H3478", trust in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068".

The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" one |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" and |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068".

He |strong="H3588" saves us |strong="H0413" again and |strong="H3068" again,

<sup>8</sup> and |strong="H3478" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3478" save the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1931" of |strong="H3605" Israel |strong="H3478" from |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H5771".

A song of David for going up to the Temple.

**131** LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" feel |strong="H5869" proud |strong="H7311".

I |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" see |strong="H5869" myself |strong="H3820" as |strong="H3068" better than |strong="H4480" others.

I |strong="H3808" am |strong="H1980" not |strong="H3808" thinking about |strong="H1980" doing great |strong="H1419" things |strong="H1419" or |strong="H3808" reaching impossible goals.

<sup>2</sup> No |strong="H3808", right now I |strong="H0518" am calm and |strong="H5315" quiet, like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H0518" child |strong="H1580" after |strong="H5921" nursing, content in |strong="H5921" its |strong="H5921" mother's |strong="H0517" arms. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Israel |strong="H3478", trust in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068".

Trust in |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" now |strong="H6258" and |strong="H3068" forever |strong="H5769".

A song for going up to the Temple.

**132** LORD |strong="H3068", remember |strong="H2142" how David |strong="H1732" suffered.

<sup>I</sup> LIKE A CHILD ... ARMS Or "like a baby on its mother's back, like a baby on my back, so is my soul." The metaphor may refer to the custom of a working mother tying her baby on her back after nursing.

<sup>2</sup> He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H5087" a |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834", LORD |strong="H3068",

an |strong="H7650" oath |strong="H7650" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" Mighty |strong="H0046" God |strong="H3068" of |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290".

<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H0518" said, " I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1004" not |strong="H0518" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" my |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004" or |strong="H0518" lie |strong="H5927" down |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" bed |strong="H3326".

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H0518" sleep or |strong="H0518" let |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" eyes |strong="H5869" rest,

<sup>5</sup> until |strong="H5704" I |strong="H5704" find |strong="H4672" a |strong="H4672" home |strong="H4725" for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068", a |strong="H4672" tent for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" Mighty |strong="H0046" God |strong="H3068" of |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290".

<sup>6</sup> We |strong="H8085" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H8085" this |strong="H2009" in |strong="H8085" Ephrathah |strong="H0672". <sup>II</sup> We |strong="H8085" found |strong="H4672" the |strong="H8085" Box of |strong="H7704" the |strong="H8085" Agreement at |strong="H4672" Kiriath Jearim. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Now |strong="H0935", let's go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Lord's house. Let's worship |strong="H7812" at |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" throne. <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>8</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" go |strong="H6965" to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" resting |strong="H4496" place |strong="H4496";

go |strong="H6965" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" Box that |strong="H3068" shows your |strong="H3068" power |strong="H5797".

<sup>9</sup> May |strong="H3548" your priests |strong="H3548" be |strong="H3548" clothed |strong="H3847" in |strong="H3847" victory

<sup>II</sup> EPHRATHAH Bethlehem, the town where David was born. <sup>III</sup> KIRIATH JEARIM Literally, "fields of the forest." The Hebrew word meaning "forest" is like the name of this city. <sup>IV</sup> AT HIS THRONE Literally, "at his footstool." This can mean the Box of the Agreement, the Holy Tent, or the Temple. God is like a king sitting on his throne and resting his feet on the place where people worship him. <sup>V</sup> LORD, GET UP The people said this when they lifted the Box of the Agreement and took it into battle with them. This showed that God was with them. See Num. 10:35-36.

and *your loyal followers* be filled with *joy*.

<sup>10</sup> For *the sake of your David*,

don't reject *your chosen king*.

<sup>11</sup> The *LORD made promise David, an oath of loyalty to him*:

"I will always put *one of your descendants on your throne*."

<sup>12</sup> If *your descendants* obey *my agreement* and *the laws I teach them*,

then *the king will always be someone from your family*.

<sup>13</sup> The *LORD has chosen Zion* to be *his place* for *his Temple*,

the *place he wanted for his home*.

<sup>14</sup> He *said*, "This *will be my place of rest*."

This *is where I want to sit on my throne*.

<sup>15</sup> I *will bless this city with plenty of food*.

Even *the poor have to eat*.

I CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one."

<sup>16</sup> I *will clothe the priests with salvation*, and *my followers will be filled with joy*.

<sup>17</sup> This *is where I will make David's family strong*.

I *will never let the lamp of my chosen king stop burning*.

<sup>18</sup> I *will cover his enemies with shame*,

and *on his head will be a shining crown*.

A song of David for going up to the Temple.

**133** Oh, how *wonderful, how pleasing it is when God's people all come together as one!*

<sup>2</sup> It *is like sweet-smelling oil that is poured over the high priest's head*,

that *runs down his beard* flowing over *his robes*.

<sup>3</sup> It *is like gentle rain from Mount Hermon falling on Mount Zion*.

It *is there that the LORD has his blessing of eternal life*.

A song for going up to the Temple.

II WHEN ... AS ONE Or "when brothers live together in peace."  
III HIGH PRIEST'S Literally, "Aaron's." IV GENTLE RAIN Or "mist" or "snow." The Hebrew can mean either "the oil is like the mist ..." or "Aaron's beard is like the snow ..."

**134** Praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" who |strong="H3605" serve |strong="H5975" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" at |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915".

<sup>2</sup> Lift |strong="H5375" your |strong="H3068" hands |strong="H3027" toward |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" Temple,

and |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>3</sup> May |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068", who |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" earth |strong="H0776", bless |strong="H1288" you |strong="H6213" from |strong="H0776" Zion |strong="H6726".

**135** Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

Praise |strong="H1984" him |strong="H0853", you |strong="H0853" servants |strong="H5650" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068",

<sup>2</sup> you |strong="H1004" who |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004",

in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" courtyard |strong="H2691" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>3</sup> Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068", because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896".

Praise |strong="H1984" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034", because |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" brings such joy!

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3050" chose |strong="H0977" Jacob |strong="H3290" to |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3478" his |strong="H3588" own.

Yes |strong="H3588", he |strong="H3588" chose |strong="H0977" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3478" his |strong="H3588" own people.

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H0589" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" great |strong="H1419"!

Our |strong="H3068" Lord |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" greater |strong="H1419" than |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" gods |strong="H0430"!

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" does |strong="H6213" whatever |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" wants,

in |strong="H3068" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776", in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" seas |strong="H3220" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" deep |strong="H8415" oceans.

<sup>7</sup> He |strong="H6213" brings |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5927" clouds from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5927" other side |strong="H7307" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5927" earth |strong="H0776".

He |strong="H6213" sends the |strong="H5927" lightning |strong="H1300" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5927" rain |strong="H4306",

and |strong="H0776" he |strong="H6213" opens the |strong="H5927" doors to |strong="H0776" release the |strong="H5927" winds |strong="H7307".

<sup>8</sup> He |strong="H5704" destroyed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H5704" firstborn |strong="H1060" males |strong="H0120" of |strong="H1060" the |strong="H5704" people |strong="H0120" in |strong="H0120" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H4714" their |strong="H5221" animals |strong="H0929".

<sup>9</sup> He |strong="H7971" did great wonders |strong="H4159" and |strong="H7971" miracles |strong="H4159" in |strong="H8432" Egypt |strong="H4714".

He |strong="H7971" used |strong="H3605" them |strong="H7971" against |strong="H4159" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H7971" his |strong="H3605" officials |strong="H5650".

<sup>10</sup> He |strong="H5221" defeated |strong="H5221" many |strong="H7227" nations |strong="H1471" and |strong="H4428" killed |strong="H2026" powerful |strong="H6099" kings |strong="H4428".

<sup>11</sup> He |strong="H5511" defeated Sihon |strong="H5511", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Amorites |strong="H0567",

Og |strong="H5747", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Bashan |strong="H1316", and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kingdoms |strong="H4467" in |strong="H4428" Canaan |strong="H3667".

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H5414" he |strong="H5414" gave |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478", his |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>13</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", your |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" famous |strong="H8034" forever |strong="H5769"!

LORD |strong="H3068", people will |strong="H3068" remember |strong="H2143" you |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5769".

14 The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" defends his |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971";

he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" kind to |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" servants |strong="H5650".

15 The |strong="H3027" gods of |strong="H3027" other nations |strong="H1471" are |strong="H3027" only gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3027" silver |strong="H3701" idols |strong="H6091"

that |strong="H1471" people |strong="H0120" have |strong="H1471" made |strong="H4639".

16 They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H5869" mouths |strong="H6310", but |strong="H3808" cannot |strong="H3808" speak |strong="H1696".

They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H5869" eyes |strong="H5869", but |strong="H3808" cannot |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200".

17 They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H0369" ears |strong="H0241", but |strong="H3808" cannot |strong="H3808" hear |strong="H0238".

They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H0369" mouths |strong="H6310", but |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" breath |strong="H7307".

18 Those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" make |strong="H6213" idols and |strong="H3605" trust |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0982" them |strong="H1961"

will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" just |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3644" the |strong="H3605" idols they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" made |strong="H6213".

19 Family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

Aaron's |strong="H0175" family |strong="H1004", praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

20 Levi's |strong="H3878" family |strong="H1004", praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

All |strong="H1288" you |strong="H0853" who |strong="H3068" worship |strong="H3373" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", praise |strong="H1288" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

21 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1288" praised |strong="H1288" from |strong="H3068" Zion |strong="H6726",

from |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", his |strong="H3068" home |strong="H3068".

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"!

136 Praise |strong="H3034" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896".

His |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3068" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

2 Praise |strong="H3034" the |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" gods |strong="H0430"!

His |strong="H3588" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H0430" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

3 Praise |strong="H3034" the |strong="H3588" Lord |strong="H0113" of |strong="H0113" lords |strong="H0113"!

His |strong="H3588" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

4 Praise |strong="H5769" him |strong="H6213" who |strong="H3588" alone |strong="H0905" does |strong="H6213" wonderful |strong="H6381" miracles |strong="H6381"!

His |strong="H3588" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H1419" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

5 Praise |strong="H5769" the |strong="H3588" one |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3588" used |strong="H6213" wisdom |strong="H8394" to |strong="H8064" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3588" skies!

His |strong="H3588" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H8064" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

6 He |strong="H3588" spread |strong="H7554" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sea.

His |strong="H5921" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H0776" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

7 He |strong="H3588" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3588" great |strong="H1419" lights |strong="H0216".

His |strong="H3588" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H0216" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

8 He |strong="H3588" made the |strong="H0853" sun |strong="H8121" to |strong="H3117" rule |strong="H4475" the |strong="H0853" day |strong="H3117".

His |strong="H3588" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" will |strong="H3117" last |strong="H5769" forever |strong="H5769".

9 He |strong="H3588" made the |strong="H0853" moon |strong="H3394" and |strong="H3915" stars |strong="H3556" to |strong="H3915" rule |strong="H4475" the |strong="H0853" night |strong="H3915".



His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H4475"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

10 He|strong="H3588" killed|strong="H5221"  
the|strong="H3588" firstborn|strong="H1060" males  
in|strong="H1060" Egypt|strong="H4714", both men  
and|strong="H4714" animals.

His|strong="H5221" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H4714"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

11 He|strong="H3588" took|strong="H3318" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478" out|strong="H3318"  
of|strong="H8432" Egypt.

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H3478"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

12 He|strong="H3588" used his|strong="H3027"  
powerful|strong="H2389" arms|strong="H2220"  
and|strong="H3027" strong|strong="H2389"  
hands|strong="H3027".

His|strong="H3027" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H3027"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

13 He|strong="H3588" split the|strong="H3588" Red  
Sea|strong="H3220" into|strong="H3220" two parts.

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H3220"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

14 He|strong="H3588" led Israel|strong="H3478"  
through|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3588" sea.

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H3478"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

15 He|strong="H3588" drowned  
Pharaoh|strong="H6547" and|strong="H6547"  
his|strong="H3588" army|strong="H2428"  
in|strong="H3220" the|strong="H3588" Red  
Sea|strong="H3220".

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H6547"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

16 He|strong="H3588" led his|strong="H3588" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" through|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H3588" desert|strong="H4057".

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will last|strong="H5769" forev-  
er|strong="H5769".

17 He|strong="H3588" defeated|strong="H5221"  
powerful kings|strong="H4428".

His|strong="H5221" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H4428"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

18 He|strong="H3588" defeated strong  
kings|strong="H4428".

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H4428"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

19 He|strong="H3588" defeated Si-  
hon|strong="H5511" king|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588" Amor-  
ites|strong="H0567".

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H4428"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

20 He|strong="H3588" defeated Og|strong="H5747"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428"  
Bashan|strong="H1316".

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H4428"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

21 He|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5414"  
their|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776"  
to|strong="H5414" Israel.

His|strong="H5414" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H0776"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

22 He|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5159"  
it|strong="H3588" as|strong="H3588"  
a|strong="H3588" gift|strong="H5159"  
to|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478",  
his|strong="H3588" servant|strong="H5650".

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H3478"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

23 He|strong="H3588" remem-  
bered|strong="H2142" us|strong="H3588"  
when|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" were de-  
feated.

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will last|strong="H5769" forev-  
er|strong="H5769".

24 He|strong="H3588" saved us|strong="H3588"  
from our|strong="H3588" enemies.

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will last|strong="H5769" forev-  
er|strong="H5769".

25 He|strong="H3588" provides|strong="H5414"  
food|strong="H3899" for|strong="H3588"  
all|strong="H3605" living|strong="H1320"  
things|strong="H3605".

His|strong="H3605" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H1320"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

26 Praise|strong="H3034" the|strong="H3588"  
God|strong="H0410" of|strong="H0410" heav-  
en|strong="H8064".

His|strong="H3588" faithful|strong="H2617"  
love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H8064"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

137 We|strong="H8033" sat|strong="H3427"  
by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
rivers|strong="H5104" in|strong="H3427" Baby-  
lon|strong="H0894"

and **cried** **we** **remembered** **Zion**.

<sup>2</sup> We **hung** **our** **harps** **nearby**, **there** **on** **the** **willow trees**.

<sup>3</sup> **There** **in** **Babylon**, **those** **who** **captured** **us** **told** **us** **to** **sing**.

**Our** **enemies** **told** **us** **to** **entertain** **them**.

**They** **said**, **"Sing** **us** **one** **of** **your** **songs** **about** **Zion**."

<sup>4</sup> **But** **we** **cannot** **sing** **the** **LORD'S** **songs** **in** **a** **foreign** **country**!

<sup>5</sup> **Jerusalem**, **if** **I** **ever** **forget** **you**, **may** **I** **never** **play** **a** **song** **again**.

<sup>6</sup> **If** **I** **fail** **to** **remember** **you**, **may** **I** **never** **sing** **again**.

**I** **will** **always** **remember** **Jerusalem** **as** **my** **greatest** **joy**!

<sup>7</sup> **LORD**, **be** **sure** **to** **punish** **the** **Edomites** **for** **what** **they** **did**.

**when** **Jerusalem** **was** **captured**.

**They** **shouted**, **"Destroy** **its** **buildings!**

**Pull** **them** **down** **to** **the** **ground!**"

<sup>8</sup> **Babylon**, **you** **will** **be** **destroyed**!

**Bless** **the** **one** **who** **pays** **you** **back** **for** **what** **you** **do** **to** **him**.

<sup>1</sup> These instruments were used to praise God in the Temple in Jerusalem. Since it was destroyed, the people had no reason to play the songs.

**did** **to** **us**.

<sup>9</sup> **Bless** **the** **one** **who** **grabs** **your** **babies** **and** **smashes** **them** **against** **the** **rock**.

A song of David.

**138** **LORD**, **I** **praise** **you** **with** **my** **heart**.

**I** **sing** **songs** **of** **praise** **to** **you** **before** **the** **gods**.

<sup>2</sup> **I** **bow** **down** **toward** **your** **holy** **Temple**,

**and** **I** **praise** **your** **name** **for** **your** **love** **and** **loyalty**.

**You** **are** **famous**, **and** **you** **promised** **will** **make** **even** **more** **famous**!

<sup>3</sup> **When** **I** **called** **to** **you** **for** **help**, **you** **answered** **me** **and** **gave** **me** **strength**.

<sup>4</sup> **LORD**, **all** **the** **kings** **on** **earth** **will** **praise** **you**.

**when** **they** **hear** **what** **you** **say**.

<sup>5</sup> **They** **will** **sing** **about** **what** **the** **LORD** **has** **done**, **because** **the** **glory** **of** **the** **LORD**.

is |strong="H3068" very|strong="H1419" great|strong="H1419".

6 The|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" highest place|strong="H4801" above all|strong="H3045" others,

but|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" still cares for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" humble|strong="H8217".

Even|strong="H3588" from|strong="H3068" there|strong="H3068", so|strong="H3588" high|strong="H1364" above,

he|strong="H3588" knows|strong="H3045" what|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3588" proud|strong="H1364" do.

7 If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" am in|strong="H5921" trouble|strong="H6869", you|strong="H0518" keep me|strong="H7971" alive|strong="H2421".

If|strong="H0518" my|strong="H5921" enemies|strong="H0341" are|strong="H3027" angry|strong="H0639", you|strong="H0518" save|strong="H3467" me|strong="H7971" from|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921".

8 LORD|strong="H3068", I|strong="H3068" know you|strong="H3027" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H0408" what|strong="H4639" you|strong="H3027" have|strong="H3068" promised|strong="H3068".

LORD|strong="H3068", your|strong="H3068" faithful|strong="H2617" love|strong="H2617" will|strong="H3068" last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

You|strong="H3027" are|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3068" one|strong="H0408" who|strong="H3068" made|strong="H4639" us|strong="H7503", so|strong="H3027" don't|strong="H0408" leave|strong="H7503" us|strong="H7503"!

To the director: A praise song of David.

**139** LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3045" have|strong="H3045" tested me|strong="H3045",

so you|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045" all|strong="H3045" about|strong="H3045" me|strong="H3045".

2 You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" when|strong="H3427" I|strong="H3045" sit|strong="H3427" down|strong="H3427" and|strong="H6965" when|strong="H3427" I|strong="H3045" get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965".

You|strong="H0859" know|strong="H3045" my|strong="H3045" thoughts|strong="H7454" from|strong="H6965" far|strong="H7350" away|strong="H7350".

3 You|strong="H3605" know where I|strong="H1870" go and|strong="H1870" where I|strong="H1870" lie down|strong="H1870".

You|strong="H3605" know every-thing|strong="H3605" I|strong="H1870" do|strong="H3605".

4 LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4405" I|strong="H3588" want to|strong="H0369" say|strong="H4405",

even|strong="H3588" before|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605" words|strong="H4405" leave my|strong="H3605" mouth.

5 You|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3709" all|strong="H7896" around|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921"— in|strong="H5921" front of|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3709" behind|strong="H6696" me|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H5921" feel your|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3709" on|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" shoulder.

6 I|strong="H3201" am amazed at|strong="H3808" what|strong="H1847" you|strong="H3808" know|strong="H1847",

it|strong="H3808" is|strong="H1847" too|strong="H4480" much for|strong="H3808" me|strong="H4480" to|strong="H3201" understand.

7 Your|strong="H6440" Spirit|strong="H7307" is|strong="H7307" everywhere I go.

I cannot escape|strong="H1272" your|strong="H6440" presence|strong="H6440".

8 If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" go up to|strong="H8033" heaven|strong="H8064", you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H8064" be|strong="H8064" there|strong="H8033".

If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" go down to|strong="H8033" the|strong="H0518" place|strong="H8033" of|strong="H8064" death|strong="H7585", you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H8064" be|strong="H8064" there|strong="H8033".

9 If I|strong="H3671" go east where|strong="H7931" the|strong="H5375" sun rises

or|strong="H3671" go to|strong="H3220" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H7931" the|strong="H5375" west|strong="H3220" beyond the|strong="H5375" sea|strong="H3220",

10 even|strong="H1571" there|strong="H8033" you|strong="H3027" will|strong="H1571" take|strong="H0270" my|strong="H3027" hand|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" lead|strong="H5148" me|strong="H0270".

Your|strong="H3027" strong right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3027" will|strong="H1571" protect me|strong="H0270".

11 Suppose|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0559" want-ed to|strong="H0559" hide from|strong="H3915"

you|strong="H3915" and|strong="H3915" said|strong="H0559",

" Surely|strong="H0389" the|strong="H0559" darkness|strong="H2822" will|strong="H0216" hide me|strong="H1157".

The|strong="H0559" day will|strong="H0216" change to|strong="H0559" night|strong="H3915" and|strong="H3915" cover me|strong="H1157".

12 Even|strong="H1571" the|strong="H4480" darkness|strong="H2822" is|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" dark|strong="H2822" to|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117".

The|strong="H4480" night|strong="H3915" is|strong="H1571" as|strong="H3117" bright|strong="H0215" as|strong="H3117" the|strong="H4480" day|strong="H3117".

Darkness|strong="H2822" and|strong="H3117" light|strong="H0215" are|strong="H3117" the|strong="H4480" same|strong="H4480".

13 You|strong="H0859" formed|strong="H7069" the|strong="H3588" way I|strong="H3588" think and|strong="H0990" feel. I

You|strong="H0859" put me|strong="H3588" together in|strong="H0517" my|strong="H3588" mother's|strong="H0517" womb|strong="H0990".

14 I|strong="H3588" praise|strong="H3034" you|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" made|strong="H3045" me|strong="H5315" in|strong="H5921" such|strong="H5315" a|strong="H3588" wonder-ful|strong="H6381" way|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" how|strong="H3588" amazing|strong="H6381" that|strong="H3588" was|strong="H5315".

15 You|strong="H0834" could see|strong="H0834" my|strong="H0834" bones grow as|strong="H0834" my|strong="H0834" body took shape,

hidden|strong="H3582" in|strong="H0776" my|strong="H0834" mother's womb. II

16 You|strong="H3605" could see|strong="H7200" my|strong="H3605" body grow each|strong="H0259" passing day|strong="H3117". III

You|strong="H3605" listed all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" parts, and|strong="H3117" not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H3117" them|strong="H5921" was|strong="H0259" missing.

17 Your|strong="H4100" thoughts|strong="H7454" are|strong="H4100" beyond my|strong="H4100" understanding. IV

They|strong="H4100" cannot be measured!

18 If I could count|strong="H5608" them|strong="H5750", they|strong="H5608" would

I THE WAY I THINK AND FEEL Literally, "my kidneys," which were thought to be the center of emotions. II MOTHER'S WOMB Literally, "deepest parts of the earth," meaning a place we know nothing about. III YOU ... DAY Or "You watched me every day." IV BEYOND MY UNDERSTANDING Or "precious to me."

be|strong="H5750" more|strong="H5750" than|strong="H7235" all|strong="H5750" the|strong="H5973" grains of|strong="H5608" sand|strong="H2344".

But|strong="H5973" when|strong="H7235" I finished, I would have|strong="H5973" just begun. V

19 You|strong="H0518" murderers, get|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" from|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480"!

God|strong="H0433", kill those|strong="H0376" wicked|strong="H7563" people|strong="H0376"— 20 those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559" bad things|strong="H0834" about|strong="H5375" you|strong="H0834".

Your|strong="H0834" enemies|strong="H6145" use|strong="H5375" your|strong="H0834" name|strong="H0559" falsely. VI

21 LORD|strong="H3068", I|strong="H3808" hate|strong="H8130" those|strong="H8130" who|strong="H3068" hate|strong="H8130" you|strong="H3808".

I|strong="H3808" hate|strong="H8130" those|strong="H8130" who|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" against|strong="H8130" you|strong="H3808".

22 I|strong="H1961" hate|strong="H8130" them|strong="H1961" completely!

Your|strong="H1961" enemies|strong="H0341" are|strong="H1961" also my|strong="H1961" enemies|strong="H0341".

23 God|strong="H0410", examine|strong="H0974" me|strong="H3045" and|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045" my|strong="H3045" mind|strong="H3824".

Test|strong="H0974" me|strong="H3045" and|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045" all|strong="H3045" my|strong="H3045" worries.

24 Make|strong="H7200" sure that|strong="H7200" I|strong="H0518" am not|strong="H0518" going the|strong="H7200" wrong way|strong="H1870". VII

Lead|strong="H5148" me|strong="H7200" on|strong="H1870" the|strong="H7200" path|strong="H1870" that|strong="H7200" has|strong="H0518" always|strong="H5769" been|strong="H5769" right. VIII

To the director: A praise song of David.

**140** LORD, save me from people who are evil.

Protect me from those who are cruel,  
2 from|strong="H0376" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" plan to|strong="H3068" do evil|strong="H7451"

and|strong="H3068" always cause trouble|strong="H7451".

V I ... BEGUN Or "I would still be with you." VI YOUR ENEMIES ... FALSELY The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. VII MAKE SURE ... WAY Or "See that I don't worship idols." VIII LEAD ME ... RIGHT Or "Guide me on the ancient path."

<sup>3</sup> Their words are harmful as the fangs of a snake, as deadly as its venom. Selah

<sup>4</sup> LORD, save me from the wicked! Protect me from these cruel people who plan to hurt me.

<sup>5</sup> These proud people are trying to trap me.

They spread nets to catch me; they set traps in my path. Selah

<sup>6</sup> LORD, you are my God.

LORD, listen to my prayer.

<sup>7</sup> My GOD, you are the powerful one who saves me.

You protect my head in battle.

<sup>8</sup> LORD, don't let the wicked have what they want.

Don't let their plans succeed. Selah

<sup>9</sup> My enemies are planning trouble for me.

Lord, make that trouble fall on them.

<sup>10</sup> Pour burning coals on their heads.

Throw them into the fire.

Throw them into pits they can never escape.

<sup>11</sup> Don't let those cruel liars enjoy success here.

Let disaster hunt them down.

<sup>12</sup> I know the LORD will provide justice for the poor and will defend the helpless.

<sup>13</sup> Those who do is right will praise your name;

those who are honest will live in your presence.

A praise song of David.

**141** LORD, I call you for help.

Listen to me I pray.

Please hurry help me!

<sup>2</sup> Accept my prayer like a gift of burning incense,

the words I lift up like an evening sacrifice.

<sup>3</sup> LORD, help me control what I say.

Don't let me say anything bad.

<sup>4</sup> Take away any desire to do evil.

Keep me from joining the wicked in doing wrong.

Help me stay away from their feasts.

<sup>5</sup> If good people correct me,

I will consider a good thing.

If they criticize me,

I will accept it like a warm welcome. <sup>I</sup>

But my prayer will always be against the wicked and the evil they do.

<sup>6</sup> Let their judges put them to death. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> A WARM WELCOME Or "like oil poured over my head." <sup>II</sup> LET THEIR JUDGES ... TO DEATH Or "Let their judges be thrown from the cliffs."

Then everyone will know that I told the truth.

<sup>7</sup> Like a field that a farmer has plowed,

so our bones will be scattered in the grave.

<sup>8</sup> My Lord GOD look to you for help.

I look to you for protection; don't let me die.

<sup>9</sup> Those evil people are trying to trap me.

Don't let me fall into their traps.

<sup>10</sup> Let the wicked fall into their own traps,

while I walk away unharmed.

A maskil of David written when he was in the cave. A prayer.

**142** I cry out to the LORD.

I beg the LORD to help me.

<sup>2</sup> I tell my problems;

I tell him about my troubles.

<sup>3</sup> I am ready to give up.

But you, Lord, know the path I am on,

and you know that my enemies have set a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup> I look around, and I don't see anyone I know.

I have no place to run.

There is no one to save me.

<sup>5</sup> LORD, I cry out to you for help:

"You are my place of safety.

You are my need in life."

<sup>6</sup> Listen to my prayer.

I am weak.

Save me from those who are chasing me.

They are stronger than I am.

<sup>7</sup> Help me escape this trap,

so that I can praise your name.

Then good people will celebrate with me,

because you took care of me.

A praise song of David.

**143** LORD, hear my prayer.

Listen to my call for help and answer my prayer.

Show me how good and loyal you are.

<sup>2</sup> Don't judge me, your servant.

No one could be judged innocent by your standards.

<sup>3</sup> My enemies are chasing me.

I TRAP Literally, "frame around my soul."

They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0776" crushed|strong="H1792" me|strong="H5315" into|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3588" dirt.

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0776" pushing me|strong="H5315" into|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3588" dark|strong="H4285" grave, like|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" died|strong="H4191" long|strong="H5769" ago|strong="H5769".

<sup>4</sup> I|strong="H5921" am ready to|strong="H5921" give up|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H5921" am losing my|strong="H5921" courage|strong="H3820".

<sup>5</sup> But|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117" remember|strong="H2142" what|strong="H4639" happened long|strong="H3117" ago|strong="H3117".

I|strong="H3117" am thinking about|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3117" done|strong="H4639".

I|strong="H3117" am talking about|strong="H3605" what|strong="H4639" you|strong="H3605" made|strong="H4639" with|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3027"!

<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H5315" lift my|strong="H6566" hands|strong="H3027" in|strong="H0413" prayer to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0413".

I|strong="H5315" am waiting for|strong="H0413" your|strong="H0413" help, like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H0776" dry land|strong="H0776" waiting for|strong="H0413" rain. Selah|strong="H5542"

<sup>7</sup> Hurry and|strong="H3068" answer|strong="H6030" me|strong="H6440", LORD|strong="H3068"!

I|strong="H4480" have|strong="H3068" lost my|strong="H3068" courage|strong="H7307".

Don't|strong="H0408" turn away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" me|strong="H6440".

Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" me|strong="H6440" die and|strong="H3068" become like|strong="H5973" the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0408" lying in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" grave.

<sup>8</sup> Show|strong="H3045" me|strong="H0413" your|strong="H8085" faithful|strong="H2617" love|strong="H2617" this|strong="H3588" morning|strong="H1242".

I|strong="H3588" trust|strong="H0982" in|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588".

Show|strong="H3045" me|strong="H0413" what|strong="H3045" I|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3588" do|strong="H8085".

I|strong="H3588" put|strong="H0982" my|strong="H8085" life|strong="H5315" in|strong="H0413" your|strong="H8085" hands!

<sup>9</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", I|strong="H3068" come to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413" protection.

Save|strong="H5337" me|strong="H0413" from|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H0341".

<sup>10</sup> Show|strong="H6213" me|strong="H3925" what|strong="H7522" you|strong="H0859" want me|strong="H3925" to|strong="H0776" do|strong="H6213".

You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0776" my|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0433".

Let your|strong="H3588" good|strong="H2896" Spirit|strong="H7307" lead|strong="H5148" me|strong="H3925" over|strong="H0776" level|strong="H4334" ground|strong="H0776".

<sup>11</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", let|strong="H5315" me|strong="H5315" live|strong="H2421"

so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H4616" people|strong="H5315" will|strong="H3068" praise your|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034".

Show me|strong="H5315" how good you|strong="H5315" are|strong="H3068"

and|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5315" me|strong="H5315" from|strong="H3318" my|strong="H3068" trouble|strong="H6869".

<sup>12</sup> Show me|strong="H5315" your|strong="H3605" love|strong="H2617"

and|strong="H5650" defeat my|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341".

Destroy|strong="H0006" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H5650" trying to|strong="H5650" kill me|strong="H5315"

because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" your|strong="H3605" servant|strong="H5650".

A song of David.

**144** Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"!

He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" Rock|strong="H6697".

He|strong="H3068" prepares me|strong="H1288" for|strong="H3027" war|strong="H4421".

He|strong="H3068" trains|strong="H3925" me|strong="H1288" for|strong="H3027" battle|strong="H4421".

<sup>2</sup> He loves me|strong="H8478" and|strong="H4043" protects me|strong="H8478".

He is|strong="H4043" my|strong="H8478" safe place|strong="H8478" high on|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478" mountain.

He rescues me|strong="H8478".

He is|strong="H4043" my|strong="H8478" shield|strong="H4043".

I|strong="H8478" trust in|strong="H8478" him|strong="H8478".

He helps me|strong="H8478" rule my|strong="H8478" people|strong="H5971".

<sup>3</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" people |strong="H0120" important to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3045"?

Why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3045" even notice |strong="H3045" us |strong="H3045"?

<sup>4</sup> Our life |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" like |strong="H1819" a |strong="H1819" puff of |strong="H3117" air.

It |strong="H6738" is |strong="H3117" like |strong="H1819" a |strong="H1819" passing |strong="H5674" shadow |strong="H6738".

<sup>5</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", tear open the |strong="H3068" skies and |strong="H3068" come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381".

Touch |strong="H5060" the |strong="H3068" mountains |strong="H2022", and |strong="H3068" smoke |strong="H6225" will |strong="H3068" rise from |strong="H3381" them |strong="H3381".

<sup>6</sup> Send |strong="H7971" the |strong="H7971" lightning |strong="H1300" and |strong="H7971" make my |strong="H7971" enemies run away |strong="H7971".

Shoot |strong="H7971" your |strong="H7971" arrows |strong="H2671" and |strong="H7971" make them |strong="H7971" run away |strong="H7971".

<sup>7</sup> Reach |strong="H7971" down |strong="H7971" from |strong="H3027" heaven |strong="H4791" and |strong="H1121" save |strong="H5337" me |strong="H7971".

Don't let |strong="H7971" me |strong="H7971" drown in |strong="H1121" this sea of |strong="H1121" enemies.

Save |strong="H5337" me |strong="H7971" from |strong="H3027" these foreigners |strong="H5236".

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" all |strong="H6310" liars |strong="H8267", even when |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" swear to |strong="H1696" tell |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0834" truth.

<sup>9</sup> God |strong="H0430", I |strong="H7891" will |strong="H0430" sing |strong="H2167" a |strong="H0430" new |strong="H2319" song |strong="H7892" for |strong="H0430" you |strong="H2167".

I |strong="H7891" will |strong="H0430" play a |strong="H0430" ten-stringed |strong="H6218" harp and |strong="H0430" sing |strong="H2167" praise |strong="H2167" to |strong="H0430" you |strong="H2167".

<sup>10</sup> You |strong="H5414" are |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H4428" who |strong="H5650" gives |strong="H5414" victory |strong="H8668" to |strong="H5414" kings |strong="H4428".

<sup>1</sup> NEW SONG Whenever God did a new and wonderful thing for his people, they would write a new song about it.

You |strong="H5414" saved your |strong="H5414" servant |strong="H5650" David |strong="H1732" from |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0853" sword |strong="H2719" of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H5414" enemy.

<sup>11</sup> Save |strong="H5337" me |strong="H1696" from |strong="H3027" these |strong="H1696" foreigners |strong="H5236".

They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" all |strong="H5337" liars |strong="H8267", even when |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" swear to |strong="H1696" tell |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0834" truth.

<sup>12</sup> May |strong="H1121" our |strong="H0834" sons |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" as |strong="H0834" strong as |strong="H0834" trees and |strong="H1121" our |strong="H0834" daughters |strong="H1323" as |strong="H0834" beautiful as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" carved |strong="H2404" columns of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H0834" palace |strong="H1964".

<sup>13</sup> May our |strong="H0413" barns be |strong="H4200" filled |strong="H4392" with |strong="H0413" crops of |strong="H4392" all kinds |strong="H2177".

May our |strong="H0413" sheep |strong="H6629" produce so many |strong="H7231" lambs |strong="H6629",

that |strong="H0413" thousands of |strong="H4392" sheep |strong="H6629" will |strong="H6629" fill our |strong="H0413" fields |strong="H2351".

<sup>14</sup> And |strong="H3318" may our |strong="H3318" cows be |strong="H0369" heavy with |strong="H3318" calves.

May no |strong="H0369" enemy break through |strong="H3318" our |strong="H3318" walls or |strong="H0369" carry |strong="H3318" away |strong="H3318" any |strong="H0369" of |strong="H0369" our |strong="H3318" people.

May there |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" cries of |strong="H0369" pain in |strong="H3318" our |strong="H3318" streets |strong="H7339".

<sup>15</sup> How |strong="H0835" wonderful to |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" such |strong="H3602" blessings!

Yes, great |strong="H0430" blessings belong |strong="H0430" to |strong="H3068" those who |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

A song of David.

**145** I |strong="H8416" will |strong="H4428" tell of |strong="H4428" your |strong="H1732" greatness, my |strong="H1732" God |strong="H0433" and |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428".



I will praise your name and ever  
I will praise you every day  
I will praise your name and ever  
I will praise you every day

I will praise you every day  
I will praise your name and ever  
I will praise you every day

I will praise you every day  
I will praise your name and ever  
I will praise you every day  
I will praise your name and ever  
I will praise you every day

No one can understand his  
our praise  
Each generation will praise you

and the next generation about the great things you do

Your majesty and glory are wonderful

I will tell about your miracles

People will tell about the amazing things you do, and I will tell everyone how great you are.

They will talk about your goodness and sing about your justice.

The LORD is kind and merciful, patient and full of love.

The LORD is good to everyone.

He shows his mercy to everything he made.

LORD, all you have made will give thanks to you.

Your loyal followers will praise you.

They will tell how great your kingdom is.

They will tell how great you are.

So others will learn the things you do,

about the glory of your kingdom—how marvelous it is!

Your kingdom will never end, and you will rule forever.

The LORD can be trusted in that

He is loyal in that he does.

The LORD lifts up people who have fallen.

He helps those who are in trouble.

All living things you created, their food, and you give them their food at the right time.

You open your hands and give every living thing that it needs.

Everything the LORD does is good.

Everything he does shows how

I THE LORD ... HE DOES This is found in the ancient Greek and Syriac versions and a Hebrew scroll from Qumran, but not in the standard Hebrew text.

loyal |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068".

18 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" near |strong="H7138" to |strong="H3068" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" sincerely calls |strong="H7121" to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H7121" for |strong="H7121" help.

19 He |strong="H6213" listens |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" his |strong="H8085" followers and |strong="H8085" does |strong="H6213" what |strong="H7522" they |strong="H7522" want.

He |strong="H6213" answers their |strong="H8085" prayers and |strong="H8085" saves |strong="H3467" them |strong="H0853".

20 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" protects |strong="H8104" everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" loves |strong="H0157" him |strong="H0853",

but |strong="H7563" he |strong="H3068" destroys all |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" do |strong="H8104" evil |strong="H7563".

21 I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H8416" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"!

Let everyone |strong="H3605" praise |strong="H8416" his |strong="H3605" holy |strong="H6944" name |strong="H8034" forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5703"!

**146** Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

My |strong="H3068" soul |strong="H5315", praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

2 I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" all |strong="H5750" my |strong="H3068" life |strong="H2416".

I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" sing |strong="H2167" praises |strong="H2167" to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H0430" as |strong="H3068" long |strong="H5750" as |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3068" live |strong="H2416".

3 Don't |strong="H0408" depend on |strong="H0982" your |strong="H0408" leaders for |strong="H5081" help.

Don't |strong="H0408" depend on |strong="H0982" people |strong="H0120", because they |strong="H0369" cannot |strong="H0369" save you.

4 People |strong="H1931" die |strong="H0006" and |strong="H7725" are |strong="H3117" buried.

Then |strong="H3318" all |strong="H3117" their |strong="H7725" plans to |strong="H7725" help are |strong="H3117" gone |strong="H3318".

5 It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" great |strong="H0430" blessing for |strong="H5921" people to |strong="H5921" have |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Jacob |strong="H3290" to |strong="H5921" help |strong="H5828" them |strong="H5921".

They |strong="H5921" depend on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

6 He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" heaven |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776".

He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" sea |strong="H3220" and |strong="H0776" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0776" it |strong="H6213".

He |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0776" trusted to |strong="H8104" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" says.

7 He |strong="H6213" does |strong="H6213" what |strong="H4941" is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H4941" for |strong="H4941" those who |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" been |strong="H3068" hurt.

He |strong="H6213" gives |strong="H5414" food |strong="H3899" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5414" hungry |strong="H7457".

The |strong="H5414" LORD |strong="H3068" frees people locked up |strong="H5414" in |strong="H3068" prison.

8 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" makes |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" blind |strong="H5787" see again.

The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" helps those who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" trouble.

The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" loves |strong="H0157" those who |strong="H3068" do right |strong="H6662".

9 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" protects |strong="H8104" strangers |strong="H1616" in |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" country.

He |strong="H3068" cares |strong="H8104" for |strong="H3068" widows |strong="H0490" and |strong="H3068" orphans |strong="H3490", but |strong="H7563" he |strong="H3068" destroys the |strong="H0853" wicked |strong="H7563".

10 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" rule |strong="H4427" forever |strong="H5769"!

Zion |strong="H6726", your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" rule |strong="H4427" forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5769"!

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"!

**147** Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3050" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" good |strong="H2896".

Sing |strong="H2167" praises |strong="H2167" to |strong="H0430" our |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430".

It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" good |strong="H2896" and |strong="H0430" pleasant |strong="H5273" to |strong="H0430" praise |strong="H1984" him |strong="H0430".

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" rebuilds |strong="H1129" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

He |strong="H3068" brings back the |strong="H3068" Israelites |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3068" were |strong="H3478" taken as |strong="H3068" prisoners.

<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H3820" heals |strong="H7495" their |strong="H7665" broken |strong="H7665" hearts |strong="H3820"

and |strong="H3820" bandages their |strong="H7665" wounds |strong="H6094".

<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H3605" counts |strong="H4487" the |strong="H3605" stars |strong="H3556"

and |strong="H8034" knows each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4557" them |strong="H7121" by |strong="H7121" name |strong="H8034".

<sup>5</sup> Our |strong="H0369" Lord |strong="H0113" is |strong="H0369" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H1419" powerful.

There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" limit |strong="H4557" to |strong="H0369" what he |strong="H8394" knows.

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" supports the |strong="H3068" humble |strong="H6035", but |strong="H7563" he |strong="H3068" shames the |strong="H3068" wicked |strong="H7563".

<sup>7</sup> Give |strong="H6030" thanks |strong="H8426" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068".

Praise |strong="H2167" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" with |strong="H3068" harps |strong="H3658".

<sup>8</sup> He |strong="H8064" fills the |strong="H3680" sky |strong="H8064" with |strong="H0776" clouds |strong="H5645".

He |strong="H8064" sends rain |strong="H4306" to |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3680" earth |strong="H0776".

He |strong="H8064" makes |strong="H3559" the |strong="H3680" grass |strong="H2682" grow |strong="H6779" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3680" mountains |strong="H2022".

<sup>9</sup> He |strong="H0834" gives |strong="H5414" food |strong="H3899" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0834" animals |strong="H0929".

He |strong="H0834" feeds the |strong="H0834" young |strong="H1121" birds that |strong="H0834" cry |strong="H7121" out.

<sup>10</sup> War horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H0376" powerful soldiers |strong="H0376"

are |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" what he |strong="H3808" cares about.

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" enjoys people who |strong="H3068" worship |strong="H3373" him |strong="H0853"

and |strong="H3068" trust in |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617".

<sup>12</sup> Jerusalem |strong="H3389", praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"!

Zion |strong="H6726", praise |strong="H1984" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"!

<sup>13</sup> He |strong="H3588" makes your |strong="H3588" gates |strong="H8179" strong |strong="H2388",

and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3588" blesses |strong="H1288" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3588" city |strong="H8179".

<sup>14</sup> He |strong="H7760" brought |strong="H7760" peace |strong="H7965" to |strong="H7760" your |strong="H7760" country,

so |strong="H7760" you |strong="H7760" have |strong="H7646" plenty |strong="H7646" of |strong="H1366" grain |strong="H2406" for |strong="H7965" food.

<sup>15</sup> He |strong="H5704" gives a |strong="H7971" command |strong="H1697" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" earth |strong="H0776",

and |strong="H0776" it |strong="H5704" quickly |strong="H4120" obeys.

<sup>16</sup> He |strong="H5414" makes |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" snow |strong="H7950" fall until the |strong="H5414" ground is as |strong="H5414" white as |strong="H5414" wool |strong="H6785".

He |strong="H5414" makes |strong="H5414" sleet blow through the |strong="H5414" air like |strong="H0665" dust |strong="H0665".

<sup>17</sup> He |strong="H6440" makes |strong="H6440" hail fall like |strong="H6440" rocks from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" sky.

No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" stand |strong="H5975" the |strong="H6440" cold |strong="H7135" he |strong="H6440" sends.

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H7971" he |strong="H7971" gives another command |strong="H1697", and |strong="H7971" warm air |strong="H7307" begins to |strong="H7971" blow |strong="H5380".

The |strong="H1697" ice melts |strong="H4529", and |strong="H7971" water |strong="H4325" begins to |strong="H7971" flow |strong="H5140".

19 He|strong="H3290" gave his|strong="H5046" commands|strong="H1697" to|strong="H3478" Jacob|strong="H3290".

He|strong="H3290" gave his|strong="H5046" laws|strong="H2706" and|strong="H3478" rules|strong="H2706" to|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478".

20 He|strong="H3651" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3651" for|strong="H4941" any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nation|strong="H1471".

He|strong="H3651" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" teach|strong="H3045" his|strong="H3605" laws to|strong="H1471" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471".

Praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3050"!

**148** Praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"!

Angels above|strong="H4480",  
praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" from|strong="H4480" heaven|strong="H8064"!

2 Praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H3605", all|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" angels|strong="H4397"!

Praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H3605", all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H6635"!

3 Sun|strong="H8121" and|strong="H3605" moon|strong="H3394", praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H3605"!

Stars|strong="H3556" and|strong="H3605" lights|strong="H0216" in|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" sky, praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H3605"!

4 Praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H5921", highest|strong="H8064" heaven|strong="H8064"!

Waters|strong="H4325" above|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" sky|strong="H8064",  
praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H5921"!

5 Let them|strong="H0853" praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034",

because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" gave|strong="H6680" the|strong="H0853" command|strong="H6680" and|strong="H3068" created|strong="H1254" them|strong="H0853" all!

6 He|strong="H5414" made|strong="H5414" all|strong="H5769" these continue|strong="H5674" forever|strong="H5769".

He|strong="H5414" made|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" laws|strong="H2706" that|strong="H3808" will|strong="H5414" never|strong="H3808" end.

1 HIS ARMY This can mean "angels," "stars and planets," or "soldiers in an army."

7 Everything|strong="H3605" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776", praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H0853"!

Great sea|strong="H8577" animals and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" oceans, praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"!

8 Praise him|strong="H6213", fire|strong="H0784" and|strong="H1697" hail|strong="H1259", snow|strong="H7950" and|strong="H1697" clouds|strong="H7008",

and|strong="H1697" the|strong="H1697" stormy winds|strong="H7307" that|strong="H1697" obey|strong="H6213" him|strong="H6213".

9 Praise him|strong="H3605", mountains|strong="H2022" and|strong="H6086" hills|strong="H1389",

fruit|strong="H6529" trees|strong="H6086" and|strong="H6086" cedar|strong="H0730" trees|strong="H6086".

10 Praise him|strong="H3605", wild animals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H0929" cattle|strong="H0929", reptiles and|strong="H0929" birds|strong="H6833".

11 Praise him|strong="H3605", kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H3816",

princes|strong="H8269" and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" rulers|strong="H8269" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

12 Praise him|strong="H5973", young|strong="H5288" men|strong="H5288" and|strong="H5288" women|strong="H1330", old|strong="H2205" people|strong="H5288" and|strong="H5288" children|strong="H5288".

13 Praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034"!  
Honor|strong="H1935" his|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034" forever!

His|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034" is|strong="H3068" greater than|strong="H5921" any|strong="H3588" other.

He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" more|strong="H5921" glorious|strong="H1935" than|strong="H5921" heaven|strong="H8064" and|strong="H3068" earth|strong="H0776".

14 He|strong="H3478" made|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" strong|strong="H7161".

His|strong="H3605" loyal|strong="H2623" followers|strong="H2623" praise|strong="H1984" him|strong="H3605".

Israel|strong="H3478", his|strong="H3605" precious people|strong="H5971", praise|strong="H1984" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3050"!

**149** Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068"!

Sing |strong="H7891" a |strong="H3068"  
new |strong="H2319" song |strong="H7892"<sup>1</sup>  
to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068"!

Sing |strong="H7891" his |strong="H3068"  
praise |strong="H1984" in |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H3068" assembly |strong="H6951"  
of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" follow-  
ers |strong="H2623".

<sup>2</sup> Let |strong="H1523" Israel |strong="H3478"  
be |strong="H1121" happy |strong="H8055"  
with |strong="H3478" their Maker.

Let |strong="H1523" the |strong="H6213" peo-  
ple |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
Zion |strong="H6726" rejoice |strong="H8055"  
with |strong="H3478" their King |strong="H4428".

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise |strong="H1984" him  
by |strong="H8034" dancing |strong="H4234"  
and |strong="H8034" playing their tam-  
bourines |strong="H8596" and |strong="H8034"  
harps |strong="H3658".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" happy with |strong="H3068"  
his |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".

He |strong="H3588" did a |strong="H3588" wonder-  
ful thing |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588"  
his |strong="H3068" humble |strong="H6035" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971".

He |strong="H3588" saved them |strong="H3588"!

<sup>5</sup> Let his |strong="H5921" followers |strong="H2623"  
rejoice |strong="H5937" in |strong="H5921" this victo-  
ry!

Let them |strong="H5921" sing |strong="H7442"  
for |strong="H5921" joy |strong="H7442",  
even |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921"  
their |strong="H5921" beds |strong="H4904"!

<sup>6</sup> Let the |strong="H3027" people shout praise  
to |strong="H3027" God |strong="H0410".

And |strong="H3027" with |strong="H3027"  
a |strong="H3027" sharp sword |strong="H2719"  
in |strong="H3027" their |strong="H0410"  
hand |strong="H3027",

<sup>7</sup> let them |strong="H6213" take re-  
venge |strong="H5360" on |strong="H5360"  
the |strong="H6213" other |strong="H3816" na-  
tions |strong="H1471".

<sup>1</sup> NEW SONG Whenever God did a new and wonderful thing for his people, they would write a new song about it.

Let them |strong="H6213" go punish those peo-  
ple |strong="H1471".

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428"  
put |strong="H0631" their |strong="H0631"  
kings |strong="H4428" in |strong="H4428"  
chains |strong="H1270"

and |strong="H4428" their |strong="H0631" leaders  
in |strong="H4428" chains |strong="H1270"  
of |strong="H4428" iron |strong="H1270".

<sup>9</sup> They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1931" punish  
those |strong="H3605" nations as |strong="H4941"  
God |strong="H3050" commanded.

This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931"  
an |strong="H3789" honor |strong="H1926"  
for |strong="H4941" all |strong="H3605"  
his |strong="H3605" followers |strong="H2623".

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3050"!

**150** Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3050"  
LORD |strong="H3050"!

Praise |strong="H1984" God |strong="H0410"  
in |strong="H0410" his |strong="H5797" Temple!  
Praise |strong="H1984" him in |strong="H0410"  
heaven |strong="H7549", his |strong="H5797"  
strong |strong="H5797" fortress!

<sup>2</sup> Praise |strong="H1984" him for |strong="H7230"  
the |strong="H1984" great |strong="H7230" things he  
does!

Praise |strong="H1984" him for |strong="H7230"  
all |strong="H7230" his |strong="H7230" great-  
ness |strong="H7230"!

<sup>3</sup> Praise |strong="H1984" him with trum-  
pets |strong="H7782" and |strong="H7782"  
horns |strong="H7782"!

Praise |strong="H1984" him with  
harps |strong="H3658" and |strong="H7782"  
lyres |strong="H3658"!

<sup>4</sup> Praise |strong="H1984" him with tam-  
bourines |strong="H8596" and |strong="H8596" danc-  
ing |strong="H4234"!

Praise |strong="H1984" him with stringed instru-  
ments and |strong="H8596" flutes!

<sup>5</sup> Praise |strong="H1984" him with loud cym-  
bals |strong="H6767"!

Praise |strong="H1984" him with crashing cym-  
bals |strong="H6767"!

<sup>6</sup> Everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605"  
breathes |strong="H5397", praise |strong="H1984"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3050"!

Praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3050"!

# Proverbs

## Introduction

<sup>1</sup> These are *the proverbs of Solomon the son of David king of Israel*. <sup>2</sup> They will help you to be wise to accept correction, and to understand wise sayings. <sup>3</sup> They will teach you to develop your mind in the right way. You will learn to do what is right and to be honest and fair. <sup>4</sup> These proverbs will make even those without education smart. They will teach young people what they need to know and how to use what they have learned. <sup>5</sup> Even the wise could become wiser by listening to these proverbs. They will gain understanding and learn to solve difficult problems. <sup>6</sup> These sayings will help you understand proverbs, stories with hidden meanings, words of the wise, and other difficult sayings.

<sup>7</sup> Knowledge begins with fear and respect for the LORD, but stubborn fools hate wisdom and refuse to learn.

## Advice to a Son

<sup>8</sup> My son, listen to your father when he corrects you, and don't ignore what your mother teaches you. <sup>9</sup> What you learn from your parents will bring you honor and respect, like a crown or gold medal.

<sup>10</sup> My son, those who love to do wrong will try to trick you. Don't listen to them. <sup>11</sup> They will say, "Come with us and beat to death anyone who happens to walk by." <sup>12</sup> We will swallow them whole, as the grave swallows the dying. <sup>13</sup> We will take everything they have and fill our houses with stolen

<sup>I</sup> My son The proverbs in this section may have been directed originally to a teenage boy, perhaps a prince, who was becoming a young man. They are intended to teach him how to be a responsible person and leader who loves and respects God. <sup>II</sup> Literally, "They are like a wreath of favor to your head and a necklace around your neck."

goods. <sup>14</sup> So |strong="H1961" join us, and |strong="H5307" you |strong="H3605" can |strong="H0259" share |strong="H3599" everything |strong="H3605" we |strong="H3605" get |strong="H8432".

<sup>15</sup> My |strong="H0854" son |strong="H1121", don't |strong="H0408" follow |strong="H7272" them |strong="H0854". Don't |strong="H0408" even |strong="H0408" take the |strong="H1870" first step |strong="H7272" along |strong="H0854" that |strong="H1121" path |strong="H1870". <sup>16</sup> They |strong="H3588" run |strong="H7323" to |strong="H7323" do |strong="H4116" something evil |strong="H7451", and |strong="H1818" they |strong="H3588" cannot wait to |strong="H7323" kill |strong="H8210" someone.

<sup>17</sup> You |strong="H3588" cannot trap birds with |strong="H3605" a |strong="H3588" net |strong="H7568" if |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" see |strong="H5869" you |strong="H3588" spreading it |strong="H3588" out |strong="H3605". <sup>18</sup> But |strong="H1992" evil people |strong="H5315" cannot see the |strong="H6845" trap they |strong="H1992" set |strong="H0693" for |strong="H5315" themselves |strong="H5315". <sup>19</sup> This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H5315" what |strong="H3651" happens to |strong="H5315" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0734" greedy |strong="H1214". Whatever |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3651" get |strong="H3947" destroys them |strong="H0853".

#### The |strong="H3605" Good Woman—Wisdom

<sup>20</sup> Listen |strong="H6963"! Wisdom |strong="H2454" is |strong="H6963" shouting |strong="H6963" in |strong="H6963" the |strong="H5414" streets |strong="H2351". She is |strong="H6963" crying |strong="H6963" out |strong="H2351" in |strong="H6963" the |strong="H5414" marketplace. <sup>21</sup> She |strong="H7121" is |strong="H7218" calling |strong="H7121" out where the |strong="H0559" noisy |strong="H1993" crowd gathers:

<sup>22</sup> "Fools |strong="H3684", how |strong="H4970" long |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5704" love |strong="H0157" being ignorant? How |strong="H4970" long |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5704" make fun of |strong="H1847" wisdom? How |strong="H4970" long |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5704" hate |strong="H8130" knowledge |strong="H1847"? <sup>23</sup> I |strong="H2009" wanted to |strong="H7725" tell |strong="H3045" you |strong="H7725" everything I |strong="H2009"

I Wisdom Wisdom is pictured here as a good woman trying to get the attention of this young man, calling him to be wise and obey God. In a later passage (9:13-18), Foolishness is represented as another woman who is urging him toward a life of sin.

knew |strong="H3045" and |strong="H7725" give |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3045" my |strong="H7725" knowledge |strong="H3045", but |strong="H2009" you |strong="H7725" didn't listen |strong="H2009" to |strong="H7725" my |strong="H7725" advice |strong="H1697" and |strong="H7725" teaching.

<sup>24</sup> "I |strong="H3282" tried to |strong="H0369" help, but |strong="H0369" you |strong="H3282" refused |strong="H3985" to |strong="H0369" listen |strong="H7181". I |strong="H3282" offered my |strong="H5186" hand |strong="H3027", but |strong="H0369" you |strong="H3282" turned |strong="H5186" away |strong="H5186" from |strong="H3027" me |strong="H7121". <sup>25</sup> You |strong="H3605" ignored my |strong="H3605" advice |strong="H6098" and |strong="H6098" refused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H0014" be |strong="H3808" corrected. <sup>26</sup> So |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1571" laugh |strong="H7832" at |strong="H7832" your |strong="H0935" troubles and |strong="H0935" make fun of |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0935" when |strong="H0935" what |strong="H1571" you |strong="H0935" fear |strong="H6343" happens. <sup>27</sup> Disasters will |strong="H0935" strike you |strong="H5921" like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" storm |strong="H7584". Problems |strong="H6869" will |strong="H0935" pound you |strong="H5921" like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" strong wind. Trouble |strong="H6869" and |strong="H0935" misery will |strong="H0935" weigh you |strong="H5921" down |strong="H5921".

<sup>28</sup> "Fools will |strong="H3808" call |strong="H7121" for |strong="H7121" me |strong="H7121", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0227" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H6030". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" look for |strong="H7121" me |strong="H7121", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" me |strong="H7121". <sup>29</sup> That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" hated |strong="H8130" knowledge |strong="H1847". They |strong="H3588" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" fear |strong="H3374" and |strong="H3068" respect the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>30</sup> They |strong="H3808" ignored my |strong="H3605" advice |strong="H6098" and |strong="H6098" refused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H0014" be |strong="H3808" corrected. <sup>31</sup> They |strong="H0398" filled |strong="H7646" their |strong="H0398" lives with |strong="H7646" what |strong="H6529" they |strong="H0398" wanted. They |strong="H0398" went their |strong="H0398" own

way|strong="H1870", so they|strong="H0398" will|strong="H6529" get|strong="H7646" what|strong="H6529" they|strong="H0398" deserve|strong="H6529".

<sup>32</sup> " Fools|strong="H3684" die|strong="H0006" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" refuse to|strong="H3588" follow wisdom. They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H4878" content to|strong="H3588" follow their|strong="H3588" foolish|strong="H3684" ways, and|strong="H0006" that|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3684" destroy|strong="H0006" them|strong="H2026". <sup>33</sup> But|strong="H8085" those who listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" me will|strong="H8085" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H8085" safety|strong="H0983" and|strong="H8085" comfort. They|strong="H8085" will|strong="H8085" have|strong="H8085" nothing to|strong="H8085" fear|strong="H6343"."

### Listen to Wisdom

**2** My|strong="H3947" son|strong="H1121", pay|strong="H0561" attention to|strong="H1121" what|strong="H4687" I|strong="H0518" say. Remember my|strong="H3947" commands|strong="H4687". <sup>2</sup> Listen|strong="H7181" to|strong="H3820" wisdom|strong="H2451", and|strong="H2451" do your|strong="H5186" best to|strong="H3820" understand|strong="H8394". <sup>3</sup> Ask for|strong="H3588" good judgment. Cry|strong="H7121" out for|strong="H3588" understanding|strong="H8394". <sup>4</sup> Look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H0518" wisdom like|strong="H3701" silver|strong="H3701". Search|strong="H1245" for|strong="H0518" it|strong="H0518" like|strong="H3701" hidden|strong="H4301" treasure|strong="H4301". <sup>5</sup> If|strong="H0227" you|strong="H0227" do this|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0227" will|strong="H3068" understand|strong="H0995" what|strong="H1847" it|strong="H3068" means to|strong="H3068" respect the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0227" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H4672" to|strong="H3068" know|strong="H1847" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" source of|strong="H3068" wisdom|strong="H2451"; knowledge|strong="H1847" and|strong="H3068" understanding|strong="H8394" come from|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5414" mouth|strong="H6310". <sup>7</sup> He|strong="H1980" gives good advice to|strong="H1980" honest people and|strong="H1980" shields|strong="H4043" those|strong="H1980" who|strong="H3477" do what|strong="H3477" is|strong="H3477" right|strong="H3477". <sup>8</sup> He makes sure

that|strong="H1870" people are|strong="H1870" treated fairly|strong="H4941". He watches|strong="H8104" over his|strong="H8104" loyal|strong="H2623" followers|strong="H2623".

<sup>9</sup> If|strong="H0227" you|strong="H3605" listen|strong="H3605" to|strong="H4941" him|strong="H3605", you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H6664" understand|strong="H0995" what|strong="H6664" is|strong="H3605" just|strong="H6664" and|strong="H4941" fair and|strong="H4941" how to|strong="H4941" do|strong="H3605" what|strong="H6664" is|strong="H3605" right|strong="H4941". <sup>10</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3820" gain wisdom|strong="H2451", and|strong="H0935" knowledge|strong="H1847" will|strong="H3820" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3588" joy.

<sup>11</sup> Planning ahead will|strong="H8394" protect|strong="H8104" you|strong="H5921", and|strong="H8104" understanding|strong="H8394" will|strong="H8394" guard|strong="H8104" you|strong="H5921". <sup>12</sup> These|strong="H1696" will|strong="H0376" keep you|strong="H1696" from|strong="H0376" following|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" wrong|strong="H7451" path|strong="H1870" and|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" protect you|strong="H1696" from|strong="H0376" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376" evil|strong="H7451" plans. <sup>13</sup> Such people|strong="H5800" have|strong="H5800" left|strong="H5800" the|strong="H1870" straight path|strong="H0734" and|strong="H1870" now walk|strong="H1870" in|strong="H1870" darkness|strong="H2822". <sup>14</sup> They|strong="H6213" enjoy doing|strong="H6213" evil|strong="H7451" and|strong="H8056" are|strong="H6213" happy|strong="H8056" with|strong="H1523" the|strong="H6213" confusion it|strong="H6213" brings. <sup>15</sup> Their|strong="H0834" ways|strong="H0734" are|strong="H0834" crooked|strong="H6141"; they|strong="H0834" lie and|strong="H0834" cheat.

<sup>16</sup> Wisdom will|strong="H0802" save|strong="H5337" you|strong="H0561" from|strong="H5337" that other|strong="H2114" woman|strong="H0802", another|strong="H2114" man's|strong="H0802" wife|strong="H0802", who|strong="H0802" tempts you|strong="H0561" with|strong="H0802" sweet words|strong="H0561". <sup>17</sup> She married when she was|strong="H0430" young, but|strong="H5800" then|strong="H0853" she left|strong="H5800" her|strong="H7911" husband. She forgot|strong="H7911" the|strong="H0853" marriage vows she made before|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430". <sup>18</sup> Going into|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" house|strong="H1004" leads to|strong="H0413" death|strong="H4194".



She |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" lead |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" grave. <sup>19</sup> All |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" enter |strong="H0935" lose their |strong="H3605" life |strong="H2416" and |strong="H0935" never |strong="H3808" return |strong="H7725".

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom will |strong="H6662" help you |strong="H8104" follow the |strong="H8104" example |strong="H1870" of |strong="H1870" good |strong="H2896" people and |strong="H1870" stay on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H8104" right |strong="H6662" path |strong="H0734". <sup>21</sup> Honest people |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" live |strong="H7931" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0776" those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3588" do right |strong="H3477" will |strong="H0776" remain |strong="H3498" there. <sup>22</sup> But |strong="H7563" the |strong="H4480" wicked |strong="H7563" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" forced to |strong="H0776" leave |strong="H4480". Those |strong="H4480" who |strong="H7563" lie and |strong="H0776" cheat will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" thrown out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H4480" land |strong="H0776".

### The Blessing of Wisdom

<sup>3</sup> My |strong="H7911" son |strong="H1121", don't |strong="H0408" forget |strong="H7911" my |strong="H7911" teaching |strong="H8451". Remember what |strong="H4687" I |strong="H1121" tell you |strong="H3820" to |strong="H3820" do |strong="H0408". <sup>2</sup> What |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" teach will |strong="H3117" give |strong="H3254" you |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" good, long |strong="H0753" life |strong="H3117", and |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" go well |strong="H7965" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>3</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" ever let |strong="H0408" love |strong="H2617" and |strong="H0571" loyalty |strong="H2617" leave |strong="H5800" you |strong="H5921". Tie |strong="H7194" them |strong="H5921" around |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" neck |strong="H1621", and |strong="H0571" write |strong="H3789" them |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" heart |strong="H3820". <sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H0120" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0430" pleased |strong="H2896" and |strong="H0430" think |strong="H5869" well |strong="H2896" of |strong="H0430" you |strong="H4672" and |strong="H0430" so |strong="H4672" will |strong="H0430" everyone |strong="H0120" else.

<sup>5</sup> Trust |strong="H0982" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" completely |strong="H3605", and |strong="H3068" don't |strong="H0408" depend on |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" own knowledge. <sup>6</sup> With |strong="H3045" every |strong="H3605" step you |strong="H3605" take |strong="H3045", think about |strong="H3045" what |strong="H1870" he |strong="H1931" wants, and |strong="H1870" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1931" help you |strong="H3605" go the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H3474" way |strong="H1870". <sup>7</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" trust in |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" wisdom |strong="H2450", but |strong="H1961" fear |strong="H3372" and |strong="H3068" respect the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" stay away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" evil |strong="H7451". <sup>8</sup> If |strong="H1961" you |strong="H1961" do this, it |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" refreshing drink |strong="H8250" and |strong="H1961" medicine for |strong="H1961" your |strong="H1961" body |strong="H6106".

<sup>9</sup> Honor |strong="H3513" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" with |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" wealth |strong="H1952" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7225" part of |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" harvest |strong="H8393". <sup>10</sup> Then your |strong="H4390" barns |strong="H0618" will |strong="H3342" be full |strong="H4390" of |strong="H4390" grain, and |strong="H8492" your |strong="H4390" barrels will |strong="H3342" be overflowing with |strong="H4390" wine |strong="H8492".

<sup>11</sup> My |strong="H3068" son |strong="H1121", don't |strong="H0408" reject |strong="H3988" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" discipline |strong="H4148", and |strong="H1121" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" angry when |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" corrects you. <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" corrects |strong="H3198" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" loves |strong="H0157", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001" corrects |strong="H3198" a |strong="H3588" child |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" cares about.

<sup>13</sup> Those |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0120" find |strong="H4672" wisdom |strong="H2451" are |strong="H0835" fortunate; they will |strong="H0120" be |strong="H2451" blessed |strong="H0835" when |strong="H4672" they gain understanding |strong="H8394". <sup>14</sup> Profit |strong="H5504" that |strong="H3588" comes from |strong="H3701" wisdom is |strong="H3701" bet-

ter |strong="H2896" than |strong="H2896" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" even |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" finest gold |strong="H2742". <sup>15</sup> Wisdom is |strong="H1931" worth more |strong="H3808" than |strong="H3808" fine jewels |strong="H6443". Nothing |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3605" desire |strong="H2656" has |strong="H3605" more |strong="H3808" value.

<sup>16</sup> With |strong="H3117" her |strong="H3117" right |strong="H3225" hand |strong="H3225", Wisdom offers long |strong="H0753" life |strong="H3117"—with |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" other hand |strong="H3225", riches |strong="H6239" and |strong="H3117" honor |strong="H3519". <sup>17</sup> Wisdom will |strong="H1870" lead you |strong="H3605" to |strong="H1870" a |strong="H3605" life of |strong="H1870" joy and |strong="H1870" peace |strong="H7965". <sup>18</sup> Wisdom is |strong="H1931" like |strong="H6086" a |strong="H2388" life-giving tree |strong="H6086" to |strong="H6086" those |strong="H2388" who |strong="H1931" hold |strong="H2388" on |strong="H6086" to |strong="H6086" her |strong="H8551"; she |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H2388" blessing to |strong="H6086" those |strong="H2388" who |strong="H1931" keep her |strong="H8551" close.

<sup>19</sup> With |strong="H3068" wisdom |strong="H2451" and |strong="H3068" understanding |strong="H8394", the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" created the |strong="H3068" earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" sky |strong="H8064". <sup>20</sup> With |strong="H7491" his |strong="H1847" knowledge |strong="H1847", he made the |strong="H1234" oceans and |strong="H1847" the |strong="H1234" clouds |strong="H7834" that |strong="H8415" produce rain |strong="H7491".

<sup>21</sup> My |strong="H5341" son |strong="H1121", don't |strong="H0408" ever let |strong="H0408" wisdom |strong="H8454" out of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H5341" sight |strong="H5869". Hold on |strong="H5869" to |strong="H1121" wisdom |strong="H8454" and |strong="H1121" careful planning. <sup>22</sup> They |strong="H5315" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5315" a |strong="H1961" long |strong="H5315" life |strong="H5315" filled with |strong="H1961" honor. <sup>23</sup> As you |strong="H3808" go through |strong="H1870" life, you |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" always be |strong="H3808" safe and |strong="H1870" never |strong="H3808" fall. <sup>24</sup> When |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" lie |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901", you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H6342". When |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" rest |strong="H7901", your |strong="H0518"

sleep |strong="H8142" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" peaceful. <sup>25</sup> You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H7563" no |strong="H0408" reason to |strong="H0935" fear |strong="H3372" a |strong="H3588" sudden |strong="H6597" disaster |strong="H6343" or |strong="H0408" the |strong="H3588" destruction |strong="H7722" that |strong="H3588" comes |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" wicked |strong="H7563". <sup>26</sup> You |strong="H3588" can trust |strong="H3689" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H1961" protect |strong="H8104" you |strong="H3588". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H1961" let |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" fall |strong="H1961" into |strong="H1961" harm.

<sup>27</sup> Do |strong="H6213" everything you |strong="H6213" possibly can |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3027" those |strong="H1961" who |strong="H0410" need help. <sup>28</sup> If your |strong="H5414" neighbor |strong="H7453" needs something you |strong="H5414" have |strong="H3426", don't |strong="H0408" say |strong="H0559", "Come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" tomorrow |strong="H4279". Give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5414" immediately.

<sup>29</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" make plans to |strong="H5921" harm |strong="H7451" your |strong="H5921" neighbor |strong="H7453", who |strong="H1931" lives |strong="H3427" near |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3427" trusts you |strong="H5921". <sup>1</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" take |strong="H5973" people |strong="H0120" to |strong="H5973" court without |strong="H3808" good reason, especially when |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0518" done |strong="H7451" nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5973" harm |strong="H7451" you |strong="H0518".

<sup>31</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" envy |strong="H7065" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0376" violent |strong="H2555". Never |strong="H0408" choose |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0408" like |strong="H1870" them |strong="H0376". <sup>32</sup> Such crooked people are |strong="H3068" disgusting |strong="H8441" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068". But |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" friend to |strong="H3068" those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" good and |strong="H3068" honest.

<sup>1</sup> NEIGHBOR ... TRUSTS YOU Or "neighbor. After all, you live near one another for protection."

<sup>33</sup> The LORD curses a wicked family, but he blesses the homes of those who live right.

<sup>34</sup> He will humiliate those who make fun of others, but he is kind to those who are humble.

<sup>35</sup> The wise live in honor, but the way fools bring them shame.

#### A Father's Advice About Wisdom

**4** Children, listen to your father's teaching. Pay attention and will learn how to learn. <sup>2</sup> The advice I give is good, so don't ever forget what I teach you.

<sup>3</sup> When I was a little boy and my mother's dear son, <sup>14</sup> my father taught me this: "Pay attention to what I say. Obey my commands and will have a good life." <sup>5</sup> Try to get wisdom and understanding. Don't forget or ignore what I say. <sup>6</sup> Don't turn away from wisdom, and

she will protect you. Love her, and she will keep you safe.

<sup>7</sup> The first step to becoming wise is to look for wisdom, so use everything you have to get understanding. <sup>8</sup> Love wisdom, and she will make you great. Hold on to wisdom, and she will bring you honor. <sup>9</sup> Wisdom will reward you with a crown of honor and glory.

<sup>10</sup> Son, listen to me. Do what I say, and you will live a long time. I am teaching you about wisdom and guiding you the right path. <sup>12</sup> As you walk, you will not step into a trap. Even if you run, you will not trip and fall. <sup>13</sup> Always remember this teaching. Don't forget it. It is the key to life, so guard it well.

<sup>14</sup> Don't take the path of the wicked; don't follow those who do evil. <sup>15</sup> Stay away from that path; don't even go near

it |strong="H5921". Turn |strong="H7847" around |strong="H5921" and |strong="H7847" go |strong="H5674" another way |strong="H5921".<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H3588" wicked |strong="H7489" cannot |strong="H3808" sleep |strong="H8142" until they |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0518" done something evil |strong="H7489". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" rest until they |strong="H3588" bring |strong="H3782" someone down |strong="H3782".<sup>17</sup> Evil |strong="H7562" and |strong="H3899" violence |strong="H2555" are |strong="H2555" their |strong="H3588" food |strong="H3899" and |strong="H3899" drink |strong="H8354".

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H5704" path |strong="H0734" of |strong="H3117" those |strong="H1980" who |strong="H6662" live |strong="H1980" right |strong="H6662" is |strong="H3117" like |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" early |strong="H0216" morning |strong="H0216" light |strong="H0216". It |strong="H3559" gets brighter |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" brighter |strong="H1980" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" full |strong="H3117" light |strong="H0216" of |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117".<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3045" path |strong="H1870" of |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3045" wicked |strong="H7563" is |strong="H4100" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808" dark night. They |strong="H3808" trip and |strong="H1870" fall |strong="H3782" over |strong="H3782" what |strong="H4100" they |strong="H3808" cannot |strong="H3808" see |strong="H3045".

<sup>20</sup> My |strong="H5186" son |strong="H1121", pay |strong="H7181" attention |strong="H7181" to |strong="H1697" what |strong="H1697" I |strong="H1697" say |strong="H1697". Listen |strong="H7181" closely |strong="H0241" to |strong="H1697" my |strong="H5186" words |strong="H1697".<sup>21</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" them |strong="H8432" out |strong="H3824" of |strong="H5869" your |strong="H8104" sight |strong="H5869". Never |strong="H0408" stop |strong="H0408" thinking about |strong="H3824" them |strong="H8432".<sup>22</sup> These |strong="H1992" words are |strong="H1992" the |strong="H3605" secret of |strong="H3605" life |strong="H2416" and |strong="H1320" health |strong="H4832" to |strong="H1320" all |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" discover |strong="H4672" them |strong="H1992".<sup>23</sup> Above |strong="H4480" all |strong="H3605", be |strong="H3820" careful what |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" think |strong="H3820" because |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3605"

thoughts |strong="H3820" control your |strong="H3605" life |strong="H2416".

<sup>24</sup> Don't bend the |strong="H4480" truth or |strong="H4480" say |strong="H6310" things that |strong="H4480" you |strong="H4480" know are |strong="H6310" not right.<sup>25</sup> Keep your |strong="H3474" eyes |strong="H5869" on |strong="H5027" the |strong="H5048" path, and |strong="H5869" look |strong="H5027" straight |strong="H3474" ahead |strong="H5048".<sup>26</sup> Make |strong="H3559" sure |strong="H3559" you |strong="H3605" are |strong="H1870" going the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H3559" way |strong="H1870", and |strong="H1870" nothing |strong="H3605" will |strong="H7272" make |strong="H3559" you |strong="H3605" fall.<sup>27</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" go |strong="H5493" to |strong="H5493" the |strong="H5493" right |strong="H3225" or |strong="H0408" to |strong="H5493" the |strong="H5493" left |strong="H8040", and |strong="H7272" you |strong="H5186" will |strong="H7272" stay away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" evil |strong="H7451".

### The Wisdom of Avoiding Adultery

**5** Son |strong="H1121", listen |strong="H7181" to |strong="H1121" this piece of |strong="H1121" wisdom |strong="H2451" from |strong="H1121" me |strong="H1121". Pay |strong="H7181" attention |strong="H7181" to |strong="H1121" what I |strong="H1121" know to |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" true.<sup>2</sup> Remember to |strong="H8104" live wisely, and |strong="H8104" what |strong="H1847" you |strong="H8104" learn will |strong="H8193" keep |strong="H8104" your |strong="H8104" lips |strong="H8193" from |strong="H8104" saying the |strong="H8104" wrong thing.<sup>3</sup> Now |strong="H3588", another |strong="H2114" man's wife might be |strong="H3588" very charming, and |strong="H8081" the |strong="H3588" words |strong="H8193" from |strong="H8193" her |strong="H3588" lips |strong="H8193" so |strong="H3588" sweet and |strong="H8081" inviting.<sup>4</sup> But in |strong="H6310" the |strong="H6310" end |strong="H0319", she will |strong="H2719" bring only bitterness |strong="H4751" and |strong="H2719" pain. It |strong="H0319" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H0319" like bitter |strong="H4751" poison and |strong="H2719" a |strong="H6310" sharp |strong="H2299" sword |strong="H2719".<sup>5</sup> She is |strong="H4194" on |strong="H3381" a |strong="H7272" path leading to |strong="H3381" death |strong="H4194", and |strong="H3381" she will |strong="H7272" lead you |strong="H3381" straight to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3381" grave.<sup>6</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" follow

her|strong="H3045". She|strong="H3808" has|strong="H3045" lost her|strong="H3045" way|strong="H0734" and|strong="H3045" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" it|strong="H3045". Be|strong="H3808" careful. Stay on|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3045" road that|strong="H3045" leads|strong="H2416" to|strong="H3045" life|strong="H2416".

<sup>7</sup> Now|strong="H6258", my|strong="H8085" sons|strong="H1121", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" me|strong="H1121". Don't|strong="H0408" forget the|strong="H8085" words|strong="H0561" I|strong="H6258" say|strong="H6310". <sup>8</sup> Stay away|strong="H7368" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" woman|strong="H1004" who commits adultery. Don't|strong="H0408" even|strong="H0408" go|strong="H7126" near|strong="H7126" her|strong="H0413" house|strong="H1004". <sup>9</sup> If|strong="H6435" you|strong="H5414" do, others|strong="H0312" will|strong="H5414" get the|strong="H5414" honor|strong="H1935" you|strong="H5414" should|strong="H8141" have|strong="H5414" had|strong="H5414". Some stranger will|strong="H5414" get everything you|strong="H5414" worked years|strong="H8141" to|strong="H5414" get. <sup>10</sup> People you|strong="H6435" don't know will|strong="H1004" take all your|strong="H7646" wealth. Others will|strong="H1004" get|strong="H7646" what you|strong="H6435" worked for|strong="H1004". <sup>11</sup> At the|strong="H3615" end|strong="H0319" of|strong="H1320" your|strong="H3615" life, you|strong="H0319" will|strong="H1320" be|strong="H0319" sad that|strong="H1320" you|strong="H0319" ruined your|strong="H3615" health and|strong="H1320" lost everything you|strong="H0319" had|strong="H1320". <sup>12</sup> Then you will say, "Why didn't I listen to my parents? Why didn't I pay attention to my teachers? I didn't want to be disciplined. I refused to be corrected. <sup>14</sup> So|strong="H1961" now|strong="H1961" I|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" suffered through|strong="H8432" just|strong="H3605" about|strong="H1961" every|strong="H3605" kind of|strong="H3605" trouble|strong="H7451" anyone|strong="H3605" can have|strong="H1961", and|strong="H3605" everyone|strong="H3605" knows it|strong="H1961"."

<sup>15</sup> Now, about sex and|strong="H8354" marriage: Drink|strong="H8354" only the|strong="H8432" water|strong="H4325" that|strong="H4325" comes from|strong="H8432" your|strong="H8354" own well|strong="H0875", <sup>16</sup> and|strong="H4325" don't let your water|strong="H4325" flow out|strong="H2351" into|strong="H4325" the|strong="H2351" streets|strong="H2351". <sup>17</sup> Keep

it|strong="H1961" for|strong="H0854" yourself|strong="H0854", and|strong="H0905" don't|strong="H0369" share it|strong="H1961" with|strong="H0854" strangers|strong="H2114". <sup>18</sup> Be|strong="H1961" happy|strong="H8055" with|strong="H0802" your|strong="H1961" own|strong="H1961" wife|strong="H0802". Enjoy the|strong="H1288" woman|strong="H0802" you|strong="H1288" married|strong="H0802" while|strong="H1961" you|strong="H1288" were|strong="H1961" young. <sup>19</sup> She|strong="H6256" is|strong="H3605" like a|strong="H6256" beautiful deer|strong="H3280", a|strong="H6256" lovely fawn. Let|strong="H6256" her|strong="H3605" love|strong="H0160" satisfy|strong="H7301" you|strong="H3605" completely|strong="H3605". Stay drunk|strong="H7301" on|strong="H3605" her|strong="H3605" love|strong="H0160", <sup>20</sup> and|strong="H1121" don't go|strong="H7686" stumbling into the|strong="H4100" arms|strong="H2436" of|strong="H1121" another|strong="H2114" woman|strong="H5237".

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" clearly sees everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3588" do|strong="H3605". He|strong="H3588" watches|strong="H6424" where you|strong="H3588" go. <sup>22</sup> The|strong="H0853" sins|strong="H2403" of|strong="H5771" the|strong="H0853" wicked|strong="H7563" will|strong="H7563" trap them|strong="H0853". Those|strong="H0853" sins|strong="H2403" will|strong="H7563" be|strong="H7563" like ropes|strong="H2256" holding them|strong="H0853" back. <sup>23</sup> Evil people|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0369" die|strong="H4191" because|strong="H7230" they|strong="H1931" refuse to|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191" disciplined. They|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H4191" trapped by|strong="H4191" their|strong="H4191" own desires.

### Dangers of Debt

<sup>6</sup> My|strong="H0518" son|strong="H1121", don't make|strong="H6148" yourself|strong="H0518" responsible for|strong="H0518" the|strong="H0518" debts of|strong="H1121" others. Don't make|strong="H6148" such deals with|strong="H3709" friends|strong="H7453" or|strong="H0518" strangers|strong="H2114". <sup>2</sup> If|strong="H3369" you|strong="H0561" do, your words|strong="H0561" will|strong="H6310" trap you|strong="H0561". <sup>3</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" under|strong="H7511" the|strong="H3588" power|strong="H3709" of|strong="H1121" other|strong="H7453" people|strong="H1121", so|strong="H6213" you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H1121" go|strong="H0935"

and **free yourself**. Beg them **to free you** from **debt**. <sup>4</sup> Don't **wait to rest or sleep** from **that trap** like a **deer running from a hunter**. Free yourself **like a bird flying from a trap**.

### The Dangers of Being Lazy

<sup>6</sup> You **lazy people**, you **should watch** what **the ants do** and **learn from them**. <sup>7</sup> Ants **have no ruler, no boss, and no leader**. <sup>8</sup> But **in the summer**, ants **gather all of their food** and **save it**. So **when winter comes**, there **is plenty to eat**.

<sup>9</sup> You **lazy people**, how **long are you going to lie there?** When **will you get up?** <sup>10</sup> You **say, "I need a rest"**. I **think I'll take a short nap**. <sup>11</sup> But **then you sleep and become poorer and poorer**. Soon **you will have nothing**. It **will be as if a thief came and stole everything you owned**.

### Troublemakers

<sup>12</sup> Some **people are just troublemakers**.

They **are always thinking up some crooked plan and telling lies**. <sup>13</sup> They **use secret signals to cheat people**; they **wink their eyes**, **shuffle their feet**, and **point a finger**. <sup>14</sup> They **are always planning to do something bad**. <sup>15</sup> But **they will be punished**. Disaster **will strike**, and **they will be destroyed**. There **will be no one to help them**.

### What the Lord Hates

<sup>16</sup> The **LORD hates these seven things**:

<sup>17</sup> **eyes that show pride,**

**tongues that tell lies,**

**hands that kill innocent people,**

<sup>18</sup> **hearts that plan evil things to do,**

**feet that run to do evil,**

<sup>19</sup> **witnesses in court who tell lies, and anyone who causes family members to fight.**

### Warning Against Adultery

<sup>20</sup> My **son**, remember your **father's command**, and **don't forget your mother's teaching**. <sup>21</sup> Remember **their words always**. Tie **them around your**

neck|strong="H1621" and|strong="H3820" keep them|strong="H5921" over|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" heart|strong="H3820".<sup>22</sup> Let|strong="H1980" this|strong="H1931" teaching lead|strong="H5148" you|strong="H5921" wherever|strong="H1980" you|strong="H5921" go|strong="H1980". It|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1931" watch|strong="H8104" over|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" while|strong="H1931" you|strong="H5921" sleep|strong="H7901". And|strong="H1980" when|strong="H1980" you|strong="H5921" wake|strong="H6974" up|strong="H5921", it|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1931" give|strong="H8104" you|strong="H5921" good advice.

<sup>23</sup> Your|strong="H3588" parents give|strong="H2416" you|strong="H3588" commands|strong="H4687" and|strong="H1870" teachings|strong="H8451" that|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1870" like|strong="H1870" lights|strong="H0216" to|strong="H1870" show you|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" right way|strong="H1870". This|strong="H3588" teaching|strong="H8451" corrects you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H1870" trains you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H1870" follow the|strong="H3588" path|strong="H1870" to|strong="H1870" life|strong="H2416".<sup>24</sup> It|strong="H8104" stops you|strong="H8104" from|strong="H0802" going to|strong="H8104" an|strong="H8104" evil|strong="H7451" woman|strong="H0802", and|strong="H0802" it|strong="H8104" protects|strong="H8104" you|strong="H8104" from|strong="H0802" the|strong="H8104" smooth talk of|strong="H0802" another|strong="H0802" man's|strong="H0802" wife|strong="H0802".<sup>25</sup> Such a|strong="H3947" woman might be|strong="H0408" beautiful|strong="H3308", but|strong="H3947" don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" that beauty|strong="H3308" tempt you|strong="H3947". Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" her|strong="H3947" eyes capture|strong="H3947" you|strong="H3947".<sup>26</sup> A|strong="H3588" prostitute|strong="H2181" might cost a|strong="H3588" loaf|strong="H3603" of|strong="H0376" bread|strong="H3899", but|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" wife|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0376" another|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" could|strong="H0376" cost you|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" life|strong="H5315".<sup>27</sup> If|strong="H0376" you|strong="H3808" drop a|strong="H3808" hot coal in|strong="H0376" your|strong="H3808" lap|strong="H2436", your|strong="H3808" clothes|strong="H0899" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H3808" burned|strong="H8313".<sup>28</sup> If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518"

step|strong="H7272" on|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0376", your|strong="H5921" feet|strong="H7272" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H3808" burned.<sup>29</sup> If|strong="H3651" you|strong="H3605" sleep with|strong="H0413" another|strong="H7453" man's|strong="H0802" wife|strong="H0802", you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0802" be|strong="H3808" punished.

<sup>30</sup> A hungry man might steal to fill his stomach. If he is caught, he must pay seven times more than he stole. It might cost him everything he owns, but other people understand. They don't lose all their respect for him.<sup>32</sup> But|strong="H3820" a|strong="H0802" man|strong="H5315" who|strong="H1931" commits|strong="H6213" adultery|strong="H5003" is|strong="H1931" a|strong="H0802" fool. He|strong="H1931" brings about his|strong="H1931" own|strong="H5315" destruction|strong="H7843".<sup>33</sup> He|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" suffer disease and|strong="H2781" disgrace|strong="H2781" and|strong="H2781" never|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" free from|strong="H2781" the|strong="H4672" shame|strong="H7036".<sup>34</sup> The|strong="H3588" woman's husband will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" jealous and|strong="H3117" angry|strong="H2534" and|strong="H3117" do everything he|strong="H3588" can|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3117" get revenge|strong="H5359".<sup>35</sup> No|strong="H3808" payment— no|strong="H3808" amount|strong="H7235" of|strong="H6440" money— will|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" him|strong="H6440".

#### Wisdom Will Keep You From Adultery

**7** My|strong="H8104" son|strong="H1121", remember my|strong="H8104" words|strong="H0561". Don't|strong="H8104" forget what|strong="H4687" I|strong="H1121" have|strong="H1121" told you|strong="H8104".<sup>2</sup> Consider|strong="H5869" my|strong="H8104" teaching|strong="H8451" as precious as your|strong="H8104" own|strong="H5869" eyes|strong="H5869". Obey|strong="H8104" my|strong="H8104" commands|strong="H4687", and|strong="H5869" you|strong="H8104" will|strong="H5869" have|strong="H5869" a|strong="H5869" good life|strong="H2421".<sup>3</sup> Tie|strong="H7194" them|strong="H5921" around|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" finger|strong="H0676". Write|strong="H3789" them|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" heart|strong="H3820".<sup>4</sup> Treat wisdom|strong="H2451" like the|strong="H0559" woman you|strong="H0859" love and|strong="H2451" knowledge like the|strong="H0559" one dearest to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859".<sup>5</sup> Wisdom will|strong="H0802"

save you |strong="H8104" from |strong="H0802" that other |strong="H2114" woman |strong="H0802", the |strong="H8104" other |strong="H2114" man's |strong="H0802" wife |strong="H0802", who |strong="H8104" tempts you |strong="H8104" with |strong="H0802" such sweet words |strong="H0561".

<sup>6</sup> One |strong="H3588" day I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1004" looking out |strong="H8259" my |strong="H3588" window |strong="H2474"<sup>7</sup> at |strong="H7200" some foolish teenagers and |strong="H1121" noticed |strong="H7200" one |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" had |strong="H1121" no sense |strong="H3820" at |strong="H7200" all. <sup>8</sup> He |strong="H1004" was |strong="H1004" walking through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H1870" market place and |strong="H1004" came to |strong="H1870" the |strong="H1870" corner |strong="H6438" where |strong="H1004" a certain woman |strong="H1004" lived. He |strong="H1004" then |strong="H5674" turned |strong="H5674" up the |strong="H1870" road |strong="H1870" that |strong="H5674" goes by |strong="H1870" her |strong="H1870" house |strong="H1004". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" was |strong="H3117" ending. The |strong="H3117" sun had |strong="H3117" set, and |strong="H3117" it |strong="H3915" was |strong="H3117" almost |strong="H3117" dark |strong="H5399". <sup>10</sup> Suddenly |strong="H2009", there |strong="H2009" she |strong="H3820" was |strong="H3820" in |strong="H0802" front of |strong="H0802" him |strong="H7125", dressed |strong="H7897" like |strong="H3820" a |strong="H0802" prostitute |strong="H2181". She |strong="H3820" had |strong="H0802" plans for |strong="H0802" him |strong="H7125". <sup>11</sup> She |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3808" wild and |strong="H1004" rebellious |strong="H5637" woman |strong="H1004" who |strong="H1931" would not |strong="H3808" stay |strong="H7931" at |strong="H1004" home |strong="H1004". <sup>12</sup> She walked the |strong="H3605" streets |strong="H2351", always looking for |strong="H3605" someone to |strong="H3605" trap. <sup>13</sup> She |strong="H6440" grabbed |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0559" young man and |strong="H6440" kissed |strong="H5401" him |strong="H6440". Without shame, she |strong="H6440" looked him |strong="H6440" in |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0559" eye and |strong="H6440" said |strong="H0559", <sup>14</sup> "I |strong="H3117" offered a |strong="H5921" fellowship offering |strong="H8002" today |strong="H3117". I |strong="H3117" gave what |strong="H5921" I |strong="H3117" promised to |strong="H5921" give, <sup>15</sup> and |strong="H6440" I |strong="H3651" still have |strong="H4672" plenty of |strong="H6440" food

left |strong="H3318". So |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" came |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5921" find |strong="H4672" you |strong="H6440", and |strong="H6440" here |strong="H3318" you |strong="H6440" are |strong="H6440"! <sup>16</sup> I |strong="H4714" have |strong="H4714" clean sheets on my |strong="H7234" bed |strong="H6210"—special ones from |strong="H4714" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>17</sup> My |strong="H5130" bed |strong="H4904" smells wonderful with |strong="H4904" myrrh |strong="H4753", aloes |strong="H0174", and |strong="H4753" cinnamon |strong="H7076". <sup>18</sup> Come, let's enjoy |strong="H5965" ourselves all |strong="H5704" night. We |strong="H5704" can make love |strong="H1730" until |strong="H5704" dawn |strong="H1242". <sup>19</sup> My |strong="H3588" husband |strong="H0376" has |strong="H0369" gone |strong="H1980" on |strong="H1980" a |strong="H3588" business trip. <sup>20</sup> He |strong="H3117" took |strong="H3947" enough |strong="H3027" money |strong="H3701" for |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3947" long |strong="H3117" trip and |strong="H0935" won't be |strong="H3027" home |strong="H1004" for |strong="H3027" two |strong="H3947" weeks. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>21</sup> This |strong="H7230" is |strong="H8193" what the |strong="H5186" woman said to |strong="H8193" tempt the |strong="H5186" young man, and |strong="H5080" her |strong="H5186" smooth words |strong="H8193" tricked him |strong="H5186". <sup>22</sup> He |strong="H0310" followed |strong="H0310" her |strong="H0413", like |strong="H1980" a |strong="H0935" bull |strong="H7794" being led |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" slaughter |strong="H2874". He |strong="H0310" was |strong="H7794" like |strong="H1980" a |strong="H0935" deer walking |strong="H1980" into |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" trap, <sup>23</sup> where |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" hunter waits to |strong="H0413" shoot an |strong="H3588" arrow |strong="H2671" through |strong="H0413" its |strong="H3045" heart |strong="H5315". The |strong="H3588" boy was |strong="H1931" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" bird |strong="H6833" flying into |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3588" net, never |strong="H3808" seeing |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" danger he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" in |strong="H0413".

<sup>24</sup> Now |strong="H6258", sons |strong="H1121", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" me |strong="H1121". Pay |strong="H7181" attention |strong="H7181" to |strong="H8085"

I WON'T BE ... WEEKS Literally, "will not come home until the full moon." The fellowship offering (see verse 14) was usually at the time of the new moon, the first day of the Hebrew month, which was two weeks before the full moon.



what |strong="H6310" I |strong="H6258" say |strong="H6310".<sup>25</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" your |strong="H0413" heart |strong="H3820" lead |strong="H8582" you |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" an evil woman like |strong="H1870" that |strong="H0413". Don't |strong="H0408" go |strong="H8582" where |strong="H0413" she |strong="H3820" wants to |strong="H0413" lead |strong="H8582" you |strong="H0413".<sup>26</sup> She |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" brought down |strong="H5307" some |strong="H7227" of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" most powerful |strong="H6099" men |strong="H3605"; she |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" left many |strong="H7227" dead |strong="H2491" bodies in |strong="H5307" her |strong="H3605" path.<sup>27</sup> Her |strong="H0413" house |strong="H1004" is |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0413" place |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" death |strong="H4194". The |strong="H0413" road |strong="H1870" to |strong="H0413" it |strong="H3381" leads straight to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" grave.

#### Wisdom—the Good Woman

**8** Listen |strong="H6963", Wisdom |strong="H2451" is |strong="H2451" calling |strong="H7121".

Yes, Understanding |strong="H8394" is |strong="H2451" shouting |strong="H6963" for |strong="H7121" us |strong="H5414".

<sup>2</sup> Wisdom stands |strong="H5324" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" hill,

by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" road |strong="H1870" where |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" paths |strong="H5410" meet.

<sup>3</sup> She is |strong="H3027" near the |strong="H3027" entrance |strong="H6607" to |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" city |strong="H7176", calling from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" open gates |strong="H8179".

<sup>4</sup> " I |strong="H7121" am calling |strong="H7121" out |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0413".

I |strong="H7121" am speaking to |strong="H0413" everyone |strong="H0376".

<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H3820" who |strong="H0995" are |strong="H0995" ignorant, learn to |strong="H3820" be |strong="H3820" wise.

You |strong="H3820" who |strong="H0995" are |strong="H0995" foolish |strong="H3684", get |strong="H0995" some common sense |strong="H3820".

<sup>6</sup> Listen |strong="H8085", I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1696" something important to |strong="H1696" say |strong="H1696", and |strong="H8085" I |strong="H3588" am telling |strong="H1696" you |strong="H3588" what |strong="H4339" is |strong="H8085" right |strong="H4339".

<sup>7</sup> My |strong="H3588" words |strong="H8193" are |strong="H8193" true |strong="H0571", and |strong="H0571" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H8193" not |strong="H3588" say anything that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H8193" wrong.

<sup>8</sup> Everything |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0369" say |strong="H6310" is |strong="H0369" right |strong="H6664";

there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" nothing |strong="H0369" false or |strong="H0369" crooked |strong="H6141" about |strong="H3605" it |strong="H3605".

<sup>9</sup> These |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0995" clear |strong="H3605" to |strong="H3605" any |strong="H3605" intelligent |strong="H0995" person |strong="H0995".

They |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0995" right |strong="H3477" to |strong="H3605" anyone |strong="H3605" with |strong="H3605" knowledge |strong="H1847".

<sup>10</sup> Choose |strong="H0977" discipline |strong="H4148" over silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" knowledge |strong="H1847" over the |strong="H3947" finest gold |strong="H2742".

<sup>11</sup> Wisdom |strong="H2451" is |strong="H3605" better |strong="H2896" than |strong="H3808" pearls |strong="H6443",

and |strong="H2451" nothing |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3588" desire |strong="H2656" compares with |strong="H3605" her |strong="H3605".

The |strong="H3605" Value of |strong="H3605" Wisdom |strong="H2451"

<sup>12</sup> " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" Wisdom |strong="H2451".

I |strong="H0589" live |strong="H7931" with |strong="H7931" Good Judgment.

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" at |strong="H7931" home with |strong="H7931" Knowledge |strong="H1847" and |strong="H2451" Planning.

<sup>13</sup> To |strong="H3068" respect the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" means to |strong="H3068" hate |strong="H8130" evil |strong="H7451".

I |strong="H3068" hate |strong="H8130" pride |strong="H1347" and |strong="H3068" boasting |strong="H6310",

evil |strong="H7451" lives and |strong="H3068" hurtful words |strong="H6310".

14 I have good advice and common sense to offer.

I understand power.

15 With my help kings rule, and governors make good laws.

16 With my help leaders govern, and important officials make good decisions. I

17 I love those who love me,

and those who look for me will find me.

18 With me there are riches and honor.

I have lasting wealth to give to you.

19 What I give is better than fine gold.

What I produce is better than silver.

20 I lead people the right way—

along the paths of justice.

21 I give riches to those who love me,

and I fill their houses with treasures.

22 The LORD made me in the beginning,

long before he did anything else.

23 I was formed a long time ago,

I AND IMPORTANT ... DECISIONS The Greek Version and some Hebrew copies have "as well as important officials, all the judges on earth."

before the world was made.

24 I was born before there was an ocean, before the

springs began to flow.

25 I was born before the mountains and hills

were set into place,

26 before the earth and fields were made,

before the dust of this world was formed.

27 I was there when he set up the skies,

when he drew a circle in the ocean to make a place for the land.

28 I was there when he put the clouds in the sky

and made the springs flow.

29 I was there when he set the limits of the sea

to make it stop where he said.

I was there when he laid the foundations of the earth.

30 I grew up as a child

by|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3605" side|strong="H0681",<sup>I</sup>

laughing and|strong="H3117" playing|strong="H7832" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H6256".

<sup>31</sup> I|strong="H0776" played|strong="H7832" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0776"

world|strong="H8398" he|strong="H0120" made and|strong="H1121" enjoyed the|strong="H0776" people|strong="H0120" he|strong="H0120" put there.

<sup>32</sup> " Now|strong="H6258", children|strong="H1121", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" me|strong="H8104".

If|strong="H1121" you|strong="H8104" follow my|strong="H8104" ways|strong="H1870",

you|strong="H8104" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" happy|strong="H0835" too.

<sup>33</sup> Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" my|strong="H8085" teaching and|strong="H8085" be|strong="H0408" wise|strong="H2449";

don't|strong="H0408" ignore what I|strong="H8085" say.

<sup>34</sup> Whoever|strong="H8104" waits|strong="H8104" at|strong="H5921" my|strong="H8104" door|strong="H1817"

and|strong="H3117" listens|strong="H8085" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0120" be|strong="H3117" blessed|strong="H0835".

<sup>35</sup> Those|strong="H3588" who|strong="H3068" find|strong="H4672" me|strong="H3588" find|strong="H4672" life|strong="H2416", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" reward them|strong="H4672".

<sup>36</sup> But|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" do|strong="H2554" not|strong="H5315" find me|strong="H5315" put their|strong="H3605" lives|strong="H5315" in|strong="H5315" danger.

Whoever|strong="H3605" hates|strong="H8130" me|strong="H5315" loves|strong="H0157" death|strong="H4194".

### Wisdom's Invitation

**9** Wisdom|strong="H2454" has|strong="H1004" built|strong="H1129" her|strong="H1129" house|strong="H1004"; she has|strong="H1004" made|strong="H1129" it|strong="H1129" strong with|strong="H1004" seven|strong="H7651" columns|strong="H5982".<sup>II2</sup> She|strong="H0637" has cooked meat, mixed|strong="H4537" wine|strong="H3196", and|strong="H3196" put food|strong="H2874" on|strong="H7979" the|strong="H0637" table|strong="H7979".<sup>3</sup>

I I GREW ... HIS SIDE Or "I was beside him like a skilled worker."

II SEVEN COLUMNS In ancient Israel, a good house was one that had four main rooms with seven columns to support the roof.

She|strong="H7121" has sent|strong="H7971" her|strong="H7971" servant girls|strong="H5291" to|strong="H5921" announce|strong="H7121" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" highest hill in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" city|strong="H7176",<sup>III4</sup> " Whoever|strong="H4310" needs instruction, come." She|strong="H3820" invites all the|strong="H0559" simple people|strong="H3820" and|strong="H3820" says|strong="H0559",<sup>5</sup> "Come, eat|strong="H3898" my|strong="H8354" food|strong="H3899" and|strong="H3899" drink|strong="H8354" the|strong="H8354" wine|strong="H3196" I have prepared.<sup>6</sup> Leave|strong="H5800" your|strong="H0833" old, foolish ways|strong="H1870" and|strong="H1870" live|strong="H2421"! Advance along the|strong="H1870" path|strong="H1870" of|strong="H1870" understanding|strong="H0998".

<sup>7</sup> Criticize a|strong="H3947" person|strong="H3198" who|strong="H7563" is|strong="H7563" rude and|strong="H3947" shows no respect, and|strong="H3947" you|strong="H3256" will|strong="H7563" only get|strong="H3947" insults. Correct|strong="H3256" the|strong="H3947" wicked|strong="H7563", and|strong="H3947" you|strong="H3256" will|strong="H7563" only get|strong="H3947" hurt.<sup>8</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" correct|strong="H3198" such people|strong="H0408", or|strong="H6435" they will|strong="H2450" hate|strong="H8130" you|strong="H6435". But|strong="H3198" correct|strong="H3198" those|strong="H2450" who|strong="H2450" are|strong="H2450" wise|strong="H2450", and|strong="H2450" they will|strong="H2450" love|strong="H0157" you|strong="H6435".<sup>9</sup> Teach|strong="H3045" the|strong="H5414" wise|strong="H2450", and|strong="H3045" they will|strong="H6662" become wiser|strong="H2449". Instruct|strong="H3045" those|strong="H2450" who|strong="H6662" live right|strong="H6662", and|strong="H3045" they will|strong="H6662" gain|strong="H3045" more|strong="H5750" knowledge|strong="H3045".

<sup>10</sup> Wisdom|strong="H2451" begins with|strong="H3068" fear|strong="H3374" and|strong="H3068" respect for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068". Knowledge|strong="H1847" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" Holy|strong="H6918" One|strong="H6918" leads to|strong="H3068" understanding|strong="H0998".<sup>11</sup> Wisdom will|strong="H3117" help you|strong="H3588" live|strong="H2416" longer|strong="H3254"; she|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3117" add|strong="H3254" years|strong="H8141" to|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3588"

III Or "She has sent out her servant girls and invited people to come to the highest hill in the city to eat with her."

life |strong="H3117". <sup>12</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" become |strong="H5375" wise |strong="H2449", it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H0518" be |strong="H5375" for |strong="H0518" your |strong="H0518" own good. If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" are rude and |strong="H0905" show |strong="H5375" no |strong="H0518" respect, you |strong="H0518" are the |strong="H5375" one |strong="H0518" who will |strong="H0518" suffer |strong="H5375".

#### Foolishness— the |strong="H5375" Other Woman

<sup>13</sup> Foolishness is |strong="H4100" that |strong="H3045" other woman |strong="H0802", who |strong="H0802" is |strong="H4100" loud, stupid, and |strong="H0802" knows |strong="H3045" nothing |strong="H1077". <sup>14</sup> She sits |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" chair |strong="H3678" at |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5921" door |strong="H6607" of |strong="H1004" her |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004", up |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" highest hill of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H7176". <sup>15</sup> When |strong="H5674" people walk |strong="H1870" by |strong="H1870", she |strong="H7121" calls |strong="H7121" out to |strong="H1870" them |strong="H7121". They |strong="H7121" show no interest in |strong="H1870" her |strong="H7121", but |strong="H1870" still she |strong="H7121" says, <sup>16</sup> "Whoever |strong="H4310" needs instruction, come." She |strong="H3820" invites all the |strong="H0559" simple people |strong="H3820" and |strong="H3820" says |strong="H0559", <sup>17</sup> "Stolen |strong="H1589" water |strong="H4325" is |strong="H4325" sweet |strong="H4985". Stolen |strong="H1589" bread |strong="H3899" tastes good." <sup>18</sup> Those |strong="H3588" simple people |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" realize |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" her |strong="H7121" house is |strong="H8033" full of |strong="H3045" ghosts and |strong="H8033" that |strong="H3588" her |strong="H7121" guests |strong="H7121" have |strong="H3045" entered the |strong="H3588" world of |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3588" dead |strong="H7496".

#### Solomon's Proverbs

**10** These are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" proverbs |strong="H4912" of |strong="H1121" Solomon |strong="H8010".  
A |strong="H8010" wise |strong="H2450" son |strong="H1121" makes |strong="H8055" his |strong="H8010" father |strong="H0001" happy |strong="H8055"; a |strong="H8010" foolish |strong="H3684" one |strong="H1121"

makes |strong="H8055" his |strong="H8010" mother |strong="H0517" sad.

<sup>2</sup> Wealth |strong="H0214" gained by |strong="H3808" doing wrong will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" really help |strong="H3276" you |strong="H3808"; but |strong="H3808" doing right |strong="H6666" will |strong="H3808" save |strong="H5337" you |strong="H3808" from |strong="H5337" death |strong="H4194".

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" takes care of |strong="H3068" good people |strong="H5315" and |strong="H3068" gives them |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" food they |strong="H3808" need, but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3068" keeps the |strong="H3068" wicked |strong="H7563" from |strong="H5315" getting what they |strong="H3808" want |strong="H5315".

<sup>4</sup> Lazy hands |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3027" make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" poor |strong="H7326"; hard-working hands |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3027" make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" rich |strong="H6238".

<sup>5</sup> A |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" works hard while it |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1121" harvest |strong="H7105" time will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" successful |strong="H7919", but |strong="H7290" one |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" sleeps through the |strong="H1121" harvest |strong="H7105" is |strong="H1121" worthless.

<sup>6</sup> People |strong="H7563" say |strong="H6310" good things |strong="H7218" about those who |strong="H6662" live right |strong="H6662", but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H3680" words |strong="H6310" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H3680" wicked |strong="H7563" only hide |strong="H3680" their |strong="H3680" violent |strong="H2555" plans.

<sup>7</sup> Good people |strong="H7563" leave memories that |strong="H6662" bless us, but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H8034" wicked |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" soon forgotten.

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H3947" wise |strong="H2450" accept |strong="H3947" instruction |strong="H4687", but |strong="H3947" fools |strong="H0191" argue and |strong="H3820" bring |strong="H3947" trouble on |strong="H3820" themselves.

<sup>9</sup> Honest people |strong="H3045" can |strong="H1980" always feel secure |strong="H0983", but |strong="H1870" lying cheaters will |strong="H1870" be |strong="H1870" caught.

<sup>10</sup> If you |strong="H5414" fail to |strong="H5414" speak |strong="H8193" the |strong="H5414" truth, trouble |strong="H6094" will |strong="H5869" follow. If

you |strong="H5414" speak |strong="H8193" openly, peace will |strong="H5869" come. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3680" words |strong="H6310" of |strong="H6310" good people |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" like a |strong="H3680" spring of |strong="H6310" fresh water, <sup>II</sup> but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H3680" words |strong="H6310" of |strong="H6310" the |strong="H3680" wicked |strong="H7563" only hide |strong="H3680" their |strong="H3680" violent |strong="H2555" plans.

<sup>12</sup> Hatred |strong="H8135" causes arguments, but |strong="H5921" love |strong="H0160" overlooks all |strong="H3605" wrongs.

<sup>13</sup> Intelligent |strong="H0995" people |strong="H3820" speak |strong="H8193" words |strong="H8193" of |strong="H7626" wisdom |strong="H2451", but |strong="H3820" fools must be |strong="H3820" punished before they |strong="H3820" learn their |strong="H0995" lesson. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Wise |strong="H2450" people are |strong="H2450" quiet and |strong="H6310" learn new things |strong="H6845", but |strong="H0191" fools |strong="H0191" talk |strong="H6310" and |strong="H6310" bring trouble on |strong="H6310" themselves.

<sup>15</sup> Wealth |strong="H1952" protects the |strong="H5797" rich |strong="H6223", but poverty |strong="H7389" destroys the |strong="H5797" poor |strong="H1800".

<sup>16</sup> What good people |strong="H7563" do brings life |strong="H2416", but |strong="H7563" wicked |strong="H7563" people |strong="H7563" produce |strong="H8393" only sin |strong="H2403".

<sup>17</sup> Those who |strong="H8104" accept correction |strong="H4148" show others how to |strong="H8104" live |strong="H2416". Those who |strong="H8104" reject |strong="H5800" correction |strong="H4148" lead |strong="H8582" others the |strong="H8104" wrong way |strong="H0734".

<sup>18</sup> People |strong="H1931" sometimes lie |strong="H8267" to |strong="H3318" hide |strong="H3680" their |strong="H3680" hatred |strong="H8135", but |strong="H8193" saying bad |strong="H1681" things about |strong="H3318" someone is |strong="H1931" even more foolish |strong="H3684".

<sup>19</sup> A |strong="H3808" person who |strong="H3808" talks too |strong="H3808" much |strong="H7230" gets into trouble. A |strong="H3808" wise |strong="H7919" person learns to |strong="H1697" be |strong="H3808" quiet.

<sup>I</sup> IF YOU ... COME This is from the ancient Greek version. The Hebrew text repeats the second half of verse 8. <sup>II</sup> SPRING OF FRESH WATER Or "the source of life." <sup>III</sup> Literally, "Wisdom can be found on the lips of the intelligent, but a rod on the back of fools." This is a wordplay. In Hebrew, "lip" sounds like "rod."

<sup>20</sup> Words from |strong="H0977" good people |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" like |strong="H3701" pure silver |strong="H3701", but |strong="H7563" thoughts |strong="H3820" from |strong="H0977" the |strong="H0977" wicked |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" worthless.

<sup>21</sup> Good people |strong="H3820" say things that |strong="H6662" help others |strong="H7227", but |strong="H6662" the |strong="H4191" wicked die |strong="H4191" from |strong="H3820" a |strong="H4191" lack |strong="H2638" of |strong="H3820" understanding |strong="H3820".

<sup>22</sup> It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" blessing |strong="H1293" that |strong="H1931" brings wealth |strong="H3808", and |strong="H3068" no |strong="H3808" hard work can |strong="H3254" add |strong="H3254" to |strong="H3068" it |strong="H1931". <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Fools |strong="H3684" enjoy doing |strong="H6213" wrong, but |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6213" wise |strong="H2451" enjoy wisdom |strong="H2451".

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H0935" wicked |strong="H7563" will |strong="H6662" be |strong="H7563" defeated by |strong="H0935" what |strong="H4034" they |strong="H0935" fear, but |strong="H7563" good people |strong="H7563" will |strong="H6662" get |strong="H0935" what |strong="H4034" they |strong="H0935" want.

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H5674" wicked |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" destroyed |strong="H0369" when |strong="H5674" trouble comes, but |strong="H0369" good people |strong="H7563" stand strong forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>26</sup> Sending |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" lazy |strong="H6102" person |strong="H7971" to |strong="H7971" do anything is |strong="H3651" as |strong="H3651" irritating as |strong="H3651" vinegar |strong="H2558" on |strong="H7971" your |strong="H7971" teeth |strong="H8127" or smoke |strong="H6227" in |strong="H5869" your |strong="H7971" eyes |strong="H5869".

<sup>27</sup> Respect for |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" add |strong="H3254" years |strong="H8141" to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" life |strong="H3117", but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H3068" wicked |strong="H7563" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" lives cut short.

<sup>28</sup> What good people |strong="H7563" hope |strong="H8615" for |strong="H6662" brings happiness |strong="H8057", <sup>V</sup> but |strong="H7563"

<sup>IV</sup> Or "A blessing from the LORD will bring you true wealth—wealth without troubles." <sup>V</sup> GOOD PEOPLE ... HAPPINESS Or "Good people can look forward to happiness."

what the wicked hope for brings destruction.

<sup>29</sup> The LORD protects those who do right, but he destroys those who do wrong.

<sup>30</sup> Good people will be safe, but the wicked will be forced out of their land.

<sup>31</sup> Those who live right and wise, but people stop listening to troublemakers.

<sup>32</sup> Good people know right things to say, but the wicked say things to make trouble.

**11** The LORD hates false scales, but he loves accurate weights.

<sup>2</sup> Proud and boastful people will be shamed, but wisdom stays with those who are modest and humble.

<sup>3</sup> Good people are guided by honesty, but crooks who lie and cheat will ruin themselves.

<sup>4</sup> Money is worthless when you face God's punishment, but living right will save you from death.

<sup>5</sup> Doing right makes life better for those who are good, but the wicked

are destroyed by their own wicked ways.

<sup>6</sup> Doing right sets honest people free, but people who can't be trusted are trapped by their greed.

<sup>7</sup> When the wicked die, all their hopes are lost; everything they thought they could do comes to nothing.

<sup>8</sup> Good people escape from trouble, but the wicked come along and are trapped by it.

<sup>9</sup> With their words hypocrites can destroy their neighbors. But with what they know, good people can escape.

<sup>10</sup> When good people are successful, the whole city is happy, and they all shout with joy when evil people are destroyed.

<sup>11</sup> Blessings from the honest people living in a city will make it great, but the things evil people say can destroy it.

<sup>12</sup> Stupid people say bad things about their neighbors. Wise people know to be quiet.

<sup>13</sup> People who tell secrets about others cannot be trusted. Those who can be trusted keep quiet.

<sup>14</sup> A nation without wise leaders

I Or "The mouth of a good man speaks wisdom, but the tongue of a troublemaker will be cut off."

II STUPID PEOPLE ... NEIGHBORS Or "The neighbors hate a stupid person."

will |strong="H0369" fall |strong="H5307".  
 Many |strong="H7230" good advisors make  
 a |strong="H0369" nation |strong="H5971" safe.  
 15 You |strong="H3588" will be |strong="H3588" sor-  
 ry if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" promise  
 to |strong="H3588" pay a |strong="H3588" stranger's  
 debt. Refuse to |strong="H3588"  
 make |strong="H6148" such promises  
 and |strong="H2114" you |strong="H3588" will  
 be |strong="H3588" safe.

16 A |strong="H0802" kind and |strong="H0802"  
 gentle woman |strong="H0802" gains |strong="H8551"  
 respect, but violent |strong="H6184"  
 men |strong="H6184" gain only  
 wealth |strong="H6239".

17 People |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376"  
 are |strong="H0376" kind will |strong="H0376"  
 be |strong="H0376" rewarded |strong="H1580"  
 for |strong="H5315" their |strong="H0376" kind-  
 ness |strong="H2617", but |strong="H0376" cru-  
 el |strong="H0394" people |strong="H0376"  
 will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" reward-  
 ed |strong="H1580" with |strong="H0376" trou-  
 ble |strong="H5916".

18 The |strong="H6213" work |strong="H6468"  
 of |strong="H7563" evil |strong="H7563" peo-  
 ple |strong="H7563" is |strong="H7563" all  
 lies |strong="H8267", but |strong="H7563" those  
 who |strong="H7563" do |strong="H6213"  
 right |strong="H6666" will |strong="H7563" receive a  
 good reward |strong="H6468".<sup>I</sup>

19 People |strong="H4194" who do  
 what |strong="H7451" is |strong="H3651"  
 right |strong="H6666" are on |strong="H7451"  
 their |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3651"  
 to |strong="H6666" life |strong="H2416",  
 but |strong="H3651" those |strong="H7291" who al-  
 ways want to |strong="H6666" do  
 wrong |strong="H7451" are on |strong="H7451"  
 their |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3651"  
 to |strong="H6666" death |strong="H4194".

20 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 hates those who |strong="H3068" love  
 to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H1870" evil,  
 but |strong="H1870" he |strong="H3068"  
 is |strong="H3068" pleased |strong="H7522"  
 with |strong="H3068" those who |strong="H3068" try  
 to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H1870" right.

21 The |strong="H3027" truth is |strong="H3027",  
 evil |strong="H7451" people |strong="H3808"  
 will |strong="H6662" be |strong="H3808" punished,  
 and |strong="H3027" good people |strong="H3808"  
 will |strong="H6662" be |strong="H3808" set  
 free |strong="H5352".

22 A |strong="H0802" beautiful |strong="H3303"  
 woman |strong="H0802" without good sense

<sup>I</sup> This is a wordplay in Hebrew. The word "lies" sounds like the word "reward."

is |strong="H0639" like |strong="H0639"  
 a |strong="H0802" gold |strong="H2091"  
 ring |strong="H5141" in |strong="H0802"  
 a |strong="H0802" pig's nose |strong="H0639".

23 What |strong="H2896" good |strong="H2896"  
 people |strong="H7563" want brings  
 more |strong="H7563" good |strong="H2896".  
 What |strong="H2896" evil |strong="H7563" peo-  
 ple |strong="H7563" want brings  
 more |strong="H7563" trouble.

24 Some people give |strong="H3254"  
 freely |strong="H6340" and |strong="H3254" gain  
 more |strong="H5750"; others refuse  
 to |strong="H3254" give |strong="H3254"  
 and |strong="H3254" end up with |strong="H5750"  
 less.

25 Give freely, and |strong="H5315"  
 you |strong="H3384" will |strong="H1571" profit. Help  
 others |strong="H5315", and |strong="H5315"  
 you |strong="H3384" will |strong="H1571" gain  
 more |strong="H5315" for |strong="H5315" your-  
 self |strong="H5315".

26 People |strong="H3816" curse a |strong="H4513"  
 greedy man |strong="H7218" who refuses  
 to |strong="H7218" sell |strong="H7666"  
 his |strong="H4513" grain |strong="H1250", but they  
 bless a |strong="H4513" man |strong="H7218" who  
 sells |strong="H7666" his |strong="H4513"  
 grain |strong="H1250" to |strong="H7218" feed others.

27 People are pleased |strong="H7522"  
 with |strong="H0935" those who try  
 to |strong="H0935" do |strong="H0935"  
 good |strong="H2896". Those who  
 look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H1245" trou-  
 ble |strong="H7451" will |strong="H7522"  
 find |strong="H1245" it |strong="H2896".

28 Those |strong="H1931" who |strong="H1931"  
 trust |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0982"  
 their |strong="H5307" riches |strong="H6239"  
 will |strong="H6662" fall |strong="H5307"  
 like |strong="H5307" dead leaves |strong="H5929",  
 but |strong="H6662" good people |strong="H1931"  
 will |strong="H6662" blossom.

29 Those |strong="H2450" who |strong="H5650"  
 cause trouble |strong="H5916" for |strong="H1004"  
 their |strong="H5157" families |strong="H1004"  
 will |strong="H5650" inherit |strong="H5157" nothing  
 but |strong="H3820" the |strong="H5650"  
 wind |strong="H7307". A |strong="H7307" fool-  
 ish |strong="H0191" person |strong="H3820"  
 will |strong="H5650" end up as |strong="H1004"  
 a |strong="H7307" servant |strong="H5650"  
 to |strong="H3820" one |strong="H1004"  
 who |strong="H5650" is |strong="H3820"  
 wise |strong="H2450".

30 What |strong="H6529" good peo-  
 ple |strong="H5315" produce |strong="H6529"  
 is |strong="H5315" like |strong="H5315"

a life-giving tree. Those who are wise give new life to others.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>31</sup> If good people are rewarded here on earth, then surely those who do evil will get what they deserve.

**12** Whoever loves discipline learns; whoever hates to be corrected is stupid.

<sup>2</sup> It is good to learn what pleases the LORD, because those who plan to do wrong.

<sup>3</sup> Evil people are never safe, but good people remain safe and secure.

<sup>4</sup> A good wife is like a crown to her husband, but a shameful wife is like a cancer.

<sup>5</sup> Good people are honest and fair in all they do, but those who are evil lie and cannot be trusted.

<sup>6</sup> Evil people use their words to hurt others, but the words of good people can save others from danger.

<sup>7</sup> When evil people are destroyed, they are gone.

<sup>I</sup> Or, according to one ancient version, "The fruit of a good man is a tree of life, but a violent man takes lives."

and forgotten, but good people are remembered long after they are gone.

<sup>8</sup> You praise people for their intelligence, but no one respects those who are stupid.

<sup>9</sup> It is better to appear unimportant and have a servant than to pretend to be important and have no food.

<sup>10</sup> Good people take good care of their animals, but the wicked know only how to be cruel.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Farmers who work land have plenty of food, but those who waste their time on worthless projects are foolish.

<sup>12</sup> The wicked want a share of what an evil man might catch. But like a plant with deep roots, a good man is the one who produces most.

<sup>13</sup> The wicked are trapped by their foolish words, but good people escape from such trouble.

<sup>14</sup> People get good things for the words they speak.

<sup>II</sup> BUT THE WICKED ... CRUEL Or "but even the 'kindness' of the wicked is still cruelty." <sup>III</sup> The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.



they|strong="H0376" say|strong="H6310", and|strong="H3027" they|strong="H0376" are|strong="H3027" rewarded|strong="H7725" for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H7725" work they|strong="H0376" do|strong="H3027".

<sup>15</sup> Fools|strong="H0191" always think|strong="H5869" their|strong="H8085" own|strong="H5869" way|strong="H1870" is|strong="H3477" best|strong="H5869", but|strong="H8085" wise|strong="H2450" people|strong="H5869" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" what|strong="H3477" others tell them|strong="H1870".

<sup>16</sup> Fools|strong="H0191" are|strong="H3117" easily upset, but|strong="H3117" wise people|strong="H3045" avoid insulting others.

<sup>17</sup> Good people speak the|strong="H5046" truth|strong="H0530" and|strong="H6664" can be trusted in|strong="H5046" court, but liars|strong="H8267" make|strong="H5046" bad witnesses|strong="H5707".

<sup>18</sup> Speak|strong="H0981" without thinking, and|strong="H2719" your|strong="H2719" words can|strong="H3426" cut like a|strong="H3426" knife. Be|strong="H2719" wise|strong="H2450", and|strong="H2719" your|strong="H2719" words can|strong="H3426" heal.

<sup>19</sup> Lies|strong="H8267" last only|strong="H5704" a|strong="H5704" moment, but|strong="H8193" the|strong="H5704" truth|strong="H0571" lasts|strong="H5704" forever|strong="H5703".

<sup>20</sup> People|strong="H3820" who|strong="H7965" work for|strong="H3820" evil|strong="H7451" make trouble|strong="H7451", but|strong="H3820" those who|strong="H7965" plan for|strong="H3820" peace|strong="H7965" bring|strong="H7451" happiness|strong="H8057".

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H6662" will|strong="H6662" keep good people|strong="H3808" safe, but|strong="H3808" evil|strong="H7451" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H6662" have|strong="H3605" many troubles.

<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" hates people who|strong="H3068" tell lies|strong="H8267", but|strong="H8193" he|strong="H6213" is|strong="H3068" pleased|strong="H7522" with|strong="H3068" those who|strong="H3068" tell the|strong="H3068" truth|strong="H0530".

<sup>23</sup> Smart people|strong="H0120" don't tell everything they|strong="H3820" know|strong="H1847", but|strong="H3820" fools|strong="H3684" tell everything and|strong="H0120" show they|strong="H3820" are|strong="H0120" fools|strong="H3684".

<sup>24</sup> Those|strong="H1961" who work hard will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" put|strong="H3027" in|strong="H1961"

charge|strong="H3027" of|strong="H3027" others, but|strong="H1961" lazy people will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" work like|strong="H1961" slaves.

<sup>25</sup> Worry takes away your|strong="H1697" joy|strong="H8055", but|strong="H0376" a|strong="H0376" kind|strong="H2896" word|strong="H1697" makes|strong="H8055" you|strong="H3820" happy|strong="H8055".

<sup>26</sup> Good people|strong="H7563" are|strong="H7563" careful about|strong="H1870" choosing their|strong="H1870" friends|strong="H7453", but|strong="H7563" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H7563" always choose the|strong="H1870" wrong ones|strong="H6662".

<sup>27</sup> Lazy people|strong="H0120" don't|strong="H3808" get what they|strong="H3808" want, but|strong="H3808" riches|strong="H1952" come to|strong="H0120" those|strong="H0120" who|strong="H0120" work hard.

<sup>28</sup> Along the|strong="H1870" path|strong="H0734" of|strong="H1870" goodness there is|strong="H1870" life|strong="H2416"; that|strong="H1870" is|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" way|strong="H1870" to|strong="H1870" live|strong="H2416" forever.<sup>I</sup>

**13** A|strong="H8085" wise|strong="H2450" son|strong="H1121" listens|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" his|strong="H8085" father's|strong="H0001" advice, but|strong="H3808" a|strong="H8085" proud son|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" correction|strong="H4148".

<sup>2</sup> People|strong="H0376" get good|strong="H2896" things for|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0398" words|strong="H6310" they|strong="H0376" say|strong="H6310", but|strong="H0376" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" cannot be|strong="H0376" trusted say|strong="H6310" only bad things.

<sup>3</sup> People|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" are|strong="H6310" careful|strong="H8104" about what|strong="H6310" they|strong="H6310" say|strong="H6310" will|strong="H5315" save|strong="H5315" their|strong="H8104" lives|strong="H5315", but|strong="H8193" those|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" speak|strong="H6310" without thinking will|strong="H5315" be|strong="H5315" destroyed.

<sup>4</sup> Lazy|strong="H6102" people|strong="H5315" always want|strong="H5315" things but|strong="H0369" never|strong="H0369" get them. Those|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" work hard get plenty.

I THAT IS ... FOREVER Or "but there is a path that leads to death."

<sup>5</sup> Good people |strong="H7563" hate |strong="H8130" lies |strong="H8267", but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H1697" wicked |strong="H7563" do evil |strong="H7563", shameful things |strong="H1697".

<sup>6</sup> Goodness protects |strong="H5341" honest people, but |strong="H1870" evil |strong="H7564" destroys those who love to |strong="H1870" sin |strong="H2403".

<sup>7</sup> Some |strong="H7227" people pretend they |strong="H0369" are |strong="H3426" rich |strong="H6238", but |strong="H0369" they |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0369" nothing |strong="H0369". Others |strong="H7227" pretend they |strong="H0369" are |strong="H3426" poor |strong="H7326", but |strong="H0369" they |strong="H0369" are |strong="H3426" really rich |strong="H6238".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H8085" rich |strong="H6239" might have |strong="H0376" to |strong="H8085" pay |strong="H8085" a |strong="H8085" ransom |strong="H3724" to |strong="H8085" save |strong="H5315" their |strong="H8085" lives |strong="H5315", but |strong="H3808" the |strong="H8085" poor |strong="H7326" never |strong="H3808" receive such |strong="H5315" threats.

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H8055" light |strong="H0216" of |strong="H0216" those who |strong="H6662" do right |strong="H6662" shines brighter and |strong="H8055" brighter, but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H8055" lamp |strong="H5216" of |strong="H0216" the |strong="H8055" wicked |strong="H7563" becomes darker and |strong="H8055" darker.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Pride |strong="H2087" causes |strong="H5414" arguments, but |strong="H7535" those who listen to |strong="H5414" others are wise |strong="H2451".

<sup>11</sup> Money gained by |strong="H5921" cheating others will |strong="H3027" soon be |strong="H3027" gone. Money earned through |strong="H3027" hard work will |strong="H3027" grow and |strong="H3027" grow.

<sup>12</sup> Hope |strong="H8431" that |strong="H3820" is |strong="H3820" delayed |strong="H4900" makes you |strong="H0935" sad, but |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" wish |strong="H8378" that |strong="H3820" comes |strong="H0935" true fills you |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0935" joy.

<sup>13</sup> Those |strong="H1931" who |strong="H1931" reject a |strong="H0936" command |strong="H4687" hurt themselves; those |strong="H1931" who |strong="H1931" respect a |strong="H0936" command |strong="H4687" will |strong="H1697" be |strong="H1697" rewarded.

<sup>1</sup> Or "The light of those who do right is happy; the lamp of the wicked goes out."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H5493" teaching |strong="H8451" of |strong="H8451" the |strong="H5493" wise |strong="H2450" is |strong="H8451" a source of |strong="H8451" life |strong="H2416"; their |strong="H5493" words |strong="H8451" will |strong="H2450" save you |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" deadly |strong="H4194" traps |strong="H4170".

<sup>15</sup> People like |strong="H1870" a |strong="H5414" person |strong="H2580" with |strong="H1870" good |strong="H2896" sense |strong="H7922", but |strong="H1870" life is |strong="H1870" hard |strong="H0386" for |strong="H5414" some-one |strong="H5414" who cannot be |strong="H5414" trusted.

<sup>16</sup> Wise people always think before they |strong="H3605" do |strong="H6213" anything |strong="H3605", but |strong="H3605" fools |strong="H3684" show |strong="H6213" how |strong="H6213" stupid |strong="H3684" they |strong="H3605" are |strong="H6213" by |strong="H3605" what |strong="H1847" they |strong="H3605" do |strong="H6213".

<sup>17</sup> Disaster |strong="H7451" will |strong="H7563" catch up to |strong="H4397" the |strong="H5307" wicked |strong="H7563" messenger |strong="H4397", but |strong="H7563" a |strong="H5307" runner who |strong="H4397" can be |strong="H7563" trusted will |strong="H7563" bring |strong="H4832" peace.

<sup>18</sup> If you |strong="H8104" refuse to |strong="H8104" learn from |strong="H8104" your |strong="H8104" mistakes, you |strong="H8104" will |strong="H7389" be poor, and |strong="H8104" no one will |strong="H7389" respect you |strong="H8104". If you |strong="H8104" listen when you |strong="H8104" are |strong="H3513" criticized, you |strong="H8104" will |strong="H7389" be honored |strong="H3513".

<sup>19</sup> People |strong="H5315" are |strong="H1961" happy when |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5315" get |strong="H5493" what |strong="H8378" they |strong="H5315" want |strong="H5315". But |strong="H1961" stupid |strong="H3684" people |strong="H5315" want |strong="H5315" nothing but |strong="H1961" evil |strong="H7451", and |strong="H5315" they |strong="H5315" refuse to |strong="H1961" change.

<sup>20</sup> Be friends with |strong="H0854" those |strong="H2450" who |strong="H2450" are |strong="H2450" wise |strong="H2450", and |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0854" will |strong="H2450" become |strong="H1980" wise |strong="H2450". Choose fools |strong="H3684" to |strong="H1980" be your |strong="H0854" friends, and |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0854" will |strong="H2450" have |strong="H2450" trouble.

<sup>21</sup> Trouble |strong="H7451" chases |strong="H7291" sinners |strong="H2400" wherever |strong="H2896" they |strong="H7451" go, but |strong="H6662"

good |strong="H2896" things happen  
to |strong="H6662" good |strong="H2896" people.

<sup>22</sup> It |strong="H2896" is |strong="H6662"  
good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1121"  
have |strong="H1121" something to |strong="H1121"  
pass down to |strong="H1121" your |strong="H5157"  
grandchildren |strong="H1121". But |strong="H6662"  
wealth |strong="H2428" hidden |strong="H6845"  
away |strong="H6845" by |strong="H5157" sinners  
will |strong="H6662" be |strong="H1121" given  
to |strong="H1121" those |strong="H1121"  
who |strong="H1121" live right |strong="H6662".

<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H3808" poor |strong="H7326" might  
have |strong="H3426" good land that |strong="H3808"  
produces plenty |strong="H7230" of |strong="H7230"  
food |strong="H4000", but |strong="H3808" bad deci-  
sions |strong="H4941" can |strong="H3426" take  
it |strong="H3808" away |strong="H5595". <sup>I</sup>

<sup>24</sup> If |strong="H1121" you |strong="H8130" don't  
correct your |strong="H0157" chil-  
dren |strong="H1121", you |strong="H8130" don't  
love |strong="H0157" them |strong="H0157".  
If |strong="H1121" you |strong="H8130"  
love |strong="H0157" them |strong="H0157",  
you |strong="H8130" will |strong="H1121"  
be |strong="H1121" quick to |strong="H1121" disci-  
pline |strong="H4148" them |strong="H0157".

<sup>25</sup> Good people |strong="H5315"  
will |strong="H6662" have |strong="H7563" plen-  
ty |strong="H0398" to |strong="H5315"  
eat |strong="H0398", but |strong="H7563"  
the |strong="H0398" wicked |strong="H7563"  
will |strong="H6662" go hungry.

**14** A |strong="H1129" wise  
woman |strong="H0802" makes  
her |strong="H0802" home |strong="H1004" what  
it |strong="H1129" should |strong="H0802"  
be |strong="H3027", but the |strong="H1129"  
home |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004"  
a |strong="H1129" foolish |strong="H0200"  
woman |strong="H0802" is |strong="H3027" de-  
stroyed |strong="H2040" by |strong="H3027"  
her |strong="H0802" own actions. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Those |strong="H1980" who |strong="H3068"  
live |strong="H1980" right |strong="H3476" respect  
the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068",  
but |strong="H1870" dishonest people hate  
him |strong="H1980".

<sup>3</sup> Foolish |strong="H0191" words |strong="H6310"  
cause |strong="H6310" you |strong="H8104" trouble;  
wise |strong="H2450" words |strong="H6310" pro-  
tect |strong="H8104" you |strong="H8104".

<sup>4</sup> A |strong="H0369" barn with |strong="H8393"  
no |strong="H0369" cattle |strong="H7794"  
might |strong="H3581" be |strong="H0369"

<sup>I</sup> Or "The fields of the poor might produce plenty of food, but the unjust often take it away." <sup>II</sup> Or "Wisdom builds her house, but Foolishness tears hers down with her own hands."

clean |strong="H1249", but |strong="H0369"  
strong |strong="H3581" bulls |strong="H7794"  
are |strong="H0369" needed for |strong="H7230"  
a |strong="H0369" good harvest |strong="H8393".

<sup>5</sup> A |strong="H3808" good witness |strong="H5707"  
is |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
who |strong="H5707" does |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" lie |strong="H8267".  
A |strong="H3808" bad witness |strong="H5707"  
is |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808"  
liar |strong="H3576" who |strong="H5707" can-  
not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" trusted.

<sup>6</sup> Anyone who |strong="H0369" makes fun  
of |strong="H2451" wisdom |strong="H2451"  
will |strong="H0369" never |strong="H0369"  
find |strong="H1245" it |strong="H7043",  
but |strong="H0369" knowledge |strong="H1847"  
comes |strong="H1847" easily to |strong="H0369"  
those who |strong="H0369" under-  
stand |strong="H0995" its |strong="H0995" value.

<sup>7</sup> Stay away |strong="H5048" from |strong="H0376"  
fools |strong="H3684", there |strong="H3045"  
is |strong="H0376" nothing |strong="H1077"  
they |strong="H0376" can |strong="H3045"  
teach |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3045".

<sup>8</sup> Wisdom |strong="H2451" lets smart people know  
what |strong="H1870" they |strong="H1870"  
are |strong="H1870" doing |strong="H1870",  
but |strong="H1870" stupid |strong="H3684" people  
only think they |strong="H1870" know.

<sup>9</sup> Fines are |strong="H3477" needed to make  
fools |strong="H0191" obey the |strong="H0996" law,  
but |strong="H0191" good |strong="H7522" people  
are |strong="H3477" happy to obey it.

<sup>10</sup> When you |strong="H3045" are |strong="H3045"  
sad, no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
else |strong="H3808" feels the |strong="H3045" pain;  
and |strong="H3045" when you |strong="H3045"  
are |strong="H3045" happy |strong="H8057",  
no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
else |strong="H3808" can |strong="H3045" really feel  
the |strong="H3045" joy |strong="H8057".

<sup>11</sup> An evil |strong="H7563" person's  
house |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1004"  
be |strong="H7563" destroyed |strong="H8045",  
but |strong="H7563" a |strong="H3477" good person's  
family |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1004" do well.

<sup>12</sup> There |strong="H3426" is |strong="H3426"  
a |strong="H3426" way |strong="H1870"  
that |strong="H1870" people |strong="H0376" think  
is |strong="H3426" right |strong="H3477",  
but |strong="H0376" it |strong="H6440" leads only  
to |strong="H0376" death |strong="H4194".

<sup>13</sup> Laughter |strong="H7814" might hide  
your |strong="H1571" sadness. But |strong="H1571"  
when |strong="H1571" the |strong="H1571" laugh-  
ter |strong="H7814" is |strong="H3820" gone,  
the |strong="H1571" sadness remains.

<sup>14</sup> Evil people will be paid back for the way they do, and good people will be rewarded for the way they do.

<sup>15</sup> Fools believe every word they hear, but wise people think carefully about everything.

<sup>16</sup> Wise people are careful and avoid trouble; fools are too confident and careless.

<sup>17</sup> A quick-tempered person does stupid things, but it is also true that people don't like anyone who quietly plans evil.

<sup>18</sup> Fools are rewarded with more foolishness. Smart people are rewarded with knowledge.

<sup>19</sup> Good people will defeat those who are evil, and the wicked will be forced to show respect to those who live right.

<sup>20</sup> The poor have no friends, not even their neighbors, but the rich have many friends.

<sup>21</sup> It is wrong to say bad things about your neighbors. Be kind to the poor, and you will be blessed.

<sup>22</sup> Whoever works to do good will find

love and loyalty. It is a mistake to work at doing evil.

<sup>23</sup> If you work hard, you will have plenty. If you do nothing but talk, you will not have enough.

<sup>24</sup> A wise person's reward is wealth, but a fool's reward is foolishness.

<sup>25</sup> A witness who tells the truth saves lives, but one who tells lies hurts others.

<sup>26</sup> People who respect the LORD will be safe, and they will make their children feel secure.

<sup>27</sup> Respect for the LORD gives true life and will save you from death's trap.

<sup>28</sup> Kings of large nations have great honor. Rulers without a country have nothing.

<sup>29</sup> A patient person is very smart. A quick-tempered person makes stupid mistakes.

<sup>30</sup> Peace of mind makes the body healthy, but jealousy is like cancer.

<sup>31</sup> Whoever takes advantage of the poor insults their Maker, but whoever is kind to them honors him.

<sup>32</sup> The wicked will be defeated by their evil; but good people are protected by their honesty.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>33</sup> A wise person is always thinking wise thoughts, but a fool knows nothing about wisdom.

<sup>34</sup> Goodness makes a nation great, but sin is shame to any people.

<sup>35</sup> Kings are pleased with intelligent officials, but they will punish shameful ones.

**15** A gentle answer makes anger disappear, but a rough answer makes it grow.

<sup>2</sup> Listening to wise people increases your knowledge, but only nonsense comes from the mouths of fools.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD sees what happens everywhere. He watches everyone, good and evil.

<sup>4</sup> Kind words are like a life-giving tree, but lying words will crush your spirit.

<sup>5</sup> Fools refuse to listen to their father's advice, but those who accept discipline are smart.

<sup>6</sup> Good people are rich in many ways, but those who are evil get nothing but trouble.

<sup>7</sup> Wise people say things that give you new knowledge,

<sup>1</sup> Or "The wicked will be crushed by their evil, and those who hope for their destruction are right to do so."

but fools say nothing worth hearing.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD hates the offerings of the wicked, but he is happy to hear the prayers of those who live right.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD hates the way of evil people, but he loves those who try to do good.

<sup>10</sup> Whoever stops living right will be punished. Whoever hates to be corrected will be destroyed.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD knows everything, even what happens in the place of death. So surely he knows what people are thinking.

<sup>12</sup> Fools hate to be told they are wrong, so they refuse to ask wise people for advice.

<sup>13</sup> If you are happy, your face shows it. If you are sad, your spirit feels defeated.

<sup>14</sup> Intelligent people want more knowledge, but fools only want more nonsense.

<sup>15</sup> Life is always hard for the poor, but the right attitude can turn it into a party.

<sup>16</sup> It is better to be poor and respect the LORD than to be rich and

be |strong="H3068" rich and |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" many |strong="H7227" troubles.

17 It |strong="H8033" is |strong="H8033" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H8033" eat a |strong="H8033" little where |strong="H8033" there |strong="H8033" is |strong="H8033" love |strong="H0160" than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H8033" eat a |strong="H8033" lot where |strong="H8033" there |strong="H8033" is |strong="H8033" hate |strong="H8135".

18 A |strong="H0376" quick temper causes fights, but |strong="H0376" patience |strong="H0750" brings peace |strong="H8252" and |strong="H0376" calm |strong="H8252".

19 For |strong="H1870" lazy |strong="H6102" people, life is |strong="H3477" a |strong="H3477" path |strong="H0734" overgrown with |strong="H1870" thorns |strong="H2312" and |strong="H1870" thistles. For |strong="H1870" those who |strong="H3477" do |strong="H1870" what |strong="H3477" is |strong="H3477" right |strong="H3477", it is |strong="H3477" a |strong="H3477" smooth highway |strong="H1870".

20 Wise |strong="H2450" children |strong="H1121" make |strong="H8055" their |strong="H0959" parents |strong="H0001" happy |strong="H8055". Foolish |strong="H3684" children |strong="H1121" bring them |strong="H8055" shame.

21 Doing foolish |strong="H0200" things makes a |strong="H0376" fool happy |strong="H8057", but |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0376" wise person |strong="H0376" is |strong="H3820" careful to |strong="H0376" do what is |strong="H3820" right |strong="H3474".

22 If you |strong="H3289" don't |strong="H0369" ask for |strong="H4284" advice |strong="H3289", your |strong="H6965" plans |strong="H4284" will |strong="H0369" fail |strong="H6565". With |strong="H3289" many |strong="H7230" advisors, they |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0369" succeed |strong="H6965".

23 People |strong="H0376" are |strong="H4100" happy |strong="H8057" when |strong="H6256" they |strong="H0376" give a |strong="H0376" good |strong="H2896" answer |strong="H4617". And |strong="H0376" there is |strong="H4100" nothing |strong="H1697" better |strong="H2896" than |strong="H2896" the |strong="H1697" right |strong="H2896" word |strong="H1697" at |strong="H0376" the |strong="H1697" right |strong="H2896" time |strong="H6256".

24 What wise |strong="H7919" people do |strong="H5493" leads |strong="H2416" to |strong="H4616" life |strong="H2416" here on |strong="H4605" earth <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H4605" stops them |strong="H4616" from |strong="H5493" going down |strong="H4605" to |strong="H4616"

the |strong="H5493" place of |strong="H0734" death |strong="H7585".

25 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" destroys a |strong="H3068" proud |strong="H1343" man's house |strong="H1004" but |strong="H3068" protects a |strong="H3068" widow's |strong="H0490" property.

26 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" hates evil |strong="H7451" thoughts |strong="H4284", but |strong="H7451" he |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" pleased with |strong="H3068" kind words |strong="H0561".

27 Whoever takes |strong="H1214" money to |strong="H1004" do wrong invites disaster. Refuse such gifts |strong="H4979", and |strong="H1004" you |strong="H8130" will |strong="H1004" live |strong="H2421".

28 Good people |strong="H7563" think |strong="H3820" before they |strong="H6310" answer |strong="H6030", but |strong="H6030" the |strong="H6030" wicked |strong="H7563" do not, and |strong="H6310" what |strong="H6310" they |strong="H6310" say |strong="H6310" causes trouble |strong="H7451".

29 The |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H7350" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" wicked |strong="H7563", but |strong="H7563" he |strong="H3068" always hears |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" prayers |strong="H8605" of |strong="H3068" those who |strong="H3068" do |strong="H8085" what is |strong="H3068" right |strong="H6662".

30 A |strong="H5869" smile <sup>II</sup> makes |strong="H8055" people |strong="H5869" happy |strong="H8055". Good |strong="H2896" news |strong="H8052" makes |strong="H8055" them |strong="H8055" feel |strong="H5869" better |strong="H2896".

31 To |strong="H8085" be |strong="H0241" counted among |strong="H7130" the |strong="H8085" wise |strong="H2450", you |strong="H7130" must learn |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" accept |strong="H8085" helpful criticism.

32 If you |strong="H5315" refuse to |strong="H8085" be |strong="H3820" corrected, you |strong="H5315" are |strong="H5315" only hurting yourself |strong="H5315". Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" criticism, and |strong="H8085" you |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3820" gain |strong="H7069" understanding |strong="H3820".

33 Wisdom |strong="H2451" teaches you |strong="H6440" to |strong="H3068" respect |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H6440" must be |strong="H3068" humbled before |strong="H6440"

I HERE ON EARTH Literally, "above," that is, "above the ground."

II SMILE Literally, "a sparkle in the eyes."

you *can be honored*.

**16** People *might plan what they want to say, but it is the LORD who gives them the right words.*

<sup>2</sup> People *think that whatever they do is right, but the LORD judges their reason for doing it.*

<sup>3</sup> Turn to *the LORD for help in everything you do, and you will be successful.*

<sup>4</sup> The *LORD has a plan for everything. In his plan, the wicked will be destroyed.*

<sup>5</sup> The *LORD hates those who are proud. You can be sure he will punish them all.*

<sup>6</sup> Faithful *love and loyalty will remove your guilt.* <sup>I</sup> Respect *the LORD, and you will stay far away from evil.*

<sup>7</sup> When *people please the LORD, even their enemies will be at peace with them.*

<sup>8</sup> It *is better to be poor and do right than*

*to be rich and do wrong.*

<sup>9</sup> People *can plan what they want to do, but it is the LORD who guides their steps.*

<sup>10</sup> When *a king speaks, his words are law. So when he makes a decision, it is never a mistake.*

<sup>11</sup> The *LORD wants all scales and balances to be right; he wants all business agreements to be fair.*

<sup>12</sup> Kings *hate to see anyone doing wrong, because kingdoms grow strong only when everyone is honest and fair.*

<sup>13</sup> Kings *want to hear the truth. They like those who are honest.*

<sup>14</sup> When *a king gets angry, he can put someone to death.* So *it is wise to keep the king happy.*

<sup>15</sup> When *the king is happy, life is better for everyone. When he is pleased, it is like a refreshing spring rain.*

<sup>16</sup> Wisdom *is worth much more than gold. Understanding is worth much more than silver.*

<sup>I</sup> REMOVE YOUR GUILT Or "make atonement." The Hebrew word means "to cover," or "to erase" a person's sins.

<sup>II</sup> KINGS ... WRONG Or "It is disgusting when kings do wrong,"

<sup>17</sup> Good people |strong="H5315" try to |strong="H8104" avoid |strong="H5493" evil |strong="H7451". They |strong="H4546" watch |strong="H8104" what |strong="H3477" they |strong="H4546" do |strong="H8104" and |strong="H1870" protect |strong="H8104" themselves |strong="H5315".

<sup>18</sup> Pride |strong="H1347" is |strong="H7307" the |strong="H6440" first |strong="H6440" step toward |strong="H6440" destruction |strong="H7667". Proud |strong="H1347" thoughts will |strong="H7307" lead you |strong="H6440" to |strong="H6440" defeat.

<sup>19</sup> It |strong="H7998" is |strong="H7307" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0854" be a |strong="H7307" humble |strong="H6041" person living among |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0854" poor |strong="H6041" than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0854" share the |strong="H0854" wealth among |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0854" proud |strong="H1343".

<sup>20</sup> Good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H1697" happen |strong="H4672" to |strong="H5921" those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H3068" learn from |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" experiences, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" blesses those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H3068" trust |strong="H0982" him |strong="H5921".

<sup>21</sup> People |strong="H3820" will |strong="H3820" know if someone is |strong="H3820" wise |strong="H2450". Those |strong="H2450" who |strong="H2450" choose their |strong="H0995" words |strong="H8193" carefully |strong="H0995" can |strong="H3254" be |strong="H3820" very convincing.

<sup>22</sup> Good sense |strong="H7922" is |strong="H0200" a spring of |strong="H1167" fresh water to |strong="H2416" those who |strong="H1167" have |strong="H7922" it, but |strong="H0191" fools |strong="H0191" can offer only foolishness |strong="H0200".

<sup>23</sup> Wise |strong="H2450" people |strong="H3820" always think |strong="H3820" before |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" speak |strong="H6310", so |strong="H5921" what |strong="H6310" they |strong="H5921" say |strong="H6310" is |strong="H3820" worth listening to |strong="H5921".

<sup>24</sup> Kind words |strong="H0561" are |strong="H6106" like |strong="H5315" honey |strong="H1706"; they |strong="H5315" are |strong="H6106" easy to |strong="H5315" accept and |strong="H5315" good for |strong="H5315" your |strong="H5315" health |strong="H4832".

<sup>25</sup> There |strong="H3426" is |strong="H3426" a |strong="H3426" way |strong="H1870" that |strong="H1870" seems right |strong="H3477" to |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376", but |strong="H0376" that |strong="H1870"

way |strong="H1870" leads only to |strong="H0376" death |strong="H4194".

<sup>26</sup> The |strong="H5921" thought of |strong="H5921" hunger |strong="H6310" keeps the |strong="H5921" workers working so |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" can eat.

<sup>27</sup> Troublemakers create disasters |strong="H7451". Their |strong="H5921" advice destroys like |strong="H0376" a |strong="H5921" wildfire.

<sup>28</sup> Troublemakers are |strong="H0376" always causing problems. Their |strong="H7971" gossip breaks up the |strong="H7971" closest of |strong="H0376" friends |strong="H6504".

<sup>29</sup> Cruel people |strong="H0376" trick their |strong="H3808" neighbors |strong="H7453" and |strong="H0376" make them |strong="H0376" do |strong="H1870" wrong |strong="H2555". <sup>30</sup> With |strong="H5869" a |strong="H2803" wink |strong="H7169" of |strong="H5869" the |strong="H5869" eye |strong="H5869", they |strong="H7451" plan |strong="H2803" to |strong="H5869" trick someone.

With |strong="H5869" a |strong="H2803" grin, they |strong="H7451" make |strong="H2803" plans |strong="H2803" to |strong="H5869" hurt their |strong="H3615" friends.

<sup>31</sup> Gray |strong="H7872" hair |strong="H7872" is |strong="H1870" a |strong="H4672" crown |strong="H5850" of |strong="H1870" glory |strong="H8597" on |strong="H1870" people who |strong="H4672" have |strong="H4672" lived good lives. It |strong="H4672" is |strong="H1870" earned by |strong="H1870" living |strong="H1870" right |strong="H6666".

<sup>32</sup> It |strong="H3920" is |strong="H0639" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0750" be patient |strong="H0750" than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0750" be a |strong="H3920" strong |strong="H1368" soldier. It |strong="H3920" is |strong="H0639" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0750" control |strong="H4910" your anger |strong="H0639" than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0750" capture |strong="H3920" a |strong="H3920" city |strong="H5892".

<sup>33</sup> People might |strong="H3068" throw |strong="H2904" lots |strong="H1486" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H1486" a |strong="H3068" decision |strong="H4941", but |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" answer always comes from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

**17** It |strong="H2896" is |strong="H2896" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1004" have |strong="H1004" nothing but a |strong="H7379" dry piece |strong="H6595" of |strong="H1004" bread |strong="H6595" to |strong="H1004" eat in |strong="H1004" peace than |strong="H2896" a |strong="H7379" whole house |strong="H1004"



full |strong="H4392" of |strong="H1004" food |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" everyone arguing.

<sup>2</sup> A |strong="H0251" smart servant |strong="H5650" will |strong="H5650" gain |strong="H4910" control |strong="H4910" over |strong="H4910" his |strong="H8432" master's foolish son |strong="H1121". He |strong="H1121" will |strong="H5650" be |strong="H1121" treated like |strong="H1121" a |strong="H0251" son |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" get |strong="H8432" a |strong="H0251" share |strong="H5159" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H8432" inheritance |strong="H5159".

<sup>3</sup> Fire is |strong="H3068" used to |strong="H3068" make gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3068" silver |strong="H3701" pure, but |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" person's heart |strong="H3826" is |strong="H3068" made pure by |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>4</sup> People who do |strong="H1942" evil |strong="H0205" listen |strong="H0238" to |strong="H5921" evil |strong="H0205" ideas. Liars |strong="H8267" listen |strong="H0238" to |strong="H5921" liars |strong="H8267".

<sup>5</sup> Whoever makes |strong="H6213" fun of |strong="H3808" beggars insults |strong="H2778" their |strong="H3808" Maker. Whoever laughs at |strong="H3808" someone else's trouble will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" punished.

<sup>6</sup> Grandchildren |strong="H1121" are |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1121" pride |strong="H8597" and |strong="H1121" joy of |strong="H1121" old |strong="H1121" age |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" children |strong="H1121" take great pride |strong="H8597" in |strong="H1121" their parents |strong="H0001".

<sup>7</sup> You |strong="H3588" wouldn't expect to |strong="H3808" hear a |strong="H3588" fine speech |strong="H8193" from |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" fool |strong="H5036", and |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3588" shouldn't expect lies |strong="H8267" from |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" ruler.

<sup>8</sup> Some |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" think |strong="H5869" a |strong="H0834" bribe |strong="H7810" is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" lucky charm |strong="H2580"— it |strong="H0834" seems |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" work wherever |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" go.

<sup>9</sup> Forgive |strong="H6588" someone, and |strong="H1697" you |strong="H1245" will |strong="H1697" strengthen your |strong="H1245" friendship. Keep |strong="H3680" reminding them |strong="H1697", and |strong="H1697"

you |strong="H1245" will |strong="H1697" destroy it |strong="H3680".

<sup>10</sup> Smart people learn more from a |strong="H5221" single correction than fools |strong="H3684" learn from a |strong="H5221" hundred |strong="H3967" beatings.

<sup>11</sup> Those who |strong="H4397" are evil |strong="H7451" only |strong="H0389" want |strong="H1245" to |strong="H7971" cause trouble |strong="H7451". In |strong="H0389" the |strong="H7971" end, punishment without mercy will |strong="H4397" be |strong="H0389" sent |strong="H7971" to |strong="H7971" them |strong="H7971".

<sup>12</sup> It is |strong="H0376" better to |strong="H0376" meet |strong="H6298" a |strong="H0376" bear |strong="H1677" robbed |strong="H6298" of |strong="H0376" her |strong="H0376" cubs than |strong="H0408" a |strong="H0376" fool |strong="H3684" who |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0376" busy doing foolish |strong="H3684" things.

<sup>13</sup> If you |strong="H7725" do wrong |strong="H7451" to |strong="H7725" those who |strong="H3808" were |strong="H1004" good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725", you |strong="H7725" will |strong="H1004" have |strong="H3808" trouble |strong="H7451" the |strong="H8478" rest of |strong="H1004" your |strong="H7725" life.

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H6440" start of |strong="H6440" an |strong="H6440" argument is |strong="H6440" like |strong="H6440" a |strong="H6440" small leak in |strong="H6440" a |strong="H6440" dam. Stop |strong="H5203" it |strong="H6440" before |strong="H6440" a |strong="H6440" big fight breaks |strong="H1566" out |strong="H6440".

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" hates these two |strong="H8147" things |strong="H8147": punishing the |strong="H3068" innocent |strong="H6663" and |strong="H3068" letting |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3068" guilty |strong="H7563" go free.

<sup>16</sup> Money is |strong="H0369" wasted on |strong="H3027" fools |strong="H3684". They |strong="H4100" cannot |strong="H0369" buy |strong="H7069" wisdom |strong="H2451" when |strong="H3027" they |strong="H4100" have |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" sense |strong="H3820".

<sup>17</sup> A |strong="H3205" friend |strong="H7453" loves |strong="H0157" you |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H6256", but |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205" brother |strong="H0251" was |strong="H3605" born |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" help in |strong="H0251"

times of trouble.

<sup>18</sup> Only a fool would promise to pay for someone else's debts.

<sup>19</sup> A troublemaker loves arguments. Anyone who likes to brag is asking for trouble.

<sup>20</sup> Crooks will not profit from their crimes, and those who plan to cause trouble will be trapped when it comes.

<sup>21</sup> A man who has a fool for a son will be disappointed. A fool brings no joy to his father.

<sup>22</sup> Happiness is good, but sorrow is a disease.

<sup>23</sup> A wicked judge will accept bribe, and that keeps justice from being done.

<sup>24</sup> Intelligent people think about what needs to be done here and now. Fools are always dreaming about faraway places.

<sup>25</sup> Foolish children upset their parents and make them sad.

<sup>26</sup> It is wrong to punish an innocent person or attack leaders for doing what is right.

<sup>27</sup> Intelligent people choose their words carefully. Those who know what

they are doing remain calm.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>28</sup> Silent fools seem wise. They say nothing and appear to be smart.

**18** Some people like to do things their own way, and they get upset when people give them advice.

<sup>2</sup> Fools don't want to learn from others. They only want to tell their own ideas.

<sup>3</sup> Do something evil, and people will hate you. Do something shameful, and they will have no respect for you.

<sup>4</sup> Words from wise people are like water bubbling deep well—the well of wisdom.

<sup>5</sup> You must be fair in judging others. It is wrong to favor the guilty and rob the innocent of justice.

<sup>6</sup> Fools say things to start arguments. They are just asking for a beating.

<sup>7</sup> Fools hurt themselves when they speak. Their own words trap them.

<sup>8</sup> People love to hear gossip. It is like tasty food on its way to the stomach.

<sup>1</sup> REMAIN CALM Literally, "have a cool spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Someone who *careless work* is *as* someone who *destroys* things.

<sup>10</sup> The *name* of *the* *LORD* like *a* *tower*. Those who *do what is* *right* can run *to* *him* for *protection*.

<sup>11</sup> The *rich* will *protect* them. They think it is *a* *strong* *fortress*.

<sup>12</sup> A *proud* *person* will *soon be* *ruined*, but *a* *humble person* will *be* *honored*.

<sup>13</sup> Let *people* *finish speaking* *you* *try to* *answer* *them*. That *way* *you* *will* *not* *embarrass* yourself and *look foolish*.

<sup>14</sup> A *good attitude* will *support* *you* *when* *you* *are* *sick*, but *if* *you* *give* *up*, nothing can *help*.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>15</sup> *Wise* *people* *want* *to* *learn* more, so *they* *listen* *closely* *to* *gain* *knowledge*.

<sup>16</sup> *Gifts* can *open* *many* *doors* and *help* *you* *meet* *important* *people*.

<sup>17</sup> The *first* *person* *to* *speak* always seems *right* until someone comes *and* *asks* *the* *right* *questions*.

<sup>18</sup> The *best* way *to* *settle* an argument between *two powerful* people may be *to* *use* *lots*.

<sup>19</sup> An *insulted* *brother* *is* *harder* *to* *win* back than *a* *city* *with* *walls*. Arguments separate people like *the* *bars* of *a* *palace* gate.

<sup>20</sup> Your *words* can *be* *as* *satisfying* *as* *fruit*, *as* *pleasing* *as* *food* that *fills* your *stomach*.

<sup>21</sup> The *tongue* can *speak* words that *bring* *life* or *death*. Those who *love* *to* *talk* must *be* *ready* *to* *accept* *what* *it* *brings*.

<sup>22</sup> If *you* *find* *a* *wife*, *you* *have* *found* *something* *good*. She *shows* that *the* *LORD* *is* *happy* *with* *you*.

<sup>23</sup> The *poor* *are* *polite* *when* *they* *beg* for *help*. The *rich* *are* *rude* *with* *their* *answer*.

<sup>24</sup> Some *friends* *are* *fun* *to* *be* *with*,<sup>II</sup> but *a* *true* *friend* can *be* *better* than *a* *brother*.

<sup>19</sup> It *is* *better* *to* *be* *poor* *and* *honest* *than* *to* *be* *liar* *and* *fool*.

I HELP Literally, "lift up" or "heal."

II SOME FRIENDS ... WITH Or "Some friends can bring disaster."

2 Being excited about something is not enough. You must know you are doing something, or you might be wrong.

3 People ruin their lives with the foolish things they do, and then they blame the LORD for it.

4 Wealth will bring you many friends, but they will leave you.

5 A witness who lies will be punished; that liar will not escape.

6 Many people are nice to a generous person. Everyone wants to be friends with someone who gives gifts.

7 If you are poor, your family will turn against you, and your friends will avoid you even more. You might beg them for help, but no one will come to help you.

8 Be a friend to yourself; do all you can to be wise. Try hard to understand, and

you will be rewarded.

9 A witness who lies will be punished. That liar will be destroyed.

10 A fool should be a slave; a slave should not be a slave; a rule over princes.

11 Experience makes you more patient, and you are most patient when you ignore insults.

12 The angry king are like a roaring lion, but his kind words are like a gentle rain falling softly on the grass.

13 A foolish son brings a flood of troubles to his father, and a complaining wife is like the constant dripping of water.

14 People receive houses and money from their parents, but a good wife is a gift from the LORD.

15 Laziness brings on sleep, and an appetite brings on hunger.

16 Obey the law and live; ignore it and die.

17 Giving help to the poor

is |strong="H3068" like |strong="H3068" loaning money to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" pay |strong="H7999" you |strong="H1576" back |strong="H7999" for |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" kindness.

<sup>18</sup> Discipline |strong="H3256" your |strong="H3588" children |strong="H1121" while |strong="H3588" there |strong="H3426" is |strong="H3426" still hope |strong="H8615". Avoiding it |strong="H3588" can |strong="H3426" be |strong="H4191" deadly |strong="H5315".

<sup>19</sup> People |strong="H0518" who |strong="H3588" are quick to |strong="H3254" become |strong="H5375" angry |strong="H2534" must |strong="H0518" pay the |strong="H3588" price. Protect them |strong="H5375" from |strong="H5337" punishment, and |strong="H3254" they |strong="H3588" become |strong="H5375" worse.

<sup>20</sup> Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" advice |strong="H6098" and |strong="H8085" accept |strong="H6901" discipline |strong="H4148"; then |strong="H4616" you |strong="H0319", too, will |strong="H4616" become wise |strong="H2449".

<sup>21</sup> People |strong="H0376" might |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6965" many |strong="H7227" plans |strong="H4284", but |strong="H0376" what |strong="H4284" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" says is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H4284" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H6965".

<sup>22</sup> People |strong="H0120" want a |strong="H0376" friend |strong="H0376" they |strong="H0376" can |strong="H0120" trust. It |strong="H2896" is |strong="H0376" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" poor |strong="H7326" than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0376" liar.

<sup>23</sup> Respect the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H6485" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" good life |strong="H2416", one |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" satisfying and |strong="H3068" free from |strong="H3068" trouble |strong="H7451".

<sup>24</sup> Some |strong="H3027" people |strong="H3808" are |strong="H3027" too |strong="H1571" lazy |strong="H6102" to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H7725" care |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" themselves. They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H1571" lift the |strong="H0413" food from |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" plate to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H7725" mouth |strong="H6310".

<sup>25</sup> Punish |strong="H3198" a |strong="H5221" rude, arrogant person |strong="H0995", and |strong="H0995" even slow learners will |strong="H0995" become |strong="H6191" wiser. But |strong="H5221" just a |strong="H5221" little correction is |strong="H1847" enough to |strong="H5221" teach a |strong="H5221" person |strong="H0995" who |strong="H5221" has |strong="H0995" understanding |strong="H0995".

<sup>26</sup> Those |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" would |strong="H0517" steal from |strong="H1121" their |strong="H7703" father |strong="H0001" and |strong="H1121" chase away |strong="H1272" their |strong="H7703" mother |strong="H0517" are |strong="H1121" disgusting, shameful |strong="H0954" people |strong="H1121".

<sup>27</sup> My |strong="H8085" son |strong="H1121", if |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0561" stop |strong="H2308" listening |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" instructions, you |strong="H0561" will |strong="H1121" keep |strong="H8085" making stupid mistakes.

<sup>28</sup> Using a |strong="H5707" criminal as |strong="H4941" a |strong="H5707" witness |strong="H5707" makes a |strong="H5707" joke of |strong="H6310" justice |strong="H4941". People |strong="H7563" like |strong="H4941" that |strong="H6310" only want to |strong="H6310" do wrong |strong="H0205".

<sup>29</sup> People who |strong="H3684" show no respect for |strong="H3559" anything must be brought to |strong="H3559" justice. You must punish such fools |strong="H3684".

**20** Wine |strong="H3196" and |strong="H3196" beer |strong="H7941" make |strong="H1993" people |strong="H3808" lose control; they |strong="H3808" get loud and |strong="H3196" stumble around. And |strong="H3196" that |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" foolish.

<sup>2</sup> An angry king |strong="H4428" is |strong="H5315" like |strong="H5315" a |strong="H2398" roaring |strong="H5099" lion |strong="H3715". If |strong="H2398" you |strong="H5315" make him |strong="H4428" angry, you |strong="H5315" could lose your |strong="H4428" life |strong="H5315".

<sup>3</sup> People |strong="H0376" who |strong="H3605" refuse to |strong="H0376" argue deserve |strong="H0376" respect. Any |strong="H3605" fool |strong="H0191" can |strong="H0376" start an |strong="H0376" argument.

<sup>4</sup> Some people |strong="H3808" are |strong="H0369" too |strong="H3808" lazy |strong="H6102" to |strong="H0369" plant seeds. So |strong="H3808" at |strong="H3808" harvest |strong="H7105" time, they |strong="H3808" look for |strong="H7592" food and |strong="H3808" find nothing |strong="H3808".

<sup>5</sup> Getting information from |strong="H0376" someone |strong="H0376" can |strong="H0376"

be |strong="H0376" like |strong="H0376" getting water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0376" deep |strong="H6013" well |strong="H3820". If |strong="H0376" you |strong="H4325" are |strong="H0376" smart, you |strong="H4325" will |strong="H0376" draw it |strong="H4325" out |strong="H4325".

6 You |strong="H4672" might call |strong="H7121" many |strong="H7230" people |strong="H0120" your |strong="H4672" "friends," but |strong="H0376" it |strong="H7121" is |strong="H4310" hard to |strong="H0376" find |strong="H4672" someone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" really be |strong="H0376" trusted.

7 When |strong="H1980" people |strong="H1121" live |strong="H1980" good, honest lives, their |strong="H0310" children |strong="H1121" are |strong="H1121" blessed |strong="H0835".

8 When |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" sits |strong="H3427" and |strong="H4428" judges people |strong="H3427", he |strong="H5921" must look |strong="H5869" carefully |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5921" separate the |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H7451" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" good.

9 Can |strong="H4310" anyone say |strong="H0559" their |strong="H0559" heart |strong="H3820" is |strong="H4310" pure |strong="H2135"? Who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" say |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0559" am free from |strong="H3820" sin |strong="H2403"?"

10 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" hates for |strong="H3068" people to |strong="H3068" use the |strong="H3068" wrong weights |strong="H0068" and |strong="H3068" measures |strong="H0374" to |strong="H3068" cheat others.

11 Even |strong="H1571" children |strong="H5288" show |strong="H5234" what |strong="H3477" they |strong="H0518" are |strong="H1571" like by |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0518" things they |strong="H0518" do |strong="H0518". You |strong="H0518" can |strong="H0518" see |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" their |strong="H1571" actions |strong="H4611" are |strong="H1571" pure |strong="H2134" and |strong="H5288" right |strong="H3477".

12 It |strong="H7200" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068" who |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H8085" us |strong="H7200" eyes |strong="H5869" for |strong="H3068" seeing |strong="H7200" and |strong="H3068" ears |strong="H0241" for |strong="H3068" hearing |strong="H0241".

13 If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H6435" love |strong="H0157" to |strong="H5869" sleep |strong="H8142", you |strong="H6435"

will |strong="H5869" become |strong="H3423" poor |strong="H3423". Use your |strong="H0157" time working and |strong="H5869" you |strong="H6435" will |strong="H5869" have |strong="H5869" plenty |strong="H7646" to |strong="H5869" eat.

14 When |strong="H0559" buying |strong="H7069" something, people always say |strong="H0559", "It's no good. It |strong="H7069" costs too much." Then |strong="H0227" they |strong="H0559" go |strong="H0235" away |strong="H7451" and |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H0559" others what |strong="H7451" a |strong="H7069" good deal they |strong="H0559" got.

15 The |strong="H3426" right knowledge |strong="H1847" can |strong="H3426" bring you |strong="H3426" gold |strong="H2091", pearls |strong="H6443", and |strong="H2091" other expensive things |strong="H3627".

16 If |strong="H3588" someone promises to |strong="H3588" pay the |strong="H3588" debt of |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" stranger |strong="H5237", get |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" coat or |strong="H3588" something from |strong="H3947" him |strong="H3947" to |strong="H3588" keep |strong="H3947" until the |strong="H3588" debt is |strong="H3588" paid.

17 It |strong="H0310" may |strong="H0376" seem to |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0376" good thing to |strong="H0376" get something |strong="H3899" by |strong="H0376" cheating, but |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0310" end |strong="H6310", it |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" worth nothing.

18 Get |strong="H3559" good advice |strong="H6098" when |strong="H6213" you |strong="H6213" make |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3559" plans |strong="H4284". Before you |strong="H6213" start a |strong="H3559" war |strong="H4421", find good advisors.

19 You |strong="H3808" cannot |strong="H3808" trust someone who |strong="H3808" would |strong="H1980" talk |strong="H8193" about |strong="H1980" things |strong="H1540" told in |strong="H1980" private. So |strong="H1980" don't |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" friends with |strong="H1980" someone who |strong="H3808" talks too |strong="H3808" much.

20 Those who |strong="H0001" would |strong="H0517" curse |strong="H7043" their father |strong="H0001" or |strong="H0001" mother |strong="H0517" are |strong="H0001" like |strong="H0001" a |strong="H7043" lamp |strong="H5216" that |strong="H0001" goes |strong="H1846" out |strong="H1846" on |strong="H7043" the |strong="H7043" darkest night.

21 If *your wealth* was easy to get, it will not be worth much to you.

22 Don't ever say, "I'll pay them back for what they did to me!" Wait for the LORD.

23 The LORD hates for people to use the wrong weights to cheat others. It is wrong to use scales that are not accurate.

24 The LORD guides our steps, and we never know where he will lead us.

25 Think carefully before you promise to God. Later, you might wish you had not made that promise.

26 Like a farmer who separates wheat from chaff, a wise king will decide who is wrong and crush them.

27 Your spirit is like a lamp to the LORD. He is able to see into your deepest parts.

III

28 A king who is loyal and true will keep his power.

I Or "An inheritance greedily guarded in the beginning will not be blessed in the end." II Or "A man's steps are from the LORD, and people don't understand his way." III Or "The LORD examines your breath and searches your deepest thoughts."

alty will keep his kingdom strong.

29 We admire a young man for his strength, but we respect an old man for his gray hair.

30 A beating can remove evil and make you completely clean.

21 To the LORD a king's mind is like a ditch used to water the fields. He can lead the king wherever he wants him to go.

2 People think that whatever they do is right, but the LORD judges the reasons for everything they do.

3 Do what is right and fair. The LORD loves that more than sacrifices.

4 Proud looks and thoughts are sins. They show a person is evil.

5 Careful planning leads to profit. Acting too quickly leads to poverty.

6 Wealth that comes from telling lies disappears quickly and leads to death.

7 The bad things that evil people do will destroy them, because

IV The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

they|strong="H3588" refuse|strong="H3985" to|strong="H3985" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4941" is|strong="H7563" right|strong="H4941".

<sup>8</sup> Criminals cause trouble wherever they|strong="H0376" go, but|strong="H0376" good people|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" honest and|strong="H0376" fair|strong="H3477".

<sup>9</sup> It|strong="H5921" is|strong="H2896" better|strong="H2896" to|strong="H5921" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H5921" small corner|strong="H6438" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" roof|strong="H1406" than|strong="H2896" to|strong="H5921" share the|strong="H5921" house|strong="H1004" with|strong="H1004" a|strong="H5921" woman|strong="H0802" who|strong="H3427" is|strong="H2896" always arguing.

<sup>10</sup> Evil|strong="H7451" people|strong="H5315" always want|strong="H5315" to|strong="H5315" do more|strong="H3808" evil|strong="H7451", and|strong="H5869" they|strong="H3808" show no|strong="H3808" mercy|strong="H2603" to|strong="H5315" people|strong="H5315" around them.

<sup>11</sup> When|strong="H6064" you|strong="H3947" punish a|strong="H3947" proud person who|strong="H2450" laughs at what|strong="H1847" is|strong="H1847" right, even fools will|strong="H2450" learn something. <sup>1</sup> But|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" little instruction|strong="H2450" is|strong="H1847" enough for|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3947" wise|strong="H2450" to|strong="H2450" learn what|strong="H1847" they should|strong="H2450".

<sup>12</sup> God is|strong="H6662" good. He|strong="H1004" knows what|strong="H7451" the|strong="H1004" wicked|strong="H7563" are|strong="H7563" doing|strong="H7451", and|strong="H1004" he|strong="H1004" will|strong="H6662" punish them.

<sup>13</sup> Those|strong="H1931" who|strong="H1931" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H7121" help|strong="H6030" the|strong="H7121" poor|strong="H1800" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" receive help|strong="H6030" when|strong="H1571" they|strong="H3808" need it|strong="H1931" themselves|strong="H7121".

<sup>14</sup> If anyone is|strong="H0639" angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H0639" you|strong="H0639", give them|strong="H0639" a|strong="H0639" gift|strong="H4976" in|strong="H4976" private. A|strong="H0639" gift|strong="H4976" given|strong="H5643" in|strong="H4976" secret will|strong="H2534" calm

<sup>1</sup> Or "Punish a rude, arrogant person, and the others will become wise."

even the|strong="H0639" strongest anger|strong="H0639".

<sup>15</sup> A|strong="H6466" decision|strong="H4941" that|strong="H6662" is|strong="H6662" fair makes|strong="H6213" good people happy|strong="H8057", but|strong="H6662" it|strong="H6213" makes|strong="H6213" those who|strong="H6662" are|strong="H6662" evil|strong="H0205" very afraid.

<sup>16</sup> Whoever|strong="H7919" leaves the|strong="H1870" path|strong="H1870" of|strong="H1870" wisdom will|strong="H0120" be|strong="H1870" on|strong="H1870" their|strong="H1870" way|strong="H1870" to|strong="H1870" an early death.

<sup>17</sup> Loving|strong="H0157" pleasure|strong="H8057" leads to|strong="H0376" poverty|strong="H4270". Wine|strong="H3196" and|strong="H0376" luxury will|strong="H0376" never|strong="H3808" make you|strong="H3808" wealthy.

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="H8478" wicked|strong="H7563" must pay for|strong="H8478" what|strong="H3477" happens to|strong="H6662" good people|strong="H7563"— the|strong="H8478" cheaters will|strong="H6662" be|strong="H7563" taken in|strong="H3477" exchange|strong="H8478" for|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478" honest.

<sup>19</sup> It|strong="H2896" is|strong="H0776" better|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0776" live|strong="H3427" alone in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0776" desert|strong="H4057" than|strong="H2896" with|strong="H3427" a|strong="H0776" quick-tempered wife|strong="H0802" who|strong="H3427" loves to|strong="H0776" argue.

<sup>20</sup> Wise|strong="H2450" people|strong="H0120" save the|strong="H1104" nice things|strong="H2530" they have|strong="H2450". Fools|strong="H3684" use up|strong="H1104" everything as soon as they get it.

<sup>21</sup> People who|strong="H4672" try hard to|strong="H4672" do good and|strong="H6666" be faithful|strong="H2617" will|strong="H6666" find|strong="H4672" life|strong="H2416", goodness, and|strong="H6666" honor|strong="H3519".

<sup>22</sup> A|strong="H5927" wise|strong="H2450" person|strong="H5927" can defeat a|strong="H5927" city|strong="H5892" full of|strong="H1368" warriors|strong="H1368" and|strong="H3381" tear down|strong="H3381" the|strong="H5927" defenses they|strong="H5927" trust|strong="H4009" in|strong="H1368".

<sup>23</sup> People|strong="H5315" who|strong="H5315" are|strong="H6310" careful|strong="H8104" about what|strong="H6310" they|strong="H6310" say|strong="H6310" will|strong="H5315" save|strong="H5315" themselves|strong="H5315" from|strong="H5315" trouble|strong="H6869".



24 Proud |strong="H2086" people think they |strong="H6213" are |strong="H6213" better than others. They |strong="H6213" show |strong="H6213" they |strong="H6213" are |strong="H6213" evil by |strong="H8034" what |strong="H6213" they |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213".

25 Lazy |strong="H6102" people will |strong="H3027" cause their |strong="H3588" own destruction because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" refuse |strong="H3985" to |strong="H4191" work.

26 Some |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" are |strong="H3117" greedy |strong="H8378" and |strong="H3117" never |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3605" enough. Good people |strong="H3808" are |strong="H3117" generous and |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3605" plenty |strong="H3605".

27 God hates sacrifices |strong="H2077" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" wicked |strong="H7563", especially when |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3588" reason for |strong="H3588" offering them |strong="H0935" is |strong="H7563" evil |strong="H7563".

28 Witnesses |strong="H5707" who |strong="H0376" lie |strong="H3577" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" caught and |strong="H0376" punished. A |strong="H8085" careful listener will |strong="H0376" always |strong="H5331" be |strong="H0376" there |strong="H5331" to |strong="H1696" speak |strong="H1696" up.

29 Good people |strong="H0376" know they |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" right |strong="H3477", but |strong="H7563" the |strong="H6440" wicked |strong="H7563" have |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0376" pretend.

30 There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" wise |strong="H2451" enough to |strong="H0369" make a |strong="H3068" plan |strong="H6098" that |strong="H3068" can |strong="H0369" succeed if the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0369" against |strong="H5048" it |strong="H3068".

31 You |strong="H3117" can prepare |strong="H3559" your |strong="H3068" horses |strong="H5483" for |strong="H3117" battle |strong="H4421", but |strong="H3117" only the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" can give you |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" victory |strong="H8668".

22 It |strong="H2091" is |strong="H8034" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H8034" be |strong="H8034" respected than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H8034" be |strong="H8034" rich |strong="H6239". A |strong="H0977" good |strong="H2896" name |strong="H8034" is |strong="H8034" worth more |strong="H2091"

than |strong="H2896" silver |strong="H3701" or |strong="H3701" gold |strong="H2091".

2 The |strong="H3605" rich |strong="H6223" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" poor |strong="H7326" are |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" same. The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" them |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605".

3 Wise people |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200" trouble |strong="H7451" coming and |strong="H7200" get out |strong="H7200" of |strong="H7200" its way, but |strong="H7200" fools go |strong="H5674" straight to |strong="H7200" it |strong="H7200" and |strong="H7200" suffer for |strong="H7200" it |strong="H7200".

4 Respect the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" humble. Then |strong="H3068" you |strong="H6118" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H3068" wealth |strong="H6239", honor |strong="H3519", and |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068" life |strong="H2416".

5 Evil people |strong="H5315" are |strong="H1992" trapped by |strong="H1870" many troubles, but |strong="H1992" those |strong="H1992" who |strong="H5315" want |strong="H5315" to |strong="H8104" live |strong="H1870" avoid |strong="H7368" them |strong="H1992".

6 Teach children |strong="H5288" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3588" way |strong="H1870" that |strong="H3588" fits their |strong="H5921" needs, and |strong="H1870" even |strong="H1571" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1870" old |strong="H2204", they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H4480" the |strong="H5921" right |strong="H1571" path |strong="H1870".

7 The |strong="H5650" rich |strong="H6223" rule |strong="H4910" over |strong="H4910" the |strong="H5650" poor |strong="H7326". The |strong="H5650" one |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" borrows is |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0376" slave |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5650" one |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" lends |strong="H3867".

8 Those who spread trouble |strong="H0205" will |strong="H5678" harvest |strong="H7114" trouble |strong="H0205". In |strong="H3615" the |strong="H3615" end |strong="H3615", they will |strong="H5678" be destroyed |strong="H3615" for |strong="H5678" the |strong="H3615" trouble |strong="H0205" they caused.

9 Generous people |strong="H5869" will |strong="H5869" be |strong="H1288" blessed |strong="H1288", because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" share |strong="H5414"

their |strong="H5414" food |strong="H3899" with |strong="H3899" the |strong="H3588" poor |strong="H1800".

<sup>10</sup> Get |strong="H3318" rid of |strong="H1779" the |strong="H3318" proud who laugh at what is |strong="H4066" right, and |strong="H3318" trouble will |strong="H7673" leave |strong="H3318" with |strong="H3318" them |strong="H3318". All arguments and |strong="H3318" insults will |strong="H7673" end |strong="H3318".

<sup>11</sup> Love |strong="H0157" a |strong="H0157" pure |strong="H2889" heart |strong="H3820" and |strong="H4428" kind |strong="H7453" words |strong="H8193", and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0157" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3820" your |strong="H0157" friend |strong="H7453".

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" watches |strong="H5341" over |strong="H3068" true |strong="H3068" knowledge |strong="H1847", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" opposes those who |strong="H3068" try to |strong="H3068" deceive |strong="H0898" others.

<sup>13</sup> A |strong="H0559" person who |strong="H0559" is |strong="H0559" lazy |strong="H6102" and |strong="H0559" wants to |strong="H0559" stay home |strong="H8432" says |strong="H0559", "There |strong="H8432" is |strong="H0559" a |strong="H0559" lion |strong="H0738" outside |strong="H2351", and |strong="H0559" I |strong="H0559" might |strong="H7523" be killed |strong="H7523" in |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0559" streets |strong="H2351"!"

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H3068" sin of |strong="H3068" adultery is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" trap, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" gets very angry |strong="H2194" with |strong="H3068" those who |strong="H3068" fall |strong="H5307" in to |strong="H5307" it |strong="H8033".

<sup>15</sup> Children |strong="H5288" do foolish |strong="H0200" things, but |strong="H3820" if you |strong="H4480" punish them |strong="H7194", they |strong="H3820" will |strong="H3820" learn not to |strong="H3820" do them |strong="H7194".

<sup>16</sup> These two things will |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" poor |strong="H1800": hurting the |strong="H5414" poor |strong="H1800" to |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" yourself |strong="H5414" rich |strong="H6223" and |strong="H6231" giving |strong="H5414" gifts to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" rich |strong="H6223".

### Thirty Wise Sayings

<sup>17</sup> Listen |strong="H8085" carefully |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" these words |strong="H1697" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085"

wise |strong="H2450". Pay |strong="H5186" attention |strong="H3820" to |strong="H8085" what |strong="H1697" I |strong="H1697" have |strong="H1697" learned. <sup>18</sup> It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H8193" be |strong="H8193" good for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5921" remember these words |strong="H8193" and |strong="H8104" have |strong="H3588" them |strong="H5921" ready |strong="H3559" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H8193" needed. <sup>19</sup> I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0859" these things |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961". I |strong="H3117" want you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H1961" trust |strong="H4009" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>20</sup> I |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" written |strong="H3789" 30 sayings |strong="H4156" for |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808". <sup>1</sup> These are |strong="H3808" words of |strong="H1847" advice and |strong="H1847" wisdom. <sup>21</sup> They will |strong="H7725" teach |strong="H3045" you |strong="H7971" things that |strong="H3045" you |strong="H7971" can |strong="H3045" know |strong="H3045" for |strong="H7971" sure |strong="H3045" to |strong="H7725" be |strong="H7725" true |strong="H0571". Then |strong="H7971" you |strong="H7971" can |strong="H3045" give |strong="H7725" good answers |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3045" one who sent |strong="H7971" you |strong="H7971".

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<sup>22</sup> It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" easy to |strong="H8179" steal |strong="H1497" from |strong="H8179" the |strong="H3588" poor |strong="H6041", but |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" do |strong="H0408" it |strong="H1931". And |strong="H6041" don't |strong="H0408" take |strong="H1497" advantage of |strong="H8179" them |strong="H1931" in |strong="H6041" court |strong="H8179". <sup>23</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" side. He |strong="H3588" supports the |strong="H0853" poor, and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H6906" from |strong="H5315" those |strong="H0853" who |strong="H3068" take |strong="H6906" from |strong="H5315" them |strong="H0853".

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24 Don't be friends with who who easily. Don't stay around quick-tempered people. 25 If you do, you may learn to be like them. Then you will have the same problems they do.

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26 Don't promise to pay someone else's debt. 27 If you cannot pay, you will lose everything you have. So why should you lose the bed you sleep on?

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28 Never an old property line that was marked long ago by your ancestors.

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29 Skilled workers will always serve kings. They will never have work for less important people.

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23 When you sit eat an important person you with. 2 Never eat too much, even if you are very hun-

gry. 3 Don't eat too much of his fine food. It might be a trick.

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4 Don't ruin your health trying to get rich. If you are smart, you will give it up. 5 In the blink of an eye, money can disappear, as if it grew wings and flew away like a bird.

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6 Don't eat with selfish people. Control any desire you have for their finest foods. 7 They might tell you to eat and drink all you want, but they don't really mean it. They are the kind of people who are only thinking about the cost. 8 And if you eat their food, you will get sick and be embarrassed.

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9 Don't try to teach fools. They will make fun of your wise words.

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10 Never an old property line, and don't take land that belongs to orphans.

The *strong*="H0853" Lord will *strong*="H1931" be *strong*="H1931" against *strong*="H0854" you *strong*="H3588". He *strong*="H1931" is *strong*="H1931" powerful *strong*="H2389" and *strong*="H0853" protects *strong*="H1350" orphans.

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<sup>12</sup> Listen *strong*="H0241" to *strong*="H0935" your *strong*="H0935" teacher and *strong*="H0935" learn all you *strong*="H0935" can *strong*="H0935".

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<sup>13</sup> Always correct children *strong*="H5288" when *strong*="H3588" they *strong*="H3588" need it *strong*="H3588". If *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H3588" spank them *strong*="H5221", it *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3808" not *strong*="H3808" kill *strong*="H4191" them *strong*="H5221". <sup>14</sup> In *strong*="H5315" fact, you *strong*="H0859" might save *strong*="H5315" their *strong*="H5337" lives *strong*="H5315".

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<sup>15</sup> My *strong*="H0518" son *strong*="H1121", it *strong*="H0518" makes *strong*="H8055" me *strong*="H0589" happy *strong*="H8055" when *strong*="H0518" you *strong*="H0518" make *strong*="H8055" a *strong*="H0518" wise *strong*="H2449" decision. <sup>16</sup> It *strong*="H1696" makes *strong*="H1696" me *strong*="H1696" feel good inside when *strong*="H1696" you *strong*="H1696" say *strong*="H1696" the *strong*="H1696" right *strong*="H4339" things *strong*="H4339".

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<sup>17</sup> Never *strong*="H0518" envy *strong*="H7065" evil people *strong*="H3820", but *strong*="H3588" always *strong*="H3117" respect the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068". <sup>18</sup> This *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3808" give you *strong*="H3588" something to *strong*="H3808" hope *strong*="H8615" for *strong*="H3588" that *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3808" not *strong*="H3808" disappoint you *strong*="H3588".

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<sup>19</sup> So *strong*="H8085" listen *strong*="H8085", my *strong*="H8085" son *strong*="H1121", and *strong*="H1121" be *strong*="H1121" wise *strong*="H2449". Always be *strong*="H1121" careful to *strong*="H8085" follow the *strong*="H8085" right path *strong*="H1870". <sup>20</sup> Don't *strong*="H0408" make friends with *strong*="H1320" people *strong*="H1320" who drink too much wine *strong*="H3196" and *strong*="H3196" eat too

much food. <sup>21</sup> Those *strong*="H3588" who *strong*="H3588" eat and *strong*="H3423" drink too much become *strong*="H3423" poor *strong*="H3423". They *strong*="H3588" sleep too much and *strong*="H3423" end up wearing rags *strong*="H7168".

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<sup>22</sup> Listen *strong*="H8085" to *strong*="H8085" your *strong*="H8085" father *strong*="H0001". Without *strong*="H0408" him *strong*="H3205", you *strong*="H3588" would *strong*="H0517" never *strong*="H0408" have *strong*="H0001" been born *strong*="H3205". Respect your *strong*="H8085" mother *strong*="H0517", even *strong*="H3588" when *strong*="H3588" she *strong*="H3588" is *strong*="H2088" old *strong*="H2204". <sup>23</sup> Truth *strong*="H0571", wisdom *strong*="H2451", learning, and *strong*="H2451" understanding *strong*="H0998" are worth paying money for *strong*="H4376". They are worth far too much to *strong*="H0571" ever sell *strong*="H4376". <sup>24</sup> The *strong*="H3205" father *strong*="H0001" of *strong*="H3205" a *strong*="H3205" good person is *strong*="H6662" very *strong*="H8055" happy *strong*="H8055". A *strong*="H3205" wise *strong*="H2450" child *strong*="H3205" brings *strong*="H3205" him *strong*="H3205" joy *strong*="H8055". <sup>25</sup> Make *strong*="H8055" both of *strong*="H3205" your *strong*="H0001" parents *strong*="H0001" happy *strong*="H8055". Give *strong*="H3205" your *strong*="H0001" mother *strong*="H0517" that *strong*="H0001" same joy *strong*="H8055".

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<sup>26</sup> My *strong*="H5414" son *strong*="H1121", listen closely to *strong*="H5414" what *strong*="H1870" I *strong*="H5414" am saying. Let *strong*="H5414" my *strong*="H5414" life *strong*="H3820" be *strong*="H1121" your *strong*="H5414" example *strong*="H1870". <sup>27</sup> Prostitutes *strong*="H2181" and *strong*="H0875" bad women are a *strong*="H3588" trap. They *strong*="H3588" are like a *strong*="H3588" deep *strong*="H6013" well *strong*="H0875" that *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H3588" cannot escape. <sup>28</sup> A *strong*="H1931" bad woman waits for *strong*="H0693" you *strong*="H0637" like *strong*="H0120" a *strong*="H1931" thief, and *strong*="H0120" she *strong*="H1931" causes many men *strong*="H0120" to *strong*="H0120" be *strong*="H3254" unfaithful to *strong*="H0120" their *strong*="H3254" wives.

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<sup>29</sup> Who gets into fights and arguments? Who gets hurt for no reason and has red, bloodshot eyes? People who stay out too late drinking wine, staring into their strong drinks.

<sup>31</sup> So |strong="H1980" be |strong="H0408" careful with |strong="H1980" wine |strong="H3196". It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H5869" pretty and |strong="H1980" red |strong="H0119" as |strong="H3588" it |strong="H5414" sparkles in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588" cup. And |strong="H1980" it |strong="H5414" goes |strong="H1980" down |strong="H1980" so |strong="H1980" smoothly |strong="H4339" when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" drink it |strong="H5414". <sup>32</sup> But in the |strong="H0319" end |strong="H0319", it |strong="H0319" will |strong="H0319" bite like a snake |strong="H5175".

<sup>33</sup> Wine will |strong="H5869" cause you |strong="H7200" to |strong="H1696" see |strong="H7200" strange |strong="H2114" things |strong="H8419" and |strong="H5869" to |strong="H1696" say |strong="H1696" things |strong="H8419" that |strong="H7200" make |strong="H7200" no sense |strong="H3820". <sup>34</sup> When |strong="H1961" you |strong="H1961" lie |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901", you |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" think |strong="H3820" you |strong="H1961" are |strong="H1961" on |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" rough sea |strong="H3220" and |strong="H7218" feel like |strong="H1961" you |strong="H1961" are |strong="H1961" at |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H1961" mast. <sup>35</sup> You |strong="H3045" will |strong="H5750" say |strong="H3254", "They |strong="H5221" hit |strong="H5221" me |strong="H3254", but |strong="H5221" I |strong="H3045" never |strong="H1077" felt it |strong="H3045". They |strong="H5221" beat |strong="H5221" me |strong="H3254", but |strong="H5221" I |strong="H3045" don't remember it |strong="H3045". Now I |strong="H3045" can't |strong="H3045" wake |strong="H6974" up. I |strong="H3045" need another |strong="H5750" drink."

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**24** Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1961" jealous |strong="H7065" of |strong="H0376" evil |strong="H7451" people |strong="H0376". Have |strong="H1961" no |strong="H0408" desire |strong="H0183" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" around them |strong="H0854". <sup>2</sup> In |strong="H1696" their |strong="H3588"

hearts |strong="H3820" they |strong="H3588" plan to |strong="H1696" do evil. All |strong="H5999" they |strong="H3588" talk |strong="H1696" about |strong="H1897" is |strong="H3820" making trouble |strong="H5999".

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<sup>3</sup> Good homes |strong="H1004" are |strong="H1004" built |strong="H1129" on |strong="H1004" wisdom |strong="H2451" and |strong="H1004" understanding |strong="H8394". <sup>4</sup> Knowledge |strong="H1847" fills |strong="H4390" the |strong="H3605" rooms |strong="H2315" with |strong="H4390" rare |strong="H3368" and |strong="H3605" beautiful treasures.

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<sup>5</sup> Wisdom |strong="H2450" makes |strong="H3581" a |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" more |strong="H3581" powerful. Knowledge |strong="H1847" gives a |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" strength |strong="H5797". <sup>6</sup> Get good advice |strong="H3289" before you |strong="H3588" start a |strong="H3588" war |strong="H4421". To |strong="H3289" win, you |strong="H3588" must have |strong="H3588" many |strong="H7230" good advisors.

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<sup>7</sup> Fools |strong="H0191" cannot |strong="H3808" understand wisdom |strong="H2454". They |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H6310" say |strong="H6310" when people |strong="H3808" are |strong="H6310" discussing important things |strong="H3808".

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<sup>8</sup> If you |strong="H7121" start planning |strong="H2803" ways to |strong="H7121" do wrong |strong="H7489", people will |strong="H4209" learn that |strong="H7121" you |strong="H7121" are a |strong="H7121" troublemaker. <sup>9</sup> Such foolish |strong="H0200" plans |strong="H2154" are |strong="H0120" wrong, and |strong="H0120" people |strong="H0120" have |strong="H0120" no respect for |strong="H8441" someone |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0120" laughs at what is |strong="H0120" right.

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<sup>10</sup> If you |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" weak in |strong="H3117" times |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" trouble |strong="H6869", that |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" real weakness.

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11 If *you* see *someone* on *their* way to *death* or *in* danger of *being killed*, *you* must do something to *save* them. 12 *You* cannot say, "It's none of my business." The Lord knows everything, and he knows why you do things. He watches you, and he will pay you back for what you do.

— 26 —

13 My son, eat honey; it is good straight from the honeycomb, the sweetest. 14 In the same way, know that wisdom is good for you. Wisdom will give you something to hope for that will not disappoint you.

— 27 —

15 Don't be like a criminal who makes plans to rob those who are good or take away their homes. 16 Good people might fall again, and they always get up. It is the wicked who

who are defeated by their troubles.

— 28 —

17 Don't be happy when your enemy has troubles. Don't be glad when they fall. 18 The LORD will see this, and he might be upset with you and decide to punish your enemy.

— 29 —

19 Don't let those who are evil upset you, and don't be jealous of them. 20 They have no hope. Their light will burn out.

— 30 —

21 Son, respect the LORD and the king, and don't join with those who are against them, because people like that can quickly be destroyed. You have no idea how much trouble God and the king can make for their enemies.

#### More Wise Sayings

23 These are also the words of the wise: A judge must be fair.

He |strong="H6440" must |strong="H1571" not |strong="H1571" support some |strong="H0428" people simply because |strong="H6440" he |strong="H6440" knows |strong="H5234" them |strong="H6440". <sup>24</sup> The |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H6662" turn against a |strong="H0559" judge who |strong="H6662" lets the |strong="H0559" guilty |strong="H7563" go free. Even the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0559" other |strong="H3816" nations |strong="H5971" will |strong="H6662" curse him |strong="H0559". <sup>25</sup> But |strong="H0935" if a |strong="H0935" judge punishes the |strong="H5921" guilty, then |strong="H0935" people will |strong="H0935" be happy |strong="H2896" with |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0935" be a |strong="H0935" blessing |strong="H1293" to |strong="H0935" them |strong="H5921".

<sup>26</sup> An |strong="H7725" honest answer |strong="H7725" is |strong="H1697" as |strong="H1697" pleasing as |strong="H1697" a |strong="H7725" kiss on |strong="H7725" the |strong="H7725" lips |strong="H8193".

<sup>27</sup> First get |strong="H3559" your |strong="H3559" fields |strong="H7704" ready |strong="H3559", next plant your |strong="H3559" crops, and |strong="H1004" then |strong="H0310" build |strong="H1129" your |strong="H3559" house |strong="H1004".

<sup>28</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" speak |strong="H8193" against |strong="H7453" someone without |strong="H2600" a |strong="H1961" good reason, or |strong="H0408" you |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" appear foolish.

<sup>29</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" say |strong="H0559", "You |strong="H0834" hurt me |strong="H7725", so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0559" same |strong="H3651" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" punish you |strong="H0834" for |strong="H3651" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H7725"."

<sup>30</sup> I |strong="H5921" walked past a |strong="H5921" field |strong="H7704" that |strong="H0376" belonged to |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" lazy |strong="H6102" man |strong="H0376". It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H3820" a |strong="H5921" vineyard |strong="H3754" that |strong="H0376" belonged to |strong="H5921" someone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" understood nothing. <sup>31</sup> Weeds were |strong="H6440" growing |strong="H5927" everywhere |strong="H3605"! Wild vines cov-

ered |strong="H3680" the |strong="H3605" ground, and |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" wall |strong="H1444" around |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" vineyard was |strong="H3605" broken |strong="H2040" and |strong="H6440" falling down |strong="H2040". <sup>32</sup> I |strong="H0595" looked |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" this |strong="H4148" and |strong="H7200" thought |strong="H3820" about |strong="H3947" it |strong="H7200". This |strong="H4148" is |strong="H3820" what I |strong="H0595" learned: <sup>33</sup> a |strong="H4592" little |strong="H4592" sleep |strong="H8142", a |strong="H4592" little |strong="H4592" rest |strong="H7901", folding |strong="H2264" your |strong="H3027" arms |strong="H3027", and |strong="H3027" taking |strong="H7901" a |strong="H4592" nap— <sup>34</sup> these things will |strong="H0376" make you |strong="H0935" poor |strong="H4270" very |strong="H1980" quickly. Soon you |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0376" nothing, as |strong="H0935" if |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0935" thief broke in |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" took |strong="H0935" everything away |strong="H1980".

#### More Wise Sayings From Solomon

**25** These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0834" some |strong="H0376" more |strong="H1571" wise sayings from |strong="H0376" Solomon |strong="H8010". These |strong="H0428" proverbs |strong="H4912" were |strong="H0834" copied |strong="H6275" by |strong="H1571" servants |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396", the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>2</sup> We |strong="H1697" honor |strong="H3519" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H0430" the |strong="H1697" things |strong="H1697" he |strong="H0430" keeps secret |strong="H5641". But |strong="H4428" we |strong="H1697" honor |strong="H3519" kings |strong="H4428" for |strong="H0430" the |strong="H1697" things |strong="H1697" they |strong="H0430" can discover |strong="H2713".

<sup>3</sup> We |strong="H0776" cannot |strong="H0369" discover how high the |strong="H0776" sky |strong="H8064" is |strong="H0369" above |strong="H3820" us or |strong="H0369" how deep the |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0369" below. The |strong="H0776" same is |strong="H0369" true with |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" minds |strong="H3820" of |strong="H4428" kings |strong="H4428". We |strong="H0776" cannot |strong="H0369" understand them |strong="H0776".

4 Remove *the worthless things* from *silver* to *make it pure*; and *a worker* can make something beautiful. 5 Take *the evil* from *a king*, and *goodness* will *make his kingdom* strong.

6 Don't brag about yourself before *the king* and pretend you are someone important. 7 It is better for *the king* to invite you to take a more important position than to embarrass you in front of his officials.

8 Don't be too quick to tell a judge about something you saw. You will be embarrassed if someone else proves you wrong.

9 If you want to tell your friends about your own problems, tell them in private.

10 Whoever hears it will lose their respect for you and will never trust you again.

11 Saying the right thing at the right time is like *a golden apple* in *a silver setting*. 12 Wise advice to *listen* is like

*gold earrings* or *fine jewelry*.

13 To *master* who sent *him*, a messenger who can be trusted is as refreshing as *a drink of cold water* on a hot summer day.<sup>1</sup>

14 People who promise to give gifts but never give them like *clouds and wind* that bring no rain.

15 With patience, you can make anyone change their thinking, even a ruler. Gentle speech is very powerful.

16 Honey is good, but don't eat too much of it, or you will be sick.

17 And don't visit your neighbors' homes too often, or they will begin to hate you.

18 A person who gives false testimony against a neighbor is as deadly as *a club*, *a sword*, or *a very sharp arrow*.<sup>19</sup> Never depend on a liar in times of trouble. It's like *chewing with a bad tooth* or *walking with a crippled foot*.

20 Singing happy songs to

<sup>1</sup> DRINK ... DAY Literally, "as the cold snow at harvest time." This probably refers to snow or ice brought down from Matthew Hermon in Lebanon.



a |strong="H5921" sad person |strong="H3820" is |strong="H3820" as |strong="H3117" foolish as |strong="H3117" taking a |strong="H5921" coat off |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" cold |strong="H7135" day |strong="H3117" or |strong="H3117" mixing soda |strong="H5427" and |strong="H3117" vinegar |strong="H2558".

<sup>21</sup> If |strong="H0518" your |strong="H0518" enemies |strong="H8130" are hungry |strong="H7457", give |strong="H8248" them |strong="H0398" something |strong="H3899" to |strong="H4325" eat |strong="H0398". If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" are thirsty |strong="H6771", give |strong="H8248" them |strong="H0398" some water |strong="H4325". <sup>22</sup> This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3588" them |strong="H5921" feel the |strong="H5921" burning |strong="H2846" pain of |strong="H3068" shame, I and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" reward |strong="H7999" you |strong="H0859" for |strong="H3588" being good to |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921".

<sup>23</sup> Just as |strong="H6440" wind |strong="H7307" blowing from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" north |strong="H6828" brings rain |strong="H1653", telling secrets brings anger |strong="H6440".

<sup>24</sup> It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H1004" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H5921" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H5921" small corner |strong="H6438" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" roof |strong="H1406" than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H5921" share the |strong="H5921" house |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" a |strong="H5921" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H3427" is |strong="H1004" always arguing.

<sup>25</sup> Good |strong="H2896" news |strong="H8052" from |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" faraway place |strong="H4801" is |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H5921" cool |strong="H7119" drink of |strong="H0776" water |strong="H4325" when |strong="H0776" you |strong="H5921" are |strong="H0776" hot and |strong="H0776" thirsty.

<sup>26</sup> Good people |strong="H7563" who |strong="H6662" don't stand strong against |strong="H6440" evil |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" like |strong="H6440" springs |strong="H4599" that |strong="H6662" have |strong="H7563" been polluted |strong="H7843" or pools that |strong="H6662" have |strong="H7563" turned dirty and |strong="H6440" muddy.

I THIS ... SHAME Literally, "for you will heap coals of fire on his head."

<sup>27</sup> Just as |strong="H0398" eating |strong="H0398" too |strong="H3808" much |strong="H7235" honey |strong="H1706" is |strong="H2896" not |strong="H3808" good |strong="H2896", it |strong="H0398" is |strong="H2896" not |strong="H3808" good |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3808" people |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3808" always be |strong="H3808" looking for |strong="H3808" honor |strong="H3519".

<sup>28</sup> People |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H0369" control |strong="H4623" themselves are |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H5892" without |strong="H0369" walls |strong="H2346" to |strong="H0369" protect them |strong="H0376".

### Wise Sayings About Fools

**26** Just as |strong="H3651" snow |strong="H7950" should not |strong="H3808" fall in |strong="H3808" summer |strong="H7019", nor |strong="H3808" rain |strong="H4306" at |strong="H3808" harvest |strong="H7105" time, so |strong="H3651" people |strong="H3808" should not |strong="H3808" honor |strong="H3519" a |strong="H3808" fool |strong="H3684".

<sup>2</sup> Don't |strong="H3808" worry when |strong="H0935" someone |strong="H5774" curses |strong="H7045" you |strong="H0935" for |strong="H3651" no |strong="H3808" reason |strong="H3651". Nothing |strong="H3808" bad will |strong="H3808" happen. Such |strong="H3651" words are |strong="H2600" like |strong="H3651" birds |strong="H6833" that |strong="H3651" fly |strong="H5774" past and |strong="H0935" never |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808".

<sup>3</sup> You have to |strong="H3684" whip |strong="H7752" a horse |strong="H5483", you have to |strong="H3684" put a bridle |strong="H4964" on a mule, and |strong="H2543" you have to |strong="H3684" beat a fool |strong="H3684".

<sup>4</sup> There is no good way to answer fools when they say something stupid. If you answer them, then you, too, will look like a fool. If you don't answer them, they will think they are smart.

<sup>6</sup> Never let |strong="H7971" a |strong="H7971" fool |strong="H3684" carry your |strong="H7971" message |strong="H1697". If you |strong="H7971" do |strong="H3027", it |strong="H7971" will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H1697" like |strong="H7272" cutting |strong="H7096" off |strong="H7096" your |strong="H7971" own feet |strong="H7272". You |strong="H7971" are |strong="H3027" only asking for |strong="H3027" trouble.

<sup>7</sup> A |strong="H6310" fool |strong="H3684" trying to |strong="H6310" say |strong="H6310" something wise is |strong="H6310" like |strong="H1809"

a *crippled person trying to walk.*

<sup>8</sup> Showing honor a fool is as bad as tying a rock in a sling.

<sup>9</sup> A fool trying to say something wise is like a drunk trying to pick a thorn out of his hand.

<sup>10</sup> Hiring a stranger who is just passing by is dangerous— you don't know who might get hurt.

<sup>11</sup> Like a dog that returns its vomit, a fool does the same foolish things again and again.

<sup>12</sup> People who think they are wise when they are not are worse than fools.

<sup>13</sup> A person who is lazy and wants to stay home says, "What if there is out there? Really, there might be out there?"

<sup>14</sup> Like a door on its hinges, a lazy man turns back and forth on his bed.

<sup>15</sup> Lazy people are too lazy to lift the food from their plate

to their mouth.

<sup>16</sup> Lazy people think they are seven times smarter than the people who really have good sense.

<sup>17</sup> To step between two people arguing is as foolish as going out into the street and grabbing a stray dog by the ears.

<sup>18</sup> Anyone who would trick someone and then say, "I was only joking" is like a fool who shoots flaming arrows into the air and accidentally kills someone.

<sup>20</sup> Without wood, a fire goes out. Without gossip, arguments stop.

<sup>21</sup> Charcoal keeps the coals glowing, wood keeps the fire burning, and troublemakers keep arguments alive.

<sup>22</sup> People love to hear gossip. It is like tasty food on its way to the stomach.

<sup>23</sup> Good words that hide an evil heart are like silver paint over a cheap, clay pot.

<sup>24</sup> Evil people say things to make themselves look good, but they keep their evil plans a secret.

<sup>25</sup> What they say sounds good, but don't trust them. They are full of evil ideas.

<sup>26</sup> They hide their evil plans with nice words, but in the end, everyone

will|strong="H6951" see the|strong="H3680" evil|strong="H7451" they|strong="H1540" do.

27 Whoever digs|strong="H3738" a|strong="H7725" pit|strong="H7845" can fall|strong="H5307" into|strong="H0413" it|strong="H7725". Whoever rolls|strong="H1556" a|strong="H7725" large stone|strong="H0068" can be|strong="H7725" crushed by|strong="H0413" it|strong="H7725".

28 Liars|strong="H8267" hate|strong="H8130" the|strong="H6213" people they|strong="H6310" hurt, and|strong="H6310" false|strong="H8267" praise can|strong="H6213" hurt people.

27 Never|strong="H3808" brag about|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" do|strong="H0408" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588" future; you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3045" no|strong="H3808" idea what|strong="H4100" tomorrow|strong="H4279" will|strong="H3808" bring|strong="H3205".

2 Never|strong="H3808" praise|strong="H1984" yourself. Let|strong="H0408" others do|strong="H0408" it|strong="H3808".

3 A|strong="H0068" stone|strong="H0068" is|strong="H0191" heavy|strong="H3515", and|strong="H0068" sand|strong="H2344" is|strong="H0191" hard|strong="H3515" to|strong="H0068" carry, but|strong="H0191" the|strong="H8147" irritation caused by|strong="H8147" a|strong="H0068" fool|strong="H0191" is|strong="H0191" much|strong="H3515" harder to|strong="H0068" bear.

4 Anger|strong="H0639" is|strong="H4310" cruel and|strong="H6440" can|strong="H4310" destroy like|strong="H0639" a|strong="H5975" flood|strong="H7858", but jealousy|strong="H7068" is|strong="H4310" much worse.

5 Open|strong="H1540" criticism is|strong="H2896" better|strong="H2896" than|strong="H2896" hidden|strong="H5641" love|strong="H0160".

6 You|strong="H0157" can trust|strong="H0539" what your|strong="H0157" friend|strong="H0157" says, even when it|strong="H0157" hurts. But your|strong="H0157" enemies|strong="H8130" want to|strong="H0157" hurt you|strong="H0157", even when they act nice.

7 When you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H5315" full|strong="H7649", you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H5315" not|strong="H5315" even eat honey|strong="H5317". When you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H5315" hungry|strong="H7457", even something|strong="H4966" bitter|strong="H4751" tastes sweet|strong="H4966".

8 A|strong="H4480" man|strong="H0376" away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" home|strong="H4725" is|strong="H0376" like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H4480"

bird|strong="H6833" away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" its|strong="H4480" nest|strong="H7064".

9 Perfume|strong="H7004" and|strong="H8081" incense|strong="H7004" make|strong="H8055" you|strong="H5315" feel good, and|strong="H8081" so does|strong="H5315" good advice|strong="H6098" from|strong="H5315" a|strong="H7453" friend|strong="H7453".

10 Don't|strong="H0408" forget your|strong="H0935" own friends|strong="H7453" or|strong="H0408" your|strong="H0935" father's|strong="H0001" friends|strong="H7453". If you|strong="H3117" have|strong="H0001" a|strong="H0935" problem, go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" neighbor|strong="H7453" for|strong="H1004" help. It|strong="H0935" is|strong="H3117" better|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0935" ask a|strong="H0935" neighbor|strong="H7453" who|strong="H0251" is|strong="H3117" near|strong="H7138" than|strong="H2896" a|strong="H0935" brother|strong="H0251" who|strong="H0251" is|strong="H3117" far|strong="H7350" away|strong="H7350".

11 My|strong="H7725" son|strong="H1121", be|strong="H1121" wise|strong="H2449". This|strong="H1697" will|strong="H1121" make|strong="H8055" me|strong="H7725" happy|strong="H8055". Then|strong="H7725" I|strong="H1697" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" able to|strong="H7725" answer|strong="H7725" those|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" criticize me|strong="H7725".

12 Wise people|strong="H7200" see|strong="H7200" trouble|strong="H7451" coming and|strong="H7200" get out|strong="H7200" of|strong="H7200" its way, but|strong="H7200" fools go|strong="H5674" straight to|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" trouble|strong="H7451" and|strong="H7200" suffer for|strong="H7200" it|strong="H7200".

13 When|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" make|strong="H6148" a|strong="H3947" deal|strong="H6148" with|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" stranger|strong="H5237", get|strong="H3947" something from|strong="H3947" him|strong="H3947" and|strong="H3947" any|strong="H3588" other|strong="H2114" foreigners|strong="H2114" with|strong="H3947" him|strong="H3947" to|strong="H3588" make|strong="H6148" sure he|strong="H3588" will pay you|strong="H3588".

14 Don't wake up|strong="H7925" your|strong="H1288" neighbors|strong="H7453" early|strong="H7925" in|strong="H6963" the|strong="H1288" morning|strong="H1242" with|strong="H1288" a|strong="H2803"

shout |strong="H6963" of |strong="H6963" "Good morning |strong="H1242"! They |strong="H1242" will |strong="H6963" treat it |strong="H1242" like |strong="H2803" a |strong="H2803" curse |strong="H7045", not a |strong="H2803" blessing |strong="H1288".

<sup>15</sup> A |strong="H3117" complaining wife |strong="H0802" is |strong="H3117" like water that |strong="H3117" never stops dripping |strong="H1812" on |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" rainy day |strong="H3117". <sup>16</sup> Stopping her |strong="H7121" is |strong="H7307" like |strong="H7307" trying to |strong="H7121" stop the |strong="H7121" wind |strong="H7307" or |strong="H8081" trying to |strong="H7121" hold oil |strong="H8081" in |strong="H7121" your |strong="H7121" hand |strong="H3225".

<sup>17</sup> As |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376" piece of |strong="H0376" iron |strong="H1270" sharpens |strong="H2300" another |strong="H7453", so |strong="H6440" friends |strong="H7453" keep each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H7453" sharp |strong="H2300".

<sup>18</sup> People who |strong="H8104" take |strong="H8104" care |strong="H8104" of |strong="H0398" fig |strong="H8384" trees |strong="H8384" are |strong="H0113" allowed to |strong="H8104" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0398" fruit |strong="H6529". In |strong="H5341" the |strong="H0398" same way, people who |strong="H8104" take |strong="H8104" care |strong="H8104" of |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" masters |strong="H0113" will |strong="H5341" be |strong="H0113" rewarded.

<sup>19</sup> Just as |strong="H3651" you |strong="H6440" can |strong="H0120" see your |strong="H6440" own |strong="H6440" face |strong="H6440" reflected in |strong="H6440" water |strong="H4325", so |strong="H3651" your |strong="H6440" heart |strong="H3820" reflects the |strong="H6440" kind of |strong="H6440" person |strong="H0120" you |strong="H6440" are |strong="H0120".

<sup>20</sup> Just as |strong="H7585" the |strong="H3808" place of |strong="H5869" death |strong="H7585" and |strong="H5869" destruction is |strong="H0120" never |strong="H3808" full |strong="H7646", people |strong="H0120" always want more |strong="H3808" and |strong="H5869" more |strong="H3808".

<sup>21</sup> People |strong="H0376" use fire to |strong="H0376" purify gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3701" silver |strong="H3701". In |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6310" same way, you |strong="H6310" are |strong="H0376" tested by |strong="H2091" the |strong="H6310" praise |strong="H4110" people |strong="H0376" give you |strong="H6310".

<sup>22</sup> Even |strong="H3808" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" pound |strong="H3806" fools |strong="H0191" to |strong="H5921" powder like |strong="H3808" grain |strong="H7383" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0518" bowl, you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" force the |strong="H0853" foolishness |strong="H0200" out |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853".

<sup>23</sup> Learn |strong="H3045" all |strong="H3045" you |strong="H6440" can |strong="H3045" about |strong="H3045" your |strong="H3045" sheep |strong="H6629". Take |strong="H3045" care of |strong="H6440" your |strong="H3045" goats the |strong="H6440" best you |strong="H6440" can |strong="H3045". <sup>24</sup> Neither |strong="H3808" wealth |strong="H2633" nor |strong="H3808" nations last |strong="H1755" forever |strong="H5769". <sup>25</sup> Cut the |strong="H7200" hay, and |strong="H7200" new |strong="H1877" grass |strong="H2682" will |strong="H2022" grow. Then |strong="H7200" gather |strong="H0622" the |strong="H7200" new |strong="H1877" plants |strong="H6212" that |strong="H7200" grow on |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" hills |strong="H2022". <sup>26</sup> Cut the |strong="H7704" wool from |strong="H7704" your lambs |strong="H3532", and |strong="H7704" make your clothes |strong="H3830". Sell some of |strong="H7704" your goats |strong="H6260", and |strong="H7704" buy some land |strong="H7704". <sup>27</sup> Then there will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" plenty |strong="H1767" of |strong="H1004" goat's |strong="H5795" milk |strong="H2461" for |strong="H1004" you |strong="H1767" and |strong="H1004" your |strong="H1004" family |strong="H1004", with |strong="H1004" enough |strong="H1767" to |strong="H1004" keep the |strong="H1004" servants healthy.

<sup>28</sup> The |strong="H7291" wicked |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" afraid of |strong="H0369" everything, but |strong="H0369" those |strong="H7291" who |strong="H0369" live right |strong="H6662" are |strong="H7563" as |strong="H5127" brave as |strong="H5127" lions |strong="H3715".

<sup>2</sup> A |strong="H0776" lawless nation will |strong="H0776" have |strong="H3045" many |strong="H7227" bad leaders |strong="H8269". But |strong="H3651" a |strong="H0776" smart leader |strong="H8269" will |strong="H0776" rule for |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" long |strong="H0748" time in |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" where people |strong="H0120" obey |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3045" law.

<sup>3</sup> A |strong="H0369" leader who |strong="H0369" takes advantage of |strong="H3899"

the |strong="H6231" poor |strong="H7326" is |strong="H0369" like a |strong="H0369" hard rain |strong="H4306" that |strong="H4306" destroys the |strong="H6231" crops. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Those who |strong="H8104" refuse to |strong="H8104" obey |strong="H8104" the |strong="H8104" law |strong="H8451" promote |strong="H8104" evil |strong="H7563". Those who |strong="H8104" obey |strong="H8104" the |strong="H8104" law |strong="H8451" oppose evil |strong="H7563".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" wicked |strong="H7451" don't |strong="H3808" understand |strong="H0995" justice |strong="H4941", but |strong="H3808" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" love the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" understand |strong="H0995" it |strong="H3808" completely |strong="H3605".

<sup>6</sup> It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1980" be |strong="H1870" poor |strong="H7326" and |strong="H1980" honest than |strong="H2896" rich |strong="H6223" and |strong="H1980" evil.

<sup>7</sup> A |strong="H1121" smart son |strong="H1121" obeys the |strong="H0995" laws |strong="H8451", but a |strong="H1121" son |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" spends time with |strong="H0001" worthless people |strong="H1121" brings shame |strong="H3637" to |strong="H0001" his |strong="H5341" father |strong="H0001".

<sup>8</sup> If |strong="H2603" you |strong="H7235" get rich by |strong="H1952" charging high |strong="H7235" interest |strong="H5392" rates, your wealth |strong="H1952" will go to |strong="H6908" someone who is kind to |strong="H6908" the |strong="H6908" poor |strong="H1800".

<sup>9</sup> When |strong="H8085" people |strong="H8085" do |strong="H5493" not |strong="H1571" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" God's teachings |strong="H8451", he |strong="H8451" does |strong="H1571" not |strong="H1571" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" their |strong="H8085" prayers |strong="H8605".

<sup>10</sup> Those |strong="H1931" who |strong="H1931" plan to |strong="H1870" hurt good |strong="H2896" people |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3477" fall |strong="H5307" into |strong="H5307" their |strong="H5307" own |strong="H5157" traps, but |strong="H1870" good |strong="H2896" things will |strong="H3477" happen to |strong="H1870" those |strong="H1931" who |strong="H1931" are |strong="H1870" good |strong="H2896".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0995" rich |strong="H6223" always think |strong="H5869" they |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" wise |strong="H2450",

<sup>1</sup> Or "A poor person who takes advantage of beggars is like a hard rain and no food."

but |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0376" poor |strong="H1800" person |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0376" wise |strong="H2450" can |strong="H5869" see |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0995" truth.

<sup>12</sup> When |strong="H6965" good |strong="H6965" people |strong="H0120" become leaders, everything is |strong="H6662" great |strong="H7227", but |strong="H7563" when |strong="H6965" the |strong="H6965" wicked |strong="H7563" rise |strong="H6965" to |strong="H6965" power, everyone |strong="H0120" hides.

<sup>13</sup> Whoever hides their |strong="H3808" sins will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" successful |strong="H6743", but |strong="H3808" whoever confesses |strong="H3034" their |strong="H3808" sins and |strong="H3034" stops doing wrong will |strong="H3808" receive mercy |strong="H7355".

<sup>14</sup> People |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0120" respect others will |strong="H0120" be |strong="H3820" blessed |strong="H0835", but |strong="H3820" stubborn |strong="H7185" people |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0120" have |strong="H0120" plenty of |strong="H3820" troubles.

<sup>15</sup> An |strong="H5921" evil |strong="H7563" ruler |strong="H4910" over |strong="H5921" those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H7563" are |strong="H7563" helpless is |strong="H7563" like |strong="H0738" an |strong="H5921" angry lion |strong="H0738" or |strong="H4910" a |strong="H5921" charging bear |strong="H1677".

<sup>16</sup> A |strong="H3117" foolish ruler |strong="H5057" hurts the |strong="H3117" people under him |strong="H8130", but |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" ruler |strong="H5057" who |strong="H2638" hates |strong="H8130" wrong will |strong="H3117" rule |strong="H5057" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117".

<sup>17</sup> A |strong="H5704" murderer will |strong="H0120" never |strong="H0408" have |strong="H0120" peace. Don't |strong="H0408" support |strong="H8551" such |strong="H5315" a |strong="H5704" person |strong="H5315".

<sup>18</sup> Honest people will |strong="H8549" be |strong="H1870" safe |strong="H3467", but |strong="H1870" dishonest people will |strong="H8549" be |strong="H1870" ruined.

<sup>19</sup> Whoever works |strong="H5647" hard will |strong="H0127" have |strong="H7646" plenty |strong="H7646" to |strong="H3899" eat, but |strong="H5647" whoever wastes their |strong="H5647" time with |strong="H7646" dreams will |strong="H0127" always be |strong="H0127" poor.

<sup>20</sup> People |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" can |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" trusted

will |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0376" many |strong="H7227" blessings |strong="H1293", but |strong="H3808" those |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" just trying to |strong="H0376" get rich |strong="H6238" in |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3808" hurry will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H3808" punished.

21 It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H6440" wrong for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" judge to |strong="H5921" support someone simply because |strong="H5921" he |strong="H3808" knows |strong="H5234" them |strong="H5921". But |strong="H3808" some judges will |strong="H3808" change their |strong="H5921" decisions for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" price of |strong="H6440" a |strong="H5921" loaf of |strong="H6440" bread |strong="H3899".

22 Selfish people |strong="H0376" only want |strong="H2639" to |strong="H0935" get |strong="H0935" rich. They |strong="H3588" do |strong="H0935" not |strong="H3808" realize |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0376" very |strong="H3045" close to |strong="H0935" being poor.

23 Correct |strong="H3198" someone |strong="H0120", and |strong="H0120" later |strong="H0310" they |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0120" thank you |strong="H0310". That |strong="H3956" is |strong="H3956" much better than just saying something to |strong="H0120" be nice.

24 Someone |strong="H0376" might steal |strong="H1497" from |strong="H0376" their |strong="H0369" parents |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0376" say |strong="H0559", "I |strong="H0559" did |strong="H0376" nothing |strong="H0369" wrong." But |strong="H0369" that |strong="H1931" person |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0369" as |strong="H0376" bad as |strong="H0376" an |strong="H0376" enemy who |strong="H0376" smashes everything in |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" house.

25 Greedy people |strong="H5315" might |strong="H3068" sue you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" court, but |strong="H5921" those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H3068" trust |strong="H0982" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" rewarded.

26 It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" foolish |strong="H3684" to |strong="H1980" be |strong="H3820" too confident |strong="H0982". Those |strong="H1931" who |strong="H1931" ask for |strong="H1931" advice are |strong="H3820" wise |strong="H2451" and |strong="H1980" will |strong="H3820" escape |strong="H4422" disaster.

27 Whoever |strong="H4270" gives |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0369" the |strong="H5414"

poor |strong="H7326" will |strong="H5869" have |strong="H0369" plenty |strong="H7227". Whoever |strong="H4270" refuses to |strong="H0369" help them |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5869" get nothing |strong="H0369" but |strong="H0369" curses |strong="H3994".

28 When |strong="H7235" the |strong="H6965" wicked |strong="H7563" rise |strong="H6965" to |strong="H6965" power, everyone |strong="H0120" hides |strong="H5641". When |strong="H7235" they are |strong="H7563" defeated, good |strong="H6965" people |strong="H0120" multiply |strong="H7235".

29 Some |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" refuse to |strong="H0369" bend when |strong="H0376" someone |strong="H0376" corrects them |strong="H0376". Eventually they |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" break |strong="H7665", and |strong="H0376" there |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0369" repair the |strong="H7665" damage.

2 When |strong="H7235" the |strong="H8055" rulers |strong="H4910" are |strong="H7563" good, the |strong="H8055" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H7563" happy |strong="H8055". When |strong="H7235" the |strong="H8055" rulers |strong="H4910" are |strong="H7563" evil |strong="H7563", the |strong="H8055" people |strong="H5971" complain.

3 A |strong="H0376" son who |strong="H0376" loves |strong="H0157" wisdom |strong="H2451" makes |strong="H8055" his |strong="H0376" father |strong="H0001" happy |strong="H8055". One |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" wastes |strong="H0006" his |strong="H0376" money on |strong="H0376" prostitutes |strong="H2181" will |strong="H0376" lose his |strong="H0376" wealth |strong="H1952".

4 A |strong="H0776" nation will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0376" strong when |strong="H0376" it |strong="H4941" has |strong="H4428" a |strong="H0776" fair and |strong="H0776" just |strong="H4941" king |strong="H4428". A |strong="H0776" nation will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0376" weak when |strong="H0376" it |strong="H4941" has |strong="H4428" a |strong="H0776" king |strong="H4428" who |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0776" selfish and |strong="H0776" demands |strong="H4941" gifts.

5 If you |strong="H5921" give false praise to |strong="H5921" others in |strong="H5921" order to |strong="H5921" get what |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" want, you |strong="H5921" are |strong="H1397" only setting a |strong="H5921" trap for |strong="H5921" yourself |strong="H5921".

6 Evil |strong="H7451" people |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" defeated by |strong="H7451"

their|strong="H0376" sin, but|strong="H0376" good people|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" sing|strong="H7442" and|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" happy|strong="H8055".

<sup>7</sup> Good people|strong="H3808" want to|strong="H3045" do what|strong="H1847" is|strong="H6662" right|strong="H6662" for|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3045" poor|strong="H1800", but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3045" wicked|strong="H7563" don't|strong="H3808" care.

<sup>8</sup> Proud people|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" laugh at|strong="H7725" what is|strong="H0376" right cause|strong="H7725" problems that|strong="H7725" divide whole cities|strong="H7151", but|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" wise|strong="H2450" are|strong="H0376" able to|strong="H7725" calm those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" angry|strong="H0639".

<sup>9</sup> If|strong="H0376" someone|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0369" wise|strong="H2450" tries|strong="H0854" to|strong="H0369" settle a|strong="H0369" problem with|strong="H0854" a|strong="H0369" fool|strong="H0191", the|strong="H8199" fool|strong="H0191" will|strong="H0376" argue|strong="H8199" and|strong="H0376" say stupid things, and|strong="H0376" they|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" never|strong="H0369" agree.

<sup>10</sup> If|strong="H0376" you|strong="H5315" always try to|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" honest, murderers will|strong="H0376" hate|strong="H8130" you|strong="H5315", but|strong="H0376" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" do what|strong="H3477" is|strong="H0376" right|strong="H3477" will|strong="H0376" want|strong="H1245" you|strong="H5315" to|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" their|strong="H1245" friend|strong="H0376".

<sup>11</sup> Fools|strong="H3684" are|strong="H2450" quick to|strong="H3318" express their|strong="H3605" anger|strong="H7307", but|strong="H3605" wise|strong="H2450" people are|strong="H2450" patient and|strong="H3318" control themselves.

<sup>12</sup> If a|strong="H5921" ruler|strong="H4910" listens|strong="H7181" to|strong="H5921" lies|strong="H8267", all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" officials will|strong="H7563" be|strong="H1697" evil|strong="H7563".

<sup>13</sup> In|strong="H3068" one|strong="H0376" way the|strong="H3068" poor|strong="H7326" and|strong="H3068" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" steal from|strong="H0376" them|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3068" same— the|strong="H3068"

LORD|strong="H3068" made them|strong="H0376" both|strong="H8147".

<sup>14</sup> If a|strong="H3559" king|strong="H4428" judges|strong="H8199" the|strong="H8199" poor|strong="H1800" fairly, he|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" rule|strong="H8199" for|strong="H4428" a|strong="H3559" long time.

<sup>15</sup> Punishment and|strong="H7971" discipline can make|strong="H5414" children|strong="H5288" wise|strong="H2451", but children|strong="H5288" who|strong="H5288" are|strong="H5288" never corrected will|strong="H5414" bring|strong="H5414" shame|strong="H0954" to|strong="H0954" their|strong="H5414" mother|strong="H0517".

<sup>16</sup> If|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" wicked|strong="H7563" are|strong="H7563" ruling the|strong="H7200" nation, sin will|strong="H6662" be|strong="H7563" everywhere, but|strong="H7200" those who|strong="H6662" live right|strong="H6662" will|strong="H6662" win in|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" end.

<sup>17</sup> Correct|strong="H3256" your|strong="H5414" children|strong="H1121" whenever they|strong="H5315" are|strong="H1121" wrong. Then|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1121" always be|strong="H1121" proud of|strong="H1121" them|strong="H5414". They|strong="H5315" will|strong="H1121" never make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" ashamed.

<sup>18</sup> If a|strong="H0369" nation|strong="H5971" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" guided by|strong="H8451" God|strong="H0369", the|strong="H8104" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0369" lose self-control, but|strong="H0369" the|strong="H8104" nation|strong="H5971" that|strong="H0369" obeys God's law|strong="H8451" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H0369" happy|strong="H0835".

<sup>19</sup> Servants|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650" not|strong="H3808" learn a|strong="H3588" lesson if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" only talk|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0369" them|strong="H0995". They|strong="H3588" might understand|strong="H0995" you|strong="H3588", but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5650" not|strong="H3808" obey.

<sup>20</sup> There is|strong="H0376" more|strong="H4480" hope|strong="H8615" for|strong="H0376" a|strong="H4480" fool|strong="H3684" than|strong="H4480" for|strong="H0376" someone|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" speaks without|strong="H4480" thinking.

<sup>21</sup> Give|strong="H1961" your|strong="H1961" servants|strong="H5650" everything they want, and|strong="H5650" they will|strong="H1961" learn to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" wasteful.

<sup>22</sup> An|strong="H0376" angry|strong="H0639" person|strong="H0376" causes arguments,

and *someone* who *is* quick-tempered *is* guilty of *many* sins.

<sup>23</sup> Your *pride* can *bring* you *down*. Humility will *bring* you *honor*.

<sup>24</sup> You *are* your *own* worst enemy *if* you *take* a *part* in *crime*. You *will* *be* able to *tell* the *truth* even *when* *people* threaten you *if* you *will*.

<sup>25</sup> Fear *can* *be* a *trap* *if* you *trust* the *LORD*, you *will* *be* safe.

<sup>26</sup> Many *people* want *friendship* of *a* ruler *but* the *LORD* *is* the *only* one *who* judges *people* fairly.

<sup>27</sup> Good *people* think the *wicked* *are* *disgusting*, and *the* *wicked* feel disgust *for* those *who* *are* honest.

### Wise Sayings of Agur Son of Jakeh

**30** These *are* the *wise sayings* of *Agur* *son* of *Jakeh* *from* *Massa*. He *says* *am* tired, so *am* tired. How *can* I *keep going*?

<sup>2</sup> I *am* *stupid* *am* *not*

I HE SAYS, "GOD, ... KEEP GOING?" Or "This is his message to Ithiel and Ucal."

*as* *smart* *as* *other* *people* *are*.<sup>3</sup> I *have* *not* *learned* to *be* *wise*. I *know* *nothing* *about* the *Holy One*.<sup>4</sup> Who *has* *ever* *gone* *up* to *heaven* and *come* *back*? Who *gathered* the *winds* *in* his *hand*? Who *can* *gather* *all* the *water* *in* his *lap*? Who *set* the *limits* *for* the *world*? What *is* his *name*, and *what* *is* his *son's* *name*? Do *you* *know*?

<sup>5</sup> You *can* trust *this* *word* *God* *speaks* *is* *true*. *God* *is* *a* safe *place* *for* those *who* *go* to *him*.<sup>6</sup> So *don't* *try* to *change* *what* *God* *says*. *If* you *will* *punish* you *and* *prove* *that* you *are* *a* *liar*.

<sup>7</sup> God, I *ask* you *to* *do* *two* *things* *for* *me* *before* I *die*.<sup>8</sup> *Don't* *let*

II HOLY ONE Literally, "the holy ones."



me |strong="H5414" tell lies |strong="H3577". And |strong="H3899" don't |strong="H0408" make |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" too |strong="H4480" rich |strong="H6239" or |strong="H0408" too |strong="H4480" poor— give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414" only enough food |strong="H3899" for |strong="H5414" each day. <sup>9</sup> If |strong="H6435" I |strong="H0559" have |strong="H7646" too much, I |strong="H0559" might |strong="H6435" deny |strong="H3584" that |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0559" need you |strong="H6435", LORD |strong="H3068". But |strong="H0559" if |strong="H6435" I |strong="H0559" am |strong="H3068" too poor |strong="H3423", I |strong="H0559" might |strong="H6435" steal |strong="H1589" and |strong="H3068" bring shame to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>10</sup> Never |strong="H0408" say bad things about |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7043" slave |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7043" master |strong="H0113". If |strong="H7043" you |strong="H0413" do |strong="H0408", he |strong="H7043" will |strong="H5650" curse |strong="H7043" you |strong="H0413", and |strong="H5650" you |strong="H0413" will |strong="H5650" suffer |strong="H0816" for |strong="H0413" it |strong="H7043".

<sup>11</sup> Some people |strong="H3808" curse |strong="H7043" their |strong="H3808" fathers |strong="H0001" and |strong="H0001" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0001" bless |strong="H1288" their |strong="H3808" mothers |strong="H0517".

<sup>12</sup> Some people |strong="H3808" think |strong="H5869" they |strong="H3808" are |strong="H5869" pure |strong="H2889", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" have |strong="H5869" done nothing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1755" remove the |strong="H3808" filth |strong="H6675" of |strong="H5869" their |strong="H7364" sin.

<sup>13</sup> Some people |strong="H5869" are |strong="H4100" so |strong="H5375" proud |strong="H5375" of |strong="H5869" themselves, and |strong="H5869" they |strong="H4100" look |strong="H5869" down on |strong="H4100" everyone else.

<sup>14</sup> There are |strong="H0776" people |strong="H0120" whose |strong="H0120" teeth |strong="H8127" are |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" swords |strong="H2719" and |strong="H0776" their |strong="H0398" jaws |strong="H4973" like |strong="H0776" knives |strong="H2719". They |strong="H2719" take

everything they |strong="H2719" can |strong="H0120" from |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0398" poor |strong="H6041".

<sup>15</sup> Greedy people |strong="H3808" know only two |strong="H8147" things |strong="H7969": " Give |strong="H3051" me |strong="H3051", " and |strong="H1323" " Give |strong="H3051" me |strong="H3051". " There are |strong="H0702" three |strong="H7969" other |strong="H8147" things |strong="H7969" that |strong="H0559" are |strong="H0702" never |strong="H3808" satisfied |strong="H7646"— really |strong="H0559", four |strong="H0702" things |strong="H7969" that |strong="H0559" never |strong="H3808" have |strong="H7646" enough |strong="H7646": <sup>16</sup> the |strong="H0559" place |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" death |strong="H7585", a |strong="H0776" woman with |strong="H7646" no |strong="H3808" children, dry ground |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0559" needs rain |strong="H4325", and |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H0559" will |strong="H0776" never |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" by |strong="H0784" itself.

<sup>17</sup> People |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" make fun of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H0398" father |strong="H0001" or |strong="H0001" refuse to |strong="H0001" obey their |strong="H0398" mother |strong="H0517" should |strong="H0001" have |strong="H0001" their |strong="H0398" eyes |strong="H5869" plucked out by |strong="H0398" wild birds and |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" eaten |strong="H0398" by |strong="H0398" vultures |strong="H5404".

<sup>18</sup> There |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" three |strong="H7969" things |strong="H7969" that |strong="H3045" are |strong="H1992" hard |strong="H6381" for |strong="H3045" me |strong="H4480" to |strong="H4480" understand |strong="H3045"— really |strong="H1992", four |strong="H0702" things |strong="H7969" that |strong="H3045" I |strong="H3045" don't |strong="H3808" understand |strong="H3045": <sup>19</sup> an |strong="H5921" eagle |strong="H5404" flying in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sky |strong="H8064", a |strong="H5921" snake |strong="H5175" moving on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" rock |strong="H6697", a |strong="H5921" ship |strong="H0591" moving across |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ocean, and |strong="H8064" a |strong="H5921" man |strong="H1397" in |strong="H5921" love with |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" woman.

<sup>20</sup> A |strong="H3808" woman |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0802" is |strong="H3651" not |strong="H3808" faithful to |strong="H0559"

I Literally, "A leech has two daughters."

her husband acts innocent. She eats, wipes her mouth, and she has done nothing wrong.

<sup>21</sup> There are three things that make trouble on earth—really, four—that the earth cannot bear: a slave who becomes a king, who fools who have everything they need, a woman whose husband hated her but she is still married, and a servant girl who becomes ruler over the woman she serves.

<sup>24</sup> There are four things on earth that are small but very wise:

<sup>25</sup> Ants are small and weak, but they save their food all summer;

<sup>26</sup> badgers are small animals, but they make their homes in the rocks;

<sup>27</sup> locusts have no king, but they are able to work together;

<sup>28</sup> lizards are small enough to catch with your hands, but you can find them living in kings' palaces.

<sup>29</sup> There are three things that act important when they walk—really, there are four:

a lion—he is the warrior of the animals and runs from nothing, a rooster walks proudly, a goat, and a king among his people.

<sup>32</sup> If you have been foolish enough to become proud and make plans against other people, stop and think about what you are doing.

<sup>33</sup> Stirring milk causes butter to form. Hitting someone's nose causes blood to flow. And making people angry causes trouble.

### Wise Words for a King

<sup>31</sup> These are the wise sayings King Lemuel's mother taught him:

<sup>2</sup> I prayed for a son, and you are the son I gave birth to. <sup>3</sup> Don't waste your strength on women. Women destroy kings, so don't waste yourself on them. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A ROOSTER WALKING PROUDLY Or possibly, "a greyhound" or "a war horse."

Lemuel is not wise for kings to drink wine. It is not wise for rulers to want beer. They may drink too much and forget what the law says. Then they might take away the rights of the poor. Give beer to people without hope. Give wine to those who are in trouble. Let them drink to forget their troubles. Let them forget they are poor. <sup>8</sup> Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Help people who are in trouble. <sup>9</sup> Stand up for what you know is right, and judge all people fairly. Protect the rights of the poor and those who need help.

### The Perfect Wife

<sup>10</sup> I How hard it is to find perfect wife. <sup>II</sup>

She is worth far more than jewels.

<sup>11</sup> Her husband depends on her.

He will never be poor.

<sup>I</sup> In Hebrew, each verse of this poem starts with the next letter of the alphabet, so this poem shows all the good qualities of a woman "from A to Z." <sup>II</sup> THE PERFECT WIFE Or "a noble woman."

<sup>12</sup> She does good for her husband all her life.

She never causes him trouble.

<sup>13</sup> She is always gathering wool and flax

and enjoys making things with her hands.

<sup>14</sup> She is like a ship from a faraway place.

She brings home food from everywhere.

<sup>15</sup> She wakes up early in the morning,

cooks food for her family, and gives servants their share.

<sup>16</sup> She looks at land and buys it.

She uses the money she has earned and plants a vineyard.

<sup>17</sup> She works very hard.

She is strong and able to do all her work.

<sup>18</sup> She works late into the night

to make sure her business earns a profit.

<sup>19</sup> She makes her own thread and weaves her own cloth.

<sup>20</sup> She always gives to the poor and helps those who need it.

<sup>21</sup> She does not worry about her family when it snows.

<sup>III</sup> FLAX A plant used to make linen cloth.

She *strong="H3588"* has *strong="H3588"* given them *strong="H3847"* all *strong="H3605"* good, warm clothes *strong="H3847"*.

<sup>22</sup> She makes *strong="H6213"* sheets and *strong="H0713"* spreads for *strong="H8336"* the *strong="H6213"* beds,

and *strong="H0713"* she wears clothes *strong="H3830"* of *strong="H3830"* fine *strong="H8336"* linen *strong="H8336"*.

<sup>23</sup> Her *strong="H3045"* husband *strong="H1167"* is *strong="H0776"* a *strong="H0776"* respected member of *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H3045"* city *strong="H8179"* council,

where he *strong="H3045"* meets with *strong="H5973"* the *strong="H3045"* other leaders *strong="H1167"*.

<sup>24</sup> She makes *strong="H5414"* clothes and *strong="H5466"* belts

and *strong="H5466"* sells *strong="H4376"* them *strong="H5414"* to *strong="H5414"* the *strong="H5414"* merchants *strong="H4376"*.

<sup>25</sup> She is *strong="H3117"* a *strong="H3117"* *strong="H5797"* person, <sup>I</sup> and *strong="H3117"* people respect her *strong="H3117"*.

She looks to *strong="H3117"* the *strong="H3117"* future with *strong="H3117"* confidence.

<sup>26</sup> She speaks with *strong="H5921"* wisdom *strong="H2451"*

and *strong="H2451"* teaches others to *strong="H5921"* be *strong="H2451"* loving and *strong="H2451"* kind.

<sup>I</sup> SHE IS A STRONG PERSON Or "She is praised."

<sup>27</sup> She *strong="H3808"* oversees the *strong="H0398"* care of *strong="H1004"* her *strong="H0398"* house *strong="H1004"*.

She *strong="H3808"* is *strong="H1004"* never *strong="H3808"* lazy.

<sup>28</sup> Her *strong="H6965"* children *strong="H1121"* say good *strong="H6965"* things about her *strong="H6965"*.

Her *strong="H6965"* husband *strong="H1167"* brags about her *strong="H6965"* and *strong="H1121"* says,

<sup>29</sup> " There *strong="H5927"* are *strong="H0859"* many *strong="H7227"* good women *strong="H1323"*, but *strong="H0859"* you *strong="H0859"* are *strong="H0859"* the *strong="H3605"* best."

<sup>30</sup> Grace *strong="H2580"* and *strong="H3068"* beauty *strong="H3308"* can fool you,

but *strong="H1931"* a *strong="H3068"* woman *strong="H0802"* who *strong="H1931"* respects the *strong="H3068"* LORD *strong="H3068"* should *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3068"* praised *strong="H1984"*.

<sup>31</sup> Give *strong="H5414"* her *strong="H5414"* the *strong="H5414"* reward *strong="H6529"* she deserves.

Praise *strong="H1984"* her *strong="H5414"* in *strong="H5414"* public for *strong="H3027"* what *strong="H4639"* she has *strong="H3027"* done *strong="H4639"*.

# Ecclesiastes

**1** These are *the* *words* *from* *the* *Teacher*, a *son* *of* *David* *king* *of* *Jerusalem*.

**2** Everything *is* *so* meaningless. *The* *Teacher* says *that* *it* *is* *all* *a* *waste* *of* *time!* **13** *Do* *people* *really* *gain* *any* *thing* *from* *all* *the* *hard* *work* *they* *do* *in* *this* *life* **12**?

## Things Never Change

**4** *People* *and* *die* *the* *earth* *continues* *forever*. **5** *The* *sun* *rises* *and* *the* *sun* *goes* *down*, *and* *then* *it* *hurries* *to* *rise* *again* *in* *the* *same* *place*.

**6** *The* *wind* *blows* *to* *south* *and* *the* *wind* *blows* *to* *north* *and* *the* *wind* *blows* *around* *and* *around*. *Then* *it* *turns* *and* *blows*

**I** MEANINGLESS ... A WASTE OF TIME The Hebrew word means "vapor or breath" or "something that is useless, meaningless, empty, wrong, or a waste of time." **II** IN THIS LIFE Literally, "under the sun." Also in verses 9, 13.

*back* *to* *the* *place* *it* *began*.

**7** *All* *rivers* *flow* *again* *and* *again* *to* *the* *same* *place*. *They* *all* *flow* *to* *the* *sea*, *but* *the* *sea* *never* *becomes* *full*.

**8** *Words* *cannot* *fully* *explain* *things*, **III** *but* *people* *continue* *speaking*. **IV** *Words* *come* *again* *and* *again* *to* *our* *ears*, *but* *our* *ears* *don't* *become* *full*. *And* *our* *eyes* *don't* *become* *full* *of* *what* *we* *see*.

## Nothing Is New

**9** *All* *things* *continue* *the* *way* *they* *have* *been* *since* *the* *beginning*. *The* *same* *things* *will* *be* *done* *that* *have* *always* *been* *done*. *There* *is* *nothing* *new* *in* *this* *life*.

**10** *Someone* *might* *say*, " *Look*, "

**III** WORDS CANNOT FULLY EXPLAIN THINGS Literally, "All words are weak." **IV** BUT PEOPLE CONTINUE SPEAKING The Hebrew could also be translated, "People cannot speak."

this is new but that has been here we here before we were

<sup>11</sup> People don't remember what happened long ago. In the future, they will not remember what is happening now. And later people will not remember what the people before them did.

### Does Wisdom Bring Happiness?

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I decided to study to use my wisdom to learn about everything that is done in this life. I learned that it is a very hard thing that God has given us to do. I looked at everything done on earth, and I saw that it is a waste of time. It is like trying to catch the wind.

I TRYING TO CATCH THE WIND Or "It is very troubling to the spirit." The word for "troubling" can also mean "craving," and the word for "spirit" can also mean "wind." Also in verse 17.

crooked, you cannot say it is straight. And if something is missing, you cannot say it is there.

<sup>16</sup> I said myself, "I am very wise." I am wiser than all the kings who ruled Jerusalem before me. I know what wisdom and knowledge really are.

<sup>17</sup> I decided to learn how wisdom and knowledge are better than thinking foolish thoughts. But I learned that trying to become wise is like trying to catch the wind. With much wisdom comes frustration. The one who gains more wisdom also gains more sorrow.

### Does "Having Fun" Bring Happiness?

<sup>2</sup> I said myself, "I should have fun—I should enjoy everything as much as I can." But I learned that this is useless. It is foolish to laugh all the time. Having fun does not do any good.

<sup>3</sup> So I decided to fill my body with wine while

I filled my mind with wisdom. I tried this foolishness because I wanted to find a way to be happy. I wanted to see what good was for people doing their few days of life.

### Does Hard Work Bring Happiness?

<sup>4</sup> Then I began doing great things. I built houses, and I planted vineyards and gardens, and I made parks all of fruit trees. I made pools of water for myself, and I used them to water trees. <sup>5</sup> I bought men and women, slaves, and there were slaves born in my house. I owned many great things. I had herds of cattle and flocks of sheep. I owned more things than any other person in Jerusalem did.

<sup>8</sup> I also gathered silver and gold

for myself. I took treasures from kings and their nations. I had men singing for me. I had everything any man could want.

<sup>9</sup> I became very rich and famous. I was greater than anyone lived in Jerusalem before me. My wisdom was always there to help me. <sup>10</sup> Anything my eyes saw and I got for myself. My mind was pleased with everything I did. And this happiness was the reward for my hard work.

<sup>11</sup> But then I looked at everything I had done and the wealth I had gained. I decided it was all a waste of time! It was like trying to catch the wind. <sup>I</sup> There is nothing to gain from anything we do in this life. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> TRYING TO CATCH THE WIND Or "It is very troubling to the spirit." The word for "troubling" can also mean "craving," and the word for "spirit" can also mean "wind." Also in verses 17, 26. <sup>II</sup> IN THIS LIFE Literally, "under the sun." Also in verses 17, 22.

Maybe Wisdom Is **the Answer**

12 Then I decided to think what to be wise to or to be foolish or to do things I thought about the one who will be next The new king will do the same as kings before him.

13 I saw that wisdom is better than foolishness in the same way that light is better than darkness. 14 Wise people use their minds like eyes to see where they are going. But for fools, it is as if they are walking in the dark.

I also saw that and wise people both end the same way. 15 I thought to myself, "The same thing that happens to a fool will also happen to me."

I AND I THOUGHT ... BEFORE HIM The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

why I tried so hard to become wise? I said to myself, "Being wise is useless." 16 Whether people are wise or foolish, they will still die, and no one will remember either of them forever. In the future, people will forget everything of them. So the two are really the same.

Is There Real Happiness in Life?

17 This made me hate life. It was depressing to think that everything in this life is useless, like trying to catch the wind.

18 I began to hate all the hard work I had done, because I saw that the people would get the things I worked for. I will not be able to take them with me. Some other person will work and study for



And I don't know if that person will be wise or foolish. This is also senseless.

<sup>20</sup> So I became sad about all the work I had done. <sup>21</sup> People can't work hard using all their wisdom and knowledge and skill. But they will die and other people will get the things they worked for. They did not do the work, but they will get everything. That makes me very sad. It is also not fair and is senseless.

<sup>22</sup> What do people really have after their work and struggling in this life? <sup>23</sup> Throughout their life, they have pain, frustrations, and hard work. Even at night, a person's mind does not rest. This is also senseless.

<sup>24</sup> There is no one who has tried to enjoy life more than I have. And this is what I learned: The best thing people can do is eat, drink, and enjoy the work they must do. I also saw that this comes from God. <sup>126</sup> If people do good

I Or <sup>24</sup> \*The best people can do is eat, drink, and enjoy their work. I also saw that this comes from God. <sup>25</sup> \*No one can eat or enjoy life without God."

and please God, he will give them wisdom, knowledge, and joy. But those who sin will get only the work of gathering and carrying things. God takes from the bad person and gives to the good person. But all this work is useless. It is like trying to catch the wind.

### A Time for Everything

**3** There is a time for everything that happens on earth. It will happen at the right time.

<sup>2</sup> There is a time for everything that is born and dies.

There is a time for everything that is planted.

and a time for pulling up plants.

<sup>3</sup> There is a time for everything that is killed.

and a time for healing.

There is a time for everything that is destroyed.

and a time for building.

<sup>4</sup> There is a *time* to cry  
and a *time* to laugh.

There is a *time* to be sad  
and a *time* to dance  
with joy.

<sup>5</sup> There is a *time* to throw  
down weapons

and a *time* to pick  
them up.<sup>1</sup>

There is a *time* to hug  
someone

and a *time* to stop holding  
so tightly.

<sup>6</sup> There is a *time* to look  
for something  
and a *time* to consider  
it lost.

There is a *time* to keep  
things

and a *time* to throw  
away things.

<sup>7</sup> There is a *time* to tear  
cloth

and a *time* to sew  
it.

There is a *time* to be  
silent

and a *time* to speak.

<sup>8</sup> There is a *time* to love

and a *time* to hate.

There is a *time* to war  
and a *time* to have  
peace.

### God Controls His World

<sup>9</sup> Do people really  
gain anything from  
their hard work? <sup>10</sup>

I saw all the hard work  
God gave us to do.<sup>11</sup>  
God gave us the ability  
to think about his world,<sup>II</sup>  
but we can never completely  
understand everything  
he does. And yet, he does  
everything at the right  
time.

<sup>12</sup> I learned that the best  
thing for people to do  
is to be happy and enjoy  
themselves as long as  
they live.<sup>13</sup> God wants  
everyone to eat, drink,  
and enjoy their work.  
These are the gifts  
God gives from God.

<sup>14</sup> I learned that God  
will continue forever.  
People cannot add anything  
to the work of God, and

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "There is a time to throw stones away and a time to gather stones."

<sup>II</sup> THE ABILITY ... WORLD Or "a desire to know the future."

they|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H4480" take|strong="H1961" anything|strong="H3605" away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" it|strong="H1931". God|strong="H0430" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H1931" so|strong="H4480" that|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0834" respect|strong="H6440" him|strong="H5921".<sup>15</sup> What|strong="H4100" happened|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" past has|strong="H0430" happened|strong="H1961", and|strong="H0430" what|strong="H4100" will|strong="H0430" happen|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" future will|strong="H0430" happen|strong="H1961". But|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0430" wants to|strong="H1961" help those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" treated badly.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>16</sup> I|strong="H7200" also|strong="H5750" saw|strong="H7200" these things in|strong="H5750" this life|strong="H5750"<sup>II</sup>: I|strong="H7200" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" courts should be|strong="H5750" filled with|strong="H8033" goodness and|strong="H4941" fairness|strong="H6664", but|strong="H7200" there|strong="H8033" is|strong="H4941" evil|strong="H7562" there|strong="H8033" now.<sup>17</sup> So|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" myself|strong="H0589", "God|strong="H0430" has|strong="H0430" planned a|strong="H3588" time|strong="H6256" for|strong="H3588" everything|strong="H3605", and|strong="H0430" he|strong="H3588" has|strong="H0430" planned a|strong="H3588" time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H0559" judge|strong="H8199" everything|strong="H3605" people|strong="H7563" do|strong="H4639". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" judge|strong="H8199" good|strong="H2656" people|strong="H7563" and|strong="H0430" bad people|strong="H7563"."

**Are|strong="H7563" People|strong="H7563" Like|strong="H3820" Animals?**

<sup>18</sup> I|strong="H0589" thought|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921" what|strong="H5921" people|strong="H0120" do|strong="H0589" to|strong="H0559" each other. And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0589" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" myself|strong="H0589", "God|strong="H0430" wants people|strong="H0120" to|strong="H0559" see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" they|strong="H1992"

<sup>I</sup> Or "What happens now also happened in the past. What happens in the future has also happened before. God makes things happen again and again."<sup>II</sup> IN THIS LIFE Literally, "under the sun."

are|strong="H1992" like|strong="H1121" animals|strong="H0929".<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0259" thing|strong="H2088" happens to|strong="H0369" animals|strong="H0929" and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0369" people|strong="H0120"— they|strong="H3588" die|strong="H4194". People|strong="H0120" and|strong="H1121" animals|strong="H0929" have|strong="H0369" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0259" breath|strong="H7307":<sup>III</sup> Is|strong="H0369" a|strong="H3588" dead|strong="H4194" animal|strong="H0929" different from|strong="H4480" a|strong="H3588" dead|strong="H4194" person|strong="H0120"? It|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0369" all|strong="H3605" so|strong="H3651" senseless!<sup>20</sup> The|strong="H3605" bodies of|strong="H4480" people and|strong="H1980" animals|strong="H1961" end the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H0259" way|strong="H1980". They|strong="H3605" came|strong="H1961" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H6083", and|strong="H1980", in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" end, they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" go|strong="H1980" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H6083".<sup>21</sup> Who|strong="H4310" knows|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4310" happens to|strong="H3381" a|strong="H5927" person's spirit|strong="H7307"? Who|strong="H4310" knows|strong="H3045" if|strong="H1121" a|strong="H5927" human's spirit|strong="H7307" goes|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H3381" God while|strong="H1931" an|strong="H7307" animal's|strong="H0929" spirit|strong="H7307" goes|strong="H5927" down|strong="H3381" into|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3045" ground|strong="H0776"?"

<sup>22</sup> So|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" best|strong="H2896" thing|strong="H3588" people|strong="H0120" can|strong="H4310" do|strong="H4100" is|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0935" enjoy|strong="H7200" what|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0834" do|strong="H4100", because|strong="H3588" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0369" all|strong="H0310" they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961". Besides|strong="H0310", no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" can|strong="H4310" help another|strong="H0120" person|strong="H0120" see|strong="H7200" what|strong="H4100" will|strong="H4310" happen|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" future.

<sup>III</sup> BREATH Or "spirit."

### Is It Better to Be Dead?

4 Again I saw that many people are treated badly. I saw their tears, and I saw that there was no one to comfort them. I saw that cruel people had the power, and I saw that there was no one to comfort the people they hurt.<sup>2</sup> I decided that it is better for those who have died than for those who are still alive.<sup>3</sup> And it is even better for those who die at birth, because they never saw evil that is done in this world. I

#### Why Work So Hard?

4 Then I thought, "Why do people work so hard?" I saw people try to be better than other people. They do this because they are jealous.

I IN THIS WORLD Literally, "under the sun."

They don't want other people have more than they have. This is senseless. It is like trying to catch the wind.<sup>II</sup>  
 5 Some people say, "It is foolish to fold your hands and do nothing. If you don't work, you will starve to death."<sup>6</sup> Maybe that is true. But I say it is better to be satisfied with the few things you have than to be struggling to get more.

7 Again I saw something else that didn't make sense:<sup>8</sup> I saw a man has no family, not a son or even a brother. But he continues to work very hard. He is never satisfied with what he has. And he works so hard that he never stops and asks himself, "Why am I working so hard? Why don't I let myself enjoy my life?" This is also very bad and senseless thing.

II TRYING TO CATCH THE WIND Or "It is very troubling to the spirit." The word for "troubling" can also mean "craving," and the word for "spirit" can also mean "wind." Also in verse 16.

### Friends and Family Give Strength

9 Two people are better than one. When two people work together, they get more work done.

10 If one person falls, the other person can reach out to help. But those who are alone when they fall have no one to help them.

11 If two people sleep together, they will be warm. But a person sleeping alone will not be warm.

12 An enemy might be able to defeat one person, but two people can stand back-to-back to defend each other. And three people are even stronger. They are like a rope that three parts wrapped together— it is very hard to break.

### People, Politics, and Popularity

13 A young leader who is poor but wise is better than a king who is rich.

who is old but foolish. That old king does not listen to warnings. 14 Maybe the young ruler was born a poor man in the kingdom. And maybe he came from prison to rule the country. 15 But I have watched people in life, and I know this: People will follow young man. He will become the new king. 16 Many people will follow man. But later, those same will not like him. This is also senseless. It is like trying to catch the wind.

### Be Careful About Making Promises

5 Be careful when you go to worship God. It is better to listen to God than give sacrifices like fools. Fools often do bad things, and they even know it. 2 Be careful when you make promises to God. Be careful about

1 IN THIS LIFE Literally, "under the sun."

what |strong="H1697" you |strong="H3588" say |strong="H6963" to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935". Don't let your |strong="H0935" feelings cause |strong="H1697" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0935" speak |strong="H1697" too soon |strong="H3588". God is |strong="H1697" in |strong="H0935" heaven, and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1697" on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" earth. So |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" need |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0935" say |strong="H6963" only a |strong="H3588" few things |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935". This |strong="H3588" saying |strong="H1697" is |strong="H1697" true:

<sup>3</sup> Bad dreams come from |strong="H0430" too many worries,

and |strong="H0430" too many words come from |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" mouth of |strong="H0430" a |strong="H3588" fool |strong="H3684".

<sup>4</sup> If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" make |strong="H5087" a |strong="H0834" promise to |strong="H0834" God |strong="H3808", keep your |strong="H0834" promise. Don't |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" slow to |strong="H0834" do |strong="H7999" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H5087". God |strong="H3808" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" happy |strong="H2896" with |strong="H0834" fools. Give God |strong="H3808" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H5087" to |strong="H0834" give him |strong="H2896". <sup>5</sup> It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H1931" better |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" promise |strong="H0559" nothing |strong="H0408" than |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" promise |strong="H0559" something and |strong="H0430" not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" able |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H0408" it |strong="H5414". <sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3588" don't let your |strong="H3588" words |strong="H1697" cause |strong="H1697" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0430" sin. Don't say |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" priest, <sup>1</sup> "I |strong="H3588" didn't mean what |strong="H1697" I |strong="H3588" said |strong="H1697"." If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" do this |strong="H3588", God |strong="H0430" might become angry with |strong="H1697" your |strong="H3588" words |strong="H1697" and |strong="H0430" destroy everything you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1697" worked for |strong="H3588". <sup>7</sup> You |strong="H3588" should |strong="H0518" not |strong="H0408"

<sup>1</sup> PRIEST Or "angel" or "messenger." This might be an angel, a priest, or a prophet.

let |strong="H0408" your |strong="H5921" useless dreams and |strong="H4941" bragging bring you |strong="H3588" trouble. You |strong="H3588" should |strong="H0518" respect |strong="H5921" God.

**For |strong="H3588" Every |strong="H4082" Ruler There Is |strong="H4941" a |strong="H3588" Ruler**

<sup>8</sup> In |strong="H0776" some |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" see poor people |strong="H0776" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0776" forced to |strong="H0776" work |strong="H5647" very hard. You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" see that |strong="H3605" this |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" not |strong="H0776" fair to |strong="H0776" them |strong="H5647". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" against |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" rights. But |strong="H4428" don't be |strong="H0776" surprised! The |strong="H3605" ruler who |strong="H3605" forces them |strong="H5647" to |strong="H0776" work |strong="H5647" has |strong="H4428" another ruler who |strong="H3605" forces him |strong="H5647". And |strong="H0776" there |strong="H3605" is |strong="H1931" still another ruler who |strong="H3605" forces both |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" these |strong="H1931" rulers. <sup>9</sup> Even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H1571" king is |strong="H2088" a |strong="H2088" slave— his |strong="H3808" country owns him |strong="H0157". <sup>11</sup>

**Wealth |strong="H1995" Cannot |strong="H3808" Buy Happiness**

<sup>10</sup> Those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H4100" love money will |strong="H5869" never |strong="H0518" be |strong="H5869" satisfied with |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3588" money they |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5869". Those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H4100" love wealth will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H0518" be |strong="H5869" satisfied when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" get more |strong="H7235" and |strong="H0398" more |strong="H7235". This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4100" also |strong="H3588" senseless.

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H5647" more |strong="H0369" wealth people |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0369", the |strong="H5647" more |strong="H0369" "friends" they |strong="H0518" have |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" help spend it |strong="H0518". So |strong="H0369" the |strong="H5647" rich |strong="H6223" really gain nothing |strong="H0369". They |strong="H0518"

<sup>11</sup> THE RULER ... OWNS HIM Or "One ruler is cheated by a higher ruler. And they are cheated by an even higher ruler. <sup>9</sup> \*Even the king gets his share of the profit. The wealth of the country is divided among them."

can *only* look at *their* wealth.

<sup>12</sup> Those who work hard all day come home and sleep in peace. It is not important if they have a little or much to eat. But the rich worry about their wealth and are not able to sleep.

<sup>13</sup> There is a very sad thing that I have seen happen in this life. <sup>I</sup> People save their money for the future. <sup>II</sup><sup>14</sup> Then something bad happens and they lose everything. So they have nothing to give to their children.

<sup>15</sup> People come into the world with nothing. And when they die, they leave with nothing. They might work hard to get things, but they cannot take anything with them when they die. <sup>16</sup> It is very sad that people leave the world just as if they came. So what does a person gain from trying to catch the wind? <sup>17</sup> They only get days that are filled with sadness and sorrow. In the end, they are troubled, sick, and angry.

<sup>I</sup> IN THIS LIFE Literally, "under the sun." Also in 6:1. <sup>II</sup> FOR THE FUTURE Or "to their harm."

Enjoy Your Life's Work

<sup>18</sup> I have seen what is best for people to do on earth: They should eat, drink, and enjoy the work they have during their short time here. God has given them these few days, and that is all they have.

<sup>19</sup> If God gives some people wealth, property, and the power to enjoy those things, they should enjoy them. They should accept the things they have and enjoy their work—that is, God's gift from God. <sup>20</sup> People don't have many years to live, so they must remember these things all their life. God will keep them busy with the work they love to do. <sup>III</sup>

### Wealth Does Not Bring Happiness

<sup>6</sup> I have seen another thing in this life that is not fair and is very hard to understand. <sup>2</sup> God gives some people great wealth, riches, and honor. They have everything they need and everything they could ever want. But when

<sup>III</sup> GOD ... TO DO OR "God will do whatever he wants to them."

God *does* not *let* them *enjoy* those *things*. Some *stranger* *comes* and *takes* every-  
thing. This *is* a *very* and *senseless* thing.

<sup>3</sup> A *man* might *live* long and *have* children *if* *he* *is* *satisfied* those *things* *if* *no* *one* *after* *death* *say* a *baby* who *dies* at *birth* *is* *better* *off* *than* *that* *man*. <sup>4</sup> *It* *is* *senseless* when *a* *baby* *is* *born* *dead*. *The* *baby* *is* *quickly* *buried* *in* *a* *dark* *grave*, without *even* *a* *name*. <sup>5</sup> *The* *baby* *never* *saw* *the* *sun* and *never* *knew* anything. *But* *the* *baby* *finds* *more* *rest* *than* *the* *man* *who* *never* *enjoyed* what *God* *gave* *him*. <sup>6</sup> *He* *might* *live* 2000 *years*. *But* *if* *he* *does* not *enjoy* *life*, then *the* *baby* *who* *was* *born* *dead* *has* *found* *the* *easiest*

*way* *to* *the* *same* *end*. <sup>7</sup> *People* *work* and *work* *to* *feed* *themselves*, *but* *they* *are* *never* *satis-*  
*fied*. <sup>8</sup> *In* *the* *same* *way* *a* *wise* *person* *is* *better* *than* *fool* *is*. *It* *is* *better* *to* *be* *a* *poor* *person* *who* *knows* *how* *to* *accept* *life* *as* *it* *is* *is*. <sup>9</sup> *It* *is* *better* *to* *be* *happy* *with* *what* *you* *have* *than* *to* *always* *want* *more* *and* *more* *and* *more* *is* *use-*  
*less*. *It* *is* *like* *trying* *to* *catch* *the* *wind*. <sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> You are only what you were created to be—a human, and it is useless to argue about it. People cannot argue with God about this because he is more powerful than they are, and a long argument will not change that fact.

<sup>12</sup> *Who* *knows* *what* *is* *best* *for* *peo-*  
*ple* *during* *their* *short* *life* *on* *earth*? *Their* *life* *passes* *like* *a* *shadow*. *No* *one* *can* *tell* *them* *what* *will* *happen* *later*.

<sup>I</sup> THEN THE BABY ... THE SAME END Or "Isn't it true that all go to the same place?" <sup>II</sup> Or "Having what you can see is better than chasing after the things you want. This is also like trying to catch the wind."



## A Collection of Wise Teachings

7 A |strong="H3205" good |strong="H2896" reputation |strong="H8034" is |strong="H8034" better |strong="H2896" than |strong="H2896" expensive pleasures.<sup>I</sup>

The |strong="H3205" day |strong="H3117" someone dies |strong="H4194" is |strong="H8034" better |strong="H2896" than |strong="H2896" the |strong="H3205" day |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" were |strong="H3117" born |strong="H3205".

2 It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0413" go to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5414" funeral than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5414" party,

because |strong="H0834" everyone |strong="H3605" must die,

and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" living |strong="H2416" need to |strong="H0413" remember this |strong="H1931".

3 Sorrow |strong="H2896" is |strong="H3820" even |strong="H3588" better |strong="H2896" than |strong="H2896" laughter |strong="H7814", because |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3588" face |strong="H6440" is |strong="H3820" sad |strong="H7455", our |strong="H3588" heart |strong="H3820" becomes |strong="H3588" good |strong="H2896".

4 A wise |strong="H2450" person |strong="H3820" thinks about |strong="H1004" death, but |strong="H3820" a fool |strong="H3684" thinks only about |strong="H1004" having a good time |strong="H3820".

5 It |strong="H2896" is |strong="H0376" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H8085" be |strong="H0376" criticized by |strong="H1606" the |strong="H8085" wise |strong="H2450" than |strong="H2896" praised by |strong="H1606" the |strong="H8085" foolish |strong="H3684".

6 The |strong="H3588" laughter |strong="H7814" of |strong="H6963" fools |strong="H3684" is |strong="H2088" such |strong="H2088" a |strong="H3588" waste.

It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2088" like |strong="H3651" thorns burning under |strong="H8478" a |strong="H3588" pot |strong="H5518".

The |strong="H3588" thorns burn so |strong="H3651" quickly

that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" pot |strong="H5518" does |strong="H2088" not |strong="H2088" get hot.<sup>II</sup>

I A GOOD REPUTATION ... PLEASURES Literally, "better a name than good perfume." This is a wordplay in Hebrew. The word for "name" and the word for "perfume" sound alike. II Or "The cackling of fools, like the crackling of thorns under a pot, is senseless."

7 Even |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" wise |strong="H2450" will |strong="H3820" forget their |strong="H3588" wisdom |strong="H3820", if |strong="H3588" someone pays them |strong="H0853" enough.

That |strong="H3588" money destroys |strong="H0006" their |strong="H3588" understanding |strong="H3820".

8 It |strong="H2896" is |strong="H1697" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1697" finish something |strong="H1697"

than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1697" start it |strong="H2896".

It |strong="H2896" is |strong="H1697" better |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1697" be |strong="H1697" gentle and |strong="H1697" patient |strong="H0750"

than |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1697" be |strong="H1697" proud and |strong="H1697" impatient.

9 Don't |strong="H0408" become angry |strong="H3707" quickly |strong="H0926", because |strong="H3588" anger |strong="H3707" is |strong="H7307" foolish |strong="H3684".

10 Don't |strong="H0408" say |strong="H0559", "Life |strong="H3117" was |strong="H1961" better |strong="H2896" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" good |strong="H2896" old |strong="H7223" days |strong="H3117"."

What |strong="H4100" happened |strong="H1961"? Wisdom |strong="H2451" does |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3808" lead us |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" ask |strong="H7592" that |strong="H3588" question |strong="H7592".

11 Wisdom |strong="H2451" is |strong="H2451" better |strong="H2896" if |strong="H7200" you |strong="H5973" also have |strong="H7200" property |strong="H5159". Wise |strong="H2451" people |strong="H7200" will |strong="H2451" get more |strong="H3148" than |strong="H2896" enough wealth. 12 Wisdom |strong="H2451"

and |strong="H3701" money |strong="H3701" can protect you |strong="H3588". But |strong="H3588" knowledge |strong="H1847" gained |strong="H3504" through |strong="H3588" wisdom |strong="H2451" is |strong="H2451" even |strong="H3588" better—it |strong="H3588" can save your |strong="H3588" life |strong="H2421".

13 Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H0430" what |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430" has |strong="H0430" made |strong="H4639". You |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3201" change a |strong="H3588" thing |strong="H3588", even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" think |strong="H7200" it |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" wrong. 14

III WISE PEOPLE Literally, "People who see the sun." This means wise people can see and plan what they should do.

When *life* is *good*, enjoy *it*. But *when* *life* is *hard*, remember that *God* gives us *good* times and *hard* times. And *no* one *knows* what *will* happen *in* the *future*.

**People Cannot Really Be Good**

<sup>15</sup> In *my* short *life*, I *have* seen *everything* I *have* seen *good* people *die* young, and I *have* seen *evil* people *live* long *lives*. <sup>16</sup> So why ruin your life? Don't be too good or too bad, and don't be too wise or too foolish. Why should you die before your time?

<sup>18</sup> Try to be *a* little of *this* and *a* little of *that*. <sup>1</sup> Even *God's* followers will *do* some *good* and *bad* things. <sup>19</sup> Surely there is no one on earth who always does good and never sins. But wisdom can make one person stronger than ten leaders in a city.

<sup>21</sup> Don't *listen* to *everything* people *say*. You *might* *hear* your *own* servant *saying* *bad* things about *you*. <sup>22</sup> And *you* *know* that *many* times *you* *have* said bad

things about *other* people.

<sup>23</sup> I *used* *my* *wisdom* and *thought* about *all* these things. I *wanted* to be *wise*, but I *couldn't* do *it*. <sup>24</sup> I *cannot* understand why *things* are *as* they *are*. *It* *is* too hard for *anyone* to understand. <sup>25</sup> I *studied* and *tried* *very* hard to *find* *true* wisdom. I *tried* to *find* a *reason* for *everything*.

I *did* *learn* that *it* *is* to be *evil*, and *it* *is* to act like a fool. <sup>26</sup> I *also* *found* that *some* women *are* dangerous like *traps*. Their *hearts* *are* like *nets*, and *their* *arms* *are* like *chains*. *It* *is* worse than *death* to be *caught* by *these* women. *God's* followers should *run* away *from* them. Let *the* sinners be *caught* by *them*.

<sup>27</sup> The Teacher says, "I added all this together to see what answer I could find. I am still looking for answers, but I did find this: I found one good man in a thousand. But I did not find even one good woman.

I TRY ... OF THAT Or "Hold onto this, but don't let go of that."

29 "There is one thing I have learned. God made people good, but they have found many ways to be bad."

### Wisdom and Power

8 No one can stand the wise way. Their wisdom makes them happy. It changes a sad face into a happy one.

2 I should obey the king's command. Do you made a promise to God. 3 Don't be afraid to give suggestions to the king, and don't support something that is wrong. But remember, the king gives the commands that please him. 4 He has authority to give commands, and no one can tell him what to do. 5 People will be safe if they obey his command. But wise people know the right time to do this, and they also know when to do this.

the right thing.

6 There is a time and a way to do everything. You must decide what you should do, even when it might cause problems and you are not sure. What will happen? No one can tell you what will happen in the future.

8 No one has the power to keep their spirit or to stop death. During war, no soldier has the freedom to go wherever he wants. In the same way, evil does not allow anyone who does wrong to go free.

9 I saw all this very hard about the things that happen in this world. I saw that people always struggle for the power to rule others, and this is bad for them.

10 I also saw beautiful funerals for evil people. While the people

were going home after the funeral services, they said good things about the evil people who had died. This happened even in the same towns where the evil people had done many bad things. This is senseless.

### Justice, Rewards, and Punishment

11 Sometimes people are not immediately punished for the bad things they do. Their punishment is slow to come, and that makes other people want to do bad things too.

12 A sinner might do a hundred evil things and still live long. But I know it is still better to obey God and respect God. 13 Evil people don't respect God, so they will not get good or live long. Their lives will be like the shadows that longer and longer as the sun goes down.

the sun goes down.

14 There is something else that happens on earth that does not seem fair. Bad things should happen to bad people, and good things should happen to good people. But sometimes bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to bad people. This is not fair. 15 So I decided it was more important to enjoy life because the best thing people can do in this life is to eat, drink, and enjoy life. At least that will help people enjoy the hard work God gave them to do during their life on earth.

### We Cannot Understand All God Does

16 I carefully studied the things people do in life. I saw how busy people are. They work day and night, and they almost never sleep. I also saw that

1 I IN THIS LIFE Literally, "under the sun." Also in verse 16 and 9:3, 9, 11, 13.

no one can understand all that God does. People can try and try to understand the things that happen on earth, but they cannot say they are right. No one can understand it all.

### Is Death Fair?

**9** I thought about all this very carefully. I saw that God controls what happens to the good and wise people and what they do. People don't know if they will be loved or hated, and they don't know what will happen in the future.

**2** But there is one thing that happens to everyone— we die! Death comes to good people and bad people. Death comes to those who are pure and those who are not pure. Death comes to those

who give sacrifices and those who don't give sacrifices. Good people will die just as sinners do. Those who make promises to God will die just as those who are afraid to make those promises.

**3** Of all the things that happen in this life, the worst thing is that all people end their life the same way. But it is also very bad that people always think evil and foolish thoughts. And those thoughts lead to death. **4** There is hope for those who are still alive— it does not matter who they are. But this is saying is true: A living dog is better than a dead lion.

**5** The living know that they will die, but they don't know anything more reward. People will soon forget

them|strong="H3045". <sup>6</sup> After|strong="H1992" people|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" dead, their|strong="H3605" love|strong="H0160", hate|strong="H8135", and|strong="H5769" jealousy|strong="H7068" are|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" gone|strong="H0369". And|strong="H5769" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0834" never|strong="H0369" again|strong="H5750" share|strong="H2506" in|strong="H5750" what|strong="H0834" happens|strong="H6213" on|strong="H8478" earth|strong="H8121".

**Enjoy Life|strong="H5750" While|strong="H5750" You|strong="H0834" Can|strong="H0834"**

<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H3588" go and|strong="H0430" eat|strong="H0398" your|strong="H0398" food|strong="H3899" now|strong="H3588" and|strong="H0430" enjoy|strong="H7521" it|strong="H3588". Drink|strong="H8354" your|strong="H0398" wine|strong="H3196" and|strong="H0430" be|strong="H3820" happy|strong="H8057". It|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0430" all|strong="H0398" right|strong="H2896" with|strong="H0854" God|strong="H0430" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" do|strong="H4639" these things|strong="H4639". <sup>8</sup> Wear|strong="H1961" nice clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H7218" make yourself|strong="H5921" look good. <sup>9</sup> Enjoy|strong="H7200" life|strong="H3117" with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" wife|strong="H0802" you|strong="H0859" love|strong="H0157". Enjoy|strong="H7200" every|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3605" short life|strong="H3117". God|strong="H5414" has|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859" this|strong="H1931" short life|strong="H3117" on|strong="H3117" earth|strong="H8121"— and|strong="H3117" it|strong="H5414" is|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834". So|strong="H5414" enjoy|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" work|strong="H5999" you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" to|strong="H5414" do|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3117" this|strong="H1931" life|strong="H3117". <sup>10</sup> Every|strong="H3605" time you|strong="H0859" find|strong="H4672" work|strong="H4639" to|strong="H1980" do|strong="H6213", do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" best you|strong="H0859" can|strong="H0834". In|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" grave there|strong="H8033" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" work|strong="H4639". There|strong="H8033"

is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" thinking, no|strong="H0369" knowledge|strong="H1847", and|strong="H1980" there|strong="H8033" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" wisdom|strong="H2451". And|strong="H1980" we|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" going|strong="H1980" to|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" place|strong="H3027" of|strong="H3027" death|strong="H7585".

**Life Is|strong="H0369" Not|strong="H0369" Fair**

<sup>11</sup> I|strong="H3588" also|strong="H1571" saw|strong="H7200" other|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3899" this|strong="H3588" life that|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" fair. The|strong="H3605" fastest runner does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" always|strong="H6256" win the|strong="H3605" race|strong="H4793"; the|strong="H3605" strongest soldier|strong="H4421" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" always|strong="H6256" win the|strong="H3605" battle|strong="H4421"; wise|strong="H2450" people|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" always|strong="H6256" get|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" food|strong="H3899"; smart people|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" always|strong="H6256" get|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" wealth|strong="H6239"; educated people|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" always|strong="H6256" get|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" praise|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" deserve. When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H6256" comes, bad things|strong="H3605" can|strong="H7200" happen to|strong="H7725" anyone|strong="H3605".

<sup>12</sup> You|strong="H3588" never|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" when|strong="H3588" hard times|strong="H6256" will|strong="H1571" come|strong="H5307". Like|strong="H3808" fish|strong="H1709" in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3588" net or|strong="H3808" birds|strong="H6833" in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3588" snare|strong="H3369", people|strong="H0120" are|strong="H1992" often trapped|strong="H0270" by|strong="H5921" some|strong="H1992" disaster|strong="H7451" that|strong="H3588" suddenly|strong="H6597" falls|strong="H5307" on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992".

**The|strong="H0853" Power of|strong="H1121" Wisdom**

<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H7200" also|strong="H1571" saw|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" per-

son <sup>H7200</sup> doing a <sup>H7200</sup> wise <sup>H2451</sup> thing <sup>H1931</sup> in <sup>H0413</sup> this <sup>H1931</sup> life, and <sup>H1419</sup> it <sup>H1931</sup> seemed <sup>H7200</sup> very <sup>H1419</sup> important <sup>H1419</sup> to <sup>H0413</sup> me <sup>H0413</sup>. <sup>14</sup> There was <sup>H0376</sup> a <sup>H1129</sup> small <sup>H6996</sup> town <sup>H5892</sup> with <sup>H0413</sup> a <sup>H1129</sup> few <sup>H4592</sup> people <sup>H0376</sup> in <sup>H5921</sup> it <sup>H5921</sup>. A <sup>H1129</sup> great <sup>H1419</sup> king <sup>H4428</sup> fought against <sup>H5921</sup> that <sup>H1419</sup> town <sup>H5892</sup> and <sup>H0935</sup> put <sup>H0935</sup> his <sup>H5921</sup> armies all <sup>H1419</sup> around <sup>H5437</sup> it <sup>H5921</sup>. <sup>15</sup> But <sup>H3808</sup> there <sup>H4672</sup> was <sup>H1931</sup> a <sup>H4672</sup> wise <sup>H2450</sup> man <sup>H0376</sup> in <sup>H0376</sup> that <sup>H1931</sup> town <sup>H5892</sup>. He <sup>H1931</sup> was <sup>H1931</sup> poor <sup>H4542</sup>, but <sup>H3808</sup> he <sup>H1931</sup> used his <sup>H0376</sup> wisdom <sup>H2451</sup> to <sup>H0376</sup> save <sup>H4422</sup> his <sup>H0376</sup> town <sup>H5892</sup>. After everything was <sup>H1931</sup> finished, the <sup>H0853</sup> people <sup>H0120</sup> forgot about the <sup>H0853</sup> poor <sup>H4542</sup> man <sup>H0376</sup>. <sup>16</sup> But <sup>H0369</sup> I <sup>H0589</sup> still <sup>H0559</sup> say <sup>H0559</sup> that <sup>H8085</sup> wisdom <sup>H2451</sup> is <sup>H0369</sup> better <sup>H2896</sup> than <sup>H2896</sup> strength <sup>H1369</sup>. They <sup>H0559</sup> forgot about <sup>H1697</sup> the <sup>H0559</sup> poor <sup>H4542</sup> man's wisdom <sup>H2451</sup>, and <sup>H1697</sup> the <sup>H0559</sup> people <sup>H8085</sup> stopped listening <sup>H8085</sup> to <sup>H0559</sup> what <sup>H1697</sup> he <sup>H0559</sup> said <sup>H0559</sup>. But <sup>H0369</sup> I <sup>H0589</sup> still <sup>H0559</sup> believe that <sup>H8085</sup> wisdom <sup>H2451</sup> is <sup>H0369</sup> better <sup>H2896</sup>.

<sup>17</sup> Words <sup>H1697</sup> spoken <sup>H1697</sup> by the <sup>H8085</sup> wise <sup>H2450</sup> are <sup>H1697</sup> heard <sup>H8085</sup> more clearly

than those <sup>H2450</sup> shouted by a <sup>H8085</sup> leader among <sup>H4910</sup> fools <sup>H3684</sup>.

<sup>18</sup> Wisdom <sup>H2451</sup> is <sup>H2451</sup> better <sup>H2896</sup> than <sup>H2896</sup> weapons <sup>H3627</sup> of <sup>H3627</sup> war <sup>H7128</sup>,

but one <sup>H0259</sup> fool <sup>I</sup> can <sup>H0259</sup> destroy <sup>H0006</sup> much <sup>H7235</sup> good <sup>H2896</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> A <sup>H4592</sup> few <sup>H4592</sup> dead <sup>H4194</sup> flies <sup>H2070</sup> will <sup>H2451</sup> make even the <sup>H4194</sup> best perfume stink <sup>H0887</sup>. In <sup>H4592</sup> the <sup>H4194</sup> same way, a <sup>H4592</sup> little <sup>H4592</sup> foolishness <sup>H5531</sup> can ruin much wisdom <sup>H2451</sup> and <sup>H8081</sup> honor <sup>H3519</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The <sup>H3820</sup> thoughts <sup>H3820</sup> of <sup>H3820</sup> the <sup>H3820</sup> wise <sup>H2450</sup> lead them the <sup>H3820</sup> right <sup>H3225</sup> way, but <sup>H3225</sup> the <sup>H3820</sup> foolish <sup>H3684</sup> lead them the <sup>H3820</sup> wrong way. <sup>3</sup> Fools show how <sup>H1870</sup> foolish <sup>H5530</sup> they <sup>H0559</sup> are <sup>H1870</sup>, just <sup>H3605</sup> walking <sup>H1980</sup> down <sup>H1980</sup> the <sup>H3605</sup> road <sup>H1870</sup>. Their <sup>H3605</sup> minds <sup>H3820</sup> are <sup>H1870</sup> empty, and <sup>H1980</sup> everyone <sup>H3605</sup> knows it <sup>H1931</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> Don't <sup>H0408</sup> quit your <sup>H5921</sup> job simply because <sup>H3588</sup> the <sup>H5921</sup> boss is <sup>H7307</sup> angry with <sup>H5921</sup> you <sup>H3588</sup>. If <sup>H0518</sup> you <sup>H3588</sup> remain calm and <sup>H1419</sup> helpful, you <sup>H3588</sup> can <sup>H0518</sup> correct even <sup>H3588</sup> great <sup>H1419</sup> mistakes. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Here <sup>H3318</sup> is <sup>H3426</sup> something else that <sup>H7200</sup> I <sup>H7200</sup> have <sup>H3426</sup> seen <sup>H7200</sup> in <sup>H7200</sup> this life <sup>III</sup> that <sup>H7200</sup> isn't fair. It <sup>H7200</sup> is <sup>H3426</sup> the <sup>H6440</sup> kind of <sup>H6440</sup> mistake <sup>H7684</sup> that <sup>H7200</sup> rulers <sup>H7989</sup> make <sup>H7200</sup>. <sup>6</sup> Fools <sup>H5529</sup> are <sup>H6223</sup> given <sup>H5414</sup> important positions, while <sup>H4791</sup> the <sup>H5414</sup> rich <sup>H6223</sup> get jobs that <sup>H5414</sup> are <sup>H6223</sup> not important. <sup>7</sup> I <sup>H7200</sup> have <sup>H0776</sup> seen <sup>H7200</sup> servants <sup>H5650</sup> riding on <sup>H5921</sup> horses <sup>H5483</sup>, while <sup>H5921</sup> rulers <sup>H8269</sup> were <sup>H5650</sup> walking <sup>H1980</sup> be-

<sup>I</sup> FOOL Literally, "sinner." <sup>II</sup> IF YOU ... GREAT MISTAKES Literally, "A healer can put to rest great sins." The word "healer" means a person who is forgiving and tries to help other people. <sup>III</sup> IN THIS LIFE Literally, "under the sun."

side |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921"  
like |strong="H0776" slaves |strong="H5650".

### Every Job Has |strong="H5650" Its |strong="H5921" Dangers

<sup>8</sup> If you dig |strong="H2658" a |strong="H2658" hole, you might fall |strong="H5307" into |strong="H5307" it |strong="H2658". If you break |strong="H6555" down |strong="H5307" a |strong="H2658" wall |strong="H1447", you might be bitten by |strong="H5307" a |strong="H2658" snake |strong="H5175". <sup>9</sup> If you |strong="H6086" are |strong="H0068" moving large stones |strong="H0068", you |strong="H6086" might be |strong="H6086" hurt by |strong="H5265" them. If you |strong="H6086" cut down a |strong="H5265" tree |strong="H6086", you |strong="H6086" are |strong="H0068" in |strong="H0068" danger of |strong="H6086" it falling on |strong="H0068" you |strong="H6086".

<sup>10</sup> But |strong="H0518" wisdom |strong="H2451" will |strong="H3808" make |strong="H7043" any |strong="H6440" job |strong="H3808" easier |strong="H7043". It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" very |strong="H2428" hard to |strong="H6440" cut with |strong="H6440" a |strong="H0518" dull knife. But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" sharpen |strong="H7043" the |strong="H6440" knife, the |strong="H6440" job |strong="H3808" is |strong="H1931" easier |strong="H7043".

<sup>11</sup> Someone might know how to |strong="H0369" control snakes |strong="H5175". But |strong="H0518" that |strong="H3808" skill is |strong="H0369" useless if |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" snake |strong="H5175" bites when |strong="H0518" that |strong="H3808" person |strong="H1167" is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808" around.

<sup>12</sup> Words |strong="H1697" from |strong="H1697" the |strong="H1697" wise |strong="H2450" bring praise |strong="H8193",

but |strong="H1104" words |strong="H1697" from |strong="H1697" a |strong="H1697" fool |strong="H3684" bring destruction.

<sup>13</sup> Fools begin by |strong="H7451" saying |strong="H1697" something |strong="H1697" foolish |strong="H5531". But |strong="H7451" in |strong="H1697" the |strong="H1697" end |strong="H0319", they |strong="H6310" speak |strong="H1697" nonsense. <sup>14</sup> Fools are |strong="H0834" always talking about |strong="H1961" what |strong="H4100" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H4310" do |strong="H4100", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4100" will |strong="H4310" happen |strong="H1961". People |strong="H0120" cannot |strong="H3808"

tell |strong="H5046" what |strong="H4100" will |strong="H4310" happen |strong="H1961" in |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0834" future.

<sup>15</sup> Fools |strong="H3684" aren't smart enough to |strong="H0413" find |strong="H3045" their |strong="H0834" way home, so |strong="H3808" they |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" work |strong="H5999" hard all |strong="H3045" their |strong="H0834" lives.

### The |strong="H0834" Value of |strong="H3045" Work |strong="H5999"

<sup>16</sup> It |strong="H0398" is |strong="H0776" very bad for |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" country |strong="H0776" if the |strong="H0398" king |strong="H4428" is |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" child |strong="H5288". And |strong="H0776" it |strong="H0398" is |strong="H0776" very bad for |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" country |strong="H0776" if its |strong="H0398" rulers |strong="H8269" use |strong="H0398" all |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" time eating |strong="H0398". <sup>17</sup> But |strong="H3808" it |strong="H0398" is |strong="H0776" very good for |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" country |strong="H0776" if |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0398" king |strong="H4428" comes from |strong="H1121" a |strong="H0776" good family.

<sup>1</sup> And |strong="H1121" it |strong="H0398" is |strong="H0776" very good for |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" country |strong="H0776" if |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0398" rulers |strong="H8269" control their |strong="H0398" eating |strong="H0398" and |strong="H1121" drinking. They |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H1121" drink to |strong="H6256" become strong |strong="H1369", not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H6256" become drunk.

<sup>18</sup> If someone is |strong="H3027" too lazy to |strong="H3027" work, their house |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1004" begin to |strong="H3027" leak, and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" roof will |strong="H1004" fall in |strong="H1004".

<sup>19</sup> People enjoy eating, and |strong="H3701" wine |strong="H3196" makes |strong="H8055" life |strong="H2416" happier. But |strong="H6030" money |strong="H3701" solves a |strong="H8055" lot of |strong="H3605" problems.

### Gossip

<sup>20</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" say |strong="H6963" bad things |strong="H1697" about |strong="H1697"

<sup>1</sup> COMES FROM A GOOD FAMILY Literally, "is a son of freedmen." This is a person who was never a slave and whose parents were not slaves.



the king. Don't even think bad things about him. And don't say bad things about rich people, even if you are alone in your home. A little bird might fly and tell them everything you said.

### Boldly Face the Future

**11** Do good wherever you go while the good you do will come to you.

<sup>1</sup> Invest what you have in several different things. You don't know what bad things might happen on earth.

<sup>2</sup> There are some things you can be sure of. If clouds are full of rain, they will pour water on earth. If a tree falls, it falls south or north—then it falls where it will stay. You must take a chance. If you wait for perfect weather,

<sup>3</sup> you will never plant your seeds. If you are afraid that every cloud will bring rain, you will never harvest your crops.

<sup>4</sup> You don't know where you know the wind blows. And you don't know how a baby grows in its mother's womb. In the same way, you don't know what God will do—and he makes everything happen.

<sup>5</sup> So begin planting early in the morning, and don't stop working until evening. You don't know what might make you rich. Maybe everything you do will be successful.

<sup>6</sup> It is good to be alive. It is nice to see light from the sun. You should enjoy every day of your life, no matter how long you live. But remember that you will die, and you will be dead much longer than you were alive. And after you are dead,

<sup>7</sup> you will never plant your seeds. If you are afraid that every cloud will bring rain, you will never harvest your crops.

<sup>8</sup> You should enjoy every day of your life, no matter how long you live. But remember that you will die, and you will be dead much longer than you were alive. And after you are dead,

<sup>9</sup> Do good ... Go Or "Throw your bread on the water." INVEST ... DIFFERENT THINGS Or "Give a part to seven, or even eight."

you|strong="H3588" cannot do|strong="H0518" anything|strong="H3605".

Serve|strong="H1961" God While|strong="H1961"  
You|strong="H3588" Are|strong="H3117"  
Young|strong="H3117"

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H1980" young|strong="H0970" people|strong="H5869", enjoy yourselves|strong="H5869" while|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3117" young|strong="H0970". Be|strong="H3820" happy|strong="H8055". Do|strong="H3190" whatever|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820" leads|strong="H1980" you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H3190". Do|strong="H3190" whatever|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3588" want, but|strong="H3588" remember that|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" judge|strong="H4941" you|strong="H3588" for|strong="H3588" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3588" do|strong="H3190". <sup>10</sup> Don't let your|strong="H3588" anger control you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H3820" don't let your|strong="H3588" body|strong="H1320" lead you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H3820" sin. <sup>1</sup> People|strong="H1320" do|strong="H5493" foolish things in|strong="H1320" the|strong="H3588" dawn of|strong="H3820" life|strong="H3820" while|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3820" young.

### The Problems of Old Age

**12** Remember|strong="H2142" your|strong="H0834" Creator while|strong="H5704" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" young|strong="H3117", before|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" bad|strong="H7451" times|strong="H3117" come|strong="H0935"— before|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" years|strong="H8141" come|strong="H0935" when|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" wasted my|strong="H0834" life|strong="H3117"." <sup>II</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Remember your|strong="H0834" Creator while|strong="H5704" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" young, before|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" time|strong="H5704" comes|strong="H0216" when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" sun|strong="H8121" and|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" moon|strong="H3394" and|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" stars|strong="H3556" be-

<sup>I</sup> DON'T LET ... SIN Or "Don't worry about things. Protect yourself from troubles." <sup>II</sup> I HAVE WASTED MY LIFE Literally, "I take no pleasure in them." This might mean "I don't like the things I did when I was young" or "I don't enjoy life now that I am old."

come|strong="H7725" dark|strong="H2821" to|strong="H5704" you|strong="H0834"— before|strong="H5704" problems come|strong="H7725" again|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" again|strong="H7725" like|strong="H0834" one|strong="H3808" storm after|strong="H0310" another|strong="H3808".

<sup>3</sup> At|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3588" time|strong="H3117" your|strong="H8104" arms will|strong="H0376" lose their|strong="H3588" strength|strong="H2428". Your|strong="H8104" legs will|strong="H0376" become|strong="H7200" weak and|strong="H1004" bent|strong="H5791". Your|strong="H8104" teeth will|strong="H0376" fall out|strong="H7200", and|strong="H1004" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3588" be|strong="H0376" able|strong="H2428" to|strong="H0376" chew your|strong="H8104" food|strong="H1004". Your|strong="H8104" eyes will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3588" see|strong="H7200" clearly. <sup>4</sup> You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1323" become hard of|strong="H1323" hearing. You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1323" not hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3605" noise|strong="H6963" in|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3605" streets|strong="H7784". Even the|strong="H3605" stone grinding|strong="H2913" your|strong="H3605" grain|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1323" seem quiet to|strong="H6965" you|strong="H3605". You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1323" not be|strong="H6963" able to|strong="H6965" hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H1323" singing|strong="H7892". But|strong="H3605" even the|strong="H3605" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H1323" a|strong="H3605" bird|strong="H6833" singing|strong="H7892" will|strong="H1323" wake you|strong="H3605" early in|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3605" morning because|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1323" not be|strong="H6963" able to|strong="H6965" sleep.

<sup>5</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H1004" high|strong="H1364" places|strong="H1004". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H1004" tripping over|strong="H0413" every small thing|strong="H3588" in|strong="H1980" your|strong="H3588" path|strong="H1870". Your|strong="H3588" hair will|strong="H1571" become|strong="H1980" white like|strong="H1870" the|strong="H3588" flowers on|strong="H0413" an|strong="H3588" almond|strong="H8247" tree|strong="H8247". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1571" drag yourself|strong="H0413"

along |strong="H1980" like |strong="H1870"  
 a |strong="H3588" grasshopper |strong="H2284"  
 when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
 walk |strong="H1980". You |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H1571" lose your |strong="H3588" desire,  
 I and |strong="H1980" then |strong="H1980"  
 you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1571"  
 go |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413"  
 your |strong="H3588" eternal |strong="H5769"  
 home |strong="H1004". The |strong="H3588" mourn-  
 ers |strong="H5594" will |strong="H1571" gather  
 in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588"  
 streets |strong="H7784" as |strong="H1571"  
 they |strong="H3588" carry |strong="H1980"  
 your |strong="H3588" body to |strong="H0413"  
 the |strong="H3588" grave.

### Death

<sup>6</sup> Remember your |strong="H5921" Creator  
 while |strong="H5704" you |strong="H0834"  
 are |strong="H0834" young,  
 before |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" sil-  
 ver |strong="H3701" rope snaps and |strong="H3701"  
 the |strong="H0834" golden |strong="H2091"  
 bowl |strong="H1543" is |strong="H0834"  
 crushed |strong="H7533"  
 like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834"  
 jar |strong="H3537" broken |strong="H7665"  
 at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834"  
 well |strong="H0834",  
 like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834"  
 stone |strong="H0834" cover on |strong="H5921"  
 a |strong="H0834" well |strong="H0834"  
 that |strong="H0834" breaks |strong="H7665"  
 and |strong="H3701" falls in |strong="H5921".  
<sup>7</sup> Your |strong="H5414" body came |strong="H1961"  
 from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0834"  
 earth |strong="H0776".  
 And |strong="H0430" when |strong="H1961"  
 you |strong="H0834" die, it |strong="H5414"  
 will |strong="H0430" return |strong="H7725"  
 to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834"  
 earth |strong="H0776".  
 But |strong="H1961" your |strong="H5414" spir-  
 it |strong="H7307" came |strong="H1961"  
 from |strong="H7725" God |strong="H0430",  
 and |strong="H0430" when |strong="H1961"  
 you |strong="H0834" die, it |strong="H5414"  
 will |strong="H0430" return |strong="H7725"  
 to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413".  
<sup>8</sup> Everything |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" so  
 meaningless. The |strong="H3605" Teacher  
 says |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3605"  
 it |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605"

I DESIRE Or "appetite" or "sexual desire." The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

all |strong="H3605" a |strong="H0559" waste  
 of |strong="H3605" time! II

### Final Words of |strong="H3605" Advice

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0853" Teacher was |strong="H1961"  
 very wise |strong="H2450". He |strong="H0853"  
 used |strong="H1961" his |strong="H1961" wis-  
 dom |strong="H2450" to |strong="H1961"  
 teach |strong="H3925" the |strong="H0853" peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971". He |strong="H0853" very careful-  
 ly studied and |strong="H0853"  
 arranged |strong="H8626"III many |strong="H7235"  
 wise |strong="H2450" teachings. <sup>10</sup>  
 The |strong="H1697" Teacher tried |strong="H1245"  
 very hard to |strong="H1697" find |strong="H4672"  
 the |strong="H1697" right |strong="H0571"  
 words |strong="H1697", and |strong="H1697" he  
 wrote |strong="H3789" the |strong="H1697" teachings  
 that |strong="H1697" are |strong="H1697"  
 true |strong="H0571" and |strong="H1697" depend-  
 able.

<sup>11</sup> Words |strong="H1697" from |strong="H1697"  
 the |strong="H5414" wise |strong="H2450"  
 are |strong="H1697" like |strong="H1697" sharp  
 goads. When these sayings |strong="H1697"  
 are |strong="H1697" written down |strong="H5414"  
 and |strong="H1697" saved, they can |strong="H0259"  
 be |strong="H1697" used |strong="H5414"  
 to |strong="H5414" guide people,  
 just |strong="H1697" as |strong="H1697"  
 a |strong="H5414" shepherd |strong="H7462" uses  
 a |strong="H5414" sharp stick to |strong="H5414"  
 make |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" sheep go  
 the |strong="H5414" right way |strong="H1697". <sup>12</sup>  
 So |strong="H6213", son |strong="H1121",  
 study |strong="H3854" these |strong="H1992" sayings,  
 but |strong="H0369" be |strong="H1121" careful about  
 other |strong="H0369" teachings. Peo-  
 ple |strong="H1121" are |strong="H1992" always writ-  
 ing books |strong="H5612", and |strong="H1121" too  
 much |strong="H7235" study |strong="H3854"  
 will |strong="H1121" make |strong="H6213"  
 you |strong="H6213" very tired.

<sup>13</sup> Now, what should we learn from everything that is written in this book? IV The most important thing a person can do is to respect God and obey his commands, because he knows about everything people do—even the secret things. He knows about all the good and all the bad, and he will judge people for everything they do.

II MEANINGLESS ... A WASTE OF TIME The Hebrew word means "va-  
 por," "breath," or "something that is useless, meaningless, empty,  
 wrong, or a waste of time." III ARRANGED This Hebrew word means  
 "to make straight," "arrange," "correct," or "edit." IV Now ... BOOK  
 Literally, "The sum of the matter, when all is heard, is ...."

# Song of Songs

**1** Solomon's Most Wonderful  
Song

The Woman to  
the Man She Loves

<sup>2</sup> Cover me with  
kisses,

for your  
love is  
better  
than  
wine.

<sup>3</sup> Your perfume  
smells wonderful,  
but your  
name is  
sweeter  
than  
the  
best  
perfume.

That is  
why  
young  
women love  
you.

<sup>4</sup> Take me  
with  
you.  
Let's  
run  
away.

The king  
took me in-  
to  
his  
room.

The Women of  
Jerusalem to  
the Man

We will  
and  
happy  
you

Remember, your  
love is  
better  
than  
wine.

With good rea-  
son, the young  
women love  
you.

She Speaks to  
the Women

<sup>5</sup> Daughters of  
Jerusalem,  
I am  
dark  
and beautiful,  
as  
black  
as  
the  
tents  
of  
Kedar  
and Salma. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Don't look  
at how dark  
I am,  
at how dark  
the sun  
has made  
me.

My brothers were  
angry with  
me.

They forced me  
to take  
care of  
their  
vineyards,  
so I could  
not take  
care of  
myself.

She Speaks to  
Him

<sup>7</sup> I love  
you with  
my soul!

Tell me,  
where do  
you feed  
your  
sheep?

Where do  
you lay  
them  
at noon?  
I should  
come to

I should  
come to

<sup>I</sup> NAME In Hebrew this word sounds like the word "perfume."

<sup>II</sup> KEDAR AND SALMA Arabian tribes. For "Salma" the standard He-  
brew text has "Solomon," but compare "Salma, Salmon" in Ruth  
4:20-21. <sup>III</sup> MYSELF Literally, "my own vineyard."

be |strong="H1961" with |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H5921"  
or |strong="H5844" I |strong="H5315"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" hired woman I  
caring for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sheep  
of |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921"  
friends |strong="H0157".

**He |strong="H5921" Speaks to |strong="H1961"  
Her |strong="H5046"**

8 You |strong="H0518" are |strong="H0802"  
such |strong="H3808" a |strong="H0518" beauti-  
ful |strong="H3303" woman |strong="H0802".  
Surely |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518"  
know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H5921"  
to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H0518".  
Go |strong="H3318", follow the |strong="H0853"  
sheep |strong="H6629".  
Feed |strong="H7462" your |strong="H5921"  
young |strong="H1429" goats |strong="H1429"  
near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" shepherds'  
tents |strong="H4908".  
9 My darling |strong="H7474", you  
are |strong="H7393" more exciting to |strong="H1819"  
me |strong="H1819"  
than any mare |strong="H5484" among  
the |strong="H1819" stallions |strong="H7393" II  
pulling Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" chari-  
ots |strong="H7393". III  
10 Your |strong="H4998" cheeks |strong="H3895"  
are |strong="H3895" so beautiful  
with |strong="H4998" those orna-  
ments |strong="H8447" hanging beside them.  
Your |strong="H4998" neck |strong="H6677" is so  
lovely |strong="H4998"  
under that beautiful string of |strong="H6677" jew-  
els.  
11 Let's make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H5973"  
some more |strong="H2091" gold |strong="H2091"  
jewelry  
and |strong="H3701" decorate it |strong="H6213"  
with |strong="H5973" silver |strong="H3701".

**She |strong="H5973" Speaks**

12 The |strong="H5414" smell of |strong="H4428"  
my |strong="H5414" perfume |strong="H5373" reach-  
es |strong="H5704" out |strong="H5704"  
to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5414"  
king |strong="H4428" lying on his |strong="H5414"  
couch.  
13 My |strong="H0996" lover is |strong="H1730" like  
the |strong="H0996" small bag |strong="H6872"

I HIRED WOMAN Or "a woman wearing a veil." This might mean a prostitute. II MARE ... STALLIONS Female and male horses. Only male horses were used to pull chariots. III Literally, "To a mare among Pharaoh's chariots I compare you, my darling."

of |strong="H0996" myrrh |strong="H4753"  
around |strong="H0996" my |strong="H0996" neck,  
lying all night between |strong="H0996"  
my |strong="H0996" breasts |strong="H7699".  
14 My lover is |strong="H1730" like a bunch  
of |strong="H3754" henna |strong="H3724" flowers  
near the vineyards |strong="H3754"  
of |strong="H3754" En Gedi.

**He Speaks**

15 My darling |strong="H7474", you |strong="H5869"  
are |strong="H5869" so beautiful |strong="H3303"!  
Oh |strong="H2005", you |strong="H5869"  
are |strong="H5869" beautiful |strong="H3303"!  
Your |strong="H3303" eyes |strong="H5869"  
are |strong="H5869" like |strong="H5869"  
doves |strong="H3123".

**She Speaks**

16 You |strong="H0637" are |strong="H0637"  
so |strong="H0637" handsome |strong="H3303",  
my |strong="H0637" lover!  
Yes |strong="H0637", and |strong="H3303"  
so |strong="H0637" charming!  
Our bed |strong="H6210" is |strong="H1730"  
so |strong="H0637" fresh |strong="H7488"  
and |strong="H3303" pleasant |strong="H5273". IV  
17 The |strong="H1004" beams |strong="H6982"  
of |strong="H1004" our house |strong="H1004"  
are |strong="H1004" cedar |strong="H0730".  
The |strong="H1004" rafters |strong="H7351"  
are |strong="H1004" fir.  
2 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a  
rose |strong="H2261" on the |strong="H0589"  
plain of |strong="H6010" Sharon |strong="H8289", V  
a lily |strong="H7799" VI in |strong="H6010"  
the |strong="H0589" valleys |strong="H6010".

**He Speaks**

2 My |strong="H0996" darling |strong="H7474",  
among |strong="H0996" other  
women |strong="H1323",  
you |strong="H3651" are |strong="H1323"  
like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H0996"  
lily |strong="H7799" among |strong="H0996"  
thorns |strong="H2336"!

**She |strong="H3651" Speaks**

3 My |strong="H3651" lover, among |strong="H0996"  
other men |strong="H1121",  
you |strong="H3651" are |strong="H1121" an ap-  
ple |strong="H8598" tree |strong="H6086"  
among |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0996" wild

IV FRESH AND PLEASANT Or "lush and green" like a fresh field of grass. V ROSE ... SHARON Or "a crocus on the plain." VI LILY A kind of flower. Here, it is probably a red flower.

trees|strong="H6086" in|strong="H3427"  
the|strong="H0996" forest|strong="H3293"!

**She|strong="H3651" Speaks to|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0996" Women**

I|strong="H3651" enjoy sitting|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" my|strong="H3651" lover's shad-  
ow|strong="H6738";

his|strong="H0996" fruit|strong="H6529"  
is|strong="H3651" so|strong="H3651"  
sweet|strong="H4966" to|strong="H1121"  
my|strong="H3651" taste|strong="H2441".

<sup>4</sup> My|strong="H5921" lover took|strong="H0935"  
me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H5921" wine|strong="H3196"  
house|strong="H1004";

his|strong="H5921" intent toward|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413" was|strong="H1004"  
love|strong="H0160".

<sup>5</sup> Strengthen me|strong="H0589"  
with|strong="H3588" raisins|strong="H0809"†;  
refresh|strong="H7502" me|strong="H0589"  
with|strong="H3588" apples|strong="H8598", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" weak with|strong="H3588"  
love|strong="H0160". II

<sup>6</sup> My|strong="H8478" lover's left|strong="H8040"  
arm is|strong="H7218" under|strong="H8478"  
my|strong="H8478" head|strong="H7218",  
and|strong="H7218" his|strong="H8478"  
right|strong="H3225" arm holds me|strong="H8478".

<sup>7</sup> Women|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389", promise|strong="H7650"  
me|strong="H3389" by|strong="H7650"  
the|strong="H0853" gazelles|strong="H6643"  
and|strong="H3389" wild|strong="H7704"  
deer|strong="H0355",

don't awaken|strong="H5782"  
love|strong="H0160",  
don't arouse|strong="H5782" love|strong="H0160",  
until|strong="H5704" I|strong="H0518" am ready. III

**She|strong="H0518" Speaks Again**

<sup>8</sup> I|strong="H2009" hear|strong="H6963"  
my|strong="H5921" lover's voice|strong="H6963".

Here|strong="H2009" it|strong="H5921"  
comes|strong="H0935", jumping  
over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" moun-  
tains|strong="H2022",

skipping over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
hills|strong="H1389".

<sup>9</sup> My|strong="H4480" lover is|strong="H2088"  
like|strong="H1819" a|strong="H0176" gazelle  
or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H0176"  
young|strong="H6082" deer|strong="H0354".

I RAISINS Or "raisin cakes." II I AM WEAK WITH LOVE Or "I am lovesick." III UNTIL I AM READY Literally, "until it desires."

Look|strong="H2009" at|strong="H5975"  
him|strong="H0310" standing|strong="H5975" be-  
hind|strong="H0310" our|strong="H4480"  
wall|strong="H3796",

staring out|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480"  
window|strong="H2474",

looking|strong="H7688" through|strong="H4480"  
the|strong="H4480" lattice|strong="H2762". IV

<sup>10</sup> My|strong="H6965" lover speaks|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H6030",  
" Get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965",  
my|strong="H6965" darling|strong="H7474",  
my|strong="H6965" beautiful|strong="H3303"  
one|strong="H3303".

Let's go|strong="H6965" away!

<sup>11</sup> Look|strong="H2009", winter|strong="H5638"  
is|strong="H2009" past|strong="H2498",

the|strong="H3588" rains|strong="H1653"  
have|strong="H3588" come|strong="H1980"  
and|strong="H1980" gone|strong="H1980".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H8085" flowers|strong="H5339"  
are|strong="H0776" blooming in|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H8085" fields.

It's time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H8085" sing! V  
Listen|strong="H8085", the|strong="H8085" doves  
have|strong="H0776" returned.

<sup>13</sup> Young figs|strong="H8384" are growing  
on|strong="H6965" the|strong="H5414"  
fig|strong="H8384" trees|strong="H8384".

Smell the|strong="H5414" vines|strong="H1612"  
in|strong="H5414" bloom.

Get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965",  
my|strong="H5414" darling|strong="H7474",  
my|strong="H5414" beautiful|strong="H3303"  
one|strong="H3303".

Let's go|strong="H6965" away!"

**He|strong="H5414" Speaks|strong="H5414"**

<sup>14</sup> My|strong="H8085" dove|strong="H3123", hid-  
ing|strong="H5643" in|strong="H8085"  
the|strong="H0853" caves high on|strong="H7200"  
the|strong="H0853" cliff|strong="H5553",

hidden here on|strong="H7200"  
the|strong="H0853" mountain,

let me|strong="H6963" see|strong="H7200"  
you|strong="H3588",

let me|strong="H6963" hear|strong="H8085"  
your|strong="H7200" voice|strong="H6963".

Your|strong="H7200" voice|strong="H6963"  
is|strong="H6963" so|strong="H3588" pleasant,  
and|strong="H6963" you|strong="H3588" are  
so|strong="H3588" beautiful|strong="H4758"!

IV LATTICE A wooden screen over a window. V SING Or "prune."

*She* |strong="H3588" *Speaks* |strong="H6963"  
to |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" Women

15 *Catch* |strong="H0270" the |strong="H0270" fox-  
es |strong="H7776" for |strong="H0270" us—  
the |strong="H0270" little |strong="H6996" fox-  
es |strong="H7776"

that spoil the |strong="H0270" vine-  
yard |strong="H3754".

Our vineyard |strong="H3754" is |strong="H3754"  
now in bloom.

16 My |strong="H0589" lover is |strong="H1730"  
mine,

and |strong="H1730" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" his!

My |strong="H0589" lover feeds |strong="H7462"  
among the |strong="H0589" lilies |strong="H7799",

17 while |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921"  
day |strong="H3117" breathes |strong="H6315"  
its |strong="H5921" last breath

and |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" shadows  
run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5437".

Turn |strong="H5437", my |strong="H5921" lover,  
be |strong="H3117" like |strong="H1819"

a |strong="H0176" gazelle or |strong="H0176"  
a |strong="H0176" young |strong="H6082"

deer |strong="H0354" on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" cleft mountains |strong="H2022"!

I

### She Speaks

3 At |strong="H5921" night |strong="H3915"  
on |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921"  
bed |strong="H4904",

I |strong="H5315" look |strong="H1245"  
for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H5315" I |strong="H5315"  
love |strong="H0157".

I |strong="H5315" looked |strong="H1245"  
for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921",  
but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H5315" could  
not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672"  
him |strong="H5921".

2 I |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3808"  
get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965"  
now |strong="H4994"!

I |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3808"  
go |strong="H5437" around |strong="H5437"  
the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892".

In |strong="H5315" the |strong="H0853"  
streets |strong="H7339" and |strong="H6965"  
squares |strong="H7339",

I |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3808"  
look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3808"

I THE CLEFT MOUNTAINS Or "the mountains of Bether" or "the mountains of spice."

the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H5315"  
I |strong="H5315" love |strong="H0157".

I |strong="H5315" looked |strong="H1245"  
for |strong="H3808" him |strong="H0853",  
but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H5315"  
could |strong="H6965" not |strong="H3808"  
find |strong="H4672" him |strong="H0853".

3 The |strong="H0853" guards |strong="H8104" pa-  
trolling the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892"  
found |strong="H4672" me |strong="H5315".

I |strong="H5315" asked them |strong="H0853", "  
Have |strong="H4672" you |strong="H0853"  
seen |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H5315" I |strong="H5315"  
love |strong="H0157"?"

4 I |strong="H5704" had |strong="H0853" just  
left |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" guards  
when |strong="H0935" I |strong="H5704"  
found |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853"  
man |strong="H5315" I |strong="H5704"  
love |strong="H0157"!

I |strong="H5704" held |strong="H0270"  
him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935"  
would |strong="H5315" not |strong="H3808"  
let |strong="H7503" him |strong="H0413"  
go |strong="H0935",

while |strong="H5704" I |strong="H5704"  
took |strong="H0853" him |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H0935" moth-  
er's |strong="H0517" house |strong="H1004",  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
room |strong="H2315" of |strong="H1004"  
one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H5315" bore II  
me |strong="H0413".

*She* |strong="H0517" *Speaks to* |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0853" Women

5 Women |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389", promise |strong="H7650"  
me |strong="H3389"

by |strong="H7650" the |strong="H0853"  
gazelles |strong="H6643" and |strong="H3389"  
wild |strong="H7704" deer |strong="H0355",  
don't awaken |strong="H5782" love |strong="H0160",  
don't arouse |strong="H5782" love |strong="H0160",  
until |strong="H5704" I |strong="H0518" am ready. III

The |strong="H0853" Women |strong="H1323"  
of |strong="H1323" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" Speak

6 Who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H4310"  
this |strong="H2063" woman  
coming |strong="H5927" from |strong="H4480"  
the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057"!<sup>IV</sup>  
with |strong="H3605" this |strong="H2063" large  
group of |strong="H4480" people ?

II BORE Or "taught." See 8:2. III UNTIL I AM READY Literally, "un-  
til it desires." IV WOMAN COMING FROM THE DESERT See 8:5.

The *strong*="H3605" dust rises *strong*="H5927" behind them *strong*="H5927"

like *strong*="H5927" clouds of *strong*="H4480" smoke *strong*="H6999" from *strong*="H4480" burning *strong*="H6999" myrrh *strong*="H4753" and *strong*="H5927" frankincense *strong*="H3828" and *strong*="H5927" other *strong*="H3605" spices. I  
7 Look *strong*="H2009", Solomon's *strong*="H8010" traveling chair. II

There *strong*="H2009" are *strong*="H3478" 60 soldiers *strong*="H1368" guarding it *strong*="H5439", *strong* *strong*="H1368" soldiers *strong*="H1368" of *strong*="H1368" Israel *strong*="H3478".

8 All *strong*="H3605" of *strong*="H0376" them *strong*="H5921" are *strong*="H0376" trained *strong*="H3925" fighting men *strong*="H0376"

with *strong*="H5921" their *strong*="H3605" swords *strong*="H2719" at *strong*="H5921" their *strong*="H3605" side *strong*="H3409", ready for *strong*="H5921" any *strong*="H3605" danger of *strong*="H0376" the *strong*="H3605" night *strong*="H3915".

9 King *strong*="H4428" Solomon *strong*="H8010" made *strong*="H6213" a *strong*="H4428" traveling chair *strong*="H0668" for *strong*="H6086" himself.

The *strong*="H6213" wood *strong*="H6086" came from *strong*="H6086" Lebanon *strong*="H3844".

10 The *strong*="H8432" poles were *strong*="H1323" made *strong*="H6213" from *strong*="H8432" silver *strong*="H3701",

and *strong*="H3701" the *strong*="H8432" supports were *strong*="H1323" made *strong*="H6213" from *strong*="H8432" gold *strong*="H2091".

The *strong*="H8432" seat *strong*="H4817" was *strong*="H3389" covered *strong*="H1323" with *strong*="H3389" purple *strong*="H0713" cloth.

It *strong*="H6213" was *strong*="H3389" inlaid with *strong*="H3389" love *strong*="H0160" by *strong*="H2091" the *strong*="H8432" women *strong*="H1323" of *strong*="H1323" Jerusalem *strong*="H3389".

11 Women *strong*="H1323" of *strong*="H4428" Zion *strong*="H6726", come *strong*="H3318" out *strong*="H3318"

and *strong*="H4428" see *strong*="H7200" King *strong*="H4428" Solomon *strong*="H8010".

See *strong*="H7200" the *strong*="H7200" crown *strong*="H5850" III his *strong*="H7200" mother *strong*="H0517" put *strong*="H3318" on *strong*="H3117" him *strong*="H7200"

the *strong*="H7200" day *strong*="H3117" he *strong*="H3117" was *strong*="H3820" married,

I SPICES Literally, "powders of the trader." These were imported spices and incense. II TRAVELING CHAIR A kind of chair that the rich traveled in. These chairs were covered and had poles that slaves used to carry them. Also in verse 9. III CROWN This might be a wreath of flowers he wore on his head at his wedding.

the *strong*="H7200" day *strong*="H3117" he *strong*="H3117" was *strong*="H3820" so *strong*="H3318" happy *strong*="H8057"!

#### He Speaks to Her

4 My *strong*="H1157" darling *strong*="H7474", you *strong*="H2022" are *strong*="H5869" so beautiful *strong*="H3303"!

Oh *strong*="H2005", you *strong*="H2022" are *strong*="H5869" beautiful *strong*="H3303"!

Your *strong*="H3303" eyes *strong*="H5869" are *strong*="H5869" like *strong*="H2022" doves *strong*="H3123"

under your *strong*="H3303" veil *strong*="H6777". Your *strong*="H3303" hair *strong*="H8181" is *strong*="H5869" long and *strong*="H5869" flowing, like *strong*="H2022" little goats *strong*="H5795" dancing down the *strong*="H5869" slopes of *strong*="H2022" Mount *strong*="H2022" Gilead *strong*="H1568".

2 Your *strong*="H3605" teeth *strong*="H8127" are *strong*="H0369" white like *strong*="H5927" ewes *strong*="H7094" IV

just *strong*="H3605" coming *strong*="H5927" from *strong*="H4480" their *strong*="H3605" bath.

They *strong*="H0369" all *strong*="H3605" give *strong*="H5927" birth to *strong*="H0369" twins *strong*="H8382";

not *strong*="H0369" one *strong*="H0369" of *strong*="H4480" them *strong*="H5927" has *strong*="H0369" lost a *strong*="H4480" baby.

3 Your lips *strong*="H8193" are *strong*="H8193" like a *strong*="H1157" red *strong*="H8144" silk thread *strong*="H2339".

Your mouth is *strong*="H8193" beautiful. Your cheeks under your veil *strong*="H6777" are *strong*="H8193" like two slices of *strong*="H8193" pomegranate *strong*="H7416".

4 Your *strong*="H3605" neck *strong*="H6677" is *strong*="H3605" long and *strong*="H1732" thin like *strong*="H4043" David's *strong*="H1732" tower *strong*="H4026".

That *strong*="H3605" tower *strong*="H4026" was *strong*="H1732" built *strong*="H1129" to *strong*="H5921" be *strong*="H3605" decorated V with *strong*="H5921" a *strong*="H1129" thousand *strong*="H0505" shields *strong*="H4043"

on *strong*="H5921" its *strong*="H3605" walls, with *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" shields *strong*="H4043" of *strong*="H5921" powerful *strong*="H1368" soldiers *strong*="H1368".

5 Your breasts *strong*="H7699" are *strong*="H8147" like *strong*="H7799" twin fawns *strong*="H6082",

IV EWES Female goats. V YOUR NECK ... DECORATED Or "Your neck is like David's tower, built with rows of stone." This would mean she wore many necklaces, one above the other, which looked like rows of stone in a tower.



like <sup>H7799</sup> twins <sup>H8380</sup>  
of <sup>H8147</sup> a gazelle <sup>H6646</sup>,  
feeding among the <sup>H8147</sup>  
lilies <sup>H7799</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> I <sup>H5704</sup> will <sup>H2022</sup> go  
to <sup>H0413</sup> that <sup>H3117</sup> moun-  
tain <sup>H2022</sup> of <sup>H3117</sup>  
myrrh <sup>H4753</sup>

and <sup>H3117</sup> to <sup>H0413</sup>  
that <sup>H3117</sup> hill <sup>H2022</sup>  
of <sup>H3117</sup> frankincense <sup>H3828</sup>  
while <sup>H5704</sup> the <sup>H0413</sup>  
day <sup>H3117</sup> breathes <sup>H6315</sup>  
its <sup>H5704</sup> last breath,

and <sup>H3117</sup> the <sup>H0413</sup> shadows  
run <sup>H5127</sup> away <sup>H5127</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> My <sup>H3605</sup> darling <sup>H7474</sup>,  
you <sup>H3605</sup> are <sup>H0369</sup> beauti-  
ful <sup>H3303</sup> all <sup>H3605</sup>  
over <sup>H3605</sup>.

Every <sup>H3605</sup> part of <sup>H3605</sup>  
you <sup>H3605</sup> is <sup>H0369</sup> per-  
fect <sup>H3971</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> Come <sup>H0935</sup> with <sup>H0854</sup>  
me <sup>H0935</sup>, my <sup>H0935</sup>  
bride <sup>H3618</sup>, from <sup>H0935</sup>  
Lebanon <sup>H3844</sup>.

Come <sup>H0935</sup> with <sup>H0854</sup>  
me <sup>H0935</sup> from <sup>H0935</sup>  
Lebanon <sup>H3844</sup>.

Come <sup>H0935</sup> from <sup>H0935</sup>  
the <sup>H0935</sup> peak of <sup>H7218</sup>  
Amana <sup>H0549</sup>,<sup>I</sup>

from <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup>  
top <sup>H7218</sup> of <sup>H7218</sup>  
Senir <sup>H8149</sup><sup>II</sup> and <sup>H0935</sup> Her-  
mon <sup>H2768</sup>,

from <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> li-  
on's <sup>H0738</sup> caves,

from <sup>H0935</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> moun-  
tain of <sup>H7218</sup> the <sup>H0935</sup> leap-  
ards <sup>H5246</sup>.

<sup>9</sup> My darling, <sup>III</sup> my bride <sup>H3618</sup>,  
you <sup>H5869</sup> excite me <sup>H5869</sup>!

You <sup>H5869</sup> have <sup>H5869</sup> stolen  
my heart with <sup>H5869</sup> just  
one <sup>H0259</sup> quick look <sup>H5869</sup>  
from <sup>H5869</sup> your <sup>H5869</sup>  
eyes <sup>H5869</sup>,

with <sup>H5869</sup> just one <sup>H0259</sup>  
of <sup>H5869</sup> the <sup>H5869</sup> jewels  
from <sup>H5869</sup> your <sup>H5869</sup> necklace.

<sup>10</sup> Your <sup>H3605</sup> love <sup>H1730</sup>  
is <sup>H4100</sup> so beautiful <sup>H3302</sup>,

I AMANA The name of a mountain in Lebanon. II SENIR The Amorite word for "Snow Mountain." This means Mount Hermon. III DARLING Literally, "sister." Also in verses 10, 11; 5:1, 2.

my <sup>H3605</sup> darling, my <sup>H3605</sup>  
bride <sup>H3618</sup>!

Your <sup>H3605</sup> love <sup>H1730</sup>  
is <sup>H4100</sup> better than <sup>H3605</sup>  
wine <sup>H3196</sup>.

The <sup>H3605</sup> smell of <sup>H3605</sup>  
your <sup>H3605</sup> perfume <sup>H1314</sup>  
is <sup>H4100</sup> better than <sup>H3605</sup>  
any <sup>H3605</sup> kind of <sup>H3605</sup>  
spice <sup>H1314</sup>!

<sup>11</sup> My <sup>H8478</sup> bride <sup>H3618</sup>,  
your <sup>H8478</sup> lips <sup>H8193</sup>  
drip <sup>H5197</sup> honey <sup>H1706</sup>.

Honey <sup>H1706</sup> and <sup>H2461</sup>  
milk <sup>H2461</sup> are <sup>H8193</sup> un-  
der <sup>H8478</sup> your <sup>H8478</sup>  
tongue <sup>H3956</sup>.

Your <sup>H8478</sup> clothes <sup>H8008</sup> smell  
as <sup>H8478</sup> sweet as <sup>H8478</sup> per-  
fume. <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>12</sup> My darling, my bride <sup>H3618</sup>,  
you are pure like a <sup>H2856</sup> locked gar-  
den <sup>H1588</sup>.

You are like a <sup>H2856</sup> locked pool,  
a <sup>H2856</sup> closed fountain <sup>H4599</sup>.

<sup>13</sup> Your <sup>H5973</sup> limbs are <sup>H5973</sup>  
like <sup>H5973</sup> a garden  
filled with <sup>H5973</sup> pomegran-  
ates <sup>H7416</sup> and <sup>H6529</sup> other  
pleasant fruit <sup>H6529</sup>,  
with <sup>H5973</sup> all the <sup>H5973</sup> best  
spices:

henna <sup>H3724</sup>,<sup>V14</sup> nard <sup>H5373</sup>,  
saffron <sup>H3750</sup>,<sup>VI</sup> calamus <sup>H7070</sup>,  
<sup>VII</sup> and <sup>H7218</sup> cinnamon <sup>H7076</sup>.  
<sup>VIII</sup>

Your <sup>H3605</sup> limbs are <sup>H5973</sup>  
like <sup>H5973</sup> a <sup>H3605</sup> garden  
filled with <sup>H5973</sup> trees <sup>H6086</sup>  
of <sup>H7218</sup> frankincense <sup>H3828</sup>,  
myrrh <sup>H4753</sup>, and <sup>H7218</sup> aloe.

<sup>15</sup> You <sup>H4480</sup> are like a <sup>H4480</sup>  
garden <sup>H1588</sup> fountain <sup>H4599</sup>—  
a <sup>H4480</sup> well <sup>H0875</sup>  
of <sup>H4480</sup> fresh <sup>H5140</sup> wa-  
ter <sup>H4325</sup>—

flowing <sup>H5140</sup> down <sup>H5140</sup>  
from <sup>H4480</sup> the <sup>H4480</sup> mountains  
of <sup>H4480</sup> Lebanon <sup>H3844</sup>.

IV PERFUME Or "Lebanon." V HENNA A plant with sweet-smelling, blue-yellow flowers that grows in clusters (groups) like grapes. VI SAFFRON A kind of yellow flower used in making perfume. VII CALAMUS A kind of reed plant used in making perfume. VIII CINNAMON A kind of plant used as a spice and in making perfume.

## She Speaks

16 Wake |strong="H5782" up |strong="H5782",  
north |strong="H6828" wind |strong="H8486".  
Come |strong="H0935", south |strong="H8486"  
wind |strong="H8486".  
Blow |strong="H6315" on |strong="H0935"  
my |strong="H0935" garden |strong="H1588".  
Spread its |strong="H0398" sweet |strong="H1314"  
smell.  
Let my |strong="H0935" lover enter |strong="H0935"  
his |strong="H0935" garden |strong="H1588"  
and |strong="H0935" eat |strong="H0398"  
its |strong="H0398" pleasant fruit |strong="H6529".

## He Speaks

5 My |strong="H0935" darling  
my |strong="H0935" bride |strong="H3618",  
I |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0398" en-  
tered |strong="H0935" my |strong="H0935" gar-  
den |strong="H1588".  
I |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0398" gath-  
ered |strong="H0717" my |strong="H0935"  
myrrh |strong="H4753" and |strong="H0935" spice.  
I |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0398" eat-  
en |strong="H0398" my |strong="H0935" hon-  
ey |strong="H1706" and |strong="H0935" honeycomb.  
I |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0398"  
drunk |strong="H7937" my |strong="H0935"  
wine |strong="H3196" and |strong="H0935"  
milk |strong="H2461".

The |strong="H0935" Women |strong="H0398" Speak  
to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935"  
Lovers |strong="H1730"

Dearest friends |strong="H7453",  
eat |strong="H0398", drink |strong="H8354"!  
Be drunk |strong="H7937" with |strong="H5973"  
love |strong="H1730"!

## She |strong="H5973" Speaks

2 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
asleep |strong="H3462",  
but |strong="H0589" my |strong="H4390"  
heart |strong="H3820" is |strong="H3820"  
awake |strong="H5782".  
I |strong="H0589" hear |strong="H6963"  
my |strong="H4390" lover knocking |strong="H1849",  
saying |strong="H6963",  
"Open |strong="H6605" to |strong="H3820"  
me |strong="H6963", my |strong="H4390" dar-  
ling |strong="H7474", my |strong="H4390"  
love |strong="H1730",  
my |strong="H4390" dove |strong="H3123",  
my |strong="H4390" perfect |strong="H8535"  
one |strong="H8535"!

My |strong="H4390" head |strong="H7218"  
is |strong="H3820" soaked with |strong="H4390"  
dew |strong="H2919".

My |strong="H4390" hair |strong="H7218"  
is |strong="H3820" wet with |strong="H4390"  
the |strong="H0589" mist of |strong="H7218"  
the |strong="H0589" night |strong="H3915".  
3 "I have taken |strong="H6584" off |strong="H6584"  
my |strong="H7364" robe |strong="H3801". I  
I don't want to |strong="H7272"  
put |strong="H3847" it on |strong="H3847" again.  
I have washed |strong="H7364" my |strong="H7364"  
feet |strong="H7272".

I don't want to |strong="H7272" get  
them |strong="H0853" dirty |strong="H2936" again."  
4 But |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" lover  
put |strong="H7971" his |strong="H5921"  
hand |strong="H3027" through |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H5921" opening |strong="H2356", II  
and |strong="H3027" I |strong="H4480" felt sorry  
for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921". III

5 I |strong="H0589" got |strong="H6965"  
up |strong="H6965" to |strong="H5921"  
open |strong="H6605" for |strong="H5921"  
my |strong="H5921" lover,  
myrrh |strong="H4753" dripping |strong="H5197"  
from |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921"  
hands |strong="H3027",  
myrrh |strong="H4753" scented lotion  
dripped |strong="H5197" from |strong="H5921"  
my |strong="H5921" fingers |strong="H0676"  
onto |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" han-  
dles |strong="H3709" of |strong="H3027"  
the |strong="H5921" lock.

6 I |strong="H0589" opened |strong="H6605"  
for |strong="H7121" my |strong="H1245" lover,  
but |strong="H3808" my |strong="H1245" lover  
had |strong="H4672" turned |strong="H5674"  
away |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3318"  
was |strong="H5315" gone |strong="H3318"!

I |strong="H0589" nearly died  
when |strong="H3318" he |strong="H3808"  
came |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3318"  
went |strong="H3318". IV

I |strong="H0589" looked |strong="H1245"  
for |strong="H7121" him |strong="H7121",  
but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0589"  
couldn't |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672"  
him |strong="H7121".

I |strong="H0589" called |strong="H7121"  
for |strong="H7121" him |strong="H7121",

I ROBE Or "veil," a piece of cloth used to cover a person's face. Al-  
so in verse 7. II PUT ... OPENING Or "pulled his hand from the open-  
ing." In one sense, this might refer to a lock and key. Some ancient  
keys were shaped like a hand. The key was inserted through a hole  
in the door, and the "fingers" fit into special holes that allowed the  
bolt to slide, locking and unlocking the door. III I FELT SORRY FOR  
HIM Literally, "My insides stirred for him." IV I NEARLY DIED ... WENT  
Or "My soul left when he spoke."

but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808"  
didn't|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030"  
me|strong="H5315".

7 The|strong="H0853" guards|strong="H8104" pa-  
trolling the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892"  
found|strong="H4672" me|strong="H5921".

They|strong="H5921" hit|strong="H5221"  
me|strong="H5921".  
They|strong="H5921" hurt me|strong="H5921".  
The|strong="H0853" guards|strong="H8104"  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
wall|strong="H2346"

took|strong="H5375" my|strong="H8104" robe  
from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

8 I|strong="H0589" tell|strong="H5046"  
you|strong="H0518", women|strong="H1323"  
of|strong="H1323" Jerusalem|strong="H3389",  
if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518"  
find|strong="H4672" my|strong="H5046" lover,  
tell|strong="H5046" him|strong="H0853"  
I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" weak  
with|strong="H3389" love|strong="H0160".<sup>I</sup>

**The|strong="H0853" Women|strong="H1323"  
of|strong="H1323" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" An-  
swer Her|strong="H5046"**

9 Beautiful|strong="H3303"  
woman|strong="H0802",  
how|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100"  
your|strong="H4100" lover different  
from|strong="H0802" other lovers|strong="H1730"?  
Is|strong="H4100" your|strong="H4100" lover better  
than other lovers|strong="H1730"?  
Is|strong="H4100" that|strong="H4100"  
why|strong="H4100" you|strong="H4100" ask us  
to|strong="H7650" make this|strong="H3602"  
promise|strong="H7650"?

**She|strong="H4100" Answers the|strong="H4100"  
Women|strong="H0802" of|strong="H0802"  
Jerusalem**

10 My lover is|strong="H1730" tanned  
and|strong="H1730" radiant.  
He would stand out among 10,000 men.  
11 His head|strong="H7218" is|strong="H7218" like  
the|strong="H7218" purest gold|strong="H3800".  
His hair|strong="H7218" is|strong="H7218" curly  
and|strong="H7218" as black|strong="H7838" as  
a|strong="H7218" raven|strong="H6158".  
12 His|strong="H5921" eyes|strong="H5869"  
are|strong="H5869" like|strong="H3427"  
doves|strong="H3123" by|strong="H5921"  
a|strong="H5921" stream|strong="H4325",  
like|strong="H3427" doves|strong="H3123"  
in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H5921"

<sup>I</sup> I AM WEAK WITH LOVE Or "I am lovesick."

pool|strong="H4325" of|strong="H3427"  
milk|strong="H2461",

like|strong="H3427" a|strong="H5921" jewel  
in|strong="H3427" its|strong="H5921" set-  
ting|strong="H4402".

13 His cheeks|strong="H3895" are|strong="H8193"  
like|strong="H7799" a garden of|strong="H4026"  
spices|strong="H1314",

like|strong="H7799" flowers used for per-  
fume|strong="H1314".

His lips|strong="H8193" are|strong="H8193"  
like|strong="H7799" lilies|strong="H7799",<sup>II</sup>  
dripping|strong="H5197" with|strong="H5197" liq-  
uid myrrh|strong="H4753".

14 His|strong="H3027" arms|strong="H3027"  
are|strong="H3027" like gold|strong="H2091" rods,  
filled|strong="H4390" with|strong="H4390" jewels.  
His|strong="H3027" body|strong="H4578"  
is|strong="H3027" like smooth ivory|strong="H8127"  
with|strong="H4390" sapphires|strong="H5601"  
set|strong="H4390" in|strong="H3027"  
it|strong="H2091".

15 His|strong="H5921" legs|strong="H7785"  
are|strong="H7785" like|strong="H4758" marble pil-  
lars|strong="H5982"

on|strong="H5921" bases|strong="H0134"  
of|strong="H5921" fine|strong="H8336"  
gold|strong="H6337".

He|strong="H0977" stands tall  
like|strong="H4758" the|strong="H5921" finest  
cedar|strong="H0730" tree in|strong="H5921"  
Lebanon|strong="H3844".<sup>I</sup>

16 Yes, women|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389", my|strong="H3605"  
lover|strong="H7453" is|strong="H2088" every-  
thing|strong="H3605" I|strong="H2088" de-  
sire|strong="H4261".

His|strong="H3605" mouth|strong="H2441"  
is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H3605" sweetest  
of|strong="H1323" all|strong="H3605".

This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H2088"  
my|strong="H3605" lover|strong="H7453";  
this|strong="H2088" is|strong="H2088"  
my|strong="H3605" darling.

#### The Women of Jerusalem Speak to Her

6 Beautiful|strong="H3303"  
woman|strong="H0802",  
where|strong="H0575" has|strong="H1730"  
your|strong="H1245" lover gone|strong="H1980"?  
Which|strong="H0802" way|strong="H1980"  
did|strong="H1980" your|strong="H1245" lover  
go|strong="H1980"?

Tell us|strong="H1980" so|strong="H1980"  
that|strong="H1980" we|strong="H1980"  
can|strong="H1980" help you|strong="H5973"

<sup>II</sup> LILY A kind of flower. Here, it is probably a red flower.

look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H1245"  
him |strong="H5973".

**She |strong="H1980" Answers the |strong="H5973"  
Women |strong="H0802" of |strong="H0802"  
Jerusalem**

<sup>2</sup> My |strong="H3381" lover has |strong="H1730"  
gone |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381"  
to |strong="H3381" his |strong="H3381" gar-  
den |strong="H1588",

where sweet-smelling spices |strong="H1314" grow.  
There, like |strong="H3381" a |strong="H3950" sheep,  
he |strong="H3381" will |strong="H3381" eat  
the |strong="H3381" grass,  
and |strong="H3381" he |strong="H3381"  
will |strong="H3381" enjoy the |strong="H3381"  
lilies |strong="H7799".

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H0589" belong to my |strong="H0589"  
lover, and |strong="H1730" my |strong="H0589" lover  
belongs to me |strong="H0589".

He is |strong="H1730" the |strong="H0589" one  
feeding among the |strong="H0589"  
lilies |strong="H7799".

#### He Speaks to Her

<sup>4</sup> My darling |strong="H7474", you |strong="H0859"  
are |strong="H0859" as |strong="H3303" beauti-  
ful |strong="H3303" as |strong="H3303"  
Tirzah |strong="H8656",<sup>I</sup>

as |strong="H3303" pleasant as |strong="H3303"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389",

as |strong="H3303" awesome |strong="H0366"  
as |strong="H3303" the |strong="H3389" stars  
in |strong="H3303" the |strong="H3389" sky.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Don't look |strong="H5869" at |strong="H5869"  
me |strong="H4480"!

Your |strong="H4480" eyes |strong="H5869" excite  
me |strong="H4480" too |strong="H4480" much!

And |strong="H5869" your |strong="H4480"  
hair |strong="H8181" is |strong="H5869" long  
and |strong="H5869" flowing,

like |strong="H5869" little goats |strong="H5795"  
dancing down |strong="H5437" the |strong="H4480"  
slopes of |strong="H5869" Mount  
Gilead |strong="H1568".

<sup>6</sup> Your |strong="H3605" teeth |strong="H8127"  
are |strong="H0369" white like |strong="H5927"  
ewes |strong="H7353"<sup>III</sup>

just |strong="H3605" coming |strong="H5927"  
from |strong="H4480" their |strong="H3605" bath.

They |strong="H0369" all |strong="H3605"  
give |strong="H5927" birth to |strong="H0369"  
twins |strong="H8382".

<sup>I</sup> TIRZAH One of the capital cities of northern Israel. <sup>II</sup> THE STARS  
IN THE SKY Or "an army ready for war." The meaning of the Hebrew  
word here and in verse 10 is uncertain. <sup>III</sup> EWES Female goats.

Not |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369"  
of |strong="H4480" them |strong="H5927"  
has |strong="H0369" lost a |strong="H4480" baby.

<sup>7</sup> Your cheeks under your veil |strong="H6777"  
are like slices of |strong="H7416" pomegran-  
ate |strong="H7416".

<sup>8</sup> There |strong="H0369" might be |strong="H0369"  
60 queens |strong="H4436"

and |strong="H6370" 80 slave women,  
and |strong="H6370" young women too  
many |strong="H4557" to |strong="H0369"  
count |strong="H4557",

<sup>9</sup> but |strong="H7200" there is |strong="H1931" on-  
ly |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259"  
woman |strong="H1323" for |strong="H0259"  
me |strong="H7200",

my |strong="H7200" dove |strong="H3123",  
my |strong="H7200" perfect |strong="H8535"  
one |strong="H0259".

She |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931"  
the |strong="H7200" favorite of |strong="H1323"  
her |strong="H7200" mother |strong="H0517",

her |strong="H7200" mother's |strong="H0517" fa-  
vorite child |strong="H3205".

The |strong="H7200" young women |strong="H1323"  
see |strong="H7200" her |strong="H7200"  
and |strong="H7200" praise |strong="H1984"  
her |strong="H7200".

Even the |strong="H7200" queens |strong="H4436"  
and |strong="H7200" slave women |strong="H1323"  
praise |strong="H1984" her |strong="H7200".

#### The |strong="H7200" Women |strong="H1323" Praise |strong="H1984" Her |strong="H7200"

<sup>10</sup> Who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H4310"  
that |strong="H4310" young woman?

She shines out |strong="H8259"  
like |strong="H3644" the |strong="H4310"  
dawn |strong="H7837".

She is |strong="H4310" as |strong="H3644" pretty  
as |strong="H3644" the |strong="H4310"  
moon |strong="H3842".

She is |strong="H4310" as |strong="H3644"  
bright |strong="H1249" as |strong="H3644"  
the |strong="H4310" sun |strong="H2535".

She is |strong="H4310" as |strong="H3644" awe-  
some |strong="H0366"

as |strong="H3644" the |strong="H4310" stars  
in |strong="H3303" the |strong="H4310" sky.

#### He Speaks to |strong="H7837" Her

<sup>11</sup> I |strong="H7200" went |strong="H3381"  
down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0413" grove of |strong="H0413" walnut  
trees |strong="H0093",

to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200"  
 the |strong="H0413" fruit of |strong="H0413"  
 the |strong="H0413" valley |strong="H5158",  
 to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200"  
 if |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0413"  
 vines |strong="H1612" were in |strong="H0413"  
 bloom |strong="H6524",  
 to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200"  
 if |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0413" pomegran-  
 ates |strong="H7416" had |strong="H1612" bud-  
 ded |strong="H6524".  
 12 I |strong="H7760" was |strong="H5315"  
 so |strong="H3808" excited  
 when she |strong="H3808" put |strong="H7760"  
 me |strong="H5315" in |strong="H5315"  
 the |strong="H3045" royal chariot |strong="H4818". I

**The |strong="H3045" Women of |strong="H5315"  
 Jerusalem Call to |strong="H5315"  
 Her |strong="H7760"**

13 Come back, come back, Shulamith II!  
 Come back, come back, so we may look at you.  
 Why are you staring at Shulamith,  
 as she dances the Mahanaim dance III?

**He Praises Her Beauty**

7 Princess, IV your |strong="H7725" feet  
 are |strong="H4100" beautiful in |strong="H7725"  
 those sandals.

The |strong="H7725" curves of |strong="H4264"  
 your |strong="H7725" thighs are |strong="H4100"  
 like |strong="H7725" jewelry made |strong="H7725"  
 by |strong="H7725" an |strong="H7725" artist.

2 Your |strong="H3027" navel is |strong="H4100"  
 like |strong="H3644" a |strong="H3644" round cup V;  
 may it |strong="H3644" never be |strong="H3027"  
 without wine.

Your |strong="H3027" belly is |strong="H4100"  
 like |strong="H3644" a |strong="H3644" pile  
 of |strong="H1323" wheat  
 surrounded by |strong="H3027" lilies.

3 Your |strong="H0408" breasts are  
 like |strong="H7799" twin fawns  
 of |strong="H6194" a |strong="H2637" young  
 gazelle.

4 Your neck is like an ivory tower.  
 Your eyes are |strong="H8147" like  
 the |strong="H8147" pools in |strong="H8147" Hesh-  
 bon

I THE ROYAL CHARIOT Or "the chariots of my noble people." See "chariot" in the Word List. II SHULAMITH Or "Shulamite." The word might be the feminine form of the name "Solomon." This could mean she was or would become the bride of Solomon. This name might also mean "perfect," "at peace," or "woman from Shunem." III MAHANAIM DANCE Or "the victory dance" or "the dance of the two camps." IV PRINCESS Literally, "Daughter of a prince." V ROUND CUP Or "turned bowl," a stone bowl made on a lathe and used for mixing wine before it is poured into cups. This might also mean a bowl shaped like a crescent or half-moon.

near the |strong="H8147" gate of |strong="H8147"  
 Bath Rabbim.

Your nose is like the |strong="H8147" tower  
 of |strong="H8147" Lebanon  
 that looks toward Damascus.

5 Your |strong="H5921" head |strong="H6440"  
 is |strong="H0639" like |strong="H0639" Carmel,  
 and |strong="H5869" the |strong="H6440" hair  
 on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921"  
 head |strong="H6440" is |strong="H0639"  
 like |strong="H0639" silk.

Your |strong="H5921" long |strong="H6440" flowing  
 hair  
 captures even |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921"  
 king |strong="H5921".

6 You |strong="H5921" are |strong="H4428"  
 so |strong="H5921" beautiful and |strong="H4428"  
 so |strong="H5921" pleasant,  
 a |strong="H5921" lovely, delightful young woman!

7 You |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" tall—  
 as tall as a |strong="H4100" palm tree.  
 And |strong="H3302" your |strong="H4100" breasts  
 are |strong="H4100" like  
 the |strong="H4100" clusters of |strong="H0160"  
 fruit on |strong="H4100" that |strong="H4100" tree.

8 I |strong="H1819" would love to |strong="H1819"  
 climb that tree |strong="H8558"  
 and take hold of |strong="H6967" its branches.

May your breasts |strong="H7699" be  
 like |strong="H1819" clusters |strong="H0811"  
 of |strong="H6967" grapes

and your fragrance VI like |strong="H1819" apples.

9 May |strong="H1961" your |strong="H4994" mouth  
 be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961"  
 the |strong="H0559" best wine,  
 flowing straight to |strong="H0559"  
 my |strong="H1961" love,  
 flowing gently to |strong="H0559"  
 the |strong="H0559" sleeper's lips.

**She Speaks |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
 Him |strong="H0559"**

10 I belong to |strong="H1980" my |strong="H1980"  
 lover,  
 and |strong="H1980" he |strong="H1980" wants  
 me |strong="H1980".

11 Come, my |strong="H5921" lover,  
 let's go out |strong="H5921" into |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H5921" field;  
 let's spend the |strong="H5921" night  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" villages.

12 Let's get |strong="H3318" up early  
 and |strong="H7704" go |strong="H3318"  
 to |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" vineyards.  
 Let's see if the |strong="H3318" vines are  
 in |strong="H3318" bloom.

VI FRAGRANCE Literally, "breath of your nose."

Let's see if *the blossoms* have opened  
and if *the pomegranates* are in bloom.

There I will give you  
my love.

<sup>13</sup> Smell *the mandrakes*  
and *all the pleasant flowers* by our door.

I have saved many  
pleasant things for you,

my lover,  
pleasant things, new and old.

**8** If you were  
a baby, like  
my little brother  
nursing at his  
mother's breasts,

and if I found  
you outside,

I could kiss  
you,

and no one  
would say  
it was wrong.

<sup>2</sup> I would  
lead you into  
my mother's  
house,  
to the room  
of she who  
taught me.

I would give  
you spiced  
wine  
squeezed from  
my pomegranate.

**She Speaks to the Women**

<sup>3</sup> His arm  
is under my  
head,  
and his  
right hand  
holds me.

<sup>4</sup> Women of  
Jerusalem, promise  
me,

don't awaken  
love,

<sup>I</sup> *MANDRAKES* Plants with roots that look like people. People thought these plants had the power to make people fall in love.

don't arouse love,  
until I am ready. <sup>II</sup>

**The Women of Jerusalem Speak**

<sup>5</sup> Who is this  
woman  
coming from  
the desert,  
leaning on  
her lover?

**She Speaks to Him**

I woke you  
under the apple  
tree,  
where your  
mother gave  
birth to you,  
where you  
were born.

<sup>6</sup> Keep me near  
you like  
a seal  
you wear over  
your heart,  
like a  
signet ring  
you wear on  
your hand.

Love is  
as strong  
as death.

Passion is  
as strong  
as the grave. <sup>III</sup>

Its sparks become  
a flame,  
and it grows  
to become a great  
fire. <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>7</sup> A flood cannot  
out love.

Rivers cannot  
drown love.

Would people  
despise a  
man for  
giving

everything he  
owns for love?

<sup>II</sup> UNTIL I AM READY Literally, "until it desires." <sup>III</sup> THE GRAVE Or "Sheol," the place where dead people go. <sup>IV</sup> GREAT FIRE Or "the flame of the LORD."

**Her** *strong="H3605"* Brothers Speak

<sup>8</sup> We *strong="H3117"* have *strong="H0369"* a *strong="H1696"* little *strong="H6996"* sister *strong="H0269"*,  
 and *strong="H3117"* her *strong="H3117"* breasts *strong="H7699"* are *strong="H3117"* not *strong="H0369"* yet *strong="H0369"* grown.  
 What *strong="H4100"* should *strong="H4100"* we *strong="H3117"* do *strong="H6213"* for *strong="H3117"* our *strong="H0369"* sister *strong="H0269"*  
 when *strong="H3117"* a *strong="H1696"* man *strong="H0369"* comes *strong="H3117"* asking to *strong="H1696"* marry her *strong="H3117"*?  
<sup>9</sup> If *strong="H0518"* she *strong="H1931"* were *strong="H3871"* a *strong="H1129"* wall *strong="H2346"*,  
 we *strong="H0518"* would put silver *strong="H3701"* trim <sup>I</sup> around *strong="H5921"* her *strong="H5921"*.  
 If *strong="H0518"* she *strong="H1931"* were *strong="H3871"* a *strong="H1129"* door *strong="H1817"*,  
 we *strong="H0518"* would put a *strong="H1129"* cedar *strong="H0730"* board around *strong="H5921"* her *strong="H5921"*.

**She** *strong="H1931"* Answers Her *strong="H5921"* Brothers

<sup>10</sup> I *strong="H0589"* am *strong="H0589"* a *strong="H1961"* wall *strong="H2346"*,  
 and *strong="H5869"* my *strong="H1961"* breasts *strong="H7699"* are *strong="H5869"* my *strong="H1961"* towers *strong="H4026"*.  
 And *strong="H5869"* he *strong="H0227"* is *strong="H1961"* satisfied *strong="H7965"* with *strong="H1961"* me *strong="H0589"*! <sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> TRIM Or "supports." Often horizontal beams and towers were built into walls to strengthen and support them. But here, this seems to be a decoration. <sup>II</sup> HE IS SATISFIED WITH ME Literally, "in his eyes I find peace." In Hebrew this is also like the names "Solomon" and "Shulamith."

**He** *strong="H0227"* Speaks

<sup>11</sup> Solomon *strong="H8010"* had *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* vineyard *strong="H3754"* at *strong="H1961"* Baal Hamon.  
 He *strong="H8010"* put *strong="H5414"* men *strong="H0376"* in *strong="H0935"* charge *strong="H5414"* of *strong="H0376"* the *strong="H0853"* vineyard *strong="H3754"*.  
 Each *strong="H0376"* man *strong="H0376"* brought *strong="H0935"* in *strong="H0935"* grapes worth 1000 shekels *strong="H5201"* <sup>III</sup> of *strong="H0376"* silver *strong="H3701"*.  
<sup>12</sup> Solomon *strong="H8010"*, you *strong="H6440"* can keep *strong="H5201"* your *strong="H6440"* 1000 shekels *strong="H5201"*.  
 Give 200 shekels *strong="H5201"* to *strong="H6440"* each man for *strong="H8010"* the *strong="H0853"* grapes he *strong="H8010"* brought.  
 But I will *strong="H3754"* keep *strong="H5201"* my *strong="H6440"* own *strong="H6440"* vineyard *strong="H3754"*.

**He** *strong="H8010"* Speaks to *strong="H6440"* Her

<sup>13</sup> There *strong="H3427"* you *strong="H6963"* are *strong="H2270"*, sitting *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H8085"* garden *strong="H1588"*.  
 Friends are *strong="H2270"* listening *strong="H8085"* to *strong="H8085"* your *strong="H8085"* voice *strong="H6963"*.  
 Let me *strong="H6963"* hear *strong="H8085"* it too!

**She** Speaks *strong="H6963"* to *strong="H8085"* Him *strong="H6963"*

<sup>14</sup> Hurry *strong="H1272"*, my *strong="H5921"* lover!  
 Be like *strong="H1819"* a *strong="H0176"* gazelle or *strong="H0176"* a *strong="H0176"* young *strong="H6082"* deer *strong="H0354"* on *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H5921"* mountains *strong="H2022"* of *strong="H2022"* spice *strong="H1314"*.

<sup>III</sup> 1000 SHEKELS About 25 pounds (11.5 kg). Also in verse 12.

# Isaiah

**1** This *is* the *vision* of *Isaiah* son of *Amoz*. God showed *Isaiah* what would happen to *Judah* and *Jerusalem*. *Isaiah* saw this *duration* the *time* when *Uzziah*, *Jotham*, *Ahaz*, and *Hezekiah* were *kings* of *Judah*.

## God's Case Against *Israel*

**2** *Heaven* and *earth* listen. This *what* *LORD* says: "I *raised* my *children* and *helped* them *grow* up, but *they* have *turned* against me."

**3** A *bull* knows its *master*, and *a donkey* knows *where* its *owner* feeds it.

But *Israel* does *not* know *me*.

My *people* do *not* understand.

**4** Oh, *what* a *sinful* *nation*! Their *guilt* is *like* a *heavy* weight that *they*

must *carry*. They *are* *evil*, destructive *children* left *the* *LORD* and *insulted* the *Holy*. One *of* *Israel*. They *turned* away and *treated* him *like* a *stranger*.

**5** *What* *good* will *it* do *to* keep *you* *will* *continue* *to* rebel. Your *whole* and *heart* are *already* sick and *aching*.

From *the* bottom of *your* feet *to* the *top* of *your* head, every *part* of *your* body has *wounds*, *cuts*, and *open sores*. You *have* *not* taken care of *them*. Your *wounds* *have* *not* been *cleaned* and *bandaged*.

**7** Your *land* is *in* *ruins*, and *your* *cities* are *in* *flames*. Your *enemies* have *taken* your *land*, and *foreigners* are *taking* what it *produces*. It *looks*

<sup>1</sup> THEY ... CHILDREN Or "They are destructive children of evil parents."<sup>II</sup> YOUR WHOLE ... ACHING Or "Every head and heart is already sick and aching."



like|strong="H0776" some foreigners|strong="H2114" destroyed|strong="H0398" it|strong="H0398".<sup>1</sup>

### Warnings for|strong="H0776" Jerusalem

8 The|strong="H5341" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1323" Jerusalem<sup>II</sup> is|strong="H1323" now like|strong="H1323" an empty shed left|strong="H3498" in|strong="H3498" a|strong="H3498" vineyard|strong="H3754". It|strong="H5341" is|strong="H1323" like|strong="H1323" an old|strong="H1323" straw hut|strong="H5521" abandoned in|strong="H3498" a|strong="H3498" field|strong="H4750" of|strong="H1323" cucumbers or|strong="H3754" like|strong="H1323" a|strong="H3498" city|strong="H5892" surrounded by|strong="H1323" enemies.<sup>9</sup> If|strong="H3884" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful had|strong="H3068" not|strong="H1961" allowed|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1961" few|strong="H4592" people to|strong="H1961" live, we|strong="H1819" would|strong="H3068" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" destroyed completely like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3068" cities of|strong="H3068" Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H3068" Gomorrah|strong="H6017". And|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3068" almost|strong="H4592" happened|strong="H1961".

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H5971" officers of|strong="H0430" Sodom|strong="H5467", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085" LORD'S|strong="H3068" message|strong="H1697". You|strong="H5971" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0430" Gomorrah|strong="H6017",<sup>III</sup> listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H3068" God's|strong="H0430" teaching|strong="H8451".<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", "Why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3808" continue giving me|strong="H3808" all|strong="H7230" these sacrifices|strong="H2077"? I|strong="H0559" have|strong="H7646" had|strong="H3068" enough|strong="H7646" of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" sacrifices|strong="H2077" of|strong="H3068" rams|strong="H0352" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" fat|strong="H2459" from|strong="H3068" well-fed animals. I|strong="H0559" don't|strong="H3808" want|strong="H2654" the|strong="H0559" blood|strong="H1818" of|strong="H3068" those|strong="H2459" bulls|strong="H6499",

I IT LOOKS ... DESTROYED IT Or "It looks like the land of the foreigners that was destroyed." This might refer to civil war in Israel or to some time when God destroyed foreign nations, such as Sodom and Gomorrah. II CITY OF JERUSALEM Literally, "daughter Zion." See "Zion" in the Word List. III OFFICERS OF SODOM ... GOMORRAH Here, this refers to leaders and people from Judah.

sheep|strong="H3532", and|strong="H3068" goats|strong="H6260".<sup>12</sup> When|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" people|strong="H7200" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" meet|strong="H6440" with|strong="H0935" me|strong="H6440", you|strong="H3588" trample|strong="H7429" everything in|strong="H0935" my|strong="H7200" yard. Who|strong="H4310" told you|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H4310" this|strong="H2063"?

<sup>13</sup> "Don't|strong="H3808" keep|strong="H3254" bringing|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0935" those|strong="H1931" worthless|strong="H7723" sacrifices|strong="H4503". I|strong="H3201" hate|strong="H8441" the|strong="H0935" incense|strong="H7004" you|strong="H0935" give|strong="H3254" me|strong="H0935". I|strong="H3201" cannot|strong="H3808" stand|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" festivals for|strong="H7121" the|strong="H0935" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320", the|strong="H0935" Sabbath|strong="H7676", and|strong="H0935" other special meeting days. I|strong="H3201" hate|strong="H8441" the|strong="H0935" evil|strong="H0205" you|strong="H0935" do|strong="H3254" during those|strong="H1931" holy times together.<sup>14</sup> I|strong="H5315" hate|strong="H8130" your|strong="H5921" monthly|strong="H2320" meetings and|strong="H5315" councils. They|strong="H5921" have|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" heavy weights to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H5315", and|strong="H5315" I|strong="H5315" am|strong="H1961" tired|strong="H3811" of|strong="H5921" carrying|strong="H5375" them|strong="H5921".

<sup>15</sup> "When|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" raise|strong="H7235" your|strong="H8085" arms|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0369" pray|strong="H8605" to|strong="H0369" me|strong="H4480", I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1571" refuse to|strong="H0369" look|strong="H5869" at|strong="H0369" you|strong="H3588". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1571" say more|strong="H4480" and|strong="H3027" more|strong="H4480" prayers|strong="H8605", but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1571" refuse to|strong="H0369" listen|strong="H8085" because|strong="H3588" your|strong="H8085" hands|strong="H3027" are|strong="H3027" covered|strong="H4390" with|strong="H4390" blood|strong="H1818".

<sup>16</sup> "Wash|strong="H7364" yourselves|strong="H5869" and|strong="H5869" make|strong="H2135" yourselves|strong="H5869" clean|strong="H2135". Stop|strong="H2308" doing

the evil things I see you do. Stop doing wrong. Learn to do good. Treat people fairly. Punish those who hurt others. Speak up for the widows and orphans. Argue their cases in court.

18 " I, the LORD, am one speaking to you. Come, let's discuss. Even if your sins are as dark as red dye, that be removed and you will be as pure as wool that is as white as snow.

19 " If you listen to what I say, you will get the good things from this land. But if you refuse to listen and rebel against me, your enemies will destroy you."

The LORD himself said this.

#### Unfaithful Jerusalem

21 Look at Jerusalem. She was a faithful city. What made her become like a prostitute? In the past, Jerusalem was filled with jus-

tice, and goodness should live there now. Instead, there are murderers.

22 Once you were like pure silver, but now you are like impurities that people throw away when the silver is purified. You are like good wine that has been weakened with water. Your rulers are rebels and friends of thieves. They demand bribes and accept money for doing wrong. They take money to cheat people, and they don't speak up for widows and orphans. They will not listen to their cries for help.

24 Because of this, the Lord GOD All-Powerful, the Mighty One of Israel, says, "Look, I will get relief from my enemies. You will not cause me any more trouble."

25 People use lye to clean silver. In the same way, I will clean away all your wrongs. I will remove all the impurities from you. I will bring back the kind of judges you had in

the |strong="H0310" beginning |strong="H8462".  
Your |strong="H7725" counselors |strong="H3289"  
will |strong="H6664" be |strong="H7725"  
like |strong="H3651" those |strong="H0310"  
you |strong="H7725" had long ago.  
Then |strong="H3651" you |strong="H7725"  
will |strong="H6664" be |strong="H7725"  
called |strong="H7121" The |strong="H0310" Good  
and |strong="H7725" Faithful |strong="H0539"  
City |strong="H5892"."

<sup>27</sup> God is |strong="H4941" good  
and |strong="H7725" does what |strong="H4941"  
is |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941",  
so |strong="H7725" he |strong="H7725"  
will |strong="H6666" rescue |strong="H6299"  
Zion |strong="H6726" and |strong="H7725"  
the |strong="H7725" people who  
come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H7725" him |strong="H7725". <sup>28</sup>  
But |strong="H5800" all |strong="H3162"  
the |strong="H3068" criminals |strong="H2400"  
and |strong="H3068" sinners |strong="H2400"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" de-  
stroyed |strong="H3615". Those who |strong="H3068"  
stopped following the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3068" removed.

<sup>29</sup> In |strong="H0977" the |strong="H0834" future,  
you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"  
be |strong="H3588" ashamed |strong="H0954"  
of |strong="H0954" the |strong="H0834" oak trees  
and |strong="H0954" special gar-  
dens |strong="H1593" you |strong="H0834"  
chose |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0954" worship,  
<sup>30</sup> because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
like |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961"  
oak |strong="H0424" tree whose |strong="H0834"  
leaves |strong="H5929" are |strong="H0834" dying.  
You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" garden |strong="H1593" dying  
without |strong="H0369" water |strong="H4325".

<sup>31</sup> Powerful people will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" small, dry  
pieces of |strong="H8147" wood, and |strong="H1961"  
what |strong="H6467" they |strong="H0369" did  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" sparks  
that |strong="H1961" start a |strong="H1961" fire.  
These people and |strong="H1961"  
their |strong="H1961" works will |strong="H1961"  
both |strong="H8147" burn |strong="H1197"  
up |strong="H1961", and |strong="H1961"  
no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" able

I SPECIAL GARDENS Gardens where people worshiped false gods.

to |strong="H1961" put |strong="H3518"  
out |strong="H8147" that |strong="H1961" fire.

### God's Message to Judah and Jerusalem

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah |strong="H3470" son |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531" re-  
ceived |strong="H5921" this |strong="H1697" mes-  
sage |strong="H1697" about |strong="H5921" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>2</sup> In |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605"  
last |strong="H0319" days |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H3605" mountain |strong="H2022"  
of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H3605" highest of |strong="H1004"  
all |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022".

It |strong="H3559" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H1961" raised |strong="H5375" higher  
than |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
hills |strong="H1389".

There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" steady stream  
of |strong="H1004" people |strong="H1471"  
from |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" na-  
tions |strong="H1471" going there |strong="H1961".

<sup>3</sup> People |strong="H5971" from |strong="H3318"  
many |strong="H7227" places |strong="H1004"  
will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H1980"  
there |strong="H5927" and |strong="H1980"  
say |strong="H0559",

" Come |strong="H1980", let's |strong="H1980"  
go |strong="H1980" up |strong="H5927"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" moun-  
tain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H1004"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068",  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004"  
the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"  
of |strong="H1004" Jacob |strong="H3290".

Then |strong="H1980" God |strong="H0430"  
will |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3384"  
us |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3068"  
way |strong="H1870" of |strong="H1004" liv-  
ing |strong="H1870",

and |strong="H1980" we |strong="H3588"  
will |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H1980"  
him |strong="H0413"."

His |strong="H3068" teaching |strong="H8451",  
the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" mes-  
sage |strong="H1697", will |strong="H3068" begin  
in |strong="H1980" Jerusalem |strong="H3389"  
on |strong="H0413" Mount |strong="H2022"  
Zion |strong="H6726"

and |strong="H1980" will |strong="H3068"  
go |strong="H1980" out |strong="H3318"

to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H1697"  
the|strong="H0559" world.

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H5375" God|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H1471" act as|strong="H5750"  
judge|strong="H8199" to|strong="H0413" end argu-  
ments between|strong="H0996" na-  
tions|strong="H1471".

He|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" de-  
cide|strong="H3198" what is|strong="H2719"  
right|strong="H7227" for|strong="H0413" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" from|strong="H0413"  
many|strong="H7227" lands.

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471"  
stop|strong="H3808" using their|strong="H5375"  
weapons|strong="H4421" for|strong="H0413"  
war|strong="H4421".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" ham-  
mer|strong="H3807" their|strong="H5375"  
swords|strong="H2719" into|strong="H0413" plows  
and|strong="H2719" use|strong="H5375"  
their|strong="H5375" spears|strong="H2595"  
to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H5375" tools  
for|strong="H0413" harvesting.

All|strong="H5750" fighting be-  
tween|strong="H0996" nations|strong="H1471"  
will|strong="H1471" end.

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" nev-  
er|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750"  
train|strong="H3925" for|strong="H0413"  
war|strong="H4421".

<sup>5</sup> Family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290", let us follow|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>6</sup> Family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Ja-  
cob|strong="H3290", you|strong="H3588"  
have|strong="H6430" abandoned|strong="H5203"  
your|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971".  
This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1004" clear be-  
cause|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588"  
have|strong="H6430" been|strong="H4390"  
filled|strong="H4390" with|strong="H4390" bad influ-  
ences from|strong="H6430" the|strong="H3588"  
East|strong="H6924",<sup>1</sup> and|strong="H1004"  
now|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" try to|strong="H1004" tell  
the|strong="H3588" future like|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3588" Philistines|strong="H6430".  
They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H6430" com-  
pletely accepted those|strong="H3588" strange ideas.

<sup>7</sup> Jacob's land|strong="H0776" has|strong="H0369"  
been|strong="H0776" filled|strong="H4390"  
with|strong="H4390" silver|strong="H3701"  
and|strong="H0776" gold|strong="H2091"  
from|strong="H0776" other|strong="H0369" places.  
There|strong="H0369" are|strong="H0776" many  
treasures|strong="H0214" there|strong="H0369".  
His|strong="H4390" land|strong="H0776"

I EAST This usually refers to the area around Babylon.

has|strong="H0369" been|strong="H0776"  
filled|strong="H4390" with|strong="H4390" hors-  
es|strong="H5483" and|strong="H0776" many chari-  
ots|strong="H4818".<sup>8</sup> His|strong="H0834"  
land|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0834"  
full|strong="H4390" of|strong="H0776" gods  
that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" peo-  
ple|strong="H0834" bow|strong="H7812"  
down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H3027" wor-  
ship|strong="H7812". They|strong="H0834"  
made|strong="H6213" those|strong="H0834"  
idols|strong="H0457" themselves|strong="H7812".<sup>9</sup>  
The|strong="H5375" people|strong="H0120"  
have|strong="H0376" become|strong="H5375" worse  
and|strong="H0376" worse. They|strong="H0376"  
have|strong="H0376" become|strong="H5375" very  
low|strong="H8213", and|strong="H0376"  
you|strong="H5375" leaders did|strong="H0376"  
nothing|strong="H0408" to|strong="H0376"  
lift|strong="H5375" them|strong="H5375"  
up|strong="H5375".<sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H6440" should|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" afraid|strong="H6343"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440"  
LORD|strong="H3068"! Go|strong="H0935"  
hide|strong="H2934" in|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H6440" dirt|strong="H6083"  
and|strong="H0935" behind the|strong="H6440"  
rocks|strong="H6697". Hide|strong="H2934"  
from|strong="H0935" his|strong="H3068" glorious  
power!

<sup>11</sup> Proud|strong="H1365" people|strong="H0120"  
will|strong="H3068" stop being  
proud|strong="H1365". They|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H3068" bow|strong="H7817"  
down|strong="H7817" to|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" ground with|strong="H3068"  
shame, and|strong="H3068" only|strong="H0905"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" still stand high|strong="H7682".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-  
Powerful has|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" spe-  
cial day|strong="H3117" planned  
when|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" punish the|strong="H3605"  
proud|strong="H1343" and|strong="H3068" boastful  
people. They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H5375"  
down|strong="H8213".<sup>13</sup> They|strong="H5921"  
might be|strong="H7311" like|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" tall|strong="H7311"  
cedar|strong="H0730" trees from|strong="H5921"  
Lebanon|strong="H3844" or the|strong="H3605"  
great oak|strong="H0437" trees  
from|strong="H5921" Bashan|strong="H1316",  
but|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921"

II THEY ... UP Or "The people have become very low. Surely you will not forgive them!"

will |strong="H3844" be |strong="H7311" cut down |strong="H5921". <sup>14</sup> They |strong="H5921" might |strong="H2022" be |strong="H7311" like |strong="H1389" the |strong="H3605" tall |strong="H7311" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H2022" high |strong="H7311" hills |strong="H1389"<sup>15</sup> or like |strong="H2346" the |strong="H3605" tall towers |strong="H4026" and |strong="H2346" high |strong="H1364" walls |strong="H2346", but |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H2346" be |strong="H3605" brought down |strong="H5921". <sup>16</sup> They |strong="H5921" might be |strong="H3605" like |strong="H5921" great ships |strong="H0591" from |strong="H5921" Tarshish |strong="H8659", I filled with |strong="H5921" such |strong="H3605" wonderful cargo, but |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3605" brought down |strong="H5921".

<sup>17</sup> At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" those |strong="H0376" proud |strong="H1365" people |strong="H0120" will |strong="H3068" fall. They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" bow |strong="H7817" low |strong="H8213" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" ground, and |strong="H3068" on-ly |strong="H0905" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" stand high |strong="H7682". <sup>18</sup> All |strong="H3632" the idols |strong="H0457" will |strong="H0457" be gone. <sup>19</sup> People |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" holes |strong="H4247" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" ground |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" cracks in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" rocks |strong="H6697" be-cause |strong="H6440" they |strong="H3068" fear |strong="H6343" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3068" great |strong="H6343" power as |strong="H0935" he |strong="H3068" stands |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0935" shake the |strong="H6440" earth |strong="H0776".

<sup>20</sup> At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" people |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0834" throw |strong="H7993" away |strong="H7993" their |strong="H0834" idols |strong="H0457" they |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" from |strong="H3117" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3701" sil-ber |strong="H3701". They |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" these |strong="H1931" statues to |strong="H3117" worship |strong="H7812", but |strong="H3117" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" throw |strong="H7993"

I SHIPS FROM TARSHISH This is probably a special type of cargo ship.

them |strong="H0853" into |strong="H7993" holes in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" ground where |strong="H0834" bats |strong="H5847" and |strong="H3701" moles live |strong="H3117". <sup>21</sup> They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H0935" down |strong="H6440" in- to |strong="H0935" cracks in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" rocks |strong="H6697" and |strong="H0935" boulders |strong="H6697" be-cause |strong="H6440" they |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" afraid |strong="H6343" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3068" glorious power as |strong="H0935" he |strong="H3068" stands |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0935" shake the |strong="H6440" earth |strong="H0776".

<sup>22</sup> Stop |strong="H2308" trusting |strong="H4480" other people |strong="H0120" to |strong="H4480" save you |strong="H0834". Do |strong="H4100" not |strong="H2308" think |strong="H2803" too |strong="H4480" highly of |strong="H4480" them |strong="H4480"; they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" only humans who |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H2308" stopped |strong="H2308" breath- ing yet |strong="H3588".

<sup>3</sup> Understand what |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068" telling you |strong="H3588": The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H3068" All-Pow-erful will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" everything |strong="H3605" Ju- dah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" depend on |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" food |strong="H3899" and |strong="H3068" water |strong="H4325". <sup>2</sup> He |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" take away all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H8199" he- roes |strong="H1368" and |strong="H0376" sol- diers |strong="H0376". He |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" take away all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H8199" judges |strong="H8199", the |strong="H8199" prophets |strong="H5030", the |strong="H8199" fortunetellers, and |strong="H0376" the |strong="H8199" el- ders |strong="H2205". <sup>3</sup> He |strong="H6440" will |strong="H2450" take |strong="H5375" away |strong="H5375" the |strong="H6440" army offi- cers |strong="H8269" and |strong="H6440" important officials |strong="H8269". He |strong="H6440" will |strong="H2450" take |strong="H5375" away |strong="H5375" the |strong="H6440" skilled |strong="H2450" counselors |strong="H3289", the |strong="H6440" magicians, and |strong="H6440"

those **who** try to tell the **future**.

<sup>4</sup> He **says**, " I **will** put **young** boys **in** charge of **you**. They **will** be **your** leaders." <sup>5</sup> The **people** **will** turn against **each** other. **Young** people **will** not respect those **who** are **older**. The **common** people **will** not respect important leaders."

<sup>6</sup> At **that** time **a** man **will** grab one of **his** brothers from **his** own **family** and **tell** him, " You **have** a coat, <sup>1</sup> so **you** **will** be **our** leader. You **will** be **the** leader over **all** these **ruins**."

<sup>7</sup> But **the** brother **will** refuse and **say**, " I **cannot** help **you**. I **don't** have **enough** food or **clothes** for **my** own **family**. You **will** not **make** me **your** leader."

<sup>8</sup> This **will** happen because **Jerusalem** has **stumbled**, and **Judah** has **fallen**. They **turned** against **the** LORD. They

<sup>1</sup> COAT Or "robe." This showed that a person was a leader of the people.

**and** **did** things against **him**, **right** in **front** of **his** glorious eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The **look** on **their** faces shows that **they** are **guilty**. They are **like** the **people** of **Sodom**; **they** **don't** care who **sees** their **sin**. But **will** be **very** bad for **them**. They **will** get what **they** deserve.

<sup>10</sup> Tell **the** good **people** do what **is** **right** good things **will** happen to **them**. They **will** receive a **reward** for **what** they do. <sup>11</sup> But **it** **will** be **very** bad for **wicked** people, because **they**, too, **will** get what **they** deserve. They **will** get what **they** **did** to **others**.

<sup>12</sup> Even children **will** defeat **my** people, and **women** **will** rule over **them**.

**My** people, **your** guides lead **you** the **wrong** way, and **they** **will** destroy **the** path **you** should follow.

#### God's Decision About **the** People

<sup>13</sup> Look, **the** LORD **is** standing to **judge** **his** people.

The LORD is ready to present his case against the elders and leaders of his people.

He says, "You people burned vineyard what you stole from poor in your houses you to hurt my people? What gives you the right to push the faces of poor into dirt?" The Lord GOD All-Powerful said this.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD says, "The women of Zion have become very proud. They walk around with their heads high in the air, acting like they are better than other people. They flirt with their eyes and make tinkling sounds with their ankle bracelets as they take quick little steps."

<sup>17</sup> The Lord will put sores on the heads of those women of Zion. The LORD will make their heads bald. <sup>18</sup> Then the Lord

I VINEYARD A garden for growing grapes. Here, this probably means Judah.

will take away everything they are proud of: the beautiful ankle bracelets, the necklaces that look like the sun and the moon, the earrings, the bracelets, and veils, the scarves, the ankle chains, the cloth belts worn around their waists, the bottles of perfume, the charms, the signet rings, and the nose rings, the fine dresses, robes, veils, and purses, the mirrors, linen dresses, turbans, and long shawls.

<sup>24</sup> Those women now have sweet-smelling perfume, but it will get moldy and stink. Now they wear belts, but then they will have only ropes to wear. Now they have hair fixed in fancy ways, but then they will be shaved— they will have no hair. <sup>III</sup> Now they have party dresses, but then they will have only mourning clothes. They have beauty marks on their faces now, but then they will have another mark. It will be a mark burned into their skin to show

II CHARMS Things people wore on bracelets and necklaces. People thought these things would protect them from evil or danger.  
III THEY WILL HAVE NO HAIR This means that they will become slaves.

that |strong="H1961" they|strong="H8478" are |strong="H4639" slaves.

<sup>25</sup> Your |strong="H5307" men |strong="H4962" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H4962" killed |strong="H2719" with |strong="H4421" swords |strong="H2719". Your |strong="H5307" heroes will |strong="H2719" die |strong="H5307" in |strong="H5307" war |strong="H4421". <sup>26</sup> There |strong="H3427" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" crying and |strong="H0776" sadness in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0776" meeting places by |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" city gates |strong="H6607". Jerusalem will |strong="H0776" sit |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" empty, like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" woman who |strong="H3427" has |strong="H0776" lost everything to |strong="H0776" thieves and |strong="H0776" robbers and |strong="H0776" now just sits |strong="H3427" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" ground |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" cries.

<sup>4</sup> At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" women |strong="H0802" will |strong="H0376" grab |strong="H2388" one |strong="H0259" man |strong="H0376" and |strong="H0398" say |strong="H0559", "Please marry |strong="H0802" us |strong="H5921"! We |strong="H3117" will |strong="H0376" supply our |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376" food |strong="H3899" and |strong="H0398" make |strong="H2388" our |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376" clothes |strong="H8071". You |strong="H5921" won't have |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0559" do anything |strong="H3899" else if |strong="H0376" you |strong="H5921" let us |strong="H5921" wear |strong="H3847" your |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034" and |strong="H0398" take |strong="H2388" away |strong="H0622" our |strong="H5921" shame |strong="H2781"."

<sup>2</sup> At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" plant <sup>I</sup> will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" very beautiful |strong="H8597" and |strong="H3068" glorious |strong="H8597". The |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0776" in |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" who |strong="H1931" survived will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" very proud |strong="H1347" of |strong="H0776" what |strong="H6780" the |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776" grows. <sup>3</sup> And |strong="H3389" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H6726" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H3789" Zion |strong="H6726" and |strong="H3389" Jerusalem |strong="H3389"

<sup>I</sup> THE LORD'S PLANT This might refer to the country of Judah or to the future king or Messiah. See Isaiah 5:7.

will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" called |strong="H0559" holy |strong="H6918". Their |strong="H3605" names were |strong="H1961" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" list of |strong="H6918" people in |strong="H3789" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1961" allowed to |strong="H0559" live |strong="H2416".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" will |strong="H3389" wash |strong="H7364" away |strong="H7364" the |strong="H0853" filth |strong="H6675" <sup>II</sup> from |strong="H7307" the |strong="H0853" daughters |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" Zion |strong="H6726". <sup>III</sup> He |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3389" wash |strong="H7364" away |strong="H7364" the |strong="H0853" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H7307" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". With |strong="H3389" a |strong="H0518" spirit |strong="H7307" of |strong="H1323" judgment |strong="H4941" that |strong="H0518" burns |strong="H1197" like |strong="H1323" fire, he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3389" make |strong="H4941" everything pure. <sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" create |strong="H1254" a |strong="H3588" cloud |strong="H6051" of |strong="H3068" smoke |strong="H6227" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3119" and |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" bright |strong="H5051" flame |strong="H3852" of |strong="H3068" fire |strong="H0784" <sup>IV</sup> at |strong="H5921" night |strong="H3915" over |strong="H5921" every |strong="H3605" building and |strong="H3068" over |strong="H5921" every |strong="H3605" meeting of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" mountain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H3068" Zion |strong="H6726". And |strong="H3068" there |strong="H2022" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" covering over |strong="H5921" everyone |strong="H3605" <sup>V</sup> for |strong="H3588" protection. <sup>6</sup> It |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" shelter |strong="H5521" to |strong="H1961" protect the |strong="H1961" people from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" heat of |strong="H6738" the |strong="H1961" sun and |strong="H3119" from |strong="H1961" all kinds of |strong="H6738" storms and |strong="H3119" rain |strong="H4306".

<sup>II</sup> WASH AWAY THE FILTH This is like a special ceremony for washing away the blood after a menstrual period. After this a man and wife could have sexual relations. <sup>III</sup> DAUGHTERS OF ZION This can refer either to the small towns around Jerusalem or to the women living there. <sup>IV</sup> CLOUD OF SMOKE ... FIRE The signs God used to show that he was with his people. <sup>V</sup> EVERYONE Literally, "glory," but this can also mean "soul" or "person." See Psalm 16:9.



## Judah, God's Vineyard

5 Now I will sing a song for my friend, my love song about his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug and cleared the field and planted the best grapevines there. He built a tower in the middle and cut a winepress into the stone. He expected good grapes to grow there, but they were only rotten ones.

3 My friend said, "You people living in Jerusalem and you people of Judah, I think about me and my vineyard."

4 What more could I do for my vineyard? I did everything I could. I hoped for good grapes to grow, but there were only rotten ones. Why did that happen?

I YOU PEOPLE ... JUDAH Or "Rulers of Jerusalem and leader of Judah ..."

5 " Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will pull up the thornbushes that protect it, and I will burn them. I will break down the stone wall and use the stones for a walkway.

6 I will turn my vineyard into useless land. No one will care for the plants or work in the field. Weeds and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

7 The vineyard that belongs to the LORD All-Powerful is the house of Israel. The grapevine, he loves, is the man of Judah. The Lord hoped for justice, but there was only killing. He hoped for fairness,

II MAN OF JUDAH This could mean either "the king of Judah" or simply, "people of Judah."

but *strong*="H3588" there *strong*="H2009" were *strong*="H3478" only cries from *strong*="H0376" people *strong*="H0376" being treated badly.

<sup>8</sup> Look at *strong*="H3427" you *strong*="H5704" people *strong*="H3427"! You *strong*="H5704" join *strong*="H7126" houses *strong*="H1004" to *strong*="H5704" houses *strong*="H1004" and *strong*="H0776" fields *strong*="H7704" to *strong*="H5704" fields *strong*="H7704" until *strong*="H5704" there *strong*="H0657" is *strong*="H0776" no *strong*="H0657" room *strong*="H1004" for *strong*="H0776" anyone else. But *strong*="H7126" when *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H5704" punishment comes *strong*="H7126", you *strong*="H5704" will *strong*="H0776" be *strong*="H0776" forced to *strong*="H5704" live *strong*="H3427" alone *strong*="H0905". You *strong*="H5704" will *strong*="H0776" be *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H5704" only *strong*="H0905" people *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" the *strong*="H5704" whole land *strong*="H0776". <sup>9</sup> I *strong*="H0518" heard the *strong*="H3068" LORD *strong*="H3068" All-Powerful make this *strong*="H3068" oath: " I *strong*="H0518" swear, all *strong*="H1419" these houses *strong*="H1004" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" destroyed *strong*="H8047". These big, fancy houses *strong*="H1004" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" empty. <sup>10</sup> A *strong*="H3588" ten-acre vineyard *strong*="H3754" will *strong*="H2233" make *strong*="H6213" only *strong*="H0259" a *strong*="H3588" little wine, <sup>I</sup> and *strong*="H3754" many sacks of *strong*="H2233" seed *strong*="H2233" will *strong*="H2233" grow only *strong*="H0259" a *strong*="H3588" little grain *strong*="H2233". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>11</sup> How terrible it *strong*="H1242" will *strong*="H7291" be *strong*="H5399" for you *strong*="H7291" people who *strong*="H1945" rise *strong*="H7925" early *strong*="H7925" in *strong*="H0309" the *strong*="H7291" morning *strong*="H1242" and *strong*="H1242" go looking for beer *strong*="H7941" to *strong*="H1242" drink *strong*="H7941". You *strong*="H7291" stay *strong*="H0309" awake late *strong*="H0309" at night, getting drunk *strong*="H3196" on wine *strong*="H3196". <sup>12</sup> At *strong*="H3068" your *strong*="H3068" parties with *strong*="H3068" your *strong*="H3068" wine *strong*="H3196", harps *strong*="H3658", drums, flutes *strong*="H2485", and *strong*="H3068" other musical instruments, you *strong*="H0853" don't *strong*="H3808" see *strong*="H7200" what *strong*="H4639" the *strong*="H0853"

I ONLY A LITTLE WINE Literally, "one bath," a measure that equals about 6 gallons (22 l). II ONLY A LITTLE GRAIN Literally, "A homer of seed will grow only an ephah of grain." A homer equals about 6 bushels (220 l). An ephah equals about 2/3 bushel (22 l).

LORD *strong*="H3068" has *strong*="H3068" done *strong*="H1961". You *strong*="H0853" don't *strong*="H3808" notice what *strong*="H4639" his *strong*="H3068" hands *strong*="H3027" have *strong*="H1961" made *strong*="H4639".

<sup>13</sup> My *strong*="H3651" people *strong*="H5971" don't really know *strong*="H1847" God. So *strong*="H3651" they *strong*="H3651" will *strong*="H7458" be *strong*="H4962" captured and *strong*="H7458" taken *strong*="H1540" away *strong*="H1540". Everyone, the *strong*="H3651" respected leaders *strong*="H4962" and *strong*="H7458" the *strong*="H3651" common people *strong*="H5971" as *strong*="H3651" well *strong*="H3651", will *strong*="H7458" be *strong*="H4962" hungry and *strong*="H7458" thirsty *strong*="H6772". <sup>14</sup> They *strong*="H3651" will *strong*="H5315" die, and *strong*="H6310" the *strong*="H3651" place of *strong*="H6310" death *strong*="H7585" will *strong*="H5315" open *strong*="H7337" its *strong*="H7337" mouth *strong*="H6310" wide *strong*="H7337" and *strong*="H6310" swallow many *strong*="H1995" of *strong*="H6310" them *strong*="H3381". Then *strong*="H3651" the *strong*="H3651" noisy *strong*="H1995" crowds *strong*="H1995" and *strong*="H6310" all *strong*="H6310" the *strong*="H3651" beautiful *strong*="H1926", happy people *strong*="H5315" who *strong*="H5315" are *strong*="H6310" now so *strong*="H3651" comfortable will *strong*="H5315" go *strong*="H3381" down *strong*="H3381" into *strong*="H3381" the *strong*="H3651" grave.

<sup>15</sup> Everyone *strong*="H0376", common people *strong*="H0120" and *strong*="H5869" leaders alike, will *strong*="H0376" be *strong*="H0376" humbled *strong*="H7817". Those *strong*="H0376" who *strong*="H0376" are *strong*="H0376" now *strong*="H0120" so proud *strong*="H1364" will *strong*="H0376" bow *strong*="H7817" their *strong*="H0376" heads in *strong*="H0376" shame. <sup>16</sup> The *strong*="H3068" LORD *strong*="H3068" All-Powerful will *strong*="H3068" judge *strong*="H4941" fairly *strong*="H4941", and *strong*="H3068" people will *strong*="H3068" honor him *strong*="H3068". They *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" respect the *strong*="H3068" Holy *strong*="H6918" God *strong*="H0410" when *strong*="H3068" he *strong*="H3068" brings justice *strong*="H4941". <sup>17</sup> Then sheep *strong*="H3532" will *strong*="H3532" be able to *strong*="H0398" go wherever they *strong*="H0398" want and *strong*="H0398" graze *strong*="H7462" on the *strong*="H0398" land that rich people once owned.

<sup>18</sup> Look at those *strong*="H1945" people! They pull their *strong*="H5771" guilt *strong*="H5771" and *strong*="H7723" sins *strong*="H2403" behind

them like people pulling wagons |strong="H5699" with |strong="H5771" ropes |strong="H5688".<sup>19</sup> They |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H7200" wish God |strong="H0559" would |strong="H3478" hurry |strong="H4116" and |strong="H0935" do |strong="H4639" what |strong="H4639" he |strong="H0559" plans |strong="H6098" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H4639" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H3045" we |strong="H7200" can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200" it |strong="H7126". Let the |strong="H0559" plan |strong="H6098" of |strong="H6918" the |strong="H0559" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H6918" Israel |strong="H3478" happen soon |strong="H4116" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H3045" we |strong="H7200" can |strong="H7200" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4639" it |strong="H7126" is |strong="H4639"."

<sup>20</sup> Look at |strong="H2896" those |strong="H1945" people! They |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559" good |strong="H2896" is |strong="H0216" bad |strong="H7451" and |strong="H2822" bad |strong="H7451" is |strong="H0216" good |strong="H2896". They |strong="H0559" think |strong="H0559" light |strong="H0216" is |strong="H0216" dark |strong="H2822" and |strong="H2822" dark |strong="H2822" is |strong="H0216" light |strong="H0216". They |strong="H0559" think |strong="H0559" sour is |strong="H0216" sweet |strong="H4966" and |strong="H2822" sweet |strong="H4966" is |strong="H0216" sour.<sup>21</sup> They |strong="H6440" think |strong="H5869" they |strong="H6440" are |strong="H5869" so |strong="H6440" smart. They |strong="H6440" think |strong="H5869" they |strong="H6440" are |strong="H5869" very intelligent |strong="H0995".<sup>22</sup> They |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" famous for |strong="H2428" drinking |strong="H8354" wine |strong="H3196" and |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" heroes |strong="H1368" known for |strong="H2428" mixing |strong="H4537" drinks |strong="H8354".<sup>23</sup> And |strong="H6666" if |strong="H6118" you |strong="H4480" pay them |strong="H5493" enough money, they |strong="H5493" will |strong="H6662" forgive a |strong="H4480" criminal. But |strong="H7563" they |strong="H5493" will |strong="H6662" not let good people |strong="H7563" be |strong="H7563" judged fairly |strong="H6662".<sup>24</sup> So |strong="H3651" bad things |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853". Their |strong="H3068" descendants will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" de-

stroyed |strong="H0398" completely, just as |strong="H1961" fire |strong="H0784" burns straw |strong="H7179" and |strong="H3068" leaves. Their |strong="H3068" descendants will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" plants with |strong="H3068" rotten roots |strong="H8328", whose flowers |strong="H6525" have |strong="H1961" all |strong="H0398" blown away |strong="H5927" like |strong="H1961" dust |strong="H0080" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" wind.

Those |strong="H0853" people refused to |strong="H1961" obey |strong="H8451" the |strong="H0853" teachings |strong="H8451" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful. They |strong="H3588" hated the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" became |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3651" raised his |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027" to |strong="H7725" punish them |strong="H5921". Even |strong="H5750" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" shook with |strong="H3068" fear. Dead |strong="H5038" bodies |strong="H5038" were |strong="H1961" left |strong="H7725" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" streets |strong="H2351" like |strong="H1961" garbage. And |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" finished yet |strong="H5750". He |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" still |strong="H5750" angry |strong="H2734", and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" arm |strong="H3027" is |strong="H3068" raised to |strong="H7725" continue |strong="H1961" punishing |strong="H7725" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

**God |strong="H3068" Will |strong="H3068" Bring |strong="H7725" Armies |strong="H3808" to |strong="H7725" Punish Israel |strong="H5971"**

<sup>26</sup> Look |strong="H2009"! God is |strong="H0776" giving a |strong="H5375" sign to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" nations |strong="H1471" far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H5375". He |strong="H0935" is |strong="H0776" raising a |strong="H5375" flag and |strong="H0935" whistling for |strong="H0776" them |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935".

I ROPES Literally, "useless ropes." The Hebrew words here are like those meaning "useless things," that is, idols.

II TEACHINGS This can also mean "laws." Sometimes this means the laws God gave Moses to teach to the people of Israel.

Now *the* enemy is coming from a faraway land and will soon enter the *country*. They are moving very quickly. <sup>27</sup> The enemy soldiers never get tired and stumble. They never get sleepy and fall asleep. Their weapon belts are always ready. Their sandals straps never break. <sup>28</sup> Their arrows are sharp. Their bows are strung and ready to shoot. The horses' hooves are as hard as flint. Clouds of dust rise from behind their chariots.

<sup>29</sup> The shouts of the enemy sound like the roar of lions. Like strong, young lions, they growl and grab their prey. The captives struggle and try to escape there, but there is no one to save them. <sup>30</sup> Then there is a roar as loud as the ocean waves, and the captives turn their faces to the ground. And there is only darkness closing in as the light fades away in a black cloud.

#### God Calls Isaiah to Be a Prophet

**6** In year that

King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a very high throne. His long robe filled the Temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraph angels stood around him. Each angel had six wings. They used two wings to cover their faces, two wings to cover their bodies, and two wings to fly. <sup>3</sup> The angels were calling to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD All-Powerful. His Glory fills the whole earth." <sup>4</sup> The sound was so loud that it caused the frame around the door to shake, and the Temple was filled with smoke. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>5</sup> I was frightened and said, "Oh, no! I will be destroyed. I am not pure enough to speak to God, and I live among people who are not pure enough to speak to him." <sup>III</sup> But

<sup>I</sup> YEAR ... DIED This was probably 740 B.C. <sup>II</sup> SMOKE This showed that God was in the Temple. See Exodus 40:34-35. <sup>III</sup> I AM NOT PURE ... HIM Literally, "I am a man of unclean lips and live among people of unclean lips."

I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H5869" seen|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" King|strong="H4428", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful."

<sup>6</sup> There was|strong="H0259" a|strong="H3947" fire on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" altar|strong="H4196". One|strong="H0259" of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H5921" Seraph angels used|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" pair of|strong="H3027" tongs|strong="H4457" to|strong="H0413" take|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" hot coal from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H5921" fire. Then|strong="H3947" the|strong="H5921" angel|strong="H5774" flew|strong="H5774" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H5774" with|strong="H0413" it|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027". <sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H2009" he|strong="H5921" touched|strong="H5060" my|strong="H5921" mouth|strong="H6310" with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" hot coal and|strong="H6310" said|strong="H0559", " When|strong="H5060" this|strong="H2088" hot coal touched|strong="H5060" your|strong="H5921" lips|strong="H8193", your|strong="H5921" guilt|strong="H5771" was|strong="H2088" taken|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493", and|strong="H6310" your|strong="H5921" sins|strong="H2403" were|strong="H2088" erased. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H2005" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" Lord's voice|strong="H6963", saying|strong="H0559", " Who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" I|strong="H2005" send|strong="H7971"? Who|strong="H4310" will|strong="H4310" go|strong="H7971" for|strong="H7971" us|strong="H7971"?"

So|strong="H7971" I|strong="H2005" said|strong="H0559", " Here|strong="H2005" I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H2005". Send|strong="H7971" me|strong="H7971"!"

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" Lord said|strong="H0559", "Go and|strong="H7200" tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971", ' Listen|strong="H8085" closely|strong="H8085", but|strong="H7200" don't|strong="H0408" understand|strong="H0995". Look|strong="H7200" closely|strong="H8085", but|strong="H7200" don't|strong="H0408" learn|strong="H3045". <sup>10</sup> Confuse them|strong="H7725". Make|strong="H8085" them|strong="H7725" unable to|strong="H7725" understand|strong="H0995" what|strong="H2088" they|strong="H5971" hear|strong="H8085" and|strong="H7725" see|strong="H7200". If|strong="H6435" you|strong="H7725" don't

do|strong="H8085" this|strong="H2088", they|strong="H5971" might|strong="H6435" really|strong="H2088" look|strong="H7200" with|strong="H5869" their|strong="H8085" eyes|strong="H5869", hear|strong="H8085" with|strong="H5869" their|strong="H8085" ears|strong="H0241", and|strong="H7725" understand|strong="H0995" with|strong="H5869" their|strong="H8085" minds|strong="H3820". Then|strong="H2088" they|strong="H5971" might|strong="H6435" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" me|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" be|strong="H3820" healed|strong="H7495"!"

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H0559", " Lord|strong="H0136", how|strong="H0834" long|strong="H5704" should|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0834" do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H0834"?"

He|strong="H0834" answered|strong="H0559", " Do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H0834" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0559" cities|strong="H5892" are|strong="H0834" destroyed|strong="H0369" and|strong="H1004" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0120" are|strong="H0834" gone|strong="H0369". Do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H0834" until|strong="H5704" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" left|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" houses|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0127" is|strong="H0369" destroyed|strong="H0369" and|strong="H1004" empty."

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" make the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" go|strong="H7368" far|strong="H7368" away|strong="H7368", and|strong="H3068" there|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" large|strong="H7227" areas|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" empty land|strong="H0776" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" country|strong="H0776". <sup>13</sup> A|strong="H1961" tenth|strong="H6224" of|strong="H2233" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" allowed to|strong="H7725" stay in|strong="H5750" the|strong="H0834" land, but|strong="H1961" it|strong="H7725" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" destroyed again|strong="H5750". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" oak|strong="H0424" tree. When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" tree is|strong="H0834" chopped down, a|strong="H1961"

<sup>1</sup> ERASED Or "atoned" or "covered over."

stump is |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7725".  
This |strong="H0834" stump will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" very special  
seed |strong="H2233" that |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H1961" grow again |strong="H5750".

### Trouble With Aram

7 Ahaz |strong="H0271" was |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" Jotham |strong="H3147",  
who |strong="H1121" was |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H5921" son |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" Uzziah |strong="H5818".  
Rezin |strong="H7526" was |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428"  
of |strong="H1121" Aram |strong="H0758",  
Pekah |strong="H6492" son |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" Remaliah |strong="H7425"<sup>1</sup>  
was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921"  
king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478". When |strong="H1961"  
Ahaz |strong="H0271" was |strong="H1961"  
king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063", Rezin |strong="H7526"  
and |strong="H1121" Pekah |strong="H6492"  
went |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927"  
to |strong="H1961" Jerusalem |strong="H3389"  
to |strong="H1961" attack |strong="H5927"  
it |strong="H5921", but |strong="H3808"  
they |strong="H3117" were |strong="H1961"  
not |strong="H3808" able |strong="H3201"  
to |strong="H1961" defeat the |strong="H5921" city. <sup>II</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0559" family |strong="H1004"  
of |strong="H1004" David |strong="H1732" re-  
ceived |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" message  
that |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", "  
The |strong="H0559" armies of |strong="H1004"  
Aram |strong="H0758" and |strong="H1004"  
Ephraim |strong="H0669" have |strong="H0758"  
joined together |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921"  
one |strong="H1004" camp." When |strong="H5921"  
King |strong="H5921" Ahaz heard |strong="H5046"  
this |strong="H5046" message, he |strong="H1732"  
and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" became frightened.  
They |strong="H5921" shook |strong="H5128"  
with |strong="H1004" fear like |strong="H1004"  
trees |strong="H6086" of |strong="H1004"  
the |strong="H0559" forest |strong="H3293" blowing  
in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559"  
wind |strong="H7307".  
<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" Isa-  
iah |strong="H3470", " You |strong="H0859"  
and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3068"

I PEKAH SON OF REMALIAH A king of northern Israel. He ruled about 740-731 B.C. II REZIN AND PEKAH ... THE CITY Or "Rezin and Pekah went up to attack Jerusalem, but they were not able to fight."

son |strong="H1121" Shear Jashub <sup>III</sup>  
should |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3318"  
out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H1121" talk  
to |strong="H0413" Ahaz |strong="H0271".  
Go |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" place where |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" water flows |strong="H3318" in-  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Up-  
per |strong="H5945" Pool |strong="H1295", <sup>IV</sup>  
on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" street  
that |strong="H3068" leads |strong="H3318"  
up |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" Laundryman's  
Field |strong="H7704".

<sup>4</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" Ahaz, ' Be |strong="H0408"  
careful |strong="H8104", but |strong="H0559"  
be |strong="H0408" calm |strong="H8252".  
Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408"  
afraid |strong="H3372". Don't |strong="H0408"  
let |strong="H0408" those |strong="H0428"  
two |strong="H8147" men |strong="H1121",  
Rezin |strong="H7526" and |strong="H1121" Remali-  
ah's son |strong="H1121", <sup>V</sup> frighten  
you |strong="H0413"! They |strong="H0559"  
are |strong="H0428" like |strong="H1121"  
two |strong="H8147" burning sticks.  
They |strong="H0559" might |strong="H1121"  
be |strong="H0408" hot |strong="H2750" now,  
but |strong="H0559" soon they |strong="H0559"  
will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H0408" noth-  
ing |strong="H0408" but |strong="H0559" smoke.  
Rezin |strong="H7526", Aram |strong="H0758",  
and |strong="H1121" Remaliah's son |strong="H1121"  
became angry |strong="H0639"<sup>5</sup> and |strong="H1121"  
made plans against |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H3588". They |strong="H3588"  
said |strong="H0559", <sup>6</sup> "Let's go |strong="H5927" fight  
against |strong="H0413" Judah |strong="H3063"  
and |strong="H1121" divide |strong="H1234"  
it |strong="H5927" among |strong="H8432" ourselves.  
Then |strong="H0853" we will |strong="H4428"  
make |strong="H1234" Tabeel's son |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H0853" new king |strong="H4428"  
of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063"."  
<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559"  
Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136"  
says |strong="H0559", " Their |strong="H1961" plan  
will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" suc-  
ceed |strong="H6965". It |strong="H1961"  
will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" hap-  
pen |strong="H1961"<sup>8</sup> because |strong="H3588"  
Aram |strong="H0758" depends on |strong="H1157"  
its |strong="H3588" capital Damas-  
cus |strong="H1834", and |strong="H7218" Damas-

III SHEAR JASHUB This is a name that means "a few people will come back." IV UPPER POOL Probably the Pool of Siloam at the southern tip of the City of David, just above the older pool now called the Red Pool. V REMALIAH'S SON Pekah, the king of northern Israel. He ruled about 740-731 B.C.

cus|strong="H1834" is|strong="H0669" led by|strong="H8141" its|strong="H3588" weak king Rezin|strong="H7526". And|strong="H7218" don't worry about|strong="H1157" Ephraim|strong="H0669". Within 65 years|strong="H8141" it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0669" be|strong="H3588" crushed, no longer a|strong="H3588" nation|strong="H5971".<sup>9</sup> Ephraim|strong="H0669" depends on|strong="H3808" its|strong="H0518" capital Samaria|strong="H8111", and|strong="H1121" Samaria|strong="H8111" is|strong="H0669" led by|strong="H3808" Remaliah's son|strong="H1121". So|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1121" no|strong="H3808" reason to|strong="H1121" fear. Believe|strong="H0539" this|strong="H3588", or|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" survive."

**Immanuel— God|strong="H3808" Is|strong="H0669" With|strong="H7218" Us|strong="H3588"**

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" Ahaz|strong="H0271" again|strong="H3254"<sup>11</sup> and|strong="H3068" said, " Ask|strong="H7592" for|strong="H7592" a|strong="H0176" sign|strong="H0226" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" to|strong="H3068" prove to|strong="H3068" yourself|strong="H5973" that|strong="H3068" this|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" true|strong="H3068". You|strong="H5973" can ask|strong="H7592" for|strong="H7592" any|strong="H0176" sign|strong="H0226" you|strong="H5973" want. The|strong="H3068" sign|strong="H0226" can come from|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0176" place as|strong="H3068" deep|strong="H6009" as|strong="H3068" Sheol|strong="H7585"<sup>1</sup> or|strong="H0176" as|strong="H3068" high|strong="H4605" as|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" skies. II"

<sup>12</sup> But|strong="H3808" Ahaz|strong="H0271" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" ask|strong="H7592" for|strong="H7592" a|strong="H3068" sign as|strong="H3068" proof. I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" test|strong="H5254" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"."

<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Isaiah|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" David|strong="H1732", lis-

I THE SIGN ... SHEOL Or "Make your request deep." The Hebrew word for "question" is like the word for Sheol. II THE SIGN ... SKIES Literally, "make your request very high."

ten|strong="H8085" very|strong="H1571" carefully|strong="H8085"! Is|strong="H0430" it|strong="H3588" not|strong="H1732" enough|strong="H4592" that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" would|strong="H0559" test the|strong="H0853" patience|strong="H3811" of|strong="H1004" humans? Will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H3588" now|strong="H4994" test the|strong="H0853" patience|strong="H3811" of|strong="H1004" my|strong="H8085" God|strong="H0430"?<sup>14</sup> But|strong="H2009" the|strong="H5414" Lord|strong="H0136" will|strong="H1121" still show|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" this|strong="H3651" sign|strong="H0226":

The|strong="H5414" young|strong="H1121" woman|strong="H2030" is|strong="H1931" pregnant|strong="H2030"<sup>III</sup>

and|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121" give|strong="H5414" birth|strong="H3205" to|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" son|strong="H1121".

She|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1121" name|strong="H8034" him|strong="H5414" Immanuel|strong="H6005".<sup>IV</sup>

<sup>15</sup> He|strong="H0977" will|strong="H0977" eat|strong="H0398" milk curds|strong="H2529" and|strong="H0398" honey|strong="H1706"<sup>IV</sup>

as|strong="H0398" he|strong="H0977" learns to|strong="H3045" choose|strong="H0977" good|strong="H2896" and|strong="H0398" refuse evil|strong="H7451".

<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H3588" before|strong="H6440" he|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" old|strong="H6440" enough to|strong="H6440" make|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" choice|strong="H0977",

the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H6440" two|strong="H8147" kings|strong="H4428" you|strong="H0859" fear will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H4428" empty.

<sup>17</sup> " But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" troubled times|strong="H3117" to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834". These|strong="H5971" troubles will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" worse than|strong="H3808" anything|strong="H3808" that|strong="H0834" has|strong="H3068" happened|strong="H0935" since|strong="H0834"

III AND HERE ... PREGNANT Or "Look at this young woman. She is pregnant." The ancient Greek version (quoted in Matthew 1:23) translates "young woman" in this passage with a word meaning "virgin" and has "Look! The virgin will become pregnant." IV IMMANUEL This name means "God is with us." V MILK CURDS AND HONEY This refers to some of the first solid foods, something like yogurt, that were fed to a baby. This is also the food that even the poor can find to eat. Also in verse 22.

the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H3117" Israel |strong="H5971" separated |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" Judah |strong="H3063". This |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" happen to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" father's |strong="H0001" family |strong="H1004" when |strong="H3117" God |strong="H3068" brings |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" to |strong="H0935" fight against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>18</sup> " At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" call for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" 'Fly' that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" now |strong="H1961" near the |strong="H0834" streams |strong="H2975" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" call for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" 'Bee' that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" now |strong="H1961" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Assyria |strong="H0804". Those |strong="H0834" enemies will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" country |strong="H0776". <sup>19</sup> They |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0935" settle |strong="H5117" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" deep valleys |strong="H5158" and |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" caves, by |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" thornbushes and |strong="H0935" watering |strong="H5097" holes.

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" will |strong="H4428" use |strong="H1931" Assyria |strong="H0804" to |strong="H3117" punish Judah. Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H1571" hired |strong="H7917" and |strong="H4428" used like |strong="H7272" a |strong="H1571" razor |strong="H8593" to |strong="H3117" shave |strong="H1548" off |strong="H1548" Judah's beard |strong="H2206" and |strong="H4428" to |strong="H3117" remove |strong="H5595" the |strong="H0853" hair |strong="H8181" from |strong="H3117" his |strong="H1548" head |strong="H7218" and |strong="H4428" body. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>21</sup> " At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" someone |strong="H0376" might keep only one |strong="H0376" young |strong="H1241" cow and |strong="H3117" two |strong="H8147" sheep |strong="H6629"

<sup>I</sup> SHAVE ... BODY This means that the people of Judah would be humiliated and treated like slaves.

alive |strong="H2421". <sup>22</sup> But |strong="H3588" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" enough |strong="H6213" milk |strong="H2461" for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H0398" to |strong="H1961" eat |strong="H0398" milk |strong="H2461" curds |strong="H2529". In |strong="H0776" fact, everyone |strong="H3605" left |strong="H3498" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" eat |strong="H0398" milk |strong="H2461" curds |strong="H2529" and |strong="H0776" honey |strong="H1706". <sup>23</sup> There |strong="H8033" are |strong="H0834" now |strong="H1961" fields that |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" 1000 grapevines, and |strong="H3701" each |strong="H3605" grapevine is |strong="H0834" worth 1000 pieces of |strong="H3117" silver |strong="H3701". But |strong="H1961" those |strong="H3605" fields will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" covered |strong="H7898" with |strong="H3117" weeds and |strong="H3701" thorns |strong="H7898". <sup>24</sup> That |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" wild |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" used |strong="H1961" only |strong="H3605" as |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" hunting ground |strong="H0776" where |strong="H8033" people |strong="H0776" go |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0935" bows |strong="H7198" and |strong="H0935" arrows |strong="H2678". <sup>25</sup> People |strong="H0834" once |strong="H1961" worked the |strong="H3605" soil and |strong="H0935" grew food on |strong="H0935" these |strong="H3605" hills |strong="H2022", but |strong="H3808" at |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" there |strong="H8033", because |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" fields will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" covered |strong="H7898" with |strong="H0935" weeds and |strong="H0935" thorns |strong="H7898". It |strong="H8033" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" place |strong="H1961" where |strong="H0834" cattle |strong="H7794" graze and |strong="H0935" sheep |strong="H7716" wander."

### Assyria Is Coming Soon

**8** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413", " Get |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" large |strong="H1419" scroll, <sup>II</sup> and |strong="H3068" use |strong="H3947" an |strong="H3947" ordi-

<sup>II</sup> SCROLL This Hebrew word might also mean a clay or stone tablet.



nary |strong="H0582" pen<sup>I</sup> to |strong="H0413" write |strong="H3789" these |strong="H3947" words: ' This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" for |strong="H5921" Maher Shalal Hash Baz.'<sup>II</sup>

<sup>2</sup> I |strong="H1121" found some men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3548" could be |strong="H1121" trusted |strong="H0539" to |strong="H1121" serve as |strong="H1121" witnesses |strong="H5707": Uriah |strong="H0223" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121" Zechariah |strong="H2148" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jeberekiah. They |strong="H3548" watched me |strong="H0539" write those |strong="H1121" words.<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H7126" I |strong="H0559" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3068" wife, the |strong="H0559" woman |strong="H8034" prophet |strong="H0559". She |strong="H7121" became |strong="H3205" pregnant |strong="H2029" and |strong="H1121" had |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121". The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413", " Name |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0559" boy Maher Shalal Hash Baz."<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H3588" said that |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" boy |strong="H5288" learns to |strong="H6440" say "Mama" and |strong="H4428" "Daddy," God will |strong="H4428" take |strong="H5375" all |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" wealth |strong="H2428" and |strong="H4428" riches |strong="H2428" from |strong="H6440" Damascus |strong="H1834"<sup>III</sup> and |strong="H4428" Samaria |strong="H8111" and |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5375" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" again |strong="H5750".<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3588" said, " These |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971"<sup>IV</sup> refuse to |strong="H1980" accept the |strong="H0853" slow-moving waters |strong="H4325" of |strong="H1121" Shiloah.<sup>V</sup> They |strong="H3588" prefer Rezin |strong="H7526" and |strong="H1980" Remaliah's son |strong="H1121".<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H2009" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" will |strong="H4428" bring |strong="H5927"

<sup>I</sup> ORDINARY PEN Literally, "stylus of a man." This might be a pen for writing on clay. <sup>II</sup> MAHER SHALAL HASH BAZ This means "There will soon be looting and stealing." <sup>III</sup> DAMASCUS A city in the country of Aram (Syria). <sup>IV</sup> THESE PEOPLE Probably Judeans who wanted to join Rezin and Pekah. Also in verse 11. <sup>V</sup> SHILOAH A channel that carried water from Gihon Spring to a pool at the south end of the City of David (Jerusalem). Men from David's family were anointed to be kings there.

the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" and |strong="H1980" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" power against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853". The |strong="H3605" Assyrians will |strong="H4428" come |strong="H1980" like |strong="H3651" their |strong="H3605" swift moving |strong="H1980" river |strong="H5104", like |strong="H3651" water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H3605" rises |strong="H5927" and |strong="H1980" spills over |strong="H5921" its |strong="H3605" banks |strong="H1415".<sup>8</sup> This water will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" flash flood as |strong="H5704" it |strong="H4393" passes |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674" Judah |strong="H3063". It |strong="H4393" will |strong="H1961" rise to |strong="H5704" Judah's |strong="H3063" throat and |strong="H3063" almost drown him |strong="H1961".

But |strong="H1961" he |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1961" spread |strong="H3671" his |strong="H1961" wings |strong="H3671" over |strong="H5674" your |strong="H1961" whole country |strong="H0776", Immanuel |strong="H6005".<sup>VI</sup>

<sup>9</sup> All |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971", prepare for |strong="H0776" war.

You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" defeated.

Listen |strong="H0238", all |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" faraway countries |strong="H0776"!

Prepare for |strong="H0776" battle.

You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" defeated.

<sup>10</sup> Make |strong="H6965" your |strong="H3588" plans |strong="H6098" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" fight.

Your |strong="H3588" plans |strong="H6098" will |strong="H1697" be |strong="H3808" defeated.

Give |strong="H1696" orders |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1696" your |strong="H3588" armies |strong="H3808",

but |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3588" orders |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1697" be |strong="H3808" useless,

because |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0410" is |strong="H1697" with |strong="H5973" us |strong="H3588"!<sup>VII</sup>

<sup>VI</sup> BUT HE ... IMMANUEL Or "Immanuel, it will spread throughout your whole country." This might be a promise of God's protection, or it might be a warning about Assyria's power. <sup>VII</sup> GOD IS WITH US In Hebrew this is like the name Immanuel.

Warnings to **Isaiah**

11 The **LORD** spoke to me with his great power and warned me not to be like these people. He said, "Don't think there is a plan against you just because the people say there is. Don't be afraid of what they fear. Don't let them frighten you!"

13 The **LORD** All-Powerful should fear. He the one you should respect. He is the one who should frighten you.

14 If you people would respect him, he would be a safe place for you. But you don't respect him, so he will be like a stone that you stumble over. He is a rock that makes both families of Israel fall. He has become a trap that all the people

I WARNED Or "prevented." II RESPECT Literally, "consider holy." III SAFE PLACE Or "holy place."

ple of Jerusalem will fall into. Many people will trip over this rock. They will fall and be broken. They will be caught in the trap.

16 The Lord said, "Write this agreement. Tie it up and seal it so that it cannot be changed. Give these teachings to my followers for safekeeping."

17 The **LORD** has turned away from the family of Jacob.

But I will wait for him.

I trust that he will come to save us.

18 Here I am with the children the **LORD** has given me. We are here as from the **LORD** All-Powerful, who on Zion is using us to show his plans for the people of Israel.

19 The people will say, "Go to the fortunetellers and wizards who mumble and chirp like birds. Ask them what to do." But I say, "Shouldn't

IV WRITE THIS AGREEMENT Or "Take a document." This could refer to the large scroll in verse 1 or to the promise that follows in verse 17.

people |strong="H5971" go to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H3588" help |strong="H5971"? Why |strong="H3588" go to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" dead |strong="H4191" to |strong="H0413" get help |strong="H5971" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" living |strong="H2416"?<sup>20</sup> You |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0518" follow the |strong="H0559" teachings |strong="H8451" and |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" agreement |strong="H1697". I |strong="H0834" swear, if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" follow those |strong="H0834" other |strong="H2088" things |strong="H1697", there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H3808" future for |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834".<sup>21</sup> When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" enemy comes |strong="H1961", there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" hard |strong="H7185" times and |strong="H0430" hunger |strong="H7456". And |strong="H0430" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" becomes |strong="H1961" hungry |strong="H7457", he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" become |strong="H1961" angry |strong="H7107". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" say curses |strong="H7043" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3588" name of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H0430" his |strong="H1961" gods |strong="H0430". Then |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" lift his |strong="H1961" head upwards |strong="H4605" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" roaring lion.<sup>22</sup> And |strong="H0776" when |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0413" captives turn their |strong="H0413" faces to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" ground |strong="H0776", there |strong="H2009" is |strong="H0776" only a |strong="H0776" depressing darkness |strong="H2825" closing in |strong="H0413"—the |strong="H0413" dark sadness of |strong="H0776" people |strong="H0776" forced to |strong="H0413" leave their |strong="H0413" country |strong="H0776".

### A New Day Is Coming

9 But |strong="H7200" there |strong="H3427" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" an |strong="H7200" end to |strong="H1980" the |strong="H5921" gloom |strong="H6757" those |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" suffered |strong="H7200". In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5921" past, people |strong="H5971" thought the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776"

I AGREEMENT This usually means the agreement God made with Israel through Moses. Here, it probably means the agreement in verse 17.

of |strong="H0776" Zebulun and |strong="H1980" Naphtali was |strong="H0776" not |strong="H0776" important |strong="H1419". But |strong="H7200" later, that |strong="H7200" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" honored—the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" along |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sea, the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" east of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" Jordan River |strong="H0776", and |strong="H1980" Galilee where |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" from |strong="H5921" other nations |strong="H5971" live |strong="H3427".<sup>2</sup> Those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1471" lived in |strong="H8055" darkness, but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" see |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" great |strong="H1431" light. They |strong="H0834" lived in |strong="H8055" a |strong="H0834" place as |strong="H0834" dark as |strong="H0834" death, but |strong="H3808" a |strong="H0834" great |strong="H1431" light will |strong="H0834" shine on |strong="H6440" them |strong="H6440".

<sup>3</sup> God, you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117" make |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" nation grow, and |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117" make |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" people happy. They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117" rejoice in |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3588" presence as |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3588" do at |strong="H3117" harvest time |strong="H3117". It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" like the |strong="H0853" joy when |strong="H3588" people take their |strong="H3588" share of |strong="H3117" things they |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3117" won in |strong="H3117" war.<sup>4</sup> That |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961" because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" lift the |strong="H3605" heavy yoke off their |strong="H3605" shoulders and |strong="H1818" take |strong="H1961" away |strong="H1556" their |strong="H3605" heavy burden. You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H1961" away |strong="H1556" the |strong="H3605" rod that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" enemy used |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" punish your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1818", as |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" did when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" defeated Midian. II

<sup>5</sup> Every boot that |strong="H3588" marched in |strong="H5921" battle and |strong="H1121" every uniform stained with |strong="H5921" blood will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed and |strong="H1121" thrown into |strong="H5921"

II AS YOU ... MIDIAN See Judges 7:15-25.

the fire.<sup>6</sup> This will happen when the special child is born. God will give us a son who will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be "Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace." His power will continue to grow, and there will be peace without end. This will establish him as the king sitting on David's throne and ruling his kingdom. He will rule with goodness and justice forever and ever. The strong love that LORD All-Powerful has for his people will make this happen!

**God Will Punish Israel**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord gave a command against Jacob and someone in Israel fell.<sup>9</sup> So all the people in Ephraim, including the ruler in Samaria, learned their lesson.

Those people are very proud and boastful now. They say, "Yes, those bricks fell, but we will rebuild with strong stone. Yes, those little trees were chopped down, but we will plant new trees. And they will be large, strong trees."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD found people to

I STRONG LOVE The Hebrew word means strong feelings like love, hate, anger, zeal, or jealousy. II Or "The Lord sent a command to Jacob and it happened to Israel."

go up and fight against Rezin. He stirred up Rezin's enemies.<sup>12</sup> As for Israel, the Arameans are in front of him and the Philistines are behind him.<sup>13</sup> And they are both eating away at him.<sup>14</sup> But the LORD Lord is yet finished. He is still angry, and his arm is raised to continue punishing Israel.

<sup>13</sup> The people did not stop sinning. They did not come to the LORD All-Powerful for help.<sup>14</sup> So the LORD cut off Israel's head and tail. He took away the branch and the stalk in one day.<sup>15</sup> (The head means the elders and important leaders. The tail means the prophets who told lies.)

<sup>16</sup> Their guides are leading them the wrong way, so those who follow them will be destroyed.<sup>17</sup> All of them are evil. So the LORD is not happy with the young men, and he will not show mercy to their widows and orphans. That is because they are evil hypocrites. They tell lies.

The LORD has punished them, but

he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3588" not |strong="H3588" finished yet |strong="H3588". He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3588" still angry, and |strong="H0398" his |strong="H3588" arm is |strong="H3588" raised to |strong="H0398" continue punishing his |strong="H3588" people.

<sup>18</sup> That |strong="H3068" evil was |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" small fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H3068" started |strong="H1961" among |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" weeds and |strong="H3068" thorns and |strong="H3068" then |strong="H1961" spread to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" larger bushes in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" forest. Finally, it |strong="H1961" became |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" giant fire |strong="H0784", and |strong="H3068" everything went |strong="H0413" up |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" smoke.

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3225" All-Powerful was |strong="H0376" angry, so |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" land was |strong="H0376" burned. The |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376" were |strong="H0376" fuel for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" fire |strong="H0398". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" showed any |strong="H0376" compassion to |strong="H5921" any-one |strong="H0376" else |strong="H3808". <sup>20</sup> People |strong="H3808" looked to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" right and |strong="H3063" grabbed whatever |strong="H3605" they |strong="H1992" could, but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" still |strong="H5750" hungry. They |strong="H1992" grabbed whatever |strong="H3605" was |strong="H3063" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" left |strong="H7725", but |strong="H3808" still |strong="H5750" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" not |strong="H3808" satisfied. So |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992" turned |strong="H7725" on |strong="H5921" themselves |strong="H1992" and |strong="H3063" began to |strong="H7725" eat the |strong="H3605" bodies of |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3605" own children. <sup>21</sup> Manasseh fought against Ephraim, and Ephraim fought against Manasseh. Then both of them turned on Judah.

But the Lord is not finished punishing his people. He is still angry, and his arm is raised to continue punishing them.

**10** Just look at those |strong="H1945" lawmakers who |strong="H1945" write |strong="H3789" evil |strong="H0205" laws and |strong="H5999" make life hard for |strong="H5999" the |strong="H3789" people. <sup>2</sup> They |strong="H5971" are |strong="H4941" not |strong="H1961" fair to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" poor |strong="H6041".

They |strong="H5971" take |strong="H0962" away |strong="H5186" the |strong="H0853" rights |strong="H1779" of |strong="H4941" the |strong="H0853" poor |strong="H6041" and |strong="H4941" allow people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H1961" steal |strong="H1497" from |strong="H1961" widows |strong="H0490" and |strong="H4941" orphans |strong="H3490".

<sup>3</sup> Lawmakers, you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H4310" have |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0935" explain what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H3117" done |strong="H6213". What |strong="H4100" will |strong="H4310" you |strong="H5921" do |strong="H6213" then |strong="H0935"? Your |strong="H5921" destruction |strong="H7722" is |strong="H4310" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" faraway country. Where |strong="H0575" will |strong="H4310" you |strong="H5921" run |strong="H5127" for |strong="H5921" help |strong="H5833"? Your |strong="H5921" money and |strong="H0935" your |strong="H5921" riches |strong="H3519" will |strong="H4310" not help |strong="H5833" you |strong="H5921". <sup>4</sup> You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3027" have |strong="H3605" to |strong="H7725" bow |strong="H3766" down |strong="H5307" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H5750" prisoner |strong="H0616". You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3027" fall |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H5750" dead man |strong="H3605", but |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3027" not |strong="H3808" help you |strong="H3605". God |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3027" still |strong="H5750" be |strong="H5750" angry |strong="H0639" and |strong="H3027" ready to |strong="H7725" punish you |strong="H3605".

#### God |strong="H3808" Will |strong="H3027" Punish Assyria's Pride

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3027" Lord says, "I |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3027" use |strong="H1931" Assyria |strong="H0804" like |strong="H0639" a |strong="H0639" stick. In |strong="H3027" my |strong="H3027" anger |strong="H0639" I |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3027" use |strong="H1931" Assyria |strong="H0804" to |strong="H3027" punish Israel. <sup>6</sup> I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1471" send |strong="H7971" Assyria to |strong="H5921" fight against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H1471" do |strong="H6680" evil. I |strong="H7760" am angry |strong="H5678" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921", and |strong="H7971" I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1471" com-

mand|strong="H6680" Assyria to|strong="H5921" fight against|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921". Assyria will|strong="H1471" defeat them|strong="H5921" and|strong="H7971" take|strong="H7760" their|strong="H5921" wealth. Israel|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1471" be|strong="H1471" like|strong="H4823" dirt for|strong="H5921" Assyria to|strong="H5921" walk on|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" streets|strong="H2351".

<sup>7</sup> " But|strong="H3588" Assyria does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" understand that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1471" use|strong="H1931" him|strong="H3772". He|strong="H1931" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" think|strong="H3824" of|strong="H3824" himself|strong="H1931" as|strong="H2803" my|strong="H3588" tool. He|strong="H1931" only wants to|strong="H3824" destroy|strong="H8045" other people|strong="H1471". He|strong="H1931" only plans|strong="H2803" to|strong="H3824" destroy|strong="H8045" many nations|strong="H1471".

<sup>8</sup> Assyria says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" himself|strong="H3808", ' All|strong="H3162" of|strong="H4428" my|strong="H3588" officers|strong="H8269" are|strong="H8269" like|strong="H3808" kings|strong="H4428".<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0518" city of|strong="H3808" Calno is|strong="H3808" no|strong="H3808" better than|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0518" city of|strong="H3808" Carchemish|strong="H3751". Arpad|strong="H0774" is|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" Hamath|strong="H2574", and|strong="H8111" Samaria|strong="H8111" is|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" Damascus|strong="H1834".<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H0834" defeated those|strong="H0834" evil kingdoms|strong="H4467" and|strong="H3027" now|strong="H3027" I|strong="H0834" control|strong="H3027" them|strong="H3027". The|strong="H0834" idols|strong="H0457" those|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" worship are|strong="H0834" better|strong="H3027" than the|strong="H0834" idols|strong="H0457" of|strong="H3027" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3027" Samaria|strong="H8111".<sup>11</sup> I|strong="H0834" defeated Samaria|strong="H8111" and|strong="H3389" her|strong="H3651" gods. I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" also|strong="H6213" defeat Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3389" the|strong="H0834" idols|strong="H0457" her|strong="H3651" people|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213"."

<sup>12</sup> When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" finishes|strong="H1214" doing what|strong="H4639" he|strong="H3588" planned|strong="H3824" to|strong="H1961"

Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H4428" Mount|strong="H2022" Zion|strong="H6726", he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" punish|strong="H6485" Assyria|strong="H0804". The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" is|strong="H3605" very proud|strong="H5869". His|strong="H3605" pride|strong="H8597" made|strong="H4639" him|strong="H5921" do|strong="H4639" many bad things|strong="H3605", so|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0136" will|strong="H1961" punish|strong="H6485" him|strong="H5921".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0559" king of|strong="H3027" Assyria said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3588" am very wise|strong="H2451". By|strong="H3027" my|strong="H3588" own wisdom|strong="H2451" and|strong="H3027" power|strong="H3027" I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3027" done|strong="H6213" many great things|strong="H6264". I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3027" defeated many nations|strong="H5971". I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3027" taken|strong="H5493" their|strong="H3588" wealth and|strong="H3027" their|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" as|strong="H3588" slaves. I|strong="H3588" am a|strong="H3588" very powerful man|strong="H0047".<sup>14</sup> With|strong="H3027" my|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" hands|strong="H3027" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H1961" taken|strong="H0622" the|strong="H3605" riches|strong="H2428" of|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"—like|strong="H1961" someone taking eggs|strong="H1000" from|strong="H3027" a|strong="H1961" bird's nest|strong="H7064". A|strong="H1961" bird|strong="H3671" often leaves|strong="H5800" its|strong="H3605" nest|strong="H7064" and|strong="H0776" eggs|strong="H1000", and|strong="H0776" there|strong="H1961" is|strong="H0776" nothing|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1961" protect the|strong="H3605" nest|strong="H7064". There|strong="H1961" is|strong="H0776" no|strong="H3808" bird|strong="H3671" to|strong="H1961" chirp and|strong="H0776" fight with|strong="H3027" its|strong="H3605" wings|strong="H3671" and|strong="H0776" beak|strong="H6310", so|strong="H1961" anyone|strong="H3605" can|strong="H3808" come|strong="H1961" take|strong="H0622" the|strong="H3605" eggs|strong="H1000". And|strong="H0776" there|strong="H1961" is|strong="H0776" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3605" to|strong="H1961" stop|strong="H3808" me|strong="H0589"

from *the* taking all *the* people on *the* earth.<sup>15</sup> An ax is not better than *the* one who cuts with it. A saw is not better than *the* one who uses it. Is a stick stronger than *the* one who picks it up? It can't do anything *the* person who is using it to punish someone!<sup>16</sup> But Assyria doesn't understand this. So *the* Lord GOD will send a terrible disease against him. He will lose his wealth and power like a sick man losing weight. Then Assyria's glory will be destroyed. It will be like a fire burning until everything is gone.<sup>17</sup> The Light of Israel will be like a fire. The Holy One will be like a flame. He will be like a fire that first begins to burn and *the* thorns and *the* weeds then spread

I THE LIGHT OF ISRAEL This is a name for God, like "The Holy One" in the next sentence. See "Israel" in the Word List.

to burn up *the* tall trees and *the* vineyards. Finally, everything will be destroyed— even *the* people. Assyria will be like a rotting log.<sup>19</sup> There will be a few trees left standing in *the* forest— so that even a child could count them.

<sup>20</sup> Then *the* people from Jacob's family who are left living in Israel will stop depending on *the* one who beat them. They will learn to depend on *the* LORD, *the* Holy One of Israel. <sup>21</sup> Those who are left in Jacob's family will again follow *the* Powerful God.

<sup>22</sup> Israel, your people as many as *the* sands of *the* sea, but *a* few of them will be left to come back to God. But *before* that happens, your country will be destroyed. God has announced that he will destroy *the* land. And *then* justice will come into *the*

II POWERFUL GOD See Isaiah 9:6.

the **land** like **river** flowing full. <sup>23</sup> The **LORD** All-Powerful really will **destroy** this **land**.

<sup>24</sup> The **LORD** All-Powerful says, "My **people** in **Zion**, don't be afraid of **Assyria**! Yes, he will **beat** you, and will **beat** you just as when **Egypt** **beat** you with a **stick**. <sup>25</sup> But **after** a short time my **anger** will stop. I will **be** satisfied that **Assyria** has punished you enough."

<sup>26</sup> Then the **LORD** All-Powerful will **beat** **Assyria** with a **whip**, just as he **defeated** **Midian** at **Raven Rock**. <sup>I</sup> He will **punish** his **enemies**, as he **did** when he **raised** his **stick** over the **sea** and **led** his **people** from **Egypt**.

<sup>27</sup> He will **take** the **troubles** **brought**—**troubles** that **are** like **heavy weights** **carried** with a **yoke** on **your** **neck**. But **your**

that **yoke** will **be** **taken** off **your** **neck**. The **burden** will **be** **lifted** from **your** **shoulders**.

### The **Army** of **Assyria** Invades **Israel**

<sup>28</sup> <sup>III</sup> The **army** of **Assyria** will **enter** **near** the **"Ruins"** (**Aiath**). The **army** will **walk** on the **"Threshing Floor"** (**Migron**). It will **keep** its **food** in the **"Storehouse"** (**Micmash**). <sup>29</sup> The **army** will **cross** the **river** at **Geba**. **Crossing** **Geba** **will** **be** **afraid** **people** at **Gibeah** of **Saul** will **run** away.

<sup>30</sup> **Cry** out, **Bath Gallim**! **Laishah**, **listen**! **Anathoth**, **answer** me! <sup>31</sup> The **people** of **Madmenah** **are** **running** away. The **people** of **Gebim** **are** **hiding**. <sup>32</sup> This **day** the **army** will **stop** at **Nob** and **prepare** to **fight** against **Mount Zion**, the **hill** of **Jerusalem**.

<sup>33</sup> **Look**, the **LORD** All-Powerful will **use** his

III **Isaiah** uses names with double meanings to describe the different ways the Assyrian army would fight against Judah. IV **Geba**, **Ramah** ... **Gibeah** of **Saul** towns north of Jerusalem. V **Bath Gallim** Gallim, a city south of Jerusalem. This name means "daughter of the waves," and might refer to birds that make loud noises by the shore. VI **Gebim** An unknown city. This name is like the Hebrew word for "pit" or "cistern," a hole in the ground for storing water.

I **Midian** at **Raven Rock** Or "Midian at the Rock of Oreb." See **Judges** 7:25. II **HE RAISED ... SEA** See **Exodus** 14:1-15:21.



great power and chop down that great tree. Their highest officials will be brought down. Their most important leaders will be humbled. <sup>34</sup> God will cut down his enemies. Like the tall trees of Lebanon he will cut them down with an ax.

### The King of Peace Is Coming

**11** A small tree will begin to grow from the stump of Jesse's willow from Jesse's roots. <sup>2</sup> The LORD'S Spirit will always be with that new king to give him wisdom, understanding, guidance, and power. The Spirit will help him know and respect the LORD. <sup>3</sup> He will find joy in obeying the LORD.

This king will not judge people by the way things look. He will judge people by listening to rumors. <sup>4</sup> He will judge the poor fairly and honestly. He will be fair when he decides what to do for the poor of the land. If he decides people should be beaten, he will give the command, and they will be beaten. If he decides people must die, he will give the command, and those evil people will be killed. Goodness and fairness will be like a belt he wears around his waist.

I SMALL TREE That is, a new king will come from the family of David. II JESSE King David's father.

<sup>6</sup> Then wolves will live at peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down with young goats. Calves, lions, and bulls will all live together in peace. A little child will lead them and Bears, cattle will eat together in peace, and their young will lie down together and not hurt each other. Lions will eat hay like cattle. <sup>8</sup> Even snakes will not hurt people. Babies will be able to play near a cobra's hole and put their hands into the nest of a poisonous snake.

<sup>9</sup> People will stop hurting each other. People on holy mountain will not want to destroy things they will know the LORD. The world will be full of knowledge about him, like the sea is full of water.

<sup>10</sup> At that time will someone

III COBRA A very poisonous snake.

special from |strong="H0413" Jesse's |strong="H3448" family. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" flag that |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471" gather around. The |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3117" ask |strong="H1875" him |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0413" do. And |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" place |strong="H1961" where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" filled with |strong="H0413" glory |strong="H3519".

<sup>11</sup> At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" will |strong="H1961" again |strong="H3254" reach |strong="H1961" out |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" take |strong="H1961" his |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H3117" countries like |strong="H1961" Assyria |strong="H0804", North Egypt |strong="H4714", South |strong="H3220" Egypt |strong="H4714", Ethiopia |strong="H3568", Elam |strong="H5867", Babylonia, Hamath |strong="H2574", and |strong="H3027" other |strong="H8145" faraway countries around |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" world. <sup>12</sup> He |strong="H3063" will |strong="H0776" gather |strong="H6908" the |strong="H5375" people |strong="H1471" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H3478" were |strong="H3478" forced to |strong="H3478" leave their |strong="H5375" country |strong="H0776". They |strong="H5375" were |strong="H3478" scattered |strong="H5310" to |strong="H3478" all |strong="H0622" the |strong="H5375" faraway places on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776". But he |strong="H3063" will |strong="H0776" raise |strong="H5375" the |strong="H5375" flag as |strong="H0776" a |strong="H5375" sign for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5375" other |strong="H3671" nations |strong="H1471", and |strong="H3063" he |strong="H3063" will |strong="H0776" gather |strong="H6908" his |strong="H5375" people |strong="H1471" together |strong="H0622" again |strong="H0622".

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H0853" Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H3063" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" jealous |strong="H7065" of |strong="H3808" Judah |strong="H3063", and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063"

will |strong="H3063" have |strong="H3063" no |strong="H3808" enemies left |strong="H5493". And |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3063" not |strong="H3808" cause trouble |strong="H6887" for |strong="H3808" Ephraim |strong="H0669". <sup>14</sup> But Ephraim and |strong="H1121" Judah will |strong="H1121" attack |strong="H4124" the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430". These two nations will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" like |strong="H1121" birds flying down |strong="H3027" to |strong="H3027" catch a |strong="H3220" small animal. Together |strong="H3162", they |strong="H3027" will |strong="H1121" take |strong="H0962" the |strong="H0853" riches from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" East |strong="H6924". <sup>1</sup> Ephraim and |strong="H1121" Judah will |strong="H1121" control |strong="H3027" Edom |strong="H0123", Moab |strong="H4124", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H1121" Ammon |strong="H5983". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Just as |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" divided the |strong="H0853" Red Sea |strong="H3220" near |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714", <sup>III</sup> he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" raise his |strong="H5921" arm |strong="H3027" in |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H7307" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104" and |strong="H3068" hit |strong="H5221" it |strong="H5921". It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" divide into |strong="H5921" seven |strong="H7651" small rivers |strong="H5104". They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" so |strong="H3027" small that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people can |strong="H7307" walk |strong="H1869" across |strong="H5921" with |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" sandals |strong="H5275" on |strong="H5921". <sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H1961" God's people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H0776" Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" way to |strong="H1961" leave |strong="H7604". It |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" just |strong="H0834" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" God took |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971"

<sup>I</sup> EAST This usually refers to the area around Babylon. <sup>II</sup> EDM, MOAB, AMMON Three countries east of Israel. They were Israel's enemies for many years. <sup>III</sup> THE LORD ... EGYPT Or "the LORD will dry up the tongue of the Sea of Egypt."

out |strong="H7604" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714".

### A Song of Praise to God

**12** At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559",  
 " I |strong="H3588" praise |strong="H3034" you |strong="H3588", LORD |strong="H3068"!  
 You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" been |strong="H0599" angry |strong="H0599" with |strong="H3068" me |strong="H7725",  
 but |strong="H3588" don't be |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H0599" with |strong="H3068" me |strong="H7725" now |strong="H3117".  
 Show your |strong="H3068" love to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H7725".

**2** God |strong="H0410" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H3068" saves me |strong="H1961".

I |strong="H3588" trust |strong="H0982" him |strong="H3588", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H6342".

The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" YAH is |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" strength |strong="H5797".

He |strong="H3588" saves me |strong="H1961", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" sing songs of |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H3588" about |strong="H1961" him |strong="H3588".<sup>I</sup>

**3** You |strong="H4325" people will |strong="H4325" get your |strong="H7579" water |strong="H4325" from |strong="H4325" the |strong="H3444" spring |strong="H4599" of |strong="H4325" salvation |strong="H3444".

Then you |strong="H4325" will |strong="H4325" be |strong="H4325" happy.

**4** At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559",

" Praise |strong="H3034" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" call |strong="H7121" out |strong="H3045" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034"!

Tell |strong="H0559" everyone what |strong="H3045" he |strong="H1931" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H5949"

and |strong="H3068" how |strong="H3588" wonderful he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068".

**5** Sing |strong="H2167" songs of |strong="H0776" praise |strong="H2167" about |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068",

because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" great things |strong="H3605".

Spread this |strong="H2063" news about |strong="H3045" God |strong="H3068" throughout |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776".

Let all |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0776" know |strong="H3045" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3605".

**6** People |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3427" Zion |strong="H6726", shout |strong="H7442" about these things |strong="H1419"!

The |strong="H3588" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H3427" Israel |strong="H3478" is |strong="H3478" with |strong="H3427" you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H3588" powerful way.

So |strong="H3588" sing |strong="H7442" and |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3478" happy!

### God's Message to Babylon

**13** God showed Isaiah |strong="H3470" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531" this |strong="H0834" message |strong="H4853"<sup>II</sup> about Babylon |strong="H0894":

**2** " Raise |strong="H7311" a |strong="H5375" flag on |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3027" mountain |strong="H2022"<sup>III</sup> where |strong="H5921" nothing grows.

Call out |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" men.

Wave |strong="H5130" your |strong="H5921" arms |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0935" let them |strong="H5921" know

they |strong="H5921" should enter |strong="H0935" through |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5921" gates |strong="H6607" for |strong="H5921" important leaders.

**3** " I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H1571" separated these men |strong="H1368" from |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0589" people,

and |strong="H0639" I |strong="H0589" myself |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1571" command |strong="H6680" them |strong="H6680".

I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H1571" gathered these proud |strong="H1346", happy soldiers |strong="H1368" of |strong="H1368" mine to |strong="H7121" show |strong="H6942" how angry |strong="H0639" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589".

**4** " Listen |strong="H6963" to |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" loud noise |strong="H6963" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" mountains |strong="H2022".

<sup>I</sup> THE LORD YAH ... HIM Literally, "YAH, YAHWEH is my strength and praise. And he becomes my salvation." This comes from the victory song of Moses in Exodus 15:2.

<sup>II</sup> MESSAGE Or "burden." <sup>III</sup> MOUNTAIN This probably means Babylon.

It |strong="H3068" sounds |strong="H6963" like |strong="H1823" crowds |strong="H1995" of |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".

People |strong="H5971" from |strong="H3068" many |strong="H7227" kingdoms |strong="H4467" are |strong="H3068" gathering |strong="H0622" together |strong="H0622".

The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful is |strong="H3068" calling his |strong="H3068" army |strong="H6635" together |strong="H0622".

<sup>5</sup> They |strong="H3068" are |strong="H8064" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" faraway land |strong="H0776".

They |strong="H3068" are |strong="H8064" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" beyond the |strong="H3605" horizon.

The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" use this |strong="H3068" army |strong="H0776" as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" weapon |strong="H3627" to |strong="H0935" show his |strong="H3605" anger.

They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" special day |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" near |strong="H7138". So |strong="H0935" cry and |strong="H0935" be |strong="H3068" sad for |strong="H3588" yourselves |strong="H3068".

A |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935" when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" enemy will |strong="H3068" steal your |strong="H3068" wealth. God |strong="H3068" All-Powerful

will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" happen.<sup>17</sup> People |strong="H0582" will |strong="H3027"

lose |strong="H4549" their |strong="H3605" courage |strong="H3824". Fear will |strong="H3027" make |strong="H4549" them |strong="H5921" weak |strong="H3605".<sup>8</sup> Everyone |strong="H0376"

will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" afraid. They |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" stare at |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H7453" with |strong="H0413" shock

on |strong="H0413" their |strong="H6440" faces |strong="H6440". Fear will |strong="H0376" grip them |strong="H0413" like |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" pains |strong="H2256"

of |strong="H0376" a |strong="H3205" woman in |strong="H0413" childbirth |strong="H3205".

<sup>1</sup> A TIME ... HAPPEN This is a wordplay in Hebrew. The word meaning "stealing things in war" sounds like the word meaning "God All-Powerful."

### God's Judgment Against |strong="H0413" Babylon

<sup>9</sup> Look |strong="H2009", the |strong="H0935" LORD'S |strong="H3068" special day |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935"! It |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7760" terrible day |strong="H3117". God |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" very angry |strong="H0639". He |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H8045" the |strong="H0935" country |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" wipe |strong="H8045" out |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" sinful |strong="H2400" people |strong="H0776" who |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3117" there |strong="H2009".<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H3588" skies will |strong="H8064" be |strong="H3808" dark |strong="H2821". The |strong="H3588" sun |strong="H8121", the |strong="H3588" moon |strong="H3394", and |strong="H8064" the |strong="H3588" stars |strong="H3556" will |strong="H8064" not |strong="H3808" shine |strong="H5050".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H5921" Lord says, "I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7563" cause bad |strong="H7451" things to |strong="H5921" happen to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" world |strong="H8398". I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7563" punish |strong="H6485" the |strong="H5921" evil |strong="H7451" people |strong="H7563" for |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H5771". I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7563" make |strong="H8213" proud |strong="H2086" people |strong="H7563" lose their |strong="H5921" pride |strong="H1346". I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7563" stop the |strong="H5921" bragging of |strong="H5921" cruel |strong="H7563" people |strong="H7563".<sup>12</sup> There will |strong="H0120" be |strong="H0582" only a |strong="H0211" few people |strong="H0120" left. They will |strong="H0120" be |strong="H0582" as rare as pure |strong="H6337" gold |strong="H3800".<sup>13</sup> In |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H0639" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" shake |strong="H7493" the |strong="H5921" sky |strong="H8064", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" moved |strong="H7264" from |strong="H5921" its |strong="H5921" place |strong="H4725"."

That |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" happen on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful shows his |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H0639".<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" peo-

ple |strong="H5971" from |strong="H0376" Babylon will |strong="H1961" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5080" like |strong="H1961" wounded deer or |strong="H0369" sheep |strong="H6629" that |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" no |strong="H0369" shepherd |strong="H6908". Every-one |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" turn |strong="H6437" and |strong="H0776" run |strong="H5127" back |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H1961" own |strong="H1961" country |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971". <sup>15</sup> Any-one |strong="H3605" caught |strong="H4672" by |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" enemy will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H3605" killed |strong="H2719" with |strong="H3605" a |strong="H4672" sword |strong="H2719". <sup>16</sup> Every-thing in |strong="H1004" their |strong="H5768" hous-es |strong="H1004" will |strong="H5869" be |strong="H1004" stolen. Their |strong="H5768" wives |strong="H0802" will |strong="H5869" be |strong="H1004" raped |strong="H7693", and |strong="H1004" their |strong="H5768" lit-tle |strong="H5768" children |strong="H5768" will |strong="H5869" be |strong="H1004" beaten to |strong="H1004" death while |strong="H1004" they watch |strong="H5869".

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0853" Lord says, " Look |strong="H2005", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" cause the |strong="H0853" armies |strong="H3808" of |strong="H5921" Me-dia |strong="H4074" to |strong="H5921" attack Baby-lon. Nothing |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0834" stop |strong="H3808" them |strong="H0853", even |strong="H3808" if |strong="H2005" someone of-fers them |strong="H0853" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3701" silver |strong="H3701". <sup>18</sup> They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5869" walk on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" bows |strong="H7198" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" young |strong="H5288" sol-diers |strong="H5288" of |strong="H1121" Babylon. The |strong="H5921" enemy soldiers |strong="H5288" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H3808" show |strong="H2347" any |strong="H3808" kindness or |strong="H3808" mercy |strong="H7355" even |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" babies and |strong="H1121" young |strong="H5288" children |strong="H1121". <sup>19</sup> Babylon |strong="H0894" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" destroyed like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430" destroyed Sodom |strong="H5467" and |strong="H0430" Gomo-rah |strong="H6017".

" Babylon |strong="H0894" is |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" most beautiful |strong="H8597" of |strong="H0430" all kingdoms |strong="H4467".

The |strong="H0853" Babylonians |strong="H3778" are |strong="H0430" very proud |strong="H1347" of |strong="H0430" their |strong="H1961" city. <sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3808" Babylon will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" continue |strong="H5331" to |strong="H5704" be |strong="H3808" beautiful. Peo-ple |strong="H3427" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" continue |strong="H5331" to |strong="H5704" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5704" future. Arabs will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" put their |strong="H3808" tents |strong="H0167" there |strong="H8033". Shepherds |strong="H7462" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" bring their |strong="H3808" sheep to |strong="H5704" let |strong="H3808" them |strong="H3427" eat there |strong="H8033". <sup>21</sup> The |strong="H4390" only animals living |strong="H7931" there |strong="H8033" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" wild animals from |strong="H8033" the |strong="H4390" desert. People will |strong="H1004" not be |strong="H1004" living |strong="H7931" in |strong="H1004" their |strong="H4390" houses |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1004" Babylon. The |strong="H4390" houses |strong="H1004" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" full |strong="H4390" of |strong="H1004" owls |strong="H0255" and |strong="H1004" large |strong="H1004" birds. Wild goats |strong="H8163" will |strong="H1004" play in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H4390" hous-es |strong="H1004". <sup>22</sup> Wild dogs and |strong="H0935" wolves |strong="H0338" will |strong="H3808" howl in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" great and |strong="H0935" beautiful buildings. Babylon will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" finished. The |strong="H0935" end is |strong="H3117" near |strong="H7138", and |strong="H0935" it |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" de-layed |strong="H4900"."

#### Israel Will Return Home

**14** The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" again |strong="H5750" show |strong="H7355" his |strong="H5921" love |strong="H7355" to |strong="H5921" Ja-cob |strong="H3290". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" again |strong="H5750" choose |strong="H0977" the |strong="H0853" peo-ple |strong="H3240" of |strong="H1004" Is-rael |strong="H3478". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" give them |strong="H0853" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0127". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" non-Is-raelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068"

I BABYLONIANS Literally, "Chaldeans." II WILD GOATS The He-brew word means "hairy," "goat," or "goat-demon." III NON-IS-

join |strong="H3867" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478", and |strong="H3068" both |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" become one |strong="H3588" family |strong="H1004"— Jacob's |strong="H3290" family |strong="H1004".<sup>2</sup> Those |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0127". The |strong="H5921" men |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0935" women |strong="H8198" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" other nations |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478". In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" past, those |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" forced the |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" become |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068" slaves |strong="H5650". But |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" future the |strong="H5921" Israelites |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" defeat those |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H5971", and |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" then |strong="H1961" rule |strong="H7287" over |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0127".<sup>3</sup> In |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" past, you |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" slaves |strong="H5647". People |strong="H0834" forced you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H1961" work |strong="H5656" hard |strong="H7186". But |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H1961" away |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0834" hard |strong="H7186" work |strong="H5656" you |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" forced to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H5647".

**A |strong="H1961" Song About |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" King of |strong="H3068" Babylon**

<sup>4</sup> At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H2088" time you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H4428" begin to |strong="H0559" sing |strong="H5375" this |strong="H2088" song about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894":  
The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" was |strong="H4428" cruel when |strong="H5375" he |strong="H5921" ruled |strong="H4428" us |strong="H5921",

**RAELITES** This usually means those who live in a country but are not yet citizens of that country. Here, it is the non-Israelites who decided to follow God.

but |strong="H4428" now |strong="H2088" his |strong="H5921" rule |strong="H4428" is |strong="H2088" finished.

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" breaks |strong="H7665" the |strong="H3068" scepter |strong="H7626" of |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7563" rulers |strong="H4910"; he |strong="H3068" takes away their |strong="H3068" power.

<sup>6</sup> In |strong="H1471" anger |strong="H0639", the |strong="H5221" king of |strong="H1471" Babylon beat |strong="H5221" the |strong="H5221" people |strong="H5971".

He |strong="H5221" never stopped beating |strong="H5221" them |strong="H5221".

He |strong="H5221" was |strong="H0639" an |strong="H5221" evil ruler who |strong="H1471" ruled in |strong="H1471" anger |strong="H0639".

He |strong="H5221" never stopped hurting people |strong="H5971".

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H3605" now, the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" rests |strong="H5117" and |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0776" quiet |strong="H8252".

Now the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0776" begin to |strong="H0776" celebrate.

<sup>8</sup> You |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1571" an |strong="H3772" evil king |strong="H5921", and |strong="H7901" now |strong="H1571" you |strong="H5921" are |strong="H1571" finished. Even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H5921" pine trees |strong="H1265" are |strong="H1571" happy |strong="H8055".

The |strong="H5921" cedar |strong="H0730" trees |strong="H1265" of |strong="H5921" Lebanon |strong="H3844" rejoice |strong="H8055".

They |strong="H5921" say, " The |strong="H5921" king |strong="H5921" chopped us |strong="H5921" down |strong="H7901",

but |strong="H3808" now |strong="H1571" the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H5921" has |strong="H1571" fallen,

and |strong="H7901" he |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1571" never |strong="H3808" stand again."

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3605" place |strong="H8478" of |strong="H4428" death |strong="H7585" is |strong="H0776" excited |strong="H7264" that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0776" coming |strong="H0935".

Sheol |strong="H7585" is |strong="H0776" waking the |strong="H3605" spirits |strong="H7496" of |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H6260" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" for |strong="H8478" you |strong="H3605".

Sheol |strong="H7585" is |strong="H0776" making |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" stand |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965"

from |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3605" thrones |strong="H3678" to |strong="H0935" meet |strong="H7125" you |strong="H3605".

<sup>10</sup> They |strong="H0559" will |strong="H1571" make fun of |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859", saying |strong="H0559",

" Now |strong="H1571" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1571" as |strong="H3644" dead as |strong="H3644" we |strong="H3605" are |strong="H1571".

Now |strong="H1571" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1571" just |strong="H3605" like |strong="H3644" us |strong="H0413"."

<sup>11</sup> Your |strong="H3381" pride |strong="H1347" has |strong="H7585" been sent down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" Sheol |strong="H7585".

The |strong="H8478" music |strong="H1998" from |strong="H3381" your |strong="H3381" harps |strong="H5035" announces the |strong="H8478" coming |strong="H3381" of |strong="H8478" your |strong="H3381" proud |strong="H1347" spirit.

Maggots |strong="H7415" will |strong="H3381" be the |strong="H8478" bed |strong="H3331" you |strong="H3381" lie on |strong="H8478",

and |strong="H3381" other worms |strong="H8438" will |strong="H3381" cover your |strong="H3381" body like |strong="H3381" a |strong="H8478" blanket.

<sup>12</sup> You |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1121" like |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" morning |strong="H7837" star |strong="H1966",

but |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1121" fallen |strong="H5307" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sky |strong="H8064".

In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" past, all the |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H1471" on |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H0776" bowed |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" before |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921",

but |strong="H5921" now you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1121" been |strong="H0776" cut |strong="H1438" down |strong="H5307".

<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H0859" always told |strong="H0559" yourself |strong="H0859",

" I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H8064" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" skies above |strong="H4605".

I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H8064" put |strong="H5927" my |strong="H7311" throne |strong="H3678" above |strong="H4605" God's |strong="H0410" stars |strong="H3556".

I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H8064" sit |strong="H3427" on |strong="H3427" Zaphon, <sup>I</sup>

the |strong="H0559" holy mountain |strong="H2022" where the |strong="H0559" gods |strong="H0410" meet.

<sup>14</sup> I |strong="H5921" will go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" altar above |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" tops of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" clouds |strong="H5645".

I |strong="H5921" will be like |strong="H1819" God Most High |strong="H1116"."

<sup>15</sup> But |strong="H0389" that |strong="H0413" did not happen.

You |strong="H3381" were brought |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" deep pit |strong="H0953"— Sheol |strong="H7585", the |strong="H0413" place of |strong="H0413" death |strong="H7585".

<sup>16</sup> People |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H7264" to |strong="H0413" look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H0413" your |strong="H7200" dead body.

They |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0776" think |strong="H7200" about |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7200" and |strong="H0776" say, " Is |strong="H2088" this |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0413" same |strong="H2088" man |strong="H0376"

who |strong="H0376" caused great fear in |strong="H0413" all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0413" kingdoms |strong="H4467" on |strong="H0413" earth |strong="H0776",

<sup>17</sup> who |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H2040" cities |strong="H5892"

and |strong="H1004" turned |strong="H7760" the |strong="H7760" land into |strong="H0615" a |strong="H7760" desert |strong="H4057",

who |strong="H3808" captured people |strong="H3808" in |strong="H1004" war and |strong="H1004" would not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" them |strong="H7760" go home |strong="H1004"?"

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" other |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" lie |strong="H7901" buried with |strong="H1004" honor |strong="H3519", each |strong="H0376" king |strong="H4428" with |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" own |strong="H0376" grave.

<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H0068" thrown |strong="H7993" out |strong="H0413" of |strong="H0068" your |strong="H2026" grave |strong="H6913" like |strong="H3381" a |strong="H7993" branch |strong="H5342" cut from |strong="H3381" a |strong="H7993" tree and |strong="H0068" thrown |strong="H7993" away |strong="H7993".

<sup>I</sup> ZAPHON This Hebrew word literally means "north" or "hidden."

You **are** **like** **a** **dead** **man** who **fell** **in** **battle**,  
trampled **under**  
the **feet** of **other** sol-  
diers.

Now **you** **look**  
**like** **any** **other**  
**dead** **man**  
wrapped **in** **burial**  
clothes **of**.

<sup>20</sup> Other **kings** **have**  
their **own** **graves**,  
but **you**  
**will** **not** **join**  
them **with**,

**because** **you** **ru-**  
**ined** **your**  
**own** **country**  
**and** **killed**  
**your** **own** **peo-**  
**ple**.

**So** **your**  
**wicked** **descendants**  
**will** **be** **stopped**.

<sup>21</sup> Prepare **to** **kill**  
**his** **children**,  
**because** **their** **fa-**  
**ther** **is** **guilty**.

**His** **children**  
**will** **never**  
**take** **control** of  
the **land**.

**They** **will** **nev-**  
**er** **fill**  
the **world**  
**with** **their**  
**cities**.

<sup>22</sup> The **LORD** **All-**  
**Powerful** **said**, **"I**  
**will** **stand**  
**and** **fight** **against**  
those **people**. **I**  
**will** **destroy**  
the **famous** **city**,  
**Babylon**. **I**  
**will** **destroy** **all**  
the **people** **there**.  
**I** **will** **de-**  
**stroy** **their** **chil-**  
**dren**, **their** **grand-**  
**children**, **and** **their**  
**great-grandchildren**." **The**  
**LORD** **himself** **said**  
**this**.

<sup>23</sup> **I** **will** **change**  
**Babylon**. **It** **will**  
**be** **a**  
**place** **for** **animals**, **I**  
**not** **people**. **It**  
**will** **be**  
**a** **swamp**. **I**  
**will** **use** **the**  
**broom** **of** **destruc-**  
**tion** **to** **sweep** **Baby-**  
**lon** **away**." **The**  
**LORD** **All-Powerful** **said**  
**this**.

### **God** **Will** **All-** **so** **Punish** **Assyria**

<sup>24</sup> The **LORD** **All-**  
**Powerful** **made** **this**  
**promise**: **"This**  
**will** **happen** **exact-**  
**ly** **as**  
**I** **meant** **for**  
**it** **to** **hap-**  
**pen** **in**. **It**  
**will** **happen** **in**  
**just** **the**  
**way** **I**  
**planned**. <sup>25</sup> **I**  
**will** **destroy**  
the **king**  
of **Assyria**  
**in** **my** **country**.  
**I** **will** **walk** **on**  
**him** **on**  
**my** **mountains**.  
**He** **forced** **my** **peo-**  
**ple** **to**  
**be** **his** **slaves**;  
**he** **put**  
**a** **yoke**  
**on** **their** **necks**.  
**But** **that** **pole**  
**will** **be** **tak-**  
**en** **off** **Judah's** **neck**,  
**and** **that** **bur-**  
**den** **will**  
**be** **removed**.  
**This** **is**  
**what** **I**  
**plan** **to**  
**do** **for**  
**this** **land**.  
**I** **will** **use**  
**my** **power**

I ANIMALS Literally, "porcupines."



to |strong="H5921" punish all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471":

27 When |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful makes |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" plan, no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3588" can |strong="H4310" change |strong="H7725" it |strong="H3588". When |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" raises his |strong="H3068" arm |strong="H3027" to |strong="H7725" punish, no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3588" can |strong="H4310" stop him |strong="H7725".

**God's Message |strong="H3068" to |strong="H7725" Philistia**

28 This |strong="H2088" message |strong="H4853" I was |strong="H1961" given to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" year |strong="H8141" King |strong="H4428" Ahaz |strong="H0271" died |strong="H4194" I:

29 Country of |strong="H7626" Philistia |strong="H6429", don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" happy |strong="H8055" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" king who |strong="H3605" beat |strong="H5221" you |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3605" now |strong="H3588" dead. It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3605" true that |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3605" rule has |strong="H3318" ended, but |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3605" son will |strong="H8328" come |strong="H3318" and |strong="H3318" rule. It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H8328" be |strong="H0408" like |strong="H3318" one |strong="H3605" snake |strong="H5175" giving birth |strong="H7665" to |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3588" more |strong="H3588" dangerous one |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" new king will |strong="H8328" be |strong="H0408" like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3588" quick and |strong="H3318" dangerous snake |strong="H5175" to |strong="H3318" you |strong="H3588". 30 But |strong="H4191" even |strong="H0034" the |strong="H4191" poorest of |strong="H7611" my |strong="H4191" people will |strong="H8328" be |strong="H4191" able to |strong="H4191" eat safely |strong="H0983". And |strong="H4191" their |strong="H2026" children will |strong="H8328" be |strong="H4191" able to |strong="H4191" lie |strong="H7257" down |strong="H7257" and |strong="H4191" feel safe. But |strong="H4191" I will |strong="H8328" make your |strong="H2026" family |strong="H4191" die |strong="H4191" from hunger |strong="H7458", and |strong="H4191" your |strong="H2026" enemy

I MESSAGE Or "burden." Also in 15:1. II YEAR KING AHAZ DIED About 727 B.C.

will |strong="H8328" kill |strong="H2026" anyone who survives.

31 People |strong="H2199" near the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892" gates |strong="H8179", cry |strong="H2199"!

People |strong="H2199" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892", cry |strong="H2199" out |strong="H2199"!

Everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0935" Philistia |strong="H6429",

your |strong="H3605" courage will |strong="H0369" melt |strong="H4127" like hot wax.

Look to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" north |strong="H6828"!

There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3588" cloud of |strong="H8179" dust.

An |strong="H0935" army is |strong="H0369" coming |strong="H0935",

and |strong="H0935" everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3588" army is |strong="H0369" strong. III

32 But |strong="H3588" what |strong="H4100" will |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" messengers |strong="H4397" from |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" nation |strong="H1471" report about us |strong="H3588"?

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" say, "The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3245" Zion |strong="H6726" strong, and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" poor |strong="H6041" people |strong="H5971" went there |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" safety."

**God's Message to Moab**

15 This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4124" a |strong="H3588" message |strong="H4853" about Moab |strong="H4124":

One |strong="H3588" night |strong="H3915" armies took the |strong="H3588" wealth

from |strong="H3915" Ar |strong="H6144" in |strong="H3588" Moab |strong="H4124",

and |strong="H3915" the |strong="H3588" city was |strong="H4124" destroyed |strong="H7703".

One |strong="H3588" night |strong="H3915" armies took the |strong="H3588" wealth

from |strong="H3915" Kir |strong="H7024" in |strong="H3588" Moab |strong="H4124",

and |strong="H3915" the |strong="H3588" city was |strong="H4124" destroyed |strong="H7703".

2 The |strong="H3605" king's family and |strong="H7218" the |strong="H3605" people

of |strong="H7218" Dibon |strong="H1769" IV go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921"

the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H7218" worship V to |strong="H5921" cry.

III EVERYONE ... STRONG Or "there are no stragglers in that group." IV DIBON A city in the country of Moab. This name is like a

The **H3605** people of **H7218** Moab **H4124** are **H5927** crying **H1065** for **H5921** Nebo **H5015**<sup>I</sup> and **H7218** Medeba **H4311**.<sup>II</sup>

They **H5921** have **H3605** shaved their **H3605** heads **H7218** and **H7218** beards **H2206** to **H5921** show their **H3605** sadness.

<sup>3</sup> Everywhere **H3605** in **H5921** Moab, on **H5921** the **H3605** housetops **H1406** and **H3381** in **H5921** the **H3605** streets **H2351**,

people are wearing **H2296** sack-cloth **H8242**.

Everyone **H3605** is **H3605** crying **H1065**.

<sup>4</sup> In **H5921** Heshbon **H2809** and **H6963** Elealeh **H0500** they **H3651** are **H5315** crying **H2199** loudly **H6963**.

You **H5921** can hear **H8085** their **H5921** voices **H6963** as **H5704** far **H5704** away as **H5704** Jahaz **H3096**.

Even **H5704** the **H5921** soldiers are **H5315** frightened.

They **H3651** are **H5315** shaking with **H5921** fear.

<sup>5</sup> My **H3588** heart **H3820** cries **H2199**, full of **H1870** sorrow **H1065** for **H3588** Moab **H4124**.

Its **H5927** people **H2199** run away **H5927** to **H5704** Zoar **H6820** for **H3588** safety.

They **H3588** run to **H5704** Eglath Shelishiyah.

The **H3588** people **H2199** are **H1870** crying **H2199**

as **H5704** they **H3588** go **H5927** up **H5927** the **H3588** road **H1870** to **H5704** Luhith **H3872**.

They **H3588** are **H1870** crying **H2199** loudly

as **H5704** they **H3588** walk **H1870** on **H1870** the **H3588** road **H1870** to **H5704** Horonaim **H2773**.

Hebrew word meaning "to be very sad."<sup>V</sup> PLACES OF WORSHIP Or "high places." See "high places" in the Word List. I NEBO A city in the country of Moab and the name of a false god. II MEDEBA A city in the country of Moab. This name is like a Hebrew word meaning "to be very sad."

<sup>6</sup> But **H3588** Nimrim **H5249** Brook is **H1961** as **H1961** dry **H3001** as **H1961** a **H1961** desert.

The **H3588** grass **H2682** has **H1961** dried **H3001** up **H3001**,

and **H4325** the **H3588** plants **H3418** are **H5249** all **H3615** dead.

Nothing **H3808** is **H1961** green **H3418**.

<sup>7</sup> So **H3651** the **H5921** people gather up **H5375** everything they **H3651** own

and **H5375** cross the **H5921** border at **H5921** Arabah stream **H5158**.

<sup>8</sup> You **H3588** can hear crying **H2201** everywhere in **H3588** Moab **H4124**—

as **H5704** far **H5704** away as **H5704** Eglaim **H0097** and **H0853** Beer Elim.

<sup>9</sup> The **H5921** water **H4325** of **H5921** Dimon **H1775**<sup>III</sup> is **H4325** full **H4390** of **H5921** blood **H1818**,

and **H1818** I **H3588** will **H4325** bring **H7896** even **H3588** more **H3254** troubles to **H5921** Dimon **H1775**.

A **H3588** few people **H1818** living in **H5921** Moab **H4124** have **H3588** escaped **H6413** the **H5921** enemy,

but **H3588** I **H3588** will **H4325** send lions **H0738** to **H5921** eat them **H5921**.

**16** You **H7971** people **H0776** should **H0413** send **H7971**

a **H7971** gift to **H0413** the **H0413** king of **H0776** the **H0413** land **H0776**.

You **H7971** should **H0413** send **H7971** a **H7971** lamb from **H0413** Sela **H5554**, through **H0776** the **H0413** desert **H4057**, to **H0413** the **H0413** mountain **H2022** in **H0413** the **H0413** city of **H0776** Jerusalem.<sup>IV</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The **H1961** women **H1323** of **H1323** Moab **H4124** try

III DIMON This is probably the city of Dibon. Dimon is like the Hebrew word meaning "blood." IV CITY OF JERUSALEM Literally, "daughter Zion." See "Zion" in the Word List.

to|strong="H1961" cross the|strong="H1961" river Arnon|strong="H0769".

They|strong="H5074" run around looking|strong="H1961" for|strong="H7971" help|strong="H1323",

like|strong="H1961" little birds|strong="H5775" that|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" fallen|strong="H1961" from|strong="H1961" their|strong="H1961" nest|strong="H7064".

<sup>3</sup> They|strong="H0935" say, "Help us|strong="H0935"!

Tell us|strong="H0935" what|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H6213".

Protect us|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" our|strong="H0935" enemies

as|strong="H0935" shade|strong="H6738" protects us|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" noon|strong="H6672" sun.

We|strong="H6213" are|strong="H6213" running from|strong="H0935" our|strong="H0935" enemies.

Hide|strong="H5641" us|strong="H0935"!  
Don't|strong="H0408" give|strong="H0935" us|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" our|strong="H0935" enemies.

<sup>4</sup> People|strong="H0776" from|strong="H4480" Moab|strong="H4124" were|strong="H0776" forced to|strong="H6440" leave|strong="H4480" their|strong="H3588" homes.

So|strong="H4480" let them|strong="H6440" live|strong="H1481" in|strong="H0776" your|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776".

Hide|strong="H5643" them|strong="H6440" from|strong="H4480" their|strong="H3588" enemies."

The|strong="H6440" robbing will|strong="H0776" stop.

The|strong="H6440" enemy will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" defeated.

The|strong="H6440" men who|strong="H0776" hurt the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" gone|strong="H0656" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776".

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H1732" a|strong="H5921" new king|strong="H3678" will|strong="H6664" come.

He|strong="H1732" will|strong="H6664" be|strong="H1732" from|strong="H5921" David's|strong="H1732" family|strong="H0168". <sup>I</sup>

He|strong="H1732" will|strong="H6664" be|strong="H1732" loyal|strong="H2617", loving, and|strong="H4941" kind|strong="H4941".

He|strong="H1732" will|strong="H6664" be|strong="H1732" a|strong="H5921" king|strong="H3678" who|strong="H3427" judges|strong="H8199" fairly|strong="H6664".

<sup>I</sup> DAVID'S FAMILY The royal family of Judah. God promised that men from David's family would be kings in Judah.

He|strong="H1732" will|strong="H6664" do what|strong="H6664" is|strong="H4941" right|strong="H4941" and|strong="H4941" good.

<sup>6</sup> We|strong="H8085" have|strong="H3808" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H8085" the|strong="H8085" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H8085" Moab|strong="H4124" are|strong="H3808" very|strong="H3966" proud|strong="H1346" and|strong="H8085" conceited.

They|strong="H3651" are|strong="H3808" hot-tempered braggers,

but|strong="H3808" their|strong="H8085" boasts|strong="H0907" are|strong="H3808" only empty words.

<sup>7</sup> Because|strong="H3651" of|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" pride, everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3605" Moab|strong="H4124" will|strong="H4124" mourn.

They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H4124" wish for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" used|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0389" be|strong="H3605".

They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H4124" wish for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" raisin cakes from|strong="H3605" Kir Hareseth. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3588" fields|strong="H7709" of|strong="H1167" Heshbon|strong="H2809" and|strong="H1471" the|strong="H3588" vines|strong="H1612" of|strong="H1167" Sibmah|strong="H7643" no longer grow grapes.

Foreign rulers have|strong="H1471" destroyed the|strong="H3588" vines|strong="H1612".

The|strong="H3588" enemy has|strong="H3588" reached|strong="H5060" Jazer|strong="H3270" and|strong="H1471" has|strong="H3588" spread|strong="H5203" into|strong="H3220" the|strong="H3588" desert|strong="H4057" and|strong="H1471" down|strong="H5060" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3588" sea|strong="H3220". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>9</sup> I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5307" cry with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" people of|strong="H5921" Jazer|strong="H3270" and|strong="H5307" Sibmah|strong="H7643",

because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" grapes have|strong="H3588" been destroyed.

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5307" cry with|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" people of|strong="H5921" Heshbon|strong="H2809" and|strong="H5307" Elealeh|strong="H0500"

because|strong="H3588" there will|strong="H5307" be|strong="H3588" no harvest|strong="H7105".

<sup>II</sup> KIR HARESETH A city in the country of Moab. <sup>III</sup> FOREIGN RULERS ... THE SEA Or "These grapes made many foreign rulers drunk. The vines spread far to the city of Jazer, then into the desert and down to the sea."

There will|strong="H5307" be|strong="H3588" no  
summer|strong="H7019" fruit,  
and|strong="H5307" there will|strong="H5307"  
be|strong="H3588" no shouts|strong="H1959"  
of|strong="H5921" joy|strong="H5921"  
for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" har-  
vest|strong="H7105".

<sup>10</sup> There will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808"  
no|strong="H3808" joy|strong="H8057"  
and|strong="H3196" happiness|strong="H8057"  
in|strong="H0622" the|strong="H4480" orchard.

I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" end  
the|strong="H4480" happy|strong="H8057" singing  
and|strong="H3196" shouting|strong="H7321"  
in|strong="H0622" the|strong="H4480" vine-  
yard|strong="H3754".

The|strong="H4480" grapes are|strong="H3808"  
ready to|strong="H4480" make wine|strong="H3196",

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H3808" all|strong="H0622"  
be|strong="H3808" ruined.

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651"  
will|strong="H4124" hum a|strong="H5921" sad song  
for|strong="H5921" Moab|strong="H4124"  
and|strong="H3658" Kir Heres,<sup>I</sup>

like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H5921"  
harp|strong="H3658" playing a|strong="H5921" fu-  
neral song.

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3808"  
of|strong="H5921" Moab|strong="H4124"  
will|strong="H1961" go|strong="H0935"

to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H5921"  
high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116"  
to|strong="H0413" worship.

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"  
their|strong="H5921" temple|strong="H4720"  
to|strong="H0413" pray|strong="H6419",

but|strong="H3588" it|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" help  
them|strong="H0413".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H1696" these|strong="H2088"  
things|strong="H1697" about|strong="H0413"  
Moab|strong="H4124" many times.<sup>14</sup>

And|strong="H3068" now|strong="H6258"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H0559", " In|strong="H8141"  
three|strong="H7969" years|strong="H8141" (count-  
ing as|strong="H3068" exactly|strong="H3605"  
as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1696"  
hired|strong="H7916" helper would|strong="H3068")  
all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H1995" and|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605"  
they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3068" proud

<sup>I</sup> KIR HERES Kir Hareseth, a city in the country of Moab. Kir Heres means "a city chosen to be destroyed."

of|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3808" gone|strong="H3808". On-  
ly|strong="H3605" a|strong="H1696"  
few|strong="H4592" of|strong="H3068"  
their|strong="H3605" weakest peo-  
ple|strong="H1995" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3808" left|strong="H7605"."

### God's Message to Aram

<sup>17</sup> This|strong="H2009" is|strong="H2009"  
a|strong="H1961" message|strong="H4853"<sup>II</sup>  
about|strong="H1961" Damascus|strong="H1834"<sup>III</sup>:

" Damascus|strong="H1834" is|strong="H2009"  
now|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"  
city|strong="H5892", but|strong="H1961"  
it|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" destroyed.

Only ruined buildings will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" left|strong="H5493"  
there|strong="H2009".

<sup>2</sup> People|strong="H5800" will|strong="H1961"  
leave|strong="H5800" the|strong="H1961"  
cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H5739"  
Aroer|strong="H6177".<sup>IV</sup>

Flocks|strong="H5739" of|strong="H5739" sheep  
will|strong="H1961" wander freely in|strong="H1961"  
those|strong="H1961" empty towns|strong="H5892";  
there|strong="H0369" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" no|strong="H0369"

one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H1961" bother  
them|strong="H1961".

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H5002" fort cities|strong="H4013"  
of|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" destroyed.

The|strong="H5002" government  
in|strong="H3068" Damascus|strong="H1834"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" finished.

Those|strong="H1121" left|strong="H1961"  
in|strong="H3068" Aram|strong="H0758"  
will|strong="H3068" lose everything,

just like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5002" peo-  
ple|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478", says|strong="H5002"  
the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Power-  
ful.

<sup>4</sup> " At|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117" Jacob's|strong="H3290" wealth  
will|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3117"  
be|strong="H1961" gone|strong="H1961".

Yes, Israel will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" sick  
man|strong="H1320" who|strong="H1931"  
has|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" weak  
and|strong="H3117" thin|strong="H1809".

<sup>5</sup> " That|strong="H1961" time|strong="H1961"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"

<sup>II</sup> MESSAGE Or "burden." <sup>III</sup> DAMASCUS A city in the country of Aram (Syria). <sup>IV</sup> AROER A place in the country of Aram (Syria).

like *the* grain *in* the *Rephaim* valley *will* grow *in* the field. Then they cut the heads of grain from the plants and collect the grain.

<sup>6</sup> That *time* will also be like the olive harvest. People knock olives from the trees, but a few olives are usually left at the top of each tree or five olives are left on some of the top branches. It will be the same for those cities," says the LORD All-Powerful.

<sup>7</sup> Then *the* people *will* look *up* to *the* one *who* made them. Their *eyes* will see the Holy One of *Israel*. <sup>8</sup> They *will* not trust the great things they have made. They *will* not go to *the* special gardens <sup>II</sup> and *altars* <sup>III</sup>

I REPHAIM VALLEY A valley southwest of Jerusalem. II SPECIAL GARDENS Gardens where people worshiped false gods. III ALTARS These might be altars for burning incense, or they might be altars for worshipping a special false god.

they made *for* false gods. <sup>9</sup> At *that* time all *the* walled cities *will* be empty. They *will* be like *the* mountains and *the* forests <sup>IV</sup> in *the* land *before* the Israelites came. In *the* past, all *the* people *ran* away because *the* Israelites were coming. In *the* future, the country will be empty again. <sup>10</sup> This *will* happen because you *have* forgotten *the* God *who* saves you. You *have* not remembered *that* God *is* your place of safety.

You *brought* some very good grapevines from *faraway* places. You *might* plant those grapevines, but *they* *will* not grow. <sup>11</sup> You *will* plant your grapevines one *day* and *try* to make them grow, and *the* next day *they* *will* blossom. But *at* *the* harvest time, you *will* go to *gather* the fruit from *the* plants, and *you* *will* see that *everything* is dead. A *sick*ness *will* kill all *the* plants.

IV MOUNTAINS AND THE FORESTS With a minor change in the Hebrew, this could be "the Horites and Amorites."

<sup>12</sup> Listen to *these* all these people!

Their loud crying sounds like the noise from the sea.

Listen, it is like the crashing of waves in the sea.

<sup>13</sup> And the waves will rush when God speaks harshly to them.

They will be chaff blown away by the wind.

They will be weeded chased away by a storm.

<sup>14</sup> That night, the people will be frightened.

By morning, nothing will be left.

So our enemies will get nothing.

They will come to our land, but nothing will be there.

#### God's Message to Ethiopia

**18** Look at the land along the rivers of Ethiopia where you can hear the buzzing of insect wings. <sup>2</sup> That land sends people down the Nile River in reed boats. <sup>1</sup>

Fast messengers go to the people of Ethiopia.

<sup>I</sup> REED BOATS These boats were made by tying many reeds (a type of water plant) together.

who are tall, who are feared and wide.

Go to that powerful nation that defeats other countries.

and whose land is divided by rivers.

Go to warn them!

<sup>3</sup> Like a flag on a hill,

everyone on earth will see what happens.

Like a trumpet call,

everyone in the country will hear it.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD said, "I will in the place prepared for me. I will quietly watch these things happen: On a beautiful summer day, at noon, people will be resting. (It will be during the hot harvest time when there is no rain, but only early morning dew.)" <sup>5</sup> Then something terrible will happen. Earlier in the year, the flowers bloomed and the new grapes formed buds and began to grow. But before the crop is harvested, the enemy will come and cut the plants. They will break

<sup>II</sup> THE PLACE PREPARED FOR ME Probably the Temple in Jerusalem.

the vines and throw them away.<sup>6</sup> The vines will be left for the birds from the mountains and the wild animals to eat. The birds will feed on them throughout the summer, and that winter the wild animals will eat the vines."

<sup>7</sup> At that time a special offering will be brought to the LORD All-Powerful from the people who are tall and smooth, from those who are feared far and wide, from that powerful nation that defeats other countries and whose land is divided by rivers.<sup>1</sup> This offering will be brought to the LORD'S place on Mount Zion.

### God's Message to Egypt

**19** A message about Egypt: Look, the LORD is coming on a fast cloud. He will en-

<sup>1</sup> Or "At that time the people who are tall and smooth, who are feared far and wide, that powerful nation who defeats other countries and whose land is divided by rivers, those people will be brought to the LORD All-Powerful as a special gift." <sup>II</sup> MESSAGE Or "burden."

ter Egypt, and the false gods of Egypt will shake with fear. Egypt's courage will melt away like hot wax.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord says, "I will cause the Egyptians to fight against themselves. Men will fight their brothers will be against neighbors. Cities will be against cities. Kingdoms will be against kingdoms." <sup>III</sup> The Egyptians will be afraid and confused. They will ask their wise men what they should do. They will ask their wizards and magicians, but I will ruin their plans." <sup>4</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "I will give Egypt to a hard master. A powerful king will rule over the people."

<sup>5</sup> The water in the Nile River will dry up and disappear. <sup>6</sup> All the rivers will smell very bad. <sup>IV</sup> The canals in Egypt will be dry, and the water will be gone. All the water plants

<sup>III</sup> KINGDOMS WILL BE AGAINST KINGDOMS Or "States will be against states." This means Egyptians will fight other Egyptians. <sup>IV</sup> SMELL VERY BAD In Hebrew this is like a name for the Nile River.

will|strong="H2975" rot|strong="H7060".<sup>7</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" plants along|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" river-banks will|strong="H0369" die and|strong="H6310" blow away|strong="H5086". Even|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" plants at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" widest part|strong="H5921" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" river|strong="H2975" will|strong="H0369" dry|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001", blow away|strong="H5086", and|strong="H6310" disappear.

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3605" fishermen, all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" catch fish from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Nile|strong="H2975" River|strong="H2975", will|strong="H4325" become sad and|strong="H6440" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4325" cry. They|strong="H5921" depend on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Nile|strong="H2975" River|strong="H2975" for|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" food, but|strong="H4325" it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4325" be|strong="H4325" dry.<sup>9</sup> Those who|strong="H0954" make|strong="H5647" cloth from flax|strong="H6593", who|strong="H0954" weave|strong="H0707" it into linen|strong="H6593", will|strong="H5647" all|strong="H0954" be|strong="H5647" sad.<sup>10</sup> Those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" weave cloth will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" broken, and|strong="H5315" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" work for|strong="H3605" money will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" depressed.

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0559" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" city of|strong="H1121" Zoan|strong="H6814"<sup>I</sup> are|strong="H1121" fools|strong="H0191". Pharaoh's|strong="H6547" wise|strong="H2450" advisors" give bad advice|strong="H6098". They|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559" they|strong="H0559" are|strong="H1121" wise|strong="H2450". They|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559" they|strong="H0559" are|strong="H1121" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" old|strong="H1121" family of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" kings|strong="H4428", but|strong="H0389" they|strong="H0559" are|strong="H1121" not|strong="H1121" as|strong="H1121" smart as|strong="H1121" they|strong="H0559" think|strong="H0559".<sup>12</sup> Egypt|strong="H4714", where|strong="H0335" are|strong="H4100" your|strong="H3068" wise|strong="H2450" men|strong="H2450"? They|strong="H5921" should|strong="H4100" learn|strong="H3045"

I ZOAN A city in Egypt. Also in verse 13.

what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful has|strong="H3068" planned|strong="H3289" for|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4714". They|strong="H5921" should|strong="H4100" be|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" ones to|strong="H5921" tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H5921" what|strong="H4100" will|strong="H3068" happen.

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Zoan|strong="H6814" have|strong="H8269" been fooled. The|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Noph<sup>II</sup> have|strong="H8269" believed lies, so|strong="H0853" they lead|strong="H8582" Egypt|strong="H4714" the|strong="H0853" wrong way.<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" confused them|strong="H0853", so|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3068" wander|strong="H8582" around and|strong="H3068" lead|strong="H8582" Egypt|strong="H4714" the|strong="H3605" wrong way|strong="H3605". Everything|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3068" do|strong="H4639" is|strong="H3068" wrong. They|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3068" like|strong="H7130" drunks rolling in|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" vomit|strong="H6892".<sup>15</sup> There|strong="H1961" is|strong="H0834" nothing|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0834" leaders|strong="H7218" can|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213". ( They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" heads|strong="H7218" and|strong="H7218" the|strong="H0834" tails|strong="H2180". They|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" tops|strong="H7218" and|strong="H7218" the|strong="H0834" stalks of|strong="H7218" plants."<sup>III</sup>)

<sup>16</sup> At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H6440" Egyptians|strong="H4714" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" frightened women|strong="H0802". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" afraid|strong="H6342" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, because|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" raise his|strong="H5921" arm|strong="H3027" to|strong="H1961" punish the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0834".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" brings|strong="H2142" fear|strong="H6342" to|strong="H0413" everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4714". Any-

II NOPH Or "Memphis," a city in Egypt. III THE HEADS AND ... STALKS OF PLANTS See Isaiah 9:14-15.



one |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714" who |strong="H0834" hears |strong="H2142" the |strong="H3605" name Ju-dah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H6342". This |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" hap-pen |strong="H1961" because |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Pow-erful has |strong="H3068" planned |strong="H3289" ter-rible things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" hap-pen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>18</sup> At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" five |strong="H2568" cities |strong="H5892" in |strong="H3068" Egypt |strong="H4714" where people |strong="H0776" speak |strong="H1696" Hebrew. <sup>I</sup> One |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0776" these |strong="H1931" cities |strong="H5892" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" named |strong="H1696" "Destruc-tion |strong="H2041" City |strong="H5892". <sup>II</sup> The |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0776" in |strong="H3068" these |strong="H1931" cities |strong="H5892" will |strong="H3068" promise |strong="H7650" to |strong="H0559" fol-low |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful.

<sup>19</sup> At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" altar |strong="H4196" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". At |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" bor-der |strong="H1366" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" monument to |strong="H1961" show |strong="H1961" honor to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>20</sup> This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" sign |strong="H0226" to |strong="H0413" show |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Pow-erful does |strong="H3068" amazing things |strong="H1961". Any |strong="H1961" time |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" peo-ple |strong="H0776" cry |strong="H6817" for |strong="H3588" help |strong="H3467" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440"

<sup>I</sup> HEBREW Literally, "the language of Canaan." <sup>II</sup> DESTRUCTION CITY This is a wordplay on the name meaning "Sun City," which is al-so called On or Heliopolis.

LORD |strong="H3068", he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" help |strong="H3467". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" someone to |strong="H0413" save |strong="H3467" and |strong="H3068" defend the |strong="H6440" peo-ple |strong="H0776"— to |strong="H0413" res-cue |strong="H5337" the |strong="H6440" peo-ple |strong="H0776" from |strong="H6440" those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3068" hurt them |strong="H0413".

<sup>21</sup> At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3045" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3045" himself |strong="H1931" known |strong="H3045" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3117" really will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" him |strong="H0853" and |strong="H3068" give him |strong="H0853" many sacrifices |strong="H2077". They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3045" promises <sup>III</sup> to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H5647" what |strong="H3045" they |strong="H3117" promise |strong="H3068". <sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" punish the |strong="H0853" Egyptians |strong="H4714", but |strong="H5062" then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" heal |strong="H7495" them |strong="H0853", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" him |strong="H0853". The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" listen to |strong="H5704" their |strong="H3068" prayers |strong="H6279" and |strong="H3068" heal |strong="H7495" them |strong="H0853".

<sup>23</sup> At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" highway |strong="H4546" from |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0935" Assyria |strong="H0804". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" Assyrians will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Egyp-tians |strong="H4714" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Assyr-

<sup>III</sup> PROMISES A special kind of promise to God. See Leviticus 22:18-24.

ia |strong="H0804". Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H1961" work |strong="H5647" with |strong="H0935" Assyria |strong="H0804".<sup>124</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Israel |strong="H3478", Assyria |strong="H0804", and |strong="H3478" Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H1961" join together and |strong="H3478" control the |strong="H3117" land |strong="H0776". This |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" blessing |strong="H1293" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3117" land |strong="H0776".<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful will |strong="H3068" bless |strong="H1288" these |strong="H5971" countries. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", " Egypt |strong="H4714", you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971". Assyria |strong="H0804", I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H4639" you |strong="H0834". Israel |strong="H3478", I |strong="H0834" own you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" all |strong="H1288" blessed |strong="H1288"!"

#### Assyria Will Defeat Egypt and Ethiopia

**20** Sargon |strong="H5623"<sup>I</sup> was |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804". He |strong="H0853" sent |strong="H7971" his |strong="H7971" military commander |strong="H8661" to |strong="H0935" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H3898" Ashdod |strong="H0795". The |strong="H0853" commander |strong="H8661" went |strong="H0935" there and |strong="H0935" captured |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" city.<sup>2</sup> At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H1931" time |strong="H6256" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H1696" through |strong="H3027" Isaiah |strong="H3470" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amoz |strong="H0531". He |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", " Go |strong="H1980", take |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0559" sackcloth |strong="H8242" off |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" waist |strong="H4975" and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0559" sandals |strong="H5275" off |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" feet |strong="H7272". So |strong="H3651" Isaiah |strong="H3470" obeyed the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1980" went |strong="H1980" without clothes or |strong="H1121" sandals |strong="H5275".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", "

I EGYPT WILL WORK WITH ASSYRIA Or "Egypt will serve Assyria." II SARGON A king of Assyria. He was king about 721–705 B.C.

My |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Isaiah |strong="H3470" has |strong="H3068" gone |strong="H1980" without clothes or |strong="H3068" sandals for |strong="H5921" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141". This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" sign |strong="H0226" for |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H1980" Ethiopia |strong="H3568".<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H4428" defeat Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H4428" Ethiopia |strong="H3568". Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H4428" take prisoners |strong="H7628" and |strong="H4428" lead them |strong="H0853" away |strong="H5090" from |strong="H4714" their |strong="H3651" countries. The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5288", young |strong="H5288" and |strong="H4428" old |strong="H2205", will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H4428" led |strong="H5090" away |strong="H5090" without clothes or |strong="H2205" sandals. They |strong="H3651" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H4428" completely naked |strong="H6174".<sup>5</sup> Those |strong="H4480" who |strong="H0954" looked to |strong="H0954" Ethiopia |strong="H3568" for |strong="H4714" help will |strong="H4714" be |strong="H4480" shattered |strong="H2865". Those |strong="H4480" who |strong="H0954" were |strong="H4714" amazed by |strong="H0954" Egypt's |strong="H4714" glory |strong="H8597" will |strong="H4714" be |strong="H4480" ashamed |strong="H0954"."

<sup>6</sup> People |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" along |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0559" coast |strong="H0339" will |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0587" trusted those |strong="H0834" countries to |strong="H0559" help |strong="H5833" us |strong="H6440". We |strong="H0587" ran |strong="H5127" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H6440" so |strong="H3541" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0559" rescue |strong="H5337" us |strong="H6440" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804". But |strong="H2009" look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H3427" them |strong="H6440". They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" captured, so |strong="H3541" how |strong="H0349" can |strong="H0349" we |strong="H0587" escape |strong="H4422"?"

#### God's Message About Babylon

**21** This |strong="H0935" is |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0935" message |strong="H4853"<sup>III</sup> about |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935"

desert|strong="H4057" by|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" sea|strong="H3220" I:  
It|strong="H0935" is|strong="H0776" coming|strong="H0935" like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H0935" storm blowing|strong="H2498" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" Negev|strong="H5045".

It|strong="H0935" is|strong="H0776" coming|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" desert|strong="H4057", from|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" frightening nation.

<sup>2</sup> I was|strong="H3605" given a|strong="H5927" vision|strong="H2380" of|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" hard|strong="H7186" times to|strong="H5046" come|strong="H5927".

I see traitors turning against|strong="H5927" you|strong="H3605".

I see people taking your|strong="H3605" wealth. Elam|strong="H5867", go|strong="H5927" against|strong="H5927" them|strong="H5046"!

Media|strong="H4074", surround the|strong="H3605" city!

I will|strong="H7703" put|strong="H5927" an end to|strong="H5046" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" moaning.

<sup>3</sup> I|strong="H3651" saw|strong="H7200" those|strong="H5921" terrible things, and|strong="H7200" now|strong="H8085" I|strong="H3651" am afraid.

My|strong="H8085" fear makes|strong="H7200" my|strong="H8085" stomach hurt like|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5921" pain of|strong="H3205" giving|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205".

What|strong="H5921" I|strong="H3651" hear|strong="H8085" frightens me|strong="H5921".

What|strong="H5921" I|strong="H3651" see|strong="H7200" makes|strong="H7200" me|strong="H5921" shake with|strong="H4390" fear.

<sup>4</sup> I|strong="H7760" am worried and|strong="H0853" shaking with|strong="H0853" fear|strong="H2731".

My|strong="H7760" pleasant evening|strong="H5399" has|strong="H6427" become a|strong="H7760" nightmare.

<sup>5</sup> People are|strong="H8269" rushing around shouting their|strong="H0398" orders:

"Set|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0398" table|strong="H7979"!

Post the|strong="H0398" guard!

Get|strong="H6965" something to|strong="H6965" eat|strong="H0398" and|strong="H6965" drink|strong="H8354"!

Officers|strong="H8269", get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965"!

III MESSAGE Or "burden." Also in verses 11, 13. I THE DESERT BY THE SEA Probably Babylon.

Polish your|strong="H0398" shields|strong="H4043"!

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", "Go find|strong="H7200" someone to|strong="H0413" guard this|strong="H3541" city. He|strong="H0834" must report|strong="H5046" whatever|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" sees|strong="H7200". <sup>7</sup> Whether|strong="H7200" he|strong="H7200" sees|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" chariot|strong="H7393" and|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" team|strong="H6776" of|strong="H7393" horses|strong="H6571" or|strong="H2543" men riding donkeys|strong="H2543" or|strong="H2543" camels|strong="H1581", he|strong="H7200" must listen|strong="H7181" carefully." II

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H5975" one|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3119" the|strong="H3605" watchman III called|strong="H7121" out|strong="H5921", "My|strong="H3605" master|strong="H0136", every|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3119" I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H3605" been|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" watchtower|strong="H4707" IV watching.

Every|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915" I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H3605" been|strong="H3605" standing|strong="H5975" on|strong="H5921" duty|strong="H4931".

<sup>9</sup> Look|strong="H2009"! I|strong="H2009" see|strong="H2009" a|strong="H0935" man|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" chariot|strong="H7393" with|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" team|strong="H6776" of|strong="H0776" horses|strong="H6571". V

The|strong="H3605" messenger said|strong="H0559",

"Babylon|strong="H0894" has|strong="H0430" been|strong="H3605" defeated!

It|strong="H7665" has|strong="H0430" fallen|strong="H5307" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776"!

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" statues|strong="H2088" of|strong="H0776" her|strong="H3605" false gods|strong="H0430" were|strong="H0376" thrown to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0935" broken|strong="H7665" to|strong="H0559" pieces|strong="H7665".

II Or "Whether he sees a column of teams of horsemen, columns of donkeys, or columns of camels, he must listen carefully."

III THE WATCHMAN "the seer," an ancient title for a prophet. The standard Hebrew text has "a lion." IV WATCHTOWER A tall building where guards stood and watched to see if anyone was coming near their city. V A MAN ... HORSES Or "a column of teams of horsemen." This might be a team of horses pulling a war chariot or mounted archers in the Assyrian army who often worked in pairs.

10 My people will like grain crushed on my threshing floor. I have told you everything I heard from the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel.

**God's Message About Dumah**

11 This is a message about Dumah:

There is someone calling me from Seir,

"Guard how much the night is left?

How much will it be night?"

12 The guard answered,

"Morning is coming, but then night will come again.

If you have else to ask, then back ask."

**God's Message About Arabia**

13 This is a message about Arabia:

A caravan spent near some trees in the Arabian Desert.

14 They gave water to some thirsty travelers.

I DUMAH This Hebrew word means "silence." It may refer to Edom or to a city in Arabia. II SEIR A mountain in Edom or a city in Arabia. III COME BACK This can also mean "change your heart" or "repent."

The people of Tema gave them food.

15 They were running from swords that were ready to kill.

They were running from bows that were ready to shoot.

They were running from a hard battle.

16 The Lord told this would happen. He said, "In year, the way hired helper counts time, all Kedar's glory will be gone." 17 Only a few of the archers great of Kedar, will be left alive.

The LORD, the God of Israel, told me this.

**God's Message to Jerusalem**

22 This is a message about the Valley of Vision:

Jerusalem, what is wrong?

Why has everyone up in their rooms?

2 This city was so happy,

but now there is a terrible uproar.

There are bodies lying everywhere,

IV MESSAGE Or "burden." V VALLEY OF VISION This probably means one of the valleys near Jerusalem. Also in verse 5.

but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" were |strong="H4191" not |strong="H3808" killed |strong="H4191" with |strong="H4421" swords |strong="H2719".

The |strong="H3808" people |strong="H3808" died |strong="H4191",

but |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" while fighting.

<sup>3</sup> All |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" officers ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" together |strong="H3162",

but |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3605" have |strong="H4672" all |strong="H3605" been |strong="H3605" captured |strong="H0631" without bows |strong="H7198". <sup>I</sup>

All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" leaders ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" together |strong="H3162",

but |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3605" were |strong="H4672" found |strong="H4672" and |strong="H7198" captured |strong="H0631".

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" say |strong="H0559", " Don't |strong="H0408" look |strong="H8159" at |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921"!

Let |strong="H0408" me |strong="H5921" cry! Don't |strong="H0408" rush to |strong="H0559" comfort |strong="H5162" me |strong="H5921" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" destruction |strong="H7701" of |strong="H1323" Jerusalem."

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3588" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" All-Powerful chose a |strong="H3588" special day |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3588" there |strong="H2022" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H0136" riots and |strong="H3117" confusion |strong="H4103". People trampled on |strong="H3117" each |strong="H3117" other in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H3117" Vision |strong="H2384".

The |strong="H3588" city |strong="H7023" walls |strong="H7023" were |strong="H2022" pulled down |strong="H3588". People in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" valley |strong="H1516" shouted up |strong="H0413" at |strong="H0413" those |strong="H3588" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3588" mountain |strong="H2022".

<sup>6</sup> Horse soldiers from |strong="H5375" Elam |strong="H5867" took |strong="H5375" their |strong="H5375" bags of |strong="H7393" arrows and |strong="H0120" rode into battle. Soldiers from |strong="H5375" Kir |strong="H7024" rattled their |strong="H5375" shields |strong="H4043". <sup>7</sup> Your |strong="H1961" favorite valley |strong="H6010" was |strong="H1961" filled |strong="H4390" with |strong="H4390" chariots |strong="H7393". Horse

<sup>I</sup> BUT THEY HAVE ... BOWS Or "but the archers captured them."

soldiers were |strong="H1961" stationed in |strong="H1961" front of |strong="H8179" the |strong="H1961" city |strong="H8179" gates |strong="H8179". <sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" cover protecting Judah |strong="H3063" <sup>II</sup> was |strong="H1931" removed |strong="H1540", and |strong="H3063" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1931" turned |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" weapons |strong="H5402" they |strong="H3117" kept at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Forest |strong="H3293" Palace |strong="H1004". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Then you noticed how many cracks there were in the walls around the City of David, so you began collecting water from the Lower Pool. <sup>IV</sup> You counted the houses and used stones from them to repair the walls. Then you built a pool between the double walls <sup>V</sup> for storing water from the Old Pool. <sup>VI</sup>

You did all this to protect yourselves, but you did not trust the God who made all these things. You did not even notice the one who made all these things so long ago. <sup>12</sup> So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3069" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" All-Powerful told the |strong="H3069" people |strong="H1931" to |strong="H3117" cry |strong="H7121" and |strong="H3117" mourn for |strong="H7121" their |strong="H3117" dead friends.

He |strong="H1931" told them |strong="H7121" to |strong="H3117" shave their |strong="H3117" heads and |strong="H3117" wear mourning |strong="H4553" clothes. <sup>13</sup> But |strong="H3588" look |strong="H2009", everyone |strong="H1320" was |strong="H6629" happy |strong="H8057". The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1320" rejoiced |strong="H8057", saying, " Kill |strong="H2026" the |strong="H3588" cattle |strong="H1241" and |strong="H0398" sheep |strong="H6629",

and |strong="H0398" let's celebrate. Let's eat |strong="H0398" meat |strong="H1320" and |strong="H0398" drink |strong="H8354" wine |strong="H3196".

Eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0398" drink |strong="H8354", for |strong="H3588" tomorrow |strong="H4279" we |strong="H3588" die |strong="H4191"."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H4191" and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0518" heard it |strong="H0518" with |strong="H3068"

<sup>II</sup> COVER PROTECTING JUDAH This might be the wall around Jerusalem, but see Isaiah 4:5-6. <sup>III</sup> FOREST PALACE A part of Solomon's palace where his weapons and wealth were stored. <sup>IV</sup> LOWER POOL The pool at the southern tip of the City of David, just below the Upper Pool (the Pool of Siloam). <sup>V</sup> POOL BETWEEN THE DOUBLE WALLS This is probably the Upper Pool (the Pool of Siloam). <sup>VI</sup> OLD POOL Probably the pool at Gihon Spring on the eastern slopes of the city.

my|strong="H3068" own ears|strong="H0241": " You|strong="H0518" are|strong="H3068" guilty|strong="H5771" of|strong="H3068" doing wrong|strong="H5771", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0518" promise|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191" before|strong="H5704" this|strong="H2088" guilt|strong="H5771" is|strong="H3068" forgiven." The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful said|strong="H0559" these|strong="H2088" things|strong="H1540".

**God's Message|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" Shebna**

15 The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" All-Powerful told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Shebna|strong="H7644", the|strong="H0559" palace|strong="H1004" manager, 16 and|strong="H4908" say this|strong="H3588": " What|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" doing here|strong="H6311"? None of|strong="H5553" your|strong="H3588" relatives are|strong="H4100" buried here|strong="H6311", are|strong="H4100" they|strong="H3588"? Then|strong="H4100" what|strong="H4100" right do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3588" to|strong="H4100" prepare a|strong="H3588" tomb|strong="H6913" for|strong="H3588" yourself in|strong="H6913" this|strong="H3588" high|strong="H4791" place|strong="H4908"? Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" cutting a|strong="H3588" tomb|strong="H6913" out|strong="H4100" of|strong="H5553" this|strong="H3588" rock|strong="H5553"?

17 "What a big man you are! But the LORD will crush you. He will roll you into a small ball and throw you far away into the open arms of another country, and there you will die.

"You are very proud of your chariots. But in that far-away land, your new ruler will have better chariots. And your chariots will not look important in his palace. 19 I will force|strong="H2040" you|strong="H2040" out|strong="H1920" of|strong="H4673" your|strong="H2040" position here. Your|strong="H2040" new leader will take you|strong="H2040" away|strong="H1920" from|strong="H1920" your|strong="H2040" important job. 20 At|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" call|strong="H7121" for|strong="H7121" my|strong="H1961" servant|strong="H5650" Eliakim|strong="H0471"

son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hilki-ah|strong="H2518". 21 I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H2388" your|strong="H5414" robe|strong="H3801" and|strong="H3063" put|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" on|strong="H3847" him|strong="H5414". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" scepter. I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" important job you|strong="H5414" have|strong="H1961", and|strong="H3063" he|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" father|strong="H0001" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5414" people|strong="H3427" of|strong="H1004" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3063" Judah's|strong="H3063" family|strong="H1004". 1

22 " I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1004" put|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5921" key|strong="H4668" to|strong="H5921" David's|strong="H1732" house|strong="H1004" around|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414" neck. If he|strong="H1732" opens|strong="H6605" a|strong="H5414" door, no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H1004" be|strong="H1004" able to|strong="H5921" close|strong="H5462" it|strong="H5414". If he|strong="H1732" closes a|strong="H5414" door, no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H1004" be|strong="H1004" able to|strong="H5921" open|strong="H6605" it|strong="H5414". 23 He|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" favorite chair|strong="H3678" in|strong="H1004" his|strong="H1961" father's|strong="H0001" house|strong="H1004". I|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" make him|strong="H0539" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" strong peg|strong="H3489" in|strong="H1004" a|strong="H1961" solid board. 24 All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" honored and|strong="H1004" important|strong="H5704" things|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H3605" father's|strong="H0001" house|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1004" hang|strong="H8518" on|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921". All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" adults and|strong="H1004" little|strong="H6996" children|strong="H6631" will|strong="H1004" depend on|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1004"

1 PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM AND JUDAH'S FAMILY Or "The king sitting on the throne in Jerusalem, the royal family of Judah."

be |strong="H0001" like |strong="H1004" lit-  
tle |strong="H6996" dishes and |strong="H1004" big  
water bottles hanging |strong="H8518"  
on |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".  
25 The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" All-  
Powerful said |strong="H1696", " At |strong="H5921"  
that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H0834" peg |strong="H3489"  
that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834"  
now |strong="H3117" in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0834" solid board will |strong="H3068"  
get weak and |strong="H3068" break |strong="H1438".  
It |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068"  
fall |strong="H5307" to |strong="H1696"  
the |strong="H0834" ground |strong="H4725",  
and |strong="H3068" everything |strong="H0834"  
hanging on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H1931"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" de-  
stroyed |strong="H3772". Then |strong="H1696" every-  
thing |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
said |strong="H1696" in |strong="H5921"  
this |strong="H1931" message |strong="H4853"  
will |strong="H3068" happen. It |strong="H1931"  
will |strong="H3068" happen because |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068"  
said |strong="H1696" it |strong="H1931"  
would |strong="H3068".

#### God's Message About Tyre

23 This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0776"  
a |strong="H3588" message |strong="H4853"<sup>I</sup>  
about |strong="H0935" Tyre |strong="H6865".  
Ships |strong="H0591" traveling  
from |strong="H0935" Cyprus |strong="H3794"  
heard |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" mes-  
sage |strong="H4853".

"Cry, you |strong="H3588" ships |strong="H0591"  
from |strong="H0935" Tarshish |strong="H8659"<sup>II</sup>!  
Your |strong="H0935" harbor |strong="H0935"  
has |strong="H0776" been |strong="H0776" de-  
stroyed |strong="H7703".

2 You |strong="H3427" people |strong="H3427" liv-  
ing |strong="H3427" near the |strong="H4390"  
sea |strong="H3220", mourn in |strong="H3427" si-  
lence.

The |strong="H4390" merchants |strong="H5503"  
of |strong="H3427" Sidon |strong="H6721" sent  
traders |strong="H5503" across |strong="H5674"  
the |strong="H4390" sea |strong="H3220"  
and |strong="H3427" filled |strong="H4390"  
the |strong="H4390" city with |strong="H4390" riches.

3 They |strong="H1471" traveled  
the |strong="H1961" seas looking |strong="H1961"  
for |strong="H4325" grain |strong="H2233".

The |strong="H1961" men from |strong="H1961"  
Tyre bought grain |strong="H2233"

I MESSAGE Or "burden." II SHIPS FROM TARSHISH This is probably a special type of cargo ship. Also in verse 14.

that |strong="H4325" grows near the |strong="H1961"  
Nile |strong="H2975" River |strong="H2975"  
and |strong="H4325" sold |strong="H1961"  
it |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" other na-  
tions |strong="H1471".

4 Sidon |strong="H6721", you |strong="H3588"  
should |strong="H3588" be |strong="H3808" very sad,  
because |strong="H3588" now |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0559" Sea |strong="H3220"  
and |strong="H0954" the |strong="H0559" Fort  
of |strong="H3205" the |strong="H0559"  
Sea |strong="H3220"<sup>III</sup> say |strong="H0559",  
" I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588"  
no |strong="H3808" children |strong="H3205".

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" nev-  
er |strong="H3808" felt the |strong="H0559" pain  
of |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205";  
I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" nev-  
er |strong="H3808" given |strong="H3205"  
birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0559" chil-  
dren |strong="H3205".

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" nev-  
er |strong="H3808" raised |strong="H7311"  
young |strong="H0970" men |strong="H0970"  
and |strong="H0954" women |strong="H1330".

5 When |strong="H0834" Egypt |strong="H4714"  
hears the |strong="H0834" news |strong="H8088"  
about |strong="H8088" Tyre |strong="H6865",  
it |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" feel  
the |strong="H0834" pain of |strong="H8088" sorrow.

6 You |strong="H3427" ships, try to |strong="H3427"  
escape to |strong="H3427" Tarshish |strong="H8659"!  
Cry out |strong="H3427", you |strong="H3427" peo-  
ple |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" near  
the |strong="H3427" sea |strong="H8659"!

7 Can this |strong="H2063" be |strong="H3117"  
that |strong="H3117" happy city |strong="H6927"  
that |strong="H3117" was |strong="H3117" founded so  
long |strong="H3117" ago |strong="H7350"?

Is |strong="H3117" it |strong="H6927"  
that |strong="H3117" same city |strong="H6927"  
whose people traveled so far |strong="H7350"  
to |strong="H3117" settle other lands? <sup>IV</sup>

8 This |strong="H2063" city produced  
so |strong="H0834" many leaders |strong="H8269".  
Its |strong="H5921" merchants |strong="H5503"  
were |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834"  
princes |strong="H8269".

Its |strong="H5921" traders |strong="H5503"  
had |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" whole  
world's respect |strong="H5921".

So |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834"  
made |strong="H3513" these |strong="H2063" plans  
against |strong="H5921" Tyre |strong="H6865"?

III FORT OF THE SEA Another name for the city of Tyre. IV TRAV-  
ELED ... OTHER LANDS? Or "came from so far to live here?"

<sup>9</sup> It *was* the LORD All-Powerful.

He decided to destroy the great things they were so proud of.

He wanted to disgrace those who were so highly respected.

<sup>10</sup> Ships from Tarshish back

Cross the sea as if it were a river.

No one will stop you now.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD raised his arm over the sea

to make the kingdoms angry enough to fight against Tyre.

He commanded Canaan

to destroy her place of safety.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>12</sup> He said, "Daughter Sidon, you have been hurt badly,

so will no longer like a bride.

Go ahead, Cyprus help

but you will not find a place to rest there either."

<sup>I</sup> Or "He raised his arm over the sea and shook nations. He gave a command about Canaan to destroy its fortresses." <sup>II</sup> DAUGHTER SIDON Another name for the city of Sidon. <sup>III</sup> CYPRUS Literally, "Kittim." This could also mean "Crete."

<sup>13</sup> As for Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans!

It is not even a country now.

Assyria built war towers to attack it.

The soldiers took everything from the beautiful houses.

Assyria destroyed Babylon.

They turned it into a pile of ruins and made it a place wild for animals.

<sup>14</sup> So be sad, you ships from Tarshish.

Your place of safety has been destroyed.

<sup>15</sup> People will forget Tyre for 70 years— that is, about the length of a king's rule. After 70 years, Tyre will be like the prostitute in song:

<sup>16</sup> "Oh, woman who men forgot, take your harp and walk through the city.

Play your song and sing it often.

Maybe someone will remember you."

<sup>17</sup> After 70 years, the LORD will review Tyre's case,



and will give her Tyre again. She be a prostitute for the nations on earth. But Tyre will not keep the money she profits from her trade will be saved for LORD Tyre give that money the people who the LORD to buy good food and nice clothes.

#### God Will Punish Israel

**24** Look LORD is destroying this land. He will clean out the land completely and force all the people go far away. <sup>2</sup> At that time whatever happens to the common people also happen to the priests and masters will be the same. Women slaves their masters be and sellers will be the same. Those who borrow those who

I LAND Or "earth."

lend will be the same. Bankers and those who owe the bank will be the same. <sup>3</sup> Everyone will be forced out of the land. All the wealth will be taken. This will be because LORD commanded it. <sup>4</sup> The country will be empty and sad. The world will be empty and weak. The great leaders of the people in this land will become weak.

<sup>5</sup> The people have ruined the land. They did what God said was wrong. They did not obey God's laws. They made an agreement with God a long time ago, but they broke their agreement with God. <sup>6</sup> The people living in this land are guilty of doing wrong, so God promised to destroy the land. The people will be punished, and only a few of them will survive.

<sup>7</sup> The grapevines are dying. The new wine is bad. People who were happy are now sad. <sup>8</sup> They have stopped showing their

joy|strong="H4885". The|strong="H8596" happy music from|strong="H2308" the|strong="H8596" drums and|strong="H8596" harps|strong="H3658" has|strong="H7588" ended. <sup>9</sup> They|strong="H3808" no|strong="H3808" longer|strong="H3808" sing as they|strong="H3808" drink|strong="H8354" their|strong="H3808" wine|strong="H3196". The|strong="H3808" beer|strong="H7941" now tastes bitter|strong="H4843" to|strong="H3808" those who|strong="H3808" drink|strong="H8354" it|strong="H3808".

<sup>10</sup> " Total|strong="H3605" Confusion|strong="H8414" is|strong="H3605" a|strong="H0935" good name for|strong="H1004" this|strong="H3605" city|strong="H7151". The|strong="H3605" city|strong="H7151" has|strong="H3605" been|strong="H3605" destroyed. People cannot enter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" houses|strong="H1004". The|strong="H3605" doors are|strong="H1004" blocked. <sup>11</sup> People|strong="H0776" still ask for|strong="H5921" wine|strong="H3196" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" marketplaces, but|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" joy|strong="H8057" is|strong="H0776" gone|strong="H1540". It|strong="H5921" was|strong="H0776" carried|strong="H1540" off|strong="H5921" with|strong="H5921" everything|strong="H3605" else|strong="H3605". <sup>12</sup> All that|strong="H7604" is|strong="H8047" left|strong="H7604" is|strong="H8047" destruction|strong="H8047". Even the|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179" are|strong="H8179" crushed|strong="H3807".

<sup>13</sup> At|strong="H1961" harvest|strong="H1210" time|strong="H1961", people|strong="H5971" knock olives|strong="H2132" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" trees|strong="H2132".

But|strong="H3588" a|strong="H1961" few olives|strong="H2132" are|strong="H0776" left|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3588" trees|strong="H2132".

It|strong="H0518" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3588" in|strong="H0776" this|strong="H3541" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" among|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3588" nations|strong="H5971".

<sup>14</sup> Those|strong="H1992" who|strong="H3068" are|strong="H1992" left will|strong="H3068" begin shouting|strong="H6963" louder than the|strong="H3068" ocean.

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" rejoice|strong="H7442" about|strong="H5375" the|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" greatness.

<sup>15</sup> They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H3478", "People in|strong="H5921"

the|strong="H5921" east, praise the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068"!

People in|strong="H5921" faraway lands, praise the|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H5921" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>16</sup> We|strong="H8085" hear|strong="H8085" songs|strong="H2158" of|strong="H0776" praise for|strong="H0776" God|strong="H0559" from|strong="H8085" every place|strong="H0776" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

They|strong="H0559" praise the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0559" who|strong="H0559" does what is|strong="H0776" right|strong="H6662".

But|strong="H8085" I|strong="H0776" say|strong="H0559", "Enough!

I|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0776" had|strong="H0776" enough.

What I|strong="H0776" see is|strong="H0776" terrible.

Traitors are|strong="H0776" turning against people|strong="H8085" and|strong="H0776" hurting them|strong="H8085".

<sup>17</sup> I|strong="H0776" see troubles for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" this land|strong="H0776".

I|strong="H0776" see fear|strong="H6343", pits|strong="H6354", and|strong="H0776" problems all around|strong="H5921".

<sup>18</sup> People|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" hear|strong="H6963" about|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" danger,

and|strong="H0776" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" afraid|strong="H6343".

Some of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H0413" will|strong="H1961" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5927",

but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" fall|strong="H5307" into|strong="H0413" holes and|strong="H0776" be|strong="H1961" trapped.

Some of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H0413" will|strong="H1961" climb|strong="H5927" out|strong="H0413" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3588" holes,

but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" caught|strong="H3920" in|strong="H0413" another|strong="H8432" trap.

The|strong="H3588" floodgates|strong="H0699" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" sky above|strong="H4791" will|strong="H1961" open|strong="H6605",

and the floods will begin.

The foundations of the earth will shake.

<sup>19</sup> There will be earthquakes,

and the earth will split open.

<sup>20</sup> The sins of the world are so very heavy,

so the earth will fall under the weight.

It will shake an old house.

It will fall as drunk.

It will not be able to stand.

<sup>21</sup> At that time the LORD will judge the heavenly armies in heaven

and the earthly kings on earth.

<sup>22</sup> Many people will be gathered together.

They have been locked in Pit.

They have been in prison.<sup>1</sup>

But finally, after a long time will be judged.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD will rule as king on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

His Glory will be shown to the city leaders with such brightness that

the moon will be embarrassed

and the sun will be ashamed.

### A Song of Praise to God

**25** LORD, you are my God.

I honor you and praise your name,

because you did amazing things.

The words you said long ago are completely true; everything happened exactly as you said it would.

<sup>2</sup> And you destroyed the city that was protected by strong walls.

Now it is only a pile of rocks.

The foreign palace has been destroyed.

It will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> That why nations will honor you.

Powerful people from cities will fear you.

<sup>4</sup> You have been a safe place for poor people in trouble.

You are like a shelter from floods

<sup>1</sup> PIT ... PRISON This is probably "Sheol," the grave.

and|strong="H7307" shade|strong="H6738"  
from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" heat  
when|strong="H3588" powerful  
men|strong="H6184" attack.

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0034"  
like|strong="H1961" rain streaming  
down|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
walls|strong="H7023"

that|strong="H3588" protect us|strong="H3588"  
from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588"  
storm|strong="H2230".

<sup>5</sup> Like|strong="H6738" the|strong="H6030" heat  
of|strong="H7588" summer in a dry|strong="H6724"  
land,

the|strong="H6030" angry shouts  
of|strong="H7588" those foreigners|strong="H2114"  
brought us to|strong="H2114" our knees.

But|strong="H6030" like|strong="H6738" a  
thick|strong="H5645" cloud|strong="H5645"  
that|strong="H3665" blocks the|strong="H6030" sum-  
mer heat,

you|strong="H2114" answered|strong="H6030"  
their|strong="H3665" challenge.

#### God's Banquet for His|strong="H5645" Servants

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-  
Powerful will|strong="H3068" give a|strong="H2088"  
feast|strong="H4960" for|strong="H3605"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" on|strong="H3068"  
this|strong="H2088" mountain|strong="H2022".  
At|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
feast|strong="H4960", there|strong="H2088"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" best foods and|strong="H3068"  
wines. The|strong="H3605" meat will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" good and|strong="H3068" tender,  
the|strong="H3605" wine|strong="H8105" pure  
and|strong="H3068" clear|strong="H3605".

<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H1104" now|strong="H2088"  
there|strong="H2088" is|strong="H2088"  
a|strong="H2088" veil covering|strong="H4541"  
all|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471"  
and|strong="H6440" people|strong="H5971".  
This|strong="H2088" veil is|strong="H2088" called  
"death."<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H3588" death|strong="H4194"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" de-  
stroyed|strong="H4229" forever|strong="H5331".<sup>I</sup>  
And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" wipe|strong="H4229"  
away|strong="H5493" every|strong="H3605" tear  
from|strong="H5493" every|strong="H3605"  
face|strong="H6440". In|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" past|strong="H5493",  
all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776"

<sup>I</sup> BUT DEATH ... FOREVER Some Greek versions have "But death will be swallowed in victory."

his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"  
were|strong="H0776" sad, but|strong="H3588"  
God|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
take|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493"  
that|strong="H3588" sadness from|strong="H5493"  
the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776".  
All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776"  
this|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" happen be-  
cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696"  
it|strong="H5921" would|strong="H3068".

<sup>9</sup> At|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117" people|strong="H1931"  
will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559",

" Here|strong="H2009" is|strong="H3068"  
our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"!  
He|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H2088"  
we|strong="H3117" have|strong="H3068"  
been|strong="H3068" waiting for|strong="H3117".

He|strong="H1931" has|strong="H3068" come  
to|strong="H0559" save|strong="H3467"  
us|strong="H3117".

We|strong="H3117" have|strong="H3068"  
been|strong="H3068" waiting for|strong="H3117"  
our|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".

So|strong="H2088" we|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H3068" rejoice|strong="H8055"  
and|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" hap-  
py|strong="H8055" when|strong="H3117"  
he|strong="H1931" saves|strong="H3467"  
us|strong="H3117".

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H3588" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
power|strong="H3027" is|strong="H3068"  
on|strong="H5117" this|strong="H2088" moun-  
tain|strong="H2022",

and|strong="H3068" Moab|strong="H4124"<sup>II</sup>  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027" defeated.

The|strong="H3588" Lord|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" trample|strong="H1758"  
the|strong="H3588" enemy

like|strong="H8478" someone walking  
on|strong="H5117" straw|strong="H4963"  
in|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588"  
pile|strong="H4087" of|strong="H3068" waste.

<sup>11</sup> They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" reach  
out|strong="H6566" their|strong="H7130"  
arms|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3027" escape  
like|strong="H0834" someone trying  
to|strong="H3027" swim|strong="H7811".

But|strong="H0834" their|strong="H7130"  
pride|strong="H1346" will|strong="H0834" sink  
with|strong="H5973" each stroke  
they|strong="H0834" take|strong="H5973".

<sup>II</sup> MOAB Or "the enemy." This name is like a Hebrew word meaning "enemy."

<sup>12</sup> He will destroy their high walls and safe places.

He will throw them down into the dust on the ground.

### A Song of Praise to God

**26** At that time will this song in Judah be sung: We have a strong city and defenses.

But God our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> Open the gates to the good people to enter.

They are the God's faithful followers.

<sup>3</sup> God, you give true peace

to people who depend on you,

to those who trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> So the LORD always,

because in the LORD you have a place of safety forever.

<sup>5</sup> But he will destroy the proud city

and will punish those who live there.

He will throw that high city down

the ground.

It will fall into dust.

<sup>6</sup> Then poor and humble people will walk on those ruins.

<sup>7</sup> Honesty is the path good people follow.

They follow the path that is and true.

And God, you make that way smooth and easy to follow.

<sup>8</sup> But, LORD, we are waiting for your way of justice.

We want to honor you and your name.

<sup>9</sup> At night my soul longs to be with you,

and the spirit in me wants to be with you at the dawn of every new day.

When your way of justice comes to the world, people will learn the right way of living.

<sup>10</sup> Evil people will not learn to do good, even if you show them only kindness.

They will still do wrong, even if they live in a good world.

<sup>1</sup> Or "We have a strong city that provides us with salvation. It has strong walls and defenses." <sup>II</sup> LORD YAH Or "YAH YAHWEH," a Hebrew name for God.

They|strong="H3068" never|strong="H1077"  
see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" greatness.

11 LORD|strong="H3068", your|strong="H3068"  
arm|strong="H3027" is|strong="H3068"  
raised|strong="H7311" to|strong="H3068" punish  
them|strong="H0398",

but|strong="H5971" they|strong="H3068" don't  
see|strong="H2372" it|strong="H0398".

Show them|strong="H0398" how|strong="H0637"  
strong your|strong="H3068" love<sup>I</sup> is|strong="H3068"  
for|strong="H3027" your|strong="H3068" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971".

Then|strong="H3068" those|strong="H0398"  
who|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3027" evil  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027"  
ashamed|strong="H0954".

Yes|strong="H0637", your|strong="H3068"  
fire|strong="H0784" will|strong="H3068" destroy  
your|strong="H3068" enemies.

12 LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3588"  
have|strong="H1571" succeeded in|strong="H3068"  
doing|strong="H6466" everything|strong="H3605"  
we|strong="H3588" tried to|strong="H3068"  
do|strong="H6466",

so|strong="H1571" give us|strong="H3588"  
peace|strong="H7965".

**God|strong="H3068" Will|strong="H3068" Give New  
Life to|strong="H3068" His|strong="H3605" People**

13 LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0113"  
are|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430",

but|strong="H2108" in|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H3068" past, we|strong="H0905" fol-  
lowed other lords|strong="H0113".

We|strong="H0905" belonged to|strong="H3068"  
other masters|strong="H0113",<sup>II</sup>

but|strong="H2108" now we|strong="H0905" want  
people to|strong="H3068" remem-  
ber|strong="H2142" only|strong="H0905"  
one|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034"—yours.

14 Those|strong="H3605" dead|strong="H4191"  
lords will|strong="H4191" not|strong="H1077"  
come|strong="H6965" to|strong="H4191"  
life|strong="H4191".

Those|strong="H3605" ghosts will|strong="H4191"  
not|strong="H1077" rise|strong="H6965"  
from|strong="H6965" death|strong="H4191".

You|strong="H3605" decided|strong="H6965"  
to|strong="H4191" destroy|strong="H8045"  
them|strong="H6485",

<sup>I</sup> STRONG ... LOVE The Hebrew word means strong feelings like love, hate, anger, zeal, or jealousy. <sup>II</sup> WE FOLLOWED ... MASTERS This is a wordplay. It could also be translated, "Husbands other than you married us." One word sounds like "Baal," the other like a title for God.

and|strong="H6965" you|strong="H3605" de-  
stroyed|strong="H8045" everything|strong="H3605"  
that|strong="H3605" makes|strong="H0006" us think  
about|strong="H3605" them|strong="H6485".

15 LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3605"  
have|strong="H1471" helped the|strong="H3605" na-  
tion|strong="H1471" you|strong="H3605" love.

You|strong="H3605" made|strong="H3513"  
our|strong="H3068" nation|strong="H1471"  
grow|strong="H3254"

and|strong="H3068" brought hon-  
or|strong="H3513" to|strong="H3068" yourself.<sup>III</sup>

16 LORD|strong="H3068", people|strong="H6862"  
remember you|strong="H6485"

when|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068"  
are|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" trou-  
ble|strong="H6862".

So|strong="H6485" because of|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" punishment|strong="H4148",  
we called out to|strong="H3068"  
you|strong="H6485".

17 LORD|strong="H3068", because|strong="H6440"  
of|strong="H3068" you|strong="H6440" we  
were|strong="H1961" in|strong="H3068" pain,

like|strong="H3644" a|strong="H1961"  
woman|strong="H2030" giving|strong="H3205"  
birth|strong="H3205",

who|strong="H3068" struggles  
and|strong="H3068" cries|strong="H2199"  
out|strong="H2199" when|strong="H1961"  
it|strong="H7126" is|strong="H3068"  
time|strong="H1961".

18 But|strong="H3205" we|strong="H0776" strug-  
gled in|strong="H3427" pain for|strong="H0776"  
nothing|strong="H1077".

We|strong="H0776" gave|strong="H3205"  
birth|strong="H3205" only|strong="H5307"  
to|strong="H3205" wind|strong="H7307".

We|strong="H0776" did|strong="H6213" noth-  
ing|strong="H1077" to|strong="H3205"  
save|strong="H3444" the|strong="H3205"  
land|strong="H0776".

No|strong="H1077" one|strong="H0776"  
was|strong="H0776" born|strong="H3205"  
to|strong="H3205" live|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3205"  
world|strong="H8398".

19 But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" Lord  
says,

"Your|strong="H3588" people|strong="H0776"  
have|strong="H0776" died|strong="H4191",  
but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H0776" live|strong="H2421"  
again|strong="H6965".

<sup>III</sup> Or "You gathered together the nation you love, the nation you drove into faraway lands."

The *bodies* of my people will rise from death.

Dead people in the ground will stand be happy!

The dew covering you like the dew sparkling in the light of a new day.

It shows that a new time is coming,

when the earth will give birth to the dead who are in it.

when the earth will give birth to the dead who are in it.

#### Judgment: Reward or Punishment

<sup>20</sup> My people go into your rooms and lock your doors.

Hide there a short time until God's anger is finished.

<sup>21</sup> Look! The LORD is coming out from his place to judge the people of the world for the bad things they have done.

The earth will reveal the blood that has been spilled on it.

The earth will reveal the blood that has been spilled on it.

It will no longer hide those murders.

<sup>27</sup> At that time the LORD will judge Leviathan, the crooked snake.

He will use his great sword and sword,

to punish Leviathan, twisting snake.

He will kill the monster of the sea.

<sup>2</sup> At that time will sing about

the vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> I, LORD, will care for the vineyard.

I will water it at the right time.

I will guard day and night.

No one will hurt it.

<sup>4</sup> I am not angry.

But if there is war and someone builds a wall of thornbushes,

then I will march to it and burn it.

II LEVIATHAN The Dragon or giant snake. Some ancient stories say the Dragon was an enemy of God. III MONSTER OF THE SEA This is probably Rahab. Some ancient stories tell of Rahab fighting with God. IV A WALL OF THORNBUSHES Literally, "thorns and thistles." Farmers planted walls of thornbushes around vineyards to protect them from animals. See Isaiah 5:5.

I HIS PLACE Probably the Temple in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup> But if anyone comes to me safety and he wants to make peace with me, then let them come and make peace.

<sup>6</sup> In the future, Jacob will take root firmly on his soil.

Then Israel will sprout and bloom, and the land will be filled with his fruit.

**God Will Send Israel Away**

<sup>7</sup> Israel was hurt as the enemy tried to hurt it. Not as many of its people were killed as those who tried to kill them.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will settle his argument with Israel by sending the people far away. He will speak harshly to Israel. His words will burn like the hot desert wind.

<sup>9</sup> How will Jacob's guilt be forgiven? What will happen so his sins be taken away? The rocks of the altar will be crushed to dust; the statues and al-

tars for worshiping false gods will be destroyed.

<sup>10</sup> The great city will be empty; it will be like a desert. All the people will be gone— they will run away. The city will be like an open pasture. Young cattle will eat grass there. The cattle will eat leaves from the branches of the vines. <sup>11</sup> The vines will become dry, and the branches will break off. Women will use them for firewood.

The people will refuse to understand God, their Maker, will not comfort them or be kind to them.

<sup>12</sup> At that time LORD will begin separating his people from others. He will begin at the Euphrates River and will gather his people there to the River of Egypt.

You people of Israel will gather

II HE WILL BEGIN ... FROM THERE Literally, "He will begin threshing at the stream of the river." This Hebrew word for stream is like the word meaning "head of grain." III EUPHRATES RIVER ... RIVER OF EGYPT These are the borders of the land God promised to give Israel.

I STATUES Or "idols." See "idol" in the Word List.



ered |strong="H3950" together |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" by |strong="H3068" one |strong="H0259".<sup>13</sup> Many |strong="H1419" of |strong="H0776" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0776" are |strong="H3117" now |strong="H1961" lost |strong="H0006" in |strong="H0935" Assyria |strong="H0804". Some |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0776" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0776" have |strong="H1961" run away |strong="H5080" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714". But |strong="H1961" at |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" a |strong="H1961" great |strong="H1419" trumpet |strong="H7782" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" blown |strong="H8628", and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3117" those |strong="H1961" people |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" before |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" holy |strong="H6944" mountain |strong="H2022".

#### Warnings to Northern Israel

**28** Look at |strong="H5921" Samaria! The |strong="H0834" drunks of |strong="H7218" Ephraim |strong="H0669" are |strong="H0834" proud |strong="H1348" of |strong="H7218" that |strong="H0834" city. It |strong="H5921" sits on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0834" hill with |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0834" rich valley |strong="H1516" around |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921". The |strong="H0834" Samaritans think their |strong="H5921" city is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" beautiful |strong="H8597" crown |strong="H5850" of |strong="H7218" flowers. But |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" drunk |strong="H7910" with |strong="H5921" wine |strong="H3196", and |strong="H7218" this |strong="H0834" beautiful |strong="H8597" crown |strong="H5850" is |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" dying plant.  
<sup>2</sup> Look |strong="H2009", the |strong="H3027" Lord |strong="H0136" has |strong="H0136" someone who |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0776" strong |strong="H2389" and |strong="H0776" brave. He |strong="H3027" will |strong="H0776" come into |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3027" country |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" storm |strong="H2230" of |strong="H0776" hail |strong="H1259" and |strong="H0776" rain |strong="H4325".

Like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776" powerful |strong="H0533" river |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" water |strong="H4325" flooding |strong="H7857" the |strong="H3027" country |strong="H0776",

he |strong="H3027" will |strong="H0776" throw that |strong="H4325" crown<sup>1</sup> down |strong="H3027" to |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3027" ground |strong="H0776".

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H7429" drunks of |strong="H5850" Ephraim |strong="H0669" are |strong="H7272" proud |strong="H1348" of |strong="H5850" their |strong="H7272" beautiful crown |strong="H5850",

but that |strong="H7272" city will |strong="H0669" be trampled |strong="H7429" down |strong="H7429".

<sup>4</sup> That |strong="H0834" city sits on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" hill with |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" rich valley |strong="H1516" around |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".

But |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" beautiful |strong="H8597" crown of |strong="H7218" flowers is |strong="H0834" just |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" dying plant.

It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H1061" figs of |strong="H7218" summer |strong="H7019".

As |strong="H0834" soon |strong="H5750" as |strong="H0834" someone sees |strong="H7200" a |strong="H1961" ripe |strong="H1061" one |strong="H0834", they |strong="H0834" pick |strong="H7200" it |strong="H5921" and |strong="H7218" eat it |strong="H5921".

<sup>5</sup> At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3068" Beautiful |strong="H8597" Crown |strong="H5850". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3068" Wonderful Crown |strong="H5850" of |strong="H3068" Flowers for |strong="H3117" his |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H1931" are |strong="H3117" left |strong="H1961".<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H7725" he |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7307" give |strong="H7725" wisdom to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H5921" judges who |strong="H3427" rule |strong="H3427" his |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3427". He |strong="H5921" will |strong="H7307" give |strong="H7725" strength |strong="H1369" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H3427" are |strong="H4941" in |strong="H3427" battles |strong="H4421" at |strong="H3427"

<sup>1</sup> THAT CROWN That is, Samaria.

the *city* gates *now* those leaders are drunk. The priests and prophets are drunk with wine beer and fall down. The prophets are drunk when they see their dreams. The judges are drunk when they make their decisions. <sup>8</sup> Every table is with vomit. There is not a clean place anywhere.

**God Wants to Help  
His People**

<sup>9</sup> The people say, "Who does he think he is trying to teach and explain his message to? Does he think we are babies who were at their mother's breast only a very short time ago?" <sup>10</sup> He speaks to us as though we were babies:

"Saw lasaw saw lasaw  
Qaw laqaw qaw laqaw  
Ze'er sham ze'er sham." <sup>I</sup>

<sup>11</sup> So God will use this strange way of talking, and he will use other languages to speak

<sup>I</sup> SAW LASAW ... ZE'ER SHAM This is probably a Hebrew song to teach little children how to write. It sounds like baby talk or a foreign language, but it can also be translated, "A command here, a command there. A rule here, a rule there. A lesson here, a lesson there." Also in verse 13.

to these people.

<sup>12</sup> In the past he spoke to them and said, "Here is a resting place for those who are tired and rest. This is the place of peace." But they would not listen to him. <sup>13</sup> So the LORD'S words be senseless sounds

to them:

"Saw lasaw saw lasaw.  
Qaw laqaw qaw laqaw.  
Ze'er sham ze'er sham."

When the people try to walk, they will fall backwards. They will be defeated, trapped, and captured.

**No One Escapes God's Judgment**

<sup>14</sup> You leaders in Jerusalem should listen to the LORD'S message now, but you refuse to listen to him. <sup>15</sup> You have said, "We have made an agreement with death." We have a contract with death. So we will not be punished. Punishment will pass us without hurting us.

<sup>II</sup> SENSELESS SOUNDS Or "gibberish" or "baby talk."

We will hide tricks and

<sup>16</sup> Because these things Lord says will a cornerstone in ground in Zion. This will be very stone on very important rock. Anyone in that rock not disappointed. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>17</sup> "Workers use a string and show work and will as and the lay But were lies they be washed when the you hail floods. <sup>18</sup> Your agreement death be contract will help

"Someone will come you will

<sup>I</sup> VERY PRECIOUS STONE This also means a stone has been tested and shown that it has no cracks. <sup>II</sup> ANYONE ... DISAPPOINTED This is found in the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "Whoever trusts will not panic."

you the on will and you Your will Your will early the and will into night

" Then you will this bed so cover bed and so were your agreements."

<sup>21</sup> The LORD he at Mount Perazim will angry as was in Gibeon Valley He do he It be do he Yes is job don't about things you them will

<sup>III</sup> MOUNT PERAZIM ... GIBEON VALLEY See 1 Chron. 14:8-17.

the **ropes around** you

The **words I** heard **will not** change. They came from **the Lord GOD All-Powerful, the ruler of all earth, and these things will be done**.

### The **Lord** Punishes Fairly

<sup>23</sup> Listen **closely** to **the** message **I** am telling you.

<sup>24</sup> Does a **farmer** plow **his** field all **the** time? No, **he** doesn't work **the** soil all **the** time. <sup>25</sup> A **farmer** prepares **the** ground, and **then** **he** plants **the** seed. **He** plants different kinds of **seeds** different ways. **He** scatters **dill** seeds, **he** throws **cumin** seeds on **the** ground, and **he** plants **wheat** in **rows**. A **farmer** plants **barley** in **its** special place, and **he** plants **spelt** seeds at **the** edge of **his** field.

<sup>26</sup> Our **God** is **using** this to **teach** a **lesson**. This example shows **us** that **God** is **fair** when **he** punishes **his** people. <sup>27</sup> Does a **farmer** use large boards with **sharp** teeth to **crush** **dill** seeds? No, and **he** doesn't use a **wagon** to **crush** **cumin** seeds.

A **farmer** uses a **small** stick to **break** **the** hulls from **these** seeds of **grain**. <sup>28</sup> People **grind** **grain** to **make** **flour**, but **they** don't **grind** it **forever**. As **God** does **in** **punishing** people, a **worker** might drive **his** wagon over **the** grain to **remove** **the** hulls, but **he** does **not** allow **the** horses to **crush** it. <sup>29</sup> This **lesson** comes **from** **the** LORD All-Powerful, who **gives** wonderful **advice**. **He** is **very** wise.

### God Punishes Jerusalem

<sup>29</sup> God says, "Look at **Ariel**, **the** city **where** **David** camped. Keep on **having** your **festivals**, year after **year**. But **I** will **punish** **Ariel**. **The** city will **be** filled with **sadness** and **crying**, but **it** will **always** **be** **my** **Ariel**."

<sup>3</sup> **I** will put armies all around **you**, **Ariel**. **I** will raise **war** towers **against** **you**. **You** will **be** pulled to **the** ground. **Your** voice **will** rise from **the** ground **like**

<sup>1</sup> HORSES This word also means "horse soldiers." <sup>2</sup> ARIEL A name for the altar at the Temple in Jerusalem. This name means "hearth" or "fireplace" but sounds like the word meaning "Lion of God." Also in verse 7.

the voice of a ghost. Your words come like a whisper from the dirt."

<sup>5</sup> There will be many that will like the people be like the chaff blowing in the wind. Then suddenly, <sup>6</sup> the LORD All-Powerful will punish you with earthquakes, thunder, and loud noises. There will be storms, winds, and a burning fire, destructive fire. <sup>7</sup> Many nations will fight against Ariel. It will be a nightmare. Armies will surround Ariel and punish her. <sup>8</sup> But it will also be like a dream those armies. They will not get what they want. It will be like a hungry man dreaming about food. When the man wakes up, he is still hungry. It will be like a thirsty man dreaming about water. When the man wakes up,

he is still thirsty. The same thing is true about all the nations fighting against Zion. Those nations will not get what they want.

<sup>9</sup> Be amazed!

You will become drunk, but from wine.

Look and be amazed!

You will stumble and fall, but not from beer.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will make you sleepy.

He will close your eyes. (The prophets are your eyes.)

He will cover your heads. (The prophets are your heads.)

<sup>11</sup> To you my words are like the words in a book is sealed. <sup>1</sup> You can't give the book to someone who can't read and tell that person to read it. But that person will say,

<sup>1</sup> SEALED A piece of clay or wax was put on the closed book to show that the book should not be opened.

not |strong="H3808" read |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3605" book |strong="H5612". It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834" closed and |strong="H1697" I |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" open it |strong="H5414"."<sup>12</sup> Or |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" book |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0559" someone |strong="H5414" who |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" read |strong="H7121" and |strong="H3045" tell |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" person |strong="H3045" to |strong="H0559" read |strong="H7121" it |strong="H5414". That |strong="H0834" person |strong="H3045" will |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" read |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0559" book |strong="H5612" because |strong="H5921" I |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" how |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" read |strong="H7121"."

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559", " These |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" honor |strong="H3513" me |strong="H4480" with |strong="H0376" words |strong="H6310", but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H1961" not |strong="H2088" really |strong="H2088" important to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853". The |strong="H0853" worship |strong="H3373" they |strong="H3588" give |strong="H1961" me |strong="H4480" is |strong="H2088" nothing but |strong="H3588" human rules they |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" memorized. <sup>14</sup> So |strong="H3651" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H2450" continue |strong="H3254" to |strong="H3254" amaze them |strong="H0854" by |strong="H2451" doing powerful and |strong="H2451" amazing |strong="H6381" things |strong="H6381". Their |strong="H3651" wise |strong="H2450" men |strong="H2450" will |strong="H2450" lose their |strong="H3651" wisdom |strong="H2451". Even |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3651" most intelligent |strong="H0995" among |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0854" will |strong="H2450" not |strong="H2088" be |strong="H3254" able to |strong="H3254" understand |strong="H0995"."

<sup>15</sup> Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H3068" them |strong="H7200"! They |strong="H3068" try to |strong="H0559" hide |strong="H5641" things |strong="H4639" from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" think |strong="H7200" he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H1961" understand |strong="H3045".

They |strong="H3068" do |strong="H4639" their |strong="H3068" evil things |strong="H4639" in |strong="H3068" darkness |strong="H4285". They |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" themselves: " No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H7200" can |strong="H4310" see |strong="H7200" us |strong="H3045". No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H7200" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" who |strong="H4310" we |strong="H7200" are |strong="H3068"."

<sup>16</sup> You |strong="H3588" turn |strong="H0995" things |strong="H4639" upside down |strong="H3588". You |strong="H3588" think |strong="H2803" the |strong="H0559" clay is |strong="H4639" equal to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" potter |strong="H3335". You |strong="H3588" think |strong="H2803" that |strong="H3588" something that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4639" made |strong="H6213" can |strong="H0518" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H0559" made |strong="H6213" it |strong="H0518", " You |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" me |strong="H0995"! This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4639" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" pot telling |strong="H0559" its |strong="H0518" maker |strong="H3335", " You |strong="H3588" know nothing |strong="H3808"."

#### A |strong="H3588" Better Time Is |strong="H4639" Coming

<sup>17</sup> This |strong="H7725" is |strong="H3808" the |strong="H7725" truth: After a |strong="H5750" very |strong="H4213" short time |strong="H5750", Lebanon |strong="H3844" will |strong="H3808" become |strong="H7725" rich farmland, and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H7725" farmland will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H5750" like |strong="H3808" thick forests. <sup>18</sup> The |strong="H8085" deaf |strong="H2795" will |strong="H5869" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" words |strong="H1697" in |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" book |strong="H5612". The |strong="H8085" blind |strong="H5787" will |strong="H5869" see |strong="H7200" through |strong="H7200" the |strong="H8085" darkness |strong="H2822" and |strong="H3117" fog. <sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3254" poor |strong="H0034" people |strong="H0120" happy |strong="H8057". The |strong="H3068" poorest people |strong="H0120" will |strong="H3068" rejoice |strong="H1523" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>20</sup> This will happen when the people who are mean and cruel have come an end. It will happen when those who enjoy doing bad things are gone.<sup>21</sup> ( They lie about good people. They try to trap people in court. They try to destroy innocent people.)

<sup>22</sup> So the LORD, who made Abraham free, speaks to Jacob's family. He says, " Now the people of Jacob will not be embarrassed and ashamed." <sup>23</sup> They will look around the children they have. I made with my hands, and they will say that my name is. They will honor Holy One of Jacob. They will respect the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup> Many of these people did not understand, so they did what was wrong. They complained, but now they will learn their lesson."

### Israel Should Trust in God, Not Egypt

**30** The LORD said, "Look at these children. They don't obey me. They make plans, but they don't ask me to help them. They make agreements with other nations, but my Spirit does not want those agreements. These people are adding more and more sins to the ones they have already done." <sup>2</sup> They are going down Egypt for help, but they did not ask me if that was the right thing to do. They hope they will be saved by the Pharaoh. They want Egypt to protect them. <sup>3</sup> " But I tell you, hiding in Egypt will not help you. Pharaoh will not be able to protect you. <sup>4</sup> Your leaders have gone to Zoan, and your representatives have gone to Hanes. <sup>5</sup> But they will be disappointed. They are depending on a nation that cannot help."

I HONOR Or "treat as holy."

II ZOAN, HANES Cities in Egypt.

them |strong="H5921". Egypt is |strong="H1571" useless— it |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" help |strong="H5828". Egypt will |strong="H1571" bring nothing |strong="H3808" but |strong="H3588" shame |strong="H1322" and |strong="H3605" embarrassment."

### God's Message to |strong="H5921" Judah

<sup>6</sup> This is |strong="H0776" a |strong="H5375" message |strong="H4853"<sup>I</sup> about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Negev |strong="H5045" animals |strong="H0929"<sup>II</sup>:

There |strong="H1992" is |strong="H0776" a |strong="H5375" dangerous place |strong="H0776" full |strong="H2428" of |strong="H0776" lions, adders |strong="H8314",<sup>III</sup> deadly snakes,<sup>IV</sup> and |strong="H0776" useless people |strong="H5971". And |strong="H0776" there |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0776" load |strong="H5375" their |strong="H5375" wealth |strong="H2428" on to |strong="H5921" donkeys |strong="H5895" and |strong="H0776" their |strong="H5375" treasures |strong="H0214" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" backs |strong="H3802" of |strong="H0776" camels |strong="H1581". They |strong="H1992" carry |strong="H5375" them |strong="H1992" to |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5375" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0776" cannot |strong="H3808" help |strong="H3276".<sup>7</sup> That |strong="H3651" useless |strong="H1892" nation is |strong="H3651" Egypt |strong="H4714". Egypt's |strong="H4714" help |strong="H5826" is |strong="H3651" worth nothing |strong="H1892", so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" call |strong="H7121" Egypt |strong="H4714" the |strong="H7121" "Do-Nothing Dragon."<sup>V</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Now |strong="H6258" write |strong="H3789" this |strong="H6258" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" sign |strong="H3789" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3117" all |strong="H5704" people can |strong="H0935" see |strong="H0935" it |strong="H5921", and |strong="H0935" write |strong="H3789" this |strong="H6258" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" book |strong="H5612". Write |strong="H3789" these things |strong="H1961" for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" future time |strong="H3117". This |strong="H6258" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" far |strong="H5704", far |strong="H5704" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" future:<sup>VI</sup>

I MESSAGE Or "burden." II NEGEV ANIMALS Or "Creatures of the South," a phrase that can refer to Egypt. III ADDERS Very poisonous snakes. IV DEADLY SNAKES Literally, "flying snakes." V DO-NOTHING DRAGON Or "Resting Rahab," the great sea monster. Some ancient

<sup>9</sup> These |strong="H1931" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H1121" like |strong="H3808" children |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1931" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085". They |strong="H3588" lie and |strong="H1121" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" teachings |strong="H8451".<sup>10</sup> They |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" prophets |strong="H2374", " Don't |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200" dreams<sup>VII</sup> about |strong="H1696" things |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0559" do. Don't |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" truth. Say |strong="H0559" nice things |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" us |strong="H7200" and |strong="H7200" make |strong="H7200" us |strong="H7200" feel |strong="H7200" good. See |strong="H7200" only good things |strong="H0834" for |strong="H3808" us |strong="H7200".<sup>11</sup> Stop |strong="H5493" seeing things |strong="H3478" that |strong="H4480" will |strong="H3478" really happen. Get |strong="H5493" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4480" our |strong="H4480" way |strong="H1870". Stop |strong="H5493" telling us |strong="H6440" about |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H4480" Israel |strong="H3478"."

### Judah's Help Comes |strong="H6440" Only From |strong="H4480" God

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0559" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H2088" of |strong="H1697" Israel |strong="H3478" says |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H5921" people have |strong="H1697" refused to |strong="H0559" accept this |strong="H2088" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921". You |strong="H5921" depend on |strong="H5921" fighting and |strong="H3478" lies to |strong="H0559" help you |strong="H5921".<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" guilty |strong="H5771" of |strong="H2346" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H1961". So |strong="H3651" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" tall wall |strong="H2346" with |strong="H0935" cracks in |strong="H0935" it |strong="H3651". That |strong="H0834" wall |strong="H2346" will |strong="H1961" fall |strong="H5307" and |strong="H0935" break in-

stories tell about Rahab fighting with God. VI WRITE ... FUTURE Or "Write this for the future as a witness forever." VII DREAMS Or "visions." Special kinds of dreams God used to speak to his prophets.



to|strong="H0935" small pieces. 14  
 You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H4325"  
 be|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808"  
 a|strong="H4672" large clay|strong="H2789"  
 jar|strong="H2789" that|strong="H4325"  
 breaks|strong="H7665" into|strong="H4325" many  
 small, useless pieces|strong="H7665".  
 You|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808"  
 use|strong="H4672" them|strong="H4672"  
 to|strong="H4325" get a|strong="H4672" hot coal  
 from|strong="H0784" the|strong="H7665"  
 fire|strong="H0784" or|strong="H3808"  
 to|strong="H4325" get water|strong="H4325"  
 from|strong="H0784" a|strong="H4672"  
 pool|strong="H4325" in|strong="H7665"  
 the|strong="H7665" ground."

15 The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136"  
 GOD|strong="H0136", the|strong="H0559"  
 Holy|strong="H6918" One|strong="H6918"  
 of|strong="H6918" Israel|strong="H3478",  
 says|strong="H0559", " If|strong="H3588"  
 you|strong="H3588" come|strong="H1961" back  
 to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H3467"  
 you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
 be|strong="H1961" saved|strong="H3467". Only  
 by|strong="H3478" remaining calm|strong="H8252"  
 and|strong="H3478" trusting in|strong="H3478"  
 me|strong="H3467" can|strong="H3808"  
 you|strong="H3588" be|strong="H1961"  
 strong|strong="H1369"."

But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588"  
 don't|strong="H3808" want|strong="H0014"  
 to|strong="H0559" do that|strong="H3588". 16  
 You|strong="H3588" say|strong="H0559", "  
 No|strong="H3808", we|strong="H3588"  
 need|strong="H3651" fast|strong="H7031" hors-  
 es|strong="H5483" for|strong="H3588" battle."  
 That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3651"  
 true|strong="H3651"— you|strong="H3588"  
 will|strong="H3808" need|strong="H3651"  
 fast|strong="H7031" horses|strong="H5483",  
 but|strong="H3588" only to|strong="H0559"  
 run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127" be-  
 cause|strong="H3588" your|strong="H5921" enemy  
 will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" faster  
 than|strong="H3808" your|strong="H5921" hors-  
 es|strong="H5483". 17 One|strong="H0259" enemy  
 soldier will|strong="H2022" make threats,  
 and|strong="H7218" a|strong="H0518" thou-  
 sand|strong="H0505" of|strong="H2022"  
 your|strong="H5921" men|strong="H7218"  
 will|strong="H2022" run|strong="H5127"  
 away|strong="H5127". And|strong="H7218"  
 when|strong="H0518" five|strong="H2568"  
 of|strong="H2022" them|strong="H5921" make  
 threats, all|strong="H5704" of|strong="H2022"  
 you|strong="H0518" will|strong="H2022"  
 run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127".

The|strong="H6440" only|strong="H0518"  
 thing|strong="H0259" that|strong="H5704"  
 will|strong="H2022" be|strong="H0259"  
 left|strong="H3498" of|strong="H2022"  
 your|strong="H5921" army will|strong="H2022"  
 be|strong="H0259" a|strong="H0518" flagpole  
 on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0518"  
 hill|strong="H2022".

**God Will|strong="H2022" Help His|strong="H5921"  
 People|strong="H0518"**

18 So|strong="H3651" the|strong="H3605"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" wait-  
 ing|strong="H2442" to|strong="H3068"  
 show|strong="H7355" his|strong="H3605" mer-  
 cy|strong="H7355" to|strong="H3068"  
 you|strong="H3588". He|strong="H3588" wants  
 to|strong="H3068" rise|strong="H7311"  
 and|strong="H3068" comfort you|strong="H3588".  
 The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
 God|strong="H0430" who|strong="H3605"  
 does|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
 right|strong="H4941" thing|strong="H3651",  
 so|strong="H3651" he|strong="H3588"  
 will|strong="H3068" bless everyone|strong="H3605"  
 who|strong="H3605" waits|strong="H2442"  
 for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3605" help.

19 You|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971"  
 who|strong="H3427" live|strong="H3427"  
 in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"  
 on|strong="H3427" Mount Zion|strong="H6726"  
 will|strong="H3389" not|strong="H3808" continue  
 crying|strong="H1058". The|strong="H3588" Lord  
 will|strong="H3389" hear|strong="H8085"  
 your|strong="H8085" crying|strong="H1058",  
 and|strong="H3389" he|strong="H3588"  
 will|strong="H3389" comfort you|strong="H3588".  
 When|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588"  
 hears|strong="H8085" you|strong="H3588",  
 he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3389"  
 help|strong="H6030" you|strong="H3588".

20 The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" might  
 give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" sorrow  
 and|strong="H5869" pain like|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H0853" bread|strong="H3899"  
 and|strong="H5869" water|strong="H4325"  
 you|strong="H5414" eat every day.  
 But|strong="H3808" God|strong="H0136"  
 is|strong="H1961" your|strong="H5414"  
 teacher|strong="H3384", and|strong="H5869"  
 he|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961"  
 not|strong="H3808" continue|strong="H1961"  
 to|strong="H1961" hide|strong="H3670"  
 from|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5414".  
 You|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961"  
 see|strong="H7200" your|strong="H5414"  
 teacher|strong="H3384" with|strong="H3899"

your|strong="H5414" own|strong="H1961"  
eyes|strong="H5869". <sup>21</sup> If|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" wander from|strong="H8085"  
the|strong="H0559" right path|strong="H1870", ei-  
ther|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0559" right or|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559"  
left|strong="H8041"; you|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H1697" hear|strong="H8085"  
a|strong="H3588" voice behind|strong="H0310"  
you|strong="H3588" saying|strong="H0559"; "  
You|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3588"  
go|strong="H8041" this|strong="H2088"  
way|strong="H1870". Here|strong="H2088"  
is|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" right  
way|strong="H1870"."

<sup>22</sup> Then|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0853"  
will|strong="H2091" take|strong="H3318"  
your|strong="H0559" idols|strong="H6456" covered  
with|strong="H3318" gold|strong="H2091"  
and|strong="H3701" silver|strong="H3701"  
and|strong="H3701" make|strong="H2930"  
them|strong="H0853" unfit to|strong="H0559"  
be|strong="H3701" used again. You|strong="H0853"  
will|strong="H2091" throw them|strong="H0853"  
away|strong="H3318" like|strong="H3644" filthy rags  
<sup>1</sup> and|strong="H3701" say|strong="H0559"; "  
Go|strong="H3318" away|strong="H3318"."

<sup>23</sup> At|strong="H3117" that|strong="H0834"  
time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" Lord  
will|strong="H1961" send|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H0834" rain|strong="H4306".  
You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961"  
plant|strong="H2232" seeds|strong="H2233",  
and|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853"  
ground|strong="H0127" will|strong="H1961" grow  
food|strong="H3899" for|strong="H3117"  
you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" very large|strong="H7337" har-  
vest|strong="H8393". You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" plenty  
of|strong="H3117" food|strong="H3899"  
in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853"  
fields|strong="H0127" for|strong="H3117"  
your|strong="H5414" animals|strong="H1961".  
There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" large|strong="H7337"  
fields|strong="H0127" for|strong="H3117"  
your|strong="H5414" sheep. <sup>24</sup> Your|strong="H0834"  
cattle and|strong="H0398" donkeys|strong="H5895"  
will|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
all|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0834"  
food|strong="H0398" they|strong="H0834" need.  
There|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
be|strong="H0127" much|strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> You ... RAGS Or "You will throw those gods away like menstrual clothes."

food|strong="H0398". You|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
to|strong="H0834" use|strong="H0398" shovels  
and|strong="H0398" pitchforks to|strong="H0834"  
spread|strong="H2219" all|strong="H0398"  
the|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0398"<sup>II</sup>  
for|strong="H0398" your|strong="H0834" animals  
to|strong="H0834" eat|strong="H0398". <sup>25</sup>  
Every|strong="H3605" mountain|strong="H2022"  
and|strong="H3117" hill|strong="H2022"  
will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961"  
streams|strong="H6388" filled with|strong="H5921"  
water|strong="H4325". These|strong="H3605"  
things|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" hap-  
pen|strong="H1961" after|strong="H5921"  
many|strong="H7227" people are|strong="H3117"  
killed|strong="H5307" and|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H3605" enemy's towers|strong="H4026"  
are|strong="H3117" pulled down|strong="H5307".

<sup>26</sup> At|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853"  
light|strong="H0216" from|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" moon|strong="H3842"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961"  
as|strong="H1961" bright as|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H2535",  
and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853"  
light|strong="H0216" from|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H2535"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" sev-  
en|strong="H7651" times|strong="H3117" brighter  
than it|strong="H1961" is|strong="H3068"  
now|strong="H1961". One|strong="H1961"  
day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" sun-  
light|strong="H0216" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" whole|strong="H3117" week's  
worth. This|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" hap-  
pen|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" bandages  
his|strong="H3068" broken|strong="H7667" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" and|strong="H3068"  
heals|strong="H7495" the|strong="H0853" hurts  
from|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3068" beatings.

<sup>27</sup> Look|strong="H2009"! The|strong="H0935"  
LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" com-  
ing|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935"  
far|strong="H4801" away|strong="H4801".  
His|strong="H3068" anger|strong="H0639"  
is|strong="H3068" like|strong="H0639"  
a|strong="H0935" fire|strong="H0784"  
with|strong="H4390" thick clouds of|strong="H3068"  
smoke|strong="H4858". His|strong="H3068" mouth  
is|strong="H3068" filled|strong="H4390"  
with|strong="H4390" anger|strong="H0639",  
and|strong="H0935" his|strong="H3068"

<sup>II</sup> FOOD This was special food that had been allowed to ferment. This made the meat of the animal tender and good.

tongue |strong="H3956" is |strong="H3068" like |strong="H0639" a |strong="H0935" burning |strong="H0784" fire |strong="H0784".<sup>28</sup> His |strong="H5921" breath |strong="H7307" is |strong="H7307" like |strong="H5704" a |strong="H5921" great river |strong="H5704" that |strong="H1471" rises until |strong="H5704" it |strong="H5921" reaches |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921" throat. He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1471" judge the |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H1471" as |strong="H5704" if putting them |strong="H5921" through |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" strainer that |strong="H1471" separates the |strong="H5921" ones fit for |strong="H5921" destruction. He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1471" put a |strong="H5921" bit in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" mouths to |strong="H5704" lead |strong="H8582" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921" place they |strong="H5921" don't want to |strong="H5704" go |strong="H8582".

<sup>29</sup> You |strong="H0935" will |strong="H3068" sing happy |strong="H8057" songs |strong="H7892", like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" nights |strong="H3915" when |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0935" begin a |strong="H1961" festival |strong="H2282". You |strong="H0935" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" very |strong="H1980" happy |strong="H8057" walking |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" LORD'S |strong="H3068" mountain |strong="H2022" and |strong="H1980" listening to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" flute |strong="H2485" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" way |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" worship |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0413" Rock |strong="H6697" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" cause all |strong="H0398" people |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" hear |strong="H8085" his |strong="H3068" great voice |strong="H6963" and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" his |strong="H3068" powerful arm |strong="H2220" come down |strong="H0639" in |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H0639". That |strong="H7200" arm |strong="H2220" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" like |strong="H2220" a |strong="H7200" great fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H7200" burns everything. His |strong="H3068" power |strong="H2220" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" like |strong="H2220" a |strong="H7200" great storm |strong="H2230" with |strong="H3068" much rain and |strong="H3068" hail |strong="H1259".<sup>31</sup> Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" frightened by |strong="H3068"

the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" voice |strong="H6963" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" stick that |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" beat |strong="H5221" him |strong="H5221".<sup>32</sup> And |strong="H3068" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" beats Assyria, his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" keep the |strong="H3605" rhythm with |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" drums and |strong="H3068" harps |strong="H3658".

<sup>33</sup> Topheth |strong="H8613"<sup>1</sup> has |strong="H3068" been |strong="H5397" made |strong="H3559" ready |strong="H3559" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" long time. It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" ready |strong="H3559" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" king |strong="H4428".<sup>2</sup> It |strong="H1931" was |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3559" very |strong="H1571" deep |strong="H6009" and |strong="H3068" wide |strong="H7337". There |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" very |strong="H1571" big pile |strong="H4071" of |strong="H4428" wood |strong="H6086" and |strong="H3068" fire |strong="H0784" there |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" breath |strong="H5397" will |strong="H3068" come like |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" stream |strong="H5158" of |strong="H4428" burning |strong="H0784" sulfur |strong="H1614" to |strong="H3068" start the |strong="H3588" fire |strong="H0784".

#### Israel Should Depend on God's Power

**31** Look |strong="H8159" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" going |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" Egypt |strong="H4714" for |strong="H3588" help |strong="H5833". They |strong="H3588" think the |strong="H0853" horses |strong="H5483" they |strong="H3588" get will |strong="H3068" save them |strong="H0853". They |strong="H3588" hope the |strong="H0853" many |strong="H7227" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H3068" powerful soldiers will |strong="H3068" protect them |strong="H0853". But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" trust |strong="H0982" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808" ask |strong="H1875" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588"

<sup>1</sup> TOPHETH Gehenna, the Valley of Hinnom. In this valley people killed their children to honor the false god, "Molech."<sup>2</sup> KING This is like the name of the false god, "Molech."

help|strong="H5833".<sup>2</sup> But|strong="H3808" he|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0853" wise|strong="H2450" one|strong="H3808" who|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" bringing|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" disaster|strong="H7451". And|strong="H0935" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H0935" stop|strong="H5493" what|strong="H1697" he|strong="H1931" commanded. The|strong="H0853" Lord will|strong="H1571" attack|strong="H0935" those|strong="H5921" who|strong="H1931" are|strong="H1697" evil|strong="H7451" and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H1697" who|strong="H1931" try to|strong="H0935" help|strong="H5833" them|strong="H0853".

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H3605" Egyptians|strong="H4714" are|strong="H3027" only|strong="H5307" human|strong="H0120", not|strong="H3808" God|strong="H0410". The|strong="H3605" horses|strong="H5483" from|strong="H3027" Egypt|strong="H4714" are|strong="H3027" only|strong="H5307" animals, not|strong="H3808" spirit|strong="H7307". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" stretch|strong="H5186" out|strong="H5186" his|strong="H3605" arm|strong="H3027", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" helper|strong="H5826" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" defeated. And|strong="H3068" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" wanted help|strong="H5826" will|strong="H3068" fall|strong="H5307". They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" be|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H3615" together|strong="H3162".

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413": "When|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" lion|strong="H0738" or|strong="H3808" its|strong="H5921" cub catches an|strong="H3588" animal to|strong="H0413" eat, the|strong="H0559" lion|strong="H0738" stands over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" dead animal and|strong="H3068" roars, and|strong="H3068" nothing|strong="H3808" can|strong="H0834" frighten|strong="H2865" it|strong="H5921" away. If|strong="H3588" men|strong="H7121" come|strong="H3381" and|strong="H3068" yell at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" lion|strong="H0738", the|strong="H0559" lion|strong="H0738" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" afraid. They|strong="H0834" might|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7121" a|strong="H3588" lot of|strong="H3068" noise|strong="H6963",

but|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" lion|strong="H0738" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" run|strong="H3381" away."

In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" same|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3541", the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" Mount|strong="H2022" Zion|strong="H6726". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" fight on|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" hill|strong="H2022".<sup>5</sup> Just as|strong="H3068" birds|strong="H6833" fly|strong="H5774" over|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" nest to|strong="H5921" protect|strong="H1598" it|strong="H5921", so|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful will|strong="H3068" defend|strong="H1598"<sup>1</sup> Jerusalem|strong="H3389". He|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H4422" her|strong="H5921". He|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" pass over|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3068" save|strong="H4422" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

<sup>6</sup> People|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", you|strong="H0834" should|strong="H3478" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" God you|strong="H0834" turned|strong="H7725" away|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725".<sup>7</sup> That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" because|strong="H3588" when|strong="H3588" those|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834" happen, people|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0834" reject|strong="H3988" the|strong="H0834" gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3027" silver|strong="H3701" idols|strong="H0457" you|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" when|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" sinned against|strong="H3027" me|strong="H0834".

<sup>8</sup> It|strong="H0398" is|strong="H0376" true that|strong="H5307" Assyria|strong="H0804" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" defeated with|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1961" sword|strong="H2719", but|strong="H3808" it|strong="H0398" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" human|strong="H0120" sword|strong="H2719" that|strong="H5307" defeats him|strong="H6440". Assyria|strong="H0804" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H0398", but|strong="H3808" that|strong="H5307" destruction will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" come|strong="H1961" from|strong="H0376" a|strong="H1961" man's|strong="H0376" sword|strong="H2719". Assyr-

<sup>1</sup> DEFEND Literally, "fight on" or "fight against."

ia|strong="H0804" will|strong="H1961" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5307" from|strong="H0376" God's sword|strong="H2719", but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H6440" young|strong="H0970" men|strong="H0376" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" caught and|strong="H0398" made|strong="H1961" slaves|strong="H0120".<sup>9</sup> Their|strong="H3068" place of|strong="H3068" safety will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" destroyed. Their|strong="H3068" leaders|strong="H8269" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" defeated, and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" abandon their|strong="H3068" flag.

The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068", whose|strong="H0834" fireplace is|strong="H0834" on|strong="H3068" Zion|strong="H6726" and|strong="H3068" whose|strong="H0834" oven|strong="H8574"<sup>1</sup> is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H3068" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" said this|strong="H0834".

#### Leaders Should Be Good and Fair

**32** Listen|strong="H2005" to|strong="H4428" what|strong="H6664" I|strong="H2005" say! A|strong="H2005" king|strong="H4428" should rule|strong="H8323" in|strong="H4428" a|strong="H2005" way|strong="H4941" that|strong="H2005" brings justice|strong="H4941". Leaders|strong="H8269" should make|strong="H4941" fair decisions|strong="H4941" when|strong="H2005" they|strong="H4428" lead the|strong="H4941" people.<sup>2</sup> If|strong="H0376" this|strong="H0376" would|strong="H0376" happen|strong="H1961", the|strong="H1961" king<sup>II</sup> would|strong="H0376" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" shelter|strong="H6738" to|strong="H1961" hide|strong="H5643" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H1961" wind|strong="H7307" and|strong="H0776" rain|strong="H4325", like|strong="H1961" streams|strong="H6388" of|strong="H0776" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H0776" a|strong="H1961" dry|strong="H6724" land|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0776" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" cool|strong="H7307" shadow|strong="H6738" of|strong="H0776" a|strong="H1961" large|strong="H3515" rock|strong="H5553" in|strong="H0776" a|strong="H1961" hot land|strong="H0776".<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H8085" people|strong="H3808" would actually see|strong="H7200" what they|strong="H3808" look|strong="H7200"

I FIREPLACE ... OVEN That is, the altar in the Temple. II KING Literally, "man."

at|strong="H7200". They|strong="H3808" would actually listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" what they|strong="H3808" hear|strong="H8085".<sup>4</sup> People|strong="H1696" who|strong="H0995" are|strong="H3045" now|strong="H1696" confused would be|strong="H4116" able to|strong="H1696" understand|strong="H0995". Those who|strong="H0995" cannot speak|strong="H1696" clearly|strong="H3045" now|strong="H1696" would be|strong="H4116" able to|strong="H1696" speak|strong="H1696" clearly|strong="H3045" and|strong="H3045" quickly|strong="H4116".<sup>5</sup> Fools|strong="H5036" would|strong="H0559" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" called|strong="H7121" great men|strong="H7121". People|strong="H3808" would|strong="H0559" not|strong="H3808" respect men|strong="H7121" who|strong="H0559" make|strong="H7121" secret plans.

<sup>6</sup> Fools|strong="H5036"<sup>III</sup> say|strong="H1696" foolish|strong="H5036" things, and|strong="H3068" in|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" minds|strong="H3820" they|strong="H3588" plan evil|strong="H0205" things to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213". They|strong="H3588" want|strong="H2637" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" wrong|strong="H0205". They|strong="H3588" say|strong="H1696" bad things about|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H3588" don't let|strong="H5315" hungry|strong="H7457" people|strong="H5315" eat their|strong="H3068" food. They|strong="H3588" don't let|strong="H5315" thirsty|strong="H6771" people|strong="H5315" drink the|strong="H3588" water.<sup>7</sup> They|strong="H3289" use|strong="H1931" evil|strong="H7451" like|strong="H4941" a|strong="H1696" tool|strong="H3627" and|strong="H4941" plan|strong="H4941" ways to|strong="H1696" steal from|strong="H7451" the|strong="H1696" poor|strong="H0034". They|strong="H3289" tell|strong="H1696" lies|strong="H8267" about|strong="H1696" the|strong="H1696" poor|strong="H0034" and|strong="H4941" keep them|strong="H1931" from|strong="H7451" being judged|strong="H4941" fairly|strong="H4941".

<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" good|strong="H6965" leader plans good|strong="H6965" things to|strong="H5921" do, and|strong="H6965" that|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1931" make|strong="H6965" him|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" leader over|strong="H5921" other leaders.

III FOOLS Here, this means people who don't follow God and his wise teachings.

### Hard Times Are Coming

<sup>9</sup> Some of you women are calm now; you feel safe. But you should and listen to the words I say now. <sup>10</sup> You feel safe now, but after one year will be troubled. That is you not gather grapes next year—there will be no grapes to gather.

<sup>11</sup> Women, you are calm now, but you should be afraid. You feel safe now, but you should be worried. Take your nice clothes and put on sackcloth. Wrap it around your waist. Beat your breasts in sorrow. Cry because your fields are empty. Your vineyards once gave grapes, but now they are empty. <sup>13</sup> Cry for the land of my people. Cry because only thorns and weeds will grow there. Cry for the city and for all the houses were once filled with joy.

<sup>14</sup> People will leave the capital city. The tower will

be left empty. People will not live in their houses—they will live in caves. Wild donkeys and sheep will live in the city—animals will go there to eat grass.

<sup>15</sup> This will continue until God gives us his Spirit from above. Then the desert will become rich farmland and the farmland will be like thick forests. <sup>16</sup> That is, what is now a desert will be filled with right decisions, and what is now a farmland will be filled with justice.

<sup>17</sup> That justice will bring peace and safety forever. <sup>18</sup> My people will be safe in their homes and in their calm, peaceful fields.

<sup>19</sup> But before this happens, the forest must fall and the city must be torn down. <sup>20</sup> Some of you will live away from the cities. You will plant seeds by every stream and let your cattle and donkeys roam free. You will be very blessed.

### The Lord Will Show His Power

**33** Look at you, you others when you have been attacked. You turn against others when no one has turned against you. So when you stop your attacks, you will be attacked. When you stop turning against others, they will turn against you.

<sup>2</sup> LORD, be kind to us.

We have waited for your help.

Give us strength every morning.

Save us when we are in trouble.

<sup>3</sup> Your powerful voice makes people run away in fear.

Your greatness causes the nations to run away.

<sup>4</sup> You people stole things in war. Those things will be taken from you. Many will come and take your wealth. It will be like the times when locusts come and eat all your crops.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is very great. He lives a place high in the hills of Zion with justice and goodness.

<sup>6</sup> Jerusalem, you are rich with wisdom and knowledge of God. You are rich with salvation. You respect the LORD,

and that makes you rich.

<sup>7</sup> But listen! The messengers are crying outside. The messengers who bring peace are crying very hard.

<sup>8</sup> The roads are empty; there is no one walking along the paths. People don't respect each other. They have broken the agreements they made, and they refuse to believe what witnesses tell them. The land is sick and dying. Lebanon is dying and Sharon Valley is dry and Carmel once grew beautiful plants—but now those plants have stopped growing.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD says, "Now, I will stand and show people how great and powerful I am." <sup>11</sup> You people have done useless things. These things are like hay and straw. They are worth nothing! Your breath will be like a fire and you will be burned. <sup>12</sup> People will be burned until their bones become lime. They will burn quickly like thorns and dry bushes.

I MESSENGERS ... MESSENGERS The Hebrew text has two different words that can also mean "angels." II WITNESSES Literally, "cities."

III LIME A white powder that is often used to make mortar or cement. It can be made by burning bones, shells, or limestone.

13 " You |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" in |strong="H8085" faraway lands, listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213". You |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" near |strong="H7138" me |strong="H0834", learn |strong="H3045" about |strong="H8085" my |strong="H8085" power |strong="H1369"."

14 The |strong="H0398" sinners |strong="H2400" in |strong="H0784" Zion |strong="H6726" are |strong="H4310" afraid |strong="H6342". Those |strong="H0398" who |strong="H4310" do |strong="H4310" wrong shake |strong="H6342" with |strong="H0398" fear |strong="H6342". They |strong="H0398" say, " Can |strong="H4310" any |strong="H0398" of |strong="H0398" us live |strong="H1481" through this |strong="H0398" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H0784" destroys? Who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310" live |strong="H1481" near this |strong="H0398" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H0784" burns forever |strong="H5769"?" I

15 Good, honest people |strong="H1818" who |strong="H1980" refuse to |strong="H1696" hurt others for |strong="H5869" money will |strong="H5869" live |strong="H1980" through |strong="H1980" that |strong="H7200" fire . They |strong="H7451" refuse to |strong="H1696" take |strong="H1980" bribes |strong="H7810" or |strong="H8085" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1696" plans to |strong="H1696" murder other people |strong="H1818". They |strong="H7451" refuse to |strong="H1696" look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" plans for |strong="H5869" doing |strong="H7451" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H4339". 16 They |strong="H1931" will |strong="H5414" live |strong="H7931" safely in |strong="H7931" high |strong="H4791" places |strong="H4791". They |strong="H1931" will |strong="H5414" be |strong="H5414" protected in |strong="H7931" high |strong="H4791" rock |strong="H5553" fortresses. They |strong="H1931" will |strong="H5414" always have |strong="H5414" food |strong="H3899" and |strong="H3899" water |strong="H4325".

17 Your |strong="H7200" eyes |strong="H5869" will |strong="H0776" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" King |strong="H4428" in |strong="H0776" his |strong="H7200" beauty |strong="H3308". You |strong="H7200" will |strong="H0776" see |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" great land |strong="H0776".

18 When you think about the troubles you had in the past, you will wonder, "Where are those foreigners

I FIRE THAT ... BURNS FOREVER This might mean God, the Fire (Light) of Israel.

who spoke languages we could not understand. Where are the officials and tax collectors from other lands? Where are the spies who counted our defense towers?"

### God Will Protect Jerusalem

20 Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" Zion |strong="H6726", the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H7151" of |strong="H0168" our |strong="H3605" religious festivals |strong="H4150". Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H7200" Jerusalem |strong="H3389"— that |strong="H3605" beautiful place |strong="H4150" of |strong="H0168" rest. Jerusalem |strong="H3389" is |strong="H3605" like |strong="H5423" a |strong="H7200" tent |strong="H0168" that |strong="H3605" will |strong="H5869" never |strong="H1077" be |strong="H5331" moved |strong="H5265". The |strong="H3605" pegs |strong="H3489" that |strong="H3605" hold her |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5869" place |strong="H4150" will |strong="H5869" never |strong="H1077" be |strong="H5331" pulled |strong="H5265" up |strong="H7200". Her |strong="H3605" ropes |strong="H2256" will |strong="H5869" never |strong="H1077" be |strong="H5331" broken |strong="H5423", 21 because the LORD is our powerful leader there. That land is a place with streams and wide rivers, but there will be no enemy boats or powerful ships on those rivers. You men who work on such boats can stop your work with the ropes. You cannot make the mast strong enough. You will not be able to open your sails, because the LORD is our judge. He makes our laws. He is our king. He saves us. The LORD will give us our wealth. Even crippled people will get their share. 24 No |strong="H1077" one |strong="H5375" living |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" will |strong="H5771" say |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0559" am sick |strong="H2470", " because |strong="H0559" everyone living |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" has |strong="H5771" had |strong="H3427" their |strong="H5375" guilt |strong="H5771" removed |strong="H5375".

### God Will Punish His Enemies

34 All |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471", come |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126" and |strong="H0776" listen |strong="H8085". Listen |strong="H8085", all |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471". The |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" everyone |strong="H3605" on |strong="H0776" it |strong="H4393" should |strong="H0776" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085"



these things in this world should this LORD angry all nations their armies He destroy all put to bodies thrown stink from the will the mountains. 4 The skies will be like a scroll and the stars will die and leaves a vine or fig. All in sky rot. 5 The Lord says, "This will my sword in sky is covered with blood."

Look sword He them they The be for

I ROLLED SHUT LIKE A SCROLL This is like someone closing a book when they have finished reading it. II STARS Literally, "the armies of the skies." III GUILTY, AND THEY MUST DIE The Hebrew means the people belonged completely to God, and if he does not get them, they must die.

in and Edom the LORD blood fat blood from goats fat kidneys the rams So the bulls be land be with blood dirt be their

8 This because LORD a for has year wrong to Edom's be Edom's will day night one stop The will from The be ever

IV GOATS ... RAMS This probably refers to the people and leaders of Edom.

one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H0369" ever|strong="H5769" travel|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" that|strong="H3808" land again. <sup>11</sup> Birds and|strong="H0068" small animals will|strong="H7090" own that land. It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H7090" be a|strong="H5921" home for|strong="H5921" owls|strong="H3244" and|strong="H0068" ravens|strong="H6158". God will|strong="H7090" leave|strong="H3423" that land in|strong="H5921" ruins. People will|strong="H7090" call it|strong="H5921" "" the|strong="H5921" empty|strong="H8414" desert." <sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3605" freemen <sup>II</sup> and|strong="H8033" leaders|strong="H8269" will|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" be|strong="H1961" gone|strong="H0369", and|strong="H8033" there|strong="H8033" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" nothing|strong="H0369" left|strong="H1961" for|strong="H7121" them|strong="H7121" to|strong="H1961" rule.

<sup>13</sup> Thorns|strong="H2336" and|strong="H1323" wild bushes will|strong="H1961" grow|strong="H5927" in|strong="H1961" all|strong="H5927" the|strong="H1961" beautiful homes there|strong="H1961". Wild dogs and|strong="H1323" owls will|strong="H1961" live in|strong="H1961" them|strong="H1961". Wild animals|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" make their|strong="H1961" homes there|strong="H1961". Big birds will|strong="H1961" live in|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" grasses that|strong="H1961" grow|strong="H5927" there|strong="H1961". <sup>14</sup> Wild cats will|strong="H8033" live|strong="H7121" there|strong="H8033" with|strong="H0854" hyenas|strong="H0338". <sup>III</sup> Wild goats|strong="H8163" <sup>IV</sup> will|strong="H8033" call|strong="H7121" to|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" friends|strong="H7453". Night animals <sup>V</sup> will|strong="H8033" spend some|strong="H8033" time there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H8033" find|strong="H4672" a|strong="H4672" place|strong="H4494" to|strong="H5921" rest|strong="H4494". <sup>15</sup> Snakes will|strong="H0802" make|strong="H1234" their|strong="H8033" homes there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H0802" lay|strong="H4422" their|strong="H8033" eggs|strong="H1716". The|strong="H8033" eggs|strong="H1716" will|strong="H0802" open|strong="H1234", and|strong="H0802" small snakes will|strong="H0802" crawl

I GOD ... DESERT Literally, "He will stretch over it the measuring string of 'emptiness' and the stone weights of 'nothingness.'" These two words described the empty earth in Genesis 1:2. II FREEMEN Important citizens of a town or country. These people came from "good families" and had never been slaves. III HYENAS A kind of wild dog that often eats the meat of dead animals that other animals killed. IV WILD GOATS The Hebrew word means "hairy," "goat," or "goat-demon." V NIGHT ANIMALS Or "Lilith, the night demon." This name is like the Hebrew word for night.

from|strong="H0802" the|strong="H8033" dark places. Birds that|strong="H8033" eat dead things will|strong="H0802" gather|strong="H6908" there|strong="H8033" like|strong="H6738" women|strong="H0802" visiting their|strong="H8033" friends.

<sup>16</sup> Look|strong="H6485" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD'S|strong="H3068" scroll|strong="H5612" and|strong="H3068" read|strong="H7121" what|strong="H6310" it|strong="H1931" says|strong="H6310": Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" of|strong="H3068" these|strong="H2007" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" missing|strong="H6485". Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" its|strong="H5921" mate|strong="H7468". God|strong="H3068" said|strong="H6310" he|strong="H1931" would|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7121" this|strong="H1931" happen, so|strong="H7121" his|strong="H5921" Spirit|strong="H7307" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7121" them|strong="H5921" together|strong="H0259". <sup>17</sup> God|strong="H3027" decided what he|strong="H1931" should do|strong="H3027" with|strong="H3027" them|strong="H1992", and|strong="H3027" then|strong="H5307" he|strong="H1931" chose a|strong="H5704" place|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" them|strong="H1992". He|strong="H1931" drew a|strong="H5704" line and|strong="H3027" showed them|strong="H1992" their|strong="H1992" land|strong="H1486". So|strong="H3027" the|strong="H5704" animals will|strong="H3027" own|strong="H5769" that|strong="H1931" land|strong="H1486" forever|strong="H5769". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3027" live|strong="H7931" there|strong="H1992" year after|strong="H1992" year.

### God Will Comfort His People

**35** The dry|strong="H6723" desert|strong="H6160" will|strong="H6160" rejoice|strong="H1523". The desert|strong="H6160" will|strong="H6160" be glad|strong="H7797" and|strong="H6723" blossom. <sup>2</sup> It|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" covered with|strong="H3068" flowers and|strong="H3068" dance with|strong="H3068" joy|strong="H7442". It|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" beautiful|strong="H1926" as|strong="H3068" the|strong="H7200" forest of|strong="H0430" Lebanon|strong="H3844", the|strong="H7200" hill of|strong="H0430" Carmel|strong="H3760", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H7200" Sharon|strong="H8289" Valley. This|strong="H3068"

will|strong="H3068" happen because all|strong="H0637" people|strong="H7200" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H7200" LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" beauty of|strong="H0430" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".<sup>3</sup> Make|strong="H2388" the|strong="H2388" weak|strong="H3782" arms|strong="H3027" strong|strong="H2388" again. Strength-en|strong="H2388" the|strong="H2388" weak|strong="H3782" knees|strong="H1290".<sup>4</sup> Peo-ple|strong="H3820" are|strong="H0430" afraid|strong="H3372" and|strong="H0935" con-fused. Say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0935", " Be|strong="H0408" strong|strong="H2388"! Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372"! Look|strong="H2009", your|strong="H0935" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H0430" come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" punish your|strong="H0935" enemies. He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0430" come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" give|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" reward. He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H0430" save|strong="H3467" you|strong="H0935".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0227" the|strong="H0227" eyes|strong="H5869" of|strong="H5869" the|strong="H0227" blind|strong="H5787" will|strong="H5869" be|strong="H0241" opened|strong="H6605" so|strong="H0227" that|strong="H5869" they|strong="H0227" can|strong="H5869" see|strong="H5869", and|strong="H5869" the|strong="H0227" ears|strong="H0241" of|strong="H5869" the|strong="H0227" deaf|strong="H2795" will|strong="H5869" be|strong="H0241" opened|strong="H6605" so|strong="H0227" that|strong="H5869" they|strong="H0227" can|strong="H5869" hear|strong="H0241".<sup>6</sup> Crippled people will|strong="H4325" dance like deer|strong="H0354", and|strong="H4325" those|strong="H3588" who|strong="H3588" cannot speak now|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4325" use their|strong="H3588" voices to|strong="H4325" sing|strong="H7442" happy songs. This|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4325" happen when|strong="H3588" springs of|strong="H4325" wa-ter|strong="H4325" begin to|strong="H4325" flow in|strong="H0227" the|strong="H3588" dry desert|strong="H6160".<sup>7</sup> Now|strong="H1961" peo-ple see mirages<sup>I</sup> that|strong="H1961" look like|strong="H1961" water|strong="H4325",

I MIRAGES In the desert, heat rising from the ground looks like water from far away. This is a mirage.

but|strong="H1961" then|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" real pools|strong="H0098" of|strong="H4325" water|strong="H4325". There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" wells in|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" dry land|strong="H8273" where water|strong="H4325" flows from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" ground|strong="H6774". Tall wa-ter|strong="H4325" plants will|strong="H1961" grow where wild animals|strong="H1961" once|strong="H1961" ruled.

<sup>8</sup> There|strong="H8033" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" road|strong="H1870" there|strong="H8033". This|strong="H1931" highway|strong="H1870" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" called|strong="H7121" " The|strong="H7121" Holy|strong="H6944" Road|strong="H1870". " Evil peo-ple|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" allowed to|strong="H1980" walk|strong="H1980" on|strong="H1980" that|strong="H1931" road|strong="H1870". No|strong="H3808" fools|strong="H0191" will|strong="H1961" walk|strong="H1980" on|strong="H1980" it|strong="H1931". Only good people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" walk|strong="H1980" there|strong="H8033".<sup>9</sup> There|strong="H8033" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" dangers on|strong="H1980" that|strong="H3808" road|strong="H1980". There|strong="H8033" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" li-ons|strong="H0738" there|strong="H8033" to|strong="H1980" hurt people|strong="H3808" or|strong="H3808" any|strong="H1961" dangerous animals|strong="H2416" on|strong="H1980" it|strong="H8033". That|strong="H3808" road|strong="H1980" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" for|strong="H8033" the|strong="H1961" people|strong="H3808" God|strong="H3808" saves.

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7725" his|strong="H5921" people free, and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H5921". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" Zion|strong="H6726" rejoicing|strong="H8057". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" happy|strong="H8057" forev-er|strong="H5769". Their|strong="H3068" happi-ness|strong="H8057" will|strong="H3068"

II FOOLS Here, this means people who don't follow God and his wise teachings.

be |strong="H3068" like |strong="H7725" a |strong="H0935" crown on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" heads |strong="H7218". Gladness |strong="H8057" and |strong="H0935" joy |strong="H8057" will |strong="H3068" fill them |strong="H5921" completely. Sorrow |strong="H3015" and |strong="H0935" sadness will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" far |strong="H5921", far |strong="H5921" away |strong="H7725".

### The Assyrians Invade Judah

**36** During |strong="H1961" Hezekiah's |strong="H2396" 14th year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428", Sennacherib |strong="H5576" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" went |strong="H5927" to |strong="H1961" fight against |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" strong cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". Sennacherib |strong="H5576" defeated those |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892". <sup>2</sup> He |strong="H0853" sent |strong="H7971" his |strong="H3526" commander with |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7971" large |strong="H3515" army |strong="H2426" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". The |strong="H0853" commander and |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3526" army |strong="H2426" left Lachish |strong="H3923" and |strong="H4428" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". They |strong="H4546" stopped |strong="H5975" near |strong="H5975" the |strong="H0853" aqueduct <sup>I</sup> by |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Upper |strong="H5945" Pool |strong="H1295", <sup>II</sup> on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" street that |strong="H4546" leads up |strong="H5975" to |strong="H0413" Laundryman's Field |strong="H7704".

<sup>3</sup> Three men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H3318" Jerusalem went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" talk |strong="H5608" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" commander. These |strong="H0834" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H0834" Eliakim |strong="H0471" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hilkiyah |strong="H2518", Joah |strong="H3098" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Asaph |strong="H0623", and |strong="H1121" Shebna |strong="H7644". Eliakim |strong="H0471"

<sup>I</sup> AQUEDUCT A ditch or pipe that carries water from one place to another. Here, this is the Shiloah, a channel that carried water from Gihon Spring to the Old Pool and the Pool of Siloam. <sup>II</sup> UPPER POOL The Pool of Siloam at the southern tip of the City of David (Jerusalem), just above the older pool now called Birket al Hamrah.

was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" palace |strong="H1004" manager, Joah |strong="H3098" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" record keeper, and |strong="H1121" Shebna |strong="H7644" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" royal secretary |strong="H5608".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0559" commander told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", "Tell |strong="H0559" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0559" great |strong="H1419" king |strong="H4428", the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" says |strong="H0559":

"What |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" trusting |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" help you |strong="H0834"? <sup>5</sup> I |strong="H3588" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588", if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1697" trusting |strong="H0982" in |strong="H5921" power |strong="H1369" and |strong="H1697" great battle |strong="H4421" plans |strong="H6098", that |strong="H3588" is |strong="H4310" useless. Those |strong="H5921" are |strong="H1697" nothing |strong="H1697" but |strong="H3588" empty |strong="H8193" words |strong="H1697". Now |strong="H6258" I |strong="H3588" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588", who |strong="H4310" do |strong="H4310" you |strong="H3588" trust |strong="H0982" so |strong="H6258" much |strong="H1697" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H1697" willing to |strong="H0559" rebel |strong="H4775" against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921"? <sup>6</sup> Are |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" depending on |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0935" help you |strong="H0834"? Egypt |strong="H4714" is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H0935" broken walking stick |strong="H7070". If |strong="H2009" you |strong="H0834" lean |strong="H5564" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" support |strong="H5564", it |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0834" only |strong="H3605" stab you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0935" hurt you |strong="H0834". Pharaoh |strong="H6547", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714", cannot be |strong="H0376" trusted |strong="H0982" by |strong="H5921" anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" depends on |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" help.

7 " So |strong="H3808" maybe you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H3588" trust |strong="H0982" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" to |strong="H0413" help us |strong="H0413"." But |strong="H3588" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" destroyed the |strong="H0853" altars |strong="H4196" and |strong="H3068" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" where |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" worshiped |strong="H7812" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", right? Hezekiah |strong="H2396" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0430" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" worship |strong="H7812" only at |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" one |strong="H2088" altar |strong="H4196" here |strong="H2088" in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389"."

8 " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H5414" still want to |strong="H5921" fight, my |strong="H5414" master |strong="H0113", the |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804", will |strong="H4428" make |strong="H5414" this |strong="H6258" agreement with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H5414". I |strong="H0518" promise that |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" 2000 horses |strong="H5483" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H5414" can |strong="H3201" find |strong="H5414" enough men to |strong="H5921" ride |strong="H7392" them |strong="H5414" into |strong="H5921" battle.

9 But |strong="H5921" even |strong="H0853" then |strong="H0853", you |strong="H6440" couldn't beat even |strong="H0853" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H6440" my |strong="H5921" master's |strong="H0113" lowest ranking officers |strong="H5650". So |strong="H7725" why |strong="H0349" do you |strong="H6440" still |strong="H7725" depend on |strong="H5921" Egypt's |strong="H4714" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H7725" horse soldiers |strong="H5650"?

10 " Now |strong="H6258", do you |strong="H5921" think |strong="H0559" I |strong="H6258" came |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2063" country |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" destroy |strong="H7843" it |strong="H5921" without |strong="H1107" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" help. No, it |strong="H5921" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"

who |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" against |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" country |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H7843" it |strong="H5921"!""

11 Then |strong="H1696" Eliakim |strong="H0471", Shebna |strong="H7644", and |strong="H5650" Joah |strong="H3098" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" commander, " Please |strong="H4994", speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H4994" in |strong="H5921" Hebrew. <sup>I</sup> We |strong="H0587" understand |strong="H8085" that |strong="H0834" language |strong="H3066". Don't |strong="H0408" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H4994" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" language |strong="H3066" of |strong="H5650" Judah |strong="H3066". If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" use our |strong="H5921" language |strong="H3066", the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" city walls |strong="H2346" will |strong="H0834" understand |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0834"."

12 But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" commander said |strong="H0559", " My |strong="H5921" master |strong="H0113" sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" everyone |strong="H0376", not |strong="H3808" just |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7971" and |strong="H0398" your |strong="H5921" master |strong="H0113". I |strong="H1697" must |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0428" people |strong="H0376" sitting |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346". When |strong="H1696" we |strong="H1697" surround your |strong="H5921" city, they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0376" suffer too |strong="H5921". Like |strong="H5973" you |strong="H7971", they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0376" become so |strong="H7971" hungry they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0376" eat |strong="H0398" their |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376" waste and |strong="H0398" drink |strong="H8354" their |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376" urine |strong="H7890"!"

13 Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" commander, shouting |strong="H6963" loudly |strong="H6963" in |strong="H8085" Hebrew, <sup>II</sup> gave |strong="H0559" this |strong="H1697" warn-

I HEBREW Literally, "Judean," the language of Judah and Israel.

II HEBREW Literally, "Judean," the language of Judah and Israel.

ing|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H1697":

Hear|strong="H8085" this|strong="H1697" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" from|strong="H8085"  
the|strong="H0853" great|strong="H1419"  
king|strong="H4428", the|strong="H0853"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804"! 14 This|strong="H3541"  
is|strong="H4428" what|strong="H3541"  
the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"  
says|strong="H0559": Don't|strong="H0408"  
let|strong="H0408" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" fool  
you|strong="H3588"! He|strong="H3588" can-  
not|strong="H3808" save|strong="H5337"  
you|strong="H3588" from|strong="H5337"  
my|strong="H3588" power. 15

Don't|strong="H0408" listen to|strong="H0413"  
him|strong="H0413" when|strong="H3068"  
he|strong="H3068" tells|strong="H0559"  
you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413"  
trust|strong="H0982" in|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".  
Don't|strong="H0408" believe him|strong="H0413"  
when|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
save|strong="H5337" us|strong="H5414".  
He|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" de-  
feat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853"  
city|strong="H5892"."

16 Don't|strong="H0408" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396"!  
This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0376"  
what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" says|strong="H0559":  
Come|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318"  
here|strong="H3541" and|strong="H4428"  
show|strong="H6213" me|strong="H0413"  
that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" want  
peace|strong="H1293". Then|strong="H3318"  
you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428"  
all|strong="H0398" be|strong="H0408"  
free|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413"  
have|strong="H0376" grapes from|strong="H3318"  
your|strong="H8085" own|strong="H0376"  
vines|strong="H1612", figs|strong="H8384"  
from|strong="H3318" your|strong="H8085"  
own|strong="H0376" trees|strong="H8384",  
and|strong="H4428" water|strong="H4325"  
from|strong="H3318" your|strong="H8085"  
own|strong="H0376" well. 17 Af-  
ter|strong="H0413" some time|strong="H5704",  
I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H0776"  
come|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935"

take|strong="H3947" you|strong="H5704"  
to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3947"  
land|strong="H0776" like|strong="H0776"  
your|strong="H3947" own. In|strong="H0935"  
that|strong="H5704" new|strong="H8492"  
land|strong="H0776", you|strong="H5704"  
will|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0776" plenty  
of|strong="H0776" grain|strong="H1715"  
for|strong="H0413" making bread|strong="H3899"  
and|strong="H0935" vineyards|strong="H3754"  
for|strong="H0413" producing  
wine|strong="H8492".

18 Don't believe Hezekiah|strong="H2396"  
when|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0430"  
tells|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0853", "  
The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337"  
us|strong="H5337"." He|strong="H0430"  
is|strong="H3068" wrong. Did|strong="H0376"  
any|strong="H0376" of|strong="H4428"  
the|strong="H0853" gods|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H4428" other|strong="H0376" na-  
tions|strong="H1471" save|strong="H5337"  
their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776"  
from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804"? 19 When|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H3588" destroyed the|strong="H0853"  
cities of|strong="H0430" Hamath|strong="H2574"  
and|strong="H0430" Arpad|strong="H0774",  
where|strong="H0346" were|strong="H3027"  
their|strong="H3588" gods|strong="H0430"?  
What|strong="H3588" about the|strong="H0853"  
gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Sephar-  
vaim|strong="H5617"? Were|strong="H3027"  
any|strong="H3588" gods|strong="H0430"  
able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3027"  
save|strong="H5337" Samaria|strong="H8111"  
from|strong="H3027" my|strong="H5337" pow-  
er|strong="H3027"? 20 None|strong="H3605"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605"  
gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776"  
these|strong="H0428" other|strong="H0428"  
places|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0834"  
able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3068"  
save|strong="H5337" their|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H0776" from|strong="H3027"  
me|strong="H5337"! So|strong="H0834"  
why|strong="H0834" do|strong="H4310"  
you|strong="H0834" think the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" can|strong="H4310"  
save|strong="H5337" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"  
from|strong="H3027" me|strong="H5337"?

21 But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" peo-  
ple|strong="H3808" were|strong="H1697"  
silent|strong="H2790". They|strong="H3588"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
say|strong="H0559" a|strong="H3588"

word|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" commander, because|strong="H3588" King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah had|strong="H4428" commanded|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853", " Don't|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" anything|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0853"."

<sup>22</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" palace|strong="H1004" manager ( Eliakim|strong="H0471" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hilkiyah|strong="H2518"), the|strong="H0853" royal secretary|strong="H5608" ( Shebna|strong="H7644"), and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" record keeper ( Joah|strong="H3098" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Asaph|strong="H0623") went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396". Their|strong="H5921" clothes|strong="H0899" were|strong="H0834" torn|strong="H7167" to|strong="H0413" show|strong="H5046" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" upset|strong="H1697". They|strong="H0834" told|strong="H5046" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" everything|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Assyrian commander had|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0413".

#### Hezekiah Asks God to Help

**37** When|strong="H1961" King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0935" their|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068", he|strong="H3068" tore|strong="H7167" his|strong="H3068" clothes|strong="H0899" to|strong="H0935" show|strong="H8085" he|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961" upset. Then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3068" put|strong="H0935" on|strong="H0935" sackcloth|strong="H8242" and|strong="H0935" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004".

<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah sent|strong="H7971" Eliakim|strong="H0471", the|strong="H0853" palace|strong="H1004" manager, Shebna|strong="H7644", the|strong="H0853" royal secretary|strong="H5608", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" elders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H5030", Isaiah|strong="H3470" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Amoz|strong="H0531". They|strong="H0834" wore|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" special clothes that|strong="H0834" showed they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" sad and|strong="H1121" upset.

<sup>3</sup> They|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559"

to|strong="H0413" Isaiah|strong="H0559", "King Hezekiah|strong="H2396" has|strong="H0369" commanded|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3588" today|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3588" special day|strong="H3117" for|strong="H3588" sorrow and|strong="H1121" sadness. It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H2088" sad day|strong="H3117"— as|strong="H5704" sad as|strong="H5704" when|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" baby|strong="H1121" should|strong="H3588" be|strong="H1121" born|strong="H3205", but|strong="H3588" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" enough strength|strong="H3581" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" birth|strong="H3205". <sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" commander's master|strong="H0113", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804", has|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" him|strong="H7971" to|strong="H3068" say|strong="H1697" bad things|strong="H1697" about|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853" living|strong="H2416" God|strong="H0430". Maybe|strong="H0194" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" hear|strong="H8085" it|strong="H5375" and|strong="H3068" prove|strong="H3198" the|strong="H0853" enemy is|strong="H0834" wrong. So|strong="H7971" pray|strong="H5375" for|strong="H1157" those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" still left|strong="H4672" alive|strong="H2416"."

<sup>5</sup> When|strong="H0935" King|strong="H4428" Hezekiah's|strong="H2396" officers|strong="H5650" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Isaiah|strong="H3470", <sup>6</sup> he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", " Give|strong="H8085" this|strong="H3541" message|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" master|strong="H0113", Hezekiah: The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", ' Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H4428" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" commanders! Don't|strong="H0408" believe what|strong="H0834" those|strong="H0834" " boys|strong="H5288" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H8085" fun

of|strong="H4428" me|strong="H0413".<sup>7</sup> Look|strong="H2005", I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H0776" send|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" spirit|strong="H7307" against|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" king of|strong="H0776" Assyria. He|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" get|strong="H7725" a|strong="H5414" report|strong="H8052" that|strong="H8085" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H5414" him|strong="H0413" re- turn|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5414" own country|strong="H0776". And|strong="H0776" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H0776" cut him|strong="H0413" down|strong="H5307" with|strong="H0413" a|strong="H5414" sword|strong="H2719" in|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5414" own coun- try|strong="H0776"."

**The|strong="H0413" Assyrian Army|strong="H0776" Leaves Jerusalem**

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" commander heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" had|strong="H4428" left|strong="H5265" Lachish|strong="H3923". He|strong="H3588" found|strong="H4672" him|strong="H5921" at|strong="H5921" Libnah|strong="H3841", fight- ing|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3588" city.<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria got|strong="H3318" a|strong="H8085" report|strong="H0559" that|strong="H8085" said|strong="H0559", " King|strong="H4428" Tirhakah|strong="H8640"<sup>1</sup> of|strong="H4428" Ethiopia|strong="H3568" is|strong="H4428" coming|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H3898" you|strong="H7971"."

So|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria sent|strong="H7971" messengers|strong="H4397" to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" again|strong="H7971".<sup>10</sup> He|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", " Tell|strong="H0559" King|strong="H4428" Hezeki- ah|strong="H2396" of|strong="H4428" Ju- dah|strong="H3063" these|strong="H0834" things|strong="H0834":

' Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H3808" fooled by|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" god|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0859" trust|strong="H0982" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" says|strong="H0559", " Jerusalem|strong="H3389" will|strong="H0430"

<sup>1</sup> TIRHAKAH This is probably Taharqa, the Pharaoh of Egypt about 690-664 B.C.

not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" defeated by|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyr- ia|strong="H0804".<sup>11</sup> You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyr- ia|strong="H0804" did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H8085" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" coun- tries|strong="H0776". We|strong="H0834" de- stroyed them|strong="H6213" complete- ly|strong="H3605". Will|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0859" be|strong="H0776" saved|strong="H5337"? No|strong="H3605"! <sup>12</sup> Did|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" those|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1121" save|strong="H5337" them|strong="H0853"? No, my|strong="H0834" ancestors|strong="H0001" de- stroyed|strong="H7843" them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H5337". They|strong="H0834" de- stroyed|strong="H7843" the|strong="H0853" cities of|strong="H1121" Gozan|strong="H1470", Ha- ran|strong="H2771", Rezeph|strong="H7530", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" peo- ple|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Eden|strong="H5729" living in|strong="H0430" Tel Assar.<sup>13</sup> Where|strong="H0346" is|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5892" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Hamath|strong="H2574"? The|strong="H5892" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Arpad|strong="H0774"? The|strong="H5892" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5892" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" Sepharvaim|strong="H5617"? The|strong="H5892" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Hena|strong="H2012" and|strong="H4428" Ivvah|strong="H5755"?"

**Hezekiah Prays to|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5892" Lord**

<sup>14</sup> Hezekiah|strong="H2396" re- ceived|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" let- ters|strong="H5612" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" messengers|strong="H4397" and|strong="H3068" read|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0853". Then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H3068" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Tem- ple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3068" laid|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" let- ters|strong="H5612" out|strong="H6440" in|strong="H3068" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>15</sup> He|strong="H3068"



prayed *to* the LORD All-Powerful, God of Israel, you sit as King above the Cherub angels. You alone are the God who rules all the kingdoms earth on earth. You made and the LORD, please pay attention and hear this your eyes, and see is happening. Listen to all the insults against the living God in the message sent <sup>17</sup> It is LORD. The kings of Assyria did destroy all those nations. <sup>19</sup> They did throw the gods of those nations into the fire, but they were not real gods. They were only wood stone—statues that people made. That why the kings of Assyria could destroy them. <sup>20</sup> But you are the LORD our God, so please save us from the king of Assyria. Then

all the other nations will know that you are the LORD, the only God.

#### God Answers Hezekiah

<sup>21</sup> Then Isaiah son Amoz sent this message to Hezekiah: "The LORD, the God of Israel, says, ' You prayed to me about the message that came from King Sennacherib of Assyria. I have heard you.' <sup>22</sup> So this is the LORD'S message against Sennacherib: ' The virgin daughter of Zion does not think you are important. She makes fun of you. Daughter Jerusalem shakes her head at you and laughs behind your back. <sup>23</sup> But who was it that you insulted and made fun of? Who was it that you spoke against? You were speaking against the

I I HAVE HEARD YOU This is from the ancient Greek version and 2 Kings 19:20. II THE VIRGIN DAUGHTER ZION The city of Jerusalem, which is in danger of attack by the Assyrians. See "Zion" in the Word List.

Holy|strong="H6918" One|strong="H6918" of|strong="H6963" Israel|strong="H3478".

You|strong="H5921" acted like|strong="H3478" you|strong="H5921" were|strong="H3478" great and|strong="H3478" he|strong="H0853" was|strong="H3478" nothing.

<sup>24</sup> You|strong="H0935" sent|strong="H5927" your|strong="H0935" officers|strong="H5650" to|strong="H0559" insult the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136".

This|strong="H0935" is|strong="H3027" what|strong="H7093" you|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559":

" I|strong="H0589" took|strong="H5927" my|strong="H0935" many|strong="H7230" chariots|strong="H7393" up|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0559" high|strong="H4791" mountains|strong="H2022"

deep|strong="H6967" inside|strong="H3027" Lebanon|strong="H3844".

I|strong="H0589" cut|strong="H3772" down|strong="H3772" its|strong="H5927" tallest cedars|strong="H0730"

and|strong="H0935" its|strong="H5927" best fir|strong="H1265" trees|strong="H1265".

I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H5650" been|strong="H5927" on|strong="H0935" its|strong="H5927" highest|strong="H7093" mountain|strong="H2022"

and|strong="H0935" deep|strong="H6967" inside|strong="H3027" its|strong="H5927" forests.

<sup>25</sup> I|strong="H0589" dug|strong="H6979" wells and|strong="H8354" drank|strong="H8354" water|strong="H4325" from|strong="H4325" new places|strong="H3605".

I|strong="H0589" dried up|strong="H8354" the|strong="H3605" rivers|strong="H2975" of|strong="H4325" Egypt|strong="H4693"

and|strong="H8354" walked where the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325" was|strong="H4325":

<sup>26</sup> How|strong="H6213" could you|strong="H3117" say this|strong="H6258", Sennacherib?

Did|strong="H6213" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" ever tell you|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0853" Lord, planned|strong="H3335" these things|strong="H1961" long|strong="H3117" ago|strong="H7350"?

From|strong="H0935" ancient times|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117" decided what|strong="H6213" would|strong="H6213" happen|strong="H1961".

And|strong="H0935" now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" made|strong="H6213" it|strong="H1961" happen|strong="H1961".

I|strong="H3117" let|strong="H6258" you|strong="H3117" tear down strong cities|strong="H5892"

and|strong="H0935" change them|strong="H0853" into|strong="H0935" piles of|strong="H3117" rocks.

<sup>27</sup> The|strong="H6440" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" there|strong="H1961" had|strong="H1961" no power|strong="H3027".

They|strong="H3027" were|strong="H1961" afraid and|strong="H3027" confused.

They|strong="H3027" were|strong="H1961" about|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" cut down|strong="H3427"

like|strong="H1961" grass|strong="H2682" and|strong="H3027" plants|strong="H6212" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H6440" field|strong="H7704".

They|strong="H3027" were|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" grass|strong="H2682" growing on|strong="H3427" the|strong="H6440" house-tops|strong="H1406",

dying before|strong="H6440" it|strong="H1961" grows tall.

<sup>28</sup> I|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045" all|strong="H3045" about|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3045" battles;

I|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045" when|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3045" rested, when|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3045" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" war,

and|strong="H0935" when|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3045" came|strong="H0935" home.

I|strong="H3045" also|strong="H0853" know|strong="H3045" when|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3045" got|strong="H3318" upset at|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".

<sup>29</sup> Yes, you|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" upset at|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".

I|strong="H0834" heard your|strong="H0834" proud insults.

So|strong="H5927" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" put|strong="H7760" my|strong="H7760" hook|strong="H2397" in|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0834" nose|strong="H0639"

and|strong="H0935" my|strong="H7760" bit|strong="H4964" in|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0834" mouth.

Then|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" turn|strong="H7725" you|strong="H0834" around|strong="H7725"

and|strong="H0935" lead|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" back|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" way|strong="H1870" you|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935":

**The Lord's Message  
for Hezekiah**

30 Then the Lord said, " I will give a sign to you to show you that these words are true. You will not be able to plant seeds this year, so next year you will eat grain that grew wild from the previous year's crop. But in the third year you will eat grain from seeds that you planted." You will harvest your crops, and you will have plenty to eat. You will plant vineyards and eat grapes from them.

31 " The people from the family of Judah who have escaped and left alive will like plants that send their deep roots into the ground and produce fruit above the ground. 32 That is because a few people will come out of Jerusalem alive. There will be survivors coming from Mount Zion." The strong love<sup>1</sup> of the LORD

the LORD All-Powerful do this.

33 So the LORD says this about the king of Assyria:  
" He will not come into this city.

or an arrow here.

He will not bring his shields up this city.

or a hill of dirt to attack its walls.

34 He will go the way he came.

He will not come into this city.

The LORD says this!

35 I will protect this city and save it.

I will do this for myself and my servant David."

**The Assyrian Army  
Is Destroyed**

36 That night the angel the LORD went out and killed 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up in the morning

<sup>1</sup> STRONG LOVE The Hebrew word can mean strong feelings such as zeal, jealousy, or love.

ing|strong="H1242", they|strong="H3068" saw|strong="H2009" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" dead|strong="H4191" bodies|strong="H6297".<sup>37</sup> So|strong="H7725" King|strong="H4428" Sennacherib|strong="H5576" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804" went|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" Nineveh|strong="H5210" and|strong="H4428" stayed|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427".

<sup>38</sup> One|strong="H1931" day Sennacherib was|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H5221" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H1961" god|strong="H0430" Nisroch|strong="H5268", worshipping|strong="H7812" him|strong="H5221". His|strong="H1961" sons|strong="H1121" Adrammelech|strong="H0152" and|strong="H1121" Sharezer|strong="H8272" killed|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5221" with|strong="H1004" a|strong="H1961" sword|strong="H2719" and|strong="H1121" ran|strong="H1961" away|strong="H4422" to|strong="H1961" Ararat|strong="H0780". So|strong="H1961" Sennacherib's son|strong="H1121" Esarhad-don|strong="H0634" became|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5221" new king|strong="H4427" of|strong="H1121" Assyria.

#### Hezekiah's Illness

**38** At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588" time|strong="H3117" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" became sick|strong="H2470" and|strong="H1121" almost|strong="H3117" died|strong="H4191". The|strong="H0559" prophet|strong="H5030" Isaiah|strong="H3470" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Amoz|strong="H0531" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H0935" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" told|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413", "The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" this|strong="H3541": 'You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191" soon|strong="H3588". So|strong="H3541" you|strong="H0859" should|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H0559" your|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004" what|strong="H3541" they|strong="H1992" should|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6680" when|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" die|strong="H4191". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" get|strong="H0935" well.'"

<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah|strong="H2396" turned|strong="H5437" toward|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440"

wall|strong="H7023" that|strong="H3068" faced|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" Temple and|strong="H3068" began praying|strong="H6419" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>3</sup> "LORD|strong="H3068", remember|strong="H2142" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" faithfully|strong="H0571" served|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" with|strong="H1980" all|strong="H1419" my|strong="H3068" heart|strong="H3820". I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559" is|strong="H0834" good|strong="H2896"." Then|strong="H1980" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" cried|strong="H1058" very|strong="H1419" hard|strong="H1419".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H1961" Isaiah|strong="H3470" received|strong="H1961" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068":<sup>5</sup> "Go|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" and|strong="H1980" tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" ancestor David|strong="H1732", says|strong="H0559"; 'I|strong="H2005" heard|strong="H8085" your|strong="H3068" prayer|strong="H8605", and|strong="H1980" I|strong="H2005" saw|strong="H7200" your|strong="H3068" tears|strong="H1832". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" add|strong="H3254" 15 years|strong="H8141" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" life|strong="H3117".<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4428" save|strong="H5337" you|strong="H5921" and|strong="H4428" this|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804". I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4428" protect|strong="H1598" this|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892"."

[21] <sup>1</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Isaiah told Hezekiah, "Crush figs together|strong="H5921" and|strong="H4428" put them|strong="H0853" on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" sore. Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4428" get well."

[22] Hezekiah asked Isaiah, "What|strong="H5921" is|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" sign that|strong="H4428" proves I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4428" get well and|strong="H4428" go

<sup>1</sup> These verses fit better here than at the end of the chapter, where they appear in the standard Hebrew text. See 2 Kings 20:6-9.

to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S Temple?"

<sup>7</sup> This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" sign|strong="H0226" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H1696" show|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" says|strong="H1696": <sup>8</sup> " Look|strong="H2005", I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H2005" causing the|strong="H0853" shadow|strong="H6738" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" on|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853" steps|strong="H4609" of|strong="H6738" Ahaz|strong="H0271" <sup>1</sup> to|strong="H7725" move back|strong="H7725" ten|strong="H6235" steps|strong="H4609". The|strong="H0853" sun's|strong="H8121" shadow|strong="H6738" will|strong="H0834" go|strong="H3381" back|strong="H7725" up|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" ten|strong="H6235" steps|strong="H4609" that|strong="H0834" it|strong="H7725" has|strong="H0834" already been|strong="H0834" on|strong="H3381"."

#### Hezekiah's Song

<sup>9</sup> This is|strong="H4428" the|strong="H2396" letter|strong="H4385" from|strong="H3063" Hezekiah|strong="H2396" when|strong="H2421" he|strong="H3063" became well:

<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H0589" thought|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0589" would|strong="H0559" live|strong="H3117" a|strong="H6485" full|strong="H3117" life|strong="H3117".

But|strong="H3117" now|strong="H3117", in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0559" middle|strong="H1824" of|strong="H3117" my|strong="H0559" life|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0559" time|strong="H3117" has|strong="H3117" come for|strong="H3117" me|strong="H0589" to|strong="H0559" die.

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H7200" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H7200" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3050" YAH <sup>II</sup> in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" living|strong="H3427" again|strong="H5750".

I|strong="H7200" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0120" liv-

I STEPS OF AHAZ The steps of a special building that Hezekiah used like a clock. When the sun shone on the steps, the shadows showed what time of the day it was. II THE LORD YAH Or "YAHWEH," a Hebrew name for God. See "YAHWEH" in the Word List.

ing|strong="H3427" on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>12</sup> My|strong="H4480" home|strong="H0168", my|strong="H4480" shepherd's|strong="H7473" tent|strong="H0168", is|strong="H3117" being pulled|strong="H5265" down and|strong="H3117" taken|strong="H1540" from|strong="H4480" me|strong="H4480".

I|strong="H5704" am finished|strong="H7999" like|strong="H5704" the|strong="H4480" cloth some-one rolls up|strong="H5704" and|strong="H3117" cuts|strong="H1214" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" loom.

You|strong="H3117" ended my|strong="H4480" life|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3117" such a|strong="H4480" short time|strong="H3117".

<sup>13</sup> All|strong="H3605" night|strong="H3915" I|strong="H5704" cried as|strong="H5704" loud as|strong="H5704" a|strong="H5704" li-on|strong="H0738",

but|strong="H3651" my|strong="H3605" hopes were|strong="H3117" crushed|strong="H7665" like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H5704" li-on|strong="H0738" eating bones|strong="H6106".

You|strong="H3605" finished|strong="H7999" my|strong="H3605" life|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3117" such|strong="H3651" a|strong="H5704" short time|strong="H3117".

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="H3651" cried like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H3651" bird

and|strong="H5869" moaned like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H3651" dove|strong="H3123".

My|strong="H3651" eyes|strong="H5869" became|strong="H6148" tired,

but|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651" continued looking to|strong="H5869" the|strong="H3651" heavens|strong="H4791".

Lord|strong="H0136", I|strong="H3651" am so|strong="H3651" depressed.

Promise to|strong="H5869" help|strong="H6148" me|strong="H5869"."

<sup>15</sup> What|strong="H4100" can|strong="H4100" I|strong="H5315" say|strong="H0559"?

He|strong="H1931" told|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5315" what|strong="H4100" would|strong="H4100" happen,

and|strong="H8141" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H5315" make|strong="H6213" it|strong="H1931" happen.

I|strong="H5315" have|strong="H3605" had|strong="H1931" these|strong="H1931" troubles in|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" soul|strong="H5315",

so|strong="H6213" now|strong="H1696" I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H5315" be|strong="H5315" humble all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" life|strong="H5315".

16 Lord |strong="H0136", use this |strong="H3605" hard time to |strong="H5921" make my |strong="H3605" spirit |strong="H7307" live |strong="H2421" again.

Help my |strong="H3605" spirit |strong="H7307" become strong and |strong="H7307" healthy.

Help me |strong="H5921" become well!

Help me |strong="H5921" live |strong="H2421" again!

17 Look |strong="H2009", my |strong="H3605" troubles are |strong="H0859" gone!

I |strong="H3588" now |strong="H2009" have |strong="H0859" peace |strong="H7965".

You |strong="H0859" love me |strong="H5315" very much |strong="H3605".

You |strong="H0859" did not |strong="H3588" let |strong="H5315" me |strong="H5315" rot in |strong="H5315" the |strong="H3605" grave.

You |strong="H0859" took my |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2399"

and |strong="H5315" threw |strong="H7993" them |strong="H0310" away |strong="H7993".

18 The |strong="H3588" dead |strong="H4194" cannot |strong="H3808" praise |strong="H1984" you |strong="H3588".

People |strong="H3808" in |strong="H0413" Sheol |strong="H7585" cannot |strong="H3808" sing praises |strong="H1984" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588".

Those |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" died |strong="H4194" and |strong="H3381" gone |strong="H3381" below |strong="H3381"

are |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" trusting in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3588" faithfulness |strong="H0571".

19 People |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1931" are |strong="H3117" alive |strong="H2416", people |strong="H1121" like |strong="H3644" me |strong="H0413",

are |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0413" ones |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1121" praise |strong="H3034" you |strong="H3117".

Fathers |strong="H0001" should |strong="H0001" tell |strong="H3045" their |strong="H3045" children |strong="H1121" about |strong="H0413" how |strong="H3045" faithful |strong="H0571" you |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117".

20 So |strong="H5921" I |strong="H3117" say, "The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" saved |strong="H3467" me |strong="H5921".

So |strong="H5921" we |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" sing and |strong="H3068" play |strong="H5059" songs |strong="H5058" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004"

all |strong="H3605" our |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416"."

### Messengers From Babylon

39 At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H6256" Merodach Baladan |strong="H1081" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Baladan |strong="H1081" was |strong="H1931" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H1931" sent |strong="H7971" some |strong="H6256" men |strong="H1121" with |strong="H0413" letters |strong="H5612" and |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0413" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" had |strong="H4428" been |strong="H2388" sick |strong="H2470".<sup>2</sup> This |strong="H1697" made |strong="H1961" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" very |strong="H8055" happy |strong="H8055", so |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" valuable things |strong="H1697" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" storehouses |strong="H0214". He |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" silver |strong="H3701", the |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091", the |strong="H3605" spices |strong="H1314", and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" expensive perfumes. He |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" building where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" stored |strong="H0214" the |strong="H3605" weapons |strong="H3627". He |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" treasuries |strong="H0214" and |strong="H1004" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" throughout |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4475".

3 Then |strong="H0935" Isaiah |strong="H3470" the |strong="H0559" prophet |strong="H5030" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" and |strong="H0935" asked |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413", "What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" these |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" say |strong="H0559"? Where |strong="H0370" did |strong="H4100" they |strong="H0376" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935"?"

Hezekiah |strong="H2396" said |strong="H0559", " These |strong="H0428" men |strong="H0376" came |strong="H0935" all |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" way from |strong="H0935" Babylon |strong="H0894" just to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H1961" Isaiah |strong="H0559" asked |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0853", " What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" they |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" in |strong="H1004" your |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004"?"

Hezekiah |strong="H2396" said |strong="H0559", " They |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H1004" my |strong="H3605" palace |strong="H1004". I |strong="H0834" showed |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" wealth |strong="H0214"."

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Isaiah |strong="H3470" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Hezekiah |strong="H2396", " Listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0805" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful: <sup>6</sup> ' The |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H0834" coming |strong="H0935" when |strong="H3117" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" everything |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" have |strong="H0834" saved |strong="H3498" until |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" carried |strong="H5375" away |strong="H5375" to |strong="H0559" Babylon |strong="H0894". Nothing |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" left |strong="H3498"! The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088". <sup>7</sup> The |strong="H0834" Babylonians will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H3947" your |strong="H0834" own |strong="H1961" sons |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H0834" sons |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" officers |strong="H5631" in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0834" palace |strong="H1964" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894"."

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H1961" Hezekiah |strong="H2396" told |strong="H0559" Isaiah |strong="H3470", " This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" good |strong="H2896"." ( Hezekiah |strong="H2396"

said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" thought |strong="H0559", " There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" real peace |strong="H7965" and |strong="H3068" security |strong="H7965" during |strong="H3117" my |strong="H3068" lifetime |strong="H3117".")

### Israel's Punishment Will End

**40** Your |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559",

" Comfort |strong="H5162", comfort |strong="H5162" my |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>2</sup> Speak |strong="H1696" kindly |strong="H3820" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H1696" her |strong="H3605",

' Your |strong="H3068" time |strong="H3820" of |strong="H3068" service |strong="H6635" is |strong="H3068" finished |strong="H4390".

You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" paid |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" price for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2403".'

I |strong="H3588", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", have |strong="H3068" punished you |strong="H3588" twice

for |strong="H3588" every |strong="H3605" sin |strong="H2403" you |strong="H3588" committed |strong="H3820"."

<sup>3</sup> Listen |strong="H6963", there |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" someone shouting |strong="H6963":

" Prepare |strong="H6437" a |strong="H7121" way |strong="H1870" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3068" desert |strong="H6160" for |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068".

Make |strong="H3474" a |strong="H7121" straight |strong="H3474" road |strong="H1870" there |strong="H3068" for |strong="H7121" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>4</sup> Every |strong="H3605" valley |strong="H1516" must |strong="H5375" be |strong="H1961" filled.

Every |strong="H3605" mountain |strong="H2022" and |strong="H2022" hill |strong="H2022" should be |strong="H1961" made |strong="H1961" flat.

The |strong="H3605" crooked roads should be |strong="H1961" made |strong="H1961" straight, and |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3605" rough ground made |strong="H1961" smooth.

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" shown |strong="H7200" to |strong="H1961" everyone |strong="H3605".

I OFFICERS Or "eunuchs." See "eunuch" in the Word List.

Together |strong="H3162", all |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1320" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" it |strong="H3588".

Yes |strong="H3588", this |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H6310" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" himself |strong="H1540" said |strong="H1696"!"

<sup>6</sup> A |strong="H7121" voice |strong="H6963" said |strong="H0559", " Speak |strong="H0559"!"

So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3605" man |strong="H3605" said |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" should |strong="H4100" I |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559"?"

The |strong="H3605" voice |strong="H6963" said |strong="H0559", " People |strong="H1320" are |strong="H4100" like grass |strong="H2682".

Any |strong="H3605" glory they |strong="H0559" enjoy is |strong="H4100" like a |strong="H7121" wild-flower.

<sup>7</sup> When |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" wind |strong="H7307" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" blows |strong="H5380" on |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5380",

the |strong="H3588" grass |strong="H2682" dies and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" flower |strong="H6731" falls.

Yes |strong="H3588", all people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H3068" like |strong="H7307" grass |strong="H2682".

<sup>8</sup> Grass |strong="H2682" dies and |strong="H6965" flowers fall,

but the |strong="H1697" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H0430" our |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430" lasts forever |strong="H5769"."

**Salvation: God's |strong="H0430" Good |strong="H6965" News**

<sup>9</sup> Zion |strong="H6726", you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H3063" good |strong="H1319" news |strong="H1319" to |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H0559".

Go |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" high |strong="H1364" mountain |strong="H2022" and |strong="H3063" shout |strong="H6963" the |strong="H0559" good |strong="H1319" news |strong="H1319".

Jerusalem |strong="H3389", you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H3063" good |strong="H1319" news |strong="H1319" to |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H0559".

Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372"; speak |strong="H0559" loudly |strong="H6963".

Tell |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2009" news |strong="H1319" to |strong="H0559" all |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0559"

cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0430" Judah |strong="H3063":

" Look |strong="H2009", here |strong="H2009" is |strong="H0430" your |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430"!"

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" is |strong="H2009" coming |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0854" power |strong="H2220".

He |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0136" use his |strong="H0935" power |strong="H2220" to |strong="H0935" rule |strong="H4910" all |strong="H2009" the |strong="H6440" people.

He |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0136" bring |strong="H0935" rewards for |strong="H0854" his |strong="H0935" people.

He |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0136" have |strong="H4910" their |strong="H6440" payment with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H6440".

<sup>11</sup> Like |strong="H2220" a |strong="H5375" good shepherd |strong="H7462", he |strong="H5763" takes |strong="H5375" care |strong="H2436" of |strong="H5739" his |strong="H5375" people |strong="H6908".

He |strong="H5763" gathers |strong="H6908" them |strong="H5375" like |strong="H2220" lambs |strong="H5763" in |strong="H5375" his |strong="H5375" arms |strong="H2220".

He |strong="H5763" holds them |strong="H5375" close, while their |strong="H5375" mothers walk beside him |strong="H5375".

**God Made the |strong="H5375" World; He |strong="H5763" Rules It |strong="H5375"**

<sup>12</sup> Who |strong="H4310" measured |strong="H4058" the |strong="H0776" oceans in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" palm of |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3557" hand |strong="H8168"?

Who |strong="H4310" used his |strong="H3557" hand |strong="H8168" to |strong="H0776" measure |strong="H4058" the |strong="H0776" sky |strong="H8064"?

Who |strong="H4310" used a |strong="H0776" bowl to |strong="H0776" measure |strong="H4058" all the |strong="H0776" dust |strong="H6083" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776"?

Who |strong="H4310" used scales |strong="H3976" to |strong="H0776" measure |strong="H4058" the |strong="H0776" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H0776" hills |strong="H1389"?

<sup>13</sup> Who |strong="H4310" could |strong="H4310" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" mind |strong="H7307"?

Who |strong="H4310" could |strong="H4310" be |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3068" teacher or |strong="H0376" give him |strong="H0853" advice |strong="H6098"?



14 Did the **Lord** ask for anyone's help?

Did anyone teach him to be fair?

Did anyone teach him knowledge?

Did anyone teach him to be wise?

15 Look, all the nations in the world are like one small drop in the bucket.

If the **Lord** took all the faraway nations and put them on his scales,

they would be like small pieces of dust.

16 All the trees in Lebanon are not enough to burn

on the altar for the **Lord**.

And all the animals in Lebanon are not enough to kill for a sacrifice.

17 Compared to God, all the nations of the world are nothing.

Compared to him, they are worth nothing at all.

**People Cannot Imagine  
What God Is Like**

18 Can you compare to God anything?

Can you make a picture of God?

19 No, but some people make statues from rock or wood, and they call them gods.

One worker makes a statue.

Then another worker covers it with gold and makes silver chains for it.

20 For the base he chooses special wood,

a kind of wood that will not rot.

Then he finds a good wood worker,

and the worker makes a god that will not fall over.

21 Surely you know the truth, don't you?

Surely you have heard.

Surely someone told you long ago.

Surely you understand who made the earth.

22 It is the **Lord** who sits above the circle of the earth.

And the **Lord** compared to him, people are like grasshoppers.

He rolled open the skies like a piece of cloth.

He stretched out the skies like a tent to sit under.

23 He takes away the power of rulers.

He makes the world's leaders completely worthless.

24 They *are* like plants that *are* planted in the ground. But *before* they can send their roots into the ground, God blows on them; they *become* dead and dry, and *the* wind blows away *like* straw.

25 The *Holy One* Can you compare to anyone? No *one* is equal to me.

26 Look up to the skies. Who created all those stars? Who created all those armies in the sky?

Who knows every star by name? He *is* very strong and powerful, so *one* of these stars *is* lost.

27 People of Jacob *is* true. Israel, you should believe it.

So why do you say, "The LORD cannot see the way I live,"

he will not find me and *punish* me?

So why do you say, "The LORD cannot see the way I live,"

he will not find me and *punish* me? I? I? I?

I THE LORD ... PUNISH ME Or "My way is hidden from the LORD; he ignores my case."

28 Surely you know the truth.

Surely you have heard.

The LORD God who lives forever!

He created all places on earth.

He does not get tired and weary.

You cannot learn he knows.

29 He helps tired people be strong.

He gives power to those without it.

30 Young men get tired and need rest.

Even young boys stumble and fall.

31 But those who trust in the LORD will become strong again.

They will be like eagles grow new feathers.

They will run and not get weak.

They will walk and not get tired.

### The Lord Is the Eternal Creator

41 The Lord says,

"Faraway countries, be quiet and listen to me!"

Nations be brave.

II LIKE ... FEATHERS This probably refers to the ancient belief that eagles regain their youth when they molt (lose and grow back their feathers). See Psalm 103:5. This line could also be translated, "They

Come |strong="H7126" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H4941" speak |strong="H1696".

We will |strong="H0339" meet together |strong="H3162"

and |strong="H4941" decide |strong="H4941" who is |strong="H4941" right |strong="H4941".

<sup>2</sup> Who |strong="H4310" woke up |strong="H5782" the |strong="H6440" man who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H4310" coming from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" east |strong="H4217"?

He |strong="H5414" called |strong="H7121" Justice |strong="H6664" to |strong="H5414" march with |strong="H4428" him |strong="H5414".

He |strong="H5414" uses his |strong="H5414" sword |strong="H2719" to |strong="H5414" crush nations |strong="H1471".

He |strong="H5414" uses his |strong="H5414" bow |strong="H7198" and |strong="H4428" conquers kings |strong="H4428"—

they |strong="H4428" run away |strong="H5086" like |strong="H7272" straw |strong="H7179" blown by |strong="H7121" the |strong="H6440" wind.

<sup>3</sup> He |strong="H3808" chases |strong="H7291" armies |strong="H3808" and |strong="H0935" is |strong="H0935" never |strong="H3808" hurt.

He |strong="H3808" goes |strong="H0935" places he |strong="H3808" has |strong="H7272" never |strong="H3808" been |strong="H3808" before |strong="H3808".

<sup>4</sup> Who |strong="H4310" was |strong="H3068" able to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" all |strong="H1755" this |strong="H1931" happen?

Who |strong="H4310" controlled the |strong="H0853" lives of |strong="H3068" everyone from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" beginning |strong="H7218"?

I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H1931".

I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H3068" here at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" beginning |strong="H7218",

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" here when |strong="H3068" all |strong="H1755" things |strong="H7223" are |strong="H3068" finished.

<sup>5</sup> People |strong="H0776" along the |strong="H7200" coast |strong="H0339" saw |strong="H7200" this,

and |strong="H0776" they |strong="H7200" were |strong="H0776" frightened.

Nations |strong="H0776" at |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" ends |strong="H7098" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H7200" earth |strong="H0776"

will rise up like eagles on their wings." III BE BRAVE Or "be strong again," as in Isaiah 40:31.

shook |strong="H2729" with |strong="H0776" fear |strong="H3372".

They |strong="H7200" have |strong="H0776" come |strong="H7126" near |strong="H7126".

They |strong="H7200" have |strong="H0776" arrived.  
<sup>6</sup> "Workers help |strong="H5826"

each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0251".

They |strong="H0376" encourage |strong="H2388"

each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0251"

to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H0376"

strong |strong="H2388". <sup>7</sup> One |strong="H3808" worker cuts wood to |strong="H0559"

make |strong="H2388" a |strong="H3808" statue.

He |strong="H1931" encourages |strong="H2388"

the |strong="H0853" man who |strong="H1931" works

with |strong="H1986" gold. Another |strong="H3808"

worker uses a |strong="H3808" hammer |strong="H6360" and |strong="H2388"

makes |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" metal

smooth. Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H1931"

encourages |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0853"

man at |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853"

anvil |strong="H6471". <sup>I</sup> This |strong="H1931" last

worker says |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H1931"

work is |strong="H1931" good |strong="H2896";

the |strong="H0853" metal will |strong="H3808"

not |strong="H3808" come off |strong="H0853":

Then |strong="H0853" he |strong="H1931"

nails |strong="H4548" the |strong="H0853" statue

to |strong="H0559" a |strong="H3808" base

so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H1931"

it |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3808"

not |strong="H3808" fall |strong="H4131"

over |strong="H2388". And |strong="H2388"

it |strong="H1931" never |strong="H3808" moves!"

**Only the |strong="H0853" Lord Can |strong="H3808" Save Us |strong="H0559"**

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0834" Lord says, "

You |strong="H0859", Israel |strong="H3478",

are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H0834" ser-

vant |strong="H5650".

Jacob |strong="H3290", I |strong="H0834"

chose |strong="H0977" you |strong="H0859".

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834"

from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" fami-

ly |strong="H2233" of |strong="H5650"

my |strong="H0834" friend |strong="H0157", Abra-

ham |strong="H0085".

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H0859" were |strong="H0834"

in |strong="H0776" a |strong="H7121" faraway coun-

try |strong="H0776",

but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" reached

out |strong="H2388" to |strong="H0559"

you |strong="H0859".

<sup>I</sup> ANVIL A heavy metal block. A worker puts hot metal on an anvil and beats the hot metal to change its shape.

I |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" you |strong="H0859" from |strong="H0977" that |strong="H0834" faraway place |strong="H0776".

I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", ' You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650":'

I |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" you |strong="H0859",

and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" rejected |strong="H3988" you |strong="H0859".

<sup>10</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" worry |strong="H3372"— I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3588".

Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372"— I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0430" make |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" strong |strong="H0553" and |strong="H0430" help |strong="H5826" you |strong="H3588".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0430" support |strong="H8551" you |strong="H3588" with |strong="H5973" my |strong="H3588" right |strong="H3225" hand |strong="H3225" that |strong="H3588" brings victory.

<sup>11</sup> Look |strong="H2005", some |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" angry |strong="H2734" with |strong="H0376" you |strong="H3605",

but |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" ashamed |strong="H0954" and |strong="H0376" disgraced |strong="H0954".

Your |strong="H3605" enemies will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" lost |strong="H0006" and |strong="H0376" disappear.

<sup>12</sup> You |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H1245" the |strong="H1961" people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1961" against |strong="H4421" you |strong="H3808",

but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" able to |strong="H1961" find |strong="H4672" them |strong="H4672".

Those |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" fought against |strong="H4421" you |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" disappear completely.

<sup>13</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", who |strong="H3068" holds |strong="H2388" your |strong="H3068" right |strong="H3225" hand |strong="H3225".

And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588", '

Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372"!

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H5826" you |strong="H3588":'

<sup>14</sup> People |strong="H0408" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478", descendants of |strong="H3068" Jacob |strong="H3290", you |strong="H3478" may |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0408" weak and |strong="H3068" worthless |strong="H0408", I but |strong="H3290" do |strong="H0408" not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372".

I |strong="H0589" myself |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H5826" you |strong="H3478":'

This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3372" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" himself |strong="H0589" says |strong="H5002".

" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H5002" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478",

the |strong="H5002" one |strong="H6918" who |strong="H3068" saves you |strong="H3478".

<sup>15</sup> Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H2009" have |strong="H2022" made |strong="H7760" you |strong="H7760" like |strong="H1389" a |strong="H7760" new |strong="H2319" threshing |strong="H1758" board with |strong="H2022" many sharp teeth.

You |strong="H7760" will |strong="H2022" trample |strong="H1758" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H2022" crush |strong="H1854" them |strong="H7760".

You |strong="H7760" will |strong="H2022" make |strong="H7760" the |strong="H7760" hills |strong="H1389" like |strong="H1389" chaff |strong="H4671".

<sup>16</sup> You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" throw them |strong="H0853" into the |strong="H0853" air |strong="H7307",

and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" wind |strong="H7307" will |strong="H3068" blow them |strong="H0853" away |strong="H5375" and |strong="H3068" scatter |strong="H2219" them |strong="H0853".

Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" happy in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" proud |strong="H5375" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478".

I JACOB ... WORTHLESS Literally, "Worm of Jacob, men of Israel."

II MOUNTAINS ... HILLS Symbols of the power of Israel's enemies.

17 " The poor and needy look for water, but they cannot find any.

Their tongues are dry with thirst. I, LORD, will answer their prayers.

I, LORD, will not leave them to die.

I will make rivers flow on dry hills.

I will make of the flow dry hills.

I will make of the flow dry hills.

I will change the desert into a lake filled with water.

There will be springs of water in dry land.

I will make trees grow in the desert.

There will be cedar, acacias, olive trees, cypress trees, and pines.

I will do so that people see and know who did it.

They will notice what happened.

Then they will understand that the LORD

LORD'S hand made that the Holy One of Israel created all

### The LORD Challenges the False Gods

21 The LORD, the king of Jacob, says, " Come, present your arguments. Show me your proof. Let your idols come in and tell us what will happen. Idols, tell us what happened in the beginning. We will listen closely that we can make a decision. Tell us what will happen in the future. What signs did you give the past to prove that you really are gods? Do something! Do anything, good or bad, so that we can see you are alive. Then we might fear and respect you."

24 " Look, you false gods are worthless. You cannot do anything. Only some horrible fool would want to worship you."

1 Fool. Literally, "horrible thing." The Hebrew word usually describes idols and other wicked things that God hates.

The **Lord Proves He Is the Only God**

<sup>25</sup> " I called someone in the north to come.

He is coming from the east where the sun rises,

and he honors my name.

He tramples kings the way a potter softens clay with his feet.

<sup>26</sup> " Who told us this before it happened

so we say was right?

None of your idols told us anything.

They didn't say a word, and they cannot hear anything you say.

<sup>27</sup> I, the Lord, was first to tell Zion about these things.

I sent a messenger to Jerusalem to say,

' Look, your people are coming back!'

<sup>28</sup> I looked at those false gods.

Not one of them said anything.

They had no advice to offer.

I asked them questions,

but they didn't say a word.

<sup>29</sup> Those gods are all less than nothing.

They cannot do anything.

They are worthless.

### The Lord's Special Servant

**42** " Here my servant, the one I support.

He is the one I have chosen,

and I am very pleased with him.

I have filled him with my Spirit,

and he will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or shout

or make himself heard the streets.

<sup>3</sup> He will not break even crushed reed.

He will not put out the weakest flame.

He will bring true justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow weak or up until

he has brought jus-

I SOMEONE IN THE NORTH This probably means Cyrus, a king of Persia. He ruled about 550-530 B.C.

II REED A plant that grows near water.

tice |strong="H4941" to |strong="H5704"  
the |strong="H5704" world |strong="H0776".

And |strong="H0776" people |strong="H3808"  
in |strong="H0776" faraway places  
will |strong="H0776" hope |strong="H3176"  
to |strong="H5704" receive his |strong="H7760" teach-  
ings |strong="H8451".

**The |strong="H5704" Lord Is |strong="H0776" Ruler  
and |strong="H0776" Maker of |strong="H0776"  
the |strong="H5704" World |strong="H0776"**

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068",  
the |strong="H0559" true |strong="H3068"  
God |strong="H0410", said |strong="H0559"  
these |strong="H5971" things. ( He |strong="H3068"  
created |strong="H1254" the |strong="H0559"  
sky |strong="H8064" and |strong="H1980"  
spread |strong="H5186" it |strong="H5414"  
out |strong="H5186" over |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" earth |strong="H0776".  
He |strong="H3068" formed the |strong="H0559"  
earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H1980" every-  
thing it |strong="H5414" produced.

He |strong="H3068" breathes |strong="H5397"  
life |strong="H5397" into |strong="H1980" all  
the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971"  
on |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H0776".  
He |strong="H3068" gives |strong="H5414"  
a |strong="H5414" spirit |strong="H7307"  
to |strong="H0559" everyone who |strong="H3068"  
walks |strong="H1980" on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" earth |strong="H0776".)

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H5414"  
LORD |strong="H3068", was |strong="H3068"  
right |strong="H6664" to |strong="H3068"  
call |strong="H7121" you |strong="H5414".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068"  
hold |strong="H2388" your |strong="H3068"  
hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068" pro-  
tect |strong="H5341" you |strong="H5414".

You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5414" sign  
of |strong="H3068" my |strong="H5414" agree-  
ment |strong="H1285" with |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971".

You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3027" a |strong="H5414"  
light |strong="H0216" for |strong="H7121"  
the |strong="H5414" other nations |strong="H1471".

<sup>7</sup> You |strong="H5869" will |strong="H5869" make  
the |strong="H3318" blind |strong="H5787" able  
to |strong="H1004" see |strong="H5869".

You |strong="H5869" will |strong="H5869"  
free |strong="H3318" those who |strong="H3427"  
are |strong="H5869" held as |strong="H3427" cap-  
tives |strong="H0616".

You |strong="H5869" will |strong="H5869"  
lead |strong="H3318" those who |strong="H3427"

live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" dark-  
ness |strong="H2822" out |strong="H3318"  
of |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3318"  
prison |strong="H3608".

<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" YAH-  
WEH |strong="H3068".

That |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068"  
my |strong="H5414" name |strong="H8034".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414"  
my |strong="H5414" glory |strong="H3519"  
to |strong="H3068" another |strong="H0312".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" statues  
take |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414"  
praise |strong="H8416" that |strong="H1931"  
should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" mine.

<sup>9</sup> In |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
past |strong="H7223", I |strong="H0589"  
told |strong="H5046" you |strong="H5046" what would  
happen,

and |strong="H0935" it |strong="H2009" hap-  
pened |strong="H0935".

Now |strong="H2009" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" telling |strong="H5046"  
you |strong="H5046" something |strong="H2319"  
new |strong="H2319",

and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" telling |strong="H5046"  
you |strong="H5046" now |strong="H2009", be-  
fore |strong="H2962" it |strong="H2009" happens."

**A |strong="H8085" Song of |strong="H0935" Praise  
to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Lord**

<sup>10</sup> Sing |strong="H7891" a |strong="H0776"  
new |strong="H2319" song |strong="H7892"<sup>1</sup>  
to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068";

praise |strong="H8416" him |strong="H3381" every-  
where on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776"—

all |strong="H4393" you |strong="H3381"  
who |strong="H3068" sail on |strong="H0776"  
the |strong="H3068" seas |strong="H3220",

everything in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3068"  
sea |strong="H3220",

and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H4393"  
you |strong="H3381" people |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" faraway places!

<sup>11</sup> Deserts and |strong="H7218"  
cities |strong="H5892", villages of |strong="H3427"  
Kedar |strong="H6938",

praise the |strong="H5375" Lord!

People |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" Sela |strong="H5554",  
sing |strong="H7442" for |strong="H7442"  
joy |strong="H7442".

I NEW SONG Whenever God did a new and wonderful thing for his people, they would write a new song about it.

Sing |strong="H7442" from |strong="H5375"  
the |strong="H5375" top |strong="H7218"  
of |strong="H3427" your |strong="H5375" moun-  
tain |strong="H2022".

<sup>12</sup> Give |strong="H7760" glory |strong="H3519"  
to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068"  
LORD |strong="H3068".

Praise |strong="H8416" him |strong="H5046", all  
you |strong="H7760" people in |strong="H3068" far-  
away lands!

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3318"  
out |strong="H3318" like |strong="H3318"  
a |strong="H5921" strong |strong="H1368" sol-  
dier |strong="H4421".

Like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H5921"  
man |strong="H0376" going |strong="H3318" in-  
to |strong="H5921" battle |strong="H4421",  
he |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H0376" full of |strong="H0376" excite-  
ment.

He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
shout |strong="H7321" with |strong="H3068"  
a |strong="H5921" loud |strong="H7321"  
cry |strong="H7321",

and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" defeat his |strong="H5921" ene-  
mies |strong="H0341".

### God |strong="H3068" Is |strong="H3068" Very Patient

<sup>14</sup> For |strong="H3205" a |strong="H3205"  
long |strong="H5769" time |strong="H5769" I  
have |strong="H3205" said nothing |strong="H2814".

I have |strong="H3205" controlled |strong="H0662"  
myself and |strong="H5769" kept |strong="H2814" qui-  
et.

But |strong="H3205" now I will cry out  
like |strong="H3162" a |strong="H3205" woman giv-  
ing |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205".

My |strong="H3162" breathing is getting faster  
and |strong="H5769" louder.

<sup>15</sup> I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H2022" de-  
stroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
hills |strong="H1389" and |strong="H2022" moun-  
tains |strong="H2022".

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H2022"  
dry |strong="H3001" up |strong="H3001"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
plants |strong="H6212" that |strong="H3605" grow  
there |strong="H2022".

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H2022" change  
rivers |strong="H5104" to |strong="H2022"  
dry |strong="H3001" land

and |strong="H2022" dry |strong="H3001"  
up |strong="H3001" pools |strong="H0098"  
of |strong="H2022" water.

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H6213" I |strong="H7760"  
will |strong="H1697" lead |strong="H1869"

the |strong="H6440" blind |strong="H5787"  
along |strong="H6440" a |strong="H7760"  
path |strong="H1870" they |strong="H3808" nev-  
er |strong="H3808" knew |strong="H3045"

to |strong="H1870" places |strong="H4285"  
where |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808"  
have |strong="H3045" never |strong="H3808"  
been |strong="H3808" before |strong="H6440".

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1697" change dark-  
ness |strong="H4285" into |strong="H4285"  
light |strong="H0216" for |strong="H3045"  
them |strong="H6440".

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1697"  
make |strong="H7760" the |strong="H6440" rough  
ground smooth.

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1697"  
do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H0428"  
things |strong="H1697" for |strong="H3045"  
them |strong="H6440";

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1697"  
not |strong="H3808" abandon |strong="H5800"  
my |strong="H7760" people |strong="H3808".

<sup>17</sup> But |strong="H0859" some of |strong="H0430"  
them |strong="H0559" have |strong="H0859" left  
me |strong="H0268".

They |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H0982" gold stat-  
ues, ' You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0430"  
my |strong="H0982" gods |strong="H0430".'

They |strong="H0559" trust |strong="H0982"  
their |strong="H0982" false gods |strong="H0430",  
but |strong="H0859" they |strong="H0559"  
will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H0430" disappoint-  
ed |strong="H0954" and |strong="H0430"  
shamed |strong="H0954".

### Israel Refused to |strong="H0559" Listen to |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"

<sup>18</sup> Deaf |strong="H2795" people |strong="H8085",  
listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085"  
me |strong="H7200"!

Blind |strong="H5787" people |strong="H8085",  
look |strong="H7200" and |strong="H7200"  
see |strong="H7200"!

<sup>19</sup> In |strong="H3068" all the |strong="H3588" world,  
no |strong="H0518" one |strong="H3588"  
is |strong="H3068" more |strong="H3588"  
blind |strong="H5787" than |strong="H0518"  
my |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650". I

No |strong="H0518" one |strong="H3588"  
is |strong="H3068" more |strong="H3588"  
deaf |strong="H2795" than |strong="H0518"  
my |strong="H3068" messenger |strong="H4397".

No |strong="H0518" one |strong="H3588"  
is |strong="H3068" more |strong="H3588"

I MY SERVANT Here, this probably means the people of Israel.



blind |strong="H5787" than |strong="H0518"  
 my |strong="H3068" chosen people |strong="H0518",  
 the |strong="H3588" servant |strong="H5650"  
 of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588"  
 LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>20</sup> My |strong="H8104" people |strong="H3808"  
 see |strong="H7200" what they |strong="H3808"  
 should |strong="H8104" do |strong="H8104",  
 but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808"  
 do |strong="H8104" not |strong="H3808"  
 obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H7200".

They |strong="H3808" can |strong="H7200"  
 hear |strong="H8085" with |strong="H8085"  
 their |strong="H8085" ears |strong="H0241",

but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808"  
 refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H8085" lis-  
 ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085"  
 me |strong="H7200".

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 wants them |strong="H4616" to |strong="H3068" do  
 what |strong="H6664" is |strong="H3068"  
 right |strong="H6664".

He |strong="H3068" wants them |strong="H4616"  
 to |strong="H3068" honor his |strong="H3068" won-  
 derful teachings |strong="H8451".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>22</sup> But |strong="H1961" look at |strong="H1004"  
 his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971".

Others |strong="H5971" have |strong="H1961" de-  
 feated them |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725"  
 have |strong="H1961" stolen |strong="H4933"  
 from |strong="H7725" them |strong="H7725".

The |strong="H3605" young men |strong="H5971"  
 are |strong="H0369" afraid.

They |strong="H0559" are |strong="H0369" locked  
 in |strong="H1004" prisons |strong="H3608".

People |strong="H5971" have |strong="H1961" tak-  
 en |strong="H5337" advantage of |strong="H1004"  
 them |strong="H7725",

and |strong="H7725" there |strong="H0369"  
 is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369"  
 one |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0559" protect  
 them |strong="H7725".

Others |strong="H5971" take |strong="H7725"  
 their |strong="H3605" money,

and |strong="H7725" there |strong="H0369"  
 is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369"  
 one |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0559"  
 say |strong="H0559", " Give |strong="H7725"  
 it |strong="H1931" back |strong="H7725"! "

<sup>23</sup> Will |strong="H4310" any of |strong="H8085"  
 you |strong="H8085" pay |strong="H7181" atten-  
 tion |strong="H7181" to |strong="H8085"  
 this |strong="H2063" warning? Will |strong="H4310"  
 you |strong="H8085" ever |strong="H4310"  
 learn |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" lis-  
 ten |strong="H8085"? <sup>24</sup> Who |strong="H4310"

<sup>1</sup> Or "The LORD will make his teachings very wonderful. He will do this because he is good."

let |strong="H5414" Jacob |strong="H3290"  
 be |strong="H3808" defeated? Who |strong="H4310"  
 let |strong="H5414" others take |strong="H1980"  
 what |strong="H4310" belonged to |strong="H1980"  
 Israel |strong="H3478"? The |strong="H8085"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" allowed |strong="H5414"  
 them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1980"  
 do |strong="H4310" this |strong="H3068".  
 We |strong="H8085" sinned |strong="H2398"  
 against |strong="H2398" him |strong="H5414",  
 so |strong="H1980" he |strong="H3068"  
 let |strong="H5414" people |strong="H3808"  
 take |strong="H1980" away |strong="H1980"  
 our |strong="H3068" wealth |strong="H3808".  
 The |strong="H8085" people |strong="H3808"  
 did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808"  
 want |strong="H0014" to |strong="H1980"  
 live |strong="H1980" the |strong="H8085"  
 way |strong="H1870" he |strong="H3068" wanted.  
 They |strong="H3808" refused |strong="H0014"  
 to |strong="H1980" listen |strong="H8085"  
 to |strong="H1980" his |strong="H5414" teach-  
 ing |strong="H8451".<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H3808"  
 he |strong="H3808" poured |strong="H8210"  
 out |strong="H8210" his |strong="H5921"  
 anger |strong="H0639" on |strong="H5921"  
 them |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0639"  
 brought |strong="H7760" wars |strong="H4421"  
 against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921".  
 It |strong="H7760" was |strong="H3820"  
 as |strong="H7760" if |strong="H7760"  
 there |strong="H3045" were |strong="H4421" fires  
 all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439"  
 them |strong="H5921", but |strong="H3808"  
 they |strong="H5921" didn't |strong="H3808"  
 know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H5921"  
 was |strong="H3820" happening. It |strong="H7760"  
 was |strong="H3820" as |strong="H7760"  
 if |strong="H7760" they |strong="H5921"  
 were |strong="H4421" burning |strong="H1197",  
 but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H5921"  
 didn't |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H5921" under-  
 stand |strong="H3045".

### God Is Always With His People

**43** Jacob |strong="H3290", the |strong="H0559"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" creat-  
 ed |strong="H1254" you |strong="H0859". Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478", he |strong="H3588"  
 made |strong="H7121" you |strong="H0859",  
 and |strong="H3068" now |strong="H6258"  
 he |strong="H3588" says |strong="H0559", "  
 Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H8034"  
 afraid |strong="H3372". I |strong="H3588" saved  
 you |strong="H0859". I |strong="H3588"  
 named |strong="H8034" you |strong="H0859".  
 You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" mine. <sup>2</sup>  
 When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"

have |strong="H0589" troubles, I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588". When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" cross |strong="H5674" rivers |strong="H5104", you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4325" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" hurt. When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" walk through |strong="H5674" fire |strong="H0784", you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4325" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" burned |strong="H1197"; the |strong="H3588" flames |strong="H3852" will |strong="H4325" not |strong="H3808" hurt you |strong="H3588". <sup>3</sup> That's be-cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068", am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H3588" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H0430" Is-rael |strong="H3478", am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3068" Savior |strong="H3467". I |strong="H0589" gave |strong="H5414" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H3068" pay |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H0589" gave |strong="H5414" Ethiopia |strong="H3568" and |strong="H3068" Seba |strong="H5434" to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" mine |strong="H8478". <sup>4</sup> You |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" pre-cious |strong="H3365" to |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414", and |strong="H5869" I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0834" giv-en |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" special place |strong="H8478" of |strong="H5869" honor |strong="H3513". I |strong="H0589" love |strong="H0157" you |strong="H0834". That's |strong="H0834" why |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" willing to |strong="H5414" trade others |strong="H5315", to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" up |strong="H5414" whole na-tions |strong="H3816", to |strong="H5414" save |strong="H5315" your |strong="H5414" life |strong="H5315".

<sup>5</sup> " So |strong="H0935" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372", be-cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" gather |strong="H6908" your |strong="H0935" children |strong="H2233" and |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" gather |strong="H6908" them |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935"

the |strong="H3588" east |strong="H4217" and |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" west |strong="H4628". <sup>6</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" north |strong="H6828": Give |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" people |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5414". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" south |strong="H8486": Don't |strong="H0408" keep |strong="H0935" my |strong="H5414" peo-ple |strong="H1121" in |strong="H0935" prison. Bring |strong="H0935" my |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daugh-ters |strong="H1323" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5414" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" faraway places |strong="H0559". <sup>7</sup> Bring |strong="H7121" to |strong="H7121" me |strong="H7121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H6213" mine— the |strong="H3605" peo-ple who |strong="H3605" have |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034". I |strong="H7121" made |strong="H6213" them |strong="H7121" for |strong="H7121" myself. I |strong="H7121" made |strong="H6213" them |strong="H7121", and |strong="H8034" they |strong="H3605" are |strong="H6213" mine.

<sup>8</sup> " Bring |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H5787" have |strong="H3426" eyes |strong="H5869" but |strong="H5971" are |strong="H5869" blind |strong="H5787". Bring |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H5787" have |strong="H3426" ears |strong="H0241" but |strong="H5971" are |strong="H5869" deaf |strong="H2795". <sup>19</sup> All |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" and |strong="H8085" all |strong="H3605" na-tions |strong="H1471" should |strong="H0559" al-so |strong="H8085" be |strong="H1471" gath-ered |strong="H0622" together |strong="H3162". Which |strong="H4310" of |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" gods said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2063" would |strong="H4310" happen? Which |strong="H4310" of |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" gods would |strong="H4310" tell |strong="H5046" what |strong="H4310" happened in |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" begin-ning |strong="H7223"? They |strong="H0559" should |strong="H0559" bring |strong="H5414" their |strong="H3605" witnesses |strong="H5707". The |strong="H3605" witnesses |strong="H5707" should |strong="H0559" speak |strong="H0559"

<sup>1</sup> BLIND ... DEAF This probably means the Israelites who would not believe God. See Isaiah 6:9-10.

the|strong="H3605" truth|strong="H0571". This|strong="H2063" will|strong="H4310" show|strong="H5414" they|strong="H0559" are|strong="H1471" right|strong="H6663".<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", " You|strong="H0859" people|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" my|strong="H3068" witnesses|strong="H5707" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" servant|strong="H5650" I|strong="H0589" chose|strong="H0977". I|strong="H0589" chose|strong="H0977" you|strong="H0859" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" would|strong="H3068" help people|strong="H0834" believe|strong="H0539" me|strong="H6440". I|strong="H0589" chose|strong="H0977" you|strong="H0859" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" would|strong="H3068" understand|strong="H0995" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" He— I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H6440" true|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0410". There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" God|strong="H0410" before|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440", and|strong="H3068" there|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" God|strong="H0410" after|strong="H0310" me|strong="H6440".<sup>11</sup> I|strong="H0595" myself|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" other|strong="H0369" Savior|strong="H3467".<sup>12</sup> I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H5002" one|strong="H0369" who|strong="H3068" spoke to|strong="H0369" you|strong="H0859", saved|strong="H3467" you|strong="H0859", and|strong="H3068" told|strong="H5046" you|strong="H0859" those|strong="H3467" things. It|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" some stranger who|strong="H3068" was|strong="H0369" with|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3068" my|strong="H8085" witnesses|strong="H5707", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" God|strong="H0410". ( This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0369" what the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" himself|strong="H0589" said|strong="H8085".)<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0369" always|strong="H3117" been God|strong="H3027". When|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0589" do|strong="H6466" something, no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" can|strong="H4310"

change|strong="H7725" what|strong="H4310" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0369" done|strong="H6466". And|strong="H3027" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" can|strong="H4310" save|strong="H5337" people|strong="H1931" from|strong="H7725" my|strong="H7725" power|strong="H3027".<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H6918" One|strong="H6918" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478", saves you|strong="H3605", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3068" send|strong="H7971" armies to|strong="H0559" Babylon|strong="H0894" for|strong="H4616" you|strong="H3605". Many people will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" captured. Those|strong="H3605" Chaldeans|strong="H3778" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" taken|strong="H3381" away|strong="H7971" in|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" own boats|strong="H0591". ( They|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3478" so|strong="H4616" proud of|strong="H3068" those|strong="H3605" boats|strong="H0591".)<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0589" LORD|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" Holy|strong="H6918" One|strong="H6918". I|strong="H0589" made Israel|strong="H3478". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" your|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4428".

**God|strong="H3068" Will|strong="H3068" Save His|strong="H3068" People Again**

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" making|strong="H5414" roads|strong="H1870" through|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0559" sea|strong="H3220". He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" making|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" path|strong="H1870" for|strong="H4325" his|strong="H5414" people, even|strong="H3541" through|strong="H1870" rough waters|strong="H4325". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559",<sup>17</sup> "Those who fight against me|strong="H3318" with|strong="H7901" their|strong="H3318" chariots|strong="H7393", horses|strong="H5483", and|strong="H6965" armies|strong="H2428" will|strong="H2428" be|strong="H3162" defeated. They|strong="H1077" will|strong="H2428" never|strong="H1077" rise|strong="H6965" again|strong="H6965". They|strong="H1077" will|strong="H2428" be|strong="H3162" destroyed. They|strong="H1077" will|strong="H2428"

<sup>1</sup> I WILL SEND ... BOATS Or with minor changes to the Hebrew, "I will send someone against Babylon to break open the gates, and the shouts of victory from the Chaldeans will be changed to crying."

be |strong="H3162" put |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" like |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" flame in |strong="H6965" a |strong="H3318" lamp. <sup>18</sup> So |strong="H0408" don't |strong="H0408" remember |strong="H2142" what happened in |strong="H0995" earlier |strong="H7223" times. Don't |strong="H0408" think |strong="H2142" about what happened a |strong="H0995" long time |strong="H7223" ago, <sup>19</sup> because I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H2005" doing |strong="H6213" something |strong="H2319" new |strong="H2319"! Now |strong="H6258" you |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3808" grow |strong="H6779" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H7760" new |strong="H2319" plant |strong="H7760". Surely |strong="H0637" you |strong="H7760" know |strong="H3045" this |strong="H6258" is |strong="H1870" true. I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3808" even |strong="H0637" make |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" road |strong="H1870" in |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3045" desert |strong="H3452", and |strong="H1870" rivers |strong="H5104" will |strong="H3808" flow through |strong="H1870" that |strong="H3045" dry land. <sup>20</sup> The |strong="H3588" wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416" will |strong="H5414" thank me |strong="H5414". The |strong="H3588" large animals |strong="H2416" and |strong="H4325" birds will |strong="H5414" honor |strong="H3513" me |strong="H5414" when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" put |strong="H5414" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3588" desert |strong="H3452" and |strong="H4325" make |strong="H5414" rivers |strong="H5104" flow through |strong="H3513" that |strong="H3588" dry land |strong="H7704". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5414" do this |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" chosen |strong="H0972" people |strong="H5971". <sup>21</sup> I |strong="H2098" made |strong="H3335" them, and |strong="H8416" they |strong="H5971" will sing songs of |strong="H5608" praise |strong="H8416" to |strong="H5608" me.

<sup>22</sup> " Jacob |strong="H3290", you |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" pray |strong="H7121" to |strong="H3478" me |strong="H7121". Israel |strong="H3478", you |strong="H3588" became tired |strong="H3021" of |strong="H7121" me |strong="H7121". <sup>23</sup> You |strong="H0935" have |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" brought |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" sheep |strong="H7716" as |strong="H0935" sacrifices |strong="H2077" to |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0935". You |strong="H0935" have |strong="H3808"

not |strong="H3808" honored |strong="H3513" me |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" sacrifices |strong="H2077". I |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force you |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0935" gifts |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0935" like |strong="H3808" slaves |strong="H5647". I |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" force you |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" burn incense |strong="H3828" until you |strong="H0935" became |strong="H3513" tired |strong="H3021". <sup>24</sup> So |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" use |strong="H5647" your |strong="H3808" money |strong="H3701" to |strong="H0389" buy |strong="H7069" things |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0389" honor me |strong="H3808". But |strong="H0389" you |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" force me |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0389" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3808" slave |strong="H5647". You |strong="H3808" sinned |strong="H2403" until |strong="H7301" the |strong="H5647" bad things |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" made |strong="H7301" me |strong="H3808" very tired |strong="H3021".

<sup>25</sup> " I |strong="H0595", I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" the |strong="H2142" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H1931" wipes away all your |strong="H2142" sins |strong="H2403". I |strong="H0595" do this |strong="H1931" to |strong="H4616" please |strong="H0595" myself |strong="H0595". I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" remember |strong="H2142" your |strong="H2142" sins |strong="H2403". <sup>26</sup> But |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" should |strong="H5608" remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H2142". Let's meet together |strong="H3162" and |strong="H2142" decide |strong="H8199" what is |strong="H4616" right |strong="H6663". Tell |strong="H5608" your |strong="H2142" story and |strong="H2142" prove that |strong="H4616" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" innocent |strong="H6663". <sup>27</sup> Your |strong="H0001" first |strong="H7223" father |strong="H0001" sinned |strong="H2398", and |strong="H0001" your |strong="H0001" lawyers I committed |strong="H2398" crimes against |strong="H2398" me |strong="H2398". <sup>28</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3478" make |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" Temple leaders |strong="H8269" unfit to |strong="H3478" serve there. I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3478"

<sup>1</sup> LAWYERS Or "speakers," people who argue a person's case in court. This might refer to priests or prophets.

destroy Jacob|strong="H3290".<sup>1</sup> Bad things|strong="H6944" will|strong="H3478" happen to|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478".

### The Lord Is the Only God

**44** " Jacob|strong="H3290", you|strong="H6258" are|strong="H3478" my|strong="H8085" servant|strong="H5650". Israel|strong="H3478", I|strong="H6258" chose|strong="H0977" you|strong="H6258". Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H3478" me|strong="H5650"!<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3541" made|strong="H6213" you|strong="H6213". I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0408" who|strong="H3068" created|strong="H3335" you|strong="H6213". I|strong="H3541" have|strong="H5650" helped|strong="H5826" you|strong="H6213" since you|strong="H6213" were|strong="H5650" in|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" mother's womb|strong="H0990". Jacob|strong="H3290", my|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650", don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372". Jeshurun|strong="H3484",<sup>II</sup> I|strong="H3541" chose|strong="H0977" you|strong="H6213".

<sup>3</sup> " I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7307" pour|strong="H3332" water|strong="H4325" for|strong="H3588" thirsty|strong="H6771" people, and|strong="H4325" streams|strong="H5140" will|strong="H7307" flow|strong="H5140" through|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" desert. I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7307" pour|strong="H3332" my|strong="H5921" Spirit|strong="H7307" on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" children|strong="H2233", and|strong="H4325" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7307" bless<sup>III</sup> your|strong="H5921" family|strong="H2233".<sup>4</sup> They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4325" sprout|strong="H6779" like|strong="H5921" grass|strong="H2682" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" spring|strong="H6779" and|strong="H4325" grow|strong="H6779" like|strong="H5921" trees by|strong="H5921" streams|strong="H2988" of|strong="H5921" water|strong="H4325".

<sup>5</sup> " One|strong="H2088" man will|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" himself|strong="H3027", ' I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068"! Another|strong="H2088" will|strong="H3068" use

<sup>I</sup> DESTROY JACOB Or "I will make Jacob completely mine." <sup>II</sup> JESHURUN Another name for Israel. It means "good" or "honest." <sup>III</sup> BLESS This is a wordplay. This Hebrew word sounds like the word meaning "pool."

the|strong="H0559" name|strong="H8034", ' Jacob|strong="H3290"! Another|strong="H2088" man will|strong="H3068" sign|strong="H3789" his|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034" as|strong="H3068"! The|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Hand|strong="H3027"! And|strong="H3068" another|strong="H2088" will|strong="H3068" use the|strong="H0559" name|strong="H8034", ' Israel|strong="H3478"!"<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful is|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0369" who|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" set Israel|strong="H3478" free. And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0430" says|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0559" only God|strong="H0430". There|strong="H0369" are|strong="H3478" no|strong="H0369" other|strong="H0369" gods|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0559" Beginning|strong="H7223" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" End|strong="H0314".<sup>7</sup> There|strong="H5769" is|strong="H0834" no|strong="H4310" other God like|strong="H3644" me|strong="H5046". If|strong="H0834" there|strong="H5769" is|strong="H0834", that|strong="H0834" god should|strong="H4310" speak now|strong="H0935". Let|strong="H5046" him|strong="H5046" lay|strong="H7760" out|strong="H0935" everything|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834" done since|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" time|strong="H5769" I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7760" these|strong="H5971" ancient|strong="H5769" people|strong="H5971". Let|strong="H5046" him|strong="H5046" show|strong="H5046" me|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0834" signs he|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H7121" long|strong="H5769" ago|strong="H5769" that|strong="H0834" prove he|strong="H0834" knew what|strong="H0834" would|strong="H4310" happen in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" future.

<sup>8</sup> " Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H3808" afraid|strong="H6342"! Don't|strong="H0408" worry. I|strong="H3045" am|strong="H3426" the|strong="H8085" one|strong="H0369" who|strong="H0369" always told|strong="H5046" you|strong="H0859" what|strong="H3045" would|strong="H3426" happen. You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3426" my|strong="H8085" proof|strong="H5707".<sup>IV</sup> There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H3808" oth-

<sup>IV</sup> PROOF Or "witnesses."

er|strong="H0369" God|strong="H0433";  
I|strong="H3045" am|strong="H3426"  
the|strong="H8085" only one|strong="H0369".  
There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369"  
no|strong="H3808" other|strong="H0369" "Rock";  
I|strong="H3045" know|strong="H3045"  
I|strong="H3045" am|strong="H3426"  
the|strong="H8085" only one|strong="H0369":

#### False Gods Are|strong="H3426" Useless

9 Some|strong="H1992" people|strong="H7200"  
make|strong="H3045" idols|strong="H6459",  
but|strong="H7200" they|strong="H1992"  
are|strong="H1992" worthless|strong="H3276".  
They|strong="H1992" love their|strong="H3605" stat-  
ues, which are|strong="H1992" useless.  
Those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" serve  
as|strong="H1992" witnesses|strong="H5707"  
for|strong="H4616" these|strong="H1992" statues  
cannot|strong="H1077" even see|strong="H7200".  
They|strong="H1992" don't know|strong="H3045"  
enough to|strong="H0954" be|strong="H3605"  
ashamed|strong="H0954".

10 Who|strong="H4310" made|strong="H3335"  
these false gods|strong="H0410"?  
Who|strong="H4310" covered these useless statues?

11 Workers|strong="H2796" made|strong="H3605"  
them|strong="H1992", and|strong="H0120"  
the|strong="H3605" workers|strong="H2796"  
are|strong="H1992" only|strong="H3605" hu-  
man|strong="H0120". If|strong="H2005"  
they|strong="H1992" all|strong="H3605"  
would|strong="H3605" come|strong="H6342" togeth-  
er|strong="H3162" before me|strong="H3605",  
we|strong="H2005" could discuss  
this|strong="H3605". Then|strong="H5975"  
they|strong="H1992" would|strong="H3605"  
all|strong="H3605" be|strong="H3605"  
ashamed|strong="H0954" and|strong="H0120"  
afraid|strong="H6342".

12 One|strong="H0369" worker uses  
his|strong="H3808" tools to|strong="H0369" heat  
iron|strong="H1270" over hot coals|strong="H6352".  
Then|strong="H1571" he|strong="H3808" uses  
his|strong="H3808" hammer|strong="H4717"  
to|strong="H0369" beat the|strong="H1571" metal  
to|strong="H0369" shape it|strong="H3335" in-  
to|strong="H4325" a|strong="H3808" statue.  
He|strong="H3808" uses his|strong="H3808" own  
powerful arms|strong="H2220", but|strong="H3808"  
when|strong="H1571" he|strong="H3808"  
gets|strong="H7456" hungry|strong="H7456",  
he|strong="H3808" loses his|strong="H3808"  
strength|strong="H2220". If he|strong="H3808"  
does|strong="H6466" not|strong="H3808"  
drink|strong="H8354" water|strong="H4325",  
he|strong="H3808" becomes|strong="H3286"  
weak|strong="H3808".

13 Another|strong="H0376" worker uses  
his|strong="H0376" string line<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H1004"  
compass|strong="H4230"<sup>II</sup> to|strong="H0376" draw  
lines on|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5186"  
wood|strong="H6086" to|strong="H0376"  
show|strong="H6213" where|strong="H1004"  
he|strong="H6213" should|strong="H0376" cut.  
Then|strong="H6213" he|strong="H6213" uses  
his|strong="H0376" chisels<sup>III</sup> and|strong="H1004"  
cuts a|strong="H5186" statue from|strong="H0376"  
the|strong="H5186" wood|strong="H6086".  
He|strong="H6213" uses his|strong="H0376" calipers<sup>IV</sup>  
to|strong="H0376" measure the|strong="H5186"  
statue. In|strong="H3427" this|strong="H0376" way  
the|strong="H5186" worker makes|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H5186" wood|strong="H6086" look ex-  
actly like|strong="H1004" a|strong="H5186"  
man|strong="H0376", and|strong="H1004"  
this|strong="H0376" statue of|strong="H1004"  
a|strong="H5186" man|strong="H0376"  
does|strong="H6213" nothing but|strong="H0376"  
sit|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"  
the|strong="H5186" house|strong="H1004".

14 To|strong="H0553" split the|strong="H3947"  
cedar|strong="H0730" tree|strong="H6086",  
the|strong="H3947" worker took|strong="H3947"  
some oak|strong="H0437" or|strong="H6086" cy-  
press|strong="H8645" wedges. To|strong="H0553"  
make|strong="H3772" sure he|strong="H3947" had  
plenty of|strong="H6086" wood|strong="H6086",  
he|strong="H3947" planted|strong="H5193" some  
pines. But|strong="H3947" it|strong="H3947"  
was|strong="H6086" the|strong="H3947"  
rain|strong="H1653" that made|strong="H3772"  
them|strong="H3947" grow|strong="H1431".

15 When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3947"  
man|strong="H0120" wanted a|strong="H1961" fire,  
he|strong="H6213" took|strong="H3947"  
some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H0410"  
the|strong="H3947" wood to|strong="H1961"  
keep|strong="H2552" him|strong="H3947"  
warm|strong="H2552". He|strong="H6213" al-  
so|strong="H0637" used|strong="H1961"  
some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H0410"  
it|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961"  
bake|strong="H0644" his|strong="H3947"  
bread|strong="H3899". But|strong="H1961"  
then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H6213"  
used|strong="H1961" that|strong="H1961" same  
wood to|strong="H1961" make|strong="H6213"  
a|strong="H1961" statue to|strong="H1961" wor-  
ship|strong="H7812" as|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" god|strong="H0410"!

I STRING LINE In ancient times, this was a piece of string with wet paint on it. It was used to make straight lines on wood or stone. II COMPASS A tool used to draw circles and copy measurements. III CHISELS Sharp tools used to carve wood or stone. IV CALIPERS A special measuring tool, like a compass.

That **god** is **only a statue** that **he made**, but **he bows down** to it! <sup>16</sup> **He burns** of **the wood** in **the fire**. **He uses** the **fire** to **cook his meat**, and **he eats** the **meat** until **he is full**. **He burns** the **wood** to **keep** himself **warm**. **He says**, "Good! Now **I am warm**, and **I can see** by **the light** of **the fire**!" <sup>17</sup> There is **a little** of **the wood** left, so **he makes** a **statue** and **calls** his **god**. **He bows down** to it and **worships** it. **He prays** to it and **says**, "You **are my god**, save **me**!"

<sup>18</sup> **People** that **don't know** what **they are** doing! **They don't understand** is **as** if **they have** their **eyes** so **they cannot see**. **Their minds** can-

not **understand**. <sup>19</sup> **They don't realize** what **they are** doing. **They aren't smart** enough to **think**, "I **burned** of **the wood** in **the fire**". **I used** the **fire** to **cook** the **meat**. **I ate** the **meat**. **And I used** the **wood** that **was left** to **make** this **terrible thing**. **I am worshiping** a **block** of **wood**!"

<sup>20</sup> **Someone** like **that** is **deceived**. **They don't know** what **they are** doing. <sup>1</sup> **They cannot save** themselves, and **they will not admit**, "This **statue** **I am holding** is **a lie**!"

**The Lord**, **the True God**, **Helps Israel**

<sup>21</sup> "Jacob, remember **these things**!"

**Israel**, you **are my** servant.

**I made** you, and **you are my** servant.

So **Israel**, **don't forget** me.

<sup>1</sup> THEY ... DOING Literally, "They eat ashes."

22 Your sins were like a big cloud,  
but I wiped them away  
all away. Your sins are gone,  
like a cloud that disappeared  
into thin air.

I rescued and protected you,  
so come back to me.  
23 Skies, rejoice for what  
LORD has done.  
Earth for joy down your  
deepest parts. Start singing  
mountains and you trees  
in the forest!

Yes LORD has saved Jacob.  
He has shown his glory  
by rescuing Israel.

24 The one who rescued you  
is the LORD, the one who  
formed you in your mother's  
womb.

He says, "I, the LORD,  
made everything I put there  
myself spread out  
earth before me."

25 False prophets tell lies,  
but the LORD shows that  
their lies are false.

He makes fools of those  
who do magic. He confuses  
even the wise. They think  
they know, but he makes  
them look foolish.

26 The Lord sends his  
servants to tell people,  
and he makes those  
messages come true. He  
sends messengers to tell  
the people what they should  
do, and he proves that  
the advice is good.

God Chooses Cyrus  
to Rebuild Judah

The Lord says, "People  
will live again."  
He says, "The cities of  
Judah," "You will be re-  
built."

He says, "The cities of  
Judah," "You will be re-  
pair your ruins."  
27 He tells the deep waters,  
"Become dry!"  
I will make your streams  
dry too."

28 He says, "Cyrus, you  
are my shepherd."

You will do what I want.



You will say to Jerusalem, 'You will be rebuilt!'

You will tell the Temple, 'Your foundations will be put in place!'

### God Chooses Cyrus to Make Israel Free

**45** This is what LORD said to Cyrus, his chosen king:

"I took you by your right hand to help you defeat nations,

to strip other kings of their power, and to open gates that will not be closed again.

<sup>2</sup> I will go in front of you and make the mountains flat.

I will break gates of bronze

and cut the bars on the gates.

<sup>3</sup> I will give the wealth that is stored in secret places.

I will give those hidden treasures.

I CHOSEN KING Literally, "the anointed one."

Then you will know that I am LORD,

the God of Israel, who calls you by name.

<sup>4</sup> I do this for my servant Jacob.

I do it for my chosen people, Israel.

Cyrus, I am calling you by name.

You don't know me, but I know you.

<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, the God of Israel.

There is no other God except me.

I put your clothes on, but you still you don't know me.

<sup>6</sup> I am doing this so that everyone will know that I am the only God.

From the east to the west, people will know that I am the LORD and that there is no other God.

II I KNOW YOU Or "I will give you a title." III I PUT ... YOU This also means "I made you strong."

<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H0589" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" light |strong="H0216" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" dark-ness |strong="H2822".

I |strong="H0589" bring |strong="H7451" peace |strong="H7965", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" cause trouble |strong="H7451".

I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", do |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428".

<sup>8</sup> " May |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0589" clouds |strong="H7834" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0589" skies |strong="H7834" above |strong="H4605"

pour |strong="H5140" goodness on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0589" earth |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" rain |strong="H7491".

May |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0589" earth |strong="H0776" open |strong="H6605" up |strong="H6779"

to |strong="H3068" let salvation |strong="H3468" grow |strong="H6779".

And |strong="H3068" may |strong="H0776" goodness grow |strong="H6779" with |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" salvation |strong="H3468", which I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H0589" LORD |strong="H3068", created |strong="H1254".

### God |strong="H3068" Controls His |strong="H3068" Creation |strong="H1254"

<sup>9</sup> "Look at |strong="H0369" these people! They |strong="H0559" are |strong="H4100" arguing with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H0369" who |strong="H0369" made |strong="H6213" them |strong="H3027". Look at |strong="H0369" them |strong="H3027" argue |strong="H7378" with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H4100". They |strong="H0559" are |strong="H4100" like pieces of |strong="H3027" clay |strong="H2789" from |strong="H3027" a |strong="H0369" broken pot. Clay |strong="H2789" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H0369" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H0369" mold- ing |strong="H6213" it |strong="H6213", ' Man |strong="H0369", what |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H6213" do- ing |strong="H6213"? Things that |strong="H0559" are |strong="H4100" made |strong="H6213" don't |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0559" power |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" question the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H0369" who |strong="H0369" makes |strong="H6213" them |strong="H3027". <sup>10</sup> A |strong="H3205" father |strong="H0001" gives |strong="H3205" life to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H4100" children |strong="H3205",

and |strong="H0802" they |strong="H0559" cannot ask |strong="H0559", ' Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H4100" giv- ing |strong="H3205" me |strong="H3205" life? They |strong="H0559" cannot question their |strong="H0559" mother and |strong="H0802" ask |strong="H0559", ' Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H4100" giv- ing |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H3205"?"

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H1121" Is- rael |strong="H3478". He |strong="H3068" creat- ed |strong="H3335" Israel |strong="H3478", and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559",

" My |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121", you |strong="H6680" asked |strong="H7592" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" show you |strong="H6680" a |strong="H5921" sign.

You |strong="H6680" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0559" show you |strong="H6680" what |strong="H3541" I |strong="H3541" have |strong="H1121" done |strong="H3027". <sup>1</sup>

<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H0589" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0589" creat- ed |strong="H1254" the |strong="H3605" peo- ple |strong="H0120" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".

I |strong="H0589" used |strong="H6213" my |strong="H3605" own hands |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" skies |strong="H5921".

And |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0589" com- mand |strong="H6680" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" armies |strong="H6635" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>13</sup> I |strong="H0595" was |strong="H3068" right |strong="H3474" to |strong="H0559" give power to |strong="H0559" Cyrus, <sup>III</sup>

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3474" his |strong="H3605" work easy.

He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" re- build |strong="H1129" my |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892",

and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" set |strong="H7971"

<sup>I</sup> MY CHILDREN ... DONE Or "Those who are coming asked for my children. They commanded me to give them

<sup>II</sup> ARMIES IN THE SKY Sometimes this means the an- gels, and sometimes it means the stars. <sup>III</sup> I WAS RIGHT ... CYRUS Or "I gave Cyrus power to do something good."

my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808"  
free|strong="H7971" without|strong="H3808"  
bribes|strong="H7810" or|strong="H3808" pay-  
ment|strong="H4242".

The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Pow-  
erful said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H1931".

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H0559", " Egypt|strong="H4714"  
and|strong="H3068" Ethiopia|strong="H3568"  
are|strong="H0376" rich,

but|strong="H0389", Israel, you|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H3068" get those|strong="H0376" riches.

The|strong="H0559" tall|strong="H4060" peo-  
ple|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5921" Seba  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" yours.

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" walk be-  
hind|strong="H0310" you|strong="H5921"  
with|strong="H0413" chains around|strong="H5921"  
their|strong="H3068" necks.

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068"  
bow|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" be-  
fore|strong="H0413" you|strong="H5921"

and|strong="H3068" ask|strong="H0559"  
you|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413"  
pray|strong="H6419" for|strong="H5921"  
them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068"  
say|strong="H0559",

' The|strong="H0559" true|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430" really|strong="H0559"  
is|strong="H0369" with|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H5921",

and|strong="H3068" there|strong="H0369"  
is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" oth-  
er|strong="H5750" God|strong="H0430"."

<sup>15</sup> You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478"  
the|strong="H3467" God|strong="H0430" people can-  
not see.

You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478"  
the|strong="H3467" God|strong="H0430"  
who|strong="H3478" saves|strong="H3467" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478".

<sup>16</sup> Many people make false gods|strong="H1980",  
but|strong="H1571" they|strong="H3605"  
will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" disappoint-  
ed|strong="H0954".

All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605"  
them|strong="H3162" will|strong="H1571"  
go|strong="H1980" away|strong="H1980"  
ashamed|strong="H0954".

<sup>17</sup> But|strong="H3808" Israel|strong="H3478"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808"  
saved|strong="H3467" by|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068".

That|strong="H3068" salvation|strong="H8668"  
will|strong="H3068" continue forev-  
er|strong="H5769".

Never|strong="H3808" again will|strong="H3068"  
Israel|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3808"  
shamed|strong="H0954".

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H0369" God|strong="H0430".

He|strong="H1931" made|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H0559" skies and|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776".

He|strong="H1931" put|strong="H3559"  
the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776"  
in|strong="H3427" its|strong="H3588"  
place|strong="H8414".

He|strong="H1931" did|strong="H6213"  
not|strong="H3808" want the|strong="H0559"  
earth|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0559"  
be|strong="H5750" empty|strong="H8414"  
when|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931"  
made|strong="H6213" it|strong="H1931".

He|strong="H1931" created|strong="H1254"  
it|strong="H1931" to|strong="H0559"  
be|strong="H5750" lived|strong="H3427"  
on|strong="H0776".

" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068".

There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369"  
no|strong="H3808" other|strong="H5750"  
God|strong="H0430".

<sup>19</sup> I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0776" spo-  
ken|strong="H1696" openly, not|strong="H3808"  
in|strong="H3068" secret.

I|strong="H0589" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" hide|strong="H5643"  
my|strong="H3068" words in|strong="H3068"  
a|strong="H1696" dark|strong="H2822"  
and|strong="H3068" secret place|strong="H4725".

I|strong="H0589" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H5046"  
the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808"  
of|strong="H0776" Jacob|strong="H3290"  
to|strong="H0559" look|strong="H1245"  
for|strong="H0776" me|strong="H5046"  
in|strong="H3068" empty|strong="H8414"  
places|strong="H4725".

I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068",  
and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589"  
speak|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0559" truth.

I|strong="H0589" say|strong="H0559" only  
what|strong="H6664" is|strong="H3068"  
right|strong="H6664".

**The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H3068" Proves  
He|strong="H3068" Is|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0559" Only God|strong="H3068"**

<sup>20</sup> " You|strong="H3045" people|strong="H1471"  
who|strong="H0410" escaped from|strong="H0935"  
other|strong="H3162" nations|strong="H1471", gath-  
er|strong="H6908" together|strong="H3162" be-

fore |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". (These people |strong="H1471" carry |strong="H5375" statues of |strong="H6086" false gods |strong="H0410". They |strong="H3808" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" useless gods |strong="H0410", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" they |strong="H3808" are |strong="H1471" doing. <sup>21</sup> Tell |strong="H5046" them |strong="H5046" to |strong="H0369" come |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0369" me |strong="H5046". Let |strong="H0637" them |strong="H5046" present |strong="H5066" their |strong="H3068" case and |strong="H3068" discuss these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3808".)

" Who |strong="H4310" told |strong="H5046" you |strong="H5046" about |strong="H8085" this |strong="H2063" before |strong="H5750" it |strong="H3068" happened? Who |strong="H4310" told |strong="H5046" you |strong="H5046" this |strong="H2063" so |strong="H3808" long |strong="H5750" ago? I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068", am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H8085" one |strong="H0369" who |strong="H4310" said |strong="H8085" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3808". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H8085" only |strong="H2108" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H8085" one |strong="H0369" who |strong="H4310" does |strong="H3808" what |strong="H4310" is |strong="H0369" right |strong="H6662". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H8085" one |strong="H0369" who |strong="H4310" saves |strong="H3467", and |strong="H3068" there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H3808" other |strong="H5750"! <sup>22</sup> So |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0413" faraway places |strong="H3605", turn |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0776" be |strong="H5750" saved |strong="H3467", because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" God |strong="H0410", and |strong="H0776" there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" other |strong="H5750".

<sup>23</sup> " When |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" make |strong="H7725" a |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H1697", that |strong="H3588" promise |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3605" true. It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1697" happen |strong="H1697". And |strong="H7725" I |strong="H3588" swear |strong="H7650" by |strong="H7650" my |strong="H3605" own power that |strong="H3588" everyone |strong="H3605"

will |strong="H1697" bow |strong="H3766" before |strong="H3808" me |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725" will |strong="H1697" take |strong="H7725" an |strong="H7650" oath |strong="H7650" to |strong="H7725" obey me |strong="H7725". <sup>24</sup> They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", 'Goodness and |strong="H0935" strength |strong="H5797" come |strong="H0935" only |strong="H0389" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".'

And |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" show their |strong="H3605" anger against |strong="H2734" him |strong="H0935" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" humiliated |strong="H0954". <sup>25</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" help the |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" live right |strong="H6663" and |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1984" their |strong="H3605" God |strong="H3068".

#### False Gods Are Useless

**46** The |strong="H1961" Lord says, " Bel |strong="H1078" has |strong="H1961" fallen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" ground. Nebo |strong="H5015" is |strong="H1961" kneeling |strong="H3766" before me |strong="H1961".

"Men put those |strong="H1961" idols |strong="H6091" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" backs of |strong="H1961" animals |strong="H0929". They are |strong="H6091" only heavy burdens that |strong="H1961" must be |strong="H1961" carried. They do nothing but |strong="H1961" make people tired |strong="H5889". <sup>2</sup> But |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" all |strong="H3162" bowed |strong="H3766" down |strong="H3766" and |strong="H1980" fell |strong="H3766" to |strong="H1980" the |strong="H1980" ground. They |strong="H3808" couldn't |strong="H3808" escape |strong="H4422"; they |strong="H3808" were |strong="H5315" all |strong="H3162" carried |strong="H1980" away |strong="H1980" like |strong="H3808" prisoners |strong="H7628".

<sup>3</sup> " Family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Jacob |strong="H3290", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"! You |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" left |strong="H7611" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", listen |strong="H8085"! I |strong="H4480" have |strong="H3478" carried |strong="H5375" you |strong="H3605"

since |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3605" left |strong="H7611" your |strong="H3605" mother's womb |strong="H0990". I |strong="H4480" carried |strong="H5375" you |strong="H3605" when |strong="H8085" you |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3478" born, <sup>4</sup> and |strong="H5375" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" still |strong="H5704" be |strong="H1931" carrying |strong="H5375" you |strong="H5704" when |strong="H5704" you |strong="H5704" are |strong="H6213" old |strong="H7872". Your |strong="H5375" hair |strong="H7872" will |strong="H0589" turn gray |strong="H7872", and |strong="H5375" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" still |strong="H5704" carry |strong="H5375" you |strong="H5704". I |strong="H0589" made |strong="H6213" you |strong="H5704", and |strong="H5375" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" carry |strong="H5375" you |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" safety.

<sup>5</sup> "Can |strong="H4310" you compare |strong="H1819" me |strong="H1819" to |strong="H1819" anyone? No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H4310" is |strong="H4310" equal |strong="H1819" to |strong="H1819" me |strong="H1819". You cannot understand everything about me |strong="H1819". There is |strong="H4310" nothing like |strong="H1819" me |strong="H1819". <sup>6</sup> Some people are |strong="H6213" rich with |strong="H2091" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3701" silver |strong="H3701". Gold |strong="H2091" falls |strong="H5456" from |strong="H2091" their |strong="H0410" purses, and |strong="H3701" they |strong="H6213" weigh |strong="H8254" their |strong="H0410" silver |strong="H3701" on |strong="H2091" scales. They |strong="H6213" pay |strong="H8254" an artist to |strong="H3701" make |strong="H6213" a |strong="H7936" false god |strong="H0410" from |strong="H2091" wood. Then |strong="H6213" they |strong="H6213" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" and |strong="H3701" worship |strong="H7812" that |strong="H3701" false god |strong="H0410". <sup>7</sup> They |strong="H5921" put |strong="H3240" their |strong="H5375" false god |strong="H3808" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5375" shoulders |strong="H3802" and |strong="H5975" carry |strong="H5375" it |strong="H5921". That |strong="H3808" false god |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4725" useless; people |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" carry |strong="H5375" it |strong="H5921"! People |strong="H3808" set |strong="H5975" the |strong="H5921" statue on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H4725", and |strong="H5975" it |strong="H5921" can-

not |strong="H3808" move |strong="H4185". That |strong="H3808" false god |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" walks away |strong="H5375" from |strong="H5921" its |strong="H5921" place |strong="H4725". People |strong="H3808" can |strong="H5975" yell at |strong="H0413" it |strong="H5921", but |strong="H3808" it |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H6030". That |strong="H3808" false god |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4725" only a |strong="H5375" statue; it |strong="H5921" cannot |strong="H3808" save |strong="H3467" people |strong="H3808" from |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5375" troubles.

<sup>8</sup> "Sinners, change |strong="H7725" your |strong="H5921" heart |strong="H3820" and |strong="H7725" mind |strong="H3820". Think |strong="H3820" about |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" again |strong="H7725". Remember |strong="H2142" it |strong="H5921" and |strong="H7725" be |strong="H3820" strong. <sup>9</sup> Remember |strong="H2142" what |strong="H3588" happened long |strong="H5769" ago |strong="H5769". Remember |strong="H2142", I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0430" there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" other |strong="H5750" God |strong="H0430". There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" other |strong="H5750" like |strong="H3644" me |strong="H3644".

<sup>10</sup> "In |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" beginning |strong="H7225", I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0559" happen |strong="H6965" in |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" end |strong="H0319". A |strong="H0834" long time ago, I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" you |strong="H0834" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" happened yet |strong="H3808". When |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" plan |strong="H6098" something, it |strong="H6213" happens |strong="H6213". I |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" whatever |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213". <sup>11</sup> I |strong="H0776" am calling |strong="H7121" a |strong="H7121" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" east |strong="H4217" to |strong="H0935" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H6213" I |strong="H0776" want. He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" like |strong="H0776" an |strong="H0935" eagle from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H7121" faraway country |strong="H0776". He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H0776" do |strong="H6213"

all|strong="H0376" that|strong="H7121"  
I|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0376"  
planned|strong="H3335". Everything  
I|strong="H0776" said|strong="H1696"  
will|strong="H0776" happen just|strong="H6213"  
as|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0776"  
said|strong="H1696" it|strong="H7121"  
would|strong="H0376".

<sup>12</sup> " Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413", you|strong="H0413" stubborn <sup>I</sup>  
people|strong="H8085"! You|strong="H0413"  
are|strong="H7350" far|strong="H7350"  
from|strong="H8085" doing what is|strong="H3820"  
right|strong="H6666". <sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3808"  
I|strong="H5414" am close|strong="H7126"  
to|strong="H3478" making|strong="H5414"  
things|strong="H3808" right|strong="H6666". Salva-  
tion|strong="H8668" will|strong="H3478"  
not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" de-  
layed|strong="H0309" much longer|strong="H3808".  
I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3478"  
bring|strong="H7126" salvation|strong="H8668"  
to|strong="H3478" Zion|strong="H6726"  
and|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3478"  
my|strong="H5414" wonderful Is-  
rael|strong="H3478".

#### God's Message to Babylon

**47** " Fall|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381"  
and|strong="H0776" sit|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921"  
dirt|strong="H6083", Virgin|strong="H1330" Daugh-  
ter|strong="H1323" Babylon|strong="H0894".  
You|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0369"  
no|strong="H3808" throne|strong="H3678",  
so|strong="H7121" sit|strong="H3427"  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
ground|strong="H0776", daughter|strong="H1323"  
of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921"  
Chaldeans|strong="H3778". <sup>II</sup>

You|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0776"  
not|strong="H3808" the|strong="H5921"  
ruler|strong="H3427" now|strong="H3588".

You|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0776"  
no|strong="H3808" longer|strong="H3254"  
the|strong="H5921" beautiful young princess  
that|strong="H3588" people|strong="H3427" said  
you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1323".

<sup>2</sup> Get|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3947" mill-  
stones|strong="H7347" ready

and|strong="H3947" grind|strong="H2912"  
the|strong="H3947" grain|strong="H7058" in-  
to|strong="H1540" flour|strong="H7058".

Take|strong="H3947" off|strong="H2834"  
your|strong="H3947" veil|strong="H6777"  
and|strong="H3947" fancy clothes.

<sup>I</sup> STUBBORN Literally, "mighty of heart." <sup>II</sup> VIRGIN DAUGHTER  
BABYLON, DAUGHTER OF THE CHALDEANS Names for the city of Babylon.

Lift|strong="H1540" your|strong="H3947"  
skirt|strong="H7640" and|strong="H3947"  
get|strong="H3947" ready to|strong="H1540"  
cross|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3947"  
rivers|strong="H5104". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Men|strong="H0120" will|strong="H1571"  
see|strong="H7200" your|strong="H3947" naked  
body

and|strong="H0120" use|strong="H3947"  
you|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3808" sex.

I|strong="H7200" will|strong="H1571"  
make|strong="H7200" you|strong="H3808" pay  
for|strong="H3808" the|strong="H7200" bad  
things|strong="H1540" you|strong="H3808"  
did|strong="H3808",

and|strong="H0120" I|strong="H7200"  
will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808"  
let|strong="H3808" anyone|strong="H0120" help  
you|strong="H3808".

<sup>4</sup> " My|strong="H3068" people say|strong="H3478",  
God|strong="H3068" saves us|strong="H3478".

His|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034"  
is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful,  
the|strong="H3068" Holy|strong="H6918"  
One|strong="H6918" of|strong="H3068" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478".

<sup>5</sup> " So|strong="H7121" Babylon, sit|strong="H3427"  
down|strong="H3427" and|strong="H0935" shut  
up|strong="H0935".

Daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1323"  
the|strong="H3588" Chaldeans|strong="H3778",  
go|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H3588" dark|strong="H2822" prison.

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808"  
no|strong="H3808" longer|strong="H3254"  
be|strong="H3808" The|strong="H3588"  
Queen|strong="H1404" of|strong="H1323"  
the|strong="H3588" Kingdoms|strong="H4467".

<sup>6</sup> " I|strong="H5414" was|strong="H3027" an-  
gry|strong="H7107" with|strong="H5921"  
my|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971".

They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992" mine,  
but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H5414"  
turned|strong="H5414" against|strong="H5921"  
them|strong="H5414".

I|strong="H5414" let|strong="H5414"  
you|strong="H5414" punish them|strong="H5414",  
but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H5414"  
showed|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414"  
no|strong="H3808" mercy|strong="H7356".

Even|strong="H3808" for|strong="H5921"  
those|strong="H1992" who|strong="H3808"  
were|strong="H1992" old|strong="H2205"

<sup>III</sup> RIVERS The Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Babylon was between  
these two rivers.

you|strong="H5414" made|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5921" work|strong="H7760" hard|strong="H3966".

<sup>7</sup> You|strong="H5921" said|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H1961" live forever|strong="H5769".

I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H1961" always|strong="H5769" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" queen|strong="H1404".'

You|strong="H5921" didn't|strong="H3808" care|strong="H5921" what|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" did|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H7760" people|strong="H3808".

You|strong="H5921" didn't|strong="H3808" think|strong="H3820" about|strong="H1961" what|strong="H5921" might happen|strong="H1961" later|strong="H1961".

<sup>8</sup> So|strong="H3808" now|strong="H6258" listen|strong="H8085", you|strong="H3045" who|strong="H3427" love only|strong="H0657" pleasure!

Feeling so|strong="H3808" safe, you|strong="H3045" tell|strong="H0559" yourself|strong="H3045",

' I|strong="H0589" alone|strong="H3045" am|strong="H0589" important, and|strong="H8085" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" else|strong="H5750" matters.

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808" be|strong="H5750" a|strong="H8085" widow|strong="H0490" or|strong="H3808" lose|strong="H0490" my|strong="H8085" children|strong="H7908".'

<sup>9</sup> These|strong="H0428" two|strong="H8147" things|strong="H0428" will|strong="H3117" happen to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921".

First|strong="H0259", you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3117" lose your|strong="H5921" children|strong="H7908" and|strong="H0935" then|strong="H0935" your|strong="H5921" husband.

And|strong="H0935" none of|strong="H3117" your|strong="H5921" magic spells|strong="H2267" will|strong="H3117" help you|strong="H5921".

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H7725" do|strong="H0589" bad|strong="H7451" things but|strong="H7200" still|strong="H5750" feel|strong="H7200" safe. <sup>I</sup>

You|strong="H7725" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" yourself|strong="H3820", ' No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" sees|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0559" wrong|strong="H7451" I|strong="H0589" do|strong="H0589".'

You|strong="H7725" thought|strong="H0559" that|strong="H7200" your|strong="H7200" wisdom|strong="H2451" and|strong="H7725" knowl-

edge|strong="H1847" would|strong="H0559" save you|strong="H7725".

You|strong="H7725" tell|strong="H0559" yourself|strong="H3820", ' I|strong="H0589" alone|strong="H1931" am|strong="H0589" important,

and|strong="H7725" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" else|strong="H5750" matters.'

<sup>11</sup> " But|strong="H3808" disaster|strong="H7451" is|strong="H0935" coming|strong="H0935" your|strong="H5921" way|strong="H5921".

You|strong="H5921" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" when|strong="H0935" it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3808" happen, but|strong="H3808" disaster|strong="H7451" is|strong="H0935" coming|strong="H0935".

And|strong="H0935" there|strong="H3045" is|strong="H0935" nothing|strong="H3808" you|strong="H5921" can|strong="H3201" do|strong="H3201" to|strong="H0935" stop|strong="H3808" it|strong="H5921".

<sup>12</sup> You|strong="H0834" worked|strong="H3021" hard all|strong="H3201" your|strong="H0834" life learning magic and|strong="H5975" spells|strong="H2267".

So|strong="H0834" start using that|strong="H0834" magic.

Maybe|strong="H0194" those|strong="H0834" spells|strong="H2267" will|strong="H0834" help|strong="H3276" you|strong="H0834".

Maybe|strong="H0194" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H4994" able|strong="H3201" to|strong="H3201" frighten someone.

<sup>13</sup> You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7230" advisors.

Are|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" tired|strong="H3811" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" advice|strong="H6098" they|strong="H0834" give|strong="H0935"?

Then|strong="H0935" send out|strong="H3045" your|strong="H5921" men who|strong="H0834" read the|strong="H0834" stars|strong="H3556".

They|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H3045" when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" month|strong="H2320" starts, so|strong="H0834" maybe they|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0834" when|strong="H0834" your|strong="H5921" troubles will|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935".

<sup>14</sup> But|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" save|strong="H5315" themselves|strong="H5315".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" burn|strong="H8313" like|strong="H1961" straw|strong="H7179".

<sup>I</sup> You ... SAFE Or "You put your trust in your evil."

They will burn so fast that there will be no coals left to cook bread.

There will be no fire left to sit by.

<sup>15</sup> That's what will happen to those you worked, the people you did business with all your life.

They will all go their own way.

There will be one to save you."

### God Rules His World

**48** " Family of Jacob, listen to me!

You people call yourself ' Israel, but you are from Judah's family.

When you take oath, the LORD, the God of Israel, am I, whose name you use, but you are not honest and sincere.

<sup>2</sup> " Yes, you call yourselves citizens of holy city,

those who depend on God Israel.

The LORD All-Powerful is his name.

<sup>3</sup> " Long ago I told you what would happen.

I told you about these things.

And I suddenly I made them happen.

<sup>4</sup> I did that because you were stubborn.

You were like iron will, not bend, with heads as hard as bronze.

<sup>5</sup> So long ago I told you what would happen.

I told you about those things long before they happened.

I did this so that you could not say, ' The gods we made did this.

Our idols, our statues, made this happen."

### God Punishes Israel to Make Them Pure

<sup>6</sup> " You heard what I said would happen.

And you can see it all done.

Shouldn't you tell others?

Now I tell you.



you |strong="H0859" about |strong="H8085"  
new |strong="H2319" things |strong="H3605",  
secrets you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H3045"  
not |strong="H3808" known |strong="H3045" be-  
fore |strong="H3808".

<sup>7</sup> This |strong="H6258" is |strong="H3117" some-  
thing that |strong="H3045" is |strong="H3117" hap-  
pening now |strong="H6258", not |strong="H3808"  
long |strong="H3117" ago |strong="H3117".

You |strong="H6440" have |strong="H3045"  
not |strong="H3808" heard |strong="H8085"  
about |strong="H8085" it |strong="H3045" be-  
fore |strong="H6440" today |strong="H3117".

So |strong="H6435" you |strong="H6440" can-  
not |strong="H3808" say |strong="H0559",  
We |strong="H3117" already |strong="H6258"  
knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3045".

<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H3588" even |strong="H1571"  
in |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3588" past  
you |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808" lis-  
ten |strong="H8085".

You |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808"  
learn |strong="H3045" anything |strong="H3808".

You |strong="H3588" never |strong="H3808" lis-  
ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085"  
what |strong="H1571" I |strong="H3588" say.

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1571" always  
known |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H3588" would turn |strong="H1571"  
against |strong="H1571" me |strong="H7121".

You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1571" re-  
belled |strong="H6586" against |strong="H1571"  
me |strong="H7121" from |strong="H8085"  
the |strong="H3588" time |strong="H0227"  
you |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1571"  
born |strong="H3808".

<sup>9</sup> "But I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H4616"  
be |strong="H8034" patient.

I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H4616" do  
this |strong="H4616" for |strong="H4616" myself.

People will |strong="H4616" praise |strong="H8416"  
me |strong="H8034" for |strong="H4616"  
not |strong="H1115" becoming angry |strong="H0639"  
and |strong="H0639" destroying you |strong="H3772".

You |strong="H3772" will |strong="H4616"  
praise |strong="H8416" me |strong="H8034"  
for |strong="H4616" waiting.

<sup>10</sup> " Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H2009"  
will |strong="H3808" make you |strong="H3808"  
pure |strong="H6884",

but |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808"  
in |strong="H3808" the |strong="H2009" way  
you |strong="H3808" make silver |strong="H3701"  
pure |strong="H6884".

I |strong="H2009" will |strong="H3808" make  
you |strong="H3808" pure |strong="H6884"  
by |strong="H3808" giving you |strong="H3808" trou-  
bles.

<sup>11</sup> I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5414"  
do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3588"  
for |strong="H3588" myself— for |strong="H3588"  
me |strong="H5414"!

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5414"  
not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414"  
you |strong="H3588" treat |strong="H6213"  
me |strong="H5414" as |strong="H3588"  
if |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am  
not |strong="H3808" important.

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5414"  
not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H5414" some false  
god |strong="H3808" take |strong="H5414"  
my |strong="H5414" glory |strong="H3519"  
and |strong="H3808" praise |strong="H3588".

<sup>12</sup> " Jacob |strong="H3290", listen |strong="H8085"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"!

Israel |strong="H3478", I |strong="H0589"  
called |strong="H7121" you |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H3478"  
my |strong="H8085" people |strong="H8085".

So |strong="H7121" listen |strong="H8085"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"!  
I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
the |strong="H0413" Beginning |strong="H7223",  
and |strong="H3478" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0413"  
End |strong="H0314".

<sup>13</sup> I |strong="H0589" made |strong="H7121"  
the |strong="H0413" earth |strong="H0776"  
with |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3027" own  
hands |strong="H3027".

My |strong="H3027" right |strong="H3225"  
hand |strong="H3027" made |strong="H7121"  
the |strong="H0413" sky |strong="H8064".

And |strong="H0776" if I |strong="H0589"  
call |strong="H7121" them |strong="H0413",  
they |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" come  
to |strong="H0413" stand |strong="H5975" be-  
fore |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".

<sup>14</sup> " All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068"  
you |strong="H3605", come here and |strong="H3068"  
listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068"  
me |strong="H5046".

Did |strong="H6213" any |strong="H3605"  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" false gods say  
these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428"  
would |strong="H3068" happen? No |strong="H4310"!

The |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068"  
friend |strong="H0157"<sup>1</sup> will |strong="H3068"  
do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H4310"  
he |strong="H6213" wants |strong="H2656"  
to |strong="H3068" Babylon |strong="H0894"  
and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605"  
Chaldeans |strong="H3778".

<sup>1</sup> FRIEND Or "partner." This probably means Cyrus, king of Persia.  
He ruled about 550–530 B.C.

15 " I |strong="H0589" told |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0935" that |strong="H7121" I |strong="H0589" would call |strong="H7121" him |strong="H0935".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" lead him |strong="H0935",

and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" make |strong="H7121" him |strong="H0935" succeed |strong="H6743".

16 Come |strong="H1961" here |strong="H8033" and |strong="H7971" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"!

I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H1961" there |strong="H8033" when |strong="H1961" Babylon began |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" nation.

And |strong="H7971" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0413" beginning |strong="H7218", I |strong="H0589" spoke |strong="H1696" clearly so |strong="H7971" that |strong="H8085" people |strong="H3808" could know what |strong="H2063" I |strong="H0589" said |strong="H1696".

Now |strong="H6258", the |strong="H0413" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" sends |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H7971" his |strong="H8085" Spirit |strong="H7307" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H1696" you |strong="H7971" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H1961". 17 The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0559" Savior, the |strong="H0559" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559",

" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

I |strong="H0589" teach |strong="H3925" you |strong="H3925" for |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" own good |strong="H3276".

I |strong="H0589" lead |strong="H1869" you |strong="H3925" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" way |strong="H1870" you |strong="H3925" should |strong="H3068" go.

18 If |strong="H3863" you |strong="H1961" had |strong="H1961" obeyed me |strong="H1961", then |strong="H1961" peace |strong="H7965" would |strong="H3863" have |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H1961"

like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" full flowing river |strong="H5104".

Good things |strong="H4687" would |strong="H3863" have |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H1961" again |strong="H1961" and |strong="H3220" again |strong="H1961",

like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" waves |strong="H1530" of |strong="H5104" the |strong="H1961" sea |strong="H3220".

19 If |strong="H1961" you |strong="H6440" had |strong="H1961" obeyed me |strong="H6440", you |strong="H6440" would |strong="H8034" have |strong="H1961" had |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" many children |strong="H2233" as |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" are |strong="H1961" grains |strong="H4579" of |strong="H6440" sand |strong="H2344".

And |strong="H6440" they |strong="H3808" would |strong="H8034" always have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" mine

and |strong="H6440" would |strong="H8034" never |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H8045".

20 My |strong="H8085" people |strong="H8085", leave |strong="H3318" Babylon |strong="H0894"!

My |strong="H8085" people |strong="H8085", run |strong="H7097" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559" Chaldeans |strong="H3778"!

Tell |strong="H5046" the |strong="H0559" news |strong="H6963" with |strong="H3068" joy |strong="H7440".

Spread |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559" news |strong="H6963" around the |strong="H0559" world |strong="H0776".

Tell |strong="H5046" them |strong="H3318", " The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" rescued his |strong="H3068" servant |strong="H5650" Jacob |strong="H3290"."

21 They |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" got thirsty |strong="H6770" as |strong="H4325" he |strong="H3808" led them through |strong="H1234" the |strong="H3808" desert, because he |strong="H3808" made water |strong="H4325" flow |strong="H5140" from |strong="H4325" a |strong="H3808" rock |strong="H6697".

He |strong="H3808" split |strong="H1234" the |strong="H3808" rock |strong="H6697", and |strong="H4325" water |strong="H4325" flowed |strong="H2100" out |strong="H1234".

22 But |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559",

" There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" peace |strong="H7965" for |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7563" people |strong="H7563"."

### God Calls His Special Servant

49 Hear |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0413", people |strong="H3816" by |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" sea.

Listen *to* me *faraway nations*.

The LORD *called* me *before* I *was* born.

He *called* my *name* while I *was* still in *my* mother's *womb*.

<sup>2</sup> He *used* me *to* *for* him.

He *used* me *like* a *sharp* sword,

but he *also* held me *in* his *hand* *to* protect me.

He *used* me *like* a *sharp* arrow,

but he *also* kept me *safe* in his *arrow* bag.

<sup>3</sup> He *told* me, "Israel, you *are* my *servant*."

I *will* do wonderful things *with* you.

<sup>4</sup> I *said*, "I *worked* hard *for* nothing."

I *wore* myself *out*, but I *did* nothing *useful*.

I *used* all *my* power,

but I *did* not *really* do anything.

So the LORD *must* decide what *to* do *with* me.

He *must* decide my *reward*.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD *is* one *who* made *me*

in *my* mother's *womb*,

so *that* I *could* be *his* *servant*.

He *wanted* me *to* lead *Jacob* and *Israel* *back* *to* him.

The LORD *gives* me *honor*.

I *get* my *strength* *from* my *God*.

<sup>6</sup> And *now* he *says*, "You *are* a *very* *important* *servant* *to* me."

You *must* bring *back* *to* me *the* *tribes* of *Jacob*.

You *must* bring *back* *the* *people* of *Israel* *who* are *still* alive.

But *I* *have* *for* *to* *is* *even* *more* *important*:

I *will* make *you* a *light* *for* *the* other *nations*.

You *will* show *all* *the* *world* *the* *way* *to* be *saved*.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD *the* Holy *Protector* of *Israel*, *speaks* *to* his *servant*.

People |strong="H5315" hate |strong="H8581" that |strong="H0834" servant |strong="H5650". Nations |strong="H1471" despise |strong="H8581" him |strong="H7200".

He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" now |strong="H3541" a |strong="H7200" slave |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0559" rulers |strong="H8269".

The |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H7200",

" Kings |strong="H4428" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H6965" stand |strong="H6965" to |strong="H0559" honor you |strong="H0834".

Great leaders |strong="H8269" will |strong="H3068" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834"."

This |strong="H3541" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H6965" for |strong="H4616" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H0559" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" one |strong="H6918" who |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H6965" he |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3478" trusted |strong="H0539".

**The |strong="H0559" Day of |strong="H4428" Salvation**

<sup>8</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": " There |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5414" special time |strong="H6256" when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H5414" show |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" kindness.

Then |strong="H6030" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H6030" your |strong="H3068" prayers.

There |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5414" special day |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H3444" you |strong="H5414".

Then |strong="H6030" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" help |strong="H5826" you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H6965" protect |strong="H5341" you |strong="H5414".

And |strong="H6965" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" proof of |strong="H0776" my |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971".

The |strong="H0559" country |strong="H0776" is |strong="H3068" destroyed now |strong="H3117", but |strong="H6030" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776" back to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H3068" own |strong="H5157" it |strong="H5414".

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" prisoners |strong="H0631",

' Come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1870" your |strong="H3605" prison!

You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" darkness |strong="H2822",

' Come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3605" dark |strong="H2822"!"

The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat along |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" road |strong="H1870",

and |strong="H1870" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" food even |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" empty hills.

<sup>10</sup> They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4325" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" hungry |strong="H7456" or |strong="H3808" thirsty |strong="H6770".

The |strong="H5921" hot sun |strong="H8121" and |strong="H4325" wind will |strong="H4325" not |strong="H3808" hurt them |strong="H5921".

Their |strong="H5921" Comforter will |strong="H4325" lead |strong="H5095" them |strong="H5921".

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4325" lead |strong="H5095" them |strong="H5921" by |strong="H5921" springs |strong="H4002" of |strong="H5921" water |strong="H4325".

<sup>11</sup> I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H2022" make |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" road |strong="H1870" for |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" people.

The |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" will |strong="H2022" be |strong="H7311" made |strong="H7760" flat,

and |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3605" low roads |strong="H1870" will |strong="H2022" be |strong="H7311" raised |strong="H7311".

<sup>12</sup> " Look |strong="H2009"! People |strong="H0776" are |strong="H0428" coming |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" faraway places.

They |strong="H0935" are |strong="H0428" coming |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" north |strong="H6828"

and *from* *the* west.

They *are* *coming* *to* *me* *from* Aswan *in* Egypt."

<sup>13</sup> Heavens *and* earth *be* happy!

Mountains *shout* *with* joy!

The LORD *comforts* his *people*.

He *is* good *to* *poor* *people*.

<sup>14</sup> But *now* Zion *says*, "The LORD *has* *left* *me*;"

the Lord *has* *me* *forgotten*.

<sup>15</sup> But *the* Lord *says*,

"Can *a* woman *forget* *her* *baby*?"

Can *she* *forget* *the* *child* *who* *came* *from* *her* *body*?"

Even *if* *she* *can* *forget* *her* *children*,

I *cannot* *forget* *you*.

<sup>16</sup> I *drew* *a* *picture* *of* *you* *on* *my* *hand*.

You *are* *always* *before* *my* *eyes*.

<sup>17</sup> Your *children* *will* *come* *back* *to* *you*,

and *those* *who* *you* *leave* *will* *leave*.

I ... EYES Or "I see your figure before me always." This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word "figure" also means "walls."

<sup>18</sup> Look *up* *Look* *around* *you*!

All *of* *your* *children* *are* *gathering* *together* *and* *coming* *to* *you*."

The LORD *says*, "On *my* *life*, I *promise* *you* *this*:"

Your *children* *will* *be* *like* *that* *you* *are* *around* *your* *neck*.

Your *children* *will* *be* *like* *the* *necklace* *that* *a* *bride* *wears*.

<sup>19</sup> You *are* *destroyed* *and* *defeated* *now*.

Your *land* *is* *useless*.

But *after* *a* *short* *time*, *you* *will* *have* *many* *people* *in* *your* *land*.

And *those* *who* *you* *destroyed* *will* *be* *far* *away*.

<sup>20</sup> You *were* *sad* *for* *the* *children* *you* *lost*, *but* *they* *will* *tell* *you*,

"This *place* *is* *too* *small*!"

Give *us* *a* *bigger* *place* *to* *live*!"

<sup>21</sup> Then *you* *will* *say* *to* *yourself*, "Who *gave* *me* *all* *these* *children*?"

I *was* *sad* *and* *lonely*.

My children were taken away  
They were gone

So who gave these children?  
Look, I was only left

Where these children come from?  
22 This is who I am  
what the LORD GOD says  
" Look, I will wave my hand  
the nations  
I will raise my flag  
for everyone to see  
Then they will bring your children  
to you

They will carry and hold them  
in their arms

23 Kings will be their teachers.  
The daughters of kings  
will bow down to you

They will kiss the dirt at your feet  
Then you will know that I am the LORD

and anyone who trusts in me  
will not be disappointed.  
24 If a soldier takes a prisoner,  
can you set him free?  
If a soldier guards someone,  
can the prisoner escape?

25 Here is who I am  
the LORD'S answer:  
" The prisoners will escape.  
Those captured by the soldier  
will be set free.

That's because I will fight your battles,  
and I will save your children.  
26 Those people hurt you,  
but I will force them to eat  
their own bodies.  
Their own blood will be  
the wine that they drink.  
Then everyone will know  
that the LORD saved you.

Everyone will know that the Powerful One  
of Jacob saved you.

Israel Punished Because of Their Sin

50 This is who I am  
what the LORD says:  
" People of Israel,  
you say that I divorced

and anyone who trusts in me  
will not be disappointed.  
24 If a soldier takes a prisoner,  
can you set him free?  
If a soldier guards someone,  
can the prisoner escape?  
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the LORD'S answer:  
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what the LORD says:  
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you say that I divorced

your|strong="H3068" mother|strong="H0517",  
Jerusalem.

But|strong="H0559" where|strong="H0834"  
is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" legal paper  
that|strong="H0834" proves I|strong="H0834" di-  
vorced her|strong="H7971"?

My|strong="H3068" children, did|strong="H0834"  
I|strong="H0834" owe money to|strong="H0559"  
someone|strong="H4310"?

Did|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834"  
sell|strong="H4376" you|strong="H0834"  
to|strong="H0559" pay a|strong="H0176" debt?

No|strong="H4310", you|strong="H0834"  
were|strong="H0834" sold|strong="H4376" be-  
cause|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" bad things|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834".

Your|strong="H3068" mother|strong="H0517"  
was|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971"  
away|strong="H7971" because|strong="H0834"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" bad  
things|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
did|strong="H0834".

<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H0518" came|strong="H0935" home  
and|strong="H0935" found|strong="H0369"  
no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0376"  
there|strong="H0369".

I|strong="H0518" called|strong="H7121"  
and|strong="H0935" called|strong="H7121",  
but|strong="H0518" no|strong="H0369"  
one|strong="H0376" answered|strong="H6030".

Do|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518"  
think|strong="H7760" I|strong="H0518" can-  
not|strong="H0369" get|strong="H0935"  
you|strong="H0518" back|strong="H0935"?

Do|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518"  
think|strong="H7760" I|strong="H0518" can-  
not|strong="H0369" save|strong="H5337"  
you|strong="H0518"?

Look|strong="H2005", if|strong="H0518"  
I|strong="H0518" gave|strong="H7121"  
the|strong="H0935" command|strong="H3027",  
the|strong="H0935" ocean|strong="H4325"  
would|strong="H0376" dry|strong="H2717"  
up|strong="H7760"!

I|strong="H0518" can|strong="H0518"  
turn|strong="H7760" rivers|strong="H5104" in-  
to|strong="H0935" a|strong="H7760"  
desert|strong="H4057".

The|strong="H0935" fish|strong="H1710"  
would|strong="H0376" die|strong="H4191" with-  
out|strong="H0369" water|strong="H4325",  
and|strong="H0935" their|strong="H7760" bodies  
would|strong="H0376" rot.

<sup>3</sup> I|strong="H7760" can make|strong="H7760"  
the|strong="H7760" skies dark.

I|strong="H7760" can cover|strong="H3682"  
the|strong="H7760" skies in|strong="H3847" dark-

ness as|strong="H7760" black as|strong="H7760"  
sackcloth|strong="H8242".

#### God's Servant Depends on|strong="H3847" God|strong="H8064"

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136" gave|strong="H5414"  
me|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" abili-  
ty|strong="H3045" to|strong="H8085"  
teach|strong="H3045", so|strong="H5414"  
now|strong="H5414" I|strong="H5414"  
teach|strong="H3045" these sad peo-  
ple|strong="H8085". Every|strong="H1242" morn-  
ing|strong="H1242" he|strong="H5414" wakes  
me|strong="H5414" and|strong="H1242" teaches  
me|strong="H5414" like|strong="H1697"  
a|strong="H5414" student. <sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3069"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" helps  
me|strong="H3808" learn, and|strong="H0241"  
I|strong="H0595" have|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" turned|strong="H5472"  
against|strong="H4784" him. I|strong="H0595"  
will|strong="H0136" not|strong="H3808"  
stop|strong="H3808" following him. <sup>6</sup>  
I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414"  
let|strong="H5414" those people|strong="H3808"  
beat|strong="H5221" me|strong="H5414"  
and|strong="H6440" pull the|strong="H6440"  
hair|strong="H4803" from|strong="H6440"  
my|strong="H5414" beard|strong="H4803".  
I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414"  
not|strong="H3808" hide|strong="H5641"  
my|strong="H5414" face|strong="H6440" when  
they|strong="H3808" say bad things|strong="H5641"  
to|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414"  
and|strong="H6440" spit at|strong="H3808"  
me|strong="H5414". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H6440"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
will|strong="H3808" help|strong="H5826"  
me|strong="H6440", so|strong="H3651"  
the|strong="H6440" bad things|strong="H3808"  
they|strong="H3588" say will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" hurt me|strong="H6440".  
I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808"  
be|strong="H3808" strong. I|strong="H3588"  
know|strong="H3045" I|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"  
be|strong="H3808" disappointed|strong="H0954".

<sup>8</sup> God|strong="H0413" is|strong="H4310"  
with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H0413",  
and|strong="H4941" he is|strong="H4310"  
the|strong="H0413" one|strong="H3162"  
who|strong="H4310" shows that|strong="H4310" I  
am innocent|strong="H6663". So|strong="H5066"  
no|strong="H4310" one|strong="H3162"  
can|strong="H4310" say I am guilty. If anyone wants  
to|strong="H0413" try to|strong="H0413" prove  
me|strong="H0413" wrong, they|strong="H3162"

should|strong="H0413" come|strong="H5066" here|strong="H5066", and|strong="H4941" we|strong="H0854" will|strong="H4310" have|strong="H7378" a|strong="H5975" trial|strong="H4941".<sup>9</sup> But|strong="H1931" look|strong="H2005", the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" helps|strong="H5826" me|strong="H0398", so|strong="H1931" no|strong="H4310" one|strong="H3605" can|strong="H4310" prove me|strong="H0398" guilty|strong="H7561". As|strong="H0398" for|strong="H3605" them|strong="H0398", they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4310" all|strong="H3605" be|strong="H0136" like|strong="H6211" worthless old|strong="H1086" clothes|strong="H0899", eaten|strong="H0398" by|strong="H3605" moths.

<sup>10</sup> People|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" respect the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1980" his|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650". That|strong="H0834" servant|strong="H5650" lives completely|strong="H8085" trusting|strong="H0982" in|strong="H1980" God|strong="H0430" without|strong="H0369" knowing what|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" happen. He|strong="H0834" really trusts|strong="H0982" in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0834" LORD'S|strong="H3068" name|strong="H0834" and|strong="H1980" depends on|strong="H1980" his|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3605" Lord says, " Look|strong="H2005", you|strong="H3605" people want to|strong="H1961" do|strong="H3027" whatever|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" want. So|strong="H1961" light|strong="H0217" your|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" fires|strong="H0784" and|strong="H3027" torches, but|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" punished. You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1961" fall|strong="H1961" into|strong="H3027" your|strong="H3605" fires|strong="H0784" and|strong="H3027" torches and|strong="H3027" be|strong="H1961" burned|strong="H1197". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H7901" that|strong="H3605" happen|strong="H1961"."

#### Israel Should Be Like Abraham

**51** "Some of|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0413" people|strong="H8085" try hard to|strong="H0413" live good lives. You|strong="H0413" go to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H0413" help. Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".

You|strong="H0413" should|strong="H3068" look|strong="H5027" at|strong="H0413" Abraham your|strong="H3068" father. He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413" rock|strong="H6697" you|strong="H0413" were|strong="H7291" cut|strong="H2672" from|strong="H8085".<sup>2</sup> Abraham|strong="H0085" is|strong="H0001" your|strong="H3588" father|strong="H0001", so|strong="H7121" look|strong="H5027" at|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413". Look|strong="H5027" at|strong="H0413" Sarah|strong="H8283", who|strong="H0001" gave|strong="H7121" birth to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588". Abraham|strong="H0085" was|strong="H0259" alone|strong="H0259" when|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" called|strong="H7121" him|strong="H0413". Then|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" blessed|strong="H1288" him|strong="H0413", and|strong="H0001" he|strong="H3588" began a|strong="H3588" great family|strong="H0001" with|strong="H0413" many|strong="H7235" descendants."

<sup>3</sup> In|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" same way|strong="H3605", the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" bless Zion|strong="H6726". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" feel sorry|strong="H5162" for|strong="H3588" her|strong="H3605" and|strong="H3068" her|strong="H3605" people, and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H3605" something great for|strong="H3588" her|strong="H3605". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" turn|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H6160" into a|strong="H3588" garden|strong="H1588". It|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" like|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" Garden|strong="H1588" of|strong="H3068" Eden|strong="H5731". The|strong="H3605" land was|strong="H3068" empty, but|strong="H3588" it|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3068" become|strong="H5162" like|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" garden|strong="H1588". People there|strong="H4672" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" very happy|strong="H8057". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" sing victory songs to|strong="H3068" thank|strong="H8426" God|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3588" what|strong="H6963" he|strong="H3588" did.

<sup>4</sup> " My|strong="H3318" people|strong="H5971", listen|strong="H0238" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"!

My|strong="H3318" decisions|strong="H4941" will|strong="H0216" be|strong="H3816" like|strong="H3318" lights|strong="H0216" showing



people|strong="H5971" how|strong="H3588"  
to|strong="H0413" live|strong="H8451".

<sup>5</sup> I will|strong="H0339" soon|strong="H7138" save  
you|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3318" show  
that|strong="H0413" I am fair.

I will|strong="H0339" use my|strong="H3318" pow-  
er|strong="H2220" and|strong="H3318"  
judge|strong="H8199" all nations|strong="H5971".

All the|strong="H0413" faraway places  
are|strong="H7138" waiting for|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413".

They|strong="H5971" wait|strong="H3176"  
for|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3318" pow-  
er|strong="H2220" to|strong="H0413"  
help|strong="H5971" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>6</sup> Look|strong="H5027" up|strong="H5375"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" heav-  
ens|strong="H8064".

Look|strong="H5027" around you|strong="H3588"  
at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588"  
earth|strong="H0776" below|strong="H8478".

The|strong="H3588" skies will|strong="H1961" dis-  
appear|strong="H2865" like|strong="H3644" clouds  
of|strong="H0776" smoke|strong="H6227".

The|strong="H3588" earth|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H3644" worthless old|strong="H5769"  
clothes|strong="H0899".

The|strong="H3588" people|strong="H3427"  
on|strong="H0413" earth|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H1961" die|strong="H4191",

but|strong="H3588" my|strong="H1961" salva-  
tion|strong="H3444" will|strong="H1961" contin-  
ue|strong="H1961" forever|strong="H5769".

My|strong="H1961" goodness will|strong="H1961"  
never|strong="H3808" end.

<sup>7</sup> You|strong="H3045" people|strong="H5971"  
who|strong="H0582" understand|strong="H3045"  
goodness should|strong="H0413" lis-  
ten|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413".

You|strong="H3045" people|strong="H5971"  
who|strong="H0582" follow my|strong="H8085"  
teachings|strong="H8451" should|strong="H0413"  
hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0413" things  
I|strong="H3045" say.

Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408"  
afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H3820" evil peo-  
ple|strong="H5971".

Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408"  
their|strong="H8085" insults|strong="H2781" up-  
set|strong="H2865" you|strong="H3045".

<sup>8</sup> They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
old|strong="H5769" clothes|strong="H0899" eat-  
en|strong="H0398" by|strong="H1961" moths.

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"

wool|strong="H6785" eaten|strong="H0398"  
by|strong="H1961" worms.

But|strong="H3588" my|strong="H1961" goodness  
will|strong="H1961" last|strong="H1755" forev-  
er|strong="H5769".

My|strong="H1961" salvation|strong="H3444"  
will|strong="H1961" continue|strong="H1961" forev-  
er|strong="H5769" and|strong="H0398"  
ever|strong="H5769".

**God's Own|strong="H1961" Power  
Will|strong="H1961" Save|strong="H3444"  
His|strong="H1961" People**

<sup>9</sup> Wake|strong="H5782" up|strong="H5782".  
Wake|strong="H5782" up|strong="H5782".

Arm|strong="H2220" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068",  
clothe|strong="H3847" yourself|strong="H0859"  
with|strong="H3847" strength|strong="H5797".

Show your|strong="H3068" power|strong="H5797"  
the|strong="H3068" way you|strong="H0859"  
did|strong="H3808" long|strong="H3117"  
ago|strong="H5769",

as|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859"  
have|strong="H0859" from|strong="H3117" an-  
cient|strong="H5769" times|strong="H3117".

You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H3068" one|strong="H3808"  
who|strong="H1931" destroyed Ra-  
hab|strong="H7294".

You|strong="H0859" defeated the|strong="H3068"  
Dragon|strong="H8577".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H0859" dried up|strong="H7760"  
the|strong="H7760" water|strong="H4325"  
that|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931"  
in|strong="H1870" the|strong="H7760"  
deep|strong="H8415" sea|strong="H3220".

You|strong="H0859" made|strong="H7760"  
a|strong="H7760" road|strong="H1870"  
through|strong="H5674" the|strong="H7760" deep-  
est parts of|strong="H1870" the|strong="H7760"  
sea|strong="H3220".

Your|strong="H7760" people|strong="H3808"  
crossed|strong="H5674" over|strong="H5674"  
and|strong="H1870" were|strong="H4325" saved.

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5127"  
his|strong="H5921" people.

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" re-  
turn|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0935"  
Zion|strong="H6726" with|strong="H3068"  
joy|strong="H8057".

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" very happy|strong="H8057".

Their|strong="H3068" happiness|strong="H8057"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> RAHAB ... DRAGON This is Rahab the great sea monster. Some ancient stories tell about Rahab fighting with God.

like |strong="H7725" a |strong="H0935" crown  
on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068"  
heads |strong="H7218" forever |strong="H5769".

They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3068" singing |strong="H7440"  
with |strong="H3068" joy |strong="H8057".

All |strong="H5769" sadness will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3068" gone |strong="H0935"  
far |strong="H5921" away |strong="H7725".

12 The |strong="H5414" Lord says, "  
I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595"  
the |strong="H5414" one |strong="H0120"  
who |strong="H4310" comforts |strong="H5162"  
you |strong="H0859".

So |strong="H5414" why should |strong="H0120"  
you |strong="H0859" be |strong="H4191"  
afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H1121" peo-  
ple |strong="H0120"?

They |strong="H1931" are |strong="H1121" only hu-  
mans who |strong="H4310" live and |strong="H1121"  
die |strong="H4191" like |strong="H4191"  
the |strong="H5414" grass |strong="H2682"."

13 I |strong="H0834", the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068", am |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605"  
who |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213"  
you |strong="H0834".

With |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3605" pow-  
er |strong="H3559" I |strong="H0834"  
made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605"  
earth |strong="H0776"

and |strong="H3068" spread |strong="H5186"  
the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064"  
over |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605"  
earth |strong="H0776".

But |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H0834" forgotten |strong="H7911"  
me |strong="H6440",

so |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834"  
are |strong="H0834" always |strong="H8548"  
afraid |strong="H6342" that |strong="H0834" an-  
gry |strong="H2534" men |strong="H3605"  
will |strong="H3068" hurt you |strong="H0834".

Those |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605"  
planned to |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H7843"  
you |strong="H0834",

but |strong="H3117" where |strong="H0834"  
are |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834"  
now |strong="H3117"?

14 People |strong="H3808" in |strong="H4191" prison  
will |strong="H3808" soon |strong="H4116"  
be |strong="H4191" made |strong="H4116" free.

They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H4191"  
and |strong="H3899" rot in |strong="H4191" prison.

They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808"  
have |strong="H3808" plenty of |strong="H3899"  
food |strong="H3899".

15 " I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595"  
the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"  
your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430",  
the |strong="H3068" one |strong="H3068"  
who |strong="H3068" stirs up |strong="H3220"  
the |strong="H3068" sea |strong="H3220"  
and |strong="H3068" makes |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H3068" waves |strong="H1530"  
roar |strong="H1993"."

The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" All-  
Powerful is |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068"  
name |strong="H8034".

16 " My |strong="H7760" servant, I |strong="H7760"  
gave |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859"  
the |strong="H0559" words |strong="H1697"  
I |strong="H7760" want you |strong="H0859"  
to |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559",  
and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H7760" cov-  
ered |strong="H3680" you |strong="H0859"  
with |strong="H0776" my |strong="H7760"  
hands |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" protect  
you |strong="H0859". I |strong="H7760" did  
this |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559"  
make |strong="H7760" a |strong="H7760" new heav-  
en |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0776"  
earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776"  
so |strong="H7760" that |strong="H1697"  
you |strong="H0859" would |strong="H0559"  
say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Is-  
rael |strong="H5971", ' You |strong="H0859"  
are |strong="H3027" my |strong="H7760" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971"."

**God |strong="H0559" Punished Israel |strong="H5971"**

17 Wake |strong="H5782" up |strong="H6965"!  
Wake |strong="H5782" up |strong="H6965"!  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389", get |strong="H6965"  
up |strong="H6965"!

The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
was |strong="H0834" very angry |strong="H2534"  
with |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834".

So |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
were |strong="H0834" punished.

It |strong="H3068" was |strong="H0834"  
like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834"  
cup |strong="H3563" of |strong="H3068" poi-  
son |strong="H2534" you |strong="H0834"  
had |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068"  
drink |strong="H8354",

and |strong="H6965" you |strong="H0834"  
drank |strong="H8354" it |strong="H3068" all.

18 Jerusalem had |strong="H3205" many peo-  
ple |strong="H1121", but |strong="H0369"  
none |strong="H0369" of |strong="H1121"  
them |strong="H3027" became |strong="H3205" lead-  
ers for |strong="H3027" her |strong="H3605".  
None |strong="H0369" of |strong="H1121"  
the |strong="H3605" children |strong="H1121" she

raised |strong="H1431" became |strong="H3205" guides to |strong="H0369" lead |strong="H5095" her |strong="H3605".<sup>19</sup> Troubles came |strong="H7122" to |strong="H2719" you |strong="H2007", Jerusalem, in |strong="H7458" pairs |strong="H8147": Your |strong="H7122" land was |strong="H7458" destroyed |strong="H7701" and |strong="H2719" lies in |strong="H7458" ruins, and |strong="H2719" your |strong="H7122" people suffered from |strong="H7701" famine |strong="H7458" and |strong="H2719" war |strong="H2719".

But no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H8147" felt sorry |strong="H5162" for |strong="H5162" you |strong="H2007" or |strong="H8147" showed you |strong="H2007" mercy.<sup>20</sup> Your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H1121" became |strong="H5968" weak |strong="H3605". They |strong="H3068" fell on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" ground and |strong="H1121" lay |strong="H7901" there |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1121" lying |strong="H7901" on |strong="H3068" every |strong="H3605" street |strong="H2351" corner |strong="H7218", like |strong="H1121" animals caught in |strong="H0430" a |strong="H3068" net. They |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1121" punished by |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H2534" until they |strong="H3068" could not |strong="H1121" accept any |strong="H3605" more punishment. When |strong="H1121" God |strong="H0430" said he |strong="H0430" would |strong="H3068" give them |strong="H2351" more punishment, they |strong="H3068" became |strong="H5968" very weak |strong="H3605".

<sup>21</sup> Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" me |strong="H4994", poor |strong="H6041" Jerusalem. You |strong="H3808" are |strong="H6041" weak |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H8085" drunk |strong="H7937", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" are |strong="H6041" not |strong="H3808" drunk |strong="H7937" from |strong="H8085" wine |strong="H3196". You |strong="H3808" are |strong="H6041" weak |strong="H3808" from |strong="H8085" that |strong="H8085" "cup of |strong="H8085" poison."

<sup>22</sup> Your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H3068" fights for |strong="H3027" his |strong="H3947" people |strong="H5971". He |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H0430", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0853", " Look |strong="H2009",

I |strong="H3541" am |strong="H3068" taking |strong="H3947" this |strong="H3541" cup |strong="H3563" of |strong="H0430" poison' away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H3027" you |strong="H0853". It |strong="H3254" is |strong="H3068" full of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H2534", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3541" am |strong="H3068" taking |strong="H3947" it |strong="H3254" out |strong="H3027" of |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027". You |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H5750" punished by |strong="H3027" my |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H2534" again |strong="H5750".<sup>23</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" now |strong="H3027" use my |strong="H7760" anger to |strong="H0559" punish the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5315" who |strong="H0834" hurt you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" tried to |strong="H0559" kill you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834", ' Bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" before us |strong="H7760", and |strong="H0776" we |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" walk on |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" forced you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" before them |strong="H3027", and |strong="H0776" then |strong="H0559" they |strong="H0834" walked on |strong="H0776" your |strong="H7760" back like |strong="H0834" dirt. You |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7760" road for |strong="H0776" them |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0559" walk on |strong="H0776".

#### Israel Will Be Saved

**52** Wake |strong="H5782" up |strong="H5782"! Wake |strong="H5782" up |strong="H5782"! Zion |strong="H6726", clothe |strong="H3847" yourself |strong="H5782" with |strong="H3847" strength |strong="H5797".

Holy |strong="H6944" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", stand |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5782" and |strong="H0935" put |strong="H3847" on |strong="H3847" your |strong="H0935" beautiful |strong="H8597" clothes |strong="H0899"!

Those |strong="H3588" filthy foreigners<sup>I</sup> will |strong="H3389" not |strong="H3808" enter |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" again |strong="H5750".

<sup>2</sup> Jerusalem |strong="H3389", get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965"

<sup>I</sup> FILTHY FOREIGNERS Or "unclean men that have not been circumcised."

shake|strong="H5287" off|strong="H5287"  
 the|strong="H6965" dust|strong="H6083"  
 Daughter|strong="H1323" Zion|strong="H6726",<sup>1</sup>  
 you|strong="H6965" were|strong="H1323"  
 a|strong="H3389" prisoner,  
 but take|strong="H6965" the|strong="H6965"  
 chains|strong="H4147" off|strong="H5287"  
 your|strong="H6965" neck|strong="H6677".  
<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 says|strong="H0559",  
 "You|strong="H3588" were not|strong="H3808"  
 sold|strong="H4376" for|strong="H3588" mon-  
 ey|strong="H3701".

So|strong="H3541" I|strong="H3588"  
 will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" use mon-  
 ey|strong="H3701" to|strong="H0559" set  
 you|strong="H3588" free|strong="H2600"."

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136"  
 GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559", "  
 First|strong="H7223", my|strong="H3588" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" went|strong="H3381"  
 down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0559"  
 Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H4714" became  
 slaves. Then|strong="H0559" Assyria|strong="H0804"  
 made them|strong="H3381" slaves.<sup>5</sup>  
 Now|strong="H6258" look what|strong="H4100"  
 has|strong="H3068" happened. Another na-  
 tion|strong="H5971" has|strong="H3068" tak-  
 en|strong="H3947" my|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971", " says|strong="H5002"  
 the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". "  
 That|strong="H3588" country did|strong="H4100"  
 not|strong="H3588" pay|strong="H2600"  
 to|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3947"  
 my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971",  
 but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588"  
 rule|strong="H4910" over|strong="H4910"  
 them|strong="H3947" and|strong="H3068" laugh  
 at|strong="H3068" them|strong="H3947",  
 and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3588" say bad  
 things|strong="H3605" about|strong="H3605"  
 me|strong="H3947" all|strong="H3605"  
 the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117"."  
 The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
 one|strong="H3605" saying these|strong="H3605"  
 things|strong="H3605".

<sup>6</sup> "This|strong="H3651" happened  
 so|strong="H3651" that|strong="H3588"  
 my|strong="H3045" people|strong="H5971"  
 will|strong="H0589" learn|strong="H3045"  
 about|strong="H3045" me|strong="H0589".  
 My|strong="H3045" people|strong="H5971"  
 will|strong="H0589" know|strong="H3045"  
 who|strong="H1931" I|strong="H0589"  
 am|strong="H0589". My|strong="H3045" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0589"

<sup>1</sup> DAUGHTER ZION Another name for Jerusalem.

know|strong="H3045" my|strong="H3045"  
 name|strong="H8034", and|strong="H3117"  
 they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0589"  
 know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
 I|strong="H0589" Am|strong="H0589"  
 He|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" speak-  
 ing|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696"  
 them|strong="H3117"."

<sup>7</sup> How|strong="H4100" wonderful  
 it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H4100"  
 to|strong="H0559" see someone coming  
 over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559"  
 hills|strong="H2022" to|strong="H0559"  
 tell|strong="H0559" good|strong="H2896"  
 news|strong="H1319". How|strong="H4100" wonder-  
 ful to|strong="H0559" hear|strong="H8085"  
 him|strong="H5921" announce|strong="H8085", "  
 There|strong="H7965" is|strong="H4100"  
 peace|strong="H7965"! We|strong="H8085"  
 have|strong="H7965" been|strong="H4427" saved!"  
 and|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0559"  
 hear|strong="H8085" him|strong="H5921"  
 say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
 Zion|strong="H6726", " Your|strong="H5921"  
 God|strong="H0430" is|strong="H4100"  
 the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4427"!"

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3588" city guards<sup>III</sup>  
 are|strong="H5869" shouting|strong="H6963".  
 They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5869"  
 all|strong="H3162" rejoicing togeth-  
 er|strong="H3162".

They|strong="H3588" can|strong="H7200"  
 all|strong="H3162" see|strong="H7200"  
 the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" return-  
 ing|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725"  
 Zion|strong="H6726".

<sup>9</sup> Ruins|strong="H2723" of|strong="H3068"  
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389", be|strong="H3068" happy  
 again!

Rejoice|strong="H7442" because|strong="H3588"  
 the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 comforted|strong="H5162" his|strong="H3068"  
 people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H3068" set  
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389" free.

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 showed|strong="H7200" his|strong="H3605"  
 holy|strong="H6944" strength|strong="H2220"  
 to|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605"  
 the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471".

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" faraway  
 countries|strong="H0776" saw|strong="H7200" how  
 God|strong="H0430" saved his|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H1471".

II I AM HE This is like YAHWEH, the Hebrew name for God. It shows that God lives forever, and that he is always with his people. See Exodus 3:13-17. III GUARDS Men who stand on the city walls and watch for messengers or trouble coming to the city. Here, this probably means the prophets.

11 So *leave* Babylon!

*Leave that place*

*Priests, you carry the things that belong to the LORD*

*So make yourselves pure*

*Don't touch anything is pure*

12 You *will leave*

*but they will not force you to leave in a hurry.*

*You will not be forced to run away*

*The LORD will be in front of you*

*The LORD God of Israel will be behind you*

#### God's Suffering Servant

13 The Lord says, "Look, my servant will succeed in what he has done, and he will be raised to a high position of honor. It is *is* true that many were shocked they saw him. He was beaten so badly that he no longer looked like a man. But *it*

I THE LORD ... BEHIND YOU This shows that God will protect his people. Compare Exodus 14:19, 20.

*also true* many will be amazed at him. Kings will look at him and be unable to speak. They will see what they had never been told. They will understand what they never heard.

53 Who really believed what we heard in the LORD'S great power?

2 He was always close to the Lord. He grew up like a young plant, like a root growing in dry ground. There was nothing special or impressive about the way he looked, nothing we could see that would cause us like him. 3 People made fun of him, and his friends left him. He was a man who suffered a lot of pain and sickness. We treated him like someone of

II THEY WILL SEE ... HEARD Or "Those who were not told the message saw what happened. Those who did not hear understood."

III WHO ... POWER Or "Upon whom was the arm of the Lord revealed?" This could mean, "Who received the punishment from the Lord?"

no|strong="H3808" importance, like|strong="H3808" someone|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" look at|strong="H3808" but|strong="H3808" turn away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" in|strong="H0376" disgust.

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H5221" fact is|strong="H1931", it|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" our|strong="H0430" suffering he|strong="H1931" took|strong="H5375" on|strong="H0430" himself|strong="H1931"; he|strong="H1931" bore|strong="H5375" our|strong="H0430" pain|strong="H4341". But|strong="H0403" we|strong="H0587" thought|strong="H2803" that|strong="H1931" God|strong="H0430" was|strong="H1931" punishing him|strong="H5221", that|strong="H1931" God|strong="H0430" was|strong="H1931" beating|strong="H5221" him|strong="H5221" for|strong="H0430" something he|strong="H1931" did. <sup>5</sup> But|strong="H5921" he|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" being punished for|strong="H5921" what|strong="H5921" we did. He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" crushed|strong="H1792" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H5921" our|strong="H5921" guilt|strong="H5771". He|strong="H1931" took the|strong="H5921" punishment|strong="H5771" we deserved, and|strong="H7965" this|strong="H1931" brought us|strong="H5921" peace|strong="H7965". We were|strong="H5921" healed|strong="H7495" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" pain. <sup>6</sup> We|strong="H3605" had|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" wandered|strong="H8582" away|strong="H6437" like|strong="H1870" sheep|strong="H6629". We|strong="H3605" had|strong="H3068" gone|strong="H8582" our|strong="H3068" own|strong="H0376" way|strong="H1870". And|strong="H3068" yet|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" put all|strong="H3605" our|strong="H3068" guilt|strong="H5771" on|strong="H1870" him|strong="H0853".

<sup>7</sup> He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" treated badly, but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H1931" never|strong="H3808" protested. He|strong="H1931" said|strong="H6310" nothing|strong="H3808", like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" lamb|strong="H7716" being led|strong="H2986" away to|strong="H6440" be|strong="H3808" killed. He|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931" like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" sheep|strong="H7716" that|strong="H1931" makes|strong="H6440" no|strong="H3808" sound|strong="H6310" as|strong="H6440" its|strong="H3808" wool is|strong="H1931" being cut|strong="H1494" off|strong="H1494". He|strong="H1931" never|strong="H3808"

opened|strong="H6605" his|strong="H6440" mouth|strong="H6310" to|strong="H6440" defend himself|strong="H1931". <sup>8</sup> He|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0776" taken|strong="H3947" away|strong="H3947" by|strong="H0776" force and|strong="H0776" judged|strong="H4941" unfairly. The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0776" his|strong="H3947" time|strong="H1755" did not|strong="H3588" even|strong="H3588" notice that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0776" killed. <sup>I</sup> But|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" was|strong="H0776" put|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0776" death <sup>II</sup> for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" sins of|strong="H0776" his|strong="H3947" <sup>III</sup> people|strong="H5971". <sup>9</sup> He|strong="H6213" had|strong="H5414" done|strong="H6213" no|strong="H3808" wrong|strong="H2555" to|strong="H5921" anyone. He|strong="H6213" had|strong="H5414" never|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" told|strong="H6213" a|strong="H5414" lie. But|strong="H3808" he|strong="H6213" was|strong="H5414" buried|strong="H6213" among|strong="H0854" the|strong="H5921" wicked|strong="H7563". His|strong="H5414" tomb|strong="H6913" was|strong="H5414" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H5921" rich|strong="H6223".

<sup>10</sup> But|strong="H0518" the|strong="H7200" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068" pleased|strong="H2654" with|strong="H3068" this|strong="H3068" humble servant who|strong="H3068" suffered|strong="H7200" such|strong="H5315" pain. <sup>IV</sup> Even|strong="H0518" after|strong="H3117" giving himself|strong="H5315" as|strong="H5315" an|strong="H7760" offering|strong="H0817" for|strong="H3027" sin|strong="H0817", he|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" his|strong="H3068" descendants|strong="H2233" and|strong="H3068" enjoy|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7760" long|strong="H3117" life|strong="H5315". He|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" succeed|strong="H6743" in|strong="H3068" doing|strong="H3027" what|strong="H2233" the|strong="H7200" LORD|strong="H3068" wanted|strong="H2654". <sup>11</sup> After|strong="H5315" his|strong="H7200" suffering he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H5650" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" light, <sup>V</sup>

<sup>I</sup> THE PEOPLE ... KILLED Or "There is no story about his descendants, because he was taken from the land of the living." <sup>II</sup> PUT TO DEATH Or "punished." <sup>III</sup> HIS This is the reading in a Hebrew copy among the Dead Sea Scrolls. The standard Hebrew text has "my." <sup>IV</sup> BUT THE LORD ... SUCH PAIN Or "The LORD decided to crush him. He decided that he must suffer." <sup>V</sup> THE LIGHT This is found in some Hebrew scrolls from Qumran and the ancient Greek version. Light is often used as a symbol for life.

and he will be satisfied with what he experienced.

The Lord says, "My servant, who always does what is right, will make his people with me; he will take his sins away from them. For this reason, I will treat him as one of my great people." I will give him the rewards of who wins in battle, and he will share them with his powerful ones. I will do this because he gave his life for the people. He was considered a criminal, but the truth is, he carried away his sins. Now he will stand before me and speak for those who have sinned."

### God Brings His People Home

**54** "Woman, be happy! You have not any children, but you should be very happy.

"Yes, the woman is alone<sup>I</sup>

will have more than the woman a husband."

This is what the LORD says.

<sup>2</sup> "Make your tent bigger.

Open your doors wide.

Don't think small!

Make your tent and strong,

<sup>3</sup> because you will grow in all directions.

Your children will over and in cities

were destroyed.

<sup>4</sup> Don't be afraid!

You will not be disappointed.

People will not say bad things against you.

You will not be embarrassed.

When you were young, you felt shame.

But you will not forget that shame now.

You will not remember the shame you felt

when you lost your husband.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> THE WOMAN ... ALONE This Hebrew word is like the word "destroyed." This probably means "Jerusalem, the city that is destroyed."

<sup>II</sup> HUSBAND In Hebrew this word is like the name Baal. This means that the LORD is Jerusalem's true God, not the false god Baal.

<sup>5</sup> Your *band* is *the one who you*

His *name* is *the LORD* All-Powerful.

The *Holy One* of *Israel* your *Protector*,

and *he* is *the God* of *all earth*

<sup>6</sup> Like *a woman* whose husband has *left her*,

you *were* very sad.

You *were* like *a young wife* left *all alone*.

But *the LORD* has *called* you *back* to *him*.

This *is* *what* *your God* says.

<sup>7</sup> For *a short time* I *turned away from* you,

but *with all* my *love* I *will* *welcome* you *again*.

<sup>8</sup> I *was* so *angry* that *for* *a while* I *did not want to* see you.

But *now* I *want* to *comfort* you *with* *kindness* *forever*.

The *LORD* your *Savior* said *this*.

<sup>9</sup> Remember, *in* *Noah's* *time* I *punished* *the*

*world* *with* *the* *flood*.

But *I* *made* *a promise* *to* *Noah* *that* *I* *would* *never* *again* *destroy* *the* *world* *with* *water*.

*In* *the* *same* *way*, *I* *promise* *that* *I* *will* *never* *again* *be* *angry* *with* *you* *and* *say* *bad* *things* *to* *you*.

<sup>10</sup> The *mountains* *may* *disappear*, *and* *the* *hills* *may* *become* *dust*,

but *my* *faithful* *love* *will* *never* *leave* *you*.

I *will* *make* *peace* *with* *you*, *and* *it* *will* *never* *end*.

The *LORD* *who* *loves* *you* *said* *this*.

<sup>11</sup> You *poor* *city!* *Enemies* *came* *against* *you* *like* *storms*,

*and* *no* *one* *comforted* *you*.

But *I* *will* *rebuild* *you*.

I *will* *use* *a beautiful* *mortar* *to* *lay* *the* *stones* *of* *your* *walls*.

I *will* *use* *sapphire* *stones* *when* *I* *lay* *the* *foundation*.

<sup>12</sup> The *stones* *on* *top* *of* *the* *wall*

<sup>1</sup> PROTECTOR Or "Redeemer," someone who cared for and protected the family of a dead relative. Often this person bought back (redeemed) the poor relatives from slavery, making them free again.



will|strong="H8121" be|strong="H3605" made|strong="H7760" from|strong="H1366" rubies|strong="H3539".

I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H8121" use shiny jewels for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" gates|strong="H8179".

I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H8121" use precious|strong="H2656" stones|strong="H0068" to|strong="H8179" build the|strong="H3605" walls around you|strong="H3605".

<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H3068", the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", will|strong="H3068" teach your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H1121",

and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H1121" real peace|strong="H7965".

<sup>14</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" built on|strong="H0413" goodness.

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" safe from|strong="H0413" cruelty and|strong="H6666" fear|strong="H3372".

So|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3588" nothing|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" fear|strong="H3372".

Nothing|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" come|strong="H7126" to|strong="H0413" hurt you|strong="H3588".

<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H4310" never send anyone|strong="H5307" to|strong="H5921" attack you|strong="H5921".

And|strong="H0853" if|strong="H2005" any army tries|strong="H0854" to|strong="H5921" attack you|strong="H5921", you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4310" defeat them|strong="H0853".

<sup>16</sup> "Look|strong="H2005", I|strong="H0595" made|strong="H4639" the|strong="H3318" blacksmith|strong="H2796". He|strong="H3318" blows|strong="H5301" on|strong="H3627" the|strong="H3318" fire|strong="H0784" to|strong="H3318" make|strong="H1254" it|strong="H5301" hotter. Then|strong="H3318" he|strong="H3318" takes the|strong="H3318" hot iron and|strong="H3318" makes the|strong="H3318" kind of|strong="H3627" tool|strong="H3627" he|strong="H3318" wants to|strong="H3318" make|strong="H1254". In|strong="H0784" the|strong="H3318" same way, I|strong="H0595" made|strong="H4639" the|strong="H3318" 'Destroyer' to|strong="H3318" destroy|strong="H7843" things|strong="H4639".

<sup>17</sup> "People|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6965" weapons|strong="H3627" to|strong="H5921" fight against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605", but|strong="H3808" their|strong="H3605" weapons|strong="H3627" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" defeat

you|strong="H3605". Some|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" say things|strong="H3605" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605", but|strong="H3808" anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" speaks|strong="H5002" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" proved wrong."

The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", "That|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H4941" my|strong="H3605" servants|strong="H5650" get|strong="H6965"! They|strong="H5921" get|strong="H6965" the|strong="H3605" good|strong="H6965" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" come|strong="H6965" from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921", their|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

### God Gives "Food" That Really Satisfies

**55** "All|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" thirsty|strong="H6771", come!

Here is|strong="H0369" water|strong="H4325" for|strong="H4325" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0369" drink.

Don't|strong="H3808" worry if|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" no|strong="H3808" money|strong="H3701".

Come, eat|strong="H0398" and|strong="H3701" drink until you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" full|strong="H3605"!

You|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" need money|strong="H3701".

The|strong="H3605" milk|strong="H2461" and|strong="H3701" wine|strong="H3196" are|strong="H0834" free.

<sup>2</sup> Why|strong="H4100" waste your|strong="H8085" money|strong="H3701" on|strong="H0413" something|strong="H3899" that|strong="H8085" is|strong="H4100" not|strong="H3808" real food|strong="H3899"?

Why|strong="H4100" should|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3808" work for|strong="H0413" something|strong="H3899" that|strong="H8085" does|strong="H4100" not|strong="H3808" really satisfy|strong="H7654" you|strong="H3808"?

Listen|strong="H8085" closely|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3701" you|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" what|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" good|strong="H2896".

You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" enjoy|strong="H6026" the|strong="H0413"

food|strong="H3899" that|strong="H8085" satisfies your|strong="H8085" soul|strong="H5315".

<sup>3</sup> Listen|strong="H8085" closely|strong="H0241" to|strong="H0413" what I|strong="H5315" say.

Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" so|strong="H8085" that|strong="H8085" you|strong="H3772" will|strong="H5315" live|strong="H2421".

I|strong="H5315" will|strong="H5315" make|strong="H3772" an|strong="H3772" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3772" that|strong="H8085" will|strong="H5315" last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".

It|strong="H5186" will|strong="H5315" be|strong="H5315" an|strong="H3772" agreement|strong="H1285" you|strong="H3772" can trust|strong="H0539", like|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0413" one|strong="H8085" I|strong="H5315" made|strong="H3772" with|strong="H0413" David|strong="H1732"— a|strong="H3772" promise|strong="H1285" to|strong="H0413" love|strong="H2617" him|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1732" be|strong="H5315" loyal|strong="H2617" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>4</sup> I|strong="H2005" made|strong="H5414" David a|strong="H5414" witness|strong="H5707" of|strong="H5057" my|strong="H5414" power for|strong="H5414" all nations|strong="H3816".

I|strong="H2005" promised|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" that|strong="H2005" he|strong="H5414" would become a|strong="H5414" ruler|strong="H5057" and|strong="H5057" commander|strong="H5057" of|strong="H5057" many nations|strong="H3816".

<sup>5</sup> There|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3478" nations|strong="H1471" in|strong="H0413" places you|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045",

but|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" for|strong="H3588" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" come.

They|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" you|strong="H3588",

but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" run|strong="H7323" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588".

This|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" happen because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068", your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", wants it|strong="H7121".

It|strong="H7121" will|strong="H3068" happen because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" Holy|strong="H6918" One|strong="H6918"

of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" honors you|strong="H3588".

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H1961" you|strong="H4672" should|strong="H3068" look for|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"

before it|strong="H7121" is|strong="H3068" too late.

You|strong="H4672" should|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" to|strong="H1961" him|strong="H7121" now|strong="H1961", while|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" near|strong="H7138".

<sup>7</sup> Evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H0376" should|strong="H0376" stop living|strong="H0376" evil|strong="H7563" lives.

They|strong="H3588" should|strong="H0376" stop thinking bad thoughts|strong="H4284".

They|strong="H3588" should|strong="H0376" come|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" again|strong="H7725",

and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" comfort them|strong="H0413".

They|strong="H3588" should|strong="H0376" come|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"

because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" freely forgive|strong="H5545" them|strong="H0413".

#### People|strong="H0376" Cannot Understand God|strong="H0430"

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", " My|strong="H3068" thoughts|strong="H4284" are|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" yours.

Your|strong="H3068" ways|strong="H1870" are|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" mine.

<sup>9</sup> Just as|strong="H3651" the|strong="H3588" heavens|strong="H8064" are|strong="H8064" higher|strong="H1361" than|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" earth|strong="H0776",

so|strong="H3651" my|strong="H3588" ways|strong="H1870" are|strong="H8064" higher|strong="H1361" than|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" ways|strong="H1870",

and|strong="H0776" my|strong="H3588" thoughts|strong="H4284" are|strong="H8064" higher|strong="H1361" than|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" thoughts|strong="H4284".

<sup>10</sup> " Rain|strong="H1653" and|strong="H0776" snow|strong="H7950" fall|strong="H3381" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" sky|strong="H8064"

and|strong="H0776" don't|strong="H3808" return|strong="H7725" until|strong="H7301"

they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" watered the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776".

Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" causes|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" plants to|strong="H7725" sprout|strong="H6779" and|strong="H0776" grow|strong="H6779",

and|strong="H0776" they|strong="H0834" produce|strong="H5414" seeds|strong="H2233" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" farmer and|strong="H0776" food|strong="H3899" for|strong="H3588" people|strong="H0834" to|strong="H7725" eat|strong="H0398".

<sup>11</sup> In|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H3651" way|strong="H1697", my|strong="H7971" words|strong="H1697" leave|strong="H3318" my|strong="H7971" mouth|strong="H6310",

and|strong="H7725" they|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" come|strong="H1961" back|strong="H7725" without|strong="H3808" results.

My|strong="H7971" words|strong="H1697" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H1697" happen|strong="H1961" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" want|strong="H2654" to|strong="H0413" happen|strong="H1961".

They|strong="H0834" succeed|strong="H6743" in|strong="H0413" doing|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" send|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213".

<sup>12</sup> " So|strong="H3318" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7704" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" there|strong="H7965" with|strong="H3605" joy|strong="H8057".

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7704" be|strong="H3605" led|strong="H2986" out|strong="H3318" in|strong="H6440" peace|strong="H7965".

When|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" come|strong="H3318" to|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" mountains|strong="H2022" and|strong="H6086" hills|strong="H1389", they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7704" begin singing|strong="H7440".

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086" in|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" fields|strong="H7704" will|strong="H7704" clap|strong="H4222" their|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3709".

<sup>13</sup> Large cypress|strong="H1265" trees|strong="H1265" will|strong="H3068" grow|strong="H5927" where|strong="H8478" there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" thorn-bushes.

Myrtle|strong="H1918" trees|strong="H1265" will|strong="H3068" grow|strong="H5927" where|strong="H8478" there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" weeds.

All|strong="H5769" this|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" happen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" make|strong="H3772" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" known|strong="H3808",

to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" permanent|strong="H5769" reminder|strong="H0226" of|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" goodness and|strong="H3068" power."

### All Nations Will Follow the Lord

**56** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" these

things|strong="H1540", " Be|strong="H3068" fair to|strong="H0559" all people. Do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" right|strong="H4941", because|strong="H3588" soon|strong="H7138" my|strong="H8104" salvation|strong="H3444" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3588". My|strong="H8104" goodness will|strong="H3068" soon|strong="H7138" be|strong="H3068" shown|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" whole world.

<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H1121" will|strong="H0120" bless those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" refuse to|strong="H8104" do|strong="H6213" wrong|strong="H7451" and|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" law about|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Sabbath|strong="H7676".

<sup>3</sup> Some|strong="H5971" foreigners|strong="H5236" will|strong="H3068" choose to|strong="H0413" follow|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H5921" should|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0408" say|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0408" really|strong="H0559" accept me|strong="H0413" like|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" rest of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971". " A|strong="H5921" eunuch|strong="H5631" should|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0408" say|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" only a|strong="H5921" dry|strong="H3002" piece of|strong="H1121" wood|strong="H6086". I|strong="H0589" cannot have|strong="H1121" any children|strong="H1121". "

<sup>4</sup> They|strong="H0834" should|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3588" say|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"

says|strong="H0559", "Some eu-  
nuchs|strong="H5631" obey|strong="H8104"  
the|strong="H0853" laws about|strong="H3541"  
the|strong="H0853" Sabbath|strong="H7676".  
They|strong="H0834" choose|strong="H0977"  
to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H8104"  
what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834"  
want|strong="H2654", and|strong="H3068"  
they|strong="H0834" follow|strong="H3068"  
my|strong="H8104" agreement|strong="H1285".<sup>15</sup>  
So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" put|strong="H5414"  
a|strong="H3772" memorial|strong="H3027"  
stone|strong="H0834" in|strong="H1004"  
my|strong="H5414" Temple|strong="H1004"  
for|strong="H3027" them|strong="H5414".  
Their|strong="H5414" name|strong="H8034"  
will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3808" remembered  
in|strong="H1004" my|strong="H5414" city! Yes,  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
give|strong="H5414" those|strong="H0834" eunuchs  
something better|strong="H2896"  
than|strong="H3808" sons|strong="H1121"  
and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323".  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414"  
a|strong="H3772" name|strong="H8034"  
that|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
last|strong="H5769" forever|strong="H5769".  
They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808"  
cut|strong="H3772" off|strong="H3772"<sup>II</sup>  
from|strong="H3772" my|strong="H5414" peo-  
ple|strong="H1121"."

<sup>6</sup> "Some|strong="H3605" foreign-  
ers|strong="H5236" have|strong="H1961" chosen  
to|strong="H1961" follow|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".  
They|strong="H5921" do|strong="H8104"  
this|strong="H3068" so|strong="H1961"  
that|strong="H3605" they|strong="H5921"  
can|strong="H5650" serve|strong="H8334"  
him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H1121"  
love|strong="H0157" his|strong="H3605"  
name|strong="H8034" and|strong="H1121"  
be|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3605" ser-  
vants|strong="H5650". They|strong="H5921"  
keep|strong="H8104" the|strong="H3605" Sab-  
bath|strong="H7676" as|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" special day of|strong="H1121" wor-  
ship, and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H3068" continue|strong="H1961"  
to|strong="H1961" follow|strong="H1961" closely

I AGREEMENT This usually means the agreement God made with Israel through Moses. (See "agreement" in the Word List.) Here, it might mean the agreement of Isaiah 55:3. II CUT OFF To be removed from the list of the people of Israel. This included a person's being forced to leave family, land, and the people of Israel.

my|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285".<sup>7</sup>  
So|strong="H7121" I|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H1004" bring|strong="H0935"  
them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
my|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" moun-  
tain|strong="H2022" and|strong="H0935"  
make|strong="H8055" them|strong="H0413" hap-  
py|strong="H8055" in|strong="H5921"  
my|strong="H3605" house|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1004" prayer|strong="H8605".  
The|strong="H3605" offerings|strong="H5930"  
and|strong="H0935" sacrifices|strong="H2077"  
they|strong="H3588" give|strong="H8055"  
me|strong="H0413" will|strong="H1004"  
please|strong="H7522" me|strong="H0413", be-  
cause|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3605" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1004"  
be|strong="H1004" called|strong="H7121"  
a|strong="H3588" house|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1004" prayer|strong="H8605"  
for|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" na-  
tions|strong="H5971".<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H5002"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said  
these things|strong="H3478".

The|strong="H5002" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
were|strong="H3478" forced to|strong="H5921" leave  
their|strong="H5921" country, but|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136"  
will|strong="H3478" gather|strong="H6908"  
them|strong="H5921" together|strong="H6908"  
again|strong="H5750". He|strong="H5921"  
says|strong="H5002", " I|strong="H3478"  
will|strong="H3478" bring them|strong="H5921"  
back|strong="H5750" together|strong="H6908"  
again|strong="H5750"."

<sup>9</sup> Wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H2416"  
in|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" for-  
est|strong="H3293",  
come|strong="H0857" and|strong="H0398"  
eat|strong="H0398".

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H3605" watch-  
men|strong="H6822"<sup>III</sup> are|strong="H3045"  
all|strong="H3605" blind|strong="H5787".

They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808"  
know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H3045"  
they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3045" doing.

They|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3045"  
like|strong="H3808" dogs|strong="H3611"  
that|strong="H3045" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" bark|strong="H5024".

They|strong="H3808" lie|strong="H7901"  
on|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" ground  
and|strong="H3045" sleep|strong="H7901".

Oh, they|strong="H3808" love|strong="H0157"  
to|strong="H3201" sleep|strong="H7901".

III THE WATCHMEN Literally, "The seers," an ancient title for prophets.

11 They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" like|strong="H3808" hungry dogs|strong="H3611".

They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" never|strong="H3808" satisfied|strong="H7654".

The|strong="H3605" shepherds|strong="H7462" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H7654" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" doing|strong="H1870".

Like|strong="H3808" their|strong="H3605" sheep, they|strong="H1992" have|strong="H3045" all|strong="H3605" wandered away|strong="H6437".

They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" greedy.

All|strong="H3605" they|strong="H1992" want|strong="H5315" is|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0376" satisfy|strong="H7654" themselves|strong="H5315".

12 They|strong="H3117" come|strong="H1961" and|strong="H3117" say,

"I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" drink|strong="H7941" some|strong="H3117" wine|strong="H3196".

I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" drink|strong="H7941" some|strong="H3117" beer|strong="H7941".

I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" do|strong="H2088" the|strong="H3947" same|strong="H2088" thing|strong="H2088" tomorrow|strong="H4279",

but|strong="H1961" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" drink|strong="H7941" even more|strong="H3966"."

#### Israel Does Not Follow God

57 All|strong="H0622" the|strong="H6440" good people|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" gone|strong="H0369",

and|strong="H0376" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0376" even|strong="H3588" noticed.

The|strong="H6440" loyal|strong="H2617" followers were|strong="H0376" gathered|strong="H0622" up|strong="H5921",

but|strong="H3588" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0376" knows why|strong="H3588".

The|strong="H6440" reason|strong="H5921" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0376" gathered|strong="H0622" up|strong="H5921"

is|strong="H0369" that|strong="H3588" trouble|strong="H7451" is|strong="H0369" coming.

2 But|strong="H0935" peace|strong="H7965" will|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" too|strong="H5921",

and|strong="H1980" those|strong="H5921" who|strong="H7965" trust him|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0935" get|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0935" rest|strong="H5117" in|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" own beds|strong="H4904".

3 "Come|strong="H7126" here|strong="H2008", you|strong="H0859" children|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" witches.

Your|strong="H0859" father committed|strong="H5003" adultery|strong="H5003", and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H0859" mother was|strong="H1121" unfaithful|strong="H2181".

4 You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H6588" children|strong="H3206" out|strong="H5921" of|strong="H5921" control, full of|strong="H5921" lies|strong="H8267".

You|strong="H0859" make|strong="H7337" fun of|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

You|strong="H0859" make|strong="H7337" faces and|strong="H6310" stick|strong="H0748" out|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" tongue|strong="H3956" at|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".<sup>I</sup>

5 All|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" want is|strong="H3605" to|strong="H3605" worship false gods|strong="H0410"

under|strong="H8478" every|strong="H3605" green|strong="H7488" tree|strong="H6086".

You|strong="H3605" kill|strong="H7819" children|strong="H3206" by|strong="H3605" every|strong="H3605" stream|strong="H5158"

and|strong="H6086" sacrifice them|strong="H8478" in|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" rocky|strong="H5553" places|strong="H8478".

6 You|strong="H5921" love to|strong="H5921" worship the|strong="H5921" smooth rocks in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" rivers.

You|strong="H5921" pour|strong="H8210" wine on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992" to|strong="H5921" worship them|strong="H1992".

You|strong="H5921" give|strong="H5162" sacrifices|strong="H4503" to|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992", but|strong="H1992" those|strong="H0428" rocks are|strong="H1992" all|strong="H5927" you|strong="H5921" get|strong="H5927".

Do you|strong="H5921" think|strong="H5162" this|strong="H0428" makes me|strong="H5921" happy?

7 You|strong="H5921" make|strong="H7760" your|strong="H5921" bed|strong="H4904" on|strong="H5921" every|strong="H2077" hill|strong="H2022"

and|strong="H8033" high|strong="H1364" mountain|strong="H2022".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> MAKE FACES ... TONGUE This probably refers to the god Bel, which is usually shown making a face and sticking out his tongue.

<sup>II</sup> EVERY HILL AND HIGH MOUNTAIN The people worshiped false gods in these places. The people thought these false gods would give them good crops and more children.

You |strong="H5921" go |strong="H5927"  
up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921"  
those |strong="H5921" places  
and |strong="H8033" offer |strong="H5927" sacri-  
fices |strong="H2077".

<sup>8</sup> You |strong="H3588" hide the |strong="H3588"  
things |strong="H1540" that |strong="H3588" help  
you |strong="H3588" remember me |strong="H7760"  
behind |strong="H0310" the |strong="H3588"  
doors |strong="H1817" and |strong="H3027" door-  
frames. <sup>I</sup>

You |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1992"  
with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H7760";  
but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
got |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927"  
to |strong="H3027" go |strong="H5927"  
to |strong="H3027" them |strong="H1992".

You |strong="H3588" spread out |strong="H3027"  
your |strong="H7760" bed |strong="H4904"  
and |strong="H3027" gave |strong="H7760" your-  
self |strong="H0854" to |strong="H3027"  
them |strong="H1992". <sup>II</sup>

You |strong="H3588" love |strong="H0157"  
their |strong="H1992" beds |strong="H4904"  
and |strong="H3027" enjoy looking  
at |strong="H4904" their |strong="H1992" naked bod-  
ies. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H7971" use |strong="H7971"  
your |strong="H7971" oils |strong="H8081"  
and |strong="H4428" perfumes |strong="H7547"  
to |strong="H5704" look nice for |strong="H7971"  
Molech.

You |strong="H7971" sent |strong="H7971"  
your |strong="H7971" messengers |strong="H6735"  
to |strong="H5704" faraway lands,  
and |strong="H4428" this will |strong="H4428"  
bring |strong="H8213" you |strong="H7971"  
down |strong="H8213" to |strong="H5704"  
the |strong="H5704" place of |strong="H4428"  
death |strong="H7585". <sup>IV</sup>

<sup>10</sup> All |strong="H7230" of |strong="H3027"  
them |strong="H5921" made you |strong="H5921"  
tired |strong="H3021",  
but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921" nev-  
er |strong="H3808" gave |strong="H0559"  
up |strong="H5921".

You |strong="H5921" found |strong="H4672" new  
strength |strong="H3027",  
because |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" en-  
joyed them |strong="H5921".

<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" remember |strong="H2142"  
me |strong="H5921".

<sup>I</sup> DOORFRAMES The Israelites were supposed to put special things on their doorframes to help them remember God. See Deuteronomy 6:9. <sup>II</sup> GAVE YOURSELF TO THEM Or "And made agreements with them." <sup>III</sup> NAKED BODIES This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word also means "memorial," as in Isaiah 56:5. <sup>IV</sup> THIS WILL ... DEATH Or "You even send them down to Sheol."

You |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3588" notice  
me |strong="H5921"!

So |strong="H3808" who |strong="H4310"  
were |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588" worrying  
about |strong="H5921"?

Who |strong="H4310" were |strong="H5921"  
you |strong="H3588" afraid |strong="H3372"  
of |strong="H5921"?

Why |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808"  
you |strong="H3588" lie |strong="H3576"?

Look, I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0589"  
been |strong="H5769" quiet for |strong="H3588"  
a |strong="H3588" long |strong="H5769"  
time |strong="H5769".

Is |strong="H4310" that |strong="H3588"  
why |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
didn't |strong="H3808" honor me |strong="H5921"?

<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H0589" could tell |strong="H5046"  
about your |strong="H5046" 'good |strong="H3276"  
works' and |strong="H0853" all the |strong="H0853"  
'religious' things |strong="H4639" you |strong="H5046"  
do |strong="H4639",

but |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808"  
help |strong="H3276" you |strong="H5046".

<sup>13</sup> When |strong="H0776" you |strong="H3605" need  
help,

you |strong="H3605" cry |strong="H2199"  
to |strong="H0776" those |strong="H3605" false gods  
that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605"  
have |strong="H0776" gathered around  
you |strong="H3605".

Let them |strong="H0853" help  
you |strong="H3605"!

But |strong="H3947" I |strong="H0776"  
tell |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605",  
the |strong="H3605" wind |strong="H7307"  
will |strong="H0776" blow them |strong="H0853"  
all |strong="H3605" away |strong="H5375".

A |strong="H3947" puff of |strong="H0776"  
wind |strong="H7307" will |strong="H0776" blow  
them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605"  
away |strong="H5375".

But |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605"  
one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" de-  
pends |strong="H5375" on |strong="H0776"  
me |strong="H3947"

will |strong="H0776" get |strong="H3947"  
the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776"  
I |strong="H0776" promised

and |strong="H0776" enjoy my |strong="H3605"  
holy |strong="H6944" mountain |strong="H2022". <sup>V</sup>

<sup>V</sup> HOLY MOUNTAIN Mount Zion, one of the mountains Jerusalem was built on.

The |strong="H3605" Lord Will |strong="H0776"  
Save |strong="H5337" His |strong="H3605" Peo-  
ple |strong="H2199"

14 Clear |strong="H6437" the |strong="H0559"  
road |strong="H1870"! Clear |strong="H6437"  
the |strong="H0559" road |strong="H1870"!

Make |strong="H7311" the |strong="H0559"  
way |strong="H1870" clear |strong="H6437"  
for |strong="H6437" my |strong="H7311" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971"!

15 God |strong="H0559" is |strong="H3820"  
high |strong="H4791" and |strong="H3820" lift-  
ed |strong="H5375" up |strong="H5375".

He |strong="H3588" lives |strong="H7931" forev-  
er |strong="H5703".

His |strong="H5375" name |strong="H8034"  
is |strong="H3820" holy |strong="H6918".

He |strong="H3588" says |strong="H0559", "  
I |strong="H3588" live |strong="H2421"  
in |strong="H7931" a |strong="H3588"  
high |strong="H4791" and |strong="H3820"  
holy |strong="H6918" place,

but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" al-  
so |strong="H3541" live |strong="H2421"  
with |strong="H0854" people |strong="H3820"  
who |strong="H0559" are |strong="H8034" hum-  
ble |strong="H8217" and |strong="H3820" sorry  
for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H5375" sins.

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H7307"  
give |strong="H5375" new life |strong="H2421"  
to |strong="H0559" those |strong="H3588"  
who |strong="H0559" are |strong="H8034" hum-  
ble |strong="H8217" in |strong="H7931" spir-  
it |strong="H7307".

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H7307"  
give |strong="H5375" new life |strong="H2421"  
to |strong="H0559" those |strong="H3588"  
who |strong="H0559" are |strong="H8034" sorry  
for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H5375" sins.

16 I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H7307"  
not |strong="H3808" accuse |strong="H7378"  
my |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3808" forev-  
er |strong="H5769".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H7307"  
not |strong="H3808" always |strong="H5769"  
be |strong="H3808" angry |strong="H7107".

If |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" continued  
to |strong="H6440" show |strong="H6213"  
my |strong="H3588" anger |strong="H6440",

then |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6440" human  
spirit |strong="H7307", the |strong="H6440"  
life |strong="H5397" I |strong="H0589"  
gave |strong="H6213" them |strong="H6440",  
would |strong="H7307" die before |strong="H6440"  
me |strong="H6440".

17 Israel's evil |strong="H5771" greed  
made |strong="H5221" me |strong="H5221" an-  
gry |strong="H7107",

so I |strong="H1870" punished  
them |strong="H5221".

I |strong="H1870" turned away |strong="H7726"  
from |strong="H3820" them |strong="H5221"

because |strong="H5771" I |strong="H1870"  
was |strong="H3820" angry |strong="H7107".

But |strong="H5221" they |strong="H5221" continued  
to |strong="H3820" do |strong="H1870"  
wrong |strong="H5771".

They |strong="H5221" did whatever  
they |strong="H5221" wanted.

18 I |strong="H7200" have |strong="H7200"  
seen |strong="H7200" their |strong="H7200"  
way |strong="H1870" of |strong="H1870" life,  
but |strong="H7200" I |strong="H7200"  
will |strong="H1870" heal |strong="H7495"  
them |strong="H7200".

I |strong="H7200" will |strong="H1870"  
guide |strong="H5148" and |strong="H1870" com-  
fort |strong="H5150" them |strong="H7200"  
and |strong="H1870" those who |strong="H0057"  
mourn |strong="H0057" for |strong="H1870"  
them |strong="H7200".

19 I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H3068" teach  
them |strong="H0559" a |strong="H3068" new  
word |strong="H0559": peace |strong="H7965".

I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H3068" give  
peace |strong="H7965" to |strong="H0559" those  
who |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068"  
near |strong="H7138" and |strong="H3068"  
to |strong="H0559" those who |strong="H3068"  
are |strong="H3068" far |strong="H7350"  
away |strong="H7350".

I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H3068"  
heal |strong="H7495" them |strong="H0559".

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" himself  
said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068".

20 But |strong="H3588" evil |strong="H7563" peo-  
ple |strong="H3808" are |strong="H7563"  
like |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3588" angry  
ocean |strong="H4325".

They |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808"  
be |strong="H3808" quiet |strong="H8252"  
and |strong="H4325" peaceful.

They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H7563" angry,  
and |strong="H4325" like |strong="H3808"  
the |strong="H3588" ocean |strong="H4325",  
they |strong="H3588" stir up |strong="H1644"  
mud |strong="H2916".

21 My |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"  
says |strong="H0559",

" There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369"  
no |strong="H0369" peace |strong="H7965"  
for |strong="H0430" evil |strong="H7563" peo-  
ple |strong="H7563"."

### People Must Be Told to Follow God

**58** Shout *as loud* you *can* and *don't stop*

Shout *like* a trumpet!

Tell the people what they did wrong.

Tell the family of Jacob about their sins.

<sup>2</sup> They still come to worship me, acting as if they want to learn my ways.

They pretend to be a nation that lives right

and obeys the commands of God.

They ask me to judge fairly.

They want their God near.

<sup>3</sup> They say, "We fast show you don't see We starve our bodies to show you honor Why don't you notice us?"

But God says, "You things you yourselves those special days of fasting And you punish

your servants, not your own bodies. <sup>4</sup> You are hungry, but not for food. You are hungry for fighting, not for bread. You are hungry to hit with your evil hands. This is the way to fast if you want your prayers to be heard in heaven! <sup>5</sup> Do I think I want to see people punish their bodies on those days of fasting? Do you think I want people to look sad and their heads like dead plants? Do you think I want people to wear mourning clothes and sit in ashes to show their sadness? That what do your days of fasting? Do you think that is what the LORD wants?

<sup>6</sup> "I will tell the kind of day I want—a day to set people free. I want a day that you take the burdens off others. I want a day when you



set |strong="H7971" troubled people |strong="H3808" free |strong="H2670" and |strong="H7971" you |strong="H3605" take the |strong="H3605" burdens from |strong="H0977" their |strong="H3605" shoulders. <sup>7</sup> I |strong="H3588" want you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0935" share your |strong="H7200" food |strong="H3899" with |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3588" hungry |strong="H7457". I |strong="H3588" want you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0935" find |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3588" poor |strong="H6041" who |strong="H6041" don't |strong="H3808" have |strong="H7200" homes |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" your |strong="H7200" own homes |strong="H1004". When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" see |strong="H7200" people |strong="H1320" who |strong="H6041" have |strong="H7200" no |strong="H3808" clothes, give |strong="H7200" them |strong="H0935" your |strong="H7200" clothes! Don't |strong="H3808" hide |strong="H5956" from |strong="H0935" your |strong="H7200" relatives when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" need help."

<sup>8</sup> If |strong="H0227" you |strong="H6440" do these things, your |strong="H3068" light |strong="H0216" will |strong="H3068" begin to |strong="H1980" shine |strong="H0216" like |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" light |strong="H0216" of |strong="H3068" dawn |strong="H7837". Then |strong="H0227" your |strong="H3068" wounds will |strong="H3068" heal. Your |strong="H3068" "Goodness" will |strong="H3068" walk |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" you |strong="H6440", and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H1980" following |strong="H1980" behind |strong="H1980" you |strong="H6440". <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0227" you |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H6030" you |strong="H0518". You |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" cry |strong="H7121" out |strong="H7971" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H7971", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", "Here |strong="H2005" I |strong="H0518" am |strong="H3068"."

Stop |strong="H5493" causing trouble |strong="H0205" and |strong="H3068" putting |strong="H7971" burdens on |strong="H3068"

people |strong="H0518". Stop |strong="H5493" saying |strong="H0559" things to |strong="H0559" hurt people |strong="H0518" or |strong="H0518" accusing them |strong="H7971" of |strong="H3068" things they |strong="H0518" didn't do |strong="H0518".

<sup>10</sup> Feel sorry for |strong="H5315" hungry |strong="H7457" people |strong="H5315" and |strong="H5315" give |strong="H6329" them food. Help those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H5315" are |strong="H5315" troubled and |strong="H5315" satisfy |strong="H7646" their |strong="H7646" needs. Then your |strong="H7646" light |strong="H0216" will |strong="H5315" shine |strong="H2224" in |strong="H5315" the |strong="H7646" darkness |strong="H2822". You |strong="H5315" will |strong="H5315" be |strong="H5315" like |strong="H5315" the |strong="H7646" bright sunshine |strong="H0216" at noon |strong="H6672".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H8548" lead |strong="H5148" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" satisfy |strong="H7646" your |strong="H3068" needs |strong="H1961" in |strong="H3068" dry lands. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H1961" strength |strong="H5315" to |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3068" bones |strong="H6106". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" garden |strong="H1588" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" plenty |strong="H7646" of |strong="H3068" water |strong="H4325", like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" spring |strong="H4161" that |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" goes |strong="H4161" dry.

<sup>12</sup> Your |strong="H7725" cities have |strong="H1129" been |strong="H5769" destroyed |strong="H2723" for |strong="H7121" many |strong="H1755" years, but |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725" will |strong="H7725" rebuild |strong="H1129" them |strong="H7725" and |strong="H6965" their |strong="H7725" foundations |strong="H4146" will |strong="H7725" last |strong="H6965" for |strong="H7121" a |strong="H1129" long |strong="H5769" time |strong="H5769". You |strong="H7725" will |strong="H7725" be |strong="H7725" called |strong="H7121" "Fence Fixer" and |strong="H6965" "Builder of |strong="H3427" Roads and |strong="H6965" Houses."

<sup>13</sup> That |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H4672" when |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0518" stop sinning against |strong="H1696" God's law about |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3068" Sabbath |strong="H7676" and |strong="H3068" when |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0518" stop do-

ing things to please yourself on that special day. You should call the Sabbath a happy day. You should honor LORD'S special day by not saying and doing that things you do every of the week. <sup>14</sup> Then you the LORD could enjoy the LORD. As LORD himself says, I could carry you up the highest mountain and let you enjoy the land that I gave to your father Jacob.

#### Evil People Should Change Their Lives

**59** Look LORD'S power enough save He hear when him help is sins separate from God away you he That's your blood the you tell and

evil things. <sup>4</sup> You can't be trusted, even in court. You lie about each other and false arguments to win your cases. You create pain and produce wickedness. <sup>5</sup> You hatch eggs from a poisonous snake. Anyone who eats the will die. And break them, a poisonous snake will come out.

Your spider webs cannot be used for clothes you cannot cover them with them.

Your hands are always busy sinning and hurting others. <sup>7</sup> Your feet run toward evil. You are always ready to kill innocent people. You think of nothing but evil. Everywhere you go you cause trouble and ruin. <sup>8</sup> You don't know how to live in peace. You don't do what is right and fair. You are crooked, and anyone who lives like that will never know true peace.

## Israel's Sin Brings Trouble

<sup>9</sup> All fairness and goodness is gone.

There is only darkness around us,

so we must for light.

We hope for a bright light,

but all we have is darkness.

<sup>10</sup> We are like people without eyes.

We walk into walls like blind people.

We stumble and fall as if it was night.

Even in daylight, we cannot see.

At noontime, we fall like dead men.

<sup>11</sup> We are always complaining;

we like bears and like doves.

We are waiting for justice,

but there is none.

We are waiting to be saved, but salvation is still far away.

<sup>12</sup> That's because we committed crimes against our God.

Our own sins speak out against us.

We know we are guilty.

We know we sinned.

<sup>13</sup> We rebelled against the LORD

and to him.

We turned away from God

and left him.

We planned to hurt others

and rebel against God.

From hearts filled with lies,

we talked about it

and made our plans.

<sup>14</sup> We pushed Justice away.

Fairness stands off in the distance.

Truth has fallen in the streets.

Goodness is not allowed in the city.

<sup>15</sup> Loyalty is gone,

and people who do good are robbed.

The LORD looked saw was no justice.

He did not like what he saw.

<sup>16</sup> He did not see anyone speak up for the people.

He was shocked to see no one stood

up|strong="H7200" for|strong="H3588" them|strong="H7200".

So|strong="H3588" with|strong="H0376" his|strong="H0376" own|strong="H0376" power|strong="H2220" he|strong="H1931" saved|strong="H3467" them|strong="H7200".

His|strong="H0376" desire to|strong="H0369" do|strong="H0369" what|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0369" right|strong="H6666" gave|strong="H3467" him|strong="H7200" strength|strong="H2220".

17 He|strong="H3444" put|strong="H3847" on|strong="H3847" the|strong="H3847" armor|strong="H8302" of|strong="H7218" goodness, the|strong="H3847" helmet|strong="H3553" of|strong="H7218" salvation|strong="H3444", the|strong="H3847" uniform of|strong="H7218" punishment,

and|strong="H7218" the|strong="H3847" coat of|strong="H7218" strong love.<sup>I</sup>

18 He|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0339" give his|strong="H5921" enemies|strong="H0341" the|strong="H5921" punishment they|strong="H5921" deserve.

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0339" feel his|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H2534".

He|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0339" punish all his|strong="H5921" enemies|strong="H0341".

People|strong="H6862" along|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" coast|strong="H0339" will|strong="H0339" get the|strong="H5921" punishment they|strong="H5921" deserve.

19 People|strong="H6862" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" west|strong="H4628" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H4217" will|strong="H3068" fear|strong="H3372" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"

and|strong="H0935" respect his|strong="H3068" Glory|strong="H3519".

He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" quickly, like|strong="H7307" a|strong="H3588" fast-flowing river|strong="H5104" driven|strong="H5127" by|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" wind|strong="H7307"<sup>II</sup> from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

20 Then|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" redeemer|strong="H1350"<sup>III</sup> will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Zion|strong="H6726"

to|strong="H0935" save the|strong="H5002" people of|strong="H3068" Jacob|strong="H3290" who|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3068"

I STRONG LOVE The Hebrew word means strong feelings like love, hate, anger, zeal, or jealousy. II WIND Or "spirit." III REDEEMER Someone who sets a person free by paying their debt.

turned|strong="H7725" away|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" sin.

21 The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", " As|strong="H0834" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921", this|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" agreement|strong="H1285" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7760" with|strong="H0854" these|strong="H2063" people|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0589" promise|strong="H1697" my|strong="H7760" Spirit|strong="H7307" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" put|strong="H7760" on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3068" my|strong="H7760" words|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" put|strong="H7760" in|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" mouth|strong="H6310" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" leave|strong="H4185" you|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" children|strong="H2233" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" children's children|strong="H2233", for|strong="H5921" now|strong="H6258" and|strong="H3068" forever|strong="H5769".

### God Is Coming

60 " Jerusalem|strong="H3519", get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H0935" shine|strong="H0215"<sup>IV</sup> Your|strong="H3068" Light|strong="H0216" is|strong="H3068" coming|strong="H0935"! The|strong="H5921" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" shine|strong="H0215" on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588".

2 Darkness|strong="H2822" now|strong="H2009" covers|strong="H3680" the|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776",

and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3816" are|strong="H3068" in|strong="H5921" darkness|strong="H2822".

But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" shine|strong="H2224" on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588",

and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5921" Glory|strong="H3519" will|strong="H3068" appear|strong="H7200" over|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588".

IV JERUSALEM ... SHINE Or "Jerusalem, my light, get up!"

<sup>3</sup> Then *the nations* will *come* your *light*.

*Kings* will *come* your *bright* sunrise.

<sup>4</sup> Look *around* you

See *all* the *people* gathering *around*

Those *are* your *sons* coming *far*

and *your* *daughters* there *beside* them

<sup>5</sup> At *that* time *you* will *see* your *people*

and *your* faces will *shine* with *happiness*.

First *you* will *be* afraid

but *then* *you* will *be* excited.

All *the* *riches* from *across* the *seas* will *be* set *before* you

The *riches* of *the* *nations* will *come* you

<sup>6</sup> Herds of *camels* from *Midian* and *Ephah*

will *cross* your *land*.

Long *lines* of *camels* will *come* *Sheba*

They *will* bring *gold* and *incense*

*People* will *sing* praises *to* the *LORD*.

<sup>7</sup> *People* will *collect* the *sheep* from *Kedar* and *give* them *to* you

They *will* bring *you* rams *from* *Nebaioth*

You *will* offer *those* animals on *my* altar

and *I* will *accept* them.

*I* will *make* my *wonderful* temple

even *more* beautiful

<sup>8</sup> Look at *the* *people*

They *are* rushing toward *you* like *clouds* quickly crossing *the* sky.

They *are* like *doves* flying *to* their *nests*.

<sup>9</sup> The *faraway* lands *are* waiting for *me*

The *great* cargo ships *are* ready *to* sail.

They *are* ready *to* bring *your* children *from* faraway lands.

They *will* bring *silver* and *gold* with *them* *to* honor *the* *LORD* your *God*, *the* *Holy* One *of* *Israel*

He *has* done wonderful things *for* you

10 Children |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" other lands will |strong="H4428" re-build |strong="H1129" your |strong="H3588" walls |strong="H2346".

Their |strong="H3588" kings |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" serve |strong="H8334" you |strong="H3588".

" When |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H4428" angry |strong="H7110", I |strong="H3588" hurt you |strong="H3588", but |strong="H3588" now |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" want to |strong="H4428" be |strong="H1121" kind to |strong="H4428" you |strong="H3588".

So |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" comfort you |strong="H3588".

11 Your |strong="H0935" gates |strong="H8179" will |strong="H1471" always |strong="H8548" be |strong="H3808" open |strong="H6605".

They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1471" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" closed |strong="H5462", day |strong="H3119" or |strong="H3808" night |strong="H3915".

Nations |strong="H1471" and |strong="H0935" kings |strong="H4428" will |strong="H1471" bring |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" wealth |strong="H2428" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935".

12 Any |strong="H3588" nation |strong="H1471" or |strong="H3808" kingdom |strong="H4467" that |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" serve |strong="H5647" you |strong="H0834"

will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H0006".

13 All |strong="H3162" the |strong="H0413" great things |strong="H3513" of |strong="H4725" Lebanon |strong="H3844" will |strong="H7272" be |strong="H3162" given to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935".

People will |strong="H7272" bring |strong="H0935" pine trees |strong="H1265", fir |strong="H1265" trees |strong="H1265", and |strong="H0935" cypress |strong="H1265" trees |strong="H1265" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0935".

These trees |strong="H1265" will |strong="H7272" be |strong="H3162" used for |strong="H0413" lumber to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H3513" my |strong="H0935" Holy |strong="H4720" Place |strong="H4725"<sup>I</sup> more beautiful.

This |strong="H0935" place |strong="H4725" is |strong="H4725" like |strong="H7272" a |strong="H0935" stool in |strong="H0935" front of |strong="H4725" my |strong="H0935" throne, and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0935" will |strong="H7272" honor |strong="H3513" it |strong="H0935". II

I MY HOLY PLACE This probably means the Temple in Jerusalem.

14 In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" past, people |strong="H1121" hurt |strong="H6031" you |strong="H3605",

but |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" before |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605".

In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" past, people |strong="H1121" hated you |strong="H3605",

but |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" bow |strong="H7812" down |strong="H7812" at |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" feet |strong="H7272".

They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" call |strong="H7121" you |strong="H3605" 'The |strong="H3605" City |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068',

' Zion |strong="H6726" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".'

15 " People |strong="H5800" hated |strong="H8130" you |strong="H7760".

You |strong="H7760" were |strong="H1961" left |strong="H5800" all |strong="H1755" alone with |strong="H1961" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" passing |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674".

But |strong="H1961" I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H7760" you |strong="H7760" great from |strong="H8478" now |strong="H1961" on |strong="H1961".

You |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" happy forever |strong="H5769" and |strong="H5769" ever |strong="H5769".

16 Nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H3068" give you |strong="H3588" what |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" need,

like |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" child drinking milk |strong="H2461" from |strong="H3068" its |strong="H3045" mother.

But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" 'drink' riches from |strong="H3068" kings |strong="H4428".

Then |strong="H4428" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068", who |strong="H3068" saves |strong="H3467" you |strong="H3588".

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H3588" Great God |strong="H3068" of |strong="H4428" Jacob |strong="H3290", protect you |strong="H3588".

II I WILL HONOR IT Or "I will give it glory."

17 " You will now have copper, but I will bring you gold. You will now have iron, but I will bring silver. I will change your wood into copper and your rocks into iron.

I will change your punishment into peace.

And those who punished you will be replaced with those who are kind to you.

18 There will again be news of violence in your country.

People will never attack your country and you will steal from you.

You will name your walls 'Salvation'

and your gates 'Praise'.

19 " The sun will no longer be your light during the day.

The light will come from the moon no longer be your light at night.

The LORD will be your light forever.

Your God will be your glory.

20 Your sun will never go down again.

Your moon will never be dark.

That's because the LORD will be light and dark days of mourning will end.

21 " All your people will be good.

They will get the land forever.

They are the young plant in my garden

that will grow to a wonderful tree.

I made them my own hands.

22 The smallest family will become a large family group.

The smallest tribe will become a powerful nation.

When the time is right,

I, the LORD, will come quickly.

I will make these things happen."

### The Lord's Message of Freedom

61 The Spirit of GOD is on me. The

I YOUNG PLANT ... GARDEN See Isaiah 4:1 and 5:7. II THEY ... HANDS Or "They are the plant I planted, which I made with my own hands, to show how wonderful I am."

LORD has chosen me to tell good news to the poor and to comfort those who are sad. He sent me to tell the captives and prisoners that they have been set free. <sup>2</sup> He sent me to announce that the time has come for our God will also punish evil people. He sent me to comfort those who are sad, <sup>3</sup> those in Zion who mourn. I will take away the ashes from their head, and I will give them a crown. I will take away their sadness, and I will give them the oil of happiness. I will take away their sorrow, and I will give them celebration clothes. He sent me to name them 'Good Trees' and 'The LORD'S Wonderful Plant'.

<sup>4</sup> Then the old cities that were destroyed will be rebuilt. Those

ancient ruins will be made new, as they were in the beginning.

<sup>5</sup> Then your enemies will come to care for your sheep, and their children will work in your fields and in your gardens. <sup>6</sup> You will be called 'The LORD'S Priests'; 'The Servants of our God'. You will be proud of all the riches that have you from all the nations on earth.

<sup>7</sup> In the past, other people and you said bad things to you. You were shamed much more than any other. So your land will get two times more than other people. You will get the joy that continues forever. <sup>8</sup> That's because I am the LORD and I love justice. I hate stealing and everything that is wrong. So I will give the people what they deserve. I will make an agreement



with|strong="H3068" my|strong="H5414" people forever|strong="H5769".<sup>9</sup> Their|strong="H3605" descendants|strong="H2233" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1288" known|strong="H3045" throughout|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" earth, and|strong="H3068" everyone|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" their|strong="H3605" children|strong="H2233". Whoever|strong="H3605" sees|strong="H7200" them|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" blessed|strong="H1288" them|strong="H1992".

### God's Servant Brings Salvation

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" makes|strong="H3068" me|strong="H5315" very happy.

I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" completely happy with|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

He|strong="H3588" dressed|strong="H3847" me|strong="H5315" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3588" clothes|strong="H0899" of|strong="H0430" salvation|strong="H3468".

He|strong="H3588" put|strong="H3847" the|strong="H3588" victory coat on|strong="H3847" me|strong="H5315".

I|strong="H3588" look like|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H5315" dressed|strong="H3847" for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" wedding,

like|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" bride|strong="H3618" covered with|strong="H3068" jewels|strong="H3627".

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" causes|strong="H3318" plants|strong="H6780" to|strong="H0776" grow|strong="H6779", and|strong="H0776" a|strong="H3588" garden|strong="H1593" makes the|strong="H3605" seeds planted there|strong="H3605" rise up|strong="H6779".

In|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3605", the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H3588" goodness and|strong="H0776" praise|strong="H8416"

grow|strong="H6779" throughout|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471".

### New Jerusalem: A City Full of Goodness

**62** I|strong="H5704" love Zion|strong="H6726", so|strong="H4616" I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3389" continue to|strong="H5704" speak for|strong="H4616" her|strong="H5704".

I|strong="H5704" love Jerusalem|strong="H3389", so|strong="H4616" I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3389" not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" speaking.

I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3389" speak until|strong="H5704" goodness<sup>1</sup> shines like|strong="H3318" a|strong="H3318" bright|strong="H5051" light|strong="H5051", until|strong="H5704" salvation|strong="H3444" burns|strong="H1197" bright|strong="H5051" like|strong="H3318" a|strong="H3318" flame.

<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" your|strong="H3068" goodness.

All|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" your|strong="H3068" honor|strong="H3519".

Then|strong="H4428" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H0834" a|strong="H7200" new|strong="H2319" name|strong="H0834"

that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" himself|strong="H5344" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834".

<sup>3</sup> You|strong="H3027" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" beautiful|strong="H8597" crown|strong="H5850" that|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" holds up|strong="H1961",

like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" king's crown|strong="H5850" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3068" hand|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0430" your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>4</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" be|strong="H5750" called|strong="H7121" 'The|strong="H0559" People|strong="H3808" God|strong="H3068" Left|strong="H5800".'

Your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" be|strong="H5750" called|strong="H7121" 'The|strong="H0559" Land|strong="H0776" God|strong="H3068" Destroyed.'

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H5750" called|strong="H7121" 'The|strong="H0559" People|strong="H3808" God|strong="H3068" Loves.'

Your|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H5750" called|strong="H7121" 'God's Bride,' because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" loves you|strong="H3588",

<sup>1</sup> GOODNESS Or "victory."

and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H5750" his |strong="H3068". I

<sup>5</sup> As |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" young |strong="H1121" man |strong="H1121" takes a |strong="H3588" bride |strong="H3618" and |strong="H1121" she |strong="H3588" belongs to |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921", so |strong="H3588" your |strong="H5921" land will |strong="H0430" belong |strong="H0430" to |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121". II

As |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H1121" is |strong="H0430" happy with |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" new wife |strong="H1166",

so |strong="H3588" your |strong="H5921" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1121" happy with |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>6</sup> Jerusalem |strong="H3389", I |strong="H3117" put |strong="H6485" guards |strong="H8104" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" walls |strong="H2346".

They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" silent |strong="H2814".

They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" keep |strong="H8104" praying |strong="H6485" day |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915".

Guards |strong="H8104", keep |strong="H8104" praying |strong="H6485" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

Remind |strong="H2142" him |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" promise |strong="H3068".

Don't |strong="H0408" ever |strong="H8548" stop |strong="H0408" praying |strong="H6485".

<sup>7</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" give |strong="H5414" him |strong="H5414" any |strong="H5414" rest |strong="H1824" until |strong="H5704" he |strong="H5704" rebuilds Jerusalem |strong="H3389"

and |strong="H0776" makes |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" a |strong="H5414" place |strong="H7760" that |strong="H0776" everyone on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" praise |strong="H8416".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" promise |strong="H7650" and |strong="H1121" guaranteed it |strong="H5414" by |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5414" own power |strong="H5797".

I YOUR LAND ... HIS Or "He will marry your land." This is a word-play. The Hebrew word also means "He will be the lord of the land."

II YOUR LAND ... CHILDREN Or "Your builders will marry you."

And |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" use that |strong="H0834" power |strong="H5797" to |strong="H3068" keep his |strong="H5414" promise |strong="H7650".

The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" said, "I |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H7650" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H0518" again |strong="H5750" give |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3068" food |strong="H3978" to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341".

I |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H7650" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H0518" again |strong="H5750" take |strong="H7650" the |strong="H0853" wine |strong="H8492" you |strong="H0834" make |strong="H5414".

<sup>9</sup> Whoever gathers |strong="H6908" the |strong="H0853" food |strong="H0398" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" it |strong="H3588" and |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

Whoever gathers |strong="H6908" the |strong="H0853" grape will |strong="H3068" drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H0853" wine in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" courtyards |strong="H2691" of |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" Temple."

<sup>10</sup> Come through |strong="H5674"

the |strong="H5921" gates |strong="H8179"! Clear |strong="H6437" the |strong="H5921" way |strong="H1870" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971"! Prepare |strong="H6437" the |strong="H5921" road |strong="H1870"!

Move all the |strong="H5921"

stones |strong="H0068" off |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" road |strong="H1870"! Raise |strong="H7311" a |strong="H5921" flag as |strong="H8179" a |strong="H5921" sign for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H5971"!

<sup>11</sup> Listen |strong="H8085", the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" speaking |strong="H0559"

to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0559" faraway lands |strong="H0776":

" Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H8085" of |strong="H0776" Zion |strong="H6726",

' Look |strong="H2009", your |strong="H3068" Savior is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935".

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" bringing |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3068" reward |strong="H7939" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H6440".

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" bring-  
ing |strong="H0935" it |strong="H3068"  
with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0413"."  
12 His |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808"  
called |strong="H7121" " The |strong="H3068"  
Holy |strong="H6944" People |strong="H5971";"  
" The |strong="H3068" Saved Peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068"."  
And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3808",  
Jerusalem, will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808"  
called |strong="H7121" " The |strong="H3068"  
City |strong="H5892" God |strong="H3068" Wants,"  
" The |strong="H3068" City |strong="H5892"  
God |strong="H3068" Is |strong="H3068"  
With |strong="H3068"."

### The Lord Punishes the Nations

**63** Who |strong="H4310" is |strong="H2088"  
this |strong="H2088" coming |strong="H0935"  
from |strong="H0935" Edom |strong="H0123",  
from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" city  
of |strong="H7230" Bozrah |strong="H1224"?  
His |strong="H0935" clothes |strong="H0899"  
are |strong="H4310" stained bright red.  
He |strong="H0935" is |strong="H2088" glorious  
in |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935"  
clothes |strong="H0899".  
He |strong="H0935" is |strong="H2088" walking tall  
with |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935"  
great |strong="H7227" power |strong="H3581".  
He |strong="H0935" says |strong="H1696", "  
I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0589"  
the |strong="H0935" power |strong="H3581"  
to |strong="H0935" save |strong="H3467"  
you |strong="H0935",  
and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0589"  
speak |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0935" truth."  
2 " Why |strong="H4069" are |strong="H4069" your  
clothes |strong="H0899" bright red |strong="H0122"?  
They |strong="H3830" are |strong="H4069" like  
the |strong="H1869" clothes |strong="H0899"  
of |strong="H3830" someone who |strong="H1869"  
tramples |strong="H1869" grapes to make  
wine |strong="H1660".  
3 He |strong="H0376" answers, " I |strong="H5921"  
walked |strong="H1869" in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H3605" winepress by |strong="H5921"  
myself |strong="H0905".  
No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" helped  
me |strong="H5921".  
I |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0369" an-  
gry |strong="H0639", and |strong="H0376"  
I |strong="H5921" trampled |strong="H7429"  
the |strong="H3605" grapes.  
The |strong="H3605" juice <sup>I</sup>  
splashed |strong="H5137" on |strong="H5921"

my |strong="H3605" clothes |strong="H0899",  
so |strong="H0369" now |strong="H0369"  
they |strong="H5921" are |strong="H0376"  
stained |strong="H1351".

4 I |strong="H3588" chose a |strong="H3588"  
time |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0935" punish peo-  
ple |strong="H3820".

Now |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3588"  
time |strong="H3117" has |strong="H3820"  
come |strong="H0935" for |strong="H3588"  
me |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" save  
and |strong="H0935" protect |strong="H3117"  
my |strong="H0935" people |strong="H3820".

5 I |strong="H0369" looked |strong="H5027" around,  
but |strong="H0369" I |strong="H0369" saw  
no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369"  
to |strong="H0369" help |strong="H5826"  
me |strong="H3467".

I |strong="H0369" was |strong="H0369" surprised  
that |strong="H1931" no |strong="H0369"  
one |strong="H0369" supported me |strong="H3467".

So |strong="H0369" I |strong="H0369" used  
my |strong="H3467" own power |strong="H2220"  
to |strong="H0369" save |strong="H3467"  
my |strong="H3467" people |strong="H1931".

My |strong="H3467" own anger |strong="H2534"  
supported me |strong="H3467".

6 In |strong="H0776" my |strong="H3381"  
anger |strong="H0639" I |strong="H0776" tram-  
pled |strong="H0947" down |strong="H3381"  
the |strong="H0776" nations |strong="H5971".

I |strong="H0776" punished them |strong="H3381"  
in |strong="H0776" anger |strong="H0639"  
and |strong="H0776" spilled their |strong="H3381"  
blood <sup>II</sup> on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776"  
ground |strong="H0776".

The |strong="H0776" Lord Has |strong="H0776"  
Been |strong="H0776" Kind to |strong="H3381"  
His |strong="H3381" People |strong="H5971"

7 I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" remem-  
ber |strong="H2142" the |strong="H3605" kind  
things |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068"  
done |strong="H3605",

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" remember |strong="H2142"  
to |strong="H5921" praise |strong="H8416"  
him |strong="H5921".

The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
has |strong="H3068" given many |strong="H7227"  
good |strong="H2898" things |strong="H3605"  
to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" fami-  
ly |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478".

<sup>I</sup> JUICE Or "strong drink" or "blood." <sup>II</sup> BLOOD Or "strong drink" or "strength."

He **has** **been** **very** **kind** **to** **us**.

He **has** **shown** **us** **mercy**.

<sup>8</sup> He **said**; "These **are** **my** **people**."

These **are** **my** **real children**."

So **he** **saved** **them**.

<sup>9</sup> The **people** **had** **many troubles**,

but **he** **was** **against** **them**.

He **loved** **them** **and** **felt sorry for** **them**,

so **he** **saved** **them**.

He **sent** **his** **special** **angel** **to** **save** **them**.

He **picked** **them** **and** **carried** **them**, **just** **as** **he** **did** **long** **ago**.

<sup>10</sup> But **they** **turned** **against** **him**

**and** **made** **his** **Holy** **Spirit** **very** **sad**.

So **the** **Lord** **became** **their** **enemy**

**and** **fought** **against** **them**.

<sup>11</sup> Then **they** **remembered** **what** **happened** **long** **ago**.

They **remembered** **Moses** **and** **those** **with** **him**.

So **where** **is** **the** **one** **who** **brought** **them** **through** **the** **sea**

**along** **with** **the** **shepherds** **who** **led** **his** **flock**?

Where **is** **the** **one**

**who** **sent** **his** **Holy** **Spirit** **to** **live** **among** **them**?

<sup>12</sup> He **was** **by** **Moses'** **side** **and** **led** **him** **with** **his** **wonderful** **hand**

**He** **divided** **the** **water**,

so **that** **the** **people** **could** **walk** **through** **the** **sea**.

He **made** **his** **famous**

**by** **doing** **those** **great things**.

<sup>13</sup> He **led** **the** **people** **through** **the** **deep** **sea**.

Like **a** **horse** **running** **through** **the** **desert**, **they** **walked** **without** **falling**.

<sup>14</sup> Like **cattle** **going** **down** **to** **the** **valley**,

The **Spirit** **of** **the** **LORD** **led** **them**.

This **is** **how** **you** **led** **your** **people**

**and** **made** **your** **name** **wonderful**.

**A** **Prayer** **for** **God** **to** **Help** **His** **People**

<sup>15</sup> Please, **look** **down** **from** **the** **heavens**

**See** **what** **is** **hap-**

**pening** **now**. **Look** **at** **from** **your**

great |strong="H1995" and |strong="H8064"  
holy |strong="H6944" home in |strong="H0413" heav-  
en |strong="H8064".

Where |strong="H0346" is |strong="H0346"  
your |strong="H7200" strong |strong="H1369" love <sup>1</sup>  
for |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413"?

Where |strong="H0346" is |strong="H0346"  
your |strong="H7200" compassion |strong="H7356"?

Why are |strong="H8064" you |strong="H7200" hid-  
ing your |strong="H7200" kind love  
from |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"?

<sup>16</sup> Look, you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478"  
our |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001"!

Abraham |strong="H0085" does |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045"  
us |strong="H3045".

Israel |strong="H3478" does |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" recognize |strong="H5234"  
us |strong="H3045".

LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0859"  
are |strong="H3478" our |strong="H3068" fa-  
ther |strong="H0001"!

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478"  
the |strong="H3588" one |strong="H3808"  
who |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" al-  
ways |strong="H5769" saved us |strong="H3045"!

<sup>17</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", why |strong="H4100"  
are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H7725" pushing  
us |strong="H7725" away |strong="H7725"  
from |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725"?

Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100"  
you |strong="H7725" making it |strong="H7725" hard  
for |strong="H4616" us |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H7725" follow |strong="H3068"  
you |strong="H7725"?

Come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H7725" us |strong="H7725"!

We |strong="H7725" are |strong="H4100"  
your |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650".

Come |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725"  
us |strong="H7725" and |strong="H3068" help  
us |strong="H7725"!

Our |strong="H3068" tribes |strong="H7626" belong  
to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725".

<sup>18</sup> Your |strong="H3423" holy |strong="H6944" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" had their |strong="H3423" land  
only a |strong="H3423" short time.

Then |strong="H6862" our |strong="H5971" enemies  
trampled |strong="H0947" down |strong="H0947"  
your |strong="H3423" holy |strong="H6944" Tem-  
ple |strong="H4720".

<sup>19</sup> Some people |strong="H3808"  
don't |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H1961"  
you |strong="H6440".

<sup>1</sup> STRONG LOVE The Hebrew word means strong feelings like  
love, hate, anger, zeal, or jealousy.

They |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H3808"  
wear |strong="H1961" your |strong="H5921"  
name |strong="H8034".

And |strong="H8064" we have |strong="H1961"  
been |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961"  
them |strong="H5921"

for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" very  
long |strong="H5769" time |strong="H5769".

**64** If you |strong="H6440" would |strong="H8034"  
tear open |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440"  
skies

and |strong="H6440" come |strong="H7264"  
down |strong="H6440" to |strong="H6440" earth,  
then |strong="H3045" everything  
would |strong="H8034" change.

Mountains would |strong="H8034" melt be-  
fore |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440".

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H6440" mountains |strong="H2022"  
would |strong="H6213" burst into |strong="H3381"  
flames like |strong="H3808" burning bushes.

The |strong="H6440" mountains |strong="H2022"  
would |strong="H6213" boil like |strong="H3808" wa-  
ter on |strong="H3381" the |strong="H6440" fire.

Then |strong="H6213" your |strong="H6440" enemies  
would |strong="H6213" learn about |strong="H2022"  
you |strong="H6440".

And |strong="H6440" all nations  
would |strong="H6213" shake with |strong="H3381"  
fear |strong="H3372" when |strong="H6213"  
they |strong="H3808" see you |strong="H6440".

<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H6213"  
have |strong="H5869" done |strong="H6213" awe-  
some things |strong="H3808" that |strong="H7200"  
we |strong="H8085" did |strong="H6213"  
not |strong="H3808" expect.

You |strong="H6213" came down,  
and |strong="H0430" mountains shook  
in |strong="H0430" fear before |strong="H5869"  
you |strong="H6213".

<sup>4</sup> No one |strong="H6213" has |strong="H6213"  
ever |strong="H5769" heard of |strong="H1870" such  
a |strong="H2398" God.

No one |strong="H6213" has |strong="H6213"  
ever |strong="H5769" heard such a |strong="H2398"  
story.

No one |strong="H6213" has |strong="H6213"  
ever |strong="H5769" seen any God except  
you |strong="H0859",

who |strong="H3467" does |strong="H6213" such  
great things for |strong="H6664"  
those |strong="H0853" who |strong="H3467" trust  
him |strong="H0853".

<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H3605" welcome people  
who |strong="H3605" enjoy doing good  
and |strong="H6666" who |strong="H3605" remember  
you |strong="H3605"

by|strong="H1961" living the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" want them|strong="H5375" to|strong="H1961".

But|strong="H1961" we|strong="H3605" sinned against|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605", and|strong="H6666" you|strong="H3605" became|strong="H1961" angry with|strong="H3605" us|strong="H6666".<sup>1</sup>

But|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3605" always saved us|strong="H6666".

<sup>6</sup> We|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3027" all|strong="H4480" dirty with|strong="H3027" sin|strong="H5771".

Even|strong="H3588" our|strong="H4480" good works are|strong="H3027" not|strong="H0369" pure.

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3027" like|strong="H6440" bloodstained rags.

We|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3027" all|strong="H4480" like|strong="H6440" dead leaves|strong="H0369".

Our|strong="H4480" sins|strong="H5771" have|strong="H0369" carried|strong="H2388" us|strong="H3588" away|strong="H4480" like|strong="H6440" wind.

<sup>7</sup> We|strong="H0587" don't call to|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859" for|strong="H3027" help.

We|strong="H0587" aren't excited about|strong="H3605" following you|strong="H0859", so|strong="H6258" you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0001" turned away|strong="H3605" from|strong="H3027" us|strong="H3027".

We|strong="H0587" are|strong="H3027" helpless before you|strong="H0859",

because|strong="H3027" we|strong="H0587" are|strong="H3027" full|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" sin.

<sup>8</sup> But|strong="H5971", LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" father.

We|strong="H5704" are|strong="H3068" like|strong="H5704" clay, and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" potter.

Your|strong="H3068" hands made|strong="H3605" us|strong="H4994" all|strong="H3605".

<sup>9</sup> LORD, don't continue|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" angry with|strong="H3389" us!

Don't remember our|strong="H1961" sins forever! Please, look at|strong="H1961" us!

We are|strong="H6726" all your|strong="H1961" people.

<sup>10</sup> Your|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" cities are|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" empty as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" desert.

I WE SINNED ... US Or "But you became angry with us and we sinned."

Zion has|strong="H0834" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" desert.

Jerusalem is|strong="H0834" destroyed|strong="H2723".

<sup>11</sup> Our|strong="H3068" ancestors worshiped you|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" our|strong="H3068" holy Temple.

That|strong="H3068" wonderful Temple has|strong="H3068" now been|strong="H3068" burned.

All|strong="H5704" our|strong="H3068" precious possessions have|strong="H3068" been|strong="H3068" destroyed.

<sup>12</sup> LORD, will these things always keep you from helping?

Will you continue to say nothing?

Will you punish us forever?

### All People Will Learn About God

**65** " I|strong="H2005" helped people|strong="H1471" who|strong="H1471" had|strong="H4672" not|strong="H3808" come|strong="H4672" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" for|strong="H7121" advice. Those who|strong="H1471" found|strong="H4672" me|strong="H0413" were|strong="H1471" not|strong="H3808" looking|strong="H1245" for|strong="H7121" me|strong="H0413".<sup>I</sup> I|strong="H2005" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H4672" nation|strong="H1471" that|strong="H7121" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" use|strong="H4672" my|strong="H1245" name|strong="H8034". I|strong="H2005" said|strong="H0559", ' Here|strong="H2005" I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H2005"! Here|strong="H2005" I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H2005"! "

<sup>2</sup> " All|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117" stood ready to|strong="H0413" accept those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" turned|strong="H0413" against|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". But|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3117" kept doing|strong="H1870" whatever|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3117" wanted to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H3027", and|strong="H1980" all|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3117" did|strong="H3808" was|strong="H3117" wrong.<sup>3</sup> They|strong="H5921" keep doing things, right in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440", that|strong="H1593" make|strong="H3707" me|strong="H6440" angry|strong="H3707". They|strong="H5921" offer|strong="H6999" sacri-

II I HELPED ... ME Or "I was ready to answer those who did not come to me for advice. I was ready to be found by those who did not look for me."

fices |strong="H6999" and |strong="H6440"  
 burn |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999"  
 in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" special gar-  
 dens |strong="H1593".<sup>14</sup> They |strong="H0398"  
 sit |strong="H3427" among |strong="H3427"  
 the |strong="H0398" graves |strong="H6913", waiting  
 to |strong="H3427" get messages  
 from |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0398" dead.  
 They |strong="H0398" eat |strong="H0398"  
 the |strong="H0398" meat |strong="H1320"  
 of |strong="H3427" pigs, and |strong="H0398"  
 their |strong="H0398" pots |strong="H3627"  
 are |strong="H6913" full of |strong="H3427" soup  
 made |strong="H3627" from |strong="H0398" un-  
 clean |strong="H6292" meat |strong="H1320".<sup>5</sup>  
 But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588"  
 tell |strong="H0559" others |strong="H0428",  
 ' Don't |strong="H0408" come |strong="H7126"  
 near |strong="H7126" me |strong="H0413"!  
 Don't |strong="H0408" touch |strong="H5066"  
 me |strong="H0413" because |strong="H3588"  
 I |strong="H3588" am holy |strong="H6942"!  
 They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3117"  
 like |strong="H0639" smoke |strong="H6227"  
 in |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3605" eyes,  
 and |strong="H3117" their |strong="H3605"  
 fire |strong="H0784" burns |strong="H3344"  
 all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
 time |strong="H3117".

#### Israel Must Be |strong="H0408" Punished

<sup>6</sup> Look |strong="H2009", here |strong="H2009"  
 is |strong="H2009" a |strong="H3588" letter  
 that |strong="H3588" lists all |strong="H2009"  
 your |strong="H5921" sins. I |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808"  
 be |strong="H3808" quiet until |strong="H5921"  
 I |strong="H3588" pay |strong="H7999"  
 you |strong="H3588" back |strong="H7999"  
 for |strong="H3588" these sins. I |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H3808" do |strong="H0518"  
 it |strong="H0518" by |strong="H5921" punishing  
 you |strong="H3588".<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H0834",  
 the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068",  
 am |strong="H3068" doing this |strong="H0834" be-  
 cause |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H5771"  
 and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
 sins |strong="H5771" of |strong="H3068"  
 your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001".  
 They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834"  
 these |strong="H0834" sins |strong="H5771"  
 when |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834"  
 burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999"  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" moun-  
 tains |strong="H2022". They |strong="H0834" shamed

I SPECIAL GARDENS Gardens where people worshiped false gods.

me |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921"  
 those |strong="H0834" hills |strong="H1389",  
 and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" punished  
 them |strong="H5921" first |strong="H7223".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 says |strong="H0559", " When |strong="H3588"  
 there |strong="H4672" is |strong="H0834"  
 new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H8492"  
 in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605"  
 grapes |strong="H8492", people |strong="H0834"  
 squeeze out |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
 wine |strong="H8492". But |strong="H3588"  
 they |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H0408" com-  
 pletely |strong="H3605" destroy |strong="H7843"  
 the |strong="H3605" grapes |strong="H8492" be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605"  
 grapes |strong="H8492" can |strong="H0834"  
 still |strong="H0559" be |strong="H0408"  
 used |strong="H6213". I |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213"  
 the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H3651"  
 thing |strong="H3651" to |strong="H0559"  
 my |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650".  
 I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
 not |strong="H0408" destroy |strong="H7843"  
 them |strong="H4672" completely |strong="H3605".<sup>9</sup>  
 I |strong="H5650" will |strong="H5650" keep  
 some |strong="H8033" of |strong="H2022"  
 the |strong="H3423" people of |strong="H2022" Ja-  
 cob |strong="H3290". Some |strong="H8033"  
 of |strong="H2022" the |strong="H3423" people  
 of |strong="H2022" Judah |strong="H3063"  
 will |strong="H5650" get |strong="H3318"  
 my |strong="H3318" mountains |strong="H2022".  
 I |strong="H5650" will |strong="H5650" choose  
 the |strong="H3423" people who |strong="H5650"  
 will |strong="H5650" get |strong="H3318"  
 the |strong="H3423" land. My |strong="H3318" ser-  
 vants |strong="H5650" will |strong="H5650"  
 live |strong="H7931" there |strong="H8033".<sup>10</sup>  
 Then |strong="H1961" Sharon |strong="H8289" Val-  
 ley |strong="H6010" will |strong="H1961"  
 be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" field  
 for |strong="H0834" sheep |strong="H6629".  
 The |strong="H0834" Valley |strong="H6010"  
 of |strong="H6010" Achor |strong="H5911"<sup>II</sup>  
 will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
 a |strong="H1961" place |strong="H1961"  
 for |strong="H0834" cattle |strong="H1241"  
 to |strong="H1961" rest |strong="H1961".  
 All |strong="H1875" this |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
 for |strong="H0834" my |strong="H1961" peo-  
 ple |strong="H5971"— for |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971"  
 who |strong="H0834" come |strong="H1961"

II VALLEY OF ACHOR A valley about ten miles north of Jerusalem.

to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H1875"  
for|strong="H0834" help|strong="H5971".

<sup>11</sup> " But|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" people|strong="H5800" left|strong="H5800" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", so|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" punished. You|strong="H0859" forgot|strong="H7911" about|strong="H2022" my|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6944" mountain|strong="H2022". <sup>I</sup> You|strong="H0859" began to|strong="H3068" worship Luck. You|strong="H0859" held feasts for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" false god|strong="H3068", Fate. <sup>II</sup><sup>12</sup> But|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0834" decided what|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0834" happen to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834": you|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H2719" with|strong="H1696" a|strong="H0805" sword|strong="H2719". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" all|strong="H3605" be|strong="H3808" killed|strong="H2719" because|strong="H3282" I|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1696" answer|strong="H6030" me|strong="H7121". I|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" said|strong="H1696" is|strong="H0834" evil|strong="H7451" and|strong="H5869" chose|strong="H0977" to|strong="H1696" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" like|strong="H0834"."

<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H2009" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559":

" My|strong="H0398" servants|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650" eat|strong="H0398", but|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" evil people will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H0136" hungry|strong="H7456".

My|strong="H0398" servants|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650" drink|strong="H8354", but|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H0136" thirsty|strong="H6770".

<sup>I</sup> MY HOLY MOUNTAIN Mount Zion, the mountain Jerusalem is built on. <sup>II</sup> LUCK ... FATE Two false gods. The people thought these gods controlled their futures.

My|strong="H0398" servants|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H0136" happy|strong="H8055",

but|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H5650" suffer|strong="H7456" shame|strong="H0954".

<sup>14</sup> My|strong="H5650" servants|strong="H5650" will|strong="H5650" shout|strong="H7442" for|strong="H7442" joy|strong="H7442",

but|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H5650" cry|strong="H6817" out in|strong="H5650" pain|strong="H3511". <sup>III</sup>

Your|strong="H0859" spirits|strong="H7307" will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H3820" broken|strong="H7667",

and|strong="H5650" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H3820" very sad.

<sup>15</sup> Your|strong="H7121" names|strong="H8034" will|strong="H5650" be|strong="H4191" like|strong="H4191" curses to|strong="H4191" my|strong="H5650" chosen|strong="H0972" servants|strong="H5650"."

The|strong="H3069" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" will|strong="H5650" kill|strong="H4191" you|strong="H7121",

and|strong="H5650" then|strong="H7121" he|strong="H7121" will|strong="H5650" call|strong="H7121" his|strong="H7121" servants|strong="H5650" by|strong="H7121" a|strong="H7121" new name|strong="H8034".

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0834" Lord says, " People|strong="H0834" now|strong="H3588" ask blessings|strong="H1288" from|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" earth|strong="H0776".

But|strong="H3588" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" future they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" ask blessings|strong="H1288" from|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" faithful God|strong="H0430".

People|strong="H0834" now|strong="H3588" trust in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" power of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" earth|strong="H0776" when|strong="H3588" they|strong="H0834" make|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" promise|strong="H7650".

But|strong="H3588" in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" future they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" trust in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" faithful.

That's|strong="H0834" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0834" troubles in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0834" past|strong="H7223" will|strong="H0430" all|strong="H1288" be|strong="H1288" forgotten|strong="H7911".

<sup>III</sup> MY SERVANTS ... PAIN Literally, "My servants will rejoice with good hearts, and you will scream with painful hearts."



They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430"  
be|strong="H1288" hidden|strong="H5641"  
from|strong="H0776" my|strong="H0834"  
sight|strong="H5869".

**A|strong="H3588" New Time|strong="H7223"  
Is|strong="H0834" Coming**

17 " I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H2005" creating  
a|strong="H3588" new|strong="H2319" heav-  
en|strong="H8064" and|strong="H0776"  
a|strong="H3588" new|strong="H2319"  
earth|strong="H0776".

The|strong="H5921" troubles of|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H5921" past|strong="H7223"  
will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" forgotten.

No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H0776" remember|strong="H2142"  
them|strong="H5921".

18 My|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971"  
will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3389" happy  
and|strong="H3389" rejoice|strong="H1523" forev-  
er|strong="H5703" and|strong="H3389"  
ever|strong="H5703"

because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H5704"  
what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H3588".

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834"  
make|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389" that|strong="H0834"  
is|strong="H0834" full of|strong="H5704"  
joy|strong="H4885",

and|strong="H3389" I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H3588"  
her|strong="H0518" people|strong="H5971" happy.

19 " Then|strong="H8085" I|strong="H3808"  
will|strong="H3389" rejoice|strong="H1523"  
with|strong="H3389" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3389"  
be|strong="H5750" happy with|strong="H3389"  
my|strong="H8085" people|strong="H5971".

There will|strong="H3389" never|strong="H3808"  
again|strong="H5750" be|strong="H5750" cry-  
ing|strong="H1065"

and|strong="H3389" sadness in|strong="H8085"  
that|strong="H8085" city.

20 In|strong="H8141" that|strong="H0834" city  
there|strong="H8033" will|strong="H1961" nev-  
er|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" baby|strong="H1121"  
who|strong="H0834" lives|strong="H1961" only  
a|strong="H1961" few days|strong="H3117",

and|strong="H1121" every|strong="H3117" old-  
er|strong="H2205" person|strong="H3967"  
will|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3117"  
for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H1961"  
long|strong="H3117", long|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117".

A|strong="H1961" person|strong="H3967"  
who|strong="H0834" lives|strong="H1961" 100  
years|strong="H8141" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" called|strong="H8033"  
young|strong="H5288".

And|strong="H1121" whoever|strong="H0834"  
doesn't|strong="H3808" live|strong="H3117"  
that|strong="H0834" long|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" consid-  
ered|strong="H1961" cursed|strong="H7043".

21 " In|strong="H3427" that|strong="H1004" city  
whoever builds|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129"  
house|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1004"  
live|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427";

whoever plants|strong="H5193" a|strong="H1129"  
vineyard|strong="H3754" will|strong="H1004"  
eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0398" grapes  
from|strong="H0398" that|strong="H1004" garden.

22 Never|strong="H3808" again will|strong="H3027"  
one|strong="H3808" person|strong="H0398"  
build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H3588" house  
and|strong="H3027" another|strong="H0312" per-  
son|strong="H0398" live|strong="H3427"  
there|strong="H3427".

Never|strong="H3808" again will|strong="H3027"  
one|strong="H3808" person|strong="H0398"  
plant|strong="H5193" a|strong="H3588" garden  
and|strong="H3027" another|strong="H0312"  
eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H3588"  
fruit|strong="H6086" from|strong="H3027"  
it|strong="H3588".

My|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971"  
will|strong="H3027" live|strong="H3427"  
as|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117"  
as|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588"  
trees|strong="H6086".

My|strong="H3588" chosen|strong="H0972" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3027" get  
full|strong="H3117" use|strong="H0398"  
of|strong="H3117" whatever they|strong="H3588"  
make|strong="H3588".

23 Never|strong="H3808" again will|strong="H3068"  
a|strong="H3588" woman suffer child-  
birth|strong="H3205"

and|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3068"  
her|strong="H3588" baby die.

Women will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"  
fear childbirth|strong="H3205".

I|strong="H3588", the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068", will|strong="H3068"  
bless|strong="H1288" all|strong="H1288"  
my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H3808"  
and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" chil-  
dren|strong="H2233".

24 I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1961" an-  
swer|strong="H6030" them|strong="H1992" be-  
fore|strong="H2962" they|strong="H1992"

call|strong="H7121" for|strong="H7121" help|strong="H6030".

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1961" help|strong="H6030" them|strong="H1992" before|strong="H2962" they|strong="H1992" finish asking|strong="H7121".

<sup>25</sup> Wolves|strong="H2061" and|strong="H3068" little lambs|strong="H2924" will|strong="H3068" eat|strong="H0398" together|strong="H0259".

Lions|strong="H0738" will|strong="H3068" eat|strong="H0398" hay like|strong="H3808" cattle|strong="H1241",

and|strong="H3068" snakes|strong="H5175" will|strong="H3068" eat|strong="H0398" only|strong="H0259" dust|strong="H6083".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" hurt or|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7843" each|strong="H0259" other|strong="H0259" on|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" mountain|strong="H2022".

This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559".

#### God Will Judge All Nations

**66** This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": "Heaven|strong="H8064" is|strong="H0834" my|strong="H3068" throne|strong="H3678", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0834" where|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" rest|strong="H4496" my|strong="H3068" feet|strong="H7272".

So|strong="H3541" do|strong="H2088" you|strong="H0834" think|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" build|strong="H1129" a|strong="H1129" house|strong="H1004" for|strong="H0776" me|strong="H1004"?

Do|strong="H2088" I|strong="H0834" need a|strong="H1129" place|strong="H4725" to|strong="H0559" rest|strong="H4496"?

<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H1697" am|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H2088" who|strong="H3605" made|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" things|strong="H1697".

They|strong="H5921" are|strong="H0428" all|strong="H3605" here|strong="H2088" because|strong="H5921" I|strong="H1697" made|strong="H6213" them|strong="H0413", says|strong="H5002" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

"These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H3605" people I|strong="H1697" care|strong="H3027" for|strong="H5921".

the|strong="H3605" poor|strong="H6041", humble|strong="H6041" people who|strong="H3605" obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H3605" commands|strong="H1697".

<sup>3</sup> Some|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376" kill|strong="H5221" bulls|strong="H7794" as|strong="H5315" a|strong="H2076" sacrifice|strong="H2076",

but|strong="H0376" they|strong="H1992" also|strong="H1571" beat|strong="H5221" people|strong="H0376".

They|strong="H1992" kill|strong="H5221" sheep|strong="H7716" as|strong="H5315" a|strong="H2076" sacrifice|strong="H2076", but|strong="H0376" they|strong="H1992" also|strong="H1571" break|strong="H6202" the|strong="H5221" necks of|strong="H0376" dogs|strong="H3611".

They|strong="H1992" offer|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" grain offerings|strong="H4503",

but|strong="H0376" they|strong="H1992" also|strong="H1571" offer|strong="H5927" the|strong="H5221" blood|strong="H1818" of|strong="H0376" pigs.<sup>1</sup>

They|strong="H1992" burn|strong="H5927" incense|strong="H3828",

but|strong="H0376" they|strong="H1992" also|strong="H1571" love their|strong="H1992" worthless idols|strong="H8251".

They|strong="H1992" choose|strong="H0977" their|strong="H1992" own|strong="H0376" ways|strong="H1870",

and|strong="H0376" they|strong="H1992" love their|strong="H1992" terrible idols|strong="H8251".

<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H6213" I|strong="H0589" decided to|strong="H0935" use their|strong="H1992" own|strong="H5869" tricks.

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" punish them|strong="H1992" using what|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H0834" most afraid of|strong="H5869".

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H0834" because|strong="H3282" I|strong="H0589" called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0935" them|strong="H1992",

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H1992" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030".

I|strong="H0589" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0935" them|strong="H1992", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H1992" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085".

They|strong="H1992" did|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589"

<sup>1</sup> DOGS ... PIGS God did not want his people to offer dogs and pigs as sacrifices.

said |strong="H1696" is |strong="H0369" evil |strong="H7451".

They |strong="H1992" chose |strong="H0977" to |strong="H0935" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H0834".

<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H7200" who |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" commands |strong="H0559", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" what |strong="H1697" he |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":

" Your |strong="H3068" brothers |strong="H0251" hated |strong="H8130" you |strong="H7200".

They |strong="H1992" turned |strong="H0413" against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7200" because |strong="H4616" you |strong="H7200" followed me |strong="H0413".

Your |strong="H3068" brothers |strong="H0251" said |strong="H0559", ' When |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" shows |strong="H7200" his |strong="H3068" glory |strong="H3513",

then |strong="H4616" we |strong="H8085" will |strong="H3068" rejoice |strong="H8057" with |strong="H0413" you |strong="H7200".'

But |strong="H7200" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" punished."

#### **Punishment and |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7200" New Nation**

<sup>6</sup> Listen |strong="H6963"! There |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3068" loud noise |strong="H6963" coming from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1964". It |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" punishing his |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341". He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" giving them |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" punishment they |strong="H3068" deserve.

<sup>7</sup> "A woman does not give birth before she feels the pain. A woman must feel the pain of childbirth before she can see the boy she gives birth to. Who ever heard of such a thing? In the same way, no one ever saw a new world begin in one day. No one has ever heard of a new nation that began in one day. But when Zion feels the pain, she will give birth to her children. <sup>9</sup> In |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" same way, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" cause pain without |strong="H3808" allowing something new to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3808" born |strong="H3205"."

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068": " I |strong="H0589" promise |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3068" if |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0589" cause you |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0559" pain of |strong="H0430" birth |strong="H3205", I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0518" from |strong="H3068" having |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3068" new nation." Your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068".

<sup>10</sup> Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3389" all |strong="H3605" her |strong="H3605" friends |strong="H0157", be |strong="H3605" happy |strong="H8055"!

All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H3389" sad for |strong="H5921" her |strong="H3605", be |strong="H3605" happy |strong="H8055" and |strong="H3389" rejoice |strong="H8055" with |strong="H0854" her |strong="H3605"!

<sup>11</sup> Be |strong="H8575" happy that |strong="H4616" you will |strong="H4616" receive mercy like milk coming from her |strong="H3243" breast |strong="H7699".

Jerusalem's "milk" will |strong="H4616" satisfy |strong="H7646" you!

You will |strong="H4616" drink |strong="H7646" it and |strong="H7646" enjoy |strong="H7646" her |strong="H3243" glory |strong="H3519".

<sup>12</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":

" Look |strong="H2005", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5375" Jerusalem |strong="H3519" peace |strong="H7965" that |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" flow in |strong="H5921" like |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" river |strong="H5104".

Wealth from |strong="H5921" all the |strong="H0559" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H3068" come flowing into |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" like |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" flood.

And |strong="H3068" like |strong="H3068" little babies, you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" drink that |strong="H3588" "milk."

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" hold you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" arms |strong="H6654",

and |strong="H3068" bounce you |strong="H3588" on |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" knees |strong="H1290".

<sup>13</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" comfort |strong="H5162" you |strong="H0834"

like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H0834" mother|strong="H0517" comforting her|strong="H3651" child.

You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0376" comforted|strong="H5162" in|strong="H0376" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

<sup>14</sup> When|strong="H7200" you|strong="H3045" see|strong="H7200" these things, you|strong="H3045" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3820" happy.

You|strong="H3045" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3820" free and|strong="H3068" grow|strong="H6524" like|strong="H3068" grass|strong="H1877".

The|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" servants|strong="H5650" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" his|strong="H3068" power|strong="H3027",

but|strong="H7200" his|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H0341" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" his|strong="H3068" anger.

<sup>15</sup> Look|strong="H2009", the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" coming|strong="H0935" with|strong="H3068" fire|strong="H0784".

His|strong="H3068" armies are|strong="H3068" coming|strong="H0935" with|strong="H3068" clouds of|strong="H3068" dust.

He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" angry|strong="H0639",

and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" punish his|strong="H3068" enemies with|strong="H3068" flames|strong="H3851".

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" judge|strong="H8199" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1320"

and|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" punish them|strong="H0854" with|strong="H0854" fire|strong="H0784" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605" sword|strong="H2719".

There|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" many|strong="H7231" people|strong="H1320" killed|strong="H2491" by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", "These are|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" people|strong="H1320" who|strong="H3068" wash themselves|strong="H0310" and|strong="H3068" make themselves|strong="H0310" pure|strong="H2891" so|strong="H6942" that|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068" can|strong="H0259" go into|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" special gardens|strong="H1593"<sup>I</sup> to|strong="H0413" worship their|strong="H3068" idols. They|strong="H3068" follow|strong="H0310" each|strong="H0259" oth-

er|strong="H0259" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5002" gardens|strong="H1593" to|strong="H0413" eat|strong="H0398" meat|strong="H1320" from|strong="H0413" pigs, rats, and|strong="H3068" other|strong="H0259" dirty things|strong="H8263". But|strong="H1320" they|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3162" be|strong="H3068" destroyed|strong="H0398" together|strong="H3162".

<sup>18</sup> They|strong="H0935" have|strong="H1471" evil thoughts|strong="H4284" and|strong="H0935" do|strong="H4639" evil things|strong="H3605", so|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" coming|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" punish them|strong="H0853". I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H1471" gather|strong="H6908" all|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471". Everyone|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1471" be|strong="H1471" gathered|strong="H6908" together|strong="H6908" to|strong="H0935" see|strong="H7200" my|strong="H3605" Glory|strong="H3519".<sup>II</sup><sup>19</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" put|strong="H7760" a|strong="H7760" mark|strong="H0226" on|strong="H0413" some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1471". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" send|strong="H7971" some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H8085" these|strong="H1992" saved people|strong="H1471" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" of|strong="H8085" Tarshish|strong="H8659", Libya,<sup>III</sup> Lud|strong="H3865"<sup>IV</sup> ( the|strong="H0853" land of|strong="H8085" archers|strong="H7198"), Tubal|strong="H8422",<sup>V</sup> Greece|strong="H3120", and|strong="H7971" all the|strong="H0853" faraway lands. Those|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1471" have|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" heard|strong="H8085" my|strong="H8085" teachings. They|strong="H1992" have|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" seen|strong="H7200" my|strong="H8085" Glory|strong="H3519". So|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" saved people|strong="H1471" will|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" about|strong="H0413" my|strong="H8085" glory|strong="H3519".<sup>20</sup> And|strong="H1121" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" brothers|strong="H0251" and|strong="H1121" sisters

I SPECIAL GARDENS Gardens where people worshiped false gods.

II MY GLORY See "glory" in the Word List. III LIBYA A country in North Africa, west of Egypt. IV LUD This country was probably in the country that is now western Turkey. V TUBAL This country was probably in what is now eastern Turkey.

from *those* other nations my holy mountain Jerusalem as an offering to LORD. Your brothers will ride on horses, camels, and in chariots and wagons. They will be like *the* gifts *that* the Israelites bring clean the Temple of LORD. <sup>21</sup> I will choose of these people to be priests and Levites." The LORD himself said this.

**The New Heavens and the New Earth**

<sup>22</sup> The LORD says, "I will make a new world— new heavens and a new earth— that will last forever.

I MY HOLY MOUNTAIN This is probably Mount Zion, the mountain Jerusalem is built on.

In *the* same way, your names and your children will always be with me. <sup>23</sup> Everyone will come to worship me on every day; they will come every Sabbath and every day of the month. <sup>24</sup> This is what I, LORD, have said.

<sup>24</sup> "Whoever goes out of *the* city will see the dead of *those* who sinned against me. The worms eating those bodies will never die, and the fires burning them will never go out. It will be horrible to anyone who sees it."

II FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH Literally, "new moon." See "new moon" in the Word List.

# Jeremiah

<sup>1</sup> These *the* *messages* *of* *Jeremiah*, *the* *son* *of* *Hilkiah*. *Jeremiah* belonged to *the* *family* *of* *the* *priests* *who* lived in *the* *town* *of* *Anathoth*. <sup>I</sup> That *town* is *in* *the* *land* *that* belongs *to* *the* *tribe* *of* *Benjamin*. <sup>2</sup> *The* *LORD* began *to* *speak* *to* *Jeremiah* *in* *the* *13th* *year* *of* *the* *king* *of* *the* *nation* *of* *Judah*. <sup>3</sup> He *continued* *to* *speak* *to* *Jeremiah* *during* *the* *time* *of* *the* *king* *of* *Judah* *and* *during* *the* *years* *of* *the* *king* *of* *Judah* *and* *during* *the* *years* *of* *the* *king* *of* *Judah* *and* *during* *the* *years* *of* *the* *king* *of* *Judah*. *In* *the* *fifth* *month*

<sup>I</sup> PRIESTS ... OF ANATHOTH These priests probably belonged to the family of the priest Abiathar. Abiathar was a high priest in Jerusalem during the time David was king. He was sent away to Anathoth by King Solomon. See 1 Kings 2:26. <sup>II</sup> THE 13TH YEAR That is, 627 B.C.

*of* *Zedekiah's* *eleventh* *year* *as* *king* *of* *the* *people* *who* lived *in* *Jerusalem* were *taken* *away* *into* *exile*.

## God Calls Jeremiah

<sup>4</sup> *The* *LORD'S* *message* *came* *to* *me*:

<sup>5</sup> "Before *I* *made* *you* *in* *your* *mother's* *womb*,

*I* *knew* *you*.

Before *you* were *born*,

*I* *chose* *you* *for* *a* *special* *work*.

*I* *chose* *you* *to* *be* *a* *prophet* *to* *the* *nations*.

<sup>6</sup> Then *I* *said*, "But *Lord*, *I* *don't* *know* *how* *to* *speak*. *I* *am* *only* *a* *boy*."

<sup>7</sup> But *the* *LORD* *said* *to* *me*, "Don't *say*, 'I *am* *only* *a* *boy*.'"

*You* *must* *go* *everywhere*

I |strong="H0834" send |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834"

and |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559" every-thing |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559".

<sup>8</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H3068" any-one |strong="H3588".

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" protect you |strong="H3588".

This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" reached |strong="H7971" out |strong="H7971" with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5414" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068" touched |strong="H5060" my |strong="H5414" mouth |strong="H6310".

He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "Jeremiah |strong="H3068", I |strong="H5414" am |strong="H3068" putting |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" words |strong="H1697" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" mouth |strong="H6310".

<sup>10</sup> Today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" have |strong="H1471" put |strong="H6485" you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3117" na-tions |strong="H1471" and |strong="H3117" king-doms |strong="H4467".

You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1471" pull |strong="H2040" up |strong="H7200" and |strong="H3117" tear |strong="H2040" down |strong="H5422".

You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1471" de-stroy |strong="H0006" and |strong="H3117" over-throw |strong="H2040".

You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1471" build |strong="H1129" up |strong="H7200" and |strong="H3117" plant |strong="H5193".

### Two |strong="H2088" Visions

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413": "Jeremi-ah |strong="H3414", what |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" see |strong="H7200"?"

I |strong="H0589" answered |strong="H0559", "I |strong="H0589" see |strong="H7200" a |strong="H1961" stick |strong="H4731" made |strong="H1961" from |strong="H0413" al-mond |strong="H8247" wood."

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1697" seen |strong="H7200" very |strong="H3190" well |strong="H3190", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" watching |strong="H8245"<sup>1</sup> to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H6213" sure that |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3068" mes-sage |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" comes true |strong="H3068".

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" again |strong="H8145": "Jeremiah |strong="H3068", what |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" see |strong="H7200"?"

I |strong="H0589" answered |strong="H0559", "I |strong="H0589" see |strong="H7200" a |strong="H1961" pot |strong="H5518" of |strong="H3068" boiling |strong="H5301" water. That |strong="H7200" pot |strong="H5518" is |strong="H3068" tipping over |strong="H0413" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0559" north |strong="H6828"."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "Something terri-ble |strong="H7451" will |strong="H3068" come from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" north |strong="H6828".

It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" happen to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H3605" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H3068" coun-try |strong="H0776".

<sup>15</sup> In |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3588" short time I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" call |strong="H7121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" north-ern |strong="H6828" kingdoms |strong="H4467".

This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

"The |strong="H3605" kings of |strong="H0376" those |strong="H3605" countries will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935"

and |strong="H0935" set |strong="H5414" up |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" thrones |strong="H3678" near |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" gates |strong="H8179" of |strong="H0376" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" at-tack |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605"

I WATCHING This is a wordplay. Shaqed shoqed

city|strong="H5892" walls|strong="H2346" of|strong="H0376" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" attack|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" in|strong="H5921" Judah|strong="H3063".

<sup>16</sup> And|strong="H0430" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" announce judgment|strong="H4941" against|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834", because|strong="H5921" they|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" evil|strong="H7451" and|strong="H0430" have|strong="H0834" turned away|strong="H3605" from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

They|strong="H0834" offered|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" to|strong="H1696" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430"

and|strong="H0430" worshiped|strong="H7812" idols they|strong="H0834" made|strong="H4639" with|strong="H0854" their|strong="H3605" own hands|strong="H3027".

<sup>17</sup> "As|strong="H0834" for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859", Jeremiah|strong="H0413", get|strong="H6965" ready.

Stand|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" and|strong="H6965" speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834".

Tell|strong="H1696" them|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H1696".

Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834".

If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" afraid of|strong="H6440" them|strong="H0413",

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H6680" you|strong="H0859" good|strong="H6965" reason|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0408" afraid of|strong="H6440" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>18</sup> As|strong="H3117" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5414", today|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H5414" strong city|strong="H5892",

an|strong="H5414" iron|strong="H1270" column|strong="H5982", a|strong="H5414" bronze|strong="H5178" wall|strong="H2346".

You|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" able to|strong="H5921" stand against|strong="H5921" everyone|strong="H3605"

in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776",

against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063", the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063", the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063", and|strong="H3063" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063".

<sup>19</sup> All|strong="H5337" those|strong="H3588" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588",

but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" defeat you|strong="H3588",

because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3588",

and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" you|strong="H3588".

This|strong="H3588" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068".

### Judah Was Not Faithful

**2** The|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" message|strong="H1697"

came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413": <sup>2</sup> "Jeremiah|strong="H0776", go|strong="H1980" and|strong="H1980"

speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0776" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0310" that|strong="H3068" this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":

"At|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" time you|strong="H3808" were|strong="H0776" a|strong="H7121" young nation, you|strong="H3808" were|strong="H0776" faithful|strong="H2617" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H7121".

You|strong="H3808" followed|strong="H0310" me|strong="H7121" like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H7121" young bride.

You|strong="H3808" followed|strong="H0310" me|strong="H7121" through|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0559" desert|strong="H4057",



through|strong="H1980" a|strong="H7121" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" been|strong="H2142" used for|strong="H7121" farm-land.

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H3068" Is-rael|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" a|strong="H0935" holy|strong="H6944" gift|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

They|strong="H3068" were|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H7225" fruit|strong="H3605" he|strong="H3068" gathered. Any|strong="H3605" people who|strong="H3605" tried to|strong="H0413" hurt them|strong="H0413" were|strong="H3478" judged guilty|strong="H0816".

Bad|strong="H7451" things|strong="H6944" hap-pened|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" those|strong="H3605" wicked|strong="H7451" peo-ple."

This|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>4</sup> Family|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1004" Ja-cob|strong="H3290", hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" mes-sage|strong="H1697".

Tribes|strong="H4940" of|strong="H1004" Is-rael|strong="H3478", listen|strong="H8085".

<sup>5</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":

" Do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" think|strong="H0559" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3588" fair to|strong="H0559" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001"?

Is|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" why|strong="H4100" they|strong="H3588" turned away|strong="H0310" from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921"?

Your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" worshiped|strong="H0310" worth-less|strong="H1892" idols|strong="H1892",

and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3588" be-came|strong="H1891" worthless|strong="H1892" themselves|strong="H0310".

<sup>6</sup> Your|strong="H3068" ancestors did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559",

' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H5927" us|strong="H0559" out|strong="H3427" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714".

He|strong="H8033" led us|strong="H0559" through|strong="H5674" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H6160",

through|strong="H5674" a|strong="H5927" dry|strong="H6723" and|strong="H3068" rocky land|strong="H0776".

He|strong="H8033" led us|strong="H0559" through|strong="H5674" a|strong="H5927" dark|strong="H6757" and|strong="H3068" dangerous land|strong="H0776".

No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" lives|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033"; people|strong="H0120" don't|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" travel|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" that|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776".

But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" led us|strong="H0559" through|strong="H5674" that|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776".

So|strong="H3808" where|strong="H0346" is|strong="H3068" he|strong="H8033" now|strong="H0120"?

<sup>7</sup> " I|strong="H7760" brought|strong="H0935" you|strong="H7760" into|strong="H0413" a|strong="H7760" good|strong="H2898" land|strong="H0776",

a|strong="H7760" land|strong="H0776" filled with|strong="H0413" many good|strong="H2898" things|strong="H2898".

I|strong="H7760" did this|strong="H0398" so|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0776" you|strong="H7760" could eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" fruit|strong="H6529" and|strong="H0935" crops that|strong="H0776" grow there.

But|strong="H0935" you|strong="H7760" only made|strong="H7760" my|strong="H7760" land|strong="H0776" 'dirty.'

I|strong="H7760" gave|strong="H7760" that|strong="H0776" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H7760", but|strong="H0935" you|strong="H7760" made|strong="H7760" it|strong="H7760" a|strong="H7760" bad place|strong="H7760".

<sup>8</sup> " The|strong="H0559" priests|strong="H3548" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" ask|strong="H0559",

' Where|strong="H0346" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"?

The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808" who|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0559" law|strong="H8451" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" want to|strong="H0559" know|strong="H3045" me|strong="H0310".

The|strong="H0559" leaders of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3068" Israel turned against|strong="H6586" me|strong="H0310".

The *prophets* in *the* name of *the* *Baal* god *worshiped* *worthless* idols."

<sup>9</sup> The *LORD* says *I* will *accuse* you *again*, and *I* will *also* *accuse* your *grandchildren*.

<sup>10</sup> Go *across* the *sea* to the *Islands* of *Kittim*.<sup>II</sup>

Send *someone* to the *land* of *Kedar*.  
Look *very* *carefully*.

See *if* *anyone* has *ever* done *anything* like *this*.

<sup>11</sup> Has *any* *nation* *ever* stopped *worshiping* their *old* gods *so* that *they* could *worship* new gods?

No! And *their* gods *are* *not* *really* *at* all!

But *my* *people* stopped *worshiping* their *glorious* God *and* started *worshiping* idols that *are* *worth* nothing.

<sup>12</sup> "Skies, be shocked at what happened!  
Shake with *great* fear!"

This *message* is *from* the *LORD*.

<sup>13</sup> "My *people* have *done* *two* *evil* things. They *turned* away from *me*, and *they* dug their *own* *water* cisterns. I *am* the *source* of *living* *water*; those *cisterns* are *broken* and *cannot* hold *water*.

<sup>14</sup> "Israel is *not* a *slave*, is *he*? He *was* *not* *born* a *slave*, was *he*? Then *why* did *the* *enemy* carry *him* away as *a* *captive*?

<sup>15</sup> Like *a* *lion* has *roared* at *Israel*. They *have* *destroyed* your *land*.

Your *cities* have *been* *burned*, and *no* *one* *left* *in* *them*.

<sup>16</sup> People *from* *Memphis* and *Tahpanhes* have *smashed* the *top* of *your* *head*.

<sup>17</sup> This *trouble* is *your* *own* fault. The *LORD* *was* *leading* you *the* *right* way.

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I SPOKE Or "prophesied." II ISLANDS OF KITTIM The name means the Island of Cyprus. But the name was often used for the other islands and coastlands of the Mediterranean Sea.

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but you turned away from him.

<sup>18</sup> People of Judah, think about this:

How did you help you to go to Egypt and drink the Nile River?

How did you help you to go to Assyria and drink the Euphrates River?

<sup>19</sup> You have done wrong, and will only bring punishment to you.

Trouble will come to you,

and it will teach you a lesson.

Think about it and understand how bad it is to turn away from the LORD your God.

It is wrong to fear and respect me.

This message is from Lord GOD All-Powerful.

<sup>20</sup> "Judah, long ago you broke free from me,

like an ox that its yoke and the ropes that held it.

You said to me, 'I will

not serve you!

On every high hill and under every green tree,

you acted like a prostitute. I

<sup>21</sup> Judah, I planted you like a special vine.

You were all good seed from

How did you turn into a different vine that grows bad fruit?

<sup>22</sup> Even if you wash yourself with lye,

even if you use much soap,

I still see your guilt.

This message is from Lord GOD.

<sup>23</sup> "Judah, how can you say to me,

'I am not guilty because I have not worshiped Baal idols?'

Think what you did in the valley.

Think what you have done.

You are like a fast she-camel

that runs from place to place.

<sup>24</sup> You are like a wild donkey

I ON EVERY ... PROSTITUTE This means the people worshiped their false gods in these places.

that |strong="H3605" lives |strong="H5315"  
in |strong="H5315" the |strong="H3605"  
desert |strong="H4057".

At |strong="H2320" mating time,  
she |strong="H3808" sniffs the |strong="H3605"  
wind |strong="H7307".

No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605"  
can |strong="H4310" control her |strong="H3605"  
when |strong="H7725" she |strong="H3808"  
is |strong="H4310" in |strong="H5315" heat.

At |strong="H2320" mating time,  
every |strong="H3605" male that |strong="H3605"  
wants her |strong="H3605" will |strong="H4310"  
get |strong="H7725" her |strong="H3605".

She |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4310" easy  
to |strong="H7725" find |strong="H4672".

<sup>25</sup> Judah, stop |strong="H3808" chas-  
ing |strong="H0310" after |strong="H0310" idols!

Stop |strong="H3808" wanting  
those |strong="H0310" other |strong="H2114" gods.

But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588"  
say |strong="H0559", ' It |strong="H3588"  
is |strong="H0559" no |strong="H3808" use!  
I |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808"  
stop |strong="H3808"!

I |strong="H3588" love |strong="H0157"  
those |strong="H0310" other |strong="H2114" gods.

I |strong="H3588" can't |strong="H3808"  
stop |strong="H3808" chasing |strong="H0310"  
them |strong="H0310"!

<sup>26</sup> " A |strong="H3588" thief |strong="H1590"  
is |strong="H3651" ashamed |strong="H0954"  
when |strong="H3588" people catch  
him |strong="H4672" stealing.

The |strong="H3588" people of |strong="H4428" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" should |strong="H3548"  
be |strong="H3478" ashamed |strong="H0954" too  
and |strong="H3478" so |strong="H3651"  
should |strong="H3548" their |strong="H1992"  
kings |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3478" lead-  
ers |strong="H8269", priests |strong="H3548"  
and |strong="H3478" prophets |strong="H5030".

<sup>27</sup> They |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" pieces of |strong="H3205"  
wood |strong="H6086",

' You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0068"  
my |strong="H6965" father |strong="H0001"!

They |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3588"  
rock |strong="H0068",

' You |strong="H0859" gave |strong="H3205"  
birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413"!

All these people |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" ashamed.

They |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808"  
look |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0413"

me |strong="H0413" for |strong="H3588"  
help |strong="H3467".

They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0001"  
turned |strong="H6437" their |strong="H3588"  
backs |strong="H6203" to |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413".

But |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3808"  
of |strong="H3205" Judah get |strong="H6965" in-  
to |strong="H0413" trouble |strong="H7451",  
they |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413",

' Come |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965"  
save |strong="H3467" us |strong="H0413"!

<sup>28</sup> But |strong="H3588" where |strong="H0834"  
are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" idols  
you |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213"  
for |strong="H3588" yourselves?

Let's see |strong="H0834" if |strong="H0518"  
they |strong="H0834" come |strong="H1961"  
and |strong="H6965" save |strong="H3467"  
you |strong="H0834" when |strong="H3588"  
you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"  
in |strong="H0430" trouble |strong="H7451"!

People |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0430" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063", you |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H1961" as |strong="H0834"  
many |strong="H4557" idols

as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H1961" cities |strong="H5892"!

<sup>29</sup> " Why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100"  
you |strong="H3605" argue |strong="H7378"  
with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"?

You |strong="H3605" have |strong="H3068"  
all |strong="H3605" turned |strong="H0413"  
against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"!

This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068"  
was |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>30</sup> " I |strong="H3808" punished you |strong="H0853"  
people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah,

but |strong="H3808" it |strong="H0398"  
did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" help.

You |strong="H0853" did |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" come back |strong="H3947"

when |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0853"  
were |strong="H1121" punished.

With |strong="H0398" your |strong="H3947"  
swords |strong="H2719" you |strong="H0853"  
killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853"  
prophets |strong="H5030" who |strong="H1121" came  
to |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0853".

Like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3947" dangerous  
lion |strong="H0738", you |strong="H0853"  
killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853"  
prophets |strong="H5030".

<sup>31</sup> People |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776"  
this |strong="H1697" generation |strong="H1755",

pay attention |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697"!

" Have |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0518" been |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" desert |strong="H4057" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478"?

Have |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0518" been |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" dark and |strong="H0935" dangerous land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413"?

My |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" say |strong="H0559", ' We |strong="H0518" are |strong="H3478" free to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H0935" our |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" way |strong="H1697".

We |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859"!

Why |strong="H4069" do |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" say |strong="H0559" these |strong="H5971" things |strong="H1697"?

<sup>32</sup> A |strong="H0369" young |strong="H3117" woman does |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" forget |strong="H7911" her |strong="H7911" jewelry |strong="H5716".

A |strong="H0369" bride |strong="H3618" does |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" forget |strong="H7911" to |strong="H0369" wear her |strong="H7911" wedding dress.

But |strong="H0369" my |strong="H7911" people |strong="H5971" have |strong="H0369" forgotten |strong="H7911" me |strong="H7911"

too many |strong="H4557" times |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0369" count |strong="H4557".

<sup>33</sup> "Judah, you |strong="H0853" have |strong="H1571" become so |strong="H3651" good |strong="H3190" at |strong="H3651" finding lovers.

Even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0853" worst women could |strong="H1571" learn |strong="H3925" some evil |strong="H7451" ways |strong="H1870" from |strong="H1571" you |strong="H0853".

<sup>34</sup> You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1571" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3605" hands!

It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818" of |strong="H5921" poor |strong="H0034", innocent |strong="H5355" people |strong="H5315".

You |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" catch them |strong="H5921" breaking |strong="H4290" into |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3605" house.

You |strong="H3588" killed them |strong="H5921" for |strong="H3588" no |strong="H3808" reason |strong="H5921"!

<sup>35</sup> But |strong="H3588" still |strong="H7725", you |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H2005" innocent |strong="H5352".

God |strong="H0559" is |strong="H0639" not |strong="H3808" angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H7725"!

So |strong="H4480" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" also |strong="H0639" judge |strong="H8199" you |strong="H3588" guilty of |strong="H4480" lying, because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" say |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" done |strong="H2398" nothing |strong="H3808" wrong |strong="H2398"!

<sup>36</sup> You |strong="H0834" go |strong="H0235" from |strong="H1571" one |strong="H0834" place to |strong="H0954" another |strong="H1571" looking for |strong="H4714" help, always changing |strong="H8138" your |strong="H0834" mind.

But |strong="H1571" Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H0834" also |strong="H1571" disappoint |strong="H0954" you |strong="H0834",

just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" Assyria |strong="H0804" did |strong="H4100".

<sup>37</sup> So |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" eventually leave |strong="H3318" Egypt too |strong="H1571",

and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" hide your |strong="H3068" face in |strong="H5921" shame.

You |strong="H3588" trusted these |strong="H2088" countries,

but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" rejected |strong="H3988" them |strong="H0853",

so |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" help you |strong="H3588" win |strong="H6743".

**3** " If |strong="H2005" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" divorces |strong="H7971" his |strong="H3068" wife |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1980" she |strong="H1931" goes |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" marries someone |strong="H0376" else |strong="H5750", the |strong="H0853" first |strong="H0312" husband |strong="H0376" cannot |strong="H3808" take |strong="H7725" her |strong="H0413" back |strong="H7725".

If |strong="H2005" he |strong="H1931" did |strong="H3808", <sup>1</sup> it |strong="H1931"

<sup>1</sup> IF HE DID It was against the Law of Moses for a man to marry a woman he had divorced if that woman had become another man's wife. See Deuteronomy 24:1-4.

would **make** the **land** **unclean**.

Judah, you **and** **all** your **false gods** **are** **like** a **prostitute** **with** **many** **lovers**!

So **why** do you **think** you **can** **come** **back** to **me**?

This **message** **is** the **LORD**.

<sup>2</sup> Look **up** **bare** **hilltops**, Judah.

Is **there** any **place** where **you** **have** **not** **had** **sex** with **your** **lovers**?

You **sat** **by** **the** **road** **waiting** for **lovers**,

**like** an **Arab** in **the** **desert**.

You **made** the **land** **dirty**

**with** **all** the **evil** **sins** you **did**

**when** you **were** **unfaithful** to **me**.

<sup>3</sup> You **sinned**, so **the** **rain** **has** **not** **come**

**There** **has** **not** **any** **springtime** rains.

**But** you **refuse** to **be** **ashamed**.

**The** **look** on **your** **face** **is** **like** **of** a **prostitute** **who** **refuses** to **be** **ashamed**.

<sup>4</sup> **But** you **didn't** **call** **me** **'Father'**?

**Didn't** you **say**, 'You **have** **been** **my** **friend** **since** **I** **was** **a** **child**?'  
<sup>5</sup> You **also** **said**, 'God **will** **not** **be** **angry** **with** **me**.'

**His** **anger** **will** **not** **continue** **forever**!

"Judah, you **say** **that**, **but** you **do** **as** **much** **evil** **as** you **can**."

**The** **Two** **Bad** **Sisters**: **Israel** **and** **Judah**

<sup>6</sup> **The** **LORD** **spoke** **to** **me** **during** **the** **time** **King** **Josiah** **was** **ruling** **the** **na-**  
**tion** **of** **Judah**. **He** **said**, "Jeremiah, you **saw** **the** **bad** **things** **Israel** **did**!  
 You **saw** **how** **she** **was** **unfaithful** to **me**.  
 She **was** **unfaithful** to **me** **with** **every** **idol** **on** **every** **hill** **and** **under** **every** **green** **tree**.  
<sup>7</sup> **I** **said** **to** **myself**, 'Israel **will** **come** **back** to **me** **after** **she** **finished** **doing**'

<sup>1</sup> ISRAEL Here, the name Israel means the northern kingdom of Israel. Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians about 100 years before Jeremiah's time.

these *evil things*. But *she did not come to me*. And *Israel's unfaithful sister Judah*, *saw what she did*. <sup>8</sup> *Israel was unfaithful, and she knew why* sent *her away*. *Israel* knew that *I* divorced *her* because *she* committed the *sin of adultery*. But *that* *not her* *unfaithful sister* *afraid*. *Judah* was *not afraid*. *She* also *went* and *acted* like *a prostitute*. <sup>9</sup> *Judah* did not care that *she* acting like *a prostitute*. So *she* made *her* country 'dirty.' *She* committed the *sin of adultery* by *worshiping idols* made *out of stone* and *wood*. <sup>10</sup> *Israel's unfaithful sister* did not come back to *me* with *her* whole heart. *She* only pretended that *she* came back to *me*. This *message* is from the *LORD*.

<sup>11</sup> The *LORD* said to *me*, " *Israel*

was not faithful to *me*, but *she* had a better excuse than unfaithful *Judah*. <sup>12</sup> *Jeremiah*, look toward the *north* and *speak* this *message*: " Come back, *you* faithless people of *Israel*!"

This *message* is from the *LORD*. ' *I* will stop *frowning at* you.

*I* am of *mercy*."

The *LORD* says, ' *I* will not be with you forever.

<sup>13</sup> But *you* must recognize your *sin*.

*You* turned against the *LORD* your *God*.

That *is* your *sin*.

*You* worshiped the idols of other *nations*.

*You* worshiped them every *green tree*.

*You* did not obey *me*."

This *message* is from the *LORD*.

<sup>14</sup> The *LORD* says, " *You* people are unfaithful, but *come* back to *me* because *I* am your *master*."

I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" one |strong="H0259" person |strong="H0935" from |strong="H7725" every |strong="H0259" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H1121" two |strong="H8147" people |strong="H1121" from |strong="H7725" every |strong="H0259" family |strong="H4940" and |strong="H1121" bring |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0935" Zion |strong="H6726".<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" new rulers |strong="H7462" who |strong="H7919" will |strong="H5414" be |strong="H3820" faithful to |strong="H5414" me |strong="H5414". They |strong="H3820" will |strong="H5414" lead you |strong="H5414" with |strong="H3820" knowledge |strong="H1844" and |strong="H3820" understanding |strong="H3820".<sup>16</sup> In |strong="H5921" those |strong="H1992" days |strong="H3117" there |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" many |strong="H7235" of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H3588" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0776". This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068".

" At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" people |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" again |strong="H5750" say |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H3588" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0559" days |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" Box of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Agreement |strong="H1285". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3588" think |strong="H3820" about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" Holy Box any more |strong="H5750". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3588" remember |strong="H2142" or |strong="H3808" miss |strong="H6485" it |strong="H5921". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" another |strong="H5750" Holy Box.<sup>17</sup> At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H6256" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H5750" called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Throne |strong="H3678". All |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H3068" come together in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605"

city |strong="H1931" of |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" to |strong="H0413" give honor |strong="H8034" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H0310" their |strong="H3605" stubborn, evil |strong="H7451" hearts |strong="H3820" anymore |strong="H5750".<sup>18</sup> In |strong="H5921" those |strong="H0834" days |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H0776" join the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" together |strong="H3162" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" land |strong="H0776" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" north |strong="H6828" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5157" to |strong="H0935" their |strong="H1992" ancestors |strong="H0001"."

<sup>19</sup> This message is from the LORD:

"I want to treat you like my own children.  
I want to give you a pleasant land,  
a land more beautiful than any other nation.  
I thought you would call me 'Father.'  
I thought you would always follow me.  
But you have been unfaithful to me, family of Israel!  
You have been like an unfaithful wife who leaves her husband.

<sup>21</sup> You |strong="H3588" can |strong="H1121" hear |strong="H8085" crying |strong="H1065" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" bare |strong="H8205" hills.

The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" are |strong="H3478" crying |strong="H1065" and |strong="H1121" praying for |strong="H3588" mercy |strong="H3068".

They |strong="H3588" became very evil.

They |strong="H3588" forgot |strong="H7911" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>22</sup> " People |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel, you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" unfaithful to |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725", but |strong="H3588" come |strong="H0857" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725".

Come |strong="H0857" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" forgive<sup>1</sup> you |strong="H0859"

<sup>1</sup> FORGIVE Literally, "heal."



for being unfaithful."

"Just say, ' Yes, we will come back,

because you are LORD our God."

<sup>23</sup> It was foolish to worship idols on the hills.

All the loud parties on the mountains were wrong.

Surely the salvation of Israel

comes from the LORD our God.

<sup>24</sup> That terrible false god Baal has eaten everything our fathers owned.

This has happened since we were children.

That terrible false god took our fathers' and

and their sons and daughters.

<sup>25</sup> Let us lie down in shame.

Let our shame cover us a blanket.

We have sinned against the LORD our God.

We and our fathers have sinned.

We have not obeyed the LORD our God

from the time we were children."

<sup>4</sup> This message is the LORD's.

" Israel, if you want to come back, then come back to me.

Throw away your idols.

Don't wander farther away from me.

<sup>2</sup> If you do these things, you will be able to use my name to make a promise.

You will be able to say, ' As the LORD lives!

You will be able to use these words in a truthful and right way.

If you do these things, the nations will be blessed by the Lord.

They will brag about what the Lord has done."

<sup>3</sup> This is what the LORD says to the people of Judah to Jerusalem:

" Your fields have not been plowed. Plow those fields!

Don't plant seeds among thorns.

<sup>4</sup> Become the LORD'S people.

Change your hearts.

I CHANGE YOUR HEARTS Literally, "Be circumcised to the LORD. Cut away the foreskin of your hearts." See "circumcise, circumcision" in

Men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389", if |strong="H0376"  
you |strong="H6440" don't |strong="H0369" change,  
then |strong="H3318" I |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H3318" very an-  
gry |strong="H2534".

My |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H2534"  
will |strong="H3068" spread |strong="H3318" fast  
like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3318"  
fire |strong="H0784",

and |strong="H3068" it |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" burn |strong="H1197"  
you |strong="H6440" up |strong="H3427".

No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" able  
to |strong="H0369" put |strong="H5493"  
out |strong="H3318" that |strong="H3068"  
fire |strong="H0784"

because |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0376"  
the |strong="H6440" evil |strong="H7455"  
you |strong="H6440" have |strong="H0369" done."

#### Disaster From |strong="H5493" the |strong="H6440" North

<sup>5</sup> " Give |strong="H8085" this |strong="H5046" mes-  
sage |strong="H3389" to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H8085"  
of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063":

Tell |strong="H5046" everyone in |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892"  
of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389":

' Blow |strong="H8628" the |strong="H0559" trum-  
pet |strong="H7782" all |strong="H0622"  
over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" coun-  
try |strong="H0776":

Shout out |strong="H0413" loud and |strong="H0935"  
say |strong="H0559",

' Come |strong="H0935" together |strong="H0622"!'  
Let |strong="H5046" us |strong="H0413"

all |strong="H0622" escape to |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" strong cities |strong="H5892"  
for |strong="H7121" protection.'

<sup>6</sup> Raise |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3588" sig-  
nal |strong="H5251" flag toward |strong="H0935"  
Zion |strong="H6726".

Run for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H0935"  
lives |strong="H0935"! Don't |strong="H0408"  
wait |strong="H5975"!

Do |strong="H0408" this |strong="H3588" be-  
cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0595"  
am |strong="H0595" bringing |strong="H0935" disas-  
ter |strong="H7451" from |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H3588" north |strong="H6828". <sup>1</sup>

the Word List. Jeremiah is saying that real circumcision must be  
from inside a person's heart (mind). I NORTH The Babylonian army  
came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries

I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" bring-  
ing |strong="H0935" terrible |strong="H7451" destruc-  
tion |strong="H7667".

<sup>7</sup> A |strong="H7760" lion |strong="H0738"  
has |strong="H0369" come |strong="H5927"  
out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776"  
his |strong="H7760" cave.

A |strong="H7760" destroyer |strong="H7843"  
of |strong="H0776" nations |strong="H1471"  
has |strong="H0369" begun to |strong="H0369"  
march |strong="H3318".

He |strong="H3318" has |strong="H0369"  
left |strong="H3318" his |strong="H7760"  
home |strong="H4725" to |strong="H0369" de-  
stroy |strong="H7843" your |strong="H7760"  
land |strong="H0776".

Your |strong="H7760" towns |strong="H5892"  
will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" de-  
stroyed |strong="H7843".

There |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0776"  
be |strong="H0776" no |strong="H0369"  
one |strong="H0369" left |strong="H3318"  
to |strong="H0369" live |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" them |strong="H3318".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H0639"  
with |strong="H3068" us |strong="H5921",  
so |strong="H4480" put |strong="H7725"  
on |strong="H5921" sackcloth |strong="H8242"  
and |strong="H3068" cry out |strong="H4480" loud!

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068"  
says |strong="H5002", " When |strong="H1961"  
this |strong="H1931" happens |strong="H1961",  
the |strong="H5002" king |strong="H4428"  
and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" offi-  
cers |strong="H8269" will |strong="H3068" lose  
their |strong="H3068" courage |strong="H3820".

The |strong="H5002" priests |strong="H3548"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" filled  
with |strong="H3068" fear,

and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002"  
prophets |strong="H5030" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H1961" shocked |strong="H8539".

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H5704", Jeremi-  
ah, said |strong="H0559", " Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136", you |strong="H5704"  
have |strong="H1961" tricked |strong="H5377"  
the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971"  
of |strong="H5315" Judah and |strong="H3389"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389". You |strong="H5704"  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
them |strong="H1961", ' You |strong="H5704"  
will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961"  
peace |strong="H7965". ' But |strong="H1961"  
now |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559"

north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Is-  
rael.

sword/strong="H2719" is/strong="H2088" pointing at/strong="H1961" their/strong="H1961" throats!"

11 At/strong="H3808" that/strong="H1931" time/strong="H6256" this/strong="H2088" message/strong="H3389" will/strong="H3389" be/strong="H3808" given to/strong="H0559" the/strong="H0559" people/strong="H5971" of/strong="H1323" Judah and/strong="H3389" Jerusalem/strong="H3389":  
" A/strong="H2088" hot wind/strong="H7307" blows from/strong="H7307" the/strong="H0559" bare/strong="H8205" hills.

It/strong="H1931" comes from/strong="H7307" the/strong="H0559" desert/strong="H4057" to/strong="H0559" my/strong="H2088" people/strong="H5971".

It/strong="H1931" is/strong="H2088" not/strong="H3808" like/strong="H3808" the/strong="H0559" gentle wind/strong="H7307" that/strong="H1931" is/strong="H2088" used to/strong="H0559" separate the/strong="H0559" grain from/strong="H7307" the/strong="H0559" chaff.

12 It/strong="H1696" is/strong="H1571" a/strong="H0935" stronger wind/strong="H7307" than/strong="H1571" that/strong="H1571", and/strong="H0935" it/strong="H1696" comes/strong="H0935" from/strong="H0935" me/strong="H0935".

Now/strong="H6258" I/strong="H0589" will/strong="H1571" announce my/strong="H0935" judgment/strong="H4941"

against/strong="H0854" the/strong="H0935" people/strong="H1696" of/strong="H7307" Judah."

13 Look/strong="H2009"! The/strong="H3588" enemy rises/strong="H5927" up/strong="H5927" like/strong="H5927" a/strong="H3588" cloud/strong="H6051".

His/strong="H3588" chariots/strong="H4818" look/strong="H2009" like/strong="H5927" a/strong="H3588" windstorm.

His/strong="H3588" horses/strong="H5483" are/strong="H5927" faster than/strong="H3588" eagles/strong="H5404".

It/strong="H3588" will/strong="H7703" be/strong="H3588" very bad for/strong="H3588" us/strong="H3588"!

We/strong="H3588" are/strong="H5927" ruined/strong="H7703"!

14 People/strong="H3820" of/strong="H3820" Jerusalem/strong="H3389",

wash/strong="H3526" the/strong="H5704" evil/strong="H7451" from/strong="H5704" your/strong="H5704" hearts/strong="H3820".

Make your/strong="H5704" hearts/strong="H3820" pure so/strong="H4616" that/strong="H4616" you/strong="H5704" can be/strong="H3820" saved/strong="H3467".

Don't continue making evil/strong="H7451" plans/strong="H4284".

15 Listen/strong="H8085"! The/strong="H3588" voice/strong="H6963" of/strong="H2022" a/strong="H3588" messenger/strong="H5046" from/strong="H8085" the/strong="H3588" land of/strong="H2022" Dan/strong="H1835"<sup>I</sup> is/strong="H0669" speaking.

Someone is/strong="H0669" bringing bad news/strong="H6963"

from/strong="H8085" the/strong="H3588" hill/strong="H2022" country/strong="H2022" of/strong="H2022" Ephraim/strong="H0669"<sup>II</sup>:

16 " Report/strong="H2142" it/strong="H5414" to/strong="H0935" this/strong="H0935" nation/strong="H1471".<sup>III</sup>

Spread/strong="H5414" the/strong="H5921" news/strong="H6963" to/strong="H0935" the/strong="H5921" people/strong="H1471" in/strong="H5921" Jerusalem/strong="H3389".

Enemies/strong="H3389" are/strong="H0776" coming/strong="H0935" from/strong="H0935" a/strong="H5414" faraway country/strong="H0776".

They/strong="H5921" are/strong="H0776" shouting/strong="H6963" words of/strong="H0776" war against/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" cities/strong="H5892" of/strong="H0776" Judah/strong="H3063".

17 The/strong="H0853" enemy has/strong="H3068" surrounded/strong="H5439" Jerusalem/strong="H8104"

like/strong="H1961" men guarding/strong="H8104" a/strong="H1961" field/strong="H7704".

Judah, you/strong="H3588" turned/strong="H1961" against/strong="H5921" me/strong="H5921", so/strong="H1961" the/strong="H0853" enemy is/strong="H3068" coming against/strong="H5921" you/strong="H3588".

This/strong="H3588" message/strong="H3068" is/strong="H3068" from/strong="H5921" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068".

18 " The/strong="H3588" way/strong="H1870" you/strong="H3588" lived and/strong="H1870" the/strong="H3588" things/strong="H0428" you/strong="H3588" did/strong="H6213"

brought/strong="H6213" this/strong="H2063" trouble/strong="H7451" to/strong="H5704" you/strong="H3588".

It/strong="H3588" is/strong="H3820" your/strong="H3588" evil/strong="H7451" that/strong="H3588" made/strong="H6213" your/strong="H3588" life/strong="H3820" so/strong="H6213" hard.

I LAND OF DAN The people from the tribe of Dan lived near the border in the northern part of Israel. They would be the first to be attacked by an enemy from the north. II HILL COUNTRY OF EPHRAIM This was the central part of the land that had been the northern kingdom of Israel. III "REPORT ... NATION The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

Your *evil* brought *pain* that *hurts deep in* your *heart*.

### Jeremiah's Cry

19 My *sadness and* worry *is* making *my* stomach *hurt*.

I *am bent over in* pain.

I *am so* afraid.

My *heart* *is* *pounding* inside *me*.

I *cannot* keep *quiet, because* I *have* heard *the* trumpet *blow*.

The *trumpet* *is* calling the *army* to *war*.

20 Disaster *follows disaster*.

The *whole* *country* *is* *destroyed*.

Suddenly *my* tents *are* *destroyed*.

My *curtains* *are* *torn down*!

21 How *long* must I *see* the *war flags*?

How *long* must I *hear* the *war trumpets*?

22 The *Lord* said, "My *people* *are* *foolish*."

They *don't* know *me*.

They *are* *stupid* children.

They *don't* understand.

They *are* *skillful* at *doing* *evil*,

but *they* *don't* know *how* to *do* *good*.

### Disaster Is Coming

23 I *looked* at *the* earth.

It *was* *empty*; there *was* *nothing* on *it*.

I *looked* at *the* sky,

and *its* *light* *was* *gone*.

24 I *looked* at *the* mountains,

and *they* *were* shaking.

All *the* hills *were* trembling.

25 I *looked*, but *there* *were* *no* people.

All *the* birds *of* the *sky* had *flown away*.

26 I *looked*, and *the* good land *had* become *a* desert.

All *the* cities *in* that *land* *were* *destroyed* by *the* LORD *and* his *great anger*.

27 This *is* what *the* LORD *says*:

"The *whole* *country* *will* be *ruined*,

but *I* *will* completely *destroy* the *land*.

28 So *the* people *in* the *land*

I THE EARTH ... GONE Jeremiah is comparing his country to the time before people were put on the earth. See Genesis 1:1.

will|strong="H0776" cry for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" dead.

The|strong="H5921" sky|strong="H8064" will|strong="H0776" grow|strong="H6937" dark|strong="H6937".

I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0776" spoken|strong="H1696" and|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" change|strong="H5162".

I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0776" made|strong="H1696" a|strong="H3588" decision, and|strong="H0776" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" change|strong="H5162" my|strong="H5921" mind|strong="H5162".

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Judah will|strong="H0376" hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3605" sound|strong="H6963"

of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" horse soldiers|strong="H0376" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" archers|strong="H7198", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" run away|strong="H1272".

Some|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" them|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0376" hide in|strong="H3427" caves;<sup>1</sup>

some|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" hide in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" bushes;

some|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" climb|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" rocks|strong="H3710".

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0376" Judah will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" empty.

No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" them|strong="H0935".

<sup>30</sup> Judah, you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H5869" been destroyed|strong="H7703".

So|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" doing|strong="H6213" now|strong="H3588"?

Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" putting|strong="H3847" on|strong="H3847" your|strong="H3588" best|strong="H5869" red|strong="H8144" dress|strong="H3847"?

Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" putting|strong="H3847" on|strong="H3847" your|strong="H3588" gold|strong="H2091" jewelry|strong="H5716"?

Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" putting|strong="H3847"

on|strong="H3847" your|strong="H3588" eye|strong="H5869" makeup?

You|strong="H0859" make|strong="H6213" yourself|strong="H0859" beautiful|strong="H3302", but|strong="H3588" it|strong="H3588" is|strong="H4100" a|strong="H3588" waste|strong="H7703" of|strong="H5869" time.

Your|strong="H3588" lovers|strong="H5689" hate you|strong="H0859".

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H4100" trying to|strong="H1245" kill you|strong="H0859".

<sup>31</sup> I|strong="H3588" hear|strong="H8085" a|strong="H3588" cry|strong="H6963"

like|strong="H1323" a|strong="H3588" woman|strong="H1323" in|strong="H8085" labor,

a|strong="H3588" scream like|strong="H1323" a|strong="H3588" woman|strong="H1323" giving|strong="H1069" birth|strong="H1069" to|strong="H8085" her|strong="H8085" first|strong="H1069" baby.

It|strong="H3588" is|strong="H5315" the|strong="H3588" cry|strong="H6963" of|strong="H1323" daughter|strong="H1323" Zion|strong="H6726".<sup>II</sup>

She|strong="H3588" is|strong="H5315" lifting her|strong="H8085" hands|strong="H3709" in|strong="H8085" prayer, saying|strong="H6963",

" Oh|strong="H4994"! I|strong="H3588" am about|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" faint|strong="H5888".

Murderers|strong="H2026" are|strong="H1323" all around me|strong="H4994".

#### The Evil of the People of Judah

**5** The|strong="H7200" Lord says, "Walk the|strong="H7200" streets|strong="H2351" of|strong="H0376" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". Look|strong="H7200" around and|strong="H4941" think|strong="H7200" about|strong="H3045" these things. Search|strong="H1245" the|strong="H7200" public|strong="H7200" squares|strong="H7339" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H7200" city.

See|strong="H7200" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" can|strong="H0518" find|strong="H4672" one|strong="H0376" good person|strong="H0376", one|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" does|strong="H6213" honest|strong="H0530" things and|strong="H4941" who|strong="H0376" searches for|strong="H4941" the|strong="H7200" truth|strong="H0530".

If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" find|strong="H4672" one|strong="H0376" good person|strong="H0376", I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H0376" forgive|strong="H5545" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". <sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0518" make promis-

<sup>1</sup> HIDE IN CAVES This is from the ancient Greek version.

<sup>II</sup> DAUGHTER ZION Another name for Jerusalem. See "Zion" in the Word List.

es|strong="H7650" and|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559"; ' As|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" lives|strong="H2416":' But|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" don't really|strong="H0559" mean it|strong="H0518"!"

<sup>3</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", I|strong="H3808" know that|strong="H3068" you|strong="H6440" want people|strong="H3808"

to|strong="H7725" be|strong="H3808" loyal|strong="H3068" to|strong="H7725" you|strong="H6440".

You|strong="H6440" hit|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3068" Judah,

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" feel|strong="H5869" any|strong="H5221" pain.

You|strong="H6440" destroyed|strong="H3615" them|strong="H0853",

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H7725" learn their|strong="H3068" lesson.

They|strong="H3808" became|strong="H2388" very stubborn.

They|strong="H3808" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H7725" be|strong="H3808" sorry for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" bad things|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808".

<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" myself|strong="H0589",

" It|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" only|strong="H0389" the|strong="H0559" poor|strong="H1800" who|strong="H3068" are|strong="H1992" so|strong="H3808" foolish|strong="H2973".

They|strong="H1992" have|strong="H3045" not|strong="H3808" learned|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0559" way|strong="H1870" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068".

They|strong="H1992" don't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0559" teachings|strong="H1870" of|strong="H0430" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" go to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" leaders of|strong="H0430" Judah.

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" talk|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413".

Surely|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" leaders know|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H1870" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

Surely|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" know|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" law of|strong="H0430" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" leaders had|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3162" joined together|strong="H3162"

to|strong="H0413" break|strong="H7665" away|strong="H5423" from|strong="H0413" serving God|strong="H0430".

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H3651" a|strong="H3588" lion|strong="H0738" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" forest|strong="H3293" will|strong="H7703" attack|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5921".

A|strong="H3588" wolf|strong="H2061" from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H6160" will|strong="H7703" kill|strong="H5221" them|strong="H5921".

A|strong="H3588" leopard|strong="H5246" is|strong="H3651" hiding near|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892", to|strong="H5921" tear|strong="H2963" to|strong="H5921" pieces|strong="H2963" anyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" comes|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318".

That's|strong="H3651" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" people have|strong="H3605" sinned again and|strong="H3318" again.

Many|strong="H7231" times they|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3605" wandered away|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" God.

<sup>7</sup> God|strong="H0430" says, " People|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah, why|strong="H3808" should I|strong="H3808" forgive|strong="H5545" you|strong="H3808"?

Your|strong="H3808" children|strong="H1121" have|strong="H1121" abandoned|strong="H5800" me|strong="H3808".

They|strong="H3808" made|strong="H7650" promises|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0430" idols that|strong="H3808" are|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" really gods|strong="H0430"!

I|strong="H3808" gave your|strong="H3808" children|strong="H1121" everything they|strong="H3808" needed,

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" were|strong="H1121" still unfaithful|strong="H2181" to|strong="H0430" me|strong="H3808"!

They|strong="H3808" spent their|strong="H3808" time with|strong="H1004" prostitutes|strong="H2181".

<sup>8</sup> They|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" like|strong="H1961" horses|strong="H5483" that|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" had|strong="H1961" plenty to|strong="H0413" eat and|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" ready to|strong="H0413" mate|strong="H7453".

They *are* like a horse that is calling its neighbor's wife.

<sup>9</sup> Should I punish the people of Judah for doing these things?

This message is from the LORD.

"You know I should punish a nation for such things."

I should give it the punishment it deserves.

<sup>10</sup> "Go along the rows of Judah's grapevines.

Cut down the vines. (But don't completely destroy them.)

Cut off the branches, because they don't belong to the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> The family of Israel and the family of Judah

have been unfaithful to me in every way."

This message is from the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> "Those people lied about the LORD.

They said, 'He will not do anything us'.

Nothing bad will happen to us'.

We will never see

an army attack us'.

We will never starve.'

<sup>13</sup> The prophets are empty wind'.

The word of God is not them.

Bad things will happen to them'.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD God All-Powerful said these things:

"The people said I would not punish them."

So Jeremiah, the words I give you will be fire,

and these people will be like wood.

That fire will burn them up completely."

<sup>15</sup> Family of Israel, this message is from the LORD.

"I will soon bring a nation far away to attack you."

It is an old nation;

it is an ancient nation.

The people of that nation speak

<sup>1</sup> WIND This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word for wind is like the word for spirit. <sup>2</sup> THE WORD ... THEM Literally, "And the 'He said' is not in them."

a |strong="H8085" language |strong="H3956" that |strong="H3045" you |strong="H5921" do |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045".

You |strong="H5921" cannot |strong="H3808" understand |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4100" they |strong="H5921" say |strong="H1696".

<sup>16</sup> Their |strong="H3605" arrow bags are |strong="H6913" like |strong="H1368" open |strong="H6605" graves |strong="H6913".

All |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1368" are |strong="H6913" strong |strong="H1368" soldiers |strong="H1368".

<sup>17</sup> They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" all |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0834" crops |strong="H7105" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" gathered.

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" all |strong="H0398" your |strong="H0834" food |strong="H3899".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H2719" your |strong="H0834" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" your |strong="H0834" flocks |strong="H6629" and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H0834" herds |strong="H1241".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" your |strong="H0834" grapes and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H0834" figs |strong="H8384".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H2719" your |strong="H0834" strong cities |strong="H5892" with |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" swords |strong="H2719".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H2719" the |strong="H0834" strong cities |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" trust |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0982".

<sup>18</sup> This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068": " But |strong="H3808", Judah, when |strong="H3117" these |strong="H1992" terrible days |strong="H3117" come, I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" fully destroy |strong="H6213" you |strong="H3117". <sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0776" Judah will |strong="H3068" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834", ' Jeremiah |strong="H0776", why |strong="H4100" has |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" done |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3651" bad thing |strong="H3651" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413"? Give |strong="H1961"

them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3651" answer |strong="H0559": ' You |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0776" Judah have |strong="H1961" left |strong="H5800" me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" served |strong="H5647" foreign |strong="H5236" idols in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428", so |strong="H3651" now |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" serve |strong="H5647" foreigners |strong="H2114" in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834".'

<sup>20</sup> Tell |strong="H5046" this |strong="H2063" message to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Jacob |strong="H3290",

and |strong="H3063" tell |strong="H5046" it |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" nation |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063".

<sup>21</sup> Hear |strong="H8085" this |strong="H2063" message,

you |strong="H3808" foolish |strong="H5530" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0369" no |strong="H3808" sense |strong="H3820".

You |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0369" eyes |strong="H5869", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200"!

You |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0369" ears |strong="H0241", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085"!

<sup>22</sup> Surely |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H3068" me |strong="H6440".

This |strong="H0834" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

" You |strong="H0834" should |strong="H0518" shake with |strong="H3068" fear |strong="H3372" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H3068" me |strong="H6440".

I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0853" sandy shores to |strong="H3068" hold back the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220".

I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" that |strong="H0834"



way|strong="H6440" to|strong="H3068" keep the|strong="H0853" water in|strong="H3068" its|strong="H0853" place|strong="H7760" forever|strong="H5769".

The|strong="H0853" waves|strong="H1530" may|strong="H3068" pound the|strong="H0853" beach, but|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" destroy it|strong="H7760".

The|strong="H0853" waves|strong="H1530" may|strong="H3068" roar|strong="H1993" as|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" come in|strong="H3068", but|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0834" cannot|strong="H3808" go|strong="H5674" beyond|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" beach.

<sup>23</sup> But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3820" Judah are|strong="H1961" stubborn|strong="H5637".

They|strong="H5971" are|strong="H1961" always planning ways to|strong="H1961" turn|strong="H5493" against|strong="H4784" me|strong="H1961".

They|strong="H5971" turned|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493" from|strong="H5493" me|strong="H1961" and|strong="H2088" left|strong="H5493" me|strong="H1961".

<sup>24</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0430" Judah never|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" themselves, 'Let's|strong="H4994" fear|strong="H3372" and|strong="H3068" respect the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".

He|strong="H0430" gives|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" autumn|strong="H3138" and|strong="H3068" spring|strong="H4456" rains|strong="H1653" at|strong="H3068" just the|strong="H0853" right time|strong="H6256".

He|strong="H0430" makes|strong="H5414" sure that|strong="H3068" we|strong="H4994" have|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" harvest|strong="H7105" at|strong="H3068" just the|strong="H0853" right time|strong="H6256".

<sup>25</sup> You|strong="H4480" don't have|strong="H5771" these|strong="H0428" blessings because|strong="H4480" you|strong="H4480" have|strong="H5771" done wrong|strong="H5771".

Your|strong="H5186" sins|strong="H2403" have|strong="H5771" kept|strong="H4513" these|strong="H0428" good|strong="H2896" things|strong="H0428" away|strong="H5186" from|strong="H4480" you|strong="H4480".

<sup>26</sup> There|strong="H4672" are|strong="H0376" evil|strong="H7563" men|strong="H0376" among|strong="H4672" my|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971".

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0376" like|strong="H0376" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" make|strong="H3588" nets for|strong="H3588" catching birds. <sup>I</sup>

They|strong="H3588" set|strong="H5324" their|strong="H3588" traps, but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" catch|strong="H3920" people|strong="H5971" instead|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0376" birds.

<sup>27</sup> Their|strong="H5921" houses|strong="H1004" are|strong="H1004" full|strong="H4392" of|strong="H1004" lies|strong="H4820", like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H5921" cage|strong="H3619" full|strong="H4392" of|strong="H1004" birds|strong="H5775".

Their|strong="H5921" lies|strong="H4820" made|strong="H6238" them|strong="H5921" rich|strong="H6238" and|strong="H1004" powerful.

<sup>28</sup> They|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1571" grown|strong="H8080" big and|strong="H4941" fat|strong="H8080" from|strong="H1571" the|strong="H1697" evil|strong="H7451" they|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1571" done|strong="H7451".

There|strong="H1779" is|strong="H1571" no|strong="H3808" end to|strong="H1697" the|strong="H1697" evil|strong="H7451" they|strong="H3808" do.

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" plead|strong="H1777" the|strong="H1697" case|strong="H1697" of|strong="H1697" children|strong="H3490" who|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1571" no|strong="H3808" parents.

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" help these orphans|strong="H3490".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" the|strong="H1697" poor|strong="H0034" be|strong="H3808" judged|strong="H8199" fairly|strong="H4941".

<sup>29</sup> Should|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0834" punish|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5315" of|strong="H3068" Judah for|strong="H5921" doing these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H0428"?

This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068".

"You|strong="H0834" know I|strong="H0834" should|strong="H0518" punish|strong="H6485" a|strong="H0518" nation|strong="H1471" such|strong="H2088" as|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2088".

I <sup>1</sup> should give it the punishment <sup>2</sup> it deserves. <sup>30</sup> "A terrible and shocking thing has happened in the land of Judah. <sup>31</sup> The prophets tell lies. The priests will not do what they were chosen to do, <sup>1</sup> and my people <sup>2</sup> love it. But what will you people do when your punishment comes?

#### The Enemy Surrounds Jerusalem

<sup>6</sup> "Run for lives, people of Benjamin! Run away from the city of Jerusalem! Blow the war trumpet in the city of Tekoa! Put up the warning flag in the city of Beth Hakkerem! Do these things because <sup>1</sup> disaster is coming from the north. <sup>2</sup> Terrible destruction is coming to you. <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem, you are like a beautiful meadow. <sup>4</sup> But I will destroy you!

<sup>1</sup> PRIESTS ... WERE CHOSEN TO DO The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. <sup>2</sup> NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel. <sup>3</sup> JERUSALEM Literally, "daughter Zion." See "Zion" in the Word List. <sup>4</sup> YOU ARE LIKE A BEAUTIFUL MEADOW The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

<sup>3</sup> Enemy shepherds will surround you with their flocks. They will set their tents all around you, and one will let his sheep eat the grass.

<sup>4</sup> "Get ready to fight Jerusalem.

Get up! We will attack the city at noon.

But it is already getting late. The shadows are growing long.

<sup>5</sup> So get up! We will attack the city at night!

Let's destroy the strong walls that are around Jerusalem."

<sup>6</sup> This what the LORD says:

"Cut down the trees around Jerusalem, and build a siege mound against it.

This city should be punished because

there is no justice— only slavery.

<sup>7</sup> As a well keeps its water fresh,

<sup>5</sup> SIEGE MOUND A large pile of dirt and rock that an army put against the wall of a city they were attacking. This made it easier for the enemy soldiers to climb over the wall into the city.

so |strong="H3651" Jerusalem keeps  
its |strong="H5921" wickedness |strong="H7451"  
fresh.

I |strong="H3651" hear |strong="H8085"  
about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" robbing  
and |strong="H6440" violence |strong="H2555"  
in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H3651" city  
all |strong="H8548" the |strong="H6440" time.

I |strong="H3651" see nothing but |strong="H8085"  
pain |strong="H7451" and |strong="H6440" sick-  
ness |strong="H2483" there all |strong="H8548"  
the |strong="H6440" time.

<sup>8</sup> Listen to |strong="H3389" this warn-  
ing |strong="H3256", Jerusalem |strong="H3389",  
or |strong="H3808" I |strong="H7760"  
will |strong="H0776" turn |strong="H7760"  
my |strong="H7760" back on |strong="H0776"  
you |strong="H7760".

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H0776"  
make |strong="H7760" your |strong="H7760"  
land |strong="H0776" an |strong="H7760" empty  
desert.

No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" able  
to |strong="H3389" live |strong="H3427"  
there |strong="H3427".

<sup>9</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068"  
what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful  
says |strong="H0559":

" Gather |strong="H1219" the |strong="H0559" peo-  
ple of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478"  
who |strong="H3068" were |strong="H3478"  
left |strong="H7725" on |strong="H5921"  
their |strong="H3068" land.

Gather |strong="H1219" them |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" way |strong="H3541"  
you |strong="H5921" would |strong="H3478" gath-  
er |strong="H1219" the |strong="H0559" last grapes  
on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" grapevine.

Check each |strong="H3541" vine |strong="H1612",  
like |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" workers  
check each |strong="H3541" vine |strong="H1612"  
when |strong="H7725" they |strong="H5921"  
pick |strong="H5953" the |strong="H0559" grapes."

<sup>10</sup> Who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310"  
I |strong="H2009" speak |strong="H1696"  
to |strong="H1696"?

Who |strong="H4310" can |strong="H4310"  
I |strong="H2009" warn |strong="H5749"?

Who |strong="H4310" will |strong="H3068" lis-  
ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1696"  
me |strong="H5921"?

The |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3808"  
of |strong="H3068" Israel have |strong="H1961"

<sup>1</sup> GATHER Or "glean." There was a law that a farmer must leave some grain in his field during harvest, so that poor people and travelers could find something to eat. See Leviticus 19:9; 23:22.

closed |strong="H6189" their |strong="H3068"  
ears |strong="H0241",

so |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5921" can-  
not |strong="H3808" hear |strong="H8085"  
my |strong="H8085" warnings.

They |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H3808"  
like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" teachings.

They |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H3808"  
want |strong="H2654" to |strong="H1696"  
hear |strong="H8085" his |strong="H5921" mes-  
sage |strong="H1697".

<sup>11</sup> But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"  
am |strong="H3068" full |strong="H4392"  
of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921"  
LORD'S |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H2534",  
and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588"  
am |strong="H3068" tired |strong="H3811"  
of |strong="H0376" holding |strong="H3557"  
it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921".

" Pour |strong="H8210" out |strong="H8210"  
my |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H2534"  
on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" chil-  
dren |strong="H5768" playing in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" streets |strong="H2351"  
and |strong="H3068" on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" young |strong="H0970" sol-  
diers |strong="H0376" gathered |strong="H3588"  
there |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3068"  
well |strong="H1571".

A |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376"  
and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921"  
wife |strong="H0802" will |strong="H3068"  
both |strong="H1571" be |strong="H1571" cap-  
tured |strong="H3920"

as |strong="H3068" well |strong="H1571"  
as |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3162"  
the |strong="H5921" old |strong="H2205" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376".

<sup>12</sup> Their |strong="H3068" houses |strong="H1004"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" giv-  
en |strong="H3027" to |strong="H5921" oth-  
ers |strong="H0312".

Their |strong="H3068" fields |strong="H7704"  
and |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068"  
wives |strong="H0802" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3027" given |strong="H3027"  
to |strong="H5921" other |strong="H0312" peo-  
ple |strong="H3427".

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" raise  
my |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027"  
and |strong="H3068" punish the |strong="H0853" peo-  
ple |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0776" Judah."

This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

13 " All the people of Israel want more money. and more money.

All of them, from the least important to the most important, are like that.

Even the prophets and priests tell lies.

14 They should bandage my wounds have suffered,

but they treat them like small scratches.

They say, 'It's all right, everything is all right.'

But it is not all right!

15 They should be ashamed of the evil things they do,

but they are ashamed at all.

They don't know to be embarrassed by their sins.

So they will be punished with everyone else.

They will be thrown to the ground when I punish the people.

This is what the LORD said.

16 This is what the LORD says:

" Stand at the crossroads and look

Ask where the old road is.

Ask where the good road is, and walk on that road.

If you do will rest yourselves

But you people said, ' We will walk on the good road.'

17 I chose watchmen to watch over you.

I told them, ' Listen for the sound of the war trumpet!'

But they said, ' We will not listen!'

18 So they listen, all nations,

and they pay attention to those countries.<sup>1</sup>

19 Hear this, people of the earth:

I am going to bring disaster to the people of Judah because of all the evil they planned, and they ignored my messages.

They refused to obey my law.

<sup>1</sup> I PAY ... COUNTRIES The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

20 "Why do you bring me from incense from the country of Sheba?"

Why do you bring me sweet-smelling cane from faraway country? Your burnt offerings don't make me happy.

Your sacrifices don't please me.

21 So is what the LORD says:

"I will give the people of Judah problems.

They will be like stones that make people fall.

Fathers and sons will stumble over them.

Friends and neighbors will die.

22 This is what the LORD says:

"An army is coming from the north."

A great nation is coming from faraway places on earth.

23 The soldiers carry bows and spears.

They are cruel; they

have no mercy.

They are so powerful.

Their sound like roaring ocean as they ride their horses.

That army is coming, ready for battle.

It is coming to attack you, Jerusalem.

24 We have heard about that army, and we are paralyzed with fear.

We feel trapped by our troubles, in pain like a woman giving birth.

25 Don't go out into the fields.

Don't go on roads

because the enemy has swords,

and there is danger everywhere.

26 My people, put sackcloth

and roll in ashes.

Cry loudly for the dead.

Cry as you lost an only son.

Do this because the destroyer will

come against us very quickly.

I SHEBA A land south of Israel, located where part of Saudi Arabia is today. Sheba controlled the spice trade in the time of Jeremiah.

II NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel.

III JERUSALEM Literally, "daughter Zion." See "Zion" in the Word List. IV ROLL IN THE ASHES This is one way people showed that they were sad or crying for a dead person.

27 "Jeremiah, I want you to be like

like a worker who tests metals.

You will test my people

and how they live.

28 My people have turned me

and are stubborn.

They say bad things about people.

They are like bronze and iron

that are covered with rust and tar-

29 They are like a worker who tried to make silver pure.

The bellows blew fire strongly, and the fire

but only lead came from the fire.

The worker wasted his time

trying to make that silver pure.

In the same way the evil was removed from my people.

30 My people will be called "Rejected Silver."

They will be given that name because

I BELLOWS A tool for blowing air on a fire to make the fire hotter.

II LEAD CAME FROM THE FIRE Workers melted metals like silver to make the metals pure. Lead was the first metal to melt, so the workers poured the lead out, leaving the other metal pure. Here, Jeremiah is saying the people are all bad—they are all lead and no silver!

LORD did not accept them."

### Jeremiah's Temple Sermon

7 This is the LORD'S message to Jeremiah: 2 "Jeremiah, stand at the gate of the LORD'S house. Teach this message at the gate.

"Hear the message from the LORD, all you people of the nation of Judah.

All you who come through gates to worship LORD, hear this message.

The LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says: Change your lives and do good things. If you do this, I will live in this place.

Don't trust the LORD'S lies that some people say. They say, "This is the Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD!"

If you change your lives, I will live with you. This is the LORD'S message to you.

III I WILL ... PLACE This can also mean "I will live with you." IV THIS IS ... LORD Many people in Jerusalem thought the Lord would al-

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your|strong="H3588" lives|strong="H0518" and|strong="H4941" do|strong="H6213" good|strong="H3190" things, I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" let you|strong="H3588" live|strong="H1870" in|strong="H0376" this|strong="H3588" place|strong="H4941". You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H0376" fair to|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453".<sup>6</sup> You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" fair to|strong="H0430" strangers|strong="H1616". You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" help widows|strong="H0490" and|strong="H0430" orphans|strong="H3490". Don't|strong="H0408" kill|strong="H8210" innocent|strong="H5355" people|strong="H3808"! And|strong="H0430" don't|strong="H0408" follow|strong="H0310" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430", because|strong="H0310" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0430" only ruin your|strong="H3808" lives.<sup>7</sup> If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" obey me|strong="H5414", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H0776" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725". I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" this|strong="H2088" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5704" your|strong="H5414" ancestors|strong="H0001" for|strong="H0776" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5704" keep forever|strong="H5769".

<sup>8</sup> "But|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1697" trusting|strong="H0982" lies|strong="H8267" that|strong="H1697" are|strong="H1697" worthless|strong="H3276".<sup>9</sup> Will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0834" steal|strong="H1589" and|strong="H1980" murder|strong="H7523"? Will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0834" commit|strong="H5003" adultery|strong="H5003"? Will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0834" falsely|strong="H8267" accuse other|strong="H0312" people|strong="H0834"? Will|strong="H0430" you|strong="H0834" worship the|strong="H0834" false|strong="H8267" god|strong="H0430" Baal|strong="H1168" and|strong="H1980" follow|strong="H0310" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" known|strong="H3045"?<sup>10</sup> If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" commit these|strong="H0428" sins, do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" think|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" stand|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440"

ways protect the city where his Temple was, so it didn't matter how evil they were.

me|strong="H6440" in|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2088" house|strong="H1004" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" by|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034"? Do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" think|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" stand|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440" and|strong="H0935" say|strong="H0559", "We|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" safe," just|strong="H0834" so|strong="H4616" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" terrible things|strong="H0428"?<sup>11</sup> This|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004" is|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" by|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034". Is|strong="H0834" this|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004" nothing more|strong="H5921" to|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" than|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" hideout for|strong="H5921" robbers|strong="H6530"? I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" watching|strong="H5869" you|strong="H0834"." This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>12</sup> "You|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H6440" Judah, go|strong="H4994" now|strong="H4994" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H6440" Shiloh|strong="H7887". Go|strong="H4994" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" place|strong="H4725" where|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" first|strong="H7223" made|strong="H6213" a|strong="H3588" house for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H7200" name|strong="H8034". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H6440" Israel|strong="H3478" also|strong="H0853" did|strong="H6213" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H7223". Go|strong="H4994" and|strong="H3478" see|strong="H7200" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" place|strong="H4725" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" evil|strong="H7451" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213".<sup>113</sup> You|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3068" Israel were|strong="H0428" doing|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" evil things|strong="H0428".

<sup>1</sup> I Go ... THEY DID Shiloh was probably destroyed by the Philistines in the time of Eli and Samuel. See 1 Sam. 4.

This *message* is *from* the *LORD*! I *spoke* to *you* again and again, but *you* refused to *listen* to *me*. I *called* to *you*, but *you* did not *answer*.<sup>14</sup> So I *will* *destroy* the *house* by *my* name in *Jerusalem*. I *will* *destroy* that *Temple* as *if* I *destroyed* *Shiloh*. And *that* *house* in *Jerusalem* that *is* called by *my* name is *the* *Temple* *you* *trust* in. I *gave* that *place* to *you* and *to* *your* *ancestors*.<sup>15</sup> I *will* *throw* *you* away *from* *me* as *I* *threw* *all* *your* *brothers* *from* *Ephraim*.

<sup>16</sup> "As *for* *you*, *Jeremiah*, don't *pray* *for* *these* *of* *Judah*. Don't *beg* *for* *them* or *pray* *for* *them*. Don't *beg* *me* *to* *help* *them*. I *will* *not* *listen*

*to* *your* *prayer* *for* *them*.<sup>17</sup> I *know* *you* *see* *what* *they* *are* *doing* *in* *the* *towns* *of* *Judah*. *You* *can* *see* *what* *they* *are* *doing* *in* *the* *streets* *of* *Jerusalem*.<sup>18</sup> This *is* *what* *the* *people* *of* *Judah* *are* *doing*: *The* *children* *gather* *wood*. *The* *fathers* *use* *the* *wood* *to* *make* *a* *fire*. *The* *women* *make* *the* *dough* *and* *then* *make* *cakes* *of* *bread* *to* *offer* *to* *the* *Queen* *of* *Heaven*. *The* *people* *of* *Judah* *pour* *out* *drink* *offerings* *to* *worship* *other* *gods*. *They* *do* *this* *to* *make* *me* *angry*.<sup>19</sup> But *I* *am* *not* *the* *one* *they* *are* *really* *hurting*. This *message* *is* *from* *the* *LORD*. " *They* *are* *only* *hurting* *themselves*. *They* *are* *bringing* *shame* *on* *themselves*."

<sup>20</sup> So *this* *is* *what* *the* *Lord*



GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H3541" will |strong="H0120" show my |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H0639" against |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725". I |strong="H3541" will |strong="H0120" punish people |strong="H0120" and |strong="H6086" animals |strong="H0929". I |strong="H3541" will |strong="H0120" punish the |strong="H0559" trees |strong="H6086" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" field |strong="H7704" and |strong="H6086" the |strong="H0559" crops that |strong="H3651" grow in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" ground |strong="H0127". My |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H0639" will |strong="H0120" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H2088" hot |strong="H2534" fire— no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H2088" will |strong="H0120" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0413" stop |strong="H3808" it |strong="H5921": "

**Obedience Is |strong="H2088" Better |strong="H5921" Than |strong="H3808" Sacrifice**

21 This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": "Go and |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H2077" as |strong="H3068" many burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" sacrifices |strong="H2077" as |strong="H3068" you |strong="H5921" want. Eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0559" meat |strong="H1320" of |strong="H0430" those |strong="H5921" sacrifices |strong="H2077" yourselves |strong="H3068". 22 I |strong="H3588" brought |strong="H3318" your |strong="H5921" ancestors |strong="H0001" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H3588" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0853", but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H6680" them |strong="H0853" any |strong="H3318" commands |strong="H6680" about |strong="H5921" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5930" and |strong="H0776" sacrifices |strong="H2077". 23 I |strong="H0834" only |strong="H0518" gave |strong="H6680" them |strong="H0853" this |strong="H2088" command |strong="H6680": ' Obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H6963" and |strong="H1980" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0430"

be |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". Do |strong="H3190" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680", and |strong="H1980" good |strong="H3190" things |strong="H1697" will |strong="H0430" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859": "

24 " But |strong="H3808" your |strong="H5186" ancestors did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H6440". They |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" pay |strong="H5186" attention |strong="H3820" to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H6440". They |strong="H3808" were |strong="H1961" stubborn and |strong="H6440" did |strong="H3808" what |strong="H7451" they |strong="H3808" wanted to |strong="H1961" do |strong="H8085". They |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" become |strong="H1961" good. They |strong="H3808" became |strong="H1961" even |strong="H3808" more |strong="H3808" evil |strong="H7451"— they |strong="H3808" went |strong="H6440" backward |strong="H0268", not |strong="H3808" forward |strong="H6440". 25 From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" left |strong="H3318" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" day |strong="H3117", I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" my |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". My |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" prophets |strong="H5030". I |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" again |strong="H7925" and |strong="H0776" again |strong="H7925". 26 But |strong="H3808" your |strong="H5186" ancestors |strong="H0001" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". They |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" pay |strong="H5186" attention |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". They |strong="H3808" were very stubborn |strong="H7185" and |strong="H0001" did |strong="H3808" evil |strong="H7489" even |strong="H3808" worse than |strong="H3808" their |strong="H8085" fathers |strong="H0001" did |strong="H3808".

27 " Jeremiah |strong="H0413", you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1697" tell |strong="H1696" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697"

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1697" Judah. But |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1697" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605". You |strong="H3605" call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1697" not |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H6030" you |strong="H3605".<sup>28</sup> So |strong="H3947" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3947" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H0834": ' This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" nation |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H0805" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" its |strong="H3947" God |strong="H0430". These |strong="H2088" people |strong="H1471" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0413" God's |strong="H0430" teachings. They |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" know the |strong="H0559" true |strong="H3068" teachings.'

#### The |strong="H0559" Valley of |strong="H0430" Slaughter

<sup>29</sup> " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", cut |strong="H1494" off |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" hair |strong="H1494" and |strong="H3068" throw |strong="H7993" it |strong="H5921" away |strong="H7993".<sup>1</sup> Go up |strong="H5375" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" bare |strong="H8205" hilltop and |strong="H3068" cry, because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" rejected |strong="H3988" this |strong="H3588" generation |strong="H1755" of |strong="H3068" people. He |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3068" turned his |strong="H5921" back on |strong="H5921" these people. And |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H5375" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" punish them |strong="H0853".<sup>30</sup> Do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" seen |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" doing |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H8251". This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068". " They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" set |strong="H7760"

<sup>1</sup> CUT ... AWAY This showed that Jeremiah was sad.

up |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" idols |strong="H8251", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0834" hate those |strong="H0834" idols |strong="H8251". They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" set |strong="H7760" up |strong="H5921" idols |strong="H8251" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" Temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" by |strong="H5921" my |strong="H7760" name |strong="H8034". They |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" my |strong="H7760" house |strong="H1004" 'dirty'!<sup>31</sup> The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah built |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H1121" Topheth |strong="H8612" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H1121" Ben Hinnom |strong="H2011" where |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" killed their |strong="H5921" own sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daughters |strong="H1323" and |strong="H1121" burned |strong="H8313" them |strong="H0853" as |strong="H0834" sacrifices. This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" something I |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" commanded |strong="H6680". Something like |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" entered |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" mind |strong="H3820".<sup>32</sup> So |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3588" warn you |strong="H3588". The |strong="H0559" days |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" coming |strong="H0935", says |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068", " when |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" call |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3651" place |strong="H4725" Topheth |strong="H8612" or |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0559" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H1121" Ben Hinnom |strong="H2011" anymore |strong="H5750". No |strong="H3808", they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" call |strong="H0559" it |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0559" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H1121" Slaughter |strong="H2028". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H0935" it |strong="H0518" this |strong="H3651" name |strong="H0559" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" bury |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0559" dead people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H0935" Topheth |strong="H8612" until there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H3808" more |strong="H5750" room |strong="H4725" to |strong="H0559" bury |strong="H6912" any-

one |strong="H3588" else |strong="H5750".<sup>33</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" bodies |strong="H5038" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H1961" dead |strong="H5038" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" food |strong="H3978" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H1961" birds |strong="H5775" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H1961" sky |strong="H8064". Wild |strong="H0776" animals |strong="H0929" will |strong="H1961" eat |strong="H3978" the |strong="H1961" bodies |strong="H5038" of |strong="H0776" those |strong="H1961" people |strong="H5971". There |strong="H0369" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" left |strong="H1961" alive to |strong="H1961" chase the |strong="H1961" birds |strong="H5775" or |strong="H0369" animals |strong="H0929" away |strong="H2729".<sup>34</sup> I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" end to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" sounds |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" joy |strong="H8057" and |strong="H3063" happiness |strong="H8057" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" towns |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" streets |strong="H2351" of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" no more |strong="H3588" sounds |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" bride |strong="H3618" and |strong="H3063" bridegroom in |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" or |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". The |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" empty desert."

8 This |strong="H1931" message |strong="H3389" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068": " At |strong="H3427" that |strong="H1931" time |strong="H6256" men |strong="H8269" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3068" important rulers |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" from |strong="H3318" their |strong="H3068" tombs |strong="H6913". They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" prophets |strong="H5030"

from |strong="H3318" their |strong="H3068" tombs |strong="H6913". They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" bones |strong="H6106" of |strong="H4428" all the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" from |strong="H3318" their |strong="H3068" tombs |strong="H6913".<sup>2</sup> They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" spread |strong="H7849" the |strong="H3605" bones on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0127" under |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sun |strong="H8121", the |strong="H3605" moon |strong="H3394", and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" stars. The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H6440" Jerusalem love |strong="H0157" to |strong="H1980" worship |strong="H7812" the |strong="H3605" sun |strong="H8121", the |strong="H3605" moon |strong="H3394", and |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" stars. No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961" gather |strong="H0622" the |strong="H3605" bones and |strong="H1980" bury |strong="H6912" them |strong="H5921" again |strong="H0310". So |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3605" bones of |strong="H6440" those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" dung |strong="H1828" thrown on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0127".

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" force the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3068" Judah to |strong="H3068" leave |strong="H7604" their |strong="H3605" homes and |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" land |strong="H4725". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" taken away |strong="H5080" to |strong="H3068" foreign lands. Some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3068" Judah who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" not killed in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" war |strong="H6635" will |strong="H3068" wish that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" been |strong="H0834" killed." This |strong="H2063" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful.

#### Sin and |strong="H3068" Punishment

<sup>4</sup> " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3068" Judah: ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541"

the **H0559** LORD **H3068** says **H0559**:

“ You **H0518** know if **H0518** a **H0518** man falls **H5307** down **H5307**,

he **H0518** gets **H6965** up **H6965** again **H7725**.

And **H6965** if **H0518** a **H0518** man goes the **H0559** wrong way **H3541**,

he **H0518** turns **H7725** around **H7725** and **H6965** comes back **H7725**.

<sup>5</sup> The **H7725** people **H5971** of **H2388** Judah went **H7725** the **H7725** wrong way **H2088**.

But **H2388** why **H4069** do **H2088** the **H7725** people **H5971** of **H2388** Jerusalem **H3389** continue going **H7725** the **H7725** wrong way **H2088**?

They **H5971** believe their **H7725** own **H2388** lies.

They **H5971** refuse **H3985** to **H7725** turn **H7725** around **H7725** and **H7725** come **H7725** back **H7725**.

<sup>6</sup> I **H3651** have **H0369** listened **H8085** to **H0559** them **H5921** very **H3651** carefully **H8085**,

but **H3808** they **H3651** don't **H3808** say **H0559** what **H4100** is **H0369** right **H3651**.

They **H3651** are **H4100** not **H3808** sorry **H5162** for **H5921** their **H3605** sins.

They **H3651** don't **H3808** think **H0559** about **H5921** the **H3605** evil **H7451** they **H3651** have **H0369** done **H6213**.

They **H3651** do **H6213** things **H3605** without **H3808** thinking **H0559**.

They **H3651** are **H4100** like **H3651** horses **H5483** running **H4794** into **H5921** a **H8085** battle **H4421**.

<sup>7</sup> Even **H1571** the **H0853** birds in **H0935** the **H0853** sky **H8064**

know **H3045** the **H0853** right **H4941** time **H6256** to **H0935** do **H8104** things **H3808**.

The **H0853** storks, doves, swifts, and **H0935** thrushes know **H3045** when **H0935** it **H3045** is **H3068** time **H6256** to **H0935** fly to **H0935** a **H0935** new home **H3068**.

But **H3808** my **H8104** people **H5971** don't **H3808** know **H3045**

what **H4941** the **H0853** LORD **H3068** wants them **H0853** to **H0935** do **H8104**.

<sup>8</sup> “ You **H6213** keep **H6213** saying **H0559**, “ We **H0587** have **H3068** the **H0559** LORD'S **H3068** teachings **H8451**. So **H6213** we **H0587** are **H3068** wise **H2450**!”

But **H0403** this **H3068** is **H3068** not true **H3068**, because **H0559** the **H0559** scribes **H5608** have **H3068** lied with **H0854** their **H3068** pens.

<sup>9</sup> These “ wise **H2450** people” refused to **H3068** listen **H2009** to **H3068** the **H3068** LORD'S **H3068** teachings.

So **H1697** they **H3068** are **H4100** not really wise **H2450** at **H3068** all **H1697**.

These “ wise **H2450** people” were **H1697** trapped.

They **H3068** became **H0954** shocked and **H3068** ashamed **H0954**.

<sup>10</sup> So **H3651** I **H3588** will **H5414** give **H5414** their **H3605** wives **H0802** to **H5704** other **H0312** men **H1419**.

I **H3588** will **H5414** give **H5414** their **H3605** fields **H7704** to **H5704** new **H3423** owners **H3423**.

All **H3605** the **H3605** people of **H0802** Israel want **H3423** more **H3651** and **H3548** more **H3651** money.

All **H3605** of **H0802** them **H5414**, from **H5704** the **H3605** least important **H5704** to **H5704** the **H3605** most important **H5704**, are **H5030** like **H3651** that **H3588**.

Even **H5704** the **H3605** prophets **H5030** and **H3548**

priests |strong="H3548" tell |strong="H3605" lies |strong="H8267".

11 They |strong="H5921" should |strong="H0559" bandage the |strong="H0853" wounds my |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" have |strong="H0369" suffered,

but |strong="H0369" they |strong="H5921" treat |strong="H7043" their |strong="H5921" wounds like |strong="H1323" small |strong="H7043" scratches.

They |strong="H5921" say |strong="H0559", "It's all right, everything is |strong="H0369" all right."

But |strong="H0369" it |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" all right!

12 They |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" ashamed |strong="H0954" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" evil things |strong="H8441" they |strong="H3588" do |strong="H6213",

but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" ashamed |strong="H0954" at |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3045".

They |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" enough |strong="H1571" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3808" embarrassed |strong="H3637" by |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" sins.

So |strong="H3651" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" punished with |strong="H3068" everyone else |strong="H3808".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" thrown to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" ground when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" punish the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3808"."

This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559".

13 " I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H0622" away |strong="H0622" their |strong="H3068" fruit and |strong="H3068" crops

so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3068" there |strong="H0369" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" no |strong="H0369" harvest |strong="H0622", says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068".

There |strong="H0369" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" no |strong="H0369" grapes |strong="H6025" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" vine |strong="H1612" and |strong="H3068" no |strong="H0369" figs |strong="H8384" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" fig |strong="H8384" tree |strong="H8384".

Even the |strong="H5002" leaves |strong="H5929" will |strong="H3068" become dry and |strong="H3068" die |strong="H0622".

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H0622" away |strong="H0622" the |strong="H5002" things |strong="H1992" I |strong="H5414" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414"."

14 " They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" say, ' Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" we |strong="H0587" just sitting |strong="H3427" here |strong="H8033"?

Come |strong="H0935", let's run to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" strong cities |strong="H5892".

If |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" is |strong="H3068" going |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H3588" us |strong="H0413" die |strong="H0622",

then |strong="H0935" let's die |strong="H0622" there |strong="H8033".

We |strong="H0587" have |strong="H3068" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068",

so |strong="H0935" he |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3068" given |strong="H8248" us |strong="H0413" poisoned |strong="H7219" water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H0413" drink |strong="H8248".

15 We hoped |strong="H6960" to |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0369" peace |strong="H7965", but |strong="H0369" nothing |strong="H0369" good |strong="H2896" has |strong="H0369" come.

We hoped |strong="H6960" that |strong="H6256" he |strong="H6256" would |strong="H0369" forgive us, but |strong="H0369" only |strong="H7965" disaster has |strong="H0369" come.

16 From |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" tribe of |strong="H0776" Dan |strong="H1835",

we |strong="H8085" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" snorting <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" enemy's horses |strong="H5483".

The |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776" shakes |strong="H7493" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" pounding of |strong="H0776" their |strong="H3605" hooves.

They |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" destroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776"

and |strong="H0935" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3427" it |strong="H4393".

They |strong="H0935" have |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" de-

I I WILL TAKE AWAY ... GAVE THEM The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. II SNORTING The sound caused by forcing breath very hard through the nose.

stroy/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" city/strong="H5892"

and/strong="H0935" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427" who/strong="H3605" live/strong="H3427" there/strong="H3427"."

17 " People/strong="H0834" of/strong="H3068" Judah, I/strong="H0834" am/strong="H3068" sending/strong="H7971" poisonous snakes/strong="H5175"<sup>1</sup> to/strong="H0369" attack you/strong="H0834".

These/strong="H0834" snakes/strong="H5175" cannot/strong="H0369" be/strong="H3068" controlled.

They/strong="H0834" will/strong="H3068" bite you/strong="H0834"."

This/strong="H3588" message/strong="H3068" is/strong="H0369" from/strong="H7971" the/strong="H0853" LORD/strong="H3068".

18 God, I/strong="H5921" am very sad and/strong="H3820" afraid.

19 Listen/strong="H6963" to/strong="H0369" my/strong="H3068" people/strong="H5971".

Everywhere in/strong="H3068" this/strong="H3068" country/strong="H0776", people/strong="H5971" are/strong="H3068" crying/strong="H6963" for/strong="H0776" help/strong="H7775".

They/strong="H0518" say/strong="H6963", " Is/strong="H0369" the/strong="H3068" LORD/strong="H3068" still at/strong="H3068" Zion/strong="H6726"?

Is/strong="H0369" Zion's/strong="H6726" King/strong="H4428" still there/strong="H0369"?"

But/strong="H0518" God/strong="H3068" says, " The/strong="H3068" people/strong="H5971" of/strong="H4428" Judah worshiped their/strong="H3068" worthless/strong="H1892" foreign/strong="H5236" idols/strong="H6456".

That/strong="H3068" made me/strong="H6963" very angry/strong="H3707".

Why/strong="H4069" did/strong="H4069" they/strong="H0518" do/strong="H0518" that/strong="H3068"?"

20 And/strong="H3467" the/strong="H3808" people/strong="H3808" say,

" Harvest/strong="H7105" time is/strong="H3808" over/strong="H5674".

Summer/strong="H7019" is/strong="H3808" gone/strong="H3808",

and/strong="H3467" still we/strong="H0587" have/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" been/strong="H3615" saved/strong="H3467"."

21 My/strong="H5921" people/strong="H5971" are/strong="H1323" hurt/strong="H7665", so/strong="H5921" I/strong="H5921" am hurt/strong="H7665".

I/strong="H5921" am too/strong="H5921" sad to/strong="H5921" speak.

<sup>1</sup> POISONOUS SNAKES This probably means one of Judah's enemies.

22 Surely/strong="H3588" there/strong="H8033" is/strong="H0369" some/strong="H8033" medicine in/strong="H8033" Gilead/strong="H1568".

Surely/strong="H3588" there/strong="H8033" is/strong="H0369" a/strong="H3588" doctor in/strong="H8033" Gilead/strong="H1568".

So/strong="H3808" why/strong="H4069" are/strong="H0369" the/strong="H3588" wounds of/strong="H1323" my/strong="H3588" people/strong="H5971" not/strong="H3808" healed/strong="H7495"?

9 If/strong="H3588" my/strong="H3605" head were/strong="H4057" filled with/strong="H3605" water,

and/strong="H0853" if/strong="H3588" my/strong="H3605" eyes were/strong="H4057" a/strong="H3588" fountain of/strong="H3605" tears,

I/strong="H3588" would/strong="H4310" cry day and/strong="H0853" night for/strong="H3588" my/strong="H3605" people/strong="H5971" who/strong="H4310" have/strong="H3605" been/strong="H3605" destroyed.

2 If/strong="H3588" only I/strong="H3588" had/strong="H3068" a/strong="H3588" place/strong="H7198" in/strong="H0413" the/strong="H0853" desert—

a/strong="H3588" house where/strong="H3808" travelers spend the/strong="H0853" night— so/strong="H3808" I/strong="H3588" could leave/strong="H3318" my/strong="H3068" people/strong="H3808".

I/strong="H3588" could go/strong="H3318" away/strong="H3318" from/strong="H3318" them/strong="H0413",

because/strong="H3588" they/strong="H3588" are/strong="H3068" all/strong="H3045" unfaithful to/strong="H0413" God/strong="H3068".

They/strong="H3588" have/strong="H3045" all/strong="H3045" turned/strong="H0413" against/strong="H0413" him/strong="H0413".

3 " They/strong="H3588" use their/strong="H3605" tongues like/strong="H1980" a/strong="H3588" bow; lies fly from/strong="H5921" their/strong="H3605" mouths like/strong="H1980" arrows.

Lies, not/strong="H0408" truth, have/strong="H0376" grown strong in/strong="H5921" this/strong="H3588" land.

They/strong="H3588" go/strong="H1980" from/strong="H5921" one/strong="H0376" sin to/strong="H1980" another/strong="H7453".

They/strong="H3588" don't/strong="H0408" know me/strong="H5921"."

This/strong="H3588" is/strong="H0376" what/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" LORD said.

4 "Watch your/strong="H3808" neighbors/strong="H7453"!

Don't/strong="H3808" trust your/strong="H3808" own/strong="H0376" brothers,

because every *brother* is *a* cheat.

Every *neighbor* talks behind your *back*.

<sup>5</sup> Everyone lies to their *neighbor*.

No one speaks the *truth*.

The *people* of Judah have taught

their *tongues* to lie.

They sinned until they were too tired to come back.

<sup>6</sup> One bad thing followed another,

and lies followed lies.

The *people* refused to know me.

This is what LORD said.

<sup>7</sup> So the LORD All-Powerful says,

"A worker heats metal in fire to test it and see if it is pure.

I will test the *people* of Judah like that that

I have no other choice.

My *people* have sinned.

<sup>8</sup> The *people* of Judah have tongues as sharp as arrows.

Their mouths speak lies.

They all speak kindly to their neighbors,

but they are secretly planning ways to attack them.

<sup>9</sup> Should I punish the *people* of Judah for doing these things?

This message is from the LORD.

" You know I should punish a nation such as this.

I should give it the punishment it deserves."

<sup>10</sup> I, Jeremiah, will cry for the mountains.

I will sing a funeral song for the empty fields,

because all the animals were taken away.

No one travels there now.

The sounds of cattle cannot be heard.

The birds have flown away,

and the animals are gone.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord says, "I will make the *city* of Jerusalem a pile of garbage.

It will be home for jackals.

I will destroy the *cities* in the land of Judah, so one will live there."

<sup>12</sup> Is there a man who is wise enough to understand these things? Is there someone who has been taught by the LORD? Can anyone explain his message? Why was the *land* ruined? Why was it made like an empty desert

I THE LORD SAYS This is implied from the context.

where *no one* goes?

<sup>13</sup> The LORD answered, "It is because the people of Judah stopped following my teachings. I gave them my teachings, but they refused to listen to me. They did not follow my teachings. <sup>14</sup> The people of Judah lived their own way. They were stubborn. They followed the false god Baal. Their fathers taught them to follow those false gods."

<sup>15</sup> So the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says, "I will soon make the people of Judah eat bitter food and drink poisoned water.

<sup>16</sup> I will scatter the people of Judah throughout other nations. They will live in strange nations that they and their fathers never knew about. I will send men with swords. They will kill the people of Judah. They will kill them until all the people are gone."

<sup>17</sup> This is what the LORD All-Powerful says: "Now think about these things!

Call for the women who get paid to cry at funerals.

Send for the people who are good at that job.

<sup>18</sup> The people say,

"Let those women come quickly!"

and cry for us."

Then our eyes will fill with tears that flow over our eyelids like streams of water.

<sup>19</sup> "The sound of loud crying is heard from Zion: 'We are really ruined!

We are ashamed!

We must leave our land, because our houses have been destroyed.

Now our houses are only piles of rock."

<sup>20</sup> Now, women of Judah, listen to the message from the LORD.

Listen to the words from his mouth.

Teach your daughters how to cry loudly.

Each of them must learn to sing this funeral song:

<sup>21</sup> "Death climbed in through our windows

and come into our palaces.

Death has come to our children who play in the streets

and the young men who meet in public places."

<sup>22</sup> This is what you should say: "The LORD says,

'Dead bodies will lie in the fields like dung.'



Their bodies will lie on the ground like grain a farmer has cut.

But there will be no one to gather them:

<sup>23</sup> This is what the LORD says: "The wise must not brag about their wisdom. The strong men must not brag about their strength.

The rich must not brag about their money.

<sup>24</sup> But if someone wants to brag, then let them brag about this:

Let them brag that they learned to know me.

Let them brag that they understand that I am LORD,

that I am kind and fair, and I do good things on earth.

I love this kind of bragging."

This message is from the LORD,

<sup>25</sup> This is what the LORD says: "The time is coming when I will punish all those who are circumcised only in the body. <sup>26</sup> I am talking about the people of the nations of Egypt, Judah, Edom, Ammon, Moab, and all those who live in the desert. The circumcision they do is not the kind the Lord wants. But the people of Israel are not really circumcised either. They are not circumcised in their hearts. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>I</sup> CIRCUMCISED IN THEIR HEARTS See the note at Jeremiah 4:4.

## The Lord and the Idols

<sup>10</sup> Family of Israel, listen to the LORD! <sup>2</sup> This is what the LORD says:

"Don't live like people from other nations.

Don't be afraid of special signs in the sky.

The other nations are afraid of what they see in the sky.

But you must not be afraid of them.

<sup>3</sup> The customs of other people are worth nothing.

Their idols are nothing but wood from the forest.

Their idols are made by workers with their chisels.

<sup>4</sup> They make their idols beautiful with silver and gold.

They use hammers and nails to fasten their idols down so that they will not fall over.

<sup>5</sup> The idols of other nations are like a scarecrow in a cucumber field.

<sup>II</sup> SPECIAL SIGNS IN THE SKY People believed that such things as comets, meteors, or eclipses of the sun and moon could be used to learn what was going to happen in the future. <sup>III</sup> CHISELS Sharp tools used to carve wood or stone.

They cannot walk.

They cannot talk, and the people must them.

So don't be afraid of their idols.

They cannot hurt you.

And they cannot help you either.

<sup>6</sup> LORD, there is no one like you.

You are great!

Your name is great and powerful!

<sup>7</sup> Everyone should respect you, King of all the nations.

You deserve their respect.

There are many wise men among the nations,

but not one of them is as wise as you.

<sup>8</sup> All the people of the other nations are stupid and foolish.

Their teachings come from worthless wooden statues.

<sup>9</sup> They use silver from the city of Tarshish

and gold from the city of Uphaz and make their statues.

Carpenters and metalworkers make the idols.

They put blue and purple clothes on them.

"Wise men make these 'gods.'"

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD is the God only true.

He is the one who is alive.

He is the King who rules forever.

The earth shakes when he is angry.

The people of the nations cannot stop his anger.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord says, "Tell this message:

'These false gods did not make heaven and earth.'

They will be destroyed and disappear from heaven and earth."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>12</sup> God is the one who used his power and made the earth.

He used his wisdom and built the world.

With his understanding he stretched the sky over the earth.

<sup>1</sup> TELL THIS MESSAGE ... EARTH This part was written in Aramaic, not Hebrew. This was the language people used often when writing to people in other countries. It was also the language spoken in Babylon.

13 God *causes* loud thunder, and he *causes* great floods of water to fall from the sky.

He *makes* clouds rise in the sky every place on earth.

He *sends* lightning with rain.

He *brings* wind from his storehouses.

14 People are so stupid!

Metalworkers are fooled by idols that they made.

These statues are nothing but lies.

They are stupid. I

15 These idols are worth nothing.

They are something to make fun of.

In time they will be destroyed.

16 But God is not like the idols.

He made everything,

and is Israel's family that God chose to be his own people.

His name is LORD All-Powerful.

I THEY ARE STUPID Literally, "They have no spirit." This might also mean "They are not alive." II JACOB'S GOD Literally, "Jacob's share." This means that God and Jacob (the people of Israel) had a special relationship—God belonged to Israel, and Israel belonged to God."

### Destruction Is Coming

17 Get everything you own and prepare to leave.

People of Judah, you are trapped in the city, and the enemy is all around it.

18 This is what LORD says: "This time, I will throw the people of Judah out of this country.

I will bring pain and trouble to them.

I will do this so that they will learn their lesson." III

19 I am hurt badly.

I am injured and I cannot be healed.

But I told myself, "This is my sickness; I must suffer through it."

20 My tent is ruined.

All its ropes are broken.

My children left me.

They are gone.

No one is left to put up my tent.

No one is left.

III THEY WILL LEARN THEIR LESSON The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

to |strong="H0369" fix a |strong="H5750" shelter for |strong="H3605" me |strong="H3318".

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H3605" shepherds |strong="H7462" are |strong="H3068" stupid.

They |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H5921" find the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" wise |strong="H7919", so |strong="H3651" their |strong="H3605" flocks are |strong="H3068" scattered |strong="H6327" and |strong="H3068" lost.

<sup>22</sup> Listen |strong="H6963"! A |strong="H7760" loud |strong="H1419" noise |strong="H6963"!

The |strong="H0853" noise |strong="H6963" is |strong="H0776" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" north |strong="H6828".<sup>1</sup>

It |strong="H7760" will |strong="H0776" destroy |strong="H5892" the |strong="H0853" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063".

Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H0776" become an |strong="H7760" empty desert.

It |strong="H7760" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" a |strong="H7760" home |strong="H0776" for |strong="H0776" jackals |strong="H8577".

<sup>23</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3068" lives do |strong="H1870" not |strong="H3808" belong to |strong="H1980" us |strong="H3045".

We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3045" no |strong="H3808" control over |strong="H0853" what |strong="H3559" happens.

<sup>24</sup> So |strong="H6435" correct |strong="H3256" us |strong="H6435", LORD |strong="H3068"!

But |strong="H0389" please be |strong="H0408" fair. Don't |strong="H0408" punish |strong="H3256" us |strong="H6435" in |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H0639",

or |strong="H6435" you |strong="H3256" will |strong="H3068" destroy us |strong="H6435"!

<sup>25</sup> If |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" angry |strong="H2534", then |strong="H0853" punish the |strong="H0853" other nations |strong="H1471".

They |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" or |strong="H3808" respect |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834".

They |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" worship |strong="H7121" you |strong="H0834".

Those |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471" destroyed |strong="H3615" Jacob's |strong="H3290" family |strong="H4940".

They |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H3615" Israel completely |strong="H3615".

They |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H3615" Israel's homeland.

### The Agreement Is Broken

**11** This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068":<sup>2</sup> "Jeremiah |strong="H0413", listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" of |strong="H0376" this |strong="H2063" agreement |strong="H1285" and |strong="H3063" tell |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0376" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3063" the |strong="H0853" rest of |strong="H0376" Judah |strong="H3063".<sup>3</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H2063" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": 'Bad things |strong="H1697" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" anyone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H0805" this |strong="H2063" agreement |strong="H1285".<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" talking about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" agreement I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" with |strong="H4714" your |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" when |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0853" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" furnace |strong="H3564"<sup>II</sup> called |strong="H0559" Egypt |strong="H4714": At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853", 'Listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H6963" and |strong="H0430" obey |strong="H0805" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680" I |strong="H0834" give |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834". Then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"

<sup>1</sup> NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel.

<sup>II</sup> FURNACE Literally, "iron furnace." That is, an oven hot enough to soften iron so that it can be hammered into something useful.

and will your 5 I this the that had to your ancestors promised give a land with and are that day

I answered, "Amen, LORD."

6 The LORD said to me, "Jeremiah, tell this message in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: 'Listen to the words of this agreement, and then obey these laws.' I gave your ancestors at that time brought out the land of Egypt. I warned them again and again this day. I told them obey me. 8 But your ancestors did

ten me were did their evil The says bad will to if don't So made the things to I obey they not

9 The LORD said to me, "Jeremiah, I know that the people of Judah and the people living in Jerusalem have made secret plans. 10 They are committing the same sins that their ancestors did. Their ancestors refused to listen to my message. They followed other gods. The family of Judah have broken the agreement I made with their ancestors."

11 So this is what the LORD

says *strong="H0559"*: " I *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* soon make *strong="H8085"* something terrible *strong="H7451"* happen to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0559"* people *strong="H0834"* of *strong="H3068"* Judah. They *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* be *strong="H3808"* able *strong="H3201"* to *strong="H0413"* escape *strong="H3318"*. They *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H3808"* sorry and *strong="H0935"* cry *strong="H2199"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"* for *strong="H0413"* help, but *strong="H3808"* I *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H3808"* listen *strong="H8085"* to *strong="H0413"* them *strong="H0413"*.<sup>12</sup> The *strong="H0834"* people *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H0834"* towns *strong="H5892"* of *strong="H0430"* Judah *strong="H3063"* and *strong="H1980"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H0834"* city *strong="H5892"* of *strong="H0430"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"* will *strong="H0430"* go *strong="H1980"* and *strong="H1980"* pray *strong="H2199"* to *strong="H0413"* their *strong="H1992"* idols for *strong="H0413"* help *strong="H3467"*. They *strong="H1992"* burn *strong="H6999"* incense *strong="H6999"* to *strong="H0413"* those *strong="H0834"* idols. But *strong="H3808"* their *strong="H1992"* idols will *strong="H0430"* not *strong="H3808"* be *strong="H3808"* able to *strong="H0413"* help *strong="H3467"* the *strong="H0834"* people *strong="H3427"* of *strong="H0430"* Judah *strong="H3063"* when *strong="H0834"* that *strong="H0834"* terrible *strong="H7451"* disaster *strong="H7451"* comes *strong="H1992"*.

<sup>13</sup> "People of *strong="H0430"* Judah *strong="H3063"*, you *strong="H3588"* have *strong="H1961"* many *strong="H4557"* idols— there *strong="H1961"* are *strong="H0430"* as *strong="H1961"* many *strong="H4557"* idols as *strong="H1961"* there *strong="H1961"* are *strong="H0430"* towns *strong="H5892"* in *strong="H0430"* Judah *strong="H3063"*. You *strong="H3588"* have *strong="H1961"* built many *strong="H4557"* altars *strong="H4196"* for *strong="H3588"* worshiping that *strong="H3588"* disgusting god *strong="H0430"* Baal *strong="H1168"*— there *strong="H1961"* are *strong="H0430"* as *strong="H1961"* many *strong="H4557"* altars *strong="H4196"* as *strong="H1961"* there *strong="H1961"* are *strong="H0430"* streets *strong="H2351"* in *strong="H0430"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*.

<sup>14</sup> " As *strong="H3588"* for *strong="H3588"* you *strong="H0859"*, Jeremiah *strong="H0413"*, don't *strong="H0408"* pray *strong="H6419"*

for *strong="H3588"* these *strong="H2088"* people *strong="H5971"* of *strong="H6256"* Judah. Don't *strong="H0408"* beg for *strong="H3588"* them *strong="H0413"*. Don't *strong="H0408"* say prayers *strong="H8605"* for *strong="H3588"* them *strong="H0413"*. I *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H0369"* not *strong="H0369"* listen *strong="H8085"*. They *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H0369"* suffer *strong="H5375"* and *strong="H8085"* then *strong="H2088"* call *strong="H7121"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"* for *strong="H3588"* help *strong="H5971"*, but *strong="H3588"* I *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H0369"* not *strong="H0369"* listen *strong="H8085"*.

<sup>15</sup> "Judah is *strong="H4100"* the *strong="H5921"* one *strong="H3588"* I *strong="H3588"* love, but *strong="H3588"* why *strong="H4100"* is *strong="H4100"* she *strong="H3588"* in *strong="H5921"* my *strong="H5921"* temple *strong="H1004"*?

She *strong="H3588"* has *strong="H4100"* done *strong="H6213"* too *strong="H5921"* many *strong="H7227"* evil *strong="H7451"* things *strong="H6944"*.

Judah, do *strong="H6213"* you *strong="H3588"* think vows and *strong="H1004"* sacrifices *strong="H6944"* will *strong="H1004"* keep *strong="H6213"* you *strong="H3588"* from *strong="H5921"* being destroyed?

Will *strong="H1004"* I *strong="H3588"* then *strong="H0227"* allow you *strong="H3588"* to *strong="H5921"* enjoy your *strong="H5921"* evil *strong="H7451"* ways?

<sup>16</sup> The *strong="H5921"* LORD *strong="H3068"* gave *strong="H7121"* you *strong="H5921"* a *strong="H7121"* name *strong="H8034"*.

He *strong="H3068"* called *strong="H7121"* you *strong="H5921"*, " A *strong="H7121"* green *strong="H7488"* olive *strong="H2132"* tree *strong="H2132"*, beautiful *strong="H3303"* to *strong="H5921"* look at *strong="H5921"*."

But *strong="H7489"* with *strong="H3068"* a *strong="H7121"* powerful storm, he *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* set *strong="H3341"* that *strong="H3068"* tree *strong="H2132"* on *strong="H5921"* fire *strong="H0784"*,

and *strong="H3068"* its *strong="H5921"* branches *strong="H1808"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H8034"* burned *strong="H3341"* up *strong="H5921"*.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>17</sup> The *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Powerful planted *strong="H5193"* you *strong="H0834"*, and *strong="H3068"* he *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H1696"* that *strong="H0834"* disaster *strong="H7451"*

I The meaning of these verses is uncertain.

will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H6635" to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834". That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" because|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Judah|strong="H3063" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H1992". They|strong="H1992" offered|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" to|strong="H1696" Baal|strong="H1168", and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" him|strong="H5921" angry|strong="H3707".

**Evil|strong="H7451" Plans|strong="H6213" Against|strong="H5921" Jeremiah|strong="H3068"**

18 The|strong="H7200" LORD|strong="H3068" showed|strong="H7200" me|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3045" the|strong="H7200" men of|strong="H3068" Anathoth<sup>1</sup> were making plans against me|strong="H7200". He|strong="H3068" showed|strong="H7200" me|strong="H7200" what|strong="H3045" they|strong="H3068" were doing, so|strong="H0227" I|strong="H3045" knew|strong="H3045" they|strong="H3068" were against me|strong="H7200".<sup>19</sup> Before|strong="H5921" he|strong="H3588" showed me|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3588", I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H8034" like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H3588" gentle lamb|strong="H3532" waiting to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H5750" butchered. I|strong="H0589" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" understand|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0776" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". They|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0776" saying this|strong="H3588" about|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921": "Let|strong="H3808" us|strong="H5921" destroy|strong="H7843" the|strong="H5921" tree|strong="H6086" and|strong="H0776" its|strong="H5921" fruit|strong="H6086"! Let|strong="H3808" us|strong="H5921" kill|strong="H3772" him|strong="H5921"! Then|strong="H3045" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0776" forget him|strong="H5921".<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" prayed, "LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1992" a|strong="H3588" fair judge|strong="H8199". You|strong="H3588" know how|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" test|strong="H0974" people's hearts|strong="H3820" and|strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> MEN OF ANATHOTH Anathoth was Jeremiah's hometown. The people who were plotting against him there included his own relatives. See Jeremiah 12:6.

minds|strong="H3820". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068" arguments, and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H1540" you|strong="H3588" give|strong="H7200" them|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" punishment they|strong="H1992" deserve."

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H5315", "Those|strong="H0376" people|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5921" Anathoth|strong="H6068" are|strong="H0376" planning|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" take your|strong="H3068" life|strong="H5315". They|strong="H3651" are|strong="H0376" telling|strong="H0559" you|strong="H5921" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" prophesy|strong="H5012" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" name|strong="H8034" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" or|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H4191" you|strong="H5921". This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" I|strong="H3541" have|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0853":<sup>22</sup> I|strong="H2005", the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, promise|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3651" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" soon punish|strong="H6485" those|strong="H1121" people|strong="H1121". Their|strong="H3068" young|strong="H1121" men|strong="H0970" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191" in|strong="H5921" war|strong="H6635". Their|strong="H3068" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191" from|strong="H5921" hunger|strong="H7458".<sup>23</sup> No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" city of|strong="H0376" Anathoth|strong="H6068" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" left|strong="H1961". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" will|strong="H1961" survive. I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" punish them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" cause|strong="H1961" something bad|strong="H7451" to|strong="H0413" happen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413"."

**Jeremiah Complains to God**

<sup>12</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", if|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" argue|strong="H7378" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0859",

you **are** always right.

But I want to ask you about some things that don't seem right.

Why are wicked people successful?

Why do people you cannot trust have such easy lives?

<sup>2</sup> You have put these wicked people here like plants with strong roots.

They grow and produce fruit.

With their mouths they say you are near and dear to them, but in their hearts they are really far away from you.

<sup>3</sup> But you know my heart, LORD.

You see me and test my mind.

Drag the evil people away like sheep to be killed.

Choose them for the day of slaughter.

<sup>4</sup> How much longer will the land be dry?

How long will the grass be dry and dead?

The birds and animals

this land have died, and it is fault of the wicked.

But they are saying, "Jeremiah will not live long enough to see what happens to us."

**God's Answer to Jeremiah**

<sup>5</sup> "Jeremiah, if you run a race against men you are tired, how will you race against horses?"

If you trip and fall in a safe place, what will you do in a dangerous place?

What will you do in the thornbushes that grow along the Jordan River?

<sup>6</sup> These men are your own brothers.

Members of your own family are making plans against you.

People from your own family are shouting at you.

Don't trust them,

even when they speak to you like friends.



**The **"H3588"** Lord Rejects Judah**

7 " I|strong="H5414" have|strong="H5414" abandoned|strong="H5800" my|strong="H5414" house|strong="H1004".

I|strong="H5414" have|strong="H5414" left|strong="H5800" my|strong="H5414" own|strong="H5315" property|strong="H5159". I

I|strong="H5414" have|strong="H5414" given|strong="H5414" Judah, the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H1004" I|strong="H5414" love, to|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414" enemies|strong="H0341".

8 My|strong="H5414" own|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5159" turned|strong="H5414" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5414" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" wild lion|strong="H0738".

They|strong="H3651" roared at|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5414", so|strong="H3651" I|strong="H5414" turned|strong="H5414" away from|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5414".

9 My|strong="H3605" own people|strong="H5159" have|strong="H3605" become like|strong="H5439" a|strong="H5921" dying animal|strong="H2416" surrounded|strong="H5439" by|strong="H5921" vultures.

These|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5861" are circling around|strong="H5439" her|strong="H3605".

Come|strong="H0857" on|strong="H5921", wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H2416".

Come|strong="H0857" get something to|strong="H5921" eat|strong="H0402".

10 Many|strong="H7227" shepherds|strong="H7462" have|strong="H5414" ruined|strong="H7843" my|strong="H5414" vineyard|strong="H3754".

They have|strong="H5414" trampled|strong="H0947" the|strong="H0853" plants in|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" field|strong="H2513".

They have|strong="H5414" made|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" beautiful|strong="H2532" field|strong="H2513" a|strong="H5414" desert|strong="H4057".

11 They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0369" turned|strong="H7760" it|strong="H7760" into|strong="H5921" an|strong="H7760" empty desert.

It|strong="H7760" is|strong="H0369" dry and|strong="H0776" dead.

The|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" has|strong="H0369" been|strong="H3605" ruined|strong="H8074",

and|strong="H0776" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0369" left

to|strong="H5921" care|strong="H5921" for|strong="H3588" it|strong="H7760".

12 The|strong="H3605" empty hills are|strong="H3068" covered with|strong="H3068" soldiers

who|strong="H3605" have|strong="H0369" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" destroy|strong="H7703" everything|strong="H3605".

The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0369" using them|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" punish that|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" from|strong="H0935" one|strong="H0369" end|strong="H7097" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605".

No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" safe|strong="H7965".

13 The|strong="H3068" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" plant|strong="H2232" wheat|strong="H2406",

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" harvest|strong="H8393" only thorns|strong="H6975".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" work hard until they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3068" very tired,

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" get nothing|strong="H3808" for|strong="H3068" all|strong="H0954" their|strong="H3068" work.

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" ashamed|strong="H0954" of|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" crop|strong="H8393".

The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" anger|strong="H0639" caused this|strong="H3068".

**The|strong="H3068" Lord's|strong="H3068" Promise|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" Israel's Neighbors**

14 This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"

tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834"

will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H3605" for|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605"

those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" live around|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"

land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478". They|strong="H0834"

are|strong="H0834" very wicked|strong="H7451". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" de-

stroyed the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0127" I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H0559"

to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1004" Is-

rael |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" pull the |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H7451" people |strong="H5971" up |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" throw them |strong="H0853" out |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0127", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" pull the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063" up |strong="H5921" with |strong="H1004" them |strong="H0853". <sup>15</sup> But |strong="H1961" after |strong="H0310" I |strong="H0776" pull them |strong="H0853" up |strong="H0853" out |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" their |strong="H7725" land |strong="H0776", I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" feel sorry for |strong="H0776" them |strong="H0853". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H7725" each |strong="H0376" family back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" its |strong="H0853" own |strong="H1961" property |strong="H5159" and |strong="H0776" to |strong="H7725" its |strong="H0853" own |strong="H1961" land |strong="H0776". <sup>16</sup> I |strong="H0834" want these |strong="H5971" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H1961" learn |strong="H3925" their |strong="H3068" lessons well |strong="H0834". In |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" past they |strong="H0834" taught |strong="H3925" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H1961" use |strong="H1961" Baal's name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H1961" make |strong="H8034" promises |strong="H7650". Now |strong="H1961", I |strong="H0834" want them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1961" learn |strong="H3925" to |strong="H1961" use |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034". I |strong="H0834" want them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1961" say, 'As |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416" ...! If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0834" do |strong="H0518" that |strong="H0834", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" allow them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" successful, and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853" live |strong="H2416" among |strong="H8432" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971". <sup>17</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" a |strong="H0518" nation |strong="H1471" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" my |strong="H8085" message |strong="H3068", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" completely |strong="H8085" de-

stroy |strong="H0006" it |strong="H1931". I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" pull it |strong="H1931" up |strong="H0853" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H0518" dead plant." This |strong="H1931" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

### The Sign of the Loincloth

**13** This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413": "Jeremiah |strong="H3068", go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" buy |strong="H7069" a |strong="H7760" linen |strong="H6593" loincloth. <sup>I</sup> Then |strong="H1980" put |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" around |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" waist |strong="H4975". Don't |strong="H3808" let |strong="H1980" it |strong="H7760" get |strong="H1980" wet." <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H7760" I |strong="H7760" bought |strong="H7069" a |strong="H7760" linen loincloth, just |strong="H1697" as |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H1697" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" do, and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H7760" put |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" around |strong="H5921" my |strong="H7760" waist |strong="H4975". <sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" second |strong="H8145" time |strong="H8145". <sup>4</sup> This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" message: "Jeremiah, take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" loincloth you |strong="H0834" bought |strong="H7069" and |strong="H6965" are |strong="H0834" wearing, and |strong="H6965" go |strong="H6965" to |strong="H5921" Perath. <sup>II</sup> Hide |strong="H2934" the |strong="H0853" loincloth there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3947" crack in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" rocks |strong="H5553"."

<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" went to |strong="H3068" Perath and |strong="H3068" hid |strong="H2934" the |strong="H0853" loincloth there |strong="H3068", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"

<sup>I</sup> LOINCLOTH A common undergarment in ancient Judah. It was a short skirt that was wrapped around the hips. It reached about halfway down the thighs. <sup>II</sup> PERATH Probably a village near Jerusalem. This town is called Parah in the list of the cities of the land of Benjamin in Josh. 18:23. But this name also means the Euphrates River.

LORD told me do many days the LORD said me, "Now, Jeremiah, go to Perath. Get the loincloth that I told you to hide there."

<sup>7</sup> So I went to Perath and dug out the loincloth of the crack in the rocks where I had hidden it. But now I could not wear the loincloth, because it was ruined. It was not good for anything.

<sup>8</sup> Then the message from the LORD came to me. <sup>9</sup> This is what the LORD said: "The loincloth is ruined and not good for anything. In the same way, I will ruin Jerusalem and Judah because they refuse to listen to my messages. They are stubborn and do only what they want to do. They follow and worship other

gods. They will like this linen loincloth. They will be ruined and not good for anything." <sup>11</sup> A loincloth is wrapped tightly around a man's waist. In the same way, I wrapped the family of Judah around me. This message is from the LORD. "I did that so that they would be my people and bring me fame, praise, and honor. But my people did not listen to me."

#### Warnings to Judah

<sup>12</sup> "Jeremiah, say to the people of Judah: 'This is what the LORD God of Israel says: Every wineskin should be filled with wine.' They will laugh and say you, 'Of course, we know that every wineskin should be filled with wine.' <sup>13</sup> Then you will say to them, 'This

is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" make everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" lives |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" helpless, like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H5921" drunken man |strong="H3605". I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H3068" talking about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" who |strong="H3605" sit |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921" David's |strong="H1732" throne |strong="H3678". I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" talking about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H3605" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>14</sup> I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" make them |strong="H0413" stumble and |strong="H1121" fall against |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0376" another |strong="H0251", even |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5002" fathers |strong="H0001" and |strong="H1121" sons |strong="H1121". This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" feel sorry |strong="H2347" or |strong="H3808" have |strong="H7355" pity |strong="H2347" for |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" allow compassion |strong="H7355" to |strong="H0413" stop |strong="H3808" me |strong="H0413" from |strong="H0376" destroying |strong="H7843" the |strong="H5002" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" Judah."

<sup>15</sup> Listen |strong="H8085" and |strong="H3068" pay |strong="H8085" attention |strong="H8085".

The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" spoken |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" you |strong="H3588".

Do |strong="H0408" not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" proud |strong="H1361".

<sup>16</sup> Honor |strong="H3519" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

Praise him |strong="H5414" or |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5414" darkness |strong="H6757".

Praise him |strong="H5414" before |strong="H2962" you |strong="H5414" fall on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" dark |strong="H2821" hills |strong="H2022".

You |strong="H5414" people of |strong="H0430" Judah are |strong="H3068" hoping for |strong="H5921" light |strong="H0216",

but |strong="H0216" the |strong="H5921" Lord |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" turn |strong="H7760" the |strong="H5921" light |strong="H0216" into |strong="H5921" thick |strong="H6205" darkness |strong="H6757".

He |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" change it |strong="H7760" into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" deepest gloom |strong="H6205".

<sup>17</sup> If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5315" of |strong="H3068" Judah don't |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3381" him |strong="H6440",

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" hide and |strong="H3068" cry.

Your |strong="H3068" pride |strong="H1466" will |strong="H3068" cause me |strong="H5315" to |strong="H3381" cry.

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" cry very hard.

My |strong="H8085" eyes |strong="H5869" will |strong="H3068" overflow |strong="H3381" with |strong="H3068" tears |strong="H1832",

because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" flock |strong="H5739"<sup>1</sup> will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" captured |strong="H7617".

<sup>18</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" these things to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3588" wife,

"Come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H3381" your |strong="H3588" thrones |strong="H3427".

Your |strong="H3588" beautiful |strong="H8597" crowns |strong="H5850" have |strong="H4428" fallen |strong="H3381" from |strong="H3381" your |strong="H3588" heads."

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892" in |strong="H3063" the |strong="H3605" Negev |strong="H5045" are |strong="H0369" locked |strong="H5462".

No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" can |strong="H0369" open |strong="H6605" them |strong="H1540".

All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H3605" Judah |strong="H3063" have |strong="H0369" been |strong="H3605" taken |strong="H1540" away |strong="H1540" as |strong="H3063" captives |strong="H1540".

They |strong="H0369" were |strong="H3063" carried |strong="H1540" away |strong="H1540" as |strong="H3063" prisoners.

<sup>1</sup> LORD'S FLOCK This is a figurative name for the people of Judah. The Lord is thought of as a shepherd, while his people are seen as his flock of sheep.

<sup>20</sup> Jerusalem, look

The enemy is coming from the north

Where is the flock you were once charge of?

That beautiful flock is gone now.

<sup>21</sup> I will let your enemies become your rulers—

people you once trusted with your secrets.

What will you say then?

Surely you will feel great pain,

like a woman giving birth.

<sup>22</sup> You might ask yourself,

"Why this bad thing happened to me?"

It happened because of your many sins.

Because of your sins, your skirt was torn off,

and your sandals were taken away.

They did this to you.

<sup>23</sup> A black man cannot change the color of his skin, and a leopard cannot

change its spots.

In the same way, Jerusalem, you cannot change and do good.

You always do bad things.

<sup>24</sup> "I will force you to leave your homes.

You will run in all directions.

You will be like chaff blown away by the wind.

<sup>25</sup> This is what will happen to you.

This is my plan."

This message is from the LORD.

"Why will this happen?

Because you forgot me.

You trusted false gods.

<sup>26</sup> Jerusalem, I will pull your skirt up over your face.

Everyone will see you,

and you will be ashamed.

<sup>27</sup> I saw the terrible things you did.

I saw you laughing and having sex with your lovers.

I know about your plans to be like a prostitute.

I have seen you on

I NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel. II FLOCK Here, the word "flock" refers to all the towns around Jerusalem, as if Jerusalem were the shepherd and the towns of Judah were her flock.

III I SAW ... YOU DID This is probably talking about worshiping false gods. But part of that worship was having sex with temple prostitutes.

hills |strong="H1389" and |strong="H3389" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" fields |strong="H7704".

It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3389" be |strong="H5750" very bad for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921", Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

How |strong="H4970" long |strong="H5750" will |strong="H3389" you |strong="H5921" continue |strong="H5750" doing your |strong="H5921" dirty sins?"

### Drought and False Prophets

**14** This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" drought |strong="H1226"<sup>1</sup>:

<sup>2</sup> " The |strong="H5927" nation of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" cries for |strong="H0776" people |strong="H0776" who |strong="H3063" have |strong="H0776" died.

The |strong="H5927" people |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5927" cities |strong="H8179" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" grow |strong="H5927" weaker and |strong="H3063" weaker.

They |strong="H8179" lie |strong="H5927" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5927" ground |strong="H0776".

People |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", cry |strong="H6682" to |strong="H3389" God for |strong="H0776" help.

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H5921" leaders |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3808" send |strong="H7971" their |strong="H5921" servants |strong="H6810" to |strong="H0935" get |strong="H0935" water |strong="H4325".

The |strong="H5921" servants |strong="H6810" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" water |strong="H4325" storage places,

but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" any |strong="H3808" water |strong="H4325".

The |strong="H5921" servants |strong="H6810" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" with |strong="H5921" empty |strong="H7387" jars |strong="H3627",

so |strong="H7971" they |strong="H5921" are |strong="H3627" ashamed |strong="H0954" and |strong="H0935" embarrassed |strong="H3637".

They |strong="H5921" cover |strong="H2645" their |strong="H5921" heads |strong="H7218" from |strong="H7725" shame |strong="H0954".

I DROUGHT A time when no rain falls and the crops become dry and die.

<sup>4</sup> No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" prepares the |strong="H3588" ground |strong="H0776" for |strong="H3588" crops. II

No |strong="H3808" rain |strong="H1653" falls |strong="H0954" on |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776".

The |strong="H3588" farmers |strong="H0406" are |strong="H0776" depressed.

So |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3588" cover |strong="H2645" their |strong="H3588" heads |strong="H7218" from |strong="H1961" shame |strong="H0954".

<sup>5</sup> Even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3588" mother deer in |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" field |strong="H7704" leaves |strong="H5800" her |strong="H1961" newborn baby alone,

because |strong="H3588" there |strong="H1961" is |strong="H1571" no |strong="H3808" grass |strong="H1877".

<sup>6</sup> Wild |strong="H6501" donkeys |strong="H6501" stand |strong="H5975" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" bare |strong="H8205" hills.

They |strong="H3588" sniff the |strong="H5921" wind |strong="H7307" like |strong="H7307" jackals |strong="H8577".

But |strong="H3588" their |strong="H5921" eyes |strong="H5869" cannot |strong="H0369" find any |strong="H0369" food,

because |strong="H3588" there |strong="H0369" are |strong="H5869" no |strong="H0369" plants |strong="H6212" to |strong="H5921" eat.

<sup>7</sup> " We |strong="H3588" know that |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" fault |strong="H2398".

We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" now |strong="H3588" suffering because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2398".

LORD |strong="H3068", do |strong="H6213" something to |strong="H3068" help |strong="H6030" us |strong="H3588" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" good of |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034".

We |strong="H3588" admit that |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" left you |strong="H3588" many |strong="H7231" times.

We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>8</sup> God, you |strong="H4100" are |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1961" hope of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478"!

You |strong="H4100" save |strong="H3467" Israel |strong="H3478" in |strong="H3478" times |strong="H6256" of |strong="H0776" trouble |strong="H6869".

II NO ONE ... CROPS This follows the ancient Greek version. The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

But *now* *it* *seems like* *you* *are* *a* *stranger* *in* *land* *like* *a* *traveler* *who* *only stays* *one* *night*.

<sup>9</sup> *You* *seem like* *a* *man* *who* *has* *been* *attacked by* *surprise*,

*like* *a* *soldier* *who* *does* *not* *have* *the* *power to* *save* *anyone*.

But *LORD*, *you* *are* *with* *us* *with* *our* *help* *to* *leave* *us* *without* *help* *to* *save* *anyone*.

*But* *LORD*, *you* *are* *with* *us* *with* *our* *help* *to* *leave* *us* *without* *help* *to* *save* *anyone*.

*We* *are* *called* *by* *your* *name*, *so* *don't* *leave* *us* *without* *help* *to* *save* *anyone*.

<sup>10</sup> *This* *is* *what* *LORD* *says* *about* *the* *people* *of* *Judah*: *"The* *people* *of* *Judah* *really* *love* *to* *leave* *me* *alone*. *They* *don't* *stop* *themselves* *from* *leaving* *me* *alone*. *So* *now* *LORD* *will* *not* *accept* *them* *now*. *Now* *he* *will* *remember* *the* *evil* *they* *do* *to* *me*. *He* *will* *punish* *them* *for* *their* *sins*."

<sup>11</sup> *Then* *LORD* *said* *to* *me*, *"Jeremiah* *of* *Judah*, *don't* *pray* *for* *good* *things* *to* *happen* *to* *the* *people* *of* *Judah*. *12*

*They* *might* *begin* *to* *fast* *and* *pray* *to* *me*, *but* *I* *will* *not* *listen* *to* *their* *prayers*. *Even* *if* *they* *offer* *burnt* *offerings* *and* *grain* *offerings* *to* *me*, *I* *will* *not* *accept* *them*. *I* *will* *destroy* *the* *people* *of* *Judah* *with* *war*. *I* *will* *take* *away* *their* *food*, *and* *they* *will* *starve*. *And* *I* *will* *destroy* *them* *with* *terrible* *diseases*."

<sup>13</sup> *But* *I* *said*, *"Lord* *GOD*, *the* *prophets* *were* *telling* *the* *people* *of* *Judah*, *'You* *will* *not* *suffer* *from* *war* *or* *hunger*. *The* *Lord* *will* *give* *you* *peace* *in* *this* *land*."

<sup>14</sup> *Then* *LORD* *said* *to* *me*, *"Jeremiah* *of* *Judah*, *those* *prophets* *are* *telling* *lies* *in* *my* *name*. *I* *did* *not* *send* *or* *command* *them* *to* *speak* *to* *the* *people* *of* *Judah*. *12*

them|strong="H0413". Their|strong="H3068" prophecies|strong="H5012" came|strong="H0413" from|strong="H0413" false|strong="H8267" visions|strong="H2377", worthless magic, and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" own wishful thinking|strong="H0559".<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", say|strong="H0559" about|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" prophets|strong="H5030" who|strong="H3068" are|strong="H1992" speaking|strong="H0559" in|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034". I|strong="H0589" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" send|strong="H7971" them|strong="H1992". They|strong="H1992" said|strong="H0559", ' No|strong="H3808" enemy will|strong="H3068" ever attack this|strong="H2063" country|strong="H0776". There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" hunger|strong="H7458" in|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2063" land|strong="H0776".' So|strong="H3651" those|strong="H1992" prophets|strong="H5030" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H2719" from|strong="H5921" hunger|strong="H7458" or|strong="H3808" by|strong="H5921" an|strong="H1961" enemy's sword|strong="H2719".<sup>16</sup> And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" they|strong="H1992" spoke to|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" thrown|strong="H7993" into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" streets|strong="H2351". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1961" die|strong="H2719" from|strong="H5921" hunger|strong="H7458" and|strong="H1121" war|strong="H2719". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" punish them|strong="H1992", and|strong="H1121" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" there|strong="H0369" to|strong="H1961" bury|strong="H6912" them|strong="H1992", their|strong="H1992" wives|strong="H0802", their|strong="H1992" sons|strong="H1121", or|strong="H0369" their|strong="H1992" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>17</sup> " Jeremiah|strong="H0413", speak|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088" message|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1323" Judah:  
' My|strong="H3588" eyes|strong="H5869" fill with|strong="H0413" tears|strong="H1832" night|strong="H3915" and|strong="H1419" day|strong="H3119" without|strong="H0408" stopping.

I|strong="H3588" cry for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3588" virgin|strong="H1330" daughter|strong="H1323",<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H1419" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3588" dear people|strong="H5971",

because|strong="H3588" someone hit them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1419" crushed|strong="H7665" them|strong="H0413".

They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H5869" been hurt|strong="H7665" very|strong="H3966" badly|strong="H3966".

<sup>18</sup> If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" go|strong="H3318" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776",

I|strong="H3588" see|strong="H2009" the|strong="H3588" bodies of|strong="H0776" those|strong="H3588" killed|strong="H2491" in|strong="H0935" war|strong="H2719".

If|strong="H0518" I|strong="H3588" go|strong="H3318" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" city|strong="H5892",

I|strong="H3588" see|strong="H2009" people|strong="H3808" sick from|strong="H0935" hunger|strong="H7458".

The|strong="H3588" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H0935" prophets|strong="H5030" continue their|strong="H3588" work,

but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" understand|strong="H3045" what|strong="H1571" is|strong="H0776" happening."<sup>19</sup>

Lord, have|strong="H0369" you|strong="H0518" completely|strong="H6960" rejected|strong="H3988" the|strong="H0853" nation of|strong="H6256" Judah|strong="H3063"?

Do|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" hate Zion|strong="H6726"?

You|strong="H0518" hurt us|strong="H5315" so|strong="H0369" badly that|strong="H5315" we|strong="H0518" cannot|strong="H0369" be|strong="H5315" made|strong="H5221" well|strong="H7965" again.

Why|strong="H4069" did|strong="H4069" you|strong="H0518" do|strong="H0518" that|strong="H5315"?

We|strong="H0518" were|strong="H3063" hoping for|strong="H0518" peace|strong="H7965",

but|strong="H0518" nothing|strong="H0369" good|strong="H2896" has|strong="H0369" come.

We|strong="H0518" were|strong="H3063" hoping for|strong="H0518" a|strong="H0518" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H6256" healing|strong="H4832",

but|strong="H0518" only|strong="H0518" terror|strong="H1205" came.

<sup>20</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", we|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"

I VIRGIN DAUGHTER Another name for Jerusalem.



we |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" wicked |strong="H7562".

We |strong="H3588" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" did evil |strong="H7562" things.

Yes |strong="H3588", we |strong="H3588" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" you |strong="H3588".

<sup>21</sup> For |strong="H4616" the |strong="H2142" good of |strong="H8034" your |strong="H2142" name |strong="H8034", don't |strong="H0408" push us |strong="H4616" away |strong="H5034".

Don't |strong="H0408" take |strong="H2142" away |strong="H5034" the |strong="H2142" honor |strong="H3519" from |strong="H0854" your |strong="H2142" glorious throne |strong="H3678".

Remember |strong="H2142" your |strong="H2142" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" us |strong="H4616"

and |strong="H1285" do |strong="H0408" not |strong="H0408" break |strong="H6565" it.

<sup>22</sup> Foreign idols |strong="H1892" don't |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3426" the |strong="H3605" power to |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5414" rain |strong="H1652".

The |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3426" the |strong="H3605" power to |strong="H3068" send |strong="H5414" down |strong="H5414" showers |strong="H7241" of |strong="H0430" rain |strong="H1652".

You |strong="H0859", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", are |strong="H0428" our |strong="H3068" only |strong="H0518" hope |strong="H6960".

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0428" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" made |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428".

**15** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "Jeremiah |strong="H3068", even |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" Moses |strong="H4872" and |strong="H3068" Samuel |strong="H8050" were |strong="H0369" here |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0413" pray for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" Judah, I |strong="H0518" would |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0369" feel sorry for |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0413". Send |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" Judah away |strong="H7971" from |strong="H3318" me |strong="H0413"! Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413"

to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H3318"! 2 They |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834", 'Where |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" we |strong="H3588" go |strong="H3318"? Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":

"I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" chosen some people |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4194".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4194".

I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" chosen some to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H2719" with |strong="H0413" swords |strong="H2719".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H2719" with |strong="H0413" swords |strong="H2719".

I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" chosen some to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H4194" from |strong="H3318" hunger |strong="H7458".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4194" from |strong="H3318" hunger |strong="H7458".

I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" chosen some to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H1961" away |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" foreign country.

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" prisoners |strong="H7628" there |strong="H1961".

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" send four |strong="H0702" kinds |strong="H0929" of |strong="H0776" destroyers |strong="H7843" against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853".

This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

'I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" send the |strong="H0853" enemy with |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" sword |strong="H2719" to |strong="H5921" kill |strong="H2026".

I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" send the |strong="H0853" dogs |strong="H3611" to |strong="H5921" drag |strong="H5498" their |strong="H3068" bodies away |strong="H0398".

I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" send birds |strong="H5775" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" air and |strong="H3068" wild |strong="H0776" animals |strong="H0929" to |strong="H5921" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H7843" their |strong="H3068" bodies.

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" peo-

ple of Judah something terrible for all the people on earth.

I will do to you as I did to Jerusalem because of what you did in Jerusalem.

Manasseh was the son of the King Hezekiah because of what he did in Jerusalem.

Manasseh was a king of Judah of King Hezekiah's line.

Manasseh was a king of Judah of King Hezekiah's line.

<sup>5</sup> No one will feel sorry for you, city of Jerusalem.

No one will be sad and cry for you.

No one will go out of their way to even ask you how you are.

<sup>6</sup> Jerusalem, you left me.

This message is from the LORD.

"Again and again you left me!"

So I will punish and destroy you.

I am tired of holding back your punishment.

<sup>7</sup> I will separate the people of Judah

I MANASSEH Manasseh was the most evil king of Judah according to 2 Kings 21:1-16. He worshiped many gods.

of Judah with my pitchfork.

I will scatter them at the city gates of the land.

My people have not changed, so I will destroy them.

I will take their children away.

<sup>8</sup> Many women will lose their husbands.

There will be more widows there than sand on the sea.

I will bring a destroyer at noon.

The destroyer will attack the mothers of young men of Judah.

I will bring pain and fear on the people of Judah.

I will make this happen very quickly.

<sup>9</sup> The enemy will attack with swords and kill the people.

They will kill the survivors from Judah.

A woman with seven children will lose them.

She will cry until she becomes weak and struggles to breathe.

II PITCHFORK A tool with sharp points for throwing hay from one place to another.

She |strong="H6440" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H5750" upset and |strong="H0935" confused,

because |strong="H6440" her |strong="H5414" bright day |strong="H3119" has |strong="H3068" become |strong="H3205" dark."

This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".

**Jeremiah |strong="H3068" Complains  
to |strong="H0935" God |strong="H3068"  
Again |strong="H5750"**

<sup>10</sup> Mother |strong="H0517", I |strong="H3588" am sorry

that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" gave |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H3205" me |strong="H3205".

I |strong="H3588" am the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H0376" who |strong="H3605" must |strong="H3808" accuse

and |strong="H0776" criticize the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776".

I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" loaned |strong="H5383" or |strong="H3808" borrowed |strong="H5383" anything |strong="H3605",

but |strong="H3588" everyone |strong="H3605" curses |strong="H7043" me |strong="H3205".

<sup>11</sup> Surely |strong="H0518", LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H0518" have |strong="H3068" served you |strong="H0518" well |strong="H2896".

In |strong="H3068" times |strong="H6256" of |strong="H3068" disaster |strong="H7451" and |strong="H3068" trouble |strong="H7451",

I |strong="H0518" prayed |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0518" about |strong="H6256" my |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341".

**God |strong="H3068" Answers |strong="H0559" Jeremiah |strong="H3068"**

<sup>12</sup> "Jeremiah, you |strong="H1270" know that no one can shatter a piece of |strong="H6828" iron |strong="H1270".

I mean the |strong="H6828" kind of |strong="H6828" iron |strong="H1270" that is |strong="H1270" from the |strong="H6828" north |strong="H6828".<sup>1</sup>

And |strong="H5178" no one can shatter a piece of |strong="H6828" bronze |strong="H5178" either.

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1366" Judah |strong="H1366" have |strong="H3605" many treasures |strong="H0214".

<sup>1</sup> NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel.

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" these |strong="H3605" riches |strong="H2428" to |strong="H5414" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808".

They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H5414" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5414" buy them |strong="H5414", because |strong="H3605" Judah |strong="H1366" has |strong="H3605" many sins |strong="H2403".

The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" sinned |strong="H2403" in |strong="H5414" every |strong="H3605" part of |strong="H1366" Judah |strong="H1366".

<sup>14</sup> People |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0776" Judah, I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" slaves of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5921" enemies |strong="H0341".

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" slaves in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" never |strong="H3808" knew |strong="H3045".

I |strong="H3588" am very |strong="H3045" angry |strong="H0639".

My |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H0639" is |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776"

a |strong="H3588" hot fire |strong="H0784", and |strong="H0776" you |strong="H3588"

will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" burned."

<sup>15</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0859" understand |strong="H3045" me |strong="H5921".

Remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3947" care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H3068" me |strong="H5921".

People |strong="H0408" are |strong="H3068" hurting me |strong="H5921".

Give |strong="H5375" them |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" punishment |strong="H6485" they |strong="H5921" deserve.

You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3068" being patient |strong="H0750" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5921".

But |strong="H0859" don't |strong="H0408" destroy me |strong="H5921" while |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859" remain |strong="H2142" patient |strong="H0750" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5921".

Think |strong="H2142" about |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921".

Think |strong="H2142" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" pain I |strong="H3045" suffer |strong="H5375" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859".

<sup>16</sup> Your |strong="H3068" words |strong="H1697" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H5921", and |strong="H3068"

I ate them up.  
They made me very happy.

I was glad to be called by your name,  
LORD God All-Powerful.

17 I never sat with the crowd as they laughed and had fun.  
I sat myself because of your influence on me.  
You filled me with anger at the evil around me.

18 I don't understand why I am still hurt.  
I don't understand why my wound is not cured and I cannot be healed.

I think you have changed.  
You are like a spring of water that became dry.

You are like a spring whose water has stopped flowing.

19 Then LORD said, "Jeremiah, if you change and come back to me,  
I will not punish you.  
If you change and

come back to me,  
then you may serve me.  
If you speak important things, not worthless words,  
then you may speak for me.  
The people of Judah should change and come back to you.  
But you don't change and don't like them.  
20 I will make strong the people of Judah who will fight against you,  
but they will not defeat you,  
because I will help you, and I will save you.  
This message is the LORD's.  
21 I will save you from these evil people.

20 I will make strong the people of Judah who will fight against you, but they will not defeat you, because I will help you, and I will save you.

21 I will save you from these evil people.

21 I will save you from these evil people.

They will frighten you, but I will save you.

They will save you.

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then you may serve me.  
If you speak important things, not worthless words,  
then you may speak for me.  
The people of Judah should change and come back to you.  
But you don't change and don't like them.  
20 I will make strong the people of Judah who will fight against you,  
but they will not defeat you,  
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The people of Judah should change and come back to you.  
But you don't change and don't like them.

20 I will make strong the people of Judah who will fight against you, but they will not defeat you, because I will help you, and I will save you.

21 I will save you from these evil people.

They will frighten you, but I will save you.

They will save you.

They will save you.

They will save you.

They will save you.

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you |strong="H3027" from |strong="H3027"  
them |strong="H3027".

### The Day of Disaster

**16** The |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068"  
message |strong="H1697"  
came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413": 2 "Jeremiah, you |strong="H3808"  
must |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808"  
get |strong="H3947" married |strong="H3947".  
You |strong="H3808" must |strong="H1121"  
not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1961"  
sons |strong="H1121" or |strong="H3808" daugh-  
ters |strong="H1323" in |strong="H0802"  
this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725".  
3 This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H3068"  
what |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559"  
about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" daugh-  
ters |strong="H1323" who |strong="H3068"  
are |strong="H1121" born |strong="H3205"  
in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Judah  
and |strong="H1121" about |strong="H5921"  
their |strong="H3068" mothers |strong="H0517"  
and |strong="H1121" fathers |strong="H0001": 4 "  
They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961"  
die |strong="H4191" from |strong="H5921" terrible  
disease. And |strong="H0776" no |strong="H3808"  
one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" cry  
for |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921"  
or |strong="H3808" bury |strong="H6912"  
them |strong="H5921". Their |strong="H5921" bod-  
ies |strong="H5038" will |strong="H1961"  
lie |strong="H1961" on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H6440" ground |strong="H0776"  
like |strong="H1961" dung |strong="H1828".  
Or |strong="H3808" they |strong="H5921"  
will |strong="H1961" die |strong="H4191"  
in |strong="H5921" war |strong="H2719"  
or |strong="H3808" starve to |strong="H4191"  
death |strong="H4191". Their |strong="H5921"  
dead |strong="H4191" bodies |strong="H5038"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
food |strong="H3978" for |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H6440" birds |strong="H5775"  
of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440"  
sky |strong="H8064" and |strong="H0776"  
the |strong="H6440" wild |strong="H0776" ani-  
mals |strong="H0929" of |strong="H0776"  
the |strong="H6440" earth |strong="H0776".  
5 So |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559", " Jeremi-  
ah |strong="H3068", don't |strong="H0408"  
go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935"  
a |strong="H3588" house |strong="H1004"  
where |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971"

are |strong="H3068" eating a |strong="H3588" funeral  
meal. Don't |strong="H0408" go |strong="H0935"  
there |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0559" cry  
for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" dead  
or |strong="H0408" to |strong="H0559"  
show |strong="H7356" your |strong="H3068" sorrow.  
Don't |strong="H0408" do |strong="H0408"  
these |strong="H2088" things, be-  
cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"  
have |strong="H3068" taken |strong="H0622"  
back |strong="H0935" my |strong="H3068" blessing.  
I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" kind  
to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1004" Judah.  
I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H0408" feel sorry for |strong="H3588"  
them |strong="H0853". This |strong="H2088" mes-  
sage |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068"  
from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068".

6 Important |strong="H1419" peo-  
ple |strong="H3808" and |strong="H0776" com-  
mon |strong="H0776" people |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H0776" die |strong="H4191"  
in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3808"  
land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Judah.  
No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H0776" bury |strong="H6912"  
them |strong="H1992" or |strong="H3808" cry  
for |strong="H0776" them |strong="H1992".  
No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H0776" cut |strong="H1413" him-  
self |strong="H3808" or |strong="H3808"  
shave |strong="H7139" his |strong="H3808"  
head |strong="H7139" to |strong="H4191" show sor-  
row for |strong="H0776" them |strong="H1992". 7  
No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
will |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H4191" food  
to |strong="H4191" those |strong="H5921"  
who |strong="H0001" are |strong="H0001" crying  
for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
dead |strong="H4191". No |strong="H3808"  
one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" com-  
fort |strong="H5162" those |strong="H5921" whose  
mother |strong="H0517" or |strong="H3808" fa-  
ther |strong="H0001" has |strong="H0001"  
died |strong="H4191". No |strong="H3808"  
one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" offer  
a |strong="H5921" drink |strong="H8248"  
to |strong="H4191" comfort |strong="H5162"  
those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H0001"  
are |strong="H0001" crying for |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0853" dead |strong="H4191".

8 "Jeremiah, don't |strong="H3808"  
go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935"  
a |strong="H0935" house |strong="H1004"  
where |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0935" peo-

ple|strong="H3427" are|strong="H1004" having|strong="H3808" a|strong="H0935" party. Don't|strong="H3808" go|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3808" house|strong="H1004" and|strong="H0935" sit|strong="H3427" down|strong="H3427" to|strong="H0935" eat|strong="H0398" and|strong="H0935" drink|strong="H8354".<sup>9</sup> This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" says|strong="H0559": I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" soon|strong="H3588" stop the|strong="H0559" sounds|strong="H6963" of|strong="H0430" people|strong="H5869" having|strong="H3588" fun. I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" stop the|strong="H0559" happy|strong="H8057" sounds|strong="H6963" of|strong="H0430" people|strong="H5869" enjoying a|strong="H3588" wedding party. This|strong="H2088" will|strong="H3068" happen during|strong="H3117" your|strong="H3068" lifetime|strong="H3117". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H2088" these|strong="H2088" things|strong="H3478" very|strong="H2088" soon|strong="H3588".

<sup>10</sup> "Jeremiah|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H5046" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0430" Judah these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H1697", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" ask|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834", 'Why|strong="H4100" has|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" these|strong="H0428" terrible|strong="H7451" things|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" us|strong="H0413"? What|strong="H4100" have|strong="H1961" we|strong="H3588" done|strong="H1961" wrong|strong="H7451"? What|strong="H4100" sin|strong="H2398" have|strong="H1961" we|strong="H3588" done|strong="H1961" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"?<sup>11</sup> You|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413": 'Terrible things|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" happen to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" because|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" stopped following|strong="H0310" me|strong="H0413'. This|strong="H0834" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0834" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".'

They|strong="H0834" stopped following|strong="H0310" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" began to|strong="H0413" follow|strong="H0310" and|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". They|strong="H0834" worshiped|strong="H7812" those|strong="H0834" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". Your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001" left|strong="H5800" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" stopped obeying|strong="H8104" my|strong="H8104" law|strong="H8451".<sup>12</sup> But|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" people|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0001" sinned more than|strong="H1115" your|strong="H8085" ancestors|strong="H0001". You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0376" very|strong="H1980" stubborn, and|strong="H1980" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0376" doing|strong="H6213" only what|strong="H7451" you|strong="H0859" want to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213". You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0376" not|strong="H1115" obeying|strong="H8085" me|strong="H0413". Because|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859" do|strong="H6213" only what|strong="H7451" you|strong="H0859" want to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213",<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" throw|strong="H2904" you|strong="H0859" out|strong="H3045" of|strong="H0776" this|strong="H2063" country|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" force you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H5921" go to|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5414" foreign|strong="H0312" land|strong="H0776". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0430" go to|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5414" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0430" your|strong="H5414" ancestors|strong="H0001" never|strong="H3808" knew|strong="H3045". There|strong="H8033" you|strong="H0859" can|strong="H0834" serve|strong="H5647" false gods|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0859" want to|strong="H5921". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" not|strong="H3808" help you|strong="H0859" or|strong="H3808" show|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0859" any|strong="H5414" favors.'

<sup>14</sup> "People|strong="H1121" make promises and|strong="H1121" say|strong="H0559", 'As|strong="H0834" surely|strong="H3651" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" lives|strong="H2416"—the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" who|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Israelites|strong="H3478"

out of the land of Egypt ...' But the time is coming," says the LORD, "when people will say that they will do something new. They will say, 'As surely as the LORD lives who brought Israelites out of the northern land, who brought them out of all the countries where he had sent them ...' Why will they say that? Because I will bring the Israelites back to the land that I gave to their ancestors." <sup>16</sup> "I will soon send many fishermen to this land." This message from the LORD, "They will catch the people of Judah. After that happens, I will send many hunters to come to this land. They will hunt the people

<sup>1</sup> FISHERMEN ... HUNTERS This means the enemy soldiers from Babylon.

of Judah on every mountain and hill and in the cracks of the rocks." <sup>17</sup> "I see everything they do." The people of Judah cannot hide things they do. Their sin is not hidden from me. <sup>18</sup> "I will pay the people of Judah back for the evil things they did— I will punish them two times for every sin. I will do this because they have made my land 'dirty.' They made my land 'dirty' with their terrible idols." I hate those idols, but they have filled my country with their idols. <sup>19</sup> "LORD, you are my strength and my protection. You are a safe place to run to in the time of trouble."

The nations will come to you from all around the world.

They will say, "Our fathers had false gods.

They |strong="H3117" worshiped those worthless |strong="H1892" idols |strong="H1892", but |strong="H0389" the |strong="H0559" idols |strong="H1892" did |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0369" help |strong="H3276" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>20</sup> Can |strong="H6213" people |strong="H0120" make |strong="H6213" real gods |strong="H0430" for |strong="H0430" themselves |strong="H1992"?

No |strong="H3808", they |strong="H1992" can |strong="H6213" only make |strong="H6213" statues that |strong="H3808" are |strong="H1992" not |strong="H3808" really |strong="H1992" gods |strong="H0430".

<sup>21</sup> " So |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3045" those |strong="H0853" who |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3045" idols.

Right |strong="H3651" now |strong="H6471" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" teach |strong="H3045" them |strong="H0853" about |strong="H3045" my |strong="H3068" power |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" strength |strong="H1369".

Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

#### Guilt Written on the Heart

**17** " The |strong="H5921" sins |strong="H2403" of |strong="H4196" Judah |strong="H3063" are |strong="H3063" written |strong="H3789" where |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" cannot be |strong="H3820" erased—

cut into |strong="H5921" stone with |strong="H5921" an |strong="H5921" iron |strong="H1270" pen |strong="H5842", cut deep with |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" hard tip into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" stone that |strong="H4196" is |strong="H3820" the |strong="H5921" hearts |strong="H3820" of |strong="H4196" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3820".

Their |strong="H5921" sins |strong="H2403" are |strong="H3063" carved into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" horns |strong="H7161" of |strong="H4196" their |strong="H5921" altars |strong="H4196". <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> HORNS OF THEIR ALTARS The corners of altars were shaped like horns, and the blood of sacrifices was smeared on them. So Jeremiah may mean that the people's sins have made their altars unfit for sacrifices.

<sup>2</sup> Their |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H5921" altars |strong="H4196"

that |strong="H2142" were |strong="H1121" dedicated to |strong="H5921" false gods.

They |strong="H5921" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H5921" wooden |strong="H6086" poles that |strong="H2142" were |strong="H1121" dedicated to |strong="H5921" Asherah |strong="H0842".

They |strong="H5921" remember |strong="H2142" those |strong="H1121" things

under |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" green |strong="H7488" trees |strong="H6086" and |strong="H1121" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" hills |strong="H1389".

<sup>3</sup> They |strong="H3605" remember those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" on |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2042" in |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" open country |strong="H7704".

The |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H1366" Judah |strong="H1366" have |strong="H3605" many treasures |strong="H0214".

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5414" other |strong="H3605" people.

People will |strong="H5414" destroy |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" high |strong="H1116" places |strong="H1116" in |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3605" country |strong="H7704".

You |strong="H5414" worshiped there |strong="H3605", and |strong="H7704" that |strong="H3605" was |strong="H1366" a |strong="H5414" sin |strong="H2403".

<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" lose the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" let |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341" take |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H5704" be |strong="H3808" their |strong="H5414" slaves |strong="H5647".

That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" am very |strong="H5704" angry |strong="H0639".

My |strong="H5414" anger |strong="H0639" is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" hot fire |strong="H0784", and |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" burned forever |strong="H5769".



Trusting in |strong="H0776" People |strong="H0834"  
and |strong="H0776" Trusting in |strong="H0776"  
God |strong="H3808"

<sup>5</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834"  
what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":  
"Bad things |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
happen to |strong="H0559" those |strong="H0834"  
who |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760"  
their |strong="H3068" trust |strong="H0982"  
in |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0120".

Bad things |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
happen to |strong="H0559" those |strong="H0834"  
who |strong="H0834" depend on |strong="H3068" hu-  
man |strong="H0120" strength |strong="H2220".

That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" be-  
cause |strong="H4480" they |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H0834" stopped |strong="H5493" trust-  
ing |strong="H0982" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>6</sup> They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0776"  
like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961"  
bush |strong="H6176" in |strong="H3427"  
a |strong="H1961" desert |strong="H6160"  
where |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808"  
one |strong="H3808" lives |strong="H3427".

It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0776"  
in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H1961" hot  
and |strong="H0935" dry land |strong="H0776".

It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0776"  
in |strong="H3427" bad soil |strong="H0776".

That |strong="H3588" bush |strong="H6176"  
does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" know  
about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588"  
good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H1961"  
that |strong="H3588" God |strong="H3808"  
can |strong="H7200" give |strong="H7200".

<sup>7</sup> " But |strong="H1961" those |strong="H0834"  
who |strong="H0834" trust |strong="H0982"  
in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834"  
LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H1961" blessed |strong="H1288".

They |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068"  
will |strong="H3068" do what |strong="H0834"  
he |strong="H0834" says.

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" strong like |strong="H1961"  
trees |strong="H6086" planted |strong="H8362"  
near |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961"  
stream |strong="H4325"

that |strong="H3588" send |strong="H7971"  
out |strong="H7971" roots |strong="H8328"  
to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" wa-  
ter |strong="H4325".

They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" noth-  
ing |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0935"

fear |strong="H3372" when |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H5921" days |strong="H8141"  
get |strong="H0935" hot |strong="H2527".

Their |strong="H5921" leaves |strong="H5929"  
are |strong="H8141" always green |strong="H7488".

They |strong="H3588" never |strong="H3808" wor-  
ry |strong="H3372", even |strong="H3588"  
in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961"  
year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H3588"  
has |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808"  
rain |strong="H4325".

They |strong="H3588" always pro-  
duce |strong="H6529" fruit |strong="H6529".

<sup>9</sup> " Nothing |strong="H3605" can |strong="H4310"  
hide its |strong="H3605" evil as well |strong="H3045"  
as the |strong="H3605" human mind |strong="H3820".

It |strong="H1931" can |strong="H4310"  
be |strong="H3820" very |strong="H3045"  
sick |strong="H0605",

and |strong="H3045" no |strong="H4310"  
one |strong="H3605" really under-  
stands |strong="H3045" it |strong="H1931".

<sup>10</sup> But |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H5414"  
LORD |strong="H3068",

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589"  
can |strong="H0376" look into |strong="H0376"  
a |strong="H5414" person's |strong="H3820"  
heart |strong="H3820".

I |strong="H0589" can |strong="H0376"  
test |strong="H0974" a |strong="H5414" per-  
son's |strong="H3820" mind |strong="H3820"  
and |strong="H3068" decide what |strong="H1870"  
each |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376"  
should |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0376".

I |strong="H0589" can |strong="H0376"  
give |strong="H5414" each |strong="H0376" per-  
son |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5414" right pay-  
ment for |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1870"  
they |strong="H0376" do |strong="H0589".

<sup>11</sup> Sometimes a |strong="H1961"  
bird |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1961"  
hatch |strong="H3205" an |strong="H1961" egg  
that |strong="H3117" it |strong="H1961"  
did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808"  
lay |strong="H1961".

Those |strong="H1961" who |strong="H3205" cheat  
to |strong="H1961" get money are |strong="H3117"  
like |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3117"  
bird |strong="H6213".

But |strong="H3808" when |strong="H1961"  
their |strong="H1961" lives |strong="H1961"  
are |strong="H3117" half |strong="H2677" finished,  
they |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" lose  
the |strong="H3205" money.

At |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3205"  
end |strong="H0319" of |strong="H3117"  
their |strong="H1961" lives |strong="H1961",

it |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" clear that |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" were |strong="H1961" fools |strong="H5036".

<sup>12</sup> From |strong="H4725" the |strong="H4725" very beginning |strong="H7223", our Temple |strong="H4720"

has been a glorious throne |strong="H3678" for |strong="H4725" God.

It |strong="H4725" is |strong="H4725" a very important place |strong="H4725".

<sup>13</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" hope of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478".

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3478" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" spring |strong="H4325" of |strong="H0776" living |strong="H2416" water |strong="H4325".

Those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" stop following the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" very short life |strong="H2416". I

### Jeremiah's Third Complaint

<sup>14</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" heal |strong="H7495" me |strong="H3467", I |strong="H3588" surely |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" healed |strong="H7495".

Save |strong="H3467" me |strong="H3467", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" surely |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" saved |strong="H3467".

Lord |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3588" praise |strong="H8416" you |strong="H0859"!

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0559" people of |strong="H3068" Judah continue to |strong="H0413" ask |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" questions |strong="H1697".

They |strong="H1992" say |strong="H0559", "Jeremiah |strong="H3068", what |strong="H1697" about |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"?"

Let's |strong="H4994" see |strong="H2009" that |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" come |strong="H0935" true |strong="H3068".

<sup>16</sup> Lord, I |strong="H0589" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" run away |strong="H0310" from |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0859".

I |strong="H0589" followed |strong="H0310" you |strong="H0859".

I WILL HAVE A VERY SHORT LIFE Literally, "he will be written in the dirt." This might mean that a person's name was written on a list of people who would soon die, or that a person's life will soon be gone—like a name written in the sand.

I |strong="H0589" became |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" shepherd |strong="H7462" II you |strong="H0859" wanted.

I |strong="H0589" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" want the |strong="H6440" terrible day |strong="H3117" to |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961".

You |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4161" I |strong="H0589" said.

You |strong="H0859" see |strong="H3045" all |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3045" is |strong="H3117" happening.

<sup>17</sup> Please don't |strong="H0408" make me |strong="H1961" afraid of |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0859".

I |strong="H3117" depend on |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0859" in |strong="H3117" times |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" trouble |strong="H7451".

<sup>18</sup> People |strong="H0408" are |strong="H3117" hurting me |strong="H5921".

Make them |strong="H1992" ashamed |strong="H0954",

but |strong="H1992" don't |strong="H0408" disappoint |strong="H0954" me |strong="H5921".

Let |strong="H0408" them |strong="H1992" be |strong="H0408" filled with |strong="H5921" fear,

but |strong="H1992" don't |strong="H0408" give |strong="H0935" me |strong="H5921" any |strong="H7665" reason |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0935" fear.

Bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" terrible |strong="H7451" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" disaster |strong="H7451" to |strong="H0935" my |strong="H5921" enemies.

Break |strong="H7665" them |strong="H1992", and |strong="H0935" break |strong="H7665" them |strong="H1992" again.

### Keeping the |strong="H5921" Sabbath Day |strong="H3117" Holy

<sup>19</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413": "Jeremiah |strong="H3068", go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" stand |strong="H5975" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" People's |strong="H5971" Gate |strong="H8179", III where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" go |strong="H1980" in |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980"

II SHEPHERD God's people are sometimes called his "sheep," and the person who takes care of them is called the "shepherd." III PEOPLE'S GATE This might be one of the gates into Jerusalem or perhaps one of the southern gates into the Temple area used by those who were not priests.

out/strong="H3318". Tell/strong="H0559" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H5971" my/strong="H3605" message/strong="H3389", and/strong="H1980" then/strong="H1980" go/strong="H1980" to/strong="H0413" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" other/strong="H3605" gates/strong="H8179" of/strong="H1121" Jerusalem/strong="H3389" and/strong="H1980" do/strong="H3318" the/strong="H3605" same/strong="H3541".<sup>20</sup> Say/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427", " Listen/strong="H8085" to/strong="H0413" this/strong="H0428" message/strong="H1697" from/strong="H0935" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068". Listen/strong="H8085", kings/strong="H4428" of/strong="H4428" Judah/strong="H4428". Listen/strong="H8085", all/strong="H3605" you/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427" of/strong="H4428" Judah/strong="H3063". All/strong="H3605" you/strong="H3605" who/strong="H3605" come/strong="H0935" through/strong="H0935" these/strong="H0428" gates/strong="H8179" into/strong="H0413" Jerusalem/strong="H3389", listen/strong="H8085" to/strong="H0413" me/strong="H0413".<sup>21</sup> This/strong="H3541" is/strong="H3068" what/strong="H3541" the/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068" says/strong="H0559": ' Be/strong="H0408" careful/strong="H8104" that/strong="H3117" you/strong="H3117" don't/strong="H0408" carry/strong="H5375" a/strong="H5375" load/strong="H5375" on/strong="H3117" the/strong="H0559" Sabbath/strong="H7676" day/strong="H3117". And/strong="H0935" don't/strong="H0408" bring/strong="H0935" a/strong="H5375" load/strong="H5375" through/strong="H0935" the/strong="H0559" gates/strong="H8179" of/strong="H3068" Jerusalem/strong="H3389" on/strong="H3117" the/strong="H0559" Sabbath/strong="H7676" day/strong="H3117".<sup>22</sup> Don't/strong="H3808" bring/strong="H3318" a/strong="H0834" load/strong="H4853" out/strong="H3318" of/strong="H1004" your/strong="H3605" houses/strong="H1004" on/strong="H3117" the/strong="H3605" Sabbath/strong="H7676" day/strong="H3117". Don't/strong="H3808" do/strong="H6213" any/strong="H3605" work/strong="H4399" on/strong="H3117" that/strong="H0834" day/strong="H3117". You/strong="H0834" must/strong="H0853" make/strong="H6213" the/strong="H3605" Sabbath/strong="H7676" day/strong="H3117" a/strong="H0834" holy/strong="H6942" day/strong="H3117". I/strong="H0834" gave/strong="H6680" this/strong="H0834"

same/strong="H0853" command/strong="H6680" to/strong="H3117" your/strong="H3605" ancestors/strong="H0001",<sup>23</sup> but/strong="H3808" they/strong="H3808" did/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" obey/strong="H8085" me/strong="H3947". They/strong="H3808" did/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" pay/strong="H5186" attention/strong="H8085" to/strong="H8085" me/strong="H3947". Your/strong="H3947" ancestors were very stubborn/strong="H7185". I/strong="H3808" punished them/strong="H0853", but/strong="H3808" it/strong="H5186" did/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" do/strong="H8085" any/strong="H3808" good. They/strong="H3808" did/strong="H3808" not/strong="H3808" listen/strong="H8085" to/strong="H8085" me/strong="H3947".<sup>24</sup> But/strong="H0518" you/strong="H0518" must/strong="H0853" be/strong="H1961" careful to/strong="H0413" obey/strong="H8085" me/strong="H0413", says/strong="H5002" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068". You/strong="H0518" must/strong="H0853" not/strong="H1115" bring/strong="H0935" a/strong="H1961" load/strong="H4853" through/strong="H0935" the/strong="H3605" gates/strong="H8179" of/strong="H3068" Jerusalem on/strong="H3117" the/strong="H3605" Sabbath/strong="H7676". You/strong="H0518" must/strong="H0853" make/strong="H6213" the/strong="H3605" Sabbath/strong="H7676" day/strong="H3117" a/strong="H1961" holy/strong="H6942" day/strong="H3117". You/strong="H0518" will/strong="H3068" do/strong="H6213" this/strong="H2063" by/strong="H3068" not/strong="H1115" doing/strong="H6213" any/strong="H3605" work/strong="H4399" on/strong="H3117" that/strong="H3605" day/strong="H3117".

<sup>25</sup> " If/strong="H0376" you/strong="H5921" obey this/strong="H2063" command/strong="H5921", the/strong="H5921" kings/strong="H4428" and/strong="H0935" leaders/strong="H8269" will/strong="H4428" be/strong="H0376" from/strong="H0935" David's/strong="H1732" family. It/strong="H5921" will/strong="H4428" be/strong="H0376" the/strong="H5921" kings/strong="H4428" who/strong="H0376" sit/strong="H3427" on/strong="H5921" David's/strong="H1732" throne/strong="H3678" and/strong="H0935" the/strong="H5921" leaders/strong="H8269" from/strong="H0935" Judah/strong="H3063" and/strong="H0935" Jerusalem/strong="H3389" who/strong="H0376" come/strong="H0935" through/strong="H5921" the/strong="H5921" gates/strong="H8179" of/strong="H4428" Jerusalem/strong="H3389" rid-

ing |strong="H7392" on |strong="H5921" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H0935" on |strong="H5921" horses |strong="H5483". And |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H4428" have |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" it |strong="H5921" forever |strong="H5769".<sup>26</sup> People |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" towns |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0935" villages of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063", from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" land |strong="H0776" where |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0935" tribe of |strong="H1004" Benjamin |strong="H1144" lives |strong="H0935",<sup>1</sup> from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" western foothills |strong="H8219", from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022", and |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" Negev |strong="H5045". All |strong="H5439" these people |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H4503", sacrifices |strong="H2077", grain offerings |strong="H4503", incense |strong="H3828", and |strong="H0935" thank |strong="H8426" offerings |strong="H4503" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068" in |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>27</sup> " But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0413", bad things |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3389" happen. If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" carry |strong="H5375" loads |strong="H4853" into |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day |strong="H3117", you |strong="H0518" are |strong="H3117" not |strong="H3808" keeping it |strong="H0518" as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H8085" holy |strong="H6942" day |strong="H3117". So |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3389" start a |strong="H8085" fire |strong="H0784" that |strong="H3117" cannot |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" put |strong="H0935" out |strong="H0413". That |strong="H3117" fire |strong="H0784" will |strong="H3389" start at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" gates |strong="H8179"

<sup>1</sup> THE LAND WHERE ... BENJAMIN LIVES The land of Benjamin was just north of the land of Judah.

of |strong="H3117" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", and |strong="H0935" it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3389" burn |strong="H3341" until |strong="H1115" it |strong="H0518" burns |strong="H3341" even |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" palaces |strong="H0759"."

### The Potter and the Clay

**18** This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068":<sup>2</sup> "Jeremiah, go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H0853" potter's |strong="H3335" house |strong="H1004". I |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1004" give |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0853" my |strong="H8085" message |strong="H1697" there |strong="H8033"."

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H6213" I |strong="H2009" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H5921" potter's |strong="H3335" house |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" saw |strong="H2009" him |strong="H5921" working with |strong="H1004" clay at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" wheel |strong="H0070".<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" making |strong="H6213" a |strong="H0834" pot from |strong="H7725" clay. But |strong="H0834" there |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" something wrong with |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0834" pot. So |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" potter |strong="H3335" used |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" clay to |strong="H7725" make |strong="H6213" another |strong="H0312" pot. With |strong="H3027" his |strong="H7725" hands |strong="H3027" he |strong="H0834" shaped the |strong="H0834" pot the |strong="H0834" way he |strong="H0834" wanted it |strong="H1931" to |strong="H7725" be |strong="H3027".

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413":<sup>6</sup> " Family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", you |strong="H0859" know that |strong="H3651" I |strong="H2009" can |strong="H3201" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5002" same |strong="H2088" thing |strong="H2088" with |strong="H1004" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" like |strong="H3651" the |strong="H5002" clay in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" potter's |strong="H3335" hands |strong="H3027",

and |strong="H3068" I|strong="H2009"  
 am |strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" pot-  
 ter|strong="H3335"." This|strong="H2088" mes-  
 sage|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068"  
 from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H5002"  
 LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>7</sup> "There may|strong="H1471"  
 come a|strong="H1696" time|strong="H7281"  
 when|strong="H1696" I|strong="H5921"  
 will|strong="H1471" speak|strong="H1696"  
 about|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1696" na-  
 tion|strong="H1471" or|strong="H1471"  
 a|strong="H1696" kingdom|strong="H4467"  
 that|strong="H1471" I|strong="H5921"  
 will|strong="H1471" pull|strong="H5422"  
 up|strong="H5921" by|strong="H5921"  
 its|strong="H5921" roots or|strong="H1471"  
 tear|strong="H5422" down|strong="H5422"  
 and|strong="H1471" destroy|strong="H0006"  
 it|strong="H5921". <sup>8</sup> But|strong="H1696"  
 if|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" peo-  
 ple|strong="H1471" of|strong="H5921"  
 that|strong="H0834" nation|strong="H1471"  
 change|strong="H5162" their|strong="H5921" hearts  
 and|strong="H7725" lives and|strong="H7725" stop  
 doing|strong="H6213" evil|strong="H7451"  
 things|strong="H0834", I|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H0834" change|strong="H5162"  
 my|strong="H5921" mind|strong="H5162"  
 and|strong="H7725" not bring|strong="H7725"  
 on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H0834" disaster|strong="H7451"  
 I|strong="H0834" planned|strong="H2803". <sup>9</sup> There  
 may|strong="H1471" come another  
 time|strong="H7281" when|strong="H1696"  
 I|strong="H5921" speak|strong="H1696"  
 about|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1129" na-  
 tion|strong="H1471" that|strong="H1471"  
 I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1471"  
 build|strong="H1129" up|strong="H5921"  
 or|strong="H1471" plant|strong="H5193". <sup>10</sup>  
 But|strong="H8085" if|strong="H0834"  
 I|strong="H0834" see|strong="H5869"  
 that|strong="H0834" nation doing|strong="H6213"  
 evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H0834"  
 and|strong="H5869" not|strong="H1115" obey-  
 ing|strong="H8085" me|strong="H5921",  
 I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
 think|strong="H5869" again about|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H0853" good|strong="H2896"  
 I|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" planned  
 to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213"  
 for|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0853".

<sup>11</sup> " So|strong="H3541", Jeremiah|strong="H3068",  
 say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
 the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0376"  
 of|strong="H0376" Judah|strong="H3063"  
 and|strong="H3068" those|strong="H0376"  
 who|strong="H0376" live|strong="H3427"

in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", '  
 This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068"  
 what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":  
 I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595"  
 the|strong="H0559" potter|strong="H3335" prepar-  
 ing|strong="H3335" troubles for|strong="H5921"  
 you|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3068" making  
 plans|strong="H4284" against|strong="H5921"  
 you|strong="H5921". So|strong="H3541" stop do-  
 ing|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0559"  
 evil|strong="H7451" things you|strong="H5921"  
 are|strong="H0376" doing|strong="H1870".  
 Each|strong="H0376" person|strong="H0376" must  
 change|strong="H7725" and|strong="H3068"  
 start|strong="H1870" doing|strong="H1870"  
 good|strong="H3190". <sup>12</sup> But|strong="H3588"  
 the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0376"  
 of|strong="H0376" Judah will|strong="H0376" an-  
 swer|strong="H0559", ' We|strong="H3588" don't  
 care|strong="H0310" what|strong="H7451"  
 you|strong="H3588" say|strong="H0559".  
 We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" continue  
 to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213"  
 what|strong="H7451" we|strong="H3588" want.  
 We|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376"  
 do|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559"  
 evil|strong="H7451" our|strong="H3588" stubborn  
 hearts|strong="H3820" want."

<sup>13</sup> Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559"  
 what|strong="H4310" the|strong="H0559"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":  
 " Ask|strong="H7592" the|strong="H0559" oth-  
 er|strong="H0428" nations|strong="H1471"  
 this|strong="H3651" question|strong="H7592":  
 ' Have|strong="H1471" you|strong="H6213"  
 ever|strong="H4310" heard|strong="H8085"  
 of|strong="H3068" anything so|strong="H3651" bad?

Israel|strong="H3478", who|strong="H4310"  
 is|strong="H3068" as|strong="H3068" dear  
 to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H4994"  
 as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H8085" young daugh-  
 ter,

has|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213"  
 this|strong="H3651" terrible thing|strong="H3651"!

<sup>14</sup> It|strong="H0518" is|strong="H4325"  
 as|strong="H4325" strange|strong="H2114"  
 as|strong="H4325" not|strong="H0518" finding  
 snow|strong="H7950" on|strong="H4325" Lebanon's  
 mountains

or|strong="H0518" seeing the|strong="H0518"  
 cool|strong="H7119" streams|strong="H5140"  
 that|strong="H4325" come from|strong="H4325"  
 there stop flowing|strong="H5140".

That|strong="H4325" just does|strong="H0518"  
 not|strong="H0518" happen!

<sup>15</sup> But my people have forgotten me.

They burn offerings to worthless idols.

They have left the right way that their ancestors followed,

and they stumble on the path they have chosen.

Instead of staying on the good road I showed them,

they prefer to walk on bumpy paths.

<sup>16</sup> So their land will become an empty desert,

a place for people now on to make fun of.

All who pass there be shocked by what has happened.

They will just shake their heads at what they see.

<sup>17</sup> Like a strong east wind, I will scatter my people.

I will use their enemies to scatter them like dust.

When disaster comes upon them,

they will see me leaving, not coming to help."

### The People Plan Evil and Jeremiah Prays

<sup>18</sup> Then the enemies of Jeremiah said, "Come, let us make plans against Jeremiah." We will always have a priest to tell us what the law says. We will still have wise men to advise us and prophets to tell us a message from God. So who needs Jeremiah? Let's ruin him and stop listening to what he says."

<sup>19</sup> LORD, listen to me!  
Listen to what my enemies are saying.

<sup>20</sup> I have done to them what they did to me with evil.

But they are preparing a death trap for me!  
Remember that I prayed for you and them.

I asked you only good for them.

I tried to keep you from punishing

you from punishing

them |strong="H1992" in |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H2534".

<sup>21</sup> So |strong="H3651" now |strong="H1961" make |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" children |strong="H1121" starve to |strong="H1961" death |strong="H4194"!

Let |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" enemies kill |strong="H2026" them |strong="H5414" with |strong="H5921" swords |strong="H2719".

Let |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" wives |strong="H0802" lose |strong="H0490" their |strong="H5414" children |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" husbands |strong="H0376".

Let |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" men |strong="H0376" die |strong="H4194" from |strong="H5921" disease,

and |strong="H1121" let |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" young |strong="H1121" men |strong="H0376" be |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H2026" in |strong="H5921" battle |strong="H4421".

<sup>22</sup> Let them |strong="H5921" cry |strong="H2201" out |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" houses |strong="H1004", when |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" suddenly |strong="H6597" bring |strong="H0935" an |strong="H0935" enemy against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921".

Let it |strong="H5921" happen because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" prepared a |strong="H3588" death trap for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5921".

They |strong="H3588" hid |strong="H2934" traps |strong="H6341" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0935" step |strong="H7272" in |strong="H5921".

<sup>23</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0859" know |strong="H3045" about |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3605" plans |strong="H6098" to |strong="H1961" kill me |strong="H6440".

So |strong="H6213" don't |strong="H0408" forgive |strong="H3722" their |strong="H3605" crimes or |strong="H0408" erase their |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2403".

Make |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853" fall |strong="H3782" down |strong="H3782" in |strong="H5921" defeat.

Punish them |strong="H0853" in |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H0639"!

### The Broken Jar

**19** The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H7069", "Jeremiah |strong="H3068", go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" buy |strong="H7069" a |strong="H3068" clay |strong="H2789" jar |strong="H1228" from |strong="H1980" a |strong="H3068" pot-

ter |strong="H3335". Take |strong="H1980" some |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" elders |strong="H2205" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H1980" some |strong="H5971" priests |strong="H3548" with |strong="H1980" you |strong="H5971". <sup>2</sup> Go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H1121" Ben Hin-nom |strong="H2011", near |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0853" front of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Potsherd |strong="H2777" Gate |strong="H8179". <sup>1</sup> I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H8179" a |strong="H7121" message |strong="H1697" I |strong="H0834" want you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" announce |strong="H7121" there |strong="H8033". <sup>3</sup> Say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" with |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834", 'King |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H0935" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"! This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" soon make |strong="H8085" a |strong="H8085" terrible |strong="H7451" thing |strong="H1697" happen |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725"! Everyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" hears |strong="H8085" about |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1697" amazed and |strong="H0935" full |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" fear. <sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" do |strong="H2088" these |strong="H2088" things |strong="H1992" because |strong="H3282" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" have |strong="H0834" stopped following |strong="H0312" me |strong="H3808". They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3045" this |strong="H2088" a |strong="H0834" place |strong="H4725" for |strong="H3045" foreign |strong="H0312"

<sup>1</sup> POTSHERD GATE The exact location of this gate is not known, though it was probably at the southwestern part of the city.

gods|strong="H0430". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" have|strong="H0834" burned|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" in|strong="H0430" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725" to|strong="H0430" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" long ago did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" worship those|strong="H0834" gods|strong="H0430". Their|strong="H1992" ancestors|strong="H0001" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" worship them|strong="H1992". These|strong="H2088" are|strong="H0834" new gods|strong="H0430" from|strong="H0430" other|strong="H0312" countries. The|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" filled|strong="H4390" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725" with|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818" of|strong="H4428" innocent|strong="H5355" children.<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H0853" kings of|strong="H1121" Judah built|strong="H1129" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" god|strong="H3808" Baal|strong="H1168". They|strong="H0834" use those|strong="H0834" places|strong="H1116" to|strong="H1696" burn|strong="H8313" their|strong="H5921" sons|strong="H1121" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784". They|strong="H0834" burned|strong="H8313" their|strong="H5921" sons|strong="H1121" as|strong="H0834" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H5930" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0853" god|strong="H3808" Baal|strong="H1168". I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H1696" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H1696" do|strong="H6680" that|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" ask them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H1696" offer|strong="H5927" their|strong="H5921" sons|strong="H1121" as|strong="H0834" sacrifices. I|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" thought|strong="H3820" of|strong="H1121" such|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1129" thing.<sup>6</sup> Now|strong="H2009" people|strong="H1121" call|strong="H7121" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725" Topheth|strong="H8612" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5002" Valley|strong="H1516" of|strong="H1121" Hinnom|strong="H2011". But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" give|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3588" this|strong="H2088" warning. This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0935"

the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068": The|strong="H5002" days|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" coming|strong="H0935", when|strong="H3588" people|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725" the|strong="H5002" Valley|strong="H1516" of|strong="H1121" Slaughter|strong="H2028".<sup>7</sup> At|strong="H5307" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725", I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" ruin the|strong="H0853" plans|strong="H6098" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5315" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". The|strong="H0853" enemy|strong="H0341" will|strong="H0776" chase them|strong="H5414", and|strong="H3063" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5315" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063" be|strong="H3027" killed|strong="H2719" with|strong="H3027" swords|strong="H2719" in|strong="H0776" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H5414" their|strong="H5414" dead|strong="H5038" bodies|strong="H5038" food|strong="H3978" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" birds|strong="H5775" and|strong="H3063" wild|strong="H0776" animals|strong="H0929".<sup>8</sup> I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3605" completely|strong="H3605" destroy|strong="H3605" this|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892". People will|strong="H3605" whistle|strong="H8319" and|strong="H0853" shake their|strong="H3605" heads when|strong="H5674" they|strong="H5921" pass|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5921" Jerusalem. They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3605" be|strong="H3605" shocked|strong="H8074" when|strong="H5674" they|strong="H5921" see how the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" was|strong="H3605" destroyed|strong="H8047".<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0853" enemy|strong="H0341" will|strong="H0834" bring|strong="H1323" its|strong="H0853" army around the|strong="H0853" city. That|strong="H0834" army will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H5315" let|strong="H5315" people|strong="H0376" go out|strong="H1245" to|strong="H0376" get food|strong="H0398", so|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" city will|strong="H0834" begin to|strong="H0376" starve. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" become so|strong="H0834" hungry that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" bodies|strong="H1320"



of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H0398" own|strong="H0376" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323", and|strong="H1121" then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" begin to|strong="H0376" eat|strong="H0398" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453":' <sup>10</sup> "Jeremiah, tell this|strong="H0376" to|strong="H1980" the|strong="H7665" people|strong="H0376", and|strong="H1980" while|strong="H5869" they|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" watching|strong="H5869", break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H7665" jar|strong="H1228". <sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H2088" say|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088": ' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful says|strong="H0559", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0853" nation|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068" Judah and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3068" Jerusalem, just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" someone breaks|strong="H7665" a|strong="H0834" clay jar|strong="H3627"! And|strong="H3068" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" broken|strong="H7665" jar|strong="H3627", the|strong="H0853" nation|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068" Judah cannot|strong="H3808" be|strong="H5750" put together|strong="H5971" again|strong="H5750". It|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H5750" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H2088" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" nation|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068" Judah. The|strong="H0853" dead people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H5750" buried|strong="H6912" here|strong="H2088" in|strong="H0413" Topheth|strong="H8612" until there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H3808" more|strong="H5750" room|strong="H4725". <sup>12</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" this|strong="H2088" to|strong="H3068" these|strong="H2088" people|strong="H3427" and|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" this|strong="H2088" city|strong="H5892" like|strong="H3651" Topheth|strong="H8612":' This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>13</sup> ' The|strong="H3605" houses|strong="H1004" in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" will|strong="H0430" become|strong="H1961" as|strong="H0834" "dirty" as|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" place|strong="H4725",

Topheth|strong="H8612". The|strong="H3605" kings'|strong="H4428" palaces will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" ruined like|strong="H1961" this|strong="H0834" place|strong="H4725", Topheth|strong="H8612", because|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" worshiped false gods|strong="H0430" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" roofs|strong="H1406" of|strong="H4428" their|strong="H3605" houses|strong="H1004". <sup>1</sup> They|strong="H0834" worshiped the|strong="H3605" stars and|strong="H3063" burned|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" to|strong="H1961" honor them|strong="H5921". They|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H1961" drink offerings to|strong="H1961" false gods|strong="H0430"."

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H0935" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" left|strong="H0935" Topheth|strong="H8612" where|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" speak|strong="H0559". Jeremiah|strong="H3414" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H0935" stood|strong="H5975" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" courtyard|strong="H2691" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004". Jeremiah|strong="H3414" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971": <sup>15</sup> " This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" says|strong="H0559": ' I|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3478" bring|strong="H0935" many disasters|strong="H7451" to|strong="H0413" Jerusalem and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" villages around|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" soon|strong="H3588" make|strong="H8085" this|strong="H2063" happen|strong="H1697" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" very stubborn|strong="H7185". They|strong="H0834" refuse to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085" and|strong="H0935" obey|strong="H8085" me|strong="H0413":'"

#### Jeremiah and Pashhur

**20** Pashhur|strong="H6583" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Im-

<sup>1</sup> ROOFS OF THEIR HOUSES People built their houses with flat roofs that were used as an extra room.

mer |strong="H0564" was |strong="H3068" a |strong="H8085" priest |strong="H3548". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" highest officer |strong="H5057" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". When |strong="H8085" he |strong="H1931" heard |strong="H8085" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" say |strong="H1697" those |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" yard, <sup>2</sup> he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" beaten |strong="H5221". And |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" Jeremiah's |strong="H3414" hands and |strong="H3068" feet locked between |strong="H5921" large |strong="H1004" blocks of |strong="H1004" wood. This |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Upper |strong="H5945" Gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H1004" Benjamin |strong="H1144" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0853" next |strong="H4283" day |strong="H4283" Pashhur |strong="H6583" took |strong="H3318" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" out |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480" between |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" blocks of |strong="H3068" wood. Then |strong="H1961" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " The |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" Pashhur |strong="H6583". Now |strong="H1961" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068", 'Surrounded by |strong="H3068" Terror.' <sup>4</sup> That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" name |strong="H0559" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H4428" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" soon |strong="H3588" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" terror |strong="H4032" to |strong="H0559" yourself |strong="H5307" and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" friends |strong="H0157". You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" watch |strong="H7200" enemies |strong="H0341" killing |strong="H5221" your |strong="H3068" friends |strong="H0157" with |strong="H3068" swords |strong="H2719". I |strong="H3588"

will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5869" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H5221" them |strong="H5414" away |strong="H1540" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" country of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894", and |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605" army will |strong="H3068" kill |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5869" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" with |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" swords |strong="H2719". <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" people of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem worked |strong="H3018" hard to |strong="H0935" build things |strong="H3605" and |strong="H0935" become wealthy |strong="H3366", but |strong="H0935" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5414" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H0341". The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" in |strong="H0935" Jerusalem has |strong="H4428" many treasures |strong="H0214", but |strong="H0935" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5414" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H0214" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" enemy |strong="H0341". The |strong="H3605" enemy |strong="H0341" will |strong="H4428" take |strong="H3947" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0935" carry |strong="H3947" them |strong="H5414" away |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" country of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". <sup>6</sup> And |strong="H0935", Pashhur |strong="H6583", you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" taken |strong="H3427" away |strong="H3605". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" forced to |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" country of |strong="H1004" Babylon |strong="H0894". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" die |strong="H4191" in |strong="H3427" Babylon |strong="H0894", and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H3427"

that |strong="H0834" foreign country.  
 You |strong="H0859" told lies |strong="H8267"  
 to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605"  
 friends |strong="H0157". You |strong="H0859" said  
 these |strong="H1992" things |strong="H3605"  
 would |strong="H0834" not happen.  
 But |strong="H0859" all |strong="H3605"  
 your |strong="H3605" friends |strong="H0157"  
 will |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0894"  
 die |strong="H4191" and |strong="H0935"  
 be |strong="H4191" buried |strong="H6912"  
 in |strong="H3427" Babylon |strong="H0894"."

### Jeremiah's Fifth Complaint

<sup>7</sup> LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H3605"  
 tricked me |strong="H2388", and |strong="H3068"  
 I |strong="H3117" certainly was |strong="H1961"  
 fooled.

You |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3117"  
 stronger |strong="H2388" than |strong="H3605"  
 I |strong="H3117" am |strong="H1961",  
 so |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3605" won.

I |strong="H3117" have |strong="H1961" be-  
 come |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961"  
 joke |strong="H7814".

People laugh |strong="H3932" at |strong="H3068"  
 me |strong="H2388" and |strong="H3068"  
 make |strong="H2388" fun of |strong="H3068"  
 me |strong="H2388" all |strong="H3605"  
 day |strong="H3117" long |strong="H3117".

<sup>8</sup> Every |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117"  
 I |strong="H3588" speak |strong="H1696",  
 I |strong="H3588" shout.

I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H1961" al-  
 ways |strong="H3117" shouting |strong="H2199"  
 about |strong="H1961" violence |strong="H2555"  
 and |strong="H3068" destruction |strong="H7701".

I |strong="H3588" tell |strong="H1696"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H2199"  
 about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" mes-  
 sage |strong="H1697" that |strong="H3588"  
 I |strong="H3588" received |strong="H1961"  
 from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068".

But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" on-  
 ly |strong="H3605" insult |strong="H2781"  
 me |strong="H7121" and |strong="H3068"  
 make |strong="H7121" fun of |strong="H3068"  
 me |strong="H7121".

<sup>9</sup> Sometimes I |strong="H3201" say |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0559" myself |strong="H3820", "  
 I |strong="H3201" will |strong="H1961" forget  
 about |strong="H1961" him |strong="H0559".

I |strong="H3201" will |strong="H1961"  
 not |strong="H3808" speak |strong="H1696" any-  
 more |strong="H5750" in |strong="H1696"  
 his |strong="H1961" name |strong="H8034"."

But |strong="H3808" when |strong="H1961"  
 I |strong="H3201" say |strong="H0559"  
 that |strong="H0559", his |strong="H1961" message  
 is |strong="H3820" like |strong="H1961"  
 a |strong="H1961" fire |strong="H0784" burn-  
 ing |strong="H0784" inside me |strong="H1696"!

It |strong="H1961" feels like |strong="H1961"  
 it |strong="H1961" is |strong="H3820" burn-  
 ing |strong="H0784" deep in |strong="H1696"  
 my |strong="H1961" bones |strong="H6106"!

I |strong="H3201" get tired |strong="H3811"  
 of |strong="H8034" trying to |strong="H0559"  
 hold |strong="H3557" his |strong="H1961" message  
 inside.

And |strong="H3820" finally, I |strong="H3201"  
 am |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808"  
 able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H0559"  
 hold |strong="H3557" it |strong="H1961"  
 in |strong="H1696".

<sup>10</sup> I |strong="H3588" hear |strong="H8085" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0582" whispering |strong="H1681"  
 against |strong="H4480" me |strong="H5046".

Everywhere |strong="H3605", I |strong="H3588"  
 hear |strong="H8085" things |strong="H3605"  
 that |strong="H3588" frighten me |strong="H5046".

Even |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3605"  
 friends |strong="H0582" are |strong="H0582" speaking  
 against |strong="H4480" me |strong="H5046".

People |strong="H0582" are |strong="H0582"  
 just |strong="H3605" waiting |strong="H8104"  
 for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5046"  
 to |strong="H3201" make |strong="H8085"  
 a |strong="H3947" mistake.

They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0582" saying, "  
 Let |strong="H5046" us |strong="H5046" lie  
 and |strong="H8085" say that |strong="H3588"  
 he |strong="H3588" did |strong="H8104" some-  
 thing |strong="H8104" bad |strong="H1681".

Maybe |strong="H0194" we |strong="H3588"  
 can |strong="H3201" trick Jeremiah.

Then |strong="H3947" we |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H8085" have |strong="H3605"  
 him |strong="H5046".

We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H8085" finally  
 be |strong="H0582" rid of |strong="H4480"  
 him |strong="H5046".

Then |strong="H3947" we |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H8085" grab him |strong="H5046"  
 and |strong="H8085" take |strong="H3947"  
 our |strong="H3605" revenge |strong="H5360"  
 on |strong="H3605" him |strong="H5046".

<sup>11</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068"  
 with |strong="H0854" me |strong="H5921".

He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068"  
 like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H3588"  
 strong |strong="H1368" soldier.

So *those* who *are* *chasing* me *fall*.

They *will* *not* *defeat* me.

They *will* *fail*.

They *will* *be* *ashamed*,

and *they* *will* *never* *forget* *shame*.

<sup>12</sup> LORD *All-Powerful*, *you* *test* *good* *people*.

*You* *look* *deeply* *into* *a* *person's* *mind*.

*I* *told* *you* *my* *arguments* *against* *these* *people*.

*So* *let* *me* *you* *give* *them* *the* *punishment* *they* *deserve*.

<sup>13</sup> *Sing* *to* *the* *LORD*!

*Praise* *the* *LORD*!

*He* *saves* *the* *lives* *of* *the* *poor*.

*He* *saves* *them* *from* *the* *wicked*!

### Jeremiah's Sixth Complaint

<sup>14</sup> *Curse* *the* *day* *I* *was* *born*!

*Don't* *bless* *the* *day* *my* *mother* *had* *me*.

<sup>15</sup> *Curse* *the* *man* *who* *told* *my* *father* *the* *news* *that*

*I* *was* *born*.

"It's a *boy*" *he* *said*.

"*You* *have* *a* *son*."

*He* *made* *my* *father* *very* *happy* *when* *he* *told* *him* *the* *news*.

<sup>16</sup> *Let* *that* *man* *be* *like* *the* *cities* *the* *LORD* *destroyed*!

*He* *had* *no* *on* *them*.

*Let* *him* *hear* *of* *war* *in* *the* *morning*;

*let* *him* *hear* *cries* *at* *noon*,

<sup>17</sup> *because* *he* *did* *not* *kill* *me* *while* *I* *was* *in* *my* *mother's* *womb*.

*If* *he* *had* *me* *then* *my* *mother* *would* *have* *been* *my* *grave*;

and *I* *would* *not* *have* *been* *born*.

<sup>18</sup> *Why* *did* *I* *have* *to* *come* *out* *of* *her* *body*?

*All* *I* *have* *seen* *is* *trouble* *and* *sorrow*,

<sup>1</sup> CITIES THE LORD DESTROYED That is, Sodom and Gomorrah. See Genesis 19.

and|strong="H3117" my|strong="H7200" life|strong="H3117" will|strong="H4100" end|strong="H3615" in|strong="H3117" shame|strong="H1322".

### God Rejects King Zedekiah's Request

21 This|strong="H1697" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" message|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". This|strong="H1697" was|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" of|strong="H1121" Judah sent|strong="H7971" Pashhur|strong="H6583"<sup>1</sup> son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Malkijah|strong="H4441" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" priest|strong="H3548" Zephaniah|strong="H6846" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Maa-seiah|strong="H4641" to|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414". They|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" message|strong="H1697" for|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414".<sup>2</sup> They|strong="H3588" said to|strong="H5921" Jeremiah|strong="H3068", " Pray|strong="H4994" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3588" us|strong="H4994". Ask|strong="H1875" him|strong="H5921" what|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" happen. We|strong="H3588" want to|strong="H5921" know|strong="H0854", because|strong="H3588" King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" is|strong="H3068" attacking us|strong="H4994". Maybe|strong="H0194" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213" great things|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3588" us|strong="H4994", as|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588" did|strong="H6213" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" past. Maybe|strong="H0194" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" stop attacking us|strong="H4994" and|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H5927"."

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H0559" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" answered|strong="H0559" Pashhur and|strong="H3414" Zephaniah. He|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Tell|strong="H0559" King Zedekiah|strong="H6667",<sup>4</sup> This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430"

<sup>1</sup> PASHHUR This is not the same Pashhur as the man in Jeremiah 20:1.

of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559": You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" weapons|strong="H3627" of|strong="H4428" war|strong="H4421" in|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" hands|strong="H3027" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" using to|strong="H0413" defend yourselves|strong="H0859" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Babylonians|strong="H3778" and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4428". But|strong="H0859" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5437" those|strong="H0834" weapons|strong="H3627" worthless.

" The|strong="H0853" army|strong="H0622" from|strong="H5921" Babylon|strong="H0894" is|strong="H0834" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346" all|strong="H0622" around|strong="H5437" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892". Soon I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H5437" that|strong="H0834" army|strong="H0622" into|strong="H0413" Jerusalem.<sup>5</sup> I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3027" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3027" people of|strong="H3027" Judah. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3027" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3027" with|strong="H0854" my|strong="H3027" own powerful|strong="H2389" hand|strong="H3027". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" very|strong="H1419" angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3027", so|strong="H0589" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3027" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3027" with|strong="H0854" my|strong="H3027" own powerful|strong="H2389" arm|strong="H2220". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3027" fight|strong="H3898" very|strong="H1419" hard|strong="H1419" against|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" show how angry|strong="H0639" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589".<sup>6</sup> I will|strong="H0120" kill|strong="H4191" everything living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem, both|strong="H4191" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H1419" animals|strong="H0929". They|strong="H5221" will|strong="H0120" die|strong="H4191" from|strong="H0929" a|strong="H5221" terrible disease that|strong="H0929" will|strong="H0120" spread all|strong="H1419" through|strong="H0929" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892".<sup>7</sup> After|strong="H0310" that|strong="H3651" happens|strong="H0310", says|strong="H5002"

the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", " I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H4480" his |strong="H5414" officials |strong="H5650" to |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H3068" remain |strong="H7604" alive |strong="H7604" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem— those |strong="H4480" who |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H2719" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" terrible disease and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H3068" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H2719" in |strong="H5921" war |strong="H2719" or |strong="H3808" from |strong="H4480" hunger |strong="H7458". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" all |strong="H4480" to |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019". The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" captured by |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" who |strong="H3068" want |strong="H1245" to |strong="H5921" kill |strong="H5221" them |strong="H5414". Nebuchadnezzar's army |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" use their |strong="H3068" swords |strong="H2719" to |strong="H5921" kill |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3068" Jerusalem. Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" show |strong="H5414" any |strong="H4480" mercy |strong="H7355". He |strong="H0310" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" feel sorry |strong="H2347" for |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5414".

<sup>8</sup> " Also |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" Jerusalem, ' This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": Understand that |strong="H3068" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414"

you |strong="H5414" choose to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H2416" or |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4194". <sup>9</sup> Anyone |strong="H5315" who |strong="H5315" stays |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem will |strong="H1961" die |strong="H4191" in |strong="H3427" war |strong="H2719" or |strong="H2719" from |strong="H3318" hunger |strong="H7458" or |strong="H2719" disease. But |strong="H1961" anyone |strong="H5315" who |strong="H5315" goes |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3427" Jerusalem and |strong="H2719" surrenders to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H5921" Babylonians |strong="H3778" attacking you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" live |strong="H3427". Only |strong="H5307" those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H5315" leave |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892" will |strong="H1961" win anything in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H2063" war |strong="H2719"— their |strong="H5921" lives |strong="H5315"! <sup>10</sup> I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" decided to |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7760" trouble |strong="H7451" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem. I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" help this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892"! I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" it |strong="H7760" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894", who |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" burn |strong="H8313" it |strong="H7760" with |strong="H8313" fire |strong="H0784". " This |strong="H2063" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>11</sup> " Say |strong="H1697" this |strong="H1697" to |strong="H3068" Judah's |strong="H3063" royal |strong="H4428" family |strong="H1004": ' Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>12</sup> Family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" David |strong="H1732", this |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0369" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": " You |strong="H6440" must judge |strong="H1777" people fairly |strong="H4941" every |strong="H1242" day |strong="H1242".

Protect the |strong="H0559" victims from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559" criminals.

If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H6440" don't |strong="H0369" do |strong="H3318" that |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3541"

will|strong="H3068" become|strong="H3318" very an-  
ger|strong="H2534".

My|strong="H3068" anger|strong="H2534"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027"  
like|strong="H3318" a|strong="H3318"  
fire|strong="H0784" that|strong="H3068"  
no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027"  
able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0559"  
put|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318".

This|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3068" happen  
because|strong="H6440" you|strong="H6440"  
have|strong="H0369" done|strong="H3027"  
evil|strong="H7455" things.'

<sup>13</sup> "Jerusalem, I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H3068"  
against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921".

You|strong="H5921" sit|strong="H3427"  
on|strong="H5921" top|strong="H5921"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" mountain.

You|strong="H5921" sit|strong="H3427"  
like|strong="H3427" a|strong="H0935" queen  
over|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3068" val-  
ley|strong="H6010".

You|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3427"  
of|strong="H3068" Jerusalem say|strong="H0559",  
' No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H3068"  
can|strong="H4310" attack|strong="H0935"  
us|strong="H0413".

No|strong="H4310" one|strong="H3068"  
can|strong="H4310" come|strong="H0935" in-  
to|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3068" strong city."

This|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>14</sup> " You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" get  
the|strong="H3605" punishment|strong="H6485"  
you|strong="H3605" deserve|strong="H6529".

I|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" start  
a|strong="H5921" fire|strong="H0784"  
in|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3068" forests  
that|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" com-  
pletely|strong="H3605" burn|strong="H3341" every-  
thing|strong="H3605" around|strong="H5439"  
you|strong="H3605"."

This|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

### Judgment Against Evil Kings

**22** The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
said|strong="H0559", " Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3068", go|strong="H3381"  
down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428"  
palace|strong="H1004". Go|strong="H3381"  
to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3068"

tell|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" there|strong="H8033": <sup>2</sup> Lis-  
ten|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559"  
this|strong="H0428" message|strong="H1697"  
from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068", King|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063".  
You|strong="H0859" rule|strong="H1697"  
from|strong="H0935" David's|strong="H1732"  
throne|strong="H3678", so|strong="H0935" lis-  
ten|strong="H8085". King|strong="H4428",  
you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0935"  
your|strong="H3068" officials|strong="H5650" must  
listen|strong="H8085" well. All|strong="H1697"  
of|strong="H4428" your|strong="H3068" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" who|strong="H3068"  
come|strong="H0935" through|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0559" gates|strong="H8179"  
of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem must lis-  
ten|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0559" message|strong="H1697"  
from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559"  
Lord|strong="H3068". <sup>3</sup> This|strong="H2088"  
is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H2088"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H0559": Do|strong="H6213"  
what|strong="H2088" is|strong="H3068"  
right|strong="H4941" and|strong="H3068" fair. Pro-  
tect those|strong="H2088" who|strong="H3068"  
have|strong="H3068" been|strong="H3068"  
robbed|strong="H1497" from|strong="H3027"  
the|strong="H0559" ones|strong="H4941"  
who|strong="H3068" robbed|strong="H1497"  
them|strong="H3027". Don't|strong="H0408" hurt  
or|strong="H0408" do|strong="H6213" anything  
wrong|strong="H3238" to|strong="H0559" or-  
phans|strong="H3490" or|strong="H0408" wid-  
ows|strong="H0490". Don't|strong="H0408"  
kill|strong="H8210" innocent|strong="H5355" peo-  
ple|strong="H1818". <sup>4</sup> If|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H3588" obey|strong="H6213"  
these|strong="H2088" commands|strong="H1697",  
kings|strong="H4428" who|strong="H1931"  
sit|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921"  
David's|strong="H1732" throne|strong="H3678"  
will|strong="H4428" continue to|strong="H0935"  
come|strong="H0935" through|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" gates|strong="H8179" in-  
to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853"  
city|strong="H8179" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem.  
They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428"  
come|strong="H0935" through|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" gates|strong="H8179"  
with|strong="H1004" their|strong="H5921" offi-  
cials|strong="H5650". The|strong="H0853"  
kings|strong="H4428", their|strong="H5921" offi-  
cials|strong="H5650", and|strong="H0935"  
their|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971"

will|strong="H4428" come|strong="H0935" riding|strong="H7392" in|strong="H3427" chariots|strong="H7393" and|strong="H0935" on|strong="H5921" horses|strong="H5483".<sup>5</sup> But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", tell you|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H3588" don't|strong="H3808" obey|strong="H8085" these|strong="H0428" commands|strong="H1697", then|strong="H1961" I|strong="H3588" promise|strong="H1697" with|strong="H1004" an|strong="H1961" oath|strong="H7650" in|strong="H3068" my|strong="H8085" own|strong="H1961" name|strong="H0518" that|strong="H3588" this|strong="H2088" king's palace|strong="H1004" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H2723"—it|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" pile of|strong="H1004" rocks."

<sup>6</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" palace|strong="H1004" where|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" lives|strong="H3427":

" The|strong="H0559" palace|strong="H1004" is|strong="H3068" tall like|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" forests of|strong="H4428" Gilead|strong="H1568",

like|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559" mountains of|strong="H4428" Lebanon|strong="H3844".

But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7896" it|strong="H0518" like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3588" desert|strong="H4057",

as|strong="H3068" empty as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" city|strong="H5892" where|strong="H3808" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" lives|strong="H3427".

<sup>7</sup> I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0376" send men|strong="H0376" to|strong="H5921" destroy|strong="H7843" the|strong="H5921" palace, each|strong="H0376" armed with|strong="H5921" weapons|strong="H3627".

They|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" cut|strong="H3772" up|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" strong, beautiful cedar|strong="H0730" beams|strong="H3772" and|strong="H0376" throw|strong="H5307" them|strong="H5921" into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" fire|strong="H0784".

<sup>8</sup> " People|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5921" many|strong="H7227" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H3068" pass|strong="H5674"

by|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" ask|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0376" another|strong="H7453"; ' Why|strong="H4100" has|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213" such|strong="H2063" a|strong="H5921" terrible thing|strong="H2063" to|strong="H0413" Jerusalem? Jerusalem was|strong="H3068" such|strong="H2063" a|strong="H5921" great|strong="H1419" city|strong="H5892"!'<sup>9</sup> This|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" answer|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" question: ' God|strong="H0430" destroyed Jerusalem because|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H0430" Judah stopped following|strong="H0312" the|strong="H0853" agreement|strong="H1285" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". They|strong="H0834" worshiped|strong="H7812" and|strong="H3068" served|strong="H5647" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430"."

#### Judgment|strong="H0834" Against|strong="H5921" King|strong="H5921" Jehoahaz

<sup>10</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" cry for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" king who|strong="H0776" has|strong="H0776" died|strong="H4191".<sup>I</sup>

Don't|strong="H0408" cry for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0853".

But|strong="H3588" cry very|strong="H1980" hard for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" king who|strong="H0776" must|strong="H4191" leave|strong="H1980" this|strong="H3588" place|strong="H0776".<sup>II</sup>

Cry for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0853" because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" never|strong="H3808" return|strong="H7725"

or|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" his|strong="H7725" homeland again|strong="H5750".

<sup>11</sup> This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559" about|strong="H0413" Jehoahaz<sup>III</sup> son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Josiah|strong="H2977", who|strong="H0834" be-

<sup>I</sup> THE KING WHO HAS DIED That is, King Josiah who was killed in battle against the Egyptians in 609 B.C. <sup>II</sup> THE KING ... PLACE This means Josiah's son, Jehoahaz. He became king after Josiah died. He is also called Shallum. King Neco of Egypt defeated Josiah. And Neco took Jehoahaz off the throne of Judah and made him a prisoner in Egypt. <sup>III</sup> JEHOAHAZ The Hebrew text has "Shallum," another name for Jehoahaz.



came |strong="H4427" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" after |strong="H4480" his |strong="H3068" father |strong="H0001" Josiah |strong="H2977" died: "Jehoahaz has |strong="H3068" gone |strong="H3318" away |strong="H7725" from |strong="H4480" Jerusalem. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" return |strong="H7725".<sup>12</sup> Jehoahaz will |strong="H0776" die |strong="H4191" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Egyptians have |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H1540" him |strong="H0853", and |strong="H0776" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" see |strong="H7200" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" again |strong="H5750"."

### Judgment |strong="H0834" Against King Jehoiakim

<sup>13</sup> "It |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H3808" very bad for |strong="H4941" King Jehoiakim.

He |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4941" doing wrong so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" can |strong="H1004" build |strong="H1129" his |strong="H5414" palace |strong="H1004".

He |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4941" cheating people |strong="H3808" so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" can |strong="H1004" build |strong="H1129" rooms |strong="H5944" upstairs.

He |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4941" not |strong="H3808" paying |strong="H2600" his |strong="H5414" own people |strong="H3808".

He |strong="H3808" is |strong="H4941" making |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" work |strong="H6467" for |strong="H4941" nothing |strong="H3808".

<sup>14</sup> "Jehoiakim says |strong="H0559",  
' I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H1004" build |strong="H1129" myself a |strong="H1129" great palace |strong="H1004", with |strong="H1004" huge rooms |strong="H5944" upstairs.'

So he |strong="H0559" built |strong="H1129" it |strong="H1129" with |strong="H1004" large |strong="H1004" windows |strong="H2474".

He |strong="H0559" used cedar |strong="H0730" wood for |strong="H1004" paneling |strong="H5603", and |strong="H1004" he |strong="H0559" painted it |strong="H1129" red |strong="H8350".

<sup>15</sup> "Jehoiakim, having |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" lot of |strong="H0001" cedar |strong="H0730" in |strong="H0001" your |strong="H3588" house

does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0859"

a |strong="H3588" great |strong="H2896" king |strong="H4427".

Your |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001" Josiah was |strong="H0001" satisfied to |strong="H0001" have |strong="H0001" food |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0398" drink |strong="H8354".

He |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H4941" was |strong="H0001" right |strong="H4941" and |strong="H0398" fair, so |strong="H6213" everything went well |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" him |strong="H0398".

<sup>16</sup> Josiah helped poor |strong="H6041" and |strong="H3068" needy |strong="H0034" people |strong="H3808",

so |strong="H3808" everything went well |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3068" him |strong="H0853".

Jehoiakim, what |strong="H2896" does |strong="H3808" it |strong="H1931" mean " to |strong="H3068" know |strong="H1847" God |strong="H3068"?"

It |strong="H1931" means living right |strong="H2896" and |strong="H3068" being fair.

That |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H2896" it |strong="H1931" means to |strong="H3068" know |strong="H1847" me |strong="H3808".

This |strong="H1931" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>17</sup> "Jehoiakim, your |strong="H5921" eyes |strong="H5869" look |strong="H5869" only |strong="H0518" for |strong="H3588" what |strong="H5921" benefits your-self |strong="H5921".

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H5869" always thinking about |strong="H5921" getting more |strong="H0369" for |strong="H3588" your-self |strong="H5921".

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H5869" willing to |strong="H5921" kill |strong="H8210" innocent |strong="H5355" people |strong="H1818".

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H5869" willing to |strong="H5921" steal things from |strong="H5921" other |strong="H0369" people |strong="H1818".

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977".

" The |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" cry for |strong="H0413" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079".

They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" each|strong="H3541" other|strong="H0251", ' Brother|strong="H0251", I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" so|strong="H3651" sad!

Sister|strong="H0269", I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" so|strong="H3651" sad!  
They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" cry for|strong="H0413" Jehoiakim|strong="H3079".

They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559" about|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", ' Master|strong="H0113", I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" so|strong="H3651" sad!

King|strong="H4428", I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H3068" so|strong="H3651" sad!  
<sup>19</sup> The|strong="H7993" people of|strong="H8179" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" will|strong="H3389" bury|strong="H6912" Jehoiakim like a|strong="H3389" donkey|strong="H2543".

They|strong="H8179" will|strong="H3389" drag|strong="H5498" his|strong="H7993" body away|strong="H7993" and|strong="H3389" throw|strong="H7993" it|strong="H7993" outside|strong="H1973" the|strong="H7993" gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H8179" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

<sup>20</sup> "Judah, go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" mountains of|strong="H6963" Lebanon|strong="H3844" and|strong="H6963" cry|strong="H6817" out|strong="H3605".

Let|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" voice|strong="H6963" be|strong="H6963" heard|strong="H6963" in|strong="H7665" the|strong="H3605" mountains of|strong="H6963" Bashan|strong="H1316".

Cry|strong="H6817" out|strong="H3605" in|strong="H7665" the|strong="H3605" mountains of|strong="H6963" Abarim|strong="H5682", because|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" 'lovers' will|strong="H5414" be|strong="H6963" destroyed.

<sup>21</sup> "Judah, you|strong="H3588" felt safe, but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" warned|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3588".

I|strong="H3588" warned|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3588", but|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085".

You|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3588" lived like|strong="H3808" this|strong="H2088" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0559" time|strong="H7962" you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H2088" young.

And|strong="H6963" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0559" time|strong="H7962" you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H2088" young, you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3588" not|strong="H3808" obeyed|strong="H8085" me|strong="H0413", Judah.

<sup>22</sup> Judah, the|strong="H3605" punishment I|strong="H3588" give will|strong="H7307" come like|strong="H7307" a|strong="H3588" storm, and|strong="H0954" it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7307" blow all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" shepherds|strong="H7462" away|strong="H3605".

You|strong="H3588" thought some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H7307" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nations would|strong="H7307" help you|strong="H3588".

But|strong="H3588" these|strong="H3605" nations will|strong="H7307" also|strong="H3588" be|strong="H3605" defeated.

Then|strong="H0227" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7307" really be|strong="H3605" disappointed|strong="H0954".

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7307" be|strong="H3605" ashamed|strong="H0954" of|strong="H7307" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3588" did.

<sup>23</sup> "King, you|strong="H0935" seem so|strong="H0935" safe in|strong="H3427" your|strong="H0935" palace of|strong="H3205" cedar|strong="H0730".

It's as|strong="H0935" if|strong="H2603" you|strong="H0935" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Lebanon|strong="H3844"! I But|strong="H0935" when|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" punishment comes|strong="H0935", you|strong="H0935" will|strong="H4100" groan.

You|strong="H0935" will|strong="H4100" be in|strong="H3427" pain|strong="H2427" like|strong="H3427" a|strong="H3205" woman giving|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205".

#### Judgment|strong="H0935" Against|strong="H0935" King Jehoiachin

<sup>24</sup> " As|strong="H1961" surely|strong="H3588" as|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0589" live|strong="H2416", says|strong="H5002" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068", " I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" do|strong="H0518" this|strong="H3588" to|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3588", Jehoiachin son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehoiakim|strong="H3079", king|strong="H4428"

I *IT'S AS IF ... LEBANON* The king's palace in Jerusalem was built with wood from the mountains of Lebanon, which was famous for its cedar trees.

of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063":  
 Even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518"  
 you |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961"  
 a |strong="H1961" signet |strong="H2368" ring  
 on |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068"  
 right |strong="H3225" hand |strong="H3027",  
 I |strong="H0589" would |strong="H3068" still  
 pull |strong="H5423" you |strong="H3588"  
 off |strong="H5921". <sup>25</sup> Jehoiachin, I |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414"  
 you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H5414"  
 King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadne-  
 zar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Baby-  
 lon |strong="H0894" and |strong="H3027"  
 the |strong="H6440" Babylonians |strong="H3778".  
 Those |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H5315"  
 you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" afraid  
 of |strong="H4428". They |strong="H0834"  
 want |strong="H1245" to |strong="H5414" kill  
 you |strong="H0859". <sup>26</sup> I |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H0776" throw |strong="H2904"  
 you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0776"  
 your |strong="H5921" mother |strong="H0517" in-  
 to |strong="H5921" another |strong="H0312" coun-  
 try |strong="H0776" where |strong="H0834" nei-  
 ther |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0776"  
 you |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834"  
 born |strong="H3205". You |strong="H0834"  
 and |strong="H0776" your |strong="H5921" moth-  
 er |strong="H0517" will |strong="H0776"  
 die |strong="H4191" in |strong="H5921"  
 that |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776". <sup>27</sup> Je-  
 hoiachin, you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776"  
 want |strong="H5315" to |strong="H7725"  
 come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
 to |strong="H7725" your |strong="H5921"  
 land |strong="H0776", but |strong="H3808"  
 you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" nev-  
 er |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" allowed  
 to |strong="H7725" come |strong="H7725"  
 back |strong="H7725"."

<sup>28</sup> Jehoiachin is |strong="H0369" like |strong="H0834"  
 a |strong="H0518" broken pot that |strong="H0834"  
 someone |strong="H0376" threw |strong="H7993"  
 away |strong="H7993".

He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0369"  
 like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0518" pot  
 that |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808"  
 one |strong="H0376" wants |strong="H2656".

Why |strong="H4069" will |strong="H0776" Jehoiachin  
 and |strong="H0776" his |strong="H5921" chil-  
 dren |strong="H2233" be |strong="H3808"  
 thrown |strong="H7993" out |strong="H3045"

and |strong="H0776" sent away |strong="H7993" in-  
 to |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0518" foreign  
 land |strong="H0776"?

<sup>29</sup> Land |strong="H0776", land |strong="H0776",  
 land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Judah!

Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H3068"  
 this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697"  
 from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H8085"  
 LORD |strong="H3068"!

<sup>30</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 says |strong="H0559", " Write |strong="H3789"  
 this |strong="H2088" down |strong="H3427"  
 about |strong="H5921" Jehoiachin:

' He |strong="H3588" does |strong="H3808"  
 not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0376" chil-  
 dren |strong="H2233" anymore |strong="H5750"!  
 Jehoiachin will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808"  
 be |strong="H5750" successful |strong="H6743"

because |strong="H3588" none |strong="H3808"  
 of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H5921" chil-  
 dren |strong="H2233" will |strong="H3068"  
 sit |strong="H3427" on |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0853" throne |strong="H3678"  
 of |strong="H0376" David |strong="H1732".

None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0376"  
 his |strong="H5921" children |strong="H2233"  
 will |strong="H3068" rule |strong="H4910"  
 in |strong="H3427" Judah |strong="H3063"."

**23** " It |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H3068" very bad  
 for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" shep-  
 herds |strong="H7462" of |strong="H3068"  
 the |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H3068" Judah.  
 They |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" destroy-  
 ing |strong="H0006" the |strong="H0853"  
 sheep |strong="H6629". They |strong="H3068"  
 are |strong="H3068" making the |strong="H0853"  
 sheep |strong="H6629" run from |strong="H3068"  
 my |strong="H3068" pasture |strong="H4830"  
 in |strong="H3068" all directions."  
 This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068"  
 is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3068"  
 the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>2</sup> They |strong="H3651" are |strong="H3478" re-  
 sponsible for |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068"  
 people |strong="H5971". And |strong="H3068"  
 this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068"  
 what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853"  
 LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853"  
 God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853": "  
 You |strong="H0859" shepherds |strong="H7462"  
 have |strong="H0859" made |strong="H6485"  
 my |strong="H3068" sheep |strong="H6629" run  
 away |strong="H5080" in |strong="H5921"  
 all |strong="H6485" directions. You |strong="H0859"  
 have |strong="H0859" forced them |strong="H0853"  
 to |strong="H0559" go away |strong="H5080",  
 and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859"  
 have |strong="H0859" not |strong="H3808" taken

care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H0430" them |strong="H0853". But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H6485" care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0859"— I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485" you |strong="H0859" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" evil |strong="H7455" things |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" did |strong="H3808".<sup>3</sup> This |strong="H3651" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068":<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H0589" sent |strong="H7725" my |strong="H3605" sheep |strong="H6629" to |strong="H7725" other |strong="H3605" countries |strong="H0776". But |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0776" gather |strong="H6908" together |strong="H6908" my |strong="H3605" sheep |strong="H6629" that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7725", and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0853" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" their |strong="H3605" pasture. When |strong="H0834" my |strong="H3605" sheep |strong="H6629" are |strong="H0834" back |strong="H7725" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" pasture, they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" have |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7235" children and |strong="H0776" grow in |strong="H5921" number |strong="H7235".<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" place new shepherds |strong="H7462" over |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" sheep. They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H6485" care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" sheep, and |strong="H6965" my |strong="H3068" sheep will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" again |strong="H5750" feel afraid |strong="H3372". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" sheep will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H5750" lost." This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068".

**The |strong="H5002" Good |strong="H6965" "Branch"**

<sup>5</sup> This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068":  
 " The |strong="H5002" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935", when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" raise |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" a |strong="H0935"

good |strong="H6965" 'branch' from |strong="H0935" David's |strong="H1732" family.

He |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H0935" king |strong="H4428" who |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" rule |strong="H4428" in |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" wise |strong="H7919" way |strong="H4941".  
 He |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H4941" is |strong="H3068" fair and |strong="H0935" right |strong="H4941" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5002" land |strong="H0776".

<sup>6</sup> When |strong="H3117" he |strong="H0834" rules, Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" saved |strong="H3467", and |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H7931" in |strong="H3068" safety |strong="H0983".  
 This |strong="H2088" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034".

The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" Makes |strong="H3068" Things |strong="H0834" Right |strong="H6664" for |strong="H7121" Us |strong="H3117".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H0834" coming |strong="H0935", says |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", " when |strong="H3117" people |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" make a |strong="H0935" promise |strong="H3068" by |strong="H3068" saying |strong="H0559", ' As |strong="H0834" surely |strong="H3651" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416", the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" Israelites |strong="H3478" out |strong="H0935" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714" ...'<sup>8</sup>  
 But |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H3478" something new: ' As |strong="H0834" surely |strong="H3588" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416", the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Israelites |strong="H3478" out |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605"

<sup>1</sup> THE LORD MAKES THINGS RIGHT FOR US This is a wordplay. In Hebrew this is like the name Zedekiah, the king of Judah at the time this prophecy was probably given. But Jeremiah is talking about another king.

north|strong="H6828" and|strong="H0935" out|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H5927" them|strong="H0853" ...! Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" their|strong="H3605" own land|strong="H0776".

### Judgments Against|strong="H5921" False Prophets

<sup>9</sup> A|strong="H1961" message|strong="H1697" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030":

I|strong="H1697" am|strong="H1961" very|strong="H6106" sad— my|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820" is|strong="H3068" broken|strong="H7665".

All|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" bones|strong="H6106" are|strong="H0376" shaking.

Because|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" words|strong="H1697",

I|strong="H1697" am|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3068" drunk|strong="H7910".

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Judah is|strong="H0776" full|strong="H4390" of|strong="H0776" people|strong="H3808" who|strong="H0776" commit|strong="H5003" adultery|strong="H5003".

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0776" unfaithful|strong="H5003" in|strong="H0776" many ways.

So|strong="H3651" God|strong="H3808" cursed the|strong="H6440" land|strong="H0776",

and|strong="H0776" it|strong="H3588" became|strong="H1961" very|strong="H3651" dry|strong="H3001".

The|strong="H6440" plants are|strong="H0776" dried|strong="H3001" and|strong="H0776" dying in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" pastures|strong="H4999".

The|strong="H6440" fields have|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440" desert|strong="H4057".

The|strong="H6440" prophets are|strong="H0776" evil|strong="H7451".

They|strong="H3588" use|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3588" influence and|strong="H0776" power|strong="H1369" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" wrong|strong="H7451" way|strong="H6440".

<sup>11</sup> This|strong="H3588" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068":

" The|strong="H5002" prophets|strong="H5030" and|strong="H3068" even|strong="H1571" the|strong="H5002" priests|strong="H3548" are|strong="H3068" evil|strong="H7451".

I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1571" seen them|strong="H4672" doing|strong="H7451" evil|strong="H7451" things in|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" own Temple|strong="H1004".

<sup>12</sup> I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" stop giving my|strong="H3068" messages to|strong="H0935" them|strong="H1992".

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" walk|strong="H1870" in|strong="H5921" darkness|strong="H0653".

The|strong="H5002" road|strong="H1870" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" slippery|strong="H2519" for|strong="H3588" those|strong="H1992" prophets and|strong="H0935" priests,

and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" fall|strong="H5307" in|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3588" darkness|strong="H0653".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" disaster|strong="H7451" on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992";

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" punish them|strong="H1992".

This|strong="H3651" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>13</sup> I|strong="H7200" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" prophets|strong="H5030" of|strong="H5030" Samaria|strong="H8111" doing wrong things|strong="H3478".

I|strong="H7200" saw|strong="H7200" them|strong="H0853" prophesy|strong="H5012" in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" name of|strong="H5030" the|strong="H0853" false god Baal|strong="H1168".

They|strong="H5971" led|strong="H8582" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H5030" Israel|strong="H3478" away|strong="H8582" from|strong="H3478" me|strong="H7200".

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="H7200" have|strong="H1961" even seen|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030" of|strong="H0376" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" doing|strong="H7451" sinful things|strong="H3605".

They|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" committing|strong="H5003" adultery|strong="H5003" and|strong="H1980" living|strong="H3427" a|strong="H1961" life of|strong="H0376" lies|strong="H8267".

They|strong="H0376" support|strong="H2388"  
their|strong="H3605" fellow|strong="H0376"  
prophets|strong="H5030"

and|strong="H1980" never stop|strong="H1115"  
doing|strong="H7451" evil|strong="H7451".

They|strong="H0376" have|strong="H1961" be-  
come|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
Sodom|strong="H5467";

they|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376"  
all|strong="H3605" like|strong="H1961" Gomor-  
rah|strong="H6017".

<sup>15</sup> So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651"  
is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Power-  
ful says|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921"  
those|strong="H3605" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"  
prophets|strong="H5030".

" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
make|strong="H3588" them|strong="H0853" suffer.

Their|strong="H3605" food|strong="H0398"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" bitter,  
their|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325"  
like|strong="H3651" poison|strong="H7219".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" punish  
them|strong="H0853" because|strong="H3588"  
they|strong="H3588" started|strong="H3318"  
a|strong="H3588" spiritual sickness

that|strong="H3588" spread|strong="H3318"  
through|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
whole|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776".

<sup>16</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful  
says|strong="H0559":

" Don't|strong="H0408" pay|strong="H8085" atten-  
tion|strong="H3820" to|strong="H0559"  
what|strong="H1697" those|strong="H1992"  
prophets|strong="H5030" are|strong="H1992" say-  
ing|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
you|strong="H5921".

They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" trying  
to|strong="H0559" fool you|strong="H5921".

They|strong="H1992" talk|strong="H1696"  
about|strong="H5921" visions|strong="H2377",

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H1992"  
did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" get  
their|strong="H3068" visions|strong="H2377"  
from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

Their|strong="H3068" visions|strong="H2377"  
come|strong="H6635" from|strong="H5921"  
their|strong="H3068" own minds|strong="H3820".

<sup>17</sup> Some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" hate  
the|strong="H3605" real messages  
from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068",

so|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" prophets  
give|strong="H0935" them|strong="H5921"

a|strong="H1961" different message|strong="H3068".

They|strong="H5921" say|strong="H0559",  
You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068"  
have|strong="H1961" peace|strong="H7965".

Some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808"  
are|strong="H3068" very|strong="H1980" stubborn.

They|strong="H5921" do|strong="H3605" on-  
ly|strong="H7965" what|strong="H5921"  
they|strong="H5921" want to|strong="H0559"  
do|strong="H3605".

So|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3605" prophets  
say|strong="H0559",

' Nothing|strong="H3808" bad|strong="H7451"  
will|strong="H3068" happen|strong="H1961"  
to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3605"!

<sup>18</sup> But|strong="H3588" none of|strong="H3068"  
these prophets has|strong="H3068"  
stood|strong="H5975" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" heavenly coun-  
cil|strong="H5475".<sup>1</sup>

None of|strong="H3068" them|strong="H0853"  
has|strong="H3068" seen|strong="H7200"  
or|strong="H8085" heard|strong="H8085"  
the|strong="H0853" message|strong="H1697"  
from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

None of|strong="H3068" them|strong="H0853"  
has|strong="H3068" paid|strong="H7181" close at-  
tention|strong="H7181" to|strong="H3068"  
his|strong="H3068" message|strong="H1697".

<sup>19</sup> Now|strong="H2009" the|strong="H5921" pun-  
ishment from|strong="H3318" the|strong="H5921"  
LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
come|strong="H3318" like|strong="H3318"  
a|strong="H5921" storm|strong="H5591".

His|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H2534"  
will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"  
like|strong="H3318" a|strong="H5921" tornado.

It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068"  
come|strong="H3318" crashing  
down|strong="H7218" on|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" heads|strong="H7218"  
of|strong="H3068" those|strong="H5921"  
wicked|strong="H7563" people|strong="H7563".

<sup>20</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068"  
anger|strong="H0639" will|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808"

until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H5704" finishes  
what|strong="H6213" he|strong="H5704"  
plans|strong="H4209" to|strong="H5704"  
do|strong="H6213".

When|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117"  
day|strong="H3117" is|strong="H3068"  
over|strong="H6965",

<sup>1</sup> HEAVENLY COUNCIL The people in the Old Testament often talk about God as the leader of a council of heavenly beings (angels). Compare 1 Kings 22:19-23; Isaiah 6:1-8 and Job 1 and 2.

you will understand this clearly.

<sup>21</sup> I did not send those prophets, but they ran and tell their messages.

I did not speak to them,

but they spoke in my name.

<sup>22</sup> If they had in my heavenly council,

then would have told my messages to the people of Judah.

They would have stopped the people from doing bad things.

They would have stopped them from doing evil."

<sup>23</sup> This is the message from the LORD.

"I am God, and I am always near.

I am not far away.

<sup>24</sup> Someone might try to hide from me in some hiding place.

But it is easy for me to see that person, says the LORD,

because I am everywhere in heav-

en and earth."

This message is the LORD's. <sup>25</sup> "There are prophets who tell lies in my name. They say, 'I have had a dream! I had a dream! I heard say those things long ago. This will continue? They think up lies and then teach them to the people. <sup>27</sup> They are trying to make the people of Judah forget my name by each of these. They are trying to make my people forget their ancestors and worshiped the false god Baal. <sup>28</sup> Straw is not the same as wheat! In the same way, the dreams of those prophets are not messages from me. If people tell about their dreams, let them hear those who hear

my|strong="H3068" message|strong="H1697" must speak|strong="H1696" it|strong="H1696" truthfully." This|strong="H1697" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002".<sup>29</sup> Yes, the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", " You|strong="H3808" must|strong="H3808" treat my|strong="H3068" message|strong="H1697" carefully|strong="H3808", like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" fire|strong="H0784" or|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" hammer|strong="H6360" that|strong="H1697" can|strong="H3808" smash a|strong="H3808" rock|strong="H5553"."

<sup>30</sup> This|strong="H3651" message|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". " So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H3068" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" false prophets|strong="H5030". They|strong="H3651" keep stealing|strong="H1589" my|strong="H3068" words|strong="H1697" from|strong="H5921" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453"."<sup>31</sup> Yes|strong="H2005", the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", " I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H3068" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" false prophets|strong="H5030". They|strong="H5921" use|strong="H3947" their|strong="H3068" own words and|strong="H3068" pretend that|strong="H3068" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3947" message|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".<sup>32</sup> I|strong="H0595" am|strong="H0595" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" false|strong="H8267" prophets who|strong="H3068" tell|strong="H5608" false|strong="H8267" dreams|strong="H2472". " This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". " They|strong="H5921" mislead|strong="H8582" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" with|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" lies|strong="H8267" and|strong="H3068" false|strong="H8267" teachings. I|strong="H0595" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" send|strong="H7971" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H5921" teach the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". I|strong="H0595" never|strong="H3808" commanded|strong="H6680" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H6680" anything|strong="H3808" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H7971". They|strong="H5921" cannot|strong="H3808" help|strong="H3276" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971"

of|strong="H3068" Judah at|strong="H5921" all." This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

**The|strong="H0853" Sad Message|strong="H3068" From|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068"**

<sup>33</sup> " The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068" Judah, or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H3588" prophet|strong="H5030", or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H3588" priest|strong="H3548" may|strong="H3068" ask|strong="H7592" you|strong="H3588", ' Jeremiah|strong="H3068", what|strong="H4100" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" announcement|strong="H3068" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"? You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" answer|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559", ' You|strong="H3588" are|strong="H4100" a|strong="H3588" heavy load|strong="H4853", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" throw down|strong="H3588" this|strong="H2088" heavy load|strong="H4853". This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H4853" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>34</sup> " A|strong="H0834" prophet|strong="H5030", or|strong="H1004" a|strong="H0834" priest|strong="H3548", or|strong="H1004" maybe one|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" might|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559", ' This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" an|strong="H0376" announcement|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" ....' Because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1004" that|strong="H0834" lie, I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" that|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0376" and|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" whole family|strong="H1004".

<sup>35</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" one|strong="H0376" another|strong="H7453": ' What|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" answer|strong="H6030"? or|strong="H0376" ' What|strong="H4100" did|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559"?<sup>36</sup> But|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808"

<sup>1</sup> HEAVY LOAD This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word for "announcement" is like the word translated "heavy load."



again |strong="H5750" use |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" expression, ' The |strong="H0853" announcement |strong="H3068" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068":' That |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" his |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" should |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" heavy load |strong="H4853" for |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H0376". But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" changed |strong="H2015" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697" of |strong="H0376" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" living |strong="H2416" God |strong="H0430", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful!

<sup>37</sup> "If you |strong="H4100" want to |strong="H0413" learn about |strong="H0413" God's message |strong="H3068", ask |strong="H0559" a |strong="H1696" prophet |strong="H5030", ' What |strong="H4100" answer |strong="H6030" did |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" give |strong="H6030" you |strong="H4100"? or |strong="H3068" ' What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559"? <sup>38</sup> But |strong="H0518" don't |strong="H3808" say |strong="H0559", ' What |strong="H1697" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" announcement |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"? If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" use |strong="H7971" these |strong="H2088" words |strong="H1697", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0518": ' You |strong="H0518" should |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1697" called |strong="H0559" my |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" an |strong="H2088" announcement |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068":' I |strong="H0518" told |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" use |strong="H7971" those |strong="H0853" words |strong="H1697". <sup>39</sup> But |strong="H3651" you |strong="H0834" called my |strong="H5414" message a |strong="H5414" heavy load, so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" pick you |strong="H0834" up |strong="H5921" like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H5414" heavy load and |strong="H0001" throw you |strong="H0834" away |strong="H5203" from |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5414".

I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0001" Jerusalem to |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001". But |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" throw you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0001" that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" away |strong="H5203" from |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5414", <sup>40</sup> and |strong="H5769" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" disgrace |strong="H2781" forever |strong="H5769". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" never |strong="H3808" forget |strong="H7911" your |strong="H5414" shame |strong="H2781"."

### The Good Figs and the Bad Figs

**24** The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" showed |strong="H7200" me |strong="H6440" these things |strong="H8147": I |strong="H2009" saw |strong="H7200" two |strong="H8147" baskets |strong="H1736" of |strong="H1121" figs |strong="H8384" arranged in |strong="H0935" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1964" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". ( I |strong="H2009" saw |strong="H7200" this |strong="H3068" vision |strong="H7200" after |strong="H0310" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894" took |strong="H0853" Jehoiachin |strong="H3204" <sup>1</sup> as |strong="H0935" a |strong="H7200" prisoner. Jehoiachin |strong="H3204", the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H2009" his |strong="H3068" important officials |strong="H8269" were |strong="H1121" taken |strong="H1540" away |strong="H1540" from |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". They |strong="H3068" were |strong="H1121" taken |strong="H1540" to |strong="H0935" Babylon |strong="H0894". Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" also |strong="H3068" took |strong="H0853" away |strong="H1540" all |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" carpenters |strong="H2796" and |strong="H1121" metalworkers of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063".) <sup>2</sup> One |strong="H0259" basket |strong="H1731" had |strong="H0834" very |strong="H3966" good |strong="H2896" figs |strong="H8384" in |strong="H3808" it |strong="H0398", the |strong="H0834" kind |strong="H2896"

<sup>1</sup> JEHOIACHIN The Hebrew text has "Jeconiah," another name for King Jehoiachin, who was taken prisoner in the year 597 B.C.

that *strong*="H0834" ripen early in *strong*="H3808" the *strong*="H0834" season. But *strong*="H3808" the *strong*="H0834" other *strong*="H0259" basket *strong*="H1731" had *strong*="H0834" rotten figs *strong*="H8384". They *strong*="H0834" were *strong*="H0834" too *strong*="H3966" rotten to *strong*="H0259" eat *strong*="H0398".

<sup>3</sup> The *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413", "What *strong*="H4100" do *strong*="H4100" you *strong*="H0859" see *strong*="H7200", Jeremiah *strong*="H3414"?"

I *strong*="H0834" answered *strong*="H0559", "I *strong*="H0834" see *strong*="H7200" figs *strong*="H8384". The *strong*="H0559" good *strong*="H2896" figs *strong*="H8384" are *strong*="H0834" very *strong*="H3966" good *strong*="H2896", and *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0559" rotten figs *strong*="H8384" are *strong*="H0834" very *strong*="H3966" rotten. They *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834" too *strong*="H3966" rotten to *strong*="H0413" eat *strong*="H0398"."

<sup>4</sup> Then *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0559" message *strong*="H1697" from *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068" came *strong*="H1961" to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413". <sup>5</sup> The *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068", the *strong*="H0853" God *strong*="H0430" of *strong*="H0776" Israel *strong*="H3478", said *strong*="H0559", "The *strong*="H0853" people *strong*="H0834" of *strong*="H0776" Judah *strong*="H3063" were *strong*="H0834" taken from *strong*="H4480" their *strong*="H3068" country *strong*="H0776". Their *strong*="H3068" enemy brought them *strong*="H0853" to *strong*="H0559" Babylon. Those *strong*="H0428" people *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H3478" like *strong*="H3651" these *strong*="H0428" good *strong*="H2896" figs *strong*="H8384". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H3478" kind *strong*="H2896" to *strong*="H0559" them *strong*="H0853". <sup>6</sup> I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H0776" protect them *strong*="H5921". I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H0776" bring *strong*="H7725" them *strong*="H5921" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H7725" the *strong*="H5921" land *strong*="H0776" of *strong*="H0776" Judah. I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H0776" not *strong*="H3808" tear *strong*="H2040" them *strong*="H5921" down *strong*="H2040"—I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H0776" build *strong*="H1129" them *strong*="H5921" up *strong*="H5921". I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H0776" not *strong*="H3808" pull *strong*="H2040" them *strong*="H5921"

up *strong*="H5921"—I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H0776" plant *strong*="H5193" them *strong*="H5921" so *strong*="H3808" that *strong*="H3808" they *strong*="H5921" can *strong*="H5869" grow. <sup>7</sup> I *strong*="H0589" will *strong*="H3068" make *strong*="H5414" them *strong*="H0413" want to *strong*="H0413" know *strong*="H3045" me *strong*="H0413". They *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" know *strong*="H3045" that *strong*="H3588" I *strong*="H0589" am *strong*="H0589" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068". They *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" my *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H5971", and *strong*="H3068" I *strong*="H0589" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" their *strong*="H3605" God *strong*="H0430". I *strong*="H0589" will *strong*="H3068" do *strong*="H0589" this *strong*="H3588" because *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H3605" prisoners in *strong*="H0413" Babylon will *strong*="H3068" turn *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413" with *strong*="H0413" their *strong*="H3605" whole *strong*="H3605" hearts *strong*="H3820"."

<sup>8</sup> But *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068" also *strong*="H3068" says *strong*="H0559", "I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H3068" treat King *strong*="H4428" Zedekiah *strong*="H6667" of *strong*="H4428" Judah *strong*="H3063" like *strong*="H3651" those *strong*="H0834" figs *strong*="H8384" that *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834" too *strong*="H3808" rotten to *strong*="H0559" eat *strong*="H0398". Zedekiah *strong*="H6667", his *strong*="H5414" high officials *strong*="H8269", all *strong*="H0398" those *strong*="H0834" who *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834" left *strong*="H7604" in *strong*="H3427" Jerusalem *strong*="H3389", and *strong*="H3068" those *strong*="H0834" people *strong*="H3427" of *strong*="H4428" Judah *strong*="H3063" who *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834" living *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" Egypt *strong*="H4714" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H3808" like *strong*="H3651" those *strong*="H0834" rotten figs *strong*="H8384". <sup>9</sup> I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" punish them *strong*="H5414". Their *strong*="H3605" punishment will *strong*="H0776" shock all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H0834" on *strong*="H0776" earth *strong*="H0776". People *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" make *strong*="H5414" fun of *strong*="H0776" those *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H0834" from *strong*="H0776" Judah. People *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" tell *strong*="H3605" jokes about *strong*="H8033" them *strong*="H5414"

and |strong="H0776" curse |strong="H7045" them |strong="H5414" in |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" scatter |strong="H5080" them |strong="H5414". <sup>10</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H5414" war |strong="H2719", famine |strong="H7458", and |strong="H7971" disease against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5414". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" attack them |strong="H5414" until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H1992" have |strong="H0834" all |strong="H5704" been |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2719". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0834" no |strong="H5414" longer be |strong="H0001" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5704" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H7971" to |strong="H5704" their |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001".

#### A Summary of Jeremiah's Message

**25** This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" message |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" concerning |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". This |strong="H1931" message |strong="H1697" came |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" fourth |strong="H7243" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977" was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". The |strong="H3605" fourth |strong="H7243" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" time |strong="H1961" as |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7224" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894". <sup>2</sup> This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" message |strong="H3389" that |strong="H0834" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971"

of |strong="H3427" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>3</sup> I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" prophet |strong="H1696" for |strong="H0413" these |strong="H2088" past 23 years |strong="H8141", from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0413" 13th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H3117" Josiah |strong="H2977" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amon |strong="H0526" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". And |strong="H1121" from |strong="H4480" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" until |strong="H5704" today |strong="H3117", I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H1961" spoken |strong="H1696" messages |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3117" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" again |strong="H7925" and |strong="H1121" again |strong="H7925". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3117" have |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" listened |strong="H8085". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" his |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650", the |strong="H3605" prophets |strong="H5030", to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3605" over |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" over |strong="H0413" again |strong="H7925". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3605" have |strong="H5650" not |strong="H3808" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". You |strong="H3605" have |strong="H5650" not |strong="H3808" paid |strong="H8085" any |strong="H3605" attention |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>5</sup> Those |strong="H0834" prophets said |strong="H0559", " Change |strong="H7725" your |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H3427" and |strong="H3068" stop doing |strong="H1870" evil |strong="H7451"! If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" change |strong="H7725", you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" return |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" land |strong="H0127" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" long |strong="H5704" ago |strong="H5769". He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" to |strong="H0559"

live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" forever|strong="H5769".<sup>6</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" follow|strong="H0310" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430". Don't|strong="H0408" serve|strong="H5647" or|strong="H3808" worship|strong="H7812" them|strong="H0853". Don't|strong="H0408" worship|strong="H7812" idols that|strong="H3808" someone has|strong="H0430" made|strong="H4639". That|strong="H3808" only makes me|strong="H0310" angry|strong="H3707" with|strong="H3027" you|strong="H3808". By|strong="H3027" doing|strong="H3027" this you|strong="H3808" only hurt yourselves|strong="H3027".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup> " But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". " This|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068". " You|strong="H3808" worshiped idols that|strong="H8085" someone made|strong="H4639", and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H8085" made|strong="H4639" me|strong="H0413" angry|strong="H3707". And|strong="H3068" it|strong="H3808" only hurt you|strong="H3808". "

<sup>8</sup> So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful says|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" listened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H8085" messages|strong="H1697".<sup>9</sup> I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" soon send|strong="H7971" for|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H4940" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" north|strong="H6828".<sup>10</sup> This|strong="H2063" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". " I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" soon send|strong="H7971" for|strong="H5921" King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894". He|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3605" servant|strong="H5650". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" those|strong="H0428" people|strong="H1471" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Ju-

<sup>1</sup> BY DOING THIS YOU ONLY HURT YOURSELVES This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "Then I will not hurt you." <sup>11</sup> NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel.

dah|strong="H5769" and|strong="H0935" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H5769". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" against|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" around|strong="H5439" you|strong="H3605" too|strong="H5921". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H2763" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H0428" countries|strong="H0776". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7760" those|strong="H0428" lands|strong="H0776" like|strong="H0776" an|strong="H7760" empty desert forever|strong="H5769". People|strong="H1471" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H2005" those|strong="H0428" countries|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0935" whistle at|strong="H0413" how badly they|strong="H5921" were|strong="H0428" destroyed|strong="H8047".<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H6963" will|strong="H0216" bring an|strong="H6963" end to|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0006" sounds|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" joy|strong="H8057" and|strong="H6963" happiness|strong="H8057" in|strong="H6963" those|strong="H1992" places. There|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0216" be|strong="H6963" no|strong="H0006" more happy|strong="H8057" sounds|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0006" brides|strong="H3618" and|strong="H6963" bridegrooms. I|strong="H6963" will|strong="H0216" take|strong="H0006" away the|strong="H0006" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" people grinding meal. I|strong="H6963" will|strong="H0216" take|strong="H0006" away the|strong="H0006" light|strong="H0216" of|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0006" lamp|strong="H5216".<sup>11</sup> That|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" area|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" empty desert. All|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" people|strong="H1471" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" slaves|strong="H5647" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" for|strong="H0776" 70 years|strong="H8141".

<sup>12</sup> " But|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" 70 years|strong="H8141" have|strong="H1961" passed|strong="H1961", I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894". I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485"

the |strong="H0853" nation |strong="H1471" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894"." This |strong="H1931" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". " I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Babylonians |strong="H3778" for |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H5771". I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7760" that |strong="H1931" land |strong="H0776" a |strong="H1961" desert forever |strong="H5769".<sup>13</sup> I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696" many bad things |strong="H1697" will |strong="H0776" happen |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0935" Babylon, and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" them |strong="H0853" will |strong="H0776" happen |strong="H1697". Jeremiah |strong="H3414" spoke |strong="H1696" about |strong="H5921" those |strong="H3605" foreign nations |strong="H1471". And |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" warnings are |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" book |strong="H5612".<sup>14</sup> Yes |strong="H3588", the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1471" of |strong="H4428" Babylon will |strong="H1471" have |strong="H1571" to |strong="H3027" serve |strong="H5647" many |strong="H7227" nations |strong="H1471" and |strong="H3027" many |strong="H7227" great |strong="H1419" kings |strong="H4428". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1471" give them |strong="H1992" the |strong="H3588" punishment |strong="H3027" they |strong="H1992" deserve for |strong="H3588" all |strong="H1419" the |strong="H3588" things |strong="H4639" they |strong="H1992" have |strong="H1571" done |strong="H4639"."

**Judgment |strong="H1471" on |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3588" Nations |strong="H1471" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3588" World**

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", said |strong="H0559" this |strong="H2063" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413": " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", take |strong="H3947" this |strong="H2063" cup |strong="H3563" of |strong="H0430" wine |strong="H3196" from |strong="H3478" my |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027". It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" wine |strong="H3196" of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H3605" anger |strong="H2534". I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" send-

ing |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" different nations |strong="H1471". Make |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" drink |strong="H8248" from |strong="H3478" this |strong="H2063" cup |strong="H3563".<sup>16</sup> They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" drink |strong="H8354" this |strong="H0834" wine. Then |strong="H7971" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" vomit and |strong="H7971" act like |strong="H0834" crazy people |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H0834" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" war |strong="H2719" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" soon bring against |strong="H6440" them |strong="H7971"."

<sup>17</sup> So |strong="H3947" I |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" cup |strong="H3563" of |strong="H3068" wine from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027". I |strong="H0834" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3605" them |strong="H0413" drink |strong="H8248" from |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" cup |strong="H3563".<sup>18</sup> I |strong="H5414" poured this |strong="H2088" wine for |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063". I |strong="H5414" made |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" kings |strong="H4428" and |strong="H3063" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" drink from |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" cup. I |strong="H5414" did |strong="H3117" this |strong="H2088" so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" would |strong="H4428" become an |strong="H5414" empty desert. I |strong="H5414" did |strong="H3117" this |strong="H2088" so |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3117" place |strong="H5414" would |strong="H4428" be |strong="H4428" destroyed |strong="H8047" so |strong="H5414" badly that |strong="H3117" people would |strong="H4428" whistle and |strong="H3063" say curses |strong="H7045" about |strong="H4428" it |strong="H5414". And |strong="H3063" it |strong="H5414" happened— Judah |strong="H3063" is |strong="H2088" like that |strong="H3117" now |strong="H3117".

<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H5650" also |strong="H0853" made |strong="H3605" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714", drink from |strong="H4714" that |strong="H3605" cup.

I|strong="H5650" made|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" officials|strong="H8269", his|strong="H3605" important leaders|strong="H8269", and|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" drink from|strong="H4714" it|strong="H3605".

<sup>20</sup> I|strong="H0776" also|strong="H0853" made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Arabs and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Uz|strong="H5780" drink from|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" cup.

I|strong="H0776" made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430" drink from|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" cup. These|strong="H3605" were|strong="H6430" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" cities of|strong="H4428" Ashkelon|strong="H0831", Gaza|strong="H5804", Ekron|strong="H6138", and|strong="H0776" what remains of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" city Ashdod|strong="H0795".

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H1121" made the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Edom|strong="H0123", Moab|strong="H4124", and|strong="H1121" Ammon|strong="H5983" drink from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" cup.

<sup>22</sup> I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Tyre|strong="H6865" and|strong="H4428" Sidon|strong="H6721" drink from|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cup.

I|strong="H0834" also|strong="H0853" made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" faraway countries drink from|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" cup. <sup>23</sup> I made|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H3605" Dedan|strong="H1719", Tema|strong="H8485", and|strong="H0853" Buz|strong="H0938" drink from|strong="H6285" the|strong="H3605" cup. I made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" cut|strong="H7112" their|strong="H3605" hair at|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" temples|strong="H6285" drink from|strong="H6285" the|strong="H3605" cup. <sup>24</sup> I made|strong="H3605"

all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Arabia|strong="H6152" drink from|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" cup. These|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057". <sup>25</sup> I made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" from|strong="H3605" Zimri|strong="H2174", Elam|strong="H5867", and|strong="H4428" Media|strong="H4074" drink from|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cup. <sup>26</sup> I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" north|strong="H6828", those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" near|strong="H7138" and|strong="H0776" far|strong="H7350", drink|strong="H8354" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" cup. I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3605" them|strong="H0413" drink|strong="H8354" one|strong="H0376" after|strong="H0310" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0251". I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kingdoms|strong="H4467" that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0776" drink|strong="H8354" from|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" cup. Finally, after|strong="H0310" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0251" nations|strong="H4467", the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H8347" will|strong="H0776" drink|strong="H8354" from|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921" too|strong="H5921".

<sup>27</sup> "Jeremiah|strong="H3068", say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" those|strong="H0834" nations, this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559": 'Drink|strong="H8354" this|strong="H3541" cup of|strong="H0430" my|strong="H3068" anger|strong="H6440". Get|strong="H6965" drunk|strong="H7937" from|strong="H6440" it|strong="H7971" and|strong="H6965" vomit. Fall|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307" and|strong="H6965" don't|strong="H3808" get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965". Don't|strong="H3808" get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" because|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" bringing

wars/strong="H2719" against/strong="H0413" you/strong="H0834":

28 " They/strong="H3588" will/strong="H3068" refuse/strong="H3985" to/strong="H0413" take/strong="H3947" the/strong="H0559" cup/strong="H3563" from/strong="H3027" your/strong="H3068" hand/strong="H3027". They/strong="H3588" will/strong="H3068" refuse/strong="H3985" to/strong="H0413" drink/strong="H8354" it/strong="H3588", but/strong="H3588" you/strong="H3588" will/strong="H3068" tell/strong="H0559" them/strong="H0413", ' This/strong="H3541" is/strong="H3068" what/strong="H3541" the/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068" All-Powerful says/strong="H0559": You/strong="H3588" will/strong="H3068" surely/strong="H3588" drink/strong="H8354" from/strong="H3027" this/strong="H3541" cup/strong="H3563"! 29 I/strong="H0589" am/strong="H0589" already making/strong="H3605" these/strong="H3605" bad things/strong="H3605" happen to/strong="H5921" Jerusalem, the/strong="H3605" city/strong="H5892" that/strong="H0834" is/strong="H0834" called/strong="H7121" by/strong="H5921" my/strong="H3605" name/strong="H8034". Maybe you/strong="H0859" people/strong="H3427" think that/strong="H0834" you/strong="H0859" will/strong="H3068" not/strong="H3808" be/strong="H3808" punished, but/strong="H3588" you/strong="H0859" are/strong="H0834" wrong/strong="H7489". You/strong="H0859" will/strong="H3068" be/strong="H3808" punished! I/strong="H0589" am/strong="H0589" giving the/strong="H3605" command/strong="H5921" for/strong="H3588" war/strong="H6635" to/strong="H5921" come/strong="H6635" against/strong="H5921" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427" of/strong="H0776" the/strong="H3605" earth/strong="H0776":' This/strong="H3588" message/strong="H3068" is/strong="H0834" from/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068".

30 " Jeremiah/strong="H0776", you/strong="H0859" will/strong="H3068" give/strong="H5414" them/strong="H0413" this/strong="H0428" message/strong="H1697":

' The/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" shouts/strong="H1959" from/strong="H5921" above/strong="H5921".

He/strong="H3068" shouts/strong="H1959" from/strong="H5921" his/strong="H3605" holy/strong="H6944" Temple.

He/strong="H3068" shouts/strong="H1959" against/strong="H5921" his/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427".

His/strong="H3605" shouts/strong="H1959" are/strong="H0428" loud like/strong="H0776" the/strong="H3605" songs of/strong="H0776" people/strong="H3427" walking on/strong="H5921" grapes to/strong="H0413" make/strong="H5414" wine.

31 The/strong="H3605" noise/strong="H7588" spreads to/strong="H0935" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H1471" on/strong="H0776" earth/strong="H0776".

What/strong="H3588" is/strong="H3068" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" noise/strong="H7588" about/strong="H0935"?

The/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" tells why/strong="H3588" he/strong="H1931" is/strong="H3068" punishing all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" nations/strong="H1471".

He/strong="H1931" has/strong="H3068" given against/strong="H0935" them/strong="H5414".

He/strong="H1931" has/strong="H3068" judged/strong="H8199" them/strong="H5414", and/strong="H0935" now/strong="H3588" he/strong="H1931" is/strong="H3068" killing the/strong="H3605" wicked/strong="H7563" with/strong="H3068" his/strong="H3605" sword/strong="H2719":'

This/strong="H1931" message/strong="H3068" is/strong="H3068" from/strong="H0935" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068".

32 This/strong="H3541" is/strong="H3068" what/strong="H3541" the/strong="H0559" LORD/strong="H3068" All-Powerful says/strong="H0559":

" Disasters/strong="H7451" will/strong="H3068" soon spread/strong="H3318" from/strong="H3318" country/strong="H0776" to/strong="H0413" country/strong="H0776".

They/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" come/strong="H3318" like/strong="H0776" a/strong="H0776" powerful storm/strong="H5591" to/strong="H0413" all/strong="H1419"

the/strong="H0559" faraway places/strong="H0559" on/strong="H0413" earth/strong="H0776":'

33 The/strong="H6440" dead/strong="H2491" bodies of/strong="H0776" those/strong="H5921" killed/strong="H2491" by/strong="H5921" the/strong="H6440" LORD/strong="H3068" will/strong="H3068" reach/strong="H1961" from/strong="H5921" one/strong="H3808" end/strong="H7097" of/strong="H0776" the/strong="H6440" earth/strong="H0776" to/strong="H5704" the/strong="H6440" other. No/strong="H3808" one/strong="H3808" will/strong="H3068" cry for/strong="H5921" them/strong="H5921". No/strong="H3808" one/strong="H3808" will/strong="H3068" gather/strong="H0622" up/strong="H5704"

their|strong="H3068" bodies and|strong="H3068" bury|strong="H6912" them|strong="H5921". They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" left|strong="H1961" lying on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" ground|strong="H0776" like|strong="H1961" dung|strong="H1828".

<sup>34</sup> Shepherds|strong="H7462", you|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3588" be|strong="H3117" leading the|strong="H3588" sheep|strong="H6629".

Start crying|strong="H2199", you|strong="H3588" great leaders!

Roll|strong="H6428" around on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588" ground in|strong="H3117" pain, you|strong="H3588" leaders of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588" sheep|strong="H6629".

It|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3117" now|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" for|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3588" slaughter|strong="H2873".

You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3117" scattered everywhere, like|strong="H5307" pieces flying from|strong="H3117" a|strong="H3588" broken jar|strong="H3627".

<sup>35</sup> There will|strong="H4498" be|strong="H4480" no|strong="H4480" place for|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" shepherds|strong="H7462" to|strong="H4480" hide.

They will|strong="H4498" not escape|strong="H6413".

<sup>36</sup> I|strong="H3588" hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0853" shepherds|strong="H7462" shouting|strong="H6963".

I|strong="H3588" hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0853" leaders of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" sheep|strong="H6629" crying|strong="H6963",

because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" destroying|strong="H7703" their|strong="H3068" pastures.

<sup>37</sup> Those peaceful|strong="H7965" pastures|strong="H4999" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" ruined

because|strong="H6440" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD'S|strong="H3068" anger|strong="H0639".

<sup>38</sup> He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0776" like|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H0639" lion|strong="H3715" that|strong="H3588" has|strong="H1961" left|strong="H5800" his|strong="H1961" cave.

And|strong="H0776" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0776" his|strong="H1961" terrible anger|strong="H0639"

and|strong="H0776" by|strong="H1961" the|strong="H6440" attacks of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" enemy army|strong="H0776",

their|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" empty desert.

### Jeremiah's Lesson at the Temple

**26** This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H1697" came|strong="H1961" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" during|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7225" year that|strong="H1697" Jehoiakim|strong="H3079" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Josiah|strong="H2977" was|strong="H1961" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". <sup>2</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "Jeremiah|strong="H3068", stand|strong="H5975" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" yard of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". Give|strong="H6680" this|strong="H3541" message|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1004" Judah|strong="H3063" who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" coming|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" worship|strong="H7812" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" speak|strong="H1696". Don't|strong="H0408" leave out|strong="H5921" any|strong="H3605" part|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1004" my|strong="H3605" message|strong="H1697". <sup>3</sup> Maybe|strong="H0194" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" listen|strong="H8085" and|strong="H7725" obey|strong="H8085" my|strong="H8085" message. Maybe|strong="H0194" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" stop living|strong="H0376" such|strong="H0834" evil|strong="H7451" lives. If|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" change|strong="H5162", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" change|strong="H5162" my|strong="H8085" mind|strong="H5162" about|strong="H0413" my|strong="H8085" plans|strong="H2803" to|strong="H0413" punish them|strong="H0413". I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" planning|strong="H2803" this|strong="H0834" punishment because|strong="H0834" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H6440" many evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834"



have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213".<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" teachings |strong="H8451" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0518" obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" follow |strong="H3068" my |strong="H5414" teachings |strong="H8451".<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" my |strong="H8085" servants |strong="H5650" say |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". The |strong="H0834" prophets |strong="H5030" are |strong="H0834" my |strong="H8085" servants |strong="H5650". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" my |strong="H8085" prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" again |strong="H7925" and |strong="H7971" again |strong="H7925", but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".<sup>6</sup> If you |strong="H5414" don't obey me |strong="H5414", I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H5414" my |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1004" Jerusalem just |strong="H3605" like |strong="H0776" my |strong="H3605" Holy Tent at |strong="H1004" Shiloh |strong="H7887".<sup>1</sup> People |strong="H1471" all |strong="H3605" over |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" think of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem when |strong="H0776" they |strong="H3605" ask for |strong="H0776" bad things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5414" happen to |strong="H5414" other |strong="H2088" cities |strong="H5892"."

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", the |strong="H3605" prophets |strong="H5030", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" heard |strong="H8085" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" say |strong="H1696" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" words |strong="H1697" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".<sup>8</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H3414" finished |strong="H3615" speaking |strong="H1696" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> MY HOLY TENT AT SHILOH The Holy Place at Shiloh was probably destroyed during the time of Samuel. See Jeremiah 7 and 1 Sam. 4.

had |strong="H3068" commanded |strong="H6680" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", the |strong="H3605" prophets |strong="H5030", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" grabbed |strong="H8610" Jeremiah |strong="H3414". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191" for |strong="H0413" saying |strong="H0559" such |strong="H0834" terrible things |strong="H3605"!<sup>9</sup> How dare you |strong="H3605" say |strong="H0559" such |strong="H2088" a |strong="H1961" thing |strong="H2088" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"! How dare you |strong="H3605" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3605" this |strong="H2088" Temple |strong="H1004" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H0369" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" one |strong="H0369" at |strong="H0413" Shiloh |strong="H7887"! How dare you |strong="H3605" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3605" Jerusalem will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" desert with |strong="H0413" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" it |strong="H1961"! All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" gathered |strong="H6950" around Jeremiah |strong="H3414" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>10</sup> Now |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" rulers |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" heard |strong="H8085" about |strong="H1697" everything that |strong="H8085" was |strong="H3068" happening. So |strong="H5927" they |strong="H3068" came |strong="H5927" out |strong="H3427" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". They |strong="H3068" went |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". They |strong="H3068" took |strong="H0853" their |strong="H3068" places |strong="H1004" at |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" entrance |strong="H6607" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" New |strong="H2319" Gate |strong="H8179". The |strong="H0853" New |strong="H2319"

Gate *strong="H8179"* is *strong="H3068"* a *strong="H8085"* gate *strong="H8179"* leading *strong="H8269"* to *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD'S *strong="H3068"* Temple *strong="H1004"*. <sup>11</sup> Then *strong="H2088"* the *strong="H3605"* priests *strong="H3548"* and *strong="H4941"* the *strong="H3605"* prophets *strong="H5030"* spoke *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* rulers *strong="H8269"* and *strong="H4941"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* other *strong="H2088"* people *strong="H5971"*. They *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Jeremiah *strong="H0413"* should *strong="H0376"* be *strong="H0376"* killed. He *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"* bad things *strong="H3605"* about *strong="H0413"* Jerusalem. You *strong="H0834"* heard *strong="H8085"* him *strong="H0413"* say *strong="H0559"* those *strong="H3605"* things *strong="H3605"*."

<sup>12</sup> Then *strong="H2088"* Jeremiah *strong="H3414"* spoke *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* rulers *strong="H8269"* of *strong="H1004"* Judah and *strong="H3068"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* other *strong="H2088"* people *strong="H5971"*. He *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"*, "The *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* sent *strong="H7971"* me *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* say *strong="H0559"* these *strong="H2088"* things *strong="H1697"* about *strong="H0413"* this *strong="H2088"* Temple *strong="H1004"* and *strong="H3068"* this *strong="H2088"* city *strong="H5892"*. Everything *strong="H3605"* that *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* have *strong="H0834"* heard *strong="H8085"* is *strong="H0834"* from *strong="H8085"* the *strong="H3605"* Lord *strong="H3068"*". <sup>13</sup> You *strong="H0834"* people *strong="H0834"*, change *strong="H5162"* your *strong="H3068"* lives! You *strong="H0834"* must start *strong="H1870"* doing *strong="H1870"* good *strong="H3190"*! You *strong="H0834"* must obey *strong="H8085"* the *strong="H0834"* LORD *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*. If *strong="H0834"* you *strong="H0834"* do *strong="H3190"* that *strong="H0834"*, he *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* change *strong="H5162"* his *strong="H5921"* mind *strong="H5162"*. He *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* not *strong="H1870"* do *strong="H3190"* the *strong="H0834"* bad *strong="H7451"* things *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* told *strong="H1696"* you *strong="H0834"* about *strong="H5921"*". <sup>14</sup> As *strong="H0589"* for *strong="H3027"* me *strong="H0589"*, I *strong="H0589"*

am *strong="H0589"* in *strong="H3477"* your *strong="H3027"* power *strong="H3027"*. Do *strong="H6213"* to *strong="H3027"* me *strong="H0589"* what *strong="H3477"* you *strong="H6213"* think *strong="H5869"* is *strong="H3027"* good *strong="H2896"* and *strong="H3027"* right *strong="H3477"*". <sup>15</sup> But *strong="H3588"* if *strong="H0518"* you *strong="H0859"* kill *strong="H4191"* me *strong="H0413"*, be *strong="H4191"* sure *strong="H3045"* of *strong="H3068"* one *strong="H3605"* thing *strong="H1697"*. You *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H4191"* guilty of *strong="H3068"* killing *strong="H4191"* an *strong="H5414"* innocent *strong="H5355"* person *strong="H7971"*. You *strong="H0859"* will *strong="H3068"* make *strong="H5414"* this *strong="H2063"* city *strong="H5892"* and *strong="H3068"* everyone *strong="H3605"* living *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* it *strong="H5414"* guilty too *strong="H5921"*. The *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* really *strong="H0571"* did send *strong="H7971"* me *strong="H0413"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H0859"*. The *strong="H3605"* message *strong="H1697"* you *strong="H0859"* heard *strong="H3588"* really *strong="H0571"* is *strong="H3068"* from *strong="H5921"* the *strong="H3605"* Lord *strong="H3068"*."

<sup>16</sup> Then *strong="H1696"* the *strong="H3605"* rulers *strong="H8269"* and *strong="H3068"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* spoke *strong="H1696"*. They *strong="H3588"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* priests *strong="H3548"* and *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3605"* prophets *strong="H5030"*, "Jeremiah *strong="H3068"* must not *strong="H0369"* be *strong="H8034"* killed. What *strong="H2088"* he *strong="H3588"* told *strong="H0559"* us *strong="H0413"* comes from *strong="H0376"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* our *strong="H3068"* God *strong="H0430"*."

<sup>17</sup> Then *strong="H6965"* some *strong="H0376"* of *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H3605"* elders *strong="H2205"* stood *strong="H6965"* up *strong="H6965"* and *strong="H6965"* spoke *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* all *strong="H3605"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"*. <sup>18</sup> They *strong="H3117"* said *strong="H0559"*, "Micah *strong="H4320"* the *strong="H3605"* prophet *strong="H0559"* was *strong="H1961"* from *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* city of *strong="H4428"* Moresheth *strong="H4183"*. He *strong="H3117"* was *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* prophet *strong="H0559"* during *strong="H3117"*

the *time* that *Hezekiah* was *king* of *Judah*. *Micah* *said* this *to* all *the* *people* of *Judah*: ' This *is* the *LORD* All-Powerful *says*:

*Zion* *will* *be* *destroyed*.

*It* *will* *become* *plowed*

*Jerusalem* *will* *become* *a* *pile* *of* *rocks*.

*Temple* *Mount* *will* *be* *an* *empty* *hill* *overgrown* *with* *bushes*.'

*Micah* 3:12

<sup>19</sup> *King* *Hezekiah* *of* *Judah* *and* *the* *people* *of* *Judah* *did* *not* *kill* *Micah*. *You* *know* *that* *Hezekiah* *respected* *the* *LORD* *and* *wanted* *to* *please* *him*. *So* *the* *LORD* *changed* *his* *mind* *and* *didn't* *do* *the* *bad* *things* *to* *Judah* *that* *he* *said* *he* *would* *do*. *If* *we* *hurt* *Jeremiah*, *we* *will* *bring* *on* *ourselves*. *And* *those* *troubles* *will* *be* *our* *own* *fault*.'

<sup>20</sup> *In* *the* *past* *there* *was* *another*

<sup>1</sup> *EMPTY HILL* Or "high place," a term usually used for local shrines (places for worship) where people often worshiped idols.

*man* *who* *spoke* *the* *LORD'S* *message*. *His* *name* *was* *Uriah* *son* *of* *Shemaiah* *from* *the* *city* *of* *Kiriath*. *Jearim*. *Uriah* *said* *the* *same* *things* *against* *this* *city* *and* *this* *land* *that* *Jeremiah* *did*. <sup>21</sup> *King* *Jehoiakim*, *his* *army* *officers*, *and* *the* *leaders* *of* *Judah* *heard* *Uriah* *and* *became* *angry*. *King* *Jehoiakim* *wanted* *to* *kill* *Uriah*, *but* *Uriah* *heard* *about* *it*. *Uriah* *was* *afraid*, *so* *he* *escaped* *to* *the* *land* *of* *Egypt*. <sup>22</sup> *But* *King* *Jehoiakim* *sent* *El-nathan* *son* *of* *Achor* *and* *other* *men* *to* *Egypt*. <sup>23</sup> *They* *brought* *Uriah* *from* *Egypt* *and* *took* *him* *to* *King* *Jehoiakim*. *Jehoiakim* *ordered* *Uriah* *to* *be* *killed* *with* *a* *sword*. *Uriah's* *body* *was* *thrown* *into* *the* *burial* *place* *where* *the* *poor* *are* *buried*.

<sup>24</sup> *There* *was* *an* *important* *man*

named Ahikam *son* of Shaphan who supported Jeremiah. He kept Jeremiah from being killed by the priests and prophets.

### The Lord Made Nebuchadnezzar Ruler

**27** A message from the LORD came to Jeremiah. It came during the fourth year that Zedekiah<sup>1</sup> son of Josiah was king of Judah. <sup>2</sup> This is what the LORD said to me: "Jeremiah, make a yoke of straps and poles. Put that yoke on your neck. <sup>3</sup> Then send a message to the kings of Edom, Moab, Tyre, Sidon, and the messengers of these kings who have come to Jerusalem to see King Zedekiah of Judah. <sup>4</sup> Tell them to give the message to their mas-

ters. Tell them that this is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says: 'Tell your masters that I made earth and all people it made the animals on earth. I did with great and strong arm. I can give earth to anyone I want. <sup>6</sup> Now I have all your countries to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. He is my servant. I will even wild animals obey him. <sup>7</sup> All nations will serve Nebuchadnezzar and his son and his grandson. Then the time will come for Babylon to be defeated. Many nations and great kings will make Babylon their servant.

<sup>1</sup> THE FOURTH YEAR ... ZEDEKIAH The standard Hebrew text has "At the beginning of the kingship of Jehoiakim." This is probably a scribal error. Verse 3 talks about Zedekiah, and 28:1 says "that same year" was the fourth year of Zedekiah's reign (594-593 B.C.).

<sup>8</sup> " But if some nations or kingdoms

refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5704" serve |strong="H5647" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" and |strong="H3068" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5704" be |strong="H1961" put |strong="H5414" under |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5414" control |strong="H3027", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485" them |strong="H5414", says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H2719" them |strong="H5414" with |strong="H3068" war |strong="H2719", hunger |strong="H7458", and |strong="H3068" disease. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H1931" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" to |strong="H5704" destroy |strong="H2719" any |strong="H1961" nation |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" fights against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5414".<sup>9</sup> So |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H0408" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0834" prophets |strong="H5030". Don't |strong="H0408" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" use |strong="H7080" magic to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H0559" what |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" happen in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" future. Don't |strong="H0408" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559" they |strong="H1992" can |strong="H0834" interpret dreams |strong="H2472". Don't |strong="H0408" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" talk to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" dead or |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" people |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" practice |strong="H7080" magic. All of |strong="H4428" them |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859", " You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" slaves |strong="H5647" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894".<sup>10</sup> But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" telling you |strong="H3588" lies |strong="H8267". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0127" only cause you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5921" be |strong="H0127" taken far |strong="H7368" from |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" homeland. I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0127" force you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5921" leave |strong="H4616" your |strong="H5921" homes, and |strong="H0853" you |strong="H3588"

will |strong="H0127" die |strong="H0006" in |strong="H5921" another land |strong="H0127".

<sup>11</sup> " But |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" put |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3068" necks |strong="H6677" under |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" yoke |strong="H5923" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" and |strong="H0935" obey him |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" let them |strong="H0853" stay |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" their |strong="H3068" own country |strong="H0127" and |strong="H0935" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894", says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". ' The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1471" from |strong="H0935" those |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" their |strong="H3068" own land |strong="H0127" and |strong="H0935" farm it |strong="H5921"."

<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H1697" gave |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0428" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". I |strong="H1697" said |strong="H0559", " Zedekiah |strong="H6667", you |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" place |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" neck |strong="H6677" under |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" yoke |strong="H5923" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" and |strong="H0935" obey him |strong="H0413". If you |strong="H3605" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H4428" live |strong="H2421".<sup>13</sup> If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" don't |strong="H3808" agree to |strong="H0413" serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894", you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4191" from |strong="H0413" war |strong="H2719", hunger |strong="H7458", and |strong="H3068" disease. This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"

said |strong="H1696" would |strong="H3068" happen.

<sup>14</sup> But |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" false |strong="H8267" prophets |strong="H5030" are |strong="H1992" saying |strong="H0559", ' You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" never |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" slaves |strong="H5647" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894".'

" Don't |strong="H0408" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H1992" prophets |strong="H5030", because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" telling |strong="H0559" you |strong="H3588" lies |strong="H8267". <sup>15</sup> ' I |strong="H3588" didn't |strong="H3808" send |strong="H7971" them |strong="H1992"; says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". ' They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" telling lies |strong="H8267" and |strong="H3068" saying that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H7971" me |strong="H7971". So |strong="H4616" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0859" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3068" Judah away |strong="H7971". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H0006", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" prophets |strong="H5030" who |strong="H3068" spoke to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H0006" also |strong="H3068". "

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H1696" I |strong="H3588" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" that |strong="H3588" this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": " Those |strong="H3605" false |strong="H8267" prophets |strong="H5030" are |strong="H1992" saying |strong="H0559", ' The |strong="H3605" Babylonians took |strong="H7725" many things |strong="H1697" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". These |strong="H2088" things |strong="H1697" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0408" brought |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" soon |strong="H6258". ' Don't |strong="H0408" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" telling |strong="H1696" you |strong="H3588" lies |strong="H8267". <sup>17</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0853" prophets.

Serve |strong="H5647" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". Accept |strong="H8085" your |strong="H8085" punishment, and |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1961" live |strong="H2421". There |strong="H1961" is |strong="H4100" no |strong="H0408" reason for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0413" cause |strong="H1961" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H2723". <sup>18</sup> If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" prophets |strong="H5030" and |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068", let |strong="H4994" them |strong="H1992" pray |strong="H4994". Let |strong="H4994" them |strong="H1992" pray |strong="H4994" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" LORD |strong="H3068" about |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0935" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H1697" are |strong="H1992" still in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004", in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004", and |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Let |strong="H4994" them |strong="H1992" pray |strong="H4994" that |strong="H1697" all |strong="H1697" those |strong="H1992" things |strong="H1697" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H1115" be |strong="H1697" taken away |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Babylon |strong="H0894".

<sup>19</sup> " This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful says |strong="H0559" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H3627" that |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" still |strong="H0559" left |strong="H3498" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem. In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Temple, there |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" pillars |strong="H5982", the |strong="H0559" bronze sea |strong="H3220", the |strong="H0559" moveable stands |strong="H4350", and |strong="H3068" other |strong="H3541" things |strong="H3627". <sup>1</sup> King |strong="H5921" Nebuchadnezzar of |strong="H3068" Babylon left |strong="H3498" those |strong="H5921" things |strong="H3627" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup> He |strong="H0834" didn't |strong="H3808" take |strong="H3947"

<sup>1</sup> PILLARS ... OTHER THINGS For a description of these things, see 1 Kings 7:23-37.

them |strong="H0853" away |strong="H1540" when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" Jehoiachin |strong="H3204" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" away |strong="H1540" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3947" prisoner. Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H3947" other |strong="H3605" important people |strong="H1121" away |strong="H1540" from |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>21</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" people of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H3627" still |strong="H0559" left |strong="H3498" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>22</sup> All |strong="H5704" those |strong="H0853" things |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894". They |strong="H8033" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" brought |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" day |strong="H3117" comes |strong="H0935" when |strong="H1961" I |strong="H5704" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" get |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413"; says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>1</sup> Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" those |strong="H0853" things |strong="H1961" back |strong="H7725". I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H7725" in |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725"."

### The False Prophet Hananiah

**28** In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" fifth |strong="H2549" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" fourth |strong="H7243" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" Zedekiah |strong="H6667"<sup>1</sup> was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428"

of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" Hananiah |strong="H2608" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Azzur |strong="H5809" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". Hananiah |strong="H2608" was |strong="H1961" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" town of |strong="H1121" Gibeon |strong="H1391". Hananiah |strong="H2608" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004" when |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" were |strong="H0834" there |strong="H1961" also |strong="H3068". This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" Hananiah |strong="H2608" said |strong="H0559": <sup>2</sup> "The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H3541" will |strong="H3068" break |strong="H7665" the |strong="H0853" yoke |strong="H5923" that |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" has |strong="H3068" put on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people of |strong="H4428" Judah. <sup>3</sup> Before |strong="H0413" two |strong="H3947" years |strong="H8141" are |strong="H0834" over |strong="H0413", I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" took |strong="H3947" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" has |strong="H3068" carried |strong="H0935" those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894". But |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H7725" here |strong="H2088" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", Jehoiachin |strong="H3204" son |strong="H1121"

<sup>1</sup> THE FOURTH YEAR ... ZEDEKIAH This was about 594–593 B.C.

of|strong="H1121" Jehoiakim|strong="H3079",  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413"  
this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725".  
And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0589"  
will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H0935"  
back|strong="H7725" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063"  
that|strong="H3588" Nebuchadnezzar forced  
to|strong="H0413" leave their|strong="H3605"  
homes and|strong="H1121" go|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894";  
says|strong="H5002" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068". ' So|strong="H0935"  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068"  
break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H3605"  
yoke|strong="H5923" that|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894"  
put|strong="H0935" on|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063".'"

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605"  
prophet|strong="H5030" Jeremiah|strong="H3414"  
answered|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605"  
prophet|strong="H5030" Hananiah|strong="H2608".  
They|strong="H3068" were|strong="H5869" stand-  
ing|strong="H5975" in|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068". The|strong="H3605"  
priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3068"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" there|strong="H5975"  
could|strong="H5971" hear Jeremi-  
ah's|strong="H3414" answer|strong="H0559". <sup>6</sup> Jere-  
miah|strong="H3414" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" Hananiah, "  
Amen|strong="H0543"! May|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
do|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834".  
May|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H3605" message|strong="H1697"  
you|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559"  
come|strong="H7725" true|strong="H3068".  
May|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834"  
bring|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605"  
things|strong="H1697" of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2088"  
place|strong="H4725" from|strong="H7725" Baby-  
lon|strong="H0894". And|strong="H6965"  
may|strong="H3068" he|strong="H0834"  
bring|strong="H7725" all|strong="H3605"  
those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834"  
were|strong="H0834" forced to|strong="H0413" leave

their|strong="H3605" homes|strong="H1004"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413"  
this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725".  
<sup>7</sup> " But|strong="H0389" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H1696" what|strong="H0834"  
I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
to|strong="H1696" say|strong="H1696"  
to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834"  
and|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1696"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971". <sup>8</sup> There|strong="H1961"  
were|strong="H0834" prophets|strong="H5030"  
long|strong="H5769" before|strong="H6440"  
you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0776"  
I|strong="H0834" became|strong="H1961"  
prophets|strong="H5030", Hananiah.  
They|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H0413"  
against|strong="H5921" many|strong="H7227" coun-  
tries|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776"  
great|strong="H1419" kingdoms|strong="H4467"  
and|strong="H0776" always|strong="H5769" warned  
that|strong="H0834" war|strong="H4421", hunger,  
and|strong="H0776" disease would|strong="H0834"  
come|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413"  
them|strong="H0413". <sup>9</sup> So|strong="H7971"  
the|strong="H0834" prophet|strong="H5030"  
who|strong="H0834" says|strong="H1697"  
that|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H0834"  
peace|strong="H7965" must be|strong="H1697" test-  
ed. People|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834"  
he|strong="H0834" really|strong="H0571"  
was|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971"  
by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834"  
LORD|strong="H3068" only|strong="H7965"  
if|strong="H0834" his|strong="H3068" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" comes|strong="H0935"  
true|strong="H0571"."

<sup>10</sup> Jeremiah|strong="H3414" was|strong="H5030"  
wearing a|strong="H3947" yoke|strong="H4133"  
around|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921"  
neck|strong="H6677". The|strong="H0853"  
prophet|strong="H5030" Hananiah|strong="H2608"  
took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853"  
yoke|strong="H4133" from|strong="H5921" Jeremi-  
ah's|strong="H3414" neck|strong="H6677"  
and|strong="H5030" broke|strong="H7665"  
it|strong="H5921". <sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Hanani-  
ah|strong="H2608" spoke|strong="H0559" loudly  
so|strong="H3541" that|strong="H3605"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" could|strong="H5971" hear  
him|strong="H5921". He|strong="H3117"  
said|strong="H0559", " This|strong="H3541"  
is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H0559": ' In|strong="H5921"



the way will break the yoke of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. He put that yoke on all the nations of the world, but I will break it before two years are over."

After Hananiah said that, Jeremiah left the Temple.

<sup>12</sup> Then the message the LORD came to Jeremiah. This happened after Hananiah had taken yoke off Jeremiah's neck and had broken it. <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Jeremiah, "Go and tell Hananiah that this what the LORD says: 'You have broken a wooden yoke, but I will make a yoke of iron in the place of the wooden yoke.' <sup>14</sup> The LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, is the one saying this. I will put a yoke of iron on the necks of these nations of the world, but I will break it before two years are over." <sup>15</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah, "Listen, Hananiah! The LORD did not send you. But you have made the people of Judah trust in lies." <sup>16</sup> So this what the LORD says: 'Soon I will take you from this world, Hananiah. You will die this year, because you taught the people to turn against the LORD.' <sup>17</sup> Hananiah died in the seventh month of that same year.

a yoke of iron on the necks of these nations. I will do that to make them serve King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and they will be slaves to him. I will give Nebuchadnezzar control over the wild animals." <sup>15</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah, "Listen, Hananiah! The LORD did not send you. But you have made the people of Judah trust in lies." <sup>16</sup> So this what the LORD says: 'Soon I will take you from this world, Hananiah. You will die this year, because you taught the people to turn against the LORD.'

<sup>17</sup> Hananiah died in the seventh month of that same year.

#### A Letter to the Captives in Babylon

**29** Jeremiah sent a letter to the captives in Babylon.

in|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894". He|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7971" it|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" elders|strong="H2205", the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548", the|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030", and|strong="H7971" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0428" people|strong="H5971" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H1540" from|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894".<sup>2</sup> (This letter was|strong="H4428" sent|strong="H3318" after|strong="H0310" King|strong="H4428" Jehoiachin|strong="H3204", the|strong="H0310" queen|strong="H1377" mother|strong="H1377", the|strong="H0310" officials|strong="H8269" and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0310" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", the|strong="H0310" carpenters|strong="H2796", and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H0310" metalworkers had|strong="H4428" been taken|strong="H3318" from|strong="H3318" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".)<sup>3</sup> King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" sent|strong="H7971" Elasah|strong="H0501" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shaphan|strong="H8227" and|strong="H1121" Gemariah|strong="H1587" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hilkiyah|strong="H2518" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019". Jeremiah|strong="H0413" gave|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" letter to|strong="H0413" take to|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894". This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" letter said|strong="H0559":

<sup>4</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H1540" into|strong="H1540" captivity|strong="H1540" from|strong="H3478" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H0559" Babylon|strong="H0894":<sup>5</sup> "Build|strong="H1129" houses|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" them|strong="H0853". Settle|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"

the|strong="H0853" land. Plant|strong="H5193" gardens|strong="H1593" and|strong="H1004" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" food|strong="H0398" you|strong="H0853" grow.<sup>6</sup> Get|strong="H3947" married|strong="H3947" and|strong="H1121" have|strong="H0376" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323". Find|strong="H3947" wives|strong="H0802" for|strong="H8033" your|strong="H5414" sons|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" let|strong="H5414" your|strong="H5414" daughters|strong="H1323" be|strong="H0408" married|strong="H3947". Do|strong="H0408" this|strong="H0376" so|strong="H3947" that|strong="H1121" they|strong="H08033" also|strong="H0853" may|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323". Have|strong="H0376" many|strong="H7235" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" grow in|strong="H0376" number|strong="H7235" in|strong="H0376" Babylon. Don't|strong="H0408" become|strong="H3205" fewer in|strong="H0376" number|strong="H7235".<sup>7</sup> Also|strong="H3068", do good things|strong="H1961" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" I|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H1540" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413". Pray|strong="H6419" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" living in|strong="H0413", because|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" there|strong="H8033" is|strong="H0834" peace|strong="H7965" in|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H1961" peace|strong="H7965" also|strong="H3068".<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559", "Don't|strong="H0408" let|strong="H0408" your|strong="H3068" prophets|strong="H5030" and|strong="H3068" those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" practice|strong="H7080" magic fool you|strong="H0859". Don't|strong="H0408" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" dreams|strong="H2472" they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834".<sup>9</sup> They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" telling lies|strong="H8267", and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" saying that|strong="H3588"



17 The LORD All-Powerful says, "I will soon bring war, hunger, and disease against those who are still in Jerusalem. And I will make them the same as bad figs that are too rotten to eat."<sup>18</sup> I will attack those who are in Jerusalem with war, hunger, and disease. And I will cause the pain that all the kingdoms of the earth will be frightened at what has happened to those people. They will be destroyed. People will whistle with amazement when they hear what happened. And people will use them as an example when they ask for bad things to happen to people. People will insult them wherever force is used to go.<sup>19</sup> I will make all these things happen because the people of Jerusalem have not listened to my message. This message is

the LORD. "I sent my message to them again and again. I used my servants, the prophets, to give my messages to them, but they didn't listen. This is my message from the LORD. You are people who are captives. I forced you to leave Jerusalem and go to Babylon. So listen to the message from the LORD."

<sup>21</sup> This is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maa-seiah: "These two men have been telling you lies. They have said their message is from me. I will give these two prophets to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. And he will kill them in front of you who are captives in Babylon."<sup>22</sup> They will be

an |strong="H7760" example |strong="H7045" of |strong="H4428" a |strong="H3947" terrible way |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0559" die. Yes, in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" future, when |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Jewish captives |strong="H1546" want something bad to |strong="H0559" happen to |strong="H0559" someone, they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H0834" curse |strong="H7045": ' May |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" treat |strong="H7760" you |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" and |strong="H3068" Ahab |strong="H0256", those |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" burned in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" fire |strong="H0784"! <sup>23</sup> They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" very |strong="H3045" bad things |strong="H1697" among |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0834" committed |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" sin of |strong="H3068" adultery |strong="H5003" with |strong="H0854" their |strong="H3068" neighbors' |strong="H7453" wives |strong="H0802". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H1696" lies |strong="H8267" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696" those |strong="H0834" lies |strong="H8267" were |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1696" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H3478" me |strong="H1696". I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H1696" them |strong="H6680" to |strong="H1696" do |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213". I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" a |strong="H1696" witness |strong="H5707". This |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068".

**God's Message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1696" Shemaiah**

<sup>24</sup> Also give a |strong="H0559" message to |strong="H0413" Shemaiah |strong="H8098" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Nehelam family. <sup>25</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478",

says |strong="H0559": "Shemaiah, you |strong="H0859" sent |strong="H7971" letters |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" priest |strong="H3548" Zephaniah |strong="H6846" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Maa-seiah |strong="H4641". You |strong="H0859" also |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" letters |strong="H5612" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548". You |strong="H0859" sent |strong="H7971" those |strong="H3605" letters |strong="H5612" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" own name |strong="H8034" and |strong="H1121" not |strong="H1121" by |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3605" authority |strong="H8034". <sup>26</sup> Shemaiah, this |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what you |strong="H5414" said |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" letter to |strong="H0413" Zephaniah: 'Zephaniah, the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" priest |strong="H3548" in |strong="H0413" place |strong="H8478" of |strong="H1004" Jehoiada |strong="H3077". You |strong="H5414" are |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" be |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" charge |strong="H5414" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". You |strong="H5414" should |strong="H0376" arrest anyone |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" acts like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" crazy person |strong="H0376" and |strong="H3068" acts like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" prophet |strong="H0376". You |strong="H5414" should |strong="H0376" put |strong="H5414" that |strong="H3605" person's feet between large |strong="H1004" blocks of |strong="H1004" wood and |strong="H3068" put |strong="H5414" neck irons <sup>II</sup> on |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". <sup>27</sup> Now |strong="H6258" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" is |strong="H4100" acting like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808" prophet. So |strong="H3808" why |strong="H4100" didn't |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" arrest him |strong="H3414"? <sup>28</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H0413" has |strong="H0894" sent |strong="H7971" this |strong="H3651" message to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413" in |strong="H3427" Babylon |strong="H0894":

I CRAZY PERSON Here, Shemaiah is referring to Jeremiah. See verses 27-28. II NECK IRONS A ring made from iron. People put the rings around prisoners, necks. They often fastened a chain to the ring to control the prisoners.

You |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Babylon |strong="H0894" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" there |strong="H3427" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" long |strong="H0752" time, so |strong="H3651" build |strong="H1129" houses |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" settle |strong="H3427" down |strong="H3427". Plant |strong="H5193" gardens |strong="H1593" and |strong="H1004" eat |strong="H0398" what |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588" grow |strong="H7971"."

<sup>29</sup> Zephaniah |strong="H6846" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" read |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0853" letter |strong="H5612" to |strong="H7121" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030". <sup>30</sup> Then |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414". <sup>31</sup> " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", send |strong="H7971" this |strong="H3541" message |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" captives |strong="H1473" in |strong="H5921" Babylon: ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559" about |strong="H5921" Shemaiah |strong="H8098", the |strong="H3605" man |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Nehelam family: Shemaiah |strong="H8098" has |strong="H3068" spoken |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0589" didn't |strong="H3808" send |strong="H7971" him |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" believe a |strong="H7971" lie |strong="H8267". <sup>32</sup> Because |strong="H3588" Shemaiah |strong="H8098" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834", this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" soon |strong="H3588" punish |strong="H6485" Shemaiah |strong="H8098", the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H0376" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Nehelam family |strong="H2233". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" completely destroy |strong="H6213" his |strong="H5921" family |strong="H2233", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" share in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589"

will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971". " This |strong="H2088" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". " I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485" Shemaiah |strong="H8098" because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" taught |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0559" turn |strong="H1961" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068". "

### Promises of Hope

**30** This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", said |strong="H0559", " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", write |strong="H3789" in |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0834" book |strong="H5612" the |strong="H3605" words |strong="H1697" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" spoken |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". Write |strong="H3789" this |strong="H3541" book |strong="H5612" for |strong="H0413" yourself |strong="H0413". <sup>3</sup> Do |strong="H0935" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" days |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935"— this |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"— when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" my |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971", Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063", back |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" exile." This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" back |strong="H7725" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". Then |strong="H2009" my |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971"

will|strong="H3068" own|strong="H7622" that|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" again|strong="H7725".

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke|strong="H1696" this|strong="H0428" message|strong="H1697" about|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063". <sup>5</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0369" what|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559":

" We|strong="H3588" hear|strong="H8085" people|strong="H8085" crying|strong="H6963" from|strong="H8085" fear|strong="H6343".

There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" fear|strong="H6343", not|strong="H0369" peace|strong="H7965".

<sup>6</sup> " Ask|strong="H7592" this|strong="H3605" question|strong="H7592" and|strong="H3027" consider|strong="H7200" it|strong="H0518":

Can|strong="H0518" a|strong="H3205" man|strong="H1397" have|strong="H0518" a|strong="H3205" baby? Of|strong="H3205" course not|strong="H0518"!

Then|strong="H7200" why|strong="H4069" do|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0518" see|strong="H7200" every|strong="H3605" strong man|strong="H1397" holding his|strong="H3605" stomach

like|strong="H2015" a|strong="H3205" woman having|strong="H3205" labor|strong="H3205" pains?

Why|strong="H4069" is|strong="H3027" everyone's|strong="H3605" face|strong="H6440" turning|strong="H2015" white

like|strong="H2015" a|strong="H3205" dead man|strong="H1397"?

<sup>7</sup> " This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0369" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H1419" important|strong="H1419" time|strong="H6256" for|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H3290".

This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0369" a|strong="H3588" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H3117" great|strong="H1419" trouble|strong="H6869".

There|strong="H0369" will|strong="H0369" never|strong="H0369" be|strong="H3117" another time|strong="H6256" like|strong="H3644" this|strong="H1931",

but|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H3290" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H3117" saved|strong="H3467".

<sup>8</sup> " At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117", says|strong="H5002" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, " I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H5002" yoke|strong="H5923" from|strong="H5921"

the|strong="H5002" necks|strong="H6677" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3068" Israel and|strong="H3068" Judah, and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H5002" ropes holding|strong="H5647" you|strong="H5921". People|strong="H3808" from|strong="H5921" foreign|strong="H2114" countries will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5921" force my|strong="H3808" people|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" slaves|strong="H5647". <sup>9</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H4428" Israel and|strong="H6965" Judah will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H1732" serve|strong="H5647" foreign countries. No, they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" send them|strong="H1992" David|strong="H1732" their|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4428", I and|strong="H6965" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H5647" him|strong="H0853".

<sup>10</sup> " So|strong="H7725" Jacob|strong="H3290", my|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650", don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372"!"

This|strong="H3588" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0369" from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

" Israel|strong="H3478", don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H3467" you|strong="H0859" from|strong="H7725" that|strong="H3588" faraway place|strong="H0776".

You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478" captives|strong="H7628" in|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" faraway land|strong="H0776", but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" save|strong="H3467" your|strong="H3068" descendants|strong="H2233".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0853" back|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" that|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776".

Jacob|strong="H3290" will|strong="H3068" have|strong="H0369" peace|strong="H8252" again|strong="H7725".

People|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0369" bother Jacob|strong="H3290".

I DAVID THEIR KING This means another king of Israel who will be great like King David. II CAPTIVES People taken away as prisoners. Here, it means the Jewish people who were taken to Babylon.

There |strong="H0369" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0408" no |strong="H0369" enemy to |strong="H7725" frighten |strong="H2729" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0776".

<sup>11</sup> People |strong="H1471" of |strong="H3068" Israel and |strong="H3068" Judah, I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H0834".

This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H3467" you |strong="H0834".

I |strong="H0589" sent you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H3068" those |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471",

but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" completely |strong="H3617" destroy |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3068" them |strong="H0854".

It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" true |strong="H3068"; I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471",

but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" destroy |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834".

You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" punished |strong="H3256" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" bad things |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213",

but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" discipline |strong="H3256" you |strong="H0834" fairly |strong="H4941".

<sup>12</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":

" You |strong="H3588" people of |strong="H3068" Israel and |strong="H3068" Judah have |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" wound |strong="H4347" that |strong="H3588" cannot be |strong="H3068" cured.

You |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" an |strong="H3588" injury |strong="H7667" that |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3588" heal.

<sup>13</sup> There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0369" care for |strong="H1779" your |strong="H1777" sores,

so |strong="H0369" you will |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" healed.

<sup>14</sup> You |strong="H3588" became friends |strong="H0157" with |strong="H5921" many |strong="H7230" nations,

but |strong="H3588" those |strong="H3605" nations don't |strong="H3808" care |strong="H1875" about |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588".

Your |strong="H3605" 'friends' have |strong="H5771" forgotten |strong="H7911" you |strong="H3588".

I |strong="H3588" hurt you |strong="H3588" like |strong="H3808" an |strong="H3588" enemy |strong="H0341".

I |strong="H3588" punished you |strong="H3588" very hard.

I |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3605" great |strong="H7230" guilt |strong="H5771".

I |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808" this |strong="H3588" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3605" many |strong="H7230" sins |strong="H2403".

<sup>15</sup> Israel and |strong="H5771" Judah, why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0428" you |strong="H5921" still crying |strong="H2199" about |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" wound?

There |strong="H7230" is |strong="H4100" no cure for |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".

I |strong="H0428" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0428" to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" great |strong="H7230" guilt |strong="H5771".

I |strong="H0428" did |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0428" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" many |strong="H7230" sins |strong="H2403".

<sup>16</sup> Those |strong="H3605" nations destroyed |strong="H0398" you |strong="H5414", but |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3651" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H0398".

Israel and |strong="H0398" Judah, your |strong="H3605" enemies will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" captives |strong="H7628".

They |strong="H3651" stole things |strong="H3605" from |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5414",

but |strong="H1961" others will |strong="H1961" steal from |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5414".

They |strong="H3651" took |strong="H0962" things |strong="H3605" from |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5414" in |strong="H5414" war,

but |strong="H1961" others will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H0962" things |strong="H3605" from |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5414" in |strong="H5414" war.

<sup>17</sup> And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5927" your |strong="H3068" health |strong="H0724" back |strong="H5927"

and |strong="H3068" heal |strong="H7495" your |strong="H3068" wounds |strong="H4347";



says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068",  
 " because |strong="H3588" other |strong="H0369" people |strong="H1931" said you |strong="H3588" were |strong="H0369" outcasts |strong="H5080". I  
 They |strong="H3588" said, ' No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" cares |strong="H1875" about Zion |strong="H6726"."

18 This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":  
 " Jacob's |strong="H3290" people |strong="H3427" are |strong="H3068" now |strong="H2005" in |strong="H3427" captivity |strong="H7622",  
 but |strong="H0559" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725".

And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H7355" pity |strong="H7355" on |strong="H5921" Jacob's |strong="H3290" houses.

The |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892" II is |strong="H3068" now |strong="H2005" only an |strong="H1129" empty hill covered with |strong="H3068" ruined buildings |strong="H0759",

but |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" rebuilt |strong="H1129" on |strong="H5921" its |strong="H5921" hill.

And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" king's palace |strong="H0759" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" rebuilt |strong="H1129" where |strong="H1129" it |strong="H5921" should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068".

19 People |strong="H3808" in |strong="H6963" those |strong="H1992" places will |strong="H3808" sing songs of |strong="H6963" praise |strong="H8426",

and |strong="H6963" there |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3318" sound |strong="H6963" of |strong="H6963" laughter.

I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" give |strong="H4591" them |strong="H1992" many |strong="H7235" children.

Israel and |strong="H6963" Judah will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" small |strong="H4591".

I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H3318" honor |strong="H3513" to |strong="H3318" them |strong="H1992".

No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" look down on |strong="H3318" them |strong="H1992".

I OUTCASTS People who are thrown out of a group by others who don't like or respect them. II CITY This probably refers to Jerusalem. But it might also mean all the cities of Israel and Judah.

20 Jacob's family will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" family of |strong="H1121" Israel long |strong="H6440" ago.

I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H3559" Israel and |strong="H1121" Judah strong,

and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" punish |strong="H6485" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" hurt them |strong="H5921".

21 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002",

" One |strong="H2088" of |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" people |strong="H3820" will |strong="H3068" lead |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0413".

That |strong="H3588" ruler |strong="H4910" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H1961" from |strong="H4480" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H3820".

People |strong="H3820" can |strong="H4310" come |strong="H1961" close |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" only if |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" ask them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413".

So |strong="H4480" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" ask that |strong="H3588" leader |strong="H0117" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413",

and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" close |strong="H5066" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".

22 You |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" my |strong="H1961" people |strong="H5971",

and |strong="H0430" I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0430".

23 The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" very angry |strong="H2534"!

He |strong="H3068" punished the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H7563".

The |strong="H5921" punishment came |strong="H3318" like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H5921" storm |strong="H5591".

It |strong="H5921" came |strong="H3318" like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H5921" tornado against |strong="H5921" those |strong="H5921" wicked |strong="H7563" people |strong="H7563".

24 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" angry |strong="H0639" until |strong="H5704" he |strong="H5704" is |strong="H3068" through |strong="H3820" punishing |strong="H7725" them |strong="H7725".

He |strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" angry|strong="H0639" until|strong="H5704" he|strong="H5704" finishes the|strong="H3068" punishment he|strong="H5704" planned.

When|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" comes|strong="H3117", you|strong="H3117" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3068" Judah will|strong="H3068" understand|strong="H0995".

### The New Israel

**31** This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" what the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said, " At|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H6256" I|strong="H6256" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tribes|strong="H4940" of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478". And|strong="H3068" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"."

<sup>2</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": " The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H3068" escaped the|strong="H0559" enemy's sword|strong="H2719" will|strong="H3068" find|strong="H4672" comfort in|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0559" desert|strong="H4057".

Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H1980" there|strong="H4672" looking|strong="H4672" for|strong="H3068" rest|strong="H7280".

<sup>3</sup> From|strong="H5921" far|strong="H7350" away|strong="H4900", the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068"

will|strong="H3068" appear|strong="H7200" to|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" people|strong="H7200".

The|strong="H5921" Lord|strong="H3068" says, " I|strong="H3651" love|strong="H0157" you|strong="H5921" people|strong="H7200" with|strong="H3068" a|strong="H7200" love|strong="H0157" that|strong="H7200" continues forever|strong="H5769".

That|strong="H7200" is|strong="H3068" why|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651" have|strong="H3068" continued showing you|strong="H5921" kindness|strong="H2617".

<sup>4</sup> Israel|strong="H3478", my|strong="H3318" bride, I|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" re-build|strong="H1129" you|strong="H5750".

You|strong="H5750" will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H5750" a|strong="H1129" country again|strong="H5750".

You|strong="H5750" will|strong="H3478" pick up|strong="H1129" your|strong="H3318" tambourines|strong="H8596" again|strong="H5750".

You|strong="H5750" will|strong="H3478" dance|strong="H4234" with|strong="H3478" all|strong="H5750" the|strong="H1129" other|strong="H5750" people who|strong="H3478" are|strong="H3478" having fun.

<sup>5</sup> You|strong="H2022" farmers of|strong="H2022" Israel will|strong="H2022" plant|strong="H5193" vineyards|strong="H3754" again|strong="H5750".

You|strong="H2022" will|strong="H2022" plant|strong="H5193" the|strong="H5750" vineyards|strong="H3754" on|strong="H2022" the|strong="H5750" hills|strong="H2022" around the|strong="H5750" city of|strong="H2022" Samaria|strong="H8111".

The|strong="H5750" farmers will|strong="H2022" enjoy the|strong="H5750" fruit from|strong="H2022" the|strong="H5750" vineyards|strong="H3754".

<sup>6</sup> There|strong="H3426" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" time|strong="H3117" when|strong="H3588" watchmen|strong="H5341" shout this|strong="H3588" message|strong="H3068":

' Come|strong="H5927", let's go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" Zion|strong="H6726" to|strong="H0413" worship|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"!

Even|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" watchmen|strong="H5341" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H0430" Ephraim|strong="H0669" will|strong="H3068" shout that|strong="H3588" message|strong="H3068".

<sup>7</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":

" Be|strong="H3478" happy|strong="H8057" and|strong="H3068" sing|strong="H7442" for|strong="H3588" Jacob|strong="H3290"!

Shout|strong="H7442" for|strong="H3588" Israel|strong="H3478", the|strong="H0853" greatest of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471"!

Sing|strong="H7442" your|strong="H3068" praises|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" shout|strong="H7442":

' LORD|strong="H3068", save|strong="H3467" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971"! III

I WATCHMEN This usually means a guard who stands on the city walls watching for people coming to the city. Here, it probably means the prophets. II HILL COUNTRY OF EPHRAIM This was the central part of the land that had been the northern kingdom of Israel. III LORD, SAVE YOUR PEOPLE Or "LORD has saved his people!" This is often a shout of victory.

Save|strong="H3467" those|strong="H0853" who|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3478" left|strong="H7611" alive from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" nation|strong="H1471" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>8</sup> Remember, I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H0776" bring|strong="H0935" Israel

from|strong="H7725" that|strong="H0776" country|strong="H0776" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" north|strong="H6828".

I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H0776" gather|strong="H6908" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Israel

from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" faraway places on|strong="H0776" earth|strong="H0776".

Some of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" blind|strong="H5787" and|strong="H0935" crippled.

Some of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" women|strong="H2030" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" pregnant|strong="H2030" and|strong="H0935" ready to|strong="H0935" give|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205".

But|strong="H0935" many|strong="H1419" people|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725".

<sup>9</sup> They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935" crying|strong="H1065",

but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" lead|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0935" comfort them|strong="H0413".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" lead|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" by|strong="H0413" streams|strong="H5158" of|strong="H0001" water|strong="H4325".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" lead|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" on|strong="H0413" an|strong="H1961" easy road|strong="H1870",

where|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" stumble|strong="H3782".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" lead|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0935" that|strong="H3588" way|strong="H1870" because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H1961" Israel's|strong="H3478" father|strong="H0001".

And|strong="H0935" Ephraim|strong="H0669" is|strong="H1931" my|strong="H1961" first-born|strong="H1060" son.

<sup>10</sup> " Nations|strong="H1471", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"!

Tell|strong="H5046" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" faraway lands

by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" sea:

' God|strong="H3068" scattered|strong="H2219" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H1471" of|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478",

but|strong="H8085" he|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" bring them|strong="H5046" back together|strong="H6908".

And|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" watch|strong="H8104" over|strong="H3068" his|strong="H8104" flock|strong="H5739" like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H8085" shepherd|strong="H7462".

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" bring Jacob|strong="H3290" back|strong="H1350".

He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" save his|strong="H3068" people from|strong="H4480" those|strong="H4480" who|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3027" stronger|strong="H2389".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H5921" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5921" top|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1121" Zion|strong="H6726",

and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" shout|strong="H7442" with|strong="H0413" joy|strong="H7442".

Their|strong="H3068" faces will|strong="H3068" shine with|strong="H0413" happiness about|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" good|strong="H2898" things|strong="H2898" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" gives them|strong="H0413".

He|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H3254" them|strong="H0413" grain|strong="H1715", new|strong="H8492" wine|strong="H8492", olive oil|strong="H3323", young|strong="H1121" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H1121" cattle|strong="H1241".

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" garden|strong="H1588" that|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" plenty of|strong="H1121" water.

And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" troubled anymore|strong="H5750".

<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H0227" the|strong="H0227" young|strong="H0970" women|strong="H1330" of|strong="H2205" Israel will|strong="H0970" be|strong="H1330" happy|strong="H8055" and|strong="H2205" dance|strong="H4234".

And the men, young and old, will join in the dancing.

I will change their sadness into happiness.

I will comfort my people, making them happy instead of sad.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests plenty of food.

And my people will be satisfied with the good things I give them.

This message is from the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> This is what the LORD says:

"A sound is heard in Ramah— bitter crying and great sadness.

Rachel for her children,

and she refuses to be comforted,

because her children are gone."

<sup>16</sup> But the LORD says, "Stop crying.

Don't fill your eyes with tears.

You will be rewarded for your work."

<sup>1</sup> RACHEL Jacob's wife. Here, this means all the women who are crying for their husbands and children who have died in the war with Babylon.

This message is from the LORD.

"The people of Israel will come back from their enemy's land.

<sup>17</sup> Israel, there is hope for you.

This message is from the LORD.

"Your children will back to their own land.

<sup>18</sup> I have heard Ephraim crying:

'Lord, you punished me, and I learned my lesson.

I was like a calf that was never trained.

Please stop punishing me,

and I will come back to you.

You really are the LORD God.

<sup>19</sup> I wandered away from you.

But I finally realized how wrong I was.

So I changed my heart and life.

I am ashamed and embarrassed

about the things I did when I was young."

<sup>20</sup> The LORD says,

" You know that Ephraim my son is dear to me."

I love that child.

Yes, I often criticized Ephraim,

but I still think about him.

I love him very much,

and I really do want to comfort him.

<sup>21</sup> " People of Israel, repair the road signs.

Put up signs that show the way home.

Watch the road.

Remember the road you are on.

Israel, my bride, come home.

Come back to your towns.

<sup>22</sup> Unfaithful daughter, how will you wander around?

" The LORD has created something new in the land:

A woman surrounding a man."

<sup>23</sup> This is what the LORD, All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says: " I will do good things

for the people of Judah. I will bring back those who were taken away as prisoners. At that time the people of the land of Judah and its towns will again use these words: ' May the LORD bless you, good home and holy mountain!

<sup>24</sup> " People in all towns of Judah will live together in peace. Farmers and those who move around with their flocks will live peacefully together in Judah. I will give rest and strength to those who are weak and tired."

<sup>26</sup> After hearing that, I, Jeremiah, woke up and looked around. My sleep was very pleasant.

<sup>27</sup> " The days are coming," says the LORD, " when I will help the family of Israel and Judah to grow. I will help their children and ani-

I A WOMAN SURROUNDING A MAN The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. It might be part of some saying that was familiar to the people in Jeremiah's time.

II GOOD HOME AND HOLY MOUNTAIN This was a blessing for the Temple and for Mount Zion, the mountain the Temple was built on.

mals |strong="H0929" to |strong="H0935" grow too. It |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3478" like |strong="H3478" planting |strong="H2233" and |strong="H0935" caring for |strong="H1004" a |strong="H0935" plant |strong="H2232".<sup>28</sup> In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" past I |strong="H0834" watched |strong="H8245" over |strong="H5921" Israel and |strong="H3068" Judah, but |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" watched |strong="H8245" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" time |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" pull |strong="H2040" them |strong="H5921" up |strong="H5921". I |strong="H0834" tore |strong="H5422" them |strong="H5921" down |strong="H5422". I |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H0006" them |strong="H5921". I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H1961" many troubles to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5921". But |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" watch |strong="H8245" over |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H1961" build |strong="H1129" them |strong="H5921" up |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" make |strong="H0006" them |strong="H5921" strong." This |strong="H3651" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>29</sup> " People |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" use |strong="H0398" this |strong="H3117" saying |strong="H0559" anymore |strong="H5750":

' The |strong="H0559" parents |strong="H0001" ate |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0559" sour |strong="H1155" grapes |strong="H1155", but |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0559" children |strong="H1121" got the |strong="H0559" sour |strong="H1155" taste.'<sup>1</sup>

<sup>30</sup> No |strong="H0518", people |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0376" die |strong="H4191" for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3605" own |strong="H0376" sins |strong="H5771". Those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" eat |strong="H0398" sour |strong="H1155" grapes |strong="H1155" will |strong="H0376" get the |strong="H3605" sour |strong="H1155" taste."

### The |strong="H3605" New Agreement

<sup>31</sup> This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said, " The |strong="H5002" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935" when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3772" a |strong="H3772" new |strong="H2319" agree-

<sup>1</sup> THE PARENTS ... SOUR TASTE This means the children were suffering for things their parents did.

ment |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H5002" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H5002" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063".<sup>32</sup> It |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285" I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3772" with |strong="H0854" their |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001". I |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3772" that |strong="H0834" agreement |strong="H1285" when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3318" them |strong="H1992" by |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H3318" them |strong="H1992" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" their |strong="H3068" master |strong="H1166", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992" broke that |strong="H0834" agreement |strong="H1285". This |strong="H0834" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>33</sup> " In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" future I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2063" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478". This |strong="H2063" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" put |strong="H5414" my |strong="H5414" teachings |strong="H8451" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" minds |strong="H3820", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" write |strong="H3789" them |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3068" hearts |strong="H3820". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" my |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971".<sup>34</sup> People |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3045" to |strong="H0559" teach |strong="H3925" their |strong="H3605" neighbors |strong="H7453" and |strong="H3068" relatives |strong="H0251" to |strong="H0559" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", because |strong="H3588"

all |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376", from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" least important |strong="H5704" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" most important |strong="H5704", will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" me |strong="H3925"." This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". " I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" forgive |strong="H5545" them |strong="H0853" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H5771" things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" remember |strong="H2142" their |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H2403"."

**The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" Will |strong="H3068" Never |strong="H3808" Leave Is-  
rael**

<sup>35</sup> He |strong="H3068" makes |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" sun |strong="H8121" shine |strong="H0216" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" day |strong="H3119", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" makes |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" moon |strong="H3394" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" stars |strong="H3556" shine |strong="H0216" at |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915".

He |strong="H3068" stirs up |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" sea |strong="H3220" so |strong="H3541" that |strong="H3068" its |strong="H5414" waves |strong="H1530" crash on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" shore.

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful is |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5414" name |strong="H8034".

This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":

<sup>36</sup> " The |strong="H3605" descen-  
dants |strong="H2233" of |strong="H3068" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" nev-  
er |strong="H0518" stop |strong="H4185" be-  
ing |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" na-  
tion |strong="H1471".

That |strong="H3605" would |strong="H3478" hap-  
pen |strong="H1961" only |strong="H0518"  
if |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0518" lost control  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" sun, moon,  
stars, and |strong="H3068" sea."

<sup>37</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
says |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H0518" re-  
ject |strong="H3988" the |strong="H3605" descen-

dants |strong="H2233" of |strong="H0776" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478".

That |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3478" hap-  
pen only |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" could |strong="H1571" mea-  
sure |strong="H4058" the |strong="H3605"  
sky |strong="H8064" above |strong="H5921",  
and |strong="H3068" learn all |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" secrets of |strong="H0776"  
the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776" be-  
low |strong="H4295".

Only |strong="H0518" then |strong="H1571"  
would |strong="H3478" I |strong="H0589" re-  
ject |strong="H3988" them |strong="H5921"  
for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" bad  
things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213"."

This |strong="H3541" message |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

**The |strong="H3605" New Jerusalem**

<sup>38</sup> This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068"  
is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068", "  
The |strong="H5002" days |strong="H3117"  
are |strong="H3117" coming |strong="H2009"  
when |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5002"  
city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3068" Jerusalem  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" re-  
built |strong="H1129" for |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068".  
The |strong="H5002" whole |strong="H3117"  
city |strong="H5892" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3068" rebuilt |strong="H1129"—  
from |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5002" Tow-  
er |strong="H4026" of |strong="H3068"  
Hananel |strong="H2606" to |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H5002" Corner |strong="H6438"  
Gate |strong="H8179". <sup>39</sup> The |strong="H5921" mea-  
suring |strong="H4060" line <sup>1</sup> will |strong="H5750"  
stretch from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5921"  
Corner Gate straight |strong="H5048"  
to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921"  
hill |strong="H1389" of |strong="H5921"  
Gareb |strong="H1619" and |strong="H3318"  
then |strong="H3318" turn |strong="H5437"  
to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" place named  
Gorah. <sup>40</sup> The |strong="H3605"  
whole |strong="H3605" valley |strong="H6010"  
where |strong="H3808" dead |strong="H6297" bod-  
ies |strong="H6297" and |strong="H3068" ash-  
es |strong="H1880" are |strong="H3068"  
thrown |strong="H2040" and |strong="H3068"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" terraces  
down |strong="H2040" to |strong="H5704"

<sup>1</sup> MEASURING LINE A rope or chain for measuring property lines.

the bottom of Kidron Valley all the way to the corner of Horse Gate be to LORD city of Jerusalem will again torn or

### Jeremiah Buys a Field

**32** This is the message LORD that came to Jeremiah during the tenth year that Zedekiah king of Judah was king of Judah. <sup>1</sup> The tenth year of Zedekiah was the 18th year of Nebuchadnezzar that the army of the king of Babylon was surrounding the city of Jerusalem, and Jeremiah was under arrest in the courtyard of the guard palace of the king of Judah. <sup>3</sup> King Zedekiah had put Jeremiah in prison in that place.

<sup>1</sup> THE TENTH YEAR ... JUDAH This was 588–587 B.C. This was the year Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.

didn't like the things Jeremiah prophesied. Jeremiah had said, "This is what the LORD says: 'I will soon give the city of Jerusalem to the king of Babylon.' Nebuchadnezzar will capture this city." <sup>4</sup> King Zedekiah of Judah will not escape from the army of the Babylonians. But he will surely be given to the king of Babylon. And Zedekiah will speak to the king of Babylon face to face. He will see him with his own eyes. <sup>5</sup> The king of Babylon will take Zedekiah to Babylon. Zedekiah will stay there until I have punished him. This message is from the LORD. 'If you fight against the army of the Babylonians, you will not succeed.'

<sup>6</sup> While Jeremiah was a prisoner, he said,



This message from LORD to me. This was the message: 'Jeremiah, your cousin, Hanamel will come to you soon. He is the son of your uncle Hanamel. Shallum will say to you, "Jeremiah, buy my field near the town of Anathoth. Buy it because you are my nearest relative." It is your right and your responsibility to buy that field.'

<sup>8</sup> Then it happened as LORD said. My cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of guard. Hanamel said to me, 'Jeremiah, buy my field near the town of Anathoth, in the land of Benjamin that for yourself because it is your right to buy it and it is own.'

So I knew that

this was a message from LORD. I bought the field of Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel. I weighed out 17 shekels of silver for him. I signed the deed and had a copy of the deed sealed up. I got some men to witness what I had done, and I weighed out silver for the scales. Then I took the sealed copy of the deed, which contained the demands and limits of my purchase, and the copy that was not sealed. I gave the deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah. I did this while my cousin Hanamel and the other witnesses were there. They signed the deed. There were also many people of Judah sitting in the courtyard who saw me give the

I SHEKEL 2/5 of an ounce (11.5 g). II SEALED UP Important documents were rolled up and tied with a string. Then a piece of clay or wax was put on the string. Then a person's mark was put in that clay or wax. This way, people could prove nothing in the document was changed.

deed|strong="H5612" to|strong="H0413"  
Baruch|strong="H1263".

<sup>13</sup> With|strong="H5869" all the|strong="H0853"  
people|strong="H5869" watching|strong="H5869",  
I|strong="H6680" said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0559" Baruch|strong="H1263", <sup>14</sup> "  
This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H2088" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful,  
the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478",  
says|strong="H0559": ' Take|strong="H3947" both  
copies of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853"  
deed|strong="H5612"— the|strong="H0853"  
sealed|strong="H2856" copy and|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" copy that|strong="H3117"  
was|strong="H3068" not|strong="H2088"  
sealed|strong="H2856"— and|strong="H3068"  
put|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414"  
in|strong="H0430" a|strong="H3947"  
clay|strong="H2789" jar|strong="H3627".  
Do|strong="H2088" this|strong="H2088"  
so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H3117"  
these|strong="H0428" deeds|strong="H5612"  
will|strong="H3068" last|strong="H5975"  
a|strong="H3947" long|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117".' <sup>15</sup> The|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful,  
the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478",  
says|strong="H0559", ' In|strong="H0430"  
the|strong="H0559" future my|strong="H3068" peo-  
ple|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" once  
again|strong="H5750" buy|strong="H7069" hous-  
es|strong="H1004", fields|strong="H7704",  
and|strong="H3068" vineyards|strong="H3754"  
in|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559"  
land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1004" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478"."

<sup>16</sup> After|strong="H0310" I|strong="H5414"  
gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853"  
deed|strong="H5612" to|strong="H0413"  
Baruch|strong="H1263" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Neriah|strong="H5374",  
I|strong="H5414" prayed|strong="H6419"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068":

<sup>17</sup> " Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136",  
with|strong="H1697" your|strong="H3605"  
great|strong="H1419" power|strong="H2220"  
you|strong="H0859" made|strong="H6213"  
the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776"  
and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605"  
sky|strong="H8064". There|strong="H2009"  
is|strong="H0776" nothing|strong="H3808"  
too|strong="H4480" hard|strong="H1419"  
for|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0859"  
to|strong="H0776" do|strong="H6213". <sup>18</sup>

You|strong="H6213" are|strong="H3068" loy-  
al|strong="H0310" and|strong="H1121" kind  
to|strong="H0413" thousands|strong="H0505"  
of|strong="H1121" people|strong="H1121",  
but|strong="H7999" you|strong="H6213" al-  
so|strong="H3068" bring punish-  
ment|strong="H5771" to|strong="H0413" chil-  
dren|strong="H1121" for|strong="H0413"  
their|strong="H3068" fathers'|strong="H0001"  
sins|strong="H5771". Great|strong="H1419"  
and|strong="H1121" powerful|strong="H1368"  
God|strong="H0410", your|strong="H3068"  
name|strong="H8034" is|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" All-  
Powerful. <sup>19</sup> You|strong="H0834"  
plan|strong="H6098" and|strong="H1121"  
do|strong="H3605" great|strong="H1419"  
things|strong="H3605". You|strong="H0834"  
see|strong="H5869" everything|strong="H3605"  
that|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0120"  
do|strong="H3605". You|strong="H0834"  
give|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" re-  
ward|strong="H6529" to|strong="H5921"  
those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834"  
do|strong="H3605" good things|strong="H3605",  
and|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0834" punish  
those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834"  
do|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605"—  
you|strong="H0834" give|strong="H5414"  
them|strong="H5414" what|strong="H0834"  
they|strong="H0834" deserve|strong="H0376". <sup>20</sup>  
You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
been|strong="H0834" doing|strong="H6213" pow-  
erful miracles|strong="H4159" in|strong="H3478"  
the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714" un-  
til|strong="H5704" now|strong="H3117",  
in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478"  
and|strong="H3478" elsewhere.  
You|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0834" one|strong="H2088"  
who|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" your-  
self as|strong="H0834" famous|strong="H8034"  
as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
are|strong="H0834" today|strong="H3117". <sup>21</sup>  
You|strong="H0853" used power-  
ful|strong="H2389" miracles|strong="H4159"  
and|strong="H3478" brought|strong="H3318"  
your|strong="H5186" people|strong="H5971" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478" out|strong="H3318"  
of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714".  
You|strong="H0853" used your|strong="H5186"  
own powerful|strong="H2389"  
hand|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3478"  
do|strong="H3318" this. Your|strong="H5186"  
power|strong="H3027" was|strong="H3478" amaz-  
ing!

22 " You |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" Israelites this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H7650" to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" their |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001" long ago. It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" very good land |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H2100" many good things |strong="H0834". 23 They |strong="H0834" came |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2063" land and |strong="H1980" took |strong="H3423" it |strong="H6213" for |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" own. But |strong="H3808" they |strong="H0834" didn't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" didn't |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H1980" your |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451" or |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680". So |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H2063" terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" happen |strong="H7122" to |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0853".

24 " And |strong="H0935" now |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" enemy has |strong="H0834" surrounded the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892". They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" building ramps |strong="H5550" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" get |strong="H0935" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" walls of |strong="H3027" Jerusalem and |strong="H0935" capture |strong="H3920" it |strong="H5414". Because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3027" war |strong="H2719", hunger |strong="H7458", and |strong="H0935" disease, the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3027" Jerusalem will |strong="H1961" fall |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army. The |strong="H6440" Babylonians |strong="H3778" are |strong="H0834" attacking the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892" now |strong="H1961". You |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696" this |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834" happen |strong="H1961", and |strong="H0935" now |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" it |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834" happening.

25 " Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136", all those bad things are |strong="H3027" happening. But |strong="H0859" now |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3027" telling |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413", ' Jere-

miah |strong="H0413", buy |strong="H7069" the |strong="H0559" field |strong="H7704" with |strong="H0413" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3027" choose some |strong="H3027" men |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" witness |strong="H5707" the |strong="H0559" purchase |strong="H3701"! You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3027" telling |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" this |strong="H5749" while |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army is |strong="H3027" ready to |strong="H0413" capture the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892". Why should |strong="H0559" I |strong="H5414" waste my |strong="H5414" money |strong="H3701" like |strong="H3701" that |strong="H0559"?"

26 Then |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414": 27 " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" every |strong="H3605" person |strong="H1320" on |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" earth. You |strong="H3605" know that |strong="H3605" nothing |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" impossible for |strong="H3605" me |strong="H4480". 28 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" soon give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army and |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". The |strong="H0853" army will |strong="H3068" capture |strong="H3920" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892". 29 The |strong="H0853" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army is |strong="H0834" already attacking the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H1004" Jerusalem |strong="H4616". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" soon enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0935" start a |strong="H0935" fire |strong="H0784". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" burn |strong="H8313" down |strong="H8313" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892". There |strong="H2063" are |strong="H0834" houses |strong="H1004" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063" city |strong="H5892" where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" peo-

ple |strong="H0834" of|strong="H1004"  
 Jerusalem |strong="H4616" made |strong="H0834"  
 me |strong="H5921" angry |strong="H3707"  
 by |strong="H5921" offering |strong="H6999" sacri-  
 fices |strong="H6999" to |strong="H0935"  
 the |strong="H0853" false god |strong="H0430"  
 Baal |strong="H1168" on |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0853" housetops |strong="H1406".  
 And |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0834" poured  
 out |strong="H5921" drink offerings  
 to |strong="H0935" other |strong="H0312" idol  
 gods |strong="H0430". The |strong="H0853" Babylon-  
 ian |strong="H3778" army will |strong="H0430"  
 burn |strong="H8313" down |strong="H8313"  
 those |strong="H0834" houses |strong="H1004".<sup>30</sup>  
 I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" watched  
 the |strong="H5002" people |strong="H1121"  
 of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478"  
 and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5002" peo-  
 ple |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ju-  
 dah |strong="H3063". Everything  
 they |strong="H3588" do |strong="H6213"  
 is |strong="H3068" evil |strong="H7451".  
 They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961"  
 done |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7451"  
 things |strong="H4639" since |strong="H3588"  
 they |strong="H3588" were |strong="H1961"  
 young |strong="H1121". The |strong="H5002" peo-  
 ple |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" have |strong="H1961"  
 made |strong="H6213" me |strong="H3707" very an-  
 gry |strong="H3707" because |strong="H3588"  
 they |strong="H3588" worship |strong="H3478"  
 idols |strong="H5869" that |strong="H3588"  
 they |strong="H3588" made |strong="H6213"  
 with |strong="H0854" their |strong="H3068"  
 own |strong="H1961" hands |strong="H3027".  
 This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068"  
 is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3478"  
 the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>31</sup> "  
 From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853"  
 time |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" Jerusalem  
 was |strong="H1961" built |strong="H1129" un-  
 til |strong="H5704" now |strong="H1961",  
 the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834"  
 of |strong="H3117" this |strong="H2088"  
 city |strong="H5892" have |strong="H1961"  
 made |strong="H1961" me |strong="H6440" an-  
 gry |strong="H0639". This |strong="H2088"  
 city |strong="H5892" has |strong="H0834"  
 made |strong="H1961" me |strong="H6440"  
 very |strong="H2088" angry |strong="H0639",  
 so |strong="H4480" I |strong="H0834"  
 must |strong="H0853" remove |strong="H5493"  
 it |strong="H5921" from |strong="H4480"  
 my |strong="H5921" sight |strong="H6440".<sup>32</sup>  
 I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" de-  
 stroy |strong="H3605" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" be-

cause |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121"  
 all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
 evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376"  
 of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478"  
 and |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063"  
 have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213".  
 The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376",  
 their |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428", lead-  
 ers |strong="H8269", their |strong="H3605"  
 priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1121"  
 prophets |strong="H5030", the |strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" Ju-  
 dah |strong="H3063", and |strong="H1121"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376"  
 of |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389"  
 have |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605"  
 made |strong="H6213" me |strong="H5921" an-  
 gry |strong="H3707".

<sup>33</sup> " They |strong="H3808" should |strong="H0413"  
 have |strong="H0369" come to |strong="H0413"  
 me |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" help,  
 but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808"  
 turned |strong="H6437" their |strong="H3947"  
 backs |strong="H6203" to |strong="H0413"  
 me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3808" tried  
 to |strong="H0413" teach |strong="H3925"  
 them |strong="H0413" again |strong="H7925"  
 and |strong="H6440" again |strong="H7925",  
 but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808"  
 would |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808" lis-  
 ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413"  
 me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3808" tried  
 to |strong="H0413" correct them |strong="H0413",  
 but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808"  
 would |strong="H0369" not |strong="H3808" lis-  
 ten |strong="H8085".<sup>34</sup> They |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7760"  
 their |strong="H5921" idols |strong="H8251",  
 and |strong="H1004" I |strong="H0834" hate  
 those |strong="H0834" idols |strong="H8251".  
 They |strong="H0834" put |strong="H7760"  
 their |strong="H5921" idols |strong="H8251"  
 in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" Tem-  
 ple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H0834"  
 is |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121"  
 by |strong="H5921" my |strong="H7760"  
 name |strong="H8034", so |strong="H7121"  
 they |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7760"  
 my |strong="H7760" Temple |strong="H1004" 'dirty.'

<sup>35</sup> " In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Val-  
 ley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H1121" Ben Hin-  
 nom |strong="H2011",<sup>1</sup> they |strong="H0834"  
 built |strong="H1129" high |strong="H1116"  
 places |strong="H1116" to |strong="H5921"

<sup>1</sup> VALLEY OF BEN HINNOM This valley is also called "Gehenna." This name comes from the Hebrew name "Ge Hinnom—Hinnom's Valley." This place became an example of how God punishes wicked people.

the *strong*="H0853" false god *strong*="H3808" Baal *strong*="H1168". They *strong*="H0834" built *strong*="H1129" those *strong*="H0834" worship places *strong*="H1116" so *strong*="H4616" that *strong*="H0834" they *strong*="H0834" could burn *strong*="H5927" their *strong*="H5921" sons *strong*="H1121" and *strong*="H1121" daughters *strong*="H1323" as *strong*="H0834" sacrifices. I *strong*="H0834" never *strong*="H3808" commanded *strong*="H6680" them *strong*="H0853" to *strong*="H5921" do *strong*="H6213" such *strong*="H0834" a *strong*="H1129" terrible thing *strong*="H8441". I *strong*="H0834" never *strong*="H3808" even *strong*="H3808" thought *strong*="H3820" the *strong*="H0853" people *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Judah *strong*="H3063" would *strong*="H0834" do *strong*="H6213" such *strong*="H0834" a *strong*="H1129" terrible thing *strong*="H8441".

<sup>36</sup> " You *strong*="H0859" people *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834" saying *strong*="H0559", ' The *strong*="H0559" king *strong*="H4428" of *strong*="H4428" Babylon *strong*="H0894" will *strong*="H3068" capture Jerusalem. He *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H3068" use war *strong*="H2719", hunger *strong*="H7458", and *strong*="H3068" disease to *strong*="H0413" defeat *strong*="H5414" this *strong*="H2063" city *strong*="H5892".' But *strong*="H0859" this *strong*="H2063" is *strong*="H0834" what *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068", the *strong*="H0559" God *strong*="H0430" of *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H0559" people *strong*="H0834" of *strong*="H4428" Israel *strong*="H3478", says *strong*="H0559": <sup>37</sup> ' I *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H0834" forced the *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H3427" of *strong*="H0776" Israel and *strong*="H0776" Judah to *strong*="H0413" leave their *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776". I *strong*="H0834" was *strong*="H0834" very *strong*="H2088" angry *strong*="H0639" with *strong*="H0413" them *strong*="H0413", but *strong*="H0834" I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" bring *strong*="H7725" them *strong*="H0413" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0413" this *strong*="H2088" place *strong*="H4725". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" gather *strong*="H6908" them *strong*="H0413" from *strong*="H7725" the *strong*="H3605" land *strong*="H0776" where *strong*="H0834" I *strong*="H0834" forced them *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" go *strong*="H7725". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" bring *strong*="H7725" them *strong*="H0413" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0413" this *strong*="H2088" place *strong*="H4725". I *strong*="H0834"

will *strong*="H0776" let them *strong*="H0413" live *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" peace and *strong*="H0776" safety *strong*="H0983". <sup>38</sup> The *strong*="H0589" people *strong*="H5971" of *strong*="H0430" Israel *strong*="H5971" and *strong*="H0430" Judah will *strong*="H0430" be *strong*="H1961" my *strong*="H1961" people *strong*="H5971", and *strong*="H0430" I *strong*="H0589" will *strong*="H0430" be *strong*="H1961" their *strong*="H1961" God *strong*="H0430". <sup>39</sup> I *strong*="H5414" will *strong*="H1121" give *strong*="H5414" them *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H3605" desire to *strong*="H5414" be *strong*="H1121" one *strong*="H0259", united *strong*="H0259" people *strong*="H1121". They *strong*="H3117" will *strong*="H1121" have *strong*="H1121" one *strong*="H0259" goal— to *strong*="H5414" worship *strong*="H3372" me *strong*="H5414" all *strong*="H3605" their *strong*="H3605" lives. They *strong*="H3117" and *strong*="H1121" their *strong*="H3605" children *strong*="H1121" will *strong*="H1121" want to *strong*="H5414" do *strong*="H3605" this *strong*="H3117".

<sup>40</sup> " I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" make *strong*="H5414" an *strong*="H5414" agreement *strong*="H1285" with *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H0853" people *strong*="H0834" of *strong*="H5921" Israel and *strong*="H7725" Judah *strong*="H5769" that *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" last *strong*="H5769" forever *strong*="H5769". In *strong*="H5921" this *strong*="H0834" agreement *strong*="H1285" I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" never *strong*="H3808" turn *strong*="H7725" away *strong*="H5493" from *strong*="H7725" them *strong*="H5414". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" always *strong*="H5769" be *strong*="H3808" good *strong*="H3190" to *strong*="H7725" them *strong*="H5414". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" make *strong*="H5414" them *strong*="H5414" want to *strong*="H7725" respect *strong*="H5921" me *strong*="H5414". Then *strong*="H0853" they *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" never *strong*="H3808" turn *strong*="H7725" away *strong*="H5493" from *strong*="H7725" me *strong*="H5414". <sup>41</sup> They *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H0776" make me *strong*="H5315" happy. I *strong*="H5315" will *strong*="H0776" enjoy doing good *strong*="H2895" to *strong*="H5921" them *strong*="H0853". And *strong*="H0776" I *strong*="H5315" will *strong*="H0776" surely *strong*="H2063" plant *strong*="H5193" them *strong*="H0853" in *strong*="H5921" this *strong*="H2063" land *strong*="H0776" and *strong*="H0776" make them *strong*="H0853" grow. I *strong*="H5315" will *strong*="H0776"

do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H2063" with |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" heart |strong="H3820" and |strong="H0776" soul |strong="H5315"."  
 42 This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" brought |strong="H0935" this |strong="H2088" great |strong="H1419" disaster |strong="H7451" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0935" Judah. In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H2088" way |strong="H3541" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H0935" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" promise |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3605" for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H0413". 43 You |strong="H0859" people |strong="H0120" are |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0369" an |strong="H5414" empty desert. There |strong="H0369" are |strong="H0834" no |strong="H0369" people |strong="H0120" or |strong="H0369" animals |strong="H0929" here |strong="H2063". The |strong="H0559" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army |strong="H0776" defeated this |strong="H2063" country |strong="H0776". But |strong="H0369" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" future people |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0776" once again buy |strong="H7069" fields |strong="H7704" in |strong="H0776" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776". 44 They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" use their |strong="H3068" money |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3068" buy |strong="H7069" fields |strong="H7704". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" sign |strong="H3789" and |strong="H3068" seal |strong="H2856" their |strong="H3068" agreements. They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" witness |strong="H5707" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0776" signing their |strong="H3068" deeds |strong="H5612". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" again |strong="H7725" buy |strong="H7069" fields |strong="H7704" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" where the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H0776" Benjamin |strong="H1144" lives, in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" area |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" towns |strong="H5892"

of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063", in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" hill |strong="H2022" country |strong="H2022", in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" western foothills |strong="H8219", and |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" area |strong="H5439" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" southern |strong="H5045" desert. This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" happen because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0853" back |strong="H7725" home |strong="H0776". This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3389" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

### The Promise of God

**33** While |strong="H5750" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" was |strong="H1961" still |strong="H5750" locked up |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" courtyard |strong="H2691" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" guards, the |strong="H0559" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413" a |strong="H1961" second |strong="H8145" time |strong="H8145". 2 " The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" earth, and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H6213" keeps it |strong="H6213" safe. The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034". He |strong="H6213" says |strong="H0559", 3 'Judah, pray |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", and |strong="H1419" I |strong="H3045" will |strong="H3808" answer |strong="H6030" you |strong="H3045". I |strong="H3045" will |strong="H3808" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H3045" important |strong="H1419" secrets. You |strong="H3045" have |strong="H3045" never |strong="H3808" heard |strong="H5046" these things |strong="H1419" before |strong="H0413". 4 The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" he |strong="H3588" says |strong="H0559" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" houses |strong="H1004" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem and |strong="H3068" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" palaces of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559"

kings |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063": ' The |strong="H0559" enemy will |strong="H3068" pull |strong="H5422" these |strong="H2063" houses |strong="H1004" down |strong="H5422". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" build ramps |strong="H5550" up |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" top |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892" walls. They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" use swords |strong="H2719" and |strong="H3068" fight the |strong="H0559" people in |strong="H5921" these |strong="H2063" cities |strong="H5892".

<sup>5</sup> " The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H7451" many bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605". I |strong="H0834" am angry |strong="H0639" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H5921". I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" turned against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921", so |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" kill |strong="H5221" many people |strong="H0120" there |strong="H2063". The |strong="H3605" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army will |strong="H0834" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5921" Jerusalem. There |strong="H2063" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3605" many dead |strong="H6297" bodies |strong="H6297" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" houses in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup> " But |strong="H1992" then |strong="H5927" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0724" heal |strong="H7495" the |strong="H5927" people in |strong="H7495" that |strong="H2005" city. I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0724" let |strong="H1540" them |strong="H1992" enjoy peace |strong="H7965" and |strong="H0571" safety |strong="H7965". <sup>7</sup> I |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" make |strong="H7725" good things |strong="H7223" happen to |strong="H7725" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Israel |strong="H3478" again |strong="H7725" and |strong="H3063" make |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0853" strong as |strong="H3063" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" past |strong="H7223". <sup>8</sup> They |strong="H0834" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" me |strong="H2398", but |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" wash away |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" sin |strong="H2398". They |strong="H0834" fought against |strong="H2398" me |strong="H2398", but |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" forgive |strong="H5545" them |strong="H0834". <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H1961"

Jerusalem will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" wonderful place |strong="H1961". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" happy |strong="H2896". People |strong="H1471" from |strong="H5921" other |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1961" praise |strong="H8416" it |strong="H5921" when |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H8085" about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3605" happening there |strong="H1961". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" hear |strong="H8085" about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" doing |strong="H6213" for |strong="H5921" Jerusalem.'

<sup>10</sup> " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0369" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": ' You |strong="H0859" people |strong="H0120" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3068" country |strong="H4725" is |strong="H0369" an |strong="H2088" empty desert. There |strong="H0369" are |strong="H0834" no |strong="H0369" people |strong="H0120" or |strong="H0369" animals |strong="H0929" living |strong="H3427" there |strong="H0369"! It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0369" now |strong="H2088" quiet in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" streets |strong="H2351" of |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" towns |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063". But |strong="H0369" it |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H5750" noisy there |strong="H0369" soon |strong="H5750". <sup>11</sup> There |strong="H5769" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" sounds |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" joy |strong="H8057" and |strong="H0935" happiness |strong="H8057". There |strong="H5769" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" happy |strong="H8057" sounds |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" bride |strong="H3618" and |strong="H0935" groom. There |strong="H5769" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" sounds |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" people |strong="H0776" bringing |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3068" gifts |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", ' Praise |strong="H3034" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Power-

ful! The LORD is good! His love will last! They say will because I will do things Judah will be as was the beginning This is what LORD said.

12 The All-Powerful says, "This place is now empty. There are no people or animals living here. But there will be people in all towns of Judah. There will be shepherds, and there will be pastures where they will rest." 13 Shepherds will count their sheep as they walk in front of them. They will be counting their sheep all around the country— in the hill country, in the western foothills, in the Negev, and in Judah.

### The Good Branch

14 This message is the LORD's: "I made a special promise to the people of Israel and Judah. The time is coming when I will do what I promised." 15 At that time I will make a good 'branch' grow from David's family. That branch will do what is good and right in the country. When he rules, Judah will be saved. The people of Jerusalem will live in safety. This will be his name: 'The LORD Makes Things Right For Us'."

17 The LORD says, "Someone from David's family will always sit on the throne and rule the family of Israel." 18 And there will be priests from the family of Levi.



ings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H3117" sacrifice |strong="H2077" grain |strong="H3605" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H3117" give |strong="H5927" sacrifices |strong="H2077" to |strong="H0376" me |strong="H6440"."

<sup>19</sup> This |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414". <sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0518" have |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H3068" day |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915". I |strong="H0518" agreed that |strong="H3117" they |strong="H0518" would |strong="H3068" continue |strong="H1961" forever |strong="H3117". You |strong="H0518" cannot change that |strong="H3117" agreement |strong="H1285". Day |strong="H3117" and |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915" will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117" come |strong="H1961" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" right time |strong="H6256". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" could change that |strong="H3117" agreement |strong="H1285", <sup>21</sup> then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H5921" could |strong="H1571" change my |strong="H5921" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881". Then |strong="H1961" descendants |strong="H1121" from |strong="H5921" David |strong="H1732" would |strong="H3548" not |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" kings, and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" family of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881" would |strong="H3548" not |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" priests |strong="H3548". <sup>22</sup> But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give many |strong="H7235" descendants |strong="H2233" to |strong="H5650" my |strong="H1732" servant |strong="H5650" David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H8064" to |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H5650" Levi |strong="H3881". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" as |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7235" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" stars in |strong="H5650" the |strong="H0853" sky |strong="H8064"— no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" can |strong="H0834" count |strong="H5608" all the |strong="H0853" stars. And |strong="H8064" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3808" as |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7235" as |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" grains of |strong="H5650" sand |strong="H2344"

on |strong="H3220" the |strong="H0853" seashore |strong="H3220"— no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" can |strong="H0834" count |strong="H5608" the |strong="H0853" grains of |strong="H5650" sand |strong="H2344"."

<sup>23</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H3414" received |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068": <sup>24</sup> " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", have |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" heard |strong="H7200" what |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559"? They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559", ' The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" turned |strong="H1961" away |strong="H5750" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" families |strong="H4940" of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" Judah. He |strong="H0834" chose |strong="H0977" those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971", but |strong="H3808" now |strong="H1961" he |strong="H0834" does |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H5750" accept them |strong="H0853" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H1961" nation |strong="H1471"."

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559", " If |strong="H0518" my |strong="H7760" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H3068" day |strong="H3119" and |strong="H3068" night |strong="H3915" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" continue, and |strong="H3068" if |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0518" had |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" made |strong="H7760" the |strong="H0559" laws for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0559" sky |strong="H8064" and |strong="H3068" earth |strong="H0776", maybe I |strong="H0518" would |strong="H3068" leave |strong="H7760" those people |strong="H3808". <sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H3947" maybe I |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3290" turn |strong="H7725" away |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" Jacob's |strong="H3290" descendants |strong="H2233". And |strong="H7725" then |strong="H3947" maybe I |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3290" not |strong="H1732" let |strong="H3988" David's |strong="H1732" descendants |strong="H2233" rule |strong="H4910" over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" descendants |strong="H2233" of |strong="H5650" Abraham |strong="H0085", Isaac |strong="H3446", and |strong="H7725" Jacob |strong="H3290". But |strong="H3588" David |strong="H1732" is |strong="H1571" my |strong="H3947" servant |strong="H5650", and |strong="H7725" I |strong="H3588"

will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" kind to|strong="H0413" those|strong="H0853" people. I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1571" again|strong="H7725" cause|strong="H7725" good things to|strong="H0413" happen to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413"."

### A Warning to Zedekiah

**34** The|strong="H3605" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414". The|strong="H3605" message|strong="H1697" came|strong="H1961" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961" King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" was|strong="H1961" fighting|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" around|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" had|strong="H3068" with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" armies|strong="H2428" of|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" kingdoms|strong="H4467" and|strong="H3068" peoples|strong="H5971" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" empire he|strong="H0834" ruled|strong="H4428".

<sup>2</sup> This|strong="H2063" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" message|strong="H3068": "This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" people of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559": Jeremiah|strong="H3068", go|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H1980" give|strong="H5414" him|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2063" message|strong="H3068": 'Zedekiah|strong="H6667", this|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" very|strong="H1980" soon, and|strong="H1980"

he|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" burn|strong="H8313" it|strong="H5414" down|strong="H1980".<sup>3</sup> Zedekiah, you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" escape|strong="H4422" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H4428" surely|strong="H3588" be|strong="H3808" caught|strong="H8610" and|strong="H0935" given|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0935" him|strong="H5414". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H4428" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" with|strong="H0854" your|strong="H5414" own|strong="H5869" eyes|strong="H5869". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428" talk|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" face|strong="H6310" to|strong="H0935" face|strong="H6310", and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H4428" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Babylon|strong="H0894".<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H0389" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" promise|strong="H1697" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068", King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063". This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921": You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H4191" killed|strong="H4191" with|strong="H3068" a|strong="H8085" sword|strong="H2719".<sup>5</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191" in|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1961" peaceful|strong="H7965" way|strong="H1697". People|strong="H0834" made|strong="H1696" funeral fires to|strong="H1696" honor your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001", the|strong="H6440" kings|strong="H4428" who|strong="H0834" ruled|strong="H4428" before|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" became|strong="H1961" king|strong="H4428". In|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" same|strong="H3651" way|strong="H1697" people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3588" a|strong="H1961" funeral fire to|strong="H1696" honor you|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" cry for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3068" sadly say|strong="H1696", "Oh, my|strong="H3068" master|strong="H0113"! I|strong="H0589" my-

self|strong="H0589" make|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3651" promise|strong="H1697" to|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834".<sup>6</sup> This|strong="H3651" message|strong="H1697" is|strong="H0834" from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H1697" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" told|strong="H1696" all|strong="H3605" this|strong="H0428" message|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" in|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".<sup>7</sup> This|strong="H3588" was|strong="H4428" while|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" was|strong="H4428" fighting|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". The|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" was|strong="H4428" also|strong="H4428" fighting|strong="H3898" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" that|strong="H3588" had|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3588" been|strong="H3605" captured. These|strong="H2007" cities|strong="H5892" were|strong="H3063" Lachish|strong="H3923" and|strong="H3063" Azekah|strong="H5825". These|strong="H2007" were|strong="H3063" the|strong="H3605" only|strong="H3605" fortified|strong="H4013" cities|strong="H5892" left|strong="H7604" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" land of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063".

#### The|strong="H3605" People Break an|strong="H3588" Agreement

<sup>8</sup> King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3772" an|strong="H1961" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H1961" freedom to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" Hebrew slaves. A|strong="H1961" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3772" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" after|strong="H0310" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H3772" that|strong="H0834" agreement|strong="H1285".<sup>9</sup> Everyone|strong="H0376" was|strong="H0376" supposed to|strong="H7971" free|strong="H2670" their|strong="H7971" Hebrew|strong="H5680" slaves|strong="H5650". All|strong="H0376"

male|strong="H5650" and|strong="H7971" female|strong="H8198" Hebrew|strong="H5680" slaves|strong="H5650" were|strong="H0376" to|strong="H7971" be|strong="H0376" set|strong="H7971" free|strong="H2670". No|strong="H1115" one|strong="H0376" was|strong="H0376" supposed to|strong="H7971" keep|strong="H5647" another|strong="H0251" person|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0853" tribe|strong="H0251" of|strong="H0376" Judah in|strong="H0376" slavery|strong="H5650".<sup>10</sup> So|strong="H7971" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H0376" Judah and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" accepted|strong="H8085" this|strong="H0834" agreement|strong="H1285". They|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0376" free|strong="H2670" their|strong="H3605" male|strong="H5650" and|strong="H0935" female|strong="H8198" slaves|strong="H5650" so|strong="H7971" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" would|strong="H0376" no|strong="H1115" longer|strong="H5750" serve|strong="H5647" them|strong="H0853". Everyone|strong="H3605" agreed|strong="H8085", and|strong="H0935" so|strong="H7971" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" slaves|strong="H5650" were|strong="H0834" set|strong="H7971" free|strong="H2670".<sup>11</sup> But|strong="H3651" after|strong="H0310" that|strong="H0834",<sup>1</sup> the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" slaves|strong="H5650" changed their|strong="H7725" minds. So|strong="H3651" they|strong="H0834" took|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" set|strong="H7971" free|strong="H2670" and|strong="H7725" made|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0853" slaves|strong="H5650" again|strong="H7725".

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H1961" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414".<sup>13</sup> " This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", the|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Is-

<sup>1</sup> AFTER THAT In the summer of 588 B.C., the Egyptian army came to help the people of Jerusalem. So the Babylonian army had to leave Jerusalem for a short time to fight the Egyptians. The people of Jerusalem thought God had helped them, and things were back to normal, so they didn't keep their promise. They took the slaves they had set free back into slavery.

rael |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H0595" brought |strong="H3318" your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714", where |strong="H1004" they |strong="H3117" were |strong="H3478" slaves |strong="H5650". When |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0595" did |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117", I |strong="H0595" made |strong="H3772" an |strong="H3772" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0853". <sup>14</sup> I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0834" ancestors |strong="H0001", " At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" end |strong="H7093" of |strong="H0376" every |strong="H0376" seven |strong="H7651" years |strong="H8141", every-one |strong="H0376" must |strong="H0853" set |strong="H7971" their |strong="H8085" He-brew |strong="H5680" slaves |strong="H5647" free |strong="H2670". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" fel-low |strong="H0251" Hebrews |strong="H5680" who |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" sold |strong="H4376" themselves |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834", you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" let |strong="H7971" them |strong="H0413" go |strong="H7971" free |strong="H2670" af-ter |strong="H7093" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" served |strong="H5647" you |strong="H0834" for |strong="H0413" six |strong="H8337" years |strong="H8141".' But |strong="H3808" your |strong="H0834" ances-tors |strong="H0001" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" or |strong="H3808" pay |strong="H5186" atten-tion |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". <sup>15</sup> A |strong="H3772" short time |strong="H3117" ago |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0859" changed your |strong="H5921" hearts to |strong="H7725" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" right |strong="H3477". Everyone |strong="H0376" set |strong="H7725" free their |strong="H5921" fel-low |strong="H0376" Hebrews who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" slaves. And |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859" even |strong="H0853" made |strong="H6213" an |strong="H6440" agree-ment |strong="H1285" before |strong="H6440" me |strong="H6440" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" by |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034". <sup>16</sup>

But |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" changed your |strong="H0834" minds. You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" shown that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do not |strong="H1961" hon-or |strong="H8034" my |strong="H7971" name |strong="H8034" because |strong="H0834" each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" tak-en |strong="H1961" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" male |strong="H5650" and |strong="H7725" female |strong="H8198" slaves |strong="H5650" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" set |strong="H7971" free |strong="H2670". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H1961" forced |strong="H3533" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H7725" become |strong="H1961" slaves |strong="H5650" again |strong="H7725":' <sup>17</sup> " So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": ' You |strong="H0859" peo-ple |strong="H0376" have |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" obeyed |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" giv-en |strong="H5414" freedom to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" fellow |strong="H0251" He-brews. So |strong="H3651", because |strong="H3651" you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" given |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" freedom, I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" special kind |strong="H7453" of |strong="H0776" freedom—freedom to |strong="H0413" die |strong="H2719" in |strong="H0413" war |strong="H2719" or |strong="H3808" by |strong="H3068" disease or |strong="H3808" by |strong="H3068" hunger |strong="H7458"! This |strong="H3651" mes-sage |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". When |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0251" na-tions |strong="H4467" see |strong="H2005" what |strong="H3541" I |strong="H2005" have |strong="H0376" done |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859", they |strong="H3651" will |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3808" shocked. <sup>18</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" hand |strong="H5414" over |strong="H5414" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" broke |strong="H5674" my |strong="H5414" agree-ment |strong="H1285" and |strong="H6965" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" kept |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" promis-

es |strong="H1697" they |strong="H0834" made |strong="H3772" before |strong="H6440" me |strong="H5414". They |strong="H0834" cut |strong="H3772" a |strong="H3772" calf |strong="H5695" into |strong="H0376" two |strong="H8147" pieces before |strong="H6440" me |strong="H5414" and |strong="H6965" walked between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" two |strong="H8147" pieces. <sup>I19</sup> These |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H3605" walked between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H3605" two pieces of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" calf |strong="H5695" when |strong="H5674" they |strong="H5971" made |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" agreement before me |strong="H3605": the |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", the |strong="H3605" important officials |strong="H8269" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" court |strong="H5631", the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548", and |strong="H3063" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". <sup>20</sup> So |strong="H1961" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1961" give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H1961" their |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341" and |strong="H0776" to |strong="H1961" everyone who |strong="H5315" wants to |strong="H1961" kill them |strong="H5414". Their |strong="H5414" bodies |strong="H5038" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" food |strong="H3978" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" birds |strong="H5775" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" air and |strong="H0776" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" wild |strong="H0776" animals |strong="H0929" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" earth |strong="H0776". <sup>21</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5414" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" his |strong="H5414" leaders |strong="H8269" to |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341" and |strong="H3063" to |strong="H5921" everyone who |strong="H5315" wants to |strong="H5921" kill them |strong="H5414". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428" give |strong="H5414" Zedeki-

I THEY ... TWO PIECES This is part of a ceremony people used when they made an important agreement. An animal was cut into two pieces. Those who were making the agreement would walk between the pieces. Then they would say something like, "May this same thing happen to me if I don't keep the agreement." See Genesis 15.

ah |strong="H6667" and |strong="H3063" his |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5315" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H2428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894", even |strong="H0853" though that |strong="H5315" army |strong="H2428" has |strong="H4428" left |strong="H5414" Jerusalem. <sup>II22</sup> But |strong="H0369" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" order |strong="H6680"; says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", ' to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" Babylonian army |strong="H3427" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem. That |strong="H3068" army |strong="H3427" will |strong="H3068" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5921" Jerusalem. They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" capture |strong="H3920" it |strong="H5414", set |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" fire |strong="H0784", and |strong="H3068" burn |strong="H8313" it |strong="H5414" down |strong="H3427". And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H8313" the |strong="H0853" towns |strong="H5892" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" land of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063". They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H7725" empty deserts. No |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H0369"."

### The Recabite Family's Good Example

**35** During |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H3117" when |strong="H1961" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" King |strong="H4428" Josiah |strong="H2977", was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414": <sup>2</sup> " Go |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Recabite family |strong="H1004" <sup>III</sup> and |strong="H1980" invite |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413"

II LEFT JERUSALEM In the summer of 588 B.C., the Egyptian army came to help the people of Jerusalem. So the Babylonian army had to leave Jerusalem for a short time to fight the Egyptians. See Jeremiah 37:5. See also the footnote to Jeremiah 34:11. III RECABITE FAMILY A group of people descended from Jonadab son of Recab. The family was very loyal to the Lord. See 2 Kings 10:15-28 for the story of Jonadab. Also in verses 6, 18.

to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" one|strong="H0259"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" side  
rooms|strong="H3957" of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004". Offer them|strong="H0413"  
wine|strong="H3196" to|strong="H0413"  
drink|strong="H8248".

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H3947" I|strong="H1121"  
went|strong="H1004" to|strong="H1004"  
get|strong="H3947" Jaazaniah|strong="H2970"<sup>I</sup>  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414", <sup>II</sup> who|strong="H3605"  
was|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Habazzini-  
ah|strong="H2262". And|strong="H1121"  
I|strong="H1121" got|strong="H3947"  
all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121" Jaazaniah's  
brothers|strong="H0251" and|strong="H1121"  
sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" fami-  
ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H3605" Recabites together. <sup>4</sup>  
Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0834"  
brought|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" in-  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".  
We|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935" in-  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
room|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0853" sons|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Hanan|strong="H2605",  
the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Igdaliah|strong="H3012".  
Hanan|strong="H2605" was|strong="H0834"  
a|strong="H0935" man|strong="H0376"  
of|strong="H1121" God|strong="H0430". <sup>III</sup>  
The|strong="H0853" room|strong="H1004"  
was|strong="H0834" next|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853"  
room|strong="H1004" where|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" princes|strong="H8269"  
of|strong="H1121" Judah stay. It|strong="H3068"  
was|strong="H0834" over|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" room|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1121" Maaseiah|strong="H4641"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shal-  
lum|strong="H7967". Maaseiah|strong="H4641"  
was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" doorkeeper  
in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004". <sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H5414"  
I|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" some bowls  
full|strong="H4392" of|strong="H1121"

<sup>I</sup> JAAZANIAH He was the head of the Recabite family at that time.  
<sup>II</sup> JEREMIAH This is not the prophet Jeremiah, but a different man  
with the same name. <sup>III</sup> MAN OF GOD This is usually an honorable  
title for a prophet. We know nothing else about Hanan.

wine|strong="H3196" and|strong="H1121" some  
cups|strong="H1375" in|strong="H0413"  
front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H0559" Recabite family|strong="H1004".  
And|strong="H1121" I|strong="H5414"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
them|strong="H0413", " Drink|strong="H8354" some  
wine|strong="H3196".

<sup>6</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" Recabite  
family|strong="H0001" answered|strong="H0559", "  
We|strong="H3588" never|strong="H3808"  
drink|strong="H8354" wine|strong="H3196".  
We|strong="H3588" never|strong="H3808"  
drink|strong="H8354" it|strong="H5921" be-  
cause|strong="H3588" our|strong="H5921" ancestor  
Jonadab|strong="H3122" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Recab|strong="H7394"  
gave|strong="H6680" us|strong="H5921"  
this|strong="H3588" command|strong="H6680": '  
You|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1121"  
your|strong="H5921" descendants|strong="H1121"  
must|strong="H1121" never|strong="H3808"  
drink|strong="H8354" wine|strong="H3196". <sup>7</sup> Al-  
so|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0859"  
must|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808"  
build|strong="H1129" houses|strong="H1004",  
plant|strong="H5193" seeds|strong="H2233",  
or|strong="H3808" plant|strong="H5193" vine-  
yards|strong="H3754". You|strong="H0859"  
must|strong="H3808" never|strong="H3808"  
do|strong="H3605" any|strong="H3605"  
of|strong="H1004" those|strong="H3605"  
things|strong="H3605". You|strong="H0859"  
must|strong="H3808" live|strong="H3427" on-  
ly|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3427"  
tents|strong="H0168". If|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H0859" do|strong="H3605"  
that|strong="H0834", you|strong="H0859"  
will|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3427"  
a|strong="H1961" long|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3427"  
the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0127"  
where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" move  
from|strong="H5921" place|strong="H1961"  
to|strong="H1961" place|strong="H1961": <sup>8</sup>  
So|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0587"  
have|strong="H0834" obeyed|strong="H8085" every-  
thing|strong="H3605" our|strong="H3605" ancestor  
Jonadab|strong="H3082" command-  
ed|strong="H6680" us|strong="H3117".  
None|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121"  
us|strong="H3117" ever drinks|strong="H8354"  
wine|strong="H3196", and|strong="H1121" nei-  
ther|strong="H1115" do|strong="H6680"  
our|strong="H3605" wives|strong="H0802",  
sons|strong="H1121", or|strong="H8085" daugh-  
ters|strong="H1323". <sup>9</sup> We never|strong="H3808"  
build|strong="H1129" houses|strong="H1004"

to |strong="H1961" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427", we never |strong="H3808" own |strong="H1961" vineyards |strong="H3754" or |strong="H3808" fields |strong="H7704", and |strong="H1004" we never |strong="H3808" plant crops. <sup>10</sup> We |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" tents |strong="H0168" and |strong="H0001" have |strong="H0834" obeyed |strong="H8085" everything |strong="H3605" our |strong="H3605" ancestor Jonadab |strong="H3122" commanded |strong="H6680" us |strong="H6213". <sup>11</sup> But |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" attacked |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0559" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H4428" Judah, we |strong="H0776" did go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". We |strong="H0776" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" each other, 'Come |strong="H0935", we |strong="H0776" must |strong="H0776" enter |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" city of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0559" we |strong="H0776" can |strong="H0935" escape the |strong="H0559" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army |strong="H2428" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" Aramean |strong="H0758" army |strong="H2428". So |strong="H1961" we |strong="H0776" have |strong="H1961" stayed |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".'

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414": <sup>13</sup> 'The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1980" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H1980" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3541" message |strong="H1697": 'You |strong="H3808" should |strong="H0376" learn |strong="H8085" a |strong="H3947" lesson and |strong="H1980" obey |strong="H8085" my |strong="H8085" message |strong="H1697". This |strong="H3541" message |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068'. <sup>14</sup> 'Jonadab |strong="H3082" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Recab |strong="H7394" ordered |strong="H6680"

his |strong="H8085" sons |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" drink |strong="H8354" wine |strong="H3196", and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" command |strong="H6680" has |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" obeyed |strong="H8085". To |strong="H0413" this |strong="H2088" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jonadab |strong="H3082" have |strong="H0834" obeyed |strong="H8085" their |strong="H3588" ancestor's command |strong="H6680". They |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6680" not |strong="H3808" drink |strong="H8354" wine |strong="H3196". But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" given |strong="H6680" commands |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Judah again |strong="H7925" and |strong="H1121" again |strong="H7925", and |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obeyed |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0413". <sup>15</sup> Time after |strong="H0310" time I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" my |strong="H3605" servants |strong="H5650" the |strong="H3605" prophets |strong="H5030" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" each |strong="H0376" stop |strong="H0408" doing |strong="H1870" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" and |strong="H0430" do |strong="H3190" what |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" right. Don't |strong="H0408" follow |strong="H0310" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430". Don't |strong="H0408" worship |strong="H5647" or |strong="H3808" serve |strong="H5647" them |strong="H0413". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0413", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0127" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001".' But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" paid |strong="H5414" attention |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3605" message. <sup>16</sup> The |strong="H0853" descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jonadab |strong="H3082" obeyed |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" commands |strong="H6680" that |strong="H0834" their |strong="H3588" ancestor gave |strong="H6680"

them |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3588"  
 the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971"  
 of |strong="H1121" Judah have |strong="H0834"  
 not |strong="H3808" obeyed |strong="H8085"  
 me |strong="H0413".'

17 " So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651"  
 is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834"  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430" All-Powerful,  
 the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430"  
 of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478",  
 says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H0834"  
 said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834" many  
 bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605"  
 would |strong="H3478" happen to |strong="H0413" Ju-  
 dah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H0935"  
 Jerusalem |strong="H3389". I |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" soon make |strong="H8085"  
 all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605"  
 bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" happen.  
 I |strong="H0834" spoke |strong="H1696"  
 to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple |strong="H3427", but |strong="H3808"  
 they |strong="H0834" refused |strong="H3808"  
 to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085".  
 I |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121"  
 out |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0413"  
 them |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3808"  
 they |strong="H0834" didn't |strong="H3808" an-  
 swer |strong="H6030" me |strong="H0413"."

18 Then |strong="H0853" Jeremiah |strong="H3414"  
 said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
 the |strong="H3605" Recabite family |strong="H1004",  
 " This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834"  
 what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful,  
 the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430"  
 of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478",  
 says |strong="H0559": ' You |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" obeyed |strong="H8085"  
 the |strong="H3605" commands |strong="H6680"  
 of |strong="H1004" your |strong="H3068" ancestor  
 Jonadab |strong="H3082". You |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" followed all |strong="H3605"  
 of |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" teachings.  
 You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834"  
 done |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605"  
 he |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680".<sup>19</sup>  
 So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful,  
 the |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430"  
 of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478",  
 says |strong="H0559": ' There |strong="H5975"  
 will |strong="H3068" always |strong="H3117"  
 be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3772" descen-  
 dant |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jon-  
 adab |strong="H3122" son |strong="H1121"  
 of |strong="H1121" Recab |strong="H7394"

to |strong="H0559" serve |strong="H6440"  
 me |strong="H6440"."

### King Jehoiakim Burns Jeremiah's Scroll

36 The |strong="H0853" mes-  
 sage |strong="H1697" from |strong="H1121"  
 the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremi-  
 ah |strong="H3414". This |strong="H2088"  
 was |strong="H1961" during |strong="H1961"  
 the |strong="H0853" fourth |strong="H7243"  
 year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H1697" Je-  
 hoiakim |strong="H3079"<sup>1</sup> son |strong="H1121"  
 of |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977"  
 was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428"  
 of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063".  
 This |strong="H2088" was |strong="H1961"  
 the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H1697"  
 from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853"  
 Lord |strong="H3068":<sup>2</sup> " Jeremiah |strong="H0413",  
 get |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947"  
 scroll |strong="H5612" and |strong="H3063"  
 write |strong="H3789" on |strong="H5921"  
 it |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" messages |strong="H1697"  
 I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" spo-  
 ken |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413"  
 you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" spoken |strong="H1696"  
 to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"  
 about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" na-  
 tions |strong="H1471" of |strong="H3117" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Ju-  
 dah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063"  
 all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" oth-  
 er |strong="H2088" nations |strong="H1471".  
 Write |strong="H3789" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" words |strong="H1697"  
 that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
 have |strong="H0834" spoken |strong="H1696"  
 to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834"  
 from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605"  
 time |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" Josi-  
 ah |strong="H2977" was |strong="H0834"  
 king |strong="H5921", until |strong="H5704"  
 now |strong="H3117".<sup>3</sup> Maybe |strong="H0194"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376"  
 of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063"  
 will |strong="H0834" hear |strong="H8085"  
 what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
 am |strong="H0595" planning |strong="H2803"  
 to |strong="H7725" do |strong="H6213"  
 to |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0853"  
 and |strong="H3063" will |strong="H0834" stop do-  
 ing |strong="H6213" bad |strong="H7451"  
 things |strong="H3605". If |strong="H0834"

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they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" forgive|strong="H5545" them|strong="H0853" for|strong="H4616" the|strong="H3605" terrible|strong="H7451" sins|strong="H2403" they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" committed|strong="H6213".

<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H7121" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" called|strong="H7121" a|strong="H7121" man|strong="H1121" named|strong="H7121" Baruch|strong="H1263" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Neriah|strong="H5374". Jeremiah|strong="H3414" spoke|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" messages|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" given|strong="H7121" him|strong="H0413". While|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H1696", Baruch|strong="H1263" wrote|strong="H3789" the|strong="H3605" messages|strong="H1697" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" scroll|strong="H5612". <sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Baruch|strong="H1263", "I|strong="H0589" cannot|strong="H3808" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" not|strong="H3808" allowed|strong="H3201" to|strong="H0559" go|strong="H0935" there|strong="H3068". <sup>6</sup> So|strong="H7121" I|strong="H0834" want you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". Go|strong="H0935" there|strong="H3068" on|strong="H3117" a|strong="H7121" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1004" fasting|strong="H6685" and|strong="H0935" read|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" scroll|strong="H4039". Read|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" the|strong="H3605" messages|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" wrote|strong="H3789" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" scroll|strong="H4039" as|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H1697" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859". Read|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-

ple|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1004" Judah|strong="H3063" who|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" Jerusalem from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" where|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" live|strong="H3117". <sup>7</sup> Perhaps|strong="H0194" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" ask the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" help|strong="H5971" them|strong="H0413". Perhaps|strong="H0194" each|strong="H0376" person|strong="H0376" will|strong="H3068" stop doing|strong="H1870" bad|strong="H7451" things|strong="H1419". The|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" announced|strong="H1696" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" very|strong="H2088" angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". <sup>8</sup> So|strong="H6213" Baruch|strong="H1263" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Neriah|strong="H5374" did|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" the|strong="H3605" prophet|strong="H5030" told|strong="H6680" him|strong="H7121" to|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213". Baruch|strong="H1263" read|strong="H7121" aloud the|strong="H3605" scroll|strong="H5612" that|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" messages|strong="H1697" written on|strong="H3068" it|strong="H7121". He|strong="H0834" read|strong="H7121" it|strong="H7121" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004".

<sup>9</sup> In|strong="H8141" the|strong="H3605" ninth|strong="H8671" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" fifth|strong="H2549" year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H3605" Jehoiakim|strong="H3079" was|strong="H1961" king|strong="H4428", a|strong="H1961" fast|strong="H6685" was|strong="H1961" announced. All|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" lived|strong="H1961" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H1121" everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" had|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" were|strong="H1961" supposed to|strong="H0935" fast|strong="H6685" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>10</sup> At|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3605" time Baruch|strong="H1263" read|strong="H7121"

the scroll that contained Jeremiah's words. He read the scroll in the Temple of the LORD to all the people who were there. Baruch was in the room of Gemariah in the upper courtyard when he read the scroll. That room was located at the entrance of the New Gate of the Temple. Gemariah was the son of Shaphan scribe in the Temple.

<sup>11</sup> A man named Micaiah heard all the messages the LORD that Baruch read from the scroll. Micaiah was the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan. <sup>12</sup> When Micaiah heard the messages from the scroll, he went down the secretary's room in the king's palace. All the royal officials were sitting there in the king's

palace. These are the names of the officials: Elishama the secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Acbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah; all the other royal officials were there too. <sup>13</sup> Micaiah told them everything he had heard read the scroll.

<sup>14</sup> Then all the officials sent a man named Jehudi to Baruch. (Jehudi was the son of Nethaniah, son of Shelemiah. Shelemiah was the son of Cushi.) Jehudi said to Baruch, "Bring the scroll you read from me."

Baruch son of Nehemiah took the scroll and went with Jehudi to the officials.

<sup>15</sup> Then the officials said to Baruch, "Sit down and read the scroll to us."

So *Baruch* read the scroll to them.

<sup>16</sup> When the royal officials heard all the messages that were sent and one of them looked at another. They said, "We must tell King Jehoiakim about these messages on the scroll." <sup>17</sup> Then the officials asked Baruch, "Tell us, Baruch, where did you get these messages that you wrote on the scroll? Did you write down what Jeremiah said to you?"

<sup>18</sup> "Yes," Baruch answered. "Jeremiah spoke to me, and I wrote down all the messages that he gave me with ink on this scroll."

<sup>19</sup> Then the royal officials said to Baruch, "You and Jeremiah must go and hide. Don't tell anyone where you are hiding."

<sup>20</sup> Then the royal officials put the scroll in a room of Elishama the scribe. They went to King Jehoiakim and told him

about the scroll.

<sup>21</sup> So King Jehoiakim sent Jehudi to get the scroll from the room of Elishama the scribe. Then Jehudi read the scroll to the king and all his servants who were around the king. <sup>22</sup> The time this happened was in the ninth month of the year, so King Jehoiakim was sitting in part of the palace used for winter. There was a fire burning in a small fireplace in front of the king. <sup>23</sup> Jehudi began to read from the scroll. But after he would read two or three columns, King Jehoiakim would grab the scroll and cut those columns off the scroll with a small knife and throw them into the fireplace. Finally, the whole scroll was burned in the fire. <sup>24</sup>

And King Jehoiakim and his servants heard the scroll, they were afraid. They did not tear their clothes to show sorrow for doing wrong.

<sup>25</sup> Elnathan, Deliah, and Gemariah tried to talk King Jehoiakim out of burning the scroll, but he would not listen to them. <sup>26</sup> Instead King Jehoiakim commanded some men to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. These men were a son of king Seraiah, Azriel, and Shelemiah of Abdeel. But they could not find Baruch and Jeremiah, because the LORD had hidden them.

<sup>27</sup> King Jehoiakim burned the scroll on which Baruch had written all words that Jeremiah had spoken to him. Then this message from the LORD came to Jeremiah:

<sup>28</sup> "Get another scroll. Write all the messages on it that were on the first scroll that King Jehoiakim of Judah burned. Also tell King Jehoiakim of Judah that this what the LORD says: 'Jehoiakim, you burned the scroll. You said, "Why did I write that the king of Babylon will surely come and destroy this land and kill all the people and animals in it?" So is this what the LORD says about King Jehoiakim of Judah: Jehoiakim's descendants will sit on David's throne. When he will get a body, he will be thrown out on the ground. His body will be left out in the heat of the day and the cold

frost |strong="H7140" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" night |strong="H3915". <sup>31</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" punish |strong="H6485" Jehoiakim and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605" children |strong="H2233", and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" punish |strong="H6485" his |strong="H3605" officials |strong="H5650". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H0834" because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" wicked |strong="H7451". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H0935" terrible |strong="H7451" disasters |strong="H7451" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" on |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H0935" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" from |strong="H0935" Judah |strong="H3063". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H1696" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0413", just |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" warned |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413", because |strong="H5921" they |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>32</sup> Then |strong="H3947" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" took |strong="H3947" another |strong="H0312" scroll |strong="H5612" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" Baruch |strong="H1263" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Neriah |strong="H5374", the |strong="H3605" scribe |strong="H5608". As |strong="H0834" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" spoke |strong="H1697", Baruch |strong="H1263" wrote |strong="H3789" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" scroll |strong="H5612" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" messages |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" scroll |strong="H5612" that |strong="H0834" King |strong="H4428" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" had |strong="H0834" burned |strong="H8313" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" fire |strong="H0784". And |strong="H1121" many |strong="H7227" other |strong="H0312" words |strong="H1697" like |strong="H0834" those |strong="H3605" messages |strong="H1697" were |strong="H0834" added |strong="H3254"

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" second scroll |strong="H5612".

### Jeremiah Is Put Into Prison

**37** Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H0834" appointed Zedekiah |strong="H6667" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977" to |strong="H0776" be |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" place |strong="H8478" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiachin son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079". <sup>2</sup> But |strong="H3808" Zedekiah, his |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H5650", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" Judah did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" pay |strong="H8085" attention |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" messages |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" given |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H0834" prophet |strong="H5030".

<sup>3</sup> King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" sent |strong="H7971" Jehucal |strong="H3081" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shelemiah |strong="H8018" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" priest |strong="H3548" Zephaniah |strong="H6846" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Maaseiah |strong="H4641" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030" with |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7971" message |strong="H3068". This |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" brought to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414": "Jeremiah |strong="H3414", pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H1157" us |strong="H4994"."

<sup>4</sup> At |strong="H1004" that |strong="H3808" time |strong="H3318" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" had |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" yet |strong="H5414" been |strong="H3808" put |strong="H5414" into |strong="H0935" prison |strong="H1004", so |strong="H5414" he |strong="H5414" was |strong="H1004" free |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0935" go |strong="H3318" anywhere he |strong="H5414" wanted. <sup>5</sup> Also |strong="H0853" at |strong="H5921" that |strong="H8085" time |strong="H3318"

Pharaoh's army had marched from Egypt toward Judah. The Babylonian army had surrounded the city of Jerusalem in order to defeat it. Then they had heard the army from Egypt marching toward them. So the army from Babylon left Jerusalem to fight with the army from Egypt.

<sup>6</sup> This message from LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Jehucal and Zephaniah, I know that King Zedekiah of Judah sent you to me to ask questions. Tell King Zedekiah this: Pharaoh's army marched out of Egypt to come here to help you against the army of Babylon. But Pharaoh's army will go back to Egypt.' <sup>8</sup> After that the army from Babylon will come here and attack Jerusalem.

Then they will capture and burn it.' <sup>9</sup> This is what the LORD says: 'People of Jerusalem, don't fool yourselves. Don't say to yourselves, "The army of Babylon will surely leave us alone." They will not.' <sup>10</sup> People of Jerusalem, even if you could defeat all the Babylonian army that is attacking you, there would still be a few wounded men left in their tents. Even those few wounded men would come out of their tents and burn Jerusalem down.'"

<sup>11</sup> When the Babylonian army left Jerusalem to fight the army of Pharaoh of Egypt, <sup>12</sup> Jeremiah wanted to travel from Jerusalem to the land of Benjamin. <sup>1</sup> He wanted to be there for a division of some property that belonged to his family. <sup>13</sup> But when Jeremiah got to the Benjamin Gate

<sup>1</sup> THE LAND OF BENJAMIN Jeremiah was going to his hometown, Anathoth, which was in the land of Benjamin.

of|strong="H1121" Jerusalem, <sup>1</sup> the|strong="H0853" captain|strong="H1167" in|strong="H0413" charge of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" guards arrested|strong="H8610" him|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0853" captain's name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Irijah|strong="H3376" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shelemiah|strong="H8018". Shelemiah|strong="H8018" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0853" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Hananiah|strong="H2608". So|strong="H1961" Irijah|strong="H3376" the|strong="H0853" captain|strong="H1167" arrested|strong="H8610" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" and|strong="H1121" said|strong="H0559", " Jeremiah|strong="H3414", you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1121" leaving us|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" join the|strong="H0853" Babylonian|strong="H3778" side."

<sup>14</sup> Jeremiah|strong="H3414" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Irijah|strong="H3376", " That|strong="H8085" is|strong="H0369" not|strong="H3808" true! I|strong="H0559" am not|strong="H3808" leaving to|strong="H0413" join the|strong="H0559" Babylonians|strong="H3778". But|strong="H3808" Irijah|strong="H3376" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414". And|strong="H0935" Irijah|strong="H3376" arrested|strong="H8610" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" and|strong="H0935" took|strong="H8610" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" royal officials|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup> Those|strong="H5921" officials|strong="H8269" were|strong="H8269" very angry|strong="H7107" with|strong="H1004" Jeremiah|strong="H3414". They|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H5414" an|strong="H5414" order for|strong="H3588" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H1004" beaten|strong="H5221". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3588" put|strong="H5414" him|strong="H5414" in|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3588" prison|strong="H3608". The|strong="H0853" prison|strong="H3608" was|strong="H1004" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Jonathan|strong="H3083", a|strong="H3588" scribe|strong="H5608" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1004" Judah. His|strong="H5414" house|strong="H1004" had|strong="H3588" been made|strong="H6213" into|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3588" prison|strong="H3608". <sup>16</sup> They|strong="H3588" put|strong="H0935" Jeremi-

ah|strong="H3414" into|strong="H0413" a|strong="H3588" cell|strong="H2588" under|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Jonathan. The|strong="H3588" cell|strong="H2588" was|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3427" a|strong="H3588" dungeon under|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" ground. Jeremiah|strong="H3414" was|strong="H3117" there|strong="H8033" for|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" long|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117".

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H3947" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" sent|strong="H7971" for|strong="H3027" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" and|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" him|strong="H5414" brought|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" palace|strong="H1004". Zedekiah|strong="H6667" talked to|strong="H0559" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" in|strong="H3068" private. He|strong="H3068" asked|strong="H7592" Jeremiah|strong="H3414", " Is|strong="H3068" there|strong="H3426" any|strong="H3426" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"?"

Jeremiah|strong="H3414" answered|strong="H0559", "Yes, he|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H1697" you|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697" given|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894"."<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H2088" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667", " What|strong="H4100" have|strong="H5650" I|strong="H3588" done|strong="H2398" wrong|strong="H2398"? What|strong="H4100" crime|strong="H2398" have|strong="H5650" I|strong="H3588" done|strong="H2398" against|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588" or|strong="H1004" your|strong="H5414" officials|strong="H5650" or|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem? Why|strong="H4100" have|strong="H5650" you|strong="H3588" thrown me|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" prison|strong="H3608"? <sup>19</sup> King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah, where|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" your|strong="H5921" prophets|strong="H5030" now|strong="H0935"? They|strong="H0834" told|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0935" false message. They|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", ' The|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894"

<sup>1</sup> BENJAMIN GATE OF JERUSALEM This gate led out of Jerusalem to the road which went north to the land of Benjamin.

will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" at-  
tack|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834"  
or|strong="H3808" this|strong="H2063"  
land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Judah.<sup>20</sup>  
But|strong="H3808" now|strong="H6258",  
my|strong="H8085" lord|strong="H0113",  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah,  
please|strong="H4994" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H4191" me|strong="H4994".  
Please|strong="H4994" let|strong="H4994"  
me|strong="H4994" bring|strong="H7725"  
my|strong="H8085" request|strong="H6440"  
to|strong="H4191" you|strong="H6440".  
This|strong="H6258" is|strong="H4428" what  
I|strong="H6258" ask|strong="H4428":  
Don't|strong="H0408" send me|strong="H4994"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H4191"  
the|strong="H6440" house|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H4428" Jonathan|strong="H3083"  
the|strong="H6440" scribe|strong="H5608". If  
you|strong="H6440" send me|strong="H4994"  
back|strong="H7725", I|strong="H6258"  
will|strong="H4428" die|strong="H4191"  
there|strong="H8033".

<sup>21</sup> So|strong="H4480" King|strong="H4428" Zedeki-  
ah|strong="H6667" gave|strong="H5414" or-  
ders|strong="H6680" for|strong="H3117" Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414" to|strong="H5704"  
be|strong="H4428" put|strong="H5414" un-  
der|strong="H4480" guard|strong="H4307"  
in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" court-  
yard|strong="H2691". And|strong="H4428"  
he|strong="H5704" ordered|strong="H6680"  
that|strong="H3605" Jeremiah|strong="H3414"  
should|strong="H3117" be|strong="H4428" giv-  
en|strong="H5414" bread|strong="H3899"  
from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605"  
street|strong="H2351" bakers|strong="H0644".  
He|strong="H5704" was|strong="H4428" giv-  
en|strong="H5414" bread|strong="H3899" un-  
til|strong="H5704" there|strong="H3427"  
was|strong="H4428" no|strong="H4480"  
more|strong="H4480" bread|strong="H3899"  
in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605"  
city|strong="H5892". So|strong="H4480" Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414" stayed|strong="H3427" un-  
der|strong="H4480" guard|strong="H4307"  
in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" court-  
yard|strong="H2691".

### Jeremiah Is Thrown Into a Cistern

**38** Some|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H3605" royal officials  
heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H0834" Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414" was|strong="H0834" say-  
ing|strong="H0559". They|strong="H0834"  
were|strong="H0834" Shephatiah|strong="H8203"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Mat-

tan|strong="H4977", Gedaliah|strong="H1436"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Pash-  
hur|strong="H6583", Jehucal|strong="H3116"  
son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shelemi-  
ah|strong="H8018", and|strong="H1121" Pash-  
hur|strong="H6583" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Malkijah|strong="H4441". Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414" was|strong="H0834"  
telling|strong="H1696" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"  
this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697":<sup>2</sup> "This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": 'Every-  
one who|strong="H3068" stays|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem will|strong="H3068"  
die|strong="H4191" from|strong="H3318"  
war|strong="H2719", hunger|strong="H7458",  
or|strong="H2719" disease. But|strong="H1961"  
everyone who|strong="H3068" surrenders  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559"  
army|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3068" Babylon  
will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H3427"  
and|strong="H3068" escape|strong="H3318"  
with|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068"  
lives|strong="H5315":<sup>3</sup> And|strong="H3068"  
this|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": 'This|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892"  
of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem will|strong="H3068"  
surely|strong="H5414" be|strong="H3027" giv-  
en|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559"  
the|strong="H0559" army|strong="H2428"  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Baby-  
lon|strong="H0894". He|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" capture|strong="H3920"  
this|strong="H2063" city|strong="H5892":

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" roy-  
al|strong="H4428" officials|strong="H8269"  
who|strong="H3605" heard|strong="H3588"  
what|strong="H1697" Jeremiah|strong="H0413"  
was|strong="H0369" telling|strong="H1696"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"  
went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah. They|strong="H3588"  
said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428", "Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H0413" should|strong="H0376"  
be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191"  
to|strong="H0413" death|strong="H4191".  
He|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0369" discouraging  
the|strong="H3605" soldiers|strong="H0376"  
who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H0428"  
still|strong="H0559" in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892"  
and|strong="H3027" everyone|strong="H3605"



else |strong="H3027" by |strong="H5921" what |strong="H1697" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0369" saying |strong="H0559". He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" looking for |strong="H3588" peace |strong="H7965"; he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0369" just |strong="H1697" trying to |strong="H0413" cause |strong="H1697" trouble |strong="H7451".

<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H3588" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" officials, "Jeremiah is |strong="H0369" in |strong="H4428" your |strong="H3588" control |strong="H3027". I |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3201" do |strong="H3201" anything |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" stop you |strong="H3588"."

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" officials |strong="H3947" took |strong="H3947" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" and |strong="H1121" put |strong="H7971" him |strong="H0413" into |strong="H0413" Malkijah's cistern |strong="H0953". Malkijah |strong="H4441" was |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0853" king's son |strong="H1121". The |strong="H0853" cistern |strong="H0953" was |strong="H0369" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Temple yard where |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" king's guard |strong="H4307" stayed. They |strong="H0834" used |strong="H3947" ropes |strong="H2256" to |strong="H0413" lower Jeremiah |strong="H3414" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" cistern |strong="H0953". The |strong="H0853" cistern |strong="H0953" didn't have |strong="H0834" any |strong="H0369" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H0413" it |strong="H0518", only |strong="H0518" mud |strong="H2916". And |strong="H1121" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" sank |strong="H2883" down |strong="H7993" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" mud |strong="H2916".

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0376" named Ebed Melech heard |strong="H8085" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0853" officials |strong="H5631" had |strong="H4428" put |strong="H5414" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" cistern |strong="H0953". Ebed Melech was |strong="H1931" from |strong="H0376" Ethiopia |strong="H3569", and |strong="H4428" he |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" a |strong="H3588" eunuch |strong="H5631" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah was |strong="H1931" sitting |strong="H3427" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Benjamin |strong="H1144" Gate |strong="H8179", so |strong="H5414" Ebed

Melech left |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004" and |strong="H4428" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" talk to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179". <sup>8</sup> Ebed Melech said, "My lord and king, these officials have done evil. They have treated Jeremiah the prophet badly. They have thrown him into a cistern and left him there to die." <sup>I</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H2088" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah gave |strong="H6680" a |strong="H3947" command |strong="H6680" to |strong="H0559" Ebed Melech, the |strong="H0853" Ethiopian |strong="H3569". This |strong="H2088" was |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" command |strong="H6680": "Ebed Melech, take |strong="H3947" three |strong="H7970" men |strong="H0376" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" palace with |strong="H0376" you |strong="H6680", and |strong="H3027" go |strong="H5927" get |strong="H3947" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" out |strong="H4480" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" cistern |strong="H0953" before |strong="H2962" he |strong="H4480" dies |strong="H4191"."

<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H3947" Ebed Melech took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". But |strong="H0376" first he |strong="H8033" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3947" room |strong="H1004" under |strong="H8478" the |strong="H0853" storeroom |strong="H0214" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004". He |strong="H8033" took |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0376" old rags |strong="H4418" and |strong="H0935" worn-out |strong="H1094" clothes |strong="H5499" from |strong="H0935" that |strong="H3027" room |strong="H1004". Then |strong="H3947" he |strong="H8033" let |strong="H7971" the |strong="H0853" rags |strong="H4418" down |strong="H7971" with |strong="H0413" some |strong="H0376" ropes |strong="H2256" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" cistern |strong="H0953". <sup>12</sup> Ebed Melech, the |strong="H0559" Ethiopian |strong="H3569", said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414", "Put |strong="H7760" these |strong="H7760" old rags |strong="H4418" and |strong="H3027" worn-out |strong="H1094" clothes |strong="H5499" under |strong="H8478" your |strong="H7760"

<sup>I</sup> LEFT HIM THERE TO DIE Literally, "he will starve to death because there is no more bread in the city." <sup>II</sup> THREE This is found in one ancient Hebrew copy. Most Hebrew copies have "30."

arms|strong="H3027". When|strong="H6213" we|strong="H4994" pull you|strong="H7760" out|strong="H0413", these|strong="H7760" rags|strong="H4418" will|strong="H3027" pad your|strong="H7760" underarms. Then|strong="H3651" the|strong="H0559" ropes|strong="H2256" will|strong="H3027" not hurt you|strong="H7760". So|strong="H3651" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" did|strong="H6213" as|strong="H3651" Ebed Melech said|strong="H0559".<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0853" men pulled|strong="H4900" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" up|strong="H5927" with|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" ropes|strong="H2256" and|strong="H3427" lifted|strong="H5927" him|strong="H0853" out|strong="H4480" of|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" cistern|strong="H0953". And|strong="H3427" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" stayed|strong="H3427" under|strong="H4480" guard|strong="H4307" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" Temple yard.

#### Zedekiah Asks Jeremiah|strong="H3414" Some|strong="H4480" Questions

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H3947" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" sent|strong="H7971" someone to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H3947" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" the|strong="H0853" prophet|strong="H5030". He|strong="H0834" had|strong="H3068" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" brought|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" third|strong="H7992" entrance|strong="H3996" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". Then|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559", " Jeremiah|strong="H3414", I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" going to|strong="H0413" ask|strong="H7592" you|strong="H0834" something|strong="H1697". Don't|strong="H0408" hide|strong="H3582" anything|strong="H1697" from|strong="H4480" me|strong="H0413", but|strong="H3947" tell|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H0834" honestly."

<sup>15</sup> Jeremiah|strong="H3414" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Zedekiah|strong="H6667", " If|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" give|strong="H3289" you|strong="H3588" an|strong="H3588" answer|strong="H0559", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" probably kill|strong="H4191" me|strong="H0413". And|strong="H0805" even|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" give|strong="H3289" you|strong="H3588" advice|strong="H3289", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" lis-

ten|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"."

<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H0518" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" secretly swore|strong="H7650" an|strong="H5414" oath|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0413" Jeremiah|strong="H3414". Zedekiah|strong="H6667" said|strong="H0559", " As|strong="H0834" surely|strong="H4191" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" lives|strong="H5315", who|strong="H0834" gives|strong="H5414" us|strong="H5414" breath|strong="H5315" and|strong="H3068" life|strong="H5315", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H0518" kill|strong="H4191" you|strong="H0834", Jeremiah|strong="H3414". And|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H7650" not|strong="H0518" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" officials who|strong="H0834" want|strong="H1245" to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H4191" you|strong="H0834"."

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H3318" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667", " The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" All-Powerful is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478". This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" he|strong="H0518" says|strong="H0559", ' If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" surrender|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" officials|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894", your|strong="H3068" life|strong="H5315" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" saved, and|strong="H3068" Jerusalem will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" burned|strong="H8313" down|strong="H8313". And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" family|strong="H1004" will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H2421".<sup>18</sup> But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0413" surrender|strong="H3318", Jerusalem will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H3808" given|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" Babylonian|strong="H3778" army. They|strong="H0518" will|strong="H4428" burn|strong="H8313" Jerusalem down|strong="H5414", and|strong="H3027" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H4428"

not |strong="H3808" escape |strong="H4422" from |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0413"."

<sup>19</sup> But |strong="H4428" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414", " But |strong="H4428" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" afraid of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0559" of |strong="H4428" Judah who |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" already gone |strong="H5307" over |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" side |strong="H3027" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army. I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" afraid that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" soldiers will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0834" men |strong="H0559", and |strong="H3027" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" treat me |strong="H0413" badly and |strong="H3027" hurt me |strong="H0413"."

<sup>20</sup> But |strong="H3808" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" answered |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0559" soldiers will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" men |strong="H0559" of |strong="H3068" Judah. King Zedekiah, obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" by |strong="H0413" doing |strong="H3190" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834". Then |strong="H1696" things |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" go |strong="H3190" well |strong="H3190" for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" life |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" saved. <sup>21</sup> But |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0859" refuse |strong="H3986" to |strong="H3068" surrender |strong="H3318" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" army of |strong="H3068" Babylon, the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" shown |strong="H7200" me |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1697". This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" told |strong="H1697" me |strong="H7200": <sup>22</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H0834"

be |strong="H0376" brought |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H0376" brought |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" important officials |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". Your |strong="H3605" women |strong="H0802" will |strong="H0834" make |strong="H7272" fun of |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0834" song. This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559":

' Your |strong="H3605" friends were |strong="H0834" stronger than |strong="H4428" you |strong="H0834", and |strong="H3063" they |strong="H0834" led |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" wrong way |strong="H3605". You |strong="H0834" trusted |strong="H7965" them |strong="H0413",

but |strong="H0376" now |strong="H2009" your |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" are |strong="H0834" stuck in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" mud, and |strong="H3063" your |strong="H3605" friends have |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>23</sup> All |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" wives |strong="H0802" and |strong="H1121" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808" brought |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808" given |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army. You |strong="H0859" yourself |strong="H0859" will |strong="H4428" not |strong="H3808" escape |strong="H4422" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" army of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808" captured |strong="H8610" by |strong="H3027" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894", and |strong="H1121" Jerusalem will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808" burned |strong="H8313" down |strong="H8313"."

<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414", " Don't |strong="H0408" tell |strong="H0559" anyone |strong="H0376" that |strong="H3045" I |strong="H1697" have |strong="H3045" been |strong="H3808" talking to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3045". If |strong="H0376" you |strong="H3045" do |strong="H0408", you |strong="H3045" might

die|strong="H4191".<sup>25</sup> If|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0559" officials|strong="H8269" find out|strong="H4480" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" talked|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588", they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H0935" say|strong="H0559"; 'Jeremiah|strong="H0413", tell|strong="H5046" us|strong="H4994" what|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah and|strong="H0935" what|strong="H4100" he|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588". Be|strong="H4191" honest with|strong="H0854" us|strong="H4994", and|strong="H0935" tell|strong="H5046" us|strong="H4994" everything, or|strong="H3808" we|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428" kill|strong="H4191" you|strong="H3588".<sup>26</sup> If they|strong="H8033" say|strong="H0559" this|strong="H1115" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H6440", tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", 'I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H4428" begging the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" not|strong="H1115" to|strong="H0413" send me|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" cell in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" dungeon under|strong="H6440" Jonathan's|strong="H3083" house|strong="H1004". If I|strong="H0589" were|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" there|strong="H8033", I|strong="H0589" would|strong="H0559" die|strong="H4191"."

<sup>27</sup> It|strong="H3588" happened|strong="H1697" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" royal|strong="H4428" officials|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" did|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Jeremia-ah|strong="H3414" to|strong="H0413" ques-tion|strong="H1697" him|strong="H0413". So|strong="H4480" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" told|strong="H5046" them|strong="H0413" every-thing|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" had|strong="H0834" or-dered|strong="H6680" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H1697". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H1992" left|strong="H0935" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" alone|strong="H4480". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3605" had|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" what|strong="H0834" Jeremi-ah|strong="H3414" and|strong="H0935"

the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" had|strong="H0834" talked about|strong="H0413".

<sup>28</sup> So|strong="H1961" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" stayed|strong="H3427" under|strong="H3389" guard|strong="H4307" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" Temple yard un-til|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" was|strong="H1961" captured|strong="H3920".

### The Fall of Jerusalem

**39** This|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3605" how Jerusalem|strong="H3389" was|strong="H4428" captured: Dur-ing|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tenth|strong="H6224" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" ninth|strong="H8671" year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H3605" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" was|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063", King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadne-zar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Baby-lon|strong="H0894" marched|strong="H0935" against|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428". He|strong="H5921" surrounded the|strong="H3605" city to|strong="H0413" defeat it|strong="H5921".<sup>2</sup> And|strong="H8141" on the|strong="H1234" ninth|strong="H8672" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H8141" the|strong="H1234" fourth|strong="H7243" month|strong="H2320" in|strong="H8141" Zedekiah's|strong="H6667" eleventh|strong="H6240" year|strong="H8141", the|strong="H1234" wall of|strong="H8141" Jerusalem was|strong="H8141" bro-ken|strong="H1234" through|strong="H1234".<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" royal|strong="H4428" offi-cials|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" came|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H8179" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem. They|strong="H0935" came|strong="H0935" in|strong="H3427" and|strong="H0935" sat|strong="H3427" down|strong="H3427" at|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" Middle|strong="H8432" Gate|strong="H8179". These|strong="H3605" are|strong="H8179" the|strong="H3605" names of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" offi-cials|strong="H8269": Nergal-Sharez-er|strong="H5371", the|strong="H3605" gover-nor|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" district of|strong="H4428" Sam-gar, a|strong="H0935" very high|strong="H8432" offi-

cial|strong="H8269"; Nebo Sarsekim, another|strong="H8432" very high|strong="H8432" official|strong="H8269"; and|strong="H0935" various other|strong="H3605" important officials|strong="H8269" were|strong="H8269" there|strong="H3427" also|strong="H4428".

<sup>4</sup> King|strong="H4428" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" officials from|strong="H4480" Babylon, so|strong="H4480" he|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H3605" soldiers|strong="H0376" with|strong="H0376" him|strong="H7200" ran|strong="H1272" away|strong="H1272". They|strong="H0834" left|strong="H3318" Jerusalem at|strong="H4421" night|strong="H3915". They|strong="H0834" went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" through|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" garden|strong="H1588" and|strong="H3063" out|strong="H3318" through|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" gate|strong="H8179" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H3605" two|strong="H4480" walls|strong="H2346". Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H0834" went|strong="H3318" toward|strong="H1870" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H6160". <sup>5</sup> The|strong="H0853" Babylonian|strong="H3778" army|strong="H2428" chased|strong="H7291" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H2428" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0413". They|strong="H0310" caught|strong="H3947" up|strong="H5927" with|strong="H0854" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" plains|strong="H6160" of|strong="H4428" Jericho|strong="H3405". They|strong="H0310" captured|strong="H3947" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" and|strong="H0776" took|strong="H3947" him|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894". Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" was|strong="H0776" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" town of|strong="H4428" Riblah|strong="H7247" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Hamath|strong="H2574". At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0776" place|strong="H4941" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" decided what|strong="H4941" to|strong="H0413" do to|strong="H0413" Zedekiah|strong="H6667". <sup>6</sup> There|strong="H0894" at|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H1121" Riblah|strong="H7247", the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Baby-

lon|strong="H0894" killed|strong="H7819" Zedekiah's|strong="H6667" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0853" killed|strong="H7819" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" royal|strong="H4428" officials of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" while|strong="H5869" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" watched. <sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Nebuchadnezzar tore out|strong="H0935" Zedekiah's|strong="H6667" eyes|strong="H5869". He|strong="H0853" put|strong="H0935" bronze|strong="H5178" chains|strong="H5178" on|strong="H0935" Zedekiah|strong="H6667" and|strong="H0935" took|strong="H0853" him|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0935" Babylon|strong="H0894".

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" army|strong="H5971" of|strong="H4428" Babylon set fire|strong="H0784" to|strong="H3389" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" palace|strong="H1004" and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" houses|strong="H1004" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". And|strong="H4428" they|strong="H5971" broke|strong="H5422" down|strong="H5422" the|strong="H0853" walls|strong="H2346" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". <sup>9</sup> Nebuzaradan|strong="H5018" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" commander of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H5921" of|strong="H5921" Babylon's|strong="H0894" special guards. He|strong="H0834" took|strong="H0853" all the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" surrendered to|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0853" all the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" still in|strong="H5921" Jerusalem and|strong="H0853" made|strong="H1540" them|strong="H0853" captives|strong="H1540". He|strong="H0834" carried|strong="H1540" them|strong="H0853" away|strong="H1540" to|strong="H5921" Babylon|strong="H0894". <sup>10</sup> But|strong="H0369" commander Nebuzaradan|strong="H5018" left|strong="H7604" behind|strong="H7604" some|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" poor|strong="H1800" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063" who|strong="H0834" owned nothing|strong="H0369". Nebuzaradan|strong="H5018" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" vineyards|strong="H3754" and|strong="H3063" farmland in|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063".

<sup>11</sup> Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" also|strong="H2876" gave|strong="H6680" an|strong="H0559" order|strong="H6680" about|strong="H5921" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" to|strong="H0559" commander|strong="H6680" Neb-

uzaradan |strong="H5018": 12 " Find |strong="H3947" Jeremiah |strong="H0413" and |strong="H5869" take |strong="H3947" care |strong="H5921" of |strong="H5869" him |strong="H0413". Don't |strong="H0408" hurt him |strong="H0413". Give |strong="H7760" him |strong="H0413" whatever |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" asks for |strong="H3588".

13 So |strong="H7971" Neb-uzaradan |strong="H5018", the |strong="H3605" commander of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" special guards, Nebushazban, a |strong="H7971" chief officer in |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" army of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894", Nergal-Sharez-er |strong="H5371", a |strong="H7971" high official, and |strong="H4428" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" officers of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" army of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" sent |strong="H7971" for |strong="H7971" Jeremiah. 14 They |strong="H5971" had |strong="H5414" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" taken |strong="H3947" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" yard where |strong="H0413" he |strong="H5414" had |strong="H5414" been under |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" guard |strong="H4307" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" king of |strong="H1121" Judah. They |strong="H5971" turned |strong="H5414" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" over |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Gedaliah |strong="H1436"<sup>1</sup> son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahikam |strong="H0296", the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Shaphan |strong="H8227". Gedaliah |strong="H1436" had |strong="H5414" orders to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H3947" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" back |strong="H3318" home |strong="H1004". So |strong="H3947" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" was |strong="H1004" taken |strong="H3947" home |strong="H1004", and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H5414" stayed |strong="H3427" among |strong="H8432" his |strong="H5414" own people |strong="H5971".

#### The |strong="H0853" Lord's Message to |strong="H0413" Ebed Melech

15 While |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" guards were |strong="H1961" watching Jeremiah |strong="H3414" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" Temple yard, a |strong="H1961" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413". This |strong="H1697"

I GEDALIAH Gedaliah was the man who Nebuchadnezzar appointed as his governor for the land of Judah.

was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" message |strong="H1697": 16 " Jeremiah |strong="H3068", go |strong="H1980" and |strong="H1980" tell |strong="H0559" Ebed Melech II the |strong="H0853" Ethiopian |strong="H3569" this |strong="H2063" message |strong="H1697": ' This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": Very |strong="H1980" soon I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" make my |strong="H3068" messages |strong="H1697" about |strong="H1961" of |strong="H0430" Jerusalem come |strong="H0935" true |strong="H3068". My |strong="H3068" messages |strong="H1697" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" true |strong="H3068" through |strong="H1980" disaster |strong="H7451", not |strong="H3808" through |strong="H1980" something |strong="H1697" good |strong="H2896". You |strong="H6440" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H2005" everything come |strong="H0935" true |strong="H3068" with |strong="H1980" your |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" eyes. 17 But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H5337" you |strong="H0859" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117", Ebed Melech.' This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" message |strong="H3068" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". ' You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" afraid of |strong="H0376". 18 I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H4422" you |strong="H3588", Ebed Melech. You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" die |strong="H5307" from |strong="H5315" a |strong="H1961" sword |strong="H2719", but |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" escape |strong="H4422" and |strong="H3068" live. That |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961" because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" trusted |strong="H0982" in |strong="H3068" me |strong="H5315". ' This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068"

II EBED MELECH See Jeremiah 38:7-13.

from|strong="H5315" the|strong="H5002"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

### Jeremiah Is Set Free

**40** The|strong="H3605" mes-  
sage|strong="H1697" from|strong="H4480"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414" after|strong="H0310"  
he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961"  
set|strong="H7971" free|strong="H7971"  
at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"  
city|strong="H1931" of|strong="H3068"  
Ramah|strong="H7414". Neb-  
uzaradan|strong="H5018", the|strong="H3605" com-  
mander of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" king  
of|strong="H3068" Babylon's|strong="H0894" special  
guards, found Jeremiah|strong="H3414"  
in|strong="H0413" Ramah|strong="H7414". Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414" was|strong="H1961"  
bound|strong="H0631" with|strong="H0413"  
chains|strong="H0246". He|strong="H0834"  
was|strong="H1961" with|strong="H0413"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" cap-  
tives|strong="H1540" from|strong="H4480"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3068" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063". They|strong="H0834"  
were|strong="H0834" being|strong="H1961" tak-  
en|strong="H3947" away|strong="H7971"  
in|strong="H0413" captivity|strong="H1540"  
to|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894". <sup>2</sup>  
When|strong="H1696" commander Nebuzaradan  
found Jeremiah|strong="H3414", he|strong="H0430"  
spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413"  
him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H0430"  
said|strong="H0559", " Jeremiah|strong="H3414",  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068",  
your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", an-  
nounced|strong="H1696" that|strong="H3068"  
this|strong="H2088" disaster|strong="H7451"  
would|strong="H3068" come to|strong="H0413"  
this|strong="H2088" place|strong="H4725". <sup>3</sup>  
And|strong="H0935" now|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068"  
has|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213" every-  
thing|strong="H0834" just|strong="H0834"  
as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"  
said|strong="H1696" he|strong="H0834"  
would|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213".  
This|strong="H2088" disaster hap-  
pened|strong="H1961" because|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834"  
of|strong="H3068" Judah sinned|strong="H2398"  
against|strong="H2398" the|strong="H0834"  
LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H0834"  
did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808"  
obey|strong="H8085" him|strong="H0935". <sup>4</sup>  
But|strong="H0518" now|strong="H6258", Jeremi-

ah|strong="H0776", I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0776" set|strong="H7760"  
you|strong="H0834" free. I|strong="H0834" am tak-  
ing|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605"  
chains|strong="H0246" off|strong="H5921"  
your|strong="H3605" wrists|strong="H3027".  
If|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0834" want  
to|strong="H0413", come|strong="H0935"  
with|strong="H0854" me|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894",  
and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0776" take|strong="H7760"  
good|strong="H2896" care|strong="H3027"  
of|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0834".  
But|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H0834" don't want to|strong="H0413"  
come|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0854"  
me|strong="H0413", then|strong="H2009" don't  
come|strong="H0935". Look|strong="H2009",  
the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" coun-  
try|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0834"  
open|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H0834". Go|strong="H0935" any-  
where|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" want. <sup>5</sup>  
Or|strong="H0176" go|strong="H7971"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" Gedali-  
ah|strong="H1436" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Ahikam|strong="H0296",  
the|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Shaphan|strong="H8227".  
The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894"  
has|strong="H0834" chosen Gedali-  
ah|strong="H1436" to|strong="H0413"  
be|strong="H5750" governor over|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H3605" towns|strong="H5892"  
of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063".  
Go|strong="H7971" and|strong="H1121"  
live|strong="H3427" with|strong="H0854" Gedali-  
ah|strong="H1436" among|strong="H8432"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971".  
Or|strong="H0176" you|strong="H0834"  
can|strong="H0834" go|strong="H7971" any-  
where|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" want."  
Then|strong="H7971" Nebuzaradan  
gave|strong="H5414" Jeremiah|strong="H0413"  
some|strong="H7227" food and|strong="H1121"  
a|strong="H5414" present|strong="H5414"  
and|strong="H1121" let|strong="H7971"  
him|strong="H0413" go|strong="H7971". <sup>6</sup>  
So|strong="H0935" Jeremiah|strong="H3414"  
went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Gedali-  
ah|strong="H1436" son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Ahikam|strong="H0296"  
at|strong="H0413" Mizpah|strong="H4708".  
He|strong="H0935" stayed|strong="H3427"

<sup>1</sup> OR ... GEDALIAH Or "Before Gedaliah goes back, return to him  
...."

with|strong="H0854" Gedaliah|strong="H1436" among|strong="H8432" those|strong="H1121" who|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" left|strong="H7604" behind|strong="H7604" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0413" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Judah.

**The|strong="H0413" Short Rule|strong="H3427" of|strong="H1121" Gedaliah|strong="H1436"**

<sup>7</sup> There|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" some|strong="H0376" soldiers|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H1121" Judah, officers|strong="H8269" and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376", still out|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" open|strong="H1540" country|strong="H0776" when|strong="H3588" Jerusalem was|strong="H0834" destroyed. They|strong="H1992" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894" had|strong="H0834" put|strong="H6485" Gedaliah|strong="H1436" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahikam|strong="H0296" in|strong="H0776" charge|strong="H6485" of|strong="H1121" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" left|strong="H2428" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776". Those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" left|strong="H2428" were|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0376", women|strong="H0802", and|strong="H1121" children|strong="H1121" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" very|strong="H2428" poor. They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" carried|strong="H1540" off|strong="H1540" to|strong="H8085" Babylon|strong="H0894" as|strong="H0834" captives|strong="H1540". <sup>8</sup> So|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0413" soldiers|strong="H0376" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Gedaliah|strong="H1436" at|strong="H0413" Mizpah|strong="H4708". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1121" Ishmael|strong="H3458" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nethaniah|strong="H5418", Johanan|strong="H3110" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0376" brother Jonathan|strong="H3129", sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kareah|strong="H7143", Seraiah|strong="H8304" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Tanhumeth|strong="H8576", sons|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ephai|strong="H5778" from|strong="H0935" Ne-tophah, and|strong="H1121" Jaazaniah son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" Maacathite|strong="H4602",

and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0413" men|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" were|strong="H1121" with|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>9</sup> Gedaliah|strong="H1436" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahikam|strong="H0296", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shaphan|strong="H8227", made|strong="H7650" an|strong="H7650" oath|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0559" make|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H0376" and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H5647" men|strong="H0376" feel more secure|strong="H3427". This|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0776" what|strong="H3372" he|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559": "You|strong="H0853" soldiers|strong="H0376", don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372" to|strong="H0559" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" Babylonian|strong="H3778" people|strong="H0376". Settle|strong="H3427" down|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" and|strong="H1121" serve|strong="H5647" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894". If|strong="H0376" you|strong="H0853" do|strong="H3190" this|strong="H0376", things will|strong="H0776" go|strong="H3190" well|strong="H3190" for|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0853". <sup>10</sup> I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Mizpah|strong="H4709". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" speak for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" Chaldeans|strong="H3778" who|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" here|strong="H2005". You|strong="H0859" leave|strong="H7760" that|strong="H0834" work|strong="H7760" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". You|strong="H0859" should|strong="H0413" harvest|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" wine|strong="H3196", the|strong="H6440" summer|strong="H7019" fruit, and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" oil|strong="H8081". Put|strong="H7760" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" harvest|strong="H0935" in|strong="H3427" your|strong="H7760" storage jars|strong="H3627". Live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H6440" towns|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" control."

<sup>11</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921"



the|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124", Ammon|strong="H5983", Edom|strong="H0123", and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894" had|strong="H0834" left|strong="H5414" some|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776". And|strong="H1121" they|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894" had|strong="H0834" chosen Gedaliah|strong="H1436" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahikam|strong="H0296", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shaphan|strong="H8227", to|strong="H5921" be|strong="H1571" governor over|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5414".<sup>12</sup> When|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063" heard this|strong="H0834" news, they|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063". They|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" Gedaliah|strong="H1436" at|strong="H0413" Mizpah|strong="H4708" from|strong="H7725" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776" where|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" scattered|strong="H5080". So|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725" and|strong="H0935" gathered|strong="H0622" a|strong="H0935" large harvest|strong="H0935" of|strong="H0776" wine|strong="H3196" and|strong="H0935" summer|strong="H7019" fruit|strong="H3605".

<sup>13</sup> Johanan|strong="H3110" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kareah|strong="H7143" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" officers|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H1121" Judah who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" still in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" open country|strong="H7704" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Gedaliah|strong="H1436". Gedaliah|strong="H1436" was|strong="H0834" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H1121" Mizpah|strong="H4708".<sup>14</sup> Jo-

hanan and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" officers with|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gedaliah|strong="H1436", "Do you|strong="H3588" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" Baalis|strong="H1185", the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" Ammonites|strong="H5983", wants to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H5221" you|strong="H3588"? He|strong="H3588" has|strong="H4428" sent|strong="H7971" Ishmael|strong="H3458" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nethaniah|strong="H5418" to|strong="H0413" kill|strong="H5221" you|strong="H3588". But|strong="H3588" Gedaliah|strong="H1436" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahikam|strong="H0296" didn't|strong="H3808" believe|strong="H0539" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H0853" Johanan|strong="H3110" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kareah|strong="H7143" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gedaliah|strong="H1436" in|strong="H0413" private at|strong="H0413" Mizpah|strong="H4709". Johanan|strong="H3110" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Gedaliah|strong="H1436", "Let|strong="H4994" me|strong="H0413" go|strong="H4994" and|strong="H1121" kill|strong="H5221" Ishmael|strong="H3458" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nethaniah|strong="H5418". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" know|strong="H3045" anything|strong="H3605" about|strong="H0413" it|strong="H3045". We|strong="H5315" should|strong="H4100" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H4994" Ishmael|strong="H3458" kill|strong="H5221" you|strong="H3605". That|strong="H3045" would|strong="H4100" cause all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H4100" gathered|strong="H6908" around you|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3808" scattered|strong="H6327" to|strong="H0413" different countries again. And|strong="H1121" that|strong="H3045" would|strong="H4100" mean that|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605" few survivors|strong="H7611" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" would|strong="H4100" be|strong="H3808" lost|strong="H0006"."

<sup>16</sup> But|strong="H3588" Gedaliah|strong="H1436" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ahikam|strong="H0296" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Johanan|strong="H3110" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kareah|strong="H7143", "Don't|strong="H0408" kill

Ishmael |strong="H3458". The |strong="H0853" things |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" saying |strong="H0559" about |strong="H0413" Ishmael |strong="H3458" are |strong="H1121" not |strong="H0408" true."

**41** In |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" seventh |strong="H7637" month |strong="H2320", Ishmael |strong="H3458" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Nethaniah |strong="H5418" ( the |strong="H0413" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Elishama |strong="H0476") came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Gedaliah |strong="H1436" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahikam |strong="H0296". Ishmael |strong="H3458" came |strong="H0935" with |strong="H0854" ten |strong="H6235" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1961" men |strong="H0376". They |strong="H8033" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" town of |strong="H1121" Mizpah |strong="H4709". Ishmael |strong="H3458" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" member of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0413" king's |strong="H4428" family |strong="H2233". He |strong="H8033" had |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0413" officers of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0413" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah. Ishmael |strong="H3458" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1961" men |strong="H0376" ate |strong="H0398" a |strong="H1961" meal |strong="H3899" with |strong="H0854" Gedaliah |strong="H1436". <sup>2</sup> While |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" eating together |strong="H0854", Ishmael |strong="H3458" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0834" ten |strong="H6235" men |strong="H0376" got |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H5221" Gedaliah |strong="H1436" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahikam |strong="H0296" with |strong="H0854" a |strong="H1961" sword |strong="H2719". Gedaliah |strong="H1436" was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894" had |strong="H0834" chosen to |strong="H4191" be |strong="H1961" governor of |strong="H1121" Judah. <sup>3</sup> Ishmael |strong="H3458" also |strong="H0853" killed |strong="H5221" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Judah who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" Gedaliah |strong="H1436" at |strong="H4421" the |strong="H3605" town of |strong="H0376" Mizpah |strong="H4709". He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853"

killed |strong="H5221" the |strong="H3605" Babylonian |strong="H3778" soldiers |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H0854" Gedaliah |strong="H1436".

<sup>4</sup> The day after Gedaliah was murdered, 80 men came to Mizpah. They were bringing grain offerings and incense to the LORD'S Temple. They had shaved off their beards, torn their clothes, and cut themselves. <sup>1</sup> They came from Shechem, Shiloh, and Samaria. None of these men knew that Gedaliah had been murdered. <sup>6</sup> Ishmael |strong="H3458" left |strong="H3318" Mizpah |strong="H4709" and |strong="H1980" went |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H6298" the |strong="H0853" 80 men |strong="H1121". He |strong="H4480" cried |strong="H1058" <sup>II</sup> while |strong="H1961" he |strong="H4480" walked |strong="H1980" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H6298" them |strong="H0413". Ishmael |strong="H3458" met |strong="H6298" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1980" said |strong="H0559", "Come |strong="H0935" with |strong="H1980" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" meet |strong="H6298" with |strong="H1980" Gedaliah |strong="H1436" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Ahikam |strong="H0296"." <sup>7</sup> As soon as they were in the city, Ishmael and the men with him began to kill the 80 men and throw them into a deep cistern! But ten of the men said to Ishmael, "Don't kill us! We have hidden some things in a field. We have wheat and barley and oil and honey." So Ishmael stopped and didn't kill them with the others. <sup>9</sup> ( Ishmael |strong="H3458" threw |strong="H7993" the |strong="H3605" dead |strong="H6297" bodies |strong="H6297" into |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" cistern |strong="H0953" until it |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" full |strong="H4390", and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" cistern |strong="H0953" was |strong="H0834" very big! It |strong="H1931" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" built |strong="H6213" by |strong="H3027" a |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah named Asa |strong="H0609". King |strong="H4428" Asa |strong="H0609" had |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" cistern |strong="H0953" so |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" during |strong="H3605" war there |strong="H8033" would |strong="H3478" be |strong="H0376" water |strong="H4390" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> SHAVED ... CUT THEMSELVES The men did this to show that they were sad about the destruction of the Lord's Temple in Jerusalem.

<sup>II</sup> HE CRIED Ishmael was acting like he was sad about the destruction of the Temple.

city|strong="H1931".<sup>1</sup> Asa|strong="H0609" did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H1931" to|strong="H3478" protect his|strong="H3605" city|strong="H1931" from|strong="H0376" King|strong="H4428" Baasha|strong="H1201" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478".)

<sup>10</sup> Ishmael|strong="H3458" captured|strong="H7617" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H1121" Mizpah|strong="H4709" and|strong="H1121" started to|strong="H0413" cross|strong="H5674" over|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" country of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" Ammonites|strong="H5983". They|strong="H0834" included|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" daughters|strong="H1323", and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" left|strong="H7604" there|strong="H3605". Nebuzaradan|strong="H5018", the|strong="H3605" commander of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Babylon's special guards, had|strong="H0834" chosen Gedaliah|strong="H1436" to|strong="H0413" watch over|strong="H0413" those|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971".

<sup>11</sup> Johanan|strong="H3110" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kareah|strong="H7143" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" officers|strong="H8269" who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" with|strong="H0854" him|strong="H0853" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605" Ishmael|strong="H3458" had|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213".<sup>12</sup> So|strong="H3947" Johanan and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" army officers with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0413" took|strong="H3947" their|strong="H3605" men|strong="H0376" and|strong="H1121" went|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H3898" Ishmael|strong="H3458" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Nethaniah|strong="H5418". They|strong="H0834" caught|strong="H4672" Ishmael|strong="H3458" near|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" big pool|strong="H4325" of|strong="H1121" water|strong="H4325" that|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H1121"

Gibeon|strong="H1391".<sup>13</sup> When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" captives that|strong="H0834" Ishmael|strong="H3458" had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H1961" saw|strong="H7200" Johanan|strong="H3110" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" officers|strong="H8269", they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" very|strong="H2428" happy|strong="H8055".<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H7725" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" captives|strong="H7617" who|strong="H0834" Ishmael|strong="H3458" had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H7617" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H1121" Mizpah|strong="H4709" ran to|strong="H0413" Johanan|strong="H3110" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kareah|strong="H7143".<sup>15</sup> But|strong="H0376" Ishmael|strong="H3458" and|strong="H1121" eight|strong="H8083" of|strong="H1121" his|strong="H0376" men|strong="H0376" escaped|strong="H4422" from|strong="H0376" Johanan|strong="H3110" and|strong="H1121" ran|strong="H4422" away|strong="H4422" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" Ammonites|strong="H5983".

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="H4480" Johanan|strong="H3110" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Kareah|strong="H7143" and|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" officers|strong="H8269" rescued the|strong="H3605" captives. Ishmael|strong="H3458" had|strong="H0834" murdered Gedaliah|strong="H1436" and|strong="H1121" then|strong="H3947" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H3947" those|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" from|strong="H4480" Mizpah|strong="H4709". Among|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" survivors|strong="H7611" were|strong="H0834" soldiers|strong="H0376", women|strong="H0802", children|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" court|strong="H5631" officials|strong="H8269". Johanan|strong="H3110" brought|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0853" back|strong="H7725" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" town of|strong="H1121" Gibeon|strong="H1391".

### The|strong="H3605" Escape to|strong="H7725" Egypt

<sup>17</sup> Johanan and the other army officers were afraid of the Chaldeans. The king of Babylon had chosen Gedaliah to be governor of Judah. But Ishmael murdered Gedaliah, and Johanan was afraid that the Chaldeans would be angry. So they decided to run away to Egypt. On the way to Egypt, they stayed at Geruth Kimham, near the town of Bethlehem.

**42** While|strong="H5704" they|strong="H5704" were|strong="H1121" at|strong="H1121" Geruth Kimham, Johanan|strong="H3110"

<sup>1</sup> KING ASA ... CITY King Asa lived about 300 years before the time of Gedaliah. See 1 Kings 15:22 for the story about Asa building defenses for Mizpah.

son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kareah |strong="H7143" and |strong="H1121" Jezaniah |strong="H3153" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hoshaiah |strong="H1955" went |strong="H5066" to |strong="H5704" Jeremiah the |strong="H3605" prophet. All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428" officers |strong="H8269" went |strong="H5066" with |strong="H3605" Johanan |strong="H3110" and |strong="H1121" Jezaniah |strong="H3153". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971", from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" least important |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" most important |strong="H5704", went |strong="H5066" to |strong="H5704" Jeremiah. <sup>2</sup> They |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", " Jeremiah |strong="H3414", please |strong="H4994" listen |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" we |strong="H3588" ask |strong="H0559". Pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" for |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" survivors |strong="H7611" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" family of |strong="H0430" Judah. Jeremiah |strong="H3414", you |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" there |strong="H3068" are |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3588" many |strong="H7235" of |strong="H0430" us |strong="H4994" left |strong="H7604". At |strong="H0413" one |strong="H3605" time |strong="H5704" there |strong="H3068" were |strong="H0834" many |strong="H7235" of |strong="H0430" us |strong="H4994". <sup>3</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H3068", pray that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H5046" us |strong="H5046" where |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" go and |strong="H3068" what |strong="H0834" we |strong="H0834" should |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213"."

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H6030" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" answered |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" understand |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" want me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H3605". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" pray |strong="H6419" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430", as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834"

asked |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H3605". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H0834" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" hide anything |strong="H3605" from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H0834"."

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414", " If |strong="H0518" we |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" tells |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413", then |strong="H1961" we |strong="H0834" hope the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" true |strong="H0571" and |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H0539" witness |strong="H5707" against |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413". We |strong="H0834" know he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213". <sup>6</sup> It |strong="H0518" doesn't matter if |strong="H0518" we |strong="H3588" like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H3068" or |strong="H0518" if |strong="H0518" we |strong="H3588" don't like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H3068". We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0834" sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" from |strong="H8085" him |strong="H0413". We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" says. Then |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" happen to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413". Yes |strong="H3588", we |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"."

<sup>7</sup> At |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" end |strong="H7093" of |strong="H3068" ten |strong="H6235" days |strong="H3117",





God |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H6213". We |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" obey |strong="H6213" him |strong="H0413":<sup>21</sup> So |strong="H7971" today |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" told |strong="H5046" you |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" message |strong="H3068" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" obeyed |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" done |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H5046" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" do |strong="H3605".<sup>22</sup> So |strong="H0834" now |strong="H6258" be |strong="H4191" sure |strong="H3045" you |strong="H0834" understand |strong="H3045" this |strong="H6258": You |strong="H0834" want |strong="H2654" to |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935" live |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0935" Egypt. But |strong="H3588" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" happen to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0935" Egypt: You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" die |strong="H4191" by |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" sword |strong="H2719", or |strong="H2719" hunger |strong="H7458", or |strong="H2719" terrible sickness."

**43** So |strong="H7971" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" finished |strong="H3615" telling |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" the |strong="H3605" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H0834" told |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430" had |strong="H3068" sent |strong="H7971" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" tell |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>2</sup> Azariah |strong="H5838" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Hoshaiah |strong="H1955", Johanan |strong="H3110" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kareah |strong="H7143", and |strong="H1121" some |strong="H0376" other |strong="H3605" men |strong="H0376" were |strong="H1121" proud |strong="H2086"

and |strong="H1121" stubborn. They |strong="H8033" became angry with |strong="H0413" Jeremiah |strong="H3414". They |strong="H8033" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413", "Jeremiah |strong="H3414", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0376" lying |strong="H8267"! The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" didn't |strong="H3808" send |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413", 'You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H1481" there |strong="H8033":'<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah, we |strong="H3588" think that |strong="H3588" Baruch |strong="H1263" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Neriah |strong="H5374" is |strong="H3027" encouraging you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H4191" be |strong="H4191" against |strong="H3027" us |strong="H5414". He |strong="H3588" wants you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H4191" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H0853" Babylonians |strong="H3778". He |strong="H3588" wants you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H4191" do |strong="H3027" this |strong="H3588" so |strong="H4616" they |strong="H3588" can |strong="H1121" kill |strong="H4191" us |strong="H5414". Or |strong="H1121" he |strong="H3588" wants you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H4191" do |strong="H3027" this |strong="H3588" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" can |strong="H1121" make |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" captives |strong="H1540" and |strong="H1121" take |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" Babylon |strong="H0894":"

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="H3808" Johanan |strong="H3110", the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428" officers |strong="H8269", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" disobeyed |strong="H6963" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" command. The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" had |strong="H3068" commanded them |strong="H3427" to |strong="H3068" stay |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Judah |strong="H3063".<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H3947" Johanan |strong="H3110", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Kareah |strong="H7143", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428" officers |strong="H8269" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0776" obey this |strong="H0834" command. In-

stead |strong="H3947", they |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" survivors |strong="H7611" from |strong="H7725" Judah |strong="H3063" to |strong="H7725" Egypt. In |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" past the |strong="H3605" enemy had |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" survivors |strong="H7611" to |strong="H7725" other |strong="H3605" countries |strong="H0776", but |strong="H3947" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" Judah |strong="H3063".<sup>6</sup> Now |strong="H7227" Johanan and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" army officers took |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H1121", women |strong="H0802", and |strong="H1121" children |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" led them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H4428" Egypt. Among |strong="H0854" those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" were |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" daughters |strong="H1323". ( Nebuzaradan |strong="H5018" had |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3240" Gedaliah |strong="H1436" in |strong="H4428" charge of |strong="H1121" those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121". Nebuzaradan |strong="H5018" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" commander of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon's special guards.) Johanan also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H0853" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" and |strong="H1121" Baruch |strong="H1263" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Neriah |strong="H5374".<sup>7</sup> These people |strong="H3808" didn't |strong="H3808" listen |strong="H0805" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068". So |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3588" all |strong="H5704" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588" town of |strong="H0776" Tahpanhes |strong="H8471".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>8</sup> In |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" town of |strong="H3068" Tahpanhes |strong="H8471", Jeremiah |strong="H3414" received |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068":<sup>9</sup> "Jeremiah, get |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0376" large |strong="H1419" stones |strong="H0068". Take |strong="H3947" them |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" bury |strong="H2934" them |strong="H3027" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" clay and |strong="H3027"

I TAHAPANHES A town in northeastern Egypt.

brick |strong="H4404" sidewalk in |strong="H1004" front of |strong="H1004" Pharaoh's |strong="H6547" official building in |strong="H1004" Tahpanhes |strong="H8471". Do |strong="H3027" this |strong="H0834" while |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1004" Judah are |strong="H0834" watching |strong="H5869" you |strong="H0834".<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H3947" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0428" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" watching you |strong="H0834": " This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" for |strong="H5921" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H6635" here |strong="H3541". He |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" my |strong="H7760" servant |strong="H5650", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" set |strong="H7760" his |strong="H5921" throne |strong="H3678" over |strong="H5921" these |strong="H0428" stones |strong="H0068" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" buried |strong="H2934" here |strong="H3541". Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" will |strong="H3068" spread |strong="H5186" his |strong="H5921" canopy |strong="H8237"<sup>II</sup> above |strong="H5921" these |strong="H0428" stones |strong="H0068".<sup>11</sup> He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" here and |strong="H0935" attack |strong="H5221" Egypt |strong="H4714". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H0935" death |strong="H4194" to |strong="H0935" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" die |strong="H4194". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H0935" captivity |strong="H7628" to |strong="H0935" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H0776" taken |strong="H5221" captive. And |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" sword |strong="H2719" to |strong="H0935" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H0776" killed |strong="H5221" with |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935"

II CANOPY A temporary covering used for shade. It is like a tent without sides.



sword/strong="H2719".<sup>12</sup> Nebuchadnezzar/strong="H8033" will/strong="H0430" start a/strong="H0834" fire/strong="H0784" in/strong="H0430" the/strong="H0853" temples/strong="H1004" of/strong="H0776" the/strong="H0853" false gods/strong="H0430" of/strong="H0776" Egypt/strong="H4714". He/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0430" burn/strong="H8313" the/strong="H0853" temples/strong="H1004" and/strong="H0430" he/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0430" take/strong="H3318" the/strong="H0853" idols away/strong="H7617". Shepherds/strong="H7462" pick the/strong="H0853" bugs and/strong="H0430" thorns off/strong="H3318" their/strong="H8313" clothes/strong="H0899" to/strong="H4714" make them/strong="H0853" clean. In/strong="H0430" the/strong="H0853" same/strong="H0853" way Nebuchadnezzar/strong="H8033" will/strong="H0430" pick Egypt/strong="H4714" clean. Then/strong="H3318" he/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0430" safely/strong="H7965" leave/strong="H3318" Egypt/strong="H4714".<sup>13</sup> He/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0430" destroy/strong="H7665" the/strong="H0853" memorial stones that/strong="H0834" are/strong="H0834" in/strong="H0430" the/strong="H0853" temple/strong="H1004" of/strong="H0776" the/strong="H0853" Sun God/strong="H0430"<sup>14</sup> in/strong="H0430" Egypt/strong="H4714", and/strong="H0430" he/strong="H0834" will/strong="H0430" burn/strong="H8313" down/strong="H7665" the/strong="H0853" temples/strong="H1004" of/strong="H0776" the/strong="H0853" false gods/strong="H0430" of/strong="H0776" Egypt/strong="H4714"."

#### The Lord Warns the People of Judah

**44** Jeremiah/strong="H3414" received/strong="H1961" a/strong="H1961" message/strong="H1697" from/strong="H0413" the/strong="H3605" Lord for/strong="H0413" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427" of/strong="H0776" Judah living/strong="H3427" in/strong="H3427" Egypt/strong="H4714". The/strong="H3605" message/strong="H1697" was/strong="H1961" for/strong="H0413" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H3427" of/strong="H0776" Judah living/strong="H3427" in/strong="H3427" the/strong="H3605" towns of/strong="H0776" Migdol/strong="H4024", Tahpanhes/strong="H8471", Memphis/strong="H5297", and/strong="H0776" southern Egypt/strong="H4714". This/strong="H1697" was/strong="H1961" the/strong="H3605" message/strong="H1697".<sup>2</sup> "

I SUN GOD This was the most important god in Egypt.

This/strong="H2088" is/strong="H0369" what/strong="H0834" the/strong="H3605" LORD/strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the/strong="H3605" God/strong="H0430" of/strong="H0430" Israel/strong="H3478", says/strong="H0559": ' You/strong="H0859" people/strong="H3427" saw/strong="H7200" the/strong="H3605" disasters/strong="H7451" that/strong="H0834" I/strong="H0834" brought/strong="H0935" on/strong="H5921" the/strong="H3605" city/strong="H5892" of/strong="H0430" Jerusalem/strong="H3389" and/strong="H0935" on/strong="H5921" all/strong="H3605" the/strong="H3605" towns/strong="H5892" of/strong="H0430" Judah/strong="H3063". The/strong="H3605" towns/strong="H5892" are/strong="H0834" empty piles of/strong="H0430" stones today/strong="H3117".<sup>3</sup> They/strong="H1992" were/strong="H0834" destroyed because/strong="H0834" the/strong="H6440" people/strong="H0834" living in/strong="H0430" them/strong="H1992" did/strong="H6213" evil/strong="H7451". They/strong="H1992" gave/strong="H6213" sacrifices/strong="H6999" to/strong="H0430" other/strong="H0312" gods/strong="H0430", and/strong="H0430" that/strong="H0834" made/strong="H6213" me/strong="H6440" angry/strong="H3707"! Your/strong="H0834" people/strong="H0834" and/strong="H0430" your/strong="H0834" ancestors/strong="H0001" did/strong="H6213" not/strong="H3808" worship/strong="H5647" those/strong="H0834" gods/strong="H0430" in/strong="H0430" the/strong="H6440" past.<sup>4</sup> I/strong="H0834" sent/strong="H7971" my/strong="H3605" servants/strong="H5650", the/strong="H3605" prophets/strong="H5030", to/strong="H0413" those/strong="H3605" people/strong="H0834" again/strong="H7925" and/strong="H7971" again/strong="H7925". They/strong="H0834" spoke/strong="H0559" my/strong="H3605" message/strong="H1697" and/strong="H7971" said/strong="H0559" to/strong="H0413" the/strong="H3605" people/strong="H0834", " Don't/strong="H0408" do/strong="H6213" this/strong="H2063" terrible thing/strong="H1697". I/strong="H0834" hate/strong="H8130" for/strong="H0413" you/strong="H0834" to/strong="H0413" worship idols."<sup>5</sup> But/strong="H3808" they/strong="H3808" didn't/strong="H3808" listen/strong="H8085" to/strong="H7725" the/strong="H0853" prophets or/strong="H3808" pay/strong="H5186" attention/strong="H8085" to/strong="H7725" them/strong="H0853". They/strong="H3808" didn't/strong="H3808" stop/strong="H3808" doing/strong="H7451" wicked/strong="H7451"

things|strong="H0241". They|strong="H3808" didn't|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" making|strong="H0241" sacrifices|strong="H6999" to|strong="H7725" other|strong="H0312" gods|strong="H0430".<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H1961" I|strong="H3117" showed my|strong="H1961" anger|strong="H0639" against|strong="H3389" them|strong="H1961". I|strong="H3117" punished the|strong="H3117" towns|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3117" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H3117" streets|strong="H2351" of|strong="H3117" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". My|strong="H1961" anger|strong="H0639" made|strong="H1961" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H3117" towns|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3117" Judah|strong="H3063" the|strong="H3117" empty piles of|strong="H3117" stone they|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" today|strong="H3117":'

<sup>7</sup> " So|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" All-Powerful, the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0376" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559": ' Why|strong="H4100" are|strong="H3478" you|strong="H0859" hurting yourselves|strong="H5315" by|strong="H3068" continuing to|strong="H0413" worship|strong="H3478" idols? You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3478" separating the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0376" and|strong="H3068" women|strong="H0802", the|strong="H0559" children|strong="H5768" and|strong="H3068" babies|strong="H0802" from|strong="H3772" the|strong="H0559" family of|strong="H0376" Judah|strong="H3063". And|strong="H3068" so|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0859" leave|strong="H3498" yourselves|strong="H5315" without|strong="H1115" anyone|strong="H0376" left|strong="H3498" from|strong="H3772" the|strong="H0559" family of|strong="H0376" Judah|strong="H3063".<sup>8</sup> Why|strong="H0834" do|strong="H4639" you|strong="H0859" people|strong="H1471" want to|strong="H0935" make|strong="H3772" me|strong="H0935" angry|strong="H3707" by|strong="H3027" making|strong="H3772" idols? Now|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" living|strong="H1481" in|strong="H0935" Egypt|strong="H4714". And|strong="H0935" now|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" making|strong="H3772" me|strong="H0935" angry|strong="H3707" by|strong="H3027" offering|strong="H6999" sacrifices|strong="H6999" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" false gods|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0776"

Egypt|strong="H4714". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0430" destroy|strong="H3605" yourselves|strong="H0859", and|strong="H0935" it|strong="H8033" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" your|strong="H3605" own|strong="H1961" fault. The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471" of|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0312" nations|strong="H1471" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0430" say bad things|strong="H3605" about|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H0935" make|strong="H3772" fun of|strong="H0776" you|strong="H0859".<sup>9</sup> Have|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" forgotten|strong="H7911" about|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" wicked|strong="H7451" things|strong="H0834" your|strong="H0834" ancestors|strong="H0001" did|strong="H6213"? And|strong="H3063" have|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" forgotten|strong="H7911" about|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" wicked|strong="H7451" things|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" kings|strong="H4428" and|strong="H3063" queens of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063" did|strong="H6213"? Have|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" forgotten|strong="H7911" about|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" wicked|strong="H7451" things|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3063" your|strong="H0834" wives|strong="H0802" did|strong="H6213" in|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" streets|strong="H2351" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"?<sup>10</sup> Even|strong="H5704" to|strong="H5704" this|strong="H2088" day|strong="H3117" the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3117" Judah have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" made|strong="H5414" themselves humble. They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" shown any|strong="H6440" respect|strong="H6440" for|strong="H3117" me|strong="H5414", and|strong="H1980" they|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" followed|strong="H1980" my|strong="H5414" teachings|strong="H8451". They|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" obeyed the|strong="H6440" laws|strong="H8451" I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H1980" your|strong="H5414" ancestors|strong="H0001":'

<sup>11</sup> " So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Power-

ful, the *strong*="H3605" God *strong*="H0430" of *strong*="H0430" Israel *strong*="H3478", says *strong*="H0559": ' I *strong*="H2005" have *strong*="H3068" decided *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0559" make *strong*="H7760" terrible *strong*="H7451" things *strong*="H3605" happen to *strong*="H0559" you *strong*="H3605". I *strong*="H2005" will *strong*="H3068" destroy *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" whole *strong*="H3605" family of *strong*="H0430" Judah *strong*="H3063". <sup>12</sup> There *strong*="H8033" were *strong*="H0834" a *strong*="H1961" few survivors *strong*="H7611" from *strong*="H0935" Judah *strong*="H3063". They *strong*="H0834" came *strong*="H0935" here *strong*="H8033" to *strong*="H0935" Egypt *strong*="H4714". But *strong*="H1961" I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H1961" destroy *strong*="H4191" the *strong*="H3605" few survivors *strong*="H7611" from *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H3605" family *strong*="H4191" of *strong*="H0776" Judah *strong*="H3063". They *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H1961" be *strong*="H1961" killed *strong*="H4191" with *strong*="H0935" swords *strong*="H2719" or *strong*="H5704" die *strong*="H4191" from *strong*="H0935" hunger *strong*="H7458". The *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H0834" of *strong*="H0776" other *strong*="H3605" nations *strong*="H0776" will *strong*="H1961" point *strong*="H5704" at *strong*="H4191" them *strong*="H0853" and *strong*="H0935" wish evil for *strong*="H0776" them *strong*="H0853". People *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H1961" be *strong*="H1961" shocked and *strong*="H0935" frightened by *strong*="H0935" what *strong*="H0834" has *strong*="H0834" happened *strong*="H1961" to *strong*="H0935" them *strong*="H0853". The *strong*="H3605" name Judah *strong*="H3063" will *strong*="H1961" become *strong*="H1961" a *strong*="H1961" curse *strong*="H7045" word and *strong*="H0935" an *strong*="H1961" insult *strong*="H2781". <sup>13</sup> I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" punish *strong*="H6485" those *strong*="H0834" who *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H0834" gone to *strong*="H5921" live *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" Egypt *strong*="H4714". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" use war *strong*="H2719", hunger *strong*="H7458", and *strong*="H0776" disease to *strong*="H5921" punish *strong*="H6485" them *strong*="H5921". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0776" punish *strong*="H6485" them *strong*="H5921" just *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" I *strong*="H0834" punished *strong*="H6485" the *strong*="H0834" city of *strong*="H0776" Jerusalem *strong*="H3389". <sup>14</sup> Not *strong*="H3808" one *strong*="H3808" of *strong*="H0776"

the *strong*="H0853" few survivors *strong*="H8300" of *strong*="H0776" Judah *strong*="H3063" who *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H1961" gone *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0935" live *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" Egypt *strong*="H4714" will *strong*="H1961" escape *strong*="H6412" my *strong*="H1961" punishment. None *strong*="H3808" of *strong*="H0776" them *strong*="H1992" will *strong*="H1961" survive *strong*="H8300" to *strong*="H0935" come *strong*="H0935" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0935" Judah *strong*="H3063". They *strong*="H1992" want *strong*="H5315" to *strong*="H0935" come *strong*="H0935" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0935" Judah *strong*="H3063" and *strong*="H0935" live *strong*="H3427" there *strong*="H8033". But *strong*="H3588" not *strong*="H3808" one *strong*="H3808" of *strong*="H0776" them *strong*="H1992" will *strong*="H1961" go *strong*="H0935" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H0935" Judah *strong*="H3063", except *strong*="H0518" a *strong*="H1961" few people *strong*="H5315" who *strong*="H0834" escape *strong*="H6412"."

<sup>15</sup> There *strong*="H3427" were *strong*="H0376" many *strong*="H1419" people *strong*="H5971" from *strong*="H0376" Judah living *strong*="H3427" in *strong*="H3427" southern Egypt *strong*="H4714". Many *strong*="H1419" of *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H3605" women *strong*="H0802" from *strong*="H0376" Judah were *strong*="H0376" meeting together *strong*="H5971" in *strong*="H3427" a *strong*="H3588" large *strong*="H1419" group and *strong*="H0430" making *strong*="H3605" sacrifices *strong*="H6999" to *strong*="H0559" other *strong*="H0312" gods *strong*="H0430", and *strong*="H0430" their *strong*="H3605" husbands *strong*="H0376" knew *strong*="H3045" what *strong*="H3045" they *strong*="H3588" were *strong*="H0376" doing. Those *strong*="H3605" men *strong*="H0376" said *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0559" Jeremiah *strong*="H3414", <sup>16</sup> " We *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H0369" listen *strong*="H8085" to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0834" message *strong*="H1697" from *strong*="H8085" the *strong*="H0834" LORD *strong*="H3068" that *strong*="H0834" you *strong*="H0834" spoke *strong*="H1696" to *strong*="H0413" us *strong*="H0413". <sup>17</sup> We *strong*="H0587" promised to *strong*="H1961" make *strong*="H6213" sacrifices *strong*="H6999" to *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H3605" Queen *strong*="H4446" of *strong*="H4428" Heaven *strong*="H8064", and *strong*="H3063" we *strong*="H0587" will *strong*="H1961" do *strong*="H6213" everything *strong*="H3605" we *strong*="H0587" promised.

We will offer and pour out drink offerings in worship to her. We did that in the past. Our ancestors, our kings, our officials did that in the past. All us those in towns of Judah in the streets of Jerusalem we worshiped the Queen of Heaven, we had plenty of food. We were successful. Nothing bad happened to us. <sup>18</sup> But then we stopped sacrifices to the Queen of Heaven, and we stopped pouring out drink offerings to her. And we have ever since stopped worshiping her. Our people have been killed by war and hunger."

<sup>19</sup> Then the women spoke up and said to Jeremiah, "Our husbands knew what we were doing."

I THEN THE WOMEN SPOKE UP This is from the ancient Greek version.

We had their permission to make sacrifices to the Queen of Heaven. We had their permission to pour out drink offerings to her. Our husbands also knew that we were making cakes that looked like her."

<sup>20</sup> Then Jeremiah spoke all men and women told these things. <sup>21</sup> He said, "The LORD that made in the towns of Judah in the streets of Jerusalem and your ancestors, your kings, your officials, the people of the land that He remembered what you had done and thought about it. <sup>22</sup> The LORD hated the terrible things you did, and he could be patient with you longer. So he made your country an empty desert. No one lives there now."

er |strong="H2088" people |strong="H3427" say bad things |strong="H8441" about |strong="H1961" that |strong="H0834" country |strong="H0776".<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H0853" reason |strong="H3651" all |strong="H3117" those |strong="H0834" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H0834" happened |strong="H7122" to |strong="H1980" you |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" made |strong="H8085" sacrifices |strong="H6999" to |strong="H1980" other |strong="H2088" gods |strong="H1980". You |strong="H0834" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H0834" didn't |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H8085" him |strong="H5921" or |strong="H3808" follow |strong="H1980" his |strong="H5921" teachings |strong="H8451" or |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" laws |strong="H8451" he |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" didn't |strong="H3808" keep |strong="H8085" your |strong="H3068" part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" agreement.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H8085" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H5971" and |strong="H3068" women |strong="H0802". He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " All |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" now |strong="H8085" in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>25</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0430" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", says |strong="H0559": ' You |strong="H0859" women |strong="H0802" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" said |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" would |strong="H3478" do |strong="H6213". You |strong="H0859" said |strong="H0559", " We |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" keep |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" promises we |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213". We |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0559"

<sup>1</sup> AGREEMENT This probably means the Law of Moses, the commands and agreement God made with the Israelites.

make |strong="H6213" sacrifices |strong="H6999" and |strong="H6965" pour |strong="H5258" out |strong="H6965" drink offerings |strong="H5088" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" Queen |strong="H4446" of |strong="H0430" Heaven |strong="H8064". So |strong="H6213" go |strong="H6965" ahead |strong="H6965". Do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" promised |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0859" would |strong="H3478" do |strong="H6213". Keep |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3068" promises.<sup>26</sup> But |strong="H0518" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3651" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", all |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0518" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0376" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714": ' I |strong="H0518", the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068", use |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3605" own |strong="H1961" great |strong="H1419" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H8085" this |strong="H3651" promise |strong="H1697": None |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0376" now |strong="H1961" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H5750" again |strong="H5750" use |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H8085" promises |strong="H1697". They |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H0518" again |strong="H5750" say |strong="H0559", " As |strong="H1697" surely |strong="H0518" as |strong="H1697" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H2416" ...."<sup>27</sup> I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H2005" watching |strong="H8245" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H2005" not |strong="H3808" watching |strong="H8245" over |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5704" take care |strong="H5921" of |strong="H0776" them |strong="H5921". I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H2005" watching |strong="H8245" over |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5704" bring |strong="H7451" them |strong="H5921" harm |strong="H7451". The |strong="H3605" peo-

ple |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H0834" live  
in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714"  
will |strong="H0776" die |strong="H2719"  
from |strong="H5921" hunger |strong="H7458"  
or |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808"  
killed |strong="H2719" in |strong="H5921"  
war |strong="H2719" until |strong="H5704"  
they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" complete-  
ly |strong="H3605" destroyed |strong="H3615".<sup>28</sup>  
Some |strong="H4480" people |strong="H0776"  
of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063"  
will |strong="H4310" escape |strong="H6412" be-  
ing |strong="H4962" killed |strong="H2719"  
by |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605"  
sword |strong="H2719". They |strong="H1992"  
will |strong="H4310" come |strong="H0935"  
back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0935" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063" from |strong="H4480"  
Egypt |strong="H4714". But |strong="H1992" on-  
ly |strong="H3605" a |strong="H0935"  
few |strong="H4557" people |strong="H0776"  
of |strong="H0776" Judah |strong="H3063"  
will |strong="H4310" escape |strong="H6412".  
Then |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" sur-  
vivors |strong="H7611" of |strong="H0776" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063" who |strong="H4310"  
came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
live |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0935"  
Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H4310"  
know |strong="H3045" whose |strong="H4310"  
word |strong="H1697" proves |strong="H4480"  
to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H1697" true.  
They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H4310"  
know |strong="H3045" whether |strong="H4480"  
it |strong="H7725" was |strong="H0776"  
my |strong="H3605" word |strong="H1697"  
or |strong="H4480" their |strong="H3605"  
word |strong="H1697" that |strong="H3045"  
came |strong="H0935" true.<sup>29</sup> I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H3068" give you |strong="H3588" peo-  
ple |strong="H3045" proof,' says |strong="H5002"  
the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068",  
that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485"  
you |strong="H3588" here |strong="H2088"  
in |strong="H5921" Egypt. Then |strong="H6965"  
you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068"  
know |strong="H3045" for |strong="H3588"  
sure |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588"  
my |strong="H3068" promises |strong="H1697"  
to |strong="H5921" harm |strong="H7451"  
you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" real-  
ly |strong="H2088" happen |strong="H1697".<sup>30</sup>  
This |strong="H3541" will |strong="H3068"  
be |strong="H3027" your |strong="H3068" proof  
that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3027"

what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
say |strong="H0559". This |strong="H3541"  
is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
says |strong="H0559": ' Pharaoh |strong="H6548"  
Hophra |strong="H6548" is |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428"  
of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714".  
His |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H0341"  
want |strong="H1245" to |strong="H0559" kill  
him |strong="H5414". I |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414"  
Pharaoh |strong="H6548" Hophra |strong="H6548"  
to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5414" ene-  
mies |strong="H0341". Just |strong="H0834"  
as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"  
gave |strong="H5414" Zedekiah |strong="H6667"  
king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063" to |strong="H0559"  
his |strong="H5414" enemy |strong="H0341" Neb-  
uchadnezzar |strong="H5019", in |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853"  
way |strong="H3541" I |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414"  
Pharaoh |strong="H6548" Hophra |strong="H6548"  
to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5414" ene-  
mies |strong="H0341"."

#### A Message to Baruch

**45** In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
fourth |strong="H7243" year |strong="H8141"  
that |strong="H0834" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079"<sup>1</sup>  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Josi-  
ah |strong="H2977" was |strong="H0834"  
king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063", Jeremiah |strong="H3414"  
the |strong="H0853" prophet |strong="H5030"  
spoke |strong="H1696" these |strong="H0428"  
things |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413"  
Baruch |strong="H1263" son |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" Neriah |strong="H5374".  
Baruch |strong="H1263" wrote |strong="H3789"  
them |strong="H0413" on |strong="H5921"  
a |strong="H1696" scroll |strong="H5612".  
This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H0834"  
what |strong="H0834" Jeremiah |strong="H3414"  
said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413"  
Baruch |strong="H1263":<sup>2</sup> " This |strong="H3541"  
is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541"  
the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068",  
the |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0430"  
of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478",  
says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
you |strong="H5921":<sup>3</sup> " Baruch, you |strong="H3588"  
have |strong="H4672" said |strong="H0559", "  
It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H3068" very bad

for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H4994".  
 The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 has |strong="H3068" given me |strong="H4994" sor-  
 row |strong="H3015" along |strong="H5921"  
 with |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068"  
 pain |strong="H4341". I |strong="H3588"  
 am |strong="H3068" very tired |strong="H3021".  
 I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068"  
 worn |strong="H3021" out |strong="H5921" be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" of |strong="H3068"  
 my |strong="H3068" suffering. I |strong="H3588" can-  
 not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672"  
 rest |strong="H4496".<sup>4</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H0776",  
 tell |strong="H0559" Baruch that |strong="H0834"  
 this |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834"  
 what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":  
 I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068"  
 tear |strong="H2040" down |strong="H2040"  
 what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589"  
 have |strong="H0834" built |strong="H1129",  
 and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589"  
 will |strong="H3068" pull |strong="H2040"  
 up |strong="H1129" what |strong="H0834"  
 I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0834" plant-  
 ed |strong="H5193". I |strong="H0589"  
 will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H0589"  
 that |strong="H0834" everywhere |strong="H3605"  
 in |strong="H0413" Judah.<sup>5</sup> Baruch,  
 you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0834" look-  
 ing |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3588"  
 great |strong="H1419" things |strong="H3605"  
 for |strong="H3588" yourself |strong="H0859".  
 Don't |strong="H0408" look |strong="H2005"  
 for |strong="H3588" them |strong="H5414", be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" terri-  
 ble |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" happen  
 to |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5315".  
 This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834"  
 what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" said. ' You |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834"  
 to |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935"  
 many |strong="H1419" places |strong="H4725".  
 But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834"  
 will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H5414"  
 you |strong="H0859" escape |strong="H7998"  
 alive |strong="H5315" wherever |strong="H0834"  
 you |strong="H0859" go |strong="H0935".'

#### The Lord's Messages About the Nations

**46** These |strong="H0834" mes-  
 sages |strong="H1697" about |strong="H1961"  
 different nations |strong="H1471"  
 came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremi-  
 ah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H0834"

prophet |strong="H5030" from |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068".

#### Messages |strong="H1697" About |strong="H1961" Egypt

<sup>2</sup> This |strong="H0834" message is |strong="H0834"  
 about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" nation  
 of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714".  
 It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0834"  
 about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834"  
 army |strong="H2428" of |strong="H1121"  
 Pharaoh |strong="H6549" Neco |strong="H6549"  
 king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121"  
 Egypt |strong="H4714". His |strong="H5921"  
 army |strong="H2428" was |strong="H1961" defeat-  
 ed |strong="H5221" at |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0834" town of |strong="H1121" Car-  
 chemish |strong="H3751". Carchem-  
 ish |strong="H3751" is |strong="H0834"  
 on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0834" Eu-  
 phrates |strong="H6578" River |strong="H5104".  
 King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadne-  
 zar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H1121" Baby-  
 lon |strong="H0894" defeated |strong="H5221"  
 the |strong="H0834" army |strong="H2428"  
 of |strong="H1121" Pharaoh |strong="H6549"  
 Neco |strong="H6549" at |strong="H5921" Carchem-  
 ish |strong="H3751" in |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0834" fourth |strong="H7243"  
 year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" Je-  
 hoiakim |strong="H3079"<sup>1</sup> son |strong="H1121"  
 of |strong="H1121" Josiah |strong="H2977"  
 was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428"  
 of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063".  
 The |strong="H0834" Lord said,

<sup>3</sup> "Get your |strong="H5066" large |strong="H4043"  
 and |strong="H5066" small shields |strong="H4043"  
 ready.

March out for |strong="H5066" bat-  
 tle |strong="H4421".

<sup>4</sup> Get |strong="H5927" the |strong="H5927" hors-  
 es |strong="H5483" ready |strong="H0631".

Soldiers |strong="H5927", get |strong="H5927"  
 on |strong="H3847" your |strong="H3320" hors-  
 es |strong="H5483".

Go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5927"  
 your |strong="H3320" places for battle.

Put |strong="H3847" your |strong="H3320" hel-  
 mets |strong="H3553" on |strong="H3847".

Sharpen |strong="H4838" your |strong="H3320"  
 spears |strong="H7420".

Put |strong="H3847" your |strong="H3320" ar-  
 mor |strong="H3847" on |strong="H3847".

<sup>5</sup> What do I |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200"?  
 That |strong="H7200" army is |strong="H3068"  
 afraid.

The **soldiers** are **running away**.

Their **brave soldiers** are **defeated**.

They **run away** **in a hurry**.

They **don't look back**.

There **is danger all around**.

This **what the LORD said**.

**"Fast men cannot run away**.

**Soldiers cannot escape**.

They **will all stumble and fall**.

This **will happen in north the Euphrates River**.

**Who is coming like the Nile River**?

**Who is coming like that strong, fast river**?

**It is Egypt that comes like the Nile River**.

**It is Egypt that comes like that strong, fast river**.

**Egypt says, 'I will come and cover the earth**.

**I will destroy cities and the people in them**.

**Horse soldiers charge into battle**.

**Chariot drivers, drive fast.**

**March on**, **brave soldiers**.

**Soldiers from Cush Put your shields**.

**Soldiers from Lydia, use your bows**.

**"But on that day, the LORD GOD All-Powerful will win.**

**He will give his enemies the punishment they deserve.**

**His sword will kill until it is finished,**

**until it has its thirst for blood.**

**Yes Lord GOD All-Powerful will kill them as a sacrifice in land the north by the Euphrates River.**

**"Egypt, go to Gilead and get some medicine**.

**You will make many medicines, but they will help**.

**You will not be healed.**

**The nations will hear you crying.**

**Your cries will be all over the earth.**

**One 'brave soldier' will run into another 'brave soldier.'**



And *both* *brave* soldiers' will *fall* down *together*."

<sup>13</sup> This *is* the *message* the *LORD* spoke *to* Jeremiah *the* prophet *about* Nebuchadnezzar *coming* *to* *attack* Egypt."

<sup>14</sup> "Announce *this* message *in* Egypt."

Tell *it* *in* the *city* of *Migdol*.

Tell *it* *in* Memphis *and* Tahpanhes.

'Get *ready* for *war*, because *people* *all* *around* you *are* being killed *with* swords."

<sup>15</sup> Egypt, your soldiers *will* be killed.

They *will* not *be* able *to* stand

because *the* LORD *will* push *them* down.

<sup>16</sup> They *will* *stumble* *again* and *again*.

They *will* fall *over* each *other*.

They *will* say, 'Get *up*; let's *go* *back* *to* our *own* people.

Let us *go* *back* *to* our *homeland*.

Our *enemy* *is* *defeating* us.

We *must* get *away*."

<sup>17</sup> In *their* *homelands*, those *soldiers* *will* say,

'Pharaoh, the *king* of *Egypt*, *is* only a *lot* of *noise*."

His *time* *of* *glory* *is* *over*."

<sup>18</sup> This *message* *is* the *King*.

The *King* *is* LORD *All-Powerful*.

"I *promise*, as *surely* as *I* *live*,

a *powerful* leader *will* come."

He *will* be *like* Mount *Tabor* or *Mount Carmel* among *smaller* mountains.

<sup>19</sup> People *of* Egypt, *pack* your *things*.

Get *ready* for *captivity*, because *Memphis* *will* be *ruined*, empty *land*.

Those *cities* *will* be *destroyed*, and *no* one *will* live *there*.

<sup>20</sup> Egypt *is* like a *beautiful* cow.

But *a* *horsefly* *is* *coming* *from* the *north* *to* *attack* her.

<sup>21</sup> The *hired* soldiers *in* Egypt's army *are* like *fat* calves.

I HORSEFLY A large insect that often flies around cows and horses and bites them. II NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel.

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H1571" all|strong="H3162" turn|strong="H6437" and|strong="H0935" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127".

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" stand|strong="H5975" strong against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" at-tack|strong="H0935".

Their|strong="H1992" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H3117" destruction|strong="H0343" is|strong="H1571" coming|strong="H0935".

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H1571" soon|strong="H3588" be|strong="H3808" punished.  
<sup>22</sup> Egypt is|strong="H6963" like|strong="H6086" a|strong="H3588" snake|strong="H5175" hissing and|strong="H0935" trying to|strong="H0935" es-cape.

The|strong="H3588" enemy comes|strong="H0935" closer and|strong="H0935" closer, and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" Egyptian army|strong="H2428" is|strong="H6963" trying to|strong="H0935" slither away|strong="H0935".

The|strong="H3588" enemy will|strong="H6963" at-tack|strong="H0935" Egypt with|strong="H0935" ax-es|strong="H7134",

like|strong="H6086" men cutting down|strong="H3588" trees|strong="H6086".

<sup>23</sup> This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0369" what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002":

" They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" chop down|strong="H3772" Egypt's forest|strong="H3293".

There|strong="H0369" are|strong="H1992" many|strong="H7231" trees in|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" forest|strong="H3293",

but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" all be|strong="H3808" cut|strong="H3772" down|strong="H3772".

There|strong="H0369" are|strong="H1992" more|strong="H0369" enemy soldiers than|strong="H3808" locusts|strong="H0697".

There|strong="H0369" are|strong="H1992" so|strong="H3808" many|strong="H7231" soldiers that|strong="H3588" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0369" can|strong="H0369" count|strong="H4557" them|strong="H1992".

<sup>24</sup> Egypt|strong="H4714" will|strong="H4714" be|strong="H3027" ashamed.

The|strong="H5414" enemy from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H5414" north|strong="H6828" will|strong="H4714" defeat|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5414".

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559", "Very soon I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" Amon|strong="H0528", I the|strong="H0559"

god|strong="H0430" of|strong="H4428" Thebes|strong="H4996", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" pun-ish|strong="H6485" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H3068" her|strong="H0413" gods|strong="H0430". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" pun-ish|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0559" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" pun-ish|strong="H6485" the|strong="H0559" people who|strong="H3068" depend on|strong="H5921" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". <sup>26</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3117" of|strong="H4428" them|strong="H5414" be|strong="H3027" defeated by|strong="H3027" their|strong="H3068" enemies—their|strong="H3068" enemies want|strong="H1245" to|strong="H3068" kill them|strong="H5414". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5002" peo-ple|strong="H5315" to|strong="H3068" King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadne-zar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Baby-lon|strong="H0894" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H5414" servants|strong="H5650".

" Long|strong="H3117" ago|strong="H3117", Egypt lived|strong="H5315" in|strong="H3068" peace. And|strong="H3068" after|strong="H0310" all|strong="H3117" these times|strong="H3117" of|strong="H4428" trouble, Egypt will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H3068" peace again|strong="H0310". This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H3651".

#### A|strong="H5414" Message|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3027" Northern Israel

<sup>27</sup> " Jacob|strong="H3290", my|strong="H7725" ser-vant|strong="H5650", do|strong="H0408" not|strong="H0369" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372".

Do|strong="H0408" not|strong="H0369" be|strong="H0408" frightened, Is-rael|strong="H3478".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" save|strong="H3467" you|strong="H0859" from|strong="H7725" those|strong="H0853" faraway places.

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" save|strong="H3467" your|strong="H7725" chil-

I AMON For many centuries Amon was the most important god of Egypt. At the time of this prophecy, he was not worshiped as much in northern Egypt. But he was still the most important god in southern Egypt, especially around the old Egyptian capital city of Thebes.

dren |strong="H2233" from |strong="H7725"  
the |strong="H0853" countries |strong="H0776"  
where |strong="H7599" they |strong="H3588"  
are |strong="H3478" captives |strong="H7628".

Jacob |strong="H3290" will |strong="H0776"  
have |strong="H0369" peace |strong="H8252"  
and |strong="H3478" safety |strong="H3467"  
again |strong="H7725",

and |strong="H3478" no |strong="H0369"  
one |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0776"  
make |strong="H2729" him |strong="H0853"  
afraid |strong="H3372".

<sup>28</sup> This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834"  
what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002".

" Jacob |strong="H3290", my |strong="H3605" ser-  
vant |strong="H5650", do |strong="H6213"  
not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808"  
afraid |strong="H3372".

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H0859".

I |strong="H0589" sent you |strong="H0859"  
away |strong="H5080" to |strong="H3068" many dif-  
ferent places |strong="H3605".

But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" de-  
stroy |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859" comple-  
tely |strong="H3617".

But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3605"  
all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" na-  
tions |strong="H1471".

You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853"  
be |strong="H3808" punished |strong="H3256"  
for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" bad  
things |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0859"  
did |strong="H6213".

So |strong="H6213" I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808"  
let |strong="H0408" you |strong="H0859" escape  
your |strong="H3068" punishment |strong="H5352".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" disci-  
pline |strong="H3256" you |strong="H0859",  
but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" fair."

#### A Message About the Philistine People

**47** This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H1697"  
from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834"  
came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" Jeremi-  
ah |strong="H3414" the |strong="H0853"  
prophet |strong="H5030" about |strong="H1961"  
the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430".  
This |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697"  
came |strong="H1961" before |strong="H2962"  
Pharaoh |strong="H6547" attacked |strong="H5221"

the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H3068"  
Gaza |strong="H5804".

<sup>2</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068"  
what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559".

" Look |strong="H2009", the |strong="H3605" enemy  
is |strong="H3068" gathering in |strong="H3427"  
the |strong="H3605" north |strong="H6828"<sup>1</sup>  
like |strong="H1961" rising |strong="H5927" wa-  
ter |strong="H4325".

They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
come |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" river |strong="H5158" spilling  
over |strong="H3541" its |strong="H3605" banks.

They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" cover  
the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" coun-  
try |strong="H0776" like |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" flood |strong="H4325".

They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" cover  
the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892"  
and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H0120" living |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" them |strong="H1961".

Everyone |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3427"  
the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776"  
will |strong="H3068" cry |strong="H2199"  
for |strong="H0776" help.

Everyone |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068"  
cry |strong="H2199" out |strong="H2199"  
in |strong="H3427" pain.

<sup>3</sup> They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1121"  
hear |strong="H6963" the |strong="H0413"  
sound |strong="H6963" of |strong="H1121" running  
horses |strong="H7393",

the |strong="H0413" noisy |strong="H1995" chari-  
ots |strong="H7393", the |strong="H0413" rum-  
bling |strong="H7494" wheels |strong="H1534".

Fathers |strong="H0001" will |strong="H1121"  
not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808"  
able |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" protect  
their |strong="H3808" children |strong="H1121".

They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1121"  
be |strong="H3808" too |strong="H3808"  
weak |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" help,

<sup>4</sup> because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605"  
time |strong="H3117" has |strong="H3068"  
come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" de-  
stroy |strong="H7703" all |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" Philistines |strong="H6430".

The |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117"  
has |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0935" destroy |strong="H7703"  
Tyre |strong="H6865" and |strong="H0935" Sidon's re-  
maining helpers |strong="H5826".

<sup>1</sup> NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel.

The |strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H7703" the|strong="H3605" Philistines|strong="H6430", the|strong="H3605" survivors|strong="H8300" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" Island of|strong="H3068" Crete|strong="H3731".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H0413" people from|strong="H0935" Gaza|strong="H5804" will|strong="H5704" be sad and|strong="H0935" shave|strong="H1413" their|strong="H0935" heads.

The|strong="H0413" people from|strong="H0935" Ashkelon|strong="H0831" will|strong="H5704" be silenced|strong="H1820".

Survivors|strong="H7611" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0413" valley|strong="H6010", how|strong="H4970" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H5704" you|strong="H5704" cut|strong="H1820" yourselves|strong="H1413"?<sup>II</sup>

<sup>6</sup> " Sword|strong="H2719" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H5704" have|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" stopped.

How|strong="H0575" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068" you|strong="H5704" keep|strong="H8252" fighting?

Go|strong="H0622" back|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" scabbard<sup>III</sup>!

Stop|strong="H3808"! Be|strong="H3808" still|strong="H8252"!

<sup>7</sup> But|strong="H0413" how|strong="H0349" can|strong="H0349" the|strong="H0413" sword of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413" Lord|strong="H3068" rest|strong="H8252"?

The|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H6680" it|strong="H8033" a|strong="H3068" command|strong="H6680".

He|strong="H8033" commanded|strong="H6680" it|strong="H8033" to|strong="H0413" attack|strong="H0831"

the|strong="H0413" city of|strong="H3068" Ashkelon|strong="H0831" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0413" seacoast."

### A Message About Moab

**48** This|strong="H3541" message|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" about|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" country of|strong="H0430" Moab|strong="H4124". This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" people

<sup>I</sup> ISLAND OF CRETE Literally, "Island of Caphtor." Sometimes this means Crete, and sometimes it means Cyprus. The Bible says the Philistines originally came from Caphtor. <sup>II</sup> SAD ... CUT YOURSELVES The people did these things to show their sadness. <sup>III</sup> SCABBARD A holder for a sword.

of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478", says|strong="H0559":<sup>IV</sup>

" It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" bad for|strong="H3588" Mount Nebo|strong="H5015".<sup>V</sup>

Mount Nebo|strong="H5015" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" ruined|strong="H7703".

The|strong="H0559" town of|strong="H0430" Kiriathaim|strong="H7156" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" humbled.

It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" captured|strong="H3920".

The|strong="H0559" strong place will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" humbled.

It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3478" shattered|strong="H2865".

<sup>2</sup> Moab|strong="H4124" will|strong="H1471" not|strong="H0369" be|strong="H5750" praised again|strong="H5750".

Men|strong="H3772" in|strong="H5921" Heshbon|strong="H2809" will|strong="H1471" plan|strong="H2803" Moab's|strong="H4124" defeat.

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1471" say, 'Come, let us|strong="H5921" put an|strong="H3772" end|strong="H0310" to|strong="H5921" that|strong="H1471" nation|strong="H1471":'

Madmenah, you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1471" also|strong="H1571" be|strong="H5750" silenced.

The|strong="H5921" sword|strong="H2719" will|strong="H1471" chase you|strong="H5921".

<sup>3</sup> Listen|strong="H6963" to|strong="H6963" the|strong="H6963" cries|strong="H6963" from|strong="H6963" Horonaim|strong="H2773".

They|strong="H2773" are|strong="H7701" cries|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" much|strong="H1419" confusion and|strong="H1419" destruction|strong="H7667".

<sup>4</sup> Moab|strong="H4124" will|strong="H4124" be|strong="H7665" destroyed.

Her|strong="H7665" little|strong="H6810" children will|strong="H4124" cry|strong="H2201" for|strong="H8085" help.

<sup>5</sup> Moab's people|strong="H6862" go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3588" path to|strong="H8085" Luhith|strong="H3872".

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5927" crying|strong="H1065" bitterly|strong="H1065" as|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" go|strong="H5927".

On|strong="H5927" the|strong="H3588" road down|strong="H3588" to|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3588" town of|strong="H8085" Horonaim|strong="H2773",

<sup>IV</sup> THIS MESSAGE ... SAYS See Isaiah 15 for a similar message. <sup>V</sup> MOUNT NEBO A mountain in Moab, a country east of Israel.

cries of|strong="H8085" pain and|strong="H8085" suffering can be|strong="H3588" heard|strong="H8085".

<sup>6</sup> Run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127"! Run|strong="H5127" for|strong="H5315" your|strong="H1961" lives|strong="H5315"!

Run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" weed <sup>I</sup> blow-ing through the|strong="H1961" desert|strong="H4057".

<sup>7</sup> " You|strong="H0859" trust|strong="H0982" in|strong="H0982" the|strong="H3588" things|strong="H4639" you|strong="H0859" made|strong="H4639" and|strong="H3548" in|strong="H0982" your|strong="H3588" wealth|strong="H0214",

so|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" cap-tured|strong="H3920".

The|strong="H3588" god Chemosh|strong="H3645" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" tak-en|strong="H3920" into|strong="H3318" captivity, and|strong="H3548" his|strong="H3588" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3548" offi-cials|strong="H8269" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" taken|strong="H3920" with|strong="H3318" him|strong="H3318".

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3605" Destroyer|strong="H7703" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935" against|strong="H0413" every|strong="H3605" town|strong="H5892".

Not|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3605" town|strong="H5892" will|strong="H3068" es-cape|strong="H4422".

The|strong="H3605" valley|strong="H6010" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" ru-ined|strong="H7703".

The|strong="H3605" high plain|strong="H4334" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" de-stroyed|strong="H8045".

The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" happen,

so|strong="H3808" it|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" happen.

<sup>9</sup> Spread|strong="H3318" salt over|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3588" fields in|strong="H3427" Moab|strong="H4124".

The|strong="H3588" country will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" empty desert. <sup>II</sup>

Moab's|strong="H4124" towns|strong="H5892" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" empty.

No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" them|strong="H5414".

<sup>I</sup> WEED In Hebrew this word is like the name "Aroer," an impor-tant city in Moab. <sup>II</sup> The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

<sup>10</sup> Bad things will|strong="H3068" happen to|strong="H3068" those who|strong="H3068" don't obey|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" don't use|strong="H4399" their|strong="H3068" swords|strong="H2719" to|strong="H3068" kill|strong="H2719" those people|strong="H1818".

<sup>11</sup> " Moab|strong="H4124" has|strong="H4124" nev-er|strong="H3808" known|strong="H3808" trouble.

Moab|strong="H4124" is|strong="H1931" like|strong="H3651" wine|strong="H8105" left|strong="H1980" to|strong="H0413" settle.

Moab|strong="H4124" has|strong="H4124" nev-er|strong="H3808" been|strong="H8252" poured from|strong="H5921" one|strong="H3808" jar|strong="H3627" to|strong="H0413" anoth-er|strong="H3808".

He|strong="H1931" has|strong="H4124" not|strong="H3808" been|strong="H8252" taken in-to|strong="H0413" captivity.

So|strong="H3651" he|strong="H1931" tastes as|strong="H3651" he|strong="H1931" did|strong="H3808" before|strong="H0413",

and|strong="H1980" his|strong="H5921" smell has|strong="H4124" not|strong="H3808" changed|strong="H4171".

<sup>12</sup> This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002":

" But|strong="H2009" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" soon send|strong="H7971" men to|strong="H0935" pour you|strong="H7971" from|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3068" jars|strong="H3627". <sup>III</sup>

Then|strong="H2009" they|strong="H3651" will|strong="H3068" empty the|strong="H5002" jars|strong="H3627"

and|strong="H0935" smash them|strong="H7971" to|strong="H0935" pieces."

<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" peo-ple|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1004"

Moab|strong="H4124" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3478" ashamed|strong="H0954" of|strong="H1004" their|strong="H0834" false god|strong="H1008", Chemosh|strong="H3645".

They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3478" like|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" who|strong="H0834" trusted that|strong="H0834" god|strong="H1008" in|strong="H1004" Bethel|strong="H1008"<sup>IV</sup> but|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" ashamed|strong="H0954"

<sup>III</sup> JARS This probably means the cities in Moab. <sup>IV</sup> IN BETHEL This means the temple that King Jeroboam built in the town of Bethel (see 1 Kings 12:28-33). It is not clear if this means the people still worshiped the Lord there, but in a wrong way, or if they wor-shiped a false god, perhaps the Canaanite god El or Baal.

when |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not help them |strong="H0834".

14 " You |strong="H0376" cannot say |strong="H0559", ' We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0376" good soldiers |strong="H0376". We |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0376" brave |strong="H2428" men |strong="H0376" in |strong="H0376" battle |strong="H4421".'

15 The |strong="H5002" enemy will |strong="H3068" attack |strong="H5927" Moab |strong="H4124".

The |strong="H5002" enemy will |strong="H3068" enter |strong="H5927" its |strong="H5927" towns |strong="H5892" and |strong="H3068" de-  
stroy |strong="H7703" them |strong="H3381".

Its |strong="H5927" best young |strong="H0970" men |strong="H0970" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" killed in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" slaughter |strong="H2874"."

This |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3381" the |strong="H5002" King |strong="H4428".

The |strong="H5002" King's |strong="H4428" name |strong="H8034" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Power-  
ful.

16 " The |strong="H0935" end of |strong="H0935" Moab |strong="H4124" is |strong="H4124" near |strong="H7138".

Moab |strong="H4124" will |strong="H4124" soon |strong="H4116" be |strong="H4116" destroyed.

17 All |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" live |strong="H8034" around |strong="H5439" Moab should |strong="H0559" cry for |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3045" country.

You |strong="H3605" know |strong="H3045" how |strong="H0349" famous |strong="H8034" Moab is |strong="H8034".

So cry for |strong="H3605" it |strong="H3045".

Say |strong="H0559", ' The |strong="H3605" ruler's power |strong="H5797" is |strong="H8034" broken |strong="H7665".

Moab's power |strong="H5797" and |strong="H3045" glory |strong="H8597" is |strong="H8034" gone.'

18 " You |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Di-  
bon |strong="H1769",<sup>I</sup>

come |strong="H5927" down |strong="H3381" from |strong="H3381" your |strong="H3588" place of |strong="H1323" honor |strong="H3519".

Sit |strong="H3427" on |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3588" ground |strong="H6772" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3588" dust,

because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" De-  
stroyer |strong="H7703" is |strong="H4124" com-  
ing |strong="H5927".

I DIBON A city in the country of Moab.

And |strong="H3381" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4124" destroy |strong="H7843" your |strong="H3588" strong cities |strong="H4013".

19 " You |strong="H4100" people |strong="H3427" liv-  
ing |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Aroer |strong="H6177",

stand |strong="H5975" next |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" road |strong="H1870" and |strong="H1870" watch |strong="H6822".

See the |strong="H0559" man run-  
ning |strong="H1961" away |strong="H5127".

See that |strong="H0559" woman run-  
ning |strong="H1961" away |strong="H5127".

Ask |strong="H7592" them |strong="H0413" what |strong="H4100" happened |strong="H1961".

20 " Moab |strong="H4124" will |strong="H4124" be |strong="H3588" ruined |strong="H7703" and |strong="H4124" filled with |strong="H3588" shame.

Moab |strong="H4124" will |strong="H4124" cry |strong="H2199" and |strong="H4124" cry |strong="H2199".

Announce |strong="H5046" at |strong="H7703" the |strong="H3588" Arnon |strong="H0769" Riv-  
er |strong="H3588"<sup>II</sup>

that |strong="H3588" Moab |strong="H4124" is |strong="H4124" destroyed |strong="H7703".

21 People |strong="H0776" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" high plain |strong="H4334" have |strong="H0776" been |strong="H0776" pun-  
ished.

Judgment |strong="H4941" has |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" towns of |strong="H0776" Holon |strong="H2473", Jahzah |strong="H3096", and |strong="H0935" Mephaath |strong="H4158".

22 Judgment has come to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" towns of |strong="H5921" Dibon |strong="H1769", Nebo |strong="H5015", and |strong="H1769" Beth Di-  
blathaim.

23 Judgment has |strong="H7156" come to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" towns of |strong="H5921" Kiriathaim |strong="H7156", Beth Gamul, and |strong="H5921" Beth Meon.

24 Judgment has |strong="H0776" come |strong="H7350" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0776" Kerioth |strong="H7152" and |strong="H0776" Bozrah |strong="H1224".

Judgment has |strong="H0776" come |strong="H7350" to |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" towns |strong="H5892"

II ARNON RIVER An important river in Moab.

of|strong="H0776" Moab|strong="H4124",  
far|strong="H7350" and|strong="H0776"  
near|strong="H7138".

<sup>25</sup> Moab's|strong="H4124" strength|strong="H2220"  
has|strong="H3068" been|strong="H3068"  
cut|strong="H1438" off|strong="H1438".

Its|strong="H7161" arm|strong="H2220"  
has|strong="H3068" been|strong="H3068" bro-  
ken|strong="H7665".

This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what  
the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" said.

<sup>26</sup> " The|strong="H5921" people|strong="H1931"  
of|strong="H3068" Moab|strong="H4124" thought  
they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1961"  
greater|strong="H1431" than|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068".

So|strong="H1961" punish them|strong="H5921"  
until|strong="H5921" they|strong="H3588"  
act|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" drunk|strong="H7937",

falling and|strong="H3068" rolling  
around|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921"  
his|strong="H5921" vomit|strong="H6892".

Then|strong="H1961" people|strong="H1931"  
will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H1431" fun  
of|strong="H3068" them|strong="H5921".

<sup>27</sup> "Moab, you|strong="H3588"  
made|strong="H1961" fun of|strong="H1697" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478".

Israel|strong="H3478" was|strong="H1961"  
caught|strong="H4672" by|strong="H3478"  
a|strong="H1961" gang of|strong="H1697"  
thieves|strong="H1590".

Every|strong="H1697" time|strong="H1961"  
you|strong="H3588" spoke|strong="H1697"  
about|strong="H1961" Israel|strong="H3478",

you|strong="H3588" shook your|strong="H3588"  
head and|strong="H3478" acted|strong="H1697"  
as|strong="H1697" if|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1961" better  
than|strong="H3808" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>28</sup> People|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"  
Moab|strong="H4124", leave|strong="H5800"  
your|strong="H1961" towns|strong="H5892".

Go|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3427"  
among|strong="H3427" the|strong="H1961"  
rocks|strong="H5553";

be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" dove|strong="H3123"  
that|strong="H1961" makes|strong="H3427"  
its|strong="H1961" nest|strong="H7931"

at|strong="H3427" the|strong="H1961" open-  
ing|strong="H6310" of|strong="H3427"  
a|strong="H1961" cave."

<sup>29</sup> " We|strong="H8085" have|strong="H8085"  
heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085"  
Moab's|strong="H4124" pride|strong="H1346".

He|strong="H3820" was|strong="H3820"  
very|strong="H3966" proud|strong="H1343".

He|strong="H3820" thought|strong="H3820"

he|strong="H3820" was|strong="H3820" important.

He|strong="H3820" was|strong="H3820" always  
bragging.

He|strong="H3820" was|strong="H3820"  
very|strong="H3966", very|strong="H3966"  
proud|strong="H1343".

<sup>30</sup> The|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H5002", " I|strong="H0589"  
know|strong="H3045" Moab gets an-  
gry|strong="H5678" quickly and|strong="H3068"  
brags about|strong="H3045" him-  
self|strong="H3045",

but|strong="H3808" his|strong="H3068"  
boasts|strong="H0907" are|strong="H3068" lies.

He|strong="H3651" cannot|strong="H3808"  
do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H3045"  
he|strong="H3651" says|strong="H5002".

<sup>31</sup> So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651"  
cry|strong="H2199" for|strong="H5921"  
Moab|strong="H4124".

I|strong="H3651" cry|strong="H2199"  
for|strong="H5921" everyone|strong="H3605"  
in|strong="H5921" Moab|strong="H4124".

I|strong="H3651" cry|strong="H2199"  
for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
men|strong="H0376" from|strong="H5921" Kir Hare-  
seth.

<sup>32</sup> I|strong="H5704" cry with|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" people of|strong="H5921" Jaz-  
er|strong="H3270" for|strong="H5921" Jaz-  
er|strong="H3270".

Sibmah|strong="H7643", in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" past your|strong="H5921"  
vines|strong="H1612" spread all|strong="H5704"  
the|strong="H5921" way|strong="H5921"  
to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921"  
sea|strong="H3220".

They|strong="H5921" reached|strong="H5060"  
as|strong="H5704" far|strong="H5704"  
as|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5921" town  
of|strong="H5921" Jazer|strong="H3270".

But|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Destroy-  
er|strong="H7703" has|strong="H1612" tak-  
en|strong="H5674" your|strong="H5921" fruit  
and|strong="H3220" grapes.

<sup>33</sup> Joy|strong="H8057" and|strong="H0776" happi-  
ness|strong="H8057" are|strong="H0776"  
gone|strong="H3808" from|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3808" large vineyards  
of|strong="H0776" Moab|strong="H4124".

I|strong="H0776" stopped the|strong="H3808" flow  
of|strong="H0776" wine|strong="H3196"  
from|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3808" winepress-  
es|strong="H3342".

There is *no* singing and dancing from *people* the *grapes* to make wine *joy*.

There are *no* shouts of *joy*.

<sup>34</sup> " The *people* of *the* *towns* of *Hesh-bon* and *Elealeh* are *crying*. Their *cry* heard *as* far *away* as *the* *town* of *Jahaz*. Their *cry* is heard from *the* *town* of *Zoar*, as *far* *away* as *the* *towns* of *Horonaim* and *Eglath Shelishiyah*. Even *the* *waters* of *Nim-rim* are *dried* up. <sup>35</sup> I *will* stop *Moab* from *making* *burnt* offerings on *the* *high* places. I *will* stop *them* from *making* sacrifices to *their* *gods*. This *is* what *the* LORD said.

<sup>36</sup> " I am very sad for *Moab*. My *heart* cries like *the* sad sound of *a* *flute* playing a *funeral* song. I am sad for *the* *people* from *Kir Hareseth*. Their *money* and *riches* have *all* been *taken* away.

<sup>37</sup> Everyone *has* a *shaved* head. Everyone's *beard* is *cut* off. Everyone's

*hands* are *cut* bleeding. <sup>1</sup> Everyone *is* wearing *sackcloth* around *their* *waists*. <sup>38</sup> People are *crying* for *the* *dead* everywhere *in* *Moab*— on *every* *housetop* and *in* *every* *public square*. There *is* sadness *because* I *have* *broken* *Moab* like *an* *empty jar*. This *is* what *the* LORD said.

<sup>39</sup> " *Moab* *is* *shattered*. *The* *people* are *crying*. *Moab* *surrendered*. Now *Moab* *is* *ashamed*. People make fun of *Moab*, but *what* happened *fills* them with *fear*.

<sup>40</sup> The LORD says, " Look! An *eagle* is *diving* down from *the* *sky*.

It *is* *spread*ing *its* *wings* over *Moab*.

<sup>41</sup> The *towns* of *Moab* *will* be *captured*.

*The* *hiding* places *will* be *defeated*.

At *that* *time* *Moab's* *soldiers* *will* be *filled* with *fear*, like *a* *woman* giving birth.

<sup>42</sup> The *nation* of *Moab* *will* be *destroyed*,

<sup>1</sup> EVERYONE ... CUT AND BLEEDING The people did these things to show their sadness for people who had died.



because they thought that they were more important than LORD.

<sup>43</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“People of Moab, fear deep holes, and traps I wait for you.

<sup>44</sup> People will be afraid and run away,

and they will fall into the deep holes.

Anyone who climbs out of the deep holes will be caught in the traps.

I will bring year of punishment to Moab.

This is what LORD said:

<sup>45</sup> “People have run the powerful enemy.

They ran to safety in the town of Heshbon.

But a fire started in Heshbon.

That fire started and is destroying the leaders of Moab.

It is destroying those proud people.

<sup>46</sup> It will be bad for you, Moab.

Chemosh's people are destroyed.

Your sons and daughters are being taken away.

as prisoners and captives.

<sup>47</sup> Moab's people will be taken away as captives.

But in days come, I will bring them back.

This message is the LORD's. This ends the judgment on Moab.

#### A Message About Ammon

<sup>49</sup> This message about Ammonites is what the LORD says:

“Ammonites, do you think that

the people of Israel don't have children?

Do you think there are children?

to take the land when the parents die?

Maybe that is why Milcom took Gad's land?

<sup>2</sup> The LORD says, “The time will come when Rabbah of Ammon

I FEAR, DEEP HOLES, AND TRAPS This is a wordplay in Hebrew. The Hebrew words are “Pahad, Pahat, and Pah.” II SIHON'S TOWN This was Heshbon. See Num. 21:25-30.

III GAD'S One of the tribes of Israel. Their land was on the east side of the Jordan River, near the country of Ammon. IV RABBAH OF AMMON The capital city of the Ammonites.

when |strong="H1961" people |strong="H1121" hear |strong="H8085" the |strong="H0853" sounds of |strong="H1121" battle |strong="H4421".

Rabbah |strong="H7237" of |strong="H1121" Ammon |strong="H5983" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" destroyed.

It |strong="H3651" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" empty hill covered |strong="H8077" with |strong="H0413" ruined |strong="H8077" buildings,

and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" towns |strong="H1323" around it |strong="H3651" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" burned |strong="H3341".

Those |strong="H1121" people |strong="H1121" forced the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0413" leave |strong="H3423" their |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" land.

But |strong="H1961" later |strong="H1961", Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" force them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" leave |strong="H3423".

This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559".

<sup>3</sup> People |strong="H1473" in |strong="H4428" Heshbon |strong="H2809", cry |strong="H6817" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" town of |strong="H4428" Ai |strong="H5857" is |strong="H4428" destroyed |strong="H7703".

Women |strong="H1323" in |strong="H4428" Rabbah |strong="H7237" of |strong="H4428" Ammon, cry |strong="H6817".

Put |strong="H2296" on |strong="H2296" sackcloth |strong="H8242" and |strong="H4428" cry |strong="H6817".

Run to |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3588" city for |strong="H3588" safety,

because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" enemy will |strong="H4428" take away the |strong="H3588" god Milcom,

with |strong="H2296" his |strong="H3588" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H4428" officials |strong="H8269".

<sup>4</sup> You |strong="H0935" brag about |strong="H0413" your |strong="H0935" strength,

but |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0935" are |strong="H4100" losing your |strong="H0935" strength.

You |strong="H0935" trust |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" wealth |strong="H0214" to |strong="H0413" save you |strong="H0935".

You |strong="H0935" think no |strong="H4310" one |strong="H0413" would |strong="H4310" even think of |strong="H1323" attacking you |strong="H0935".

<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H0369" this |strong="H3605" is |strong="H0369" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" All-Powerful says |strong="H5002".

" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0376" bring |strong="H0935" troubles to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3605" from |strong="H0935" every |strong="H3605" side |strong="H5439".

You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0376" all |strong="H3605" run away |strong="H5080", and |strong="H0935" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" able to |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3605" together |strong="H6908" again |strong="H6440".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" taken away |strong="H7725" as |strong="H3068" captives. But |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0853" time will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H7725" when |strong="H7725" I |strong="H3651" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" Ammonites |strong="H5983" back |strong="H7725". This |strong="H3651" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

#### A |strong="H3068" Message |strong="H3068" About |strong="H7725" Edom

<sup>7</sup> This |strong="H3541" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0369" about |strong="H3541" Edom |strong="H0123". This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0369" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful says |strong="H0559".

" Is |strong="H0369" there |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" more |strong="H5750" wisdom |strong="H2451" in |strong="H3068" Teman |strong="H8487"?

Are |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" wise |strong="H2451" men |strong="H0559" of |strong="H3068" Edom |strong="H0123" not |strong="H0369" able to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H0995" good advice |strong="H6098"?

Have |strong="H0369" they |strong="H3068" lost |strong="H0006" their |strong="H3068" wisdom |strong="H2451"?

<sup>8</sup> You |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Dedan |strong="H1719", run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" and |strong="H0935" hide,

because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0935" punish |strong="H6485" Esau |strong="H6215" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" bad things |strong="H6256" he |strong="H3588" did.

<sup>9</sup> Workers pick grapes from grapevines, but they leave on the plants.

If thieves come at night, they take everything.

<sup>10</sup> But I will take everything from Esau.

I will find all his hiding places.

He will not be able to hide from me.

His children, relatives, and neighbors will all die.

<sup>11</sup> No one will be left to care for his children.

His wives will have no one to depend on.

<sup>12</sup> This is what LORD says: "Some don't deserve to be punished, but they suffer. But Edom, you deserve to be punished, so you will really be punished. You will not escape the punishment you deserve. You will be punished."

<sup>13</sup> The LORD says, "By my own power, I will make this promise: I will promise that the city of Bozrah will

be destroyed. It will become a ruined pile of rocks. People will use it as an example when they ask for bad things to happen to other cities. People will insult that city, and all towns around Bozrah will become ruins forever."

<sup>14</sup> I heard a message from LORD:

He sent this messenger to the nations:

This is the message:

"Gather your armies together!

Get ready for battle!

March against the nation of Edom!

<sup>15</sup> Edom, I will make you unimportant.

Everyone will hate you.

<sup>16</sup> Edom, you made other nations afraid, so you thought you were important.

But your pride has fooled you.

You will live in caves, high on the cliff.

Your home is high in the hills.

But even you will build

your home as high as eagles' nest,  
I will bring you down there.

This is what the LORD said.

<sup>17</sup> "Edom will be destroyed.

People will be shocked to see the cities.

They will whistle from amazement at the destroyed cities.

<sup>18</sup> Edom will be destroyed like Sodom and Gomorrah and the towns around them.

No one will live there.

This is what the LORD said.

<sup>19</sup> "Sometimes I will come near the Jordan. And I will put sheep like lions. I will go to Edom. And I will frighten the people and make them run away. None of their young men will stop me. No one is like me.

No one will challenge me. None of their leaders will stand up against me.

<sup>20</sup> So listen to what the LORD has planned to do to the people of Edom.

Listen to what he has decided to do to the people in Teman.

The enemy will drag away the young of Edom's flock.

Edom's pastures will be empty because of what they did.

<sup>21</sup> At the sound of the earthquake, the earth will shake.

Their cry will be heard all the way to the Red Sea.

<sup>22</sup> Just as an eagle flies high to see an animal, it will attack,

so I will spread his wings over Bozrah.

And Edom's soldiers will be filled with fear like a woman giving birth.

**A |strong="H1961" Message About |strong="H1961" Damascus**

<sup>23</sup> This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H8052" is |strong="H8085" about |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3588" city of |strong="H8085" Damascus |strong="H1834":

" The |strong="H3588" towns of |strong="H8085" Hamath |strong="H2574" and |strong="H8085" Arpad |strong="H0774" are |strong="H0774" afraid.

They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0774" afraid because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3588" bad |strong="H7451" news |strong="H8052".

They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0774" discouraged.

They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0774" worried and |strong="H8085" afraid.

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H3205" city of |strong="H3205" Damascus |strong="H1834" has |strong="H3205" become |strong="H3205" weak.

The |strong="H3205" people want to |strong="H3205" run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127".

They |strong="H3205" are ready to |strong="H3205" panic |strong="H7374".

They |strong="H3205" are overcome |strong="H2388" with |strong="H0270" fear and |strong="H2388" pain, like a |strong="H3205" woman giving |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205".

<sup>25</sup> "Damascus is |strong="H8416" a |strong="H3808" happy city |strong="H5892".

The |strong="H3808" people |strong="H3808" have |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" left |strong="H5800" that |strong="H3808" 'fun city' yet |strong="H3808".

<sup>26</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" young |strong="H0970" men |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H5307" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" public squares |strong="H7339" of |strong="H0376" that |strong="H3605" city |strong="H1931".

All |strong="H3605" her |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" killed |strong="H5307" at |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117".

This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful said |strong="H3651".

<sup>27</sup> "I will |strong="H0784" set |strong="H3341" the |strong="H0398" walls |strong="H2346" of |strong="H2346" Damascus |strong="H1834" on |strong="H3341" fire |strong="H0784".

The |strong="H0398" fire |strong="H0784" will |strong="H0784" completely burn |strong="H3341"

up |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0398" strong forts of |strong="H2346" Ben-Hadad |strong="H1130".<sup>1</sup>

**A |strong="H3341" Message About Kedar and |strong="H0398" Hazor**

<sup>28</sup> This |strong="H3541" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" about |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H1121" Kedar |strong="H6938" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" rulers of |strong="H1121" Hazor |strong="H2674". King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894" defeated |strong="H5221" them |strong="H0413". This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559":

" Go |strong="H5927" and |strong="H1121" attack |strong="H5221" the |strong="H0853" tribe of |strong="H1121" Kedar |strong="H6938".

Destroy |strong="H7703" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" East |strong="H6924".

<sup>29</sup> Their |strong="H3605" tents |strong="H0168" and |strong="H6629" flocks |strong="H6629" will |strong="H6629" be |strong="H3605" taken |strong="H3947" away |strong="H5375".

Their |strong="H3605" tents |strong="H0168" and |strong="H6629" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" riches will |strong="H6629" be |strong="H3605" carried |strong="H5375" off |strong="H5921".

Their |strong="H3605" enemy will |strong="H6629" take |strong="H3947" away |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" camels |strong="H1581".

Men |strong="H3605" will |strong="H6629" shout this |strong="H3605" to |strong="H5921" them |strong="H1992":

"Terrible things |strong="H3605" are |strong="H1992" happening all |strong="H3605" around |strong="H5439" us |strong="H5921".

<sup>30</sup> Run |strong="H5127" away |strong="H5127" quickly |strong="H3966".

People |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Hazor |strong="H2674", find a |strong="H3588" good place to |strong="H5921" hide."

This |strong="H3588" message |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068".

" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" has |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6009" plans |strong="H4284" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588".

He |strong="H3588" thought |strong="H2803" of |strong="H4428" a |strong="H3588" smart

<sup>1</sup> BEN-HADAD This was the name of several of the kings of Aram-Damascus.

plan to defeat you.

<sup>31</sup> "There is a nation that feels so safe and secure that it does not have or fences to protect it.

And one near help.

So that says LORD

<sup>32</sup> "Their are to taken in battle.

Their will be yours.

I will scatter them throughout those who their hair short.

I will bring on from every direction."

This is the message from the LORD

<sup>33</sup> "Hazor will become for empty desert forever.

No one will live there.

No one will stay in place."

#### A Message About Elam

<sup>34</sup> Early the time

I CUT THEIR HAIR SHORT Literally, "cut on the side of their heads," a custom different from that of Israelite men.

when was of Judah the prophet a message from the LORD about the Elam

<sup>35</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "I will break bow very soon.

It is Elam's strongest weapon.

<sup>36</sup> I will bring four against Elam.

I will bring from four corners of the sky. I will send the people of Elam to every place the earth where four winds blow.

Elam's captives will be carried to every nation.

<sup>37</sup> I will break to their are watching.

I will break in of the people want to kill them.

I will bring terrible troubles to them.

I will show them how

II ELAM A nation east of Babylon.

gry|strong="H0639" I|strong="H5704"  
am|strong="H3068".

This|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

" I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3068"  
send|strong="H7971" a|strong="H0935"  
sword|strong="H2719" to|strong="H0935" chase  
Elam|strong="H5867".

The|strong="H0853" sword|strong="H2719"  
will|strong="H3068" chase them|strong="H0853" un-  
til|strong="H5704" I|strong="H5704"  
have|strong="H3068" killed|strong="H2719"  
them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H5704".

<sup>38</sup> I|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3068"  
show|strong="H7760" Elam|strong="H5867"  
that|strong="H3068" I|strong="H7760"  
am|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068" control,  
and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H7760"  
will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H0006"  
its|strong="H7760" king|strong="H4428"  
and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" offi-  
cials|strong="H8269".

This|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>39</sup> " But|strong="H1961" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" future|strong="H0319"  
I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068"  
make|strong="H7725" good things|strong="H1961"  
happen|strong="H1961" to|strong="H7725"  
Elam|strong="H5867".

This|strong="H3068" message|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" from|strong="H7725"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

#### A Message About Babylon

**50** This|strong="H1697" is|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0834" message|strong="H1697"  
the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068"  
spoke|strong="H1696" through|strong="H3027"  
the|strong="H0834" prophet|strong="H5030" Jeremi-  
ah|strong="H3414" about|strong="H0413" Baby-  
lon|strong="H0894" and|strong="H3068" its peo-  
ple|strong="H0834".

<sup>2</sup> " Announce|strong="H5046" this|strong="H5046"  
to|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3920" na-  
tions|strong="H1471".

Lift|strong="H5375" up|strong="H5375"  
a|strong="H8085" flag and|strong="H8085" an-  
nounce|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0559" mes-  
sage!

Speak|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" whole  
message and|strong="H8085" say|strong="H0559",  
' The|strong="H0559" nation|strong="H1471"  
of|strong="H0559" Babylon|strong="H0894"  
will|strong="H1471" be|strong="H0408" cap-  
tured|strong="H3920".

The|strong="H0559" god|strong="H0559"  
Bel|strong="H1078" will|strong="H1471"  
be|strong="H0408" put|strong="H5375"  
to|strong="H0559" shame.

The|strong="H0559" god|strong="H0559" Mar-  
duk|strong="H4781" will|strong="H1471"  
be|strong="H0408" very afraid.

Babylon's|strong="H0894" idols|strong="H1544"  
will|strong="H1471" be|strong="H0408"  
put|strong="H5375" to|strong="H0559" shame.

Her|strong="H5046" gods will|strong="H1471"  
be|strong="H0408" filled with|strong="H8085" terror.'

<sup>3</sup> A|strong="H1961" nation|strong="H1471"  
from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
north|strong="H6828" will|strong="H1961" at-  
tack|strong="H5927" Babylon.

That|strong="H3588" nation|strong="H1471"  
will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H7896" Babylon  
like|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" empty  
desert.

No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0120"  
will|strong="H1961" live|strong="H3427"  
there|strong="H1961".

Both|strong="H5921" men|strong="H0120"  
and|strong="H1980" animals|strong="H0929"  
will|strong="H1961" run|strong="H1980"  
away|strong="H1980".

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H5002", " At|strong="H3478"  
that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H6256"

the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478"  
and|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0853" peo-  
ple|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1121" together|strong="H3162".

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" cry  
and|strong="H1980" cry together|strong="H3162",  
and|strong="H1980" together|strong="H3162",

they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068"  
go|strong="H1980" look|strong="H1245"  
for|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068"  
God|strong="H0430".

<sup>5</sup> They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068"  
ask|strong="H7592" how|strong="H1870"  
to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" Zion|strong="H6726".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068"  
start|strong="H1870" to|strong="H0413"  
go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935"  
that|strong="H3068" direction|strong="H1870".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" say, '  
Come|strong="H0935", let|strong="H3808"  
us|strong="H0413" join|strong="H3867" ourselves  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

Let's make an *agreement* that *will last forever*.

Let's make an *agreement* that *we will never forget*.

<sup>6</sup> My *people* have *been* like *sheep*.

Their *shepherds* led *them* the *wrong way* and *caused* them to *wander away* into *the mountains* and *hills*.

They *forgot* where *their resting place* was.

<sup>7</sup> They *were* attacked by *all* who *saw them*.

And *their* *attackers* said,

' We *were* not to *attack them*

because *they* *sinned* the *LORD*.

They *should* have *stayed close to* him *true* resting *place*.

The *LORD* *is* *one* *their* *fathers* *trusted* in.

<sup>8</sup> "Run away *from* *Babylon*."

Leave *the* *land* *of* *the* *Babylonians*.

Be *like* *the* *goats* that *lead* *the* *flock*.

<sup>9</sup> I *will* bring *many* *nations* together

*from* *the* *north*.

This *group of* *nations* *will* get *ready for* war *against* *Babylon*.

*Babylon* *will* be *captured* by *people* *from* *the* *north*.

Those *nations* *will* shoot *many* *arrows* at *Babylon*.

Their *arrows* *will* be *like*

who *don't* come *back* from *war* with *their* *hands empty*.

<sup>10</sup> The *enemy* *will* take *all* the *wealth* from *the* *Chaldeans*.

The *soldiers* *will* take *all* they *want*.

This *is* *what* the *LORD* *said*.

<sup>11</sup> "Babylon, you *are* *excited and* *happy*."

You *took my* *land*.

You *dance around* like *a* young *cow* that *got into the* grain.

Your *laughter is* like *the* *happy* sounds

that *horses* make.

<sup>12</sup> Now *your* *mother* *will* be *very* *ashamed*.

The *woman* who *gave* *you* *birth* be *embarrassed*.

*Babylon* *will* be *the* *least* *important* of *all* *the* *nations*.



She will be an empty, dry desert.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD will show his anger,

so no one will live there.

Babylon will be completely empty.

Everyone who passes by will be afraid.

They will shake their heads when they see how badly it has been destroyed.

<sup>14</sup> "Prepare for war against Babylon.

All you soldiers with bows, shoot your arrows at Babylon.

Don't save any of your arrows.

Babylon has sinned against the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> Soldiers around Babylon, shout the cry of victory!

Babylon has surrendered! Her walls and towers have been pulled down!

The LORD is giving her the punishment they deserve.

You nations should give Babylon the punishment she deserves.

Do to her what she has done to other nations.

<sup>16</sup> Don't let the people from Babylon plant their crops.

Don't let them gather the harvest.

The soldiers of Babylon brought many prisoners to their city.

Now the enemy soldiers have come, so the prisoners are going back home.

They are running back to their own countries.

<sup>17</sup> "Israel is like a flock of sheep that was scattered all over the country.

Israel is like sheep that were chased away by lions.

The first lion to attack was the king of Assyria.

The last lion to crush Israel's bones was King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

<sup>18</sup> So this is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says:

'I will soon punish the king of Babylon and his country

as I punished the king of Assyria.

19 " I |strong="H5315" will |strong="H3478" bring |strong="H7725" Israel |strong="H3478" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7725" own |strong="H5315" fields. He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3478" eat food that |strong="H5315" grows on |strong="H0413" Mount |strong="H2022" Carmel |strong="H3760" and |strong="H3478" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land of |strong="H2022" Bashan |strong="H1316".

He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3478" eat and |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3478" full |strong="H7646".

He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H3478" eat on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" hills |strong="H2022" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" lands of |strong="H2022" Ephraim |strong="H0669" and |strong="H3478" Gilead |strong="H1568".

20 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002", " At |strong="H3478" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6256" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" try hard to |strong="H0369" find |strong="H4672" Israel's |strong="H3478" guilt |strong="H5771", but |strong="H3588" there |strong="H0369" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" guilt |strong="H5771".

People |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" try to |strong="H0369" find |strong="H4672" Judah's |strong="H3063" sins |strong="H2403",

but |strong="H3588" no |strong="H3808" sins |strong="H2403" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" found |strong="H4672".

That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0369" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" saving a |strong="H3588" few survivors |strong="H7604" from |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063".

And |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" forgiving them |strong="H1992" for |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3117" their |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2403".

21 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002", " Attack |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Merathaim |strong="H4850"!

Attack |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Pekod |strong="H6489"!

Attack |strong="H5927" them |strong="H0413"!

Kill |strong="H2717" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H2763" them |strong="H0413" completely |strong="H3605"!

Do |strong="H6213" everything |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" you |strong="H0834"!

22 " The |strong="H0776" noise |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" battle |strong="H4421" can be |strong="H0776" heard |strong="H6963" all |strong="H1419" over |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" country |strong="H0776".

It is |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" noise |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" much |strong="H1419" destruction |strong="H7667".

23 Babylon |strong="H0894" was |strong="H1961" called

' The |strong="H3605" Hammer |strong="H6360" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" Whole |strong="H3605" Earth |strong="H0776".'

But |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" 'Hammer' is |strong="H0776" shattered |strong="H7665".

Babylon |strong="H0894" is |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" most ruined |strong="H8047" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471".

24 Babylon |strong="H0894", I |strong="H3588" set |strong="H3369" a |strong="H3588" trap for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859",

and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H1571" caught |strong="H3920" before |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" knew |strong="H3045" it |strong="H3588".

You |strong="H0859" fought against |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068",

so |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H1571" found |strong="H4672" and |strong="H3068" captured |strong="H3920".

25 The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" opened |strong="H6605" up |strong="H0853" his |strong="H3068" store-room |strong="H0214"

and |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" weapons |strong="H3627" of |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3068" anger.

The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful brought |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" those |strong="H0853" weapons |strong="H3627",

because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931" has |strong="H3068" work |strong="H4399" to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H3318" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Chaldeans |strong="H3778".

26 " Come |strong="H0935" against |strong="H0935" Babylon from |strong="H0935" far away |strong="H0935".

Break open |strong="H6605" the |strong="H0935" storehouses where she keeps her |strong="H0935" grain |strong="H6194".

Destroy |strong="H2763" Babylon complete-ly |strong="H2763".

Don't |strong="H0408" leave anyone alive.  
 Pile |strong="H5549" up |strong="H5549"  
 her |strong="H0935" dead bodies like |strong="H3644"  
 big piles of |strong="H7611" grain |strong="H6194".

<sup>27</sup> Kill |strong="H2717" all |strong="H3605"  
 the |strong="H3605" young |strong="H6499"  
 men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" Babylon.

Let |strong="H3381" them |strong="H5921"  
 be |strong="H3117" slaughtered like |strong="H3381"  
 bulls |strong="H6499".

How |strong="H3588" terrible for |strong="H3588"  
 them |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588"  
 their |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117"  
 of |strong="H3117" defeat has |strong="H3117"  
 come |strong="H0935"!

It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H3117"  
 time |strong="H6256" for |strong="H3588"  
 them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0935"  
 be |strong="H3117" punished.

<sup>28</sup> People |strong="H0776" are |strong="H3068" run-  
 ning out |strong="H0853" of |strong="H0776" Baby-  
 lon |strong="H0894".

They |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068" escaping  
 from |strong="H0776" that |strong="H3068" coun-  
 try |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" coming  
 to |strong="H3068" Zion |strong="H6726".

They |strong="H3068" are |strong="H3068"  
 telling |strong="H5046" everyone the |strong="H0853"  
 good news |strong="H6963" about |strong="H0776"  
 what |strong="H6963" the |strong="H0853"  
 Lord |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" doing.

The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"  
 our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"  
 is |strong="H3068" giving Babylon |strong="H0894"  
 the |strong="H0853" punishment it |strong="H3068"  
 deserves.

The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068"  
 is |strong="H3068" destroying Baby-  
 lon |strong="H0894", because it |strong="H3068" de-  
 stroyed his |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1964"!

<sup>29</sup> " Call |strong="H8085" for |strong="H3588"  
 the |strong="H3605" archers |strong="H7198".

Tell |strong="H3605" them |strong="H0413"  
 to |strong="H0413" attack Babylon |strong="H0894".

Tell |strong="H3605" them |strong="H0413"  
 to |strong="H0413" surround |strong="H5439"  
 the |strong="H3605" city.

Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H0408" any-  
 one |strong="H3605" escape |strong="H6413".

Pay |strong="H7999" her |strong="H3605"  
 back |strong="H7999" for |strong="H3588"  
 the |strong="H3605" bad things |strong="H3605"  
 she |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068"  
 done |strong="H6213".

Do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413"  
 her |strong="H3605" what |strong="H0834"  
 she |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068"

done |strong="H6213" to |strong="H0413" oth-  
 er |strong="H3605" nations.

Babylon |strong="H0894" did |strong="H6213"  
 not |strong="H0408" respect |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

Babylon |strong="H0894" was |strong="H1961" very  
 rude to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605"  
 Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H6918"  
 of |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478".

So |strong="H6213" punish Baby-  
 lon |strong="H0894".

<sup>30</sup> Babylon's young |strong="H0970"  
 men |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H0376" killed |strong="H5307"  
 in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605"  
 streets |strong="H7339".

All |strong="H3605" her |strong="H3605" sol-  
 diers |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068"  
 die |strong="H5307" on |strong="H3117"  
 that |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117".

This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3068"  
 what |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002".

<sup>31</sup> "Babylon, you |strong="H3588"  
 are |strong="H3117" too proud,  
 and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H3588"  
 am |strong="H2005" against |strong="H0413"  
 you |strong="H3588";"

says |strong="H5002" the |strong="H5002"  
 Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" All-Pow-  
 erful.

" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H2005"  
 against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588",  
 and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5002"  
 time |strong="H6256" has |strong="H6635"  
 come |strong="H0935" for |strong="H3588"  
 you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413"  
 be |strong="H0136" punished |strong="H6485".

<sup>32</sup> Proud Babylon will |strong="H0369" stum-  
 ble |strong="H3782" and |strong="H6965"  
 fall |strong="H5307",

and |strong="H6965" no |strong="H0369"  
 one |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0369"  
 help |strong="H6965" her |strong="H3605"  
 get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965".

I |strong="H6965" will |strong="H0369" start  
 a |strong="H0369" fire |strong="H0784"  
 in |strong="H0784" her |strong="H3605"  
 towns |strong="H5892".

That |strong="H3605" fire |strong="H0784"  
 will |strong="H0369" completely |strong="H3605"  
 burn |strong="H3341" up |strong="H6965" every-  
 one |strong="H3605" around |strong="H5439"  
 her |strong="H3605".

<sup>33</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068"  
 what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful  
 says |strong="H0559".

" The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063" are |strong="H3478" slaves |strong="H1121".

The |strong="H3605" enemy took |strong="H2388" them |strong="H7971", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" enemy will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H1121" let |strong="H7971" Israel |strong="H3478" go |strong="H7971".

<sup>34</sup> But |strong="H1350" God |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" get them |strong="H0853" back |strong="H1350".

His |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068" All-Powerful.

He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" defend |strong="H7379" them |strong="H0853" very strongly.

He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" argue |strong="H7378" their |strong="H3068" case |strong="H7379" so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H4616" he |strong="H3068" can let |strong="H1350" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H0776" rest |strong="H7280".

But |strong="H1350" there |strong="H3427" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H8034" no rest |strong="H7280" for |strong="H0776" those |strong="H0853" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Babylon |strong="H0894".

<sup>35</sup> The |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002",

" Sword |strong="H2719", kill |strong="H2719" the |strong="H5002" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Babylon |strong="H0894".

Sword |strong="H2719", kill |strong="H2719" the |strong="H5002" king's officials |strong="H8269" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" wise |strong="H2450" men |strong="H2450" of |strong="H3068" Babylon |strong="H0894".

<sup>36</sup> Sword |strong="H2719", kill |strong="H2719" the |strong="H0413" priests |strong="H0907" of |strong="H1368" Babylon.

They |strong="H2719" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H2719" like |strong="H1368" fools |strong="H2973".

Sword |strong="H2719", kill |strong="H2719" the |strong="H0413" soldiers |strong="H1368" of |strong="H1368" Babylon.

They |strong="H2719" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H2719" full of |strong="H1368" fear.

<sup>37</sup> Sword |strong="H2719", kill |strong="H2719" the |strong="H3605" horses |strong="H5483" and |strong="H0802" chariots |strong="H7393" of |strong="H0802" Babylon.

Sword |strong="H2719", kill |strong="H2719" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" soldiers hired

from |strong="H0413" other |strong="H3605" countries.

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" frightened women |strong="H0802".

Sword |strong="H2719", destroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H0214" of |strong="H0802" Babylon.

Those |strong="H3605" treasures |strong="H0214" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H1961" away |strong="H3605".

<sup>38</sup> Sword, strike the |strong="H3588" waters |strong="H4325" of |strong="H0776" Babylon.

Those |strong="H3588" waters |strong="H4325" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" dried |strong="H3001" up |strong="H3001".

Babylon has |strong="H0776" many, many idols |strong="H6456".

These |strong="H1931" idols |strong="H6456" show that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Babylon are |strong="H0776" foolish.

So |strong="H3588" bad things will |strong="H0776" happen to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>39</sup> Babylon will |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" again |strong="H5750" be |strong="H5750" filled with |strong="H0854" people |strong="H3427".

Wild dogs, ostriches |strong="H3284", and |strong="H1323" other |strong="H5750" desert animals will |strong="H3808" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427".

But |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" ever |strong="H5331" again |strong="H5750".

<sup>40</sup> God |strong="H0430" completely destroyed Sodom |strong="H5467" and |strong="H1121" Gomorrah |strong="H6017"

and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" towns around them |strong="H0853".

In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" way no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Babylon, and |strong="H1121" no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" ever |strong="H0120" go to |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033".

This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002".

<sup>41</sup> " Look |strong="H2009"! There |strong="H2009" are |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971" coming |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" north |strong="H6828".

They|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" powerful nation|strong="H1471".

Many|strong="H7227" kings|strong="H4428" are|strong="H0776" coming|strong="H0935" together|strong="H5971" from|strong="H0935" all|strong="H1419" around the|strong="H0935" world|strong="H0776".

<sup>42</sup> Their|strong="H1992" armies|strong="H3808" have|strong="H7355" bows|strong="H7198" and|strong="H0376" spears.

The|strong="H5921" soldiers|strong="H0376" are|strong="H1992" cruel|strong="H0394".

They|strong="H1992" have|strong="H7355" no|strong="H3808" mercy|strong="H7355".

The|strong="H5921" soldiers|strong="H0376" come riding|strong="H7392" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H1992" horses|strong="H5483"; the|strong="H5921" sound|strong="H6963" is|strong="H0376" as|strong="H0376" loud as|strong="H0376" the|strong="H5921" roaring|strong="H1993" sea|strong="H3220".

They|strong="H1992" stand in|strong="H5921" their|strong="H1992" places, ready for|strong="H5921" battle|strong="H4421".

They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" ready to|strong="H5921" attack|strong="H4421" you|strong="H5921", city of|strong="H0376" Babylon|strong="H0894".

<sup>43</sup> The|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" heard|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085" those|strong="H0853" armies,

and|strong="H3027" he|strong="H0853" is|strong="H3027" paralyzed with|strong="H3027" fear.

He|strong="H0853" is|strong="H3027" overcome|strong="H2388" with|strong="H3027" fear and|strong="H3027" pain|strong="H2427",

like a|strong="H3205" woman giving|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205".

<sup>44</sup> "Sometimes a|strong="H3588" lion|strong="H0738" will|strong="H4310" come|strong="H5927"

from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" thick bushes near|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" Jordan|strong="H3383" River|strong="H3588".

It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4310" walk into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" fields

where|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" their|strong="H5921" animals.

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H4310" be|strong="H3588" like|strong="H3644" that|strong="H0834" lion|strong="H0738";

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H4310" chase Babylon from|strong="H5921" its|strong="H5921" land|strong="H1347".

Who|strong="H0834" should|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" choose to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H4310" this|strong="H2088"?

There|strong="H2009" is|strong="H0834" no|strong="H4310" one|strong="H2088" like|strong="H3644" me|strong="H0413".

There|strong="H2009" is|strong="H0834" no|strong="H4310" one|strong="H2088" who|strong="H0834" can|strong="H4310" challenge me|strong="H0413".

No|strong="H4310" shepherd|strong="H7462" will|strong="H4310" come|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" chase me|strong="H0413" away|strong="H5927".

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H4310" chase away|strong="H5927" the|strong="H6440" Babylonians."

<sup>45</sup> Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" planned|strong="H3289"

to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H0518" to|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894".

Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" what|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" has|strong="H3068" decided|strong="H3289"

to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H0518" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" Babylonians|strong="H3778".

" I|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H3068" that|strong="H0834" an|strong="H2803" enemy will|strong="H3068" drag|strong="H5498" away the|strong="H0834" young|strong="H6810" kids of|strong="H0776" Babylon's|strong="H0894" flock|strong="H6629",

and|strong="H3068" Babylon|strong="H0894" will|strong="H3068" become|strong="H8074" an|strong="H2803" empty pasture.

<sup>46</sup> Babylon|strong="H0894" will|strong="H0776" fall, and|strong="H0776" that|strong="H8085" fall will|strong="H0776" shake|strong="H7493" the|strong="H8085" earth|strong="H0776".

People|strong="H1471" in|strong="H0776" all nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H0776" hear|strong="H8085" about|strong="H8085"

the|strong="H8085" destruction of|strong="H0776" Babylon|strong="H0894"."

**51** The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559",

" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" cause a|strong="H5921" powerful, destructive wind|strong="H7307" to|strong="H0413" blow against|strong="H5921" Babylon|strong="H0894" and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0559" Babylonians. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> BABYLONIANS Literally, "Leb Kammai." In Hebrew this was a secret way of writing "Chaldeans."

<sup>2</sup> I will send foreigners to Babylon, and they will take everything from the city. Armies will surround the city, and there will be terrible destruction.

<sup>3</sup> The Babylonian soldiers will not get bows and arrows.

They will not put their armor.

Don't feel sorry for the soldiers of Babylon.

Destroy her army completely!

<sup>4</sup> Babylon's soldiers will be killed in the land of the Chaldeans.

They will be badly wounded in the streets of Babylon.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD Almighty will leave Israel and Judah alone, like a widow.

No, they are guilty of leaving the Holy One of Israel.

Their God did not leave them.

They left him!

<sup>6</sup> Run away from Babylon. Run to save your lives!

<sup>1</sup> WINNOW To separate grain from the hulls around it. Farmers threw the grain with the hulls into the air. The wind blew the hulls away and left the good grain.

Don't stay and be killed because of Babylon's sins!

It is time for the LORD to punish the Babylonians for the bad things they have done.

Babylon will get the punishment she should have.

<sup>7</sup> Babylon was like a golden cup in the LORD'S hand.

Babylon made the whole world drunk.

The nations drank Babylon's wine,

so they went crazy.

<sup>8</sup> But Babylon will fall and be broken.

Cry for her! Get medicine for her pain, and maybe she can be healed.

<sup>9</sup> We tried to heal Babylon, but she cannot be healed.

So let us leave her,

and let each of us go to our own country.

God in heaven will decide Babylon's punishment.

He will decide what

will happen to Babylon.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD got even for us.

Come about in Zion.

Let's tell what the LORD our God has done.

<sup>11</sup> Sharpen arrows!

Get your shields!

The LORD has stirred up kings of the Medes

because he wants to destroy Babylon.

The army from Babylon destroyed his Temple in Jerusalem,

so he will give them the punishment they deserve.

<sup>12</sup> Lift a flag against the walls of Babylon.

Bring more guards.

Put watchmen in their places.

Get ready for a secret attack.

The LORD will do what he has planned.

He will do what he said he would do against the people of Babylon.

<sup>13</sup> Babylon, you live near much water.

You are rich with treasures, but your end as a nation has come.

It is time for you to be destroyed.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD All-Powerful used his name to make this promise:

"Babylon, I will fill with soldiers they be like a cloud of locusts.

They will win their war against you.

They will stand over you shouting their victory cry.

<sup>15</sup> God used his great power and made the earth.

He used his wisdom to build the world

and his understanding to stretch the skies.

<sup>16</sup> When he thunders, the waters in the skies roar.

He sends clouds all over the earth.

He sends lightning with the rain.

He brings out wind from his storehouses.

<sup>17</sup> But people are stupid.

They don't understand what God has done.

Skilled workers make *strong*="H3001" statues of *strong*="H7307" false *strong*="H8267" gods.

Those *strong*="H3605" statues are *strong*="H0120" only *strong*="H3605" false *strong*="H8267" gods.

They *strong*="H3588" show how *strong*="H3588" foolish those *strong*="H3605" workers are *strong*="H0120".

Those *strong*="H3605" statues are *strong*="H0120" not *strong*="H3808" alive.

<sup>18</sup> Those *strong*="H1992" idols *strong*="H1892" are *strong*="H1992" worthless *strong*="H1892".

People made *strong*="H4639" them *strong*="H1992", and *strong*="H1892" they *strong*="H1992" are *strong*="H1992" nothing *strong*="H1892" but *strong*="H1992" a *strong*="H6256" joke.

Their *strong*="H1992" time *strong*="H6256" of *strong*="H6256" judgment will *strong*="H1892" come,

and *strong*="H1892" those *strong*="H1992" idols *strong*="H1892" will *strong*="H1892" be *strong*="H6256" destroyed *strong*="H0006".

<sup>19</sup> But *strong*="H3588" God *strong*="H3068", who *strong*="H3605" is *strong*="H3068" Jacob's *strong*="H3290" Portion *strong*="H2506", is *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H3808" like *strong*="H3808" those *strong*="H0428" worthless statues.

People *strong*="H3808" didn't *strong*="H3808" make *strong*="H3588" God *strong*="H3068"; God *strong*="H3068" made *strong*="H3605" his *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H3808".

He *strong*="H1931" made *strong*="H3605" everything *strong*="H3605".

His *strong*="H3605" name *strong*="H8034" is *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" All-Powerful.

<sup>20</sup> The *strong*="H7843" Lord says, "Babylon, you *strong*="H0859" are *strong*="H1471" my *strong*="H7843" club.

I *strong*="H5310" used *strong*="H3627" you *strong*="H0859" to *strong*="H1471" smash nations *strong*="H1471".

I *strong*="H5310" used *strong*="H3627" you *strong*="H0859" to *strong*="H1471" destroy *strong*="H7843" kingdoms *strong*="H4467".

<sup>21</sup> I *strong*="H5310" used you to *strong*="H7392" smash horse *strong*="H5483" and *strong*="H7393" rider *strong*="H7392".

I *strong*="H5310" used you to *strong*="H7392" smash chariot *strong*="H7393" and *strong*="H7393" driver.

<sup>22</sup> I *strong*="H5288" used you *strong*="H0376" to *strong*="H0376" smash men *strong*="H0376" and *strong*="H0376" women *strong*="H0802".

I *strong*="H5288" used you *strong*="H0376" to *strong*="H0376" smash men *strong*="H0376",

old *strong*="H2205" and *strong*="H0376" young *strong*="H5288".

I *strong*="H5288" used you *strong*="H0376" to *strong*="H0376" smash young *strong*="H5288" men *strong*="H0376" and *strong*="H0376" young *strong*="H5288" women *strong*="H0802".

<sup>23</sup> I *strong*="H5310" used you to *strong*="H0406" smash shepherds *strong*="H7462" and *strong*="H6346" flocks *strong*="H5739".

I *strong*="H5310" used you to *strong*="H0406" smash farmers *strong*="H0406" and *strong*="H6346" oxen.

I *strong*="H5310" used you to *strong*="H0406" smash governors *strong*="H6346" and *strong*="H6346" important officials *strong*="H5461".

<sup>24</sup> But *strong*="H0834" I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H3068" repay *strong*="H7999" Babylon *strong*="H0894" and *strong*="H3068" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" Babylonians *strong*="H3778" for *strong*="H3605" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" evil *strong*="H7451" things *strong*="H3605" they *strong*="H0834" did *strong*="H6213" to *strong*="H3068" Zion *strong*="H6726".

I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H3068" pay *strong*="H7999" them *strong*="H0853" back *strong*="H7999" so *strong*="H6213" that *strong*="H0834" you *strong*="H0834" can *strong*="H0834" see *strong*="H5869" it *strong*="H6213", Judah."

This *strong*="H0834" is *strong*="H0834" what *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" said.

<sup>25</sup> The *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" says *strong*="H5002",

"Babylon, you *strong*="H5414" are *strong*="H3027" like *strong*="H0776" a *strong*="H5414" volcano that *strong*="H3605" destroys *strong*="H7843" the *strong*="H3605" whole *strong*="H3605" country *strong*="H2022".

But *strong*="H5921" I *strong*="H2005" have *strong*="H0776" turned *strong*="H5186" against *strong*="H5921" you *strong*="H5414",

and *strong*="H3068" I *strong*="H2005" will *strong*="H3068" turn *strong*="H5186" you *strong*="H5414" into *strong*="H0413" a *strong*="H5414" burned-out mountain *strong*="H2022".

<sup>26</sup> People *strong*="H3808" will *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H3808" take *strong*="H3947" stones *strong*="H0068" from *strong*="H4480" Babylon to *strong*="H1961" use *strong*="H3947" as *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H5002" foundation of *strong*="H3068" a *strong*="H1961" building.

That *strong*="H3588" is *strong*="H3068" because *strong*="H3588" they *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H3808"



find|strong="H3947" any|strong="H4480"  
stones|strong="H0068" big enough  
for|strong="H3588" cornerstones.

Your|strong="H3068" city will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" pile  
of|strong="H3068" broken rocks|strong="H0068" for-  
ever|strong="H5769".

This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5002"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said.

<sup>27</sup> " Lift|strong="H5375" up|strong="H5927"  
the|strong="H5921" war flag in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0776".

Blow|strong="H8628" the|strong="H5921" trum-  
pet|strong="H7782" in|strong="H5921"  
all|strong="H5927" the|strong="H5921" na-  
tions|strong="H1471".

Prepare|strong="H6942" the|strong="H5921" na-  
tions|strong="H1471" for|strong="H5921" war  
against|strong="H5921" Babylon.

Call|strong="H6485" these king-  
doms|strong="H4467" to|strong="H5921"  
come|strong="H5927" fight against|strong="H5921"  
Babylon:

Ararat|strong="H0780", Minni|strong="H4508",  
and|strong="H0776" Ashkenaz|strong="H0813".

Choose a|strong="H8085" commander  
to|strong="H5921" lead|strong="H5927"  
the|strong="H5921" army|strong="H5927"  
against|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921".

Send|strong="H5927" so|strong="H5927" many  
horses|strong="H5483" that|strong="H8085"  
they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H0776"  
like|strong="H0776" a|strong="H8085" swarm  
of|strong="H0776" locusts|strong="H3218".

<sup>28</sup> Get the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471"  
ready for|strong="H5921" battle  
against|strong="H5921" her|strong="H3605".

Get the|strong="H3605" kings|strong="H4428"  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605"  
Medes|strong="H4074" ready.

Get their|strong="H3605" gover-  
nors|strong="H6346" and|strong="H0776"  
all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" important  
officials|strong="H5461" ready.

Get all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" coun-  
tries|strong="H0776" they|strong="H5921"  
rule|strong="H4475" ready for|strong="H5921" battle  
against|strong="H5921" Babylon.

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"  
shakes|strong="H2342" and|strong="H6965" moves  
as|strong="H3068" if|strong="H3588"  
it|strong="H7760" is|strong="H0369"  
in|strong="H3427" pain.

It|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3068"  
shake|strong="H7493" when|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
does|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" Baby-

lon|strong="H0894" what|strong="H5921"  
he|strong="H3588" plans|strong="H4284"—  
to|strong="H5921" make|strong="H7760"  
the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" Babylon|strong="H0894"  
an|strong="H7760" empty desert,

a|strong="H3588" place|strong="H7760"  
where|strong="H5921" no|strong="H0369"  
one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H3068"  
live|strong="H3427".

<sup>30</sup> Babylon's|strong="H0894" sol-  
diers|strong="H1368" have|strong="H1961"  
stopped|strong="H2308" fighting|strong="H3898".

They stay|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"  
their|strong="H1961" forts.

Their|strong="H1961" strength|strong="H1369"  
is|strong="H1961" gone|strong="H1961".

They have|strong="H1961" be-  
come|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" fright-  
ened women|strong="H0802".

Babylon's|strong="H0894" houses  
are|strong="H1368" burning.

The|strong="H1961" bars|strong="H1280"  
of|strong="H3427" her|strong="H0802" gates  
are|strong="H1368" broken|strong="H7665".

<sup>31</sup> One|strong="H3588" messenger|strong="H5046"  
follows another|strong="H5046".

Messenger|strong="H5046" follows messen-  
ger|strong="H5046".

They|strong="H3588" announce|strong="H5046"  
to|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588"  
king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Baby-  
lon|strong="H0894"

that|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3588" whole  
city|strong="H5892" has|strong="H4428" been cap-  
tured|strong="H3920".

<sup>32</sup> The|strong="H0853" places where peo-  
ple|strong="H0376" cross the|strong="H0853" rivers  
have|strong="H0376" been captured|strong="H8610".

The|strong="H0853" swamplands  
are|strong="H0376" burning|strong="H0784".

All|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" Babylon's  
soldiers|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" afraid."

<sup>33</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful,  
the|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430"  
of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0559" people  
of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478",  
says|strong="H0559":

" Babylon|strong="H0894" is|strong="H3068"  
like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3588" thresh-  
ing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637",

where people beat the|strong="H0559" grain  
at|strong="H3478" harvest|strong="H7105"  
time|strong="H6256".

And|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559"  
time|strong="H6256" to|strong="H0559" beat Baby-

lon|strong="H0894" is|strong="H3068" coming|strong="H0935" soon|strong="H4592".

<sup>34</sup> " King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" destroyed|strong="H0398" us|strong="H1104" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0398" past.

In|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0398" past he|strong="H4428" hurt us|strong="H1104".

In|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0398" past he|strong="H4428" took|strong="H0398" our|strong="H4390" people away|strong="H1740", and|strong="H4428" we became like an empty jar|strong="H3627".

He|strong="H4428" took|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0398" best we had|strong="H4428".

He|strong="H4428" was|strong="H4428" like a|strong="H0398" giant monster|strong="H8577" that|strong="H4428" ate|strong="H0398" everything until it|strong="H0398" was|strong="H4428" full|strong="H4390".

He|strong="H4428" took|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0398" best we had|strong="H4428" and|strong="H4428" then|strong="H4428" threw us|strong="H1104" away|strong="H1740".

<sup>35</sup> Babylon|strong="H0894" did terrible things to|strong="H0413" hurt us|strong="H0413".

Now I|strong="H0559" want those|strong="H5921" things to|strong="H0413" happen to|strong="H0413" Babylon|strong="H0894"."

The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Zion|strong="H6726" said|strong="H0559",

" The|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3427" of|strong="H3427" Babylon|strong="H0894" are|strong="H6726" guilty of|strong="H3427" killing|strong="H1818" our|strong="H5921" people|strong="H3427".

Now they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H6726" being punished for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" bad things they|strong="H5921" did."

The|strong="H0559" city of|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" said|strong="H0559" those|strong="H5921" things.

<sup>36</sup> So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":

" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" defend|strong="H7379" you|strong="H0853", Judah.

I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3001" sure that|strong="H3651" Babylon is|strong="H3068" punished|strong="H5358".

I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" dry|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001" Babylon's sea|strong="H3220".

And|strong="H3068" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3001" her|strong="H0559" water springs|strong="H4726" become|strong="H3001" dry|strong="H3001".

<sup>37</sup> Babylon|strong="H0894" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" pile|strong="H1530" of|strong="H3427" ruined|strong="H8047" buildings,

a|strong="H1961" place|strong="H1961" fit only for|strong="H3427" wild dogs.

People|strong="H3427" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" shocked and|strong="H3427" shake their|strong="H1961" heads at|strong="H3427" what is|strong="H0369" left|strong="H1961" there|strong="H0369".

It|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" place|strong="H1961" where no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" lives|strong="H3427".

<sup>38</sup> " The|strong="H3715" people of Babylon are|strong="H3715" like|strong="H3162" roaring|strong="H7580" young|strong="H3715" lions|strong="H0738".

They|strong="H3162" growl|strong="H5286" like|strong="H3162" baby lions|strong="H0738".

<sup>39</sup> They|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3068" acting like|strong="H3808" powerful lions.

I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" give a|strong="H3808" party for|strong="H4616" them|strong="H0853".

I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7896" them|strong="H0853" drunk|strong="H7937".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" laugh and|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3808" good time|strong="H5769", and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" sleep|strong="H8142" forever|strong="H5769".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" never|strong="H3808" wake|strong="H6974" up|strong="H7896"."

This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" said.

<sup>40</sup> "Babylon will|strong="H3381" be like|strong="H5973" sheep, rams|strong="H0352", and|strong="H3381" goats|strong="H6260" waiting to|strong="H3381" be killed.

I will|strong="H3381" lead them|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H5973" slaughter|strong="H2873".

<sup>41</sup> " Sheshach|strong="H8347"<sup>1</sup> will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" defeated.

The|strong="H3605" best and|strong="H0776" proudest country|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605"

<sup>1</sup> SHESHACH Jeremiah used a special code to create this secret name for Babylon.

earth |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" taken |strong="H3920" cap-  
tive |strong="H3920".

People |strong="H1471" from |strong="H0776" oth-  
er |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471"  
will |strong="H1961" look at |strong="H0894" Baby-  
lon |strong="H0894",

and |strong="H0776" what |strong="H0349"  
they |strong="H3605" see will |strong="H1961" make  
them |strong="H8610" afraid.

<sup>42</sup> The |strong="H5921" sea |strong="H3220"  
will |strong="H0894" rise |strong="H5927"  
over |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894".

Its |strong="H5921" roaring waves |strong="H1530"  
will |strong="H0894" cover |strong="H3680"  
her |strong="H5921".

<sup>43</sup> Babylon will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961"  
like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961"  
dry |strong="H6723" desert |strong="H6160"  
land |strong="H0776".

Its |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" empty ru-  
ins |strong="H5892".

No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376"  
will |strong="H1961" live |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" those |strong="H3605"  
cities |strong="H5892".

No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376"  
will |strong="H1961" even |strong="H3808" trav-  
el |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674"  
them |strong="H1961".

<sup>44</sup> I |strong="H1571" will |strong="H1471" pun-  
ish |strong="H6485" the |strong="H0853" false  
god |strong="H3808" Bel |strong="H1078"  
in |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894".

I |strong="H1571" will |strong="H1471" make  
him |strong="H0413" vomit out |strong="H3318"  
the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1471"  
he |strong="H3808" swallowed |strong="H1105".

The |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H2346"  
around |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894"  
will |strong="H1471" fall |strong="H5307",

and |strong="H6310" other |strong="H5750" na-  
tions |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1471"  
stop |strong="H3808" coming |strong="H3318"  
to |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894".

<sup>45</sup> Come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318"  
of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853" city  
of |strong="H0376" Babylon, my |strong="H3068" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971".

Run |strong="H4422" to |strong="H3068"  
save |strong="H4422" your |strong="H3068"  
lives |strong="H5315".

Run |strong="H4422" from |strong="H3318"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" great  
anger |strong="H0639".

<sup>46</sup> "Don't be |strong="H0776" sad,  
my |strong="H8085" people |strong="H8085".

Rumors |strong="H8052" will |strong="H0776"  
spread, but |strong="H8085" don't be |strong="H0776"  
afraid |strong="H3372".

One |strong="H0776" rumor |strong="H8052"  
comes |strong="H0935" this |strong="H0935"  
year |strong="H8141".

Another |strong="H8052" rumor |strong="H8052"  
will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935"  
next |strong="H5921" year |strong="H8141".

There will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" ru-  
mors |strong="H8052" about |strong="H5921" terrible  
fighting in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" coun-  
try |strong="H0776".

There will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" ru-  
mors |strong="H8052" about |strong="H5921"  
rulers |strong="H4910" fighting  
against |strong="H5921" other rulers |strong="H4910".

<sup>47</sup> The |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117"  
will |strong="H0776" surely |strong="H6485"  
come |strong="H0935" when |strong="H3117"  
I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H0776" pun-  
ish |strong="H6485" the |strong="H3605" false gods  
of |strong="H0776" Babylon |strong="H0894",

and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605"  
whole |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776"  
of |strong="H0776" Babylon |strong="H0894"  
will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776"  
put |strong="H0954" to |strong="H0935"  
shame |strong="H0954".

There |strong="H2009" will |strong="H0776"  
be |strong="H0776" many dead |strong="H2491" peo-  
ple |strong="H0776",

lying |strong="H5307" in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H3605" streets of |strong="H0776"  
that |strong="H3605" city.

<sup>48</sup> Then |strong="H0935" heaven |strong="H8064"  
and |strong="H0935" earth |strong="H0776"  
and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605"  
that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834"  
in |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921"

will |strong="H3068" shout |strong="H7442"  
with |strong="H3068" joy |strong="H7442"  
about |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894".

They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
shout |strong="H7442" because |strong="H3588"  
an |strong="H0935" army |strong="H0776"  
came |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H3605" north |strong="H6828"

and |strong="H0935" fought  
against |strong="H5921" Babylon |strong="H0894".

This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834"  
what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" said.

<sup>49</sup> "Babylon |strong="H0894" killed |strong="H2491"  
people |strong="H0776" from |strong="H3478" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478".

Babylon |strong="H0894" killed |strong="H2491"  
people |strong="H0776" from |strong="H3478"

every |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" on |strong="H5307" earth |strong="H0776".

So |strong="H1571" Babylon |strong="H0894" must |strong="H1571" fall |strong="H5307".

<sup>50</sup> You |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0408" escaped the |strong="H0853" swords |strong="H2719".

You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H0853" hurry and |strong="H1980" leave |strong="H1980" Babylon.

Don't |strong="H0408" wait |strong="H5975".

You |strong="H5921" are |strong="H3068" in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" faraway land, but |strong="H5921" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"

where |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" are |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1980" remember |strong="H2142" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>51</sup> " We |strong="H3588" people |strong="H8085" of |strong="H1004" Judah are |strong="H3068" ashamed |strong="H0954".

We |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" been |strong="H0954" insulted, because |strong="H3588" strangers |strong="H2114" have |strong="H3068" gone |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935"

the |strong="H6440" holy |strong="H4720" places |strong="H4720" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004".

<sup>52</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002", " The |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935",

when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" punish |strong="H6485" the |strong="H3605" idols |strong="H6456" of |strong="H0776" Babylon.

At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" wounded |strong="H2491" people |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" cry

with |strong="H3068" pain every-where |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776".

<sup>53</sup> Babylon |strong="H0894" might |strong="H5797" grow |strong="H5927" until she |strong="H3588" touches the |strong="H5002" sky |strong="H8064".

Babylon |strong="H0894" might |strong="H5797" make |strong="H3588" her |strong="H0935" forts strong |strong="H5797",

but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H5927" people to |strong="H0935" fight against |strong="H0854" that |strong="H3588" city.

And |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H7703" her |strong="H0935".

This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

<sup>54</sup> " We |strong="H0776" can hear |strong="H6963" people |strong="H0776" crying |strong="H6963" in |strong="H0776" Babylon |strong="H0894".

We |strong="H0776" hear |strong="H6963" the |strong="H0776" sound |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" people |strong="H0776" destroying things |strong="H1419" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Babylon |strong="H0894".

<sup>55</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H0006" Babylon |strong="H0894" very |strong="H1419" soon |strong="H3588".

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" stop the |strong="H0853" loud |strong="H1419" noises in |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" city.

Enemies will |strong="H3068" come roaring |strong="H7588" in |strong="H3068" like |strong="H1993" ocean |strong="H4325" waves |strong="H1530".

People all |strong="H1419" around will |strong="H3068" hear |strong="H6963" that |strong="H3588" roar |strong="H1993".

<sup>56</sup> The |strong="H5921" army will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" destroy |strong="H7703" Babylon |strong="H0894".

Its |strong="H5921" soldiers |strong="H1368" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" captured |strong="H3920", and |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3068" bows |strong="H7198" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" broken,

This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" happen because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" punishes people for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" bad things they |strong="H3588" do |strong="H0935".

He |strong="H3588" gives them |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" full punishment they |strong="H3588" deserve.

<sup>57</sup> I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7937" Babylon's wise |strong="H2450" men |strong="H1368" and |strong="H3068" important officials |strong="H8269" drunk |strong="H7937".

I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7937" the |strong="H5002" governors |strong="H6346", officers |strong="H8269", and |strong="H3068" soldiers |strong="H1368" drunk |strong="H7937" too |strong="H3808".

Then |strong="H4428" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" sleep |strong="H8142" forever |strong="H5769".

They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" wake |strong="H6974" up |strong="H4428".

This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H5002" King |strong="H4428" said.

His |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful.

<sup>58</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful says |strong="H0559":

" Babylon's |strong="H0894" thick |strong="H7342", strong wall |strong="H2346" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" pulled down |strong="H3341".

Her |strong="H0559" high |strong="H1364" gates |strong="H8179" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" burned |strong="H3341".

The |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" Babylon |strong="H0894" will |strong="H3068" work |strong="H3021" hard, but |strong="H0559" it |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" not help |strong="H5971".

They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" get |strong="H3021" very |strong="H1364" tired |strong="H3021" trying |strong="H6209" to |strong="H0559" save the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H8179".

But |strong="H0559" they |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" only be |strong="H3068" fuel for |strong="H6635" the |strong="H0559" flames."

**Jeremiah |strong="H3068" Sends a |strong="H3068" Message |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0559" Babylon |strong="H0894"**

<sup>59</sup> This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" message |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" gave |strong="H6680" to |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0853" officer |strong="H8269" Seraiah |strong="H8304"<sup>I</sup> son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Neriah |strong="H5374". Neriah |strong="H5374" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Mahseiah |strong="H4271". Seraiah |strong="H8304" went to |strong="H1697" Babylon |strong="H0894" with |strong="H0854" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". This |strong="H1697" happened |strong="H1697" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" fourth |strong="H7243" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" Zedekiah |strong="H6667"<sup>II</sup> was |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". At |strong="H4428" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H8141" Jeremiah |strong="H3414" gave |strong="H6680" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H1697" Seraiah |strong="H8304", the |strong="H0853" officer |strong="H8269". <sup>60</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H3414"

had |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" on |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" scroll |strong="H5612" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834" happen |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" written |strong="H3789" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697" about |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894".

<sup>61</sup> Jeremiah |strong="H3414" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" Seraiah |strong="H8304", " Seraiah |strong="H8304", go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894". Be |strong="H1697" sure to |strong="H0413" read |strong="H7121" this |strong="H0428" message |strong="H1697" so |strong="H7121" that |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H7200" can |strong="H7200" hear you |strong="H3605". <sup>62</sup> Then |strong="H1961" say |strong="H0559", ' LORD |strong="H3068", you |strong="H0859" have |strong="H1961" said |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3772" this |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725", Babylon. You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3772" it |strong="H3588" so |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3588" no |strong="H1115" people |strong="H0120" or |strong="H5704" animals |strong="H0929" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" it |strong="H3588". This |strong="H2088" place |strong="H4725" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" empty ruin |strong="H8077" forever |strong="H5769". <sup>63</sup> After |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" finish |strong="H3615" reading |strong="H7121" this |strong="H2088" scroll |strong="H5612", tie |strong="H7194" a |strong="H1961" stone |strong="H0068" to |strong="H0413" it |strong="H5921" and |strong="H0068" throw |strong="H7993" it |strong="H5921" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Euphrates |strong="H6578" River. <sup>64</sup> Then |strong="H6965" say |strong="H0559", ' In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" same |strong="H1697" way |strong="H1697" Babylon |strong="H0894" will |strong="H0834" sink |strong="H8257". Babylon |strong="H0894" will |strong="H0834" rise |strong="H6965" no |strong="H3808" more |strong="H3808". It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0834" sink |strong="H8257" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1697" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834"

I SERAIAH Seraiah was a brother of Baruch, Jeremiah's secretary.  
II THE FOURTH YEAR ... ZEDEKIAH That is, 594-593 B.C.

will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H6965" happen|strong="H1697" here|strong="H2008".

The|strong="H0559" words|strong="H1697" of|strong="H1697" Jeremiah|strong="H3414" end here|strong="H2008".

### The Fall of Jerusalem

52 Zedekiah|strong="H6667" was|strong="H8034" 21 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3389" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4427" of|strong="H1121" Judah. He|strong="H3389" ruled|strong="H4427" in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" for|strong="H0259" eleven|strong="H6240" years|strong="H8141". His|strong="H8034" mother's|strong="H0517" name|strong="H8034" was|strong="H8034" Hamutal|strong="H2537" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H1121" Jeremiah|strong="H3414".<sup>I</sup> Hamutal's family was|strong="H8034" from|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3414" town of|strong="H1121" Libnah|strong="H3841".<sup>2</sup> Zedekiah did|strong="H6213" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605", just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" King Jehoiakim|strong="H3079" had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H6213" not like|strong="H0834" Zedekiah doing|strong="H6213" those|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605".<sup>3</sup> Terrible things|strong="H1961" happened|strong="H1961" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" people of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" was|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H3068" them|strong="H0853". Finally|strong="H5704", he|strong="H3588" threw|strong="H7993" them|strong="H0853" out|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5921" presence|strong="H6440".

Zedekiah|strong="H6667" rebelled|strong="H4775" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894".<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" ninth|strong="H8671" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H4428" Zedekiah's rule|strong="H4428", on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" tenth|strong="H6224" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" tenth|strong="H6224" month|strong="H2320",<sup>II</sup> King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadne-

I JEREMIAH This is not the prophet Jeremiah, but a different man with the same name. II NINTH YEAR ... TENTH MONTH That is, January of 588 B.C.

zar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" marched|strong="H0935" against|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" with|strong="H5921" his|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428". The|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" set|strong="H0935" up|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" camp|strong="H2583" outside|strong="H5921" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" built|strong="H1129" ramps all|strong="H3605" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H1931" walls|strong="H1785" so|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3605" they|strong="H5921" could|strong="H2428" get|strong="H0935" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" walls|strong="H1785".<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H0935" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem was|strong="H4428" surrounded by|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" army of|strong="H4428" Babylon until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0935" eleventh|strong="H6240" year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Zedekiah|strong="H6667"<sup>III</sup> was|strong="H4428" king|strong="H4428".<sup>6</sup> By|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" ninth|strong="H8672" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H1961" fourth|strong="H7243" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3808" year, the|strong="H1961" hunger|strong="H7458" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H1961" city|strong="H5892" was|strong="H1961" very bad. There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" food|strong="H3899" left|strong="H1961" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H1961" city|strong="H5892" to|strong="H1961" eat.<sup>7</sup> On|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" day the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H4421" of|strong="H4428" Babylon broke|strong="H1234" into|strong="H5921" Jerusalem. The|strong="H3605" soldiers|strong="H0376" of|strong="H4428" Jerusalem ran|strong="H1272" away|strong="H1272". They|strong="H0834" left|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" at|strong="H5921" night|strong="H3915". They|strong="H0834" went|strong="H3318" through|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" gate|strong="H8179" between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H3605" two|strong="H2346" walls|strong="H2346". That|strong="H0834" gate|strong="H8179" was|strong="H0834" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" garden|strong="H1588".

III THE ELEVENTH YEAR ... ZEDEKIAH That is, 587 B.C.

Even |strong="H5921" though the |strong="H3605" army |strong="H4421" of |strong="H4428" Babylon had |strong="H0834" surrounded |strong="H5439" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892", the |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H0376" of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem still ran |strong="H1272" away |strong="H1272" toward |strong="H1870" the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H6160".

<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army |strong="H2428" chased |strong="H7291" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" and |strong="H4428" caught |strong="H5381" him |strong="H5921" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" plains |strong="H6160" of |strong="H4428" Jericho |strong="H3405". All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428" Zedekiah's |strong="H6667" soldiers |strong="H2428" ran away |strong="H0310". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0853" army |strong="H5927" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" captured |strong="H8610" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah and |strong="H0776" took |strong="H8610" him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" who |strong="H4428" was |strong="H0776" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" city of |strong="H4428" Riblah |strong="H7247", in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H4428" Hamath |strong="H2574". At |strong="H0413" Riblah |strong="H7247" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" announced |strong="H1696" his |strong="H0413" judgment |strong="H4941" on |strong="H0413" King |strong="H4428" Zedekiah. <sup>10</sup> There |strong="H0894" at |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" town of |strong="H1121" Riblah |strong="H7247", the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894" killed |strong="H7819" Zedekiah's |strong="H6667" sons |strong="H1121" while |strong="H5869" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" watched. The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Babylon |strong="H0894" also |strong="H1571" killed |strong="H7819" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" royal |strong="H4428" officials |strong="H8269" of |strong="H1121" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" tore out |strong="H0935" Zedekiah's |strong="H6667" eyes |strong="H5869". He |strong="H5704" put |strong="H5414" bronze |strong="H5178" chains |strong="H5178" on |strong="H3117" him |strong="H5414" and |strong="H0935" took |strong="H0853" him |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0935" Baby-

lon |strong="H0894". In |strong="H0935" Babylon |strong="H0894" he |strong="H5704" put |strong="H5414" Zedekiah |strong="H6667" into |strong="H0935" prison |strong="H1004". He |strong="H5704" stayed in |strong="H0935" prison |strong="H1004" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" day |strong="H3117" he |strong="H5704" died |strong="H4194".

<sup>12</sup> Nebuzaradan |strong="H5018" was |strong="H1931" the |strong="H6440" commander of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon's |strong="H0894" special guard |strong="H2876". He |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1931" one |strong="H1931" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" king's |strong="H4428" most |strong="H4428" important officials while |strong="H1931" at |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". He |strong="H1931" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" tenth |strong="H6218" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" fifth |strong="H2549" month |strong="H2320", in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H6440" 19th year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H1931" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019"<sup>I</sup> was |strong="H1931" king |strong="H4428". <sup>13</sup> Nebuzaradan burned |strong="H8313" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004", the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" palace |strong="H1004", and |strong="H3068" every |strong="H3605" important |strong="H1419" building in |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", as |strong="H3068" well as |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" houses |strong="H1004". <sup>14</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Babylonian |strong="H3778" soldiers |strong="H2428" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3605" commander broke |strong="H5422" down |strong="H5422" the |strong="H3605" walls |strong="H2346" around |strong="H5439" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". <sup>15</sup> Commander Nebuzaradan |strong="H5018" took |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" still in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem <sup>II</sup> and |strong="H4428" those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" surrendered earlier and |strong="H4428" made |strong="H1540"

<sup>I</sup> THE 19TH YEAR ... NEBUCHADNEZZAR That is, 587 B.C. <sup>II</sup> THE PEOPLE ... JERUSALEM This is from the ancient Greek version. The phrase, "some of the poorest people," which appears in the standard Hebrew text, seems to have been accidentally copied from the next verse.

them |strong="H0413" captives |strong="H1540". He |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0853" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" skilled craftsmen who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H0413" Jerusalem as |strong="H0834" captives |strong="H1540" to |strong="H0413" Babylon |strong="H0894".<sup>16</sup> But |strong="H7227" Nebuzaradan |strong="H5018" left |strong="H7604" some |strong="H7227" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" poorest people |strong="H0776" behind |strong="H7604" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" land |strong="H0776". He |strong="H0776" left |strong="H7604" them |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0776" work in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" vineyards and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0776" fields.

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H3605" Babylonian |strong="H3778" army broke |strong="H7665" up |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" columns |strong="H5982" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". They |strong="H0834" also |strong="H3068" broke |strong="H7665" up |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3605" stands |strong="H4350" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" tank <sup>I</sup> that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". They |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" all |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" bronze |strong="H5178" to |strong="H3068" Babylon |strong="H0894".<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H3605" army of |strong="H3627" Babylon also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H3947" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" from |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" Temple: pots |strong="H5518", shovels |strong="H3257", lamp snuffers |strong="H4212", large bowls |strong="H4219", pans |strong="H3709", and |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" used |strong="H8334" in |strong="H8334" the |strong="H3605" Temple service |strong="H8334".<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0853" commander of |strong="H3709" the |strong="H0853" king's special guards took |strong="H3947" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834" away |strong="H3947": basins |strong="H4219", firepans |strong="H4289", large |strong="H7227" bowls |strong="H4219", pots |strong="H5518", lampstands |strong="H4501", pans |strong="H3709",

<sup>I</sup> BRONZE COLUMNS ... TANK These verses list the things that the Babylonian army took away from the Lord's Temple. For a description of the Temple furniture, see 1 Kings 7:13-26.

and |strong="H3701" bowls |strong="H4219" used |strong="H3947" for |strong="H3701" drink |strong="H4518" offerings. He |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" everything |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" made |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3709" gold |strong="H2091" or |strong="H3701" silver |strong="H3701".<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H3605" two |strong="H8147" pillars |strong="H5982", the |strong="H3605" Sea |strong="H3220" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" twelve |strong="H6240" bronze |strong="H5178" bulls |strong="H1241" under |strong="H8478" it |strong="H1961", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" moveable stands |strong="H4350" were |strong="H0834" very heavy. King |strong="H4428" Solomon |strong="H8010" had |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" those |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" for |strong="H8478" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". The |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" that |strong="H0834" those |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" were |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" of |strong="H4428" was |strong="H1961" so |strong="H6213" heavy it |strong="H1961" could not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" weighed |strong="H4948".

<sup>21</sup> Each |strong="H0259" of |strong="H5982" the |strong="H5437" bronze pillars |strong="H5982" was |strong="H0259" 31 feet |strong="H0520"<sup>II</sup> tall |strong="H6967". Each |strong="H0259" pillar |strong="H5982" was |strong="H0259" almost 21 feet |strong="H0520"<sup>III</sup> around |strong="H5437". Each |strong="H0259" pillar |strong="H5982" was |strong="H0259" hollow |strong="H5014". The |strong="H5437" wall of |strong="H5982" each |strong="H0259" pillar |strong="H5982" was |strong="H0259" 3 inches |strong="H0676"<sup>IV</sup> thick |strong="H5672".<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H3605" bronze |strong="H5178" capital |strong="H3805" on |strong="H5921" top |strong="H3805" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H0259" pillar |strong="H5982" was |strong="H0259" over |strong="H5921" 5 feet |strong="H0520"<sup>V</sup> tall |strong="H6967". It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0259" decorated with |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" net design and |strong="H5178" bronze |strong="H5178" pomegranates |strong="H7416" all |strong="H3605" around |strong="H5439" it |strong="H5921". The |strong="H3605" other |strong="H0259" pillar |strong="H5982" had |strong="H0259" pomegran-

<sup>II</sup> 31 FEET Literally, "18 cubits" (9.33 m). <sup>III</sup> 21 FEET Literally, "12 cubits" (6.22 m). <sup>IV</sup> 3 INCHES Literally, "4 fingers" (7.4 cm). <sup>V</sup> 5 FEET Or "1.63 m." Literally, "5 cubits" which would be 8' 6" (2.6 m), but see 2 Kings 25:17.



ates |strong="H7416" too |strong="H5921". It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0259" like |strong="H5439" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H0259" pillar |strong="H5982".<sup>23</sup> There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" 96 pomegranates |strong="H7416" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sides |strong="H5439" of |strong="H7307" the |strong="H3605" pillars. All |strong="H3605" together |strong="H5921"; there |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" 100 pomegranates |strong="H7416" above |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" net design that |strong="H3605" went |strong="H1961" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H3605" pillars.

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H0853" commander |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" king's special guards |strong="H8104" took |strong="H3947" Seraiah |strong="H8304" the |strong="H0853" high priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3548" Zephaniah |strong="H6846" the |strong="H0853" next |strong="H4932" highest priest |strong="H3548" as |strong="H4932" prisoners. The |strong="H0853" three |strong="H7969" doorkeepers |strong="H5592" were |strong="H7969" also |strong="H0853" taken |strong="H3947" as |strong="H4932" prisoners.<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H0853" commander |strong="H8269" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" special guards also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" officer |strong="H5631" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" fighting men |strong="H0376". He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H3947" seven |strong="H7651" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" advisors as |strong="H0834" prisoners. They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" still there |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem. He |strong="H0834" also |strong="H0853" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" scribe |strong="H5608" who |strong="H0834" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H4428" putting people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H6635". And |strong="H0776" he |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" 60 of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" ordinary |strong="H0376" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" there |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892".<sup>26</sup> Nebuzaradan, the commander, took all these officials and brought them to the king of Babylon. The king of Babylon was at the city of Riblah. Riblah is in the country of Hamath. There at the city of Riblah, the king ordered all of them to be killed.

So the people of Judah were taken from their country.<sup>28</sup> This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" how |strong="H0834" many people |strong="H5971" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" carried |strong="H1540" into |strong="H1540" captivity |strong="H1540":

In |strong="H8141" Nebuchadnezzar's 7th year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H0834" king of |strong="H8141" Babylon, 3023 people |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0834" taken |strong="H1540" from |strong="H1540" Judah.<sup>29</sup> In |strong="H8141" Nebuchadnezzar's 18th year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H5315" king of |strong="H8141" Babylon, 832 people |strong="H5315" were |strong="H5315" taken from |strong="H5315" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>30</sup> In |strong="H8141" Nebuchadnezzar's 23rd year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H5315" king, Nebuzaradan |strong="H5018" took 745 people |strong="H5315" of |strong="H8141" Judah into |strong="H1540" captivity |strong="H1540". Nebuzaradan |strong="H5018" was |strong="H5315" the |strong="H3605" commander of |strong="H8141" the |strong="H3605" king's special guards.

In |strong="H8141" all |strong="H3605", 4600 people |strong="H5315" were |strong="H5315" taken |strong="H1540" captive |strong="H1540".

#### Jehoiachin Is |strong="H5315" Set |strong="H1540" Free

<sup>31</sup> King |strong="H4428" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H8141" prison |strong="H1004" in |strong="H8141" Babylon |strong="H0894" for |strong="H1004" 37 years |strong="H8141". In |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0853" 37th year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H5375" imprisonment, <sup>IV</sup> King |strong="H4428" Evil Merodach of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" was |strong="H1961" very kind to |strong="H1961" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078". He |strong="H0853" let |strong="H1961" Jehoiachin |strong="H3078" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H4428" prison |strong="H1004" in |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" year |strong="H8141". This was |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Evil Merodach became |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894". He |strong="H0853" set |strong="H3318" Je-

I NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S 7TH YEAR That is, from the middle of 598 B.C. to the middle of 597 B.C. II NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S 18TH YEAR That is, from the middle of 588 B.C. to the middle of 587 B.C. III NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S 23RD YEAR That is, from the middle of 582 B.C. to the middle of 581 B.C. IV 37TH YEAR OF HIS IMPRISONMENT That is, 561 B.C.

hoiachin |strong="H3078" free |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" prison |strong="H1004" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" 25th day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0853" 12th month |strong="H2320".  
<sup>32</sup> Evil Merodach spoke |strong="H1696" kindly |strong="H2896" to |strong="H1696" Jehoiachin. He |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H5414" Jehoiachin a |strong="H5414" place |strong="H5414" of |strong="H4428" honor higher |strong="H4605" than |strong="H2896" the |strong="H0853" other kings |strong="H4428" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H5414" in |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894".<sup>33</sup> So |strong="H6440" Jehoiachin |strong="H8138" took |strong="H0853"

his |strong="H3605" prison |strong="H3608" clothes |strong="H0899" off |strong="H0398". For |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" rest of |strong="H3117" his |strong="H3605" life |strong="H3117", he |strong="H3117" ate |strong="H0398" regularly |strong="H8548" at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" king's table |strong="H6440".<sup>34</sup> Every |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" paid |strong="H5414" Jehoiachin enough to |strong="H5704" take |strong="H5414" care of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" needs until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" Jehoiachin died |strong="H4194".

# Lamentations

## Jerusalem Cries Over Her Destruction

1 Jerusalem once was a city of people, but the city is empty. She <sup>I</sup> was once of the greatest cities in the world, but now she is a poor widow. She was once a princess among cities, but now she has made a slave. <sup>2</sup> She cries bitterly in night. Her tears are on her cheeks. She has no one to comfort her. Many nations were friendly to her, but not one of them has now become her friends. All her friends turned on her and <sup>3</sup> Judah suffered very much,

<sup>I</sup> SHE Throughout this poem, Jerusalem is represented as a woman.

and she was taken into captivity.

She lives among other nations

but has found no rest.

The people who chased her caught her

where was no way out. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion are very sad,

because no one comes to Zion for the festivals anymore.

All of Zion's gates have been destroyed;

all her priests in sorrow.

Zion's young women have been taken away, <sup>III</sup>

and this Zion is sad.

<sup>5</sup> Jerusalem's enemies have won.

Her enemies have been successful.

This happened because the LORD punished her.

<sup>II</sup> WHERE ... WAY OUT Or "in the narrow valleys." <sup>III</sup> HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "are upset."

He |strong="H3588" punished Jerusalem  
for |strong="H3588" her |strong="H5921"  
many |strong="H7230" sins.

Her |strong="H5921" children |strong="H5768"  
have |strong="H1961" gone |strong="H1980"  
away |strong="H1980".

Their |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341"  
captured them |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1980"  
took |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5921"  
away |strong="H1980".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3605" beauty of |strong="H1323"  
Daughter |strong="H1323" Zion <sup>1</sup> has |strong="H1961"  
gone |strong="H3318" away |strong="H4480".

Her |strong="H3605" princes |strong="H8269"  
were |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961"  
deer |strong="H0354" that |strong="H3605" can-  
not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672"  
a |strong="H1961" meadow to |strong="H1961" feed  
in |strong="H4672".

They |strong="H3808" walk away |strong="H4480"  
without |strong="H3808" strength |strong="H3581"  
from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H3605"  
who |strong="H3605" chased |strong="H7291"  
them |strong="H6440".

<sup>7</sup> Jerusalem |strong="H3389" thinks back.  
She |strong="H0834" remembers |strong="H2142"  
the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117"  
when |strong="H1961" she |strong="H0834"  
was |strong="H0369" hurt

and |strong="H3027" when |strong="H1961"  
she |strong="H0834" lost |strong="H5307"  
her |strong="H3605" home.

She |strong="H0834" remembers |strong="H2142"  
all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nice  
things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834"  
she |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834"  
in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" past.

She |strong="H0834" remembers |strong="H2142"  
those |strong="H3605" nice things |strong="H3605"  
that |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834"  
had |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H3605" old days |strong="H3117".

She |strong="H0834" remembers |strong="H2142"  
when |strong="H1961" her |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" were |strong="H0834" captured  
by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" enemy.

She |strong="H0834" remembers |strong="H2142"  
when |strong="H1961" there |strong="H0369"  
was |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369"  
one |strong="H0369" to |strong="H1961"  
help |strong="H5826" her |strong="H3605".

When |strong="H1961" her |strong="H3605" ene-  
mies |strong="H3389" saw |strong="H7200"  
her |strong="H3605", they |strong="H0834"  
laughed |strong="H7832",

because |strong="H5921" she |strong="H0834"  
was |strong="H0369" destroyed |strong="H0369".  
<sup>8</sup> Jerusalem |strong="H3389" sinned |strong="H2398"  
very |strong="H3651" badly.

Because |strong="H3588"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389" sinned |strong="H2398",  
she |strong="H1931" became |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" ruined city |strong="H1931"  
that |strong="H3588" people |strong="H7200" shake  
their |strong="H3605" heads about |strong="H1961".

In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" past peo-  
ple |strong="H7200" respected |strong="H3513"  
her |strong="H3605".

But |strong="H3588" now |strong="H1961"  
they |strong="H3588" hate her |strong="H3605",  
because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588"  
abused her |strong="H3605".

Jerusalem |strong="H3389" groaned |strong="H0584"  
and |strong="H7725" turned |strong="H7725"  
away |strong="H7725".

<sup>9</sup> Jerusalem's skirts |strong="H7757"  
were |strong="H0369" dirty.

She |strong="H3588" gave no |strong="H3808"  
thought |strong="H2142" to |strong="H3381"  
what |strong="H3588" would |strong="H3068" be-  
come |strong="H1431" of |strong="H3068"  
her |strong="H7200".

Her |strong="H7200" fall |strong="H3381"  
was |strong="H0369" amazing |strong="H6382".

She |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3068"  
no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0369"  
to |strong="H3381" comfort |strong="H5162"  
her |strong="H7200".

She |strong="H3588" says, " LORD |strong="H3068",  
see |strong="H7200" how |strong="H3588"  
I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H3068" hurt!

See |strong="H7200" how |strong="H3588"  
my |strong="H3068" enemy |strong="H0341" thinks  
he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0369"  
so |strong="H3808" great |strong="H1431"!"

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H3605" enemy  
stretched |strong="H6566" out |strong="H5921"  
his |strong="H3605" hand |strong="H3027".

He |strong="H0834" took |strong="H0935"  
all |strong="H3605" her |strong="H3605" nice  
things |strong="H3605".

In |strong="H5921" fact, she |strong="H0834"  
saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" foreign na-  
tions |strong="H1471" go |strong="H0935" in-  
side |strong="H3027" her |strong="H3605" Tem-  
ple |strong="H4720".

And |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0834" said  
those |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" could  
not |strong="H3808" join in |strong="H5921"  
our |strong="H3605" assembly |strong="H6951"!

<sup>11</sup> All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" of |strong="H3068" Jerusalem  
are |strong="H3068" groaning |strong="H0584".

<sup>1</sup> DAUGHTER ZION Another name for Jerusalem. Also in 2:1, 8, 13, 18.

All of her people are looking for food.

They are giving away all their nice things for food to stay alive.

Jerusalem says, "Look, LORD at me!

See how people hate me!

<sup>12</sup> All you who pass by the road, you don't seem to care.

But look at me and see.

Is there any pain like my pain?

Is there any pain like the pain that has come to me?

Is there any pain like the pain that the LORD has punished me with?

He has punished me on the day of his great anger.

<sup>13</sup> The Lord sent fire from above

that went down into my bones.

He stretched out a net for my feet.

He turned me all

the way around.

He made me into a wasteland.

I am sick all day.

<sup>14</sup> " My sins were tied up like a yoke.

My sins were tied up in the Lord's hands.

His yoke is on my neck.

He has made me weak.

He has given to those who cannot stand up against.

<sup>15</sup> " The Lord rejected all my powerful men

who were inside the city.

Then he brought a group of people against me.

He brought them to kill my young soldiers.

The Lord has trampled his dearest city

like grapes in a winepress.

<sup>16</sup> " I cry about all these things.

Tears are flowing down my cheeks.

There is no one near to comfort me.

There is no one who can make me feel better.

<sup>1</sup> DEAREST CITY Literally, "virgin daughter Judah," a name for the city of Jerusalem.

My|strong="H5921" children|strong="H1121"  
are|strong="H0428" like|strong="H1961"  
a|strong="H1961" wasteland,  
because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" ene-  
my|strong="H0341" won."

<sup>17</sup> Zion|strong="H6726" spread|strong="H6566"  
out|strong="H6566" her|strong="H0996"  
hands|strong="H3027".

There|strong="H0369" was|strong="H0369"  
no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369"  
to|strong="H1961" comfort|strong="H5162"  
her|strong="H0996".

The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
had|strong="H3068" given|strong="H6680" or-  
ders|strong="H6680" to|strong="H1961" Ja-  
cob's|strong="H3290" enemies|strong="H3389".

He|strong="H3068" ordered|strong="H6680"  
them|strong="H6680" to|strong="H1961" sur-  
round|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3068" city.

Jerusalem|strong="H3389" has|strong="H3068" be-  
come|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" dirty rag  
that|strong="H3068" her|strong="H0996" ene-  
mies|strong="H3389" threw away|strong="H0369".

<sup>18</sup> Now|strong="H4994" Jerusalem  
says|strong="H6310", " I|strong="H3588" re-  
fused|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1980" lis-  
ten|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1980"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068",  
so|strong="H1980" he|strong="H1931"  
is|strong="H3068" right|strong="H6662"  
for|strong="H3588" doing these|strong="H1931"  
things|strong="H3605".

So|strong="H1980" listen|strong="H8085",  
all|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3588" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971".

Look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H3068"  
my|strong="H3605" pain|strong="H4341".

My|strong="H3605" young|strong="H0970"  
women|strong="H1330" and|strong="H1980"  
men|strong="H0970"

have|strong="H3068" gone|strong="H1980" in-  
to|strong="H1980" captivity|strong="H7628".

<sup>19</sup> I|strong="H3588" called|strong="H7121"  
out|strong="H1245" to|strong="H7725"  
my|strong="H1245" lovers|strong="H0157",  
but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" tricked  
me|strong="H5315".

My|strong="H1245" priests|strong="H3548"  
and|strong="H7725" my|strong="H1245" el-  
ders|strong="H2205"

have|strong="H0157" died|strong="H1478"  
in|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0853"  
city|strong="H5892".

They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992" look-  
ing|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3588"  
food|strong="H0400" for|strong="H3588" them-  
selves|strong="H5315".

They|strong="H1992" wanted|strong="H1245"  
to|strong="H7725" keep themselves|strong="H5315"  
alive|strong="H5315".

<sup>20</sup> " Look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H3068"  
me|strong="H7200", LORD|strong="H3068".

I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068"  
in|strong="H3068" distress|strong="H6862".

I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H3068" up-  
set|strong="H6862", as|strong="H3068"  
if|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3068"  
heart|strong="H3820" turned|strong="H2015" upside  
down|strong="H3588" inside|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1004" me|strong="H7200".

I|strong="H3588" feel|strong="H7200"  
this|strong="H3588" way because|strong="H3588"

I|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3068"  
been|strong="H4194" so|strong="H3588" stubborn.

Out|strong="H7200" in|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3588" streets|strong="H2351",

I|strong="H3588" lost my|strong="H3068" chil-  
dren|strong="H7921" to|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H3588" swords|strong="H2719".

Inside|strong="H1004", it|strong="H3588"  
is|strong="H3068" like|strong="H1004"  
death|strong="H4194".

<sup>21</sup> " Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0935"  
me|strong="H0935", I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" groaning|strong="H0584".

I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H1961"  
no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369"  
to|strong="H0935" comfort|strong="H5162"  
me|strong="H0935".

All|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" ene-  
mies|strong="H0341" have|strong="H1961"  
heard|strong="H8085" of|strong="H3117"  
my|strong="H3605" trouble|strong="H7451".

They|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3117" happy  
that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859"  
did|strong="H6213" this|strong="H3588"  
to|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0935".

You|strong="H0859" said|strong="H8085"  
there|strong="H0369" would|strong="H3605"  
be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"  
time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" punishment.

You|strong="H0859" said|strong="H8085"  
you|strong="H0859" would|strong="H3605" punish  
my|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341".

Now|strong="H1961" do|strong="H6213"  
what|strong="H7451" you|strong="H0859"  
said|strong="H8085".

Let|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" ene-  
mies|strong="H0341" be|strong="H1961"  
like|strong="H3644" I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" now|strong="H1961".

<sup>22</sup> "Look how|strong="H0834" evil|strong="H7451"  
my|strong="H3605" enemies are|strong="H0834".

Then|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834"  
can|strong="H0834" treat them|strong="H5921"

the|strong="H3605" same way|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" treated me|strong="H6440" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H6440" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" sins.  
Do|strong="H3605" this|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" am groaning|strong="H0585" again|strong="H6440" and|strong="H0935" again|strong="H6440".  
Do|strong="H3605" this|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820" is|strong="H0834" sick."

### The Lord Destroyed Jerusalem

2 Look how|strong="H0349" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" has|strong="H3478" covered|strong="H1323" daughter|strong="H1323" Zion|strong="H6726"<sup>I</sup>

with|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" cloud|strong="H5743" of|strong="H0776" his|strong="H2142" anger|strong="H0639".  
He|strong="H3117" has|strong="H3478" thrown|strong="H7993" her|strong="H3117", the|strong="H0853" glory|strong="H8597" of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478",  
from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" sky|strong="H8064" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776".

In|strong="H0776" his|strong="H2142" anger|strong="H0639" he|strong="H3117" showed no|strong="H3808" care even|strong="H3808" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" Temple where|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3117" rests his|strong="H2142" feet|strong="H7272".<sup>II</sup>

2 The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" destroyed|strong="H2040" the|strong="H3605" houses of|strong="H0776" Jacob|strong="H3290".

He|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H2040" them|strong="H0853" without|strong="H3808" mercy|strong="H2550".

In|strong="H0776" his|strong="H3605" anger|strong="H5678" he|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H2040" the|strong="H3605" fortresses|strong="H4013" of|strong="H0776" Daughter|strong="H1323" Judah|strong="H3063".

He|strong="H3808" threw|strong="H5060" the|strong="H3605" kingdom|strong="H4467" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" its|strong="H3605" rulers|strong="H8269" to|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776".

He|strong="H3808" ruined|strong="H2040" the|strong="H3605" kingdom|strong="H4467" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063".

<sup>I</sup> DAUGHTER ZION The city of Jerusalem pictured as a young woman. Similar language is used in verses 8, 13, 15, and 18. See "Zion" in the Word List. <sup>II</sup> TEMPLE ... FEET Literally, "the footstool of his feet," meaning the place God lived among his people.

3 He|strong="H7725" was|strong="H3478" angry|strong="H0639", and|strong="H3478" he|strong="H7725" destroyed|strong="H0398" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" strength|strong="H7161" of|strong="H6440" Israel|strong="H3478".

He|strong="H7725" took|strong="H7725" away|strong="H7725" his|strong="H3605" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3225" from|strong="H7725" Israel|strong="H3478".

He|strong="H7725" did this|strong="H0398" when|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" enemy|strong="H0341" came|strong="H7725".

He|strong="H7725" burned|strong="H1197" like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3290" flaming|strong="H3852" fire|strong="H0784" in|strong="H3478" Jacob|strong="H3290".

He|strong="H7725" was|strong="H3478" like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3290" fire|strong="H0784" that|strong="H3605" burns|strong="H1197" all|strong="H3605" around|strong="H5439".

4 He|strong="H3605" bent|strong="H1869" his|strong="H3605" bow|strong="H7198" like|strong="H1323" an enemy|strong="H0341".

He|strong="H3605" held his|strong="H3605" sword in|strong="H0784" his|strong="H3605" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3225".

He|strong="H3605" killed|strong="H2026" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" good-looking men|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1323" Judah.

He|strong="H3605" killed|strong="H2026" them|strong="H2026" as|strong="H0168" if they|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1323" the|strong="H3605" enemy|strong="H0341".

He|strong="H3605" poured|strong="H8210" out|strong="H8210" his|strong="H3605" anger|strong="H2534"

like|strong="H1323" a|strong="H2026" fire|strong="H0784" on|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tents|strong="H0168" of|strong="H1323" Zion|strong="H6726".

5 The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" has|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" enemy|strong="H0341".

He|strong="H3478" has|strong="H1961" swallowed|strong="H1104" up|strong="H1104" Israel|strong="H3478".

He|strong="H3478" has|strong="H1961" swallowed|strong="H1104" up|strong="H1104" all|strong="H3605" her|strong="H3605" palaces|strong="H0759"

and|strong="H3063" all|strong="H3605" her|strong="H3605" fortresses|strong="H0759".

He|strong="H3478" has|strong="H1961" made|strong="H1961" much|strong="H7235" sadness and|strong="H3063" crying

for *the* dead in *Daughter* *Judah*.

<sup>6</sup> He pulled up his own tent <sup>I</sup>

as if it were a garden place.

He has ruined the place where the people

came together to worship him.

The LORD made people forget

the special assemblies and special days of rest in Zion.

He rejected the king and the priests.

He was angry and rejected them.

<sup>7</sup> He rejected his altar, and he left his holy place of worship.

He let the enemy pull down the walls

of the palaces of Jerusalem.

The enemy shouted with joy in the LORD'S Temple.

They made noise as though it were a festival.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD planned to destroy

the wall of *Daughter* *Zion*.

He marked the wall with a measuring line.

He didn't stop from destroying it.

He made all the walls cry out in sadness.

Together they wasted away.

<sup>9</sup> Jerusalem's gates have sunk into the ground.

The bars on her gates are completely destroyed.

Her king and princes have been taken to other nations.

The teaching of law has stopped.

And her prophets no longer receive

visions from the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> The elders of Zion sit on the ground.

They sit on the ground and are quiet.

They pour dust on their heads.

They put sackcloth on.

The young women of Jerusalem

bow their heads to the ground in sorrow.

<sup>I</sup> HIS OWN TENT This is a reference to the Temple in Jerusalem.

<sup>II</sup> SPECIAL DAYS OF REST Or "Sabbaths." This might mean Saturday (see "Sabbath" in the Word List) or all the special days when the people were not supposed to work.



11 My eyes are worn out with tears, and my inside is upset.

My heart feels like it has been poured on the ground;

I feel this way because of the destruction of my people.

Children are fainting in the public squares of the city.

12 They ask their mothers, "Where is the bread and wine as they pour out their life in their mother's laps."

13 My dear Jerusalem, what can I say about you?

What can I compare you to? What can I say you are like? How can I comfort you, city of Zion?

You have been hurt much too badly for anyone to heal.

14 Your prophets saw visions for you, but their visions were worthless lies.

They didn't speak against your sins.

They didn't try to make things better.

15 Those who pass by their road clap hands and laugh at you.

They ask, "Is this the city that called 'The Most Beautiful City' and 'The Joy of all the Earth'?"

16 All your enemies laugh at you. They whistle and grind their teeth at you.

17 The LORD did what he planned to do.

He did what he said

They didn't try to make things better.

15 Those who pass by their road clap hands and laugh at you.

16 All your enemies laugh at you. They whistle and grind their teeth at you.

17 The LORD did what he said

what he said

what he said

what he said

what he said

what he said

what he said

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what he said

what he said

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what he said

what he said

what he said

what he said

he |strong="H0834" would |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213".

He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" commanded |strong="H6680" a |strong="H0834" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" ago |strong="H3117".

He |strong="H0834" destroyed |strong="H2040", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" had |strong="H3068" no |strong="H3808" pity |strong="H2550".

He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" happy |strong="H8055" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" what |strong="H0834" happened to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834".

He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3068" enemies |strong="H0341" strong |strong="H7161".

<sup>18</sup> Cry |strong="H6817" out |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" all your |strong="H5414" heart |strong="H3820" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Lord |strong="H0136".

Jerusalem, let |strong="H5414" tears |strong="H1832" roll down |strong="H3381" your |strong="H5414" walls |strong="H2346".

Let |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" tears |strong="H1832" flow |strong="H3381" like |strong="H3381" a |strong="H5414" stream |strong="H5158" day |strong="H3119" and |strong="H5869" night |strong="H3915".

Don't |strong="H0408" stop |strong="H0408" crying |strong="H6817"

or |strong="H0408" let |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" eyes |strong="H5869" dry.

<sup>19</sup> Get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" through-out |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" night |strong="H3915" and |strong="H6965" cry |strong="H7442" for |strong="H5921" help |strong="H6965".

Let |strong="H5315" your |strong="H3605" sorrow |strong="H5921" pour |strong="H8210" out |strong="H8210" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" like |strong="H6440" water |strong="H4325".

Lift |strong="H5375" up |strong="H6965" your |strong="H3605" hands |strong="H3709" in |strong="H5921" prayer to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413".

Ask him |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" let |strong="H5315" your |strong="H3605" children |strong="H5768" live.

They |strong="H5921" are |strong="H5315" starving to |strong="H0413" death |strong="H5315" on |strong="H5921" every |strong="H3605" street |strong="H2351" corner |strong="H7218".

<sup>20</sup> Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H3068" us |strong="H7200"; LORD |strong="H3068"!

Have |strong="H5030" you |strong="H0518" ever |strong="H4310" treated anyone |strong="H7200" else so |strong="H3541" badly?

Is |strong="H3068" it |strong="H0518" right for |strong="H0518" women |strong="H0802" to |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" their |strong="H3068" own babies |strong="H0802", the |strong="H3541" children |strong="H5768" they |strong="H0518" have |strong="H5030" cared for |strong="H0518"?

Should |strong="H0518" priests |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" prophets |strong="H5030" be |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H2026"

in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3541" Temple |strong="H4720" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3541" Lord |strong="H3068"?

<sup>21</sup> Young |strong="H5288" men |strong="H5288" and |strong="H0776" old |strong="H2205" men |strong="H5288"

lie |strong="H7901" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" ground |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3117" streets |strong="H2351" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3117" city.

My |strong="H3808" young |strong="H5288" women |strong="H1330" and |strong="H0776" young |strong="H5288" men |strong="H5288" have |strong="H0776" been |strong="H3808" killed |strong="H2026" by |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" sword |strong="H2719".

You |strong="H3117" killed |strong="H2026" them |strong="H5307" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H3808" anger |strong="H0639".

You |strong="H3117" killed |strong="H2026" them |strong="H5307" without |strong="H3808" mercy |strong="H2550".

<sup>22</sup> You |strong="H0834" invited |strong="H7121" terror |strong="H4032" to |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H7121" from |strong="H1961" all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439".

You |strong="H0834" invited |strong="H7121" terror |strong="H4032" as |strong="H0834" though you |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" inviting it |strong="H7121" to |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" festival |strong="H4150".

No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" escaped on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H0639".

My |strong="H3068" enemy |strong="H0341" killed the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" raised

and brought up

### The Meaning of Suffering

**3** I am a man who has seen much trouble.

God beat us with a stick, and I saw it happen.

**2** He led and brought me

into darkness, not light.

**3** He turned his hand against me.

He did this and again, all day.

**4** He wore out my flesh and skin.

He broke my bones.

**5** He built up and brought me

He surrounded me with bitterness and trouble.

**6** He put me in dark

like who long ago.

**7** He shut me in I could not get

He put heavy chains on me.

**8** Even I cry out and ask for help,

he does not listen to my prayer.

**9** He has blocked up my path with stones.

He has made my path crooked.

**10** He is like a bear about to attack me,

like a lion that is in a hiding place.

**11** He led me off path.

He tore me to pieces and ruined me.

**12** He made his bow ready.

He made me a target for his arrows.

**13** He shot me in the stomach with his arrows.

**14** I have become a joke to all people.

All day long they sing songs about me and make fun of me.

**15** He gave me this poison to drink.

He filled me with this bitter drink.

**16** He pushed my teeth into rocky ground.

He pushed me into the dirt.

**17** I thought I would never have peace again.

I forgot about good things.

**18** I said to myself, "I no longer have hope

that LORD will help me."

19 Remember |strong="H2142", I|strong="H2142" am very sad,  
and |strong="H2142" I|strong="H2142" have no home.

Remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H2142" bitter poison |strong="H7219" that |strong="H2142" you |strong="H2142" gave me |strong="H2142".

20 I |strong="H5315" remember |strong="H2142" well |strong="H2142" all my |strong="H5921" troubles,  
and |strong="H5315" I |strong="H5315" am very sad.

21 But |strong="H3651" then |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" think |strong="H3820"

about |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2063",  
and |strong="H7725" I |strong="H3651" have |strong="H3176" hope |strong="H3176".

22 We |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" still alive because |strong="H3588"

the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617" never |strong="H3808" ends.

23 Every |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242" he |strong="H1242" shows it |strong="H1242" in |strong="H0530" new |strong="H2319" ways!

You |strong="H1242" are so very |strong="H7227" true and |strong="H1242" loyal!

24 I |strong="H3651" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" myself |strong="H5315",  
The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068",

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3651" trust him |strong="H5921".<sup>1</sup>

25 The |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H3068" those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H3068" wait |strong="H6960" for |strong="H3068" him |strong="H2896".

He |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H3068" those |strong="H5315" who |strong="H3068" look |strong="H6960" for |strong="H3068" him |strong="H2896".

26 It |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H3068" wait quietly for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" save them |strong="H3068".

27 It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2896" good |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H1397" to |strong="H3588" wear his |strong="H5375" yoke |strong="H5923"

from |strong="H5375" the |strong="H3588" time he |strong="H3588" is |strong="H2896" young.

28 He |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" sit |strong="H3427" alone |strong="H0910" and |strong="H3427" be |strong="H3588" quiet

when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921" Lord puts his |strong="H5921" yoke on |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921".

29 He |strong="H5414" should |strong="H0194" bow down |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" Lord.

Maybe |strong="H0194" there |strong="H3426" is |strong="H3426" still hope |strong="H8615".

30 He |strong="H5414" should turn |strong="H5414" his |strong="H5414" cheek |strong="H3895" to |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" one who |strong="H5221" hits him |strong="H5414"

and |strong="H5221" let |strong="H5414" people insult |strong="H2781" him |strong="H5414".

31 He |strong="H3588" should |strong="H3588" remember that |strong="H3588"

the |strong="H3588" Lord |strong="H0136" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" reject |strong="H2186" people |strong="H3808" forever |strong="H5769".

32 When |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" punishes, he |strong="H3588" also |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" mercy |strong="H7355".

He |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588" mercy |strong="H7355" because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H7230" his |strong="H0518" great |strong="H7230" love |strong="H2617" and kindness |strong="H2617".

33 He |strong="H3588" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" enjoy causing people |strong="H0376" pain.

He |strong="H3588" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0376" make |strong="H3588" anyone |strong="H0376" unhappy.

34 He |strong="H7272" does not |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" any |strong="H3605" prisoner |strong="H0615" on |strong="H0776" earth |strong="H0776"

to |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" trampled down.

35 He |strong="H5186" does |strong="H6440" not like |strong="H6440" anyone to |strong="H6440" be |strong="H1397" unfair to |strong="H6440" another person.

Some people |strong="H1397" will |strong="H4941" do such things right |strong="H4941" in |strong="H6440" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" God Most High |strong="H5186".

36 The |strong="H7200" Lord |strong="H0136" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" anyone |strong="H0120" to |strong="H7200" cheat |strong="H5791" another |strong="H0120" person |strong="H0120".

He |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" any |strong="H0120" of |strong="H0136" these things |strong="H3808".

<sup>1</sup> THE LORD ... HIM Or "The LORD is my portion and I trust him."

37 No one can say and make it happen, unless Lord it

38 God Most High commands both good and bad to happen.

39 No one can complain when he punishes them for their sins.

40 Let us see what we have done.

Then turn back to LORD

41 Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God of heaven.

42 Let us say to him, "We have sinned and been stubborn.

Because of this, you have not forgiven us.

43 You wrapped yourself with anger.

You chased us. You killed us without mercy!

44 You wrapped yourself in a cloud so that no prayer could get through.

45 You made us like garbage and dirt

to the other nations.

46 All our enemies speak

against us.

47 We have been frightened.

We have fallen into a pit.

We have been badly hurt.

We have been broken.

48 My eyes flow streams of tears.

I cry because of the destruction of my people.

49 My eyes will flow without stopping.

I will keep on crying.

50 I will continue to cry

until you look down and see us, LORD!

I will continue to cry

until you see from heaven.

51 My eyes make me sad, when I see what happened to the young women in my city.

52 For no reason, my enemies hunted me like a bird.

53 They threw me alive into a pit and then threw stones at me.

54 Water came up over my head.

I said myself, "I am finished."

55 LORD, I called your name

from *the* *bottom* of *the* *pit*.

<sup>56</sup> You *heard* my *voice*.

You *didn't close* your *ears*.

You *didn't refuse* to *rescue me*.

<sup>57</sup> You *came* to *me* on *the* *day* I *called* out to *you*.

You *said* to *me*, "Don't *be* afraid."

<sup>58</sup> You *defended* me

and *bought* me *back* to *life*.

<sup>59</sup> LORD, you *have* my *trouble*.

Now *judge* my *case* for *me*.

<sup>60</sup> You *have* seen *how* my *enemies* *have* hurt *me*.

You *have* seen *the* *evil plans* that *they* *made* against *me*.

<sup>61</sup> You *heard* them *insult* me, LORD.

You *have* heard *all* the *evil plans* that *they* *made* against *me*.

<sup>62</sup> The *words* and *thoughts* of *my* *enemies*

are *against* me *all* the *time*—

<sup>63</sup> when *they sit* down *and*

when *they stand* up.

Look *how* they *make fun* of *me*!

<sup>64</sup> Give *them* *back* *what* they *deserve*, LORD.

Pay *them* *back* *for* *what* they *have* done.

<sup>65</sup> Make *them* stubborn

and *then* *chase* *them*.

<sup>66</sup> Chase *them* in *anger* and *destroy* them.

Wipe *off* the *face* of *the* *earth*.

#### The Horrors of the Attack on Jerusalem

<sup>4</sup> See *how* *gold* grown dark,

*how* *pure* *gold* *has* *changed*.

There *are* *jewels* scattered *all* around

at *every* *street* *corner*.

<sup>2</sup> The *precious* *people* of *Zion*

were *once* worth more than *gold*.

But *now* they *are* treated like *something* worthless, like *cheap* *clay* *jars* *potter* makes.

<sup>3</sup> Even *a* wild dog feeds her *babies*.

Even *a* jackal lets her *pups* suck *breast*.

But *the* *daughter* of *the*

I JEWELS The meaning of the Hebrew word here is uncertain.

my people is  
is cruel.

She is like the ostrich in the desert that forgets its eggs in the sand.

<sup>4</sup> Babies are so thirsty

their tongues stick to the roof of their mouths.

Young children ask for bread,

but no one gives them any.

<sup>5</sup> Those who ate rich food

are now dying in the streets.

Those who grew up wearing nice red clothes now pick through garbage piles.

<sup>6</sup> The sin of my people was very great.

Their sin was greater than their sins of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed suddenly.

No human hand caused their destruction. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Some of the men of Judah were dedicated to God in a special way.

They were very pure.

They were whiter than snow,

and whiter than milk.

Their bodies were red like coral

<sup>I</sup> DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE Another name for Jerusalem. Also in verse 6. <sup>II</sup> NO HUMAN HAND ... DESTRUCTION The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

and their beards like sapphire stones.

<sup>8</sup> But now their faces are blacker than soot.

No one even recognizes them in their streets.

Their skin is wrinkled over their bones.

Their skin is like wood.

<sup>9</sup> It was better for those who were killed by the sword

than for those who died of hunger.

Those starving people were sad and hurt.

They died because they got no food from the field.

<sup>10</sup> Then even nice women

cooked their own children.

The children were for their mothers.

This happened when my people were destroyed.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD used all his anger

He poured out all his anger.

He made a fire in Zion

that it burned down to the foundations.

<sup>12</sup> The kings of the earth could not be-

lieve |strong="H0539" what |strong="H3588"  
had |strong="H4428" happened |strong="H0935".

The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427"  
of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605"  
world |strong="H8398" could not |strong="H3808" be-  
lieve |strong="H0539" what |strong="H3588"  
had |strong="H4428" happened |strong="H0935".

They |strong="H3588" could not |strong="H3808" be-  
lieve |strong="H0539" that |strong="H3588" ene-  
mies |strong="H0341"

would |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3808" able  
to |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935"  
through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605"  
city |strong="H8179" gates |strong="H8179"  
of |strong="H4428" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>13</sup> This happened because |strong="H5771"  
the |strong="H7130" prophets |strong="H5030"  
of |strong="H1818" Jerusalem  
sinned |strong="H2403".

This happened because |strong="H5771"  
the |strong="H7130" priests |strong="H3548"  
of |strong="H1818" Jerusalem did  
evil |strong="H5771" things.

They |strong="H3548" were |strong="H5030" shed-  
ding |strong="H8210" the |strong="H7130"  
blood |strong="H1818" of |strong="H1818" good peo-  
ple |strong="H1818"

in |strong="H7130" the |strong="H7130" city  
of |strong="H1818" Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H5060" prophets  
and |strong="H1818" priests |strong="H3808" walked  
around |strong="H5128"

like |strong="H3808" blind |strong="H5787"  
men |strong="H5787" in |strong="H3808"  
the |strong="H5060" streets |strong="H2351".

They |strong="H3808" had |strong="H3808" become  
dirty with |strong="H1351" blood |strong="H1818".

No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808"  
could |strong="H3201" even |strong="H3808"  
touch |strong="H5060" their |strong="H5060"  
clothes |strong="H3830" because  
they |strong="H3808" were |strong="H3201" dirty.

<sup>15</sup> People |strong="H1471" shouted |strong="H7121",  
" Go |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493"!  
Go |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493"!  
Don't |strong="H0408" touch |strong="H5060"  
us |strong="H3588"."

They |strong="H3588" wandered |strong="H5128"  
around |strong="H5128" and |strong="H1471"  
had |strong="H3588" no |strong="H3808" home.

People |strong="H1471" in |strong="H5493" other  
nations |strong="H1471" said |strong="H0559",

" We |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" want  
them |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0559"  
live |strong="H1481" with |strong="H1571"  
us |strong="H3588"."

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" him-  
self |strong="H6440" destroyed them |strong="H6440".

He |strong="H3068" didn't |strong="H3808"  
look |strong="H5027" after them |strong="H6440" any-  
more |strong="H3254".

He |strong="H3068" didn't |strong="H3808" re-  
spect |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440"  
priests |strong="H3548".

He |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068"  
not |strong="H3808" friendly to |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H6440" elders |strong="H2205"  
of |strong="H3068" Judah.

<sup>17</sup> We have |strong="H5869" worn  
out |strong="H0413" our |strong="H0413"  
eyes |strong="H5869" looking for |strong="H0413"  
help |strong="H5833",

but |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808"  
help |strong="H5833" comes.

We kept on |strong="H0413" looking  
for |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3808" na-  
tion |strong="H1471" to |strong="H0413"  
save |strong="H3467" us |strong="H0413".

We kept watch |strong="H6822"  
from |strong="H0413" our |strong="H0413" watchtow-  
er,

but |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" na-  
tion |strong="H1471" came |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" us |strong="H0413".

<sup>18</sup> Our |strong="H3588" enemies hunt-  
ed |strong="H6679" us |strong="H3588"  
all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3588"  
time |strong="H3117".

We |strong="H3588" could not |strong="H3588"  
even |strong="H3588" go |strong="H0935"  
out |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H3588" streets |strong="H7339".

Our |strong="H3588" end |strong="H7093"  
came |strong="H0935" near |strong="H7126".  
Our |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117"  
was |strong="H3117" up |strong="H0935".

Our |strong="H3588" end |strong="H7093"  
came |strong="H0935".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H5921" men who  
chased |strong="H7291" us |strong="H5921"  
were |strong="H1961" faster than |strong="H5921"  
eagles |strong="H5404" in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" sky |strong="H8064".

They |strong="H5921" chased |strong="H7291"  
us |strong="H5921" into |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" mountains |strong="H2022".

They |strong="H5921" hid in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" desert |strong="H4057"  
to |strong="H1961" catch us |strong="H5921".

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0559" king was |strong="H0834"  
very important to |strong="H0559"  
us |strong="H0559".

He |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834"  
like |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559"  
breath |strong="H7307" we |strong="H0834" breathe,



but **he** was trapped by them.

The **LORD** himself chose the king,

and we said this about the king,

"We will live in his shadow."

He protects us from the nations."

<sup>21</sup> Be happy, people of Edom!

Be happy, you who live in the land of Uz!

But **remember**, the Lord's anger will come around you too!

When you drink from that cup,

you will get drunk and strip off your clothes.

<sup>22</sup> Your punishment is complete, Zion!

You will not go into captivity again.

But the Lord will punish your sins, people of Edom!

He will uncover your sins.

#### A Prayer to the Lord

<sup>5</sup> Remember, LORD, what happened to us!

Look see shame!

<sup>2</sup> Our land has been turned over to strangers!

Our houses have been given to foreigners!

<sup>3</sup> We have become orphans!

We have no father!

Our mothers have become like widows!

<sup>4</sup> We have water to buy that we drink.

We have wood that we use.

<sup>5</sup> We are forced to wear a yoke on our necks!

We get tired, and we have no rest!

<sup>6</sup> We made an agreement with Egypt!

We also made an agreement with Assyria to get bread!

<sup>7</sup> Our ancestors sinned against you, and now they are dead.

And we are suffering because of their sins!

<sup>8</sup> Slaves have become our rulers!

No one can save us from them!

<sup>9</sup> We risk our lives to get food!

There are men in the desert with swords!

<sup>10</sup> Our skin is hot!

like *an oven*.

We have a high fever because of our hunger.

11 The enemy raped the women of Zion.

They raped the women in the cities of Judah.

12 The enemy hanged our princes.

They didn't honor our elders.

13 The enemy made our young men grind grain at the mill.

Our young men stumbled under loads of wood.

14 The elders no longer sit at the gates of the city.

The young men no longer make music.

15 We have no more joy in our hearts.

Our dancing has changed to crying for the dead.

16 The crown has fallen from our head.

Things have gone bad for

us because we sinned.

17 For this reason our hearts have become sick,

and our eyes cannot see clearly.

18 Mount Zion is a wasteland.

Foxes run around on Mount Zion.

19 But you rule forever, LORD.

Your kingly chair lasts forever and ever.

20 You seem to have forgotten us forever.

You seem to have left us alone for such a long time.

21 Bring us back you, LORD.

We will gladly come to you.

Make our lives as they were before.

22 You were very angry with us.

Have you completely rejected us?

# Ezekiel

## Introduction

**1** I am the priest, Ezekiel son of Buzzi. I was in exile by the Kebar Canal in Babylonia when the skies opened up, and I saw visions of God. This was on the fifth day of the fourth month of the thirtieth year. <sup>I</sup> (This was the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile. The word of the LORD came to Ezekiel. The power of the LORD came over him at that place.)

## The Chariot of the Lord—God's Throne

**4** I <sup>was</sup> a big storm <sup>come</sup> in <sup>from</sup> the <sup>north</sup> <sup>was</sup> a big cloud <sup>with</sup> a strong wind, and <sup>there</sup> was fire flashing <sup>from</sup> it. Light <sup>was</sup> shining out <sup>all</sup> <sup>around</sup> it. It looked like <sup>hot metal</sup> glowing <sup>in</sup> a fire. <sup>5</sup> Inside the cloud, there were four living beings that looked like people. <sup>6</sup> But each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight. Their feet

looked like calves' feet, and they sparkled like polished brass. <sup>8</sup> Under their wings were human arms. There were four living beings. Each had four faces and four wings. The wings touched each other. The living beings did not turn when they moved. They went in the direction they were looking.

<sup>10</sup> Each living being had four faces. In the front they had a man's face. There was a lion's face on the right side and a bull's face on the left side. There was an eagle's face on the back. Their wings were spread out over them. With two of their wings each living being reached out to

<sup>I</sup> FIFTH DAY ... YEAR If the year refers to Ezekiel's age, this is the same as the fifth year of exile, that is, July 31, 593 B.C. <sup>II</sup> HOT METAL The Hebrew word might mean "melted copper," "an alloy of gold and silver," or "amber." Also in verse 27.

touch the *one* near it, and the other two wings it covered its body. <sup>12</sup> Each living being went in the direction it was looking. They went wherever they were looking. <sup>13</sup> That what living beings looked like.

Inside the area between the living beings, there was that looked like burning coals of fire. This fire was like small torches that kept moving around the living beings. The fire glowed brightly and lightning flashed from it. <sup>14</sup> The living beings ran back and forth—as fast as lightning. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>15</sup> I was looking at the living beings when I noticed four wheels that touched the ground. There was one wheel by each living being. All the wheels looked the same. The wheels looked as if they were made from a clear, yellow jewel. They looked like there was a wheel inside a wheel. <sup>17</sup> They could turn to move in any direction. But

I SPIRIT Or “wind.” Also in verse 20. II Or “And there was something like lighting shooting back and forth among the living beings.”

the living beings did not turn when they moved. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>18</sup> The rims of the wheels were tall and frightening. There were eyes all over the rims of all four wheels.

<sup>19</sup> The wheels always moved with the living beings. If the living beings went up into the air, the wheels went with them. <sup>20</sup> They went wherever the spirit wanted them to go, and the wheels went with them, because the power that moved the living being was in the wheels. <sup>21</sup> So if the living beings moved, the wheels moved. If the living beings stopped, the wheels stopped. If the wheels went into the air, the living beings went with them, because the spirit was in the wheels.

<sup>22</sup> There was an amazing thing over

III THE WHEELS ... MOVED Or “The wheels could move in any four directions, but they did not turn when they moved.”

the *heads* of the *living beings*. It *was* like a *bowl* I turned *upside down*, and the *bowl* was *clear like crystal*. <sup>23</sup> *Under this*, each *living being* had *wings* reaching *out* to the *one* next *to* it. *Two wings* *spread out* and *two wings* *spread out* the *other* way, *covering its* body.

<sup>24</sup> Then I *heard* the *wings*. Every time the *living beings* moved, their *wings* *made* a *very loud noise* like *water* rushing *by*. They *were* *loud like* the *Lord All-Powerful*. They *were* as *loud as* an *army* or *a crowd* of *people*. When the *living beings* stopped moving, they *put* their *wings* *down* *by* their *side*.

<sup>25</sup> The *living beings* stopped moving and *lowered* their *wings*. Then *there* *was* another *loud sound* that *came* *above* the *bowl* over *their* *heads*. <sup>26</sup> There *was* something

I BOWL This Hebrew word is the same word used in Genesis 1:6-7 to describe the dome of the sky.

that *looked* like a *throne* *on* *top* of the *bowl*. It *was* *blue like* *sapphire*. There *was* *also* something *that* *looked* like a *man* sitting *on* the *throne*. <sup>27</sup> I *looked* *at* *him* *from* *his* *waist* *up*. He *looked* like *hot metal* *with* *fire* *all* *around* *him*. I *looked* *at* *him* *from* *his* *waist* *down*. It *looked* like *fire* *with* a *glow* that *was* *shining* *all* *around* *him*. <sup>28</sup> The *light* *shining* *around* *him* *was* like a *rainbow* *in* a *cloud*. It *was* the *Glory* of *LORD*. As *soon as* I *saw* that *I* *fell* *to* the *ground*. I *bowed* *with* *my* *face* *to* the *ground*, and *then* I *heard* a *voice* *speaking* *to* *me*.

#### The Lord Speaks to Ezekiel

<sup>2</sup> The *voice* *said*, "Son *of* *man*,"

stand |strong="H5975" up |strong="H5975"  
and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0559"  
will |strong="H1121" speak |strong="H1696"  
with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H5921".

<sup>2</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0853" Spirit |strong="H7307" came |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"<sup>1</sup>  
and |strong="H0935" lifted |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0413" up |strong="H5975"  
on |strong="H5921" my |strong="H8085" feet |strong="H7272", and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H0834" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413". <sup>3</sup> He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H0001" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0120" and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H1992" ancestors |strong="H0001" turned |strong="H0413" against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" many times |strong="H3117". They |strong="H1992" have |strong="H0834" sinned against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" many times |strong="H3117"— and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H5704" sinning against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" today |strong="H3117". <sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", but |strong="H0559" they |strong="H0559" are |strong="H1121" very stubborn |strong="H7186". They |strong="H0559" are |strong="H1121" very hard-headed, but |strong="H0559" you |strong="H6440" must |strong="H0853" speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413". You |strong="H6440" must |strong="H0853" say |strong="H0559", ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3820" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559". ' <sup>5</sup> They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" people |strong="H8085" who |strong="H5030" refuse |strong="H2308" to |strong="H1961" obey |strong="H8085", so |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1992" may |strong="H1961"

II SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel, as one the Lord chose to be his prophet. It is used in this sense throughout this book. I THE SPIRIT CAME INTO ME Or "a wind came."

not |strong="H2308" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588". But |strong="H3588" even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H0518" they |strong="H1992" don't stop |strong="H2308" sinning, at |strong="H1004" least they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1961" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" there |strong="H1961" is |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" prophet |strong="H5030" living among |strong="H8432" them |strong="H1992".

<sup>6</sup> Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H0120" or |strong="H0408" what |strong="H1697" they |strong="H1992" say |strong="H1697". It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H1697" true: they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1004" turn against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H1121" try to |strong="H0413" hurt you |strong="H0859". Their |strong="H1992" words |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H0408" sharp like |strong="H1004" thorns |strong="H5544" and |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1004" sting like |strong="H1004" scorpions |strong="H6137". But |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H1121" what |strong="H1697" they |strong="H1992" say |strong="H1697". They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" people |strong="H0120" who |strong="H1121" refuse to |strong="H0413" obey |strong="H3372", but |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H0413". <sup>7</sup> You |strong="H3588" must |strong="H0853" tell |strong="H1696" them |strong="H0413" what |strong="H1697" I |strong="H3588" say |strong="H1696", whether |strong="H0518" they |strong="H1992" listen |strong="H8085" or |strong="H0518" not |strong="H2308". They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" people |strong="H8085" who |strong="H3588" usually refuse |strong="H2308" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085"!

<sup>8</sup> Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" telling |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0859". Don't |strong="H0408" turn |strong="H5414" against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" like |strong="H1961" those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0834" refuse to |strong="H0413" obey |strong="H8085". Now |strong="H1961" open |strong="H6475" your |strong="H5414" mouth |strong="H6310"

to |strong="H0413" receive |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" words |strong="H6310" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1961" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" speak |strong="H1696".<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H2009" I |strong="H2009" saw |strong="H7200" an |strong="H7200" arm |strong="H3027" reach |strong="H7971" out |strong="H7971" toward |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". It |strong="H7200" was |strong="H3027" holding a |strong="H7200" scroll |strong="H5612" with |strong="H0413" words written on |strong="H0413" it |strong="H7200".<sup>10</sup> It |strong="H1931" rolled the |strong="H0853" scroll open |strong="H6440" in |strong="H0413" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" me |strong="H0413". Words were |strong="H6440" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" front |strong="H6440" and |strong="H6440" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" back |strong="H0268" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" scroll. There were |strong="H6440" all kinds of |strong="H6440" sad songs, sad stories, and |strong="H6440" warnings.

**3** God |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120",<sup>1</sup> I eat |strong="H0398" what |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" see |strong="H0834". Eat |strong="H0398" this |strong="H2063" scroll |strong="H4039", and |strong="H1121" then |strong="H1696" go tell |strong="H0559" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478".

<sup>2</sup> So |strong="H0853" I opened |strong="H6605" my |strong="H0398" mouth |strong="H6310" and |strong="H0398" he |strong="H0853" put |strong="H6310" the |strong="H0853" scroll |strong="H4039" into my |strong="H0398" mouth |strong="H6310".<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H1961" God |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559", " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" giving |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H2063" scroll |strong="H4039". Swallow it |strong="H5414"! Let |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" scroll |strong="H4039" fill |strong="H4390" your |strong="H5414" body |strong="H0990".

So |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" ate |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0559" scroll |strong="H4039". It |strong="H5414" was |strong="H1961" as |strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 3, 4, 10, 17, 25.

sweet |strong="H4966" as |strong="H0834" honey |strong="H1706" in |strong="H0413" my |strong="H5414" mouth |strong="H6310".

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H1696" God |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Speak |strong="H1696" my |strong="H0935" words |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H3588" am not |strong="H3808" sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" some |strong="H5971" foreigners you |strong="H0859" cannot |strong="H3808" understand. You |strong="H0859" don't |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" learn another |strong="H3808" language |strong="H3956". I |strong="H3588" am sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0859" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478".<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H0834" am not |strong="H3808" sending |strong="H7971" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" many |strong="H7227" different countries where |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" speak |strong="H1696" languages |strong="H3956" you |strong="H0834" cannot |strong="H3808" understand |strong="H8085". If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H7971" spoke |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", they |strong="H1992" would |strong="H0834" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". But |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" learn |strong="H8085" those |strong="H0834" hard |strong="H3515" languages |strong="H3956".<sup>7</sup> No |strong="H3808", I |strong="H3588" am sending you |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478". Only |strong="H3605", these |strong="H1992" people |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0369" hard |strong="H7186" heads— they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992" very stubborn |strong="H7186"! And |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588". They |strong="H1992" don't |strong="H3808"

want |strong="H0014" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". <sup>8</sup> But |strong="H2009" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" just |strong="H5980" as |strong="H6440" stubborn as |strong="H6440" they |strong="H6440" are |strong="H6440", and |strong="H6440" your |strong="H5414" head |strong="H6440" just |strong="H5980" as |strong="H6440" hard |strong="H2389". <sup>9</sup> A |strong="H3588" diamond |strong="H8068" is |strong="H6440" harder |strong="H2389" than |strong="H3808" flint |strong="H6864" rock. In |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" way |strong="H6440" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H3808" more |strong="H3808" stubborn than |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992", and |strong="H1004" your |strong="H5414" head |strong="H6440" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H3808" harder |strong="H2389". Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372" of |strong="H1004" them |strong="H5414" or |strong="H3808" those |strong="H1992" who |strong="H2389" always turn |strong="H5414" against |strong="H6440" me |strong="H5414"."

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H1696" God |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" every |strong="H3605" word |strong="H1697" I |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" remember them |strong="H0413". <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H1696" go |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" all of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H8085" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H0935" exile |strong="H1473" and |strong="H1121" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", " This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H1121" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559" ...! They |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H2308" listen |strong="H8085", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0518" will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H2308" stop |strong="H2308" sinning, but |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" still |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" my |strong="H8085" message."

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H5375" the |strong="H8085" Spirit |strong="H7307" lifted |strong="H5375"

me |strong="H6963" up |strong="H5375", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0310" heard |strong="H8085" a |strong="H8085" voice |strong="H6963" behind |strong="H0310" me |strong="H6963". It |strong="H5375" was |strong="H3068" very |strong="H1419" loud |strong="H1419", like |strong="H7307" thunder |strong="H6963". It |strong="H5375" said |strong="H8085", " Blessed |strong="H1288" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068"! " <sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" wings |strong="H3671" of |strong="H6963" the |strong="H0413" living |strong="H2416" beings |strong="H2416" began moving. The |strong="H0413" wings |strong="H3671" made |strong="H0802" a |strong="H0802" very |strong="H1419" loud |strong="H1419" noise |strong="H6963" as |strong="H5980" they touched each |strong="H0802" other |strong="H0269", and |strong="H1419" the |strong="H0413" wheels |strong="H0212" in |strong="H0413" front of |strong="H6963" them |strong="H0413" began making a |strong="H0802" noise |strong="H6963" as |strong="H5980" loud |strong="H1419" as |strong="H5980" thunder |strong="H6963". <sup>14</sup> The |strong="H5921" Spirit |strong="H7307" lifted |strong="H5375" me |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3068" took |strong="H3947" me |strong="H5921" away |strong="H5375". I |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" very sad and |strong="H3068" upset in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" spirit |strong="H7307", but |strong="H2388" I |strong="H3068" felt the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" power |strong="H3027" in |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921". <sup>15</sup> I |strong="H0834" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3117" Israel who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" forced to |strong="H0413" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Tel Aviv <sup>II</sup> by |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" Kebar Canal |strong="H5104". I |strong="H0834" sat |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033" among |strong="H8432" them |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117", shocked |strong="H8074" and |strong="H0935" silent.

The |strong="H0834" Watchman of |strong="H3117" Israel

<sup>16</sup> After |strong="H1961" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117", the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068"

I SPIRIT Or "wind." Also in verse 24. II TEL AVIV This was a place outside of Israel. The name means "Spring Hill."



the LORD came to me. He said of I, you am making you a watchman. I will tell you about that that will happen to them, and you must warn Israel. 18 If I say, 'These evil will die! Then you must warn them.' You must tell them to change their lives and stop doing evil. If you don't warn them, they will die because they sinned. But I will also make you responsible for their death, because you did not go to them and save their lives.

19 " If you warn them and tell them to change their lives and stop doing evil, but they refuse to listen, they will die because they sinned. But since you warned them, you will have saved

your own life.

20 " If good people stop being good and begin to do evil, and I I send something that makes them stumble and they sin, they will die because they sinned. But since you did not warn them and remind them of the good things they had done, I will make you responsible for their death.

21 " But if you warn good people and tell them to stop sinning, and they listen to your warning and stop sinning, they will not die. In that way you will have saved your own life."

22 The LORD'S power came to me. He said to me, " Get up and go to the valley. I will speak to you in that place."

23 So I got up

1 THE VALLEY Possibly, Jezreel Valley, a fertile area where many battles were fought. It is often called simply "The Valley."

and **went** out the valley. The glory of LORD was there— as I had seen it by the Kebar Canal. So I bowed with my face to the ground. <sup>24</sup> But the spirit came into me and I lifted up my feet. He told me, "Go home and lock yourself in your house." <sup>25</sup> Son of man, people will come with ropes and tie you up. They will not let you go among the people. <sup>26</sup> I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth— you will not be able to talk. So they will not have anyone to teach them that are doing wrong, because they are always turning against me. <sup>27</sup> But I will talk to you,

and I will allow you to speak. But you must say to them, "This is what the Lord GOD says: 'If a person wants to listen, fine. If a person refuses to listen, fine. But those people always turn against me.'

#### Warnings About the Attack of Jerusalem

**4** " Son of man, <sup>1</sup> take a brick and scratch a picture on it. Draw a picture of a city— the city of Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> And then pretend you are an army surrounding the city. Build a dirt wall around the city to help you attack it. Build a dirt road leading up to the city wall. Bring battering rams and set them up around the camps. <sup>3</sup> And then take iron pans and put them between you and the city. It will

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 16. <sup>2</sup> BATTERING RAMS Heavy logs that soldiers used to break holes into the gates or walls around a city.

be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961"  
 an |strong="H1961" iron |strong="H1270"  
 wall |strong="H7023" separating you |strong="H0859"  
 and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853"  
 city |strong="H5892". In |strong="H5921"  
 this |strong="H1931" way |strong="H6440"  
 you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961"  
 show |strong="H5414" that |strong="H1931"  
 you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478"  
 against |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5414".  
 You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" surround  
 the |strong="H0853" city |strong="H5892"  
 and |strong="H3478" attack it |strong="H5414".  
 This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931"  
 an |strong="H1961" example for |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004"  
 of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478"  
 to |strong="H0413" show |strong="H5414"  
 that |strong="H1931" I |strong="H5414"  
 will |strong="H1961" destroy |strong="H5892"  
 Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> " Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0859"  
 must |strong="H0853" lie |strong="H7901"  
 down |strong="H7901" on |strong="H5921"  
 your |strong="H5921" left |strong="H8042"  
 side |strong="H6654". You |strong="H0859"  
 must |strong="H0853" do this |strong="H0834" thing  
 that |strong="H0834" shows |strong="H5375"  
 that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859"  
 are |strong="H0834" taking |strong="H7760"  
 the |strong="H0853" sins |strong="H5771"  
 of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" peo-  
 ple |strong="H0834" of |strong="H1004" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" on |strong="H5921" your-  
 self |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H0834" carry |strong="H5375"  
 the |strong="H0853" guilt |strong="H5771"  
 for |strong="H5921" as |strong="H0834"  
 many |strong="H4557" days |strong="H3117"  
 as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859"  
 lie |strong="H7901" on |strong="H5921"  
 your |strong="H5921" left |strong="H8042"  
 side |strong="H6654". <sup>5</sup> You |strong="H5414"  
 must |strong="H0853" bear |strong="H5375"  
 the |strong="H0853" guilt |strong="H5771"  
 of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478"  
 for |strong="H1004" 390 days |strong="H3117". <sup>I</sup>  
 In |strong="H8141" this |strong="H3117" way  
 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" telling  
 you |strong="H5414" how long |strong="H3117" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478"  
 be |strong="H3478" punished; one |strong="H3967"  
 day |strong="H3117" equals one |strong="H3967"  
 year |strong="H8141".

<sup>6</sup> " After |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3117"  
 time |strong="H3117", you |strong="H5414"  
 will |strong="H1004" lie |strong="H7901"

I 390 DAYS The ancient Greek version has "190 days."

on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5414" right  
 side |strong="H6654" for |strong="H5921" 40  
 days |strong="H3117". This |strong="H0428"  
 time |strong="H3117" you |strong="H5414"  
 will |strong="H1004" bear |strong="H5375"  
 the |strong="H0853" guilt |strong="H5771"  
 of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063"  
 for |strong="H5921" 40 days |strong="H3117".  
 One |strong="H0428" day |strong="H3117" equals  
 one |strong="H0428" year |strong="H8141".  
 I |strong="H5414" am telling you |strong="H5414" how  
 long |strong="H3117" Judah |strong="H3063"  
 must |strong="H0853" be |strong="H1004" punished.

<sup>7</sup> "Now, roll up |strong="H5921"  
 your |strong="H5921" sleeve and |strong="H3389"  
 raise your |strong="H5921" arm |strong="H2220"  
 over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" brick. Act  
 like |strong="H2220" you |strong="H6440"  
 are |strong="H4692" attacking the |strong="H6440"  
 city of |strong="H6440" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". Do  
 this to |strong="H0413" show that |strong="H3559"  
 you |strong="H6440" are |strong="H4692" speaking  
 as |strong="H3389" my |strong="H5921" messenger  
 to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" people. <sup>8</sup>  
 Now |strong="H2009" look |strong="H2009",  
 I |strong="H5414" am tying ropes |strong="H5688"  
 on |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414".  
 You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414"  
 not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able  
 to |strong="H0413" roll over |strong="H5921"  
 from |strong="H5921" one |strong="H3808"  
 side |strong="H6654" to |strong="H0413"  
 the |strong="H5921" other |strong="H6654" un-  
 til |strong="H5704" your |strong="H5414" attack  
 against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" city <sup>II</sup>  
 is |strong="H3117" finished |strong="H3615".

<sup>9</sup> " You |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853"  
 get |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0259"  
 grain |strong="H2406" to |strong="H5921"  
 make |strong="H5414" bread |strong="H3899".  
 Get |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0259"  
 wheat |strong="H2406", barley |strong="H8184",  
 beans |strong="H6321", lentils |strong="H5742", mil-  
 let |strong="H1764", and |strong="H3967"  
 spelt |strong="H3698". Mix all |strong="H3117"  
 these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H7969" togeth-  
 er |strong="H0259" in |strong="H5921"  
 one |strong="H0259" bowl and |strong="H3967" grind  
 them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5921"  
 make |strong="H5414" flour. You |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H0834" use |strong="H3947"  
 this |strong="H0834" flour to |strong="H5921"  
 make |strong="H5414" bread |strong="H3899".  
 You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0834"  
 eat |strong="H0398" only |strong="H0259"  
 this |strong="H0834" bread |strong="H3899" dur-

II YOUR ATTACK AGAINST THE CITY This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word can mean "famine," "time of trouble," or "attack against a city."

ing |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" 390 days |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" lie |strong="H7901" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5414" side |strong="H6654". <sup>10</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3117" allowed to |strong="H5704" use |strong="H0398" on-ly |strong="H5704" 1 cup <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" flour each |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" to |strong="H5704" make bread. You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" that |strong="H0834" bread from |strong="H5704" time |strong="H6256" to |strong="H5704" time |strong="H6256" through-out |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117". <sup>11</sup> You |strong="H5704" can |strong="H8354" drink |strong="H8354" on-ly |strong="H5704" 3 cups <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H4325" wa-ter |strong="H4325" each day |strong="H6256". You |strong="H5704" can |strong="H8354" drink |strong="H8354" it |strong="H5704" from |strong="H5704" time |strong="H6256" to |strong="H5704" time |strong="H6256" through-out |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" day |strong="H6256". <sup>12</sup> You |strong="H0398" must make your |strong="H0398" bread |strong="H5692" each day. You |strong="H0398" must get dry hu-man |strong="H0120" dung |strong="H1561" and |strong="H0398" burn it |strong="H1931". Then |strong="H0120" you |strong="H0398" must cook the |strong="H0398" bread |strong="H5692" over |strong="H5869" this |strong="H1931" burning dung |strong="H1561". You |strong="H0398" must eat |strong="H0398" this |strong="H1931" bread |strong="H5692" in |strong="H5869" front of |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0398" peo-ple |strong="H0120". <sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H3602" will |strong="H3068" show that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" family of |strong="H1121" Is-rael |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398" unclean |strong="H2931" bread |strong="H3899" in |strong="H3068" foreign countries and |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" one |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" forced them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0559" leave Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H1121" go to |strong="H0559" those |strong="H0834" countries!"

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H2009" I |strong="H5704" said |strong="H0559", " Oh |strong="H0162", but |strong="H3808" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136", I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" eat-

I 1 CUP Literally, "20 shekels" (230 g). II 3 CUPS Literally, "1/6 hin" (.5 l).

en |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0398" un-clean |strong="H2930" food |strong="H0398". I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H3808" nev-er |strong="H3808" eaten |strong="H0398" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H0935" an |strong="H0935" animal |strong="H2966" that |strong="H0559" died |strong="H5038" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" disease or |strong="H3808" from |strong="H0935" an |strong="H0935" animal |strong="H2966" that |strong="H0559" was |strong="H5315" killed by |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" wild ani-mal |strong="H2966". I |strong="H5704" have |strong="H3808" never |strong="H3808" eat-en |strong="H0398" unclean |strong="H2930" meat |strong="H1320"— not |strong="H3808" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" time |strong="H6258" that |strong="H0559" I |strong="H5704" was |strong="H5315" a |strong="H0935" little baby until |strong="H5704" now |strong="H6258". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H6310" that |strong="H0559" bad meat |strong="H1320" ever |strong="H1320" en-tered |strong="H0935" my |strong="H0935" mouth |strong="H6310"."

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0853" God |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "Very well, I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0120" let |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" use dry cow dung |strong="H6832" to |strong="H0413" cook your |strong="H5414" bread |strong="H3899". You |strong="H5414" don't have |strong="H7200" to |strong="H0413" use dry human |strong="H0120" dung |strong="H6832"."

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H0559" God |strong="H0559" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H2005" destroying Jerusalem's |strong="H3389" supply |strong="H4294" of |strong="H1121" bread |strong="H3899". Peo-ple |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0120" have |strong="H1121" only a |strong="H3389" little bread |strong="H3899" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398". They |strong="H0559" will |strong="H0120" be |strong="H1121" very worried about |strong="H0413" their |strong="H0398" food |strong="H3899" supply |strong="H4294", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H0559" will |strong="H0120" have |strong="H1121" only a |strong="H3389" little water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H0413" drink |strong="H8354". Every time they |strong="H0559" take a |strong="H3389" drink |strong="H8354", they |strong="H0559" will |strong="H0120" feel more afraid. <sup>17</sup> That |strong="H4616" is |strong="H0376" be-cause |strong="H4616" there will |strong="H0376"

not *be* enough food and water for *everyone*. They will *be* terrified as they watch each other wasting away because of *sins*.

### People of Jerusalem Scattered

**5** "Son of man, <sup>I</sup> after your famine <sup>II</sup> you must do this: Take a sharp sword and use it like a barber's razor. Shave off your hair and beard. Put the hair on a scale and weigh it. Separate it into three equal parts. Put a third of your hair on the brick that has the picture of the city on it. Burn that hair in that 'city.' Then use the sword and cut a third of your hair into small pieces all around the outside of the 'city.' Next, throw a third of your hair into the air and let the wind blow it away. This will show that I will pull out my sword and chase some of the people into faraway countries. <sup>3</sup> But

then you must *a* few of those hairs and wrap them up in your robe. <sup>4</sup> Take some of those hairs and throw in to the fire. This will show that *a* fire will start there and burn through-out the whole house of Israel. <sup>III</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord *said* to me, "The brick is *a* picture of Jerusalem. I put Jerusalem in the middle of other na-

tions with countries around her. <sup>6</sup> The people rebelled against my commands.

They were worse than any other nations! They broke more of the laws than any other nations. They refused to listen to my commands. They did not obey my laws."

<sup>7</sup> So the Lord *says*, "I will do this you did not obey my laws and commands. You broke more of the laws than the people who lived around you, and you did what they know is wrong!" <sup>8</sup> So the Lord *says*, "I will be against you while those people watch. <sup>9</sup> I will do to you that I have done before. And I will never do those terrible

<sup>I</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. <sup>II</sup> YOUR FAMINE Or "your attack on the city." See Ezekiel 4:8. <sup>III</sup> HOUSE OF ISRAEL This probably means the people of the northern ten tribes of Israel.

things|strong="H3605" again|strong="H5750", because|strong="H3282" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" so|strong="H6213" many terrible things|strong="H3605".<sup>10</sup> People|strong="H1121" in|strong="H8432" Jerusalem will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" so|strong="H3651" hungry that|strong="H3605" parents|strong="H0001" will|strong="H1121" eat|strong="H0398" their|strong="H3605" own children|strong="H1121", and|strong="H1121" children|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121" eat|strong="H0398" their|strong="H3605" own parents|strong="H0001". I|strong="H3651" will|strong="H1121" punish you|strong="H3605" in|strong="H8432" many ways, and|strong="H1121" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H1121" left|strong="H7611" alive, I|strong="H3651" will|strong="H1121" scatter|strong="H2219" to|strong="H0001" the|strong="H3605" winds|strong="H7307"."

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H5002", "Jerusalem, I|strong="H0589" promise by|strong="H1571" my|strong="H3605" life|strong="H2416" that|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" punish you|strong="H0518"! I|strong="H0589" promise that|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" punish you|strong="H0518", because|strong="H3282" you|strong="H0518" did|strong="H3808" terrible things|strong="H3605" to|strong="H5869" my|strong="H3605" Holy|strong="H4720" Place|strong="H4720". You|strong="H0518" did|strong="H3808" horrible|strong="H8441" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" made|strong="H2930" it|strong="H0518" dirty. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" punish you|strong="H0518". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" show|strong="H2347" any|strong="H3605" mercy|strong="H2550" or|strong="H0518" feel|strong="H5869" sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0518".<sup>12</sup> A|strong="H4191" third|strong="H7992" of|strong="H7307" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H2219" will|strong="H2719" die|strong="H4191" inside|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3605" city from|strong="H8432" diseases|strong="H1698" and|strong="H2719" hunger|strong="H7458". Another|strong="H8432" third|strong="H7992" will|strong="H2719" die|strong="H4191" in|strong="H4191" battle outside|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" city. And|strong="H2719" then|strong="H5307" I|strong="H0310" will|strong="H2719" pull out|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" sword|strong="H2719" and|strong="H2719" chase the|strong="H3605" last

third|strong="H7992" of|strong="H7307" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H2219" into|strong="H8432" faraway countries.<sup>13</sup> Only then|strong="H1696" will|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" stop being angry|strong="H0639" with|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H1696". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3045" been|strong="H3615" punished for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" bad things they|strong="H3588" did to|strong="H1696" me|strong="H0589". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" them|strong="H5117" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" strong love<sup>I</sup> for|strong="H3588" them|strong="H5117"."

<sup>14</sup> God|strong="H5414" said, "Jerusalem, I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" destroy|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834"—you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H1471" nothing|strong="H3605" but|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" pile of|strong="H5869" rocks. The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471" around|strong="H5439" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H5414" fun of|strong="H5869" you|strong="H0834". Everyone|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834" walks by|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0834" make|strong="H5414" fun of|strong="H5869" you|strong="H0834".<sup>15</sup> People|strong="H1471" around|strong="H5439" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" fun of|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834", but|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" lesson for|strong="H3068" them|strong="H1961". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H0639" and|strong="H3068" punished you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1961" very angry|strong="H0639" and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" warned|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834". I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068", told|strong="H1696" you|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" would|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213".<sup>16</sup>

<sup>I</sup> STRONG LOVE The Hebrew word means strong feelings like love, hate, anger, zeal, or jealousy.

I told you I would send you things that would destroy you. I told you that I would take away your supply of food and that those things would come again and again. I told you I would send hunger and wild animals against you that would kill your children. I told you there would be disease and death everywhere in the city. I told you I would bring enemy soldiers to fight against you. I told you the LORD told you all these things would happen!"

### Prophecies Against Israel

**6** Then the word of the LORD came to me again. He said, "Son of man, turn toward the mountains of Israel and speak

I SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in 7:2.

against them for me. <sup>3</sup> Tell them this: 'Mountains of Israel, listen to my message from the LORD GOD! This is what the LORD GOD says to the hills and mountains and ravines and valleys: Look! I am bringing the enemy to fight against you. I will destroy your high places. <sup>4</sup> Your altars will be broken into pieces. Your incense will be smashed, and I will throw your dead bodies in front of your filthy idols. <sup>5</sup> I will put the dead bodies of the people of Israel in front of their filthy idols. I will scatter your bones around your altars. <sup>6</sup> Bad things will happen wherever your people live. Their cities will become piles of rock. Their high places will be destroyed

so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" places |strong="H1116" of |strong="H4196" worship will |strong="H4616" never be |strong="H3605" used |strong="H3605" again. The |strong="H3605" altars |strong="H4196" will |strong="H4616" all |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3605" destroyed |strong="H4229". People will |strong="H4616" never worship those |strong="H3605" filthy idols |strong="H1544" again. The |strong="H3605" incense |strong="H2553" altars |strong="H4196" will |strong="H4616" be |strong="H3605" smashed |strong="H7665". Everything |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" made |strong="H4639" will |strong="H4616" be |strong="H3605" destroyed |strong="H4229" completely |strong="H3605". <sup>7</sup> Your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H3045" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" killed |strong="H2491", and |strong="H3068" then |strong="H5307" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"!"

<sup>8</sup> God said, " But |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" let |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" few of |strong="H0776" your |strong="H1961" people |strong="H1471" escape |strong="H6412". They |strong="H2719" will |strong="H1961" live in |strong="H0776" other countries |strong="H0776" for |strong="H0776" a |strong="H1961" short time |strong="H1961". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" scatter |strong="H2219" them |strong="H1961" and |strong="H0776" force |strong="H1471" them |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" live in |strong="H0776" other countries |strong="H0776".

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" survivors will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3820" taken |strong="H5493" as |strong="H0834" prisoners. They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3820" forced to |strong="H0413" live in |strong="H5921" other |strong="H3605" countries, but |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" broke |strong="H7665" their |strong="H3605" spirit |strong="H3820". <sup>1</sup> They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" hate |strong="H8441" themselves |strong="H0310" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213". In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" past |strong="H5493", they |strong="H0834" turned |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H5869" left |strong="H5493" me |strong="H0413".

<sup>1</sup> SPIRIT Literally, "heart."

They |strong="H0834" chased after |strong="H0310" their |strong="H3605" filthy idols |strong="H1544". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" woman leaving her |strong="H3605" husband and |strong="H5869" running off |strong="H5921" with |strong="H0854" another |strong="H7451" man |strong="H3605". They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" many terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605", <sup>10</sup> but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" learn |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068". Then |strong="H1696" they |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" say |strong="H1696" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" something, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" it |strong="H3588"! They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" caused all |strong="H3045" the |strong="H3588" troubles that |strong="H3588" happened to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H5307" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Clap |strong="H5221" your |strong="H3605" hands |strong="H3709" and |strong="H3478" stamp |strong="H7554" your |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272". Speak |strong="H0559" against |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" terrible |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H7451". Warn them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H5221" by |strong="H0413" disease and |strong="H3478" hunger |strong="H7458". Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3478" killed |strong="H5221" in |strong="H0413" war |strong="H2719". <sup>12</sup> People far |strong="H7350" away |strong="H5307" will |strong="H2719" die |strong="H4191" from |strong="H7350" disease. People near |strong="H7138" this place will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191" with |strong="H4191" swords |strong="H2719", and |strong="H2719" those who |strong="H7350" are |strong="H7350" left |strong="H7604" in |strong="H4191" the |strong="H4191" city



will|strong="H2719" starve to|strong="H4191" death|strong="H4191". Only|strong="H5307" then|strong="H5307" will|strong="H2719" I|strong="H7350" stop being angry|strong="H2534".  
 13 Only|strong="H3605" then|strong="H1961" will|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" this|strong="H3588" when|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0834" see|strong="H3045" your|strong="H3068" dead|strong="H2491" bodies in|strong="H0413" front of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" filthy idols|strong="H1544" and|strong="H3068" around|strong="H5439" their|strong="H3605" altars|strong="H4196". Those|strong="H3605" bodies will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" near|strong="H8033" every|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" places|strong="H4725" for|strong="H3588" worship, <sup>1</sup> on|strong="H0413" every|strong="H3605" high|strong="H7311" hill|strong="H2022" and|strong="H3068" mountain|strong="H2022", under|strong="H8478" every|strong="H3605" green|strong="H7488" tree|strong="H6086" and|strong="H3068" every|strong="H3605" oak|strong="H0424" tree|strong="H6086" with|strong="H0413" leaves. You|strong="H0834" offered|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3068" sacrifices every-where|strong="H3605". They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" sweet smell for|strong="H3588" your|strong="H3068" filthy idols|strong="H1544". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" raise|strong="H5414" my|strong="H3605" arm|strong="H3027" over|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H3068" punish you|strong="H3588" and|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0776", where- ever|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3588" live|strong="H4186"! I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3068" country|strong="H0776"! It|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027" completely|strong="H3605" empty from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" south to|strong="H5921" Riblah <sup>II</sup> in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" north. Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589"

am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"!"

### Disaster Is Coming to Jerusalem

**7** Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". <sup>2</sup> He|strong="H5921" said|strong="H0559", " Now|strong="H0935", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", here|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0776" a|strong="H0935" message from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136". This|strong="H3541" message is|strong="H0776" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121" Is- rael|strong="H3478":

" The|strong="H0559" end|strong="H7093"! The|strong="H0559" end|strong="H7093" is|strong="H0776" coming|strong="H0935".

The|strong="H0559" whole coun- try|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H1121" destroyed.

<sup>3</sup> Your|strong="H3605" end|strong="H7093" is|strong="H3605" coming now|strong="H6258"!

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" show|strong="H5414" how|strong="H1870" an- gry|strong="H0639" I|strong="H5414" am with|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5414".

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" punish you|strong="H5414" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" evil things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H5414" did.

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" pay|strong="H5414" for|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H5414" did.

<sup>4</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" show|strong="H3045" you|strong="H3588" any|strong="H1961" mer- cy|strong="H3068" or|strong="H3808" feel|strong="H5869" sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588".

I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" punishing you|strong="H3588" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" evil things|strong="H8441" you|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808".

You|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" done|strong="H1961" such|strong="H1961" terrible things|strong="H8441".

Now|strong="H1961", you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068"!"

I PLACES FOR WORSHIP Or "high places." See "high place" in the Word List. II RIBLAH Most Hebrew copies have "Diblah."

<sup>5</sup> This *is* what *the* Lord *said*: "There *will* be *one* *disaster* *after* *another*! *The* *end* *is* *coming*, and *it* *will* *come* *quickly*! *You* *people* *living* *in* *Israel*, *disaster* *is* *coming*. *It* *is* *time* *for* *punishment*. Those *are* *not* *joy* *in* *the* *mountains* *cries* *of* *panic*. <sup>8</sup> *Very* *now* *I* *will* *show* *you* *how* *angry* *I* *am*. *I* *will* *show* *of* *my* *anger* *against* *you*. *I* *will* *punish* *you* *for* *the* *evil* *things* *you* *did*. *I* *will* *make* *you* *pay* *for* *all* *the* *terrible* *things* *you* *did*. <sup>9</sup> *I* *will* *not* *show* *you* *any* *mercy* *or* *feel* *sorry* *for* *you*. *I* *am* *punishing* *you* *for* *the* *evil* *things* *you* *did*. *You* *have* *done* *such* *terrible* *things*. *Now*, *you* *will* *know* *that* *I* *am* *the* *LORD*.

<sup>10</sup> "That *time* *of* *punishment* *has*

*come* *like* *a* *plant* *sprouting*, *budding*, *and* *flowering*. *God* *has* *given* *the* *signal*, *the* *enemy* *is* *pre-* *pared*, *and* *their* *proud* *king* *is* *ready*. <sup>11</sup> *This* *violent* *man* *is* *ready* *to* *punish* *the* *evil* *people*. *There* *are* *many* *people* *in* *Israel*— *but* *he* *is* *not* *one* *of* *them*. *He* *is* *not* *a* *person* *in* *that* *crowd*. *He* *is* *not* *some* *important* *leader* *from* *them*.

<sup>12</sup> "The *time* *of* *punishment* *has* *come*. *The* *day* *is* *here*. *Those* *who* *buy* *things* *will* *not* *be* *happy*, *and* *those* *who* *sell* *things* *will* *not* *feel* *bad* *about* *selling* *them* *because* *that* *terrible* *punishment* *will* *happen* *to* *everyone*. <sup>13</sup> *The* *people* *who* *sold* *their* *property* *will* *never* *go* *back* *to* *it*. *Even* *if* *some* *people* *escape* *alive*, *they* *will* *never* *go* *back* *to* *their* *property*, *because* *this* *vision* *is* *for* *the*

<sup>1</sup> SOLD THEIR PROPERTY In ancient Israel property did not belong to a person, it belonged to a family. People might sell their property, but at the time of Jubilee, their family would get the land back. Here, Ezekiel says the people will never get their property again.

whole |strong="H3605" crowd |strong="H1995". So |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" some |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" escape alive |strong="H2416", it |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H7725" everyone |strong="H3605" feel better.

<sup>14</sup> " They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0369" blow |strong="H8628" the |strong="H3605" trumpet |strong="H8619" to |strong="H0413" warn the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1995". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1995" will |strong="H0369" get |strong="H1980" ready |strong="H3559" for |strong="H3588" battle |strong="H4421", but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0369" not |strong="H0369" go |strong="H1980" out |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" fight |strong="H4421" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0369" show the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" crowd |strong="H1995" how |strong="H3588" angry I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H1980". <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H0834" enemy with |strong="H1004" his |strong="H0834" sword |strong="H2719" is |strong="H0834" outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892". Disease and |strong="H1004" hunger |strong="H7458" is |strong="H0834" inside |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892". If |strong="H0834" some people |strong="H0834" go out |strong="H2351" into |strong="H2719" the |strong="H0834" fields |strong="H7704", enemy soldiers will |strong="H0834" kill |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0398". If |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" stay in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892", hunger |strong="H7458" and |strong="H1004" disease will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H4191" them |strong="H0398".

<sup>16</sup> " But |strong="H1961" some |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" escape |strong="H6412". The |strong="H3605" survivors |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" run to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022", but |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" happy. They |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" sad for |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H5771". They |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" cry and |strong="H0376" make |strong="H1993" sad noises like |strong="H1961" doves |strong="H3123". <sup>17</sup> They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" too tired and |strong="H3027" sad to |strong="H3027" raise their |strong="H3605"

arms |strong="H3027". Their |strong="H3605" legs will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" like water |strong="H4325". <sup>18</sup> They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H6427" wear sackcloth |strong="H8242" and |strong="H7218" be |strong="H3605" covered |strong="H3680" with |strong="H0413" fear. You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H6427" see the |strong="H3605" shame |strong="H0955" on |strong="H0413" every |strong="H3605" face |strong="H6440". They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H6427" shave their |strong="H3605" heads |strong="H7218" to |strong="H0413" show their |strong="H3605" sadness. <sup>19</sup> They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" throw |strong="H7993" their |strong="H3068" silver |strong="H3701" idols into |strong="H7993" the |strong="H3588" streets |strong="H2351". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" treat |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3068" gold |strong="H2091" statues like |strong="H1961" dirty rags, because |strong="H3588" those |strong="H3588" things |strong="H1961" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" able |strong="H3201" to |strong="H1961" save |strong="H5315" them |strong="H7993" when |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" shows his |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H5678". Those |strong="H3588" things |strong="H1961" were |strong="H1961" nothing |strong="H3808" but |strong="H3588" a |strong="H1961" trap that |strong="H3588" caused |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5315" to |strong="H1961" fall |strong="H1961". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H1961" food to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5315" or |strong="H3808" put food in |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" bellies.

<sup>20</sup> " They |strong="H3651" used |strong="H6213" their |strong="H5414" beautiful |strong="H6643" jewelry |strong="H5716" and |strong="H3651" made |strong="H6213" an |strong="H5414" idol |strong="H8251". They |strong="H3651" were |strong="H5921" proud |strong="H1347" of |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3651" statue. They |strong="H3651" made |strong="H6213" their |strong="H5414" terrible statues. They |strong="H3651" made |strong="H6213" those |strong="H5921" filthy things |strong="H8251", so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" throw |strong="H7760" them |strong="H5414" away like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H5414" dirty rag. <sup>21</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" let |strong="H5414" strangers |strong="H2114" take |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414". Those strangers |strong="H2114" will |strong="H0776"

make|strong="H5414" fun of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H5414". They|strong="H3027" will|strong="H0776" kill some|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5414" people|strong="H2490" and|strong="H0776" take|strong="H5414" others away as|strong="H5414" prisoners. <sup>22</sup> I|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0935" turn|strong="H5437" my|strong="H0935" head|strong="H6440" away|strong="H5437" from|strong="H0935" them|strong="H1992"— I|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0935" not look at|strong="H0935" them|strong="H1992". The|strong="H0853" strangers will|strong="H0935" ruin my|strong="H0935" Temple— they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" secret|strong="H6845" parts of|strong="H6440" that|strong="H6845" holy building and|strong="H0935" make|strong="H5437" it|strong="H5437" unfit for|strong="H6440" worship.

<sup>23</sup> " Make|strong="H6213" chains|strong="H7569" for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" prisoners, because|strong="H3588" many people|strong="H1818" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" punished for|strong="H3588" killing|strong="H1818" other people|strong="H1818". There will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" violence|strong="H2555" every place|strong="H4941" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3588" city|strong="H5892". <sup>24</sup> I|strong="H0935" will|strong="H1471" bring|strong="H0935" evil|strong="H7451" people|strong="H1471" from|strong="H0935" other nations|strong="H1471", and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H0935" will|strong="H1471" get|strong="H0935" all the|strong="H0853" houses|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1471" of|strong="H1004" Israel. I|strong="H0935" will|strong="H1471" stop all you|strong="H0935" powerful people|strong="H1471" from|strong="H0935" being so|strong="H0935" proud|strong="H1347". Those|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1471" from|strong="H0935" other nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H1471" get|strong="H0935" all your|strong="H0935" places|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" worship.

<sup>25</sup> " You|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0369" shake with|strong="H0935" fear. You|strong="H0935" will|strong="H0369" look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H1245" peace|strong="H7965", but|strong="H0369" there|strong="H0369" will|strong="H0369" be|strong="H0369" none|strong="H0369". <sup>26</sup> You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" hear one|strong="H1961" sad story after|strong="H5921" another|strong="H8052". You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" hear nothing but|strong="H1961" bad news|strong="H8052".

You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" prophet|strong="H5030" and|strong="H0935" ask him|strong="H0413" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" vision|strong="H2377". The|strong="H5921" priests|strong="H3548" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" nothing to|strong="H0413" teach you|strong="H5921", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5921" elders|strong="H2205" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" any|strong="H1961" good advice|strong="H6098" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H0006" you|strong="H5921". <sup>27</sup> Your|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4428" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027" crying for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H3068" died. The|strong="H0853" leaders|strong="H5387" will|strong="H3068" wear|strong="H3847" sackcloth. The|strong="H0853" common|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3027" very|strong="H3045" afraid, because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" pay|strong="H3045" them|strong="H0853" back|strong="H3045" for|strong="H3588" what|strong="H4941" they|strong="H3588" did|strong="H6213". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" decide|strong="H8199" their|strong="H3068" punishment|strong="H3027", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" punish them|strong="H0853". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"."

#### Sinful Things Done at the Temple

**8** One|strong="H1961" day|strong="H2320" I|strong="H0589", Ezekiel, was|strong="H1961" sitting|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" my|strong="H5921" house|strong="H1004", and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H6440" elders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H1004" Judah|strong="H3063" were|strong="H1961" sitting|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033" in|strong="H3427" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1004" me|strong="H6440". This was|strong="H1961" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" fifth|strong="H2568" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" sixth|strong="H8345" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" sixth|strong="H8345" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H1004" exile. <sup>1</sup> Sud-

<sup>1</sup> SIXTH YEAR OF EXILE This is the fall of 592 B.C.

denly, the *power* of the Lord came upon me. <sup>2</sup> I saw something that looked like fire, a man's body. From the waist down, he was like fire. From the waist up, he was bright and shining like hot metal in fire. <sup>3</sup> Then I saw something that looked like an arm reached out and grabbed me by the hair on my head. Then the Spirit lifted me into the air, and in vision from God he took me to Jerusalem. He took me to the inner gate— the gate is on the north side. The statue makes God jealous by that gate. <sup>4</sup> But the Glory of God of Israel was there. The Glo-

I HOT METAL The Hebrew word might mean "melted copper," "an alloy of gold and silver," or "amber." II SPIRIT Or "wind."

ry looked just like the vision I saw in the valley by the Kebar Canal.

<sup>5</sup> God spoke to me. "Son of man, look toward the north!" So I looked north, and there was the Altar Gate by the entrance, was that statue that made God jealous.

<sup>6</sup> Then God said to me, "Son of man, do see what terrible things the people of Israel are doing? They built that thing here, right next to my Temple! And you come with me, you will see even more terrible things!"

<sup>7</sup> So I went to the entrance to the courtyard, and I saw a hole in the wall. <sup>8</sup> God said to me, "Son of

III SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 6, 7, 12, 15, 17.

of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", make a|strong="H0259" hole in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" wall|strong="H7023". So|strong="H4994" I|strong="H2009" made a|strong="H0259" hole in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" wall|strong="H7023", and|strong="H1121" there|strong="H2009" I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H2009" a|strong="H0259" door|strong="H6607".

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " Go|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" terrible|strong="H7451", evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H8441" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" peo- ple|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" do- ing|strong="H6213" here|strong="H6311"." <sup>10</sup> So|strong="H0935" I|strong="H2009" went|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0935" looked|strong="H7200". I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H7200" statues of|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605" kinds|strong="H0929" of|strong="H1004" reptiles <sup>I</sup> and|strong="H0935" animals|strong="H0929" that|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" hate to|strong="H0935" think|strong="H7200" about|strong="H5439". The|strong="H3605" statues were|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" filthy idols|strong="H1544" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H7200" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" worshiped. There|strong="H2009" were|strong="H3478" pictures of|strong="H1004" those|strong="H3605" ani- mals|strong="H0929" carved|strong="H2707" all|strong="H3605" around|strong="H5439" on|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" wall|strong="H7023".

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H5975" I|strong="H3478" noticed that|strong="H3478" Jaazaniah|strong="H2970" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shapham and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" 70 el- ders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H1121" Is- rael|strong="H3478" were|strong="H3478" there|strong="H5927" with|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0376" worship- ing in|strong="H1004" that|strong="H3478" place|strong="H3027". There|strong="H5927" they|strong="H0376" were|strong="H3478", right at|strong="H3478" the|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0376", and|strong="H1121" each|strong="H0376" leader had|strong="H3478" his|strong="H0376" own|strong="H0376" incense|strong="H7004" dish

<sup>I</sup> REPTILES The Hebrew word can mean "lizards," "snakes," and "all kinds of bugs and insects."

in|strong="H1004" his|strong="H0376" hand|strong="H3027". The|strong="H6440" smoke|strong="H7004" from|strong="H0376" the|strong="H6440" burning incense|strong="H7004" was|strong="H3478" rising|strong="H5927" in- to|strong="H8432" the|strong="H6440" air. <sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H0853" God|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0376", do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" elders|strong="H2205" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" do|strong="H6213" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" dark|strong="H2822"? Each|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" has|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" special room|strong="H2315" for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3068" own|strong="H0376" false god|strong="H3068". They|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" themselves, ' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" can- not|strong="H0369" see|strong="H7200" us|strong="H0413". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" left|strong="H5800" this|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776"." <sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H6213" he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" come|strong="H7725" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" these|strong="H1992" men|strong="H1419" doing|strong="H6213" even|strong="H5750" more|strong="H5750" terrible things|strong="H1419".

<sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H2009" God|strong="H3068" led|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" en- trance|strong="H6607" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Tem- ple|strong="H1004". This|strong="H0834" gate|strong="H8179" was|strong="H0834" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" north|strong="H6828" side|strong="H6828". I|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H2009" women|strong="H0802" sitting|strong="H3427" there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H0935" cry- ing|strong="H1058". They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" sad about|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" false god|strong="H3068" Tam- muz|strong="H8542"<sup>II</sup>!

<sup>II</sup> TAMMUZ People thought this false god died and his wife Ishtar asked everyone to be sad and cry with her. Ishtar hoped this would bring him back to life. This ceremony was on the 2nd day of the fourth month (June/July). This month was named Tammuz because of this ceremony.

15 God|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", do you|strong="H7725" see|strong="H7200" these|strong="H0428" terrible things|strong="H0428"? Come|strong="H7725" with|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" you|strong="H7725" will|strong="H1121" see|strong="H7200" things|strong="H0428" that|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" even|strong="H5750" worse than|strong="H1419" this|strong="H0428"! 16 Then|strong="H2009" he|strong="H3068" led|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" area. There|strong="H2009" I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H2009" 25 men|strong="H0376" bowing|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" and|strong="H0935" worshipping|strong="H7812". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0376" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004" between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0853" porch|strong="H0197" and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" altar|strong="H4196"— but|strong="H0376" they|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0376" facing|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" wrong way|strong="H6440". Their|strong="H3068" backs|strong="H0268" were|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Holy Place|strong="H1004". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H0376" bowing|strong="H7812" down|strong="H7812" to|strong="H0413" worship|strong="H7812" the|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H8121"!

17 Then|strong="H0853" God|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", do|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" this|strong="H3588"? The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063" think|strong="H7200" my|strong="H7200" Temple|strong="H1004" is|strong="H0834" so|strong="H6213" unimportant that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" do|strong="H6213" these|strong="H0834" terrible things|strong="H8441" here|strong="H6311" in|strong="H0413" my|strong="H7200" Temple|strong="H1004"! This|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776" is|strong="H0834" filled|strong="H4390" with|strong="H4390" violence|strong="H2555", and|strong="H1121"

they|strong="H0834" constantly do|strong="H6213" things|strong="H8441" to|strong="H0413" make|strong="H6213" me|strong="H0413" angry|strong="H0639". Look|strong="H7200", they|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" wearing rings in|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3588" noses|strong="H0639" to|strong="H0413" honor the|strong="H0853" moon as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" false god|strong="H0559"! I18 I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" show|strong="H2347" them|strong="H0853" my|strong="H8085" anger|strong="H2534"! I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" show|strong="H2347" them|strong="H0853" any|strong="H1571" mercy|strong="H2550" or|strong="H3808" feel|strong="H5869" sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0853"! They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1571" shout|strong="H6963" to|strong="H8085" me|strong="H6963"— but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0589" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H8085" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H8085" them|strong="H0853"!

#### God's Messengers Punish Jerusalem

9 Then|strong="H7126" God|strong="H0559" shouted|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" leaders in|strong="H0376" charge|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0376" punishing the|strong="H0559" city|strong="H5892". Each|strong="H0376" leader had|strong="H0376" his|strong="H0376" own|strong="H0376" destructive weapon|strong="H3627" in|strong="H0376" his|strong="H0376" hand|strong="H3027". I2 Then|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H2009" six|strong="H8337" men|strong="H0376" walking on|strong="H3847" the|strong="H0834" road|strong="H1870" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" upper|strong="H5945" gate|strong="H8179". This|strong="H0834" gate|strong="H8179" is|strong="H0834" on|strong="H3847" the|strong="H0834" north|strong="H6828" side|strong="H6828". Each|strong="H0376" man|strong="H0376" had|strong="H0834" his|strong="H0834" own|strong="H0376" deadly weapon|strong="H3627" in|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0834" hand|strong="H3027". One|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0376" wore|strong="H3847" linen|strong="H0906" clothes|strong="H3847". III He|strong="H0834" wore|strong="H3847" a|strong="H0935" scribe's pen and|strong="H0935" ink set|strong="H5975" IV

I LOOK ... GOD Or "Look at them putting that cut branch in their noses." II EACH ... HAND In Hebrew this is like Ezekiel 8:11. III LINEN CLOTHES Priests usually wore these clothes. IV SCRIBE'S PEN

at|strong="H5975" his|strong="H0834" waist|strong="H4975". Those|strong="H0834" men|strong="H0376" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" bronze|strong="H5178" altar|strong="H4196" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" Temple and|strong="H0935" stood|strong="H5975" there|strong="H2009". <sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0834" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1004" Is-rael|strong="H3478" rose|strong="H5927" from|strong="H5921" above|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels where|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" been|strong="H1961". Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0834" Glo-ry|strong="H3519" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" door of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0834" Tem-ple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H3478" stopped when|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H1961" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" threshold|strong="H4670". Then|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" man|strong="H0376" wearing the|strong="H0834" linen|strong="H0906" clothes|strong="H3847" and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0834" scribe's pen and|strong="H3478" ink set|strong="H0834".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413", "Go|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0376" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". Put|strong="H8427" a|strong="H5921" mark on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" fore-head|strong="H4696" of|strong="H0376" every-one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" feels sad and|strong="H3068" upset about|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" doing|strong="H6213" in|strong="H5921" this|strong="H3068" city|strong="H5892"."

<sup>5</sup> Then I heard God say to the other men, "I want you to follow the first man. You must kill all those who do not have the mark on their foreheads. It doesn't mat-ter if they are elders, young men or young women, children or mothers—you must use your weapon and kill everyone who does not have the mark on their forehead. Don't show any mercy. Don't feel sorry for

AND INK SET A scribe was a person who copied official documents and counted supplies and things. Scribes often carried a small board with dry ink in it and a pen. They could put water on the ink and then write with it. Also in verse 11.

anyone. Start here at my Temple." So they started with the elders in front of the Temple.

<sup>7</sup> He|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", "Make|strong="H2930" this Temple|strong="H1004" unclean|strong="H2930"— fill|strong="H4390" this courtyard|strong="H2691" with|strong="H4390" dead|strong="H2491" bodies! Now go|strong="H3318"! So|strong="H3318" they|strong="H0559" went|strong="H3318" and|strong="H1004" killed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H0853" people in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892".

<sup>8</sup> I|strong="H0589" stayed there|strong="H1961" while|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" went|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0559" kill|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H2199". I|strong="H0589" bowed|strong="H5307" with|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" face|strong="H6440" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" ground and|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559", " Oh|strong="H0162", Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136", in|strong="H5921" showing your|strong="H3605" anger|strong="H2534" against|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389", are|strong="H3478" you|strong="H0859" killing|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" sur-ivors|strong="H7611" in|strong="H5921" Is-rael|strong="H3478"?"

<sup>9</sup> He|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " The|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478" and|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" has|strong="H3068" committed many|strong="H1419" terrible sins|strong="H5771"! People|strong="H1818" are|strong="H3478" being murdered everywhere in|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892" is|strong="H0369" filled|strong="H4390" with|strong="H4390" crime|strong="H1818". That|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0369" because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1818" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them-selves|strong="H5771", ' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" left|strong="H5800" this|strong="H3588" coun-try|strong="H0776". The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" cannot|strong="H0369" see|strong="H7200" what|strong="H3588" we|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3478" doing.' <sup>10</sup> So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" not|strong="H3808" show|strong="H5414" any|strong="H1571" mer-cy|strong="H2550" or|strong="H3808"



feel|strong="H5869" sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414". They|strong="H3808" brought|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" on|strong="H1870" themselves|strong="H7218". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" only|strong="H1571" giving|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" punishment they|strong="H3808" deserve!"

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" wearing linen|strong="H0906" clothes|strong="H3830" and|strong="H7725" a|strong="H0834" scribe's pen and|strong="H7725" ink set|strong="H6680" spoke|strong="H0559" up. He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680"."

### The Glory of the Lord Leaves the Temple

**10** Then|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0834" looked|strong="H7200" up|strong="H7200" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834" bowl<sup>I</sup> over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" heads|strong="H7218" of|strong="H7218" the|strong="H0834" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels. The|strong="H0834" bowl looked|strong="H7200" clear blue like|strong="H4758" sapphire|strong="H5601", and|strong="H7218" there|strong="H2009" was|strong="H0834" something|strong="H4758" that|strong="H0834" looked|strong="H7200" like|strong="H4758" a|strong="H7200" throne|strong="H3678" over|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921".<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" one|strong="H0376" sitting on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" throne said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" dressed|strong="H3847" in|strong="H5921" linen|strong="H0906" clothes|strong="H3847",<sup>II</sup> "Step into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" area between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0559" wheels|strong="H1534"<sup>III</sup> under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H0559" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels. Take|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" handful of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" burning|strong="H0784" coals|strong="H1513" from|strong="H0935" between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0559" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels and|strong="H0935" go|strong="H0935" throw|strong="H2236"

<sup>I</sup> BOWL This Hebrew word is the same word used in Genesis 1:6-7 to describe the dome of the sky. <sup>II</sup> LINEN CLOTHES Priests usually wore these clothes. <sup>III</sup> AREA BETWEEN THE WHEELS The Hebrew word can mean "chariot wheel," "whirling (spinning) wheel," or "tumbling weed." See chapter 1 for Ezekiel's full description. Also in verse 6.

them|strong="H0413" over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H0376" Jerusalem."

The|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" walked past me|strong="H0413".<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H0853" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels were|strong="H0376" standing|strong="H5975" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" area south|strong="H3225"<sup>IV</sup> of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004" as|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" walked to|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0853". The|strong="H0853" cloud|strong="H6051" filled|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691".<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" rose|strong="H7311" up|strong="H7311" off|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" threshold|strong="H4670" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" door of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" Temple|strong="H1004". Then|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" cloud|strong="H6051" filled|strong="H4390" the|strong="H5921" Temple|strong="H1004", and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" bright|strong="H5051" light|strong="H5051" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" filled|strong="H4390" the|strong="H5921" whole courtyard|strong="H2691".<sup>5</sup> The|strong="H8085" noise|strong="H6963" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H8085" wings|strong="H3671" of|strong="H6963" the|strong="H8085" Cherub|strong="H3742" angels could be|strong="H6963" heard|strong="H8085" all|strong="H5704" the|strong="H8085" way|strong="H5704" out|strong="H5704" into the|strong="H8085" outer|strong="H2435" courtyard|strong="H2691". The|strong="H8085" sound|strong="H6963" was|strong="H6963" very|strong="H5704" loud— like|strong="H5704" the|strong="H8085" thundering voice|strong="H6963" when|strong="H8085" God|strong="H0410" All-Powerful speaks|strong="H1696".

<sup>6</sup> God|strong="H0559" had|strong="H1961" given|strong="H6680" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" dressed|strong="H3847" in|strong="H0935" linen|strong="H0906" clothes|strong="H3847" a|strong="H1961" command|strong="H6680". He|strong="H0853" had|strong="H1961" told|strong="H0559"

<sup>IV</sup> SOUTH Literally, "right."

him |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" area between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" wheels |strong="H0212" among |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels and |strong="H0935" get |strong="H3947" some |strong="H0376" hot coals |strong="H0784". So |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0376" went |strong="H0935" there |strong="H1961" and |strong="H0935" stood |strong="H5975" by |strong="H0784" the |strong="H0853" wheel |strong="H0212".<sup>7</sup> One |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels reached |strong="H7971" out |strong="H3318" his |strong="H5414" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3027" took |strong="H3947" some |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" hot coals |strong="H0784" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" area between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels. He |strong="H0834" poured the |strong="H0853" coals |strong="H0784" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" man's hands |strong="H3027", and |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H0784" left |strong="H3318".<sup>8</sup> ( The |strong="H7200" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels had |strong="H3027" what looked |strong="H7200" like |strong="H8478" human |strong="H0120" arms |strong="H3027" under |strong="H8478" their |strong="H7200" wings |strong="H3671".)

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H2009" I |strong="H2009" noticed |strong="H7200" that |strong="H7200" there |strong="H2009" were |strong="H5869" four |strong="H0702" wheels |strong="H0212". There |strong="H2009" was |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" wheel |strong="H0212" by |strong="H0681" each |strong="H0259" Cherub |strong="H3742" angel, and |strong="H5869" the |strong="H7200" wheels |strong="H0212" looked |strong="H7200" like |strong="H4758" a |strong="H7200" clear yellow jewel.<sup>10</sup> There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H0834" four |strong="H0702" wheels |strong="H0212", and |strong="H0259" they |strong="H0834" all |strong="H0259" looked |strong="H4758" the |strong="H0834" same |strong="H0259". They |strong="H0834" looked |strong="H4758" like |strong="H1961" there |strong="H1961" was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" wheel |strong="H0212" in |strong="H8432" a |strong="H1961" wheel |strong="H0212".<sup>11</sup> They |strong="H0834" could go |strong="H5437" in |strong="H0413" any |strong="H3588" direction |strong="H4725" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" moved, but |strong="H3588"

the |strong="H0834" Cherub angels did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" turn |strong="H6437" around |strong="H5437" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" moved. They |strong="H0834" went |strong="H5437" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" direction |strong="H4725" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" head |strong="H7218" was |strong="H0834" looking. They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" turn |strong="H6437" around |strong="H5437" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" moved.<sup>12</sup> There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H5869" eyes |strong="H5869" all |strong="H3605" over |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3605" bodies |strong="H1320". There |strong="H3605" were |strong="H5869" eyes |strong="H5869" on |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3605" backs |strong="H1354", on |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3605" arms |strong="H3027", on |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3605" wings |strong="H3671", and |strong="H3027" on |strong="H3027" their |strong="H3605" wheels |strong="H0212"— on |strong="H3027" all |strong="H3605" four |strong="H0702" wheels |strong="H0212".<sup>13</sup> These wheels |strong="H0212" were |strong="H0212" what I |strong="H7121" heard called |strong="H7121", " the |strong="H7121" area between the |strong="H7121" wheels |strong="H0212"."

<sup>14</sup> Each Cherub angel had four faces. The first was the face of a Cherub,<sup>I</sup> the second was the face of a man, the third was a lion's face, and the fourth was an eagle's face. (These Cherub angels were the living beings I saw in the vision by the Kebar Canal. <sup>II</sup>)

Then the Cherub angels rose into the air,<sup>16</sup> and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" wheels |strong="H0212" rose |strong="H5375" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H1992". When |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels raised |strong="H5375" their |strong="H5375" wings |strong="H3671" and |strong="H0776" flew into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" air, not |strong="H3808" even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0853" wheels |strong="H0212" turned |strong="H5437" around |strong="H5437".<sup>17</sup> If |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" flew into the |strong="H3588" air |strong="H7307", the |strong="H3588" wheels went |strong="H7311" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H5975". If |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" stood |strong="H5975" still |strong="H5975", so |strong="H5975" did the |strong="H3588" wheels, because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" spirit |strong="H7307"<sup>III</sup> of |strong="H7307"

<sup>I</sup> FACE OF A CHERUB This is the bull's face mentioned in Ezekiel 1:10. See Ezekiel 10:22. <sup>II</sup> VISION BY THE KEBAR CANAL See Ezekiel 1.

the living being was in them.

<sup>18</sup> Then the Glory of the LORD rose from the threshold of the Temple, moved to the place over the Cherub and the angels, and there stood. <sup>19</sup> Then the Cherub angels raised their wings and flew into the air. I saw them leave. The wheels went with them. Then they stopped at the East Gate of the LORD'S Temple. The Glory of God of Israel was in the air above them.

<sup>20</sup> These were the living beings under the Glory of the God of Israel in the vision at the Kebar Canal, and I realized that they were Cherub angels. <sup>21</sup> Each living being had four faces, four wings, and something that looked like human arms under their wings. <sup>22</sup> The faces

of the Cherub angels were the same as the four faces on the living beings in the vision by the Kebar Canal. They all went straight ahead in the direction they were going.

### Prophecies Against the Leaders

**11** Then the Spirit carried me to the East Gate of the LORD'S Temple. This gate faces east, where the sun comes up. I saw 25 men there. The entrance of the gate was of lead. Some of the leaders among them, including Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah.

<sup>2</sup> Then God spoke to me and said, "Son of man, these are the men who make evil plans for this city. They tell the people to do evil things."

I SPIRIT Or "wind." II SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 4, 15.

These *men* will be *building* our *houses* again very soon. We are as *safe* in *this* *city* as *meat* in *pot*! <sup>4</sup> So you must *speaking* the *people* for *me*. Son of *man*, *prophesy* against the *people*!"

<sup>5</sup> Then *Spirit* of *LORD* came on *me*. He said to *me*, "Tell them *this* is *what* *LORD* said: *House* of *Israel* are *planning* *big things*. But *I* know *what* you are *thinking*". <sup>6</sup> You *have killed* *many* *people* in *this* *city*. You *have filled* the *streets* with *dead* *bodies*. <sup>7</sup> Now *Lord* *GOD* says *this*: "The *dead* *bodies* the *meat*, and *the* *city* is *the* *pot*. But *someone* will *come* and *take* you *out* of *this* *safe* *pot*". <sup>8</sup> You are *afraid* of *the*

*sword*, but *I* am *bringing* the *sword* against you! *This* is *what* the *Lord* *GOD* said. <sup>9</sup> He also said, "I will *take* you *out* of *this* *city* and *give* to *strangers*. I will *punish* you *will* die *by* *sword*. I will *punish* you *here* in *Israel*, so you will *know* *I* am *the* *LORD*". <sup>11</sup> Yes, *this* *place* will *be* *the* *cooking pot*, and *you* will *be* *the* *meat* *cooking* in *it*. I will *punish* you *here* in *Israel*. <sup>12</sup> Then you will *know* *I* am *the* *LORD*. *It* was *my* *law* that you *broke*. You *did* not *obey* *my* *commands*. You *decided* to *live* *like* the *nations* around you."

<sup>13</sup> As *soon* as *I* finished *speaking* for *God*, *Pelatiah* son of *Benaiah* died. I fell to *the* *ground*. I

bowed |strong="H5307" with |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" face |strong="H6440" touching the |strong="H0853" ground and |strong="H1121" said |strong="H0559", " Oh |strong="H0162", Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" going |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0559" completely |strong="H3617" destroy |strong="H4191" all |strong="H1419" the |strong="H0853" survivors |strong="H7611" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478"!"

**Prophecies |strong="H5012" Against |strong="H5921" Survivors |strong="H7611" in |strong="H5921" Jerusalem**

14 But |strong="H1961" then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", 15 " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0376", remember your |strong="H3068" brothers |strong="H0251", the |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" forced to |strong="H0559" leave their |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776", but |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" back |strong="H1004".<sup>I</sup> But |strong="H0376" now |strong="H5414", the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" are |strong="H0834" saying |strong="H0559", ' Stay |strong="H3427" far |strong="H7368" away |strong="H7368" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". This |strong="H1931" land |strong="H0776" was |strong="H0834" given |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" us |strong="H5414"— it |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0834" ours!

16 " So |strong="H3651" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0935" this |strong="H3651": The |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559", ' It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" true |strong="H3651", I |strong="H0834" forced my |strong="H1961" people |strong="H1471" to |strong="H0559" go |strong="H0935" far |strong="H7368" away |strong="H7368" to |strong="H0559" other |strong="H3541" nations |strong="H1471". I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" scatter |strong="H6327" them |strong="H0935" among |strong="H8033" many

I THEY WERE ... BACK This is a wordplay. The word meaning "redeemed" sounds like the word meaning "exiled."

countries |strong="H0776". But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" their |strong="H3588" temple |strong="H4720" for |strong="H3588" a |strong="H1961" short time |strong="H1961" while |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" in |strong="H0935" those |strong="H0834" other |strong="H3541" countries |strong="H0776".<sup>17</sup> But |strong="H3651" you |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" tell |strong="H0559" those |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" that |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" back. I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" scattered |strong="H6327" you |strong="H0834" among |strong="H4480" many nations |strong="H5971", but |strong="H3651" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" gather |strong="H6908" you |strong="H0834" together |strong="H0622" and |strong="H3478" bring |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834" back from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H5971". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478" back to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834".<sup>18</sup> When |strong="H0935" my |strong="H3605" people come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935", they |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0935" destroy |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" terrible, filthy idols |strong="H8251" that |strong="H3605" are |strong="H8033" here |strong="H8033" now |strong="H0935".<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1320" bring |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" together |strong="H0259" and |strong="H0068" make |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" like |strong="H7130" one |strong="H0259" person |strong="H3820". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1320" put |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" new |strong="H2319" spirit |strong="H7307"<sup>II</sup> in |strong="H1320" them |strong="H5414". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1320" take |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" that |strong="H5414" heart |strong="H3820" of |strong="H7307" stone |strong="H0068", and |strong="H0068" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1320" put |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" real heart |strong="H3820" in |strong="H1320" its |strong="H5414" place |strong="H5414".<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0430" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" laws

II SPIRIT Or "wind."

and *my* commands. They *will* do things *I* tell them *will* be *my* people, and *I* *will* be *their* God."

**The Glory of the Lord Leaves Jerusalem**

21 Then God said, "But now, their hearts belong to those terrible, filthy idols, and *I* must punish those people for the bad things they have done." This is what the Lord GOD said. Then the Cherub angels raised their wings and flew into the air. The wheels went with them. The Glory of the Lord was above them. 23 The Glory of the LORD rose into the air and left the city and stopped on the hill east of Jerusalem. 24 Then the Spirit lifted me and brought me

I HILL EAST OF JERUSALEM This is the Mount of Olives. II SPIRIT OR "wind."

back to Babylon. It brought me back to the people who were forced to leave Israel. *I* saw all this in vision from God. Then the one *I* saw in vision rose into the air and left me. 25 Then *I* spoke to the people in exile. *I* told them about everything LORD showed me.

**Ezekiel Leaves Like a Captive**

12 Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, "Son of man, you are to live among the people who refuse to obey me. They have to see what *I* have done for them, but they don't see those things. They have to hear what *I* told them to do,"

III SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 3, 9, 18, 22, 27.

but *they* don't *hear* my *commands*, because *they* are *rebellious*. So *son* of *man*, *some* things *as* you *are* leaving on *a* trip. Pretend that you *are* a prisoner being taken *far* away *during* the *day* so that *everyone* see you. Even *though* these *people* refuse to *listen* to me *when* they see you going away *they* will *not* understand what *I* have *tell* them.

<sup>4</sup> "During the *day*, take *your* bags *outside* so that the *people* can see you". Then *in* the evening, pretend you *are* going away. Act as if you *are* a prisoner going *to* a faraway country. <sup>5</sup> While *the* *people* *are* watching, make a *hole* in the *wall* and go *out* through *that* *hole* in the *wall*. <sup>6</sup> At *night*, put *your* bag

on *your* shoulder and leave *cover* your *face* so you *cannot* see *where* you *are* going. You *must* do *these* things so that *the* *people* can see you, because you *am* using an *example* to the *family* of *Israel*."

<sup>7</sup> So *I* did *as* *I* was *commanded*. During the *day*, *I* took *my* bags and acted *as* if *I* were going *to* a faraway country. That *evening*, *I* used *my* hands and made a *hole* in the *wall*. During the *night*, *I* put *my* bag on *my* shoulder and left. *I* did *this* so that *all* the *people* could see me.

<sup>8</sup> The *next* *morning*, the *word* of the LORD came *to* me. He said, <sup>9</sup> "Son of *man*, did *the* *people* of *Israel*— those *peo-*

ple |strong="H0120" who |strong="H1121" always refuse |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0413" obey |strong="H6213"— ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" what |strong="H4100" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H3478" doing |strong="H6213"? <sup>10</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0559". This |strong="H2088" sad message |strong="H4853" is |strong="H0834" about |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1004" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" who |strong="H0834" live there |strong="H2088". <sup>11</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H6213", ' I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" an |strong="H0559" example for |strong="H3651" all of |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834". What |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" will |strong="H0834" happen to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" be forced to |strong="H0559" go to |strong="H0559" a |strong="H0834" faraway country as |strong="H0834" prisoners |strong="H7628". <sup>12</sup> And |strong="H0776" your |strong="H0834" leader |strong="H5387" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" hole in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" wall |strong="H7023" and |strong="H0776" sneak out |strong="H3318" at |strong="H0413" night. He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" cover |strong="H3680" his |strong="H5375" face |strong="H6440" so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" recognize him |strong="H0413". His |strong="H5375" eyes |strong="H5869" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0413" see |strong="H7200" where |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" going |strong="H3318". <sup>13</sup> He |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0776" try to |strong="H0935" escape, but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H7200" will |strong="H0776" catch him |strong="H5921"! He |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H4191" caught |strong="H8610" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" trap. Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H7200" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H0935" him |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0935" Babylonia |strong="H0894"— the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776"

of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Chaldeans |strong="H3778". But |strong="H3808" he |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H4191" able to |strong="H0935" see |strong="H7200" where |strong="H8033" he |strong="H8033" is |strong="H0776" going |strong="H0935". <sup>14</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" force the |strong="H3605" king's people |strong="H0834" to |strong="H7307" live in |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" foreign countries around |strong="H5439" Israel, and |strong="H2719" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" scatter |strong="H2219" his |strong="H3605" army to |strong="H7307" the |strong="H3605" winds |strong="H7307". The |strong="H3605" enemy soldiers will |strong="H0834" chase after |strong="H0310" them |strong="H0310". <sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" scattered |strong="H2219" them |strong="H0853" among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" forced them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3068" go to |strong="H3068" other countries |strong="H0776". <sup>16</sup> " But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H3498" a |strong="H3588" few |strong="H4557" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" live. They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3588" die |strong="H2719" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" disease, hunger |strong="H7458", and |strong="H0935" war |strong="H2719". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H3498" them |strong="H1992" live so |strong="H4616" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" can |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H5608" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" about |strong="H8033" the |strong="H3605" terrible things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H1992" did |strong="H0834" against |strong="H0376" me |strong="H0935". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"."

1 I BUT HE ... IS GOING The enemy will poke out his eyes and make him blind.



### Shake With |strong="H3068" Fear

17 Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>18</sup> " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", you |strong="H0398" must |strong="H1121" act as |strong="H1121" if |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0398" are |strong="H1121" very frightened. You |strong="H0398" must |strong="H1121" shake when |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0398" eat |strong="H0398" your |strong="H0398" food |strong="H3899". You |strong="H0398" must |strong="H1121" act worried and |strong="H1121" afraid when |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0398" drink |strong="H8354" your |strong="H0398" water |strong="H4325". <sup>19</sup> You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0776" say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" common |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971": ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0776" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3478" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" parts of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478". You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3478" very worried while |strong="H3541" you |strong="H3605" eat |strong="H0398" your |strong="H3605" food |strong="H3899". You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3478" terrified while |strong="H3541" you |strong="H3605" drink |strong="H8354" your |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325", because |strong="H4616" everything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3478" destroyed |strong="H0398"! This |strong="H3541" will |strong="H0776" happen because |strong="H4616" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" living |strong="H3427" there |strong="H3427" are |strong="H3478" so |strong="H4616" violent |strong="H2555". <sup>20</sup> Many people |strong="H3427" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H3068" cities |strong="H5892" now |strong="H1961", but |strong="H3588" those |strong="H3588" cities |strong="H5892" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" ruined |strong="H2717". Your |strong="H3068" whole country |strong="H0776"

will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H2717"! Then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"."

### Disaster Will |strong="H3068" Come |strong="H1961"

21 Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>22</sup> " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", why |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" people |strong="H0120" quote this |strong="H2088" saying |strong="H0559" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0127" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478": ' Trouble |strong="H2088" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H2088" come soon; what |strong="H4100" is |strong="H2088" seen in |strong="H5921" visions |strong="H2377" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H2088" come? <sup>23</sup> " Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" will |strong="H3478" end that |strong="H3588" saying |strong="H0559". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H3808" say |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3588" about |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478" anymore |strong="H5750". Now |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3478" quote |strong="H4911" this |strong="H2088" saying |strong="H0559": ' Trouble |strong="H2088" will |strong="H3478" come |strong="H7126" soon |strong="H7126"; what |strong="H1697" is |strong="H2088" seen in |strong="H0413" visions |strong="H2377" will |strong="H3478" happen |strong="H1697"! <sup>24</sup> " There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" any |strong="H3605" more |strong="H5750" false |strong="H7723" visions |strong="H2377" in |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478". There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" any |strong="H3605" more |strong="H5750" magicians telling things |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" come |strong="H1961" true. <sup>25</sup> That's |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" if |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" say |strong="H1696" something |strong="H1697" will |strong="H3068" hap-

pen|strong="H1697", it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" happen|strong="H1697"! I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" wait any|strong="H5750" longer|strong="H5750". Those|strong="H0834" troubles are|strong="H0834" coming soon|strong="H3588"— in|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" own lifetime|strong="H3117". Hear me|strong="H0589", you|strong="H0834" people|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" always|strong="H3117" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1696" obey|strong="H6213"! When|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" say|strong="H1696" something|strong="H1697", I|strong="H0589" make|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588" happen|strong="H1697". This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696".

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>27</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0120" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" think|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" visions|strong="H2377" I|strong="H0834" give you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" for|strong="H1004" a|strong="H0834" time|strong="H6256" far|strong="H7350" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0559" future|strong="H7350". They|strong="H0834" think|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" talking about|strong="H1004" things|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" happen many|strong="H7227" years|strong="H3117" from|strong="H3478" now|strong="H2009". <sup>28</sup> So|strong="H3651" you|strong="H0834" must|strong="H3808" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3651": ' The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" delay any|strong="H3605" longer|strong="H5750". If|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" say|strong="H0559" something|strong="H1697" will|strong="H0834" happen|strong="H1697", it|strong="H3651" will|strong="H0834" happen|strong="H1697"! This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0559".

### Warnings Against False Prophets

**13** Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", <sup>1</sup> you|strong="H0413" must|strong="H1121" speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" prophets|strong="H5030" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". They|strong="H3068" are|strong="H3478" only saying|strong="H0559" what|strong="H1697" they|strong="H3068" want to|strong="H0413" say|strong="H0559". You|strong="H0413" must|strong="H1121" speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" this|strong="H1697": ' Listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"! <sup>3</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559". Bad things|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" happen to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" foolish|strong="H5036" prophets|strong="H5030". You|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" following|strong="H0310" your|strong="H5921" own spirits|strong="H7307". You|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" not|strong="H1115" telling|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" really|strong="H0559" see|strong="H7200" in|strong="H5921" visions. <sup>4</sup> " Israel|strong="H3478", your|strong="H1961" prophets|strong="H5030" are|strong="H3478" false prophets|strong="H5030". They|strong="H3478" are|strong="H3478" like|strong="H1961" jackals|strong="H7776" hunting for|strong="H1961" food among|strong="H7776" the|strong="H1961" ruins|strong="H2723" of|strong="H5030" a|strong="H1961" city. <sup>5</sup> You|strong="H5921" have|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" put|strong="H5927" soldiers|strong="H4421" near|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" broken walls|strong="H1447" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" city. You|strong="H5921" have|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" built walls|strong="H1447" to|strong="H5921" protect|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921" fami-

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 17.

ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478". So|strong="H3808"  
when|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921"  
day|strong="H3117" comes|strong="H5927"  
for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
LORD|strong="H3068" to|strong="H5921" punish  
you|strong="H5921", you|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H3068" lose the|strong="H5921"  
war|strong="H4421"!

<sup>6</sup> "Your|strong="H3068" prophets  
say|strong="H0559" they|strong="H3808"  
have|strong="H1697" seen|strong="H2372" vi-  
sions|strong="H7723". They|strong="H3808"  
did|strong="H3808" their|strong="H3068" magic  
to|strong="H0559" see|strong="H2372"  
what|strong="H1697" will|strong="H3068" hap-  
pen|strong="H1697" next|strong="H7971".  
But|strong="H3808" everything they|strong="H3808"  
said|strong="H0559" would|strong="H3068" hap-  
pen|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068"  
a|strong="H7971" lie|strong="H3577".  
They|strong="H3808" claim to|strong="H0559"  
speak|strong="H0559" for|strong="H7971"  
the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068",  
but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" send|strong="H7971"  
them|strong="H7971". And|strong="H6965"  
they|strong="H3808" still|strong="H0559"  
think|strong="H0559" that|strong="H1697"  
what|strong="H1697" they|strong="H3808"  
said|strong="H0559" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H1697" will|strong="H3068" hap-  
pen|strong="H1697".

<sup>7</sup> "If you|strong="H3808" prophets  
saw|strong="H2372" visions|strong="H7723",  
they|strong="H3808" were|strong="H1696"  
not|strong="H3808" true|strong="H3068".  
And|strong="H3068" all you|strong="H3808" got  
from|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" magic  
was|strong="H3068" lies|strong="H3577"!  
So|strong="H3808" how can|strong="H3808"  
you|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559"  
that|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559"  
you|strong="H3808" those things|strong="H3808"?  
I|strong="H0589" did|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" speak|strong="H1696"  
to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3808"!"

<sup>8</sup> So|strong="H3651" now|strong="H2005",  
the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136" really|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H0136" speak|strong="H1696".  
He|strong="H3651" says|strong="H0559", "  
You|strong="H3282" told|strong="H0559"  
lies|strong="H3577". You|strong="H3282"  
saw|strong="H2372" visions|strong="H7723"  
that|strong="H3651" were|strong="H1696" not

true|strong="H3651". So|strong="H3651"  
now|strong="H2005" I|strong="H2005"  
am|strong="H2005" against|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H3282"! This|strong="H3651"  
is|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3541"  
the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0559". <sup>9</sup> "  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1961" punish  
those|strong="H7080" prophets|strong="H5030"  
whose visions|strong="H7723" are|strong="H3478"  
false|strong="H7723" and|strong="H0935"  
who|strong="H3478" lie|strong="H3577"  
about|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" future.  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1961" remove  
them|strong="H0413" from|strong="H0935"  
my|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5971".  
Their|strong="H3588" names will|strong="H1961"  
not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961"  
in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588" list  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3588" fami-  
ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478". They|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H3808"  
again|strong="H1961" come|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588"  
land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H1004" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478". Then|strong="H1961"  
you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
the|strong="H3588" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136"!

<sup>10</sup> "Again and|strong="H0853" again  
those|strong="H0853" false prophets lied  
to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H0559" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971". They|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559" there|strong="H0369"  
would|strong="H0559" be|strong="H0369"  
peace|strong="H7965", but|strong="H0369"  
there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369"  
no|strong="H0369" peace|strong="H7965".  
The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" need  
to|strong="H0559" fix the|strong="H0853" walls  
and|strong="H0853" prepare for|strong="H1129" war.  
But|strong="H0369" they|strong="H0559" on-  
ly|strong="H7965" slap a|strong="H1129" thin  
coat|strong="H2902" of|strong="H0559" plas-  
ter|strong="H2902" over|strong="H2902"  
the|strong="H0853" broken walls. <sup>11</sup>  
Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413"  
that|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H1961" send hail and|strong="H0068"  
a|strong="H1961" strong rain|strong="H1653".  
The|strong="H0559" wind|strong="H7307"  
will|strong="H1961" blow hard, and|strong="H0068"

<sup>1</sup> PLASTER A type of mud or cement that people used to cover a wall and make it smooth. This is also a wordplay. The Hebrew word is like the word meaning "It will fall." Also in verse 14.

a|strong="H1961" tornado will|strong="H1961" come|strong="H1961". Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" wall will|strong="H1961" fall|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307".<sup>12</sup> When|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" wall|strong="H7023" falls|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307", the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" ask|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" prophets, 'What|strong="H0834" happened to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" plaster|strong="H2902" you|strong="H0834" put on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" wall|strong="H7023"?'"<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559", "I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H0639" and|strong="H0068" I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H1961" send a|strong="H1961" storm|strong="H5591" against you|strong="H3651". I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H0639" and|strong="H0068" I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H1961" send a|strong="H1961" strong rain|strong="H1653". I|strong="H3541" am|strong="H1961" angry|strong="H0639" and|strong="H0068" I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H1234" hail fall|strong="H1961" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" sky and|strong="H0068" completely|strong="H3617" destroy you|strong="H3651".<sup>14</sup> You|strong="H0834" put|strong="H3615" plaster|strong="H2902" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H7023", but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3615" the|strong="H0853" whole wall|strong="H7023". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" pull|strong="H2040" it|strong="H3588" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776". The|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H7023" will|strong="H3068" fall|strong="H5307" on|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834", and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H0369" finish|strong="H3615" showing my|strong="H3615" anger|strong="H2534" against the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H7023" and|strong="H0853" those|strong="H0853" who|strong="H0369" put|strong="H3615" plaster|strong="H2902" on|strong="H2534" it|strong="H2902". Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H0369" say|strong="H0559", 'There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369"

wall|strong="H7023", and|strong="H0853" there|strong="H0369" are|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" workers to|strong="H0559" put|strong="H3615" plaster|strong="H2902" on|strong="H2534" it|strong="H2902".<sup>16</sup> "All these things|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" happen to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5002" false prophets|strong="H5030" of|strong="H5030" Israel|strong="H3478". They|strong="H0369" speak to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5002" people of|strong="H5030" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" and|strong="H3478" say|strong="H3478" there|strong="H0369" will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" peace|strong="H7965", but|strong="H0369" there|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" peace|strong="H7965". This is|strong="H0369" what the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0413".

<sup>17</sup> God|strong="H0413" said|strong="H0413", "Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", look at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" women|strong="H1323" prophets in|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H5971". They|strong="H5921" say the|strong="H6440" things they|strong="H5921" want to|strong="H0413" say, so|strong="H7760" you|strong="H0859" must|strong="H1121" speak against|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H1121" say this|strong="H3820" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413".<sup>18</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H5315" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": Bad things|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3027" happen to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3605" women. You|strong="H3605" sew|strong="H8609" cloth bracelets for|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0559" wear on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" arms|strong="H3027". You|strong="H3605" make|strong="H6213" special scarves for|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" to|strong="H0559" wear on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" heads|strong="H7218". You|strong="H3605" say|strong="H0559" those|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3605" magic powers to|strong="H0559" control|strong="H3027" people's|strong="H5971" lives|strong="H5315". You|strong="H3605" trap the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" only|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0559" keep|strong="H6213" yourselves|strong="H5315" alive|strong="H2421".<sup>19</sup> You|strong="H0834" make|strong="H8085" them|strong="H0413" think I|strong="H0834" am

not *strong*="H3808" important. You *strong*="H0834" turn them *strong*="H0413" against *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413" for *strong*="H0413" a *strong*="H8085" few handfuls *strong*="H8168" of *strong*="H3899" barley *strong*="H8184" and *strong*="H3899" a *strong*="H8085" few scraps of *strong*="H3899" bread *strong*="H3899". You *strong*="H0834" tell *strong*="H0413" lies *strong*="H3577" to *strong*="H0413" my *strong*="H8085" people *strong*="H5971". They *strong*="H0834" love to *strong*="H0413" listen *strong*="H8085" to *strong*="H0413" lies *strong*="H3577". You *strong*="H0834" kill *strong*="H4191" those *strong*="H0834" who *strong*="H0834" should *strong*="H0413" live *strong*="H2421", and *strong*="H3899" you *strong*="H0834" let *strong*="H3808" people *strong*="H5971" live *strong*="H2421" who *strong*="H0834" should *strong*="H0413" die *strong*="H4191". <sup>20</sup> So *strong*="H3651" this *strong*="H3651" is *strong*="H0834" what *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0853" Lord *strong*="H0136" GOD *strong*="H0136" says *strong*="H0559" to *strong*="H0413" you *strong*="H0859": You *strong*="H0859" make those *strong*="H0834" cloth bracelets to *strong*="H0413" trap people *strong*="H5315", but *strong*="H0859" I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" set *strong*="H7971" them *strong*="H0413" free *strong*="H7971". I *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" tear *strong*="H7167" those *strong*="H0834" bracelets off *strong*="H5921" your *strong*="H5921" arms *strong*="H2220", and *strong*="H7971" the *strong*="H0853" people *strong*="H5315" will *strong*="H0834" be *strong*="H5315" free *strong*="H7971" from *strong*="H5921" you *strong*="H0859". They *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" be *strong*="H5315" like *strong*="H3651" birds flying from *strong*="H5921" a *strong*="H7971" trap. <sup>21</sup> And *strong*="H3068" I *strong*="H0589" will *strong*="H3068" tear *strong*="H7167" up *strong*="H0853" those *strong*="H0853" scarves and *strong*="H3068" save *strong*="H5337" my *strong*="H3068" people *strong*="H5971" from *strong*="H3027" your *strong*="H3068" power *strong*="H3027". They *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" escape *strong*="H5337" from *strong*="H3027" your *strong*="H3068" trap, and *strong*="H3068" you *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" know *strong*="H3045" that *strong*="H3588" I *strong*="H0589" am *strong*="H0589" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068".

<sup>22</sup> " You *strong*="H7725" prophets tell lies *strong*="H8267". Your *strong*="H7725" lies *strong*="H8267" hurt good peo-

ple *strong*="H3808"— I *strong*="H0589" did *strong*="H3808" not *strong*="H3808" want to *strong*="H7725" hurt them *strong*="H7725"! You *strong*="H7725" support *strong*="H2388" the *strong*="H0589" wicked *strong*="H7563" and *strong*="H3027" encourage *strong*="H2388" them *strong*="H7725". You *strong*="H7725" don't *strong*="H3808" tell them *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H7725" change *strong*="H7725" their *strong*="H7725" lives *strong*="H2421". You *strong*="H7725" don't *strong*="H3808" try to *strong*="H7725" save their *strong*="H7725" lives *strong*="H2421"! <sup>23</sup> So *strong*="H3651" you *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H3808" see *strong*="H2372" any *strong*="H5750" more *strong*="H5750" useless visions *strong*="H7723" or *strong*="H3808" do *strong*="H0589" any *strong*="H5750" more *strong*="H5750" magic. I *strong*="H0589" will *strong*="H3068" save *strong*="H5337" my *strong*="H3068" people *strong*="H5971" from *strong*="H3027" your *strong*="H3068" power *strong*="H3027", and *strong*="H3068" you *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" know *strong*="H3045" that *strong*="H3588" I *strong*="H0589" am *strong*="H0589" the *strong*="H0853" LORD *strong*="H3068"."

#### Warnings Against Idol Worship

**14** Some *strong*="H0376" of *strong*="H0376" the *strong*="H6440" elders *strong*="H2205" of *strong*="H0376" Israel *strong*="H3478" came *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413". They *strong*="H0376" sat *strong*="H3427" down *strong*="H3427" to *strong*="H0413" talk with *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413". <sup>2</sup> The *strong*="H0559" word *strong*="H1697" of *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0559" LORD *strong*="H3068" came *strong*="H1961" to *strong*="H0413" me *strong*="H0413". He *strong*="H3068" said *strong*="H0559", <sup>3</sup> " Son *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" man *strong*="H0376", <sup>1</sup> these *strong*="H0428" men *strong*="H0376" came *strong*="H5927" to *strong*="H5921" talk to *strong*="H5921" you *strong*="H5414". But *strong*="H0376" they *strong*="H5921" still have *strong*="H0376" their *strong*="H5414" filthy idols *strong*="H1544". They *strong*="H5921" kept *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H6440" things *strong*="H0428" that *strong*="H1121" made *strong*="H5414" them *strong*="H5414" sin *strong*="H5771". They *strong*="H5921" still worship those *strong*="H0428" statues, so *strong*="H5414" why do they *strong*="H5921"

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 13.

come |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5414" for |strong="H5921" advice? Should |strong="H0376" I |strong="H5414" answer their |strong="H5414" questions? <sup>4</sup> But |strong="H6030" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413" an |strong="H7760" answer |strong="H6030". You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" this |strong="H3651": ' This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559": If |strong="H0834" any |strong="H0376" Israelites |strong="H3478" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7760" prophet |strong="H5030" and |strong="H0935" ask |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" advice, I |strong="H0589" myself |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H6030" their |strong="H3068" questions. I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H6030" them |strong="H0413" even |strong="H3651" if |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" have |strong="H0834" their |strong="H3068" filthy idols |strong="H1544", even |strong="H3651" if |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" kept the |strong="H0853" things |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413" sin |strong="H5771", and |strong="H0935" even |strong="H3651" if |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" still |strong="H0559" worship |strong="H3651" those |strong="H0834" statues. I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0935" spite of |strong="H1004" all |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3068" filthy idols |strong="H1544". <sup>5</sup> This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" because |strong="H5921" I |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H5921" touch their |strong="H3605" hearts |strong="H3820". I |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H5921" show them |strong="H0853" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" love them |strong="H0853", even |strong="H0853" though they |strong="H0834" left me |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" filthy idols |strong="H1544".'

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3651" tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", ' This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": Come |strong="H7725"

back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H3478" leave your |strong="H3605" filthy idols |strong="H1544". Turn |strong="H7725" away |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" those |strong="H3605" terrible, false gods. <sup>7</sup> If |strong="H3588" any |strong="H0376" Israelites |strong="H3478" or |strong="H1004" foreigners |strong="H1616" who |strong="H0834" live |strong="H1481" in |strong="H0935" Israel |strong="H3478" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" for |strong="H3588" advice, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413" an |strong="H7760" answer |strong="H6030". I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068", will |strong="H3068" answer |strong="H6030" them |strong="H0413" even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" still have |strong="H0834" their |strong="H3068" filthy idols |strong="H1544", even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" kept the |strong="H6440" things |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413" sin |strong="H5771", and |strong="H0935" even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" worship |strong="H3478" those |strong="H0834" statues. This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" answer |strong="H6030" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0413": <sup>8</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" turn |strong="H5414" against |strong="H6440" them |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3772" them |strong="H5414". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0376" an |strong="H5414" example to |strong="H3068" others |strong="H5971". People |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" laugh at |strong="H3068" them |strong="H5414". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" remove |strong="H6440" them |strong="H5414" from |strong="H3772" my |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971". Then |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068"! <sup>9</sup> And |strong="H3068" if |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" prophet |strong="H5030" is |strong="H3068" foolish enough |strong="H3027" to |strong="H1696" give |strong="H5186" his |strong="H5921" own answer |strong="H1697", I |strong="H0589", the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", will |strong="H3068" show him |strong="H5921" how |strong="H3588" foolish he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068"!

I will use my power against him. I will destroy him and remove him from among the people of Israel. So one came and the prophet gave an answer will get same punishment. Why that will stop leading from and people stop with they be I be God is Lord

**Jerusalem Will Be Punished**

12 Then the word the LORD came to me. He said, "Son of man, I will punish any nation that leaves me sins against me. I will stop their food supply. I might cause a famine and remove the people and animals from that coun-

try. I would punish that country even if Noah, Daniel, and Job lived there. They could save their own lives by their goodness, but they could not save the whole country." This is what the LORD GOD said.

15 " Or I might send wild animals that to kill all the people no one would travel through that country because of the wild animals. If Noah, Daniel, and Job lived there, those men could save their own lives. But I promise by my own life that I could save the lives of their sons and daughters. That evil country would be destroyed." This is what the LORD GOD said.

17 " Or I might send an enemy army to fight against that coun-

1 I NOAH, DANIEL, AND JOB Three men from ancient times. They were famous for being very good and wise men. Here, Daniel might be the Danel in the writings from Ras Shamra. Also in verses 16, 18, 20.

try|strong="H0776". The|strong="H0559" soldiers would|strong="H0559" destroy|strong="H2719" that|strong="H1931" country|strong="H0776"— I|strong="H0776" would|strong="H0559" remove|strong="H5674" all|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H0935" animals|strong="H0929" from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H1931" country|strong="H0776".<sup>18</sup> If|strong="H3588" Noah, Daniel, and|strong="H1121" Job|strong="H3808" lived|strong="H2416" there|strong="H1992", those|strong="H0428" three|strong="H7969" men|strong="H0376" could|strong="H0376" save|strong="H5337" their|strong="H1992" own|strong="H0376" lives|strong="H2416". But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" promise by|strong="H3808" my|strong="H3588" own|strong="H0376" life|strong="H2416" that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" could|strong="H0376" not|strong="H3808" save|strong="H5337" the|strong="H5002" lives|strong="H2416" of|strong="H1121" other|strong="H0428" people|strong="H0376"— not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3588" their|strong="H1992" own|strong="H0376" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323"! That|strong="H3588" evil country would|strong="H0376" be|strong="H3808" destroyed." This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H0376" what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

<sup>19</sup> " Or|strong="H0176" I|strong="H0776" might|strong="H1818" send|strong="H7971" a|strong="H3772" disease against|strong="H5921" that|strong="H1931" country|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" pour|strong="H8210" my|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H2534" down|strong="H3772" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H0120". I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" remove|strong="H7971" all|strong="H4480" the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H0776" animals|strong="H0929" from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H1931" country|strong="H0776".<sup>20</sup> If|strong="H0518" Noah|strong="H5146", Daniel|strong="H1840", and|strong="H1121" Job|strong="H0347" lived|strong="H5315" there|strong="H1992", those|strong="H1992" three men|strong="H1121" could|strong="H5337" save|strong="H5315" their|strong="H1992" own|strong="H5315" lives|strong="H5315" because they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" good men|strong="H1121". But|strong="H0518" I|strong="H0589" promise by|strong="H0518" my|strong="H5337" own|strong="H5315" life|strong="H5315" that|strong="H5315" they|strong="H1992" could|strong="H5337"

not|strong="H0518" save|strong="H5315" the|strong="H5002" lives|strong="H5315" of|strong="H1121" other people|strong="H1121"— not|strong="H0518" even|strong="H0518" their|strong="H1992" own|strong="H5315" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323"! This|strong="H0518" is|strong="H5315" what the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0559", " So|strong="H4480" think|strong="H0559" how|strong="H0637" bad|strong="H7451" it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H2719" be|strong="H0136" for|strong="H3588" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H2719" send|strong="H7971" all|strong="H4480" four|strong="H0702" of|strong="H4480" those|strong="H4480" punishments against|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588" city! I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H2719" send|strong="H7971" enemy soldiers, hunger|strong="H7458", disease, and|strong="H7971" wild animals|strong="H0929" against|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3588" city. I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H2719" remove|strong="H7971" all|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H7971" animals|strong="H0929" from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H3588" country.<sup>22</sup> Some|strong="H2009" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" will|strong="H0834" escape|strong="H6413" from|strong="H0935" that|strong="H0834" country. They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bring|strong="H0935" their|strong="H3605" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" daughters|strong="H1323" and|strong="H1121" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834" for|strong="H5921" help|strong="H1323". Then|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" how|strong="H0834" bad|strong="H7451" those|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" really are|strong="H0834", and|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" feel|strong="H7200" better|strong="H5921" about|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" troubles|strong="H7200" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H5162" bringing|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".<sup>23</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" how|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" live|strong="H1870" and|strong="H1870" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" bad



things|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213". Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H3588" good reason|strong="H0834" for|strong="H3588" punishing them|strong="H0853".<sup>1</sup> This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

### Jerusalem, the Vine, Will Be Burned

**15** Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",<sup>2</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120",<sup>1</sup> are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" pieces of|strong="H1121" wood|strong="H6086" from|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1961" grapevine<sup>II</sup> any|strong="H3605" better than|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" little branches|strong="H2156" cut from|strong="H1121" trees|strong="H6086" in|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" forest|strong="H3293"?<sup>3</sup> Can|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" use|strong="H4399" that|strong="H3605" wood|strong="H6086" from|strong="H4480" a|strong="H3947" grapevine to|strong="H5921" make|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H3605"? Can|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0518" use|strong="H4399" that|strong="H3605" wood|strong="H6086" to|strong="H5921" make|strong="H6213" pegs|strong="H3489" to|strong="H5921" hang|strong="H8518" dishes on|strong="H5921"?<sup>4</sup> People throw that|strong="H0784" wood into|strong="H8432" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784". The|strong="H0853" ends|strong="H7098" burn|strong="H2787", and|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" middle|strong="H8432" is|strong="H2009" scorched|strong="H2787".<sup>5</sup> If|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H4399" from|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3588" wood before|strong="H5750" it|strong="H3588" is|strong="H2009" burned|strong="H2787", you|strong="H3588" surely|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" make|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H4399" from|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3588" wood after|strong="H1961"

<sup>I</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. <sup>II</sup> GRAPEVINE The prophets often compared Israel to a vineyard or grapevine. See verse 6.

it|strong="H3588" is|strong="H2009" burned|strong="H2787"!<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H3651" people|strong="H3427" throw the|strong="H0853" pieces of|strong="H3427" wood|strong="H6086" from|strong="H0784" a|strong="H5414" grapevine into|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784". It|strong="H5414" is|strong="H0834" just|strong="H0834" like|strong="H3651" wood|strong="H6086" from|strong="H0784" any|strong="H5414" other|strong="H3541" tree|strong="H6086" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" forest|strong="H3293". In|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3541" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" throw the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" into|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" fire|strong="H0784"! This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0559".<sup>7</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" punish those|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3045". But|strong="H3588" some of|strong="H3068" them|strong="H5414" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" sticks that|strong="H3588" don't burn completely. They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" punished, but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3588" be|strong="H3068" destroyed|strong="H0398" completely. You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" punished them|strong="H5414", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"!<sup>8</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0776" destroy that|strong="H0776" country|strong="H0776" because|strong="H3282" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" left|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" worship false gods." This is|strong="H0776" what the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

### God's Love for Jerusalem

**16** Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",<sup>2</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120",

tell|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" of|strong="H1121" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" about|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" terrible things|strong="H8441" they|strong="H3389" have|strong="H3045" done. <sup>3</sup> You|strong="H0776" must|strong="H0776" say|strong="H0559"; ' This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0776" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" Jerusalem|strong="H3389": Look at|strong="H3389" your|strong="H0559" history. You|strong="H0776" were|strong="H0776" born|strong="H4138" in|strong="H0776" Canaan. Your|strong="H0559" father|strong="H0001" was|strong="H0776" an|strong="H0559" Amorite|strong="H0567". Your|strong="H0559" mother|strong="H0517" was|strong="H0776" a|strong="H0776" Hittite|strong="H2850". <sup>4</sup> Jerusalem, on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0853" day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3117" born|strong="H3205", there was|strong="H3117" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" to|strong="H3205" cut|strong="H3772" your|strong="H3808" navel|strong="H8270" cord|strong="H8270". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" put salt on|strong="H3117" you|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3117" washed|strong="H7364" you|strong="H3117" to|strong="H3205" make|strong="H3772" you|strong="H3117" clean. No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" wrapped|strong="H2853" you|strong="H3117" in|strong="H7364" cloth. <sup>5</sup> No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" felt sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H6440" or|strong="H3808" took|strong="H0853" care|strong="H5921" of|strong="H3117" you|strong="H6440". On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" day|strong="H3117" you|strong="H6440" were|strong="H0428" born|strong="H3205", your|strong="H5921" parents threw|strong="H7993" you|strong="H6440" out|strong="H6440" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704", because|strong="H5921" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0259" wanted you|strong="H6440". <sup>6</sup> " Then|strong="H5674" I|strong="H7200" passed|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5921". I|strong="H7200" saw|strong="H7200" you|strong="H5921" lying there, kicking in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" blood|strong="H1818". You|strong="H5921" were|strong="H5921" covered with|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818", but|strong="H7200" I|strong="H7200" said|strong="H0559", "Please live|strong="H2421"! Yes|strong="H7200", you|strong="H5921" were|strong="H5921" covered

with|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818", but|strong="H7200" I|strong="H7200" said|strong="H0559", "Please live|strong="H2421"! <sup>7</sup> I|strong="H5414" helped you|strong="H0859" grow|strong="H6779" like|strong="H7233" a|strong="H5414" plant in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" field|strong="H7704". You|strong="H0859" grew|strong="H1431" and|strong="H0935" grew|strong="H1431". You|strong="H0859" became|strong="H1431" a|strong="H5414" young woman: your|strong="H5414" periods began|strong="H0935", your|strong="H5414" breasts|strong="H7699" grew|strong="H1431", and|strong="H0935" your|strong="H5414" hair|strong="H8181" began|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" grow|strong="H6779". But|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" were still bare|strong="H6181" and|strong="H0935" naked|strong="H5903". <sup>8</sup> I|strong="H2009" looked|strong="H7200" you|strong="H5921" over|strong="H5921". I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H7200" you|strong="H5921" were|strong="H1961" ready for|strong="H5921" love|strong="H1730", so|strong="H1961" I|strong="H2009" spread|strong="H6566" my|strong="H5921" clothes over|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0935" covered|strong="H3680" your|strong="H5921" nakedness|strong="H6172". I|strong="H2009" promised|strong="H7650" to|strong="H0935" marry|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921". I|strong="H2009" made|strong="H7650" the|strong="H5002" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H5921", and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" became|strong="H1961" mine." This|strong="H0935" is|strong="H2009" what|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said. <sup>9</sup> " I|strong="H5921" washed|strong="H7364" you|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" water|strong="H4325". I|strong="H5921" poured water|strong="H4325" over|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" wash|strong="H7364" away|strong="H7857" the|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818" that|strong="H4325" was|strong="H4325" on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921", and|strong="H8081" then I|strong="H5921" put oil|strong="H8081" on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" skin. <sup>10</sup> III I gave|strong="H3847" you|strong="H3847" a|strong="H3680" nice dress|strong="H3847"

I SPREAD MY CLOTHES OVER YOU This showed that he was agreeing to protect her and care for her. See Ruth 3:1-15. II AGREEMENT Here, this means the marriage agreement. But it also refers to the agreement God made with the people of Israel. See "agreement" in the Word List. III VERSES 10-13 All the materials in this list are the things used in building the Holy Tent. See Exodus 25-40.

and|strong="H8336" soft leather sandals|strong="H5274", a|strong="H3680" linen|strong="H8336" headband, and|strong="H8336" a|strong="H3680" silk|strong="H4897" scarf. <sup>11</sup> I|strong="H5414" also gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" some|strong="H3027" jewelry|strong="H5716". I|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" bracelets|strong="H6781" on|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5414" arms|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" a|strong="H5414" necklace|strong="H7242" around|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5414" neck|strong="H1627". <sup>12</sup> I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" nose|strong="H0639" ring|strong="H5141", earrings|strong="H5141", and|strong="H7218" a|strong="H5414" beautiful|strong="H8597" crown|strong="H5850" to|strong="H5921" wear. <sup>13</sup> You|strong="H0398" were beautiful|strong="H3302" in|strong="H3701" your|strong="H0398" gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3701" silver|strong="H3701" jewelry, and|strong="H3701" your|strong="H0398" linen|strong="H8336", silk|strong="H4897", and|strong="H3701" embroidered|strong="H7553" material. You|strong="H0398" ate|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0398" best foods. You|strong="H0398" were very|strong="H3966", very|strong="H3966" beautiful|strong="H3302", and|strong="H3701" you|strong="H0398" became the|strong="H0398" queen! <sup>14</sup> You|strong="H0834" became|strong="H3318" famous|strong="H8034" for|strong="H3588" your|strong="H5921" beauty|strong="H3308", all|strong="H3632" because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H7760" you|strong="H0834" so|strong="H3318" lovely!" This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

#### Jerusalem, the|strong="H0834" Unfaithful Bride

<sup>15</sup> But|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3605" began|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" trust|strong="H0982" in|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3605" beauty|strong="H3308". You|strong="H3605" used|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" good name|strong="H8034" you|strong="H3605" had|strong="H1961" and|strong="H0853" became|strong="H1961" unfaithful|strong="H2181" to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H5921". You|strong="H3605" acted like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" prostitute|strong="H2181" with|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" man|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" passed|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5921". You|strong="H3605" gave|strong="H1961" yourself|strong="H5921"

to|strong="H1961" them|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3605"! <sup>16</sup> You|strong="H5921" took|strong="H3947" your|strong="H5921" beautiful clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H0935" used|strong="H1961" them|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" decorate your|strong="H5921" places|strong="H1116" for|strong="H5921" worship. <sup>17</sup> And|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" acted|strong="H6213" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" prostitute|strong="H2181" there|strong="H1961". You|strong="H5921" gave|strong="H3947" yourself|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" every man who|strong="H1116" came|strong="H0935" by|strong="H5921"! <sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H3947" you|strong="H0834" took|strong="H3947" your|strong="H5414" beautiful|strong="H8597" jewelry|strong="H3627" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834", and|strong="H3701" you|strong="H0834" used|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0834" gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3701" silver|strong="H3701" to|strong="H5414" make|strong="H5414" statues of|strong="H3627" men|strong="H2145", and|strong="H3701" you|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" sex with|strong="H3627" them|strong="H5414" too! <sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H3947" you|strong="H5414" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" beautiful cloth|strong="H0899" and|strong="H6440" made|strong="H5414" clothes|strong="H0899" for|strong="H5414" those|strong="H0853" statues. You|strong="H5414" took|strong="H3947" the|strong="H0853" perfume|strong="H7004" and|strong="H6440" incense|strong="H7004" I|strong="H5414" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" and|strong="H6440" put|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" in|strong="H5414" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" those|strong="H0853" idols. <sup>19</sup> I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" bread|strong="H3899", honey|strong="H1706", and|strong="H0398" oil|strong="H8081", but|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" food|strong="H3899" to|strong="H1961" your|strong="H5414" idols. You|strong="H0834" offered|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" sweet smell to|strong="H1961" please your|strong="H5414" false gods. You|strong="H0834" acted like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" prostitute with|strong="H0398" those|strong="H0834" false gods!" This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> PLACES FOR WORSHIP Or "high places." See "high place" in the Word List. Also in verses 31, 39.

what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.  
<sup>20</sup> " You |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" children |strong="H1121" together, but |strong="H3947" you |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" our |strong="H3947" children |strong="H1121". You |strong="H0834" killed them |strong="H0853" and |strong="H1121" gave |strong="H3205" them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3205" those |strong="H0834" false gods! But |strong="H3947" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" only some |strong="H4592" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" evil things |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" unfaithful to |strong="H3205" me |strong="H3947" and |strong="H1121" went to |strong="H3205" those |strong="H0834" false gods. <sup>21</sup> You |strong="H5414" slaughtered |strong="H7819" my |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121" and |strong="H1121" then |strong="H0853" passed |strong="H5674" them |strong="H5414" through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0853" fire to |strong="H5414" those |strong="H1121" false gods. <sup>22</sup> You |strong="H3605" left |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961" and |strong="H3117" did |strong="H3808" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" terrible things |strong="H3605". You |strong="H3605" never |strong="H3808" remembered |strong="H2142" what happened |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1961" young |strong="H3117". You |strong="H3605" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" remember |strong="H2142" that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" were |strong="H1961" naked |strong="H5903" and |strong="H3117" kicking in |strong="H3117" blood |strong="H1818" when |strong="H1961" I |strong="H3117" found you |strong="H3605". <sup>23</sup> " After |strong="H0310" all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3605", ... it |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" very bad |strong="H7451" for |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605"! The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said all |strong="H3605" these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605". <sup>24</sup> "After all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605", you |strong="H3605" made |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1129" mound for |strong="H3605" worshiping that |strong="H3605" false god.

I SLAUGHTER This usually means to kill an animal and cut it into pieces for meat, but it often means to kill people as if they were animals.

You |strong="H3605" built |strong="H1129" those |strong="H3605" places |strong="H7413" for |strong="H3605" worshiping false gods on |strong="H3605" every |strong="H3605" street |strong="H7339" corner. <sup>25</sup> You |strong="H3605" built |strong="H1129" your |strong="H3605" mounds at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" head |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" every |strong="H3605" road |strong="H1870". Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H3605" degraded your |strong="H3605" beauty |strong="H3308". You |strong="H3605" used |strong="H3605" it |strong="H1129" to |strong="H0413" catch every |strong="H3605" man |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" walked by |strong="H0413". You |strong="H3605" raised your |strong="H3605" skirt so |strong="H5674" that |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3605" could see your |strong="H3605" legs |strong="H7272", and |strong="H7218" you |strong="H3605" acted |strong="H8581" like |strong="H7272" a |strong="H1129" prostitute with |strong="H0413" those |strong="H3605" men |strong="H7218". <sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0853" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714", your |strong="H0413" neighbor |strong="H7934" that |strong="H1121" is |strong="H1320" always ready for |strong="H0413" sex. With |strong="H0413" more |strong="H7235" and |strong="H1121" more |strong="H7235" sexual sin, you |strong="H0853" made me |strong="H0413" angry |strong="H3707". <sup>27</sup> So |strong="H5414" I |strong="H5414" punished you |strong="H5414"! I |strong="H5414" took |strong="H5186" away |strong="H5186" part |strong="H3027" of |strong="H1323" your |strong="H5414" land. I |strong="H5414" let |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" enemies |strong="H8130", the |strong="H5921" daughters |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" the |strong="H5921" Philistines |strong="H6430", do |strong="H3027" what |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" wanted to |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414". Even |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H6430" shocked at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" evil |strong="H2154" things you |strong="H5414" did. <sup>28</sup> Then |strong="H1571" you |strong="H3808" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" have |strong="H1571" sex with |strong="H0413" Assyria |strong="H0804". You |strong="H3808" could |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" get |strong="H7646" enough |strong="H7646". You |strong="H3808" were |strong="H1121" never |strong="H3808" satisfied |strong="H7646". <sup>29</sup> So |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3808" turned |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Canaan |strong="H3667", and |strong="H0776" then |strong="H0853"

to|strong="H0413" Babylonia|strong="H3778", and|strong="H0776" still|strong="H1571" you|strong="H3808" were|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" satisfied|strong="H7646".<sup>30</sup> You|strong="H3605" are|strong="H0428" so|strong="H6213" weak|strong="H3605". You|strong="H3605" let all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H0428" men|strong="H3605" cause you|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0802" sin. You|strong="H3605" acted|strong="H6213" just|strong="H3605" like a|strong="H4100" prostitute|strong="H2181" who|strong="H3605" wants to|strong="H0802" be|strong="H0136" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0802" control." This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H4100" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

<sup>31</sup> God|strong="H3808" said, " But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" exactly|strong="H3605" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" prostitute|strong="H2181". You|strong="H3605" built|strong="H1129" your|strong="H3605" mounds at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" head|strong="H7218" of|strong="H7218" every|strong="H3605" road|strong="H1870", and|strong="H7218" you|strong="H3605" built|strong="H1129" your|strong="H3605" places|strong="H7413" for|strong="H3605" worship at|strong="H1961" every|strong="H3605" street|strong="H1870" corner|strong="H7218". You|strong="H3605" had|strong="H1961" sex with|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" men|strong="H7218", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3605" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" ask them|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" pay you|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" way|strong="H1870" a|strong="H1961" prostitute|strong="H2181" does|strong="H6213".<sup>32</sup> You|strong="H0853" are|strong="H0376" a|strong="H3947" woman|strong="H0802" guilty of|strong="H0376" adultery|strong="H5003". You|strong="H0853" would|strong="H0376" rather have|strong="H0376" sex with|strong="H0376" strangers|strong="H2114" than with|strong="H0376" your|strong="H3947" own|strong="H0376" husband|strong="H0376".<sup>33</sup> Most prostitutes|strong="H2181" force men|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" pay|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413" sex, but|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859" gave|strong="H5414" money to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3605" many lovers|strong="H0157". You|strong="H0859" paid|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" around|strong="H5439"

to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" have|strong="H0859" sex with|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0859".<sup>34</sup> You|strong="H5414" are|strong="H0802" just the|strong="H5414" opposite of|strong="H4480" most|strong="H4480" prostitutes|strong="H2181" who|strong="H0802" force men to|strong="H1961" pay|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414", because|strong="H4480" you|strong="H5414" pay|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" men to|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" sex with|strong="H0802" you|strong="H5414"."

<sup>35</sup> Prostitute|strong="H2181", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H8085" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>36</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" spent your|strong="H3605" money<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H1121" let|strong="H5414" your|strong="H3605" lovers|strong="H0157" and|strong="H1121" filthy gods see|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3605" naked body and|strong="H1121" have|strong="H0834" sex with|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" killed your|strong="H3605" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" poured|strong="H8210" out|strong="H8210" their|strong="H3605" blood|strong="H1818". This|strong="H3541" was|strong="H0834" your|strong="H3605" gift|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" those|strong="H3605" false gods.<sup>37</sup> So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H2005" bringing all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3605" lovers|strong="H0157" together|strong="H6908". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bring all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" loved|strong="H0157" and|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" hated|strong="H8130". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bring them|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" together|strong="H6908" and|strong="H7200" let|strong="H3651" them|strong="H0413" see|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834" naked. <sup>II</sup> They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0834" completely|strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> SPENT YOUR MONEY Literally, "poured out your copper." This might also mean "you have done the things that stain you with sin."  
<sup>II</sup> LET THEM SEE YOU NAKED The Hebrew words are like the words meaning "to be carried away as a prisoner to a foreign country."

naked. <sup>38</sup> Then I will punish you. I will punish you as a murderer and a woman who committed the sin of adultery. You will be punished as if an angry and jealous husband. I will let those lovers have you. They will destroy your mounds. They will burn your places for worship. They will tear off your clothes and take your beautiful jewelry. They will leave you bare and naked as you were when I found you. <sup>40</sup> They will bring a crowd of people and throw rocks at you to kill you. Then they will cut you into pieces with their swords. <sup>41</sup> They will burn your house. They will punish you so that all the women can see. I will stop you from living like a prostitute. I will stop you

from paying money to your lovers. <sup>42</sup> Then I will stop you from being angry and jealous. I will calm you down. I will not be angry anymore. <sup>43</sup> Why will these things happen? Because you did not remember when you were young. You did all those bad things and made me angry. So I had to punish you for doing them, but you planned even more terrible things. This is what the Lord GOD said.

<sup>44</sup> All the people who talk about you will now have one thing to say, 'Like mother, like daughter.' You are your mother's daughter. You don't care about your husband or your children. You are like your sister. Both of you hated your husband and your children. You are like your parents. Your mother was

a|strong="H0834" Hittite|strong="H2850" and|strong="H1121" your|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001" was|strong="H0834" an|strong="H0376" Amorite|strong="H0567".<sup>46</sup> Your|strong="H5921" older|strong="H1419" sister|strong="H0269" was|strong="H1931" Samaria|strong="H8111". She|strong="H1931" lived|strong="H3427" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" north|strong="H8040" of|strong="H1323" you|strong="H5921" with|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" daughters|strong="H1323". Your|strong="H5921" younger|strong="H6996" sister|strong="H0269" was|strong="H1931" Sodom|strong="H5467".<sup>1</sup> She|strong="H1931" lived|strong="H3427" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" south|strong="H3225" of|strong="H1323" you|strong="H5921" with|strong="H5921" her|strong="H5921" daughters|strong="H1323".<sup>47</sup> You|strong="H3605" did|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3808" did|strong="H6213", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3605" also|strong="H6213" did|strong="H6213" much|strong="H3605" worse!<sup>48</sup> I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0834" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136". As|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" live|strong="H2416", I|strong="H0589" swear that|strong="H0834" your|strong="H0834" sister|strong="H0269" Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H1323" her|strong="H0518" daughters|strong="H1323" never|strong="H0518" did|strong="H6213" as|strong="H0834" many bad things|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" and|strong="H1323" your|strong="H0834" daughters|strong="H1323".

<sup>49</sup> " Your|strong="H1961" sister|strong="H0269" Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H3027" her|strong="H1961" daughters|strong="H1323" were|strong="H1961" proud|strong="H1347". They|strong="H3808" had|strong="H1961" too|strong="H3808" much|strong="H3027" to|strong="H1961" eat and|strong="H3027" too|strong="H3808" much|strong="H3027" time|strong="H1961" on|strong="H3027" their|strong="H1961" hands|strong="H3027", and|strong="H3027" they|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" help|strong="H1323" poor|strong="H6041", helpless people|strong="H3808".<sup>50</sup> Sodom and|strong="H6440" her|strong="H5493" daughters became|strong="H7200" too proud|strong="H1361" and|strong="H6440" began to|strong="H6440"

<sup>1</sup> SAMARIA ... SODOM Ezekiel is saying the people in Judah are just as evil as the people who lived in Samaria and Sodom—and those people were so evil that God completely destroyed those cities.

do|strong="H6213" terrible things|strong="H8441" in|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440". So|strong="H6213" I|strong="H0834" punished them|strong="H0853"!

<sup>51</sup> " And|strong="H8111" Samaria|strong="H8111" did|strong="H6213" only|strong="H7235" half|strong="H2677" as|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7235" bad things|strong="H3605" as|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" many|strong="H7235" more|strong="H3808" terrible|strong="H7235" things|strong="H3605" than|strong="H3808" Samaria|strong="H8111"! You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213" so|strong="H6213" many|strong="H7235" more|strong="H3808" terrible|strong="H7235" things|strong="H3605" than|strong="H3808" your|strong="H3605" sisters|strong="H0269" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213". Sodom and|strong="H8111" Samaria|strong="H8111" seem good compared to|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834".<sup>52</sup> So|strong="H4480" you|strong="H0859" must|strong="H1571" bear|strong="H5375" your|strong="H0834" shame|strong="H0954". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6663" your|strong="H0834" sisters|strong="H0269" look|strong="H5375" good compared to|strong="H0954" you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" done terrible things|strong="H0834", so|strong="H4480" you|strong="H0859" should be|strong="H1571" ashamed|strong="H0954".

<sup>53</sup> " I|strong="H8111" destroyed Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" towns|strong="H1323" around|strong="H7725" it|strong="H7725", and|strong="H7725" I|strong="H8111" destroyed Samaria|strong="H8111" and|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" towns|strong="H1323" around|strong="H7725" it|strong="H7725". And|strong="H7725" I|strong="H8111" will|strong="H1323" destroy you|strong="H7725" too, Jerusalem. But|strong="H7725" I|strong="H8111" will|strong="H1323" build those|strong="H0853" cities again|strong="H7725", and|strong="H7725" I|strong="H8111" will|strong="H1323" rebuild you|strong="H7725" too.<sup>54</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" comfort|strong="H5162" you|strong="H0834". Then|strong="H5375" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remember the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213", and|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H5375" ashamed|strong="H3637".<sup>55</sup> So|strong="H7725"

you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H7725" your |strong="H7725" sisters |strong="H0269" will |strong="H1323" be |strong="H7725" rebuilt. Sodom |strong="H5467" and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H7725" towns |strong="H1323" around |strong="H7725" her |strong="H7725", Samaria |strong="H8111" and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H7725" towns |strong="H1323" around |strong="H7725" her |strong="H7725", and |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859" and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H7725" towns |strong="H1323" around |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1323" all be |strong="H7725" rebuilt.

<sup>56</sup> " In |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" past, you |strong="H3117" were |strong="H1961" proud |strong="H1347" and |strong="H3117" made |strong="H1961" fun of |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3808" sister |strong="H0269" Sodom |strong="H5467". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" do that |strong="H3117" again |strong="H1961". <sup>57</sup> You |strong="H3605" did that |strong="H3605" before |strong="H2962" you |strong="H3605" were |strong="H6430" punished, before |strong="H2962" your |strong="H3605" neighbors started making |strong="H3605" fun of |strong="H1323" you |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" daughters |strong="H1323" of |strong="H1323" Edom |strong="H0758"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="H6430" Philistia are |strong="H6430" making |strong="H3605" fun of |strong="H1323" you |strong="H3605" now |strong="H6256". <sup>58</sup> Now |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" must |strong="H0853" suffer |strong="H5375" for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" terrible things |strong="H8441" you |strong="H0859" did." This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

#### God |strong="H3068" Remains Faithful

<sup>59</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" treat |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" treated |strong="H0854" me |strong="H0834"! You |strong="H0834" broke your |strong="H0834" marriage promise |strong="H1285". You |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3588" respect our |strong="H3588" agreement |strong="H1285". <sup>60</sup> But |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0589" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285"

<sup>1</sup> Edom Or "Aram."

we |strong="H3117" made when |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" were |strong="H3117" young |strong="H3117". I |strong="H0589" made an |strong="H6965" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" will |strong="H0589" continue |strong="H6965" forever |strong="H5769"! <sup>61</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" bring |strong="H3947" your |strong="H5414" sisters |strong="H0269" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5414", and |strong="H1419" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" daughters |strong="H1323". That |strong="H4480" was |strong="H5414" not |strong="H3808" in |strong="H0413" our |strong="H5414" agreement |strong="H1285", but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" do |strong="H1870" that |strong="H4480" for |strong="H0413" you |strong="H5414". Then |strong="H3947" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H0853" terrible things |strong="H1419" you |strong="H5414" did |strong="H3808", and |strong="H1419" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" be |strong="H3808" ashamed |strong="H3637". <sup>62</sup> So |strong="H6965" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3045" my |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" you |strong="H3588", and |strong="H6965" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>63</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" remember |strong="H2142" me |strong="H6440", and |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" so |strong="H4616" ashamed |strong="H0954" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605" evil things |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" able to |strong="H1961" say |strong="H6310" anything |strong="H3605". But |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" you |strong="H0834" pure, and |strong="H6440" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" never |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" ashamed |strong="H0954" again |strong="H5750"! This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H6310".



## The Eagle and the Vine

17 Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, "Son of man, I have a story with a hidden meaning for you to tell to the family of Israel. Tell them that this is what the Lord GOD says: "A large eagle with big wings came to Lebanon. He had feathers covered with spots. He broke the top of the cedar tree and brought it to Canaan. He set the branch down in the city of merchants. Then the eagle took some of the seeds from Canaan. He planted them in good soil by a good river. The seeds grew and became a grapevine. It was a good vine. The vine was tall,

I SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

but spread a large area.

The vine grew stems, and smaller vines grew very long.

7 Then another eagle with big wings saw the grapevine.

The eagle had many feathers.

The grapevine wanted this new eagle to care for it.

So it stretched its roots and branches toward the eagle.

Its branches stretched toward this eagle.

The branches grew away from the field where it was planted.

The grapevine wanted the new eagle to water it.

8 The grapevine was planted in a good field near plenty of water.

It could have grown branches and fruit.

It could have become a very good grapevine.

9 This is what the Lord GOD says:

"Do you think will succeed?"

No, the new eagle will pull

the **H3605** plant from **H5375** the **H3605** ground, and **H1419** the **H3605** bird will **H3808** break **H5423** the **H3605** plant's roots **H8328**".

It **H5375** will **H3808** eat up **H5375** all **H3605** the **H3605** grapes.

Then **H0853** the **H3605** new leaves **H2964** will **H3808** wilt.

That **H3605** plant will **H3808** be **H3808** very **H1419** weak **H3808**".

It **H5375** will **H3808** not **H3808** take **H5375** strong **H1419** arms **H2220** or **H3808** a **H5375** powerful nation **H5971** to **H0559** pull **H5423** that **H3605** plant up **H5375** by **H3605** the **H3605** roots **H8328**".

<sup>10</sup> Will **H7307** the **H5921** plant **H8362** grow where **H2009** it **H5921** is **H2009** planted **H8362**?

No **H3808**, the **H5921** hot east **H6921** wind **H7307** will **H7307** blow, and **H7307** the **H5921** plant **H8362** will **H7307** become **H3001** dry **H3001** and **H7307** die.

It **H5921** will **H7307** die there **H2009** where **H2009** it **H5921** was **H7307** planted **H8362**".

#### King **H5921** Zedekiah Punished

<sup>11</sup> The **H0559** word **H1697** of **H3068** the **H0559** LORD **H3068** came **H1961** to **H0413** me **H0413**". He **H3068** said **H0559**", <sup>12</sup> " Explain **H3045** this **H0428** story to **H0413** the **H0853** people **H3808** of **H4428** Israel who **H0428** always turn against **H0413** me **H0413**". Tell **H0559** them **H0413** this **H0428**". The **H0853** first eagle is **H4100** the **H0853** king **H4428** of **H4428** Babylonia **H0894**". He **H3808** came **H0935** to **H0413** Jerusalem **H3389** and **H0935** took **H3947** away **H3947** the **H0853** king **H4428** and **H0935** other **H0428** leaders **H8269**". He **H3808**

brought **H0935** them **H0413** to **H0413** Babylonia **H0894**". <sup>13</sup> Then **H3947** Nebuchadnezzar made **H3772** an **H0935** agreement **H1285** with **H0854** a **H3947** man from **H0935** the **H0853** king's family **H2233**". Nebuchadnezzar forced that **H0776** man to **H0935** make **H3772** a **H3947** promise **H1285**". So **H3947** this **H0935** man promised to **H0935** be **H0776** loyal to **H0935** Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar made **H3772** this **H0935** man the **H0853** new king **H4410** of **H0776** Judah. Then **H3947** he **H0853** took **H3947** all the **H0853** powerful men **H3947** away **H3947** from **H0935** Judah. <sup>14</sup> So **H1961** Judah became **H1961** a **H1961** weak kingdom **H4467** that **H1961** could **H5375** not **H1115** turn **H1961** against **H8104** King Nebuchadnezzar. The **H0853** people were **H1961** forced to **H1961** keep **H8104** the **H0853** agreement **H1285** Nebuchadnezzar made **H1961** with **H1285** the **H0853** new king of **H1285** Judah. <sup>15</sup> But **H7227** this **H0428** new king tried to **H7971** rebel **H4775** against **H4714** Nebuchadnezzar anyway! He **H6213** sent **H7971** messengers **H4397** to **H7971** Egypt **H4714** to **H7971** ask for **H7971** help **H5971**". The **H5414** new king asked **H7971** for **H7971** many **H7227** horses **H5483** and **H7971** soldiers **H5971**". Now **H7227**, do **H6213** you **H5414** think the **H5414** new king of **H4397** Judah will **H4714** succeed **H6743**? Do **H6213** you **H5414** think the **H5414** new king will **H4714** have **H5414** enough **H7227** power to **H7971** break **H6565** the **H5414** agreement **H1285** and **H7971** escape **H4422** punishment?"

<sup>16</sup> The **H0853** Lord **H0136** GOD **H0136** says **H5002**", " By **H4191** my **H0834** life **H2416**, I **H0589** swear that **H0834** this **H0834** new king **H4428** will **H0834** die **H4191** in **H4428** Babylonia

nia|strong="H0894"! Nebuchadnezzar made|strong="H0834" this|strong="H0834" man|strong="H4191" the|strong="H0853" new king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Judah, but|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0834" broke his|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H1285" with|strong="H0854" Nebuchadnezzar. This|strong="H0834" new king|strong="H4428" ignored that|strong="H0834" agreement|strong="H1285". <sup>17</sup> The|strong="H0853" king of|strong="H6951" Egypt will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" able|strong="H2428" to|strong="H5315" save|strong="H5315" the|strong="H0853" king of|strong="H6951" Judah. He|strong="H6213" might|strong="H2428" send many|strong="H7227" soldiers|strong="H4421", but|strong="H3808" Egypt's great|strong="H1419" power|strong="H2428" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" save|strong="H5315" Judah. Nebuchadnezzar's army|strong="H2428" will|strong="H3808" build|strong="H1129" dirt roads and|strong="H1419" dirt walls|strong="H1785" to|strong="H5315" capture the|strong="H0853" city. Many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H5315" will|strong="H3808" die. <sup>18</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" king of|strong="H3027" Judah will|strong="H3027" not|strong="H3808" escape|strong="H4422", because|strong="H3027" he|strong="H6213" ignored his|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285". He|strong="H6213" broke his|strong="H3605" promise|strong="H1285" to|strong="H5414" Nebuchadnezzar." <sup>19</sup> The|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" makes|strong="H5414" this|strong="H3651" promise|strong="H1285": " By|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" life|strong="H2416", I|strong="H0589" swear that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" punish the|strong="H0559" king of|strong="H7218" Judah, because|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" ignored my|strong="H5414" warnings and|strong="H7218" broke our|strong="H5414" agreement|strong="H1285". <sup>20</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" set|strong="H0935" my|strong="H5921" trap, and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H8610" caught|strong="H8610" in|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5921". Then|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" bring|strong="H0935" him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" Babylon|strong="H0894", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" punish him|strong="H5921" there|strong="H8033". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" punish him|strong="H5921" because|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0834" turned against|strong="H5921"

me|strong="H5921", <sup>21</sup> and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" army. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" best soldiers and|strong="H3068" scatter them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" wind|strong="H7307". Then|strong="H1696" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" told|strong="H1696" you|strong="H3588" these|strong="H1696" things|strong="H3605":

<sup>22</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H7218" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559":

" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H5414" take|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" branch from|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947" tall|strong="H7311" cedar|strong="H0730" tree.

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H5414" take|strong="H3947" a|strong="H3947" small branch from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H2022" the|strong="H0559" tree,

and|strong="H7218" I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589" will|strong="H5414" plant|strong="H8362" it|strong="H5414" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947" very|strong="H1364" high|strong="H1364" mountain|strong="H2022".

<sup>23</sup> I|strong="H8478" myself will|strong="H1961" plant|strong="H8362" it|strong="H1961" on|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" high|strong="H4791" mountain|strong="H2022" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478".

That|strong="H3605" branch|strong="H6057" will|strong="H1961" grow into|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" tree.

It|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" grow branches|strong="H1808" and|strong="H3478" make|strong="H6213" fruit|strong="H6529"

and|strong="H3478" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" beautiful cedar|strong="H0730" tree.

Many birds|strong="H6833" will|strong="H1961" sit on|strong="H1961" its|strong="H3605" branches|strong="H1808"

and|strong="H3478" live|strong="H7931" in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" shadows|strong="H6738" under|strong="H8478" its|strong="H3605" branches|strong="H1808".

<sup>24</sup> " Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086"

will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588"

I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068", make|strong="H6213" tall  
trees|strong="H6086" fall to|strong="H1696"  
the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H7704",  
and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589"  
make|strong="H6213" small trees|strong="H6086"  
grow|strong="H6524" tall.

I|strong="H0589" make|strong="H6213"  
green|strong="H3892" trees|strong="H6086" be-  
come|strong="H3001" dry|strong="H3001",  
and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589"  
make|strong="H6213" dry|strong="H3001"  
trees|strong="H6086" become|strong="H3001"  
green|strong="H3892".

I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

If|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589"  
say|strong="H1696" that|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068"  
do|strong="H6213" something, then|strong="H1696"  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068"  
do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H3588"

### True Justice

**18** The|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697"  
of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961"  
to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".  
He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> "  
Why|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100"  
you|strong="H0859" people|strong="H1121"  
say|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088"  
proverb|strong="H4912":

<sup>1</sup> The|strong="H0853" parents|strong="H0001"  
ate|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853"  
sour|strong="H1155" grapes|strong="H1155",  
but|strong="H0859" the|strong="H0853" chil-  
dren|strong="H1121" got the|strong="H0853"  
sour|strong="H1155" taste<sup>1</sup>?"

<sup>3</sup> But|strong="H0518" the|strong="H5002"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
says|strong="H5002", " By|strong="H3478"  
my|strong="H1961" life|strong="H2416",  
I|strong="H0589" swear that|strong="H2088" peo-  
ple|strong="H0518" in|strong="H3478" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478" will|strong="H1961"  
not|strong="H2088" think this|strong="H2088"  
proverb|strong="H4912" is|strong="H2088" true any-  
more|strong="H5750"! <sup>4</sup> I|strong="H2005"  
will|strong="H1121" treat everyone|strong="H3605",  
child|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" parent,  
just|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
same|strong="H1931". The|strong="H3605"  
one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605"

<sup>1</sup> THE PARENTS ... SOUR TASTE This means the children were suffer-  
ing for things their parents did.

sins|strong="H2398" is|strong="H1931"  
the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605"  
who|strong="H3605" will|strong="H1121"  
die|strong="H4191"!

<sup>5</sup> A|strong="H1961" person|strong="H0376"  
who|strong="H0376" is|strong="H0376" good  
will|strong="H1961" live! He|strong="H3588"  
is|strong="H0376" fair and|strong="H4941"  
does|strong="H6213" what|strong="H4941"  
is|strong="H0376" right|strong="H4941". <sup>6</sup>  
He|strong="H3808" doesn't|strong="H3808"  
go|strong="H7126" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" mountains|strong="H2022"  
to|strong="H0413" share|strong="H0398"  
food|strong="H0398" offered|strong="H7126"  
to|strong="H0413" idols|strong="H1544".  
He|strong="H3808" doesn't|strong="H3808"  
pray|strong="H5375" to|strong="H0413"  
those|strong="H0853" filthy idols|strong="H1544"  
in|strong="H0413" Israel|strong="H3478".  
He|strong="H3808" doesn't|strong="H3808" commit  
adultery with|strong="H0413" his|strong="H5375"  
neighbor's|strong="H7453" wife|strong="H0802"  
or|strong="H3808" with|strong="H0413"  
a|strong="H5375" woman|strong="H0802" during  
her|strong="H0413" period|strong="H5079". <sup>7</sup>  
He|strong="H3808" doesn't|strong="H3808"  
take|strong="H7725" advantage of|strong="H0376"  
others. If|strong="H0376" someone|strong="H0376"  
borrows money from|strong="H7725"  
him|strong="H5414", he|strong="H3808" might  
take|strong="H7725" something|strong="H3899"  
of|strong="H0376" value before|strong="H3808"  
he|strong="H3808" gives|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H5414" money. But|strong="H3808"  
when|strong="H7725" that|strong="H3808" per-  
son|strong="H0376" pays|strong="H7725"  
him|strong="H5414" back|strong="H7725",  
he|strong="H3808" returns|strong="H7725"  
what|strong="H1500" he|strong="H3808"  
took|strong="H7725". He|strong="H3808"  
gives|strong="H5414" food|strong="H3899"  
to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H5414" hun-  
gry|strong="H7457" and|strong="H7725"  
clothes|strong="H0899" to|strong="H7725" peo-  
ple|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376"  
need|strong="H0376" them|strong="H5414". <sup>8</sup>  
If|strong="H0376" someone|strong="H0376" wants  
to|strong="H7725" borrow money  
from|strong="H7725" him|strong="H5414",  
he|strong="H6213" lends|strong="H5414"  
the|strong="H5414" money and|strong="H3027"  
doesn't|strong="H3808" charge|strong="H3027" in-  
terest|strong="H5392" on|strong="H3027"  
the|strong="H5414" loan|strong="H3027".  
He|strong="H6213" refuses to|strong="H7725"  
be|strong="H3808" crooked. He|strong="H6213"  
is|strong="H0376" always fair with|strong="H0376"

everyone |strong="H0376". People |strong="H0376" can |strong="H6213" trust him |strong="H5414".<sup>9</sup> He |strong="H1931" obeys |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" laws and |strong="H1980" studies my |strong="H8104" rules |strong="H2708" so |strong="H1980" that |strong="H1931" he |strong="H1931" can |strong="H6213" learn to |strong="H1980" be |strong="H0136" fair and |strong="H1980" dependable. He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" good, so |strong="H1980" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H6662" live |strong="H2421".<sup>10</sup> This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" what |strong="H4941" the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.

<sup>10</sup> " But |strong="H3205" someone |strong="H0259" like |strong="H1818" that |strong="H1121" might |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121" who |strong="H1121" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1121" do |strong="H6213" any |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" these |strong="H0428" good things |strong="H0428". The |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121" steals things |strong="H0428" and |strong="H1121" kills people |strong="H1121".<sup>11</sup> He |strong="H1931" does |strong="H6213" things |strong="H0428" his |strong="H3605" father never |strong="H3808" did |strong="H6213". He |strong="H1931" goes to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H0398" eats |strong="H0398" foods |strong="H1571" offered to |strong="H0413" false gods. He |strong="H1931" commits |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3605" sin of |strong="H2022" adultery with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H3605" neighbor's |strong="H7453" wife |strong="H0802".<sup>12</sup> He |strong="H6213" mistreats poor |strong="H6041", helpless people |strong="H3808". He |strong="H6213" takes |strong="H5375" advantage of |strong="H5869" them |strong="H0413". When |strong="H7725" a |strong="H5375" debt is |strong="H5869" paid |strong="H7725",<sup>1</sup> he |strong="H6213" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" what |strong="H1500" he |strong="H6213" took |strong="H5375" from |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0413". He |strong="H6213" prays to |strong="H0413" filthy idols |strong="H1544" and |strong="H7725" does |strong="H6213" other terrible things |strong="H8441".<sup>13</sup> He |strong="H6213" lends |strong="H5414" money to |strong="H4191" people |strong="H3808" who |strong="H3605" need it |strong="H5414", but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H6213" forces them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" pay |strong="H5414" inter-

<sup>1</sup> WHEN A DEBT IS PAID See Deuteronomy 24:12-13 for the rules about making loans to the poor.

est |strong="H5392" on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" loan. The |strong="H3605" evil son will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" allowed |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" live |strong="H2421". He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" put |strong="H5414" to |strong="H4191" death |strong="H4191" because |strong="H3605" he |strong="H6213" did |strong="H6213" such |strong="H0428" terrible things |strong="H0428", and |strong="H1818" he |strong="H6213" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" responsible |strong="H1818" for |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" own |strong="H1961" death |strong="H4191".

<sup>14</sup> " Now |strong="H2009", that |strong="H0834" evil son |strong="H1121" might |strong="H1121" also |strong="H0853" have |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3205" son |strong="H1121". But |strong="H3808" this |strong="H0834" son |strong="H1121" sees |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3605" bad things |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" did |strong="H6213", and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H0834" refuses to |strong="H3205" live as |strong="H0834" his |strong="H3605" father |strong="H0001" did |strong="H6213". He |strong="H0834" treats people |strong="H1121" fairly.<sup>15</sup> He |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" go to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H3478" eat |strong="H0398" foods offered to |strong="H0413" false gods. He |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" pray |strong="H5375" to |strong="H0413" filthy idols |strong="H1544" in |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478". He |strong="H3808" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" commit the |strong="H0853" sin of |strong="H1004" adultery with |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5921" neighbor's |strong="H7453" wife |strong="H0802".<sup>16</sup> He |strong="H5414" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" take |strong="H5414" advantage of |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376". If |strong="H0376" someone |strong="H0376" borrows money from |strong="H0376" him |strong="H5414", the |strong="H5414" good son takes |strong="H5414" something |strong="H3899" of |strong="H0376" value and |strong="H0376" then |strong="H5414" gives |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" other |strong="H0376" person |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5414" money. When |strong="H0376" that |strong="H3808" person |strong="H0376" pays him |strong="H5414" back, the |strong="H5414" good son gives |strong="H5414" back what |strong="H1500" he |strong="H5414" took |strong="H5414". The |strong="H5414" good son gives |strong="H5414"

food|strong="H3899" to|strong="H5414" hungry|strong="H7457" people|strong="H0376", and|strong="H0376" he|strong="H5414" gives|strong="H5414" clothes|strong="H0899" to|strong="H5414" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" need|strong="H0376" them|strong="H5414". <sup>17</sup> He|strong="H1931" helps the|strong="H3947" poor|strong="H6041". If|strong="H1931" people|strong="H3808" want to|strong="H1980" borrow money, the|strong="H3947" good son lends them|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3947" money, and|strong="H1980" he|strong="H1931" does|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" charge|strong="H3027" interest|strong="H5392" on|strong="H1980" the|strong="H3947" loan|strong="H3027". He|strong="H1931" obeys|strong="H6213" my|strong="H3947" laws and|strong="H1980" follows|strong="H1980" them|strong="H7725". He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3027" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H4191" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H1980" death|strong="H4191" for|strong="H4941" his|strong="H3947" father's|strong="H0001" sins|strong="H5771". The|strong="H3947" good son will|strong="H3027" live|strong="H2421". <sup>18</sup> The|strong="H0834" father|strong="H0001" hurts people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H0001" steals things|strong="H0834". He|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" does|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H3808" good|strong="H2896" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971"! He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" die|strong="H4191" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0001" his|strong="H0834" own sins|strong="H5771".

<sup>19</sup> " You|strong="H3605" might|strong="H1121" ask|strong="H0559", ' Why|strong="H4069" will|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" punished for|strong="H4941" his|strong="H3605" father's|strong="H0001" sins|strong="H5771"? The|strong="H3605" reason is|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" son|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1121" fair and|strong="H1121" did|strong="H6213" good things|strong="H3605". He|strong="H6213" very carefully|strong="H6213" obeyed|strong="H8104" my|strong="H3605" laws, so|strong="H6213" he|strong="H6213" will|strong="H1121" live|strong="H2421". <sup>20</sup> The|strong="H5921" one|strong="H3808" who|strong="H1931" sins|strong="H2398" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H5921" one|strong="H3808" who|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" put|strong="H4191" to|strong="H4191"

death|strong="H4191". A|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" punished for|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" father's|strong="H0001" sins|strong="H2398", and|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1961" father|strong="H0001" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" punished for|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" son's|strong="H1121" sins|strong="H2398". A|strong="H1961" good man's|strong="H5315" goodness belongs|strong="H1961" to|strong="H4191" him|strong="H5921" alone|strong="H1931", and|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1961" bad man's|strong="H5315" evil|strong="H7563" belongs|strong="H1961" to|strong="H4191" him|strong="H5921" alone|strong="H1931".

<sup>21</sup> " Now|strong="H3588", if|strong="H3588" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H0834" change|strong="H7725" their|strong="H3605" lives|strong="H2421", they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" live|strong="H2421" and|strong="H7725" not|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191". They|strong="H0834" might|strong="H0834" stop|strong="H3808" doing|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" and|strong="H7725" begin to|strong="H4191" carefully|strong="H6213" obey|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" laws. They|strong="H0834" might|strong="H0834" become|strong="H7725" fair and|strong="H7725" good.

<sup>22</sup> God|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" remember|strong="H2142" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213". He|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remember|strong="H2142" only|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" goodness, so|strong="H6213" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" live|strong="H2421"!"

<sup>23</sup> The|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H5002", " I|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" want|strong="H2654" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H3808" to|strong="H7725" die|strong="H4194". I|strong="H3808" want|strong="H2654" them|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" change|strong="H7725" their|strong="H7725" lives|strong="H4194" so|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" can|strong="H3808" live|strong="H2421"!"

<sup>24</sup> "Now, maybe good people|strong="H0834" might|strong="H0834" stop|strong="H3808" being good. They|strong="H0834" might|strong="H0834" change|strong="H7725" their|strong="H3605" lives

and they begin to do all the terrible things that evil people have done in the past. (The evil people changed, so they can live.) So if those good people change and become bad, God will not remember all the good things they did. He will remember that they turned against him and began to sin. So they will die because their sin.

<sup>25</sup> "You people might say, 'The Lord isn't fair! But listen, family of Israel! I am fair. You are who the ones who are not fair! <sup>26</sup> If good people change and become evil, they must die for the bad things they do.' <sup>27</sup> And if evil people change and become good and fair, they will save their lives. They will live! <sup>28</sup> They saw how wicked they were and came back to me. They stopped doing

the evil things they did in the past. So they will live! They will not die!" <sup>29</sup> The people of Israel said, "That's not fair! The Lord isn't fair!"

"I am fair! You are who the ones who are not fair! <sup>30</sup> Why? Because family of Israel, I will judge each of you only for what you do!" This is what the Lord GOD said. "So back to me! Stop committing those crimes and do away with those things that you cause you sin! <sup>31</sup> Throw away the terrible idols with which you committed your crimes! Change your heart and spirit. People of Israel, why should you do things that will cost you your life? <sup>32</sup> I don't want to kill you! Please come back and live! This is what

the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136" said.

### A Sad Song About Israel

19 The |strong="H0413" Lord  
said |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413"  
me |strong="H0413", " You |strong="H0859"  
must |strong="H5375" sing |strong="H5375" this sad  
song about |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413"  
leaders |strong="H5387" of |strong="H0413" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478".

2 "" Your |strong="H0559" mother |strong="H0517"  
is |strong="H4100" like |strong="H0738"  
a |strong="H0996" female lion |strong="H0738",  
lying |strong="H7257" there |strong="H8432"  
with |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0559" male li-  
ons |strong="H0738".

She |strong="H0517" went to |strong="H0559"  
lie |strong="H7257" down |strong="H7257"  
with |strong="H8432"

the |strong="H0559" young |strong="H3715" male li-  
ons |strong="H0738" and |strong="H0559"  
had |strong="H4100" many |strong="H7235" babies.

3 One |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0259"  
her |strong="H0398" cubs |strong="H1482" gets  
up |strong="H5927".

He |strong="H0259" has |strong="H1961"  
grown |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961"  
be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" strong  
young |strong="H3715" lion |strong="H3715".

He |strong="H0259" has |strong="H1961"  
learned |strong="H3925" to |strong="H1961" catch  
his |strong="H1961" food |strong="H0398".

He |strong="H0259" killed and |strong="H0398"  
ate |strong="H0398" a |strong="H1961"  
man |strong="H0120".

4 "" The |strong="H0413" people |strong="H1471"  
heard |strong="H8085" him |strong="H0413" roar,  
and |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0935"  
caught |strong="H8610" him |strong="H0413"  
in |strong="H0935" their |strong="H8085" trap.

They |strong="H0935" put |strong="H0935"  
hooks |strong="H2397" in |strong="H0935"  
his |strong="H8085" mouth

and |strong="H0935" carried |strong="H0935"  
the |strong="H0413" young lion to |strong="H0413"  
Egypt |strong="H4714".

5 "" The |strong="H3588" mother lion |strong="H3715"  
had |strong="H3588" hoped |strong="H3176"  
that |strong="H3588" cub |strong="H1482" would be-  
come |strong="H7200" the |strong="H3588" leader,

but |strong="H3588" now |strong="H3588"  
she |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3588"  
lost |strong="H0006" all |strong="H0259"  
hope |strong="H3176".

So |strong="H3947" she |strong="H3588"  
took |strong="H3947" another |strong="H0259"

of |strong="H0259" her |strong="H3947"  
cubs |strong="H1482"

and |strong="H7200" trained him |strong="H7200"  
to |strong="H7200" be |strong="H3588"  
a |strong="H3947" lion |strong="H3715".

6 He |strong="H1980" hunted with |strong="H1980"  
the |strong="H0398" adult lions |strong="H0738"  
and |strong="H1980" became |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" strong young |strong="H3715" li-  
on |strong="H0738".

He |strong="H1980" learned |strong="H3925"  
to |strong="H1980" catch his |strong="H1961"  
food |strong="H0398".

He |strong="H1980" killed and |strong="H1980"  
ate |strong="H0398" a |strong="H1961"  
man |strong="H0120".

7 He |strong="H3045" attacked the |strong="H3045"  
palaces and |strong="H0776" de-  
stroyed |strong="H2717" the |strong="H3045"  
cities |strong="H5892".

Everyone in |strong="H0776" that |strong="H3045"  
country |strong="H0776" was |strong="H0776" too  
afraid to |strong="H0776" speak  
when |strong="H0776" hearing his |strong="H3045"  
growl.

8 Then |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5921" peo-  
ple |strong="H1471" who |strong="H4082" lived  
around |strong="H5439" him |strong="H5414"  
set |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" trap  
for |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5414",

and |strong="H1471" they |strong="H5921"  
caught |strong="H8610" him |strong="H5414"  
in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5414" trap.

9 They |strong="H3808" put |strong="H5414"  
hooks |strong="H2397" on |strong="H0413"  
him |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" locked  
him |strong="H0413" up |strong="H5414".

They |strong="H3808" had |strong="H3478"  
him |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0935"  
their |strong="H5414" trap,

so |strong="H4616" they |strong="H3808"  
took |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0413"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413"  
king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Baby-  
lon |strong="H0894".

And |strong="H0935" now |strong="H5414",  
you |strong="H5414" cannot |strong="H3808"  
hear |strong="H8085" his |strong="H5414" roar  
on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" moun-  
tains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H4428" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478".

10 "" Your |strong="H5921" mother |strong="H0517"  
is |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" grapevine  
planted |strong="H8362" near |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" water |strong="H4325".



She *strong="H0517"* had *strong="H1961"* plenty *strong="H7227"* of *strong="H5921"* water *strong="H4325"*,

so *strong="H1961"* she *strong="H0517"* grew many *strong="H7227"* strong vines *strong="H1612"*.

<sup>11</sup> Then *strong="H1961"* she grew large *strong="H7230"* branches *strong="H1808"*.

They *strong="H5921"* were *strong="H1961"* like *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* strong *strong="H5797"* walking stick.

They *strong="H5921"* were *strong="H1961"* like *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* king's scepter *strong="H7626"*.

The *strong="H5921"* vine grew taller *strong="H6967"* and *strong="H7200"* taller *strong="H6967"*.

It *strong="H5921"* had *strong="H1961"* many *strong="H7230"* branches *strong="H1808"* and *strong="H7200"* reached *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H5921"* clouds *strong="H5688"*.

<sup>12</sup> But *strong="H5428"* the *strong="H0398"* vine was *strong="H0776"* pulled up *strong="H3001"* by *strong="H0784"* the *strong="H0398"* roots, and *strong="H0776"* thrown *strong="H7993"* down *strong="H7993"* to *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H0398"* ground *strong="H0776"*.

The *strong="H0398"* hot *strong="H2534"* east *strong="H6921"* wind *strong="H7307"* blew and *strong="H0776"* dried *strong="H3001"* its *strong="H0398"* fruit *strong="H6529"*.

The *strong="H0398"* strong *strong="H5797"* branches *strong="H4294"* broke, and *strong="H0776"* they *strong="H0776"* were *strong="H0776"* thrown *strong="H7993"* in- to *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H0398"* fire *strong="H0784"*.

<sup>13</sup> " Now *strong="H6258"* that *strong="H0776"* grapevine is *strong="H0776"* planted *strong="H8362"* in *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H6258"* desert *strong="H4057"*.

It is *strong="H0776"* a *strong="H0776"* very *strong="H6258"* dry *strong="H6723"* and *strong="H0776"* thirsty *strong="H6772"* land *strong="H0776"*.

<sup>14</sup> A *strong="H1961"* fire *strong="H0784"* started *strong="H1961"* in *strong="H0784"* the *strong="H0398"* large branch *strong="H4294"* and *strong="H0398"* spread *strong="H3318"* to *strong="H1961"* destroy all *strong="H0398"* of *strong="H4294"* its *strong="H0398"* vines and *strong="H0398"* fruit *strong="H6529"*.

So *strong="H1961"* there *strong="H1961"* was *strong="H1961"* no *strong="H3808"* strong *strong="H5797"* walking stick.

There *strong="H1961"* was *strong="H1961"* no *strong="H3808"* king's scepter *strong="H7626"*.

This *strong="H1931"* was *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* sad song about *strong="H1961"* death, and *strong="H0398"* it *strong="H1931"* was *strong="H1961"* sung as *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* sad song about *strong="H1961"* death."

### Israel Turned Away From God

<sup>20</sup> One *strong="H0376"* day *strong="H2320"* some *strong="H0376"* of *strong="H0376"* the *strong="H0853"* elders *strong="H2205"* of *strong="H0376"* Israel *strong="H3478"* came *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* me *strong="H6440"* to *strong="H0935"* ask *strong="H1875"* the *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* for *strong="H3068"* advice. This *strong="H3068"* was *strong="H1961"* on *strong="H0935"* the *strong="H0853"* tenth *strong="H6218"* day *strong="H2320"* of *strong="H0376"* the *strong="H0853"* fifth *strong="H2549"* month *strong="H2320"* of *strong="H0376"* the *strong="H0853"* sev- enth *strong="H7637"* year *strong="H8141"* of *strong="H0376"* exile. <sup>1</sup> The *strong="H0853"* el- ders *strong="H2205"* sat *strong="H3427"* down *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* front *strong="H6440"* of *strong="H0376"* me *strong="H6440"*.

<sup>2</sup> Then *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H0559"* word *strong="H1697"* of *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* came *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"*. He *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"*, <sup>3</sup> " Son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* man *strong="H0120"*, <sup>II</sup> speak *strong="H1696"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0853"* elders *strong="H2205"* of *strong="H1121"* Israel *strong="H3478"*. Tell *strong="H0559"* them *strong="H0413"*. " This *strong="H3541"* is *strong="H1121"* what *strong="H3541"* the *strong="H0853"* Lord *strong="H0136"* GOD *strong="H0136"* says *strong="H0559"*: Have *strong="H1121"* you *strong="H0859"* come *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0413"* ask *strong="H0559"* me *strong="H0413"* what *strong="H3541"* you *strong="H0859"* should *strong="H0518"* do *strong="H0518"*? I *strong="H0589"*, the *strong="H0853"* Lord *strong="H0136"* GOD *strong="H0136"*, tell *strong="H0559"* you *strong="H0859"* that *strong="H0559"*, as *strong="H0935"* surely *strong="H0518"* as *strong="H0935"* I *strong="H0589"* live *strong="H2416"*, I *strong="H0589"*

<sup>I</sup> SEVENTH YEAR OF EXILE This was the summer of 591 B.C. <sup>II</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 4, 27, 46.

will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H0518" listen to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0859":<sup>4</sup> Should |strong="H0120" you |strong="H3045" judge |strong="H8199" them |strong="H0853"? Will |strong="H0120" you |strong="H3045" judge |strong="H8199" them |strong="H0853", son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120"? You |strong="H3045" must |strong="H0853" tell |strong="H3045" them |strong="H0853" about |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" terrible things |strong="H8441" their |strong="H3045" fathers |strong="H0001" have |strong="H0001" done.<sup>5</sup> You |strong="H3117" must |strong="H5375" tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", ' This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559": On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" day |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0589" chose |strong="H0977" Israel |strong="H3478", I |strong="H0589" raised |strong="H5375" my |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027" to |strong="H0413" Jacob's |strong="H3290" family |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3045" a |strong="H5375" promise |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". When |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0589" let them |strong="H0413" know |strong="H3045" who |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H3068", I |strong="H0589" raised |strong="H5375" my |strong="H3068" hand |strong="H3027" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"."<sup>6</sup> On |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" day |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0834" promised to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H5375" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H0776" lead |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" giving to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0834". That |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5375" good land |strong="H0776" filled with |strong="H0413" many good things |strong="H3605".<sup>1</sup> It |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" most beautiful |strong="H6643" of |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" countries |strong="H0776"!

<sup>1</sup> LAND ... THINGS Literally, "land flowing with milk and honey." Also in verse 15.

<sup>7</sup> " I |strong="H0589" told |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" family of |strong="H0376" Israel to |strong="H0413" throw |strong="H7993" away |strong="H7993" their |strong="H3068" horrible idols |strong="H1544". I |strong="H0589" told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" not |strong="H0408" to |strong="H0413" become |strong="H2930" filthy with |strong="H0413" those |strong="H0376" filthy statues from |strong="H0376" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0589" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"."<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H3808" they |strong="H5921" turned |strong="H0413" against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0776" refused |strong="H0014" to |strong="H0413" listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". They |strong="H5921" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" throw |strong="H7993" away |strong="H7993" their |strong="H5921" horrible idols |strong="H1544". They |strong="H5921" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" leave |strong="H5800" their |strong="H5921" filthy statues in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714". So |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0776" decided |strong="H3615" to |strong="H0413" destroy |strong="H3615" them |strong="H0413" in |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714"— to |strong="H0413" let |strong="H3808" them |strong="H0413" feel |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0853" full force of |strong="H0776" my |strong="H8085" anger |strong="H0639".<sup>9</sup> But |strong="H1992" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1115" destroy |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" already told |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" Egyptians |strong="H4714" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" would |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H3318" my |strong="H3045" people |strong="H1471" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1115" want to |strong="H0413" ruin my |strong="H3045" good name |strong="H8034", so |strong="H4616" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1115" destroy |strong="H6213" Israel in |strong="H0413" front of |strong="H0776" those |strong="H0834" other |strong="H1115" people |strong="H1471".<sup>10</sup> I |strong="H0776" brought |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" family of |strong="H0776" Israel out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H0776" led |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0413" in-

to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" desert|strong="H4057". <sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" laws and|strong="H4941" told|strong="H6213" them|strong="H5414" all|strong="H3045" my|strong="H5414" rules|strong="H2708". All|strong="H3045" those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" obey|strong="H6213" them|strong="H5414" will|strong="H0834" live. <sup>12</sup> I|strong="H0589" also|strong="H1571" told them|strong="H5414" about|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" special days of|strong="H3068" rest|strong="H1961", which|strong="H0226" were|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" special sign|strong="H0226" between|strong="H0996" us|strong="H5414". They|strong="H3588" showed|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1961" making|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" special to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H5414".

<sup>13</sup> " But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" turned|strong="H1004" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057". They|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" follow|strong="H1980" my|strong="H5921" laws. They|strong="H0834" refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H5921" rules|strong="H2708"—even|strong="H3808" though people|strong="H0120" who|strong="H0834" obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H5921" laws live|strong="H1980" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1004" them|strong="H0853". They|strong="H0834" treated|strong="H6213" my|strong="H5921" special days of|strong="H1004" rest as|strong="H0834" if|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" important. They|strong="H0834" worked|strong="H6213" on|strong="H5921" those|strong="H0834" days many times. I|strong="H0834" decided|strong="H3615" to|strong="H0559" destroy|strong="H3615" them|strong="H0853" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057"—to|strong="H0559" let|strong="H1980" them|strong="H0853" feel the|strong="H0853" full force of|strong="H1004" my|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H2534". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H1115" destroy|strong="H6213" them|strong="H3318". The|strong="H0834" oth-

er|strong="H1115" nations|strong="H1471" saw me|strong="H3318" bring|strong="H3318" Israel out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H5869" Egypt. I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H1115" want to|strong="H4616" ruin my|strong="H0834" good name|strong="H8034", so|strong="H4616" I|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H1115" destroy|strong="H6213" Israel in|strong="H8034" front of|strong="H5869" those|strong="H0834" other|strong="H1115" people|strong="H1471". <sup>15</sup> I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H5414" another|strong="H1571" promise to|strong="H0413" those|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H4057". I|strong="H0589" promised|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" would|strong="H0834" not|strong="H1115" bring|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H0834" giving|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413". That|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" good land|strong="H0776" filled with|strong="H0413" many good things|strong="H3605". It|strong="H5414" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" most beautiful|strong="H6643" of|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776"!

<sup>16</sup> " The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H3820" Israel refused|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1980" obey|strong="H1980" my|strong="H3588" rules|strong="H2708" or|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1980" follow|strong="H0310" my|strong="H3588" laws. They|strong="H3588" treated my|strong="H3588" days of|strong="H3820" rest as|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H4941" not|strong="H3808" important. They|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3808" all|strong="H0310" these things|strong="H3808" because|strong="H3588" their|strong="H3588" hearts|strong="H3820" belonged to|strong="H1980" their|strong="H3588" filthy idols|strong="H1544". <sup>17</sup> But|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3808" felt sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0853", so|strong="H6213" I|strong="H3808" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" destroy|strong="H7843" them|strong="H0853". I|strong="H3808" did|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" completely|strong="H3617" destroy|strong="H7843" them|strong="H0853" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057". <sup>18</sup> I|strong="H0559" spoke|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" their|strong="H0413" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121"

told |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413", "Don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" like |strong="H1121" your |strong="H8104" parents |strong="H0001". Don't |strong="H0408" make |strong="H2930" yourselves |strong="H2930" filthy with |strong="H0413" their |strong="H0413" filthy idols |strong="H1544". Don't |strong="H0408" follow their |strong="H0413" laws |strong="H2706" or |strong="H0408" obey |strong="H8104" their |strong="H0413" commands |strong="H0559".<sup>19</sup> I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" laws and |strong="H3068" keep |strong="H8104" my |strong="H8104" commands. Do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" things I |strong="H0589" tell you |strong="H6213".<sup>20</sup> Show |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3068" days of |strong="H0430" rest |strong="H1961" are |strong="H3068" important to |strong="H1961" you |strong="H3588". Remember, they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" a |strong="H1961" special sign |strong="H0226" between |strong="H0996" us |strong="H3045". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" these days show |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"."

<sup>21</sup> " But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H0853" children |strong="H1121" turned against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1980" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" laws. They |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" keep |strong="H8104" my |strong="H8104" commands |strong="H0559"—even |strong="H3808" though people |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" laws live |strong="H1980" because |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H0853". They |strong="H0834" treated |strong="H6213" my |strong="H8104" special days of |strong="H1121" rest as |strong="H0834" though they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" important. So |strong="H1980" I |strong="H0834" decided |strong="H3615" to |strong="H0559" destroy |strong="H3615" them |strong="H0853" completely |strong="H3615" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057"— to |strong="H0559" let |strong="H1980" them |strong="H0853" feel the |strong="H0853" full force of |strong="H1121" my |strong="H8104" anger |strong="H0639".<sup>22</sup>

But |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" stopped |strong="H7725" myself. The |strong="H0853" other |strong="H1115" nations |strong="H1471" saw me |strong="H7725" bring |strong="H3318" Israel out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3027" Egypt. I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1115" want to |strong="H7725" ruin my |strong="H7725" good name |strong="H8034", so |strong="H4616" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1115" destroy |strong="H6213" Israel in |strong="H8034" front of |strong="H3027" those |strong="H0834" other |strong="H1115" people |strong="H1471".<sup>23</sup> So |strong="H1571" I |strong="H0589" made |strong="H1571" another |strong="H1571" promise to |strong="H3027" those |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1471" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" desert |strong="H4057". I |strong="H0589" promised to |strong="H3027" scatter |strong="H2219" them |strong="H0853" among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471", to |strong="H3027" send them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H3027" many different countries |strong="H0776".

<sup>24</sup> " The |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H5869" Israel did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H1961" commands. They |strong="H3808" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1961" obey |strong="H6213" my |strong="H1961" laws. They |strong="H3808" treated |strong="H6213" my |strong="H1961" special days of |strong="H5869" rest |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" though they |strong="H3808" were |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" important, and |strong="H4941" they |strong="H3808" worshiped |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0853" filthy idols |strong="H1544" of |strong="H5869" their |strong="H0310" fathers |strong="H0001".<sup>25</sup> So |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0589" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" laws |strong="H2706" that |strong="H3808" were |strong="H1571" not |strong="H3808" good |strong="H2896". I |strong="H0589" gave |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414" commands that |strong="H3808" would not |strong="H3808" bring |strong="H5414" life |strong="H2421".<sup>26</sup> I |strong="H0589" let them |strong="H0853" make |strong="H3045" themselves filthy with |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" gifts |strong="H4979". They |strong="H0834" even |strong="H0853" began to |strong="H3068" sacrifice their |strong="H3605" own firstborn |strong="H6363" children. In |strong="H3068" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0589" would |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3605" them |strong="H0853". Then |strong="H0853"

they|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>27</sup> So|strong="H3651" now|strong="H3541", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", ' This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" said|strong="H0559" bad things|strong="H3478" about|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" made|strong="H1696" evil plans against|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".<sup>28</sup> But|strong="H7200" I|strong="H0834" still brought|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0834" promised|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H0413". They|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" hills|strong="H1389" and|strong="H0935" green trees|strong="H6086", so|strong="H5414" they|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" places|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" worship. They|strong="H0834" took|strong="H5375" their|strong="H3605" sacrifices|strong="H2077" and|strong="H0935" anger|strong="H5375" offerings|strong="H2077"<sup>1</sup> to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" places|strong="H3605". They|strong="H0834" offered|strong="H2076" their|strong="H3605" sacrifices|strong="H2077" that|strong="H0834" made|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" sweet smell, and|strong="H0935" they|strong="H0834" offered|strong="H2076" their|strong="H3605" drink offerings|strong="H2077" at|strong="H0413" those|strong="H3605" places|strong="H3605".<sup>29</sup> I|strong="H0834" asked|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0834" of|strong="H3117" Israel why|strong="H4100" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" going|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" high|strong="H1116" places|strong="H1116". But|strong="H0859" that|strong="H0834" high|strong="H1116" place|strong="H1116"

I ANGER OFFERINGS The people called these meals "fellowship of ferings," but Ezekiel is making fun of them and saying that those meals only made God angry.

is|strong="H0834" still|strong="H5704" there|strong="H8033" today|strong="H3117".<sup>II</sup>  
<sup>30</sup> " Since|strong="H0310" Israel|strong="H3478" did|strong="H3651" those|strong="H0310" things|strong="H8251", speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H3478" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413", ' This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": You|strong="H0859" people have|strong="H0001" made|strong="H2930" yourselves|strong="H0859" filthy by|strong="H0413" doing|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0559" things|strong="H8251" your|strong="H0413" ancestors|strong="H0001" did|strong="H3651". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0001" acted like|strong="H3651" a|strong="H3478" prostitute|strong="H2181". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0001" left me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3478" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" horrible gods your|strong="H0413" ancestors|strong="H0001" worshiped|strong="H0310".<sup>31</sup> You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3117" giving the|strong="H3605" same kind of|strong="H1121" gifts|strong="H4979". You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3117" putting|strong="H5674" your|strong="H3605" children|strong="H1121" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" fire|strong="H0784" as|strong="H5704" a|strong="H0518" gift|strong="H4979" to|strong="H5704" your|strong="H3605" false gods. You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3117" still|strong="H5704" making|strong="H3605" yourself|strong="H0859" filthy with|strong="H1004" these|strong="H3605" filthy idols|strong="H1544" today|strong="H3117"<sup>1</sup>! Do|strong="H0518" you|strong="H0859" really think that|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0589" should|strong="H0518" let you|strong="H0859" come to|strong="H5704" me|strong="H0589" and|strong="H1121" ask|strong="H1875" me|strong="H0589" for|strong="H1004" advice? I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136". By|strong="H0784" my|strong="H3605" life|strong="H3117", I|strong="H0589" swear that|strong="H3605" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3478" not|strong="H0518" answer your|strong="H3605" questions or|strong="H0518" give|strong="H4979" you|strong="H0859" advice!<sup>32</sup> You|strong="H0859" keep saying|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" want to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" other na-

II BUT THAT ... TODAY Literally, "And its name is still called Bamah (high place) to this day."

tions |strong="H1471". You |strong="H0859" live like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1471" in |strong="H5921" other nations |strong="H1471". You |strong="H0859" serve |strong="H8334" pieces of |strong="H0776" wood |strong="H6086" and |strong="H0776" stone |strong="H0068" idols!"

<sup>33</sup> The |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H5002", " By |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" life |strong="H2416", I |strong="H0589" swear that |strong="H3808" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3027" rule |strong="H3027" over |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0518" as |strong="H0589" king |strong="H4427". But |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3027" raise |strong="H8210" my |strong="H5921" powerful |strong="H2389" arm |strong="H2220" and |strong="H3027" punish you |strong="H0518". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3027" show my |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H2534" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0518"! <sup>34</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H0776" these |strong="H5971" other nations |strong="H5971". I |strong="H0834" scattered |strong="H6327" you |strong="H0834" among |strong="H4480" these |strong="H5971" nations |strong="H5971", but |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" gather |strong="H6908" you |strong="H0834" together |strong="H6908" and |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H3318" you |strong="H0834" back |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480" these |strong="H5971" countries |strong="H0776". But |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" raise |strong="H8210" my |strong="H0834" powerful |strong="H2389" arm |strong="H2220" and |strong="H0776" punish you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" show my |strong="H0834" anger |strong="H2534" against |strong="H4480" you |strong="H0834"! <sup>35</sup> I |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0935" lead |strong="H0413" you |strong="H6440" into |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" desert |strong="H4057" as |strong="H0935" I |strong="H8033" did before |strong="H6440", but |strong="H0935" this |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0935" be a |strong="H0935" place |strong="H0935" where |strong="H8033" other nations |strong="H5971" live. We |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0935" stand |strong="H0935" face |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0413" face |strong="H6440", and |strong="H0935" I |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0935" judge |strong="H8199" you |strong="H6440". <sup>36</sup> I |strong="H0834"

will |strong="H0776" judge |strong="H8199" you |strong="H0834" as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" judged |strong="H8199" your |strong="H0834" ancestors |strong="H0001" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0834" desert |strong="H4057" near |strong="H0854" Egypt |strong="H4714". This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H3651".

<sup>37</sup> " I |strong="H8478" will |strong="H0935" judge you |strong="H0935" guilty and |strong="H0935" punish you |strong="H0935" according to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" agreement |strong="H1285". <sup>38</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" remove |strong="H3318" all |strong="H3045" those |strong="H4480" who |strong="H3068" turned |strong="H0413" against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" sinned against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" remove |strong="H3318" them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H4480" your |strong="H3068" homeland. They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" again come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478". Then |strong="H3318" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068"."

<sup>39</sup> Now |strong="H8085", family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", this |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0369" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": "Whoever wants to |strong="H0413" worship |strong="H5647" their |strong="H8085" filthy idols |strong="H1544", let |strong="H3808" them |strong="H0413" go |strong="H2490" and |strong="H3478" worship |strong="H5647" them |strong="H0413". But |strong="H0518" later |strong="H0310", don't |strong="H3808" think |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3478" get any |strong="H0376" advice from |strong="H0376" me |strong="H0413". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H3808" ruin my |strong="H8085" name |strong="H8034" anymore |strong="H5750"— not |strong="H3808" when |strong="H8085" you |strong="H0859" continue |strong="H5750" to |strong="H0413" give |strong="H8085" your |strong="H8085" gifts |strong="H4979" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H8085" filthy idols |strong="H1544"!"

<sup>40</sup> The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H5002", " Peo-

ple|strong="H0776" must|strong="H0853" come to|strong="H3478" my|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" mountain|strong="H2022"—the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H4791" mountain|strong="H2022" in|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478"—to|strong="H3478" serve|strong="H5647" me|strong="H1875"! The|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3478" on|strong="H0776" their|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776"; they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3478" there|strong="H8033" in|strong="H1004" their|strong="H3605" country|strong="H2022". There|strong="H8033" you|strong="H3588" can|strong="H1004" come to|strong="H3478" ask|strong="H1875" me|strong="H1875" for|strong="H3588" advice, and|strong="H3478" you|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" come there|strong="H8033" to|strong="H3478" bring me|strong="H1875" your|strong="H3605" offerings|strong="H8641". You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" bring the|strong="H3605" first|strong="H7225" part of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3605" crops to|strong="H3478" me|strong="H1875" there|strong="H8033". You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" bring all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" gifts|strong="H6944" to|strong="H3478" me|strong="H1875" in|strong="H1004" that|strong="H3588" place|strong="H6944".<sup>41</sup> Then|strong="H3318" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" pleased|strong="H7521" with|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" sweet smell of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H0834" sacrifices. That|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" happen when|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" bring|strong="H3318" you|strong="H0834" back|strong="H3318". I|strong="H0834" scattered|strong="H6327" you|strong="H0834" among|strong="H4480" many nations|strong="H1471", but|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" gather|strong="H6908" you|strong="H0834" together|strong="H6908" and|strong="H0776" make|strong="H7521" you|strong="H0834" my|strong="H0834" special people|strong="H5971" again. And|strong="H0776" all|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H0776" see|strong="H5869" it|strong="H6942".<sup>42</sup> Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068"

know|strong="H3045" this|strong="H3588" when|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0834" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478", the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0589" promised|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" give|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" ancestors|strong="H0001".<sup>43</sup> In|strong="H1870" that|strong="H0834" country you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remember|strong="H2142" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" filthy, and|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3605" ashamed.<sup>44</sup> Family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478", you|strong="H3588" did|strong="H6213" many evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3808", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" should|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H7843" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H1004" them|strong="H0854". But|strong="H3588" to|strong="H3068" protect my|strong="H3068" good name|strong="H8034", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" give you|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5002" punishment you|strong="H3588" really deserve. Then|strong="H4616" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068". This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3045" the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068" said.

<sup>45</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, <sup>46</sup> "Son of man, look toward the Negev, the southern part of Judah. Speak against the Negev Forest. <sup>147</sup> Say to the Negev Forest, 'Listen to the word of the LORD. This is what the Lord GOD said: Look, I am ready to start a fire in your forest. The fire will destroy every green tree and every dry tree. The flame that burns will not be put out. All the land from south to north will be burned by the fire. <sup>48</sup> Then all people will see that I, the LORD, have started the fire. The fire will not be put out!'"

<sup>49</sup> Then I said, "Oh, Lord GOD! If I say this, the people will say that I am only telling them stories."

I NEGEV FOREST God is probably making fun of the people. The Negev is a desert area. There are no forests in the Negev.

## Babylon, the Sword

21 So the LORD came to me again. He said, "Son of man, look toward Jerusalem and speak against their holy places. Speak against the land of Israel for me." Say to the land of Israel, "This is what the LORD said: I am against you, you will pull my sword from its sheath. I will remove all people from you—the good and the evil. I will cut off both good people and evil people from you. I will pull my sword from its sheath and use it against all people from south to north." Then everyone will know that I am the LORD. They will know that I have pulled my sword from its sheath. My sword will not go back into its sheath again until it is finished.

6 "Son of man, make sad sounds like a sad per-

1 SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 6, 9, 12, 14, 19, 28.

son with a broken heart. Make these sad sounds in front of the people. Then they will ask you, 'Why are you making these sad sounds?' Then you must say, 'Because of the sad news that is coming. Every heart will melt with fear. All hands will become weak. Every spirit will become weak. All knees will be like water.' Look, that bad news is coming. These things will happen! This is what the Lord GOD said.

## The Sword Is Ready

8 The LORD came to me. He said, "Son of man, speak to the people for me." Say this, 'This what the Lord says: "Look, a sharp sword, and it has been polished."

10 The sword was made for killing.

It was polished to flash like lightning.

My son, you ran away from the stick I used to punish you.

You refused to be punished with that wooden stick.

11 So the sword has been polished.





Jerusalem *strong*="H4616". <sup>21</sup> The *strong*="H6440" king of *strong*="H6440" Babylon has come to *strong*="H6440" where *strong*="H0575" the *strong*="H6440" two roads separate. He *strong*="H6440" uses magic to *strong*="H6440" learn which way *strong*="H6440" to *strong*="H6440" go *strong*="H8041": He *strong*="H6440" shakes his *strong*="H7760" arrows, he *strong*="H6440" asks his *strong*="H7760" family idols, and *strong*="H6440" he *strong*="H6440" looks at the *strong*="H6440" liver <sup>1</sup> from *strong*="H6440" an *strong*="H7760" animal he *strong*="H6440" has killed.

<sup>22</sup> " The *strong*="H0413" signs tell *strong*="H1696" him *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" take *strong*="H5221" the *strong*="H0413" road on *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H3068" right *strong*="H1571", the *strong*="H0413" road leading to *strong*="H0413" Jerusalem, where *strong*="H0413" he *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" use battering rams. <sup>II</sup> The *strong*="H0413" signs tell *strong*="H1696" him *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" give *strong*="H5117" the *strong*="H0413" command for *strong*="H0413" his *strong*="H3068" soldiers to *strong*="H0413" begin the *strong*="H0413" killing *strong*="H5221". They *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" shout the *strong*="H0413" battle cry and *strong*="H3068" set *strong*="H5117" the *strong*="H0413" battering rams against *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" gates. They *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" build a *strong*="H1696" wall of *strong*="H3068" dirt around the *strong*="H0413" city and *strong*="H3068" a *strong*="H1696" dirt road leading up *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" walls. They *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" build wooden towers to *strong*="H0413" attack *strong*="H5221" the *strong*="H0413" city. <sup>23</sup> But *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0559" people in *strong*="H0413" Jerusalem will *strong*="H3068" think *strong*="H0559" this *strong*="H1697" is *strong*="H3068" all *strong*="H1697" a *strong*="H1961" big mistake. They *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" not *strong*="H1961" believe that *strong*="H1697" this *strong*="H1697" could *strong*="H1697" happen *strong*="H1961", because *strong*="H0413" they *strong*="H3068" had *strong*="H3068" made *strong*="H1961" a *strong*="H1961" peace agreement *strong*="H1697" with *strong*="H0413" Babylon's king. But *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0559" king will *strong*="H3068" remind them *strong*="H0413" that *strong*="H1697" they *strong*="H3068" are *strong*="H3068" guilty

<sup>I</sup> ARROWS, IDOLS, LIVER People who believed in false gods used these things to try to learn the future. <sup>II</sup> BATTERING RAMS Heavy logs that soldiers used to break holes into the gates or walls around a city.

of *strong*="H3068" breaking that *strong*="H1697" agreement *strong*="H1697", and *strong*="H3068" he *strong*="H3068" will *strong*="H3068" take *strong*="H1961" them *strong*="H0413" captive."

<sup>24</sup> This *strong*="H0935" is *strong*="H0776" what *strong*="H1870" the *strong*="H0935" Lord GOD *strong*="H3027" says: " You *strong*="H0859" have *strong*="H1121" done *strong*="H3027" many evil things *strong*="H8147". Your *strong*="H7760" sins are *strong*="H3027" very clear *strong*="H3318". You *strong*="H0859" forced me *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0935" remember that *strong*="H0776" you *strong*="H0859" are *strong*="H3027" guilty, so *strong*="H3318" the *strong*="H0935" enemy will *strong*="H0776" catch you *strong*="H0859" in *strong*="H0935" his *strong*="H7760" hand *strong*="H3027". <sup>25</sup> And *strong*="H1121" you *strong*="H7760", evil leader of *strong*="H1121" Israel, you *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H2719" be *strong*="H1121" killed *strong*="H2719". Your *strong*="H7760" time of *strong*="H1121" punishment has *strong*="H3063" come *strong*="H0935"! The *strong*="H0853" end is *strong*="H1870" here *strong*="H7760"! "

<sup>26</sup> This *strong*="H3588" is *strong*="H1870" what *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H3588" Lord GOD *strong*="H0413" says: " Take *strong*="H7200" off *strong*="H7218" the *strong*="H3588" turban! Take *strong*="H7200" off *strong*="H7218" the *strong*="H3588" crown! The *strong*="H3588" time *strong*="H7218" has *strong*="H4428" come to *strong*="H0413" change. The *strong*="H3588" important leaders *strong*="H7218" will *strong*="H4428" be *strong*="H0517" brought *strong*="H7043" low, and *strong*="H4428" those *strong*="H7080" who *strong*="H4428" are *strong*="H1870" not *strong*="H3588" important now *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H4428" become *strong*="H7200" important leaders *strong*="H7218". <sup>27</sup> I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H1961" completely destroy that *strong*="H1961" city *strong*="H8179"! But *strong*="H1961" this will *strong*="H1961" not *strong*="H1961" happen *strong*="H1961" until *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" right *strong*="H3225" man *strong*="H8179" becomes *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H5921" new king *strong*="H5921". Then *strong*="H1961" I *strong*="H7760" will *strong*="H1961" let *strong*="H1961" him *strong*="H5921" have *strong*="H1961" this city *strong*="H8179". "

#### The *strong*="H5921" Ammonites Punished

<sup>28</sup> "Son of *strong*="H5869" man, speak to *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" people *strong*="H5869" for *strong*="H5869" me *strong*="H1961". Say this *strong*="H1931", " This *strong*="H1931" is *strong*="H1931" what the *strong*="H1961" Lord GOD says

to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5869" of|strong="H5869" Ammon and|strong="H5869" their|strong="H1961" shameful god:

“ Look|strong="H5869", a|strong="H1961" sword!

The|strong="H1961" sword is|strong="H1931" out|strong="H5771" of|strong="H5869" its|strong="H1961" sheath.

It|strong="H1931" has|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" polished.

The|strong="H1961" sword is|strong="H1931" ready to|strong="H1961" kill.

It|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1961" polished to|strong="H1961" flash like|strong="H1961" lightning!

<sup>29</sup> “ Your|strong="H3605" visions are|strong="H6588" useless.

Your|strong="H3605" magic will|strong="H0136" not|strong="H2142" help you|strong="H3605".

It|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" only|strong="H3605" a|strong="H7200" bunch of|strong="H3605" lies.

The|strong="H3605" sword is|strong="H3651" now|strong="H3541" at|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" throats of|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H5771" men|strong="H3605".

They|strong="H3651" will|strong="H0136" soon be|strong="H0136" only|strong="H3605" dead bodies.

Their|strong="H3605" time has|strong="H0136" come|strong="H2142".

The|strong="H3605" time has|strong="H0136" come|strong="H2142" for|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" evil|strong="H5771" to|strong="H0559" end.

### Prophecy Against|strong="H3605" Babylon

<sup>30</sup> “ Put|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" sword back|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935" its|strong="H0935" sheath. Babylon,

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" judge you|strong="H0859" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" place|strong="H0935" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" were|strong="H0834" created, in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" land where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" were|strong="H0834" born|strong="H0935". <sup>31</sup> I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3808" pour out my|strong="H5493" anger against you|strong="H3808".

My|strong="H5493" anger will|strong="H3808" burn you|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" hot wind. I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3808" hand you|strong="H3808" over|strong="H3541" to|strong="H0559" cruel men|strong="H0559". <sup>1</sup> Those|strong="H2063"

men|strong="H0559" are|strong="H3808" skilled at|strong="H3808" killing people|strong="H3808". <sup>32</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" fuel for|strong="H4941" the|strong="H0834" fire.

Your|strong="H5414" blood will|strong="H1961" flow|strong="H0935" deep into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" earth— people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H3808" remember you|strong="H0834" again|strong="H1961".

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

men|strong="H0559" are|strong="H3808" skilled at|strong="H3808" killing people|strong="H3808". <sup>32</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" fuel for|strong="H4941" the|strong="H0834" fire. Your|strong="H5414" blood will|strong="H1961" flow|strong="H0935" deep into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" earth— people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H3808" remember you|strong="H0834" again|strong="H1961". I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0834" LORD, have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H0935"! ”

### Ezekiel Speaks Against Jerusalem

**22** The|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> “ Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", <sup>II</sup> will|strong="H0120" you|strong="H0859" judge|strong="H8199" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1121" murderers? Will|strong="H0120" you|strong="H0859" tell|strong="H3045" her|strong="H3605" about|strong="H3045" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H3605" she has|strong="H0120" done|strong="H3605"? <sup>3</sup> You|strong="H5921" must|strong="H1818" say|strong="H0559", ‘ This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0136" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": The|strong="H0559" city|strong="H5892" is|strong="H0136" full of|strong="H5921" murderers, so|strong="H6213" her|strong="H5921" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H5921" punishment will|strong="H0136" come|strong="H0935". She|strong="H6256" made|strong="H6213" filthy idols|strong="H1544" for|strong="H5921" herself|strong="H5921", and|strong="H0935" those|strong="H5921" idols|strong="H1544" made|strong="H6213" her|strong="H5921" filthy!

<sup>4</sup> “ People|strong="H1471" of|strong="H0776" Jerusalem, you|strong="H0834" killed many people|strong="H1471". You|strong="H0834" made|strong="H6213" filthy idols|strong="H1544". You|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" guilty|strong="H0816", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" has|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" punish you|strong="H0834". Your|strong="H3605" end has|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935". Other|strong="H3605" na-

<sup>II</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying “a person” or “a human being.” Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 18, 24.

tions |strong="H1471" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H5414" fun of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H0935" laugh at |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834". <sup>5</sup> People far |strong="H7350" and |strong="H8034" near |strong="H7138" will |strong="H8034" make |strong="H8034" fun of |strong="H4480" you |strong="H4480". You |strong="H4480" have |strong="H7138" ruined your |strong="H4480" name |strong="H8034". You |strong="H4480" are |strong="H7350" filled with |strong="H4480" confusion |strong="H4103".

<sup>6</sup> " Look |strong="H2009", all |strong="H2009" the |strong="H1961" leaders |strong="H5387" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478" are |strong="H3478" using their |strong="H1961" strength |strong="H2220" just to |strong="H1961" kill |strong="H8210" other |strong="H0376" people |strong="H0376". <sup>7</sup> And |strong="H0001" the |strong="H8432" people in |strong="H8432" Jerusalem don't respect their |strong="H8432" parents |strong="H0001". There |strong="H8432" in |strong="H8432" the |strong="H8432" city, they |strong="H6213" abuse the |strong="H8432" foreigners |strong="H1616". They |strong="H6213" cheat orphans |strong="H3490" and |strong="H0001" widows |strong="H0490" in |strong="H8432" that |strong="H0001" place. <sup>8</sup> You |strong="H0853" hate all that |strong="H6944" I consider holy |strong="H6944". You |strong="H0853" treat my |strong="H0959" special days of |strong="H7676" rest as if they |strong="H7676" are not important. <sup>9</sup> In |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H4616", people |strong="H0376" tell |strong="H0413" lies |strong="H1961" in |strong="H0413" order |strong="H4616" to |strong="H0413" kill |strong="H8210" innocent people |strong="H0376". They |strong="H0376" go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" mountains |strong="H2022" to |strong="H0413" worship false gods and |strong="H0398" then |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" back |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H4616" to |strong="H0413" eat |strong="H0398" their |strong="H0398" fellowship meals.

" In |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H4616", people |strong="H0376" commit many sexual sins. <sup>10</sup> There men commit sexual sins with |strong="H0001" their |strong="H1540" father's |strong="H0001" wife. There the |strong="H1540" men rape women—even during their |strong="H1540" monthly time |strong="H5079" of |strong="H0001" bleeding. <sup>11</sup> One |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" commits |strong="H6213" a |strong="H0376" terrible sin against |strong="H0854" his |strong="H0376" own |strong="H0376" neighbor's |strong="H7453" wife |strong="H0802". Another |strong="H7453" man |strong="H0376"

has |strong="H0376" sex with |strong="H0854" his |strong="H0376" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618" and |strong="H0376" makes |strong="H6213" her |strong="H0802" unclean |strong="H2930". Another |strong="H7453" man |strong="H0376" rapes his |strong="H0376" father's |strong="H0001" daughter |strong="H1323"— his |strong="H0376" very own |strong="H0376" sister |strong="H0269". <sup>12</sup> There men |strong="H3947" accept |strong="H3947" bribes |strong="H7810" to |strong="H4616" kill |strong="H8210" people |strong="H1818". You |strong="H0853" lend money and |strong="H1818" charge interest |strong="H5392" on |strong="H5392" the |strong="H0853" loans. You |strong="H0853" cheat your |strong="H3947" neighbors |strong="H7453" just to |strong="H4616" make |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" little money. You |strong="H0853" have |strong="H7453" even |strong="H0853" forgotten |strong="H7911" me |strong="H3947". This |strong="H4616" is |strong="H0136" what the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.

<sup>13</sup> " Now |strong="H1961" look |strong="H2009"! I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" slam my |strong="H5921" hand |strong="H3709" down |strong="H5221" and |strong="H1818" stop you |strong="H0834"! I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" punish you |strong="H0834" for |strong="H5921" cheating and |strong="H1818" killing |strong="H5221" people |strong="H0834". <sup>14</sup> Will |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3820" brave then |strong="H1696"? Will |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3820" strong |strong="H2388" at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0589" come to |strong="H1696" punish you |strong="H0834"? I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" have |strong="H0834" spoken |strong="H1696", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" said |strong="H1696"! <sup>15</sup> I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" scatter |strong="H2219" you |strong="H0853" among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" force |strong="H1471" you |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0776" go to |strong="H0776" many countries |strong="H0776". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" completely |strong="H8552" destroy the |strong="H0853" filthy things in |strong="H0776" this city. <sup>16</sup> But |strong="H3588" Jerusalem, you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" become unclean. And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" other nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H3068"

see |strong="H5869" all |strong="H3045" these things happen. Then |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"."

### Israel Is |strong="H3068" Like |strong="H3068" Worthless Waste

17 The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", 18 " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", bronze |strong="H5178", iron |strong="H1270", lead |strong="H5777", and |strong="H1121" tin |strong="H0913" are |strong="H3478" important metals, but |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" worker melts silver |strong="H3701" to |strong="H1961" make it |strong="H1961" pure, those |strong="H3605" metals are |strong="H3478" poured off as |strong="H1961" waste. Israel |strong="H3478" has |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" that |strong="H3605" waste to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961". 19 So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": ' All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" have |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" worthless waste. So |strong="H3651" I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H1961" gather |strong="H6908" you |strong="H3605" into |strong="H0413" Jerusalem |strong="H3389". 20 Workers put |strong="H3240" silver |strong="H3701", bronze |strong="H5178", iron |strong="H1270", lead |strong="H5777", and |strong="H3701" tin |strong="H0913" into |strong="H0413" a |strong="H5921" fire |strong="H0784". They |strong="H3651" blow |strong="H5301" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" fire |strong="H0784" to |strong="H0413" make it |strong="H5921" hotter. Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" metals begin to |strong="H0413" melt |strong="H5413". In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H5921" I |strong="H3651" will |strong="H0784" put |strong="H3240" you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" fire |strong="H0784" and |strong="H3701" melt |strong="H5413" you |strong="H5921". That |strong="H3651" fire |strong="H0784" is |strong="H3651"

my |strong="H5921" hot |strong="H2534" anger |strong="H0639". 21 I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0784" put you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" fire |strong="H0784" of |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H5678" and |strong="H0784" blow |strong="H5301" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921", and |strong="H0784" you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0784" begin to |strong="H5921" melt |strong="H5413". 22 In |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588" city, you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" like |strong="H3651" silver |strong="H3701" melting in |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3588" fire. Then |strong="H3651" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068", and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" poured |strong="H8210" out |strong="H8210" my |strong="H3068" anger |strong="H2534" on |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588"."

### Ezekiel Speaks Against |strong="H5921" Jerusalem

23 The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", 24 " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Israel. Tell |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0559" that |strong="H3117" she |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" not |strong="H3808" pure |strong="H2891". I |strong="H3117" am angry at |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" country |strong="H0776", so |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3117" country |strong="H0776" has |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" received its |strong="H3808" rain |strong="H1656". 25 The |strong="H3947" prophets |strong="H5030" in |strong="H8432" Jerusalem are |strong="H5030" making evil plans. They |strong="H5315" are |strong="H5030" like |strong="H7580" a |strong="H3947" lion |strong="H0738"— it |strong="H0398" roars |strong="H7580" when |strong="H7235" it |strong="H0398" begins to |strong="H5315" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3947" animal it |strong="H0398" caught |strong="H3947". They |strong="H5315" have |strong="H5030" destroyed |strong="H0398" many |strong="H7235" lives |strong="H5315". They |strong="H5315" have |strong="H5030" taken |strong="H3947"

1 NOT PURE This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word also means "not rained on."

many|strong="H7235" valuable things|strong="H3366" and|strong="H0398" made|strong="H3947" widows|strong="H0490" of|strong="H8432" many|strong="H7235" of|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3947" women|strong="H0398" in|strong="H8432" Jerusalem.

<sup>26</sup> " The|strong="H0996" priests|strong="H3548" have|strong="H5869" really hurt my|strong="H3045" teachings|strong="H8451". They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" treat my|strong="H3045" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" right|strong="H5869"— they|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" show|strong="H3045" they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H5869" important. They|strong="H3808" treat holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" the|strong="H0996" same as things|strong="H6944" that|strong="H3045" are|strong="H5869" not|strong="H3808" holy|strong="H6944". They|strong="H3808" treat clean|strong="H2889" things|strong="H6944" like|strong="H3808" things|strong="H6944" that|strong="H3045" are|strong="H5869" unclean|strong="H2931". They|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" teach|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0996" people|strong="H3808" about|strong="H3045" these things|strong="H6944". They|strong="H3808" refuse|strong="H3808" to|strong="H5869" respect my|strong="H3045" special days of|strong="H5869" rest. They|strong="H3808" treat me|strong="H3808" as though I|strong="H3045" am not|strong="H3808" important.

<sup>27</sup> " The|strong="H0006" leaders|strong="H8269" in|strong="H5315" Jerusalem|strong="H4616" are|strong="H8269" like|strong="H1818" a wolf|strong="H2061" eating the|strong="H0006" animal it|strong="H7130" has|strong="H5315" caught. They|strong="H5315" attack people|strong="H5315" and|strong="H1818" kill|strong="H8210" them|strong="H4616" just to|strong="H4616" get|strong="H1214" rich.

<sup>28</sup> " The|strong="H0559" prophets|strong="H5030" don't|strong="H3808" warn the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H3808"— they|strong="H3808" cover up|strong="H5030" the|strong="H0559" truth. They|strong="H3808" are|strong="H5030" like|strong="H3808" workers who|strong="H3068" don't|strong="H3808" really|strong="H0559" repair a|strong="H1696" wall— they|strong="H3808" only put plaster|strong="H2902" over|strong="H2902" the|strong="H0559" holes. They|strong="H3808" only see lies|strong="H3577". They|strong="H3808" do their|strong="H3068" magic to|strong="H0559" learn the|strong="H0559" future, but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" only tell|strong="H0559" lies|strong="H3577". They|strong="H3808" say|strong="H0559", ' This|strong="H3541"

is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559". But|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H5030" only lying|strong="H3577"— the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0559"!

<sup>29</sup> " The|strong="H0853" common|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5971" take|strong="H1497" advantage of|strong="H0776" each|strong="H5971" other. They|strong="H3808" cheat and|strong="H0776" steal|strong="H1497" from|strong="H0776" each|strong="H5971" other. They|strong="H3808" get rich by|strong="H0776" taking advantage of|strong="H0776" poor|strong="H6041", helpless beggars, and|strong="H0776" they|strong="H3808" really cheat the|strong="H0853" foreigners|strong="H1616". They|strong="H3808" are|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" fair to|strong="H0776" them|strong="H0853" at|strong="H3808" all!

<sup>30</sup> " I|strong="H0776" asked the|strong="H6440" people|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0376" change their|strong="H1992" lives and|strong="H0776" protect their|strong="H1992" country|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0776" asked people|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0376" fix the|strong="H6440" walls|strong="H1447". I|strong="H0776" wanted|strong="H1245" them|strong="H1992" to|strong="H0376" stand|strong="H5975" by|strong="H6440" those|strong="H0376" holes in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" wall|strong="H1447" and|strong="H0776" fight to|strong="H0376" protect their|strong="H1992" city. But|strong="H3808" no|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0376" came|strong="H4672" to|strong="H0376" help! <sup>31</sup> So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" show|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" anger|strong="H5678"— I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" completely|strong="H3615" destroy|strong="H3615" them|strong="H5414". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" punish them|strong="H5414" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" evil things|strong="H7218" they|strong="H5921" have|strong="H5414" done. It|strong="H5414" is|strong="H1870" all|strong="H3615" their|strong="H5414" fault." This is|strong="H1870" what|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

**23** The|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " 2 "

Son *of* *of* man *listen to* this story about *Samaria* and *Jerusalem*. There *were* *two* *sisters*, *daughters* *of* the *same* *mother* *They* *became* *prostitutes* *in* *Egypt* while they *were* still young girls. That's where *they* *first let men* *touch and* *handle their* *young breasts*. *The* *older* *was* *named* *Oholah* *and* *her* *sister* *was* *named* *Oholibah*. *They* *became* *my* *wives*, and *we had* *children* *I* *am* *using the* *name* *to* *mean* *Samaria* *and* *the* *name* *to* *mean* *Jerusalem*.<sup>5</sup> *Then* *Oholah* *became* *unfaithful* *to* *me*—she began *to live* *like* *a* *prostitute*. She began *to want her* *lovers*. She saw *the* *Assyrian soldiers* *in* *their* *blue* *uniforms*. They *were all* *handsome young* *men* *riding* *horses*. They *were* *leaders* *and* *officers*,<sup>7</sup> and *Oholah* *gave* *herself* *to* *all* *those* *men*. *All* *of* *them* *were* *hand-picked soldiers* *in* *the* *Assyrian army*,

I SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 36. II OHOLAH This name means "Tent." It probably refers to the Holy Tent where the people of Israel went to worship God. III OHOLIBAH This name means "My Tent is in her country

and *she* *wanted them* *all* *!* She *became* *filthy with* *their* *filthy idols*.<sup>8</sup> *Besides* *that*, *she* *never* *stopped her* *love affair with* *Egypt*. *Egypt* *made* *love to* *her* *when* *she* *was* *a* *young girl*. *Egypt* *was* *the* *first lover to* *touch her* *young breasts* *Egypt* *poured* *his* *untrue love on* *her*.<sup>9</sup> *So* *I* *let* *her* *lovers* *have* *lovers*. She *wanted* *Assyria*, *so* *I* *gave* *her* *to* *them* *!*<sup>10</sup> They *raped* *her* *children* *and* *killed* *her*. They *punished her*, and *women* *still talk about* *her*.

<sup>11</sup> *Her* *younger sister* *Oholibah* *saw* *all* *these things* *happen*. *But* *Oholibah* *sinned* *more* *than* *her* *sister* *did*! She *was* *more* *unfaithful* *than* *Oholah*.<sup>12</sup> She *wanted* *the* *Assyrian leaders* *and* *officers*. She *wanted* *those* *soldiers* *in* *blue* *uniforms* *riding* *horses*. They *were* *all* *handsome young* *men*.<sup>13</sup> *I* *saw* *that* *both* *women* *were* *going to* *ruin their* *lives with* *the* *same* *mistakes*.

IV RAPED Literally, "revealed her nakedness." The Hebrew word meaning "revealed" is like the word meaning "carried away as a prisoner to a faraway country."

<sup>14</sup> "Oholibah continued *to be me* unfaithful *to me*. In Babylon, she saw pictures of men carved on the walls. These were pictures of Chaldean men wearing their red uniforms. <sup>15</sup> They wore belts around their waists and long turbans on their heads. All those men looked like chariot officers. They all looked like native-born Babylonian men, <sup>16</sup> and Oholibah wanted them. <sup>17</sup> So the Babylonian men came to her bed to have sex with her. They used her and made her so filthy that she became disgusted with them.

<sup>18</sup> "Oholibah let everyone see that she was unfaithful. She let many men enjoy her naked body that I became disgusted with her—just as I had become disgusted with her sister. <sup>19</sup> But Oholibah thought about her time as a prostitute in Egypt when she was young, and she turned to even more prostitution. <sup>20</sup> She remembered

the lovers who were there, who were like animals in their sexual desires and abilities.

<sup>21</sup> "Oholibah, you dreamed of those times when you were young, when your lovers touched and handled your young breasts. <sup>22</sup> So Oholibah, this is what Lord GOD says: 'You became disgusted with your lovers, but I will bring them here, and I will surround you. I will bring all the men from Babylon, especially the Chaldeans. I will bring the men from Pekod, Shoa, Koa, all the men from Assyria. I will bring all the leaders and officers, all those young men, chariot officers, and handpicked soldiers riding their horses. <sup>24</sup> That crowd of men will come to you in large groups, riding on their horses in their chariots. They



will|strong="H5414" have|strong="H5414" their|strong="H5414" spears, shields|strong="H4043", and|strong="H0935" helmets. They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H5414" gather around|strong="H5439" you|strong="H5414", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" tell them|strong="H5414" what|strong="H4941" you|strong="H5414" have|strong="H5414" done to|strong="H0935" me|strong="H5414". Then|strong="H0935" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H5414" punish you|strong="H5414" their|strong="H5414" own|strong="H6440" way|strong="H4941".<sup>25</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H2719" show|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" how|strong="H6213" jealous I|strong="H5414" am. They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H2719" become angry|strong="H0639" and|strong="H1121" hurt you|strong="H5414". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H2719" cut|strong="H5493" off|strong="H5493" your|strong="H5414" nose|strong="H0639" and|strong="H1121" ears|strong="H0241". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H2719" kill|strong="H2719" you|strong="H5414" with|strong="H0854" a|strong="H3947" sword|strong="H2719". Then|strong="H3947" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H2719" take|strong="H3947" your|strong="H5414" children|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" burn whatever is|strong="H0639" left|strong="H5414" of|strong="H1121" you|strong="H5414".<sup>26</sup> They will take|strong="H3947" your|strong="H3947" nice clothes|strong="H0899" and|strong="H0853" jewelry|strong="H3627".<sup>27</sup> So|strong="H4480" I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" stop|strong="H3808" your|strong="H2142" dreams about|strong="H0413" your|strong="H2142" love affair with|strong="H0413" Egypt|strong="H4714". You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0776" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" look|strong="H5869" for|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413". You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0776" never|strong="H3808" remember|strong="H2142" Egypt|strong="H4714" again|strong="H5750"!"

<sup>28</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H2005" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" hate|strong="H8130". I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H2005" giving|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" men|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0834" became

disgusted|strong="H5361" with|strong="H3027".<sup>29</sup> And|strong="H3947" they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3605" show|strong="H6213" how|strong="H6213" much|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3605" hate|strong="H8135" you|strong="H3605"! They|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3605" take|strong="H3947" everything|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" worked|strong="H3018" for|strong="H3605", and|strong="H3947" they|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3605" leave|strong="H5800" you|strong="H3605" bare|strong="H1540" and|strong="H3947" naked|strong="H5903"! People|strong="H5800" will|strong="H3605" clearly see your|strong="H3605" sins. They|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3605" see that|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" acted|strong="H6213" like a|strong="H3947" prostitute and|strong="H3947" dreamed wicked|strong="H2154" dreams.<sup>30</sup> You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" those|strong="H0428" bad things|strong="H0428" when|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" left me|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" chase after|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0834" other|strong="H0428" nations|strong="H1471". You|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" those|strong="H0428" bad things|strong="H0428" when|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" began to|strong="H5921" worship their|strong="H5921" filthy idols|strong="H1544".<sup>31</sup> You|strong="H5414" followed|strong="H1980" your|strong="H5414" sister|strong="H0269" and|strong="H1980" lived as|strong="H1980" she|strong="H1980" did|strong="H1980". You|strong="H5414", yourself|strong="H5414", took|strong="H1980" her|strong="H5414" cup|strong="H3563" of|strong="H3027" poison and|strong="H1980" held|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" in|strong="H1980" your|strong="H5414" hands|strong="H3027".<sup>1</sup> <sup>32</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H1961" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " You|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" drink|strong="H8354" your|strong="H1961" sister's|strong="H0269" cup|strong="H3563" of|strong="H0269" poison.

It|strong="H1961" is|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" tall, wide|strong="H7342" cup|strong="H3563" of|strong="H0269" poison. It|strong="H1961" holds much|strong="H4767" poison.

People will|strong="H1961" laugh|strong="H3932" at|strong="H1961" you|strong="H1961" and|strong="H8354" make fun of|strong="H0269" you|strong="H1961".

I YOU, YOURSELF ... YOUR HANDS Or "I put her cup in your hands."

<sup>33</sup> You will stagger like a drunk.  
You will become very dizzy.

That is the cup of destruction and devastation.  
It is like the cup of punishment that your sister drank.

<sup>34</sup> You will drink the poison in that cup.  
You will drink it to the last drop.  
You will throw down the glass and break it into pieces.

You will tear breasts from the pain.  
This will happen because I am Lord, and is I said.  
<sup>35</sup> "So is the Lord GOD said: 'Jerusalem, you forgot me.

You threw me away and left me behind.  
So you must suffer for leaving me and living like a prostitute.  
You must suffer for your wicked dreams."

**Judgment Against Oholah and Oholibah**

<sup>36</sup> The LORD said to me:

"Son of man, I will judge and tell them about the terrible things they have done.  
<sup>37</sup> They committed the sin of adultery. They are guilty of murder. They acted like prostitutes— they left me to be with their filthy idols.  
They had my children, but they forced them to pass through fire.  
They did this to give food to their filthy idols.  
<sup>38</sup> They also treated my special days of rest and holy place as though they were not important.

<sup>39</sup> They killed their children for idols, and then went into my holy place and made it filthy too!  
They did this inside my Temple!  
<sup>40</sup> "They have sent men faraway places. You sent a messenger to these men, and they came to see you. You bathed

for them, painted eyes, and put your jewelry on You sat on a fine bed with a table set before it. You put my incense and my oil on this table.

<sup>42</sup> " The noise sounded in Jerusalem like a crowd of people having a party. Many people came to the party. People were already drinking as they came in from the desert. They gave bracelets and beautiful crowns to the women. Then I spoke one of the women who was worn out from her sexual sins. I asked her, ' Will they continue to do sexual sins with her, and with them?' <sup>44</sup> But they kept going to her as they would go to a prostitute. Yes,

I **MY INCENSE** A special blend of spices that were burned as a gift to God. This special incense was to be burned only in the Temple. See Exodus 30:34-38. II **MY OIL** The special oil that was used for anointing priests and things in the Temple to make them holy (special). See Exodus 30:22-33. III **PARTY** The Hebrew word is like the word for a fellowship offering, a time when people came to share a meal and enjoy themselves together with the Lord. Here, it seems this time of worship turned into a wild party. See Deuteronomy 14:22-29; 26:1-15.

they went again and to Oholah and Oholibah, those wicked women.

<sup>45</sup> " But good men will judge them guilty of adultery and murder, because Oholah and Oholibah committed adultery and their hands are covered with blood!"

<sup>46</sup> This is what the Lord GOD said: "Gather the people together to punish and terrorize Oholah and Oholibah. They will throw stones at these women and kill them. They will cut the women to pieces with their swords. They will kill their children and burn their houses. In this way I will remove that shame from this country, and all the other women will be warned not to do the shameful things you have done." <sup>49</sup> They will punish you for the things you did. You will be punished for worshiping your filthy idols. Then you will know that I am

the |strong="H5921" Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136"."

### The Pot and the Meat

**24** The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697"  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".  
This |strong="H1697" was |strong="H1961"  
on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559"  
tenth |strong="H6224" day |strong="H2320"  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
tenth |strong="H6224" month |strong="H2320"  
in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0559"  
ninth |strong="H8671" year |strong="H8141"  
of |strong="H3068" exile. <sup>I</sup> He |strong="H3068"  
said |strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> " Son |strong="H1121"  
of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", <sup>II</sup>  
write |strong="H3789" today's |strong="H3117" date  
and |strong="H1121" this |strong="H2088" note: '  
On |strong="H3117" this |strong="H2088" date  
the |strong="H0853" army |strong="H3389"  
of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853"  
king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Baby-  
lon |strong="H0894" surrounded  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389".' <sup>3</sup> The |strong="H0559"  
people there |strong="H3541" refuse  
to |strong="H0413" obey me |strong="H0413".  
I |strong="H3541" have |strong="H1571"  
a |strong="H1571" story with |strong="H0413"  
a |strong="H1571" message for |strong="H0413"  
them |strong="H0413". Tell |strong="H0559"  
them |strong="H0413", ' This |strong="H3541"  
is |strong="H1571" what |strong="H3541"  
the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559":  
" Put |strong="H8239" the |strong="H0559"  
pot |strong="H5518" on |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" fire.  
Put |strong="H8239" on |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0559" pot |strong="H5518"  
and |strong="H1004" pour |strong="H3332"  
in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" wa-  
ter |strong="H4325".  
<sup>4</sup> Put |strong="H0622" in |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H3605" pieces |strong="H5409"  
of |strong="H3605" meat.  
Put |strong="H0622" in |strong="H0413"  
every |strong="H3605" good |strong="H2896"  
piece |strong="H5409", the |strong="H3605"  
thighs |strong="H3409" and |strong="H3605"  
the |strong="H3605" shoulders |strong="H3802".

I NINTH YEAR OF EXILE This was Jan. 15, 588 B.C., the date that Nebuchadnezzar began his attack on Jerusalem. II SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 16, 25.

Fill |strong="H4390" the |strong="H3605" pot  
with |strong="H4390" the |strong="H3605"  
best |strong="H2896" bones |strong="H6106".

<sup>5</sup> Use |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3947" best  
animals in |strong="H8432" the |strong="H3947"  
flock |strong="H6629".

Pile |strong="H1754" the |strong="H3947"  
wood |strong="H6106" under |strong="H8478"  
the |strong="H3947" pot,  
and |strong="H6629" boil |strong="H1310"  
the |strong="H3947" pieces of |strong="H8478" meat.

Boil |strong="H1310" the |strong="H3947" soup until  
even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3947"  
bones |strong="H6106" are |strong="H6106" cooked.

<sup>6</sup> " So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651"  
is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559":

It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0834"  
be |strong="H3808" bad for |strong="H5921"  
Jerusalem.

It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0834"  
be |strong="H3808" bad for |strong="H5921"  
that |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892"  
of |strong="H4480" murderers.

Jerusalem is |strong="H0834" like |strong="H3651"  
a |strong="H4480" pot |strong="H5518"  
with |strong="H5921" rust |strong="H2457"  
on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921",

and |strong="H1818" those |strong="H0834" spots  
of |strong="H4480" rust |strong="H2457" can-  
not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" re-  
moved |strong="H3318".

That |strong="H0834" pot |strong="H5518"  
is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" clean,  
and |strong="H1818" the |strong="H0559"  
rust |strong="H2457" cannot |strong="H3808"  
be |strong="H3808" removed |strong="H3318",

so |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" meat  
must |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" thrown  
out |strong="H3318" and |strong="H1818"  
not |strong="H3808" divided among |strong="H4480"  
the |strong="H0559" priests |strong="H3808".

<sup>7</sup> Jerusalem is |strong="H0776" like |strong="H1961"  
a |strong="H1961" pot with |strong="H5921" rust  
on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H7760".

This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0776" be-  
cause |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5921"  
blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" murders is |strong="H0776" still  
there |strong="H1961".

She |strong="H3588" put |strong="H7760"  
the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818"  
on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921"  
bare |strong="H6706" rock |strong="H5553".

She |strong="H3588" did |strong="H3808"  
not |strong="H3808" pour |strong="H8210"  
the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818"

on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" cover|strong="H3680" it|strong="H7760" with|strong="H5921" dirt|strong="H6083".<sup>I</sup>  
<sup>8</sup> I|strong="H5414" put|strong="H5414" her|strong="H5921" blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" bare|strong="H6706" rock|strong="H5553" so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H5927" it|strong="H5414" would not|strong="H1115" be|strong="H5414" covered|strong="H3680".  
 I|strong="H5414" did this|strong="H1115" so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H5927" people|strong="H1818" would become angry|strong="H2534" and|strong="H1818" punish her|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" killing|strong="H1818" innocent people|strong="H1818".  
<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H1571" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559":  
 It|strong="H3651" will|strong="H1571" be|strong="H1571" bad for|strong="H3651" that|strong="H3651" city|strong="H5892" of|strong="H1818" murderers!  
 I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H1571" pile|strong="H4071" up|strong="H1431" plenty of|strong="H1818" wood for|strong="H3651" the|strong="H0559" fire.  
<sup>10</sup> Put plenty of|strong="H6086" wood|strong="H6086" under the|strong="H1814" pot.  
 Light the|strong="H1814" fire|strong="H0784".  
 Cook|strong="H8552" the|strong="H1814" meat|strong="H1320" until it|strong="H0784" is|strong="H1320" well|strong="H8552" done.  
 Mix|strong="H7543" in|strong="H1320" the|strong="H1814" spices|strong="H7543",<sup>II</sup>  
 and|strong="H6086" let the|strong="H1814" bones|strong="H6106" be|strong="H6086" burned|strong="H2787" up.  
<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H4616" let the|strong="H5921" pot stand|strong="H5975" empty|strong="H7386" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" coals|strong="H1513".  
 Let it|strong="H5921" become so|strong="H4616" hot|strong="H1513" that|strong="H4616" its|strong="H5921" stains<sup>III</sup> begin to|strong="H5921" glow|strong="H2787".  
 Those|strong="H5921" stains will|strong="H4616" be melted|strong="H5413" away.

<sup>I</sup> BLOOD ... DIRT The Law of Moses teaches that whoever killed an animal for food must pour the blood on the ground and cover it with dirt. This showed that they were giving the life of that animal back to God. See Leviticus 17:1-16 and Deuteronomy 12:1-25. If the blood was not covered with dirt, it was a witness against the killer. See Genesis 4:10, Job 15:18, and Isaiah 26:21. <sup>II</sup> MIX IN THE SPICES The meaning of this sentence is uncertain. <sup>III</sup> STAINS Or "bronze."

The|strong="H5921" rust|strong="H2457" will|strong="H4616" be destroyed|strong="H8552".  
<sup>12</sup> "Jerusalem might work hard to|strong="H3318" scrub away|strong="H4480" her|strong="H4480" stains.  
 But|strong="H3808" that|strong="H4480" 'rust' will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H3318" away|strong="H4480"!  
 Only the|strong="H4480" fire|strong="H0784" of|strong="H4480" punishment will|strong="H3808" remove|strong="H3318" it|strong="H3808".  
<sup>13</sup> " You|strong="H5704" sinned against me|strong="H5117" and|strong="H0853" became stained with|strong="H2534" sin.  
 I|strong="H5704" wanted to|strong="H5704" wash you|strong="H5704" and|strong="H0853" make you|strong="H5704" clean|strong="H2891", but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" stains would not|strong="H3808" come out|strong="H0853".  
 I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" try washing you|strong="H5704" again|strong="H5750" until|strong="H5704" my|strong="H5117" hot|strong="H2534" anger|strong="H2534" is|strong="H2534" finished with|strong="H2534" you|strong="H5704"!  
<sup>14</sup> " I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068". I|strong="H0589" said|strong="H1696" your|strong="H3068" punishment would|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" it|strong="H6213" happen. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" hold back|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5002" punishment or|strong="H3808" feel sorry|strong="H5162" for|strong="H3068" you|strong="H6213". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" punish you|strong="H6213" for|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" evil things|strong="H3808" you|strong="H6213" did|strong="H6213". This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H1870" the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H1696"."

**The|strong="H5002" Death of|strong="H3068" Ezekiel's Wife|strong="H1696"**

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>16</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" said|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120",

you |strong="H0935" love your |strong="H3947" wife very much, but |strong="H3808" I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H2005" going |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" take |strong="H3947" her |strong="H3947" away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H0935". Your |strong="H3947" wife will |strong="H5869" die suddenly, but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0935" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" show your |strong="H3947" sadness. You |strong="H0935" must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H3808" cry loudly. You |strong="H0935" will |strong="H5869" cry and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3947" tears |strong="H1832" will |strong="H5869" fall |strong="H0935",<sup>17</sup> but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921" must |strong="H4191" mourn |strong="H0060" quietly. Dress as |strong="H0376" you |strong="H5921" normally do |strong="H6213"; wear your |strong="H5921" turban and |strong="H0398" sandals |strong="H5275"; don't |strong="H3808" cover |strong="H5844" your |strong="H5921" mustache |strong="H8222", and |strong="H0398" don't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H5921" food |strong="H3899" people |strong="H0376" normally eat |strong="H0398" when |strong="H6213" someone |strong="H0376" dies |strong="H4191".

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="H0834" next |strong="H0413" morning |strong="H1242" I |strong="H0834" told |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" what |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0413" had |strong="H0834" said |strong="H1696". That |strong="H0834" evening |strong="H6153", my |strong="H0834" wife |strong="H0802" died |strong="H4191". The |strong="H0834" next |strong="H0413" morning |strong="H1242" I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0413" commanded |strong="H6680".  
<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H5971" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0428" you |strong="H0859" doing |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0428"? What |strong="H4100" does |strong="H6213" it |strong="H3588" mean?"

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H1697" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413", "The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413"<sup>21</sup> to |strong="H0559" speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". The |strong="H0853"

Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0559", 'Look |strong="H2005", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H2719" my |strong="H0834" holy |strong="H4720" place |strong="H1004". You |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" proud |strong="H5869" of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121" sing songs of |strong="H1121" praise about |strong="H1004" it |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" love to |strong="H0559" see |strong="H5869" it |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" really |strong="H0559" love that |strong="H0834" place |strong="H1004". But |strong="H5800" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H2719" it |strong="H0834", and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H0834" children |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" left |strong="H5800" behind will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1121" killed |strong="H2490" in |strong="H1004" battle.<sup>22</sup> But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" same things |strong="H0834" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" about |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" dead wife. You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" cover |strong="H5844" your |strong="H5921" mustache |strong="H8222" or |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0834" food |strong="H3899" people |strong="H0376" normally eat |strong="H0398" when |strong="H0834" someone |strong="H0376" dies.<sup>23</sup>  
You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0376" wear |strong="H4743" your |strong="H5921" turbans |strong="H6287" and |strong="H0376" your |strong="H5921" sandals |strong="H5275". You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" show your |strong="H5921" sadness publicly or |strong="H3808" cry publicly, but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0376" waste |strong="H4743" away |strong="H4743" with |strong="H0413" guilt |strong="H5771" and |strong="H0376" talk to |strong="H0413" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0251" quietly about |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" grief.<sup>24</sup> So |strong="H6213" Ezekiel |strong="H3168" is |strong="H0834" an |strong="H1961" example for |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" do |strong="H6213" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" same things |strong="H3605" he |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213". That |strong="H0834" time |strong="H1961" of |strong="H3605" punishment will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935",

and you know I the LORD GOD will know that I am Lord GOD."

<sup>25</sup> The Lord said, "Son of man, I will take away the place that makes the people feel safe—Jerusalem, that beautiful city that makes them so happy. They really love that place. They love to look at it. But I will take it away from them, and I will also take their children. On that day one of the survivors will come to you with the bad news about Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> That same day you will be able to talk to the messenger. You will not be silent anymore. This will be a sign to the people, and they will know I am the LORD."

#### Prophecy Against Ammon

<sup>25</sup> The word of the LORD came to me. He said, "Son of man, look toward the people of Ammon and speak against them for my sake. Say to them: 'Listen to the word of the LORD GOD! This is what the LORD GOD says: You were happy when my holy place was destroyed. You

I SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

against the land of Israel when it was polluted. You were against the family of Judah when the people were carried away as prisoners. <sup>4</sup> So I will give you the people from east to west. They will get your land. Their armies will set up their camps in your country and live among you. They will eat your fruit and drink your milk.

<sup>5</sup> I will make the city Rabbah a pasture for camels and the country of Ammon a sheep pen. Then you will know that I am the LORD. <sup>6</sup> This is what the LORD says: You were happy when Jerusalem was destroyed. You clapped your hands and stamped your feet. You had fun insulting the land of Israel, so I will punish you. You will be like

the|strong="H0853" valuable things sol-  
diers|strong="H5971" take|strong="H3045"  
in|strong="H5921" war. You|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" lose your|strong="H3068" inheri-  
tance and|strong="H3068" die|strong="H0006"  
in|strong="H5921" faraway lands|strong="H0776".  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" de-  
stroy|strong="H8045" your|strong="H3068" coun-  
try|strong="H0776"! Then|strong="H0853"  
you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588"  
I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"."

### Prophecy Against|strong="H5921" Moab and|strong="H3068" Seir

<sup>8</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H2009"  
what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H3605"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
says|strong="H0559": " Moab|strong="H4124"  
and|strong="H3063" Seir|strong="H8165"<sup>1</sup>  
say|strong="H0559", ' The|strong="H3605" fami-  
ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063" is|strong="H2009"  
just|strong="H3605" like|strong="H1004"  
any|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" na-  
tion|strong="H1471": '<sup>9</sup> I|strong="H2005"  
will|strong="H0776" cut into|strong="H0776"  
Moab's|strong="H4124" shoulder|strong="H3802"—  
I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H0776" take away  
the|strong="H0853" cities|strong="H5892"  
that|strong="H3651" are|strong="H0776"  
on|strong="H0776" its|strong="H0853" borders—  
the|strong="H0853" glory of|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776", Beth Jeshi-  
moth, Baal Meon, and|strong="H0776"  
Kiriathaim|strong="H7156". <sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H4616"  
I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1471"  
give|strong="H5414" these cities to|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921"  
east|strong="H6924". They|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H1471" get your|strong="H5414" land.  
I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1471" also  
let|strong="H5414" those|strong="H1121" peo-  
ple|strong="H1121" from|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" east|strong="H6924" destroy  
the|strong="H5921" Ammonites|strong="H5983",  
and|strong="H1121" people|strong="H1121"  
will|strong="H1471" forget they|strong="H5921"  
were|strong="H1121" ever a|strong="H5414" na-  
tion|strong="H1471". <sup>11</sup> So|strong="H6213"  
I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" punish  
Moab|strong="H4124", and|strong="H3068"  
then|strong="H6213" they|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045"

that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588"  
LORD|strong="H3068"."

### Prophecy Against Edom

<sup>12</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H1004"  
what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
says|strong="H0559": " The|strong="H0559" people  
of|strong="H1004" Edom|strong="H0123"  
turned|strong="H1004" against the|strong="H0559"  
family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" tried  
to|strong="H0559" get even|strong="H6213".  
The|strong="H0559" people of|strong="H1004"  
Edom|strong="H0123" are|strong="H1004"  
guilty|strong="H0816". "<sup>13</sup> So|strong="H3651"  
the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H2719" punish  
Edom|strong="H0123". I|strong="H5414"  
will|strong="H2719" destroy|strong="H2719"  
the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H0120"  
and|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" ani-  
mals|strong="H0929" in|strong="H5921"  
Edom|strong="H0123". I|strong="H5414"  
will|strong="H2719" destroy|strong="H2719"  
the|strong="H0559" whole country  
of|strong="H3027" Edom|strong="H0123",  
all|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0559"  
way|strong="H3541" from|strong="H4480" Te-  
man|strong="H8487" to|strong="H0559"  
Dedan|strong="H1719". The|strong="H0559"  
Edomites|strong="H0123" will|strong="H2719"  
be|strong="H3027" killed|strong="H2719"  
in|strong="H5921" battle. <sup>14</sup> I|strong="H5414"  
will|strong="H3478" use my|strong="H5414" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478"  
and|strong="H3478" get even|strong="H0853"  
against|strong="H3027" Edom|strong="H0123".  
In|strong="H3478" this|strong="H3045" way  
the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971"  
of|strong="H3027" Israel|strong="H3478"  
will|strong="H3478" show|strong="H3045"  
my|strong="H5414" anger|strong="H0639"  
against|strong="H3027" Edom|strong="H0123".  
Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" peo-  
ple|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3027"  
Edom|strong="H0123" will|strong="H3478"  
know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3045"  
I|strong="H5414" punished them|strong="H5414". "  
This|strong="H3045" is|strong="H3027"  
what|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.



**Prophecy Against the Philistines**

<sup>15</sup> This is what the Lord GOD says: "The Philistines tried to get even with them. They were very cruel. They let their anger burn inside them too long." <sup>16</sup> So the Lord GOD said, "I will punish the Philistines. Yes, I will destroy those people from Crete. I will completely destroy those people who live on the seacoast." <sup>17</sup> I will punish them— I will get even with them. I will let my anger teach them a lesson. Then they will know that I am the LORD!

**The Sad Message About Tyre**

**26** In the eleventh year of the exile, <sup>I</sup> on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me: "The LORD said, 'Son of man, Tyre said, "about Jerusalem: 'Hurray!

<sup>I</sup> ELEVENTH YEAR OF EXILE This was probably the summer of 587 B.C. See 2 Kings 25:3. <sup>II</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

The city gate protecting the people is destroyed! The city gate is open for me. The city of Jerusalem is ruined, so I can get plenty of valuable things out of it!"

<sup>3</sup> So the Lord GOD says: "I am against you, Tyre! I will bring many nations to fight against you. They will come again and again, like waves on the beach."

<sup>4</sup> The enemy soldiers will destroy the walls of Tyre and pull down her towers. I will also scrape the topsoil from her land. I will make Tyre a bare rock. <sup>5</sup> Tyre will become a place for spreading fishing nets. I have spoken! The LORD GOD says, "Tyre will be like the valuable things soldiers take in war." <sup>6</sup> Her daughters on the mainland will be killed in battle. Then they will know that I am the LORD!

am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0834"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

### Nebuchadnezzar Will|strong="H3068" Attack Tyre

7 This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H4428" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428" bring|strong="H0935" an|strong="H0935" enemy from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" north|strong="H6828" against|strong="H0413" Tyre|strong="H6865". That|strong="H3588" enemy is|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019", the|strong="H0559" great|strong="H7227" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894". He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428" bring|strong="H0935" a|strong="H3588" very|strong="H7227" large|strong="H7227" army|strong="H5971". There|strong="H0894" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H0136" horses|strong="H5483", chariots|strong="H7393", horse|strong="H5483" soldiers|strong="H5971" and|strong="H0935" many|strong="H7227" other|strong="H3541" soldiers|strong="H5971". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H0136" from|strong="H0935" many|strong="H7227" different nations|strong="H5971". 8 Nebuchadnezzar will|strong="H2719" kill|strong="H2026" your|strong="H5414" daughters|strong="H1323" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" mainland|strong="H7704". He|strong="H5414" will|strong="H2719" build|strong="H6965" towers|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" attack|strong="H6965" your|strong="H5414" city. He|strong="H5414" will|strong="H2719" build|strong="H6965" a|strong="H5414" dirt road around|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5414" city and|strong="H6965" a|strong="H5414" dirt road leading up|strong="H6965" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" walls|strong="H1785". 9 He|strong="H5414" will|strong="H2719" bring|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414" logs to|strong="H5414" break|strong="H5422" down|strong="H5422" your|strong="H5414" walls|strong="H2346". He|strong="H5414" will|strong="H2719" use picks and|strong="H2719" break|strong="H5422" down|strong="H5422" your|strong="H5414" towers|strong="H4026". 10 There will|strong="H6963" be|strong="H6963" so|strong="H0935" many of|strong="H6963" his|strong="H0935" horses|strong="H5483" that|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" dust|strong="H0080" from|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0935" will|strong="H6963" cover|strong="H3680" you|strong="H0935". Your|strong="H0935" walls|strong="H2346"

will|strong="H6963" shake|strong="H7493" at|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" noise|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" horse|strong="H5483" soldiers, wagons|strong="H1534", and|strong="H0935" chariots|strong="H7393" when|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" king of|strong="H6963" Babylon enters|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" city|strong="H5892" through|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" city|strong="H5892" gates|strong="H8179". Yes, they|strong="H0935" will|strong="H6963" come|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" your|strong="H0935" city|strong="H5892" because its|strong="H0935" walls|strong="H2346" will|strong="H6963" be|strong="H6963" pulled down. 11 The|strong="H3605" king of|strong="H0776" Babylon will|strong="H0776" come|strong="H3381" riding through|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" city. His|strong="H3605" horses' hoofs|strong="H6541" will|strong="H0776" come|strong="H3381" pounding over|strong="H0853" your|strong="H3605" streets|strong="H2351". He|strong="H0853" will|strong="H0776" kill|strong="H2026" your|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" with|strong="H0776" swords|strong="H2719". The|strong="H3605" strong|strong="H5797" columns in|strong="H0776" your|strong="H3605" city will|strong="H0776" fall|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776". 12 Nebuchadnezzar's men will|strong="H1004" take|strong="H7760" away your|strong="H7760" riches|strong="H2428". They|strong="H7997" will|strong="H1004" take|strong="H7760" the|strong="H8432" things you|strong="H7760" wanted to|strong="H1004" sell. They|strong="H7997" will|strong="H1004" break|strong="H2040" down|strong="H5422" your|strong="H7760" walls|strong="H2346" and|strong="H1004" destroy|strong="H5422" your|strong="H7760" pleasant|strong="H2532" houses|strong="H1004". They|strong="H7997" will|strong="H1004" throw|strong="H7760" the|strong="H8432" wood|strong="H6086" and|strong="H1004" stones|strong="H0068" into|strong="H8432" the|strong="H8432" sea like|strong="H1004" garbage. 13 So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H8085" will|strong="H3808" stop|strong="H3808" the|strong="H8085" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H6963" your|strong="H8085" happy songs|strong="H7892". People|strong="H1995" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" hear|strong="H8085" your|strong="H8085" harps|strong="H3658" anymore|strong="H5750". 14 I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" a|strong="H1961"

I HOofs The hard part of a horse's foot.

bare|strong="H6706" rock|strong="H5553".  
 You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
 be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"  
 place|strong="H5414" by|strong="H3068"  
 the|strong="H5002" sea for|strong="H3588" spread-  
 ing fishing nets|strong="H2764"! You|strong="H3588"  
 will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"  
 be|strong="H1961" rebuilt|strong="H1129", be-  
 cause|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589",  
 the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068",  
 have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H1696"! "  
 This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
 what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5002"  
 Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068"  
 said|strong="H1696".

**Other|strong="H5750" Nations Will|strong="H3068"  
 Cry for|strong="H3588" Tyre**

<sup>15</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H6963"  
 what|strong="H6963" the|strong="H0559"  
 Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
 says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559"  
 Tyre|strong="H6865": " The|strong="H0559" countries  
 along|strong="H8432" the|strong="H0559" Mediter-  
 ranean coast|strong="H0339" will|strong="H3808"  
 shake|strong="H7493" at|strong="H3808"  
 the|strong="H0559" sound|strong="H6963"  
 of|strong="H6963" your|strong="H3808"  
 fall|strong="H4658". That|strong="H0559"  
 will|strong="H3808" happen when|strong="H6963"  
 your|strong="H3808" people|strong="H3808"  
 are|strong="H3808" hurt and|strong="H6963"  
 killed|strong="H2026". <sup>16</sup> Then|strong="H0853"  
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" lead-  
 ers|strong="H5387" of|strong="H0776"  
 the|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776"  
 by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
 sea|strong="H3220" will|strong="H0776" step  
 down|strong="H3381" from|strong="H5493"  
 their|strong="H3605" thrones|strong="H3678"  
 and|strong="H0776" show their|strong="H3605" sad-  
 ness. They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776"  
 take|strong="H5493" off|strong="H6584"  
 their|strong="H3605" special robes|strong="H4598"  
 and|strong="H0776" their|strong="H3605" beautiful  
 clothes|strong="H0899". Then|strong="H0853"  
 they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776"  
 put|strong="H3847" on|strong="H5921"  
 their|strong="H3605" clothes|strong="H0899"  
 of|strong="H0776" shaking.' They|strong="H5921"  
 will|strong="H0776" sit|strong="H3427"  
 on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
 ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" shake  
 with|strong="H3847" fear|strong="H2729".  
 They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776"  
 be|strong="H0776" shocked|strong="H8074"  
 at|strong="H3427" how quickly you|strong="H3605"  
 were|strong="H0776" destroyed. <sup>17</sup>

They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961"  
 sing|strong="H5375" this|strong="H1931" sad song  
 about|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834":

"Tyre, you|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834"  
 a|strong="H1961" famous city|strong="H5892". <sup>I</sup>  
 People|strong="H3427" came|strong="H1961"  
 from|strong="H5921" across|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H3605" sea|strong="H3220"  
 to|strong="H0559" live|strong="H3427"  
 in|strong="H3427" you|strong="H0834". <sup>II</sup>  
 You|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" famous,  
 but|strong="H1961" now|strong="H1961"  
 you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
 gone|strong="H1961"!

You|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834"  
 strong|strong="H2389" on|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H3605" sea|strong="H3220",  
 and|strong="H3220" so|strong="H1961"  
 were|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
 ple|strong="H3427" who|strong="H0834"  
 lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"  
 you|strong="H0834".

You|strong="H0834" made|strong="H5414"  
 all|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834"  
 live|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921"  
 the|strong="H3605" mainland  
 afraid of|strong="H3427" you|strong="H0834".

<sup>18</sup> Now|strong="H6258", on|strong="H3117"  
 the|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117"  
 you|strong="H0834" fall|strong="H4658",  
 the|strong="H0834" countries along  
 the|strong="H0834" coast|strong="H0339"  
 will|strong="H0834" shake with|strong="H3117"  
 fear|strong="H2729".

You|strong="H0834" started|strong="H3318" many  
 colonies along the|strong="H0834"  
 coast|strong="H0339".

Now|strong="H6258" those|strong="H0834" peo-  
 ple|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
 be|strong="H3117" afraid|strong="H2729"  
 when|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0834"  
 are|strong="H0834" gone|strong="H3318"!"

<sup>19</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834"  
 what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853"  
 Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
 says|strong="H0559": "Tyre, you|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H0834" become an|strong="H5414" old,  
 empty city|strong="H5892". No|strong="H3808"  
 one|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0834"  
 live|strong="H3427" there|strong="H5927".  
 I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
 cause|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" sea  
 to|strong="H0559" flow over|strong="H5921"  
 you|strong="H0834". The|strong="H0853"  
 great|strong="H7227" sea will|strong="H0834" cov-

<sup>I</sup> YOU WERE A FAMOUS CITY This can also mean "People have cried for you." <sup>II</sup> PEOPLE ... YOU This can also mean "People have lived in you for a long time."

er |strong="H3680" you |strong="H0834".<sup>20</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" send |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" that |strong="H4616" deep hole— to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" place |strong="H5414" of |strong="H0776" death. You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" join |strong="H3381" those who |strong="H3427" died long |strong="H5769" ago |strong="H5769". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" send |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" world |strong="H0776" below |strong="H3381", like |strong="H0776" all |strong="H5769" the |strong="H0413" other old |strong="H5769", empty cities. You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" with |strong="H0854" all |strong="H5769" the |strong="H0413" others |strong="H5971" who |strong="H3427" go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" grave. No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0776" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" you |strong="H5414" then |strong="H4616". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" never |strong="H3808" again be |strong="H3808" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0413" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0413" living |strong="H3427".<sup>21</sup> Other |strong="H5750" people |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H5750" afraid about |strong="H1245" what happened |strong="H4672" to |strong="H0369" you |strong="H5414". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H5750" finished. People |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0369" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0369" never |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" you |strong="H5414" again |strong="H5750". That |strong="H3808" is |strong="H0369" what the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H5002".

### Tyre, the Door to the Seas

**27** The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" again |strong="H1961". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559",<sup>2</sup> " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120",<sup>1</sup> sing |strong="H5375" this sad song about |strong="H5921" Tyre |strong="H6865".<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

Say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541" about |strong="H5921" Tyre |strong="H6865":<sup>4</sup> Tyre |strong="H6865", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" door to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" seas |strong="H3220". You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" the |strong="H0559" merchant |strong="H7402" for |strong="H5921" many |strong="H7227" nations |strong="H5971". You |strong="H0859" travel to |strong="H0413" many |strong="H7227" countries along |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" coast |strong="H0339". This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0136" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559":  
" Tyre |strong="H6865", you |strong="H0859" think |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" so |strong="H3541" beautiful |strong="H3308".

You |strong="H0859" think |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0859" perfectly |strong="H3632" beautiful |strong="H3308".<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H1129" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220" is |strong="H3820" the |strong="H1129" border |strong="H1366" around your |strong="H1129" city.

Your |strong="H1129" builders |strong="H1129" made |strong="H1129" you |strong="H3820" perfectly beautiful |strong="H3308",

like |strong="H3820" the |strong="H1129" ships that |strong="H3820" sail from |strong="H3820" you |strong="H3820".

<sup>5</sup> Your |strong="H3605" builders |strong="H1129" used |strong="H6213" cypress |strong="H1265" trees |strong="H1265"

from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" mountains of |strong="H5921" Senir |strong="H8149" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3605" planks |strong="H3871".

They |strong="H5921" used |strong="H6213" cedar |strong="H0730" trees |strong="H1265" from |strong="H5921" Lebanon |strong="H3844" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" your |strong="H3605" mast |strong="H8650".

<sup>6</sup> They |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" oak |strong="H0437" trees from |strong="H0437" Bashan |strong="H1316"

to |strong="H1323" make |strong="H6213" your oars.

They |strong="H6213" used |strong="H6213" pine trees from |strong="H0437" Cyprus |strong="H3794" to |strong="H1323" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6213" cabin on your deck.<sup>II</sup>

They |strong="H6213" decorated that shelter with |strong="H8127" ivory |strong="H8127".

<sup>II</sup> DECK The floor of a ship.

<sup>7</sup> For *your* *sail*, they used *colorful linen* made in *Egypt*.

That *sail* was *your* flag.

The coverings over *your* cabin were *blue* and *purple*.

They came from *Cyprus*.

<sup>8</sup> Men from *Sidon* and *Arvad* rowed *your* boats for *you*.

*Tyre*, *your* *wise* men were *the* *pilots* on *your* ships.

<sup>9</sup> The *elders* and *wise* men from *Byblos* were *on* board to *help* put *caulking* between *the* boards on *your* ship.

All *the* ships of *the* sea and *their* sailors

came to *trade* and *do* *business* with *you*.

<sup>10</sup> Men from *Persia*, *Lud*, and *Put* were *in* *your* army. They were *your* men of *war* who *hung* *their* shields and *helmets* on *your* walls. They brought *honor* and *glory* to *your* city.

<sup>I</sup> CYPRUS Literally, "Elishah." This might be the area near Enkomi, Cyprus, or it might be the Greek islands. <sup>II</sup> BYBLOS Literally, "Gebal." <sup>III</sup> CAULKING Often a mixture of tar and rope that was put between the boards to make a ship watertight so that it would not leak. Also in verse 27.

Men from *Arvad* and *Cilicia* were *guards* standing on *the* wall around *your* city. Men from *Gammad* were *in* *your* towers. They *hung* *their* shields on *the* walls around *your* city and *made* *your* beauty complete.

<sup>12</sup> *Tarshish* was *one* of *your* best customers. They traded *silver*, *iron*, and *lead* for *all* *the* things *you* sold. <sup>13</sup> People in *Greece*, *Turkey*, and *the* *Black Sea* traded with *you*. They traded slaves and bronze for *the* things *you* sold. <sup>14</sup> People from *the* nation of *Togarmah* traded horses and mules for *the* things *you* sold. <sup>15</sup> The people of *Rhodes* traded with *you*. *You* sold things in many places. People brought *ivory*, *tusks*, *ebony*, *wood* to pay *you*. <sup>16</sup> *Aram* traded with *you* because *you* had

<sup>IV</sup> NATION Literally, "house." This might mean the royal family of that country. <sup>V</sup> RHODES Or "Dedan." See verse 20.

many good things. They traded emeralds, purple cloth, fine needlework, fine linen, coral, and rubies for the things you sold.

<sup>17</sup> The people in Judah and Israel traded with you. They paid for the things sold with wheat, olives, early figs, honey, oil, and balm. <sup>18</sup> Damascus was a good customer. They traded with you for the wonderful things you had. They traded wine from Helbon and white wool for those things. <sup>19</sup> Damascus traded wine from Uzal for the things sold. They paid with wrought iron, cassia, and sugar cane. <sup>20</sup> Dedan provided good business and traded with you for saddle blankets and riding horses. <sup>21</sup> Arabia and all the leaders of Kedar traded lambs, rams, and goats for your goods. <sup>22</sup> The merchants of Sheba and Raamah traded with you. They traded all the

best spices and every kind of precious stone and gold for your goods. <sup>23</sup> Haran, Canneh, Eden, the merchants of Sheba, and Kilmad traded with you. <sup>24</sup> They paid with the finest clothing, blue cloth, cloth with fine needlework, rugs of color, and the strongest ropes. These were the things they traded with you. <sup>25</sup> The ships from Tarshish carried the things you sold.

"Tyre, you are like one of those cargo ships.

You are on sea, loaded with many riches.

<sup>26</sup> Your oarsmen rowed you far out to sea.

But a powerful east wind will destroy your ship at sea.

<sup>27</sup> All your wealth will spill into sea.

Your wealth—the things you buy and sell—will spill into the sea.

Your whole crew—sailors, pilots, and men put caulking between the boards on your ship—will spill into sea.

<sup>1</sup> BALM An ointment from some kinds of trees and plants. It is used as medicine.

The *merchants and soldiers* in *your city*

will *all sink into the sea*.

That *will happen on the day*

that *you are destroyed!*

<sup>28</sup> " You *send your merchants to faraway places.*

Those *places will shake when they hear your pilots' cry!*

<sup>29</sup> Your *whole crew will jump ship.*

The *sailors and pilots will jump ship and swim to the shore.*

<sup>30</sup> They *will be very sad about you.*

They *will cry, throw dust on their heads, and roll in ashes.*

<sup>31</sup> They *will shave their heads for you.*

They *will put sackcloth on.*

They *will cry for you like someone crying for someone who died.*

<sup>32</sup> " And *in their loud crying they will sing this sad song about you:*

" No *one is like you Tyre!*

Tyre *is destroyed, in the middle of the sea!*

<sup>33</sup> Your *merchants sailed across the seas.*

You *satisfied many people with your great wealth and the things you sold.*

You *made the kings of earth rich!*

<sup>34</sup> But *now you are broken by the seas*

and *by the deep waters.*

All *the things you sell*

and *all people have fallen.*

<sup>35</sup> All *the people on the coast*

are *shocked about you.*

Their *kings are terrified.*

Their *faces show their shock.*

<sup>36</sup> The *merchants in other nations about you*

What *happened to you will frighten people, because you were destroyed.*

You *are gone forever!*"

### Tyre Thinks It Is Like a God

**28** The *word of LORD*

*of the LORD came to me. He said, " Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, ' This*

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 12, 21.

is |strong="H0430" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559":  
 "" You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" very proud |strong="H1361"!

And |strong="H1121" you |strong="H0859" say |strong="H0559"; " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H5414" god |strong="H0430"!

I |strong="H0589" sit |strong="H3427" on |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" seat |strong="H4186" of |strong="H1121" gods |strong="H0430"

in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" middle |strong="H3820" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" seas |strong="H3220".

" But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" a |strong="H5414" man |strong="H0120" and |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" God |strong="H0430"!

You |strong="H0859" only think |strong="H3820" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121" a |strong="H5414" god |strong="H0430".

<sup>3</sup> You |strong="H0859" think you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H2450" wiser |strong="H2450" than |strong="H3808" Daniel |strong="H1840"<sup>I</sup> and |strong="H2450" no |strong="H3808" secret |strong="H5640" is |strong="H2009" hidden |strong="H5640" from |strong="H2450" you |strong="H0859".

<sup>4</sup> Through your |strong="H3701" wisdom |strong="H2451" and |strong="H3701" understanding |strong="H8394"

you |strong="H6213" have gotten riches |strong="H2428" for |strong="H2428" yourself.

And |strong="H3701" you |strong="H6213" put gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3701" silver |strong="H3701"

in |strong="H3701" your |strong="H3701" treasures |strong="H0214".

<sup>5</sup> Through your great |strong="H7230" wisdom |strong="H2451" and |strong="H2451" trade |strong="H7404",

you |strong="H3824" have made your riches |strong="H2428" grow.

And |strong="H2451" now you |strong="H3824" are |strong="H3824" proud |strong="H1361"

because |strong="H7230" of |strong="H7230" those riches |strong="H2428".

<sup>6</sup> "" So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H0430" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0430" says |strong="H0559":

Tyre, you |strong="H5414" thought |strong="H0559" you |strong="H5414" were |strong="H0430"

I DANIEL A wise man from ancient times. This might be Daniel from the Bible, or the Danel mentioned in the writings from Ras Shamra.

like |strong="H3651" a |strong="H5414" god |strong="H0430".

<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H1471" bring |strong="H0935" strangers |strong="H2114" to |strong="H0935" fight against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921".

They |strong="H3651" are |strong="H1471" most |strong="H6184" terrible among |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H1471"!

They |strong="H3651" will |strong="H1471" pull out |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" swords |strong="H2719"

and |strong="H0935" use |strong="H7324" them |strong="H5921" against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" beautiful |strong="H3308" things your |strong="H5921" wisdom |strong="H2451" brought |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5921".

They |strong="H3651" will |strong="H1471" ruin your |strong="H5921" glory.

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="H3820" will |strong="H3820" bring |strong="H3381" you |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H4191" the |strong="H4191" grave.

You |strong="H3381" will |strong="H3820" be |strong="H4191" like |strong="H3381" a |strong="H4191" sailor who died |strong="H4191" at |strong="H4191" sea |strong="H3220".

<sup>9</sup> That |strong="H0559" person |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0430" kill |strong="H2026" you |strong="H0859".

Will |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0859" still |strong="H0559" say |strong="H0559"; " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" a |strong="H3808" god |strong="H0430"?"

No |strong="H3808", he |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" have |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" in |strong="H0430" his |strong="H3027" power |strong="H3027"!

You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H0430" see that |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3027" a |strong="H3808" man |strong="H0120", not |strong="H3808" God |strong="H0430"!

<sup>10</sup> Strangers |strong="H2114" will |strong="H3027" treat you |strong="H3588" like |strong="H4191" a |strong="H3588" foreigner |strong="H2114"<sup>II</sup> and |strong="H3027" kill |strong="H4191" you |strong="H3588",

because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" gave the |strong="H5002" command |strong="H3027"!"

This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3027" what |strong="H3588" the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H1696".

II FOREIGNER Literally, "uncircumcised." This means a person who did not share in the agreement God made with Israel. See "circumcise, circumcision" in the Word List.



11 The word of the LORD came to me. He said, "Son of man, sing about the king of Tyre. Say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: "You were the perfect man—

so full of wisdom and perfectly handsome.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. You had every precious stone—

rubies, topaz, diamonds, beryls, onyx, jasper, sapphires, turquoise, and emeralds.

And each of these stones was set in gold.

You were given this beauty on the day you were created.

God made you strong.

14 You were one of the chosen Cherubs who spread your wings over my throne.

I put you on the holy mountain

of God.

You walked among the jewels like fire.

15 You were good and honest when I created you;

but you became evil.

16 Your business brought you riches.

But they also put cruelty inside you, and you sinned.

So I treated you like something unclean and threw you off the mountain of God.

You were one of the chosen Cherubs

who spread your wings over my throne.

But I forced you to leave the jewels that sparkled like fire.

17 Your beauty made you proud.

Your glory ruined your wisdom.

So I threw you down to the ground, and other kings stare at you.

18 You did many wrong things.

You were a very crooked merchant.

In this way you made holy places unclean.

So I brought fire from inside you.

It burned you!

You |strong="H5414" burned to |strong="H5921" ash-  
es |strong="H0665" on |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H3605" ground |strong="H0776".

Now |strong="H5414" everyone |strong="H3605"  
can |strong="H7200" see |strong="H7200"  
your |strong="H3605" shame.

<sup>19</sup> " All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" in |strong="H5921" oth-  
er |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971"  
were |strong="H1961" shocked |strong="H8074"  
about |strong="H1961" what |strong="H5921" hap-  
pened |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704"  
you |strong="H3605".

What |strong="H5921" happened |strong="H1961"  
to |strong="H5704" you |strong="H3605"  
will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H3045" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" very |strong="H5704" afraid.

You |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0369" finished!"

### The |strong="H3605" Message Against |strong="H5921" Sidon

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697"  
of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".  
He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>21</sup> "  
Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
man |strong="H0120", look toward |strong="H0413"  
Sidon |strong="H6721" and |strong="H1121" speak  
for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H0413"  
against |strong="H5921" that |strong="H1121"  
place |strong="H7760". <sup>22</sup> Say |strong="H0559",  
" This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3068"  
what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559"  
Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H3068"  
says |strong="H0559":

" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588",  
Sidon |strong="H6721"!"

Your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H3045"  
will |strong="H3068" learn |strong="H3045"  
to |strong="H0559" respect |strong="H5921"  
me |strong="H5921".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" punish  
Sidon |strong="H6721".

Then |strong="H6213" people |strong="H3045"  
will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045"  
that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0559"  
LORD |strong="H3068".

Then |strong="H6213" they |strong="H3588"  
will |strong="H3068" learn |strong="H3045"  
that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" holy |strong="H6942",  
and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3588"  
will |strong="H3068" treat |strong="H6942"  
me |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3588"  
way |strong="H3541".

<sup>23</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068"  
send |strong="H7971" disease and |strong="H3068"  
death |strong="H1818" to |strong="H5921" Sidon,  
and |strong="H3068" many people |strong="H1818"  
inside |strong="H8432" the |strong="H5921" city  
will |strong="H3068" die |strong="H5307".

Soldiers outside |strong="H2351"  
the |strong="H5921" city will |strong="H3068"  
kill |strong="H2719" many people |strong="H1818".

Then |strong="H7971" people |strong="H1818"  
will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045"  
that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H5921"  
LORD |strong="H3068"!"

### The |strong="H5921" Nations Will |strong="H3068" Stop Laughing at |strong="H5921" Israel

<sup>24</sup> " Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" sur-  
rounding |strong="H5439" nations  
that |strong="H3588" hate Israel |strong="H3478"  
will |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808"  
longer |strong="H5750" be |strong="H1961"  
like |strong="H1961" stinging nettles <sup>1</sup>  
and |strong="H3478" painful |strong="H3510"  
thorns |strong="H6975". And |strong="H3478"  
they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961"  
know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588"  
I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136"."

<sup>25</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834"  
what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853"  
Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136"  
said |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H0834" scat-  
tered |strong="H6327" the |strong="H0853" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1004" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" among |strong="H4480" oth-  
er |strong="H3541" nations |strong="H1471",  
but |strong="H0559" I |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H0834" gather |strong="H6908"  
the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004"  
of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" togeth-  
er |strong="H6908" again. Then |strong="H0853"  
the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471"  
will |strong="H0834" know that |strong="H0834"  
I |strong="H0834" am holy |strong="H6942",  
and |strong="H3478" they |strong="H0834"  
will |strong="H0834" treat |strong="H6942"  
me |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834"  
way |strong="H3541". At |strong="H3427"  
that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3478"  
the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971"  
of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478"  
will |strong="H0834" live |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" their |strong="H5414"  
land |strong="H0127"— I |strong="H0834"

<sup>1</sup> NETTLES Plants covered with stinging hairs.

gave |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" to |strong="H0559" my |strong="H5414" servant |strong="H5650" Jacob |strong="H3290". <sup>26</sup> They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" safely |strong="H0983" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" land. They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" build |strong="H1129" houses |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" plant |strong="H5193" vineyards |strong="H3754". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" punish the |strong="H3605" nations around |strong="H5439" them |strong="H0853" that |strong="H3588" hated them |strong="H0853". Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H1004" Israel will |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" safety |strong="H0983", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430".

### The Message Against Egypt

**29** On |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" twelfth day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" tenth |strong="H6224" month |strong="H2320" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" tenth |strong="H6224" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H3068" exile, <sup>1</sup> the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> "Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", <sup>II</sup> look toward |strong="H5921" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". Speak for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H6440" against |strong="H5921" him |strong="H5921" and |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". <sup>3</sup> Say |strong="H0559", "This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559":  
 " I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834", Pharaoh |strong="H6547", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Egypt |strong="H4714".  
 You |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" great |strong="H1419" monster |strong="H8577" <sup>III</sup> lying |strong="H7257" be-

I TENTH YEAR OF EXILE This was the winter of 587 B.C. II SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 18. III

side |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" Nile |strong="H2975" River |strong="H2975".

You |strong="H0834" say |strong="H0559", "This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" my |strong="H5921" river |strong="H2975"! I |strong="H0589" made |strong="H6213" this |strong="H3541" river |strong="H2975"!"  
<sup>4</sup> "But I will put hooks in your jaws.

The fish in the Nile River will stick to your scales. I will pull you and your fish up out of your rivers and onto the dry land. You will fall on the ground, and no one will pick you up or bury you. I will give you to the wild animals and birds. You will be their food.

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714"

will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"!"

" Why |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" do |strong="H0589"

these |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605"?

Because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" leaned on |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714" for |strong="H3588" support, but |strong="H3588" Egypt |strong="H4714" was |strong="H1961" only |strong="H3605" a |strong="H1961" weak |strong="H3605" blade of |strong="H1004" grass.

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3709" of |strong="H5921" Israel leaned |strong="H8172" on |strong="H5921" Egypt for |strong="H5921" support,

but |strong="H5921" Egypt only |strong="H3605" pierced their |strong="H3605" hands |strong="H3709" and |strong="H4975" shoulder |strong="H3802".

They |strong="H5921" leaned |strong="H8172" on |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3605" for |strong="H5921" support,

but |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3605" broke |strong="H7665" and |strong="H4975" twisted their |strong="H3605" back |strong="H4975"."

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3651" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559":  
 " I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H2719" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3772"

GREAT MONSTER There were ancient stories about a sea monster that fought against God. The prophets called Egypt that sea monster many times. But here, this might mean the crocodiles that rest on the banks of the Nile River.

sword|strong="H2719" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H2719" de-  
stroy|strong="H2719" all|strong="H4480"  
your|strong="H5921" people|strong="H0120"  
and|strong="H0935" animals|strong="H0929".

<sup>9</sup> Egypt|strong="H4714" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H1961" empty and|strong="H3068" de-  
stroyed|strong="H2723".

Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045"  
that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589"  
am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

God|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", "  
Why|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068"  
I|strong="H0589" do|strong="H6213" these  
things|strong="H1961"? Because|strong="H3588"  
you|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", '  
This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
my|strong="H3068" river|strong="H2975".  
I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H6213"  
this|strong="H3588" river|strong="H2975". <sup>10</sup>  
So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H2005"  
am|strong="H2005" against|strong="H0413"  
you|strong="H5414". I|strong="H2005"  
am|strong="H2005" against|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" many branches  
of|strong="H0776" your|strong="H5414"  
Nile|strong="H2975" River|strong="H2975".  
I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H0776" destroy  
Egypt|strong="H4714" completely.

The|strong="H0853" cities will|strong="H0776"  
be|strong="H0776" empty from|strong="H5704"  
Migdol|strong="H4024" to|strong="H0413" Aswan  
and|strong="H0776" as|strong="H5704"  
far|strong="H5704" as|strong="H5704"  
the|strong="H0853" border|strong="H1366"  
of|strong="H0776" Ethiopia|strong="H3568". <sup>11</sup>  
No|strong="H3808" person|strong="H0120"  
or|strong="H3808" animal|strong="H0929"  
will|strong="H0120" pass|strong="H5674"  
through|strong="H5674" Egypt. Noth-  
ing|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0120"  
pass|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674"  
or|strong="H3808" settle|strong="H3427"  
there|strong="H3427" for|strong="H3427" 40  
years|strong="H8141". <sup>12</sup> I|strong="H5414"  
will|strong="H1961" destroy|strong="H5892"  
Egypt|strong="H4714". The|strong="H0853"  
cities|strong="H5892" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" in|strong="H8141" ru-  
ins|strong="H8074" for|strong="H0776" 40  
years|strong="H8141"! I|strong="H5414"  
will|strong="H1961" scatter|strong="H2219"  
the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4714"  
among|strong="H8432" the|strong="H0853" na-  
tions|strong="H1471". I|strong="H5414"

will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H5414"  
them|strong="H5414" strangers <sup>1</sup> in|strong="H8141"  
foreign lands|strong="H0776".

<sup>13</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834"  
what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" scatter|strong="H6327"  
the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971"  
of|strong="H8141" Egypt|strong="H4714"  
among|strong="H4480" many na-  
tions|strong="H5971". But|strong="H3588"  
at|strong="H6908" the|strong="H0853"  
end|strong="H7093" of|strong="H8141" 40  
years|strong="H8141", I|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" gather|strong="H6908"  
those|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971" to-  
gether|strong="H6908" again. <sup>14</sup> I|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H1961" bring|strong="H7725"  
back|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" Egypt-  
ian|strong="H4714" captives. I|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H1961" bring|strong="H7725"  
back|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" Egypt-  
ians|strong="H4714" to|strong="H7725"  
the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776"  
of|strong="H0776" Pathros|strong="H6624",  
to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853"  
land|strong="H0776" where|strong="H8033"  
they|strong="H8033" were|strong="H1961" born.  
But|strong="H1961" their|strong="H5921" king-  
dom|strong="H4467" will|strong="H1961"  
not|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" important.  
<sup>15</sup> It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961"  
be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921"  
least|strong="H4591" important king-  
dom|strong="H4467". It|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H1961" never|strong="H3808"  
again|strong="H5750" lift|strong="H5375" itself  
above|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" oth-  
er|strong="H5750" nations|strong="H1471".  
I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961"  
make|strong="H5375" them|strong="H5921"  
so|strong="H4480" small|strong="H4591"  
that|strong="H4480" they|strong="H5921"  
will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808"  
rule|strong="H7287" over|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" nations|strong="H1471". <sup>16</sup>  
And|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3588" fami-  
ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Is-  
rael|strong="H3478" will|strong="H1961" nev-  
er|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" de-  
pend|strong="H2142" on|strong="H1961" Egypt.  
The|strong="H3588" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
will|strong="H1961" remember|strong="H2142"  
their|strong="H3588" sin|strong="H5771"—  
they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" remem-  
ber|strong="H2142" that|strong="H3588"

<sup>1</sup> I WILL ... STRANGERS Or "I will scatter them ..."

they|strong="H3588" turned|strong="H6437" to|strong="H1961" Egypt for|strong="H3588" help and|strong="H3478" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H1961" God|strong="H0136", and|strong="H3478" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1961" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136":

#### Babylon Will|strong="H1961" Get Egypt

17 On|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" first|strong="H7223" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0559" twenty-seventh year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H3068" exile, I the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", 18 " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H1121" Babylon|strong="H0894" made|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" fight hard|strong="H1419" against|strong="H5921" Tyre|strong="H6865". They|strong="H0834" shaved every|strong="H3605" soldier's head|strong="H7218". Every|strong="H3605" shoulder|strong="H3802" was|strong="H1961" rubbed|strong="H4803" bare|strong="H4803" from|strong="H5921" carrying heavy|strong="H1419" loads. Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" and|strong="H1121" his|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" worked|strong="H5647" hard|strong="H1419" to|strong="H0413" defeat Tyre|strong="H6865", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H0834" got nothing|strong="H3808" from|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" hard|strong="H1419" work|strong="H5656": 19 So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0776" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H5414" Egypt|strong="H4714" to|strong="H0559" King|strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong="H5019" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894", and|strong="H0776" he|strong="H3651" will|strong="H1961" carry|strong="H5375" away|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1995". He|strong="H3651" will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853"

I TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF EXILE This was in the spring of 571 B.C.

many|strong="H1995" valuable things|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714" to|strong="H0559" pay|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" army|strong="H2426". 20 I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" give|strong="H5414" Egypt|strong="H4714" to|strong="H5414" Nebuchadnezzar as|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" reward|strong="H6468" for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" hard work|strong="H5647" he|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213" for|strong="H0776" me|strong="H5414": " This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said! 21 " On|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3588" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" strong|strong="H7161". So|strong="H5414" Ezekiel, I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" speak|strong="H6310" to|strong="H3068" them|strong="H5414". Then|strong="H5414" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068": "

#### The Army of Babylon Will Attack Egypt

30 The|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" again|strong="H1961". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", 2 " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", I speak|strong="H0559" for|strong="H3117" me|strong="H1121". Say|strong="H0559", ' This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3117" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " "Cry and|strong="H1121" say|strong="H0559", " A|strong="H3117" terrible day|strong="H3117" is|strong="H3117" coming." 3 That|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" is|strong="H3068" near|strong="H7138"! Yes|strong="H3588", the|strong="H3588" LORD'S|strong="H3068" day|strong="H3117" for|strong="H3588" judging is|strong="H3068" near|strong="H7138": "

II SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 21.

It will be a cloudy day, the time for judging the nations.

<sup>4</sup> A sword will come against Egypt!

People in Ethiopia will shake with fear, when Egypt falls.

The army of Babylon will take the Egyptians prisoners.

Egypt's foundations will be torn down.

<sup>5</sup> "Many people made peace agreements with Egypt. But all those people from Ethiopia, Put, Lud, Arabia, Libya, and the people of Israel will be destroyed!

<sup>6</sup> "This is what the LORD says: Those who support Egypt will fall!

The pride of her power will end.

The people in Egypt will be killed in battle,

all the way from Migdol to Aswan.

This is what the LORD GOD said:

<sup>7</sup> Egypt will join the other countries that were destroyed.

<sup>I</sup> PEOPLE OF ISRAEL Literally, "sons of the agreement." This might mean "all the people who made peace agreements with Egypt," or it might mean "Israel, the people who made the agreement with God."

Its cities will be among those that are in ruins.

<sup>8</sup> I will start a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers will be destroyed.

Then they will know that I am LORD!

<sup>9</sup> "At that time I will send out messengers.

They will go in ships to carry the bad news to Ethiopia now. Ethiopia feels safe, but the people of Ethiopia will shake when Egypt is punished. That time is coming!"

<sup>10</sup> This is what the Lord GOD says:

"I will use the king of Babylon.

I will use Nebuchadnezzar to destroy the people of Egypt.

<sup>11</sup> Nebuchadnezzar and his people are the most terrible of the nations, and I will bring them to destroy Egypt.

They will pull out swords against Egypt.

They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776" fill|strong="H4390" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" with|strong="H0854" dead|strong="H2491" bodies.

<sup>12</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" Nile|strong="H2975" River|strong="H2975" become|strong="H8074" dry|strong="H2724" land|strong="H0776".

Then|strong="H1696" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" sell|strong="H4376" the|strong="H0853" dry|strong="H2724" land|strong="H0776" to|strong="H1696" evil|strong="H7451" people|strong="H0776".

I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" use strangers|strong="H2114" to|strong="H1696" make|strong="H5414" that|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776" empty.

I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", have|strong="H0776" spoken|strong="H1696"!

### The|strong="H0853" Idols of|strong="H0776" Egypt Will|strong="H3068" Be|strong="H3027" Destroyed

<sup>13</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0776" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559":

"I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H3541" destroy|strong="H0006" the|strong="H0559" idols|strong="H1544" in|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714".

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" statues away|strong="H5750" from|strong="H1961" Memphis|strong="H5297".

There|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" no|strong="H3808" longer|strong="H5750" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" leader|strong="H5387" in|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714".

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" put|strong="H5414" fear|strong="H3374" there|strong="H1961" instead|strong="H3808".

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" make|strong="H5414" Pathros|strong="H6624" empty.

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" start a|strong="H5414" fire|strong="H0784" in|strong="H0784" Zoan|strong="H6814".

I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" punish Thebes|strong="H4996".

<sup>15</sup> I|strong="H4714" will|strong="H4714" pour|strong="H8210" out|strong="H8210" my|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H2534" against|strong="H5921" Pelusium|strong="H5512",

the|strong="H0853" fortress|strong="H4581" of|strong="H5921" Egypt|strong="H4714"!

I|strong="H4714" will|strong="H4714" destroy|strong="H3772" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1995" of|strong="H5921" Thebes|strong="H4996".

<sup>16</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" start a|strong="H1961" fire|strong="H0784" in|strong="H0784" Egypt|strong="H4714";

the|strong="H5414" city of|strong="H0784" Pelusium|strong="H5512" will|strong="H1961" ache with|strong="H4714" fear.

The|strong="H5414" soldiers will|strong="H1961" break|strong="H1234" into|strong="H4714" the|strong="H5414" city of|strong="H0784" Thebes|strong="H4996",

and|strong="H4714" Memphis|strong="H5297" will|strong="H1961" have|strong="H1961" new troubles every day|strong="H3119".

<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H5307" young|strong="H0970" men|strong="H0970" of|strong="H2719" Heliopolis and|strong="H2719" Bubastis<sup>I</sup> will|strong="H2719" die|strong="H5307" in|strong="H5307" battle,

and|strong="H2719" the|strong="H5307" women will|strong="H2719" be|strong="H2719" taken away|strong="H5307" as prisoners|strong="H7628".

<sup>18</sup> It|strong="H1931" will|strong="H4714" be|strong="H3117" a|strong="H8033" dark|strong="H2821" day|strong="H3117" in|strong="H3117" Tahpanhes|strong="H8471" when|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117" break|strong="H7665" Egypt's|strong="H4714" control.<sup>II</sup>

Her|strong="H3680" proud|strong="H1347" power|strong="H5797" will|strong="H4714" be|strong="H3117" finished!

A|strong="H8033" cloud|strong="H6051" will|strong="H4714" cover|strong="H3680" Egypt|strong="H4714",

and|strong="H3117" her|strong="H3680" daughters|strong="H1323" will|strong="H4714" be|strong="H3117" taken away as|strong="H3117" prisoners|strong="H7628".

<sup>19</sup> So|strong="H6213" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" punish Egypt|strong="H4714".

Then|strong="H6213" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068"!

### Egypt|strong="H4714" Will|strong="H3068" Become Weak Forever

<sup>20</sup> On|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" seventh|strong="H7651" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"

<sup>I</sup> HELIOPOLIS AND BUBASTIS Hebrew, "On and Pi Beseth," cities in Egypt. <sup>II</sup> CONTROL Literally, "yoke."

first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" eleventh|strong="H6240" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H3068" exile, <sup>1</sup> the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>21</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", I|strong="H5414" have|strong="H1121" broken|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0853" arm|strong="H2220" of|strong="H1121" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H0120" will|strong="H4428" wrap his|strong="H5414" arm|strong="H2220" with|strong="H4714" a|strong="H5414" bandage|strong="H2848". It|strong="H7760" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" heal, so|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" arm|strong="H2220" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" strong|strong="H2388" enough to|strong="H5414" hold|strong="H2388" a|strong="H5414" sword|strong="H2719"."

<sup>22</sup> This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3027" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H2005" against|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H4428" break|strong="H7665" both his|strong="H3027" arms|strong="H2220", the|strong="H0853" strong|strong="H2389" arm|strong="H2220" and|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" arm|strong="H2220" that|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3027" already broken|strong="H7665". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H4428" make|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" sword|strong="H2719" fall|strong="H5307" from|strong="H3027" his|strong="H3027" hand|strong="H3027". <sup>23</sup> I|strong="H4714" will|strong="H0776" scatter|strong="H2219" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4714" among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471". <sup>24</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" arms|strong="H2220" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" strong|strong="H2388". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" put|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414"

sword|strong="H2719" in|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5414" hand|strong="H3027", but|strong="H2388" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H4428" break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0853" arms|strong="H2220" of|strong="H4428" Pharaoh|strong="H6547". Then|strong="H0853" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" will|strong="H4428" cry out|strong="H2388" in|strong="H4428" pain, the|strong="H0853" kind of|strong="H4428" cry that|strong="H3027" a|strong="H5414" dying man makes|strong="H5414". <sup>25</sup> So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" arms|strong="H2220" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894" strong|strong="H2388", but|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" arms|strong="H2220" of|strong="H4428" Pharaoh|strong="H6547" will|strong="H3068" fall|strong="H5307". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" sword|strong="H2719" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" hand|strong="H3027" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894". Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" stretch|strong="H5186" the|strong="H0853" sword|strong="H2719" out|strong="H2388" against|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H4428" Egypt|strong="H4714". <sup>26</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" scatter|strong="H2219" the|strong="H0853" Egyptians|strong="H4714" among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471". Then|strong="H0853" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"!"

#### Assyria Is Like a Cedar Tree

**31** On|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" first|strong="H0259" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" third|strong="H7992" month|strong="H2320" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0559" eleventh|strong="H6240" year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H3068" exile, the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413"

<sup>1</sup> ELEVENTH YEAR OF EXILE This was the summer of 587 B.C. Also in 31:1.



me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", I say|strong="H0559" this to|strong="H0413" Pharaoh|strong="H6547", king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H1121" Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H0413" people|strong="H0120":  
 "" You|strong="H0413" are|strong="H1121" so great|strong="H1995"!

Who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310" I|strong="H4714" compare|strong="H1819" you|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"?

<sup>3</sup> Assyria|strong="H0804" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" cedar|strong="H0730" tree in|strong="H3303" Lebanon|strong="H3844" with|strong="H1961" beautiful|strong="H3303" branches|strong="H6057",

with|strong="H1961" forest|strong="H2793" shade|strong="H6751", and|strong="H0730" very|strong="H6967" tall|strong="H6967".

Its|strong="H1961" top|strong="H6788" was|strong="H1961" among|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0996" clouds|strong="H5688"!

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325" made|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" grow|strong="H1431".

The|strong="H3605" deep|strong="H8415" river|strong="H5104" made|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" tall|strong="H7311".

Rivers|strong="H5104" flowed|strong="H1980" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H3605" place|strong="H4302"

where|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" was|strong="H4325" planted|strong="H4302".

Only|strong="H3605" small streams|strong="H5104" flowed|strong="H1980" from|strong="H1980" that|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086"

to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086" of|strong="H4325" the|strong="H3605" field|strong="H7704".

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="H3651" that|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" was|strong="H4325" taller|strong="H6967" than|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" trees|strong="H6086" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" field|strong="H7704",

and|strong="H7971" it|strong="H5921" grew|strong="H7235" many|strong="H7227" branches|strong="H6288".

I SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

There|strong="H3605" was|strong="H4325" plenty|strong="H7227" of|strong="H5921" water|strong="H4325",

so|strong="H3651" the|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086" branches|strong="H6288" spread|strong="H7971" out|strong="H7971".

<sup>6</sup> All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775" of|strong="H3205" the|strong="H3605" sky|strong="H8064" made|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" nests|strong="H7077"

in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" branches|strong="H6288" of|strong="H3205" that|strong="H3605" tree,

and|strong="H8064" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H2416" of|strong="H3205" the|strong="H3605" field|strong="H7704" gave|strong="H3205" birth|strong="H3205"

under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" branches|strong="H6288" of|strong="H3205" that|strong="H3605" tree.

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" great|strong="H7227" nations|strong="H1471" lived|strong="H3427"

under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" shade|strong="H6738" of|strong="H3205" that|strong="H3605" tree.

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3588" tree was|strong="H1961" very|strong="H7227" beautiful|strong="H3302".

It|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1961" so|strong="H1961" large|strong="H7227"!

It|strong="H3588" had|strong="H1961" such|strong="H1961" long|strong="H0753" branches|strong="H1808".

Its|strong="H1961" roots|strong="H8328" had|strong="H1961" plenty|strong="H7227" of|strong="H4325" water|strong="H4325".

<sup>8</sup> Even|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" cedar|strong="H0730" trees|strong="H6086" in|strong="H0413" God's|strong="H0430" garden|strong="H1588"

were|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" as|strong="H1961" big as|strong="H1961" this|strong="H3605" tree|strong="H6086".

Cypress|strong="H1265" trees|strong="H6086" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961" as|strong="H1961" many branches|strong="H6288".

Plane|strong="H6196" trees|strong="H6086" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961" such|strong="H3605" branches|strong="H6288".

No|strong="H3808" tree|strong="H6086" in|strong="H0413" God's|strong="H0430" garden|strong="H1588"

was |strong="H1961" as |strong="H1961" beautiful |strong="H3308" as |strong="H1961" this |strong="H3605" tree |strong="H6086".

<sup>9</sup> I |strong="H0834" gave |strong="H6213" it |strong="H6213" many |strong="H7230" branches |strong="H1808"

and |strong="H0430" made |strong="H6213" it |strong="H6213" beautiful |strong="H3303".

And |strong="H0430" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" in |strong="H0430" Eden |strong="H5731", God's |strong="H0430" garden |strong="H1588", were |strong="H0834" jealous |strong="H7065"!"

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " That |strong="H0834" tree grew tall |strong="H7311". Its |strong="H5414" top |strong="H6788" reached up |strong="H7311" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" clouds |strong="H5688". It |strong="H5414" grew so |strong="H3651" big that |strong="H0834" it |strong="H5414" became |strong="H7311" proud |strong="H7311"! <sup>11</sup> So |strong="H6213" I |strong="H5414"

let |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" powerful king have |strong="H1471" that |strong="H1471" tree. That |strong="H1471" ruler punished the |strong="H5414" tree for |strong="H3027" the |strong="H5414" bad things it |strong="H5414" did |strong="H6213". I |strong="H5414" took |strong="H5414" that |strong="H1471" tree out |strong="H1644" of |strong="H3027" my |strong="H5414" garden. <sup>12</sup>

Strangers |strong="H2114"— the |strong="H3605" most |strong="H6184" terrible people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776"— cut |strong="H3772" it |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" and |strong="H0776" scattered its |strong="H3605" branches |strong="H1808" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H0776" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" valleys |strong="H1516". Its |strong="H3605" broken |strong="H7665" limbs drifted down |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3605" rivers flowing |strong="H3381"

through |strong="H3605" that |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". There |strong="H2022" was |strong="H0776" no |strong="H3605" more shadow |strong="H6738" under that |strong="H3605" tree, so |strong="H3381" all |strong="H3605"

the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" left |strong="H5203". <sup>13</sup> Now |strong="H1961" birds |strong="H5775" live |strong="H2416" in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605" fallen |strong="H1961" tree. Wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416" walk over |strong="H5921"

its |strong="H3605" fallen |strong="H1961" branches |strong="H6288".

its |strong="H3605" fallen |strong="H1961" branches |strong="H6288".

<sup>14</sup> " Now |strong="H3588", none |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" by |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" proud |strong="H1361". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" try to |strong="H0413" reach |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" clouds |strong="H5688". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" strong trees |strong="H6086" that |strong="H0834" drink |strong="H8354" that |strong="H0834" water |strong="H4325" will |strong="H0776" brag about |strong="H0413" being |strong="H1121" tall |strong="H6967", because |strong="H3588" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" them |strong="H0413" must |strong="H0853" die |strong="H4194". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" go |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776" below |strong="H3381", to |strong="H0413" Sheol, the |strong="H3605" place |strong="H5414" of |strong="H1121" death |strong="H4194". They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" join |strong="H5975" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0834" died |strong="H4194" and |strong="H1121" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" deep |strong="H6967" hole."

<sup>15</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3117" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H3117" made |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people cry on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" tree |strong="H6086" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0559" Sheol |strong="H7585". I |strong="H3117" covered |strong="H3680" him |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" deep |strong="H8415" ocean |strong="H8415". I |strong="H3117" stopped |strong="H3607" its |strong="H3605" rivers |strong="H5104" and |strong="H3117" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" stopped |strong="H3607" flowing |strong="H3381". I |strong="H3117" made |strong="H3605" Lebanon |strong="H3844" mourn |strong="H0056" for |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" field |strong="H7704" became

sick with |strong="H5921" sadness for |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605" big tree |strong="H6086". <sup>16</sup> I |strong="H0776" made |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tree |strong="H6086" fall |strong="H4658"—and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" shook |strong="H7493" with |strong="H0854" fear at |strong="H4325" the |strong="H3605" sound |strong="H6963" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" falling tree |strong="H6086". I |strong="H0776" sent the |strong="H3605" tree |strong="H6086" down |strong="H3381" to |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" death |strong="H7585" to |strong="H3381" join |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" who |strong="H3605" had |strong="H0853" gone |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0776" that |strong="H3605" deep hole. In |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" past, all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" of |strong="H0776" Eden |strong="H5731", the |strong="H3605" best |strong="H2896" of |strong="H0776" Lebanon |strong="H3844", drank |strong="H8354" that |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325". The |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" were |strong="H4325" comforted |strong="H5162" in |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776" below |strong="H3381". <sup>17</sup> Yes |strong="H1571", those |strong="H1992" trees also |strong="H1571" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0413" big tree to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" place of |strong="H3427" death |strong="H7585". They |strong="H1992" joined |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0413" people |strong="H1471" who |strong="H3427" were |strong="H1992" killed |strong="H2491" in |strong="H3427" battle. That |strong="H1471" big tree made |strong="H1571" the |strong="H0413" other trees strong. Those |strong="H1992" trees had |strong="H1471" lived |strong="H3427" under |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0413" big tree's shadow |strong="H6738" among |strong="H8432" the |strong="H0413" nations |strong="H1471".

<sup>18</sup> "Egypt, there |strong="H8432" were |strong="H0776" many |strong="H1995" big and |strong="H0776" powerful trees |strong="H6086" in |strong="H0413" Eden |strong="H5731". Which |strong="H1931" of |strong="H0776" those |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" should |strong="H0413" I |strong="H0776" compare |strong="H1819" you |strong="H3605" to |strong="H0413"? They |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" went |strong="H3381"

down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776" below |strong="H3381"! And |strong="H0776" you |strong="H3605", too, will |strong="H4310" join |strong="H3381" those |strong="H3605" foreigners <sup>I</sup> in |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" death. You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H4310" lie |strong="H7901" there |strong="H8432" among |strong="H8432" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1995" killed |strong="H2491" in |strong="H0413" battle.

"Yes, that |strong="H3605" will |strong="H4310" happen to |strong="H0413" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" crowds |strong="H1995" of |strong="H0776" people |strong="H1995" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H0413"! This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" what |strong="H4310" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0413".

#### Pharaoh: a Lion or a Dragon?

**32** On |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" first |strong="H0259" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" twelfth month |strong="H2320" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0559" twelfth year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H3068" exile, <sup>II</sup> the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", <sup>III</sup> sing |strong="H5375" this sad song about |strong="H5921" Pharaoh |strong="H6547", king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". Say |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413":  
 " You |strong="H0859" thought |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H1121" like |strong="H1819" a |strong="H5375" powerful young |strong="H1121" lion |strong="H3715" walking proud |strong="H5375" among |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" nations |strong="H1471".  
 But |strong="H0859" really |strong="H0559", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1121"

<sup>I</sup> FOREIGNERS Literally, "uncircumcised." This means people who did not share in the agreement God made with Israel. See "circumcise, circumcision" in the Word List. <sup>II</sup> TWELFTH YEAR OF EXILE This was early spring, 585 B.C. Also in verse 17. <sup>III</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 18.

like |strong="H1819" a|strong="H5375" dragon I in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" lakes.

You |strong="H0859" push your |strong="H5921" way |strong="H5921" through |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" streams |strong="H5104".

You |strong="H0859" make |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0559" water |strong="H4325" muddy |strong="H1804" with |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5921" feet |strong="H7272"

and |strong="H1121" stir up |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0559" rivers |strong="H5104" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714"."

<sup>3</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0136" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559":

" I |strong="H3541" have |strong="H5921" gathered |strong="H6951" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" together |strong="H5921".

Now |strong="H7227" I |strong="H3541" will |strong="H0136" throw my |strong="H5921" net |strong="H7568" over |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921".

Then |strong="H0853" those |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0136" pull you |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921".

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" drop you |strong="H3605" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" dry ground |strong="H0776".

I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" throw |strong="H2904" you |strong="H3605" down |strong="H7931" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" field |strong="H7704".

I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" let all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" birds |strong="H5775" come and |strong="H0776" eat you |strong="H3605".

I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" let wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416" from |strong="H4480" every |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" come and |strong="H0776" eat you |strong="H3605" until |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" are |strong="H8064" full |strong="H7646".

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1320" scatter your |strong="H5414" body |strong="H1320" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" mountains |strong="H2022".

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1320" fill |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853" valleys |strong="H1516" with |strong="H4390" your |strong="H5414" dead body |strong="H1320".

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" pour your |strong="H4480" blood |strong="H1818"

<sup>1</sup> DRAGON This might be a crocodile or a giant sea creature. The giant sea creature represented the power of the sea, and the Nile River made Egypt a powerful nation.

on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" mountains |strong="H2022",

and |strong="H0776" it will |strong="H0776" soak down into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" ground |strong="H0776".

The |strong="H0413" rivers will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" full |strong="H4390" of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H4480".

<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H8064" make |strong="H0215" you |strong="H0853" disappear.

I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H8064" cover |strong="H3680" the |strong="H0853" sky |strong="H8064" and |strong="H8064" make |strong="H0215" the |strong="H0853" stars |strong="H3556" dark |strong="H6937".

I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H8064" cover |strong="H3680" the |strong="H0853" sun |strong="H8121" with |strong="H3680" a |strong="H3808" cloud |strong="H6051", and |strong="H8064" the |strong="H0853" moon |strong="H3394" will |strong="H8064" not |strong="H3808" shine |strong="H0215".

<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" darken |strong="H6937" the |strong="H3605" lights |strong="H3974" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064" over |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414".

I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" dark |strong="H2822"."

This |strong="H3605" is |strong="H0776" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.

<sup>9</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H3045" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" sad and |strong="H0935" upset |strong="H3707" when |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" bring |strong="H0935" an |strong="H0935" enemy to |strong="H0935" destroy you |strong="H0834". Nations |strong="H1471" you |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H3808" even |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" upset |strong="H3707". <sup>10</sup> I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H4428" make |strong="H8074" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" shocked |strong="H8074" about |strong="H5921" you |strong="H6440". Their |strong="H5921" kings |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H0376" terrified |strong="H2729" of |strong="H4428" you |strong="H6440", when |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" swing my |strong="H5921" sword |strong="H2719" before |strong="H6440" them |strong="H5921". They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H4428" shake with |strong="H5921" fear |strong="H2729"

on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" day |strong="H3117" you |strong="H6440" fall |strong="H4658". Each |strong="H0376" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H0376" afraid |strong="H2729" for |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376" life |strong="H5315".

<sup>11</sup> That |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" happen because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H4428" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0559": " The |strong="H0559" sword |strong="H2719" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" will |strong="H4428" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" fight against |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588". <sup>12</sup> I |strong="H4714" will |strong="H1471" use those |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H1368" to |strong="H4714" kill |strong="H2719" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" in |strong="H5307" battle. They |strong="H3605" come |strong="H5307" from |strong="H1471" the |strong="H3605" most |strong="H6184" terrible of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471". They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1471" destroy |strong="H8045" the |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" Egypt |strong="H4714" is |strong="H3605" proud |strong="H1347" of |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" of |strong="H3605" Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H1471" be |strong="H1471" destroyed |strong="H8045". <sup>13</sup> There |strong="H3605" are |strong="H0120" many |strong="H7227" animals |strong="H0929" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" rivers in |strong="H5921" Egypt. I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H0120" also |strong="H0853" destroy |strong="H0006" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H0929". People |strong="H0120" will |strong="H0120" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H0006" the |strong="H3605" waters |strong="H4325" muddy |strong="H1804" with |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" feet |strong="H7272" anymore |strong="H5750". The |strong="H3605" hoofs |strong="H6541" of |strong="H5921" cattle |strong="H0929" will |strong="H0120" not |strong="H3808" make |strong="H0006" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" muddy |strong="H1804" anymore |strong="H5750". <sup>14</sup> So |strong="H0227" I |strong="H0227" will |strong="H4325" make the |strong="H5002" water |strong="H4325" in |strong="H0227" Egypt calm |strong="H8257". I |strong="H0227" will |strong="H4325" cause their |strong="H0227" rivers |strong="H5104" to |strong="H4325" run slow-

ly— they |strong="H0227" will |strong="H4325" be |strong="H0136" slick like oil |strong="H8081". This is |strong="H4325" what the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said. <sup>15</sup> " I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714" empty. That |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" lose everything |strong="H3605". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" punish all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>16</sup> " This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H5921" sad song that |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1471" sing for |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714". The |strong="H3605" daughters |strong="H1323" in |strong="H5921" other |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H1471" sing this |strong="H1931" sad song. They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1471" sing it |strong="H1931" as |strong="H1323" a |strong="H5921" sad song about |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H4714" all |strong="H3605" its |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471". This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.

**Egypt |strong="H4714" to |strong="H5921" Be |strong="H1471" Destroyed**

<sup>17</sup> On |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" fifteenth day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H3068" that |strong="H1697" month |strong="H2320" in |strong="H8141" the |strong="H0559" twelfth year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H3068" exile, the |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>18</sup> " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", cry for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0120" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714". Lead |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" daughters |strong="H1323" from |strong="H5921" powerful |strong="H0117" nations |strong="H1471" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" grave. Lead |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853"

world|strong="H0776" below|strong="H3381" where|strong="H0413" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H1121" with|strong="H0854" the|strong="H0853" other people|strong="H0120" who|strong="H1121" went|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" into|strong="H0413" that|strong="H1471" deep hole.

<sup>19</sup> "Egypt, you|strong="H3381" are|strong="H4310" no|strong="H4310" better than anyone else! Go|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0854" place of|strong="H6189" death. Go|strong="H3381" lie|strong="H7901" down|strong="H3381" with|strong="H0854" those foreigners. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>20</sup> "Egypt will|strong="H2719" go|strong="H4900" to|strong="H5414" be|strong="H5414" with|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" men|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H5307" killed|strong="H2491" in|strong="H8432" battle. The|strong="H3605" enemy has|strong="H2719" pulled|strong="H4900" her|strong="H3605" and|strong="H2719" all|strong="H3605" her|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1995" away|strong="H5307".

<sup>21</sup> " Strong|strong="H1368" and|strong="H2719" powerful|strong="H1368" men|strong="H1368" were|strong="H1696" killed|strong="H2491" in|strong="H8432" battle. Those foreigners went|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H1696" the|strong="H8432" place of|strong="H8432" death|strong="H7585". And|strong="H2719" from|strong="H3381" that|strong="H8432" place, those who|strong="H0410" were|strong="H1696" killed|strong="H2491" will|strong="H2719" speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" Egypt and|strong="H2719" his|strong="H8432" helpers|strong="H5826".

<sup>22</sup> "Assyria and all its army are there in the place of death. Their graves are deep down in that deep hole. All the Assyrian soldiers were killed in battle, and their graves are all around his grave. When they were alive, they made people afraid, but they were all killed in battle.

<sup>24</sup> " Elam|strong="H5867" is|strong="H0834" there|strong="H8033" and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" its|strong="H3605" army|strong="H1995" is|strong="H0834" around|strong="H5439" her|strong="H3605" grave|strong="H6900". All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H0776" them|strong="H0413" were|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H2491" in|strong="H0413" battle. Those|strong="H3605" foreigners went|strong="H3381" deep

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down|strong="H3381" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776". When|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" alive|strong="H2416", they|strong="H0834" made|strong="H5414" people|strong="H1995" afraid. But|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" carried|strong="H5375" their|strong="H3605" shame|strong="H3639" with|strong="H0854" them|strong="H0413" down|strong="H3381" to|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" deep hole. <sup>25</sup> They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0776" made|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588" bed|strong="H4904" for|strong="H3588" Elam and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" its|strong="H3605" soldiers who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0776" killed|strong="H2491" in|strong="H0776" battle. Elam's army|strong="H1995" is|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" around|strong="H5439" its|strong="H3605" grave|strong="H6913". All|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" foreigners were|strong="H0776" killed|strong="H2491" in|strong="H0776" battle. When|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0776" alive|strong="H2416", they|strong="H3588" scared people|strong="H1995". But|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" carried|strong="H5375" their|strong="H3605" shame|strong="H3639" with|strong="H0854" them|strong="H5414" down|strong="H3381" into|strong="H8432" that|strong="H3588" deep hole. They|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0776" put|strong="H5414" with|strong="H0854" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1995" who|strong="H3605" were|strong="H0776" killed|strong="H2491".

<sup>26</sup> " Meshech|strong="H4902", Tubal|strong="H8422", and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" armies are|strong="H0776" there|strong="H8033". Their|strong="H3605" graves|strong="H6913" are|strong="H0776" around|strong="H5439" it|strong="H5414". All|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" foreigners were|strong="H0776" killed|strong="H2490" in|strong="H0776" battle. When|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" were|strong="H0776" alive|strong="H2416", they|strong="H3588" made|strong="H5414" people|strong="H1995" afraid.

<sup>27</sup> But|strong="H3588" now|strong="H1961" they|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" lying|strong="H7901" down|strong="H3381" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" powerful|strong="H1368" men|strong="H1368" who|strong="H0834" died|strong="H5307" long, long ago! They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" buried with|strong="H0854" their|strong="H5414"

weapons |strong="H3627" of |strong="H0776" war |strong="H4421". Their |strong="H5414" swords |strong="H2719" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" laid |strong="H7901" under |strong="H8478" their |strong="H5414" heads |strong="H7218". But |strong="H3588" their |strong="H5414" sins |strong="H5771" are |strong="H0834" on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5414" bones |strong="H6106", because |strong="H3588" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" alive |strong="H2416", they |strong="H0834" scared people |strong="H0834".

<sup>28</sup> "Egypt, you |strong="H0859" also will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H7665" destroyed, and |strong="H2719" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H2719" lie |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901" by |strong="H0854" those foreigners. You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H2719" lie |strong="H7901" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H8432" other soldiers who were |strong="H2719" killed |strong="H2491" in |strong="H8432" battle.

<sup>29</sup> "Edom |strong="H0123" is |strong="H0834" there |strong="H8033" also |strong="H4428". His |strong="H3605" kings |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" other |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H5387" are |strong="H0834" there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H0854" him |strong="H5414". They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H0834" powerful soldiers, but |strong="H1992" now |strong="H5414" they |strong="H1992" lie |strong="H7901" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2491" in |strong="H4428" battle. They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" lying |strong="H7901" there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H0854" those |strong="H3605" foreigners. They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" went |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" deep hole.

<sup>30</sup> "The |strong="H3605" rulers from |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3605" north |strong="H6828" are |strong="H0834" there |strong="H8033", all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" them |strong="H3381", and |strong="H8033" there |strong="H8033" are |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" soldiers from |strong="H3381" Sidon. Their |strong="H3605" strength |strong="H1369" scared people |strong="H0834", but |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" embar-

rassed |strong="H0954". Those |strong="H3605" foreigners lie |strong="H7901" there |strong="H8033" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" killed |strong="H2491" in |strong="H6189" battle. They |strong="H0834" carried |strong="H5375" their |strong="H3605" shame |strong="H0954" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H3381" that |strong="H0834" deep hole.

<sup>31</sup> "Yes |strong="H7200", Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H2719" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H0136" killed |strong="H2491" in |strong="H5921" battle. Pharaoh |strong="H6547" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H0136" comforted |strong="H5162" when |strong="H7200" he |strong="H0853" sees |strong="H7200" his |strong="H3605" many |strong="H1995" men |strong="H3605" and |strong="H2719" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" others who |strong="H3605" went down |strong="H5921" into |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" place |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" death." This |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.

<sup>32</sup> "People |strong="H1995" were |strong="H0776" afraid of |strong="H0776" Pharaoh |strong="H6547" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0776" alive |strong="H2416", but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" lie |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901" next to |strong="H5414" those |strong="H3605" foreigners. Pharaoh |strong="H6547" and |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H1995" will |strong="H0776" lie |strong="H7901" down |strong="H7901" with |strong="H0854" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" soldiers who |strong="H3605" were |strong="H0776" killed |strong="H2491" in |strong="H0776" battle." This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0776" what |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.

### God Chooses Ezekiel to Be a Watchman

**33** The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", <sup>2</sup> "Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0376", <sup>1</sup> speak |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5414" peo-

ple|strong="H5971". Say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413", ' Whenever|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" bring|strong="H0935" enemy soldiers|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" fight against|strong="H5921" a|strong="H3947" country|strong="H0776", the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" choose|strong="H3947" someone|strong="H0376" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0376" a|strong="H3947" watchman|strong="H6822". <sup>3</sup> If|strong="H7200" this|strong="H0935" guard sees|strong="H7200" enemy soldiers|strong="H5971" coming|strong="H0935", he|strong="H0853" blows|strong="H8628" the|strong="H0853" trumpet|strong="H7782" and|strong="H0935" warns the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". <sup>4</sup> If|strong="H1961" people|strong="H3808" hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" warning but|strong="H3808" ignore it|strong="H1961", the|strong="H0853" enemy will|strong="H1961" capture|strong="H3947" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3947" them|strong="H0853" away|strong="H3947" as|strong="H1961" prisoners. They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H3808" their|strong="H3947" own|strong="H1961" death|strong="H1818". <sup>5</sup> They|strong="H3808" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" trumpet|strong="H7782", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" ignored the|strong="H0853" warning. So|strong="H1961" they|strong="H3808" are|strong="H3808" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H5315" their|strong="H8085" own|strong="H1961" deaths. If|strong="H1961" they|strong="H3808" had|strong="H1961" paid|strong="H8085" attention|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" warning, they|strong="H3808" could have|strong="H1961" saved|strong="H4422" their|strong="H8085" own|strong="H1961" lives|strong="H5315".

<sup>6</sup> " But|strong="H3588" what|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" guard sees|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" enemy soldiers|strong="H5971" coming|strong="H0935", but|strong="H3588" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" blow|strong="H8628" the|strong="H0853" trumpet|strong="H7782"? Since|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" doesn't|strong="H3808" warn|strong="H2094" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971", the|strong="H0853" enemy will|strong="H2719" capture|strong="H3947" them|strong="H1992" and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H3947"

I SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 7, 10, 12, 24, 30.

them|strong="H1992" away|strong="H3947" as|strong="H0935" prisoners. They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H2719" be|strong="H3808" taken|strong="H3947" away|strong="H3947" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" sinned, but|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" guard will|strong="H2719" also|strong="H0853" be|strong="H3808" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H1992" deaths.'

<sup>7</sup> " Now|strong="H5414", son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", I|strong="H5414" am choosing you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H3478" be|strong="H1121" a|strong="H5414" watchman|strong="H6822" for|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". If|strong="H1121" you|strong="H0859" hear|strong="H8085" a|strong="H5414" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H4480" my|strong="H5414" mouth|strong="H6310", you|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" warn|strong="H2094" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0120" for|strong="H1004" me|strong="H5414". <sup>8</sup> I|strong="H0559" might|strong="H1818" say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H3808", ' These|strong="H1931" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H7563" die|strong="H4191". Then|strong="H1696" you|strong="H3808" must|strong="H4191" go warn|strong="H2094" them|strong="H3027" for|strong="H3027" me|strong="H1696". If|strong="H1931" you|strong="H3808" don't|strong="H3808" warn|strong="H2094" them|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0559" change their|strong="H1245" lives, those|strong="H1931" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H7563" die|strong="H4191" because|strong="H0559" they|strong="H3808" sinned. But|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0559" will|strong="H7563" make|strong="H3027" you|strong="H3808" responsible|strong="H1818" for|strong="H3027" their|strong="H1245" deaths. <sup>9</sup> But|strong="H3588" if|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" do|strong="H1870" warn|strong="H2094" the|strong="H3588" evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H5315" to|strong="H4191" change|strong="H7725" their|strong="H3588" lives|strong="H5315" and|strong="H7725" stop|strong="H3808" sinning, and|strong="H7725" if|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" refuse|strong="H7725" to|strong="H4191" stop|strong="H3808", they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7563" die|strong="H4191" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" sinned. But|strong="H3588"



you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0859"  
saved|strong="H5337" your|strong="H7725"  
life|strong="H5315".

**God|strong="H3808" Does|strong="H3808"  
Not|strong="H3808" Want|strong="H5315"  
to|strong="H4191" Destroy|strong="H4191" Peo-  
ple|strong="H5315"**

10 " So|strong="H3651", son|strong="H1121"  
of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120",  
speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" family|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478"  
for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H0413".  
They|strong="H3588" might|strong="H1121"  
say|strong="H0559", ' We|strong="H0587"  
have|strong="H1121" sinned|strong="H2403"  
and|strong="H1121" broken the|strong="H0559" law.  
Our|strong="H5921" sins|strong="H2403"  
are|strong="H3478" too|strong="H5921" heavy  
to|strong="H0413" bear. We|strong="H0587"  
rot|strong="H4743" away|strong="H4743" be-  
cause|strong="H3588" of|strong="H1121"  
them|strong="H0413". What|strong="H0349"  
can|strong="H0349" we|strong="H0587" do  
to|strong="H0413" live|strong="H2421"?'

11 " You|strong="H3588" must|strong="H4191"  
say|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
them|strong="H0413", ' The|strong="H0559"  
Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"  
says|strong="H0559": By|strong="H0413"  
my|strong="H7725" life|strong="H2416",  
I|strong="H0589" swear|strong="H3588"  
that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" don't enjoy  
seeing|strong="H3588" people|strong="H7563"  
die|strong="H4191"— not|strong="H0518"  
even|strong="H3588" evil|strong="H7451" peo-  
ple|strong="H7563"! I|strong="H0589" don't  
want|strong="H2654" them|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" die|strong="H4191".  
I|strong="H0589" want|strong="H2654"  
them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".  
I|strong="H0589" want|strong="H2654"  
them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
change|strong="H7725" their|strong="H3588"  
lives|strong="H2416" so|strong="H7725"  
that|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588"  
can|strong="H4100" really|strong="H0559"  
live|strong="H2421". So|strong="H7725"  
come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725"  
to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"! Stop do-  
ing|strong="H1870" bad|strong="H7451"  
things|strong="H3478"! Why|strong="H4100"  
must|strong="H4191" you|strong="H3588"  
die|strong="H4191", family|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478"?'

12 " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
man|strong="H0120", tell|strong="H0559"  
your|strong="H7725" people|strong="H5971": ' The|strong="H0559" good things|strong="H3808"  
people|strong="H5971" did|strong="H3808"  
in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" past  
will|strong="H6662" not|strong="H3808"  
save|strong="H5337" them|strong="H0413"  
if|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3117" be-  
come|strong="H7725" bad and|strong="H1121" be-  
gin to|strong="H0413" sin|strong="H2398".  
In|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" same  
way|strong="H3201" the|strong="H0559" bad  
things|strong="H3808" people|strong="H5971"  
did|strong="H3808" in|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" past will|strong="H6662"  
not|strong="H3808" destroy them|strong="H0413"  
if|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3117"  
turn|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725"  
their|strong="H7725" evil|strong="H7563".  
So|strong="H3808" remember, the|strong="H0559"  
good things|strong="H3808" people|strong="H5971"  
did|strong="H3808" in|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0559" past will|strong="H6662"  
not|strong="H3808" save|strong="H5337"  
them|strong="H0413" if|strong="H1121"  
they|strong="H3117" begin to|strong="H0413"  
sin|strong="H2398":'

13 "Maybe I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
tell|strong="H0559" good people|strong="H0834"  
that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" live|strong="H2421".  
But|strong="H3808" maybe those|strong="H3605"  
good people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" be-  
gin to|strong="H0559" think|strong="H0559"  
that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" good  
things|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0834"  
did|strong="H6213" in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" past will|strong="H0834" save  
them|strong="H5921". So|strong="H6213"  
they|strong="H0834" might|strong="H0834" begin  
to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" bad  
things|strong="H3605", but|strong="H3808"  
I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
not|strong="H3808" remember|strong="H2142"  
the|strong="H3605" good things|strong="H3605"  
they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213"  
in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" past!  
No|strong="H3808", they|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" die|strong="H4191" be-  
cause|strong="H5921" of|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605"  
they|strong="H0834" begin to|strong="H0559"  
do|strong="H6213".

14 " Or|strong="H4191" maybe I|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H7563" tell|strong="H0559" some  
evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H7563"  
that|strong="H0559" they|strong="H0559"

will|strong="H7563" die|strong="H4191".  
 But|strong="H7563" they|strong="H0559" might  
 change|strong="H7725" their|strong="H7725" lives,  
 stop sinning|strong="H2403", and|strong="H7725"  
 begin to|strong="H0559" live right|strong="H4941".  
 They|strong="H0559" might become|strong="H7725"  
 good and|strong="H7725" fair.<sup>15</sup>  
 They|strong="H3808" might give|strong="H7725"  
 back|strong="H7725" the|strong="H7725"  
 things|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808"  
 took|strong="H7725" when|strong="H2421"  
 they|strong="H3808" loaned money.  
 They|strong="H3808" might pay|strong="H7999"  
 for|strong="H4191" the|strong="H7725"  
 things|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" stole.  
 They|strong="H3808" might begin to|strong="H1980"  
 follow|strong="H1980" the|strong="H7725" laws  
 that|strong="H3808" give|strong="H7725"  
 life|strong="H2416" and|strong="H1980"  
 stop|strong="H3808" doing|strong="H6213" bad  
 things|strong="H3808". Then|strong="H1980"  
 they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H7563" sure-  
 ly|strong="H4191" live|strong="H2421".  
 They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H7563"  
 not|strong="H3808" die|strong="H4191".<sup>16</sup>  
 I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
 not|strong="H3808" remember|strong="H2142"  
 the|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605"  
 they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213"  
 in|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" past, be-  
 cause|strong="H0834" now they|strong="H0834"  
 live|strong="H2421" right|strong="H4941"  
 and|strong="H4941" are|strong="H0834" fair.  
 So|strong="H6213" they|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H0834" live|strong="H2421".

<sup>17</sup> " But|strong="H3808" your|strong="H3808" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" say|strong="H0559", 'That's  
 not|strong="H3808" fair! The|strong="H0559"  
 Lord|strong="H0136" cannot|strong="H3808"  
 be|strong="H3808" like|strong="H3808"  
 that|strong="H0559"!'

" But|strong="H3808" they|strong="H1992"  
 are|strong="H1992" the|strong="H0559" peo-  
 ple|strong="H5971" who|strong="H1121"  
 are|strong="H1992" not|strong="H3808" fair!  
 They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992"  
 the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971"  
 who|strong="H1121" must|strong="H1121" change!  
<sup>18</sup> If good people stop doing|strong="H6213" good  
 and|strong="H7725" begin to|strong="H4191"  
 sin|strong="H5766", they|strong="H6213"  
 will|strong="H6662" die|strong="H4191" because  
 of|strong="H4191" their|strong="H7725" sins.<sup>19</sup>  
 And|strong="H7725" if|strong="H1931"  
 evil|strong="H7563" people|strong="H7563" stop do-  
 ing|strong="H6213" wrong and|strong="H7725" start  
 living right|strong="H4941" and|strong="H7725" be-  
 ing fair, they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H7563"

live|strong="H2421".<sup>20</sup> You|strong="H3808"  
 still|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559"  
 that|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0559" am  
 not|strong="H3808" fair, but|strong="H3808"  
 I|strong="H0559" am telling|strong="H0559"  
 you|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" truth. Fami-  
 ly|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478", everyone|strong="H0376"  
 will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3808"  
 judged|strong="H8199" for|strong="H1004"  
 what|strong="H1870" they|strong="H3808"  
 do|strong="H1870"!"

### Jerusalem Has|strong="H3478" Been|strong="H3808" Taken

<sup>21</sup> On|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559"  
 fifth|strong="H2568" day|strong="H2320"  
 of|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0559"  
 tenth|strong="H6224" month|strong="H2320"  
 in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H0559" twelfth  
 year|strong="H8141" of|strong="H8141" ex-  
 ile|strong="H1546",<sup>1</sup> a|strong="H1961" per-  
 son|strong="H0935" who|strong="H3389"  
 had|strong="H1961" escaped from|strong="H0935"  
 the|strong="H0559" battle in|strong="H8141"  
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389" came|strong="H0935"  
 to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413"  
 and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559", "  
 The|strong="H0559" city|strong="H5892"  
 has|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" tak-  
 en|strong="H5221"!"

<sup>22</sup> The|strong="H0853" evening|strong="H6153"  
 before|strong="H6440" that|strong="H3068" per-  
 son|strong="H3027" came|strong="H0935"  
 to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413",  
 the|strong="H0853" power|strong="H3027"  
 of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H0935"  
 on|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".  
 The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068"  
 opened|strong="H6605" my|strong="H3068"  
 mouth|strong="H6310". So|strong="H1961"  
 when|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3068" per-  
 son|strong="H3027" came|strong="H0935",  
 I|strong="H5704" could speak|strong="H6310"  
 again|strong="H5750".<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H1961"  
 the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697"  
 of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559"  
 LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961"  
 to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".  
 He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",<sup>24</sup> "  
 Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"  
 man|strong="H0120", there|strong="H1961"  
 are|strong="H0428" Israelites|strong="H3478"  
 who|strong="H1121" live|strong="H3427"  
 in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" ru-

I TWELFTH YEAR OF EXILE This was the winter of 586 B.C.

ined |strong="H2723" cities in |strong="H3427" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478". They |strong="H5921"  
are |strong="H0428" saying |strong="H0559", ' Abra-  
ham |strong="H0085" was |strong="H1961" on-  
ly |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259"  
man |strong="H0120", and |strong="H1121"  
God |strong="H0559" gave |strong="H5414"  
him |strong="H5414" all |strong="H0259"  
this |strong="H0428" land |strong="H0776".  
Now |strong="H1961", we |strong="H0587"  
are |strong="H0428" many |strong="H7227" peo-  
ple |strong="H0120", so |strong="H1961" sure-  
ly |strong="H5414" this |strong="H0428"  
land |strong="H0776" belongs |strong="H1961"  
to |strong="H0559" us |strong="H5414"!  
It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H0776"  
our |strong="H5414" land |strong="H0776"!  
25 " You |strong="H5921" must |strong="H5375"  
tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413"  
that |strong="H3651" this |strong="H3651"  
is |strong="H0776" what |strong="H3541"  
the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": '   
You |strong="H5921" eat |strong="H0398" meat  
with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559"  
blood |strong="H1818" still |strong="H0559"  
in |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".  
You |strong="H5921" look |strong="H5869"  
to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H5921"  
idols |strong="H1544" for |strong="H5921" help.  
You |strong="H5921" murder people |strong="H1818",  
so |strong="H3651" why |strong="H3651"  
should |strong="H0559" I |strong="H3541"  
give |strong="H0398" you |strong="H5921"  
this |strong="H3651" land |strong="H0776"? 26  
You |strong="H5921" depend on |strong="H5921"  
your |strong="H5921" own |strong="H0376"  
sword |strong="H2719". Each |strong="H0376"  
of |strong="H0776" you |strong="H5921"  
does |strong="H6213" terrible things |strong="H8441".  
Each |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0776"  
you |strong="H5921" commits |strong="H6213" sexual  
sins with |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" neigh-  
bor's |strong="H7453" wife |strong="H0802",  
so |strong="H6213" you |strong="H5921" cannot  
have |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0853"  
land |strong="H0776"!

27 " " You |strong="H0834" must |strong="H4191"  
tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413"  
that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H3541"  
is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136"  
GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": "   
By |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5414"  
life |strong="H2416", I |strong="H0589"  
promise |strong="H0559" that |strong="H0834"  
the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H0834" liv-  
ing |strong="H2416" in |strong="H5921"

the |strong="H0559" ruined |strong="H2723" cities  
will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H4191"  
killed |strong="H4191" with |strong="H0413"  
a |strong="H5414" sword |strong="H2719"!   
If |strong="H0518" any |strong="H6440" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"  
out |strong="H6440" in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" country |strong="H7704",  
I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834"  
let |strong="H5414" animals |strong="H2416"  
kill |strong="H4191" and |strong="H0398"  
eat |strong="H0398" them |strong="H0413".  
If |strong="H0518" people |strong="H0834"  
are |strong="H0834" hiding in |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H0559" fortresses and |strong="H0398"  
the |strong="H0559" caves |strong="H4631",  
they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"  
die |strong="H4191" from |strong="H5921" disease. 28  
I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776"  
make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853"  
land |strong="H0776" empty and |strong="H3478"  
a |strong="H5414" waste |strong="H4923".  
That |strong="H3478" country |strong="H2022"  
will |strong="H0776" lose all the |strong="H0853"  
things |strong="H3478" it |strong="H5414"  
was |strong="H0369" proud |strong="H1347"  
of |strong="H0776". The |strong="H0853" moun-  
tains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" will |strong="H0776" be-  
come |strong="H8074" empty. No |strong="H0369"  
one |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0776"  
pass |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674"  
that |strong="H3478" place |strong="H5414". 29  
The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834"  
have |strong="H0834" done |strong="H6213" many  
terrible things |strong="H3605", so |strong="H6213"  
I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068"  
make |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834"  
place |strong="H5414" an |strong="H5414" empty  
wasteland |strong="H8077". Then |strong="H0853"  
they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068"  
know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H0834"  
I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". "   
30 " " And |strong="H1121" now |strong="H4994"  
about |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0859",  
son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
man |strong="H0376". Your |strong="H3068" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" lean against |strong="H0854"  
the |strong="H0853" walls |strong="H7023"  
and |strong="H1121" stand |strong="H0935"  
in |strong="H0935" their |strong="H3068" door-  
ways |strong="H6607" talking |strong="H1696"  
about |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0859".  
They |strong="H0376" tell |strong="H0559"  
each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0259", "  
Come |strong="H0935" on |strong="H0935",  
let's |strong="H4994" go |strong="H3318"

hear|strong="H8085" what|strong="H4100" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559"."<sup>31</sup> So|strong="H1980" they|strong="H1992" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588" as|strong="H1697" if|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992" my|strong="H8085" people|strong="H5971". They|strong="H1992" sit|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" as|strong="H1697" if|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992" my|strong="H8085" people|strong="H5971". They|strong="H1992" hear|strong="H8085" your|strong="H8085" words|strong="H1697", but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H1697" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H1697" you|strong="H3588" say|strong="H6310". They|strong="H1992" only want to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H1697" feels good.

They|strong="H1992" only want to|strong="H0413" cheat people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H1980" make|strong="H6213" more|strong="H3808" money.

<sup>32</sup> " You|strong="H6213" are|strong="H1697" nothing|strong="H0369" to|strong="H0369" these people|strong="H8085" but|strong="H0369" a|strong="H8085" singer singing|strong="H7892" love songs|strong="H7892". You|strong="H6213" have|strong="H0369" a|strong="H8085" good|strong="H2895" voice|strong="H6963". You|strong="H6213" play|strong="H5059" your|strong="H8085" instrument well|strong="H2895". They|strong="H0369" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0369" your|strong="H8085" words|strong="H1697", but|strong="H0369" they|strong="H0369" will|strong="H0369" not|strong="H0369" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H1697" you|strong="H6213" say|strong="H6963".<sup>33</sup> But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" things|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3588" sing about|strong="H1961" really will|strong="H1961" happen|strong="H1961", and|strong="H0935" then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3588" people|strong="H3045" will|strong="H1961" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" there|strong="H2009" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" prophet|strong="H5030" living among|strong="H8432" them|strong="H0935"."

#### Israel Is Like a Flock of Sheep

**34** The|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".

He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559",<sup>2</sup> " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120",<sup>1</sup> I speak|strong="H0559" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" shepherds|strong="H7462" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". Speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' You|strong="H0834" shepherds|strong="H7462" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" have|strong="H1961" only been|strong="H1961" feeding yourselves|strong="H5921". It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" very bad for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834"! Why|strong="H0834" don't|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0834" shepherds|strong="H7462" feed|strong="H7462" the|strong="H0853" flock|strong="H6629"?<sup>3</sup> You|strong="H0853" eat|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" fat|strong="H2459" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H0398" use|strong="H0398" their|strong="H0398" wool|strong="H6785" to|strong="H2076" make clothes|strong="H3847" for|strong="H3808" yourselves|strong="H3847". You|strong="H0853" kill the|strong="H0853" fat|strong="H2459" sheep|strong="H6629", but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H0853" don't|strong="H3808" feed|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0853" flock|strong="H6629".<sup>4</sup> You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" made|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0853" weak|strong="H3808" strong|strong="H2388". You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" cared for|strong="H1245" the|strong="H0853" sick|strong="H2470" sheep. You|strong="H7725" have|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" put|strong="H7725" bandages on|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0853" sheep that|strong="H3808" were hurt|strong="H7665". Some of|strong="H2388" the|strong="H0853" sheep wandered away|strong="H7725", and|strong="H7725" you|strong="H7725" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H7725" get|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H7725" bring|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0853" back|strong="H7725". You|strong="H7725" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" go|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725"

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H1245" the|strong="H0853" lost|strong="H0006" sheep. No|strong="H3808", you|strong="H7725" were cruel and|strong="H7725" severe|strong="H2388"—that's the|strong="H0853" way you|strong="H7725" tried|strong="H1245" to|strong="H7725" lead the|strong="H0853" sheep!

<sup>5</sup> " And|strong="H7704" now|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" sheep are|strong="H1961" scattered|strong="H6327" because|strong="H1097" there|strong="H1961" was|strong="H1961" no|strong="H1097" shepherd|strong="H7462". They|strong="H3605" became|strong="H1961" food|strong="H0402" for|strong="H3605" every|strong="H3605" wild|strong="H7704" animal|strong="H2416", so|strong="H1961" they|strong="H3605" were|strong="H1961" scattered|strong="H6327". <sup>6</sup> My|strong="H3605" flock|strong="H6629" wandered|strong="H7686" over|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" mountains|strong="H2022" and|strong="H0776" on|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" high|strong="H7311" hill|strong="H2022". My|strong="H3605" flock|strong="H6629" was|strong="H0369" scattered|strong="H6327" over|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" face|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776". There|strong="H0369" was|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" to|strong="H5921" search|strong="H1245" or|strong="H0369" to|strong="H5921" look|strong="H1245" for|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921"."

<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H3651", you|strong="H0853" shepherds|strong="H7462", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H5002", " I|strong="H0589" swear that|strong="H3605" wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H2416" will|strong="H1961" catch my|strong="H3605" sheep|strong="H6629", and|strong="H6629" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" food|strong="H0402" for|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H2416" because|strong="H3282" they|strong="H0518" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1961" any|strong="H3605" real shepherds|strong="H7462". My|strong="H3605" shepherds|strong="H7462" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" look out|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" flock|strong="H6629".

They|strong="H0518" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" feed|strong="H7462" my|strong="H3605" flock|strong="H6629". No|strong="H3808", they|strong="H0518" only|strong="H0518" killed the|strong="H3605" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H6629" fed themselves!"

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H3651", you|strong="H3651" shepherds|strong="H7462", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H8085" LORD|strong="H3068"! <sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H1961" against|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" shepherds|strong="H7462". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H1961" demand|strong="H1875" my|strong="H1961" sheep|strong="H6629" from|strong="H3027" them|strong="H0413". I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H1961" fire them|strong="H0413". They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H1961" shepherds|strong="H7462" anymore|strong="H5750". Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" shepherds|strong="H7462" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" feed|strong="H7462" themselves, and|strong="H3027" I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H1961" save|strong="H5337" my|strong="H1961" flock|strong="H6629" from|strong="H3027" their|strong="H1961" mouths|strong="H6310". Then|strong="H1961" my|strong="H1961" sheep|strong="H6629" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" food|strong="H0402" for|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413"."

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0136" be|strong="H0136" their|strong="H3588" Shepherd. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0136" search|strong="H1875" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3588" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H6629" take care|strong="H1239" of|strong="H6629" them|strong="H0853". <sup>12</sup> If|strong="H0834" a|strong="H1961" shepherd|strong="H7462" is|strong="H0834" with|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3605" sheep|strong="H6629" when|strong="H1961" they|strong="H0834" begin to|strong="H1961" wander away|strong="H5337", he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" go|strong="H1961" searching for|strong="H3117" them|strong="H0853". In|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H3651"

way |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" search |strong="H7462" for |strong="H3117" my |strong="H3605" sheep |strong="H6629". I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" save |strong="H5337" them |strong="H0853" and |strong="H3117" bring |strong="H1961" them |strong="H0853" back from |strong="H1961" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H4725" where |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" scattered |strong="H6327" on |strong="H3117" that |strong="H0834" dark |strong="H6205" and |strong="H3117" cloudy |strong="H6051" day |strong="H3117". <sup>13</sup> I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" gather |strong="H6908" them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H4480" those |strong="H3605" countries |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3605" own land |strong="H0776". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" feed |strong="H7462" them |strong="H0413" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478", by |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" streams |strong="H0650", and |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" places |strong="H4186" where |strong="H4186" people |strong="H5971" live |strong="H4186". <sup>14</sup> I |strong="H3478" will |strong="H1961" lead |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" grassy fields. They |strong="H8033" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" place |strong="H1961" high |strong="H4791" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H2022" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3478" lie |strong="H7257" down |strong="H7257" on |strong="H0413" good |strong="H2896" ground and |strong="H3478" eat the |strong="H0853" grass. They |strong="H8033" will |strong="H1961" eat in |strong="H0413" rich grassland on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H2022" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>15</sup> Yes, I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0136" feed |strong="H7462" my |strong="H0136" flock |strong="H6629", and |strong="H6629" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0136" lead |strong="H7257" them |strong="H7462" to |strong="H0136" a place of |strong="H6629" rest |strong="H7257". This

is |strong="H0136" what the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said. <sup>16</sup> " I |strong="H7665" will |strong="H7725" search |strong="H1245" for |strong="H4941" the |strong="H0853" lost |strong="H0006" sheep. I |strong="H7665" will |strong="H7725" bring |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" sheep that |strong="H7725" were |strong="H4941" scattered |strong="H5080" and |strong="H7725" put |strong="H7725" bandages on |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" sheep that |strong="H7725" were |strong="H4941" hurt |strong="H7665". I |strong="H7665" will |strong="H7725" make |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" weak sheep strong |strong="H2388", but |strong="H2388" I |strong="H7665" will |strong="H7725" destroy |strong="H8045" the |strong="H0853" fat and |strong="H7725" powerful |strong="H2388" shepherds |strong="H7462". I |strong="H7665" will |strong="H7725" feed |strong="H7462" them |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" punishment they |strong="H5080" deserve |strong="H4941". <sup>17</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0136" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " And |strong="H6629" you |strong="H0859", my |strong="H0996" flock |strong="H6629", I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0136" judge |strong="H8199" between |strong="H0996" one |strong="H0996" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H6629" another |strong="H7716". I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H0136" judge |strong="H8199" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0559" male |strong="H6260" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H6629" the |strong="H0559" male |strong="H6260" goats |strong="H6260". <sup>18</sup> You |strong="H0853" can |strong="H8354" eat the |strong="H0853" grass growing on |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" good |strong="H2896" land. So |strong="H4480" why do you |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" crush the |strong="H0853" grass that |strong="H4480" other sheep want to |strong="H4325" eat? You |strong="H0853" can |strong="H8354" drink |strong="H8354" plenty of |strong="H4480" clear |strong="H4950" water |strong="H4325". So |strong="H4480" why do you |strong="H0853" also |strong="H0853" stir the |strong="H0853" water |strong="H4325" that |strong="H4480" other sheep want to |strong="H4325" drink |strong="H8354"? <sup>19</sup> My |strong="H7272" flock |strong="H6629" must eat the |strong="H8354" grass you |strong="H4823" crushed with |strong="H6629" your |strong="H8354" feet |strong="H7272", and |strong="H6629" they |strong="H7272" must drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H8354" water you |strong="H4823" stir

with|strong="H6629" your|strong="H8354" feet|strong="H7272"!"

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H3651" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413": " I|strong="H0589" myself|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0136" judge|strong="H8199" between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0559" fat sheep|strong="H7716" and|strong="H7716" the|strong="H0559" thin sheep|strong="H7716"! <sup>21</sup> You|strong="H0834" push|strong="H5055" with|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3605" side|strong="H3802" and|strong="H0853" shoulder|strong="H3802". You|strong="H0834" knock down|strong="H1920" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" weak|strong="H3605" sheep|strong="H5055" with|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3605" horns|strong="H7161". You|strong="H0834" push|strong="H5055" until|strong="H5704" you|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" forced them|strong="H0413" away|strong="H3605", <sup>22</sup> so|strong="H1961" I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" save|strong="H3467" my|strong="H1961" flock|strong="H6629". They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" caught by|strong="H1961" wild animals|strong="H1961" anymore|strong="H5750". I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" judge|strong="H8199" between|strong="H0996" one|strong="H3808" sheep|strong="H6629" and|strong="H6629" another|strong="H5750". <sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H1961" I|strong="H5650" will|strong="H1961" put one|strong="H0259" shepherd|strong="H7462" over|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0853", my|strong="H5921" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732". He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1961" feed|strong="H7462" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H6965" be|strong="H1961" their|strong="H5921" shepherd|strong="H7462". <sup>24</sup> Then|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H0589" LORD|strong="H3068", will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", and|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" servant|strong="H5650" David|strong="H1732" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0589" ruler living among|strong="H8432" them|strong="H1961". I|strong="H0589", the|strong="H0589" LORD|strong="H3068", have|strong="H1961" spoken|strong="H1696".

<sup>25</sup> " And|strong="H0776" I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" make|strong="H3772" a|strong="H3772" peace|strong="H7965" agreement|strong="H1285" with|strong="H1285" my|strong="H4480" sheep. I|strong="H0776"

will|strong="H0776" take|strong="H3427" harmful|strong="H7451" animals|strong="H2416" away|strong="H4480" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H4480" land|strong="H0776". Then the|strong="H4480" sheep can be|strong="H0776" safe|strong="H7965" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H4480" desert|strong="H4057" and|strong="H0776" sleep|strong="H3462" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H4480" woods|strong="H3293". <sup>26</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" bless the|strong="H0853" sheep and|strong="H3381" the|strong="H0853" places|strong="H5439" around|strong="H5439" my|strong="H5414" hill|strong="H1389". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" cause|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" rains|strong="H1653" to|strong="H1961" fall|strong="H1961" at|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" right time|strong="H6256" and|strong="H3381" will|strong="H1961" show-er|strong="H1653" them|strong="H5414" with|strong="H3381" blessings|strong="H1293". <sup>27</sup> And|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" trees|strong="H6086" growing in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" field|strong="H7704" will|strong="H3068" produce|strong="H6529" their|strong="H3068" fruit|strong="H6529". The|strong="H0853" earth|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" give|strong="H5414" its|strong="H5414" harvest, so|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" sheep will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" safe on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" break|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0853" yokes|strong="H4133" on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5414" and|strong="H3068" save|strong="H5337" them|strong="H5414" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" power|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" who|strong="H3068" made|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" slaves|strong="H5647". Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>28</sup> They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H1961" caught like|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" animal|strong="H2416" by|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0398" nations|strong="H1471" anymore|strong="H5750". Those|strong="H1961" animals|strong="H2416" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" them|strong="H0398" anymore|strong="H5750". No|strong="H3808", they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961"

live |strong="H3427" safely |strong="H0983".  
 No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0369"  
 will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H2729"  
 them |strong="H0398" afraid |strong="H2729".<sup>29</sup>  
 I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961"  
 give |strong="H1961" them |strong="H5375" some  
 land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H1471"  
 will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6965"  
 a |strong="H1961" good |strong="H6965" garden.  
 Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3808"  
 will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" suf-  
 fer |strong="H5375" from |strong="H6965"  
 hunger |strong="H7458" in |strong="H0776"  
 that |strong="H1471" land |strong="H0776"  
 or |strong="H3808" suffer |strong="H5375"  
 the |strong="H5375" insults |strong="H3639"  
 from |strong="H6965" the |strong="H5375" na-  
 tions |strong="H1471" anymore |strong="H5750".<sup>30</sup>  
 Then |strong="H3045" they |strong="H1992"  
 will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045"  
 that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
 am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H5002"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068"  
 God |strong="H0430". The |strong="H5002" fami-  
 ly |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068"  
 know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588"  
 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
 with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H1992"  
 and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3588"  
 they |strong="H1992" are |strong="H1992"  
 my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".  
 This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068"  
 what |strong="H3045" the |strong="H5002"  
 Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H0430" said!  
<sup>31</sup> " You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0430"  
 my |strong="H0136" sheep |strong="H6629",  
 the |strong="H5002" sheep |strong="H6629"  
 of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H0136" grassland.  
 You |strong="H0859" are |strong="H0430" only hu-  
 man |strong="H0120" beings, and |strong="H0430"  
 I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589"  
 your |strong="H0859" God |strong="H0430". " This  
 is |strong="H0430" what the |strong="H5002"  
 Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0430" said.

### The Message Against Edom

**35** The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697"  
 of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961"  
 to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".  
 He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559",<sup>2</sup> "  
 Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121"  
 man |strong="H0120",<sup>1</sup> look toward |strong="H5921"  
 Mount |strong="H2022" Seir |strong="H8165"  
 and |strong="H1121" speak against |strong="H5921"

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

it |strong="H7760" for |strong="H5921"  
 me |strong="H6440".<sup>3</sup> Say |strong="H0559"  
 to |strong="H0413" it |strong="H5414", "  
 This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3027"  
 what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559"  
 Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136"  
 says |strong="H0559":

" I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H2005"  
 against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414",  
 Mount |strong="H2022" Seir |strong="H8165"!  
 I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3027" punish  
 you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3027"  
 make |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414"  
 an |strong="H5414" empty waste-  
 land |strong="H8077".

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" de-  
 stroy |strong="H5892" your |strong="H3068"  
 cities |strong="H5892",

and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H3068" become |strong="H1961" empty.

Then |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859"  
 will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045"  
 that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
 am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588"  
 LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>5</sup> "Why? Because |strong="H5921"  
 you |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1961" al-  
 ways |strong="H5769" been |strong="H1961"  
 against |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" peo-  
 ple |strong="H1121". You |strong="H5921"  
 used |strong="H1961" your |strong="H5921"  
 sword |strong="H2719" against |strong="H5921" Is-  
 rael |strong="H3478" at |strong="H5921"  
 the |strong="H0853" time |strong="H6256"  
 of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H5921" trouble,  
 at |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853"  
 time |strong="H6256" of |strong="H1121"  
 their |strong="H5921" final punish-  
 ment |strong="H5771"."<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="H3651"  
 the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136"  
 GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H5002", "  
 But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
 promise |strong="H6213" by |strong="H3808"  
 my |strong="H3588" own life |strong="H2416"  
 that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589"  
 will |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808"  
 death |strong="H1818" have |strong="H0589"  
 you |strong="H3588". Death |strong="H1818"  
 will |strong="H3808" chase |strong="H7291"  
 you |strong="H3588". You |strong="H3588"  
 did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808"  
 hate |strong="H8130" killing |strong="H1818" peo-  
 ple |strong="H3808", so |strong="H3651"  
 death |strong="H1818" will |strong="H3808"  
 chase |strong="H7291" you |strong="H3588".<sup>7</sup>  
 I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414"  
 make |strong="H5414" Mount |strong="H2022"  
 Seir |strong="H8165" an |strong="H5414" empty ru-



in|strong="H8077". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" kill|strong="H3772" everyone who enters or|strong="H4480" leaves that|strong="H4480" city. <sup>8</sup> I will|strong="H2719" cover|strong="H4390" its|strong="H3605" mountains|strong="H2022" with|strong="H4390" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H4390" killed|strong="H2491". There|strong="H2022" will|strong="H2719" be|strong="H3605" dead|strong="H2491" bodies all|strong="H3605" over|strong="H5307" your|strong="H3605" hills|strong="H1389", in|strong="H5307" your|strong="H3605" valleys|strong="H1516", and|strong="H2719" in|strong="H5307" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" ravines|strong="H0650". <sup>9</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" empty forever|strong="H5769". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" your|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H5892". Then|strong="H5414" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068"."

<sup>10</sup> You|strong="H0853" said|strong="H0559", "These two|strong="H8147" nations|strong="H1471" and|strong="H3068" countries|strong="H0776", Israel and|strong="H3068" Judah, will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" mine. We|strong="H8033" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H3423" them|strong="H0853" for|strong="H0776" our|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961"."

But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" there|strong="H8033"! <sup>11</sup> And|strong="H0639" the|strong="H0834" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H5002", " You|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" jealous of|strong="H3045" my|strong="H3045" people|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" angry|strong="H0639" and|strong="H0639" hateful to|strong="H3045" them|strong="H6213". So|strong="H3651" by|strong="H8199" my|strong="H3045" life|strong="H2416", I|strong="H0589" swear that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" punish you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" same|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3651" you|strong="H0834" hurt them|strong="H6213"! I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" punish you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H0639" let|strong="H3651" my|strong="H3045" people|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589"

with|strong="H3045" them|strong="H6213". <sup>12</sup> And|strong="H3068" then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0834", too|strong="H5921", will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068".

" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" you|strong="H0834" making|strong="H5414" fun of|strong="H3068" Israel's|strong="H3478" hill|strong="H2022" country|strong="H2022". You|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559", ' It|strong="H5414" is|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" ruins|strong="H8074", just|strong="H0834" waiting for|strong="H3588" us|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" swallow it|strong="H5414" up|strong="H5921"! ' <sup>13</sup> Your|strong="H5921" proud boasting|strong="H6310" is|strong="H1697" really against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". Time after|strong="H5921" time you|strong="H5921" have|strong="H0589" insulted me|strong="H5921", and|strong="H8085" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0589" heard|strong="H8085" every|strong="H1697" word|strong="H1697"."

<sup>14</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0776" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" happy|strong="H8055" when|strong="H6213" I|strong="H3541" destroy|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605". <sup>15</sup> You|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" happy|strong="H8057" when|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" was|strong="H1961" destroyed. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" treat|strong="H6213" you|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" same|strong="H3651" way|strong="H3605". Mount|strong="H2022" Seir|strong="H8165" and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" country|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1004" Edom|strong="H0123" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" destroyed. Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"."

#### The Land of Israel Will Be Rebuilt

**36** " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", <sup>1</sup> speak|strong="H0559"

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 17.

to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068"! <sup>2</sup> Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H1961" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' The|strong="H0559" enemy|strong="H0341" said|strong="H0559" bad things|strong="H1961" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921". They|strong="H5921" said|strong="H0559", Hurray! Now|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" ancient|strong="H5769" mountains <sup>1</sup> will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" ours!

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="H3651" speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" mountains of|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H5971" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0853" that|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' The|strong="H0853" enemy destroyed your|strong="H5921" cities and|strong="H1471" attacked|strong="H5927" you|strong="H5921" from|strong="H5921" every|strong="H5439" direction|strong="H5439". They|strong="H3651" did|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" so|strong="H3651" that|strong="H3651" you|strong="H5921" would|strong="H0559" be|strong="H1961" long|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H3541" nations|strong="H1471". Then|strong="H1961" people|strong="H5971" talked and|strong="H1471" whispered about|strong="H1961" you|strong="H5921".'

<sup>4</sup> So|strong="H3651", mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H1697" Israel|strong="H3478", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H1697" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136"! This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" mountains|strong="H2022", hills|strong="H1389", streams|strong="H0650", valleys|strong="H1516", empty ruins|strong="H2723", and|strong="H3478" abandoned|strong="H5800"

<sup>1</sup> MOUNTAINS Literally, "high places," usually a reference to places of worship. See "high place" in the Word List.

cities|strong="H5892" that|strong="H0834" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" looted and|strong="H3478" laughed at|strong="H3478" by|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0559" other|strong="H3541" nations|strong="H1471" around|strong="H5439" them|strong="H1961". <sup>5</sup> The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" swear, I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" my|strong="H3605" strong feelings|strong="H5315" speak|strong="H1696" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5414"! I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" let|strong="H5414" Edom|strong="H0123" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" feel|strong="H3824" my|strong="H3605" anger|strong="H7068". They|strong="H1992" took|strong="H0853" my|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" for|strong="H5921" themselves|strong="H5315". They|strong="H1992" really|strong="H0559" had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H5414" good time when|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992" showed|strong="H5414" how|strong="H0834" much|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992" hated this|strong="H3651" land|strong="H0776". They|strong="H1992" took|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" for|strong="H5921" themselves|strong="H5315", just|strong="H0834" so|strong="H3651" they|strong="H1992" could destroy|strong="H3605" it|strong="H5414"."

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H3651" say|strong="H0559" these|strong="H1696" things|strong="H3478" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H2022" Israel|strong="H3478". Speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" mountains|strong="H2022" and|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" hills|strong="H1389", to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" streams|strong="H0650", and|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" valleys|strong="H1516". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' I|strong="H2005" will|strong="H1471" let|strong="H3651" my|strong="H5921" strong|strong="H0650" feelings and|strong="H3478" anger|strong="H2534" speak|strong="H1696" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921", because|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" had|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0559" suffer|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0559" in-

sults|strong="H3639" from|strong="H5921" those|strong="H5921" nations|strong="H1471"."

7 So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": "I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H3808" making this|strong="H3651" promise|strong="H0559"! I|strong="H0589" swear that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" around|strong="H5439" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" suffer|strong="H5375" for|strong="H3027" those|strong="H0834" insults|strong="H3639".

8 " But|strong="H3588" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Israel|strong="H3478", you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3478" grow new trees and|strong="H0935" produce|strong="H6529" fruit|strong="H6529" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478". My|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3478" soon|strong="H7126" come|strong="H0935" back|strong="H0935". 9 I|strong="H3588" am|strong="H2005" with|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H6437" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5647" help you|strong="H3588". People will|strong="H5647" till|strong="H5647" your|strong="H3588" soil and|strong="H6437" plant|strong="H2232" seeds in|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3588". 10 There|strong="H3427" will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" many|strong="H7235" people|strong="H0120" living|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605". The|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478"— all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1004" them|strong="H5921"— will|strong="H3478" live|strong="H3427" there|strong="H3427". The|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H5892" will|strong="H3478" have|strong="H3478" people|strong="H0120" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" them|strong="H5921". The|strong="H3605" destroyed|strong="H2723" places|strong="H2723" will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" rebuilt|strong="H1129". 11 I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" give you|strong="H3588" many|strong="H7235" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H3068" animals|strong="H0929", and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" grow and|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3045" many|strong="H7235" children. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H3045" people|strong="H0120"

to|strong="H5921" live|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588" as|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" past. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3045" it|strong="H5921" better|strong="H5921" for|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" than|strong="H5921" before|strong="H5921". Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". 12 Yes, I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1961" lead many people|strong="H5971"— my|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971", Israel|strong="H3478"— to|strong="H1961" your|strong="H5921" land|strong="H5159". You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" their|strong="H5921" property|strong="H5159", and|strong="H3478" you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" take|strong="H3423" away|strong="H5750" their|strong="H5921" children|strong="H7921" again|strong="H5750"."

13 This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H1961" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": "Land of|strong="H0559" Israel, people|strong="H0120" say|strong="H0559" bad things|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859". They|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" destroyed|strong="H0398" your|strong="H0398" people|strong="H0120". They|strong="H0559" say|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859" took|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" children|strong="H7921" away|strong="H0398" from|strong="H1961" your|strong="H0398" people|strong="H0120". 14 But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" not|strong="H3808" destroy people|strong="H0120" anymore|strong="H5750" or|strong="H3808" take away|strong="H0398" their|strong="H0398" children again|strong="H5750". This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H3651". 15 " I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" those|strong="H3782" other|strong="H5750" nations|strong="H1471" insult|strong="H2781" you|strong="H3808" anymore|strong="H5750". You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H5750" hurt by|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" anymore|strong="H5750". You|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" not|strong="H3808"

take|strong="H5375" the|strong="H5002" children away|strong="H5375" from|strong="H8085" your|strong="H8085" people|strong="H5971" again|strong="H5750"." This is|strong="H0136" what the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0413".

**The|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" Will|strong="H1471" Protect His|strong="H5375" Name**

16 Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" word|strong="H1697" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", 17 " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", the|strong="H0853" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" lived|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" their|strong="H5921" own|strong="H1961" country|strong="H0127", but|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" made|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3478" land|strong="H0127" filthy by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" bad things|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" did. To|strong="H1961" me|strong="H6440", they|strong="H5921" were|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" woman|strong="H1004" who|strong="H1121" becomes|strong="H1961" unclean|strong="H2930" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1121" her|strong="H5921" monthly time|strong="H1961" of|strong="H1121" bleeding. 18 They|strong="H0834" spilled|strong="H8210" blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" ground|strong="H0776" when|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" murdered people|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776". They|strong="H0834" made|strong="H2930" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" filthy with|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" idols|strong="H1544", so|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" showed them|strong="H5921" how|strong="H0834" angry|strong="H2534" I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834". 19 I|strong="H0776" scattered|strong="H2219" them|strong="H0853" among|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" and|strong="H0776" spread|strong="H2219" them|strong="H0853" through|strong="H0776" all the|strong="H0853" lands|strong="H0776". I|strong="H0776" gave them|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" punishment they|strong="H1471" deserved for|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" bad things they|strong="H1471" did. 20 But|strong="H0935" even|strong="H0853"

in|strong="H0935" those|strong="H0428" other|strong="H0428" nations|strong="H1471", they|strong="H0834" ruined my|strong="H3068" good name|strong="H8034". How|strong="H0834"? Those|strong="H0428" nations|strong="H1471" said|strong="H0559", ' These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971", but|strong="H0935" they|strong="H0834" left|strong="H3318" his|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776".

21 " The|strong="H0834" people|strong="H1471" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" ruined my|strong="H5921" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034" wherever|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0834" felt sorry for|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" name|strong="H8034". 22 So|strong="H3651" tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" that|strong="H0834" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' Family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478", you|strong="H0834" ruined my|strong="H0834" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" places|strong="H1004" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" went|strong="H0935". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" going|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0559" do|strong="H6213" something to|strong="H0559" stop|strong="H3808" this|strong="H3651". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H0518" for|strong="H3588" your|strong="H0834" sake|strong="H4616", Israel|strong="H3478". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213" it|strong="H0518" for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H0834" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034". 23 I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H3045" the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" how|strong="H0834" holy|strong="H6942" my|strong="H3068" great|strong="H1419" name|strong="H8034" really is|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" ruined my|strong="H3068" good name|strong="H8034" in|strong="H3068" those|strong="H0834" nations|strong="H1471"! But|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" holy|strong="H6942". I|strong="H0589"

will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3045" you|strong="H0834" respect my|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034", and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H0853" those|strong="H0834" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>24</sup> This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068" said.  
<sup>24</sup> " I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" take|strong="H3947" you|strong="H3605" out|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0776" those|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471", gather|strong="H6908" you|strong="H3605" together|strong="H6908", and|strong="H0935" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3605" back|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3605" own land|strong="H0776".<sup>25</sup> Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4325" sprinkle|strong="H2236" pure|strong="H2889" water|strong="H4325" on|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605" and|strong="H4325" make you|strong="H3605" pure|strong="H2889". I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4325" wash away|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605" filth, the|strong="H3605" filth from|strong="H5921" those|strong="H3605" nasty idols|strong="H1544", and|strong="H4325" I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H4325" make you|strong="H3605" pure|strong="H2889".<sup>26</sup> I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1320" also|strong="H0853" put|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" new|strong="H2319" spirit|strong="H7307" in|strong="H1320" you|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" change your|strong="H5414" way of|strong="H7307" thinking. I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1320" take|strong="H5493" out|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" heart|strong="H3820" of|strong="H7307" stone|strong="H0068" from|strong="H5493" your|strong="H5414" body|strong="H1320" and|strong="H0068" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" tender, human heart|strong="H3820".<sup>27</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" put|strong="H5414" my|strong="H8104" Spirit|strong="H7307" inside|strong="H7130" you|strong="H0834"<sup>1</sup> and|strong="H4941" change you|strong="H0834" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H8104" laws|strong="H2706". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" carefully|strong="H6213"

I I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT INSIDE YOU Or "I will make my Spirit live among you."

obey|strong="H6213" my|strong="H8104" commands.<sup>28</sup> Then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H0776" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" gave|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1961" your|strong="H5414" ancestors|strong="H0001". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" my|strong="H5414" people|strong="H5971", and|strong="H0430" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H1961" your|strong="H5414" God|strong="H0430".<sup>29</sup> Also|strong="H0853", I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" save|strong="H3467" you|strong="H5414" and|strong="H0853" keep you|strong="H5414" from|strong="H5921" becoming unclean|strong="H2932". I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" command|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" grain|strong="H1715" to|strong="H0413" grow. I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H5414" not|strong="H3808" bring|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" famine|strong="H7458" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5414".<sup>30</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H3947" you|strong="H0834" large crops of|strong="H7704" fruit|strong="H6529" from|strong="H3947" your|strong="H0834" trees|strong="H6086" and|strong="H6086" the|strong="H0853" harvest from|strong="H3947" your|strong="H0834" fields|strong="H7704" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" never|strong="H3808" again|strong="H5750" feel the|strong="H0853" shame|strong="H2781" of|strong="H7704" being hungry in|strong="H5750" a|strong="H3947" foreign country|strong="H7704".<sup>31</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remember|strong="H2142" the|strong="H0853" bad|strong="H7451" things|strong="H8441" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remember|strong="H2142" that|strong="H0834" those|strong="H0834" things|strong="H8441" were|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" good|strong="H2896". Then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" hate|strong="H8441" yourselves|strong="H5921" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H1870" your|strong="H5921" sins|strong="H5771" and|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853" terrible|strong="H7451" things|strong="H8441" you|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834".<sup>32</sup>

<sup>32</sup> The|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H5002", " I|strong="H0589" want you|strong="H3045" to|strong="H0954" remember this|strong="H4616":

I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" not |strong="H3808" doing |strong="H6213" these things |strong="H3808" for |strong="H4616" your |strong="H3045" good! I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" doing |strong="H6213" them |strong="H6213" for |strong="H4616" my |strong="H3045" good name. Family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", you |strong="H3045" should |strong="H6213" be |strong="H3808" ashamed |strong="H0954" and |strong="H3478" embarrassed |strong="H3637" about |strong="H3045" the |strong="H5002" way |strong="H1870" you |strong="H3045" lived!"

<sup>33</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3117" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" I |strong="H3117" wash away |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" sins |strong="H5771", I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H0136" bring people |strong="H3427" back to |strong="H0559" your |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892". The |strong="H3605" ruined |strong="H2723" cities |strong="H5892" will |strong="H0136" be |strong="H0136" rebuilt |strong="H1129". <sup>34</sup> People |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" begin again |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" work |strong="H5647" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" so |strong="H1961" when |strong="H1961" other |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" pass |strong="H5674" by |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H1961" see |strong="H5869" ruins |strong="H8074" anymore. <sup>35</sup> They |strong="H0559" will |strong="H1961" say |strong="H0559", ' In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" past, this land |strong="H0776" was |strong="H1961" ruined |strong="H2040", but |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961" it |strong="H1961" is |strong="H0776" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0559" Garden |strong="H1588" of |strong="H0776" Eden |strong="H5731". The |strong="H0559" cities |strong="H5892" were |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H2040". They |strong="H0559" were |strong="H1961" ruined |strong="H2040" and |strong="H0776" empty, but |strong="H1961" now |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0559" are |strong="H0776" protected, and |strong="H0776" there |strong="H1961" are |strong="H0776" people |strong="H3427" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" them |strong="H1961".'

<sup>36</sup> " Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471" that |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H1471"

around |strong="H5439" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" rebuilt |strong="H1129" those |strong="H0834" places |strong="H2040". I |strong="H0589" planted |strong="H5193" things |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" this |strong="H3588" land that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" empty. I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068". I |strong="H0589" said |strong="H1696" this |strong="H3588", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" them |strong="H5439" happen!"

<sup>37</sup> This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H3478" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " I |strong="H3541" will |strong="H3478" also |strong="H3541" let the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" come to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H1875" and |strong="H3478" ask |strong="H0559" me |strong="H1875" to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H6213" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3478" for |strong="H1004" them |strong="H0853". I |strong="H3541" will |strong="H3478" make |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853" grow and |strong="H3478" become many |strong="H7235" people |strong="H0120". They |strong="H0559" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H5750" like |strong="H3478" flocks |strong="H6629" of |strong="H1004" sheep |strong="H6629". <sup>38</sup> During |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" special festivals |strong="H4150", Jerusalem |strong="H3389" was |strong="H1961" filled |strong="H4392" with |strong="H3068" flocks |strong="H6629" of |strong="H3068" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H3068" goats that |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3068" been |strong="H1961" made |strong="H3045" holy |strong="H6944". In |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3588" cities |strong="H5892" and |strong="H3068" ruined places |strong="H3651" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" filled |strong="H4392" with |strong="H3068" flocks |strong="H6629" of |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0120". Then |strong="H1961" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068"."

## The Vision of the Dry Bones

37 The LORD'S power came on me. The Spirit of the LORD carried me out of the city and put me down the middle of the valley. The valley was full of dead men's bones lying on the ground in the valley. The Lord made me walk all around the bones. I saw the bones were very dry.

3 Then the Lord to me, "Son of man, can these bones come to life?"

I answered, "Lord GOD, only you know the answer to that question."

4 Then he said to me, "Speak to these bones for me. Tell them, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! This is what the LORD says to you'

I SPIRIT Or "wind." II THE VALLEY Possibly, Jezreel Valley, a fertile area where many battles were fought. It is often called simply "The Valley." III SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 9, 11, 16.

what the Lord says you will do to come into and will do to live. I will put sinew and muscle on you, and I will cover you with skin. Then I will put breath in you, and you will know that I am the LORD." So I spoke to the bones for the LORD, as he said. I was still speaking, when I heard the loud noise of bones. The bones began to rattle, and one bone joined together with another bone. There were before my eyes, I saw sinew and muscles begin to cover the bones. Skin began to cover them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then the Lord to me, "The Lord says to you"

IV BREATH Or "wind" or "a spirit."

to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " Speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" wind|strong="H7307"<sup>I</sup> for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" wind|strong="H7307" for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Tell|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" wind|strong="H7307" that|strong="H0559" this|strong="H0428" is|strong="H7307" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' Wind|strong="H7307", come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" every direction and|strong="H1121" breathe|strong="H5301" air|strong="H7307" into|strong="H0413" these|strong="H0428" dead bodies! Breathe|strong="H5301" into|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H0559" will|strong="H0120" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" life|strong="H2421" again!''

<sup>10</sup> So|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" spoke to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" wind|strong="H7307" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" LORD, as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" said, and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" breath|strong="H7307" came|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0834" dead bodies. They|strong="H0834" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" life|strong="H2421" and|strong="H0935" stood|strong="H5975" up|strong="H5975". There|strong="H5975" were|strong="H0834" many|strong="H1419" men|strong="H1419"— a|strong="H0935" very|strong="H3966" large|strong="H1419" army|strong="H2428"<sup>I</sup>!

<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="H2009" he|strong="H1004" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", these|strong="H0428" bones|strong="H6106" are|strong="H1992" like|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0120" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" say|strong="H0559", ' Our|strong="H3605" bones|strong="H6106" have|strong="H1121" dried|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001"<sup>I</sup>; <sup>II</sup> our|strong="H3605" hope|strong="H8615" is|strong="H2009" gone. We|strong="H3605" have|strong="H1121"

been|strong="H3605" completely|strong="H3605" destroyed|strong="H0006"<sup>I</sup>! <sup>12</sup> So|strong="H3651" speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413" for|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H2009" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' My|strong="H0935" people|strong="H5971", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3478" open|strong="H6605" your|strong="H0935" graves|strong="H6913" and|strong="H0935" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0935" up|strong="H5927" out|strong="H0413" of|strong="H0127" them|strong="H0413"<sup>I</sup>! Then|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3478" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H0127" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>13</sup> My|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" open|strong="H6605" your|strong="H3068" graves|strong="H6913" and|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H5927" you|strong="H3588" up|strong="H5927" out|strong="H3045" of|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" graves|strong="H6913", and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H0853" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". <sup>14</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5414" my|strong="H5414" Spirit|strong="H7307"<sup>III</sup> in|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588", and|strong="H3068" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" come to|strong="H1696" life|strong="H2421" again|strong="H1696". Then|strong="H1696" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" lead you|strong="H3588" back|strong="H3045" to|strong="H1696" your|strong="H3068" own land|strong="H0127". Then|strong="H1696" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" said|strong="H1696" this|strong="H3588" and|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" made|strong="H6213" it|strong="H5414" happen.'" This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H5921"

I WIND Or "breath" or "spirit." Also in verse 10. II BONES ... DRIED UP This is a way of saying, "We have lost our strength."

III SPIRIT Or "spirit" or "wind."



the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1696".

**Judah and |strong="H3068" Israel to |strong="H1696" Become One |strong="H3588" Again |strong="H1696"**

15 The |strong="H0559" word |strong="H1697" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" came |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" again |strong="H1961". He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", 16 " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", get |strong="H3947" one |strong="H0259" stick |strong="H6086" and |strong="H1121" write |strong="H3789" this |strong="H3605" message on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921": ' This |strong="H3605" stick |strong="H6086" belongs to |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" friends, I the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478": ' Then |strong="H3947" take |strong="H3947" another |strong="H0259" stick |strong="H6086" and |strong="H1121" write |strong="H3789" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921", ' This |strong="H3605" stick |strong="H6086" of |strong="H1121" Ephraim |strong="H0669" belongs to |strong="H5921" Joseph |strong="H3130" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3605" friends, the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478": ' 17 Then |strong="H1961" join |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" two sticks |strong="H6086" together |strong="H0259". In |strong="H0413" your |strong="H1961" hand |strong="H3027", they |strong="H3027" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" stick |strong="H6086".

18 " Your |strong="H0834" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H0834" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0413" explain |strong="H5046" what |strong="H4100" that |strong="H0834" means. 19 Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1961" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" stick |strong="H6086" of |strong="H3027" Joseph |strong="H3130", which |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" hand |strong="H3027" of |strong="H3027" Ephraim |strong="H0669" and |strong="H3063" his |strong="H5414" friends, the |strong="H0853" peo-

I FRIENDS This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word is like the word meaning "joined together."

ple |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3027" Israel |strong="H3478". Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1961" put |strong="H5414" that |strong="H0834" stick |strong="H6086" with |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0853" stick |strong="H6086" of |strong="H3027" Judah |strong="H3063", and |strong="H3063" make |strong="H5414" them |strong="H0413" one |strong="H0259" stick |strong="H6086". In |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5414" hand |strong="H3027", they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" stick |strong="H6086"!

20 " Take |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" sticks |strong="H6086" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" wrote |strong="H3789" on |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3027" hold them |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" front of |strong="H3027" you |strong="H0834". 21 Tell |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" this |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": ' I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834" gather |strong="H6908" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" from |strong="H0935" among |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834" gather |strong="H6908" them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H0935" all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439" and |strong="H1980" bring |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0413" back |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3947" own land |strong="H0127". 22 I |strong="H0259" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853" one |strong="H0259" nation |strong="H1471" in |strong="H0776" their |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" among |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478". There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" one |strong="H0259" king |strong="H4428" over |strong="H0853" them |strong="H0853" all |strong="H3605". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" no |strong="H3808" longer |strong="H5750" be |strong="H1961" two |strong="H8147" nations |strong="H1471". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" split into |strong="H0776" two |strong="H8147" kingdoms |strong="H4467" any more |strong="H5750". 23 And |strong="H0430" they |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430"

no longer continue to make themselves filthy with idols statues or any their crimes. Instead, I will save them from the places where have and will and them pure. They be my people, and I will be their God.

24 " And my servant David will be the king over them. There be only one shepherd over all of them. They will live by my rules and obey my laws. They do things I tell them. 25 They will live on the land that I gave to my servant Jacob. Your ancestors in place my people will live there and their children and

their grandchildren will live there forever. My servant David will be their leader forever. And I will make a peace agreement with them. This agreement will forever. I will agree to give their land. I will agree to make them numerous and put my holy among them forever. 27 My Holy Tent will be with them. Yes, I will be their God and they will be my people. 28 The other nations will know that I am the LORD, and they will know that I will make Israel my special people by putting my holy there among them forever."

### The Message Against Gog

38 The word of LORD of hosts came to me. He said, " Son of man, I look toward Gog in

<sup>1</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 14.

the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Magog |strong="H4031". He |strong="H5921" is |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440" most important leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H6440" nations |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Meshech |strong="H4902" and |strong="H1121" Tubal |strong="H8422". Speak for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H0413" against |strong="H5921" Gog |strong="H1463". <sup>3</sup> Tell |strong="H0559" him |strong="H0413" that |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541" is |strong="H7218" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": ' Gog |strong="H1463", you |strong="H0413" are the |strong="H0559" most important leader |strong="H5387" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0559" nations of |strong="H7218" Meshech |strong="H4902" and |strong="H7218" Tubal |strong="H8422", but |strong="H0559" I |strong="H2005" am |strong="H2005" against |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0413". <sup>4</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" capture |strong="H8610" you |strong="H5414" and |strong="H7725" bring |strong="H3318" you |strong="H5414" back |strong="H7725". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" bring |strong="H3318" back |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3847" your |strong="H3605" army |strong="H2428", all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" horses |strong="H5483", and |strong="H7725" horse |strong="H5483" soldiers |strong="H2428". I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" put |strong="H5414" hooks |strong="H2397" in |strong="H3847" your |strong="H3605" mouths, and |strong="H7725" I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H2719" bring |strong="H3318" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" you |strong="H5414" back |strong="H7725". All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H2428" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H7725" wearing their |strong="H3605" uniforms with |strong="H3847" all |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" shields |strong="H4043" and |strong="H7725" swords |strong="H2719". <sup>5</sup> Soldiers from |strong="H0854" Persia |strong="H6539", Ethiopia |strong="H3568", and |strong="H4043" Put |strong="H6316" will |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3605" with |strong="H0854" them |strong="H0854". They |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" be |strong="H3605" wearing their |strong="H3605" shields |strong="H4043" and |strong="H4043" helmets |strong="H3553". <sup>6</sup> There |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1004" also |strong="H0853"

be |strong="H1004" Gomer |strong="H1586" with |strong="H0854" all |strong="H3605" its |strong="H3605" groups of |strong="H1004" soldiers |strong="H5971", and |strong="H1004" there |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" nation |strong="H5971" of |strong="H1004" Togarmah |strong="H8425"<sup>1</sup> from |strong="H0854" the |strong="H3605" far |strong="H3411" north |strong="H6828" with |strong="H0854" all |strong="H3605" its |strong="H3605" groups of |strong="H1004" soldiers |strong="H5971". There |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H1004" that |strong="H3605" parade of |strong="H1004" prisoners.

<sup>7</sup> " Be |strong="H1961" prepared |strong="H3559". Yes, prepare |strong="H3559" yourself |strong="H0859" and |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" armies that |strong="H3605" have |strong="H1961" joined with |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" must watch |strong="H4929" and |strong="H3605" be |strong="H1961" ready |strong="H3559". <sup>8</sup> After |strong="H5921" a |strong="H1961" long |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" called for |strong="H5921" duty |strong="H5921". In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" later |strong="H1961" years |strong="H8141" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" been |strong="H1961" healed from |strong="H7725" war |strong="H2719". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H3427" that |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0776" were |strong="H0834" gathered |strong="H6908" from |strong="H7725" many |strong="H7227" nations |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0935" brought |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478". In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" past, the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H1961" destroyed |strong="H2723" again |strong="H7725" and |strong="H0935" again |strong="H7725". But |strong="H1961" these |strong="H1931" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" those |strong="H3605" other |strong="H3605" na-

<sup>1</sup> NATION OF TOGARMAH Or "Beth Togarmah."

tions |strong="H5971". They |strong="H0834" all |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" lived |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" safety |strong="H0983".<sup>9</sup> But |strong="H1961" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" attack |strong="H5927" them |strong="H0935". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" storm. You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" thundercloud covering |strong="H3680" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". You |strong="H0859" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" groups of |strong="H0776" soldiers |strong="H5971" from |strong="H0935" many |strong="H7227" nations |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" attack |strong="H5927" them |strong="H0935"."

<sup>10</sup> This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" what |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" an |strong="H1961" idea |strong="H1697" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" into |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" mind |strong="H3824". You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" begin to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H2803" an |strong="H1961" evil |strong="H7451" plan |strong="H2803".<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" say |strong="H0559", ' I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" go |strong="H0935" attack |strong="H5927" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" that |strong="H3605" has |strong="H0369" towns without |strong="H0369" walls |strong="H2346". The |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" there |strong="H0369" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" peace |strong="H8252" and |strong="H0935" think |strong="H0559" they |strong="H5921" are |strong="H0776" safe. There |strong="H0369" are |strong="H0776" no |strong="H0369" walls |strong="H2346" around |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" protect them |strong="H5921". They |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0369" any |strong="H3605" locks on |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" gates |strong="H1817"— they |strong="H5921" don't |strong="H0369" even |strong="H0776" have |strong="H0369" gates |strong="H1817"!<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" defeat them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0776"

take |strong="H7725" all |strong="H0622" their |strong="H5921" valuable things away |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" fight against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" places |strong="H2723" that |strong="H1471" were |strong="H3027" destroyed |strong="H2723" but |strong="H5921" now |strong="H3027" have |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971" living |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" them |strong="H0413". I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" fight against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H3427" were |strong="H3027" gathered |strong="H0622" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H5921" nations |strong="H1471". Now |strong="H3027" they |strong="H5921" have |strong="H0776" cattle |strong="H4735" and |strong="H0776" property |strong="H7075". They |strong="H5921" live |strong="H3427" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" crossroads of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" world |strong="H0776".<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> " Sheba |strong="H7614", Dedan |strong="H1719", and |strong="H0935" merchants |strong="H5503" of |strong="H3605" Tarshish |strong="H8659" and |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H0935" they |strong="H0559" trade |strong="H5503" with |strong="H0935" will |strong="H6951" ask |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859", 'Did you |strong="H0859" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" capture |strong="H3947" valuable things |strong="H3605"? Did you |strong="H0859" bring |strong="H0935" your |strong="H3605" groups of |strong="H3605" soldiers together |strong="H6950" to |strong="H0559" grab the |strong="H3605" good things |strong="H3605" and |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" carry |strong="H5375" away |strong="H5375" silver |strong="H3701", gold |strong="H2091", cattle |strong="H4735", and |strong="H0935" property |strong="H7075'? Did you |strong="H0859" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" take |strong="H3947" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" valuable things |strong="H3605"?"

<sup>14</sup> " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" Gog |strong="H1463" for |strong="H3117" me |strong="H3808". Tell |strong="H0559" him |strong="H1931" that |strong="H3045" this |strong="H3651" is |strong="H1931" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": ' You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3478" come

<sup>1</sup> THEY LIVE ... THE WORLD The powerful countries must travel through there to get to all the other powerful countries.

to |strong="H0559" attack my|strong="H3045" people|strong="H5971" while|strong="H1931" they|strong="H3651" are|strong="H3117" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" peace and|strong="H1121" safety|strong="H0983". <sup>15</sup> You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H6828" come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3605" place|strong="H4725" out|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" far|strong="H1419" north|strong="H6828", and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H6828" bring|strong="H0935" many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H5971" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0859". All|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3605" them|strong="H0935" will|strong="H6828" ride|strong="H7392" on|strong="H7392" horses|strong="H5483". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H6828" be|strong="H3605" a|strong="H0935" large|strong="H1419" and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" powerful|strong="H2428" army|strong="H2428". <sup>16</sup> You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478". You|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" thundercloud covering|strong="H3680" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776". When|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3045" time|strong="H3117" comes|strong="H0935", I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0776". Then|strong="H1961", Gog|strong="H1463", the|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H1961" learn|strong="H3045" how|strong="H3045" powerful I|strong="H3117" am|strong="H1961"! They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" learn|strong="H3045" to|strong="H0935" respect|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0935" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3045" I|strong="H3117" am|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H6942". They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" see|strong="H5869" what|strong="H5921" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" do|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921"!"

<sup>17</sup> This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117" people|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" remember

that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H1696" about|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0859" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" past|strong="H6931". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0834" remember that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" used my|strong="H5921" servants|strong="H5650", the|strong="H0853" prophets|strong="H5030" of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0834" remember that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" prophets|strong="H5030" of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478" spoke|strong="H1696" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" past|strong="H6931" and|strong="H0935" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3478" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H0859" to|strong="H0559" fight against|strong="H5921" them|strong="H1992"."

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said, " At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" Gog|strong="H1463" will|strong="H1961" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478". I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" show|strong="H1961" my|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H0639". <sup>19</sup> In|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" anger|strong="H5678" and|strong="H3478" strong|strong="H1419" emotions, I|strong="H0518" make this|strong="H1931" promise|strong="H1696": I|strong="H0518" promise|strong="H1696" that|strong="H3117" there|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" strong|strong="H1419" earthquake|strong="H7494" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" land|strong="H0127" of|strong="H3117" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>20</sup> At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" time all|strong="H3605" living|strong="H2416" things|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" shake|strong="H7493" with|strong="H5921" fear. The|strong="H3605" fish|strong="H1709" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sea|strong="H3220", the|strong="H3605" birds|strong="H5775" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" air, the|strong="H3605" wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H2416" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" fields|strong="H7704", and|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" little creatures|strong="H0834" crawling on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" shake|strong="H7493"

with|strong="H5921" fear. The|strong="H3605" mountains|strong="H2022" will|strong="H0776" fall|strong="H5307" down|strong="H5307" and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" cliffs will|strong="H0776" break|strong="H2040" apart. Every|strong="H3605" wall|strong="H2346" will|strong="H0776" fall|strong="H5307" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" ground|strong="H0776"

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H5002", " On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H0376" Israel, I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" call|strong="H7121" for|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" kind of|strong="H0376" terror against|strong="H5921"<sup>I</sup> Gog. His|strong="H3605" soldiers|strong="H0376" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" so|strong="H7121" afraid that|strong="H3605" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" attack each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251" and|strong="H0376" kill|strong="H2719" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251" with|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" swords|strong="H2719". <sup>22</sup> I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" punish Gog with|strong="H0854" diseases|strong="H1698" and|strong="H0068" death|strong="H0068". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" cause hail-stones|strong="H0068", fire|strong="H0784", and|strong="H0068" sulfur|strong="H1614" to|strong="H5921" rain|strong="H1653" down|strong="H4305" on|strong="H5921" Gog and|strong="H0068" his|strong="H5921" groups of|strong="H5921" soldiers|strong="H5971" from|strong="H5921" many|strong="H7227" nations|strong="H5971". <sup>23</sup> Then|strong="H3045" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H3045" how|strong="H3588" great|strong="H1431" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" prove|strong="H6942" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" holy|strong="H6942". Many|strong="H7227" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H3068" see|strong="H5869" me|strong="H0589" do|strong="H0589" these things|strong="H1431", and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" learn|strong="H3045" who|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589". Then|strong="H3045" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068".

I EVERY KIND OF TERROR AGAINST This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "a sword against."

## The Death of Gog and His Army

**39** " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120",<sup>II</sup> speak|strong="H0559" against|strong="H5921" Gog|strong="H1463" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". Tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H7218" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' Gog|strong="H1463", you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" most important leader|strong="H5387" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" countries Meshech|strong="H4902" and|strong="H1121" Tubal|strong="H8422", but|strong="H0859" I|strong="H2005" am|strong="H2005" against|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0859".<sup>2</sup> I|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" capture you|strong="H5921" and|strong="H0935" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" back|strong="H7725". I|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" from|strong="H7725" the|strong="H5921" far|strong="H5921" north|strong="H6828". I|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" bring|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>3</sup> But|strong="H5221" I|strong="H3027" will|strong="H3027" knock your|strong="H5221" bow|strong="H7198" from|strong="H3027" your|strong="H5221" left|strong="H8040" hand|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" your|strong="H5221" arrows|strong="H2671" from|strong="H3027" your|strong="H5221" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3027".<sup>4</sup> You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3478" killed|strong="H5307" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" mountains|strong="H2022" of|strong="H2022" Israel|strong="H3478". You|strong="H0859", your|strong="H3605" groups of|strong="H2022" soldiers|strong="H5971", and|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H5971" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3478" killed|strong="H5307" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" battle. I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H0859"

II SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verse 17.

as|strong="H0834" food|strong="H0402" to|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" kind|strong="H3671" of|strong="H2022" bird|strong="H6833" that|strong="H0834" eats meat and|strong="H3478" to|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" wild|strong="H7704" animals|strong="H2416".<sup>5</sup> You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0136" not|strong="H3588" enter the|strong="H6440" city. You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0136" be|strong="H0136" killed|strong="H5307" out|strong="H6440" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" open|strong="H6440" fields|strong="H7704". I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H0589" spoken|strong="H1696"! This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H6440" what|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H1696".

<sup>6</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" send|strong="H7971" fire|strong="H0784" against|strong="H3427" Magog|strong="H4031" and|strong="H3068" those|strong="H3588" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" along|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" coast|strong="H0339". They|strong="H3588" think they|strong="H3588" are|strong="H3068" safe, but|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068".<sup>7</sup> And|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H3045" my|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034" known|strong="H3045" among|strong="H8432" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" Israel|strong="H3478". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" let|strong="H3808" people|strong="H5971" ruin my|strong="H3068" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034" anymore|strong="H5750". The|strong="H0853" nations|strong="H1471" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" Holy|strong="H6944" One|strong="H6918" in|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478".<sup>8</sup> That|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117" is|strong="H0834" coming|strong="H0935"! It|strong="H1931" will|strong="H1961" happen|strong="H1961"! This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" Lord|strong="H0136"

GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H1696". " That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H1961" talking|strong="H1696" about|strong="H1961".<sup>9</sup> " At|strong="H3427" that|strong="H8141" time|strong="H8141" people|strong="H3427" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3318" cities|strong="H5892" of|strong="H3027" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3318" fields. They|strong="H8141" will|strong="H3478" collect the|strong="H3318" enemy's weapons|strong="H5402" and|strong="H3478" burn|strong="H1197" them|strong="H3318". They|strong="H8141" will|strong="H3478" burn|strong="H1197" all the|strong="H3318" shields|strong="H4043", bows|strong="H7198" and|strong="H3478" arrows|strong="H2671", clubs|strong="H4731" and|strong="H3478" spears|strong="H7420". They|strong="H8141" will|strong="H3478" use the|strong="H3318" weapons|strong="H5402" as|strong="H3427" firewood|strong="H1197" for|strong="H3027" seven|strong="H7651" years|strong="H8141".<sup>10</sup> They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7704" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H3588" to|strong="H4480" gather|strong="H2404" wood|strong="H6086" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" fields|strong="H7704" or|strong="H3808" chop firewood|strong="H2404" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" forests|strong="H6086" because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7704" use|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" weapons|strong="H5402" as|strong="H3588" firewood|strong="H2404". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7704" take|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" valuable things|strong="H3808" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" soldiers who|strong="H2404" wanted to|strong="H4480" steal from|strong="H4480" them|strong="H0853". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7704" take|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" good things|strong="H3808" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" soldiers who|strong="H2404" took|strong="H5375" good things|strong="H3808" from|strong="H4480" them|strong="H0853". This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0136" what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.<sup>11</sup> " At|strong="H3478" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" I|strong="H5414" will|strong="H1961" choose a|strong="H1961" place|strong="H4725" in|strong="H3478" Israel|strong="H3478" to|strong="H1961" bury|strong="H6912" Gog|strong="H1463".

He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" Travelers |strong="H5674",<sup>I</sup> east |strong="H6926" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" Dead Sea |strong="H3220". It |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1961" block |strong="H2629" the |strong="H3605" road for |strong="H7121" travelers |strong="H5674", because |strong="H3117" Gog |strong="H1463" and |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" his |strong="H3605" army |strong="H1995" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" buried |strong="H6912" in |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3605" place |strong="H4725". People |strong="H1995" will |strong="H1961" call |strong="H7121" it |strong="H5414". The |strong="H3605" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H3117" Gog's Army |strong="H1995".<sup>12</sup> It |strong="H1004" will |strong="H0776" take seven |strong="H7651" months |strong="H2320" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478" to |strong="H3478" bury |strong="H6912" them |strong="H0853". They |strong="H2320" must |strong="H0853" do this |strong="H4616" to |strong="H3478" make the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" pure |strong="H2891".<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H3605" common |strong="H0776" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" bury |strong="H6912" the |strong="H3605" enemy soldiers |strong="H5971", and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" famous |strong="H8034" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" day |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" I |strong="H3117" bring |strong="H1961" honor |strong="H3513" to |strong="H1961" myself." The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605".

<sup>14</sup> "Workers will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0376" given a |strong="H5921" full-time job burying |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0853" dead soldiers |strong="H0376" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H0914" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" pure |strong="H2891". The |strong="H0853" workers will |strong="H0776" work for |strong="H5921" seven |strong="H7651" months |strong="H2320". They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H0776" go |strong="H5674" around |strong="H5921" looking for |strong="H5921" dead bodies.<sup>15</sup> They |strong="H5704" will |strong="H0776" go |strong="H5674" around look-

I VALLEY OF THE TRAVELERS This is a wordplay on the name Arabah Valley.

ing |strong="H7200", and |strong="H0776" if |strong="H7200" anyone |strong="H0120" sees |strong="H7200" a |strong="H1129" bone |strong="H6106", a |strong="H1129" marker |strong="H6725" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" put up |strong="H7200" by |strong="H0413" it |strong="H5704". The |strong="H0853" sign will |strong="H0776" stay there |strong="H5704" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0853" gravediggers come and |strong="H0776" bury |strong="H6912" the |strong="H0853" bone |strong="H6106" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Valley |strong="H1516" of |strong="H0776" Gog's Army |strong="H0776".<sup>16</sup> The |strong="H1571" city |strong="H5892" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H1571" dead will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H1571" named |strong="H8034" Hamonah |strong="H1997".<sup>II</sup> In |strong="H0776" this way they |strong="H1571" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H8034" the |strong="H1571" country |strong="H0776" pure |strong="H2891".

<sup>17</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0559": " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" birds |strong="H6833" and |strong="H1121" wild |strong="H7704" animals |strong="H2416" for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921". Tell |strong="H0559" them |strong="H5921", ' Come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H3541"! Come |strong="H0935" here |strong="H3541"! Gather |strong="H6908" around |strong="H5439". Come |strong="H0935" eat |strong="H0398" this |strong="H3541" sacrifice |strong="H2077" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" preparing for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859". There |strong="H2022" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H1121" a |strong="H0935" very |strong="H1419" big sacrifice |strong="H2077" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478". Come |strong="H0935", eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" meat |strong="H1320" and |strong="H1121" drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818".<sup>18</sup> You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0776" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" meat |strong="H1320" from |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" bodies |strong="H1320" of |strong="H0776" powerful |strong="H1368" soldiers |strong="H1368" and |strong="H0776" drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H3605" blood |strong="H1818"

II HAMONAH This Hebrew word means "crowd."



from |strong="H0776" world|strong="H0776" leaders|strong="H5387". They|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" like|strong="H0776" rams|strong="H0352", lambs|strong="H3733", goats|strong="H6260", and|strong="H0776" fat|strong="H1320" bulls|strong="H6499" from|strong="H0776" Bashan|strong="H1316".<sup>19</sup> You|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" eat|strong="H0398" all|strong="H0398" the|strong="H0834" fat|strong="H2459" you|strong="H0834" want and|strong="H0398" drink|strong="H8354" blood|strong="H1818" until you|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" full. You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" eat|strong="H0398" and|strong="H0398" drink|strong="H8354" from|strong="H0398" my|strong="H0834" sacrifice|strong="H2077", which|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" kill for|strong="H0398" you|strong="H0834".<sup>20</sup> You|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376" plenty|strong="H7646" of|strong="H0376" meat to|strong="H5921" eat at|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" table|strong="H7979". There|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H0376" chariot|strong="H7393" drivers, powerful|strong="H1368" soldiers|strong="H0376", and|strong="H0376" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" fighting men|strong="H0376".<sup>21</sup> This|strong="H3605" is|strong="H0376" what|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.  
<sup>21</sup> " I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" see|strong="H7200" what|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" done|strong="H6213", and|strong="H3027" they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" begin to|strong="H5414" respect|strong="H7760" me|strong="H5414"! They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" see|strong="H7200" my|strong="H3605" power|strong="H3027" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" used|strong="H6213" against|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" enemy.<sup>22</sup> Then|strong="H3045" from|strong="H4480" that|strong="H3588" day|strong="H3117" on|strong="H3117", the|strong="H3588" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".<sup>23</sup> And|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471"

will|strong="H0834" know|strong="H3045" why|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" was|strong="H0834" carried|strong="H1540" away|strong="H1540" as|strong="H0834" prisoners to|strong="H5921" other|strong="H3605" countries. They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0834" learn|strong="H3045" that|strong="H0834" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471" turned|strong="H5414" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5414", so|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0834" turned|strong="H5414" away|strong="H1540" from|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5414". I|strong="H0834" let|strong="H5414" their|strong="H3605" enemies defeat|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414", so|strong="H5414" my|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1471" were|strong="H0834" killed|strong="H2719" in|strong="H5921" battle.<sup>24</sup> They|strong="H1992" sinned and|strong="H6440" made|strong="H6213" themselves|strong="H1992" filthy, so|strong="H6213" I|strong="H6588" punished them|strong="H1992" for|strong="H6440" the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H5641" they|strong="H1992" did|strong="H6213". I|strong="H6588" turned away from|strong="H6440" them|strong="H1992" and|strong="H6440" refused to|strong="H6440" help them|strong="H1992".<sup>25</sup> So|strong="H3651" this|strong="H3651" is|strong="H8034" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " Now|strong="H6258" I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3478" bring|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Jacob|strong="H3290" back|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" captivity|strong="H7622". I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3478" have|strong="H7355" mercy|strong="H7355" on|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478". I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3478" show|strong="H7355" my|strong="H3605" strong feelings for|strong="H1004" my|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034".<sup>26</sup> The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" will|strong="H0834" forget|strong="H5375" their|strong="H3605" shame|strong="H3639" and|strong="H3427" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" times they|strong="H0834" turned against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" safety|strong="H0983" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" own land|strong="H0127".

No one will make them afraid. I will bring my people from other countries. I will gather them from the lands of their enemies. Then many will see how holy I am. They will know that I am the LORD God. That is because I made them their homes and go as prisoners to other countries. But I gathered them again and brought them back to their own land. I will pour out my Spirit on the family of Israel, and I will never turn away from my people again. This is what the LORD GOD said.

### The New Temple

**40** In the twenty-fifth year after we were taken away into captivity, at the beginning of the year,

the tenth day of the month of the first month, the LORD'S power came on me. This was the fourteenth year after I came to Jerusalem. On that day the LORD took me there after a vision.

<sup>2</sup> In a vision, God carried me to the land of Israel. He put me down near a high mountain. On the mountain in front of me was a building that a city. He took me to that place. There a man there looked like polished bronze. He had a cloth tape measure and a measuring rod in his hand. He was standing by the gate. <sup>4</sup> The man said to me, "Son of man, use your eyes and

<sup>1</sup> TENTH DAY OF THE MONTH This was the Day of Atonement, 573 B.C. See Leviticus 23:26; 25:9. <sup>II</sup> ON THE MOUNTAIN ... CITY Or "On the mountain, there was a building that looked like a city with a city south of it." <sup>III</sup> SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

ears|strong="H0241". Look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H0413" these|strong="H1696" things|strong="H3605" and|strong="H1121" listen|strong="H0805" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". Pay|strong="H7760" attention|strong="H3820" to|strong="H0413" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" show|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0859", because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0834" been|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H0935" here|strong="H2008" so|strong="H4616" that|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" can|strong="H0834" show|strong="H7200" you|strong="H0859" these|strong="H1696" things|strong="H3605". You|strong="H0859" must|strong="H0853" tell|strong="H5046" the|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" see|strong="H7200".<sup>5</sup> I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H2009" a|strong="H0259" wall|strong="H2346" that|strong="H3027" went|strong="H0376" all|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" way around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" outside|strong="H2351" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004". In|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" man's|strong="H0376" hand|strong="H3027" there|strong="H2009" was|strong="H0376" a|strong="H0259" ruler for|strong="H3027" measuring|strong="H7070" things|strong="H0259". It|strong="H5439" was|strong="H0376" 6 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> long|strong="H2948" using the|strong="H0853" long|strong="H2948" measurement|strong="H4060",<sup>II</sup> so|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H0853" thickness|strong="H7341" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346". It|strong="H5439" was|strong="H0376" one|strong="H0259" ruler<sup>III</sup> thick|strong="H7341". He|strong="H0853" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H0853" height|strong="H6967" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" wall|strong="H2346". It|strong="H5439" was|strong="H0376" one|strong="H0259" ruler tall|strong="H6967".

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0259" went|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H6921" gate|strong="H8179". He|strong="H0834" walked up|strong="H5927"

I 6 CUBITS 10' 2 7/16" (3.11 m). Also in verse 12. II LONG MEASUREMENT Literally, "a cubit and a handbreadth." This cubit equals 20 5/8" (51.83 cm). III ONE RULER That is, 6 cubits (10' 2 7/16" or 3.11 m). Also in verses 6, 7.

its|strong="H0853" steps|strong="H4609" and|strong="H0935" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H0853" opening for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" gate|strong="H8179". It|strong="H6440" was|strong="H0834" one|strong="H0259" ruler wide|strong="H7341".<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0996" guardrooms|strong="H8372" were|strong="H7070" one|strong="H0259" ruler long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H1004" one|strong="H0259" ruler wide|strong="H7341". The|strong="H0996" walls between|strong="H0996" the|strong="H0996" rooms|strong="H1004" were|strong="H7070" 5 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>IV</sup> thick|strong="H7341". The|strong="H0996" opening by|strong="H0681" the|strong="H0996" porch|strong="H0197" at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0996" end of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0996" gateway|strong="H8179" that|strong="H1004" faced|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0996" Temple|strong="H1004" was|strong="H0259" also one|strong="H0259" ruler wide|strong="H7341".<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H0853" he|strong="H0853" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H0853" porch|strong="H0197".<sup>9</sup> It|strong="H4058" was|strong="H1004" 8 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>V</sup> long. He|strong="H0853" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H0853" walls on|strong="H1004" either side of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" gate|strong="H8179". Each|strong="H4058" side wall was|strong="H1004" 2 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>VI</sup> wide. The|strong="H0853" porch|strong="H0197" was|strong="H1004" at|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" end of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" gateway|strong="H8179" that|strong="H1004" faced|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004".<sup>10</sup> There|strong="H4060" were|strong="H7969" three|strong="H7969" little guardrooms|strong="H8372" on|strong="H1870" each|strong="H0259" side|strong="H6311" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H1870" gateway|strong="H8179". All|strong="H0259" these rooms and|strong="H1870" their|strong="H1870" side|strong="H6311" walls measured the|strong="H1870" same|strong="H0259".<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H8179" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H0853" entrance|strong="H6607" to|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" gateway|strong="H8179". It|strong="H4058" was|strong="H0753" 10 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>VII</sup> wide|strong="H7341" and|strong="H0753" 13 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>VIII</sup> long|strong="H0753".<sup>12</sup> There was|strong="H0259" a|strong="H0259" low wall|strong="H1366" in|strong="H0520" front|strong="H6440"

IV 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). Also in verses 30, 48. V 8 CUBITS 13' 7 1/4" (4.2 m). VI 2 CUBITS 3' 4 13/16" (104 cm). VII 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m). VIII 13 CUBITS 22' 1 1/4" (6.74 m).

of|strong="H1366" each|strong="H0259" room|strong="H8372". That wall|strong="H1366" was|strong="H0259" 1 cubit|strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> tall and|strong="H6440" 1 cubit|strong="H0520" thick. The|strong="H6440" rooms were|strong="H6440" square. Each|strong="H0259" wall|strong="H1366" was|strong="H0259" 6 cubits|strong="H0520" long|strong="H6440".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H8179" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H0853" gateway|strong="H8179" from|strong="H0520" the|strong="H0853" outside edge of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" roof|strong="H1406" of|strong="H8179" one|strong="H7341" room|strong="H8372" to|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" outside edge of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" roof|strong="H1406" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" opposite|strong="H5048" room|strong="H8372". It|strong="H4058" was|strong="H8179" 25 cubits|strong="H0520". <sup>II</sup> Each|strong="H4058" door|strong="H6607" was|strong="H8179" directly|strong="H5048" opposite|strong="H5048" the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H5048" door|strong="H6607". <sup>14</sup> <sup>III</sup> He|strong="H6213" measured the|strong="H0853" faces of|strong="H8179" all|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" side|strong="H5439" walls, including the|strong="H0853" side|strong="H5439" walls on|strong="H0413" either side|strong="H5439" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0853" porch at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" courtyard|strong="H2691". The|strong="H0853" total was|strong="H8179" 60 cubits|strong="H0520". <sup>IV</sup><sup>15</sup> From|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" inside|strong="H6442" edge|strong="H6440" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H6440" outer|strong="H6440" gate|strong="H8179" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" far|strong="H5921" end of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H6440" porch|strong="H0197" was|strong="H6440" 50 cubits|strong="H0520". <sup>V</sup><sup>16</sup> There were|strong="H8179" small windows|strong="H2474"<sup>VI</sup> above|strong="H0413" all|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0413" guardrooms|strong="H8372", the|strong="H0413" side|strong="H5439" walls, and|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0413" porch|strong="H0361". The|strong="H0413" wide part|strong="H6441" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0413" windows|strong="H2474" faced|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" gate-

I 1 CUBIT 20 3/8" (51.83 cm). Also in verse 42. II 25 CUBITS 42' 6 1/8" (12.96 m). Also in verses 21, 25, 29, 33, 36. III The meaning of this verse in the Hebrew text is uncertain. IV 60 CUBITS 102' 3/8" (31.1 m). V 50 CUBITS 85' 5/16" (25.92 m). Also in verses 21, 25, 29, 33, 36. VI SMALL WINDOWS These let the soldiers defending the city shoot arrows out at the enemy. The narrow part of the window was on the enemy's side of the wall to give the smallest target.

way|strong="H8179". There were|strong="H8179" carvings of|strong="H8179" palm|strong="H8561" trees|strong="H8561" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" walls that|strong="H3651" were|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0413" either side|strong="H5439" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0413" gateway|strong="H8179".

### The|strong="H0413" Outer Courtyard

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H0413" man led|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" outer|strong="H2435" courtyard|strong="H2691". I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H2009" thirty|strong="H7970" rooms|strong="H3957" and|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935" pavement|strong="H7531" that|strong="H2009" went|strong="H0935" all|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0413" way around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0413" courtyard|strong="H2691". The|strong="H0413" rooms|strong="H3957" were|strong="H2009" along|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0413" wall and|strong="H0935" faced|strong="H0413" in|strong="H0935" toward|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" pavement|strong="H7531". <sup>18</sup> The|strong="H0413" pavement|strong="H7531" was|strong="H0753" as|strong="H5980" wide as|strong="H5980" the|strong="H0413" gates|strong="H8179" were|strong="H8179" long|strong="H0753". The|strong="H0413" pavement|strong="H7531" reached to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" inside end of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0413" gateway|strong="H8179". This was|strong="H0753" the|strong="H0413" lower|strong="H8481" pavement|strong="H7531". <sup>19</sup> The|strong="H6440" man|strong="H8179" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H6440" distance from|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" inside|strong="H6442" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H6440" lower|strong="H8481" gateway|strong="H8179" to|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" outside|strong="H2351" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H6440" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691". It|strong="H4058" was|strong="H6440" 100 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>VII</sup> on|strong="H0520" the|strong="H6440" east|strong="H6921" side|strong="H6828" as|strong="H8179" well as|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0520" the|strong="H6440" north|strong="H6828" side|strong="H6828".

<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" man|strong="H8179" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H6440" length|strong="H0753" and|strong="H6440" width|strong="H7341" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H6440"

VII 100 CUBITS 170' 5/8" (51.83 m). Also in verse 23, 27, 47.

north|strong="H6828" gate|strong="H8179" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" in|strong="H1870" the|strong="H6440" wall surrounding the|strong="H6440" outer|strong="H2435" courtyard|strong="H2691". <sup>21</sup> This gateway|strong="H8179", its|strong="H1961" three|strong="H7969" rooms on|strong="H1961" each|strong="H6311" side|strong="H6311", and|strong="H0753" its|strong="H1961" porch|strong="H0361" all measured the|strong="H1961" same as|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" first|strong="H7223" gate|strong="H8179". The|strong="H1961" gateway|strong="H8179" was|strong="H1961" 50 cubits|strong="H0520" long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H0753" 25 cubits|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341". <sup>22</sup> Its|strong="H5927" windows|strong="H2474", its|strong="H5927" porch|strong="H0361", and|strong="H1870" its|strong="H5927" carvings of|strong="H8179" palm|strong="H8561" trees|strong="H8561" measured the|strong="H6440" same as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H6440" east|strong="H6921" gate|strong="H8179". On|strong="H1870" the|strong="H6440" outside, there|strong="H5927" were|strong="H0834" seven|strong="H7651" steps|strong="H4609" leading|strong="H6440" up|strong="H5927" to|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" gate|strong="H8179". Its|strong="H5927" porch|strong="H0361" was|strong="H0834" at|strong="H1870" the|strong="H6440" inside|strong="H6440" end of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H6440" gateway|strong="H8179". <sup>23</sup> Across the|strong="H0413" courtyard|strong="H2691" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" north|strong="H6828" gate|strong="H8179", there was|strong="H8179" a|strong="H4058" gate|strong="H8179" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691". It|strong="H4058" was|strong="H8179" like|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" east|strong="H6921". The|strong="H0413" man|strong="H8179" measured|strong="H4058" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" inner|strong="H6442" wall to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" outer wall. It|strong="H4058" was|strong="H8179" 100 cubits|strong="H0520" from|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179" to|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179".

<sup>24</sup> Then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H1870" man|strong="H8179" led me to|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" south|strong="H1864" wall.

I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H2009" a|strong="H4058" gate|strong="H8179" in|strong="H1870" the|strong="H1870" south|strong="H1864" wall. He|strong="H4058" measured|strong="H4058" its|strong="H4058" side walls and|strong="H1870" its|strong="H4058" porch|strong="H0361". They|strong="H0428" measured|strong="H4058" the|strong="H1870" same|strong="H0428" as|strong="H8179" the|strong="H1870" other|strong="H0428" gates|strong="H8179". <sup>25</sup> The|strong="H5439" gateway and|strong="H0753" its|strong="H5439" porch|strong="H0361" had|strong="H0361" windows|strong="H2474" all|strong="H5439" around|strong="H5439" like|strong="H5439" the|strong="H5439" other|strong="H0428" gates. The|strong="H5439" gateway was|strong="H0753" 50 cubits|strong="H0520" long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H0753" 25 cubits|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341". <sup>26</sup> There were|strong="H6440" seven|strong="H7651" steps|strong="H4609" going up|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" this gate. Its|strong="H6440" porch|strong="H0361" was|strong="H0259" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" inside|strong="H6440" end of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" gateway. It|strong="H6440" had|strong="H0361" carvings of|strong="H6440" palm|strong="H8561" trees|strong="H8561" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440" walls that|strong="H0413" were|strong="H6440" on|strong="H0413" either side|strong="H6311" of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" gateway. <sup>27</sup> A|strong="H4058" gate|strong="H8179" was|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" south|strong="H1864" side of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0413" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691". The|strong="H0413" man|strong="H8179" measured|strong="H4058" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" inner|strong="H6442" wall to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" outer wall. It|strong="H4058" was|strong="H8179" 100 cubits|strong="H0520" from|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179" to|strong="H0413" gate|strong="H8179".

#### The|strong="H0413" Inner|strong="H6442" Courtyard|strong="H2691"

<sup>28</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H8179" led|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" south|strong="H1864" gate|strong="H8179" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691". He|strong="H0853" mea-

measured *the* *gate* *the* *gate*. This *gate* *measured* *the* *same* *as* *the* *other* *gates* *to* *the* *inner* *courtyard*. <sup>29</sup> *Its* *rooms*, *side* *walls*, and *porch* also measured *the* *same* *as* *the* *other* *gates*. There *were* *windows* *around* *the* *gateway* and *its* *porch*. The *gateway* was *50 cubits* *long* and *25 cubits* *wide*. <sup>30</sup> The *porch* was *25 cubits* *wide* and *5 cubits* *long*. <sup>31</sup> And *its* *porch* was *at* *the* *end of* *the* *gateway* next *to* *the* *outer* *courtyard*. Carvings of *palm* *trees* were *on* *the* *walls* *on* *either side of* *the* *gateway*. There were *eight* *steps* leading up *to* *the* *gate*.

<sup>32</sup> Then *the* *man* led *me* *into* *the* *inner* *courtyard* *on* *the* *east* *side*. He *measured* *the* *gate*. It *measured* *the* *same* *as* *the* *other* *gates*. <sup>33</sup> *Its* *rooms*, *side* *walls*, and *porch* also measured *the* *same* *as* *the* *other* *gates*. There *were* *windows* *all* *around* *the* *gateway*

*and* *its* *porch*. The *gateway* was *50 cubits* *long* and *25 cubits* *wide*. <sup>34</sup> And *its* *porch* was *at* *the* *end of* *the* *gateway* next *to* *the* *outer* *courtyard*. Carvings of *palm* *trees* were *on* *the* *walls* *on* *either side of* *the* *gateway*. There were *eight* *steps* leading up *to* *the* *gate*.

<sup>35</sup> Then *the* *man* led *me* *to* *the* *north* *gate*. He *measured* *it*, and *it* *measured* *the* *same* *as* *the* *other* *gates*. <sup>36</sup> *Its* *rooms*, *side* *walls*, and *porch* also measured *the* *same* *as* *the* *other* *gates*. There were *windows* *all* *around* *the* *gateway* and *its* *porch*. The *gateway* was *50 cubits* *long* and *25 cubits* *wide*. <sup>37</sup> And *its* *porch* <sup>1</sup> was *at* *the* *end of* *the* *gateway* next *to* *the* *outer* *courtyard*. Carvings of *palm* *trees* were *on* *the* *walls* *on* *either side of* *the* *gateway*. There were *eight* *steps* leading up *to* *the* *gate*.

<sup>1</sup> PORCH The Hebrew text has "side walls."

**The Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices**

38 There was also a doorway in the side walls of the gates. That doorway led into a room where the priests washed the sacrifices. 39 There were two tables on each side of the doorway of this porch. The animals for the burnt offerings, the sin offerings, and the guilt offerings were killed on these tables. 40 There were also two tables on each side of the doorway on the outside wall of this porch. 41 So there were four tables on the inside wall and four tables on the outside wall— eight tables that the priests used when they killed the animals for sacrifices. 42 There were also four tables made of cut stone for the burnt offerings. These tables were 1 1/2 cubits long, 1 1/2 cubits wide, and 1 cubit high.

I 1 1/2 CUBITS 30 5/8" (77.75 cm).

On these tables, the priests put their tools that they used to kill the animals for the burnt offerings and other sacrifices. 43 There were meat hooks three inches long on the walls in this area. The meat for the offerings was put on the tables.

**The Priests' Rooms**

44 There were two rooms in the inner courtyard. One was by the north gate facing south. The other room was by the south gate facing north. 45 The man said to me, "The room that looks to the south is for the priests who are on duty serving in the Temple area. 46 But the room that looks to the north is for the priests who are on duty serving at the altar." The

II MEAT HOOKS ... LONG Or "Double shelves three inches wide ...."  
III TWO ROOMS Or "rooms for the singers." IV SOUTH This is from the ancient Greek version. The Hebrew text has "east."

priests *strong*="H3548" are *strong*="H0834" from *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H6440" tribe of *strong*="H1121" Levi *strong*="H3878". But *strong*="H1992" the *strong*="H6440" priests *strong*="H3548" in *strong*="H0413" this *strong*="H0834" second group are *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H6440" descendants *strong*="H1121" of *strong*="H1121" Zadok *strong*="H6659". They *strong*="H1992" are *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H6440" only people *strong*="H1121" who *strong*="H0834" can *strong*="H0834" carry the *strong*="H6440" sacrifices to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H6440" altar *strong*="H4196" to *strong*="H0413" serve *strong*="H8334" the *strong*="H6440" LORD *strong*="H3068". <sup>v</sup>

<sup>47</sup> The *strong*="H0853" man measured *strong*="H4058" the *strong*="H0853" inner *strong*="H1004" courtyard *strong*="H2691". The *strong*="H0853" courtyard *strong*="H2691" was *strong*="H1004" a *strong*="H4058" perfect square *strong*="H7251". It *strong*="H6440" was *strong*="H1004" 100 cubits *strong*="H0520" long *strong*="H0753" and *strong*="H3967" 100 cubits *strong*="H0520" wide *strong*="H7341". The *strong*="H0853" altar *strong*="H4196" was *strong*="H1004" in *strong*="H1004" front *strong*="H6440" of *strong*="H1004" the *strong*="H0853" Temple *strong*="H1004".

#### The *strong*="H0853" Porch of *strong*="H1004" the *strong*="H0853" Temple *strong*="H1004"

<sup>48</sup> Then *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0413" man *strong*="H8179" led *strong*="H0935" me *strong*="H0413" to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0413" porch *strong*="H0197" of *strong*="H1004" the *strong*="H0413" Temple *strong*="H1004" and *strong*="H0935" measured *strong*="H4058" the *strong*="H0413" walls on *strong*="H0413" either side *strong*="H6311" of *strong*="H1004" the *strong*="H0413" porch *strong*="H0197". Each *strong*="H6311" side *strong*="H6311" wall was *strong*="H1004" 5 cubits *strong*="H0520" thick *strong*="H7341" and *strong*="H0935" 3 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>II</sup> wide *strong*="H7341". The *strong*="H0413" opening between them *strong*="H0413" was *strong*="H1004" 14 cubits *strong*="H0520". <sup>III</sup><sup>49</sup> The *strong*="H0834" porch *strong*="H0197" was *strong*="H0834" 20 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>IV</sup> wide *strong*="H7341" and *strong*="H0753" 12 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>V</sup> long *strong*="H0753". <sup>VI</sup> Ten steps *strong*="H4609" went *strong*="H5927" up *strong*="H5927"

I CARRY THE SACRIFICES ... THE LORD Literally, "approach the LORD to serve him." II 3 CUBITS 5' 1 3/16" (1.55 m). III 14 CUBITS 23' 9 11/16" (7.26 m). IV 20 CUBITS 34' 1/8" (10.37 m). Also in 41:2, 4. V 12 CUBITS 20' 4 7/8" (6.22 m). VI 20 ... LONG Literally, "20 cubits long ... 12 cubits wide."

to *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0834" porch *strong*="H0197". There *strong*="H5927" were *strong*="H0834" two columns *strong*="H5982" for *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0834" walls on *strong*="H0413" either side *strong*="H6311" of *strong*="H5982" the *strong*="H0834" porch *strong*="H0197"— one *strong*="H0259" at *strong*="H0413" each *strong*="H0259" wall.

#### The Holy Place of the Temple

<sup>41</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" the *strong*="H0853" man led *strong*="H0935" me *strong*="H0413" into *strong*="H0413" the *strong*="H0853" Holy Place *strong*="H0935". He *strong*="H0853" measured *strong*="H4058" the *strong*="H0853" walls on *strong*="H0413" either side *strong*="H6311" of *strong*="H0168" the *strong*="H0853" room. The *strong*="H0853" side *strong*="H6311" walls were *strong*="H1964" 6 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>VI</sup> thick *strong*="H7341" on *strong*="H0413" each *strong*="H6311" side *strong*="H6311". <sup>2</sup> The *strong*="H4058" door *strong*="H6607" was *strong*="H0753" 10 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>VIII</sup> wide *strong*="H7341". The *strong*="H4058" sides *strong*="H3802" of *strong*="H0753" the *strong*="H4058" doorway *strong*="H6607" were 5 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>IX</sup> on *strong*="H0520" each *strong*="H6311" side *strong*="H3802". He *strong*="H4058" measured *strong*="H4058" that room. It *strong*="H4058" was *strong*="H0753" 40 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>X</sup> long *strong*="H0753" and *strong*="H0753" 20 cubits *strong*="H0520" wide *strong*="H7341".

#### The *strong*="H4058" Most Holy Place in *strong*="H0520" the *strong*="H4058" Temple

<sup>3</sup> Then *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0935" man went *strong*="H0935" into *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0935" last room. He *strong*="H0935" measured *strong*="H4058" the *strong*="H0935" walls on *strong*="H0935" either side of *strong*="H8147" the *strong*="H0935" doorway *strong*="H6607". Each *strong*="H4058" side wall was *strong*="H0935" 2 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>XI</sup> thick *strong*="H7341" and *strong*="H0935" 7 cubits *strong*="H0520" <sup>XII</sup> wide *strong*="H7341". The *strong*="H0935" doorway *strong*="H6607" was *strong*="H0935" 6 cubits *strong*="H0520" wide *strong*="H7341". <sup>4</sup> Then *strong*="H2088" he *strong*="H0853" measured *strong*="H4058" the *strong*="H0853" length *strong*="H0753" of *strong*="H6440" the *strong*="H0853" room. It *strong*="H6440" was *strong*="H2088" 20 cubits *strong*="H0520" long *strong*="H0753" and *strong*="H6440" 20 cu-

VII 6 CUBITS 10' 2 7/16" (3.11 m). Also in verses 3, 5. VIII 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m). IX 5 CUBITS 8' 6" (2.6 m). Also in verses 9, 12. X 40 CUBITS 68' 1/4" (20.73 m). XI 2 CUBITS 3' 4 13/16" (104 cm). Also in verse 22. XII 7 CUBITS 11' 10 13/16" (3.63 m).



bits |strong="H0520" wide |strong="H7341".  
He |strong="H0853" said |strong="H0559"  
to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "  
This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088"  
the |strong="H0853" Most |strong="H6944"  
Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944"."

**Other |strong="H2088" Rooms  
Around |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1964"**

<sup>5</sup> Then the |strong="H5439" man mea-  
sured |strong="H4058" the |strong="H5439"  
wall |strong="H7023" of |strong="H1004"  
the |strong="H5439" Temple |strong="H1004".  
It |strong="H5439" was |strong="H1004" <sup>6</sup> cu-  
bits |strong="H0520" thick |strong="H7341". There  
were |strong="H0702" side |strong="H6763"  
rooms |strong="H1004" all |strong="H5439"  
around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5439" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1004". They were |strong="H0702" 4 cu-  
bits |strong="H0520" <sup>I</sup> wide |strong="H7341". <sup>6</sup>  
The |strong="H0834" side |strong="H6763"  
rooms |strong="H1004" were |strong="H0834"  
on |strong="H0413" three |strong="H7969" different  
floors, one |strong="H3808" above |strong="H0413"  
the |strong="H0834" other |strong="H6471".  
There |strong="H1961" were |strong="H0834" 30  
rooms |strong="H1004" on |strong="H0413"  
each |strong="H5439" floor. The |strong="H0834"  
wall |strong="H7023" of |strong="H1004"  
the |strong="H0834" Temple |strong="H1004"  
was |strong="H1961" built with |strong="H0413"  
ledges. The |strong="H0834" side |strong="H6763"  
rooms |strong="H1004" rested |strong="H1961"  
on |strong="H0413" these |strong="H0834" ledges  
but |strong="H3808" were |strong="H0834"  
not |strong="H3808" connected |strong="H5439"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1004" wall |strong="H7023" itself. <sup>7</sup>  
Each |strong="H5439" floor |strong="H8484"  
of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921"  
side |strong="H6763" rooms |strong="H1004"  
around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H5921" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1004" was |strong="H1004"  
wider |strong="H7337" than |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" floor |strong="H8484" below.  
The |strong="H5921" walls |strong="H6763"  
of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921"  
rooms |strong="H1004" around |strong="H5439"  
the |strong="H5921" Temple |strong="H1004" became  
narrower the |strong="H5921" higher |strong="H4605"  
they |strong="H3588" went |strong="H5927"  
so |strong="H3651" that |strong="H3588"  
the |strong="H5921" rooms |strong="H1004"  
on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921"  
top |strong="H4605" floors were |strong="H4605"

I 4 CUBITS 6' 9 5/8" (2.1 m).

wider |strong="H7337". A |strong="H3588" stairway  
went |strong="H5927" up |strong="H5927"  
from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" low-  
est |strong="H8481" floor |strong="H8484"  
to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" highest  
floor |strong="H8484" through |strong="H5921"  
the |strong="H5921" middle |strong="H8484"  
floor |strong="H8484".

<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H7200" also saw |strong="H7200"  
that |strong="H7200" the |strong="H7200" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1004" had a |strong="H7200"  
raised |strong="H1363" base all |strong="H5439"  
the |strong="H7200" way around |strong="H5439"  
it |strong="H4393". It |strong="H4393"  
was |strong="H1004" the |strong="H7200" foundation  
for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H7200"  
side |strong="H6763" rooms |strong="H1004",  
and |strong="H1004" it |strong="H4393"  
was |strong="H1004" a |strong="H7200"  
full |strong="H4393" ruler <sup>II</sup> high |strong="H1363". <sup>9</sup>  
The |strong="H0834" outer |strong="H2351"  
wall |strong="H7023" of |strong="H1004"  
the |strong="H0834" side |strong="H6763"  
rooms |strong="H1004" was |strong="H0834" 5 cu-  
bits |strong="H0520" thick |strong="H7341".  
There |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" an  
open |strong="H2351" area between  
the |strong="H0834" side |strong="H6763"  
rooms |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004"  
the |strong="H0834" Temple |strong="H1004" <sup>10</sup>  
and |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0996" priests'  
rooms |strong="H3957". It |strong="H5439"  
was |strong="H1004" 20 cubits |strong="H0520" <sup>III</sup>  
wide |strong="H7341" and |strong="H1004"  
went |strong="H1004" all |strong="H5439"  
the |strong="H0996" way around |strong="H5439"  
the |strong="H0996" Temple |strong="H1004". <sup>11</sup>  
The |strong="H5439" doors |strong="H6607"  
of |strong="H1870" the |strong="H5439"  
side |strong="H6763" rooms |strong="H5439" opened  
onto the |strong="H5439" raised base. There  
was |strong="H0259" one |strong="H0259" en-  
trance |strong="H6607" on |strong="H1870"  
the |strong="H5439" north |strong="H6828"  
side |strong="H6763" and |strong="H1870"  
one |strong="H0259" entrance |strong="H6607"  
on |strong="H1870" the |strong="H5439"  
south |strong="H1864" side |strong="H6763".  
The |strong="H5439" raised base was |strong="H0259"  
5 cubits |strong="H0520" wide |strong="H7341"  
all |strong="H5439" around |strong="H5439".

<sup>12</sup> There |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834"  
a |strong="H0834" building |strong="H1146"  
in |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0834" restricted  
area |strong="H1508" west |strong="H3220"  
of |strong="H1870" the |strong="H6440" Temple.

II FULL RULER That is, 6 cubits (10' 2 7/16" or 3.11 m). III 20 cu-  
BITS 34' 1/8" (10.37 m).

The *building* was *70 cubits wide* and *90 cubits long*. The *wall* of the *building* was *5 cubits thick* all *around*. Then the *man* measured the *Temple*. The *Temple* was *100 cubits long*. The *restricted area*, including the *building* and *its walls*, was *also 100 cubits long*. The *restricted area* on *the east side*, in *front* of the *Temple*, was *100 cubits long*.

<sup>15</sup> The *man* measured the *length* of the *building* in *the restricted area* at *the rear* of the *Temple*. It was *100 cubits* from *one wall* to *the other* wall.

The *Most Holy Place*, the *Holy Place*, and the *porch* by *the courtyard* had *wood paneling* all *the walls*. All *the windows* and *doors* had *wood trim* around *them*. By *the doorway*, the *Temple* had *wood paneling* from *the floor* up *to*

I 70 CUBITS 119' 7/16" (36.28 m). II 90 CUBITS 153' 9/16" (46.65 m). III 100 CUBITS 170' 5/8" (51.83 m). Also in verse 15.

the *windows* and *up* to *the part* of *the wall* *over* the *doorway*.

On *all* the *walls* in *the inner* and *outer* room of *the Temple* were *carvings* of *Cherub* angels and *palm trees*. A *palm tree* was *between* each *Cherub* angel. Every *Cherub* angel had *two faces*. One *face* of *a man's* *face* looking toward *the palm tree* on *one side*. The *other face* of *a lion's* *face* looking toward *the palm tree* on *the other side*. They *were* *carved* all *around* on *the Temple*. From *the floor* to *the area* above *the door*, *Cherub* angels and *palm trees* were *carved* on *all* *walls* of *the Holy Place*.

<sup>21</sup> The *walls* on *either side* of *the Holy Place* were *square*. In *front* of *the Most Holy*

Place |strong="H6944", there was |strong="H6440" something |strong="H4758" that |strong="H6944" looked |strong="H4758" like |strong="H4758"<sup>22</sup> an |strong="H6440" altar |strong="H4196" made |strong="H1696" from |strong="H6440" wood |strong="H6086". It |strong="H1696" was |strong="H0834" 3 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>I</sup> high |strong="H1364" and |strong="H3068" 2 cubits |strong="H0520" long |strong="H0753". Its |strong="H6440" corners |strong="H4740", its |strong="H6440" base |strong="H0753", and |strong="H3068" its |strong="H6440" sides |strong="H7023" were |strong="H0834" wood |strong="H6086". The |strong="H6440" man said |strong="H1696" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H6440" table |strong="H7979" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068"."<sup>23</sup> Both |strong="H8147" the |strong="H8147" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" and |strong="H1817" the |strong="H8147" Most |strong="H6944" Holy |strong="H6944" Place |strong="H6944" had |strong="H1817" a double |strong="H8147" door |strong="H1817".<sup>24</sup> Each |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0259" the |strong="H8147" doors |strong="H1817" was |strong="H0259" made from two |strong="H8147" smaller doors |strong="H1817". Each |strong="H0259" door |strong="H1817" was |strong="H0259" really two |strong="H8147" swinging |strong="H4142" doors |strong="H1817".<sup>25</sup> Also |strong="H6213" Cherub |strong="H3742" angels and |strong="H6086" palm |strong="H8561" trees |strong="H6086" were |strong="H0834" carved |strong="H6213" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" doors |strong="H1817" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Holy Place. They |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" like |strong="H0834" those |strong="H0834" carved |strong="H6213" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" walls |strong="H7023". There |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" wood |strong="H6086" roof over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" porch |strong="H0197".<sup>26</sup> There were |strong="H1004" windows |strong="H2474" with |strong="H0413" frames around them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H1004" palm |strong="H8561" trees |strong="H8561" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" walls |strong="H6763" on |strong="H0413" both sides |strong="H6763" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0413" porch |strong="H0197", on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" roof

I 3 CUBITS 5' 1 3/16" (1.55 m).

over |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" porch |strong="H0197", and |strong="H1004" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" rooms |strong="H1004" around the |strong="H0413" Temple |strong="H1004".

### The Priests' Room

42 Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0834" man led |strong="H3318" me |strong="H0413" through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" north |strong="H6828" gate out |strong="H3318" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" outer |strong="H2435" courtyard |strong="H2691". He |strong="H0834" led |strong="H3318" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H0935" building |strong="H1146" with |strong="H0413" many rooms |strong="H3957" that |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" west of |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0834" restricted area |strong="H1508" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0834" building |strong="H1146" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6828".<sup>2</sup> This building was |strong="H6440" 100 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>II</sup> long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H3967" 50 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>III</sup> wide |strong="H7341". People entered |strong="H0413" it |strong="H6440" from |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" courtyard on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6828".<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H6440" building was |strong="H0834" three |strong="H7992" stories tall and |strong="H6440" had |strong="H0834" balconies. The |strong="H6440" 20-cubit<sup>IV</sup> inner |strong="H6442" courtyard |strong="H2691" was |strong="H0834" between the |strong="H6440" building and |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" Temple. On |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" other |strong="H5048" side |strong="H5048", the |strong="H6440" rooms faced |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" pavement |strong="H7531" of |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" outer |strong="H2435" courtyard |strong="H2691".<sup>4</sup> There was |strong="H0259" a |strong="H0259" path |strong="H1870" 10 cubits |strong="H0520"<sup>V</sup> wide |strong="H7341" and |strong="H6440" 100 cubits |strong="H0520" long |strong="H6440" running along |strong="H6440" the |strong="H6440" south side |strong="H6828" of |strong="H1870" the |strong="H6440" building, even though the |strong="H6440" entrance |strong="H6607" was |strong="H0259" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H6440" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6828".<sup>5</sup> Since this building was three stories tall and did not have columns like those

II 100 CUBITS 170' 5/8" (51.83 m). III 50 CUBITS 85' 5/16" (25.92 m). IV 20-CUBIT 34' 1/8" (10.37 m). V 10 CUBITS 17' 1/16" (5.18 m).

columns of the outer courtyards, the top rooms were farther back than the rooms on the middle and bottom floors. The top floor was narrower than the middle floor, which was narrower than the bottom floor because the balconies used this space.<sup>7</sup>

There *was* a *wall* *outside* *that* *was* *parallel* *to* *the* *rooms* *and* *ran* *along* *the* *outer* *courtyard*. It *ran* *in* *the* *front* *of* *the* *rooms* *for* *50* *cubits*.<sup>8</sup> The *row* *of* *rooms* *that* *ran* *along* *the* *outer* *courtyard* *was* *50* *cubits* *long*, although *the* *total* *length* *of* *the* *building*, *as* *on* *the* *Temple* *side*, *was* *100* *cubits* *long*.<sup>9</sup> The *entrance* *was* *below* *these* *rooms* *at* *the* *east* *end* *of* *the* *building* *so* *that* *people* *could* *enter* *from* *the* *outer* *courtyard*.<sup>10</sup> The *entrance* *was* *at* *the* *start* *of* *the* *wall* *beside* *the* *courtyard*.

There were *rooms* *on* *the* *south* *side* *of* *the* *restricted* *area* *and* *the* *other* *building*. These *rooms* *had* *a* *path* *in* *the* *front* *of* *them*. They *were* *like* *the* *rooms* *on* *the* *north* *side*. They *had* *the*

*same* *length* *and* *width* *of* *the* *same* *kind* *of* *doors*.<sup>12</sup> The *entrance* *to* *the* *lower* *rooms* *was* *at* *the* *east* *end* *of* *the* *building* *so* *that* *people* *could* *enter* *from* *the* *open* *end* *of* *the* *path* *by* *the* *wall*.

<sup>13</sup> The *man* *said* *to* *me*, "The *north* *rooms* *and* *south* *rooms* *across* *from* *the* *restricted* *area* *are* *holy*. These *rooms* *are* *for* *the* *priests* *who* *offer* *the* *sacrifices* *to* *the* *LORD*. That *is* *where* *the* *priests* *will* *put* *most* *holy* *offerings* *and* *eat* *them*. That *is* *because* *that* *place* *is* *holy*. The *most* *holy* *offerings* *are* *the* *grain* *offerings*, *the* *sin* *offerings*, *and* *the* *guilt* *offerings*.<sup>14</sup> The *priests* *who* *enter* *the* *holy* *area* *must* *leave* *their* *servings* *clothes* *in* *that* *holy* *place* *before* *they* *go* *out* *in*

to the outer courtyard, because these clothes holy. If a priest wants to go to the part of the Temple where the other people are, he must go to those rooms and put on other clothes."

### The Outer Courtyard

<sup>15</sup> The man had finished measuring inside the Temple area. Then he brought me out through the east gate and measured all around that area. <sup>16</sup> He measured the east side with the ruler. It was 500 cubits long. <sup>17</sup> He measured the north side with the ruler. It was 500 cubits long. <sup>18</sup> He measured the south side with the ruler. It was 500 cubits long. <sup>19</sup> He went around to the west side and measured it. <sup>20</sup> He measured the four walls that went around the way

I 500 CUBITS 850' 3 1/16" (259.16 m).

the Temple. The wall was 500 cubits long and 500 cubits wide. It separated the holy area from the holy area that is not holy.

### The Lord Will Live Among His People

**43** The man led me to the east gate. <sup>2</sup> There the Glory of God of Israel came from the east. God's voice was loud like the sound of the sea. The ground was bright with the light from the Glory of God. <sup>3</sup> The vision I saw was like the vision I saw by the Kebar Canal. I bowed my face to the ground. <sup>4</sup> The LORD came into the Temple through the east gate.

<sup>5</sup> Then the Spirit of me went up and brought me into the inner courtyard. The Glory of God was of

II SPIRIT Or "spirit" or "wind."

the LORD filled the Temple with his voice.<sup>6</sup> I heard someone speaking to me from inside the Temple. The man who was still standing beside me, the voice of the Temple said to me, "Son of man, this is the place with throne and footstool. I will live among the people of Israel forever. The family of Israel will not ruin my holy name again. The kings and their people will not bring shame to my name by committing sexual sins or by burying the dead bodies of their kings in this place." They will not bring shame to my name by putting their threshold next to my threshold, and their doorposts next to my doorposts. In the past, only a wall separated

I SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel. Also in verses 10, 18. II SEXUAL SINS This might also mean "turning away from God and being unfaithful to him."

them from me. So they brought shame to my name every time they sinned and did those terrible things. That is why I became angry and destroyed them. Now let them take their sexual sins and the dead bodies of their kings far away from me. Then I will live among them forever.

<sup>10</sup> Now, son of man, tell the family of Israel about the Temple. Then, when they learn about the plans for the Temple, they will be ashamed of their sins. And they will be ashamed of all the bad things they have done. Let them know the design of the Temple. Let them know how it should be built, where the entrances and exits are, and all the designs on it. Teach them about the Temple about its

rules|strong="H2708" and|strong="H1004" all|strong="H3605" its|strong="H3605" laws|strong="H8451". Write|strong="H3789" these|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" for|strong="H1004" everyone|strong="H3605" to|strong="H8104" see|strong="H5869" so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0518" obey|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" laws|strong="H8451" and|strong="H1004" rules|strong="H2708" for|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004".<sup>12</sup> This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H2009" the|strong="H3605" law|strong="H8451" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004": The|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605" area|strong="H1366" surrounding|strong="H5439" it|strong="H5921" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" mountain|strong="H2022" is|strong="H2009" most|strong="H6944" holy|strong="H6944". This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H2009" the|strong="H3605" law|strong="H8451" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004".

#### The|strong="H3605" Altar

<sup>13</sup> " These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" the|strong="H0413" measurements of|strong="H1366" the|strong="H0413" altar|strong="H4196" in|strong="H0413" cubits|strong="H0520" using the|strong="H0413" long|strong="H2948" measurement|strong="H4060"<sup>I</sup>: There|strong="H2088" was|strong="H0259" a|strong="H2088" gutter all|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0413" way|strong="H2088" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0413" base|strong="H2436" of|strong="H1366" the|strong="H0413" altar|strong="H4196". It|strong="H5439" was|strong="H0259" 1 cubit|strong="H0520"<sup>II</sup> deep, and|strong="H4196" each|strong="H0259" side|strong="H5439" was|strong="H0259" 1 cubit|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341". There|strong="H2088" was|strong="H0259" a|strong="H2088" rim|strong="H8193" around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0413" edge|strong="H8193" 1 span|strong="H2239"<sup>III</sup> high|strong="H7341". This|strong="H2088" is|strong="H2088" how tall|strong="H4060" the|strong="H0413" altar|strong="H4196" was|strong="H0259":<sup>14</sup> From|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704"

I LONG MEASUREMENT Literally, "a cubit and a handbreadth." This cubit equals 20 5/8" (51.83 cm). II 1 CUBIT 20 3/8" (51.83 cm). III 1 SPAN The distance from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger, about 9" (23 cm).

ground|strong="H0776" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" lower|strong="H8481" ledge|strong="H5835", the|strong="H5704" base|strong="H2436" measured 2 cubits|strong="H0520".<sup>IV</sup> It|strong="H5704" was|strong="H0776" 1 cubit|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341". It|strong="H5704" measured 4 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>V</sup> from|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" smaller ledge|strong="H5835" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" larger|strong="H1419" ledge|strong="H5835". It|strong="H5704" was|strong="H0776" 2 cubits|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341".<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H0520" place for the|strong="H0520" fire on|strong="H0520" the|strong="H0520" altar|strong="H0741" was|strong="H7161" 4 cubits|strong="H0520" high|strong="H4605". The|strong="H0520" four|strong="H0702" corners were|strong="H0702" shaped like|strong="H7161" horns|strong="H7161".<sup>16</sup> The|strong="H0413" place for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" fire on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" altar|strong="H0741" was|strong="H0753" 12 cubits<sup>VI</sup> long|strong="H0753" by|strong="H0413" 12 cubits wide|strong="H7341". It was|strong="H0753" perfectly square|strong="H7251".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H0853" ledge|strong="H5835" was|strong="H1366" also|strong="H0853" square, 14 cubits|strong="H0520"<sup>VII</sup> long|strong="H0753" by|strong="H0413" 14 cubits|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341". The|strong="H0853" border|strong="H1366" around|strong="H5439" it|strong="H5439" was|strong="H1366" 1/2 cubit|strong="H0520"<sup>VIII</sup> wide|strong="H7341". ( The|strong="H0853" gutter around|strong="H5439" the|strong="H0853" base|strong="H2436" was|strong="H1366" 1 cubit|strong="H0520" wide|strong="H7341".) The|strong="H0853" steps|strong="H4609" going up|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" altar were|strong="H0702" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H6921" side|strong="H5439":.

<sup>18</sup> Then|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0120" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " Son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" man|strong="H0120", this|strong="H0428" is|strong="H3117" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": ' These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" rules|strong="H2708" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" altar|strong="H4196": At|strong="H0413"

IV 2 CUBITS 3' 4 13/16" (104 cm). Also in verse 17. V 4 CUBITS 6' 9 5/8" (2.1 m). VI 12 CUBITS 20' 4 7/8" (6.22 m). VII 14 CUBITS 23' 9 11/16" (7.26 m). VIII 1/2 CUBIT 10 3/16" (25.92 cm).

the |strong="H0559" time |strong="H3117" you |strong="H5921" build the |strong="H0559" altar |strong="H4196", use these |strong="H0428" rules |strong="H2708" to |strong="H0413" offer |strong="H5927" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5930" and |strong="H1121" to |strong="H0413" sprinkle |strong="H2236" blood |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921".<sup>19</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H5414" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3548" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" men |strong="H1121" from |strong="H1121" Zadok's |strong="H6659" family |strong="H2233". These |strong="H1992" men |strong="H1121" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" priests |strong="H3548" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" tribe of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881". They |strong="H1992" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" men |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" serve |strong="H8334" me |strong="H0413" by |strong="H0413" bringing |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0834" offerings to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".<sup>20</sup> This |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0413".<sup>20</sup> You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" take |strong="H3947" some of |strong="H1366" the |strong="H0853" bull's blood |strong="H1818" and |strong="H1818" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar's four |strong="H0702" horns |strong="H7161", on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" four |strong="H0702" corners |strong="H6438" of |strong="H1366" the |strong="H0853" ledge |strong="H5835", and |strong="H1818" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" rim around |strong="H5439" it |strong="H5414". In |strong="H5921" this way |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H5414" make |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" altar pure.<sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H3947" take |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499" for |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" sin |strong="H2403" offering and |strong="H1004" burn |strong="H8313" it |strong="H3947" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" proper place |strong="H1004" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" area, outside |strong="H2351" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" building.

<sup>22</sup> On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" second |strong="H8145" day |strong="H3117"

you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" offer |strong="H7126" a |strong="H7126" male |strong="H8163" goat |strong="H5795" that |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0834" nothing wrong |strong="H2398" with |strong="H3117" it |strong="H7126". It |strong="H7126" will |strong="H0834" be |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H7126" sin |strong="H2398" offering |strong="H7126". The |strong="H0853" priests will |strong="H0834" make the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" pure the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" way they |strong="H0834" made |strong="H7126" it |strong="H7126" pure with |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" bull |strong="H6499".<sup>23</sup> When |strong="H3615" you |strong="H4480" have |strong="H1121" finished |strong="H3615" making the |strong="H4480" altar pure, you |strong="H4480" will |strong="H1121" offer |strong="H7126" a |strong="H4480" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" that |strong="H4480" has |strong="H1121" nothing wrong |strong="H2398" with |strong="H6629" it |strong="H7126" and |strong="H1121" a |strong="H4480" ram |strong="H0352" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" flock |strong="H6629" that |strong="H4480" has |strong="H1121" nothing wrong |strong="H2398" with |strong="H6629" it |strong="H7126".<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H6440" will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H7126" them |strong="H0853" before |strong="H6440" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" will |strong="H3068" sprinkle salt |strong="H4417" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853". Then |strong="H0853" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H7126" the |strong="H0853" bull and |strong="H3068" ram up |strong="H5927" as |strong="H3068" a |strong="H7126" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>25</sup> You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1121" prepare |strong="H6213" a |strong="H4480" goat |strong="H8163" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H4480" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H4480". Also |strong="H3117", you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1121" prepare |strong="H6213" a |strong="H4480" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" and |strong="H1121" a |strong="H4480" ram |strong="H0352" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" flock |strong="H6629". These animals must |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1121" nothing



wrong with |strong="H3117" them |strong="H4480".  
 26 For |strong="H3027" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117", the |strong="H0853" priests will |strong="H3027" make |strong="H3027" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196" pure |strong="H2891" and |strong="H3027" ready for |strong="H3027" use in |strong="H3117" worshiping God |strong="H3027". 27 On |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" eighth |strong="H8066" day |strong="H3117", and |strong="H3117" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" after |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3117", the |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0853" offer |strong="H6213" your |strong="H5921" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H8002" and |strong="H3117" fellowship offerings |strong="H8002" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" altar |strong="H4196". Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" accept |strong="H7521" you |strong="H5921"." This |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said.

#### The Outer Gate

**44** Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H8179" brought |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" east |strong="H6921" gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H8179" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H4720" area. We |strong="H7725" were |strong="H8179" outside |strong="H2435" the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179" and |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179" was |strong="H1931" shut |strong="H5462". 2 The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " This |strong="H2088" gate |strong="H8179" will |strong="H3068" stay shut |strong="H5462". It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" opened |strong="H6605". No |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0376" will |strong="H3068" enter |strong="H0935" through |strong="H0935" it |strong="H3588", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478" has |strong="H3068" entered |strong="H0935" through |strong="H0935" it |strong="H3588". So |strong="H1961" it |strong="H3588" must |strong="H3808" stay shut |strong="H5462". 3 Only the |strong="H0853" ruler |strong="H3427" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" may |strong="H3068" sit |strong="H3427"

at |strong="H3427" this |strong="H1931" gate |strong="H8179" when |strong="H0935" he |strong="H1931" eats |strong="H0398" a |strong="H0935" meal |strong="H3899" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H1931" must |strong="H0853" enter |strong="H0935" through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" porch |strong="H0197" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" gateway |strong="H8179" and |strong="H0935" go |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H1931" way |strong="H1870"."

#### The |strong="H0853" Holiness of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" Temple

4 Then |strong="H2009" the |strong="H0853" man |strong="H8179" led |strong="H0935" me |strong="H0413" through |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" north |strong="H6828" gate |strong="H8179" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004". I |strong="H2009" looked |strong="H7200" and |strong="H0935" saw |strong="H7200" the |strong="H0853" Glory |strong="H3519" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" filling |strong="H4390" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". I |strong="H2009" bowed |strong="H5307" with |strong="H4390" my |strong="H3068" face |strong="H6440" touching the |strong="H0853" ground. 5 The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" man |strong="H0120", I look |strong="H7200" very carefully |strong="H8085"! Use your |strong="H3068" eyes |strong="H5869" and |strong="H1121" ears |strong="H0241". Look |strong="H7200" at |strong="H0413" these |strong="H1696" things |strong="H3605", and |strong="H1121" listen |strong="H8085" very carefully |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0413" everything |strong="H3605" that |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0589" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" about |strong="H0413" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" rules |strong="H2708" and |strong="H1121" laws |strong="H8451" about |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004". Look |strong="H7200" carefully |strong="H8085" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" entrances to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1121"

1 SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

at|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" exits|strong="H4161" from|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H4720" place|strong="H7760".<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0559" give this|strong="H3541" message to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" who|strong="H3605" refused to|strong="H0413" obey me|strong="H0413". Tell|strong="H0559" them|strong="H0413"; ' This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3605" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0559": Family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478", I|strong="H3541" have|strong="H3478" had|strong="H3478" enough|strong="H7227" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3478" done|strong="H3605"!<sup>7</sup> You|strong="H3605" brought|strong="H0935" foreigners|strong="H5236" into|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H1121" not|strong="H1961" circumcised and|strong="H1121" have|strong="H1961" not|strong="H1961" given themselves to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413".<sup>1</sup> In|strong="H0935" this|strong="H3605" way|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" made|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" unclean. You|strong="H3605" broke our|strong="H3605" agreement|strong="H1285" and|strong="H1121" did terrible things|strong="H3605", and|strong="H1121" then|strong="H1961" you|strong="H3605" gave|strong="H1961" me|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" offerings of|strong="H1121" bread|strong="H3899", the|strong="H3605" fat|strong="H2459", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" blood|strong="H1818". But|strong="H1961" this|strong="H3605" only|strong="H3605" made|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" unclean.<sup>8</sup> You|strong="H7760" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" take|strong="H8104" care|strong="H4931" of|strong="H6944" my|strong="H8104" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944". No|strong="H3808", you|strong="H7760" let|strong="H3808" foreigners|strong="H8104" have|strong="H3808" responsibility|strong="H4931" of|strong="H6944" my|strong="H8104" holy|strong="H6944" place|strong="H7760"!''

<sup>9</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605"

<sup>1</sup> NOT CIRCUMCISED ... TO ME Literally, "not circumcised in their heart or in their body." See "circumcise, circumcision" in the Word List. Also in verse 9.

Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " A|strong="H0935" foreigner|strong="H5236" who|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" truly circumcised must|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" come|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H4720"—not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808" a|strong="H0935" foreigner|strong="H5236" living|strong="H1320" permanently among|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478". He|strong="H0834" must|strong="H1121" be|strong="H3808" circumcised, and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H0834" must|strong="H1121" give|strong="H0935" himself|strong="H3820" completely|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" before|strong="H0413" he|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" into|strong="H0413" my|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H4720".<sup>10</sup> In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" past, the|strong="H0834" Levites|strong="H3881" left me|strong="H5921" when|strong="H3588" Israel|strong="H3478" turned away|strong="H5375" from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921". Israel|strong="H3478" left me|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" follow|strong="H0310" their|strong="H5375" idols|strong="H1544". The|strong="H0834" Levites|strong="H3881" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3478" punished for|strong="H3588" their|strong="H5375" sin|strong="H5771".<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" Levites were|strong="H1961" chosen to|strong="H0413" serve|strong="H8334" in|strong="H0413" my|strong="H1961" holy|strong="H4720" place|strong="H1961". They|strong="H1992" guarded the|strong="H0853" gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004". They|strong="H1992" served|strong="H8334" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004". They|strong="H1992" killed|strong="H7819" the|strong="H0853" animals|strong="H1961" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" sacrifices|strong="H2077" and|strong="H1004" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H5930" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971". They|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1961" chosen to|strong="H0413" help|strong="H5971" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0413" serve|strong="H8334" them|strong="H0413".<sup>12</sup> But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" Levites helped|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" sin|strong="H5771" against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H6440"!

They|strong="H0834" helped|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" worship|strong="H3651" their|strong="H5375" idols|strong="H1544"! So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H1961" making this|strong="H3651" promise against|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0853": ' They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" punished for|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5375" sin|strong="H5771". This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H3651".

<sup>13</sup> " So|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" Levites will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" bring|strong="H5066" offerings to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" like|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3547". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" come|strong="H5066" near|strong="H5066" any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H5921" my|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" or|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H6944" that|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" most|strong="H6944" holy|strong="H6944". They|strong="H0834" must|strong="H5375" carry|strong="H5375" their|strong="H3605" shame|strong="H3639" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" terrible things|strong="H6944" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H6213". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" let|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" take|strong="H8104" care|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004". They|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" work|strong="H5656" in|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" do|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H0834" must|strong="H0853" be|strong="H5414" done|strong="H6213" in|strong="H1004" it|strong="H5414".

<sup>15</sup> " The|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" are|strong="H0834" all from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" tribe of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3881". But|strong="H1992" only priests|strong="H3548" from|strong="H5921" Zadok's|strong="H6659" family took|strong="H0853" care|strong="H8334" of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H8104" holy|strong="H4720" place|strong="H4720" when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" turned|strong="H0413" away|strong="H8582"

from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413". So|strong="H0834" only Zadok's|strong="H6659" descendants|strong="H1121" will|strong="H0834" bring|strong="H7126" offerings|strong="H3478" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0834" stand|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" offer|strong="H7126" me|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" fat|strong="H2459" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" blood|strong="H1818" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" animals they|strong="H1992" sacrifice." This|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0413"! <sup>16</sup> " They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0935" enter|strong="H0935" my|strong="H8104" holy|strong="H4720" place|strong="H0935" and|strong="H0935" come|strong="H0935" near|strong="H7126" my|strong="H8104" table|strong="H7979" to|strong="H0413" serve|strong="H8334" me|strong="H0413". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H0935" take|strong="H8104" care|strong="H8334" of|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" things|strong="H1992" I|strong="H0935" gave|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413". <sup>17</sup> When|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" enter|strong="H0935" the|strong="H5921" gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691", they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" wear|strong="H3847" linen|strong="H6593" clothes|strong="H0899". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" wear|strong="H3847" wool|strong="H6785" while|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" serve|strong="H8334" at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H5921" gates|strong="H8179" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H5921" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691" and|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" Temple|strong="H1004". <sup>18</sup> They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" wear|strong="H1961" linen|strong="H6593" turbans|strong="H6287" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" heads|strong="H7218", and|strong="H7218" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" wear|strong="H1961" linen|strong="H6593" underwear. They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" wear|strong="H1961" anything|strong="H3808" that|strong="H1961" makes them|strong="H5921" sweat|strong="H3154". <sup>19</sup> Before|strong="H0413" they|strong="H1992" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" in-

to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" outer |strong="H2435" courtyard |strong="H2691" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H5971", they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0834" take |strong="H3318" off |strong="H6584" the |strong="H0853" clothes |strong="H0899" they |strong="H1992" wear |strong="H3847" while |strong="H0834" serving |strong="H8334" me |strong="H0413". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3847" these |strong="H1992" clothes |strong="H0899" away |strong="H3318" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" holy |strong="H6944" rooms |strong="H3957". Then |strong="H3318" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0834" put |strong="H3847" on |strong="H0413" other |strong="H0312" clothes |strong="H0899". In |strong="H0413" this |strong="H0834" way they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" people |strong="H5971" touch those |strong="H0834" holy |strong="H6944" clothes |strong="H0899".

<sup>20</sup> "These priests |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" shave |strong="H1548" their |strong="H7971" heads |strong="H7218" or |strong="H3808" let |strong="H7971" their |strong="H7971" hair |strong="H7218" grow |strong="H7971" long |strong="H7971". <sup>1</sup> The |strong="H0853" priests |strong="H3808" may |strong="H3808" only |strong="H3697" trim |strong="H3697" the |strong="H0853" hair |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" their |strong="H7971" heads |strong="H7218". <sup>21</sup> None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" may |strong="H3548" drink |strong="H8354" wine |strong="H3196" when |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" inner |strong="H6442" courtyard |strong="H2691". <sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0834" priests |strong="H3548" must |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808" marry |strong="H3947" a |strong="H1961" widow |strong="H0490" or |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" divorced |strong="H1644" woman |strong="H0802". No |strong="H3808", they |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0518" only |strong="H0518" marry |strong="H3947" a |strong="H1961" virgin |strong="H1330" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0834" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478" or |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" woman |strong="H0802" whose |strong="H0834" dead

husband was |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" priest |strong="H3548".

<sup>23</sup> "Also |strong="H0853", the |strong="H0853" priests must |strong="H0853" teach |strong="H3384" my |strong="H3045" people |strong="H5971" the |strong="H0853" difference between |strong="H0996" things |strong="H6944" that |strong="H3045" are |strong="H3045" holy |strong="H6944" and |strong="H3045" things |strong="H6944" that |strong="H3045" are |strong="H3045" not |strong="H3045" holy |strong="H6944". They |strong="H5971" must |strong="H0853" help |strong="H5971" my |strong="H3045" people |strong="H5971" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" is |strong="H2889" clean |strong="H2889" and |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" is |strong="H2889" unclean |strong="H2931". <sup>24</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests will |strong="H8451" be |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" judges |strong="H8199" in |strong="H5921" court |strong="H4941". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H8451" follow my |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H8451" when |strong="H5921" they |strong="H1992" judge |strong="H8199" people. They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H8451" obey |strong="H8104" my |strong="H3605" laws |strong="H8451" and |strong="H4941" my |strong="H3605" rules |strong="H2708" at |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" my |strong="H3605" special feasts |strong="H4150". They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H8451" respect |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3605" special days of |strong="H5921" rest and |strong="H4941" keep |strong="H8104" them |strong="H1992" holy |strong="H6942". <sup>25</sup> They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H0935" near |strong="H3808" a |strong="H1961" dead |strong="H4191" person |strong="H0376" to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H2930" themselves unclean |strong="H2930". But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H0834" may |strong="H1961" make |strong="H2930" themselves unclean |strong="H2930" if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0834" dead |strong="H4191" person |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0834" their |strong="H3588" father |strong="H0001", mother |strong="H0517", son |strong="H1121", daughter |strong="H1323", brother |strong="H0251", or |strong="H0518" a |strong="H1961" sister |strong="H0269" who |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" married |strong="H0413". <sup>26</sup> After |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0310" priest has |strong="H3117" been made clean |strong="H2893", he |strong="H0310" must wait seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117". <sup>27</sup> Then |strong="H0935"

<sup>1</sup> THESE PRIESTS ... GROW LONG This would show that they are sad, and the priests must be happy about serving the Lord.

he |strong="H3117" can |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5002" holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H6944". But |strong="H0935" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5002" day |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" goes |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5002" inner |strong="H6442" courtyard |strong="H2691" to |strong="H0413" serve |strong="H8334" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5002" holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H6944", he |strong="H3117" must offer |strong="H7126" a |strong="H0935" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H7126" for |strong="H0413" himself |strong="H3117". This |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3117" what the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" said |strong="H0413".

<sup>28</sup> " About |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5414" land |strong="H5159" that |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5414" Levites: I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" their |strong="H5414" property |strong="H0272". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H5414" Levites any |strong="H1961" land |strong="H5159" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478". I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" their |strong="H5414" share |strong="H5159" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>29</sup> They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" right to |strong="H1961" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" grain |strong="H3605" offerings |strong="H4503", the |strong="H3605" sin |strong="H2403" offerings |strong="H4503", and |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" guilt |strong="H0817" offerings |strong="H4503". Also |strong="H3478", anything |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3605" is |strong="H3605" a |strong="H1961" special gift |strong="H4503" to |strong="H1961" God <sup>I</sup> will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H1992". <sup>30</sup> And |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7225" part of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H3605" harvest from |strong="H0413" every |strong="H3605" kind |strong="H8641" of |strong="H1004" crop will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548". You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1961" also give |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> SPECIAL GIFT TO GOD Anything offered to God that could not be bought back. See Leviticus 27:28-29.

priests |strong="H3548" the |strong="H3605" first |strong="H7225" part of |strong="H1004" your |strong="H3605" flour. This |strong="H3605" will |strong="H1961" bring |strong="H5414" blessings |strong="H1293" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004". <sup>31</sup> The |strong="H3605" priests |strong="H3548" must |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H3605" bird |strong="H5775" or |strong="H3808" animal |strong="H0929" that |strong="H3605" has |strong="H3605" died |strong="H5038" a |strong="H4480" natural |strong="H5038" death |strong="H5038" or |strong="H3808" has |strong="H3605" been |strong="H3808" torn |strong="H2966" to |strong="H4480" pieces |strong="H2966" by |strong="H3605" a |strong="H4480" wild animal |strong="H0929".

### The Division of the Land for Holy Use

**45** " You |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" divide |strong="H5307" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" Israelite tribes by |strong="H3068" throwing lots. At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3605" time you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" separate out |strong="H4480" a |strong="H4480" part |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776". It |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" a |strong="H4480" holy |strong="H6944" part |strong="H4480" for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" 25,000 cubits <sup>II</sup> long |strong="H0753" and |strong="H3068" 20,000 cubits <sup>III</sup> wide |strong="H7341". <sup>IV</sup> All |strong="H3605" this |strong="H1931" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944". <sup>2</sup> A |strong="H1961" square |strong="H7251" area |strong="H5439" that |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088" 500 cubits |strong="H0520" <sup>V</sup> long |strong="H0413" on |strong="H0413" each |strong="H5439" side |strong="H5439" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" Temple. There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" open |strong="H4054" space |strong="H4054" around |strong="H5439" the |strong="H0413" Temple that |strong="H2088" is |strong="H2088" 50 cubits |strong="H0520" <sup>VI</sup> wide.

<sup>II</sup> 25,000 CUBITS 8.05 miles (12.96 km). Also in verses 4, 6. <sup>III</sup> 20,000 CUBITS 6.44 miles (10.37 km). <sup>IV</sup> 20,000 CUBITS WIDE This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has 10,000 cubits (3.22 miles or 5.18 km) wide. <sup>V</sup> 500 CUBITS 850' 3 1/16" (259.16 m). <sup>VI</sup> 50 CUBITS 85' 5/16" (25.92 m).

<sup>3</sup> In *the* *holy* *area* *you* *will* *measure* *25,000* *cubits* *long* *and* *10,000* *cubits* <sup>I</sup> *wide*. *The* *Temple* *will* *be* *in* *this* *area*. *The* *Temple* *area* *will* *be* *the* *Most* *Holy* *Place*.

<sup>4</sup> *This* *holy* *part* *of* *the* *land* *will* *be* *for* *the* *priests*, *the* *servants* *of* *the* *Temple*. *This* *is* *where* *they* *approach* *the* *LORD* *to* *serve* *him*. *It* *will* *be* *a* *place* *for* *the* *priests'* *houses* *and* *a* *place* *for* *the* *Temple*. <sup>5</sup> *Another* *area*, *25,000* *cubits* *long* *and* *10,000* *cubits* *wide*, *will* *be* *for* *the* *Levites* *who* *serve* *in* *the* *Temple*. *This* *land* *will* *also* *become* *cities* *for* *the* *Levites*.

<sup>6</sup> *And* *you* *will* *give* *the* *city* *an* *area* *that* *is* *5000* *cubits* <sup>II</sup> *wide* *and* *25,000* *cubits* *long*. *It* *will* *be* *along* *the* *side* *of* *the* *holy* *area*. *It* *will* *be* *for* *all* *the* *fami-*

I 10,000 cubits 3.22 miles (5.18 km). Also in verse 5. II 5000 cubits 1.61 miles (2.6 km).

*ly* *of* *Israel*. <sup>7</sup> *The* *ruler* *will* *have* *land* *on* *both* *sides* *of* *the* *holy* *area* *and* *the* *land* *belonging* *to* *the* *city*. *It* *will* *be* *next* *to* *the* *holy* *area* *and* *the* *land* *belonging* *to* *the* *city*. *It* *will* *be* *the* *same* *width* *as* *the* *land* *that* *belongs* *to* *a* *tribe*. *It* *will* *go* *all* *the* *way* *from* *the* *west* *border* *to* *the* *east* *border*. <sup>8</sup> *This* *land* *will* *be* *the* *ruler's* *property* *in* *Israel*. *So* *he* *will* *not* *need* *to* *make* *life* *hard* *for* *my* *people* *anymore*. *But* *they* *will* *give* *the* *land* *to* *the* *Israelites* *for* *their* *tribes*.

<sup>9</sup> *This* *is* *what* *the* *Lord* *said*: "Enough, *you* *rulers* *of* *Israel*! *Stop* *being* *cruel* *and* *stealing* *things* *from* *the* *people*! *Be* *fair* *and* *do* *what* *is* *right*! *Stop* *forcing* *my* *people* *out* *from*

their|strong="H5921" homes!" This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H4941" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H0559".

<sup>10</sup> "Stop cheating people. Use|strong="H1961" accurate|strong="H6664" scales|strong="H3976" and|strong="H6664" measures|strong="H0374"! <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0413" ephah|strong="H0374" and|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0413" bath|strong="H1324" must|strong="H5375" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0413" same|strong="H0259" size: A|strong="H1961" bath|strong="H1324" and|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" ephah|strong="H0374" must|strong="H5375" both equal 1/10 homer. <sup>1</sup> Those|strong="H1961" measures|strong="H0374" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" based on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" homer. <sup>12</sup> A|strong="H1961" shekel|strong="H8255"<sup>III</sup> must equal 20 gerahs|strong="H1626". A|strong="H1961" mina must equal 60 shekels|strong="H8255". It|strong="H1961" must be|strong="H1961" equal to|strong="H1961" 20 shekels|strong="H8255" plus 25 shekels|strong="H8255" plus 15 shekels|strong="H8255".

<sup>13</sup> " This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" special offering|strong="H8641" that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" must give:

1/6 ephah|strong="H0374"<sup>III</sup> of|strong="H0374" wheat|strong="H2406" for|strong="H0834" every homer of|strong="H0374" wheat|strong="H2406"; 1/6 ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H0374" barley|strong="H8184" for|strong="H0834" every homer of|strong="H0374" barley|strong="H8184"; <sup>14</sup> 1/10 bath|strong="H1324"<sup>IV</sup> of|strong="H4480" olive|strong="H8081" oil|strong="H8081" for|strong="H3588" every|strong="H4643" cor<sup>V</sup> of|strong="H4480" olive|strong="H8081" oil|strong="H8081";

(Remember: Ten|strong="H6235" baths|strong="H1324" make|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" homer, and|strong="H8081" ten|strong="H6235" baths|strong="H1324" make|strong="H3588" a|strong="H3588" cor .)

<sup>15</sup> and|strong="H3478" one|strong="H0259" sheep|strong="H6629" for|strong="H5921" every|strong="H0259" 200 sheep|strong="H6629" from|strong="H4480" every|strong="H0259" watering hole in|strong="H5921" Israel|strong="H3478". " Those|strong="H4480" special offerings|strong="H8002" are|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" grain offerings|strong="H8002", for|strong="H5921"

I HOMER A measure equal to about 7 bushels or about 60 gallons (220 l). Also in verse 13. II SHEKEL A weight equal to 2/5 of an ounce or 11.5 grams. This also became an amount of money. III 1/6 EPDAH 14 cups (3.67 l). IV 1/10 BATH 1/2 gallon (2.2 l). V COR 55 gallons (220 l).

the|strong="H5002" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002", and|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002". These offerings|strong="H8002" are|strong="H3478" to|strong="H5921" remove the|strong="H5002" sins of|strong="H4480" the|strong="H5002" people." This is|strong="H3478" what|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" said.

<sup>16</sup> " Everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" give|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" this|strong="H2063" offering|strong="H8641" for|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" ruler of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478". <sup>17</sup> But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" ruler must|strong="H0853" give|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" needed for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" special holy days. The|strong="H3605" ruler must|strong="H0853" provide|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002", the|strong="H3605" grain|strong="H3605" offerings|strong="H8002", and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" drink offerings|strong="H8002" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" feast|strong="H2282" days, for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320", for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" Sabbaths|strong="H7676", and|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" special meeting|strong="H4150" days of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478". He|strong="H1931" must|strong="H0853" give|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" sin|strong="H2403" offerings|strong="H8002", grain|strong="H3605" offerings|strong="H8002", burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H8002", and|strong="H3478" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002" that|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3478" used|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961" make|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3605" family|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478" pure."

<sup>18</sup> This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H1121" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " In|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320", on|strong="H0259" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0853" month|strong="H2320",

you |strong="H0853" will |strong="H1121" take |strong="H3947" a |strong="H3947" young |strong="H1121" bull |strong="H6499" that |strong="H0559" has |strong="H0136" nothing wrong |strong="H2398" with |strong="H2398" it |strong="H3947". You |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" use |strong="H3947" that |strong="H0559" bull |strong="H6499" to |strong="H0559" make |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H4720" pure. <sup>19</sup> The |strong="H5921" priest |strong="H3548" will |strong="H1004" take |strong="H3947" some of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" blood |strong="H1818" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3548" and |strong="H1004" put |strong="H5414" it |strong="H5414" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" doorposts |strong="H4201" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H1004" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" four |strong="H0702" corners |strong="H6438" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" ledge |strong="H5835" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" and |strong="H1004" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" posts |strong="H4201" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5921" gate |strong="H8179" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" inner |strong="H6442" courtyard |strong="H2691". <sup>20</sup> You |strong="H6213" will |strong="H0376" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H3651" thing |strong="H3651" on |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" seventh |strong="H7651" day |strong="H2320" of |strong="H1004" that |strong="H3651" month |strong="H2320" for |strong="H1004" anyone |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" has |strong="H0376" sinned by |strong="H0376" mistake |strong="H7686" or |strong="H1004" without knowing it |strong="H3651". So |strong="H3651" you |strong="H6213" will |strong="H0376" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" pure.

#### Offerings During the |strong="H0853" Passover

<sup>21</sup> " On |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" 14th day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" first |strong="H7223" month |strong="H2320", you |strong="H3117" must |strong="H2282" celebrate |strong="H2282" the |strong="H3117" Passover |strong="H6453". The |strong="H3117" Festival |strong="H2282" of |strong="H3117" Unleavened |strong="H4682" Bread |strong="H4682" begins at |strong="H3117" this |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117". It |strong="H0398" continues for |strong="H3117" sev-

en |strong="H7620" days |strong="H3117". <sup>22</sup> At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" ruler will |strong="H0776" offer |strong="H6213" a |strong="H0776" bull |strong="H6499" for |strong="H1157" himself |strong="H1931" and |strong="H0776" for |strong="H1157" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H5971". The |strong="H3605" bull |strong="H6499" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" for |strong="H1157" a |strong="H0776" sin |strong="H2403" offering. <sup>23</sup> During |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" festival |strong="H2282", the |strong="H3068" ruler will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H6213" seven |strong="H7651" bulls |strong="H6499" and |strong="H3068" seven |strong="H7651" rams |strong="H0352" that |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3068" nothing wrong with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H3117". They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068". The |strong="H3068" ruler will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H6213" one |strong="H7651" bull |strong="H6499" on |strong="H3117" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" seven |strong="H7651" days |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" festival |strong="H2282", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3068" male |strong="H8163" goat |strong="H5795" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3068" sin |strong="H2403" offering |strong="H3068". <sup>24</sup> The |strong="H6213" ruler will give an |strong="H4503" ephah |strong="H0374" of |strong="H1969" barley as |strong="H6499" a |strong="H0374" grain offering |strong="H4503" with |strong="H6499" each bull |strong="H6499", and |strong="H8081" an |strong="H4503" ephah |strong="H0374" of |strong="H1969" barley with |strong="H6499" each ram |strong="H0352". He |strong="H6213" must give a |strong="H0374" hin |strong="H1969" of |strong="H1969" oil |strong="H8081" for |strong="H8081" each ephah |strong="H0374" of |strong="H1969" grain. <sup>25</sup> He |strong="H3117" must |strong="H2282" do |strong="H6213" the |strong="H3117" same |strong="H0428" thing for |strong="H3117"

<sup>1</sup> I EPHAH A dry measure (3/5 bushel or 22 l). Also in 46:5, 7, 11.

<sup>2</sup> II HIN A liquid measure (1 gallon or 3.2 l). Also in 46:5, 7, 11.



the|strong="H3117" seven|strong="H7651" days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H3117" Shelters . This|strong="H0428" festival|strong="H2282" begins on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" 15th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" seventh|strong="H7651" month|strong="H2320". These|strong="H0428" offerings|strong="H4503" will|strong="H3117" be|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" sin|strong="H2403" offering|strong="H4503", the|strong="H3117" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H4503", the|strong="H3117" grain offering|strong="H4503", and|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" oil|strong="H8081" offering|strong="H4503".

### The Ruler and the Festivals

**46** This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3117" what|strong="H4639" the|strong="H0559" Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" says|strong="H0559": " The|strong="H0559" east|strong="H6921" gate|strong="H8179" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" inner|strong="H6442" courtyard|strong="H2691" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" closed|strong="H5462" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" six|strong="H8337" working|strong="H4639" days|strong="H3117". But|strong="H1961" it|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" opened|strong="H6605" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" Sabbath|strong="H7676" day|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3117" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0559" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320". <sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0853" ruler will|strong="H3808" go|strong="H3318" into|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" porch|strong="H0197" of|strong="H8179" that|strong="H3808" gate|strong="H8179" and|strong="H0935" stand|strong="H5975" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" gatepost. Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3808" offer|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" ruler's burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H8002" and|strong="H0935" fellowship offerings|strong="H8002". The|strong="H0853" ruler will|strong="H3808" worship|strong="H7812" at|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" opening of|strong="H8179" that|strong="H3808" gate|strong="H8179" and|strong="H0935" then|strong="H3318" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318". But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" gate|strong="H8179" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"

be|strong="H3808" shut|strong="H5462" until|strong="H5704" evening|strong="H6153". <sup>3</sup> On|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" Sabbath|strong="H7676" day|strong="H2320" and|strong="H3068" on|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H6440" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320", the|strong="H6440" common|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" worship|strong="H7812" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" at|strong="H3068" that|strong="H1931" gate|strong="H8179".

<sup>4</sup> " The|strong="H0834" ruler will|strong="H3068" offer|strong="H7126" burnt|strong="H5930" offerings|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0834" Sabbath|strong="H7676". He|strong="H0834" must provide six|strong="H8337" lambs|strong="H3532" that|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" nothing wrong with|strong="H3068" them|strong="H7126" and|strong="H3068" a|strong="H7126" ram|strong="H0352" that|strong="H0834" has|strong="H3068" nothing wrong with|strong="H3068" it|strong="H7126". <sup>5</sup> He|strong="H3027" must give|strong="H4991" an|strong="H4503" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain offering|strong="H4503" with|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3027" ram|strong="H0352". As|strong="H3532" for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3027" grain offering|strong="H4503" with|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3027" lambs|strong="H3532", the|strong="H3027" ruler can give|strong="H4991" as|strong="H3532" much|strong="H3027" as|strong="H3532" he|strong="H3027" wants. But he|strong="H3027" must give|strong="H4991" 1 hin|strong="H1969" of|strong="H3027" olive|strong="H8081" oil|strong="H8081" for|strong="H3027" each|strong="H3532" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain.

<sup>6</sup> " On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3117" New|strong="H2320" Moon|strong="H2320" he|strong="H3117" must|strong="H1121" offer a|strong="H1961" young|strong="H1121" bull|strong="H6499" that|strong="H3117" has|strong="H1961" nothing wrong with|strong="H3117" it|strong="H1961". He|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1961" also|strong="H3117" offer six|strong="H8337" lambs|strong="H3532" and|strong="H1121" a|strong="H1961" ram|strong="H0352" that|strong="H3117" have|strong="H1961" nothing wrong with|strong="H3117" them|strong="H1961". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0834" ruler must give

an|strong="H4503" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain as|strong="H0834" an|strong="H4503" offering|strong="H4503" with|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0834" bull|strong="H6499" and|strong="H3027" an|strong="H4503" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain as|strong="H0834" an|strong="H4503" offering|strong="H4503" with|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0834" ram|strong="H0352". As|strong="H0834" for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0834" grain offer- ing|strong="H4503" with|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0834" lambs|strong="H3532", he|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" give as|strong="H0834" much|strong="H3027" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" wants. But|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" must give 1 hin|strong="H1969" of|strong="H3027" olive|strong="H8081" oil|strong="H8081" for|strong="H3027" each|strong="H3532" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain.

<sup>8</sup> " When|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" ruler goes|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0935", he|strong="H0935" must enter|strong="H0935" at|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" porch|strong="H0197" of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0935" east gate|strong="H8179"— and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H0935" must leave|strong="H3318" that|strong="H0935" same way|strong="H1870".

<sup>9</sup> " When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H6440" com- mon|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5971" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" meet|strong="H6440" with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" special festi- vals|strong="H4150", whoever|strong="H0834" en- ters|strong="H0935" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" north|strong="H6828" gate|strong="H8179" to|strong="H0935" wor- ship|strong="H7812" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" south|strong="H5045" gate|strong="H8179", and|strong="H0935" whoever|strong="H0834" en- ters|strong="H0935" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" south|strong="H5045" gate|strong="H8179" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" through|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" north|strong="H6828" gate|strong="H8179". Peo- ple|strong="H5971" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" return|strong="H7725" the|strong="H6440" same way|strong="H1870" they|strong="H0834" entered|strong="H0935". Each|strong="H5971" person|strong="H0935" must|strong="H3808" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" straight|strong="H3318"

ahead|strong="H6440". <sup>10</sup> The|strong="H0935" ruler should be there|strong="H8432" among|strong="H8432" the|strong="H0935" people. When|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" people go|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0935", the|strong="H0935" ruler will|strong="H0935" go|strong="H3318" in|strong="H0935" with|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0935", and|strong="H0935" when|strong="H0935" they|strong="H0935" go|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318", the|strong="H0935" ruler will|strong="H0935" too.

<sup>11</sup> " At|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" festi- vals|strong="H4150" and|strong="H3027" other spe- cial meetings, an|strong="H1961" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain as|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" offer- ing|strong="H4503" must|strong="H2282" be|strong="H1961" offered with|strong="H3027" each|strong="H3532" young|strong="H6499" bull|strong="H6499", and|strong="H3027" an|strong="H1961" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain as|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" offering|strong="H4503" must|strong="H2282" be|strong="H1961" offered with|strong="H3027" each|strong="H3532" ram|strong="H0352". As|strong="H1961" for|strong="H3027" the|strong="H1961" grain offer- ing|strong="H4503" with|strong="H3027" the|strong="H1961" lambs|strong="H3532", the|strong="H1961" ruler can give|strong="H4991" as|strong="H1961" much|strong="H3027" as|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3027" wants. But|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3027" must|strong="H2282" give|strong="H4991" 1 hin|strong="H1969" of|strong="H3027" olive|strong="H8081" oil|strong="H8081" for|strong="H3027" each|strong="H3532" ephah|strong="H0374" of|strong="H3027" grain.

<sup>12</sup> " When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" ruler gives a|strong="H3588" freewill|strong="H5071" offering|strong="H5071" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"— it|strong="H3588" might|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5071", a|strong="H3588" fellowship offer- ing|strong="H5071", or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H3588" freewill|strong="H5071" offer- ing|strong="H5071"— the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H6921" gate|strong="H8179" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" opened|strong="H6605" for|strong="H3588" him|strong="H0853". Then|strong="H3318" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" of- fer|strong="H6213" his|strong="H3068" burnt|strong="H5930" offering|strong="H5071" and|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" fellowship

offerings |strong="H8002" as |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" does |strong="H6213" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" Sabbath |strong="H7676" day |strong="H3117". After |strong="H0310" he |strong="H0834" leaves |strong="H3318", the |strong="H0853" gate |strong="H8179" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" shut |strong="H5462".

**The |strong="H0853" Daily |strong="H3117" Offering |strong="H5071"**

<sup>13</sup> " Every |strong="H1242" day |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" provide |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3068" year-old lamb |strong="H3532" that |strong="H3117" has |strong="H3068" nothing wrong with |strong="H3068" it |strong="H6213". It |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1121" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3068" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" provide |strong="H6213" it |strong="H6213" every |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242". <sup>14</sup> Also |strong="H3068", you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" offer |strong="H6213" a |strong="H5921" grain |strong="H8548" offering |strong="H4503" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" lamb every |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242". You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" give 1/6 ephah |strong="H0374" <sup>I</sup> of |strong="H3068" flour |strong="H5560" and |strong="H3068" 1/3 hin |strong="H1969" <sup>II</sup> of |strong="H3068" oil |strong="H8081" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0853" fine |strong="H5560" flour |strong="H5560" moist. It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" daily |strong="H8548" grain |strong="H8548" offering |strong="H4503" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". <sup>15</sup> So |strong="H6213" they |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3532" give the |strong="H0853" lamb |strong="H3532", the |strong="H0853" grain |strong="H8548" offering |strong="H4503", and |strong="H1242" the |strong="H0853" oil |strong="H8081" every |strong="H1242" morning |strong="H1242" for |strong="H8081" a |strong="H3532" burnt |strong="H5930" offering |strong="H4503" forever."

<sup>I</sup> 1/6 EPHAH 14 cups (3.67 l). <sup>II</sup> 1/3 HIN A liquid measure (1/3 gallon or 1 l).

**Laws of |strong="H4503" Inheritance for |strong="H8081" the |strong="H0853" Ruler**

<sup>16</sup> This |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " If |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" ruler gives |strong="H5414" a |strong="H1961" gift |strong="H4979" from |strong="H0376" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" land |strong="H5159" to |strong="H0559" any |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121", it |strong="H5414" will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5414" sons |strong="H1121". It |strong="H5414" is |strong="H1931" their |strong="H5414" property |strong="H0272". <sup>17</sup> But |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" ruler gives |strong="H5414" a |strong="H1961" gift |strong="H4979" from |strong="H7725" part of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" land |strong="H5159" to |strong="H5704" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H5414" slaves |strong="H5650", the |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H4979" will |strong="H1961" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588" slave |strong="H5650" only |strong="H0389" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588" year |strong="H8141" of |strong="H1121" freedom. <sup>III</sup> Then |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3588" gift |strong="H4979" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588" ruler. Only |strong="H0389" the |strong="H3588" ruler's sons |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1961" keep a |strong="H1961" gift |strong="H4979" of |strong="H1121" land |strong="H5159" from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3588" ruler. <sup>18</sup> And |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" ruler will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" take |strong="H3947" any |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" people's |strong="H5971" land |strong="H5159" or |strong="H3808" force them |strong="H0853" to |strong="H0376" leave |strong="H4616" their |strong="H3947" land |strong="H5159". He |strong="H0834" must |strong="H0853" give |strong="H5157" some |strong="H0376" of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3947" own |strong="H0376" land |strong="H5159" to |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3947" sons |strong="H1121". In |strong="H0376" that |strong="H0834" way

<sup>III</sup> YEAR OF FREEDOM Or "Jubilee." See "Jubilee" in the Word List.

my|strong="H3947" people|strong="H5971"  
will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808"  
be|strong="H3808" forced to|strong="H0376" lose  
their|strong="H3947" land|strong="H5159".

### The|strong="H0853" Special Kitchens

19 The|strong="H0834" man|strong="H8179"  
led|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413"  
through|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" en-  
trance|strong="H3996" at|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0834" side|strong="H3802"  
of|strong="H8179" the|strong="H0834"  
gate|strong="H8179". He|strong="H0834"  
led|strong="H0935" me|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834"  
holy|strong="H6944" rooms|strong="H3957"  
for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834"  
priests|strong="H3548" on|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0834" north|strong="H6828"  
side|strong="H3802". There|strong="H8033"  
I|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H2009"  
a|strong="H0935" place|strong="H4725"  
at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0834"  
west|strong="H3220" end of|strong="H8179"  
the|strong="H0834" path. 20 The|strong="H0853"  
man said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413"  
me|strong="H0413", " This|strong="H2088"  
is|strong="H0834" where|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" priests|strong="H3548"  
will|strong="H0834" boil|strong="H1310"  
the|strong="H0853" guilt|strong="H0817" offer-  
ing|strong="H4503" and|strong="H3548"  
the|strong="H0853" sin|strong="H2403" offer-  
ing|strong="H4503" and|strong="H3548"  
will|strong="H0834" bake|strong="H0644"  
the|strong="H0853" grain offering|strong="H4503".  
Why|strong="H0834"? So|strong="H3318"  
they|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834"  
not|strong="H1115" need to|strong="H0413"  
bring|strong="H3318" these|strong="H2088" offer-  
ings|strong="H4503" out|strong="H3318" in-  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" out-  
er|strong="H2435" courtyard|strong="H2691".  
So|strong="H3318" they|strong="H0834"  
will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H1115"  
bring|strong="H3318" those|strong="H0834"  
holy|strong="H6942" things|strong="H0834"  
out|strong="H3318" where|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" common people|strong="H5971"  
are|strong="H0834".

21 Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H0413" man  
led|strong="H3318" me|strong="H0413"  
out|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0413" outer|strong="H2435" court-  
yard|strong="H2691". He|strong="H3318"  
led|strong="H3318" me|strong="H0413"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413"  
four|strong="H0702" corners|strong="H4740"

of|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" court-  
yard|strong="H2691". I|strong="H2009"  
saw|strong="H2009" smaller court-  
yards|strong="H2691" in|strong="H0413"  
each|strong="H0702" corner|strong="H4740"  
of|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" large court-  
yard|strong="H2691". 22 There|strong="H4060"  
was|strong="H0259" a|strong="H0259" small, en-  
closed|strong="H7000" area in|strong="H0753"  
each|strong="H0259" of|strong="H0259" the  
four|strong="H0702" corners|strong="H4740"  
of|strong="H0259" the courtyard|strong="H2691".  
Each|strong="H0259" small court-  
yard|strong="H2691" was|strong="H0259" 40 cubits I  
long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H0753" 30 cubits II  
wide|strong="H7341". The four|strong="H0702" areas  
measured the same|strong="H0259". 23  
There|strong="H8478" was a|strong="H8478" brick  
wall around|strong="H5439" each|strong="H0702"  
of|strong="H8478" the|strong="H8478"  
four|strong="H0702" small courtyards,  
and|strong="H5439" there|strong="H8478"  
were|strong="H5439" places|strong="H5439"  
built|strong="H6213" into the|strong="H8478" brick  
walls for|strong="H8478" cooking. 24  
The|strong="H0853" man said|strong="H0559"  
to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", "  
These|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0834"  
the|strong="H0853" kitchens where|strong="H0834"  
those|strong="H0428" who|strong="H0834"  
serve|strong="H8334" at|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" Temple|strong="H1004"  
cook|strong="H1310" the|strong="H0853" sacri-  
fices|strong="H2077" for|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971".

### The Water Flowing From the Temple

47 The|strong="H6440" man  
led|strong="H3318" me|strong="H0413"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413"  
the|strong="H6440" entrance|strong="H6607"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004". I|strong="H3588"  
saw|strong="H2009" water|strong="H4325" com-  
ing|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318"  
from|strong="H7725" under|strong="H8478"  
the|strong="H6440" east|strong="H6921"  
gate|strong="H6607" of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H6440" Temple|strong="H1004". (   
The|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" is|strong="H2009"  
on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H6440"  
east|strong="H6921" side|strong="H3802". )  
The|strong="H6440" water|strong="H4325"  
flowed|strong="H3318" down|strong="H3381"

from *strong="H7725"* under *strong="H8478"* the *strong="H6440"* south *strong="H5045"* end *strong="H3318"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H6440"* Temple *strong="H1004"* and *strong="H7725"* ran south *strong="H5045"* of *strong="H1004"* the *strong="H6440"* altar *strong="H4196"*. <sup>2</sup> The *strong="H0413"* man *strong="H8179"* led *strong="H3318"* me *strong="H0413"* out *strong="H3318"* through *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H0413"* north *strong="H6828"* gate *strong="H8179"* and *strong="H1870"* then *strong="H3318"* around *strong="H5437"* the *strong="H0413"* outside *strong="H2351"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* outer *strong="H2351"* gate *strong="H8179"* on *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* east *strong="H6921"* side *strong="H3802"*. The *strong="H0413"* water *strong="H4325"* was *strong="H4325"* flowing *strong="H3318"* out *strong="H3318"* on *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* south *strong="H3233"* side *strong="H3802"* of *strong="H4480"* the *strong="H0413"* gate *strong="H8179"*.

<sup>3</sup> The *strong="H3318"* man *strong="H0376"* walked east *strong="H6921"* with *strong="H0376"* a *strong="H3318"* tape measure *strong="H4058"* in *strong="H0376"* his *strong="H0376"* hand *strong="H3027"*. He *strong="H0376"* measured *strong="H4058"* 1000 cubits *strong="H0520"*. <sup>I</sup> Then *strong="H3318"* he *strong="H0376"* told me *strong="H3318"* to *strong="H0376"* walk through *strong="H3027"* the *strong="H3318"* water *strong="H4325"* at *strong="H0376"* that *strong="H4325"* place *strong="H3027"*. The *strong="H3318"* water *strong="H4325"* was *strong="H0376"* only *strong="H0657"* ankle deep. <sup>4</sup> He *strong="H4058"* measured *strong="H4058"* another 1000 cubits. Then *strong="H5674"* he *strong="H4058"* told me to *strong="H4325"* walk through *strong="H5674"* the *strong="H4058"* water *strong="H4325"* at *strong="H4325"* that *strong="H4325"* place. There the *strong="H4058"* water *strong="H4325"* came up to *strong="H4325"* my knees *strong="H1290"*. Then *strong="H5674"* he *strong="H4058"* measured *strong="H4058"* another 1000 cubits and *strong="H4325"* told me to *strong="H4325"* walk through *strong="H5674"* the *strong="H4058"* water *strong="H4325"* at *strong="H4325"* that *strong="H4325"* place. There the *strong="H4058"* water *strong="H4325"* was *strong="H4325"* waist *strong="H4975"* deep. <sup>5</sup> He *strong="H0834"* measured *strong="H4058"* another *strong="H3808"* 1000 cubits, but *strong="H3588"* there *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0834"* water *strong="H4325"*

was *strong="H0834"* too *strong="H3808"* deep to *strong="H3201"* cross *strong="H5674"*. It *strong="H3588"* had *strong="H0834"* become a *strong="H3588"* river *strong="H5158"*. The *strong="H0834"* water *strong="H4325"* was *strong="H0834"* deep enough to *strong="H3201"* swim *strong="H7813"* in *strong="H3808"*. It *strong="H3588"* was *strong="H0834"* a *strong="H3588"* river *strong="H5158"* that *strong="H0834"* was *strong="H0834"* too *strong="H3808"* deep to *strong="H3201"* cross *strong="H5674"*. <sup>6</sup> Then *strong="H7725"* the *strong="H0559"* man *strong="H0120"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"*, " Son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* man *strong="H0120"*, <sup>II</sup> did you *strong="H7725"* pay *strong="H7200"* close attention *strong="H7200"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0559"* things you *strong="H7725"* saw *strong="H7200"*?"

Then *strong="H7725"* the *strong="H0559"* man *strong="H0120"* led me *strong="H0413"* back *strong="H7725"* along *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0559"* side of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0559"* river *strong="H5158"*. <sup>7</sup> As *strong="H0413"* I *strong="H2009"* walked back *strong="H7725"* along *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* side *strong="H2088"* of *strong="H6086"* the *strong="H0413"* river *strong="H5158"*, I *strong="H2009"* saw *strong="H2009"* many *strong="H7227"* trees *strong="H6086"* on *strong="H0413"* both sides *strong="H2088"* of *strong="H6086"* the *strong="H0413"* water. <sup>8</sup> He *strong="H5921"* said *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"*, " This *strong="H0428"* water *strong="H4325"* flows *strong="H3318"* east, down *strong="H3381"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0559"* Arabah *strong="H6160"* Valley. <sup>9</sup> This *strong="H0428"* water *strong="H4325"* flows *strong="H0935"* into *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H3605"* Dead *strong="H5315"* Sea so *strong="H1961"* that *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H3605"* water *strong="H4325"* in *strong="H0935"* that *strong="H0834"* sea becomes *strong="H1961"* fresh *strong="H7495"* and *strong="H0935"* clean. There *strong="H8033"* are *strong="H0834"* many *strong="H7227"* fish *strong="H1710"* in *strong="H0935"* this *strong="H0428"* water *strong="H4325"*, and *strong="H0935"* all *strong="H3605"* kinds *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H4325"* animals *strong="H2416"* live *strong="H2421"* where *strong="H0834"* this *strong="H0428"* river *strong="H5158"* goes *strong="H0935"*. <sup>10</sup> You *strong="H5921"* can *strong="H5975"* see fisher-

I 1000 CUBITS 1/3 mile (518.32 m).

II SON OF MAN This was usually just a way of saying "a person" or "a human being." Here, it is a way of addressing Ezekiel.

men |strong="H1728" standing |strong="H5975" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" river |strong="H5704" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5921" way |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" En Gedi to |strong="H5704" En Eglaim. You |strong="H5921" can |strong="H5975" see them |strong="H5921" throwing their |strong="H5921" fishing nets |strong="H2764" and |strong="H1419" catching many |strong="H7227" kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H5921" fish |strong="H1710". There |strong="H1961" are |strong="H1419" as |strong="H5704" many |strong="H7227" kinds |strong="H4327" of |strong="H5921" fish |strong="H1710" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Dead Sea |strong="H3220" as |strong="H5704" there |strong="H1961" are |strong="H1419" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220". <sup>11</sup> But |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5414" swamps |strong="H1207" and |strong="H3808" small marshes |strong="H1207" will |strong="H5414" not |strong="H3808" become |strong="H7495" fresh |strong="H7495". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H5414" be |strong="H3808" left |strong="H5414" for |strong="H3808" salt |strong="H4417". <sup>12</sup> All |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4480" fruit |strong="H6529" trees |strong="H6086" will |strong="H1961" grow |strong="H5927" on |strong="H5921" both |strong="H4480" sides |strong="H2088" of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" river |strong="H5158". Their |strong="H3605" leaves |strong="H5929" never |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" dry and |strong="H6086" fall |strong="H1961". The |strong="H3605" fruit |strong="H6529" will |strong="H1961" never |strong="H3808" stop |strong="H3808" growing |strong="H5927" on |strong="H5921" those |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086". The |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" will |strong="H1961" produce |strong="H6529" fruit |strong="H6529" every |strong="H3605" month |strong="H2320", because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" water |strong="H4325" for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" comes |strong="H3318" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" Temple |strong="H4720". The |strong="H3605" fruit |strong="H6529" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" trees |strong="H6086" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H3588" food |strong="H3978", and |strong="H6086" their |strong="H3605" leaves |strong="H5929" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H3588" healing |strong="H8644"."

Division of |strong="H4480" the |strong="H3605" Land for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" Tribes

<sup>13</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559": " These |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" borders |strong="H1366" for |strong="H0776" dividing |strong="H5157" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" among |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" twelve |strong="H6240" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478". Joseph |strong="H3130" will |strong="H0776" have |strong="H0834" two |strong="H8147" parts. <sup>14</sup> You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0776" divide |strong="H5307" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" equally. I |strong="H0834" promised |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5414" give |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5414" your |strong="H5414" ancestors |strong="H0001", so |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0834" am giving |strong="H5414" this |strong="H2063" land |strong="H0776" to |strong="H5414" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>15</sup> " These |strong="H2088" are |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0935" borders |strong="H1366" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0935" land |strong="H0776": On |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0935" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6285", it |strong="H1366" goes |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" Mediterranean Sea |strong="H3220" by |strong="H0935" way |strong="H1870" of |strong="H0776" Hethlon |strong="H2855" where |strong="H2088" the |strong="H0935" road |strong="H1870" turns toward |strong="H1870" Hamath and |strong="H0935" on |strong="H1870" to |strong="H0935" Zedad |strong="H6657", <sup>16</sup> Berothah |strong="H1268", Sibraim |strong="H5453" ( which |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" border |strong="H1366" between |strong="H0996" Damascus |strong="H1834" and |strong="H2574" Hamath |strong="H2574") and |strong="H2574" Hazer Hatticon, which |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1366" Hauran |strong="H2362". <sup>17</sup> So |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" border |strong="H1366" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H1961" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220" to |strong="H1961" Hazer Enan on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" northern |strong="H6828" border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1366" Damascus |strong="H1834"

and *Hamath*. This will be on the north side.

18 " On the east side, the border will go from Hazar Enan between Hauran and Damascus along the Jordan River between Gilead and the land of Israel the eastern sea and all the way to Tamar. This will be the eastern border.

19 " On the south side, the border will go from Tamar the way to the oasis at Meribah-kadesh. Then it will go along the Brook of Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea. This will be the southern border.

20 " On the west side, the Mediterranean Sea will be the border all the way to the area in front of Lebo Hamath. This will be your western border.

21 " So you will divide this land among you for the

tribes of Israel. You will divide it as a property for yourselves and for the foreigners who live among you and who have children among you. These foreigners will be residents— they will be like natural born Israelites. You will divide some land for them among the tribes of Israel. The tribe where that resident lives must give him some land. This is what the Lord GOD said!

#### The Land for the Tribes of Israel

48 "The northern border goes east from the Mediterranean Sea to Hethlon to Hamath Pass and then all the way to Hazar Enan. This is on the border between Damascus and Hamath. The land for the tribes in this group will go from the east of these borders to the west. From north to south, the tribes in this area are Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben, and Judah.

#### The Special Section of Land

8 " The area in front of the border will be a special use. This is the south of Judah's land. This area is 25,000 cubits long from north

<sup>1</sup> 25,000 CUBITS 8.05 miles (12.96 km). Also in verses 9, 13, 15, 20, 21-22.

to|strong="H5704" south|strong="H3220". From|strong="H5921" east|strong="H6921" to|strong="H5704" west|strong="H3220", it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" as|strong="H0834" wide|strong="H7341" as|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" land|strong="H2506" that|strong="H0834" belongs|strong="H1961" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0834" other|strong="H0259" tribes. The|strong="H0834" Temple|strong="H4720" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" middle|strong="H8432" of|strong="H1366" this|strong="H0834" section of|strong="H1366" land|strong="H2506".<sup>9</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" dedicate this|strong="H0834" land to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" LORD|strong="H3068". It|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" 25,000 cubits long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H3068" 20,000 cubits<sup>1</sup> wide|strong="H7341".<sup>10</sup> This|strong="H0428" special area of|strong="H3068" land will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" divided among|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3068" priests|strong="H3548" and|strong="H3068" Levites. " The|strong="H3068" priests|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" get|strong="H8432" one|strong="H0428" part|strong="H8432" of|strong="H3068" this|strong="H0428" area. The|strong="H3068" land will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" 25,000 cubits long|strong="H0753" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" north|strong="H6828" side|strong="H6828", 10,000 cubits<sup>II</sup> wide|strong="H7341" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" west|strong="H3220" side|strong="H6828", 10,000 cubits wide|strong="H7341" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" east|strong="H6921" side|strong="H6828", and|strong="H3068" 25,000 cubits long|strong="H0753" on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" south|strong="H5045" side|strong="H6828". The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H4720" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" middle|strong="H8432" of|strong="H3068" this|strong="H0428" area of|strong="H3068" land.<sup>11</sup> This|strong="H0834" land is|strong="H0834" for|strong="H3808" Zadok's|strong="H6659" descendants|strong="H1121". These|strong="H0834" men|strong="H1121" were|strong="H0834" chosen to|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3808"

I 20,000 CUBITS 6.44 miles (10.37 km). Most Greek copies have 25,000 cubits, and the standard Hebrew text has 10,000 cubits, but see Ezekiel 45:1. Also in verse 13. II 10,000 CUBITS 3.22 miles (5.18 km). Also in verses 13, 18.

my|strong="H8104" holy|strong="H6942" priests|strong="H3548", because|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" continued to|strong="H3478" serve me|strong="H8104" when|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" other people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478" left me|strong="H8104". Zadok's|strong="H6659" family did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" leave me|strong="H8104" like|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" other people|strong="H1121" from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H0834" tribe of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3881".<sup>12</sup> This|strong="H6944" share from|strong="H0413" this|strong="H6944" holy|strong="H6944" part of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0413" land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" especially for|strong="H0413" these priests. It|strong="H1961" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" next|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0413" Levites|strong="H3881".

<sup>13</sup> "Next to|strong="H3881" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366" for|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548", the|strong="H3605" Levites|strong="H3881" will|strong="H3881" have|strong="H3605" a|strong="H7341" share of|strong="H1366" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366". It|strong="H1366" will|strong="H3881" be|strong="H3605" 25,000 cubits long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H3548" 10,000 cubits wide|strong="H7341". They|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3881" get the|strong="H3605" full|strong="H3605" length|strong="H0753" and|strong="H3548" width|strong="H7341" of|strong="H1366" this|strong="H3605" land|strong="H1366"—25,000 cubits long|strong="H0753" and|strong="H3548" 20,000 cubits wide|strong="H7341".<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H3588" Levites will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" sell|strong="H4376" or|strong="H3808" trade any|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0776" this|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H3068" sell|strong="H4376" any|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0776" it|strong="H3588". They|strong="H3588" must|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" cut up|strong="H4480" this|strong="H3588" part|strong="H4480" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776", because|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" land|strong="H0776" belongs|strong="H4480" to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068"— it|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" very special. It|strong="H3588"



is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" best part |strong="H4480" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776".

**The |strong="H3588" Shares for |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" City Property**

15 " There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" an |strong="H1961" area of |strong="H6440" land |strong="H6440" 5000 cubits I wide |strong="H7341" by |strong="H5921" 25,000 cubits long |strong="H6440" that |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" left |strong="H3498" over |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H6440" given to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H6440" priests and |strong="H6440" Levites. This |strong="H1931" land |strong="H6440" can be |strong="H1961" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892", for |strong="H5921" grasslands for |strong="H5921" animals |strong="H1961", and |strong="H6440" for |strong="H5921" building houses. The |strong="H6440" common |strong="H2455" people |strong="H1931" may |strong="H1961" use |strong="H1931" this |strong="H1931" land |strong="H6440". The |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" middle |strong="H8432" of |strong="H6440" it |strong="H1931". 16 These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0428" the |strong="H0428" city's measurements: The |strong="H0428" north |strong="H6828" side |strong="H6285" will |strong="H5045" be |strong="H3220" 4500 cubits. II The |strong="H0428" south |strong="H5045" side |strong="H6285" will |strong="H5045" be |strong="H3220" 4500 cubits. The |strong="H0428" east |strong="H6921" side |strong="H6285" will |strong="H5045" be |strong="H3220" 4500 cubits. The |strong="H0428" west |strong="H3220" side |strong="H6285" will |strong="H5045" be |strong="H3220" 4500 cubits. 17 The |strong="H1961" city |strong="H5892" will |strong="H1961" have |strong="H1961" grasslands. These grasslands will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" 250 cubits III on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" north |strong="H6828" and |strong="H3967" 250 cubits on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" south |strong="H5045". They will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" 250 cubits on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" east |strong="H6921" and |strong="H3967" 250 cubits on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H1961" west |strong="H3220". 18 What is |strong="H1961" left |strong="H3498" of |strong="H0505"

I 5000 CUBITS 1.61 miles (2.6 km). II 4500 CUBITS 1.45 miles (2.33 km). Also in verses 30, 32-34. III 250 CUBITS 425' 1 1/2" (129.58 m).

the |strong="H5647" length |strong="H0753" along |strong="H5980" the |strong="H5647" side |strong="H3220" of |strong="H0505" the |strong="H5647" holy |strong="H6944" area will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" 10,000 cubits on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5647" east |strong="H6921" and |strong="H3899" 10,000 cubits on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5647" west |strong="H3220". This |strong="H6944" land will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" along |strong="H5980" the |strong="H5647" side |strong="H3220" of |strong="H0505" the |strong="H5647" holy |strong="H6944" area. This |strong="H6944" land will |strong="H1961" grow food |strong="H3899" for |strong="H3899" the |strong="H5647" city |strong="H5892" workers |strong="H5647" city |strong="H5892" workers |strong="H5647" from |strong="H3478" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H7626" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" farm this |strong="H3605" land.

20 " This |strong="H3605" special area of |strong="H3605" land will |strong="H3605" be |strong="H7311" square |strong="H7243". It |strong="H7311" will |strong="H3605" be |strong="H7311" 25,000 cubits long |strong="H0413" by |strong="H0413" 25,000 cubits wide. You |strong="H3605" must |strong="H0853" set |strong="H7311" apart |strong="H7311" this |strong="H3605" area for |strong="H0413" its |strong="H3605" special purposes. One |strong="H3605" part is |strong="H3605" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" priests, one |strong="H3605" part is |strong="H3605" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" Levites, and |strong="H0853" one |strong="H3605" part is |strong="H3605" for |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" city |strong="H5892".

21 "Part of that special land will be for the ruler of the country. That special area of land is square. It is 25,000 cubits long by 25,000 cubits wide. Part of this special land is for the priests, part of it is for the Levites, and part of it is for the Temple. The Temple is in the middle of this area of land. The rest of the land belongs to the ruler of the country. The ruler will get the area between the land of Benjamin and the land of Judah.

23 "South of this special area will be the land for the tribes that lived east of the Jordan River. Each tribe will get a section of land that goes from the eastern border to the Mediterranean Sea. From north to south, these tribes are Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, and Gad.

28 " The |strong="H5921" southern |strong="H5045" border |strong="H1366" of |strong="H1366" Gad's land |strong="H1366" will |strong="H1961" go |strong="H1961" from |strong="H5921"

Tamar *the oasis at Meribah-kadesh, then along Brook of Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea*.<sup>29</sup> This *is the land you will divide among the tribes of Israel*. This *is what each group will get.* This *is the LORD GOD* said!

**The Gates of the City**

<sup>30</sup> "These *are the gates of the city*. The *gates will be named for the tribes of Israel*.

"The *north side of the city will be 4500 cubits long*.<sup>31</sup> There *will be three gates*: Reuben's *Gate*, Judah's *Gate*, and Levi's *Gate*.

<sup>32</sup> "The *east side of the city*

*will be 4500 cubits long*. There *will be three gates*: Joseph's *Gate*, Benjamin's *Gate*, and Dan's *Gate*.

<sup>33</sup> "The *south side of the city will be 4500 cubits long*. There *will be three gates*: Simeon's *Gate*, Issachar's *Gate*, and Zebulun's *Gate*.

<sup>34</sup> "The *west side of the city will be 4500 cubits long*. There *will be three gates*: Gad's *Gate*, Asher's *Gate*, and Naphtali's *Gate*.

<sup>35</sup> "The *distance around the city will be 18,000 cubits*.<sup>I</sup> From *now on*, the *name of the city will be THE LORD IS THERE*.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> 18,000 CUBITS 5.8 miles (9.33 km). <sup>II</sup> THE LORD IS THERE In Hebrew this name sounds like Jerusalem.

# Daniel

## Daniel Taken to Babylon

**1** Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon |strong="H0894" came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H0935" surrounded it |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" army |strong="H3389". This |strong="H0935" happened |strong="H0935" during the |strong="H5921" third |strong="H7969" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" I was |strong="H4428" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H0136" allowed |strong="H5414" Nebuchadnezzar to |strong="H0935" defeat |strong="H5414" Jehoiakim |strong="H3079" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Judah |strong="H3063". Nebuchadnezzar took |strong="H0853" all the |strong="H0853" dishes and |strong="H0935" other things |strong="H3627" from |strong="H0935" God's |strong="H0430" Temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H0935" carried |strong="H0935" them |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0935" Babylon. He |strong="H0430" put |strong="H5414" those |strong="H0853" things |strong="H3627" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0853" temple |strong="H1004" of |strong="H4428" his |strong="H5414" gods |strong="H0430".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0935" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar ordered |strong="H0559" Ashpenaz |strong="H0828", the |strong="H0559" man |strong="H1121" in |strong="H0935" charge of |strong="H1121" his |strong="H0935" officials |strong="H5631", to |strong="H0559" bring |strong="H0935" some |strong="H4480" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" boys in- to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" palace to |strong="H0559" train them |strong="H0935". He |strong="H4480" was |strong="H3478" to |strong="H0559" include boys from |strong="H4480" among |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" Israelites |strong="H3478", II from |strong="H4480" important Judean fami-

I THE THIRD YEAR ... JEHOIAKIM This was about 605 B.C. II ISRAELITES Here, this probably means "ordinary citizens of Judah and Israel." But it could mean "people from the northern tribes of Israel."

lies |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0559" royal |strong="H4428" family |strong="H2233" of |strong="H1121" Judah. <sup>4</sup> King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar wanted only |strong="H3605" healthy boys |strong="H3206" who |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" have |strong="H0834" any |strong="H3605" bruises, scars, or |strong="H0369" anything |strong="H3605" wrong with |strong="H3045" their |strong="H3605" bodies. He |strong="H0834" wanted hand- some |strong="H2896", smart young |strong="H3206" men |strong="H3206" who |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" able to |strong="H0369" learn |strong="H3925" things |strong="H3605" quickly and |strong="H4428" easily to |strong="H0369" serve |strong="H5975" in |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" palace |strong="H1964". He |strong="H0834" told Ashpenaz to |strong="H0369" teach |strong="H3925" these |strong="H3605" young |strong="H3206" men |strong="H3206" the |strong="H3605" language |strong="H3956" and |strong="H4428" writings of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" Chaldeans |strong="H3778".

<sup>5</sup> King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar gave the |strong="H6440" young |strong="H3117" men a |strong="H5975" certain amount of |strong="H4428" food |strong="H6598" and |strong="H4428" wine |strong="H3196" every |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117". This |strong="H1697" was |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" same |strong="H1697" kind of |strong="H4428" food |strong="H6598" that |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" ate. He |strong="H3117" wanted them |strong="H6440" to |strong="H3117" be |strong="H1697" trained for |strong="H3117" three |strong="H7969" years |strong="H8141". After |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" would |strong="H4428" be- come |strong="H1431" servants of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Babylon. <sup>6</sup> Among those |strong="H1121" young |strong="H1121" men |strong="H1121" were |strong="H1961" Daniel |strong="H1840", Hananiah |strong="H2608", Mishael |strong="H4332", and |strong="H1121" Azariah |strong="H5838" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H1961" tribe of |strong="H1121" Ju- dah |strong="H3063". <sup>7</sup> Ashpenaz

gave |strong="H7760" them |strong="H1992" Babylonian names |strong="H8034". Daniel's new name |strong="H8034" was |strong="H8034" Belteshazzar |strong="H1095", Hananiah's was |strong="H8034" Shadrach |strong="H7714", Mishael's was |strong="H8034" Meshach |strong="H4335", and |strong="H8269" Azariah's |strong="H5838" was |strong="H8034" Abednego.

<sup>8</sup> Daniel |strong="H1840" did |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" want |strong="H1245" to |strong="H5921" eat the |strong="H0834" king's |strong="H4428" rich food |strong="H6598" and |strong="H4428" wine |strong="H3196" because |strong="H5921" it |strong="H7760" would |strong="H0834" make |strong="H7760" him |strong="H5921" unclean |strong="H1351". So |strong="H3808" he |strong="H0834" asked Ashpenaz for |strong="H5921" permission not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H7760" himself |strong="H3820" unclean |strong="H1351" in |strong="H5921" this |strong="H0834" way |strong="H5921".

<sup>9</sup> God |strong="H0430" caused |strong="H0430" Ashpenaz, the |strong="H0853" man in |strong="H0430" charge |strong="H5414" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" officials |strong="H8269", to |strong="H5414" be |strong="H0430" kind and |strong="H0430" loyal |strong="H2617" to |strong="H5414" Daniel |strong="H1840". <sup>10</sup> But |strong="H7200" Ashpenaz told |strong="H0559" Daniel |strong="H1840", "I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" afraid |strong="H3373" of |strong="H4428" my |strong="H7200" master |strong="H0113", the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428". He |strong="H0834" ordered |strong="H0559" me |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H7200" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" food |strong="H3978" and |strong="H4428" drink |strong="H4960". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" don't eat |strong="H3978" this |strong="H0834" food |strong="H3978", you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" begin to |strong="H0559" look |strong="H7200" weak and |strong="H4428" sick. You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" look |strong="H7200" worse than |strong="H4480" other young |strong="H3206" men |strong="H7218" your |strong="H0834" age. The |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" this |strong="H0834", and |strong="H4428" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" become |strong="H7200" angry with |strong="H4428" me |strong="H6440". He |strong="H0834" might |strong="H0834" cut off |strong="H4480" my |strong="H7200" head |strong="H7218". And |strong="H4428"

it |strong="H7200" would |strong="H4100" be |strong="H0113" your |strong="H0834" fault."

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H0559" Daniel |strong="H1840" talked to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" guard who |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" put in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H8269" Daniel |strong="H1840", Hananiah |strong="H2608", Mishael |strong="H4332", and |strong="H8269" Azariah |strong="H5838" by |strong="H5921" Ashpenaz. <sup>12</sup> He |strong="H3117" said, "Please |strong="H4994" give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" this |strong="H3117" test |strong="H5254" for |strong="H4325" ten |strong="H6235" days |strong="H3117": Don't give |strong="H5414" us |strong="H5414" anything |strong="H0398" but |strong="H3117" vegetables |strong="H2235" to |strong="H5414" eat |strong="H0398" and |strong="H0398" water |strong="H4325" to |strong="H5414" drink |strong="H8354". <sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H0853" after ten days, compare us |strong="H6440" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0853" other young |strong="H3206" men |strong="H3206" who |strong="H0834" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" king's |strong="H4428" food |strong="H6598". See |strong="H7200" for |strong="H4428" yourself |strong="H5973" who |strong="H0834" looks |strong="H7200" healthier, and |strong="H4428" then |strong="H0853" decide |strong="H7200" how |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" want to |strong="H6440" treat |strong="H6213" us |strong="H6440", your |strong="H0834" servants |strong="H5650"."

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H2088" the |strong="H8085" guard agreed |strong="H8085" to |strong="H8085" test |strong="H5254" Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and |strong="H3117" Azariah for |strong="H3117" ten |strong="H6235" days |strong="H3117". <sup>15</sup> After |strong="H4480" ten |strong="H6235" days |strong="H3117", Daniel and |strong="H4428" his |strong="H3605" friends looked |strong="H7200" healthier than |strong="H4480" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" young |strong="H3206" men |strong="H3206" who |strong="H3605" ate |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" food |strong="H6598". <sup>16</sup> So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" guard continued |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" take |strong="H5375" away |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" king's special food |strong="H6598" and |strong="H3196" wine |strong="H3196" and |strong="H3196" to |strong="H1961" give |strong="H5414" only vegetables |strong="H2235" to |strong="H1961" Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and |strong="H3196" Azariah.

<sup>17</sup> God |strong="H0430" gave |strong="H5414" these |strong="H0428" four |strong="H0702"

young |strong="H3206" men |strong="H3206" the |strong="H3605" wisdom |strong="H2451" and |strong="H0430" ability to |strong="H5414" learn many different kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" writing and |strong="H0430" science. Daniel |strong="H1840" could also |strong="H0430" understand |strong="H0995" all |strong="H3605" kinds |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0430" visions |strong="H2377" and |strong="H0430" dreams |strong="H2472".

<sup>18</sup> At |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" end |strong="H7117" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0559" three years |strong="H3117" of |strong="H4428" training, Ashpenaz brought |strong="H0935" all |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0559" young |strong="H3117" men |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" King |strong="H4428" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5019". <sup>19</sup> The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" talked |strong="H1696" to |strong="H1696" them |strong="H6440" and |strong="H4428" found |strong="H4672" that |strong="H3605" none |strong="H3808" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H3605" young men |strong="H3605" were |strong="H6440" as |strong="H6440" good as |strong="H6440" Daniel |strong="H1840", Hananiah |strong="H2608", Mishael |strong="H4332", and |strong="H4428" Azariah |strong="H5838". So |strong="H3808" these |strong="H1696" four young men |strong="H3605" became the |strong="H3605" king's |strong="H4428" servants. <sup>20</sup> Every |strong="H3605" time the |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" asked |strong="H1697" them |strong="H1992" about |strong="H5921" something |strong="H1697" important, they |strong="H1992" showed great wisdom |strong="H2451" and |strong="H3027" understanding |strong="H0998". The |strong="H3605" king |strong="H4428" found |strong="H4672" they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H0834" ten |strong="H6235" times |strong="H3027" better |strong="H3027" than |strong="H5921" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" magicians |strong="H2748" and |strong="H3027" wise |strong="H2451" men |strong="H3605" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" kingdom |strong="H4438". <sup>21</sup> So |strong="H1961" Daniel |strong="H1840" served |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5704" king |strong="H4428" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" first |strong="H0259" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H8141" Cyrus |strong="H3566" <sup>I</sup> was |strong="H1961" king |strong="H4428".

## Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

<sup>2</sup> During |strong="H1961" Nebuchadnezzar's second |strong="H8147" year |strong="H8141" as |strong="H1961" king |strong="H5921", he |strong="H5921" had |strong="H1961" dreams |strong="H2472". They |strong="H5921" bothered him |strong="H5921", and |strong="H8141" he |strong="H5921" could not |strong="H1961" sleep |strong="H8142". <sup>2</sup> So |strong="H7121" the |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" called |strong="H7121" his |strong="H0935" wise men |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0559" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" him |strong="H5046". They |strong="H0559" used magic and |strong="H0935" watched the |strong="H0559" stars. They |strong="H0559" did this |strong="H5046" to |strong="H0559" try to |strong="H0559" interpret dreams |strong="H2472" and |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" learn what would |strong="H0559" happen in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0559" future. The |strong="H0559" king |strong="H4428" wanted them |strong="H6440" to |strong="H0559" tell |strong="H5046" him |strong="H5046" what he |strong="H0559" had |strong="H4428" dreamed, so |strong="H7121" they |strong="H0559" came |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935" stood |strong="H5975" in |strong="H0935" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H4428" him |strong="H5046".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H1992", " I |strong="H3045" had |strong="H4428" a |strong="H0559" dream |strong="H2472" that |strong="H3045" bothers me |strong="H2472". I |strong="H3045" want to |strong="H0559" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H3045" it |strong="H3045" means."

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H1696" the |strong="H1696" Chaldeans |strong="H3778" answered the |strong="H1696" king |strong="H4428". They |strong="H1696" spoke |strong="H1696" Aramaic |strong="H0762" <sup>I</sup> and |strong="H4428" said |strong="H1696", " King |strong="H4428", live |strong="H2418" forever |strong="H5957"! Please tell |strong="H1696" your |strong="H1696" dream |strong="H2493" to |strong="H1696" us |strong="H5649", your |strong="H1696" servants |strong="H5649", and |strong="H4428" then |strong="H1696" we will |strong="H4428" tell |strong="H1696" you |strong="H1696" what |strong="H1696" it |strong="H1696" means."

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="H4430" King |strong="H4430" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H4430" said |strong="H0560"

I THE FIRST YEAR ... CYRUS This was about 539-538 B.C.

II ARAMAIC The text of Daniel from here to 7:28 is written in Aramaic. See "Aramaic" in the Word List.

to |strong="H0560" them |strong="H0560", " No |strong="H3809", you |strong="H2006" must tell |strong="H0560" me the |strong="H3046" dream |strong="H2493", and |strong="H6032" then |strong="H4430" you |strong="H2006" must tell |strong="H0560" me what |strong="H4406" it |strong="H2006" means. If |strong="H2006" you |strong="H2006" don't, I |strong="H4481" will |strong="H4430" give |strong="H7761" an |strong="H5648" order for |strong="H2006" you |strong="H2006" to |strong="H0560" be cut into pieces. And |strong="H6032" I |strong="H4481" will |strong="H4430" order your houses |strong="H1005" to |strong="H0560" be destroyed until they are nothing |strong="H3809" but piles of |strong="H1005" dust and |strong="H6032" ashes. <sup>6</sup> But if |strong="H2006" you |strong="H2006" tell me |strong="H6925" my dream |strong="H2493" and |strong="H3367" explain its |strong="H6591" meaning, I |strong="H4481" will give you |strong="H2006" gifts |strong="H4978", rewards |strong="H5023", and |strong="H3367" great |strong="H7690" honor |strong="H3367". So |strong="H2006" tell me |strong="H6925" about my dream |strong="H2493" and |strong="H3367" what it |strong="H2006" means."

<sup>7</sup> Again the |strong="H0560" wise men said |strong="H0560" to |strong="H0560" the |strong="H0560" king |strong="H4430", "Please, Sir, tell |strong="H0560" us |strong="H5649" about the |strong="H0560" dream |strong="H2493", and |strong="H6032" we will |strong="H4430" tell |strong="H0560" you what it means."

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="H4430" King |strong="H4430" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H4430" answered |strong="H6032", " I |strong="H0576" know |strong="H3046" that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" trying to |strong="H0560" get more |strong="H4481" time |strong="H5732". You |strong="H1768" know |strong="H3046" that |strong="H1768" I |strong="H0576" meant what |strong="H1768" I |strong="H0576" said |strong="H0560". <sup>9</sup> You |strong="H1768" know |strong="H3046" that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" be punished if |strong="H2006" you |strong="H1768" don't tell |strong="H0560" me |strong="H6925" about my |strong="H1768" dream |strong="H2493". So |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" have all agreed |strong="H2164" to |strong="H0560" lie to |strong="H0560" me |strong="H6925". You |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" hoping for |strong="H1768" more time |strong="H5732" so |strong="H1768" that |strong="H1768" I |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" forget what |strong="H1768" I |strong="H1768" want you |strong="H1768" to |strong="H0560" do. Now tell |strong="H0560"

me |strong="H6925" the |strong="H1768" dream |strong="H2493". If |strong="H2006" you |strong="H1768" can |strong="H1768" tell |strong="H0560" me |strong="H6925" the |strong="H1768" dream |strong="H2493", I |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" know |strong="H3046" that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" can |strong="H1768" tell |strong="H0560" me |strong="H6925" what |strong="H1768" it |strong="H2006" really means."

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H3606" Chaldeans |strong="H3779" answered |strong="H6032" the |strong="H3606" king |strong="H4430". They |strong="H1768" said |strong="H0560", " There |strong="H0383" is |strong="H1768" not |strong="H3809" a |strong="H6032" man |strong="H0606" on |strong="H5922" earth |strong="H3007" who |strong="H1768" can |strong="H1768" do |strong="H0383" what |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" king |strong="H4430" is |strong="H1768" asking |strong="H0560"! No |strong="H3809" king |strong="H4430" has |strong="H1768" ever asked |strong="H7593" the |strong="H3606" wise men |strong="H0606", the |strong="H3606" men |strong="H0606" who |strong="H1768" do |strong="H0383" magic, or |strong="H3809" the |strong="H3606" Chaldeans |strong="H3779" to |strong="H5922" do |strong="H0383" something |strong="H4406" like |strong="H4406" this |strong="H1836". Not |strong="H3809" even |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" greatest and |strong="H6032" most powerful king |strong="H4430" has |strong="H1768" ever asked |strong="H7593" his |strong="H5922" wise men |strong="H0606" to |strong="H5922" do |strong="H0383" such |strong="H1836" a |strong="H6032" thing |strong="H4406". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="H1768" king |strong="H4430" is |strong="H1768" asking something |strong="H4406" that |strong="H1768" is |strong="H1768" too hard to |strong="H6925" do |strong="H0383". Only the |strong="H1768" gods |strong="H0426" could |strong="H1768" tell the |strong="H1768" king |strong="H4430" his |strong="H6925" dream and |strong="H4430" what |strong="H1768" it |strong="H1321" means. But |strong="H3861" the |strong="H1768" gods |strong="H0426" don't live |strong="H4070" with |strong="H5974" people."

<sup>12</sup> When the |strong="H3606" king |strong="H4430" heard that |strong="H4430", he became |strong="H1149" very |strong="H7690" angry |strong="H1149". So |strong="H6903" he gave |strong="H0560" an order for |strong="H6903" all |strong="H3606" the |strong="H3606" wise |strong="H2445" men |strong="H2445" of |strong="H4430" Babylon |strong="H0895"

to *be* killed. <sup>13</sup> King Nebuchadnezzar's order to *kill* all the *wise* men was announced. The king's men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to *kill* them.

<sup>14</sup> Arioch the commander of the king's guards. He was going to *kill* the *wise* men of *Babylon*, but Daniel talked to him. Daniel spoke politely to Arioch <sup>15</sup> and said, "Why did the king order such a severe punishment?"

Then Arioch explained the whole story about the king's dreams, and Daniel understood. <sup>16</sup> When Daniel heard the story, he went to King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel asked the king to give him some more time. Then he would tell the king what the dream meant.

<sup>17</sup> So Daniel went to his house. He explained the whole story to his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. <sup>18</sup> Daniel asked his friends to pray to the God of heaven that God would be kind to them and help them understand

this secret. Then Daniel and his friends would not be killed with the other wise men of *Babylon*.

<sup>19</sup> During the night, God explained the secret to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. <sup>20</sup> He said, "Praise God's name forever and ever!"

Power and wisdom belong to him.

<sup>21</sup> He changes the times and seasons.

He gives power to kings, and he takes their power away.

He gives wisdom to people, so they become wise.

He lets people learn things and become wise.

<sup>22</sup> He knows hidden secrets that are hard to understand.

Light lives with him, so he knows what is in the dark and secret places.

<sup>23</sup> God of my ancestors, I thank you and praise you.

You gave me wisdom and power.

You told us what we asked for.

You told us about the king's dream."

**Daniel Tells What the Dream Means**

<sup>24</sup> Then Daniel went to Arioch, the man who King Nebuchadnezzar had chosen to kill the wise men of Babylon. Daniel said to Arioch, "Don't kill the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king." I will tell him what his dream means.

<sup>25</sup> So Arioch took Daniel to the king. Arioch said to the king, "I have found a man among the captives from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means."

<sup>26</sup> The king asked Daniel (Belshazzar) a question. He said, "Are you able to tell me about my dream, and what it means?"

<sup>27</sup> Daniel answered, "King Nebuchadnezzar, no wise man who does magic, and no Chaldean could tell the king the secret things he has asked

<sup>1</sup> CAPTIVES People taken away as prisoners. Here, it means the Jewish people who were taken to Babylon.

about there. <sup>28</sup> But there is a God in heaven who tells secret things. God has given King Nebuchadnezzar dreams to show him what will happen later. This was your dream, and this is what you saw while lying on your bed. <sup>29</sup> King, as you were lying there on your bed, you began thinking about what might happen in the future. God can tell people about secret things—he has shown you what will happen in the future. <sup>30</sup> God also told this secret to me, not because I have greater wisdom than other men, but so you, king, may know what it means. In that way you will understand what went through your mind. <sup>31</sup> " King, in your dream you saw a large statue in front of you that was very large and shiny. It was very impressive. <sup>32</sup> The head of the statue was made from pure gold. Its chest and



arms |strong="H1872" were |strong="H1768" made from |strong="H1768" silver |strong="H3702". The |strong="H1768" belly |strong="H4577" and |strong="H3702" upper part of |strong="H7217" the |strong="H1768" legs were |strong="H1768" made from |strong="H1768" bronze |strong="H5174".<sup>33</sup> The |strong="H1768" lower part |strong="H4481" of |strong="H4481" the |strong="H1768" legs |strong="H8243" was |strong="H1768" made from |strong="H4481" iron |strong="H6523". Its |strong="H4481" feet |strong="H7271" were |strong="H1768" made partly |strong="H4481" of |strong="H4481" iron |strong="H6523" and |strong="H6523" partly |strong="H4481" of |strong="H4481" clay |strong="H2635".<sup>34</sup> While |strong="H5705" you |strong="H1768" were |strong="H1934" looking |strong="H2370" at the |strong="H5922" statue |strong="H6755", you |strong="H1768" saw |strong="H2370" a |strong="H2370" rock that |strong="H1768" was |strong="H1934" cut |strong="H1505" loose, but |strong="H1768" not |strong="H3809" by human hands |strong="H3028". Then |strong="H1768" the |strong="H5922" rock hit the |strong="H5922" statue |strong="H6755" on |strong="H5922" its feet |strong="H7271" of |strong="H5922" iron |strong="H6523" and |strong="H6523" clay |strong="H2635" and |strong="H6523" smashed them |strong="H1994".<sup>35</sup> Then |strong="H0116" the |strong="H3606" iron |strong="H6523", the |strong="H3606" clay |strong="H2635", the |strong="H3606" bronze |strong="H5174", the |strong="H3606" silver |strong="H3702", and |strong="H1855" the |strong="H3606" gold |strong="H1722" broke to |strong="H4481" pieces all |strong="H3606" at the |strong="H3606" same |strong="H2298" time |strong="H0116". And |strong="H1855" all |strong="H3606" the |strong="H3606" pieces became |strong="H1934" like chaff |strong="H5784" on a |strong="H7912" threshing |strong="H0147" floor in |strong="H7229" the |strong="H3606" summertime. The |strong="H3606" wind |strong="H7308" blew them |strong="H1994" away, and |strong="H1855" there |strong="H1768" was |strong="H1934" nothing |strong="H3809" left. No |strong="H3809" one |strong="H2298" could |strong="H1768" tell that |strong="H1768" a |strong="H7912" statue |strong="H6755" had |strong="H1768" ever been there |strong="H1768". Then |strong="H0116" the |strong="H3606" rock that |strong="H1768" hit the |strong="H3606" statue |strong="H6755" became |strong="H1934" a |strong="H7912" very large |strong="H7229" mountain |strong="H2906" and |strong="H1855" filled |strong="H4391" up |strong="H5376" the |strong="H3606" whole |strong="H3606" earth |strong="H0772".

<sup>36</sup> " That |strong="H4430" was |strong="H4430" your dream |strong="H2493". Now |strong="H4430" we will |strong="H4430" tell |strong="H0560" the |strong="H6925" king |strong="H4430" what it means.<sup>37</sup> King |strong="H4430", you |strong="H0607" are |strong="H1768" the |strong="H1768" most important king |strong="H4430". The |strong="H1768" God |strong="H0426" of |strong="H0426" heaven |strong="H8065" has |strong="H0426" given |strong="H3052" you |strong="H0607" a kingdom |strong="H4437", power |strong="H2632", strength |strong="H2632", and |strong="H4430" glory |strong="H3367".<sup>38</sup> He |strong="H1768" has |strong="H1768" given |strong="H3052" you |strong="H0607" control, and |strong="H0606" you |strong="H0607" rule |strong="H7981" over |strong="H7981" people and |strong="H0606" the |strong="H3606" wild |strong="H1251" animals |strong="H2423" and |strong="H0606" the |strong="H3606" birds |strong="H5776". Wherever |strong="H1768" they |strong="H1768" live |strong="H1753", God has |strong="H1768" made |strong="H7981" you |strong="H0607" ruler |strong="H7981" over |strong="H7981" them all |strong="H3606". King Nebuchadnezzar, you |strong="H0607" are |strong="H1768" that |strong="H1768" head |strong="H7217" of |strong="H1123" gold |strong="H1722" on |strong="H0606" the |strong="H3606" statue.

<sup>39</sup> " Another |strong="H0317" kingdom |strong="H4437" will |strong="H1768" come after |strong="H0870" you |strong="H1768", but |strong="H1768" it will |strong="H1768" not be as |strong="H1768" great as |strong="H1768" your kingdom |strong="H4437". Next, a |strong="H6966" third |strong="H8523" kingdom |strong="H4437" will |strong="H1768" rule |strong="H7981" over |strong="H7981" the |strong="H3606" earth |strong="H0772"— that |strong="H1768" is |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" bronze |strong="H5174" part |strong="H4481".<sup>40</sup> Then |strong="H6903" there |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" be |strong="H1934" a |strong="H1934" fourth |strong="H7244" kingdom |strong="H4437". That |strong="H1768" kingdom |strong="H4437" will |strong="H1768" be |strong="H1934" strong |strong="H8624" like iron |strong="H6523". Just |strong="H6903" as |strong="H1768" iron |strong="H6523" breaks |strong="H7490" things |strong="H3606" and |strong="H6523" smashes them to pieces |strong="H7490", that |strong="H1768" fourth |strong="H7244" kingdom |strong="H4437" will |strong="H1768" break |strong="H7490" all |strong="H3606" the |strong="H3606" other kingdoms |strong="H4437" and |strong="H6523" smash them to pieces |strong="H7490".

41 " You *strong*="H1768" saw *strong*="H2370" that *strong*="H1768" the *strong*="H3606" feet *strong*="H7271" and *strong*="H6523" toes *strong*="H0677" of *strong*="H4481" the *strong*="H3606" statue were *strong*="H1934" partly *strong*="H4481" clay *strong*="H2635" and *strong*="H6523" partly *strong*="H4481" iron *strong*="H6523". That *strong*="H1768" means the *strong*="H3606" fourth kingdom *strong*="H4437" will *strong*="H1768" be *strong*="H1934" a *strong*="H2370" divided *strong*="H6386" kingdom *strong*="H4437". It will *strong*="H1768" have *strong*="H1934" some *strong*="H4481" of *strong*="H4481" the *strong*="H3606" strength in *strong*="H4437" it just *strong*="H6903" as *strong*="H1768" you *strong*="H1768" saw *strong*="H2370" the *strong*="H3606" iron *strong*="H6523" mixed *strong*="H6151" with *strong*="H6151" clay *strong*="H2635". 42 The toes *strong*="H0677" of *strong*="H4481" the statue were *strong*="H1934" partly *strong*="H4481" iron *strong*="H6523" and *strong*="H6523" partly *strong*="H4481" clay *strong*="H2635". So *strong*="H4481" the fourth kingdom *strong*="H4437" will be *strong*="H1934" partly *strong*="H4481" strong *strong*="H8624" like iron *strong*="H6523" and *strong*="H6523" partly *strong*="H4481" weak like clay *strong*="H2635". 43 You *strong*="H1768" saw *strong*="H2370" the *strong*="H1768" iron *strong*="H6523" mixed *strong*="H6151" with *strong*="H5974" clay *strong*="H2635", but *strong*="H1768" iron *strong*="H6523" and *strong*="H6523" clay *strong*="H2635" don't completely mix *strong*="H6151" together. In *strong*="H1768" the *strong*="H1768" same way the *strong*="H1768" people of *strong*="H1768" the *strong*="H1768" fourth kingdom will *strong*="H1768" be *strong*="H1934" a *strong*="H2370" mixture. They *strong*="H1768" will *strong*="H1768" not *strong*="H3809" be *strong*="H1934" united as *strong*="H1768" one *strong*="H1836" people.

44 "During the *strong*="H3606" time of *strong*="H0426" the *strong*="H3606" kings *strong*="H4430" of *strong*="H0426" the *strong*="H3606" fourth kingdom *strong*="H4437", the *strong*="H3606" God *strong*="H0426" of *strong*="H0426" heaven *strong*="H8065" will *strong*="H1768" set *strong*="H6966" up another *strong*="H0321" kingdom *strong*="H4437" that *strong*="H1768" will *strong*="H1768" continue forever *strong*="H5957". It will *strong*="H1768" never be *strong*="H0426" destroyed *strong*="H2255". And *strong*="H4430" it will *strong*="H1768" be *strong*="H0426" the *strong*="H3606" kind of *strong*="H0426" kingdom *strong*="H4437" that *strong*="H1768" cannot *strong*="H3809"

be *strong*="H0426" passed on to *strong*="H5487" another *strong*="H0321" group of *strong*="H0426" people *strong*="H5972". This *strong*="H1932" kingdom *strong*="H4437" will *strong*="H1768" crush *strong*="H1855" all *strong*="H3606" the *strong*="H3606" other *strong*="H0321" kingdoms *strong*="H4437". It will *strong*="H1768" bring them to *strong*="H5487" an *strong*="H5487" end *strong*="H5487", but *strong*="H1768" that *strong*="H1768" kingdom *strong*="H4437" itself *strong*="H1932" will *strong*="H1768" continue forever *strong*="H5957".

45 " King *strong*="H4430" Nebuchadnezzar *strong*="H4430", you *strong*="H1768" saw *strong*="H2370" a *strong*="H2370" rock cut *strong*="H1505" from *strong*="H1768" a *strong*="H2370" mountain *strong*="H2906", but *strong*="H1768" no *strong*="H3809" one *strong*="H1836" cut *strong*="H1505" that *strong*="H1768" rock. The *strong*="H3606" rock broke the *strong*="H3606" iron *strong*="H6523", the *strong*="H3606" bronze *strong*="H5174", the *strong*="H3606" clay *strong*="H2635", the *strong*="H3606" silver *strong*="H3702", and *strong*="H4430" the *strong*="H3606" gold *strong*="H1722" to *strong*="H3046" pieces. In *strong*="H0426" this *strong*="H1836" way God *strong*="H0426" showed you *strong*="H1768" what *strong*="H4101" will *strong*="H4101" happen in *strong*="H0426" the *strong*="H3606" future *strong*="H0311". The *strong*="H3606" dream *strong*="H2493" is *strong*="H1768" true, and *strong*="H4430" you *strong*="H1768" can *strong*="H1768" trust that *strong*="H1768" this *strong*="H1836" is *strong*="H1768" what *strong*="H4101" it means."

46 Then *strong*="H0116" King *strong*="H4430" Nebuchadnezzar *strong*="H5020" bowed down *strong*="H5308" in *strong*="H5922" front of *strong*="H4430" Daniel *strong*="H1841" to *strong*="H5922" honor him. The *strong*="H0116" king *strong*="H4430" praised him. He *strong*="H0116" gave *strong*="H0560" an order that *strong*="H0116" an offering *strong*="H4504" and *strong*="H4430" incense *strong*="H5208" be given *strong*="H0560" to *strong*="H5922" honor Daniel *strong*="H1841". 47 Then *strong*="H4430" the *strong*="H1768" king *strong*="H4430" said *strong*="H0560" to *strong*="H0560" Daniel *strong*="H1841", " I *strong*="H4481" know for *strong*="H1768" sure your God *strong*="H0426" is *strong*="H1768" the *strong*="H1768" God *strong*="H0426" over all gods *strong*="H0426" and *strong*="H6032" the *strong*="H1768" Lord *strong*="H4756" over all kings *strong*="H4430". He *strong*="H1768" tells people about *strong*="H7328" things they *strong*="H1768" cannot know. I *strong*="H4481" know

this is true because you were able to tell these secret things to me."

<sup>48</sup> Then the king Daniel a very important job in his kingdom and gave him many expensive gifts. Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel over the whole of Babylon and put him in charge of all wise men of Babylon. <sup>49</sup> Daniel asked the king to make Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego important officials over the province of Babylon. The king did as Daniel asked. Daniel himself became one of the important officials who was always near the king.

#### The Idol of Gold and the Hot Furnace

<sup>3</sup> King Nebuchadnezzar had a gold idol made that was 60 cubits high and 6 cubits wide. Then he set the idol up on a plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup> Then he called the satraps, prefects, governors, advisors, treasurers,

I 60 CUBITS About 87' 4" (27 m) using the short cubit. II 6 CUBITS About 8' 9" (2.7 m) using the short cubit.

judges, rulers, and all the other officials in his kingdom to come together. He wanted all of them to come to the dedication ceremony for the idol.

<sup>3</sup> So all the men came and stood in front of the idol that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>4</sup> Then the man who makes announcements for the king spoke in a loud voice, "All you people from many nations and language groups, listen to me. This is what you are commanded to do: <sup>5</sup> You must bow down as you hear the sound of the musical instruments. When you hear the horns, flutes, lyres, sambucas, harps, bagpipes, and all other musical instruments, you must worship the gold idol.

King Nebuchadnezzar has set this idol up. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not bow down and worship this gold idol will immediately be thrown into a very hot furnace."

<sup>7</sup> So as they heard the sound of the horns, flutes,

III SAMBUCA A musical instrument, possibly a seven stringed instrument like a harp. The name in Hebrew comes from some other language, possibly Greek. IV BAGPIPES A musical instrument with a bag and several horns or pipes. The name in Hebrew comes from some other language, possibly from the Greek word "symphony."

lyres, sambucas, bagpipes, and *all* the other musical instruments, they bowed down and worshiped the gold idol. *All* the peoples, nations, and different language groups there worshiped the gold idol that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

<sup>8</sup> Then some of the Chaldeans came up to the king and began speaking against the people from Judah. <sup>9</sup> They said, "King, may you live forever!" <sup>10</sup> King, you gave a command. You said that everyone who hears the sound of the horns, flutes, lyres, sambucas, harps, bagpipes, and *all* the other musical instruments must bow down and worship the gold idol. <sup>11</sup> And you also said that whoever bows down and worships the gold idol will be thrown into a very hot furnace.

<sup>12</sup> There are some Judeans who you made important officials in the province of Babylon that ignored your order, King. Their names are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They don't worship your gods, and they didn't bow down to worship the gold idol you set up."

<sup>13</sup> Nebuchadnezzar became very angry. He called for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. So they were brought to him. <sup>14</sup> And Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, is it true that you don't worship my gods? And is it true that you didn't bow down and worship the gold idol I have set up?" <sup>15</sup> Now when you hear the sound of the horns, flutes, lyres, sambucas, harps, bagpipes, and *all* the other musical instruments, you must bow down and worship the gold idol. If you are ready to worship the idol I made, that is good. But if you don't worship it, you will be thrown very quickly into the hot furnace. Then no god will be able to save you from my power!"

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "Nebuchadnezzar, we don't need to explain these things to you." <sup>17</sup> If you throw us into the hot furnace, the God

we |strong="H0586" serve |strong="H6399" can |strong="H1768" save us. And |strong="H4430" if |strong="H2006" he |strong="H1768" wants to |strong="H3202", he |strong="H1768" can |strong="H1768" save us from |strong="H4481" your |strong="H6399" power |strong="H3028".<sup>18</sup> But |strong="H1768" even |strong="H1768" if |strong="H2006" God |strong="H0426" does |strong="H1934" not |strong="H3809" save us, we |strong="H1768" want you |strong="H1768" to |strong="H3046" know |strong="H3046", King |strong="H4430", that |strong="H1768" we |strong="H1768" refuse to |strong="H3046" serve |strong="H6399" your |strong="H6399" gods |strong="H0426". We |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" not |strong="H3809" worship |strong="H5457" the |strong="H1768" gold |strong="H1722" idol you |strong="H1768" have |strong="H0383" set |strong="H6966" up."

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="H0116" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5020" became very angry with |strong="H5922" Shadrach |strong="H7715", Meshach |strong="H4336", and |strong="H4336" Abednego. He |strong="H1768" gave |strong="H0560" an |strong="H2370" order for |strong="H1768" the |strong="H0116" oven to |strong="H5922" be heated |strong="H0228" seven |strong="H7655" times |strong="H2298" hotter |strong="H5922" than |strong="H1768" it |strong="H5922" usually |strong="H2370" was |strong="H5020".<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="H1768" he |strong="H1768" commanded |strong="H0560" some of |strong="H0861" the |strong="H1768" strongest soldiers |strong="H2429" in |strong="H1768" his |strong="H1768" army |strong="H2429" to |strong="H0560" tie |strong="H3729" up |strong="H3729" Shadrach |strong="H7715", Meshach |strong="H4336", and |strong="H4336" Abednego. He |strong="H1768" told |strong="H0560" the |strong="H1768" soldiers |strong="H2429" to |strong="H0560" throw them |strong="H0560" into |strong="H7412" the |strong="H1768" hot furnace |strong="H0861".

<sup>21</sup> So |strong="H0116" Shadrach, Meshach, and |strong="H0116" Abednego were |strong="H1400" tied |strong="H3729" up |strong="H3729" and |strong="H0116" thrown into |strong="H1459" the |strong="H0116" hot furnace |strong="H0861". They |strong="H0116" were |strong="H1400" wearing their robes, pants, cloth caps |strong="H3737", and |strong="H0116" other clothes |strong="H3831".

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H3606" king |strong="H4430" was |strong="H4430" very angry when |strong="H1768" he |strong="H1768" gave the |strong="H3606" command |strong="H4406", so |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" soldiers quickly made |strong="H0228" the |strong="H3606" furnace |strong="H0861" very hot |strong="H0228".

The |strong="H3606" fire |strong="H5135" was |strong="H4430" so |strong="H1768" hot |strong="H0228" that |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" flames |strong="H7631" killed |strong="H6992" the |strong="H3606" strong soldiers. They |strong="H1768" were |strong="H1400" killed |strong="H6992" when |strong="H1768" they |strong="H1768" went close to |strong="H4481" the |strong="H3606" fire |strong="H5135" to |strong="H4481" throw in |strong="H1768" Shadrach |strong="H7715", Meshach |strong="H4336", and |strong="H4336" Abednego.<sup>23</sup> Shadrach |strong="H7715", Meshach |strong="H4336", and |strong="H4336" Abednego fell |strong="H5308" into |strong="H1459" the fire |strong="H5135". They were |strong="H1400" tied |strong="H3729" up |strong="H3729" very tightly.

<sup>24</sup> Then |strong="H0116" King |strong="H4430" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5020" jumped to |strong="H0560" his |strong="H5020" feet. He |strong="H0116" was |strong="H4430" very surprised and |strong="H6032" he |strong="H0116" asked |strong="H0560" his |strong="H5020" advisors, "We |strong="H0116" tied |strong="H3729" only three |strong="H8532" men |strong="H1400", and |strong="H6032" we |strong="H0116" threw only three |strong="H8532" men |strong="H1400" into |strong="H1459" the |strong="H0116" fire |strong="H5135". Is |strong="H0560" that |strong="H4430" right?"

His |strong="H5020" advisors said |strong="H0560", "Yes, King |strong="H4430"."

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="H1768" king said |strong="H0560", "Look |strong="H1888"! I |strong="H0576" see |strong="H2370" four |strong="H0703" men |strong="H1400" walking |strong="H1981" around in |strong="H0426" the |strong="H1768" fire |strong="H5135". They |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" not |strong="H3809" tied up and |strong="H6032" they |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" not |strong="H3809" burned. The |strong="H1768" fourth |strong="H7244" man |strong="H1400" looks like |strong="H1821" an |strong="H2370" angel."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H0116" Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5020" went |strong="H0858" to |strong="H0560" the |strong="H0116" opening of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H0116" hot furnace |strong="H0861". He |strong="H1768" shouted, "Shadrach |strong="H7715", Meshach |strong="H4336", and |strong="H4336" Abednego, come |strong="H0858" out! Servants |strong="H5649" of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H0116" Most |strong="H5943" High |strong="H5943" God |strong="H0426", come |strong="H0858" here |strong="H5312"!"

I ANGEL Literally, "son of the god."

So **Shadrach**, **Meshach**, and **Abednego** came out of the fire. When they came out, the satraps, prefects, governors, and royal advisors crowded around them. They could see that the fire had not burned Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Their bodies were not burned at all. Their hair was not burned, and their robes were not even smell as if they had been near fire.

Then **Nebuchadnezzar** said, "Praise the God of **Shadrach**, **Meshach**, and **Abednego**. Their God has sent his angel and saved his servants from the fire! These three men trusted God and refused to obey my command. They were willing to die instead of serving or worshiping any other god." So I now make this law: Anyone from any nation or language group who says anything against the God of **Shadrach**, **Meshach**, and **Abednego** will be cut into pieces, and their house will

be destroyed until it is a pile of dirt and ashes. No other god can save his people like this." Then the king gave **Shadrach**, **Meshach**, and **Abednego** more important jobs in the province of **Babylon**.

#### Nebuchadnezzar's Dream About a Tree

4 King **Nebuchadnezzar** sent this letter to the many nations and language groups living around the world.

Greetings:

2 I am very happy to tell you about the miracles and wonderful things that the Most High God did for me.

3 God has done amazing miracles! He has done powerful miracles!

His kingdom continues forever; his rule will continue for all generations.

4 I, **Nebuchadnezzar**, was at my palace. I was happy and successful. I had a dream that I was afraid. I was lying on my bed, and I saw pictures and visions in my mind. These things made me very afraid.

6 So I gave an order that all the wise men of **Babylon** be brought to me to tell me what my dream meant.

7 When the men of magic and the **Chaldeans** came, I told them about the dream, but they could not tell me what it

meant. <sup>8</sup> Finally, Daniel came to me. (I gave Daniel the name, Belteshazzar, to honor my god. The spirit of the holy gods is in him.) I told him about my dream. <sup>9</sup> I said, "Belteshazzar, you are the most important of all the men of magic. I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you. I know there is no secret that is too hard for you to understand. This is what I dreamed. Tell me what it means." <sup>10</sup> These are the visions I saw while I was lying in my bed: "I looked, and there in front of me was a tree standing in the middle of the earth. The tree was very tall. <sup>11</sup> The tree grew large and strong. The top of the tree touched the sky. <sup>1</sup> It could be seen from anywhere on earth. <sup>12</sup> The leaves of the tree were beautiful. It had much good fruit on it. And on the tree was plenty of food for everyone. The wild animals found shelter under the tree, and the birds lived in its branches. Every animal ate from the tree. <sup>13</sup> " I was looking at those things in the vision while lying on my bed. And then I saw a holy angel coming down from heaven. <sup>14</sup> He spoke very loud and said, 'Cut down

the tree, and cut off its branches. Strip off its leaves. Scatter its fruit around. The animals that are under the tree will run away. The birds that are in the tree will fly away. <sup>15</sup> But let the stump and roots stay in the ground. Put a band of iron and bronze around it. The roots will stay in the field with the grass all around it. It will live among the wild animals and plants in the fields. It will become wet with dew. <sup>16</sup> He not think like a man any longer. He will have the mind of an animal. Seven seasons will pass while he is like this.'

<sup>17</sup> "Holy angels announced this punishment so that all the people on earth may know that God Most High rules over human kingdoms. God gives those kingdoms to whoever he wants, and he chooses humble people to rule them.

<sup>18</sup> "That is what I, King Nebuchadnezzar, dreamed. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means. None of the wise men in my kingdom can tell me what that dream means. But Belteshazzar, you can interpret the dream because the spirit of the holy gods is in you." <sup>19</sup> Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) became very quiet for a while. What

I MIDDLE OF THE EARTH ... SKY The Babylonians thought the earth was flat and round like a plate or a wheel. And they thought the sky was like a glass bowl turned upside down on the earth.

II BELTESHAZZAR Another name for Daniel.

he *was* thinking bothered him. So *the king* said, "Belteshazzar, don't let *the dream* or *its meaning* make you *afraid*."

Then *Belteshazzar* answered *the king*, "My *lord*, I *wish* *the dream* were *about your enemies*, and *I wish* *I wish* *the dream* were *about those* *against you*".<sup>20</sup> You saw a tree in your dream. The tree grew large and strong. Its top touched the sky, and it could be seen from all over the earth. Its leaves were beautiful, and it had plenty of fruit. The fruit gave plenty of food for everyone. It was a home for the wild animals, and its branches were nesting places for the birds. You saw that tree.<sup>22</sup> King, you *are* *that tree!* You *have* become great and *powerful*. You *are* *like* *the tall tree* that *touched the sky*— *your power* reaches to *the far* parts of *the earth*.

<sup>23</sup> "King, you *saw* a holy angel coming down from *heaven*". He *said*, 'Cut *the tree* down and *destroy* it. Put a band of *iron* and *bronze* around *the stump* and *leave* *the stump* and *its roots* in *the ground*. Leave *the grass* in *the field*. It will *become* wet with dew.

He *will* live like a wild animal. Seven seasons will *pass* while he *is* like this.'

<sup>24</sup> " King *this is* *the meaning of* *the dream*. God Most High *has* *commanded* these things to *happen* to *my lord* *the king*:<sup>25</sup> King *Nebuchadnezzar*, you *will* be forced to *go*

away from people. You *will* live among *the wild animals*. You *will* eat grass like cattle, and *you* *will* become wet with *dew*. Seven seasons will *pass*, and *then* *you* *will* learn this lesson. You *will* learn God Most High rules over *human kingdoms* and *gives* them to *whoever he* wants.

<sup>26</sup> " *The command* to *leave the stump of* *the tree* and *its roots* in *the ground* means this: Your *kingdom* will *be* given back to *you*. This will *happen* when *you* learn that *Most High God* rules your *kingdom*.<sup>27</sup> So *King*, please accept *my* advice. Stop sinning and *do what* *is* right. Stop doing bad things and *be kind* to *poor* people. Then *you* might continue to *be* successful."

<sup>28</sup> All these things *happened* to *King Nebuchadnezzar*.<sup>29</sup> Twelve months after the dream, King Nebuchadnezzar was walking on the roof <sup>1</sup> of his palace in Babylon. While on the roof, the king said, "Look at Babylon! I built this great city. It is my palace. I built this great place by my power. I built this place to show how great I am."

<sup>31</sup> *The words* were *still in* *his* *mouth* when *a voice* came from *heaven*. *The voice* said, "King *Nebuchadnezzar*, these things will *happen* to *you*: Your *power* as *king* *has* been taken away from *you*.<sup>32</sup> You *will* be forced to *go* away from *people*. You *will*

<sup>1</sup> ROOF In ancient Israel, houses had flat roofs that were used as an extra room.



live *with* wild animals and eat grass like an ox. Seven seasons will pass before you learn your lesson. Then you will learn that God Most High rules over human kingdoms and gives them to whoever he wants."

<sup>33</sup> These things happened immediately. Nebuchadnezzar was forced to go away from people. He began eating grass like an ox. He became wet from dew. His hair grew long like the feathers of an eagle, and his nails grew long like the claws of a bird.

<sup>34</sup> Then at the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up toward heaven, and I was in my right mind again. Then I gave praise to God Most High. I gave honor and glory to him who lives forever.

God rules forever!  
His kingdom continues for all generations.

<sup>35</sup> People on earth are not really important. God does what he wants with the powers of heaven and the people on earth. No one can stop his powerful hand or question what he does.

<sup>36</sup> At that time God gave me my right mind again, and he gave back my great honor and power as king. My advisors and the royal people began to ask my advice again. I became the king again—even greater and more powerful than before. <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, give praise, honor, and glory to the King of Heaven. Everything he does is right. He is always fair, and he is able to make proud people humble!

### The Writing on the Wall

**5** King Belshazzar gave a big party for 1000 of his officials. The king

was drinking wine with them. <sup>2</sup> As Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he ordered his servants to bring the gold and silver cups. His grandfather<sup>1</sup> Nebuchadnezzar had taken these cups from the Temple in Jerusalem. King Belshazzar wanted his royal people, his wives, and his slave women to drink from those cups. <sup>3</sup> So they brought the gold cups that had been taken from the Temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his officials, his wives, and his women slaves drank from them. <sup>4</sup> As they were drinking, they gave praise to their idol gods, which were only statues made from gold, silver, iron, wood, and stone.

<sup>5</sup> Suddenly, a person's hand appeared and began writing on the wall. The fingers scratched words into the plaster on the wall, near the lampstand in the king's palace. The king was watching

<sup>1</sup> GRANDFATHER Or "father." It is uncertain that Belshazzar was really Nebuchadnezzar's grandson. Here, the word "father" might only mean "the previous king." Also in verses 11, 18.

the *hand* as *it* wrote

<sup>6</sup> King Belshazzar was very afraid. His face became white from fear, and his knees were shaking and knocking together. He could not stand up because his legs were too weak. <sup>7</sup>

The king called for the men of magic and the Chaldeans to be brought to him. He said to these wise men, "I will give a reward to anyone who can read this and explain to me it means. I will give him purple robes <sup>1</sup> to wear and will put a gold chain around his neck. I will make him the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

<sup>8</sup> So all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or understand what it meant. <sup>9</sup> King Belshazzar's officials were confused, and the king became even more afraid and worried. His face was white from fear.

<sup>1</sup> PURPLE ROBES These clothes showed that a person was rich and powerful, like a king. Also in verses 16, 29.

<sup>10</sup> Then the mother came into the party where she had heard the voices of the king and his royal officials. She said, "King, may you live forever! Don't be afraid! Don't let your face be so white with fear!" <sup>11</sup> There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the days of your father, this man showed that he could understand secrets. He showed that he was very smart and very wise. He showed that he was like the gods in these things. Your grandfather, King Nebuchadnezzar, put this man in charge of all the wise men. He ruled over all the men of magic and the Chaldeans. <sup>12</sup> The man I am talking about is named Daniel. The king gave him the name Belteshazzar. He is very smart and he knows many things. He could interpret dreams, explain secrets, and find the answer to very hard problems. Call

for |strong="H1768" Daniel|strong="H1841", he |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" tell you |strong="H1768" what |strong="H1768" the |strong="H3606" writing on the |strong="H3606" wall means."

<sup>13</sup> So |strong="H0116" they |strong="H0116" brought |strong="H0858" Daniel |strong="H1841" to |strong="H0560" the |strong="H0116" king |strong="H4430" and |strong="H6032" he |strong="H1768" asked |strong="H0560", " Is |strong="H1768" your name Daniel |strong="H1841", one of |strong="H4481" the |strong="H0116" captives my |strong="H1768" father |strong="H0002" the |strong="H0116" king |strong="H4430" brought |strong="H0858" here from |strong="H4481" Judah |strong="H3061"? <sup>14</sup> I |strong="H1768" have heard |strong="H8086" that |strong="H1768" the |strong="H5922" spirit |strong="H7308" of |strong="H0426" the |strong="H5922" gods |strong="H0426" is |strong="H1768" in |strong="H0426" you |strong="H1768" and |strong="H7924" that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" understand secrets and |strong="H7924" are |strong="H1768" very smart and |strong="H7924" very wise. <sup>15</sup> The |strong="H1768" wise |strong="H2445" men |strong="H2445" and |strong="H3792" the |strong="H1768" men |strong="H2445" of |strong="H2445" magic were |strong="H1768" brought |strong="H5954" to |strong="H6925" me |strong="H6925" to |strong="H6925" read |strong="H7123" this |strong="H1836" writing |strong="H3792" on the |strong="H1768" wall. I |strong="H1768" wanted them to |strong="H6925" explain to |strong="H6925" me |strong="H6925" what |strong="H1768" it means, but |strong="H1768" they |strong="H1768" could |strong="H3546" not |strong="H3809" explain it. <sup>16</sup> I |strong="H0576" have |strong="H0576" heard |strong="H8086" that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" are |strong="H1768" able |strong="H3202" to |strong="H5922" explain what |strong="H1768" things mean, and |strong="H1722" that |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" can |strong="H1768" find the |strong="H5922" answer to |strong="H5922" very hard problems |strong="H7001". If |strong="H2006" you |strong="H1768" can |strong="H1768" read |strong="H7123" this |strong="H8086" writing |strong="H3792" on |strong="H5922" the |strong="H5922" wall and |strong="H1722" explain to |strong="H5922" me what |strong="H1768" it |strong="H2006" means, this |strong="H8086" is |strong="H1768" what |strong="H1768" I |strong="H0576" will |strong="H1768" do for |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768": I |strong="H0576" will |strong="H1768" give |strong="H6590" you |strong="H1768" pur-

ple |strong="H0711" robes to |strong="H5922" wear and |strong="H1722" will |strong="H1768" put a gold |strong="H1722" chain around |strong="H5922" your |strong="H5922" neck |strong="H6676". Then |strong="H1768" you |strong="H1768" will |strong="H1768" become the |strong="H5922" third |strong="H8531" highest ruler |strong="H7981" in |strong="H5922" the |strong="H5922" kingdom |strong="H4437"."

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="H0116" Daniel |strong="H1841" answered |strong="H6032" the |strong="H0116" king |strong="H4430", " King |strong="H4430" Belshazzar, you can |strong="H1934" keep your |strong="H3052" gifts |strong="H4978" for |strong="H0560" yourself, or |strong="H4430" you can |strong="H1934" give |strong="H3052" them |strong="H0560" to |strong="H0560" someone |strong="H0321" else |strong="H0321". But |strong="H1297" I |strong="H0116" will |strong="H4430" still read |strong="H7123" the |strong="H0116" writing |strong="H3792" on the |strong="H0116" wall for |strong="H0560" you and |strong="H6032" explain what it means.

<sup>18</sup> " King |strong="H4430", God |strong="H0426" Most |strong="H5943" High |strong="H5943" made your |strong="H3052" grandfather Nebuchadnezzar |strong="H5020" a very great and |strong="H4430" powerful king |strong="H4430" and |strong="H4430" gave |strong="H3052" him |strong="H3052" great wealth. <sup>19</sup> People |strong="H5972" from |strong="H4481" many nations |strong="H0524" and |strong="H0524" language |strong="H3961" groups were |strong="H1934" very afraid of |strong="H4481" Nebuchadnezzar because |strong="H4481" God made |strong="H1763" him |strong="H3052" a |strong="H1934" very powerful king. Nebuchadnezzar killed |strong="H6992" whoever he |strong="H1768" wanted and |strong="H0524" let those |strong="H1768" who |strong="H1768" pleased him |strong="H3052" live |strong="H2418". If he |strong="H1768" wanted to |strong="H6925" make people |strong="H5972" important, he |strong="H1768" made |strong="H1763" them important. If he |strong="H1768" wanted to |strong="H6925" bring them down, he |strong="H1768" brought them down.

<sup>20</sup> " But |strong="H1768" Nebuchadnezzar became |strong="H8631" proud |strong="H8631" and |strong="H4437" stubborn, so |strong="H1768" his |strong="H1768" power was |strong="H3825" taken |strong="H5709" away |strong="H5709" from |strong="H4481" him |strong="H4481". He |strong="H1768" was |strong="H3825" taken |strong="H5709" off his |strong="H1768" royal |strong="H4437" throne |strong="H3764" and |strong="H4437" stripped of |strong="H4481" his |strong="H1768" glory |strong="H3367". <sup>21</sup> Then |strong="H1768" Nebuchadnezzar

was *forced to go away from* people. His *mind* became *like the* the *mind* of *an animal*. He *lived with* the *wild donkeys* and *ate grass* like *an ox*. He *became wet with dew*. These things happened to *him* until *he* learned his *lesson*. He *learned that* God *Most High* *rules over* *human* and *kingdoms*, and *he* gives them to *whoever* *he* wants.

<sup>22</sup> " But *Belshazzar*, you *already knew* this *these*. You *are* *Nebuchadnezzar's grandson*, <sup>I</sup> but *still* you *have not* made *yourself* *humble*. <sup>23</sup> No *these*, you *did not* become *humble*. Instead *you* have turned *against* the *Lord* of *heaven*. You *ordered* the *drinking* cups from *his* *Temple* to *be brought* to *you*. Then *you* and *your* *royal officials*, *your* *wives*, and *your* *slave women* drank *wine* from *those* cups. You *gave* *praise* to the *gods* of *silver* and *gold*, of *bronze*, *iron*, and *stone*. They *are*

<sup>I</sup> GRANDSON Or "son." This does not necessarily mean they were from the same family. It might only mean that Belshazzar was one of the kings of Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar was king.

not *really gods*; they *cannot* see *or* hear *or* understand *anything*. But *you* *did not* give *honor* to the *God* who *has* the *power* over *your* *life* and *everything* you *do*. <sup>24</sup> So *because* of *that* the *God* sent *his* *hand* that *wrote on the* wall. <sup>25</sup> These *are* the *words* that *were* written on the *wall*:

MENE *TEKEL*, UPARSIN .

<sup>26</sup> " This *is* what *these* words *mean*:

*Mene* *God* *counted* the *days* until *your* *kingdom* will *end*. <sup>27</sup> *Tekel*:

You *have been weighed* on the *scales* and *found* not good enough.

<sup>28</sup> *Uparsin*:

*Your* *kingdom* *is* being taken from you.

It will be divided among *the* *Medes* and *Persians*.

<sup>29</sup> Then *Belshazzar* gave *an order* for *Daniel* to *be* dressed in *purple* *clothes*. A *gold* chain was *put around* his *neck*, and *he* was *appointed* the *third* *highest ruler* in *the* *kingdom*. <sup>30</sup> That *very*

<sup>II</sup> MENE A weight, like the Hebrew word "mina." This is like the word "to count." <sup>III</sup> TEKEL A weight, like the Hebrew word "shekel." This word is like the word meaning "to weigh." <sup>IV</sup> UPARSIN Literally, "peres

same night|strong="H3916", Belshazzar|strong="H1113", king|strong="H4430" of|strong="H4430" the|strong="H1113" Babylonians, was|strong="H4430" killed|strong="H6992".<sup>31</sup> A man named Darius the Mede became the new king. Darius was about 62 years old.

### Daniel and the Lions

**6** Darius|strong="H1868" thought it would be a good idea to|strong="H1868" choose 120 satraps to|strong="H1868" rule throughout his kingdom|strong="H4437".<sup>2</sup> He|strong="H1768" chose three men to|strong="H5922" rule over|strong="H5922" the|strong="H3606" 120 satraps|strong="H0324". Daniel was|strong="H1934" one of|strong="H4437" the|strong="H3606" three supervisors. The|strong="H3606" king put these men in|strong="H4437" this position to|strong="H5922" keep anyone|strong="H3606" from|strong="H1768" cheating him|strong="H6966".<sup>3</sup> Daniel|strong="H1841" proved himself to|strong="H4481" be|strong="H1934" a|strong="H2298" better supervisor than|strong="H4481" any of|strong="H4481" the|strong="H1768" others. He|strong="H1768" did this by|strong="H4481" his|strong="H1768" good character and|strong="H4430" great ability. The|strong="H1768" king|strong="H4430" was|strong="H1934" so|strong="H1768" impressed with|strong="H1841" Daniel|strong="H1841" that|strong="H1768" he|strong="H1768" planned to|strong="H4481" make him|strong="H3052" ruler over|strong="H5924" the|strong="H1768" whole kingdom.<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H1768" when|strong="H1768" the|strong="H3606" other supervisors|strong="H5632" and|strong="H4430" the|strong="H3606" satraps|strong="H0324" heard about|strong="H5922" this|strong="H1836", they|strong="H0116" were|strong="H1934" very jealous. They|strong="H0116" tried to|strong="H5922" find reasons to|strong="H5922" accuse Daniel|strong="H1841". So|strong="H0116" they|strong="H0116" watched what|strong="H1768" Daniel|strong="H1841" did as|strong="H1768" he|strong="H1768" went about|strong="H5922" doing the|strong="H3606" business of|strong="H4437" the|strong="H3606" government|strong="H4437". But|strong="H1768" they|strong="H0116" could|strong="H1768" not find anything wrong with|strong="H5922" him|strong="H6966", so|strong="H0116" they|strong="H0116" could|strong="H1768" not accuse him|strong="H6966" of|strong="H4437" doing anything wrong. Daniel|strong="H1841" was|strong="H1934" a|strong="H0116" man people could|strong="H1768" trust. He|strong="H1768" did not cheat the|strong="H3606" king|strong="H4430",

and|strong="H4430" he|strong="H1768" worked very hard.

<sup>5</sup> Finally, they|strong="H0116" said, "We|strong="H0116" will|strong="H1768" never find|strong="H7912" any|strong="H3606" reason to|strong="H5922" accuse Daniel|strong="H1841" of|strong="H4437" doing something wrong. So|strong="H0116" we|strong="H0116" must find|strong="H7912" something to|strong="H5922" complain about|strong="H5922" that|strong="H1768" is|strong="H1768" connected to|strong="H5922" the|strong="H3606" law of|strong="H4437" his|strong="H5922" God."

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="H0116" the|strong="H3606" two supervisors and|strong="H1841" the|strong="H3606" satraps went as|strong="H1768" a|strong="H7912" group to|strong="H5922" the|strong="H3606" king. They|strong="H0116" said|strong="H0560", "King Darius, live forever!<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0116" supervisors|strong="H5632", prefects, satraps|strong="H0324", advisors, and|strong="H4430" governors have|strong="H4430" all|strong="H5957" agreed on|strong="H5922" something. We|strong="H0116" think that|strong="H0116" the|strong="H0116" king|strong="H4430" should|strong="H4430" make this law and|strong="H4430" that|strong="H0116" everyone must obey it|strong="H5922". For|strong="H5922" the|strong="H0116" next 30 days, whoever prays to|strong="H5922" any god or|strong="H4430" man except you|strong="H5922", King|strong="H4430", will|strong="H4430" be thrown into the|strong="H0116" lions' den.<sup>8</sup> Now|strong="H4430", King|strong="H4430", make the|strong="H3606" law and|strong="H4430" sign the|strong="H3606" paper it is|strong="H1768" written on|strong="H0606" so|strong="H1768" that|strong="H1768" it cannot be|strong="H0426" changed, because|strong="H4481" the|strong="H3606" laws of|strong="H0426" the|strong="H3606" Medes and|strong="H4430" Persians cannot be|strong="H0426" canceled or|strong="H0426" changed."<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H1768" King|strong="H4430" Darius made|strong="H6966" the|strong="H1768" law|strong="H1882" and|strong="H4430" signed|strong="H7560" it.

<sup>10</sup> Daniel always prayed to|strong="H4430" God three times every|strong="H3606" day. Three times every|strong="H3606" day, he bowed down on his|strong="H3606" knees to|strong="H4430" pray and|strong="H4430" praise God. Even though|strong="H6903" Daniel heard about the|strong="H3606" new law, he still went to|strong="H4430" his|strong="H3606" house to|strong="H4430" pray. He went up to|strong="H4430" the|strong="H3606" upper room of|strong="H4430" his|strong="H3606" house and|strong="H4430" opened the|strong="H3606"

windows that faced toward Jerusalem. Then Daniel bowed down on his knees and prayed just as he always had done.

<sup>11</sup> Then the supervisors and satraps went as he found Daniel praying and asking God for help. <sup>12</sup> So the king and the king's advisors talked to him about the law he had made. "King Darius, you signed a law that says, for the next 30 days anyone who prays to any god or man except you, the king, would be thrown into the lions' den. You did sign that law, didn't you?"

The king answered, "Yes, I signed that law, and the laws of the Medes and Persians cannot be canceled or changed."

<sup>13</sup> Then they said to the king, "That man Daniel is not paying any attention to you". He is one of the captives from Judah, and he is not paying attention to the law you signed. Daniel still prays to his God three times every day."

<sup>14</sup> The king became very sad and upset when he heard this. He decided to save Daniel. He worked until sunset trying

<sup>1</sup> CAPTIVES People taken away as prisoners. Here, it means the Jewish people who were taken to Babylon.

to think of a way to save him. <sup>15</sup> Then the men went as a group to the king and said to him, "Remember, King, that the law of the Medes and Persians says that no law or command signed by the king can be canceled or changed."

<sup>16</sup> So the King Darius gave the order. They brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May the God you serve save you!" <sup>17</sup> A big rock was brought and put over the opening of the lions' den. Then the king used his ring and put his seal on the rock. He also used the rings of his officials and put their seals on the rock. This showed that no one could move that rock and bring Daniel out of the lion's den. <sup>18</sup> Then the King Darius went back to his house. He did not eat that night. He did not want anyone to come and entertain him. He could not sleep all night.

<sup>19</sup> The next morning, King Darius got up just as it was getting light and ran to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup> He was very worried. When he got

to|strong="H4430" the|strong="H0116" lions'|strong="H0744" den|strong="H1358", he|strong="H1768" called to|strong="H4430" Daniel. He|strong="H1768" said, "Daniel, servant of|strong="H4430" the|strong="H0116" living God, has|strong="H1768" your God been able to|strong="H4430" save you|strong="H1768" from|strong="H1768" the|strong="H0116" lions|strong="H0744"? You|strong="H1768" always serve your God."

<sup>21</sup> Daniel|strong="H1841" answered|strong="H6032", " King|strong="H4430", live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel to|strong="H5974" save me. The|strong="H0116" angel closed the|strong="H0116" lions' mouths. The|strong="H0116" lions have|strong="H4430" not hurt me because my God knows I|strong="H0116" am innocent. I|strong="H0116" never did anything wrong to|strong="H5974" you, King|strong="H4430"."

<sup>23</sup> King|strong="H4430" Darius was|strong="H4430" very happy. He|strong="H1768" told his|strong="H7972" servants to|strong="H6925" lift Daniel out|strong="H5648" of|strong="H0426" the|strong="H3606" lions'|strong="H0744" den. And|strong="H4430" when|strong="H1768" Daniel was|strong="H4430" lifted out|strong="H5648" of|strong="H0426" the|strong="H3606" den, they|strong="H1768" did not|strong="H3809" find|strong="H7912" any|strong="H3606" injury on his|strong="H7972" body. The|strong="H3606" lions|strong="H0744" did not|strong="H3809" hurt Daniel because|strong="H6903" he|strong="H1768" trusted in|strong="H0426" his|strong="H7972" God|strong="H0426".

<sup>24</sup> Then|strong="H0116" the|strong="H3606" king|strong="H4430" gave|strong="H0560" a|strong="H7912" command|strong="H0560" to|strong="H5922" bring the|strong="H3606" men who|strong="H1768" had|strong="H4430" accused Daniel|strong="H1841" to|strong="H5922" the|strong="H3606" lions' den|strong="H1358". The|strong="H3606" men and|strong="H4430" their|strong="H3606" wives and|strong="H4430" children were|strong="H1768" thrown into the|strong="H3606" lion's den|strong="H1358". The|strong="H3606" lions grabbed them|strong="H0560" before they|strong="H0116" hit the|strong="H3606" floor. The|strong="H3606" lions ate their|strong="H3606" bodies and|strong="H4430" then|strong="H0116" chewed on|strong="H5922" their|strong="H3606" bones.

<sup>25</sup> Then|strong="H4430" King|strong="H4430" Darius wrote this letter to|strong="H0560" all|strong="H3606" the|strong="H3606" people|strong="H1400" from|strong="H1768" other nations and|strong="H4430" language groups all|strong="H3606" around the|strong="H3606" world:

Greetings:

<sup>26</sup> I|strong="H1768" am making a|strong="H0116" new law. This law is|strong="H1768" for|strong="H1768" people|strong="H5972" in|strong="H1753" every|strong="H3606" part of|strong="H4430" my|strong="H1768" kingdom. All|strong="H3606" of|strong="H4430" you|strong="H1768" must fear and|strong="H4430" respect the|strong="H3606" God of|strong="H4430" Daniel.

Daniel's God is|strong="H1768" the|strong="H3606" living|strong="H1753" God;

he|strong="H1768" lives forever.

His|strong="H3606" kingdom will|strong="H1768" never be destroyed.

His|strong="H3606" rule will|strong="H1768" never end.

<sup>27</sup> God|strong="H0426" helps and|strong="H4437" saves people.

He|strong="H1768" does|strong="H1934" amazing miracles in|strong="H0426" heaven and|strong="H4437" on|strong="H5705" earth.

He|strong="H1768" saved Daniel|strong="H1841" from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H3606" lions.

<sup>28</sup> So|strong="H1768" Daniel|strong="H1841" was|strong="H1841" successful during the|strong="H1768" time Darius was|strong="H1841" king and|strong="H8065" when|strong="H1768" Cyrus the|strong="H1768" Persian was|strong="H1841" king.

#### Daniel's Dream About Four Animals

**7** During the|strong="H0116" first|strong="H2298" year|strong="H8140" that|strong="H4430" Belshazzar|strong="H1113" was|strong="H1841" king|strong="H4430" of|strong="H4430" Babylon|strong="H0895", Daniel|strong="H1841" had|strong="H4430" a|strong="H2298" dream|strong="H2493". He|strong="H1841" saw|strong="H2370" these visions|strong="H2376" while he|strong="H1841" was|strong="H1841" lying on|strong="H5922" his|strong="H5922" bed|strong="H4903", and|strong="H4430" he|strong="H1841" wrote|strong="H3790" what|strong="H4406" he|strong="H1841" had|strong="H4430" dreamed. <sup>2</sup> Daniel|strong="H1841" said|strong="H0560", "I saw|strong="H2370" my vision|strong="H2376" at night|strong="H3916". In|strong="H1841" the|strong="H0560" vision|strong="H2376" the|strong="H0560" wind|strong="H7308" was|strong="H1934" blowing from all four|strong="H0703" directions. These winds|strong="H7308" made the|strong="H0560" sea|strong="H3221" rough. <sup>3</sup> I|strong="H4481" saw four|strong="H0703" big animals|strong="H2423"

and each one *was* *different* *from* *the* others. These *four* *animals* *came* *up* *out of* *the* *sea*.

<sup>4</sup> "The *first* *animal* looked like a *lion*, but *it* *had* *wings* like an *eagle*. As *I* *watched*, *its* *wings* *were* *torn* off. *It* *was* *helped* up from *the* *ground*, and *it* *stood* *up on* *two* *feet* like a *human*. Then *it* *was* *given* a *human* *mind*.

<sup>5</sup> "Then *I* *saw* another *animal* there *in* *front of* *me* that looked like a *bear*. *It* *was* *raised* *up on* *one* *of* *its* *sides*, and *it* *had* *three* *ribs* *in* *its* *mouth* *between* *its* *teeth*. *It* *was* *told*, 'Get up and *eat* all *the* *meat* *you* want!'

<sup>6</sup> "After *that* *I* *noticed* another *animal* *in* *front of* *me*. *It* *looked* like a *leopard*, but *it* *had* *four* *wings* *on* *its* *back*. This *animal* *had* *four* *heads*. *It* *was* *given* *authority* *to* *rule*.

<sup>7</sup> "After *that* *in* *my* *vision* *at* *night*, *I* *looked*, and *there* *in* *front*

*of* *me* *was* *a* *fourth* *animal*. It looked very cruel and *terrifying*. It looked very *strong*, with *large* *iron* *teeth*. This *animal* *crushed* and *ate* *its* *victims* and *walked* on *whatever* *was* *left of* *them*. This *animal* *was* *different* *from* *all* *the* *animals* *I* *saw* *before* *it*. This *animal* *had* *ten* *horns*.

<sup>8</sup> "While *I* *was* *looking* *at* *the* *horns* and *thinking* about them, another *horn* *grew* *up* *among* *them*. This *was* *a* *little* *horn* *with* *eyes* like a *human*. It also *had* *a* *mouth* *that* *was* *bragging*. Then *the* *little* *horn* *pulled* *out* *three* *of* *the* *other* *horns*.

#### Judgment of *the* *Fourth* *Animal*

<sup>9</sup> "As *I* *was* *looking* *at* *the* *thrones* *were* *put* *in* *their* *places*,

and *the* *Ancient* *King* <sup>1</sup> *sat* *on* *his* *throne*.

*His* *clothes* *were* *white* *as* *snow*.

*His* *hair* *was* *white* *as* *wool*.

<sup>1</sup> ANCIENT KING Literally, "Ancient of Days." This name pictures God as a great king who has ruled since ancient times. Also in verses 10, 13, 22.



His|strong="H1768" throne|strong="H3764" was|strong="H1934" made from|strong="H1768" fire|strong="H5135", I

and|strong="H2370" its wheels|strong="H1535" were|strong="H1934" made from|strong="H1768" flames|strong="H7631".

<sup>10</sup> A|strong="H6966" river|strong="H5103" of|strong="H4481" fire|strong="H5135" flowed out from|strong="H4481" in|strong="H1768" front of|strong="H4481" the|strong="H1768" Ancient King. Millions of|strong="H4481" people were|strong="H1768" serving him|strong="H6966".

Hundreds of|strong="H4481" millions of|strong="H4481" people stood|strong="H6966" in|strong="H1768" front of|strong="H4481" him|strong="H6966".

Court|strong="H1780" was|strong="H1768" ready to|strong="H6925" begin,

and|strong="H1768" the|strong="H1768" books|strong="H5609" were|strong="H1768" opened|strong="H6606".

<sup>11</sup> " I|strong="H4481" kept|strong="H1934" on|strong="H5705" looking|strong="H2370" because|strong="H4481" the|strong="H0116" little horn|strong="H7162" was|strong="H1934" bragging. I|strong="H4481" kept|strong="H1934" watching|strong="H2370" until|strong="H5705" finally the|strong="H0116" fourth animal was|strong="H1934" killed|strong="H6992". Its|strong="H4481" body|strong="H1655" was|strong="H1934" destroyed|strong="H0007", and|strong="H0007" it was|strong="H1934" thrown into the|strong="H0116" burning|strong="H3346" fire|strong="H0785". <sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3052" authority|strong="H7985" and|strong="H5705" rule of|strong="H7606" the|strong="H3052" other animals|strong="H2423" had been|strong="H5709" taken|strong="H5709" from them. But they were|strong="H2423" permitted to|strong="H5705" live for|strong="H5705" a|strong="H2166" certain period|strong="H2166" of|strong="H7606" time|strong="H5732".

<sup>13</sup> "In my vision|strong="H2376" at night|strong="H3916" I looked, and|strong="H0606" there in front of|strong="H1247" me|strong="H6925" was|strong="H1934" someone who looked like a|strong="H2370" human|strong="H0606" being. II He was|strong="H1934" coming|strong="H0858" on|strong="H0606" the|strong="H6925" clouds|strong="H6050" in the|strong="H6925" sky|strong="H8065". He came|strong="H0858" up|strong="H6925" to|strong="H6925" the|strong="H6925" Ancient|strong="H6268" King, and|strong="H0606" the|strong="H6925" King's ser-

I FIRE Or "light." II SOMEONE ... HUMAN BEING Or "a person, a real human being." Literally, "like a son of man." This means he looked like a normal person, not an angel or an animal.

vants brought|strong="H0858" him|strong="H6925" before|strong="H6925" the|strong="H6925" King.

<sup>14</sup> " The|strong="H3606" one who|strong="H1768" looked like a human being was|strong="H7985" given|strong="H3052" authority|strong="H7985", glory|strong="H3367", and|strong="H0524" complete ruling power. People|strong="H5972" from|strong="H1768" every|strong="H3606" nation|strong="H0524" and|strong="H0524" language|strong="H3961" group will|strong="H1768" serve|strong="H6399" him|strong="H3052". His|strong="H3606" rule will|strong="H1768" last forever|strong="H5957". His|strong="H3606" kingdom|strong="H4437" will|strong="H1768" continue forever|strong="H5957". It will|strong="H1768" never be destroyed|strong="H2255".

### The|strong="H3606" Meaning of|strong="H4437" Daniel's Dream

<sup>15</sup> " I|strong="H0576", Daniel|strong="H1841", was|strong="H1841" confused and|strong="H1841" worried. The visions|strong="H2376" that went through my mind|strong="H7217" bothered me. <sup>16</sup> I|strong="H4481" went to|strong="H5922" someone who was|strong="H3606" standing|strong="H6966" there and|strong="H7127" asked|strong="H0560" him|strong="H6966" what|strong="H4406" all|strong="H3606" this|strong="H1836" meant. So|strong="H4481" he explained|strong="H0560" it|strong="H5922" to|strong="H5922" me. <sup>17</sup> He|strong="H1768" said, ' The|strong="H1768" four|strong="H0703" great|strong="H7260" animals|strong="H2423" are|strong="H1768" four|strong="H0703" kingdoms that|strong="H1768" will|strong="H1768" come from|strong="H4481" the|strong="H1768" earth|strong="H0772". <sup>18</sup> But God's holy|strong="H6922" people will|strong="H5946" receive|strong="H6902" the|strong="H6902" kingdom|strong="H4437", and|strong="H4437" they will|strong="H5946" have the|strong="H6902" kingdom|strong="H4437" forever|strong="H5957" and|strong="H4437" ever|strong="H5957".'

<sup>19</sup> " Then|strong="H0116" I|strong="H4481" wanted to|strong="H5922" know|strong="H3321" what|strong="H1768" the|strong="H3605" fourth|strong="H7244" animal was|strong="H1934" and|strong="H3605" what|strong="H1768" it|strong="H5922" meant. The|strong="H3605" fourth|strong="H7244" animal was|strong="H1934" different|strong="H8133" from|strong="H4481" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" animals|strong="H2423". It|strong="H5922" was|strong="H1934" very terrible and|strong="H3605" had|strong="H1768" iron|strong="H6523" teeth|strong="H8128" and|strong="H3605" bronze|strong="H5174" claws|strong="H2953". It|strong="H5922"

was *strong*="H1934" the *strong*="H3605" animal that *strong*="H1768" crushed *strong*="H1855" and *strong*="H3605" ate its *strong*="H3605" victims and *strong*="H3605" walked on *strong*="H5922" whatever *strong*="H3605" was *strong*="H1934" left. <sup>20</sup> I *strong*="H4481" wanted to *strong*="H5922" know about *strong*="H5922" the *strong*="H5922" ten *strong*="H6236" horns *strong*="H7162" that *strong*="H1768" were *strong*="H1768" on *strong*="H5922" the *strong*="H5922" fourth animal's head *strong*="H7217" and *strong*="H5308" about *strong*="H5922" the *strong*="H5922" little horn *strong*="H7162" that *strong*="H1768" grew there *strong*="H1768". That *strong*="H1768" little horn *strong*="H7162" pulled out three *strong*="H8532" of *strong*="H4481" the *strong*="H5922" other ten *strong*="H6236" horns *strong*="H7162". That *strong*="H1768" little horn *strong*="H7162" had *strong*="H1768" eyes *strong*="H5870" and *strong*="H5308" a mouth *strong*="H6433" that *strong*="H1768" kept *strong*="H7217" on *strong*="H5922" bragging, and *strong*="H5308" it *strong*="H5922" looked bigger than *strong*="H4481" the *strong*="H5922" other horns *strong*="H7162". <sup>21</sup> As I was *strong*="H1934" watching *strong*="H2370", this *strong*="H1797" little horn *strong*="H7162" began attacking and *strong*="H2370" making war *strong*="H7129" against *strong*="H5974" God's holy *strong*="H6922" people and *strong*="H2370" killing them *strong*="H3202". <sup>22</sup> The *strong*="H1768" little horn kept killing God's holy *strong*="H6922" people until *strong*="H5705" the *strong*="H1768" Ancient *strong*="H6268" King came *strong*="H0858" and *strong*="H4437" judged him *strong*="H3052". The *strong*="H1768" Ancient *strong*="H6268" King announced his *strong*="H1768" decision about the *strong*="H1768" little horn. This judgment *strong*="H1780" helped God's holy *strong*="H6922" people, and *strong*="H4437" they *strong*="H1768" received the *strong*="H1768" kingdom *strong*="H4437".

<sup>23</sup> " And *strong*="H1855" he *strong*="H1768" explained *strong*="H0560" this to *strong*="H0560" me: ' The *strong*="H3606" fourth *strong*="H7244" animal is *strong*="H1768" a *strong*="H1934" fourth *strong*="H7244" kingdom *strong*="H4437" that *strong*="H1768" will *strong*="H1768" come on the *strong*="H3606" earth *strong*="H0772". It *strong*="H1759" will *strong*="H1768" be *strong*="H1934" different *strong*="H8133" from *strong*="H4481" all *strong*="H3606" the *strong*="H3606" other kingdoms *strong*="H4437". That *strong*="H1768" fourth *strong*="H7244" kingdom *strong*="H4437" will *strong*="H1768" destroy people all *strong*="H3606" around the *strong*="H3606" world. It *strong*="H1759" will *strong*="H1768" walk on and *strong*="H1855"

crush *strong*="H1855" nations all *strong*="H3606" around the *strong*="H3606" world. <sup>24</sup> The *strong*="H8133" ten *strong*="H6236" horns *strong*="H7162" are *strong*="H1932" ten *strong*="H6236" kings *strong*="H4430" that *strong*="H7162" will *strong*="H4430" come from *strong*="H4481" this *strong*="H1932" fourth kingdom *strong*="H4437". After *strong*="H0311" those *strong*="H8214" ten *strong*="H6236" kings *strong*="H4430" are *strong*="H1932" gone, another *strong*="H0321" king *strong*="H4430" will *strong*="H4430" come. He *strong*="H1932" will *strong*="H4430" be different *strong*="H8133" from *strong*="H4481" the *strong*="H8133" kings *strong*="H4430" who ruled before him *strong*="H6966". He *strong*="H1932" will *strong*="H4430" defeat three *strong*="H8532" of *strong*="H4481" the *strong*="H8133" other *strong*="H0321" kings *strong*="H4430". <sup>25</sup> This *strong*="H4406" special king will *strong*="H5732" say things *strong*="H4406" against *strong*="H6655" God Most *strong*="H5943" High *strong*="H5943", and *strong*="H5943" he will *strong*="H5732" hurt and *strong*="H5943" kill God's special people. That king will *strong*="H5732" try to *strong*="H5705" change *strong*="H8133" the *strong*="H8133" times *strong*="H2166" and *strong*="H5943" laws *strong*="H1882" that have already been set. God's holy *strong*="H6922" people will *strong*="H5732" be under that king's power *strong*="H3028" for *strong*="H5705" three and *strong*="H5943" one-half years. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>26</sup> "But the *strong*="H0007" court *strong*="H1780" will *strong*="H1780" decide what should happen, and *strong*="H0007" that king's power will *strong*="H1780" be *strong*="H1780" taken *strong*="H5709" away *strong*="H5709". His kingdom will *strong*="H1780" end *strong*="H5491" completely. <sup>27</sup> Then *strong*="H1768" God's holy *strong*="H6922" people *strong*="H5972" will *strong*="H1768" rule over the *strong*="H3606" kingdom *strong*="H4437" and *strong*="H4437" all *strong*="H3606" the *strong*="H3606" people *strong*="H5972" from *strong*="H1768" all *strong*="H3606" the *strong*="H3606" kingdoms *strong*="H4437" of *strong*="H4437" earth. <sup>II</sup> This *strong*="H8086" kingdom *strong*="H4437" will *strong*="H1768" last forever *strong*="H5957", and *strong*="H4437" people *strong*="H5972" from *strong*="H1768" all *strong*="H3606" the *strong*="H3606" other kingdoms *strong*="H4437" will *strong*="H1768" respect and *strong*="H4437" serve *strong*="H6399" them.'

<sup>28</sup> " And *strong*="H1841" that *strong*="H1768" was *strong*="H1841" the *strong*="H5922"

<sup>I</sup> THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS Literally, "time, times and half time."

<sup>II</sup> GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE ... EARTH Literally, "The rule and kingdom and greatness of the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the saints."

end of the dream. Daniel, very afraid. My face became very white from fear, and I did not tell the other people what I saw and heard."

#### Daniel's Vision of a Ram and a Goat

**8** After that vision, Daniel, saw another vision during the third year that Belshazzar was king. In the vision I saw that I was in the city of Susa the capital city in the province of Elam. I was standing by the Ulai River. I looked up and saw a ram standing on the side of the river. The ram had two long horns. The horns were both long, but one horn was longer than the other horn. The longer horn was farther back than the other horn. I watched the ram run into

I AFTER THAT VISION Here, the original language changes from Aramaic (see "Aramaic" in the Word List) back to Hebrew. II THE THIRD YEAR ... BELSHAZZAR This was about 551 B.C. III SUSA The capital city of Persia.

things with its horns. I watched the ram run to the west, to the north, and to the south. No animal could stop the ram, and one could save the other animals. That did it. It wanted, and it became very powerful.

<sup>5</sup> I thought about the ram. While I was watching, I saw a male goat come from the west. It had one large horn that was easy to see. It ran so fast its feet barely touched the ground.

<sup>6</sup> The goat came to the ram with the two horns. (This was the ram I had seen by the Ulai River.) The goat was very angry and ran at the ram. As I watched, the goat ran at the ram and both of

the ram's horns.  
The ram could not stop the goat.  
The goat knocked it to the ground and walked all over it.  
There was no one to save the ram from the goat.

8 So the goat became very powerful. But after he became his big horn off four horns grew in place the big horn. Those four horns were easy to see. They pointed in four different directions.

9 Then a little horn grew from one of those four horns. It grew and became very big. It grew toward the southeast, toward the Beautiful Land.<sup>10</sup> The little horn became very big.  
It grew until it reached the sky.  
It even threw some of heaven's army to the ground and trampled them.<sup>11</sup> That little horn became very strong, and it turned against God,

I HEAVEN'S ARMY Or "the stars." Also in verses 11, 13.

the Ruler of heaven's army. It stopped the daily sacrifices that were offered to the Ruler. And the holy place where people worshiped the Ruler was pulled down.<sup>12</sup> Because of this sin, the daily sacrifices were stopped. Truth was thrown down to ground. The little horn did these things and was very successful.

13 Then I heard ones talking with each other of them. They asked the other who had been speaking long, "How will the things in this vision last— the stopping of the daily sacrifices, the sin that destroys, and the trampling of the holy place and heaven's army?"

14 The other holy one said, "This will last for 2300 days. Then the holy place will be repaired."

**The Vision Is Explained to Daniel**

15 I, Daniel, saw this vision and

II HOLY ONES Here, these are probably angels.

tried |strong="H1245" to |strong="H1961" understand |strong="H0998" what |strong="H4758" it |strong="H7200" meant. While |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H1961" thinking about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" vision |strong="H2377", someone who |strong="H1397" looked |strong="H7200" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H1397" suddenly |strong="H2009" stood |strong="H5975" in |strong="H5975" front |strong="H5048" of |strong="H4758" me |strong="H7200".<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0559" heard |strong="H8085" a |strong="H8085" man's |strong="H0120" voice |strong="H6963". This |strong="H1975" voice |strong="H6963" came |strong="H0559" from |strong="H8085" above the |strong="H0853" Ulai |strong="H0195" River. The |strong="H0853" voice |strong="H6963" called |strong="H7121" out |strong="H0853", "Gabriel |strong="H1403", explain |strong="H0995" the |strong="H0853" vision |strong="H4758" to |strong="H0559" this |strong="H1975" man |strong="H0120"."

<sup>17</sup> So |strong="H0935" Gabriel, the |strong="H0559" angel who |strong="H1121" looked |strong="H0995" like |strong="H5307" a |strong="H3588" man |strong="H0120", came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413". I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1121" very afraid and |strong="H1121" fell |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" ground. But |strong="H3588" Gabriel said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "Human |strong="H0120",<sup>1</sup> understand |strong="H0995" that |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" vision |strong="H2377" is |strong="H1121" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0559" time |strong="H6256" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" end |strong="H7093"."

<sup>18</sup> While |strong="H5973" Gabriel was |strong="H0776" speaking |strong="H1696", I |strong="H0776" fell |strong="H5921" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H6440" ground |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" went |strong="H6440" to |strong="H1696" sleep. It |strong="H5921" was |strong="H0776" a |strong="H1696" very deep sleep. Then |strong="H1696" Gabriel touched |strong="H5060" me |strong="H6440" and |strong="H0776" lifted me |strong="H6440" to |strong="H1696" my |strong="H5921" feet.<sup>19</sup> He |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", "Now |strong="H1961", I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" explain |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" vision to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834"

I HUMAN Literally, "Son of man."

will |strong="H1961" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961" in |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" future |strong="H0319". Your |strong="H0834" vision was |strong="H1961" about |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0853" end |strong="H7093" times |strong="H4150".

<sup>20</sup> " You |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" ram |strong="H0352" with |strong="H4428" two horns |strong="H7161". The |strong="H0834" horns |strong="H7161" are |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" countries of |strong="H4428" Media |strong="H4074" and |strong="H4428" Persia |strong="H6539".<sup>21</sup> The |strong="H0834" goat |strong="H8163" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Greece |strong="H3120". The |strong="H0834" big horn |strong="H7161" between |strong="H0996" its |strong="H0996" eyes |strong="H5869" is |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" first |strong="H7223" king |strong="H4428".<sup>22</sup> That |strong="H3808" horn broke |strong="H7665" off |strong="H7665" and |strong="H1471" four |strong="H0702" horns grew in |strong="H7665" its |strong="H5975" place |strong="H8478". The |strong="H8478" four |strong="H0702" horns are |strong="H1471" four |strong="H0702" kingdoms |strong="H4438". Those four |strong="H0702" kingdoms |strong="H4438" will |strong="H1471" come from |strong="H8478" the |strong="H8478" nation |strong="H1471" of |strong="H8478" the |strong="H8478" first king, but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1471" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" as |strong="H8478" strong |strong="H3581" as |strong="H8478" the |strong="H8478" first king.

<sup>23</sup> " When |strong="H5975" the |strong="H6440" end |strong="H0319" is |strong="H4428" near |strong="H6440" for |strong="H4428" those kingdoms |strong="H4438", there |strong="H5975" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H0319" a |strong="H5975" very bold and |strong="H4428" cruel king |strong="H4428" who |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H0319" very tricky. This |strong="H5975" will |strong="H4428" happen when |strong="H5975" many people have |strong="H0995" turned against |strong="H6440" God.<sup>24</sup> This |strong="H6213" king will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" very powerful |strong="H6099", but |strong="H3808" his |strong="H3808" power |strong="H3581" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" come from |strong="H3808" himself |strong="H3808". II

II BUT HIS POWER ... HIMSELF Some ancient versions don't have these words, so they may have been accidentally copied from verse 22.

This king will cause terrible destruction.

He will be successful in doing everything he does. He will destroy powerful people—even God's holy people.

<sup>25</sup> " This king will be very tricky. He will use his wisdom and lies to be successful. He will think that he is very important. He will destroy many people, when they least expect it. He will try to fight even the Prince of Princes. But that cruel king's power will be destroyed, and it will not be a human hand that destroys him.

<sup>26</sup> " What I said and the vision about those times are true. But seal up the vision, because those things will not happen for a long time."

<sup>27</sup> I, Daniel, became very weak. I was sick for several days after that vision. Then I got up and

and went back to work the king, but I was very upset about the vision. I did not understand what it meant.

### Daniel's Prayer

<sup>9</sup> These things happened during the first year that Darius son of Ahasuerus<sup>1</sup> was king. Darius was a Mede by birth, but he was appointed to be the king of Babylon.<sup>2</sup> During his first year as king, I was studying the Scriptures and noticed in the LORD'S message to Jeremiah that 70 years would pass before Jerusalem would be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> Then I turned to the Lord God and prayed to him and asked for his help. I did not eat any food. I put ashes on my head and put it on the clothes that I showed I was sad.<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD

I AHASUERUS Or "Xerxes." II SCRIPTURES Literally, "scrolls."

my|strong="H8104" God|strong="H0430"  
and|strong="H3068" told|strong="H0559"  
him|strong="H0157" about all|strong="H1419"  
my|strong="H8104" sins. I|strong="H0559"  
said|strong="H0559",

" Lord|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3034"  
are|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068"  
great|strong="H1419" and|strong="H3068" awe-  
some|strong="H3372" God|strong="H0430".  
You|strong="H3034" keep|strong="H8104"  
your|strong="H3068" agreement|strong="H1285"  
of|strong="H0430" love|strong="H0157"  
and|strong="H3068" kindness|strong="H2617"  
with|strong="H3068" people who|strong="H3068"  
love|strong="H0157" you|strong="H3034".  
You|strong="H3034" keep|strong="H8104"  
your|strong="H3068" agreement|strong="H1285"  
with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" people  
who|strong="H3068" obey|strong="H8104"  
your|strong="H3068" commands|strong="H0559".

<sup>5</sup> " But|strong="H4687" we have  
sinned|strong="H2398". We have  
done|strong="H2398" wrong|strong="H2398". We  
have done|strong="H2398" evil|strong="H7561"  
things|strong="H4687". We turned|strong="H5493"  
against|strong="H2398" you|strong="H2398". We  
turned|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493"  
from|strong="H5493" your|strong="H5493" com-  
mands|strong="H4687" and|strong="H4941" good  
decisions|strong="H4941". <sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3605"  
prophets|strong="H5030" were|strong="H0834"  
your|strong="H3605" servants|strong="H5650".  
They|strong="H0834" spoke|strong="H1696"  
for|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834"  
to|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3605"  
kings|strong="H4428", to|strong="H0413"  
our|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269",  
to|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3605" fa-  
thers|strong="H0001", and|strong="H0776"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" com-  
mon|strong="H0776" people|strong="H5971"  
in|strong="H0413" our|strong="H3605" coun-  
try|strong="H0776". But|strong="H3808"  
we|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834"  
not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H0413" them|strong="H0413".

<sup>7</sup> " Lord|strong="H0136", you|strong="H0834"  
are|strong="H0834" innocent|strong="H6666",  
and|strong="H3063" the|strong="H3605"  
shame|strong="H1322" belongs to|strong="H3478"  
us|strong="H6440", even|strong="H0776"  
now|strong="H3117". Shame|strong="H1322" be-  
longs to|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H0376" from|strong="H0376" Ju-  
dah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389", and|strong="H3063"  
to|strong="H3478" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0376"

of|strong="H0776" Israel|strong="H3478",  
to|strong="H3478" those|strong="H3605"  
who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834"  
near|strong="H7138" and|strong="H3063"  
to|strong="H3478" those|strong="H3605"  
you|strong="H0834" scattered|strong="H5080"  
among|strong="H3427" many na-  
tions|strong="H0776". They|strong="H0834"  
should|strong="H0376" be|strong="H0376"  
ashamed of|strong="H0776" all|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" evil things|strong="H3605"  
they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834"  
against|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834".

<sup>8</sup> " LORD|strong="H3068", we|strong="H0834"  
should|strong="H3068" all be|strong="H3068"  
ashamed. All our|strong="H3068"  
kings|strong="H4428" and|strong="H3068" lead-  
ers|strong="H8269" should|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" ashamed. Our|strong="H3068"  
ancestors|strong="H0001" should|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" ashamed, be-  
cause|strong="H0834" we|strong="H0834"  
sinned|strong="H2398" against|strong="H6440"  
you|strong="H0834".

<sup>9</sup> " But|strong="H3588", Lord|strong="H0136"  
our|strong="H0430" God|strong="H0430",  
you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0430" kind  
and|strong="H0430" forgiving,  
even|strong="H3588" though|strong="H3588"  
we|strong="H3588" rebelled|strong="H4775"  
against|strong="H4775" you|strong="H3588". <sup>10</sup>  
We|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"  
not|strong="H3808" obeyed|strong="H8085"  
the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068"  
our|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".  
He|strong="H0834" used|strong="H5414"  
his|strong="H5414" servants|strong="H5650",  
the|strong="H6440" prophets|strong="H5030",  
and|strong="H3068" gave|strong="H5414"  
us|strong="H5414" laws|strong="H8451",  
but|strong="H3808" we|strong="H0834"  
have|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808"  
obeyed|strong="H8085" his|strong="H5414"  
laws|strong="H8451". <sup>11</sup> All|strong="H3605"  
the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0834"  
of|strong="H0430" Israel|strong="H3478" dis-  
obeyed|strong="H6963" your|strong="H3605"  
teachings|strong="H8451" and|strong="H3478"  
turned|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493"  
from|strong="H5493" you|strong="H0834".  
They|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834"  
not|strong="H1115" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H5921" you|strong="H0834".  
We|strong="H3588" sinned|strong="H2398",  
so|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
did|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834"  
you|strong="H0834" promised to|strong="H5921"  
do|strong="H5493". All|strong="H3605"

the *strong*="H3605" curses *strong*="H0423" and *strong*="H3478" promises <sup>I</sup> in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" Law *strong*="H8451" of *strong*="H0430" Moses *strong*="H4872", your *strong*="H3605" servant *strong*="H5650", happened *strong*="H2398" to *strong*="H5921" us *strong*="H5921".

<sup>12</sup> " God *strong*="H3808" said *strong*="H1696" those *strong*="H3605" things *strong*="H1697" would *strong*="H0834" happen *strong*="H1697" to *strong*="H0935" us *strong*="H5921" and *strong*="H0935" our *strong*="H3605" leaders *strong*="H8199", and *strong*="H0935" he *strong*="H0834" made *strong*="H6213" them *strong*="H0853" happen *strong*="H1697". He *strong*="H0834" made *strong*="H6213" terrible *strong*="H7451" things *strong*="H1697" happen *strong*="H1697" to *strong*="H0935" us *strong*="H5921". No *strong*="H3808" other *strong*="H3605" city suffered the *strong*="H3605" way *strong*="H1697" Jerusalem *strong*="H3389" suffered. <sup>13</sup> All *strong*="H3605" those *strong*="H3605" terrible *strong*="H7451" things *strong*="H3605" happened *strong*="H0935" to *strong*="H0935" us *strong*="H5921". This *strong*="H2063" happened *strong*="H0935" just *strong*="H0834" as *strong*="H0834" it *strong*="H5921" is *strong*="H0834" written *strong*="H3789" in *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H3605" Law *strong*="H8451" of *strong*="H0430" Moses *strong*="H4872", but *strong*="H3808" we *strong*="H0834" still *strong*="H7725" have *strong*="H0834" not *strong*="H3808" asked the *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" our *strong*="H3068" God *strong*="H0430" for *strong*="H5921" help. We *strong*="H0834" still *strong*="H7725" have *strong*="H0834" not *strong*="H3808" stopped *strong*="H0935" sinning. We *strong*="H0834" still *strong*="H7725" do *strong*="H3605" not *strong*="H3808" pay *strong*="H7725" attention *strong*="H6440" to *strong*="H0935" your *strong*="H3068" truth *strong*="H0571", Lord *strong*="H3068". <sup>14</sup> The *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" kept *strong*="H6213" the *strong*="H3605" terrible *strong*="H7451" things *strong*="H3605" ready for *strong*="H3588" us *strong*="H5921"— he *strong*="H0834" made *strong*="H6213" them *strong*="H5921" happen to *strong*="H0935" us *strong*="H5921". The *strong*="H3605" LORD *strong*="H3068" our *strong*="H3068" God *strong*="H0430" did *strong*="H6213" this *strong*="H3588" because *strong*="H3588" he *strong*="H0834" is *strong*="H0834" fair in *strong*="H5921" everything *strong*="H3605"

I CURSES AND PROMISES Part of the agreement that God made with the people of Israel. See, for example, Deuteronomy 27-30.

he *strong*="H0834" does *strong*="H6213". But *strong*="H3588" we *strong*="H3588" still have *strong*="H0834" not *strong*="H3808" listened *strong*="H8085" to *strong*="H0935" him *strong*="H5921".

<sup>15</sup> " Lord *strong*="H0136" our *strong*="H0430" God *strong*="H0430", you *strong*="H0834" used *strong*="H6213" your *strong*="H0834" power *strong*="H3027" and *strong*="H0430" brought *strong*="H3318" us *strong*="H3117" out *strong*="H3318" of *strong*="H0776" Egypt *strong*="H4714". We *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834" your *strong*="H0834" people *strong*="H5971". You *strong*="H0834" are *strong*="H0834" famous *strong*="H8034" because *strong*="H0834" of *strong*="H0776" that *strong*="H0834", even *strong*="H0853" today *strong*="H3117". We *strong*="H0834" have *strong*="H0834" sinned *strong*="H2398" and *strong*="H0430" done *strong*="H6213" terrible things *strong*="H0834". <sup>16</sup> Lord *strong*="H0136", we *strong*="H3588" and *strong*="H7725" our *strong*="H3605" ancestors *strong*="H0001" sinned against *strong*="H3605" you *strong*="H3588", so *strong*="H7725" your *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H5971" and *strong*="H7725" your *strong*="H3605" city *strong*="H5892" became *strong*="H7725" a *strong*="H3588" disgrace *strong*="H2781" to *strong*="H7725" everyone *strong*="H3605" around *strong*="H5439" us *strong*="H4994". You *strong*="H3588" do *strong*="H3605" so *strong*="H7725" many good things *strong*="H6944", so *strong*="H7725" stop being angry *strong*="H0639" at *strong*="H7725" Jerusalem *strong*="H3389", your *strong*="H3605" city *strong*="H5892", your *strong*="H3605" holy *strong*="H6944" mountain *strong*="H2022".

<sup>17</sup> " Now *strong*="H6258", our *strong*="H5921" God *strong*="H0430", hear *strong*="H8085" your *strong*="H5921" servant's *strong*="H5650" prayer *strong*="H8605". Listen *strong*="H8085" to *strong*="H0413" my *strong*="H8085" prayer *strong*="H8605" for *strong*="H5921" mercy. For *strong*="H5921" your *strong*="H5921" own *strong*="H6440" sake *strong*="H4616", do *strong*="H8085" good things for *strong*="H5921" your *strong*="H5921" holy *strong*="H4720" place *strong*="H4720". <sup>II</sup><sup>18</sup> My *strong*="H8085" God *strong*="H0430", listen *strong*="H8085" to *strong*="H5921" me *strong*="H6440"! Open *strong*="H6440" your *strong*="H5921" eyes *strong*="H5869" and *strong*="H0430" see *strong*="H7200" all the *strong*="H6440" terrible things *strong*="H0834" that *strong*="H0834"

II DO ... HOLY PLACE Literally, "let your face shine on your holy place."



have |strong="H0834" happened to |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5921". See |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" has |strong="H0430" happened to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" city |strong="H5892" that |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" called |strong="H7121" by |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034". I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808" saying we |strong="H0587" are |strong="H0834" good people |strong="H0834". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" why |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0430" asking |strong="H7121" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834". I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0430" asking |strong="H7121" these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" know you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" kind. <sup>19</sup> Lord |strong="H0136", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921"! Forgive |strong="H5545" us |strong="H5921"! Lord |strong="H0136", pay |strong="H7181" attention |strong="H7181", and |strong="H0430" then |strong="H4616" do |strong="H6213" something! Don't |strong="H0408" wait |strong="H0309"! Do |strong="H6213" something now |strong="H3588"! Do |strong="H6213" it |strong="H5921" for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H5921" own good! My |strong="H8085" God |strong="H0430", do |strong="H6213" something now |strong="H3588", for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H5921" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0430" your |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" who |strong="H0430" are |strong="H0430" called |strong="H7121" by |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034"."

#### The |strong="H5921" Vision About |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" 70 Weeks

<sup>20</sup> I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H3068" praying |strong="H6419" to |strong="H1696" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" my |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" about |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" holy |strong="H6944" mountain |strong="H2022" and |strong="H3068" telling |strong="H1696" about |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" sins |strong="H2403" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" sins |strong="H2403" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478". <sup>21</sup> That |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6256" of |strong="H0376"

the |strong="H0834" evening |strong="H6153" sacrifices |strong="H4503". While |strong="H5750" I |strong="H0589" was |strong="H0834" still |strong="H5750" praying |strong="H1696", Gabriel |strong="H1403", the |strong="H0834" one |strong="H0376" I |strong="H0589" saw |strong="H7200" in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" first |strong="H8462" vision |strong="H2377", flew quickly to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0376" touched |strong="H5060" me |strong="H0413". He |strong="H0834" came |strong="H5060" at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6256" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H0834" evening |strong="H6153" sacrifice |strong="H4503". <sup>22</sup> Gabriel helped me |strong="H0995" understand |strong="H0995" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H5973" I |strong="H6258" wanted to |strong="H0559" know. He |strong="H1696" said |strong="H0559", "Daniel |strong="H1840", I |strong="H6258" have |strong="H0995" come |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0559" give |strong="H0995" you |strong="H5973" wisdom and |strong="H3318" to |strong="H0559" help you |strong="H5973" understand |strong="H0995". <sup>23</sup> When |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" first |strong="H8462" started |strong="H3318" praying, the |strong="H3588" command |strong="H1697" was |strong="H1697" given to |strong="H0935" come |strong="H0935" speak |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859". God loves you |strong="H0859" very much |strong="H1697"! You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1697" understand |strong="H0995" this |strong="H3588" command |strong="H1697", and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859" will |strong="H1697" understand |strong="H0995" the |strong="H3588" vision |strong="H4758".

<sup>24</sup> "God has |strong="H5030" allowed 70 weeks |strong="H7620" for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0935" your |strong="H5921" holy |strong="H6944" city |strong="H5892", Daniel. The |strong="H5921" 70 weeks |strong="H7620" are |strong="H5030" ordered for |strong="H5921" these |strong="H5971" reasons: to |strong="H0935" stop |strong="H3607" doing bad things |strong="H6944", to |strong="H0935" stop |strong="H3607" sinning |strong="H2403", to |strong="H0935" make people |strong="H5971" pure, to |strong="H0935" bring |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" goodness that |strong="H0935" continues forever |strong="H5769", to |strong="H0935" put |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" seal |strong="H2856" on |strong="H5921" visions |strong="H2377"

<sup>1</sup> WEEK Or "unit of seven." The Hebrew word could mean "week" or "a period of seven years." Also in verses 25, 27.

and |strong="H0935" prophets |strong="H5030", and |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" dedicate a |strong="H0935" very holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H6944".

<sup>25</sup> " Learn |strong="H3045" and |strong="H7725" understand |strong="H3045" these things |strong="H1697", Daniel. From |strong="H4480" the |strong="H4480" time |strong="H6256" that |strong="H3045" the |strong="H4480" message |strong="H1697" went |strong="H7725" out |strong="H4480" to |strong="H5704" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H7725" rebuild |strong="H1129" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H4480" time |strong="H6256" for |strong="H6256" the |strong="H4480" chosen |strong="H3045" king <sup>I</sup> to |strong="H5704" come |strong="H7725" will |strong="H3389" be |strong="H1697" seven |strong="H7651" weeks |strong="H7620". Then |strong="H7725" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H3389" be |strong="H1697" rebuilt |strong="H1129". There |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3389" again |strong="H7725" be |strong="H1697" places |strong="H4161" for |strong="H6256" people |strong="H3045" to |strong="H5704" meet together in |strong="H1697" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", and |strong="H7725" there |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3389" be |strong="H1697" a |strong="H1129" ditch around |strong="H7725" the |strong="H4480" city to |strong="H5704" protect it |strong="H7725". Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H3389" be |strong="H1697" built |strong="H1129" for |strong="H6256" 62 weeks |strong="H7620", but |strong="H7725" there |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3389" be |strong="H1697" many troubles during that |strong="H3045" time |strong="H6256". <sup>26</sup> After |strong="H0310" the |strong="H0935" 62 weeks |strong="H7620", the |strong="H0935" chosen |strong="H4899" one |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" killed. <sup>II</sup> He |strong="H0310" will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" gone |strong="H0935". <sup>III</sup> Then |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" people |strong="H5971" of |strong="H7093" the |strong="H0935" future leader |strong="H5057" will |strong="H0369" destroy |strong="H7843" the |strong="H0935" city |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" holy |strong="H6944" place |strong="H6944". That |strong="H5704" end |strong="H7093" will |strong="H0369" come |strong="H0935" like |strong="H5704" a |strong="H3772" flood |strong="H7858". War |strong="H4421" will |strong="H0369" continue until |strong="H5704"

<sup>I</sup> CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one." <sup>II</sup> KILLED Literally, "cut off." <sup>III</sup> HE WILL BE GONE Or "He will have nothing."

the |strong="H0935" end |strong="H7093". God |strong="H0369" has |strong="H0369" ordered that |strong="H5704" place |strong="H6944" to |strong="H0935" be |strong="H0369" completely |strong="H3772" destroyed |strong="H7843".

<sup>27</sup> " Then |strong="H1396" the |strong="H5921" future ruler will |strong="H5704" make |strong="H8074" an |strong="H5921" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H1285" many |strong="H7227" people. That |strong="H5704" agreement |strong="H1285" will |strong="H5704" continue for |strong="H5921" one |strong="H0259" week |strong="H7620". The |strong="H5921" offerings |strong="H4503" and |strong="H1285" sacrifices |strong="H2077" will |strong="H5704" stop for |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" half |strong="H2677" of |strong="H2077" a |strong="H5921" week |strong="H7620". And |strong="H1285" a |strong="H5921" destroyer will |strong="H5704" come. He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H5704" do terrible, destructive things |strong="H8251", <sup>IV</sup> but |strong="H5921" God has |strong="H0259" ordered that |strong="H5704" destroyer to |strong="H5704" be |strong="H0259" completely |strong="H3617" destroyed."

#### Daniel's Vision by the Tigris River

**10** During the |strong="H0853" third |strong="H7969" year |strong="H8141" that |strong="H0834" Cyrus |strong="H3566" was |strong="H8034" the |strong="H0853" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Persia |strong="H6539", these |strong="H0834" things |strong="H1697" were |strong="H0834" shown to |strong="H1697" Daniel |strong="H1840". (Daniel's other name |strong="H8034" is |strong="H0834" Belteshazzar |strong="H1095".) They |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" true |strong="H0571", but |strong="H4428" very |strong="H1419" hard |strong="H1419" to |strong="H1697" understand |strong="H0995". Daniel |strong="H1840" understood |strong="H0995" them |strong="H0853" because |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" were |strong="H0834" explained |strong="H0995" to |strong="H1697" him |strong="H0853" in |strong="H8141" a |strong="H7121" vision |strong="H4758".

<sup>2</sup> At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H0589", Daniel |strong="H1840", was |strong="H1961" very sad for |strong="H3117" three |strong="H7969" weeks |strong="H7620". <sup>3</sup> During |strong="H3117" those |strong="H0398" three |strong="H7969" weeks |strong="H7620", I |strong="H5704" didn't |strong="H3808" eat |strong="H0398" any |strong="H0398" fancy food |strong="H3899";

<sup>IV</sup> HE WILL DO ... THINGS Or "He will come on the wings of terrible destruction."

I|strong="H5704" didn't|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398" any|strong="H0398" meat|strong="H1320" or|strong="H3808" drink any|strong="H0398" wine|strong="H3196". I|strong="H5704" didn't|strong="H3808" put|strong="H0935" any|strong="H0398" oil on|strong="H3117" my|strong="H0935" head. I|strong="H5704" didn't|strong="H3808" do|strong="H0935" any|strong="H0398" of|strong="H3117" these things|strong="H7969" for|strong="H0413" three|strong="H7969" weeks|strong="H7620".

<sup>4</sup> On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" 24th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921" first|strong="H7223" month|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H5921" year|strong="H3117", I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1961" standing be- side|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" great|strong="H1419" Tigris|strong="H2313" Riv- er|strong="H5104". <sup>5</sup> While|strong="H2009" I|strong="H2009" was|strong="H0376" standing there|strong="H2009", I|strong="H2009" looked|strong="H7200" up|strong="H5375" and|strong="H5869" I|strong="H2009" saw|strong="H7200" a|strong="H7200" man|strong="H0376" standing in|strong="H3847" front of|strong="H0376" me|strong="H7200". He|strong="H0853" was|strong="H0376" wear- ing|strong="H2296" linen|strong="H0906" clothes|strong="H3847". He|strong="H0853" wore|strong="H5375" a|strong="H7200" belt made of|strong="H0376" pure|strong="H3800" gold|strong="H3800" <sup>1</sup> around his|strong="H5375" waist|strong="H4975". <sup>6</sup> His|strong="H6440" body was|strong="H1697" like|strong="H4758" a|strong="H6440" smooth, shiny stone. His|strong="H6440" face|strong="H6440" was|strong="H1697" bright like|strong="H4758" light- ning|strong="H1300". His|strong="H6440" eyes|strong="H5869" were|strong="H5869" like|strong="H4758" flames|strong="H3940" of|strong="H1697" fire|strong="H0784". His|strong="H6440" arms|strong="H2220" and|strong="H5869" feet|strong="H4772" were|strong="H5869" shiny like|strong="H4758" pol- ished|strong="H7044" brass|strong="H5178". His|strong="H6440" voice|strong="H6963" was|strong="H1697" loud like|strong="H4758" a|strong="H6440" crowd|strong="H1995" of|strong="H1697" people|strong="H1995".

<sup>7</sup> I|strong="H0589", Daniel|strong="H1840", was|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" on- ly|strong="H0905" one|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" vision|strong="H4759". The|strong="H0853" men|strong="H0376"

I PURE GOLD Literally, "gold from Uphaz."

with|strong="H5973" me|strong="H5921" didn't|strong="H3808" see|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" vision|strong="H4759", but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" still afraid. They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" so|strong="H1961" afraid that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" ran|strong="H1272" away|strong="H1272" and|strong="H1419" hid|strong="H2244". <sup>8</sup> So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1419" left|strong="H7604" alone|strong="H0905". I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1419" watching this|strong="H2063" vision|strong="H4759", and|strong="H1419" it|strong="H5921" made me|strong="H5921" afraid. I|strong="H0589" lost my|strong="H5921" strength|strong="H3581". My|strong="H5921" face|strong="H7200" turned|strong="H2015" white like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H7200" dead person's face|strong="H7200", and|strong="H1419" I|strong="H0589" was|strong="H1419" help- less|strong="H3581". <sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H1961" I|strong="H0589" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" man in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" vision talking. As|strong="H1697" I|strong="H0589" lis- tened|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1961" his|strong="H5921" voice|strong="H6963", I|strong="H0589" fell|strong="H5921" in- to|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" deep sleep, with|strong="H5921" my|strong="H8085" face|strong="H6440" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776".

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="H2009" a|strong="H5921" hand|strong="H3027" touched|strong="H5060" me|strong="H5921". When|strong="H5060" that|strong="H3027" happened|strong="H5060", I|strong="H2009" got on|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" hands|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3027" knees|strong="H1290". I|strong="H2009" was|strong="H3027" so|strong="H3027" afraid that|strong="H3027" I|strong="H2009" was|strong="H3027" shaking. <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0376" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" vision said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413", " Daniel|strong="H1840", God|strong="H0559" loves you|strong="H0834" very|strong="H2088" much|strong="H1697". Think|strong="H0559" very|strong="H2088" careful- ly|strong="H0995" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" words|strong="H1697" I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" speak|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". Stand|strong="H5975" up|strong="H5975"; I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" been|strong="H6258"



now|strong="H3588", be|strong="H0408" strong|strong="H2388".

When|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" spoke|strong="H1696" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H2388", I|strong="H3588" be-came|strong="H2388" stronger|strong="H2388". Then|strong="H1696" I|strong="H3588" said|strong="H0559", " Sir|strong="H0113", you|strong="H3588" have|strong="H0376" given me|strong="H2388" strength|strong="H2388". Now|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" can|strong="H0376" speak|strong="H1696".

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="H3318" then|strong="H3318" he|strong="H3318" said|strong="H0559", "Daniel, do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H7725" know|strong="H3045" why|strong="H4100" I|strong="H0589" have|strong="H3045" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H7725"? Soon|strong="H6258" I|strong="H0589" must go|strong="H3318" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H3898" against|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" prince|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Persia|strong="H6539". When|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589" go|strong="H3318", the|strong="H0559" prince|strong="H8269" of|strong="H8269" Greece|strong="H3120" will|strong="H0589" come|strong="H0935". <sup>21</sup> But|strong="H3588" Daniel, before|strong="H5921" I|strong="H3588" go, I|strong="H3588" must|strong="H0853" first|strong="H0259" tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H3588" what|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0369" written in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Book of|strong="H8269" Truth|strong="H0571". No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0259" stands|strong="H2388" with|strong="H5973" me|strong="H5046" against|strong="H5921" those|strong="H0428" evil angels except|strong="H0518" Michael|strong="H4317", the|strong="H0853" prince|strong="H8269" over|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" people|strong="H0518".

**11** "During the|strong="H0589" first|strong="H0259" year|strong="H8141" that|strong="H8141" Darius|strong="H1867" the|strong="H0589" Mede|strong="H4075"<sup>I</sup> was|strong="H0259" king, I|strong="H0589" stood|strong="H5975" up|strong="H5975" to|strong="H5975" support|strong="H2388" Michael <sup>II</sup> in|strong="H8141" his|strong="H2388" fight against the|strong="H0589" prince of|strong="H8141" Persia.

<sup>2</sup> " Now|strong="H6258" then|strong="H2009", Daniel, I|strong="H2009" tell|strong="H5046" you|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" truth|strong="H0571": Three|strong="H7969"

more|strong="H5750" kings|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" rule|strong="H4438" in|strong="H4428" Persia|strong="H6539". Then|strong="H2009" a|strong="H5750" fourth|strong="H7243" king|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" come who|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H5750" much|strong="H3605" richer than|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H5750" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Persia|strong="H6539" be-fore|strong="H5750" him|strong="H0853". He|strong="H0853" will|strong="H4428" use his|strong="H3605" riches|strong="H6239" to|strong="H4428" get power and|strong="H4428" turn everyone|strong="H3605" against|strong="H5046" the|strong="H3605" king-dom|strong="H4438" of|strong="H4428" Greece|strong="H3120". <sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H5975" a|strong="H5975" very|strong="H7227" strong|strong="H1368" and|strong="H4428" power-ful|strong="H1368" king|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" come who|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" rule|strong="H4910" with|strong="H4428" much|strong="H7227" power. He|strong="H6213" will|strong="H4428" do|strong="H6213" anything he|strong="H6213" wants. <sup>4</sup> Just|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" comes to|strong="H5975" power, his|strong="H0834" kingdom|strong="H4438" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3808" bro-ken|strong="H7665" up|strong="H5975" and|strong="H8064" scattered in|strong="H7665" all directions. It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" divid-ed|strong="H2673" among|strong="H3808" his|strong="H0834" descendants|strong="H0319". And|strong="H8064" it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" ruled|strong="H4910" in|strong="H7665" the|strong="H0834" same|strong="H0428" way because|strong="H3588" that|strong="H0834" kingdom|strong="H4438" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H3808" pulled up|strong="H5975" and|strong="H8064" given to|strong="H5975" other|strong="H0312" peo-ple|strong="H0834".

<sup>5</sup> " The|strong="H5921" southern|strong="H5045" king|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" become strong|strong="H2388", but|strong="H2388" then|strong="H4428" one|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5921" comman-ders|strong="H8269" will|strong="H4428" defeat him|strong="H5921". The|strong="H5921" comman-der|strong="H8269" will|strong="H4428" begin to|strong="H5921" rule|strong="H4910", and|strong="H4428" he|strong="H4480"

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will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H4428" very |strong="H7227" powerful |strong="H2388".  
<sup>6</sup> " Then |strong="H0935" after |strong="H7093" a |strong="H5414" few years |strong="H8141", the |strong="H0413" southern |strong="H5045" king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H0935" that |strong="H1931" commander will |strong="H4428" make |strong="H5414" an |strong="H5414" agreement. The |strong="H0413" daughter |strong="H1323" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0413" southern |strong="H5045" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" marry |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0413" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428". She |strong="H1931" will |strong="H4428" do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H1931" to |strong="H0413" bring |strong="H0935" peace, but |strong="H3808" she |strong="H1931" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" southern |strong="H5045" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" strong |strong="H2388" enough |strong="H6213". People |strong="H3808" will |strong="H4428" turn |strong="H5414" against |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" and |strong="H0935" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H1931" brought |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" that |strong="H1931" country. And |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H4428" turn |strong="H5414" against |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413" child |strong="H3205" and |strong="H0935" against |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H1931" helped |strong="H2388" her |strong="H0413".  
<sup>7</sup> " But |strong="H2388" someone from |strong="H0935" her |strong="H0413" family will |strong="H4428" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" take |strong="H2388" the |strong="H0413" southern king's |strong="H4428" place |strong="H0935". He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H4428" attack |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" armies |strong="H2428" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H0413" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428". He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H4428" go |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0413" that |strong="H5975" king's |strong="H4428" strong |strong="H2388" fort. He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H4428" fight and |strong="H0935" win. <sup>8</sup> He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0430" take |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" gods |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" metal idols and |strong="H0935" their |strong="H0935" expensive things |strong="H3627" made |strong="H1571"

from |strong="H0935" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H0935" gold |strong="H2091". He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0430" take |strong="H0935" those |strong="H1931" things |strong="H3627" away |strong="H5973" to |strong="H0935" Egypt |strong="H4714". Then |strong="H0935" he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H1571" bother the |strong="H0935" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428" for |strong="H4714" a |strong="H0935" few years |strong="H8141". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="H0413" northern king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" attack |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0413" southern |strong="H5045" kingdom |strong="H4438". But |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0935" will |strong="H4428" lose, and |strong="H0935" then |strong="H0935" he |strong="H0935" will |strong="H4428" go |strong="H0935" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H7725" own country |strong="H0127".

<sup>10</sup> " The |strong="H0935" northern king's sons |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" prepare for |strong="H2428" war |strong="H1624". They |strong="H5704" will |strong="H1121" get |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" large |strong="H7227" army |strong="H2428" together |strong="H0622". It |strong="H7725" will |strong="H1121" move through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H0935" land very |strong="H5704" quickly, like |strong="H5704" a |strong="H0935" powerful |strong="H2428" flood. That |strong="H5704" army |strong="H2428" will |strong="H1121" fight all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0935" way |strong="H5704" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" strong |strong="H2428" fort of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0935" southern king. <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="H3318" the |strong="H5414" southern |strong="H5045" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" become |strong="H3318" very |strong="H7227" angry and |strong="H3027" march |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" to |strong="H5414" fight |strong="H3898" against |strong="H5973" the |strong="H5414" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428". The |strong="H5414" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H4428" have |strong="H3027" a |strong="H5414" large |strong="H7227" army |strong="H1995", but |strong="H4428" he |strong="H5414" will |strong="H4428" lose the |strong="H5414" war. <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H5375" northern army |strong="H1995" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" defeated, and |strong="H3824" those soldiers will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" carried |strong="H5375" away |strong="H5375". The |strong="H5375" southern king will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" very

proud|strong="H5375", and|strong="H3824" he|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" kill thousands|strong="H7239" of|strong="H1995" soldiers from|strong="H5375" the|strong="H5375" northern army|strong="H1995". But|strong="H3808" he|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" continue to|strong="H3824" be|strong="H3808" successful.<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H0935" northern|strong="H6828" king|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" get|strong="H0935" another army|strong="H2428" that|strong="H4480" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H4428" larger|strong="H7227" than|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0935" first|strong="H7223" one|strong="H4480". After|strong="H4480" several years|strong="H8141" he|strong="H4480" will|strong="H4428" attack|strong="H0935". His|strong="H7725" army|strong="H2428" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H4428" ready for|strong="H6256" war. It|strong="H7725" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H4428" very|strong="H1419" large|strong="H1419" and|strong="H0935" it|strong="H7725" will|strong="H4428" have|strong="H7223" many|strong="H7227" weapons.

<sup>14</sup> In|strong="H5921" those|strong="H1992" times|strong="H6256" many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H4428" be|strong="H1121" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" southern|strong="H5045" king|strong="H4428". Some|strong="H1992" of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H5921" own people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H1121" love to|strong="H5921" fight will|strong="H4428" rebel against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" southern|strong="H5045" king|strong="H4428". They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H6256" win, but|strong="H1992" they|strong="H1992" will|strong="H4428" make|strong="H5375" the|strong="H5921" vision|strong="H2377" come true.<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" northern|strong="H6828" king|strong="H4428" will|strong="H4428" come|strong="H0935". He|strong="H3808" will|strong="H4428" build ramps|strong="H5550" against|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" walls and|strong="H0935" will|strong="H4428" capture|strong="H3920" a|strong="H0935" strong|strong="H3581" city|strong="H5892". The|strong="H0935" southern|strong="H5045" army|strong="H5971" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0935" power|strong="H2220" to|strong="H0935" fight back|strong="H0935". Even|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0935" best soldiers|strong="H5971" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" south-

ern|strong="H5045" army|strong="H5971" will|strong="H4428" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" strong|strong="H3581" enough to|strong="H0935" stop|strong="H5975" the|strong="H0935" northern|strong="H6828" army|strong="H5971".

<sup>16</sup> " The|strong="H6440" northern king will|strong="H0776" do|strong="H6213" whatever he|strong="H6213" wants. No|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3027" able|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" stop|strong="H5975" him|strong="H0413". He|strong="H6213" will|strong="H0776" gain power|strong="H3027" and|strong="H0935" control|strong="H3027" in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H6440" Beautiful|strong="H6643" Land|strong="H0776", and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H6213" will|strong="H0776" have|strong="H0369" the|strong="H6440" power|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" destroy|strong="H3615" it|strong="H6213".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="H3605" northern king will|strong="H1961" decide to|strong="H0935" use|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" power|strong="H8633" to|strong="H0935" fight against|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" southern king, and|strong="H0935" he|strong="H6213" will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H7760" an|strong="H1961" agreement with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H3605" southern king. The|strong="H3605" king of|strong="H1323" the|strong="H3605" north will|strong="H1961" let|strong="H5414" one|strong="H3605" of|strong="H1323" his|strong="H3605" daughters|strong="H1323" marry|strong="H0802" the|strong="H3605" southern king so|strong="H6213" that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H6213" can|strong="H6213" defeat|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3605" southern king. But|strong="H3808" those|strong="H3605" plans|strong="H6213" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" succeed. His|strong="H3605" plans|strong="H6213" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" help|strong="H1323" him|strong="H5414".

<sup>18</sup> " Then|strong="H7725" the|strong="H6440" northern king will|strong="H0339" turn|strong="H7725" his|strong="H7725" attention|strong="H6440" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H6440" countries along|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" coast|strong="H0339" of|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" Mediterranean Sea. He|strong="H7725" will|strong="H0339" defeat many|strong="H7227" of|strong="H6440" those cities, but|strong="H7227" then|strong="H7725" a|strong="H7725" commander|strong="H7101" will|strong="H0339"

put *strong*="H7725" an *strong*="H6440" end to *strong*="H7725" the *strong*="H6440" pride and *strong*="H7725" rebellion of *strong*="H6440" that *strong*="H7725" northern king. The *strong*="H6440" commander *strong*="H7101" will *strong*="H0339" make *strong*="H7725" the *strong*="H6440" northern king ashamed.

<sup>19</sup> " After *strong*="H0776" that *strong*="H5307" happens, the *strong*="H6440" northern king will *strong*="H0776" go *strong*="H7725" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H7725" the *strong*="H6440" strong *strong*="H4581" forts of *strong*="H0776" his *strong*="H7725" own *strong*="H6440" country *strong*="H0776". But *strong*="H3808" he *strong*="H3808" will *strong*="H0776" be *strong*="H3808" weak *strong*="H3808" and *strong*="H0776" will *strong*="H0776" fall *strong*="H5307". He *strong*="H3808" will *strong*="H0776" be *strong*="H3808" finished.

<sup>20</sup> " After *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" northern king *strong*="H5921", there *strong*="H5975" will *strong*="H3808" be *strong*="H3808" a *strong*="H5921" new ruler *strong*="H5065" who *strong*="H4421" sends out *strong*="H5921" tax collectors so *strong*="H3808" that *strong*="H3117" he *strong*="H3117" can *strong*="H5975" live *strong*="H3117" like *strong*="H3808" a *strong*="H5921" king *strong*="H5921". But *strong*="H3808" after *strong*="H5921" a *strong*="H5921" few *strong*="H0259" years *strong*="H3117", he *strong*="H3117" will *strong*="H3808" be *strong*="H3808" destroyed, although *strong*="H3808" he *strong*="H3117" will *strong*="H3808" not *strong*="H3808" die in *strong*="H5921" battle *strong*="H4421".

<sup>21</sup> " That *strong*="H3808" ruler will *strong*="H5414" be *strong*="H3808" followed *strong*="H0935" by *strong*="H5921" a *strong*="H5414" very cruel and *strong*="H0935" hated man, who *strong*="H5975" will *strong*="H5414" not *strong*="H3808" have *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H5921" honor *strong*="H1935" of *strong*="H5921" being from *strong*="H0935" a *strong*="H5414" king's family. <sup>1</sup> He *strong*="H5414" will *strong*="H5414" become a *strong*="H5414" ruler by *strong*="H5921" being tricky. He *strong*="H5414" will *strong*="H5414" attack *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H5921" kingdom *strong*="H4438" when *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H5921" people *strong*="H3808" feel safe. <sup>22</sup> He *strong*="H6440" will *strong*="H1571" defeat large and *strong*="H6440" powerful armies *strong*="H2220". He *strong*="H6440" will *strong*="H1571" even *strong*="H1571" defeat the *strong*="H6440" leader *strong*="H5057" with *strong*="H1285" the *strong*="H6440" agree-

<sup>1</sup> WHO ... KING'S FAMILY Or "who will not have the good qualities a king should have."

ment *strong*="H1285". <sup>23</sup> Many nations *strong*="H1471" will *strong*="H1471" make *strong*="H6213" agreements with *strong*="H0413" that *strong*="H4480" cruel *strong*="H2266" and *strong*="H1471" hated ruler, but *strong*="H6105" he *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H1471" lie *strong*="H5927" and *strong*="H1471" trick them *strong*="H0413". He *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H1471" gain much power, but *strong*="H6105" only a *strong*="H4480" few *strong*="H4592" people *strong*="H1471" will *strong*="H1471" support him *strong*="H0413".

<sup>24</sup> " When *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0834" richest countries feel safe, that *strong*="H0834" cruel and *strong*="H0935" hated ruler will *strong*="H0834" attack *strong*="H0935" them *strong*="H1992". He *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" attack *strong*="H0935" at *strong*="H5921" just *strong*="H0834" the *strong*="H0834" right time *strong*="H6256" and *strong*="H0935" will *strong*="H0834" be *strong*="H3808" successful where *strong*="H0834" his *strong*="H5921" ancestors *strong*="H0001" were *strong*="H0834" not *strong*="H3808" successful. He *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" take *strong*="H0935" things *strong*="H1992" from *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0834" countries he *strong*="H0834" defeated, and *strong*="H0935" he *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" give *strong*="H0935" them *strong*="H1992" to *strong*="H0935" his *strong*="H5921" followers. He *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" plan *strong*="H2803" to *strong*="H0935" defeat and *strong*="H0935" destroy *strong*="H6213" strong cities *strong*="H4013". He *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" be *strong*="H3808" successful— but *strong*="H3808" only *strong*="H5704" for *strong*="H5921" a *strong*="H0935" short time *strong*="H6256".

<sup>25</sup> " That *strong*="H3588" very *strong*="H3966" cruel and *strong*="H4428" hated ruler will *strong*="H4428" have *strong*="H3588" a *strong*="H3588" very *strong*="H3966" large *strong*="H1419" army *strong*="H2428". He *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H4428" use that *strong*="H3588" army *strong*="H2428" to *strong*="H5704" show his *strong*="H5921" strength *strong*="H3581" and *strong*="H4428" courage *strong*="H3824" and *strong*="H4428" attack *strong*="H4421" the *strong*="H5921" southern *strong*="H5045" king *strong*="H4428". The *strong*="H5921" southern *strong*="H5045" king *strong*="H4428" will *strong*="H4428" get a *strong*="H3588" very *strong*="H3966" large *strong*="H1419" and *strong*="H4428" powerful *strong*="H6099" army *strong*="H2428" and *strong*="H4428" go to *strong*="H5704" war *strong*="H4421". But *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H5921" people *strong*="H3808" who *strong*="H4428"



are *strong*="H4284" against *strong*="H5921" him *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H4428" make *strong*="H2803" secret plans *strong*="H4284", and *strong*="H4428" the *strong*="H5921" southern *strong*="H5045" king *strong*="H4428" will *strong*="H4428" be *strong*="H3808" defeated. <sup>26</sup> People who were *strong*="H2428" supposed to *strong*="H5307" be *strong*="H7665" good friends of *strong*="H2428" the *strong*="H0398" southern king will *strong*="H5307" try to *strong*="H5307" destroy *strong*="H7665" him *strong*="H0398". His *strong*="H0398" army *strong*="H2428" will *strong*="H5307" be *strong*="H7665" defeated. Many *strong*="H7227" of *strong*="H2428" his *strong*="H0398" soldiers *strong*="H2428" will *strong*="H5307" be *strong*="H7665" killed *strong*="H2491" in *strong*="H7665" battle. <sup>27</sup> Those *strong*="H5921" two *strong*="H8147" kings *strong*="H4428" will *strong*="H4428" want to *strong*="H1696" make *strong*="H3588" trouble. They *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H4428" sit around *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" table *strong*="H7979" planning their *strong*="H5921" lies *strong*="H3577", but *strong*="H3588" it *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H4428" not *strong*="H3808" do either *strong*="H3588" one *strong*="H0259" of *strong*="H4428" them *strong*="H5921" any *strong*="H0259" good because *strong*="H3588" God *strong*="H3808" has *strong*="H4428" set *strong*="H4150" a *strong*="H3588" time *strong*="H4150" for *strong*="H3588" their *strong*="H5921" end *strong*="H7093" to *strong*="H1696" come.

<sup>28</sup> " The *strong*="H5921" northern king *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H0776" go *strong*="H7725" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H7725" his *strong*="H5921" own country *strong*="H0776" with *strong*="H5921" much *strong*="H5921" wealth *strong*="H7399". Then *strong*="H7725" he *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H0776" decide to *strong*="H7725" do *strong*="H6213" bad things *strong*="H6944" against *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" holy *strong*="H6944" agreement *strong*="H1285". <sup>1</sup> He *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H0776" do *strong*="H6213" the *strong*="H5921" things *strong*="H6944" he *strong*="H6213" planned *strong*="H3824", and *strong*="H0776" then *strong*="H7725" he *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H0776" go *strong*="H7725" back *strong*="H7725" to *strong*="H7725" his *strong*="H5921" own country *strong*="H0776".

<sup>29</sup> " At *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H0935" right time *strong*="H4150", the *strong*="H0935" northern king will *strong*="H1961" attack *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0935" southern *strong*="H5045" king again *strong*="H7725". But *strong*="H3808"

<sup>1</sup> HOLY AGREEMENT This probably means the Jewish people.

this *strong*="H7725" time *strong*="H4150" he *strong*="H3808" will *strong*="H1961" not *strong*="H3808" be *strong*="H1961" successful as *strong*="H1961" he *strong*="H3808" was *strong*="H1961" before *strong*="H7223". <sup>30</sup> Ships *strong*="H6716" from *strong*="H7725" Cyprus *strong*="H3794" will *strong*="H0935" come *strong*="H0935" and *strong*="H0935" fight against *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" northern king *strong*="H5921". He *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H0935" see *strong*="H0995" those *strong*="H5921" ships *strong*="H6716" coming *strong*="H0935" and *strong*="H0935" be *strong*="H7725" afraid. Then *strong*="H0935" he *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H0935" turn *strong*="H7725" back *strong*="H7725" and *strong*="H0935" take *strong*="H7725" out *strong*="H5921" his *strong*="H5921" anger on *strong*="H5921" the *strong*="H5921" holy *strong*="H6944" agreement *strong*="H1285". He *strong*="H6213" will *strong*="H0935" turn *strong*="H7725" back *strong*="H7725" and *strong*="H0935" help those *strong*="H5921" who *strong*="H0995" stopped *strong*="H0935" following the *strong*="H5921" holy *strong*="H6944" agreement *strong*="H1285". <sup>31</sup> The *strong*="H5414" northern king will *strong*="H5414" send *strong*="H5414" his *strong*="H5414" army to *strong*="H5414" do *strong*="H5493" terrible things *strong*="H8251" to *strong*="H5414" the *strong*="H5414" Temple *strong*="H4720" in *strong*="H5975" Jerusalem. They *strong*="H2490" will *strong*="H5414" stop *strong*="H5975" the *strong*="H5414" people *strong*="H2490" from *strong*="H4480" offering *strong*="H4480" the *strong*="H5414" daily *strong*="H8548" sacrifice *strong*="H8548". Then *strong*="H5414" they *strong*="H2490" will *strong*="H5414" do *strong*="H5493" something really terrible. They *strong*="H2490" will *strong*="H5414" set *strong*="H5414" up *strong*="H5975" that *strong*="H4480" terrible thing that *strong*="H4480" causes *strong*="H5414" destruction.

<sup>32</sup> " The *strong*="H3045" northern king will *strong*="H0430" use lies and *strong*="H0430" smooth *strong*="H2514" talking to *strong*="H0430" trick those *strong*="H2388" who *strong*="H0430" quit following the *strong*="H3045" holy agreement *strong*="H1285", so *strong*="H6213" they *strong*="H5971" will *strong*="H0430" sin even *strong*="H6213" worse. But *strong*="H2388" those *strong*="H2388" who *strong*="H0430" know *strong*="H3045" God *strong*="H0430" and *strong*="H0430" obey *strong*="H6213" him *strong*="H0430" will *strong*="H0430" be *strong*="H0430" strong *strong*="H2388". They *strong*="H5971" will *strong*="H0430" fight back *strong*="H3045".



fortresses |strong="H4581" with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0834" help of |strong="H0127" this |strong="H0834" foreign |strong="H5236" god |strong="H0433". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" give much |strong="H7235" honor |strong="H3519" to |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0834" foreign |strong="H5236" rulers |strong="H4910" who |strong="H0834" join |strong="H5973" him |strong="H5973". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" put many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H0834" under their |strong="H0834" rule |strong="H4910". He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" make |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" rulers |strong="H4910" pay him |strong="H5973" for |strong="H5973" the |strong="H0834" land |strong="H0127" they |strong="H0834" rule |strong="H4910" over |strong="H4910".

<sup>40</sup> " At |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" time |strong="H6256" of |strong="H4428" the |strong="H5921" end |strong="H7093", the |strong="H5921" southern |strong="H5045" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H0776" fight a |strong="H0935" battle against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428". The |strong="H5921" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H0776" attack |strong="H0935" him |strong="H5921" with |strong="H5973" chariots |strong="H7393" and |strong="H0935" soldiers on |strong="H5921" horses |strong="H6571" and |strong="H0935" many |strong="H7227" large |strong="H7227" ships |strong="H0591". The |strong="H5921" northern |strong="H6828" king |strong="H4428" will |strong="H0776" rush through |strong="H5674" the |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0935" flood. <sup>41</sup> The |strong="H0935" northern king will |strong="H0776" attack |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" Beautiful |strong="H6643" Land |strong="H0776". He |strong="H0935" will |strong="H0776" defeat many |strong="H7227" countries |strong="H0776". But |strong="H0935" Edom |strong="H0123", Moab |strong="H4124", and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0935" leaders of |strong="H1121" Ammon |strong="H5983" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H1121" saved |strong="H4422" from |strong="H0935" him |strong="H0935". <sup>42</sup> The |strong="H1961" northern king will |strong="H1961" show |strong="H1961" his |strong="H7971" power |strong="H3027" in |strong="H0776" many countries |strong="H0776". Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H1961" also learn how powerful he |strong="H3808" is |strong="H0776". <sup>43</sup> He |strong="H3605" will |strong="H4714" get treasures |strong="H4362" of |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3701" sil-

ver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" riches of |strong="H3605" Egypt |strong="H4714". The |strong="H3605" Libyans |strong="H3864" and |strong="H3701" Ethiopians |strong="H3569" will |strong="H4714" obey him |strong="H3605". <sup>44</sup> But |strong="H7227" that |strong="H1419" northern |strong="H6828" king will |strong="H6828" hear news |strong="H8052" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" east |strong="H4217" and |strong="H1419" the |strong="H3318" north |strong="H6828" that |strong="H1419" will |strong="H6828" make him |strong="H3318" afraid and |strong="H1419" angry |strong="H2534". He |strong="H3318" will |strong="H6828" go |strong="H3318" to |strong="H3318" completely |strong="H8045" destroy |strong="H8045" many |strong="H7227" nations. <sup>45</sup> He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H0369" set |strong="H0935" up |strong="H5704" his |strong="H0935" king's tents |strong="H0168" between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0935" sea |strong="H3220" and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" beautiful |strong="H6643" holy |strong="H6944" mountain |strong="H2022". <sup>I</sup> But |strong="H0369" finally |strong="H5704", that |strong="H5704" bad king will |strong="H0369" die. There |strong="H0369" will |strong="H0369" be |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0369" to |strong="H0935" help |strong="H5826" him |strong="H0935" when |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935" end |strong="H7093" comes |strong="H0935".

**12** "Daniel, at |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6256" the |strong="H3605" great |strong="H1419" prince |strong="H8269" Michael |strong="H4317" will |strong="H1961" stand |strong="H5975" up |strong="H5975". Michael |strong="H4317" is |strong="H0834" in |strong="H5921" charge |strong="H5921" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971". There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" time |strong="H6256" of |strong="H1121" much |strong="H0834" trouble |strong="H6869", the |strong="H3605" worst time |strong="H6256" since |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471" have |strong="H1961" been |strong="H1961" on |strong="H5921" earth. But |strong="H3808" Daniel, at |strong="H5921" that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H6256" every |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" whose |strong="H0834" name is |strong="H0834" found |strong="H4672" written |strong="H3789" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605"

<sup>I</sup> HOLY MOUNTAIN The mountain Jerusalem is built on.

book|strong="H5612" of|strong="H1121" life will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" saved|strong="H4422".<sup>2</sup> There|strong="H5769" are|strong="H0428" many|strong="H7227" who|strong="H0428" are|strong="H0428" dead and|strong="H5769" buried.<sup>1</sup> Some|strong="H0428" of|strong="H0127" them will|strong="H0127" wake|strong="H6974" up and|strong="H5769" live|strong="H2416" forever|strong="H5769", but|strong="H7227" others|strong="H0428" will|strong="H0127" wake|strong="H6974" up to|strong="H0428" shame|strong="H2781" and|strong="H5769" disgrace|strong="H2781" forever|strong="H5769".<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H6663" wise|strong="H7919" people will shine as bright as the|strong="H6663" sky. Those who|strong="H7919" teach others|strong="H7227" to|strong="H5769" live right|strong="H6663" will shine like|strong="H7227" stars|strong="H3556" forever|strong="H5769" and|strong="H5769" ever|strong="H5703".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>4</sup> But|strong="H0859" you|strong="H0859", Daniel|strong="H1840", keep|strong="H5640" this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" a|strong="H5704" secret|strong="H5640". You|strong="H0859" must close|strong="H5640" the|strong="H5704" book|strong="H5612" and|strong="H1697" keep|strong="H5640" this|strong="H1697" secret|strong="H5640" until|strong="H5704" the|strong="H5704" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H1697" the|strong="H5704" end|strong="H7093". Many|strong="H7227" people will|strong="H1697" go here and|strong="H1697" there|strong="H5704" looking for|strong="H6256" true knowledge|strong="H1847", and|strong="H1697" the|strong="H5704" true knowledge|strong="H1847" will|strong="H1697" increase|strong="H7235".

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0589", Daniel|strong="H1840", noticed|strong="H7200" two|strong="H8147" other|strong="H0312" men|strong="H8147". One|strong="H0259" man|strong="H0259" was|strong="H0259" standing|strong="H5975" on|strong="H7200" my|strong="H7200" side|strong="H2008" of|strong="H0259" the|strong="H7200" river|strong="H2975", and|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" other|strong="H0312" was|strong="H0259" standing|strong="H5975" on|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200" other|strong="H0312" side|strong="H2008".<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" dressed|strong="H3847" in|strong="H3847" linen|strong="H0906" was|strong="H0834" standing

I ARE DEAD AND BURIED Literally, "sleep in the dust." II Or "The wise and successful teachers will shine like the sun rays in the sky. Those who make others innocent will shine like the stars forever." In Hebrew this is like Isaiah 52:13 and Isaiah 53:11.

over|strong="H4605" the|strong="H0559" water|strong="H4325" in|strong="H3847" the|strong="H0559" river|strong="H2975". One|strong="H0376" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0559" two men|strong="H0376" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0559", " How|strong="H0834" long|strong="H5704" will|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5704" be|strong="H0376" before|strong="H5704" these|strong="H0834" amazing|strong="H6382" things|strong="H0834" come true?"

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3605" man|strong="H0376" dressed|strong="H3847" in|strong="H0413" linen|strong="H0906" and|strong="H3027" standing over|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" water|strong="H4325" lifted|strong="H7311" his|strong="H3605" right|strong="H3225" and|strong="H3027" left|strong="H8040" hands|strong="H3027" toward|strong="H0413" heaven|strong="H8064". And|strong="H3027" I|strong="H0834" heard|strong="H8085" him|strong="H0413" make|strong="H8085" a|strong="H3588" promise|strong="H7650" using the|strong="H3605" name of|strong="H0376" God|strong="H3027" who|strong="H0834" lives|strong="H2416" forever|strong="H5769". He|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0413", " It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0376" for|strong="H3588" three and|strong="H3027" one-half years.<sup>III</sup> The|strong="H3605" power|strong="H3027" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6944" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0376" broken, and|strong="H3027" then|strong="H0853" all|strong="H3605" these|strong="H0428" things|strong="H0428" will|strong="H0834" finally come|strong="H3615" true."

<sup>8</sup> I|strong="H0589" heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0559" answer|strong="H0559", but|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0589" really|strong="H0559" didn't|strong="H3808" understand|strong="H0995". So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H0589" asked|strong="H0559", " Sir|strong="H0113", what|strong="H4100" will|strong="H3808" happen after all this|strong="H0428" comes true?"

<sup>9</sup> He|strong="H3588" answered|strong="H0559", "Go on|strong="H1697" about|strong="H1697" your|strong="H3588" life Daniel|strong="H1840". The|strong="H0559" message|strong="H1697" is|strong="H1697" hidden|strong="H5640". It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1697" be|strong="H1697" a|strong="H3588" secret|strong="H5640" until|strong="H5704"

III THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS Literally, "a time, times, and half a time."

the time of the end of days.<sup>10</sup> Many people will be made pure will make themselves clean. But evil people will continue to be evil. And those people will not understand these things, but the wise people will understand them.

<sup>11</sup> "The daily sacrifice will be stopped. There will be 1290 days from that time until

the time that terrible thing that destroys is set up.<sup>12</sup> The one who waits for and comes to the end of the 1335 days will be very happy.

<sup>13</sup> "As for you, Daniel, go and live your life until the end of days. You will get your rest. At the end of days you will rise from death and receive your share of the promise."

# Hosea

## The Lord God's Message Through Hosea

**1** This is the LORD'S message that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the time that Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah kings of Judah, and Jeroboam son of Joash was king of Israel.

**2** This was the LORD'S first message to Hosea. The LORD said, "Go, marry a prostitute who has had children as a result of her prostitution. Do this because the people in this country have acted like prostitutes—they have been to the LORD."

### The Birth of Jezreel

**3** So Hosea married Gomer daughter of Diblaim. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son

for Hosea. **4** The LORD said to Hosea, "Name him Jezreel," because soon I will punish the family of Jehu for the people he killed at Jezreel Valley. **II** Then I will put an end to the kingdom of the nation of Israel. **III** And at the time I will break Israel's bow at Jezreel Valley."

### The Birth of Lo-Ruhamah

**6** Then Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. The LORD said to Hosea, "Name her Lo-Ruhamah," because I will not show mercy to the nation of Israel anymore,

**I** JEZREEL This name in Hebrew means "God will plant seeds."  
**II** PEOPLE ... AT JEZREEL VALLEY See 2 Kings 9-10 for the story of Jehu's revolt at Jezreel Valley. **III** NATION Literally, "house." This might mean the royal family of that country. Also in verse 6. **IV** LO-RUHAMAH This name in Hebrew means "She receives no mercy." Also in verse 8.

nor will I forgive them.<sup>7</sup> But I will show to the nation of Judah mercy. I will save them, but I will not use bows or swords or war and soldiers to save them. I will save my own power.<sup>I</sup>

**The Birth of Lo-Ammi**

<sup>8</sup> After Gomer had finished nursing Lo-Ruhamah, she became pregnant again and gave birth to a son.<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-Ammi," because you are my people, and I am not your God."

**The Lord Speaks to the Nation of Israel**

<sup>10</sup> "In the future the number of the people of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which you cannot measure or count. In the same place that God told them, 'You are not my people,' he will call them 'children of the Living God.'

<sup>11</sup> "Then the people of Judah and the people of Israel will be gathered together. They will choose one ruler for themselves, and their nation will be too large for the land. Jezreel's day will be great!"

**2** " Then you will say

<sup>I</sup> BY MY OWN POWER Literally, "by the LORD their God." <sup>II</sup> LO-AMMI This name in Hebrew means "not my people." <sup>III</sup> THEIR NATION ... LAND Literally, "they will go up from the land."

to your brothers, ' You are my people; and you will say to your sisters, ' He has shown mercy to you.' "

<sup>2</sup> "Argue with your mother. Argue with her because she is no longer my wife, and I am no longer her husband! Tell her to stop being a prostitute. Tell her to take away her lovers from between her breasts. <sup>3</sup> If she refuses to stop her adultery, I will strip her naked and leave her like the day she was born. I will take away her people, and she will be like an empty, dry desert. I will kill her with thirst. <sup>4</sup> I will have no pity on her children because they are the children of prostitution. <sup>5</sup> Their mother has acted like a prostitute. She should be ashamed of what she did. She said, ' I will go to my lovers, who give me food and water, wool and linen, wine and olive oil.'

<sup>6</sup> " So I, the Lord, will block Israel's road with thorns, and I will say

<sup>IV</sup> Or "Then say to your brothers, 'My people,' and to your sisters, 'You have been shown mercy.'" <sup>V</sup> MOTHER This means the nation of Israel. <sup>VI</sup> HER LOVERS Or "adulteries." Adultery means breaking a marriage promise by sexual sin. God was like a husband to Israel. But Israel was worshiping false gods—this was spiritual adultery against God. <sup>VII</sup> LOVERS This means Israel's false gods. Also in verses 7, 10, 13.

will|strong="H1121" build a|strong="H3588" wall. Then|strong="H0853" she|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H1121" find|strong="H7355" her|strong="H3588" path.<sup>7</sup> She|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5414" run|strong="H3001" after|strong="H0310" her|strong="H5414" lovers|strong="H0157", but|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5414" not|strong="H3588" be|strong="H0517" able to|strong="H0559" catch up|strong="H3001" with|strong="H3899" them|strong="H5414". She|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5414" look for|strong="H3588" her|strong="H5414" lovers|strong="H0157", but|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5414" not|strong="H3588" be|strong="H0517" able to|strong="H0559" find|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414". Then|strong="H5414" she|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5414" say|strong="H0559", ' I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H5414" go back|strong="H0310" to|strong="H0559" my|strong="H5414" husband. Life was|strong="H4325" better for|strong="H3588" me|strong="H5414" when|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" was|strong="H4325" with|strong="H3899" him|strong="H5414". Life was|strong="H4325" better than|strong="H5414" than|strong="H3588" it|strong="H5414" is|strong="H4325" now|strong="H3588".<sup>8</sup> "Israel didn't|strong="H3808" know that|strong="H3651" I|strong="H2005", the|strong="H0853" Lord, was|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H3808" who|strong="H4672" gave her|strong="H3651" grain, wine, and|strong="H1870" oil. I|strong="H2005" kept giving her|strong="H3651" more|strong="H3651" and|strong="H1870" more|strong="H3651" silver and|strong="H1870" gold, but|strong="H3808" she|strong="H3808" used this|strong="H3651" silver and|strong="H1870" gold to|strong="H1870" make statues of|strong="H1870" Baal.<sup>9</sup> So|strong="H3808" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" return|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" take|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" my|strong="H1245" grain at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" time|strong="H6258" it|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0376" ready|strong="H6258" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H3808" harvested. I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" take|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" my|strong="H1245" wine at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" time|strong="H6258" the|strong="H0853" grapes are|strong="H0376" ready|strong="H6258". I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0376" take|strong="H7725"

back|strong="H7725" my|strong="H1245" wool and|strong="H7725" linen. I|strong="H3588" gave|strong="H0559" those|strong="H0376" things|strong="H7223" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" so|strong="H3808" that|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588" could|strong="H0376" cover her|strong="H0413" naked body.<sup>10</sup> Now|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H5414" strip her|strong="H5414". She|strong="H1931" will|strong="H5414" be|strong="H3808" naked, so|strong="H6213" all|strong="H3045" her|strong="H5414" lovers can|strong="H6213" see|strong="H3045" her|strong="H5414". No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808" will|strong="H5414" be|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H5414" save her|strong="H5414" from|strong="H2091" my|strong="H5414" power.<sup>11</sup> I|strong="H3651" will|strong="H7725" take|strong="H3947" away|strong="H7725" all|strong="H5337" her|strong="H3947" fun. I|strong="H3651" will|strong="H7725" stop her|strong="H3947" festivals|strong="H4150", her|strong="H3947" New|strong="H8492" Moon celebrations, and|strong="H7725" her|strong="H3947" days of|strong="H6256" rest. I|strong="H3651" will|strong="H7725" stop all|strong="H5337" her|strong="H3947" special feasts|strong="H4150".<sup>12</sup> I|strong="H6258" will|strong="H0376" destroy her|strong="H1540" vines and|strong="H3027" fig trees. She|strong="H3808" said, ' My|strong="H5337" lovers|strong="H0157" gave these things|strong="H1540" to|strong="H0376" me|strong="H3808". But|strong="H3808" I|strong="H6258" will|strong="H0376" change her|strong="H1540" gardens— they|strong="H0376" will|strong="H0376" become like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808" wild forest. Wild animals will|strong="H0376" come and|strong="H3027" eat from|strong="H0376" those|strong="H0376" plants.<sup>13</sup> "Israel served false gods,<sup>II</sup> so|strong="H7673" I will|strong="H7673" punish her|strong="H3605". She|strong="H2320" burned incense to|strong="H4150" those|strong="H3605" false gods. She|strong="H2320" dressed up|strong="H3605"— she|strong="H2320" put on|strong="H3605" her|strong="H3605" jewelry and|strong="H4150" nose ring. Then|strong="H3605" she|strong="H2320" went to|strong="H4150" her|strong="H3605" lovers and|strong="H4150" forgot me|strong="H3605". This|strong="H3605" is|strong="H3605" what the|strong="H3605" LORD has|strong="H3605" said.<sup>14</sup> " So|strong="H5414" I|strong="H0834", the|strong="H0559" Lord, will|strong="H0834" speak|strong="H0559" romantic words to|strong="H0559" her|strong="H5414". I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" lead

I POWER Literally, "hand." II FALSE GODS Literally, "Baal."



her |strong="H5414" into |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" desert and |strong="H0398" speak |strong="H0559" tender words.<sup>15</sup> There |strong="H1992" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give her |strong="H5921" vineyards. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" give her |strong="H5921" Achor Valley as |strong="H0834" a |strong="H0834" doorway of |strong="H3068" hope. Then |strong="H0853" she |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" answer as |strong="H0834" she |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" when |strong="H3117" she |strong="H0834" came out |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" land of |strong="H3068" Egypt.<sup>16</sup> This |strong="H3651" is |strong="H3820" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD says |strong="H1696".

" At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3651" time |strong="H3820" you |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3820" call me |strong="H5921" ' My |strong="H5921" husband.' You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3820" not call me |strong="H5921" ' My |strong="H5921" Baal.'<sup>17</sup> I |strong="H5414" will |strong="H0776" take |strong="H5927" the |strong="H0853" names of |strong="H0776" those |strong="H0853" false gods out |strong="H8033" of |strong="H0776" her |strong="H5414" mouth. Then |strong="H6030" people |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H0776" use those |strong="H0853" names again.

<sup>18</sup> " At |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7121" an |strong="H1961" agreement for |strong="H7121" the |strong="H5002" Israelites with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" animals |strong="H1961" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5002" field, the |strong="H5002" birds of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5002" sky, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" crawling things |strong="H1961" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5002" ground. I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" break the |strong="H5002" bow, the |strong="H5002" sword, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" weapons of |strong="H0376" war in |strong="H3068" that |strong="H3117" land. I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7121" the |strong="H5002" land safe, so |strong="H7121" the |strong="H5002" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Israel can |strong="H5750" lie |strong="H1961" down |strong="H7121" in |strong="H3068" peace.<sup>19</sup> And |strong="H6310" I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" make |strong="H2142" you |strong="H0853" my |strong="H5493" bride forever. I |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" make |strong="H2142"

I MY BAAL This is a wordplay. Baal was a Canaanite god, but the name also means "lord or husband."

you |strong="H0853" my |strong="H5493" bride with |strong="H6310" goodness and |strong="H6310" justice and |strong="H6310" with |strong="H6310" love and |strong="H6310" mercy.<sup>20</sup> I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H0776" make |strong="H3772" you |strong="H3117" my |strong="H4480" faithful bride. Then you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H0776" really know the |strong="H4480" LORD.<sup>21</sup> And |strong="H4941" at |strong="H4941" that time |strong="H5769" I will |strong="H6664" answer." This is |strong="H6664" what |strong="H6664" the |strong="H4941" LORD |strong="H2617" says. "I will |strong="H6664" speak to |strong="H4941" the |strong="H4941" skies,

and |strong="H4941" they will |strong="H6664" give rain to |strong="H4941" the |strong="H4941" earth.

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="H0853" earth will |strong="H3068" produce grain, wine, and |strong="H3068" oil, and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" meet Jezreel's needs.

<sup>23</sup> I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" sow her |strong="H1961" many seeds<sup>II</sup> on |strong="H3117" her |strong="H1961" land |strong="H0776".

To |strong="H1961" Lo-Ruhamah,<sup>III</sup> I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" show |strong="H1961" mercy |strong="H3068".

To |strong="H1961" Lo-Ammi,<sup>IV</sup> I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" say, ' You |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" my |strong="H3068" people |strong="H0776".'

And |strong="H3068" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" say to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961", ' You |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" our |strong="H3068" God |strong="H3068".'

### Hosea Buys Gomer Back From Slavery

**3** Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" again |strong="H5750", "Gomer<sup>V</sup> has |strong="H3068" many lovers |strong="H0157", but |strong="H1992" you |strong="H0853" must |strong="H0853" continue |strong="H5750" loving |strong="H0157" her |strong="H0413". Do this |strong="H3068" because |strong="H0413" it |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" an |strong="H0559" example of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" love |strong="H0157" for |strong="H0413" Israel |strong="H3478".

II I WILL SOW HER MANY SEEDS Jezreel, Lo-Ruhamah, and Lo-Ammi are Hosea's children. But the names also have special meanings. The name Jezreel means "God will plant seeds." But Jezreel is also the name of a large valley in Israel. This probably shows that God will bring his people back to Israel. III LO-RUHAMA This name in Hebrew means "She receives no mercy." IV LO-AMMI This name in Hebrew means "not my people." V GOMER Literally, "a woman."

He |strong="H0430" continues to |strong="H0413" love |strong="H0157" them |strong="H0413", but |strong="H1992" they |strong="H1992" continue |strong="H5750" to |strong="H0413" turn |strong="H6437" to |strong="H0413" other |strong="H0312" gods |strong="H0430", and |strong="H1121" they |strong="H1992" love |strong="H0157" to |strong="H0413" eat those |strong="H1992" raisin |strong="H0809" cakes |strong="H0809".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>2</sup> So I bought |strong="H3739" Gomer back for |strong="H3701" 6 ounces<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H3701" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" 9 bushels<sup>III</sup> of |strong="H3701" barley |strong="H8184".<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0589" told |strong="H0559" her |strong="H0413", " You |strong="H3117" must |strong="H1571" stay |strong="H3427" at |strong="H0413" home with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" many |strong="H7227" days |strong="H3117". You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" prostitute |strong="H2181". You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H1961" sexual relations |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" another |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" your |strong="H1961" husband |strong="H0376"."

<sup>4</sup> In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3588" same way the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H4428" continue many |strong="H7227" days |strong="H3117" without |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3588" king |strong="H4428" or |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3588" leader |strong="H8269". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H1121" without |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3588" sacrifice |strong="H2077" or |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3588" memorial stone. They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H1121" without |strong="H0369" an |strong="H3588" ephod |strong="H0646" or |strong="H0369" a |strong="H3588" household |strong="H8655" god |strong="H0369".<sup>5</sup> After |strong="H0310" this |strong="H3068", the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" and |strong="H1121" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H0413"

I RAISIN CAKES This food was used in the feasts that honored false gods such as the "Queen of Heaven." II 6 OUNCES Literally, "15 shekels III 9 BUSHELS Literally, "1 homer and 1 letek

the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H1121" for |strong="H0413" David |strong="H1732" their |strong="H3068" king |strong="H4428". In |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" last |strong="H0319" days |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" honor the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H3068" goodness |strong="H2898".

#### The Lord Is Angry Against Israel

<sup>4</sup> People |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0369" the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697". The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" something |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0369" say |strong="H3478" against |strong="H5973" those |strong="H1121" who |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776": " The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1121" in |strong="H3427" this |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776" are |strong="H3478" not |strong="H0369" honest |strong="H2617" or |strong="H0369" loyal |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0369" really |strong="H0571" know |strong="H1847" God |strong="H0430".<sup>2</sup> They |strong="H5003" are |strong="H1818" always cursing, lying |strong="H3584", killing |strong="H1818", stealing |strong="H1589", and |strong="H1818" committing |strong="H5003" adultery |strong="H5003". They |strong="H5003" murder |strong="H7523" one person |strong="H1818" after another |strong="H1818".<sup>3</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" is |strong="H0776" like |strong="H3651" someone crying for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" dead, and |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H0776" its |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" are |strong="H8064" weak |strong="H3605". Even |strong="H1571" the |strong="H3605" animals |strong="H2416" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" field |strong="H7704", the |strong="H3605" birds |strong="H5775" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064", and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" fish |strong="H1709" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" sea |strong="H3220" are |strong="H8064" dying.<sup>IV4</sup> No |strong="H0408" one |strong="H0376" should |strong="H0376" argue |strong="H3198" or |strong="H0408" blame an-

IV DYING Literally, "being taken away."

other |strong="H0376" person |strong="H0376". Priests |strong="H3548", my |strong="H7378" argument |strong="H3198" is |strong="H0376" with |strong="H0376" you |strong="H0389"! <sup>15</sup> You |strong="H3117" priests will |strong="H1571" fall |strong="H3782" in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" daytime. And |strong="H3117" at |strong="H3117" night |strong="H3915" the |strong="H3117" prophet |strong="H5030" will |strong="H1571" also |strong="H1571" fall |strong="H3782" with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H3117". I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1571" also |strong="H1571" destroy |strong="H1820" your |strong="H1571" mother |strong="H0517".

<sup>6</sup> " My |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H1121" destroyed |strong="H1820" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1571" no |strong="H1097" knowledge |strong="H1847". You |strong="H0859" priests |strong="H3547" have |strong="H1571" refused to |strong="H0430" learn, so |strong="H1571" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0430" refuse to |strong="H0430" let |strong="H3988" you |strong="H0859" be |strong="H1571" priests |strong="H3547" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H0589". You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H1571" forgotten |strong="H7911" the |strong="H3588" law |strong="H8451" of |strong="H1121" your |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430", so |strong="H1571" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0430" forget |strong="H7911" your |strong="H3588" children |strong="H1121". <sup>7</sup> They |strong="H3651" became proud. They |strong="H3651" sinned |strong="H2398" more |strong="H3651" and |strong="H2398" more |strong="H3651" against |strong="H2398" me |strong="H2398", so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" will |strong="H2398" change |strong="H4171" their |strong="H4171" honor |strong="H3519" to shame |strong="H7036".

<sup>8</sup> " The |strong="H0413" priests fed |strong="H0398" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" people's |strong="H5971" sins |strong="H2403". They |strong="H5971" wanted more |strong="H5315" and |strong="H0398" more |strong="H5315" of |strong="H5315" their |strong="H5375" sin |strong="H2403" offerings. <sup>19</sup> So |strong="H1961" the |strong="H5921" priests |strong="H3548" are |strong="H1870" no different from |strong="H7725" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971". I |strong="H5921"

will |strong="H1961" punish |strong="H6485" them |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" things |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5921" did. I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" pay |strong="H7725" them |strong="H5921" back |strong="H7725" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" wrong things |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5921" did. <sup>10</sup> They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398", but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" satisfied |strong="H7646". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" commit |strong="H2181" sexual sins, but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H7646" babies. <sup>11</sup> This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" left |strong="H5800" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" became |strong="H6555" like |strong="H3808" prostitutes |strong="H2181".

<sup>11</sup> " Sexual |strong="H3947" sins, strong drink, and |strong="H3196" new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H3196" ruin a |strong="H3947" person's |strong="H3820" ability to |strong="H3820" think |strong="H3820" straight. <sup>12</sup> My |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5971" are |strong="H0430" asking |strong="H7592" pieces of |strong="H0430" wood |strong="H6086" for |strong="H3588" advice. They |strong="H3588" think those |strong="H3588" sticks |strong="H6086" will |strong="H0430" answer them |strong="H8478"! They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" chased after |strong="H3588" those |strong="H3588" false gods |strong="H0430" like |strong="H8478" prostitutes |strong="H2181" and |strong="H0430" have |strong="H3588" left their |strong="H3588" own God |strong="H0430". <sup>13</sup> They |strong="H3588" make |strong="H3588" sacrifices |strong="H6999" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" tops |strong="H7218" of |strong="H1323" the |strong="H5921" mountains |strong="H2022" and |strong="H7218" burn |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" hills |strong="H1389" under |strong="H8478" oak |strong="H0424" trees, poplar |strong="H3839" trees, and |strong="H7218" elm trees. <sup>14</sup> The |strong="H5921" shade |strong="H6738" under |strong="H8478" those |strong="H5921" trees looks nice |strong="H2896". So |strong="H3651" your |strong="H5921" daughters |strong="H1323" lie

I Or "The people cannot complain or blame someone else. The people are helpless, like arguing with a priest." Many times the priests and Levites served as judges, and their decisions were final.

II This is a wordplay. The word "sins" also means "sin offerings." So instead of eating sacrifices, the priests became hungry for sin itself.

III THEY ... BABIES A part of worshiping the false gods was having sexual relations with temple prostitutes. The people thought this would make the gods happy. And then the gods would give the people large families and good crops. IV UNDER ... TREES Trees and groves were an important part of worshiping false gods.

under|strong="H8478" those|strong="H5921" trees like|strong="H3651" prostitutes|strong="H2181", and|strong="H7218" your|strong="H5921" daughters-in-law|strong="H3618" commit|strong="H5003" sexual sins.

<sup>14</sup> " I|strong="H3588" cannot|strong="H3808" blame your|strong="H5921" daughters|strong="H1323" or|strong="H3808" your|strong="H5921" daughters-in-law|strong="H3618" for|strong="H3588" doing this|strong="H3588", because|strong="H3588" your|strong="H5921" men|strong="H5971" go|strong="H6504" and|strong="H1323" have|strong="H1323" sex with|strong="H5973" the|strong="H5921" temple prostitutes|strong="H2181"<sup>I</sup> and|strong="H1323" offer|strong="H2076" sacrifices|strong="H2076" with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H1992". This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H1323" how|strong="H3588" foolish people|strong="H5971" destroy themselves|strong="H1992".

#### The|strong="H5921" Shameful Sins of|strong="H1323" Israel|strong="H5971"

<sup>15</sup> " Israel|strong="H3478", just because|strong="H2181" you|strong="H0859" act like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H0518" prostitute|strong="H2181" doesn't mean that|strong="H3068" Judah|strong="H3063" should|strong="H0518" feel guilty|strong="H0816" too. People|strong="H0408", don't|strong="H0408" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" Gilgal|strong="H1537" or|strong="H0518" Beth Aven.<sup>II</sup> Don't|strong="H0408" use the|strong="H0935" Lord's|strong="H3068" name|strong="H0518" to|strong="H0935" make promises|strong="H7650". Don't|strong="H0408" say|strong="H3478", ' As|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0935" LORD|strong="H3068" lives|strong="H2416" ...!' <sup>16</sup> The|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" given many things|strong="H3478" to|strong="H3068" Israel|strong="H3478". He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3588" shepherd|strong="H7462" who|strong="H3068" takes his|strong="H3068" sheep|strong="H3532" to|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" large|strong="H4800" field|strong="H4800" with|strong="H3068" plenty of|strong="H3068" grass. But|strong="H3588" Israel|strong="H3478" is|strong="H3068" stubborn|strong="H5637" like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3588" young cow|strong="H6510"

<sup>I</sup> TEMPLE PROSTITUTES Women who were prostitutes at the temples of the false gods. Their sexual sins were part of worshipping those false gods. <sup>II</sup> BETH AVEN A name meaning "House of Evil." It is a wordplay on the name "Bethel," a name meaning "House of God." There was a temple in this town. Also in 5:8.

that|strong="H3588" runs away again and|strong="H3068" again.

<sup>17</sup> " Ephraim|strong="H0669" has|strong="H0669" joined|strong="H2266" his idols|strong="H6091", so leave|strong="H3240" him alone. <sup>18</sup> Ephraim has joined their|strong="H5493" drunkenness. Let them|strong="H0157" continue to|strong="H0157" be prostitutes|strong="H2181". Let them|strong="H0157" be with|strong="H0157" their|strong="H5493" lovers|strong="H0157". <sup>III</sup><sup>19</sup> They|strong="H0954" went to|strong="H0954" those|strong="H0853" gods for|strong="H2077" safety, and|strong="H0954" they|strong="H0954" have lost their ability to|strong="H0954" think. <sup>IV</sup> Their altars will|strong="H7307" bring them|strong="H0853" shame|strong="H0954".

#### The Leaders Cause Israel and Judah to Sin

<sup>5</sup> " Priests|strong="H3548", nation|strong="H1004"<sup>IV</sup> of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478", and|strong="H3478" people|strong="H8085" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" king's|strong="H4428" family|strong="H1004", listen|strong="H8085" to|strong="H1961" me|strong="H5921". You|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" judged|strong="H4941" guilty! " You|strong="H3588" were|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" trap at|strong="H5921" Mizpah|strong="H4709"<sup>VI</sup> and|strong="H3478" like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" net|strong="H7568" spread|strong="H6566" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" ground at|strong="H5921" Tabor|strong="H8396". <sup>VII</sup><sup>2</sup> You|strong="H3605" have|strong="H0589" done|strong="H3605" many evil things|strong="H3605", <sup>VIII</sup> so|strong="H0589" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0589" punish you|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605". <sup>3</sup> I|strong="H0589" know|strong="H3045" Ephraim|strong="H0669". I|strong="H0589" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H3045" Israel|strong="H3478" has|strong="H3478" done. Ephraim|strong="H0669", right now|strong="H6258" you|strong="H3588" act like|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3588" prostitute|strong="H2181". Israel|strong="H3478" is|strong="H0669" dirty with|strong="H3045" sin. <sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" of|strong="H0430" Israel

<sup>III</sup> LOVERS This means Israel's false gods. <sup>IV</sup> THEY ... THINK Or "The wind has carried them away on its wings" or "The spirit held them tight in its wings." The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. <sup>V</sup> NATION Literally, "house." This might mean the royal family of that country. Also in verse 14. <sup>VI</sup> MIZPAH A mountain in Israel. The people worshiped the false gods on many of the hills and mountains. <sup>VII</sup> TABOR A mountain in Israel. <sup>VIII</sup> YOU ... EVIL THINGS The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. It seems to be a wordplay of some kind.

have |strong="H3045" done many evil things |strong="H3808", and |strong="H3068" these evil things |strong="H3808" keep them |strong="H0413" from |strong="H7725" coming back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". They |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" always thinking of |strong="H0430" ways to |strong="H0413" chase after |strong="H0413" other gods |strong="H0430". They |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>5</sup> Israel's |strong="H3478" pride |strong="H1347" is |strong="H1571" a |strong="H1571" witness against |strong="H5973" them |strong="H6440",<sup>1</sup> so |strong="H1571" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H3478" stumble |strong="H3782" in |strong="H3478" their |strong="H6440" sin |strong="H5771". But |strong="H6030" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3478" also |strong="H1571" stumble |strong="H3782" with |strong="H5973" them |strong="H6440".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0853" leaders of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3808" went to |strong="H3068" look |strong="H1245" for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H1992" took |strong="H0853" their |strong="H3068" sheep |strong="H6629" and |strong="H3068" cattle |strong="H1241" with |strong="H3068" them |strong="H1992", but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" find |strong="H4672" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" because he |strong="H3068" refused |strong="H3808" to |strong="H3068" accept them |strong="H1992".<sup>7</sup> They |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3588" been |strong="H6258" faithful to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068". Their |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" are |strong="H3068" from |strong="H1121" some stranger. And |strong="H1121" now |strong="H6258", he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" destroy them |strong="H0398" and |strong="H1121" their |strong="H3068" land |strong="H2506" again.<sup>II</sup>

#### A |strong="H3588" Prophecy of |strong="H1121" Israel's Destruction

<sup>8</sup> Blow |strong="H8628" the |strong="H0310" horn |strong="H7782" in |strong="H7782" Gibeah |strong="H1390".

Blow |strong="H8628" the |strong="H0310" trumpet |strong="H7782" in |strong="H7782" Ramah |strong="H7414".<sup>III</sup>

I THEM Literally, "his face." II AND NOW ... AGAIN The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

Give |strong="H7321" the |strong="H0310" warning at |strong="H1144" Beth Aven.

The |strong="H0310" enemy is |strong="H7782" behind |strong="H0310" you |strong="H0310", Benjamin |strong="H1144".

<sup>9</sup> Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" empty at |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" punishment. I |strong="H3117", God, warn the |strong="H3117" families of |strong="H3117" Israel |strong="H3478" that |strong="H3045" this |strong="H3117" really will |strong="H1961" happen |strong="H1961".

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="H5921" leaders |strong="H8269" of |strong="H8269" Judah |strong="H3063" are |strong="H8269" like |strong="H1961" thieves trying to |strong="H1961" steal someone's property, so |strong="H1961" I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1961" pour |strong="H8210" out |strong="H8210" my |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H5678" on |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" like |strong="H1961" water |strong="H4325".

<sup>11</sup> Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H0669" be |strong="H3588" punished.

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0669" be |strong="H3588" crushed |strong="H7533" and |strong="H1980" pressed |strong="H1980" like |strong="H1980" grapes,

because |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" decided to |strong="H1980" follow |strong="H0310" filth.

<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1004" destroy Ephraim |strong="H0669" as |strong="H0589" a |strong="H3063" moth |strong="H6211" eats a |strong="H3063" piece of |strong="H1004" cloth.

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1004" ruin Judah |strong="H3063", like |strong="H1004" rot on |strong="H1004" a |strong="H3063" piece of |strong="H1004" wood.

<sup>13</sup> Ephraim |strong="H0669" saw |strong="H7200" his |strong="H7971" sickness |strong="H2483", and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063" saw |strong="H7200" his |strong="H7971" wound |strong="H4205",

so |strong="H4480" they |strong="H3808" went |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" Assyria |strong="H0804" for |strong="H0413" help.

They |strong="H3808" told |strong="H0413" their |strong="H7200" problems to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" great king |strong="H4428",

but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H1931" cannot |strong="H3808" heal |strong="H7495" you |strong="H7971" or |strong="H3808" cure |strong="H1455" your |strong="H7200" wound |strong="H4205".

<sup>14</sup> I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1004" be |strong="H1004" like |strong="H1004"

III GIBEAH, RAMAH Cities on Judah's border with Israel.

a |strong="H3588" lion |strong="H3715"  
to |strong="H0369" Ephraim |strong="H0669",  
like |strong="H1004" a |strong="H3588"  
young |strong="H3715" lion |strong="H3715"  
to |strong="H0369" the |strong="H3588" na-  
tion |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063".

I |strong="H0589"— yes |strong="H3588",  
I |strong="H0589" myself |strong="H0589"—  
will |strong="H1004" rip them |strong="H5375"  
to |strong="H0369" pieces |strong="H2963".

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H1004" car-  
ry |strong="H5375" them |strong="H5375"  
away |strong="H5375",

and |strong="H3063" no |strong="H0369"  
one |strong="H0369" can |strong="H0369"  
save |strong="H5337" them |strong="H5375".

<sup>15</sup> I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834"  
go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H0413" my |strong="H1245"  
place |strong="H4725",

until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H6440" peo-  
ple |strong="H0834" admit they |strong="H1992"  
are |strong="H0834" guilty |strong="H0816",

until |strong="H5704" they |strong="H1992"  
come |strong="H7725" looking |strong="H1245"  
for |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".

Yes, in |strong="H0413" their |strong="H1992" trou-  
ble |strong="H6862" they |strong="H1992"  
will |strong="H0834" try very |strong="H5704" hard  
to |strong="H0413" find |strong="H1245"  
me |strong="H0413".

#### The Rewards of Coming Back to the Lord

**6** " Come |strong="H7725", let's |strong="H5221"  
go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725"  
to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3588"  
LORD |strong="H3068".

He |strong="H1931" hurt us |strong="H0413",  
but |strong="H3588" he |strong="H1931"  
will |strong="H3068" heal |strong="H7495"  
us |strong="H0413".

He |strong="H1931" wounded |strong="H5221"  
us |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3588"  
he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068"  
put |strong="H7725" bandages on |strong="H0413"  
us |strong="H0413".

<sup>2</sup> After |strong="H3117" two days |strong="H3117"  
he |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" bring  
us |strong="H6440" back to |strong="H3117"  
life |strong="H3117".

He |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117"  
raise |strong="H6965" us |strong="H6440"  
up |strong="H6965" on |strong="H3117"  
the |strong="H6440" third |strong="H7992"  
day |strong="H3117".

Then |strong="H6965" we |strong="H3117" can  
live |strong="H2421" near |strong="H6440"  
him |strong="H6440".

<sup>3</sup> Let's learn |strong="H3045" about |strong="H3045"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".

Let's try very |strong="H3045" hard  
to |strong="H0935" know |strong="H3045"  
him |strong="H0853".

We |strong="H0776" know |strong="H3045"  
he |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" com-  
ing |strong="H0935",

just as |strong="H0935" we |strong="H0776"  
know |strong="H3045" the |strong="H0853"  
dawn |strong="H7837" is |strong="H3068" com-  
ing |strong="H0935".

He |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068"  
come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
us |strong="H3384" like |strong="H0776"

the |strong="H0853" rain |strong="H1653",  
like |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853"  
spring |strong="H4456" rain |strong="H1653"  
that |strong="H3045" waters the |strong="H0853"  
ground |strong="H0776".

#### The |strong="H0853" People |strong="H0776" Are |strong="H3068" Not |strong="H0776" Faithful

<sup>4</sup> Ephraim |strong="H0669", what |strong="H4100"  
should |strong="H4100" I |strong="H1242"  
do |strong="H6213" with |strong="H1980"  
you |strong="H6213"?

Judah |strong="H3063", what |strong="H4100"  
should |strong="H4100" I |strong="H1242"  
do |strong="H6213" with |strong="H1980"  
you |strong="H6213"?

Your |strong="H4100" faithfulness |strong="H2617"  
is |strong="H4100" like |strong="H1980"  
a |strong="H1980" morning |strong="H1242"  
mist |strong="H6051".

Your |strong="H4100" faithfulness |strong="H2617"  
is |strong="H4100" like |strong="H1980"  
the |strong="H1980" dew |strong="H2919"  
that |strong="H1242" goes |strong="H1980"  
away |strong="H1980" early |strong="H7925"  
in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H1980" morn-  
ing |strong="H1242".

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="H3651" used the |strong="H5921"  
prophets |strong="H5030"  
and |strong="H4941" made laws

for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" people.  
The |strong="H5921" people were |strong="H5030"  
killed |strong="H2026" at |strong="H5921"  
my |strong="H5921" command |strong="H6310",  
but |strong="H3651" good things  
will |strong="H0216" come |strong="H3318"  
from |strong="H3318" those |strong="H5921" deci-  
sions |strong="H4941". <sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup> This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H0430" be-  
cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"

want |strong="H2654" faithful |strong="H2617"  
love |strong="H2617",

not |strong="H3808" sacrifice |strong="H2077".

I |strong="H3588" want |strong="H2654" peo-  
ple |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0430"

know |strong="H1847" God |strong="H0430",  
not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0430" bring  
burnt |strong="H5930" offerings |strong="H5930".

7 But |strong="H1992" the |strong="H8033" people  
broke |strong="H5674" the |strong="H8033" agree-  
ment |strong="H1285" as |strong="H1992"  
Adam |strong="H0121" did. <sup>I</sup>

They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1992" un-  
faithful to |strong="H8033" me in |strong="H8033"  
their |strong="H1992" country.

8 Gilead |strong="H1568" is |strong="H1818"  
a |strong="H6466" city |strong="H7151"  
of |strong="H1818" people |strong="H1818" who  
do |strong="H6466" evil |strong="H0205"—

people |strong="H1818" who have |strong="H0205"  
tricked and |strong="H1818" killed others.

9 The |strong="H3588" priests |strong="H3548"  
are |strong="H0376" like |strong="H1870" gangs  
of |strong="H0376" robbers

hiding and |strong="H3548" wait-  
ing |strong="H2442" on |strong="H1870"  
the |strong="H3588" road |strong="H1870"  
to |strong="H0376" attack someone |strong="H0376".

They |strong="H3588" murder |strong="H7523" peo-  
ple |strong="H0376" before they |strong="H3588"  
reach safety in |strong="H0376"  
Shechem |strong="H7927".

They |strong="H3588" do |strong="H6213" such  
evil |strong="H2154" things.

10 I |strong="H7200" have |strong="H7200"  
seen |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" terrible thing  
in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H7200" na-  
tion |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478".

Ephraim |strong="H0669" was |strong="H3478" un-  
faithful to |strong="H3478" God.

Israel |strong="H3478" is |strong="H0669" dirty  
with |strong="H1004" sin.

11 Judah |strong="H3063", there |strong="H7725"  
is |strong="H1571" also |strong="H1571"  
a |strong="H1571" time of |strong="H7622" har-  
vest |strong="H7105" for |strong="H1571"  
you |strong="H7725".

It |strong="H7725" will |strong="H1571" happen  
when |strong="H7725" I |strong="H1571"  
bring |strong="H7725" my |strong="H7725" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971" back |strong="H7725"  
from |strong="H7725" captivity |strong="H7622". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>I</sup> BUT GOOD THINGS ... DECISIONS Or "I cut them with the prophets. I killed them with the words from my mouth. Light will come from your decisions." <sup>I</sup> AS ADAM DID See Genesis 3. <sup>II</sup> NATION Literally, "house." This might mean the royal family of that country. <sup>III</sup> IT WILL ... CAPTIVITY Or "It will happen when I restore my people's fortune."

7 " I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3478"

heal |strong="H7495" Israel |strong="H3478"!

Then |strong="H0935" people will |strong="H3478"  
know that |strong="H3588" Ephraim |strong="H0669"  
sinned.

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3478" know  
about |strong="H0935" Samaria's |strong="H8111" <sup>IV</sup>  
lies |strong="H8267".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3478" know  
about |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588"  
thieves |strong="H1590" who |strong="H3478"  
come |strong="H0935" and |strong="H0935"  
go |strong="H0935" in |strong="H0935"  
that |strong="H3588" town.

2 They |strong="H0559" don't believe  
that |strong="H3605" I |strong="H6258"  
will |strong="H1961" remember |strong="H2142"  
their |strong="H3605" crimes |strong="H7451".

The |strong="H3605" bad |strong="H7451"  
things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0559" did  
are |strong="H4611" all |strong="H3605"  
around |strong="H5437".

I |strong="H6258" can see their |strong="H3605"  
sins clearly.

3 Their |strong="H7451" evil |strong="H7451"  
makes |strong="H8055" their |strong="H7451"  
king |strong="H4428" happy |strong="H8055".

Their |strong="H7451" false gods please  
their |strong="H7451" leaders |strong="H8269".

4 A |strong="H3644" baker |strong="H0644" presses  
dough |strong="H1217" to |strong="H5704" make  
bread.

He |strong="H5704" puts the |strong="H3605" bread  
in |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
oven |strong="H8574".

He |strong="H5704" does not |strong="H5782" make  
the |strong="H3605" fire hotter

while |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3605" bread  
is |strong="H3605" rising.

But |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people  
of |strong="H3605" Israel are not |strong="H5782"  
like |strong="H3644" that |strong="H3605".

They |strong="H5704" are always mak-  
ing |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" fire hotter.

5 On |strong="H3117" Our |strong="H0854"  
King's |strong="H4428" Day |strong="H3117",  
the |strong="H3117" leaders |strong="H8269" get  
so |strong="H3027" drunk |strong="H3196"  
that |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" get  
sick |strong="H2470".

They |strong="H3117" become crazy  
with |strong="H0854" wine |strong="H3196"  
and |strong="H3027" make |strong="H4900" agree-  
ments with |strong="H0854" people  
who |strong="H4428" laugh at |strong="H3117"  
God |strong="H3027".

<sup>IV</sup> SAMARIA The capital city of the northern kingdom of Israel.

6 The *people* make *their* secret plans.

Their hearts burn with excitement like an oven *of excitement*.

Their excitement burns all night, and in the morning it is *like* hot fire.

7 They are *like* hot ovens.

They destroyed their rulers.

All their kings fell.

Not one of them called me for help.

#### Israel and the Nations

8 Ephraim mixes with the nations.

Ephraim is *like* a cake was not cooked on both sides.

9 Strangers destroy Ephraim's strength, but Ephraim does not know it.

Gray hairs are also sprinkled on Ephraim, but Ephraim does not know it.

10 Ephraim's pride speaks against him.

The people had many troubles, but they still didn't go back.

I GRAY HAIRS This word might describe something that was put on the food when people cooked, something that looked like gray hairs.

to the LORD God.

They didn't look him help.

11 So Ephraim has become like a silly dove without understanding.

The people called Egypt for help.

They went to Assyria for help.

12 They go to those countries for help,

but I will trap them.

I will throw my net over them,

and I will bring them down like birds the sky.

I will punish them for their agreements.

13 It will be very bad for those left.

They refused to obey me, so they be destroyed.

I saved them, but they speak against me.

14 They never call me their hearts.

Yes, they cry their beds.

And they cut themselves.

II FOR THEIR AGREEMENTS Or "for the report of their treaties."



when |strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" ask for |strong="H3588" grain |strong="H1715" and |strong="H3820" new |strong="H8492" wine |strong="H8492".

But |strong="H3588" in |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" hearts |strong="H3820", they |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" turned |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493" me |strong="H0413".

<sup>15</sup> I |strong="H0589" trained |strong="H3256" them |strong="H0413" and |strong="H2388" made |strong="H2388" their |strong="H2388" arms |strong="H2220" strong |strong="H2388",

but |strong="H2388" they |strong="H7451" made |strong="H2388" evil |strong="H7451" plans |strong="H2803" against |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413".

<sup>16</sup> Like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" boomerang, they |strong="H3808" changed directions,

but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" did |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H1961" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725".<sup>I</sup>

Their |strong="H7725" leaders |strong="H8269" bragged about |strong="H1961" their |strong="H7725" strength,

but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H3808" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" killed |strong="H2719" with |strong="H4714" swords |strong="H2719".

And |strong="H0776" the |strong="H7725" people |strong="H3808" in |strong="H0776" Egypt |strong="H4714"

will |strong="H1961" laugh at |strong="H1961" them |strong="H7725".

#### Idol Worship Leads to Destruction

**8** "Put the |strong="H5921" trumpet |strong="H7782" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" lips |strong="H2441" and |strong="H3068" give the |strong="H5921" warning. Be |strong="H3068" like |strong="H1004" an |strong="H3068" eagle |strong="H5404" over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" LORD'S |strong="H3068" house |strong="H1004".<sup>II</sup> The |strong="H5921" Israelites have |strong="H3068" broken |strong="H5674" my |strong="H3068" agreement |strong="H1285". They |strong="H5921" have |strong="H3068" not obeyed my |strong="H3068" law |strong="H8451".<sup>2</sup> They |strong="H0430" yell out |strong="H2199" at |strong="H3478" me |strong="H3045", ' My |strong="H3045" God |strong="H0430", we in |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478" know |strong="H3045"

<sup>I</sup> THEY CHANGED ... TO ME Or "They turned, but not upward" or "They turned to the 'no-gods.'" That is, the statues people worshiped as gods. <sup>II</sup> BE LIKE AN EAGLE ... LORD'S HOUSE Or "Be like a guard over the LORD'S house."

you |strong="H3045"!<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H2186" Israel |strong="H3478" refused the |strong="H7291" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3478", so the |strong="H7291" enemy |strong="H0341" chases |strong="H7291" him |strong="H7291".<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H4480" Israelites chose |strong="H6213" their |strong="H1992" kings, but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992" didn't |strong="H3808" come to |strong="H4616" me |strong="H4480" for |strong="H4616" advice. They |strong="H1992" chose |strong="H6213" leaders, but |strong="H3808" they |strong="H1992" didn't |strong="H3808" choose men |strong="H3772" I |strong="H3045" knew |strong="H3045". The |strong="H4480" Israelites used |strong="H6213" their |strong="H1992" silver |strong="H3701" and |strong="H3701" gold |strong="H2091" to |strong="H4616" make |strong="H6213" idols |strong="H6091" for |strong="H4616" themselves |strong="H1992", so |strong="H4616" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H3772".<sup>5</sup> He has refused your calf, Samaria. <sup>III</sup> God says, 'I am very angry with the Israelites.' The people of Israel will be punished for their sin. Some worker made those statues. They are not God. Samaria's calf will be broken into pieces.<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H3588" Israelites did |strong="H6213" a |strong="H3588" foolish thing |strong="H3588"— it |strong="H3588" was |strong="H0369" like |strong="H7307" trying to |strong="H0369" plant |strong="H2232" the |strong="H3588" wind |strong="H7307". But |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0369" get only troubles— they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0369" harvest |strong="H7114" a |strong="H3588" whirlwind. The |strong="H3588" grain |strong="H7054" in |strong="H7307" the |strong="H3588" fields will |strong="H0369" grow, but |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0369" give no |strong="H0369" food. Even |strong="H3588" if |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" grew |strong="H6780" something, strangers |strong="H2114" would |strong="H7307" eat it |strong="H3588".

<sup>8</sup> " Israel |strong="H3478" was |strong="H0369" destroyed |strong="H0369";

its |strong="H1961" people |strong="H1471" are |strong="H3478" scattered among |strong="H3478" the |strong="H1961" nations |strong="H1471", like |strong="H1961" some dish that |strong="H3478" was |strong="H0369" thrown

<sup>III</sup> CALF, SAMARIA Samaria was the capital city of Israel. The people of Israel made statues of calves and put them in the temples at Dan and Bethel. It is not clear if these statues represented the Lord or some false god. But God didn't want them to use these statues. See 1 Kings 12:26-30.

away|strong="H0369" because no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" wanted it|strong="H1961".

<sup>9</sup> Ephraim|strong="H0669" went|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5927" his|strong="H3588" lovers|strong="H0158"! I

Like|strong="H5927" a|strong="H3588" stubborn donkey|strong="H6501", they|strong="H1992" led him|strong="H3588" off|strong="H5927" to|strong="H5927" Assyria|strong="H0804".

<sup>10</sup> Yes|strong="H3588", Israel was|strong="H4428" taken to|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3588" nations|strong="H1471",

but|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1471" bring them|strong="H2490" back.

But|strong="H3588" first, they|strong="H3588" must|strong="H1571" suffer a|strong="H3588" little|strong="H4592"

by|strong="H1571" carrying the|strong="H3588" burden|strong="H4853" of|strong="H4428" that|strong="H3588" mighty king|strong="H4428".

#### Israel Forgets God and|strong="H4428" Worships Idols

<sup>11</sup> " Ephraim|strong="H0669" built more|strong="H7235" and|strong="H4196" more|strong="H7235" altars|strong="H4196", and|strong="H4196" that|strong="H3588" was|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" sin|strong="H2398".

They|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" altars|strong="H4196" of|strong="H4196" sin|strong="H2398" for|strong="H3588" Ephraim|strong="H0669".

<sup>12</sup> Even if|strong="H3644" I wrote|strong="H3789" 10,000 laws|strong="H8451" for|strong="H2803" Ephraim,

he|strong="H2803" would treat them|strong="H3789" as|strong="H3644" if|strong="H3644" they|strong="H3644" were for|strong="H2803" some stranger.

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H3068" Israelites love sacrifices|strong="H2077". II

They|strong="H1992" offer|strong="H2076" the|strong="H3068" meat|strong="H1320" and|strong="H3068" eat|strong="H0398" it|strong="H7725".

The|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" accept|strong="H7521" their|strong="H3068" sacrifices|strong="H2077".

He|strong="H3068" remembers|strong="H2142" their|strong="H3068" sins|strong="H2403", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" them|strong="H1992".

I LOVERS This means Israel's false gods. II THE ISRAELITES LOVE SACRIFICES The meaning of the Hebrew text here is uncertain.

They|strong="H1992" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" carried away|strong="H7725" as|strong="H3068" prisoners to|strong="H7725" Egypt|strong="H4714".

<sup>14</sup> Israel|strong="H3478" has|strong="H3478" built|strong="H1129" palaces|strong="H0759" for|strong="H7971" their|strong="H0398" kings, and|strong="H3063" now Judah|strong="H3063" builds|strong="H1129" fortresses|strong="H0759".

But|strong="H7911" they|strong="H6213" have|strong="H3478" forgotten|strong="H7911" their|strong="H0398" Maker!

So|strong="H6213" I|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" send|strong="H7971" a|strong="H1129" fire|strong="H0784" to|strong="H3478" destroy|strong="H6213" their|strong="H0398" cities|strong="H5892" and|strong="H3063" fortresses|strong="H0759"!"

#### The Sadness of Exile

<sup>9</sup> Israel|strong="H3478", don't|strong="H0408" celebrate like|strong="H3478"

the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H5971" do|strong="H0408". Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" happy|strong="H8055".

You|strong="H3588" acted like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H3588" prostitute|strong="H2181" and|strong="H3478" left your|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430". You|strong="H3588" committed|strong="H5921" your|strong="H3605" sexual sin III on|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605" threshing|strong="H1637" floor|strong="H1637". <sup>2</sup>

But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3808" grain from|strong="H3808" those threshing|strong="H1637" floors|strong="H1637" will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" provide enough food for|strong="H3808" Israel. There will|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" enough wine|strong="H8492" for|strong="H3808" Israel.

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="H3068" Israelites will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" stay|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" land|strong="H0776". Ephraim|strong="H0669" will|strong="H3068" return|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" Egypt|strong="H4714". In|strong="H3427" Assyria|strong="H0804" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" eat|strong="H0398" food|strong="H0398" that|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3808" should|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" eat|strong="H0398". <sup>4</sup> They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"

III YOU COMMITTED YOUR SEXUAL SIN This means the people were not faithful to God. But it also means the people had sexual relations with temple prostitutes. They believed their false gods would give them many children and good crops.

be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0935" give |strong="H0398" offerings |strong="H3068" of |strong="H1004" wine |strong="H3196" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". None |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1004" their |strong="H3605" sacrifices |strong="H2077" will |strong="H3068" please |strong="H6148" him |strong="H2930". What |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" offer |strong="H2077" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" food |strong="H3899" eaten |strong="H0398" at |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" funeral— who-ever |strong="H3605" eats |strong="H0398" it |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" be-come |strong="H2930" unclean |strong="H2930". They |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0935" eat |strong="H0398" that |strong="H3588" food |strong="H3899" for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H3605" own |strong="H5315" hunger |strong="H5315", but |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" cannot |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" taken into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" Lord's |strong="H3068" Tem-ple |strong="H1004".<sup>5</sup> They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" not be |strong="H3068" able to |strong="H3068" celebrate |strong="H2282" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" feasts |strong="H4150" or |strong="H3117" festi-vals |strong="H4150".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H6908" of |strong="H0168" Israel left |strong="H1980" be-cause |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" enemy took |strong="H3423" everything from |strong="H1980" them |strong="H3423". But |strong="H3588" Egypt |strong="H4714" will |strong="H4714" take |strong="H3423" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H6908" them-selves |strong="H6908". Memphis |strong="H4644"<sup>II</sup> will |strong="H4714" bury |strong="H6912" them |strong="H3423". Weeds |strong="H7057" will |strong="H4714" grow |strong="H1980" over |strong="H3423" their |strong="H3588" sil-ver |strong="H3701" treasures |strong="H4261", and |strong="H1980" thorns |strong="H2336" will |strong="H4714" grow |strong="H1980" where |strong="H2009" the |strong="H3588" Israelites lived.

#### Israel Rejected the |strong="H3588" True Prophets

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H5921" prophet |strong="H5030" says, " Israel |strong="H3478", learn |strong="H3045" this |strong="H3117": The |strong="H5921" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H0376" punish-ment |strong="H5771" has |strong="H3478" come |strong="H0935". The |strong="H5921"

<sup>I</sup> Literally, "What will you do for a day of solemn assembly, for the LORD'S festival day?" <sup>II</sup> MEMPHIS An important city in Egypt.

time |strong="H3117" has |strong="H3478" come |strong="H0935" for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921" to |strong="H0935" pay |strong="H3045" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" evil |strong="H5771" things |strong="H3478" you |strong="H5921" did |strong="H0376": " But |strong="H0376" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" Israel |strong="H3478" say |strong="H3478", " The |strong="H5921" prophet |strong="H5030" is |strong="H0376" a |strong="H0935" fool |strong="H0191". This |strong="H3117" man |strong="H0376" with |strong="H5921" God's Spirit |strong="H7307" is |strong="H0376" crazy." The |strong="H5921" prophet |strong="H5030" says, " You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H0376" punished for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" terrible sins |strong="H5771". You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H0376" punished for |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" hate."<sup>8</sup> God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0430" the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030" are |strong="H5030" like |strong="H5973" guards watching |strong="H6822" over |strong="H5921" Ephraim |strong="H0669", but |strong="H1870" there |strong="H3605" are |strong="H5030" many traps |strong="H6341" along |strong="H5921" his |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870". And |strong="H0430" people hate the |strong="H3605" prophet |strong="H5030", even |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" his |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="H3117" Israelites have |strong="H5771" gone |strong="H6009" deep |strong="H6009" into ruin |strong="H7843" as |strong="H3117" in |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" Gibeah |strong="H1390". God will |strong="H3117" remember |strong="H2142" the |strong="H3117" Israelites' sins |strong="H2403", and |strong="H3117" he |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" punish |strong="H6485" them |strong="H6485".

#### Israel Is |strong="H3117" Ruined |strong="H7843" by |strong="H3117" Its |strong="H6485" Worship of |strong="H3117" Idols

<sup>10</sup> " At |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0935" time |strong="H1961" I |strong="H7200", the |strong="H0935" Lord, found |strong="H4672" Is-rael |strong="H3478", they |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" fresh grapes |strong="H6025" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" desert |strong="H4057". They |strong="H1992" were |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0935"

first |strong="H7225" figs |strong="H8384"  
 on |strong="H0935" a |strong="H1961"  
 fig |strong="H8384" tree |strong="H8384"  
 at |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0935" begin-  
 ning |strong="H7225" of |strong="H0001"  
 the |strong="H0935" season. But |strong="H1961"  
 when |strong="H1961" they |strong="H1992"  
 came |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935"  
 Baal |strong="H1187" Peor |strong="H1187",<sup>I</sup>  
 they |strong="H1992" changed. So |strong="H1961"  
 I |strong="H7200" had |strong="H1961"  
 to |strong="H0935" cut them |strong="H1992" off  
 like |strong="H1961" rotten fruit |strong="H1063".<sup>II</sup>  
 They |strong="H1992" became |strong="H1961"  
 like |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0935" terrible  
 things |strong="H8251" that |strong="H7200"  
 they |strong="H1992" loved |strong="H0157".

**The |strong="H0935" Israelites |strong="H3478"  
 Will |strong="H1961" Have |strong="H1961"  
 No |strong="H4672" Children**

<sup>11</sup> " Like |strong="H5774" a |strong="H3205"  
 bird |strong="H5775", Ephraim's |strong="H0669" glo-  
 ry |strong="H3519" will |strong="H0669"  
 fly |strong="H5774" away. There will |strong="H0669"  
 be no more pregnancies, no more births,  
 and |strong="H0669" no more babies.<sup>12</sup>  
 But |strong="H3588" even |strong="H1571"  
 if |strong="H0518" the |strong="H0853" Israelites  
 do |strong="H0518" raise their |strong="H1992" chil-  
 dren |strong="H1121", it |strong="H0518"  
 will |strong="H1571" not |strong="H0518" help, be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H1571" take |strong="H5493"  
 the |strong="H0853" children |strong="H1121"  
 away |strong="H5493" from |strong="H5493"  
 them |strong="H1992". I |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H1571" leave |strong="H5493"  
 them |strong="H1992", and |strong="H1121"  
 they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H1571"  
 have |strong="H1571" nothing |strong="H0518"  
 but |strong="H3588" troubles."

<sup>13</sup> I |strong="H0834" can |strong="H0834"  
 see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834"  
 Ephraim |strong="H0669" is |strong="H0834" leading  
 his |strong="H0834" children |strong="H1121" in-  
 to |strong="H0413" a |strong="H7200" trap.  
 Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H0834"  
 lead |strong="H3318" his |strong="H0834" chil-  
 dren |strong="H1121" out |strong="H3318"  
 to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0834" killer.<sup>14</sup>  
 LORD |strong="H3068", give |strong="H5414"  
 them |strong="H5414" what |strong="H4100"  
 you |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068".

<sup>I</sup> BAAL PEOR This happened when Moses was still leading the Is-  
 raelites in the desert. Read Num. 25:1-5. <sup>II</sup> THEY CHANGED ... ROTTEN  
 FRUIT This is a wordplay that can also mean "they dedicated them-  
 selves to a shameful idol."

Give |strong="H5414" them |strong="H5414"  
 a |strong="H5414" womb |strong="H7358"  
 that |strong="H3068" loses babies  
 and |strong="H3068" breasts |strong="H7699"  
 that |strong="H3068" cannot give |strong="H5414"  
 milk.

<sup>15</sup> All |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605"  
 evil |strong="H7451" is |strong="H3605"  
 in |strong="H5921" Gilgal |strong="H1537";

I |strong="H3588" began hating |strong="H8130"  
 them |strong="H5921" there |strong="H8033".

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004" force  
 them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" leave  
 my |strong="H3605" house |strong="H1004"

because |strong="H3588" of |strong="H1004"  
 the |strong="H3605" evil |strong="H7451"  
 things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3588"  
 do |strong="H3254".

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1004"  
 not |strong="H3808" love |strong="H0160"  
 them |strong="H5921" anymore |strong="H3254".

Their |strong="H3605" leaders |strong="H8269"  
 are |strong="H1004" rebels |strong="H5637"  
 who |strong="H3605" turned |strong="H1004"  
 against |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921".

<sup>16</sup> Ephraim |strong="H0669" will |strong="H1571"  
 be |strong="H4191" punished.

Their |strong="H3588" root |strong="H8328"  
 is |strong="H1571" dying |strong="H4191".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1571"  
 not |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1571"  
 any |strong="H1571" more |strong="H3588" babies.

They |strong="H3588" might give |strong="H3205"  
 birth |strong="H3205" to |strong="H4191" babies,

but |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H1571" kill |strong="H4191"  
 the |strong="H3588" precious |strong="H4261" babies  
 who |strong="H3205" come from |strong="H1571"  
 their |strong="H3588" bodies.

<sup>17</sup> Those |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1471"  
 will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808" lis-  
 ten |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1961"

my |strong="H8085" God |strong="H0430",  
 so |strong="H1961" he |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H0430" refuse |strong="H3808"  
 to |strong="H1961" listen |strong="H8085"  
 to |strong="H1961" them |strong="H1961".

And |strong="H0430" they |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H0430" wander |strong="H5074"  
 among |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3588" na-  
 tions |strong="H1471" without |strong="H3808"  
 a |strong="H1961" home.

**Israel's Riches Led to  
 Its Worship of Idols**

**10** Israel |strong="H3478" is |strong="H0776"  
 like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H0776"  
 vine |strong="H1612"

that **grows plenty** of **fruit**.

But as **Israel** got more **things**, he **built more** and **more altars** to **honor false gods**.

His **land** became better and **better**,

so he **put up better** and **better** stones to **honor false gods**.

<sup>2</sup> The **people** of **Israel** tried to **trick God**,

but **now** they **must accept** their **guilt**.

He **will break** down **their altars**

and **destroy** their **memorial stones**.

**The Evil Decisions of** the **Israelites**

<sup>3</sup> Now **the** **Israelites** say, "We **have** no **king**. We **don't** honor the **LORD**. And **his** **king** **cannot** do **anything** to **us**."

<sup>4</sup> They **make** **promises**, but they **are** **telling** **lies**. They **don't** keep their **promises**. They **make** **agreements** with **other countries**. **God** does not like **those** **agreements**. **The** **judges** are **like** **poisonous** **weeds** growing in **a** **plowed field**.

<sup>5</sup> The **people** from **Samaria** worship the **calves** at **Beth Aven**. <sup>1</sup> They

**will cry**. The **priests** **will cry**, because **their** beautiful **idol** is **gone**. It **was** **carried** away. <sup>6</sup> It **was** **carried** away **as** a **gift** to **the** great **king** of **Assyria**. He **will** **keep** **Ephraim's** **idol** **ashamed** of **its** **idol**. <sup>7</sup> **Samaria's** **false god** **will** **be** **destroyed**. It **will** **be** **like** a **piece** of **wood** floating away on **the** **water's surface**.

<sup>8</sup> **Israel** **sinned** and **built** many **high** **places** of **Aven** **will** **be** **destroyed**. **Thorns** and **weeds** **will** **grow** **on** their **altars**. Then **they** **will** **say** to **the** **mountains**, "Cover **us**!" and **to** **the** **hills**, "Fall!" **on** **us**!"

**Israel Will Pay for Sin**

<sup>9</sup> **Israel**, you **have** **sinned** since **the** **time** of

I BETH AVEN A name meaning "House of Evil." It is a wordplay on the name "Bethel," a name meaning "House of God." There was a temple in this town. II IDOL Or "advice." III FALSE GOD Or "king." IV HIGH PLACES OF AVEN Aven means "evil" or "wickedness." This probably means the temple and other places of worship at Bethel.

Gibeah |strong="H1390". ( And |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1121" have |strong="H1121" continued to |strong="H5921" sin |strong="H2398" there |strong="H8033".) Those |strong="H1121" evil people |strong="H1121" at |strong="H5921" Gibeah |strong="H1390" will |strong="H3478" be |strong="H3808" trapped by |strong="H5921" war |strong="H4421". <sup>10</sup> I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H5869" come to |strong="H5921" punish |strong="H3256" them |strong="H5921". Armies will |strong="H5869" come together |strong="H0622" against |strong="H5921" them |strong="H5921" and |strong="H5869" punish |strong="H3256" the |strong="H5921" Israelites for |strong="H5921" both |strong="H8147" of |strong="H5869" their |strong="H5921" sins. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>11</sup> " Ephraim |strong="H0669" is |strong="H0669" like |strong="H0157" a |strong="H5921" trained |strong="H3925" young cow that |strong="H5697" loves |strong="H0157" to |strong="H5921" walk on |strong="H5921" grain on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" threshing |strong="H1758" floor. I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3063" put |strong="H7392" a |strong="H5921" good |strong="H2898" yoke on |strong="H5921" her |strong="H5921" neck |strong="H6676". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3063" put |strong="H7392" the |strong="H5921" ropes on |strong="H5921" Ephraim |strong="H0669". Then |strong="H5674" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3063" begin plowing |strong="H2790". Jacob |strong="H3290" will |strong="H3063" break the |strong="H5921" ground himself |strong="H0589"."

<sup>12</sup> If you |strong="H5704" plant |strong="H2232" goodness, you |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" harvest |strong="H7114" faithful |strong="H2617" love |strong="H2617". Plow your |strong="H3068" ground, and |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" harvest |strong="H7114" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935" he |strong="H5704" will |strong="H3068" make goodness fall |strong="H0935" on |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5704" like |strong="H5704" rain |strong="H3384".

<sup>13</sup> But |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" planted evil |strong="H7562", and |strong="H0398" you |strong="H3588" harvested trouble. You |strong="H3588" ate |strong="H0398" the |strong="H3588" fruit |strong="H6529" of |strong="H1870" your |strong="H0398" lies |strong="H3585", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" had |strong="H3588" trust-

I This probably refers to worship at Gibeah and Beth Aven.

ed |strong="H0982" in |strong="H0982" your |strong="H0398" power and |strong="H0398" your |strong="H0398" soldiers |strong="H1368". <sup>14</sup> So |strong="H6965" your |strong="H3605" armies will |strong="H1121" hear the |strong="H3605" noise |strong="H7588" of |strong="H1121" battle |strong="H4421", and |strong="H1121" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" fortresses |strong="H4013" will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" destroyed |strong="H7703". It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" like |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" Shalman |strong="H8020" <sup>II</sup> destroyed |strong="H7703" Beth Arbel. At |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" war |strong="H4421", mothers |strong="H0517" were |strong="H1121" killed with |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3605" children |strong="H1121". <sup>15</sup> And |strong="H3478" this |strong="H3602" will |strong="H4428" happen to |strong="H3478" you |strong="H6440" at |strong="H3478" Bethel |strong="H1008", because |strong="H6440" you |strong="H6440" did |strong="H6213" so |strong="H6213" many evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H3478". When |strong="H6213" that |strong="H3478" day |strong="H7837" begins, the |strong="H6440" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3478" fully destroyed |strong="H1820".

#### Israel Has Forgotten the Lord

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3588" Lord said, " I |strong="H3588" loved |strong="H0157" Israel |strong="H3478" when |strong="H3588" he |strong="H3588" was |strong="H3478" a |strong="H3588" child |strong="H5288", and |strong="H1121" I |strong="H3588" called |strong="H7121" my |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" out of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>2</sup> But |strong="H3651" the |strong="H6440" more |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3651" <sup>III</sup> called |strong="H7121" the |strong="H6440" Israelites, the |strong="H6440" more |strong="H3651" they |strong="H3651" left |strong="H1980" me |strong="H6440".

The |strong="H6440" Israelites gave |strong="H7121" sacrifices |strong="H6999" to |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" false gods |strong="H1980" <sup>IV</sup> and |strong="H1980" burned |strong="H6999" incense |strong="H6999" to |strong="H1980" the |strong="H6440" idols |strong="H6456".

II SHALMAN This is probably Shalmaneser, king of Assyria. III I This is from the ancient Greek version. The standard Hebrew text has "they." IV FALSE GODS Literally, "Baals."

<sup>3</sup> " But |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0595" was |strong="H3808" the |strong="H5921" one |strong="H3808" who |strong="H3588" taught |strong="H3045" Ephraim |strong="H0669" to |strong="H5921" walk.

I |strong="H0595" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H5921" Israelites in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" arms |strong="H2220".

I |strong="H0595" healed |strong="H7495" them |strong="H5921",

but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H3808" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588".

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="H5921" led |strong="H4900" them |strong="H0413" with |strong="H0413" ropes |strong="H5688", <sup>I</sup>

but |strong="H1961" they |strong="H5921" were |strong="H1961" ropes |strong="H5688" of |strong="H5921" love |strong="H0160".

I |strong="H5921" was |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" person |strong="H0120" who |strong="H0120" set |strong="H7311" them |strong="H0413" free. <sup>II</sup>

I |strong="H5921" bent |strong="H5186" down |strong="H5186" and |strong="H0398" fed |strong="H0398" them |strong="H0413".

<sup>5</sup> " The |strong="H3588" Israelites will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" go |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" Egypt |strong="H4714". The |strong="H3588" king |strong="H4428" of |strong="H4428" Assyria |strong="H0804" will |strong="H0776" become |strong="H7725" their |strong="H3588" king |strong="H4428", because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" refused |strong="H3985" to |strong="H0413" turn |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H3808". <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0398" sword |strong="H2719" will |strong="H2719" swing against |strong="H2719" their |strong="H0398" cities |strong="H5892" and |strong="H0398" kill |strong="H2719" their |strong="H0398" strong men. It |strong="H0398" will |strong="H2719" destroy |strong="H3615" their |strong="H0398" leaders.

<sup>7</sup> " My |strong="H7311" people |strong="H5971" expect me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" come back |strong="H0413". They |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" call |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H3808" above |strong="H0413", but |strong="H3808" he |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" help |strong="H5971" them |strong="H0413". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>I</sup> ROPES The Hebrew says, "ropes of a man." <sup>II</sup> SET THEM FREE Literally, "lifted the yoke from their jaws." <sup>III</sup> Or "My people are hanging on poles

The |strong="H0413" Lord Will |strong="H3808" Not |strong="H3808" Destroy Israel |strong="H5971"

<sup>8</sup> " Ephraim |strong="H0669", I |strong="H5414" don't want to |strong="H5921" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414" up |strong="H5921".

Israel |strong="H3478", I |strong="H5414" want to |strong="H5921" protect you |strong="H5414".

I |strong="H5414" don't want to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H7760" you |strong="H5414" like |strong="H3478" Admah |strong="H0126".

I |strong="H5414" don't want to |strong="H5921" make |strong="H7760" you |strong="H5414" like |strong="H3478" Zeboiim |strong="H6636". <sup>IV</sup>

I |strong="H5414" am changing my |strong="H5414" mind |strong="H3820".

My |strong="H5414" love for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5414" is |strong="H3820" too |strong="H5921" strong.

<sup>9</sup> I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" my |strong="H7725" terrible anger |strong="H0639" win.

I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" destroy |strong="H7843" Ephraim |strong="H0669" again |strong="H7725".

I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" God |strong="H0410" and |strong="H0935" not |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" human.

I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" the |strong="H3588" Holy |strong="H6918" One |strong="H0376".

I |strong="H0595" am |strong="H0595" with |strong="H0935" you |strong="H3588".

I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3808" show |strong="H6213" my |strong="H7725" anger |strong="H0639".

<sup>10</sup> I |strong="H3588", the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068", will |strong="H3068" roar |strong="H7580" like |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" lion |strong="H0738",

and |strong="H1121" my |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H2729" and |strong="H1121" follow |strong="H0310" me |strong="H0310".

They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H2729" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H3588" west |strong="H3220", shaking with |strong="H3068" fear |strong="H2729".

<sup>11</sup> They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H2729" from |strong="H5921" Egypt |strong="H4714",

shaking like |strong="H0776" birds |strong="H6833". They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H2729" shaking like |strong="H0776"

<sup>IV</sup> ADMAH, ZEBOIM Two cities that were destroyed when God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. See Genesis 19; Deuteronomy 29:23.

doves |strong="H3123" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5002" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1004" Assyria |strong="H0804", and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H3427" them |strong="H5921" back |strong="H1004" home |strong="H1004".

This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

<sup>12</sup> Ephraim surrounded me with false gods.

The people of Israel turned against me. <sup>I</sup>

But Judah still walks with God <sup>II</sup>

and is true to the Holy One. <sup>III</sup>"

### The Lord Is Against Israel

**12** Ephraim |strong="H0669" is |strong="H0669" wasting its time |strong="H5750"; Israel |strong="H3478" "chases the |strong="H5973" wind" all |strong="H5750" day long |strong="H5750". The |strong="H5973" people tell more |strong="H5750" and |strong="H3063" more |strong="H5750" lies |strong="H3585" and |strong="H3063" steal more |strong="H5750" and |strong="H3063" more |strong="H5750". They |strong="H4820" have |strong="H3478" made |strong="H5437" agreements with |strong="H5973" Assyria, and |strong="H3063" they |strong="H4820" are |strong="H3478" carrying their |strong="H5437" olive oil to |strong="H3478" Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD says, " I |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3605" a |strong="H3772" complaint against |strong="H5973" Israel. <sup>IV</sup> Jacob must be |strong="H3117" punished for |strong="H4714" the |strong="H3605" bad things |strong="H3605" he |strong="H3117" did |strong="H3117". <sup>3</sup> While |strong="H5973" Jacob |strong="H3290" was |strong="H3068" still |strong="H7725" in |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" mother's womb, he |strong="H3068" began to |strong="H7725" trick his |strong="H5921" brother. <sup>V</sup> Jacob |strong="H3290" was |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" strong young man, and |strong="H3068" at |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3068" time he |strong="H3068" fought with |strong="H5973" God |strong="H3068". <sup>4</sup> Jacob wrestled |strong="H8280" with |strong="H0854" God's |strong="H0430" angel and |strong="H0430"

<sup>I</sup> EPHRAIM ... ME Or "Ephraim surrounded me with lies. The house of Israel surrounded me with deception." <sup>II</sup> GOD Literally, "El." This might be one of the names of God, or it might be El, the most important god of the Canaanites. It is not clear if this means Judah was being faithful to God or if Judah was worshiping the false gods. <sup>III</sup> HOLY ONE This is a plural form in the Hebrew text and may refer to God or to Canaanite false gods. <sup>IV</sup> ISRAEL Literally, "Judah." <sup>V</sup> HE ... HIS BROTHER Or "he grabbed his brother's heel." This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word is like the name "Jacob." Read Genesis 25:26.

won. <sup>VI</sup> He |strong="H0430" cried and |strong="H0430" asked for |strong="H0430" a |strong="H0251" favor. That |strong="H0854" happened at |strong="H0430" Bethel. There he |strong="H0430" spoke to |strong="H0430" us |strong="H0853". <sup>5</sup> Yes, YAHWEH is |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0413" God |strong="H1008" of |strong="H4397" the |strong="H0413" armies. <sup>VII</sup> His |strong="H0413" name is |strong="H8033" YAHWEH. <sup>6</sup> So come |strong="H6635" back to |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". Be |strong="H3068" loyal |strong="H3068" to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H0430". Do the |strong="H3068" right thing, and |strong="H3068" always trust in |strong="H0430" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

<sup>7</sup> Jacob is |strong="H0430" a |strong="H7725" tricky merchant. <sup>VIII</sup> He |strong="H0430" even cheats his |strong="H8104" friend! Even his |strong="H8104" scales <sup>IX</sup> lie. <sup>8</sup> Ephraim said, ' I |strong="H3027" am rich! I |strong="H3027" have |strong="H0157" found true riches! No one |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3027" learn about my |strong="H3027" crimes. No one |strong="H3027" will |strong="H3027" learn about my |strong="H3027" sins.'

<sup>9</sup> But |strong="H0389" I |strong="H0834" am still |strong="H0559" the |strong="H3605" LORD your |strong="H3605" God |strong="H0559", as |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" when |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" left |strong="H4672" the |strong="H3605" land of |strong="H3605" Egypt. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" make you |strong="H0834" live in |strong="H4672" tents, as |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" during |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" Festival of |strong="H3605" Shelters. <sup>X10</sup> I |strong="H0595" spoke to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3068" prophets and |strong="H3068" gave them |strong="H3427" many visions. I |strong="H0595" gave the |strong="H3068" prophets many ways to |strong="H3068" teach my |strong="H3068" lessons to |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3117". <sup>11</sup> But |strong="H1696" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1696" in |strong="H5921" Gilead have |strong="H5030" sinned. There are |strong="H3027" many |strong="H7235" terrible |strong="H7235" idols in |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3027" place |strong="H3027". They |strong="H5921" offer sacrifices to |strong="H1696" bulls at |strong="H5921"

<sup>VI</sup> JACOB WRESTLED ... AND WON Read Genesis 32:22-28. <sup>VII</sup> YAHWEH IS THE GOD OF THE ARMIES This is like one of the names for God. It is usually translated "LORD All-Powerful." <sup>VIII</sup> JACOB ... MERCHANT Literally, "Cannan." <sup>IX</sup> SCALES Or "balances," a tool for weighing things. <sup>X</sup> AS ... SHELTERS Literally, "as in the days of meeting." This might also refer to the meeting of God with his people in the Holy Tent (see "Holy Tent" in the Word List) during their wandering in the desert.



Gilgal. They have many altars. There are rows and rows of altars— like the rows of dirt in a plowed field.

<sup>12</sup> "Jacob ran away to the land of Aram. There Israel worked for a wife. He kept sheep to get another wife. <sup>13</sup> But LORD used a prophet and brought Israel out of Egypt. He used a prophet and kept Israel safe. <sup>14</sup> But Ephraim made LORD very angry. Ephraim killed many people, so he will be punished for his crimes. His Lord will make him bear his shame."

#### Israel Has Ruined Itself

**13** " The tribe of Ephraim made itself very important in Israel. Ephraim spoke and people shook with fear. But Ephraim sinned by worshiping Baal, so he must die. <sup>2</sup> Now the Israelites sin more and more. They make idols for themselves. Workers make those fancy statues from silver, and then they talk to their statues. They offer sacrifices to them, and they kiss those calf idols. <sup>3</sup> That is why

those people will soon disappear. They will be like a fog that comes early in the morning and then quickly disappears. The Israelites will be like chaff that is blown from the threshing floor. The Israelites will be like smoke that goes out a window and disappears. "

<sup>4</sup> " I have been LORD God since the time you were in the land of Egypt. You did not know other god except me. I am the one who saved you. <sup>5</sup> I knew you in the desert— I knew you in that dry land. <sup>6</sup> I gave food to the Israelites, and they ate it. They became full and satisfied. They became proud, and then they forgot me. <sup>7</sup> " That is why I will be like a lion a to them. I will

be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H3644"  
 a |strong="H1961" leopard |strong="H5246" waiting  
 by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921"  
 road |strong="H1870". <sup>8</sup> I |strong="H8033"  
 will |strong="H3820" attack them |strong="H0398"  
 like |strong="H3820" a |strong="H8033"  
 bear |strong="H1677" whose |strong="H8033" cubs  
 were robbed |strong="H6298" from |strong="H3820"  
 her |strong="H7167". I |strong="H8033"  
 will |strong="H3820" attack them |strong="H0398"  
 and |strong="H0398" rip |strong="H1234"  
 open |strong="H1234" their |strong="H0398" chests.  
 I |strong="H8033" will |strong="H3820"  
 be |strong="H3820" like |strong="H3820"  
 a |strong="H8033" lion or |strong="H7704" other  
 wild |strong="H7704" animal |strong="H2416" tearing  
 and |strong="H0398" eating |strong="H0398"  
 its |strong="H0398" prey.

**Israel Cannot Be |strong="H3820" Saved  
 From |strong="H3820" God's Anger**

<sup>9</sup> " Israel |strong="H3478", I |strong="H3588" helped  
 you |strong="H3588", but |strong="H3588"  
 you |strong="H3588" turned against  
 me |strong="H3588". So |strong="H3588"  
 now |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588"  
 will |strong="H3478" destroy |strong="H7843"  
 you |strong="H3588". <sup>10</sup> Where |strong="H0834"  
 is |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3605"  
 king |strong="H4428"? Can |strong="H0834"  
 he |strong="H0834" save |strong="H3467"  
 you |strong="H0834" in |strong="H4428"  
 any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H4428"  
 your |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H5892"?  
 Where |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834"  
 your |strong="H3605" judges |strong="H8199"?  
 You |strong="H0834" asked |strong="H0559"  
 for |strong="H3605" them |strong="H5414", say-  
 ing |strong="H0559", ' Give |strong="H5414"  
 me |strong="H5414" a |strong="H5414"  
 king |strong="H4428" and |strong="H4428" lead-  
 ers |strong="H8269". <sup>11</sup> I |strong="H5414"  
 was |strong="H4428" angry |strong="H0639",  
 and |strong="H4428" I |strong="H5414"  
 gave |strong="H5414" you |strong="H5414"  
 a |strong="H3947" king |strong="H4428".  
 And |strong="H4428" when I |strong="H5414" became  
 very angry |strong="H0639", I |strong="H5414"  
 took |strong="H3947" him |strong="H5414"  
 away |strong="H3947".

<sup>12</sup> " Ephraim |strong="H0669" tried  
 to |strong="H5771" hide |strong="H6845" his  
 guilt |strong="H5771".

He thought his sins |strong="H2403"  
 were |strong="H0669" a |strong="H5771" se-  
 cret |strong="H6845",

I YOU ASKED FOR ... LEADERS See 1 Sam. 8:4-9.

but he will |strong="H0669" be punished.  
<sup>13</sup> His |strong="H0935" punishment  
 will |strong="H1121" be |strong="H3808"  
 like |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3588" pain  
 of |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" woman giv-  
 ing |strong="H3205" birth |strong="H3205".  
 He |strong="H1931" will |strong="H1121"  
 not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808"  
 a |strong="H3588" wise |strong="H2450"  
 son |strong="H1121".

The |strong="H3588" time |strong="H6256"  
 will |strong="H1121" come |strong="H0935"  
 for |strong="H3588" his |strong="H0935"  
 birth |strong="H3205",  
 and |strong="H1121" he |strong="H1931"  
 will |strong="H1121" not |strong="H3808" survive.  
<sup>14</sup> " I |strong="H3027" will |strong="H5869" save  
 them |strong="H3027" from |strong="H3027"  
 the |strong="H3027" grave.

I |strong="H3027" will |strong="H5869" res-  
 cue |strong="H6299" them |strong="H3027"  
 from |strong="H3027" death |strong="H4194".

Death |strong="H4194", where |strong="H0165"  
 are |strong="H3027" your |strong="H5641" dis-  
 eases |strong="H1698"?

Grave, where |strong="H0165" is |strong="H3027"  
 your |strong="H5641" power |strong="H3027"?

I |strong="H3027" am not looking  
 for |strong="H3027" revenge.

<sup>15</sup> Israel grows |strong="H5927"  
 among |strong="H0996" his |strong="H3605" broth-  
 ers |strong="H0251",

but |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" powerful  
 east |strong="H6921" wind |strong="H7307"  
 will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935"—  
 the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068"  
 wind |strong="H7307" will |strong="H3068"  
 blow |strong="H5927" from |strong="H0935"  
 the |strong="H3605" desert |strong="H4057".

Then |strong="H0935" his |strong="H3605"  
 well |strong="H4726" will |strong="H3068"  
 dry |strong="H0954" up |strong="H5927".

His |strong="H3605" spring |strong="H4599"  
 of |strong="H3068" water will |strong="H3068"  
 be |strong="H3068" dry |strong="H0954".

The |strong="H3605" wind |strong="H7307"  
 will |strong="H3068" take |strong="H0935"  
 away |strong="H5927" anything |strong="H3605"  
 of |strong="H3068" value.

<sup>16</sup> Samaria must be punished  
 because she turned against her God.  
 The Israelites will be killed with swords.  
 Their children will be torn to pieces,  
 and their pregnant women will be ripped open."

**Return to the Lord**

**14** Israel, you |strong="H3588"  
 fell |strong="H5307" and |strong="H0430"

sinned against|strong="H4784" God|strong="H0430". So|strong="H3588" come|strong="H5307" back to|strong="H0430" the|strong="H3588" LORD your|strong="H3588" God|strong="H0430". <sup>2</sup> Think about|strong="H7725" what|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H3478"; and|strong="H3068" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068". Say|strong="H3478" to|strong="H5704" him|strong="H7725", " Take|strong="H7725" away|strong="H7725" our|strong="H3068" sin|strong="H5771", and|strong="H3068" accept these words as|strong="H5704" our|strong="H3068" sacrifice. We|strong="H3588" offer you|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" praise|strong="H3588" from|strong="H7725" our|strong="H3068" lips. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Assyria will|strong="H3068" not save us|strong="H0413". We|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" not ride on|strong="H0413" war horses.

We|strong="H3605" will|strong="H3068" never again|strong="H7725" say|strong="H0559"; ' Our|strong="H3068" God'

to|strong="H0413" something|strong="H1697" we|strong="H3605" made|strong="H7725" with|strong="H5973" our|strong="H3068" hands.

This|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068" because|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3605" are|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" one|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605"

shows|strong="H5375" mercy|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0413" orphans."

**The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" Will|strong="H3068" Forgive|strong="H5375" Israel**

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0559" Lord says|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" forgive them|strong="H5921" for|strong="H5921" leaving me|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" show|strong="H7355" them|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" love|strong="H7355" without|strong="H3808" limits,

because|strong="H5921" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" stopped being|strong="H0430" angry.

<sup>5</sup> I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7725" be|strong="H7725" like|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3588" dew to|strong="H7725" Israel.

Israel will|strong="H7725" blossom like|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3588" lily.

<sup>I</sup> PRAISE FROM OUR LIPS Literally, "the fruit of our lips."

He|strong="H3588" will|strong="H7725" grow like|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3588" cedar trees of|strong="H4480" Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> His|strong="H1961" branches will|strong="H1961" grow|strong="H6524",

and|strong="H3478" he|strong="H3478" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961"

like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" beautiful olive tree.

He|strong="H3478" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5221" sweet smell

from|strong="H3478" the|strong="H5221" cedar trees of|strong="H2919" Lebanon|strong="H3844".

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H1961" people of|strong="H1961" Israel will|strong="H1961" again|strong="H1961" live under my|strong="H1961" protection.

They will|strong="H1961" grow like|strong="H1961" grain.

They will|strong="H1961" bloom like|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" vine.

They will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" wine of|strong="H1961" Lebanon|strong="H3844".

**The|strong="H1961" Lord Warns Israel About|strong="H1961" Idols**

<sup>8</sup> "Ephraim, I|strong="H6738" will|strong="H3844" have|strong="H1612" nothing more to|strong="H7725" do with|strong="H3427" idols.

I|strong="H6738" am the|strong="H7725" one who|strong="H3427" answers|strong="H7725" your|strong="H7725" prayers and|strong="H7725" watches over you|strong="H7725". <sup>II</sup>

I|strong="H6738" am like|strong="H7725" a|strong="H7725" fir tree that|strong="H7725" is|strong="H1715" always green.

Your|strong="H7725" fruit comes from|strong="H7725" me|strong="H7725"."

**Final Advice**

<sup>9</sup> A|strong="H4672" wise person understands these things,

and|strong="H0669" a|strong="H4672" smart person should|strong="H4100" learn them|strong="H4672".

The|strong="H0589" LORD'S ways are|strong="H4100" right.

Good people will|strong="H0589" live by|strong="H4480" them|strong="H4672".

Sinners will|strong="H0589" die by|strong="H4480" them|strong="H4672". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>II</sup> AND WATCHES OVER YOU This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word is like the name "Assyria." God is saying that he, not some foreign country, protects Israel. <sup>III</sup> GOOD ... DIE BY THEM Literally, "Good people will walk on them. Sinners will stumble on them."

# Joel

## Locusts Will Destroy the Crops

<sup>1</sup> Joel |strong="H3100" son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Pethuel |strong="H6602" received |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068":

<sup>2</sup> Leaders |strong="H2205", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1961" this |strong="H2063" message!

Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1961" me |strong="H1961", all |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0518" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H3605" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776".

Has |strong="H1961" anything |strong="H3605" like |strong="H1961" this |strong="H2063" ever happened |strong="H1961" in |strong="H3427" your |strong="H3605" life |strong="H3117"?

Did |strong="H3117" anything |strong="H3605" like |strong="H1961" this |strong="H2063" happen |strong="H1961" during |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3605" fathers' |strong="H0001" lifetime |strong="H3117"?

<sup>3</sup> You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1121" tell |strong="H5608" these things to |strong="H5921" your |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121", and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" tell |strong="H5608" their |strong="H5921" children |strong="H1121",

and |strong="H1121" your |strong="H5921" grandchildren |strong="H1121" will |strong="H1121" tell |strong="H5608" the |strong="H5921" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H5921" next |strong="H5921" generation |strong="H1755".

<sup>4</sup> What the |strong="H0398" cutting locust |strong="H0697" has |strong="H0697" left, the |strong="H0398" swarming |strong="H0697" locust |strong="H0697" has |strong="H0697" eaten |strong="H0398".

And |strong="H0398" what the |strong="H0398" swarming |strong="H0697" locust |strong="H0697" has |strong="H0697" left,

<sup>1</sup> Locust See "locust" in the Word List. Here, Joel might be talking about an enemy army.

the |strong="H0398" hopping locust |strong="H0697" has |strong="H0697" eaten |strong="H0398".

And |strong="H0398" what the |strong="H0398" hopping locust |strong="H0697" has |strong="H0697" left, the |strong="H0398" destroying locust |strong="H0697" has |strong="H0697" eaten |strong="H0398"!

## The |strong="H0398" Locusts |strong="H0697"— A |strong="H0398" Powerful Army

<sup>5</sup> Drunks, wake |strong="H6974" up |strong="H5921" and |strong="H6310" cry!

All |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588" who |strong="H3605" drink |strong="H8354" wine |strong="H3196", cry because |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3605" sweet |strong="H6071" wine |strong="H3196" is |strong="H3605" finished.

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H6310" not |strong="H3588" taste |strong="H6310" it |strong="H5921" again.

<sup>6</sup> A |strong="H3588" powerful |strong="H6099" nation |strong="H1471" came |strong="H5927" to |strong="H5921" attack |strong="H5927" my |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776".

Its |strong="H5921" soldiers |strong="H5927" were |strong="H0369" too |strong="H5921" many |strong="H4557" to |strong="H5921" count |strong="H4557".

Its |strong="H5921" weapons were |strong="H0369" as |strong="H3588" sharp |strong="H8127" as |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" lion's |strong="H0738" teeth |strong="H8127" and |strong="H0776" as |strong="H3588" powerful |strong="H6099" as |strong="H3588" a |strong="H3588" lion's |strong="H0738" jaw |strong="H4973".

<sup>7</sup> It |strong="H7760" destroyed |strong="H8047" my |strong="H7760" grapevine.

Its |strong="H7760" good vines |strong="H1612" withered and |strong="H1612" died.

It |strong="H7760" destroyed |strong="H8047" my |strong="H7760" fig |strong="H8384" tree |strong="H8384",

stripped |strong="H2834" off |strong="H7993" the |strong="H7760" bark and |strong="H1612"

threw|strong="H7993" it|strong="H7760"  
away|strong="H7993".

### The|strong="H7760" People Cry

<sup>8</sup> Cry like|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" young  
woman crying

because|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"  
man|strong="H1167" she was ready  
to|strong="H5921" marry|strong="H5921"  
has|strong="H1167" died.

<sup>9</sup> Priests|strong="H3548", servants|strong="H8334"  
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD|strong="H3068", cry

because there|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" no more grain  
and|strong="H3068" drink offerings|strong="H4503"  
in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1004".

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H3588" fields|strong="H7704" are  
ruined|strong="H7703".

Even|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
ground|strong="H0127" is|strong="H0127" crying  
because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
grain|strong="H1715" is|strong="H0127" de-  
stroyed|strong="H7703";

the|strong="H3588" new|strong="H8492"  
wine|strong="H8492" is|strong="H0127"  
dried|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001",  
and|strong="H7704" the|strong="H3588" olive  
oil|strong="H3323" is|strong="H0127" gone.

<sup>11</sup> Be|strong="H3588" sad, farm-  
ers|strong="H0406"!

Cry loudly for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921"  
grapes,

for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921"  
wheat|strong="H2406", and|strong="H0954"  
for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" bar-  
ley|strong="H8184",

because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" har-  
vest|strong="H7105" in|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H5921" field|strong="H7704"  
is|strong="H7704" ruined|strong="H0006".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H3605" vines|strong="H1612"  
have|strong="H1571" become|strong="H3001"  
dry|strong="H3001",

and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605"  
fig|strong="H8384" tree|strong="H6086"  
is|strong="H1571" dying.

All|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"  
trees|strong="H6086" in|strong="H1121"  
the|strong="H3605" field|strong="H7704"—

the|strong="H3605" pomegranate|strong="H7416",  
the|strong="H3605" palm|strong="H8558",  
and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" ap-  
ple|strong="H8598"— have|strong="H1571" with-  
ered|strong="H3001".

And|strong="H1121" happiness|strong="H8342"  
among|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H0120" has|strong="H1571" died.

<sup>13</sup> Priests|strong="H3548", put|strong="H0935"  
on|strong="H0935" sackcloth|strong="H8242"  
and|strong="H0935" cry loudly.

Servants|strong="H8334" of|strong="H1004"  
the|strong="H3588" altar|strong="H4196", cry loudly.

Servants|strong="H8334" of|strong="H1004"  
my|strong="H0935" God|strong="H0430",  
you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0430" sleep  
in|strong="H0935" sackcloth|strong="H8242",

because|strong="H3588" there will|strong="H0430"  
be|strong="H0430" no more|strong="H3588" grain  
and|strong="H0935" drink offerings|strong="H4503"  
in|strong="H0935" God's|strong="H0430" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004".

### The|strong="H3588" Terrible Destruction of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3588" Locusts

<sup>14</sup> Tell|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H3427" that|strong="H3605"  
there|strong="H3427" will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" a|strong="H7121" special time  
of|strong="H0776" fasting|strong="H6685".  
Call|strong="H7121" them|strong="H0413" togeth-  
er|strong="H0622" for|strong="H7121"  
a|strong="H7121" special meeting.

Bring|strong="H7121" the|strong="H3605" lead-  
ers|strong="H2205" and|strong="H3068" every-  
one|strong="H3605" living|strong="H3427"  
in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H0776" together|strong="H0622"  
at|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Tem-  
ple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H0776"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430",  
and|strong="H3068" pray|strong="H7121"  
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>15</sup> Be|strong="H3068" sad because|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H3588" LORD'S|strong="H3068" special  
day|strong="H3117" is|strong="H3068"  
near|strong="H7138". At|strong="H3068"  
that|strong="H3588" time|strong="H3117" punish-  
ment will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935"  
like|strong="H3068" an|strong="H0935" at-  
tack|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935"  
God|strong="H3068" All-Powerful. <sup>16</sup>

Our|strong="H0430" food|strong="H0400"  
is|strong="H0430" gone|strong="H3808".

Joy|strong="H8057" and|strong="H0430" happi-  
ness|strong="H8057" are|strong="H5869"

gone|strong="H3808" from|strong="H3772"  
the|strong="H3772" Temple|strong="H1004"

of|strong="H1004" our|strong="H0430"  
God|strong="H0430". <sup>17</sup> We|strong="H3588" planted  
seeds|strong="H6507", but|strong="H3588"

the *seeds* became dry and *dead* lying in *the soil*. Our *plants* are dry and *dead*. Our *barns* are empty and *falling down*.

<sup>18</sup> The *animals* are hungry and *groaning*. The *herds* of *cattle* wander around *confused* because *they* have *no* grass to eat. The *sheep* are *dying*. <sup>19</sup> LORD, I *am* calling to *you* for *help*. *Fire* has *changed* our *green fields* into *a desert*. *Flames* have *burned* *all* the *trees* in *the field*. <sup>20</sup> *Wild animals* also *need* your *help*. The *streams* are *dry*—there is *no water*! *Fire* has *changed* our *green fields* into *a desert*.

### The Coming Day of the Lord

<sup>2</sup> Blow *the trumpet* on *Zion*.

Shout *a warning* on *my holy* mountain.

Let *all* the *people* live *in* the *land* shake *with* fear.

The *LORD'S* special day *is* coming;

*it* is *near*.

I DYING Literally, "being punished."

<sup>2</sup> *It* will *be* dark *day*.

*It* will *be* dark *cloudy*.

*At* sunrise you will *see* the *army* over *the* mountains.

*It* will *be* great *powerful*.

*There* *has* never *been* anything *like* it *before*,

and *there* will *never* be *anything* like *it* again.

<sup>3</sup> The *army* will *destroy* the *land* *a* *burning* *fire*.

*In* the *front* of *the* *land* will *be* like *the* Garden *of* Eden.

*Behind* *the* *land* will *be* like *an* empty *desert*.

*Nothing* will *escape* *them*.

<sup>4</sup> They *look* like *horses*.

They *run* like *war* horses.

<sup>5</sup> Listen *to* them.

*It* is *like* the *noise* of *chariots*

*riding* over *the* mountains.

It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H7218" like |strong="H7540" the |strong="H5921" noise |strong="H6963" of |strong="H2022" flames |strong="H3851"

burning |strong="H0784" the |strong="H5921" chaff |strong="H7179".

They |strong="H5921" are |strong="H4421" a |strong="H5921" powerful |strong="H6099" people |strong="H5971",

who |strong="H4421" are |strong="H4421" ready for |strong="H5921" war |strong="H4421".

<sup>6</sup> Before |strong="H6440" this |strong="H3605" army |strong="H5971", people |strong="H5971" shake with |strong="H3605" fear.

Their |strong="H3605" faces |strong="H6440" become pale |strong="H6289" from |strong="H6440" fear.

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H1870" soldiers |strong="H0376" run |strong="H7323" fast.

They |strong="H3808" climb |strong="H5927" over the |strong="H1870" walls |strong="H2346".

Each |strong="H0376" soldier |strong="H4421" marches straight ahead.

They |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" move from |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3808" path |strong="H0734".

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="H0376" don't |strong="H3808" trip each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H0251".

Each |strong="H0376" soldier walks in |strong="H0376" his |strong="H0376" own |strong="H0376" path |strong="H4546".

If |strong="H0376" one |strong="H0376" of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3808" soldiers |strong="H0376" is |strong="H0376" hit and |strong="H0376" falls |strong="H5307" down |strong="H5307",

the |strong="H3808" others keep right on |strong="H5307" marching.

<sup>9</sup> They |strong="H0935" run |strong="H7323" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" city |strong="H5892".

They |strong="H0935" quickly |strong="H7323" climb |strong="H5927" over |strong="H1157" the |strong="H0935" wall |strong="H2346".

They |strong="H0935" climb |strong="H5927" into |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" houses |strong="H1004".

They |strong="H0935" climb |strong="H5927" through |strong="H1157" the |strong="H0935" windows |strong="H2474" like |strong="H1004" thieves |strong="H1590".

<sup>10</sup> Before |strong="H6440" them |strong="H6440", earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H0776" sky |strong="H8064" shake |strong="H7493".

The |strong="H6440" sun |strong="H8121" and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440" moon |strong="H3394" become |strong="H6937" dark |strong="H6937", and |strong="H0776"

the |strong="H6440" stars |strong="H3556" stop shining.

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" calls |strong="H6963" loudly |strong="H6963" to |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5414" army |strong="H4264".

His |strong="H5414" camp |strong="H4264" is |strong="H3068" very |strong="H3966" large |strong="H1419".

The |strong="H6440" army |strong="H4264" obeys |strong="H6963" his |strong="H5414" commands |strong="H1697".

His |strong="H5414" army |strong="H4264" is |strong="H3068" very |strong="H3966" powerful |strong="H6099".

The |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" special day |strong="H3117" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" great |strong="H1419" and |strong="H3068" terrible day |strong="H3117".

No |strong="H4310" one |strong="H3588" can |strong="H4310" stop it |strong="H5414".

### The |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H3068" Tells the |strong="H6440" People to |strong="H3068" Change

<sup>12</sup> This |strong="H6258" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H3068":

" Now |strong="H6258" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" me |strong="H7725" with |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3068" heart |strong="H3824".

Cry and |strong="H3068" mourn, and |strong="H3068" don't eat anything |strong="H3605"!

Show that |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3068" sad for |strong="H3605" doing wrong.

<sup>13</sup> Tear |strong="H7167" your |strong="H3068" hearts |strong="H3824",

not |strong="H0408" your |strong="H3068" clothes |strong="H0899". <sup>1</sup>

Come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H3068" kind and |strong="H3068" merciful |strong="H7349".

He |strong="H1931" does |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0408" become |strong="H5162" angry |strong="H0639" quickly.

He |strong="H1931" has |strong="H3068" great |strong="H7227" love |strong="H2617".

<sup>1</sup> TEAR YOUR HEARTS, NOT YOUR CLOTHES People tore their clothes to show sadness. Here, God wants the people to feel sad for the bad things they had done.

Maybe he |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" change |strong="H5162" his |strong="H5921" mind |strong="H3824"

about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" bad |strong="H7451" punishment he |strong="H1931" planned |strong="H3824".

<sup>14</sup> Who |strong="H4310" knows |strong="H3045", maybe he |strong="H0310" will |strong="H3068" change |strong="H5162" his |strong="H3068" mind |strong="H5162"

and |strong="H3068" leave |strong="H7604" behind |strong="H0310" a |strong="H3068" blessing |strong="H1293" for |strong="H3068" you |strong="H7725".

Then |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7725" can |strong="H4310" give |strong="H7725" grain and |strong="H3068" drink offerings |strong="H4503" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3068" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

**Pray to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3068" Lord |strong="H3068"**

<sup>15</sup> Blow |strong="H8628" the |strong="H7121" trumpet |strong="H7782" at Zion |strong="H6726".

Call |strong="H7121" for |strong="H7121" a |strong="H7121" special meeting.

Call |strong="H7121" for |strong="H7121" a |strong="H7121" special time of |strong="H7121" fasting |strong="H6685".

<sup>16</sup> Bring |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" people |strong="H5971" together |strong="H0622".

Call for |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3318" special meeting.

Bring |strong="H3318" together |strong="H0622" the |strong="H3318" old |strong="H2205" men |strong="H5971",

the |strong="H3318" children |strong="H5768", and |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3318" small babies still at |strong="H0622" their |strong="H0622" mother's breasts |strong="H7699".

Let the |strong="H3318" bride |strong="H3618" and |strong="H3318" her |strong="H3243" new husband

come |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" their |strong="H0622" bedroom |strong="H2315".

<sup>17</sup> Let |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" priests |strong="H3548", the |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" servants |strong="H8334", cry between |strong="H0996" the |strong="H0559" porch |strong="H0197" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" altar |strong="H4196".

All |strong="H1058" of |strong="H0430" them |strong="H5414" should |strong="H4100" say |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3068": " LORD |strong="H3068", have |strong="H2347" mer-

cy |strong="H3068" on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".

Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H5414" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" be |strong="H0408" put |strong="H5414" to |strong="H0559" shame |strong="H2781".

Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H5414" other people |strong="H5971" tell |strong="H0559" jokes about |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971".

Don't |strong="H0408" let |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0559" other nations |strong="H1471" laugh at |strong="H5921" us |strong="H5414" and |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559",

' Where |strong="H0346" is |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"?'"

**The |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H3068" Will |strong="H3068" Restore the |strong="H0559" Land |strong="H5159"**

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" cared very |strong="H7065" much |strong="H5921" about |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776".

He |strong="H3068" felt sorry for |strong="H5921" his |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" his |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971".

He |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H7971" you |strong="H5414" grain |strong="H1715", wine |strong="H8492", and |strong="H3068" oil |strong="H3323".

You |strong="H5414" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1471" plenty |strong="H7646".

I |strong="H2005" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" shame |strong="H2781" you |strong="H5414" among |strong="H0854" the |strong="H0853" nations |strong="H1471" anymore |strong="H5750".

<sup>20</sup> No, I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" force the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0776" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" north <sup>II</sup> to |strong="H0413" leave |strong="H5927" your |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776"

and |strong="H0776" make |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0413" go |strong="H5927" into |strong="H0413" a |strong="H3588" dry |strong="H6723", empty land |strong="H0776".

Some |strong="H7368" of |strong="H0776" them |strong="H0413" will |strong="H0776" go |strong="H5927" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" eastern |strong="H6931" sea |strong="H3220"

<sup>II</sup> NORTH The Babylonian army came from this direction to attack Judah. Armies from countries north and east of Israel often came this way to attack Judah and Israel.

I PORCH An open area in front of the Temple.



and |strong="H0776" some |strong="H7368" to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" western |strong="H0314" sea |strong="H3220".

They |strong="H3588" did |strong="H6213" such terrible things |strong="H1431",

but |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H3588" dead and |strong="H0776" rotting body.

There |strong="H5927" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H0776" such a |strong="H3588" terrible smell |strong="H6709"!"

**The |strong="H0853" Land |strong="H0776" Will |strong="H0776" Be |strong="H0776" Made |strong="H6213" New Again |strong="H6440"**

<sup>21</sup> Land |strong="H0127", don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372".

Be |strong="H0408" happy |strong="H8055" and |strong="H3068" full of |strong="H3068" joy |strong="H8055".

The |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" great |strong="H1431" things |strong="H1431".

<sup>22</sup> Animals |strong="H0929" of |strong="H7704" the |strong="H3588" field |strong="H7704", don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372".

The |strong="H3588" desert |strong="H4057" pastures |strong="H4999" will |strong="H5414" grow grass.

The |strong="H3588" trees |strong="H6086" will |strong="H5414" grow fruit |strong="H6529".

The |strong="H3588" fig |strong="H8384" trees |strong="H6086" and |strong="H6086" the |strong="H3588" vines |strong="H1612" will |strong="H5414" grow plenty of |strong="H7704" fruit |strong="H6529".

<sup>23</sup> So |strong="H5414" be |strong="H1121" happy |strong="H8055", people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zion |strong="H6726".

Be |strong="H1121" joyful |strong="H8055" in |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" good and |strong="H1121" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H5414" you |strong="H3588" rain |strong="H1653".

He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" send |strong="H5414" the |strong="H0853" early rains |strong="H1653" and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" late |strong="H4456" rains |strong="H1653" as |strong="H3068" before |strong="H7223".

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="H4390" threshing |strong="H1637" floors |strong="H1637" will |strong="H3342" be

filled |strong="H4390" with |strong="H4390" wheat |strong="H1250",

and |strong="H8492" the |strong="H4390" barrels will |strong="H3342" overflow |strong="H7783" with |strong="H4390" wine |strong="H8492" and |strong="H8492" olive oil |strong="H3323".

<sup>25</sup> " I |strong="H0834", the |strong="H0853" Lord, sent |strong="H7971" my |strong="H7971" army |strong="H2428" against you |strong="H0834".

The |strong="H0853" swarming |strong="H0697" locusts |strong="H0697" and |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" hopping locusts |strong="H0697" and |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" destroying locusts |strong="H0697" and |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" cutting locusts |strong="H0697" ate |strong="H0398" everything |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834".

But |strong="H0834" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" pay |strong="H7999" you |strong="H0834" back |strong="H7999" for |strong="H7971" those |strong="H0834" years |strong="H8141" of |strong="H8141" trouble.

<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H0834" plenty |strong="H7646" to |strong="H3068" eat |strong="H0398".

You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" full |strong="H7646".

You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" praise |strong="H1984" the |strong="H0853" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

He |strong="H0834" has |strong="H3068" done |strong="H6213" wonderful |strong="H6381" things |strong="H6381" for |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0834".

My |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" again be |strong="H3808" ashamed |strong="H0954".

<sup>27</sup> You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" with |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478".

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0589" am |strong="H0589" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430".

There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369" no |strong="H3808" other |strong="H5750" God |strong="H0430".

My |strong="H3068" people |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" be |strong="H5750" ashamed |strong="H0954" again |strong="H5750"."

*God will Give His Spirit to All People*

28 "After this,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all kinds of people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will have dreams,  
and your young men will see visions.  
29 In those days I will pour out my Spirit  
even on servants, both men and women.  
30 I will work wonders in the sky and on the earth.  
There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke.  
31 The sun will be changed into darkness,  
and the moon will be as red as blood.  
Then the great and fearful day of the LORD will  
come!  
32 And everyone who trusts in the LORD I will be  
saved.  
There will be survivors on Mount Zion and in  
Jerusalem,  
just as the LORD said.  
Yes, those left alive will be the ones  
the LORD has called.

#### Judah's Enemies Will Be Punished

3 "Yes, at that time  
I will bring back the people of  
Judah and Jerusalem from  
captivity.  
2 I will also gather all the  
nations together.  
I will bring all these  
nations down into  
Jehoshaphat Valley.  
2 There I will judge them.  
Those nations scattered  
my people, Israel.  
They forced them to  
live in other nations,  
so I will punish  
those nations.  
They divided up my land.  
3 They threw lots  
for my people.  
They sold boys  
to buy a prostitute,

I WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD Literally, "who calls on the name of the LORD," meaning to show faith in him by worshiping him or praying to him for help. II JEHOSHAPHAT VALLEY This name means "The LORD judges."

and they sold girls  
to buy wine to drink.

4 "Tyre! Sidon! All you areas  
of Philistia! You are not  
important to me!  
III Are you punishing  
me for something I did?  
You might think  
that you are punishing  
me, but I will soon punish  
you.  
5 You took silver  
and gold. You took  
precious treasures and  
put them in your  
temples.  
IV

6 "You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the  
Greeks. That way you could take them far from their  
land.  
7 You sent my people to that faraway place, but I  
will bring them back. And I will punish you for what  
you did.  
8 I will sell your sons and daughters to the  
people of Judah. Then they will sell them to the far-  
away Sabceans.  
V This is what the LORD said.

#### Prepare for War

9 Announce this among the nations:  
Prepare for war!  
Wake up the strong men!  
Let all the men of war come near.  
Let them come up!  
10 Beat your plows into swords.  
Make spears from your pruning hooks.  
VI Let the weak man say,  
"I am a strong soldier."  
11 All you nations, hurry!  
Come together in that place.  
LORD, bring your strong soldiers.  
12 Wake up, nations!  
Come to Jehoshaphat Valley.  
There I will sit to judge  
all the surrounding nations.  
13 Bring the sickle,  
because the harvest is ripe.  
VII Come, walk on the grapes,  
because the winepress is full.

III YOU ARE NOT IMPORTANT TO ME Literally, "What are you to me?"  
IV TEMPLES Here, the temples were used to worship idols.  
V SABEANS A group of people from the Arabian Desert.  
VI PRUNING HOOKS These tools were used to prune (cut) branches of trees.  
Read Isaiah 2:4.  
VII HARVEST IS RIPE This time of judgment is compared to harvest time.

The barrels will be full and spilling over,  
because their evil is great.

14 There are many, many people in the Valley of Decision. <sup>I</sup>

The LORD'S special day is near in the Valley of Decision.

15 The sun and the moon will become dark.

The stars will stop shining.

16 The LORD God will shout from Zion.

He will shout from Jerusalem,  
and the sky and the earth will shake.

But the LORD God will be a safe place for his people.

He will be a place of safety for the people of Israel.

17 "Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.

I live on Zion, my holy mountain.

Jerusalem will become holy.

Strangers will never pass through that city again.

<sup>I</sup> VALLEY OF DECISION This is like the name "Jehoshaphat Valley."

### A New Life for Judah Promised

18 "On that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine.

The hills will flow with milk,  
and water will flow through all the empty rivers of Judah.

A fountain will come from the LORD'S Temple.

It will give water to Acacia Valley.

19 Egypt will be empty.

Edom will be an empty wilderness,  
because they were cruel to the people of Judah.

They killed innocent people <sup>II</sup> in their country.

20 But there will always be people living in Judah.

People will live in Jerusalem through many generations.

21 Those people killed my people,  
so I really will punish them!"

The LORD God will live in Zion!

<sup>II</sup> KILLED INNOCENT PEOPLE Literally, "shed innocent blood."

# Amos

## Introduction

<sup>1</sup> This *the* message *of* Amos, one *of* the shepherds from the city Tekoa. He saw visions about Israel during the time that Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son Joash was king of Israel. This was two years before the earthquake.

## Punishment for Aram

<sup>2</sup> Amos said, "The LORD will shout like a lion in Zion. His loud voice will roar from Jerusalem. The green pastures of the shepherds will turn brown and die. Even Mount Carmel will become dry."

<sup>3</sup> This is what the LORD says: "I will definitely punish the people of Damascus

<sup>1</sup> MOUNT CARMEL A mountain in northern Israel. The name means "God's vineyard." This shows that it was a very fertile hill.

for many crimes they crushed the people of Gilead with iron threshing tools. <sup>4</sup> So I will start a fire at Hazael's house that will destroy the great palaces of Ben-Hadad.

<sup>5</sup> I will also open the gates of Damascus and remove the one who sits on the throne in the Valley of Aven. I will remove the symbol of power from Beth Eden and the Arameans will be defeated and taken back to Kir. This is what the LORD said.

<sup>II</sup> FOR THE MANY CRIMES THEY DID Literally, "for three crimes ... and for four ...." This shows that these people were very sinful—and it was time to punish them. Also in verses 6, 9, 11, 13; 2:1, 4, 6. <sup>III</sup> HAZAEL Hazael was the king of Aram (Syria). He murdered Ben-Hadad I so that he could become king. See 2 Kings 8:7. <sup>IV</sup> BEN-HADAD Ben-Hadad II, the son of Hazael, king of Aram (Syria). See 2 Kings 13:3. <sup>V</sup> DAMASCUS The capital city of Aram (Syria). <sup>VI</sup> THE VALLEY OF AVEN A name that can mean "Restful Valley" or "Empty Valley of Misfortune." <sup>VII</sup> BETH EDEN The royal city of Aram (Syria) on Mount Lebanon. This name means "House of Pleasure" or "Paradise." <sup>VIII</sup> KIR Or "Kur," an area controlled by the Assyrians. See Amos 9:7.

**Punishment for the Philistines**

6 This is what the LORD says: "I will definitely punish the people of Gaza for the many crimes they did. They took an entire nation of people and sent as slaves to Edom. 7 So I will start a fire at the wall of Gaza that will destroy the high towers in Gaza. 8 And I will destroy one who sits on the throne in Ashdod. I will destroy the king who holds the scepter in Ashkelon. I will punish the people of Ekron. 9 Then the Philistines are still left alive. This is what the LORD God said."

**Punishment for Phoenicia**

9 This is what the LORD says: "I will definitely pun-

I GAZA An important city of the Philistines. II ASHDOD, ASHKELON, EKRON Important cities of the Philistines.

ish the people of Tyre for many crimes they did. They took an entire nation and sent as slaves to Edom. They did not remember the agreement they had with their brothers. 10 So I will start a fire at the walls of Tyre that will destroy the high towers in Tyre."

**Punishment for the Edomites**

11 This is what the LORD says: "I will definitely punish the people of Edom for the many crimes they committed. Edom chased his brother with the sword, and he showed no mercy. His anger never stopped. He kept tearing and tearing at Israel like a wild animal. 12 So I will start a fire at Teman that will destroy the high towers in Bozrah."

III TYRE The capital city of Phoenicia. IV BROTHERS The people of Israel.

### Punishment for **the Ammonites**

<sup>13</sup> This **is** **what** **LORD** **says**: "I **will** definitely punish **the Ammonites** for **the** many crimes **they** did **kill** **the** pregnant women **in** **Gilead**. **The Ammonites** did **this** so **that** **they** could take **land** and **make** their country larger. <sup>14</sup> So I **will** start a fire **at** **the** wall **of** **Rabbah** that **will** destroy **the** high towers **of** **Rabbah**. Troubles **will** come to **them** like a whirlwind into **their** country. <sup>15</sup> Then **kings** and **leaders** **will** be captured. **They** **will** all be taken together. This **is** **what** **LORD** **said**."

### Punishment for Moab

<sup>2</sup> This **is** **what** **LORD** **says**: "I **will** definitely punish **the** people **of** **Moab** for **the** many crimes **they** did **burn** **the** bones **of**

I AMMONITES The Ammonites were the descendants of Ben-Ami, son of Lot. Read Genesis 19:38. II RABBAH The capital city of the Ammonites. III WHIRLWIND A strong wind that blows in a circle.

**the** king **of** **Edom** into **lime**. <sup>2</sup> So I **will** start a fire **in** **Moab** that **will** destroy **the** high towers **of** **Kerioth**. There **will** be terrible shouting and **the** sounds **of** a trumpet **and**, **Moab** **will** die. <sup>3</sup> So I **will** bring an end to **the** kings **of** **Moab**, and I **will** kill **the** leaders **of** **Moab**." This **is** **what** **LORD** **said**."

### Punishment for **Judah**

<sup>4</sup> This **is** **what** **LORD** **says**: "I **will** definitely punish **Judah** for **the** many crimes **they** did. **They** refused to obey **his** commands. **Their** ancestors believed lies, and those lies caused **the** people **of** **Judah** to stop following **God**. <sup>5</sup> So I **will** start a fire **in** **Judah** that **will** destroy **the** high

IV KERIOTH A city in Moab. This might be Ar, the capital city of Moab. V KINGS Literally, "judges."

towers|strong="H0759" of|strong="H0398"  
Jerusalem|strong="H3389".

#### Punishment for|strong="H7971" Israel

6 This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559": " I|strong="H3541" will|strong="H3068" definitely punish Israel|strong="H3478" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" many crimes|strong="H6588" they|strong="H5921" have|strong="H3068" done. They|strong="H5921" sold|strong="H4376" honest people|strong="H3808" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5921" little silver|strong="H3701". They|strong="H5921" sold|strong="H4376" the|strong="H0559" poor|strong="H0034" for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" price|strong="H3701" of|strong="H3068" a|strong="H5921" pair of|strong="H3068" sandals|strong="H5275". 7 They|strong="H5921" pushed their|strong="H5921" faces|strong="H1870" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" ground|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" walked on|strong="H5921" them|strong="H0413". They|strong="H5921" stopped listening to|strong="H0413" suffering people|strong="H0376". Fathers|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0776" sons|strong="H0001" had|strong="H0001" sexual relations|strong="H0413" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" woman|strong="H5291". They|strong="H5921" ruined my|strong="H5921" holy|strong="H6944" name|strong="H8034". 8 They|strong="H5921" took|strong="H5186" clothes|strong="H0899" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" poor, and|strong="H0430" then|strong="H3605" they|strong="H5921" sat on|strong="H5921" those|strong="H3605" clothes|strong="H0899" while|strong="H5921" worshiping at|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" altars|strong="H4196". They|strong="H5921" loaned money to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" poor, and|strong="H0430" then|strong="H3605" they|strong="H5921" took|strong="H5186" their|strong="H3605" clothes|strong="H0899" as|strong="H1004" a|strong="H5921" promise for|strong="H5921" payment. 1 They|strong="H5921" made|strong="H3605" people pay|strong="H5186" fines and|strong="H0430" used|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" money to|strong="H5921" buy wine|strong="H3196" for|strong="H5921" themselves|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" drink|strong="H8354" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" their|strong="H3605" god|strong="H0430".

I AS A PROMISE FOR PAYMENT. See Deuteronomy 24:12-13 for the rules about making loans to the poor.

9 " But|strong="H0834" it|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" destroyed|strong="H8045" the|strong="H0853" Amorites|strong="H0567" 11 before|strong="H6440" them|strong="H0853". They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" as|strong="H0834" tall|strong="H1363" as|strong="H0834" cedar|strong="H0730" trees and|strong="H6440" as|strong="H0834" strong|strong="H2634" as|strong="H0834" oaks|strong="H0437", but|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" destroyed|strong="H8045" their|strong="H6440" fruit|strong="H6529" above|strong="H4605" and|strong="H6440" their|strong="H6440" roots|strong="H8328" below|strong="H8478". 111

10 " I|strong="H0595" was|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" one|strong="H0776" who|strong="H0567" brought|strong="H5927" you|strong="H0853" from|strong="H5927" the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Egypt|strong="H4714". For|strong="H0776" 40 years|strong="H8141" I|strong="H0595" led you|strong="H0853" through|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" desert|strong="H4057". I|strong="H0595" helped you|strong="H0853" take|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0853" Amorites' land|strong="H0776". 11 I|strong="H3068" made some of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0369" be|strong="H1121" prophets|strong="H5030" and|strong="H1121" some of|strong="H1121" your|strong="H3068" young|strong="H1121" men|strong="H0970" to|strong="H0369" be|strong="H1121" Nazirites|strong="H5139". People|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", it|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0369" true|strong="H3068". This|strong="H2063" is|strong="H0369" what|strong="H2063" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" said. 12 " But|strong="H3808" you|strong="H6680" made|strong="H8248" the|strong="H0853" Nazirites|strong="H5139" drink|strong="H8248" wine|strong="H3196". You|strong="H6680" told|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" prophets|strong="H5030" not|strong="H3808" to|strong="H0559" prophesy|strong="H5012". 13 You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" become more than I|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" bear. I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H0595" bent low like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" wagon|strong="H5699" loaded with|strong="H0834" grain. 14 No|strong="H3808" one|strong="H3808"

II AMORITES One of the nations who lived in Canaan before the Israelites came. They were the people who scared the Israelites while Moses was leading them in the desert. See Num. 13:33. III FRUIT ABOVE ... BELOW This means the parents and their children.

will|strong="H5315" escape|strong="H4422",  
 not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3808"  
 the|strong="H3808" fastest runner.  
 Strong|strong="H2389" men|strong="H1368"  
 will|strong="H5315" not|strong="H3808"  
 be|strong="H3808" strong|strong="H2389" enough.  
 Soldiers|strong="H1368" will|strong="H5315"  
 not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" able  
 to|strong="H5315" save|strong="H4422" them-  
 selves|strong="H5315".<sup>15</sup> People|strong="H5315"  
 with|strong="H5315" bows|strong="H7198"  
 and|strong="H5975" arrows|strong="H7198"  
 will|strong="H5315" not|strong="H3808" survive.  
 Fast|strong="H7031" runners|strong="H7272"  
 will|strong="H5315" not|strong="H3808" es-  
 cape|strong="H4422". People|strong="H5315"  
 on|strong="H7392" horses|strong="H5483"  
 will|strong="H5315" not|strong="H3808" es-  
 cape|strong="H4422" alive|strong="H5315".<sup>16</sup>  
 At|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3117"  
 time|strong="H3117" even very brave sol-  
 diers|strong="H1368" will|strong="H3068"  
 run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127".  
 They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" not take  
 the|strong="H5002" time|strong="H3117"  
 to|strong="H3068" put|strong="H5127"  
 their|strong="H3068" clothes on|strong="H3117".  
 This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" what  
 the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" said.

### Warning to Israel

**3** People|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Is-  
 rael|strong="H3478", listen|strong="H8085"  
 to|strong="H0559" this|strong="H2088" mes-  
 sage|strong="H1697"! This|strong="H2088"  
 is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834"  
 the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 said|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921"  
 you|strong="H0834", Israel|strong="H3478".  
 This|strong="H2088" message|strong="H1697"  
 is|strong="H0834" about|strong="H5921"  
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" fami-  
 lies|strong="H4940" that|strong="H0834"  
 I|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H5927"  
 from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"  
 land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H1121"  
 Egypt|strong="H4714".<sup>2</sup> There|strong="H3605"  
 are|strong="H3045" many families|strong="H4940"  
 on|strong="H5921" earth|strong="H0127",  
 but|strong="H7535" you|strong="H3605"  
 are|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605" on-  
 ly|strong="H7535" family|strong="H4940"  
 I|strong="H3651" chose to|strong="H5921"  
 know|strong="H3045" in|strong="H5921"  
 a|strong="H5921" special way|strong="H3605".  
 And|strong="H3045" you|strong="H3605" turned  
 against|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921",  
 so|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651"

will|strong="H0127" punish|strong="H6485"  
 you|strong="H3605" for|strong="H5921"  
 all|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605"  
 sins|strong="H5771".

### The|strong="H3605" Cause of|strong="H5921" Israel's Punishment|strong="H5771"

**3** Two|strong="H8147" people|strong="H0518"  
 will|strong="H0518" not|strong="H1115" walk togeth-  
 er|strong="H3162"

unless|strong="H1115" they|strong="H0518"  
 have|strong="H0518" agreed|strong="H3259"  
 to|strong="H0518" do|strong="H0518"  
 so|strong="H1115".

**4** A|strong="H5414" lion|strong="H0738"  
 will|strong="H0369" roar|strong="H7580"  
 in|strong="H6963" the|strong="H5414" for-  
 est|strong="H3293"

only|strong="H0518" if|strong="H0518"  
 it|strong="H5414" catches its|strong="H5414"  
 prey|strong="H2964".

A|strong="H5414" young|strong="H3715" li-  
 on|strong="H0738" roaring|strong="H7580"  
 in|strong="H6963" his|strong="H5414" cave  
 means|strong="H0518" he|strong="H0518"  
 has|strong="H0369" caught|strong="H3920" some-  
 thing to|strong="H0369" eat.

**5** A|strong="H4480" bird|strong="H6833"  
 doesn't|strong="H3808" fly into|strong="H5921"  
 a|strong="H4480" trap|strong="H4170"

unless|strong="H3808" there|strong="H0369"  
 is|strong="H0369" food in|strong="H5921"  
 it|strong="H5921".

If|strong="H4170" a|strong="H4480"  
 trap|strong="H4170" closes,

it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0776"  
 catch|strong="H3920" the|strong="H5921"  
 bird|strong="H6833".

**6** If|strong="H0518" people|strong="H5971" hear  
 the|strong="H3068" warning blast of|strong="H3068"  
 a|strong="H1961" trumpet|strong="H7782",

they|strong="H0518" shake with|strong="H3068"  
 fear|strong="H2729".

If|strong="H0518" trouble|strong="H7451"  
 comes|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961"  
 a|strong="H1961" city|strong="H5892",

the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068"  
 caused|strong="H1961" it|strong="H0518"  
 to|strong="H1961" happen|strong="H1961".

**7** When|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"  
 Lord|strong="H0136" GOD|strong="H0136" decides  
 to|strong="H0413" do|strong="H6213" some-  
 thing|strong="H1697", he|strong="H3588"

will|strong="H5650" first tell|strong="H0413"  
 his|strong="H0518" servants|strong="H5650",  
 the|strong="H3588" prophets|strong="H5030".<sup>8</sup>  
 When|strong="H1696" a|strong="H1696" li-

on|strong="H0738" roars|strong="H7580", peo-



ple |strong="H3808" are |strong="H4310" frightened. When |strong="H1696" the |strong="H3069" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" speaks |strong="H1696", a |strong="H1696" prophet |strong="H1696" must |strong="H3808" prophesy |strong="H5012".

<sup>9</sup> Go to the high towers in Ashdod <sup>I</sup> and in Egypt and announce this message from the LORD: "Come together on the mountains of Samaria. See the great confusion there because the people don't know how to live right. See how cruel they are to others. They take things from people to hide in their high towers. Their treasuries are filled with the things they have taken in war."

<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" says |strong="H0559", " An |strong="H4480" enemy will |strong="H0776" surround |strong="H5439" your |strong="H4480" land |strong="H0776". They |strong="H3651" will |strong="H0776" break down |strong="H3381" your |strong="H4480" strong |strong="H5797" walls and |strong="H0776" take |strong="H0962" the |strong="H0559" things you |strong="H4480" have |strong="H0776" hidden in |strong="H0776" your |strong="H4480" high towers |strong="H0759"."

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559",

" A |strong="H0176" lion |strong="H0738" might |strong="H3068" attack a |strong="H0176" lamb,

and |strong="H1121" a |strong="H0176" shepherd |strong="H7462" might |strong="H3068" try to |strong="H0559" save |strong="H5337" the |strong="H0559" lamb.

But |strong="H3651" the |strong="H0559" shepherd |strong="H7462" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H5337"

only |strong="H5337" a |strong="H0176" part of |strong="H1121" that |strong="H0834" lamb.

He |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" pull two |strong="H8147" legs |strong="H3767"

or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H0176" part of |strong="H1121" an |strong="H0559" ear |strong="H0241" from |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0559" lion's |strong="H0738" mouth |strong="H6310".

In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3541", most of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H1121" be |strong="H1121" saved |strong="H5337".

Those |strong="H0834" who |strong="H0834" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Samaria |strong="H8111" will |strong="H3068"

<sup>I</sup> ASHDOD An important city of the Philistines.

save |strong="H5337" only |strong="H5337" a |strong="H0176" corner |strong="H6285" from |strong="H3478" a |strong="H0176" bed |strong="H4296",

or |strong="H0176" a |strong="H0176" piece |strong="H0915" of |strong="H1121" cloth from |strong="H3478" a |strong="H0176" couch |strong="H4296"."

<sup>13</sup> This |strong="H5749" is |strong="H0430" what the |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0430" All-Powerful says |strong="H5002": " Warn |strong="H5749" the |strong="H5002" family |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" Jacob |strong="H3290" about |strong="H8085" these things. <sup>14</sup> Is-

rael |strong="H3478" sinned, and |strong="H3478" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" punish |strong="H6485" them |strong="H5921" for |strong="H3588" their |strong="H5921" sins.

And |strong="H3478" when |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" do, I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" also |strong="H3478" destroy the |strong="H5921" altars |strong="H4196" at |strong="H5921" Bethel |strong="H1008". <sup>II</sup>

The |strong="H5921" horns |strong="H7161" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" altar |strong="H4196" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3478" cut |strong="H1438" off |strong="H5921" and |strong="H3478" fall |strong="H5307" to |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" ground |strong="H0776". <sup>15</sup>

I |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H0006" the |strong="H5002" winter |strong="H2779" house |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004" the |strong="H5002" summer |strong="H7019" house |strong="H1004".

The |strong="H5002" houses |strong="H1004" of |strong="H1004" ivory |strong="H8127" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H0006". Many |strong="H7227" houses |strong="H1004" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H0006".

This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

#### The Women Who Love Pleasure

<sup>4</sup> Listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0935", you |strong="H0834" cows |strong="H6510" of |strong="H1697" Bashan |strong="H1316" <sup>III</sup> on |strong="H0935" Samaria's |strong="H8111" mountain |strong="H2022". You |strong="H0834" hurt the |strong="H0559" poor |strong="H0034" and |strong="H0935"

<sup>II</sup> BETHEL A town in Israel. This name means "God's house." <sup>III</sup> COWS OF BASHAN This means the wealthy women in Samaria. Bashan, an area east of the Jordan River, was famous for its big bulls and cows.

crush|strong="H7533" those|strong="H0834"  
in|strong="H0935" need|strong="H1697".  
You|strong="H0834" tell|strong="H0559"  
your|strong="H0834" husbands|strong="H0113",<sup>I</sup>  
Bring|strong="H0935" us|strong="H0935" some-  
thing|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0559"  
drink|strong="H8354"!'

<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136" made|strong="H7650"  
a|strong="H3588" promise|strong="H7650".  
He|strong="H3588" promised|strong="H7650"  
by|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" holi-  
ness|strong="H6944" that|strong="H3588" troubles  
will|strong="H0136" come|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0935" you|strong="H3588". People  
will|strong="H0136" use|strong="H5375" hooks  
and|strong="H0935" take|strong="H5375"  
you|strong="H3588" away|strong="H5375"  
as|strong="H0935" prisoners. They|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H0136" use|strong="H5375" fishhooks  
to|strong="H0935" take|strong="H5375"  
away|strong="H5375" your|strong="H5921" children.

<sup>3</sup> Your|strong="H3068" city will|strong="H3068"  
be|strong="H3068" destroyed. The|strong="H5002"  
women|strong="H0802" will|strong="H3068" rush  
out|strong="H3318" through|strong="H3318" cracks  
in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" wall  
and|strong="H3068" throw|strong="H7993" them-  
selves onto the|strong="H5002" pile  
of|strong="H3068" dead bodies.<sup>II</sup>

This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what  
the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H5002":<sup>4</sup> " Go|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0935" Bethel|strong="H1008"  
and|strong="H0935" sin. Go|strong="H0935"  
to|strong="H0935" Gilgal|strong="H1537"<sup>III</sup>  
and|strong="H0935" sin even more|strong="H7235".  
Offer|strong="H2077" your|strong="H0935" sacri-  
fices|strong="H2077" in|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H0935" morning|strong="H1242".  
Bring|strong="H0935" a|strong="H0935"  
tenth|strong="H4643" of|strong="H3117"  
your|strong="H0935" crops for|strong="H3117"  
the|strong="H0935" three-day festival.<sup>5</sup>  
And|strong="H1121" offer|strong="H6999"  
a|strong="H3588" thank|strong="H8426" offer-  
ing|strong="H5071" made|strong="H7121"  
with|strong="H3478" yeast. Tell everyone  
about|strong="H8085" the|strong="H5002"  
freewill|strong="H5071" offerings|strong="H5071".<sup>IV</sup>  
Israel|strong="H3478", you|strong="H3588"

I YOUR HUSBANDS Literally, "their masters." II THROW ... DEAD BODIES Or "You will be thrown away. People will take you to Mount Hermon." The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. It is not clear if the women will be "thrown away" or if the women will be "throwing something away." III BETHEL ... GILGAL Places of worship for the people of Israel. God wanted the people of Israel and the people of Judah to worship him only in the Temple at Jerusalem. IV OFFER YOUR SACRIFICES ... FREEWILL OFFERINGS All these things were against

love|strong="H0157" to|strong="H3478"  
do|strong="H8085" those|strong="H1121"  
things|strong="H3478". So|strong="H3651" go  
and|strong="H1121" do|strong="H8085"  
them|strong="H7121". This|strong="H3651"  
is|strong="H3651" what|strong="H3588"  
the|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136" said|strong="H3651".

<sup>6</sup> " I|strong="H0589" didn't|strong="H3808"  
give|strong="H5414" you|strong="H5414"  
any|strong="H3605" food|strong="H3899"  
to|strong="H5704" eat.<sup>V</sup> There|strong="H3068"  
was|strong="H3068" no|strong="H3808"  
food|strong="H3899" in|strong="H3068"  
any|strong="H3605" of|strong="H3068"  
your|strong="H3068" cities|strong="H5892",  
but|strong="H3808" you|strong="H5414"  
didn't|strong="H3808" come|strong="H7725"  
back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H5704"  
me|strong="H5414". This|strong="H3068"  
is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H1571"  
the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said.

<sup>7</sup> " I|strong="H0834" also|strong="H1571" stopped  
the|strong="H0853" rain|strong="H1653",  
and|strong="H0853" it|strong="H5921"  
was|strong="H0834" three|strong="H7969"  
months|strong="H2320" before|strong="H4480" har-  
vest|strong="H7105" time|strong="H5750".  
So|strong="H4480" no|strong="H3808"  
crops|strong="H7105" grew. Then|strong="H0853"  
I|strong="H0834" let|strong="H3808"  
it|strong="H5921" rain|strong="H1653"  
on|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0259"  
city|strong="H5892", but|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" on|strong="H5921" anoth-  
er|strong="H0259" city|strong="H5892".  
Rain|strong="H1653" fell|strong="H5921"  
on|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0259"  
part|strong="H4480" of|strong="H4480"  
the|strong="H0853" country, but|strong="H3808"  
on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" oth-  
er|strong="H0259" part|strong="H4480"  
of|strong="H4480" the|strong="H0853" country,  
the|strong="H0853" land|strong="H2513" became  
very|strong="H1571" dry|strong="H3001".<sup>8</sup>  
So|strong="H3808" the|strong="H5002" peo-  
ple|strong="H3808" from|strong="H7725"  
two|strong="H8147" or|strong="H3808"  
three|strong="H7969" cities|strong="H5892" stag-  
gered|strong="H5128" to|strong="H0413" anoth-  
er|strong="H0259" city|strong="H5892"  
to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H7725" wa-  
ter|strong="H4325", but|strong="H3808"  
there|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068"  
not|strong="H3808" enough|strong="H7646" wa-

the Law of Moses. The leaders and false priests started these new festivals and different ways of worshiping God. V I DIDN'T GIVE YOU ANY FOOD TO EAT Literally, "I gave you clean teeth."

ter |strong="H4325" for |strong="H0413" everyone |strong="H0259". Still |strong="H7725" you |strong="H5704" didn't |strong="H3808" come |strong="H7725" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" for |strong="H0413" help." This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0413".

<sup>9</sup> " I |strong="H5704" made |strong="H7725" your |strong="H3068" crops die |strong="H5221" from |strong="H7725" heat and |strong="H3068" disease |strong="H3420". I |strong="H5704" destroyed |strong="H5221" your |strong="H3068" gardens |strong="H1593" and |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" vineyards |strong="H3754". Locusts |strong="H1501" ate |strong="H0398" your |strong="H3068" fig |strong="H8384" trees |strong="H2132" and |strong="H3068" olive |strong="H2132" trees |strong="H2132". But |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5704" still |strong="H7725" didn't |strong="H3808" come |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" me |strong="H7725" for |strong="H3068" help." This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

<sup>10</sup> " I |strong="H5704" sent |strong="H7971" diseases |strong="H1698" against |strong="H5973" you |strong="H7971", as |strong="H5704" I |strong="H5704" did |strong="H3808" to |strong="H5704" Egypt |strong="H4714". I |strong="H5704" killed |strong="H2026" your |strong="H3068" young |strong="H0970" men |strong="H0970" with |strong="H5973" swords |strong="H2719". I |strong="H5704" took |strong="H5927" away |strong="H7971" your |strong="H3068" horses |strong="H5483". I |strong="H5704" made |strong="H7725" your |strong="H3068" camp |strong="H4264" smell very |strong="H5704" bad from |strong="H7725" all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5002" dead bodies, but |strong="H3808" still |strong="H7725" you |strong="H7971" didn't |strong="H3808" come |strong="H5927" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" me |strong="H7971" for |strong="H7971" help." This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1870" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

<sup>11</sup> " I |strong="H5704" destroyed |strong="H2015" you |strong="H5704" as |strong="H5704" I |strong="H5704" destroyed |strong="H2015" Sodom |strong="H5467" and |strong="H3068" Gomorrah |strong="H6017". And |strong="H3068" those |strong="H0853" cities were |strong="H1961" completely destroyed |strong="H2015". You |strong="H5704" were |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" burned |strong="H8316" stick pulled from |strong="H7725" a |strong="H1961"

fire |strong="H8316", but |strong="H3808" still |strong="H7725" you |strong="H5704" didn't |strong="H3808" come |strong="H1961" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H5704" me |strong="H7725" for |strong="H3068" help." This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002".

<sup>12</sup> " So |strong="H3651", Israel |strong="H3478", this |strong="H2063" is |strong="H0430" what |strong="H3541" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0430" do |strong="H6213" to |strong="H3478" you |strong="H3588". You |strong="H3588" people of |strong="H0430" Israel |strong="H3478", prepare |strong="H3559" to |strong="H3478" meet |strong="H7125" your |strong="H3588" God |strong="H0430"."

<sup>13</sup> He |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5921" one |strong="H0120" who |strong="H3068" made |strong="H6213" the |strong="H5921" mountains |strong="H2022".

He |strong="H3588" created |strong="H1254" the |strong="H5921" wind |strong="H7307".<sup>I</sup>

He |strong="H3588" lets people |strong="H0120" know |strong="H5046" his |strong="H5921" thoughts |strong="H7808".

He |strong="H3588" changes the |strong="H5921" darkness |strong="H5890" into |strong="H5921" dawn |strong="H7837".

He |strong="H3588" walks over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" mountains |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H0776".

His |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034" is |strong="H3068" YAHWEH |strong="H3068", LORD |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" All-Powerful.

### A Sad Song for Israel

**5** People |strong="H0834" of |strong="H1004" Israel |strong="H3478", listen |strong="H8085" to |strong="H5921" this |strong="H2088" song |strong="H1697". This |strong="H2088" funeral song |strong="H1697" is |strong="H0834" about |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0834".

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="H5921" virgin |strong="H1330"<sup>II</sup> of |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478" has |strong="H0369" fallen |strong="H5307".

She |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3478" not |strong="H3808" get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" anymore |strong="H3254".

She |strong="H3808" was |strong="H0369" left |strong="H5203" alone, lying |strong="H5307" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" dirt |strong="H0127".

<sup>I</sup> THE WIND Or "your minds."<sup>II</sup> VIRGIN The Hebrew word can mean "a woman who has not had sexual relations with anyone," but here, it means the city of Samaria.

There |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369"  
no |strong="H3808" one |strong="H0369"  
to |strong="H5921" lift |strong="H6965"  
her |strong="H5921" up |strong="H6965".

<sup>3</sup> This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H3478"  
what |strong="H3541" the |strong="H0559"  
Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136"  
says |strong="H0559":

"Officers leaving |strong="H3318"  
the |strong="H0559" city |strong="H5892"  
with |strong="H1004" 1000 men |strong="H3478"  
will |strong="H3478" return with |strong="H1004"  
only 100 men |strong="H3478".

Officers leaving |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0559"  
city |strong="H5892" with |strong="H1004" 100  
men |strong="H3478"

will |strong="H3478" return with |strong="H1004"  
only ten |strong="H6235" men |strong="H3478"."

**The |strong="H0559" Lord |strong="H0136" Encour-  
ages Israel |strong="H3478"  
to |strong="H0559" Come |strong="H3318"  
Back |strong="H3318"**

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068"  
says |strong="H0559" this |strong="H3541"  
to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" na-  
tion |strong="H1004"<sup>I</sup> of |strong="H1004" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478":

"Come looking for |strong="H3588"  
me |strong="H1875" and |strong="H3068"  
live |strong="H2421".

<sup>5</sup> But |strong="H3588" don't |strong="H0408" look  
in |strong="H0935" Bethel |strong="H1008".

Don't |strong="H0408" go |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0935" Gilgal |strong="H1537".

Don't |strong="H0408" cross |strong="H5674"  
the |strong="H3588" border |strong="H0935"  
and |strong="H0935" go |strong="H0935"  
down |strong="H3588" to |strong="H0935" Beershe-  
ba |strong="H0884".<sup>II</sup>

The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3808"  
of |strong="H0935" Gilgal |strong="H1537"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" tak-  
en |strong="H1961" away |strong="H1540"  
as |strong="H1961" prisoners,<sup>III</sup>

and |strong="H0935" Bethel |strong="H1008"  
will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed.<sup>IV</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Come to |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0853"  
LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068"  
live |strong="H2421".

<sup>I</sup> NATION Literally, "house." This might mean the royal family of that country. <sup>II</sup> BETHEL, GILGAL, BEERSHEBA Ancient places of worship. Abraham and Jacob built altars in these places, but God had told the Israelites that they should go to the Temple in Jerusalem to worship him. <sup>III</sup> TAKEN AWAY AS PRISONERS In Hebrew this sounds like the name "Gilgal." <sup>IV</sup> DESTROYED The Hebrew word is like the name "Beth Aven." This name means "House of Wickedness." The prophets often used this name for Bethel.

If |strong="H6435" you |strong="H0853"  
don't |strong="H0369" go |strong="H3518"  
to |strong="H0369" him |strong="H0853",  
a |strong="H3068" fire |strong="H0784"  
will |strong="H3068" start at |strong="H3068"  
Joseph's |strong="H3130" house |strong="H1004",<sup>V</sup>  
and |strong="H3068" no |strong="H0369"  
one |strong="H0369" in |strong="H3068"  
Bethel |strong="H1008"<sup>VI</sup> can |strong="H0369" stop  
it |strong="H0398".

<sup>7</sup> You should go to the Lord for help.

He is the one who made the Pleiades and Orion.<sup>VII</sup>

He changes darkness into the morning light.

He changes the day into the dark night.

He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the earth.

His name is YAHWEH!

He keeps one strong city safe,

and he lets another strong city be destroyed."

### The Evil Things That the Israelites Did

You change justice to poison.<sup>VIII</sup>

You throw away fairness like trash.

<sup>10</sup> You |strong="H1696" hate |strong="H8130"  
those |strong="H8130" prophets,

who |strong="H8130" go to |strong="H1696" public  
places and |strong="H1696" speak |strong="H1696"  
against |strong="H1696" evil,

even though they |strong="H8179" teach good, simple truths.

<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H5921" take |strong="H3947" unfair  
taxes<sup>IX</sup> from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0853"  
poor |strong="H1800".

You |strong="H5921" take |strong="H3947" loads  
of |strong="H1004" wheat |strong="H1250"  
from |strong="H4480" them |strong="H0853".

You |strong="H5921" build |strong="H1129" fancy  
houses |strong="H1004" with |strong="H1004"  
cut |strong="H1496" stone |strong="H1496",

but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921"  
will |strong="H1004" not |strong="H3808"  
live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
them |strong="H0853".

You |strong="H5921" plant |strong="H5193" beautiful  
vineyards |strong="H3754",

but |strong="H3808" you |strong="H5921"  
will |strong="H1004" not |strong="H3808"

drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H0853"  
wine |strong="H3196" from |strong="H4480"  
them |strong="H0853".

<sup>V</sup> JOSEPH'S HOUSE Here, this means the ten-tribe nation of Israel. Joseph was the ancestor of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh in Israel. <sup>VI</sup> BETHEL This name means "El's house" or "the house of God." There was a temple here where the people from the northern tribes worshiped. <sup>VII</sup> PLEIADES AND ORION Two well-known groups of stars (constellations). <sup>VIII</sup> POISON Literally, "wormwood," a type of plant with bitter leaves. It could be used as a medicine, or if strong enough, as a poison. <sup>IX</sup> TAKE UNFAIR TAXES The meaning of the Hebrew word here is uncertain.

12 This *is* *because* I *know* about your *sins*.

You *have* *done* some *very* *bad* things:

You *hurt* people *who* *do* *right*,  
 you *accept* *money* to *do* wrong,  
 and you *keep* *the* *poor* *from* *receiving* *justice* in *court*.

13 At *that* *time* *wise* *teachers* *will* *be* *quiet*,  
*because* *it* *is* *a* *bad* *time*.

14 You *say* *that* *God* *is* *with* *you*,

so *you* *should* *do* *good* *things*,  
 not *evil*.

Then *you* *will* *live*,  
 and *the* LORD *God* *All-Powerful* *will* *be* *with* *you*.

15 *Hate* *evil* *and* *love* *goodness*.  
 Bring *justice* *back* *into* *the* *courts*.

Maybe *then* *the* LORD *God* *All-Powerful* *will* *be* *kind* *to* *the* *survivors* *from* *Joseph's* *family*.

**A Time of Sadness Is Coming**

16 *The* LORD *God* *All-Powerful* *says*,

"People *will* *be* *crying* *in* *the* *public* *places*."

They *will* *be* *crying* *in* *the* *streets*.

They *will* *hire* *professional* *criers*.<sup>1</sup>

17 People *will* *be* *crying* *in* *the* *vineyards*,

*because* I *will* *pass* *through* *and* *punish* *you*.

This *is* *what* *the* LORD *said*.

18 Some *of* *you* *want* *to* *see* *the* *LORD'S* *special* *day* *of* *judgment*.

*Why* *do* *you* *want* *to* *see* *that* *day* *of* *the* LORD *?*

*His* *special* *day* *will* *bring* *darkness*,  
 not *light*.

19 You *will* *be* *like* *some* *one* *who* *escapes* *from* *a* *lion*

*only* *to* *be* *attacked* *by* *a* *bear*,

*or* *like* *some* *one* *who* *goes* *into* *the* *safety* *of* *his* *house*,

*leans* *against* *the* *wall*,  
 and *is* *bitten* *by* *a* *snake*.

20 *The* LORD *says* *the* *special* *day* *will* *be*

<sup>1</sup> PROFESSIONAL CRIERS People who went to funerals and cried loudly for the dead. Families and friends of the dead person often gave food or money to these people.

a |strong="H3808" day|strong="H3117"  
of|strong="H3068" darkness|strong="H2822",  
not|strong="H3808" light|strong="H0216"—  
a |strong="H3808" day|strong="H3117"  
of|strong="H3068" gloom|strong="H0651", with-  
out|strong="H3808" a |strong="H3808" ray  
of|strong="H3068" light|strong="H0216".

### The|strong="H3068" Lord|strong="H3068" Rejects Is- rael's Worship

21 " I|strong="H3988" hate|strong="H8130"  
your|strong="H3808" festivals|strong="H2282";  
I|strong="H3988" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" accept them|strong="H8130".

I|strong="H3988" don't|strong="H3808" enjoy  
your|strong="H3808" religious meetings.

22 Even|strong="H3588" if|strong="H0518"  
you|strong="H3588" offer|strong="H5927"  
me|strong="H5927" burnt|strong="H5930" offer-  
ings|strong="H8002" and|strong="H4503" grain offer-  
ings|strong="H8002",

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" accept|strong="H7521"  
them|strong="H5927".

I|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" even|strong="H3588"  
look|strong="H5027" at|strong="H3808"  
the|strong="H3588" fat animals  
you|strong="H3588" give|strong="H5927"  
as|strong="H3588" fellowship offer-  
ings|strong="H8002".

23 Take|strong="H5493" your|strong="H5921"  
noisy|strong="H1995" songs|strong="H7892"  
away|strong="H5493" from|strong="H5493"  
here|strong="H5921".

I|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3808"  
not|strong="H3808" listen|strong="H8085"  
to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" mu-  
sic|strong="H7892" from|strong="H5493"  
your|strong="H5921" harps|strong="H5035".

24 But|strong="H4325" let justice|strong="H4941"  
flow like|strong="H1556" a|strong="H1556" riv-  
er|strong="H5158",

and|strong="H4941" let goodness flow  
like|strong="H1556" a|strong="H1556"  
stream|strong="H5158" that|strong="H4325" never  
becomes dry.

25 Israel|strong="H3478", you|strong="H8141" of-  
fered me|strong="H5066" sacrifices|strong="H2077"  
and|strong="H3478" offerings|strong="H4503"  
in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H5066"  
desert|strong="H4057" for|strong="H1004" 40  
years|strong="H8141".<sup>I</sup>

26 But|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" al-  
so|strong="H0853" carried|strong="H5375" statues

I Or "Israel, did you offer me sacrifices and offerings in the desert for 40 years?"

of|strong="H0430" Sakkuth, your|strong="H0834"  
king, and|strong="H0430" Kaiwan.<sup>II</sup>

There|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" al-  
so|strong="H0853" that|strong="H0834"  
star|strong="H3556" god|strong="H0430"<sup>III</sup>  
that|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
made|strong="H6213" for|strong="H0430" your-  
selves|strong="H5375".

27 So|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H3068" send you|strong="H0853"  
as|strong="H3068" captives|strong="H1540", far be-  
yond|strong="H1973" Damascus|strong="H1834".

This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
says|strong="H0559".

His|strong="H3068" name|strong="H8034"  
is|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" All-Powerful.

### Israel's Good Times Will Be Taken Away

6 Oh, look at|strong="H3478"  
the|strong="H0935" people|strong="H1471" en-  
joying life in|strong="H0935" Zion|strong="H6726",  
and|strong="H0935" those|strong="H1945"  
on|strong="H0935" Mount|strong="H2022"  
Samaria|strong="H8111" who|strong="H3478" feel  
so|strong="H0935" safe.

They|strong="H1992" are|strong="H1992" such im-  
portant leaders of|strong="H1004" a|strong="H0935"  
most important nation|strong="H1471".

The|strong="H0935" " House|strong="H1004"  
of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478"  
comes|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935"  
you|strong="H0935" for|strong="H1004" advice.

2 Go|strong="H3381" look|strong="H7200"  
at|strong="H7200" Calneh|strong="H3641".

From|strong="H4480" there|strong="H8033",  
go|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381"  
the|strong="H7200" large|strong="H7227" city  
Hamath.

Go|strong="H3381" to|strong="H3381"  
the|strong="H7200" Philistine|strong="H6430" city  
of|strong="H1366" Gath|strong="H1661".<sup>IV</sup>

Are|strong="H0428" you|strong="H0518" bet-  
ter|strong="H2896" than|strong="H4480"  
these|strong="H0428" kingdoms|strong="H4467"?

Their|strong="H7200" countries  
are|strong="H0428" larger|strong="H7227"  
than|strong="H4480" yours|strong="H0428".

II SAKKUTH, YOUR KING, AND KAIWAN Or "Sakkuth, Moloch, and Kaiwan," names of Assyrian gods. III STAR GOD This might be to honor a special god or all the stars in the sky. Many people thought the sun, moon, stars, and planets were gods or angels. This verse might also be translated, "You carried the shelter for your king and the footstool for your idols—the star of your gods that you made for yourselves." The ancient Greek version adds the names of these gods: Moloch and Raphan. IV CALNEH, HAMATH, GATH Powerful Babylonian, Syrian, and Philistine cities that were all captured by the Assyrians.

<sup>3</sup> You people are rushing toward the day of punishment.

You bring near the rule of violence.

<sup>4</sup> But now you lie on ivory beds and stretch out on your couches.

You eat tender young lambs from the flock and young calves from the stable.

<sup>5</sup> You play your harps,

and David practice on your musical instruments.

<sup>6</sup> You drink wine in fancy cups.

You use the best perfumes.

And it doesn't even bother you

that Joseph's family is being destroyed.

<sup>7</sup> You people are stretched out now, but your good times will end. You will be taken away as prisoners to a foreign country, and you will be some of the first people taken. <sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD used his own name and made oath. The LORD God All-Powerful said,

"I hate what Jacob is proud of."

I PRACTICE ON Or "invent." The Hebrew word means to "think," "become skilled," or "design." II FANCY CUPS Very large bowls used in worship rituals.

I hate his towers.

So I will let an enemy take the city and everything in it.

There Will Be Few Israelites Left Alive

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<sup>9</sup> At that time ten people one house might survive, but they will die. <sup>10</sup> And when someone dies, a relative will come to get the body so that it can be taken out and burned. III Relatives will come to take away bones. They will call anyone who might be hiding back in his house, "Are there any other dead bodies in there with you?"

That person will answer, "No, ..." IV

But the relative will interrupt and say, "Hush! We must not mention the name of the LORD."

<sup>11</sup> Look LORD will

III AND WHEN ... BURNED The meaning of the Hebrew text here is uncertain. IV No, ... The full answer might have been, "No, praise the LORD," but the person was interrupted.

give **the** **command**,  
 and **the** **large** **will** **to** **pieces**,  
 and **the** **small** **will** **to** **pieces**.  
<sup>12</sup> Do **horses** **run** **over** **loose** **rocks**?

No, and **people** **don't** use **cows** **for** **plowing**.

But **you** **turned** **everything** **upside** **down**.

**You** **changed** **justice** **and** **goodness** **to** **bitter** **poison**.

<sup>13</sup> **You** **are** **so** **excited** **about** **defeating** **Lo Debar**.<sup>I</sup>

And **you** **boast**, "**We** **have** **taken** **our** **own** **strength**."

<sup>14</sup> "But **Israel**, **I** **will** **bring** **a** **na-**  
**tion** **against** **you** **that** **will** **bring** **troubles** **to** **your** **whole** **country** **from** **Lebo** **Hamath** **to** **Arabah** **Brook**.  
 This **is** **what** **the** **LORD** **God** **All-Pow-**  
**erful** **said**.

### The Vision of the Locusts

**7** This **is** **what** **the** **LORD** **God** **showed** **me**:  
**He** **was** **making** **locusts** **This** **was** **at** **the** **time** **the** **second** **crop** **be-**  
**gan** **to** **grow** **after**

<sup>I</sup> LO DEBAR This name means "nothing." <sup>II</sup> KARNAIM This name means "horns." Horns were a symbol of strength.

**the** **king's** **people** **had** **cut** **the** **first** **crop**.<sup>2</sup> **Before** **the** **locusts** **could** **eat** **all** **the** **grass** **in** **the** **country**,  
**I** **said**, "**Lord** **GOD**, **I** **beg** **you** **us** **Jacob** **cannot** **survive** **He** **is** **too** **small**!"  
<sup>3</sup> Then **the** **LORD** **changed** **his** **mind** **about** **this**.  
 The **LORD** **said**, "**It** **will** **not** **hap-**  
**pen**."

### The Vision of the Fire

<sup>4</sup> This **is** **what** **the** **LORD** **showed** **me**:  
**I** **saw** **the** **LORD** **calling** **for** **fire** **The** **fire** **destroyed** **the** **ocean** **and** **was** **beginning** **to** **eat** **up** **the** **land**.  
<sup>5</sup> But **I** **said**, "**Lord** **GOD**, **stop** **beg** **you** **Jacob** **cannot** **survive** **He** **is** **too** **small**!"

<sup>6</sup> Then **the** **LORD** **changed** **his** **mind** **about** **this**.  
 The **LORD** **said**, "**It** **will** **not** **hap-**  
**pen** **either**."



**The Vision of the Plumb Line**

<sup>7</sup> This is what the Lord showed me: He stood by a wall with a plumb line in his hand. (The wall had been marked with a plumb line.) <sup>8</sup> The LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said to me, "See, I will put a plumb line among my people Israel. I will let their 'crooked ways' pass inspection anymore. Isaac's places be destroyed. Israel's places be made into a pile of rocks. I will attack and kill Jeroboam's family with swords."

**Amaziah Tries to Stop Amos**

<sup>10</sup> Amaziah, a priest of Bethel, sent

I PLUMB LINE A string with a weight on one end used to show how straight the walls of a building were. Sometimes the line was coated with paint or chalk to mark a straight line. II JEROBOAM The

this message to the king of Israel; Amos is making plans against you. He is trying to make the people of Israel fight against you. He has been speaking so that this country cannot hold his words. Amos has said, 'Jeroboam will die by sword, and the people of Israel be as prisoners out of their country.'

<sup>12</sup> Amaziah also said to Amos, "You seer, go down to Judah and eat there." Do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> But don't prophesy anymore here at Bethel. This is Jeroboam's holy place. This is Israel's temple.

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am not a professional prophet, and I am not from a prophet's family. I raise cattle and take care of sycamore trees."

king of Israel. See verse 10. III BETHEL A town in Israel. This name means "God's house." IV EAT THERE This shows that Amaziah thought that Amos was a professional prophet who prophesied to receive food or money.

was a shepherd and the LORD took me from following sheep. The LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'<sup>16</sup> So listen to the LORD'S message. You tell me, 'Don't prophesy against Israel. Don't speak against Isaac's family.'<sup>17</sup> But the LORD says, 'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city. Your sons and daughters will be killed with swords. Other people will take your land and divide it among themselves, and you will die in a foreign country.' The people of Israel will definitely be taken from this country as prisoners."

### The Vision of the Ripe Fruit

**8** This is what the LORD showed me: I saw a basket of fruit. He said to me, "This is what the LORD says: 'Summer fruit.'"

I FOREIGN Literally, "unclean." See "unclean" in the Word List.

Amos, what do you see?"

I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come to my people Israel. I will not ignore their sins anymore. Their temple will become funeral songs." This is what the Lord GOD said. "There will be bodies everywhere in silence, people will take out the dead and throw them onto the pile."<sup>III</sup>

### Merchants Only Want to Make Money

<sup>4</sup> Listen to me who help people.

You are trying to destroy the poor of this country.

<sup>5</sup> You merchants say,

"When will the New Moon be over so that we can sell grain?"

When will the Sabbath be over so that we can bring

out more

II END This Hebrew word sounds like the word for "summer fruit." III IN SILENCE ... THE PILE Or "People will be saying, 'Hush!' See Amos 6:10.

wheat|strong="H1250" to|strong="H0559"  
sell|strong="H7666"?

We can raise the|strong="H0559"  
price|strong="H8255"

and|strong="H1431" make|strong="H1431"  
the|strong="H0559" measure|strong="H0374" small-  
er|strong="H6994".<sup>I</sup>

We can fix the|strong="H0559"  
scales|strong="H3976"

and|strong="H1431" cheat|strong="H5791"  
the|strong="H0559" people.<sup>II</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H7069" poor|strong="H0034" cannot  
pay|strong="H3701" their loans,

so|strong="H5668" we will|strong="H0034"  
buy|strong="H7069" them|strong="H7069"  
as|strong="H3701" slaves.

We will|strong="H0034" buy|strong="H7069" those  
helpless people

for|strong="H3701" the|strong="H7069"  
price|strong="H3701" of|strong="H3701"  
a|strong="H7069" pair of|strong="H3701" san-  
dals|strong="H5275".

Oh, and|strong="H3701" we can sell|strong="H7666"  
the|strong="H7069" wheat|strong="H1250"  
that|strong="H5668" was|strong="H3701" spilled  
on the|strong="H7069" floor."

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068"  
made|strong="H4639" a|strong="H0518"  
promise|strong="H7650". He|strong="H0518"  
used|strong="H7650" his|strong="H3605"  
name|strong="H0518", "Pride|strong="H1347"  
of|strong="H3068" Jacob|strong="H3290",  
and|strong="H3068" made|strong="H4639"  
this|strong="H3068" promise|strong="H7650":

"I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H3068" nev-  
er|strong="H0518" forget|strong="H7911"  
what|strong="H4639" those|strong="H3605" peo-  
ple|strong="H0518" did|strong="H4639".

<sup>8</sup> There|strong="H5927" will|strong="H0776"  
be|strong="H3808" an|strong="H5921" earthquake  
that|strong="H3605" will|strong="H0776"  
shake|strong="H7264" the|strong="H3605"  
whole|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776" be-  
cause|strong="H5921" of|strong="H0776"  
what|strong="H5921" they|strong="H5921"  
did|strong="H3808".

Everyone|strong="H3605" living|strong="H3427"  
there|strong="H5927" will|strong="H0776" cry  
for|strong="H5921" those|strong="H3605"  
who|strong="H3605" died.

The|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776"  
will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808"  
tossed|strong="H1644" around|strong="H5921".

The|strong="H3605" whole|strong="H3605"  
land|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776"  
rise|strong="H5927" and|strong="H0776" fall

<sup>I</sup> WE ... SMALLER Literally, "We will make the ephah small and the shekel large." <sup>II</sup> WE ... PEOPLE Literally, "Cheat with lying balances."

like|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605"  
Nile|strong="H2975" River|strong="H2975"  
in|strong="H3427" Egypt|strong="H4714"."

<sup>9</sup> The|strong="H5002" Lord|strong="H0136"  
GOD|strong="H0136" also|strong="H3117" said,  
"At|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117"  
time|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117"  
will|strong="H1961" make|strong="H2821"  
the|strong="H5002" sun|strong="H8121"  
set|strong="H0935" at|strong="H3117"  
noon|strong="H6672"

and|strong="H0935" make|strong="H2821"  
the|strong="H5002" land|strong="H0776"  
dark|strong="H2821" on|strong="H3117"  
a|strong="H1961" clear day|strong="H3117".

<sup>10</sup> I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3117"  
change|strong="H2015" your|strong="H3605" festi-  
vals|strong="H2282" into|strong="H5921"  
days|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" crying  
for|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" dead.

All|strong="H3605" your|strong="H3605"  
songs|strong="H7892" will|strong="H3117"  
be|strong="H0319" songs|strong="H7892"  
of|strong="H3117" sadness for|strong="H5921"  
those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605"  
are|strong="H3117" dead.

I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3117"  
put|strong="H7760" mourning|strong="H0060"  
clothes on|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605"  
body|strong="H4975"

and|strong="H3117" baldness|strong="H7144"  
on|strong="H5921" every|strong="H3605"  
head|strong="H7218".<sup>III</sup>

I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3117" cause mourn-  
ing|strong="H0060" everywhere|strong="H3605",  
like|strong="H5927" that|strong="H3605"  
for|strong="H5921" an|strong="H7760" on-  
ly|strong="H3173" son|strong="H3173"  
who|strong="H3605" has|strong="H3117" died.

It|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3117"  
be|strong="H0319" a|strong="H7760" very bit-  
ter|strong="H4751" end|strong="H0319"."

#### A|strong="H7760" Famine of|strong="H3117" God's Word

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="H0853" Lord|strong="H3068"  
GOD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002",  
"Look|strong="H2009", the|strong="H0853"  
days|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" com-  
ing|strong="H0935"

when|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588"  
will|strong="H3068" cause|strong="H1697"  
a|strong="H3588" famine|strong="H7458"  
in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853"  
land|strong="H0776".

<sup>III</sup> BALDNESS ... HEAD People shaved their heads to show that they were very sad or upset.

The |strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" hungry for|strong="H3588" bread|strong="H3899".

They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" thirsty|strong="H6772" for|strong="H3588" water|strong="H4325".

No|strong="H3808", they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" hungry for|strong="H3588" words|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="H0853" people|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" wander|strong="H5128" around|strong="H5128" the|strong="H0853" country,

from|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" Dead Sea|strong="H3220" to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" Mediterranean Sea|strong="H3220",

and|strong="H3068" from|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" north|strong="H6828" part of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0853" country to|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" east|strong="H4217".

They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" go back and|strong="H3068" forth looking|strong="H1245" for|strong="H3068" a|strong="H4672" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H5704" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068",

but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" find|strong="H4672" it|strong="H5704".

<sup>13</sup> At|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" beautiful|strong="H3303" young|strong="H0970" men|strong="H0970" and|strong="H3117" women|strong="H1330"

will|strong="H0970" become weak from|strong="H3117" thirst|strong="H6772".

<sup>14</sup> They|strong="H3808" made|strong="H7650" promises|strong="H7650" by|strong="H7650" the|strong="H0559" sin of|strong="H0430" Samaria|strong="H8111",<sup>I</sup>

They|strong="H3808" said|strong="H0559", 'Dan|strong="H1835",<sup>II</sup> as|strong="H5750" surely|strong="H6965" as|strong="H5750" your|strong="H3808" god|strong="H0430" lives|strong="H2416", we promise|strong="H7650" ...'

And|strong="H6965" they|strong="H3808" said|strong="H0559", 'As|strong="H5750" surely|strong="H6965" as|strong="H5750" the|strong="H0559" god|strong="H0430" of|strong="H0430" Beersheba|strong="H0884"<sup>III</sup> lives|strong="H2416", we promise|strong="H7650" ...'

<sup>I</sup> SIN OF SAMARIA The calf god in Samaria. <sup>II</sup> DAN One of Israel's holy places was in this city. <sup>III</sup> BEERSHEBA A town in Judah. This name means "well of the oath."

But|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" will|strong="H0430" fall|strong="H5307" and|strong="H6965" never|strong="H3808" get|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" again|strong="H5750".

### Vision of the Lord Standing by the Altar

<sup>9</sup> I|strong="H7200" saw|strong="H7200" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H0136" standing|strong="H5324" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196", and|strong="H7218" he|strong="H3808" said|strong="H0559",

"Hit|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H7218" the|strong="H3605" columns, and|strong="H7218" shake|strong="H7493" them|strong="H0853" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H3605" ground.

Push them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H7218" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H2719" fall on|strong="H5921" everyone's|strong="H3605" head|strong="H7218".

As|strong="H4196" for|strong="H5921" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" survive,

I|strong="H7200" will|strong="H2719" kill|strong="H2026" them|strong="H0853" with|strong="H5921" a|strong="H7200" sword|strong="H2719".

None|strong="H3808" of|strong="H7218" them|strong="H0853" will|strong="H2719" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127".

None|strong="H3808" of|strong="H7218" them|strong="H0853" will|strong="H2719" escape|strong="H4422".

<sup>2</sup> If|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" dig|strong="H2864" deep into|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3947" ground,<sup>IV</sup>

I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H8064" pull|strong="H3381" them|strong="H3381" from|strong="H3381" there|strong="H8033".

If|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" go|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927" into|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3947" skies,<sup>V</sup>

I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H8064" bring|strong="H5927" them|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" from|strong="H3381" there|strong="H8033".

<sup>3</sup> If|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" hide|strong="H5641" at|strong="H5869" the|strong="H0853" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H7218" Mount Carmel|strong="H3760",<sup>VI</sup>

I|strong="H0518" will|strong="H5869" find|strong="H3947" them|strong="H0853"

<sup>IV</sup> GROUND Literally, "Sheol, the place of the dead." <sup>V</sup> SKIES Or "heaven." <sup>VI</sup> MOUNT CARMEL A mountain in northern Israel. This name means "God's vineyard." This shows that it was a very fertile hill.

there |strong="H8033" and |strong="H5869" take |strong="H3947" them |strong="H0853" from |strong="H3947" that |strong="H5869" place |strong="H8033".

If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" try to |strong="H8033" hide |strong="H5641" from |strong="H3947" me |strong="H5048" at |strong="H5869" the |strong="H0853" bottom of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220",

I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5869" command |strong="H6680" the |strong="H0853" snake |strong="H5175", and |strong="H5869" it |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5869" bite them |strong="H0853".

<sup>4</sup> If |strong="H0518" they |strong="H0518" are |strong="H5869" captured and |strong="H5869" taken |strong="H7760" away |strong="H7451" by |strong="H5921" their |strong="H5921" enemies |strong="H0341",

I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5869" command |strong="H6680" the |strong="H0853" sword |strong="H2719",

and |strong="H5869" it |strong="H7760" will |strong="H5869" kill |strong="H2026" them |strong="H0853" there |strong="H8033".

Yes, I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5869" watch |strong="H5869" over |strong="H5921" them |strong="H0853",

but |strong="H0518" I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H5869" watch |strong="H5869" for |strong="H5921" ways to |strong="H5921" give |strong="H7760" them |strong="H0853" troubles, not |strong="H3808" for |strong="H5921" ways to |strong="H5921" do |strong="H0518" good |strong="H2896" things |strong="H3808".

**Punishment Will |strong="H5869" Destroy |strong="H2026" the |strong="H0853" People |strong="H3808"**

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0136" GOD |strong="H0136" All-Powerful will |strong="H0776" touch |strong="H5060" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776", and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" melt |strong="H4127".

Then |strong="H5927" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H3605" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" cry for |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" dead.

The |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" rise |strong="H5927" and |strong="H0776" fall

like |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" Nile |strong="H2975" River |strong="H2975" in |strong="H3427" Egypt |strong="H4714".

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3068" built |strong="H1129" his |strong="H5921" upper rooms above |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" skies |strong="H5921".

He |strong="H3068" put his |strong="H5921" skies |strong="H5921" <sup>I</sup> over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" earth |strong="H0776".

He |strong="H3068" calls |strong="H7121" for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" waters |strong="H4325" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H6440" sea |strong="H3220"

and |strong="H3068" pours |strong="H8210" them |strong="H5921" out |strong="H8210" as |strong="H3068" rain |strong="H4325" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" land |strong="H0776".

YAHWEH |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" his |strong="H5921" name |strong="H8034".

**The |strong="H6440" Lord |strong="H3068" Promises Destruction for |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H8064"**

<sup>7</sup> This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002":

" Israel |strong="H3478", you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H3478" like |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" Ethiopians |strong="H3569" to |strong="H3068" me |strong="H5927".

I |strong="H0776" brought |strong="H5927" Israel |strong="H3478" out |strong="H0853" of |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H0776" of |strong="H1121" Egypt |strong="H4714",

the |strong="H0853" Philistines |strong="H6430" from |strong="H3478" Caphtor |strong="H3731", <sup>II</sup> and |strong="H1121" the |strong="H0853" Arameans |strong="H0758" from |strong="H3478" Kir |strong="H7024". <sup>III</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" GOD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" watching |strong="H5869" this |strong="H3588" sinful |strong="H2400" kingdom |strong="H4467".

The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002",

" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" wipe |strong="H8045" Israel off |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" face |strong="H6440" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" earth |strong="H0127",

<sup>I</sup> SKIES Literally, "dome" or "vault." <sup>II</sup> CAPHTOR An island west of Israel, probably Crete or Cyprus. <sup>III</sup> KIR Where the Arameans came from and where the Assyrians sent them in exile. There are several places with this name.

but |strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" never |strong="H3808" completely |strong="H8045" destroy |strong="H8045" Jacob's |strong="H3290" family |strong="H1004".

<sup>9</sup> I |strong="H0834" am |strong="H0595" giving |strong="H6680" the |strong="H3605" command |strong="H6680"

to |strong="H3478" scatter |strong="H5128" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" of |strong="H0776" Israel |strong="H3478" among |strong="H3808" all |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471".

But |strong="H3588" it |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H0834" someone |strong="H5307" sifting flour.

A |strong="H3588" person shakes |strong="H5128" flour through |strong="H3605" a |strong="H3588" sifter.<sup>1</sup>

The |strong="H3605" good flour falls |strong="H5307" through |strong="H3605", but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" bad lumps are |strong="H0834" caught.

<sup>10</sup> " Sinners |strong="H2400" among |strong="H3808" my |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" say |strong="H0559",

' Nothing |strong="H3808" bad |strong="H7451" will |strong="H2719" happen to |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0559".

But |strong="H3808" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" them |strong="H5066" will |strong="H2719" be |strong="H4191" killed |strong="H4191" with |strong="H3605" swords |strong="H2719".

**God |strong="H0559" Promises to |strong="H0559" Restore the |strong="H3605" Kingdom**

<sup>11</sup> " David's |strong="H1732" tent<sup>II</sup> has |strong="H3117" fallen |strong="H5307",

but |strong="H3117" at |strong="H1732" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" set |strong="H6965" it |strong="H1931" up |strong="H6965" again |strong="H6965".

I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" fix its |strong="H0853" holes and |strong="H6965" repair |strong="H6965" its |strong="H0853" ruined parts.

I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" set |strong="H6965" it |strong="H1931" up |strong="H6965" as |strong="H3117" it |strong="H1931" was |strong="H1732" before |strong="H3117".

<sup>1</sup> SIFTER Something like a cup with a screen on its bottom. A sifter is used for removing large lumps from the good flour. <sup>II</sup> DAVID'S TENT This probably means the city of Jerusalem or the country of Judah.

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" left |strong="H7611" alive in |strong="H5921" Edom |strong="H0123", and |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H1471" called |strong="H7121" by |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034", will |strong="H3068" look to |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921" for |strong="H5921" help."

This |strong="H2063" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said, and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H6213" it |strong="H5921" happen.

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002", " A |strong="H0935" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" great blessing is |strong="H3068" coming |strong="H0935". Workers will |strong="H3068" still be |strong="H3068" harvesting

when |strong="H3117" it |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" time |strong="H3117" to |strong="H0935" plow |strong="H2790" the |strong="H3605" fields again.

They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" still be |strong="H3068" trampling the |strong="H3605" grapes |strong="H6025"

when |strong="H3117" it |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" time |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" a |strong="H0935" new crop.

Sweet |strong="H6071" wine |strong="H6071" will |strong="H3068" drip |strong="H5197" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" mountains |strong="H2022"

and |strong="H0935" pour from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" hills |strong="H1389".

<sup>14</sup> I |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" bring |strong="H7725" my |strong="H7725" people |strong="H5971", Israel |strong="H3478", back |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" captivity |strong="H7622".

They |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3478" rebuild |strong="H1129" the |strong="H0853" ruined |strong="H8074" cities |strong="H5892", and |strong="H3478" they |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3478" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" them |strong="H0853".

They |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3478" plant |strong="H5193" vineyards |strong="H3754" and |strong="H3478" drink |strong="H8354" the |strong="H0853" wine |strong="H3196" they |strong="H5971" produce |strong="H6529".

They |strong="H5971" will |strong="H3478" plant |strong="H5193" gardens |strong="H1593" and |strong="H3478" eat |strong="H0398" the |strong="H0853" crops they |strong="H5971" produce |strong="H6529".

<sup>15</sup> I will plant my people on their land,  
 and they will be up out  
 of the land they were pulled  
 up out of.

of the land that I gave them.  
 This is what the LORD your God said.

# Obadiah

## Edom Will Be Punished

**1** This is the vision of Obadiah.

This is what the Lord GOD says about Edom:

We heard a report from the LORD:

A messenger was sent to the nations:

He said, "Let's go against Edom."

**The Lord Speaks to Edom**

"Edom, I will make you the smallest nation.

Everyone will hate you very much.

**3** Your pride has fooled you.

You live in those caves on the cliff.

Your home is in the hills.

So say to yourself,

'No one can bring me to the ground.'

**Edom Will Be Brought Low**

**4** This is what the LORD says:

"Even though you fly like an eagle

and put your nest among the stars,

I will bring you down there.

**5** You really will be ruined!

Thieves will come to you.

Robbers will come to you at night, and they will want.

When workers gather your vineyards,

they will leave behind a few grapes.

**6** But the enemy will search hard for Esau's hidden treasures,

and they will find them all.

**7** All those who are your friends

will force you out of the land.

Those who were at



peace |strong="H7965" with |strong="H1285" you |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0376" trick you |strong="H3605",  
 and |strong="H7971" they |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" defeat you |strong="H3605".  
 The |strong="H3605" soldiers |strong="H0376" who |strong="H3605" fought by |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" side  
 are |strong="H0376" planning a |strong="H7760" trap for |strong="H8478" you |strong="H3605".  
 They |strong="H0376" say, ' He |strong="H5704" doesn't expect a |strong="H7760" thing |strong="H3605"!"

8 The |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H5002", " On |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" day |strong="H3117"

I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H0006" the |strong="H5002" wise |strong="H2450" people |strong="H3808" from |strong="H3068" Edom |strong="H0123".

I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H0006" the |strong="H5002" intelligent people |strong="H3808" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" mountain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H3068" Esau |strong="H6215".<sup>I</sup>

9 Teman |strong="H8487", your |strong="H3772" brave soldiers |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" afraid.

Everyone |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" destroyed |strong="H3772" from |strong="H3772" the |strong="H3772" mountain |strong="H2022" of |strong="H0376" Esau |strong="H6215".

Many people |strong="H0376" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" killed.

10 You |strong="H3772" will |strong="H3290" be |strong="H5769" covered |strong="H3680" with |strong="H3680" shame |strong="H0955" because |strong="H2555" you |strong="H3772" were |strong="H0251" very cruel to |strong="H0251" your |strong="H3772" brother |strong="H0251" Jacob |strong="H3290".

So you |strong="H3772" will |strong="H3290" be |strong="H5769" destroyed |strong="H3772" completely |strong="H3772".

11 You |strong="H0859" joined |strong="H0935" the |strong="H5921" enemies |strong="H3389" of |strong="H3117" Israel.

Strangers |strong="H2114" carried |strong="H7617" Israel's treasures away |strong="H7617".

Foreigners |strong="H2114" entered |strong="H0935" Israel's city |strong="H8179" gate |strong="H8179".

They |strong="H1992" threw lots |strong="H1486" to |strong="H0935" decide what |strong="H1571" part |strong="H5921" of |strong="H3117" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" they |strong="H1992" would get |strong="H0935".

I MOUNTAIN OF ESAU That is, Mount Seir.

And |strong="H0935" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H1992" right |strong="H1571" there |strong="H5975" with |strong="H5921" them |strong="H1992", waiting to |strong="H0935" get |strong="H0935" your |strong="H5921" share.

12 You |strong="H3117" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H1121" laughed<sup>II</sup> at |strong="H3117" your |strong="H7200" brother's |strong="H0251" trouble |strong="H6869".

You |strong="H3117" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H1121" been |strong="H0006" happy |strong="H8055"

when |strong="H3117" they |strong="H3117" destroyed |strong="H0006" Judah |strong="H3063".

You |strong="H3117" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H1121" bragged<sup>III</sup> at |strong="H3117" the |strong="H7200" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H1121" their |strong="H7200" trouble |strong="H6869".

13 You |strong="H0859" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H1571" entered |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" city |strong="H8179" gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H3117" my |strong="H7200" people |strong="H5971"

and |strong="H0935" laughed at |strong="H3117" their |strong="H7200" problems.

You |strong="H0859" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H1571" taken their |strong="H7200" treasures

in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" their |strong="H7200" trouble |strong="H7451".

14 You |strong="H5921" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H3117" stood |strong="H5975" where |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" roads cross

and |strong="H3117" destroyed |strong="H3772" those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H8300" were |strong="H3117" trying to |strong="H5921" escape |strong="H6412".

You |strong="H5921" should |strong="H3117" not |strong="H0408" have |strong="H3117" captured those |strong="H5921" who |strong="H8300" escaped alive.

15 The |strong="H3605" Day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H0834" coming soon |strong="H7138"

to |strong="H7725" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471".

And |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" evil you |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" to |strong="H7725" others will |strong="H3068" happen to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H0834".

II LAUGHED Literally, "looked." Also in verse 13. III BRAGGED Literally, "made your mouth big."

The *strong*="H3605" same bad things *strong*="H3605" will *strong*="H3068" fall down *strong*="H7218" on *strong*="H5921" your *strong*="H3068" own head *strong*="H7218".

<sup>16</sup> You *strong*="H0834" spilled <sup>I</sup> blood on *strong*="H5921" my *strong*="H3605" holy *strong*="H6944" mountain *strong*="H2022", <sup>II</sup> so *strong*="H1961" other *strong*="H3605" nations *strong*="H1471" will *strong*="H1961" spill your *strong*="H3605" blood. <sup>III</sup>

You *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H1961" be *strong*="H1961" finished.

It *strong*="H5921" will *strong*="H1961" be *strong*="H1961" as *strong*="H0834" if *strong*="H3588" you *strong*="H0834" never *strong*="H3808" existed *strong*="H1961".

<sup>17</sup> But *strong*="H1961" there *strong*="H1961" will *strong*="H1961" be *strong*="H1961" survivors *strong*="H6413" on *strong*="H1961" Mount *strong*="H2022" Zion *strong*="H6726".

They *strong*="H3423" will *strong*="H1961" be *strong*="H1961" my *strong*="H1961" special people.

The *strong*="H0853" nation *strong*="H1004" of *strong*="H1004" Jacob *strong*="H3290" <sup>IV</sup> will *strong*="H1961" take *strong*="H3423" back *strong*="H1004"

what *strong*="H6413" belongs *strong*="H1961" to *strong*="H1961" it *strong*="H1961".

<sup>18</sup> The *strong*="H3588" family *strong*="H1004" of *strong*="H1004" Jacob *strong*="H3290" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" like *strong*="H1961" a *strong*="H1961" fire *strong*="H0784".

The *strong*="H3588" nation *strong*="H1004" of *strong*="H1004" Joseph *strong*="H3130" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" like *strong*="H1961" a *strong*="H1961" flame *strong*="H3852".

But *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H3588" nation *strong*="H1004" of *strong*="H1004" Esau *strong*="H6215" <sup>V</sup> will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" like *strong*="H1961" ashes.

The *strong*="H3588" people *strong*="H3808" of *strong*="H1004" Judah will *strong*="H3068" burn Edom,

and *strong*="H3068" they *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" destroy it *strong*="H3588".

Then *strong*="H1961" there *strong*="H1961" will *strong*="H3068" be *strong*="H1961" no *strong*="H3808" survivors *strong*="H8300" in *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H3588" na-

<sup>I</sup> SPILLED Literally, "drank." <sup>II</sup> HOLY MOUNTAIN One of the mountains Jerusalem was built on. Sometimes Zion is used to mean Jerusalem itself. Also in verses 17, 21. <sup>III</sup> SPILL YOUR BLOOD Literally, "drink and swallow." <sup>IV</sup> NATION OF JACOB Literally, "the house of Jacob." This could mean the people of Israel or only its leaders. <sup>V</sup> NATION OF ESAU Literally, "the house of Esau."

tion *strong*="H1004" of *strong*="H1004" Esau *strong*="H6215".

This *strong*="H3588" will *strong*="H3068" happen *strong*="H1961" because *strong*="H3588" the *strong*="H3588" LORD *strong*="H3068" said *strong*="H1696" it *strong*="H3588" would *strong*="H3068".

<sup>19</sup> Then *strong*="H0853" people from *strong*="H6430" the *strong*="H0853" Negev *strong*="H5045" will *strong*="H7704" live on *strong*="H2022" the *strong*="H0853" mountain *strong*="H2022" of *strong*="H2022" Esau *strong*="H6215".

And *strong*="H6430" people from *strong*="H6430" the *strong*="H0853" foothills *strong*="H8219" will *strong*="H7704" take *strong*="H3423" the *strong*="H0853" Philistine *strong*="H6430" lands *strong*="H7704".

They *strong*="H6430" will *strong*="H7704" live in *strong*="H1144" the *strong*="H0853" land *strong*="H7704" of *strong*="H2022" Ephraim *strong*="H0669" and *strong*="H6430" Samaria *strong*="H8111".

Gilead *strong*="H1568" will *strong*="H7704" belong to *strong*="H7704" Benjamin *strong*="H1144".

<sup>20</sup> People *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H3478" Israel *strong*="H3478" were *strong*="H0834" forced to *strong*="H5704" leave *strong*="H3423" their *strong*="H0834" homes,

but *strong*="H0834" they *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" take *strong*="H3423" back the *strong*="H0853" land of *strong*="H1121" Canaan, all *strong*="H5704" the *strong*="H0853" way *strong*="H2088" to *strong*="H5704" Zarephath *strong*="H6886".

People *strong*="H1121" from *strong*="H3478" Judah were *strong*="H0834" forced to *strong*="H5704" leave *strong*="H3423" Jerusalem *strong*="H3389" and *strong*="H1121" live in *strong*="H3478" Sepharad *strong*="H5614". <sup>VI</sup>

But *strong*="H0834" they *strong*="H0834" will *strong*="H0834" take *strong*="H3423" back the *strong*="H0853" cities *strong*="H5892" of *strong*="H1121" the *strong*="H0853" Negev *strong*="H5045".

<sup>21</sup> The *strong*="H0853" winners <sup>VII</sup> will *strong*="H3068" go *strong*="H5927" up *strong*="H5927" on *strong*="H3068" Mount *strong*="H2022" Zion *strong*="H6726" to *strong*="H1961" rule *strong*="H8199" the *strong*="H0853" people who *strong*="H3068" live on *strong*="H3068" Esau's *strong*="H6215" mountain *strong*="H2022".

And *strong*="H3068" the *strong*="H0853" kingdom *strong*="H4410" will *strong*="H3068" be-

<sup>VI</sup> SEPHARAD This is probably Spain. <sup>VII</sup> WINNERS Or "saviors." Those who led their people to victory in war.

*long|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961"  
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068".*

# Jonah

## God Calls and Jonah Runs

<sup>1</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" spoke |strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jonah |strong="H3124"<sup>I</sup> son |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Amittai |strong="H0573": <sup>2</sup> " Nineveh |strong="H5210"<sup>II</sup> is |strong="H6440" a |strong="H3588" big city |strong="H5892". I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3588" heard |strong="H3588" about |strong="H5921" the |strong="H6440" many |strong="H1419" evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1419" the |strong="H6440" people are |strong="H1419" doing |strong="H7451" there |strong="H5927". So |strong="H7121" go |strong="H5927" there |strong="H5927" and |strong="H6965" tell |strong="H0413" them |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" stop doing |strong="H7451" such evil |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1419"."

<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H0935" Jonah |strong="H3124" tried to |strong="H0935" run |strong="H3381" away |strong="H1272" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068". He |strong="H3068" went |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" Joppa |strong="H3305"<sup>III</sup> and |strong="H0935" found |strong="H4672" a |strong="H5414" boat that |strong="H3068" was |strong="H3068" going |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" faraway city of |strong="H3068" Tarshish |strong="H8659". Jonah |strong="H3124" paid |strong="H5414" money for |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" trip and |strong="H0935" went |strong="H0935" on |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" boat. He |strong="H3068" wanted to |strong="H0935" travel with |strong="H5973" the |strong="H6440" people on |strong="H0935" this |strong="H3068" boat to |strong="H0935" Tarshish |strong="H8659" and |strong="H0935" run |strong="H3381" away |strong="H1272" from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068".

<sup>I</sup> JONAH This is probably the same prophet mentioned in 2 Kings 14:25. <sup>II</sup> NINEVEH The capital city of the country of Assyria. Assyria destroyed Israel in 722-721 B.C. <sup>III</sup> JOPPA A town on the coast of Israel by the Mediterranean Sea.

## The |strong="H6440" Great Storm

<sup>4</sup> But |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" LORD |strong="H3068" brought |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" great |strong="H1419" storm |strong="H5591" on |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0413" sea |strong="H3220". The |strong="H0413" wind |strong="H7307" made |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0413" sea |strong="H3220" very |strong="H1419" rough. The |strong="H0413" storm |strong="H5591" was |strong="H1961" very |strong="H1419" strong |strong="H1419", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0413" boat was |strong="H1961" ready to |strong="H0413" break |strong="H7665" apart |strong="H7307". <sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0853" men |strong="H0376" wanted to |strong="H0413" make |strong="H7043" the |strong="H0853" boat lighter |strong="H7043" to |strong="H0413" stop it |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" sinking, so |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" began throwing the |strong="H0853" cargo |strong="H3627"<sup>IV</sup> into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" sea |strong="H3220". The |strong="H0853" sailors |strong="H4419" were |strong="H0834" very afraid |strong="H3372". Each |strong="H0376" man |strong="H0376" began praying to |strong="H0413" his |strong="H5921" god |strong="H0430".

Jonah |strong="H3124" had |strong="H0834" gone |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" boat to |strong="H0413" lie |strong="H7901" down |strong="H3381", and |strong="H0430" he |strong="H0834" went |strong="H3381" to |strong="H0413" sleep |strong="H7901". <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0559" captain |strong="H7227" of |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0559" boat saw Jonah and |strong="H6965" said |strong="H0559", "Wake up |strong="H6965"! Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H4100" you |strong="H3808" sleeping? Pray |strong="H7121" to |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3808" god |strong="H0430"! Maybe |strong="H0194" your |strong="H3808" god |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" hear

<sup>IV</sup> CARGO The Hebrew word can mean "dishes," "jars," or "tools." Here, this could mean all the jars and boxes the boat carried on its way to Tarshish or the rigging and other heavy tools on the boat.

your prayer and save us!"

### What Caused This Storm?

7 Then the men said to each other, "We should throw lots to find out why this is happening to us."

So the men threw lots. The lots showed that the troubles came to them because of Jonah.<sup>8</sup> Then the men said to Jonah, "It is your fault that this terrible thing is happening to us." Tell us, what have you done? What is your job? Where do you come from? What is your country? Who are you people?"

9 Jonah said to them, "I am a Hebrew. I worship LORD God of heaven, who made land and sea."

10 Jonah told the men he was running away from LORD. The men became very

afraid when they learned this. They asked Jonah, "What terrible thing did you do against your God?"

11 The wind and waves of sea were becoming stronger and stronger. So the men said to Jonah, "What should we do to save ourselves? What should we do to you? Make the sea calm?"

12 Jonah said to the men, "I know I did wrong—that is why the storm came on the sea. So throw me into the sea, and the sea will become calm."

13 Instead, the men tried to row the ship back to shore, but they couldn't do it. The wind and waves of the sea were too strong—and they were becoming stronger and stronger.

### Jonah's Punishment

14 So the men cried to the LORD, "LORD,

please *don't* say *we* are *guilty of* killing *an* *innocent* man. Please *don't* make *us* die *for* killing *him*. We *know you* are *the* LORD, and *you* will *do* *whatever* *you* want.

<sup>15</sup> So *the* men *threw* *Jonah* *into* *the* *sea*. The *storm* stopped, and *the* *sea* became calm. <sup>16</sup> When *the* men *saw this*, they *began to* *fear* and *respect* *the* LORD. They *offered* *a* sacrifice and *made* special promises to *the* LORD.

<sup>17</sup> When Jonah fell into the sea, the LORD chose a very big fish to swallow Jonah. He was in the stomach of the fish for three days and three nights.

#### Jonah's Prayer

<sup>2</sup> While *Jonah* *was* *in* *the* *stomach of* *the* *fish*, he *prayed* to *the* LORD. God *heard* *his* prayer. <sup>2</sup> "I *was* *in* *very bad* trouble.

I *called to* *the* LORD *for* help, and *he* answered me *in* *the* *grave*.

I *cried to* *you*, and *you* heard my *voice*.

<sup>3</sup> "You *threw me* *into* *the* *sea*.

Your *powerful waves* splashed over *me*.

I *went* *down*, *down* *into* *the* *deep sea*.

The *water* *all around me*.

<sup>4</sup> Then I *thought*, "Now I *must go* *where* *you* cannot see me,"

but *you* continued looking to *your* holy Temple *for* help.

<sup>5</sup> "The *seawater* closed over *me*.

The *water* covered my *mouth*, and *I* could not *breathe*.

I *went* *down*, *down* *into* *the* *deep sea*.

Seaweed wrapped around my *head*.

<sup>6</sup> I *was* *at* *the* *bottom of* *the* *sea*, *the* *place where* *the* *mountains* begin.

I *thought* I *was* *locked in* *this* prison forever,

but *the* LORD *took me* *out of* *my* *grave*.

God, *you* gave me *life* *again*!

<sup>7</sup> "My *soul* gave up *all* *hope*,

but *then* I *remembered* *the* LORD.

I *prayed to* *you*,

and *you* heard my *prayers* *in* *your* holy Temple.

<sup>8</sup> "Some *people* worship useless idols,

I MOUTH, AND I COULD NOT BREATHE Or "The water surrounded me to my soul." The Hebrew word for soul also means "life," "self," or "appetite," and "throat" or "mouth."

but *those* statues never help them.

<sup>9</sup> I will give sacrifices to you, and I will praise and thank you.

I will make special promises to you, and I will do what I promise."

Salvation only comes from the LORD!

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out of its stomach onto the dry land.

### God Calls and Jonah Obeys

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Jonah again and said, "Go to that big city, Nineveh, and say what I tell you."

<sup>3</sup> So Jonah obeyed the LORD and went to Nineveh. It was a very large city. A person had to walk three days to travel through it.

<sup>4</sup> Jonah went to the center of the city and began speaking to the people. He said, "After 40 days, Nineveh will be destroyed!"

I Or "People who worship useless things have left the one who is kind to them."

<sup>5</sup> The people of Nineveh believed God. They decided to stop eating for a time to think about their sins. They put special clothes on to show they were sorry. All the people in the city did this, from the most important to the least important.

<sup>6</sup> When the king of Nineveh heard about this, he left his throne, removed his robe, put on special clothes to show that he was sorry, and sat in ashes. The king wrote a special message and sent it throughout the city: A command from the king and his great rulers:

For a short time no person or animal should eat anything. No herd or flock will be allowed in the fields. Nothing living in Nineveh will eat or drink water. <sup>8</sup> But every person and every animal must be covered with a special cloth to show they are

II SAT IN ASHES People did this to show that they were sad.

sad. People |strong="H0120" must cry |strong="H7121" loudly to |strong="H0413" God |strong="H0430". Everyone |strong="H0376" must change |strong="H7725" their |strong="H7725" life and |strong="H0430" stop doing |strong="H1870" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H0834". <sup>9</sup> Who |strong="H4310" knows |strong="H3045"? Maybe God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H0430" stop |strong="H3808" being |strong="H0006" angry |strong="H0639" and |strong="H0430" change |strong="H5162" his |strong="H7725" mind |strong="H5162", and |strong="H0430" we |strong="H7725" will |strong="H0430" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" punished. <sup>10</sup> God |strong="H0430" saw |strong="H7200" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213". He |strong="H0834" saw |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" they |strong="H1992" stopped |strong="H7725" doing |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7451". So |strong="H6213" God |strong="H0430" changed |strong="H5162" his |strong="H5921" mind |strong="H5162" and |strong="H0430" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" planned. He |strong="H0834" did |strong="H6213" not |strong="H3808" punish the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0834".

#### God's Mercy Makes Jonah Angry

<sup>4</sup> Jonah |strong="H3124" was |strong="H3124" not happy that |strong="H1419" God |strong="H0413" saved the |strong="H0413" city. Jonah |strong="H3124" became |strong="H2734" angry |strong="H2734". <sup>2</sup> He |strong="H3588" complained to |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3588" knew |strong="H3045" this |strong="H2088" would |strong="H3068" happen |strong="H1961"! I |strong="H3588" was |strong="H1961" in |strong="H5921" my |strong="H3068" own |strong="H1961" country |strong="H0127", and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0859" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" come |strong="H1961" here |strong="H2088". At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H1961" I |strong="H3588" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" would |strong="H3068" forgive the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H3068" this |strong="H2088" evil |strong="H7451" city, so |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3588" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" run away |strong="H1272"

to |strong="H0413" Tarshish |strong="H8659". I |strong="H3588" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697" a |strong="H1961" kind God |strong="H0410". I |strong="H3588" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" show |strong="H3045" mercy |strong="H3068" and |strong="H3068" don't |strong="H3808" want to |strong="H0413" punish people |strong="H3808". I |strong="H3588" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" are |strong="H1697" kind, and |strong="H3068" if |strong="H3588" these |strong="H2088" people |strong="H3808" stopped sinning, you |strong="H0859" would |strong="H3068" change |strong="H5162" your |strong="H3068" plans to |strong="H0413" destroy them |strong="H0413". <sup>3</sup> So |strong="H4480" now |strong="H6258", LORD |strong="H3068", just |strong="H6258" kill me |strong="H4994". It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" better |strong="H2896" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H4994" to |strong="H3068" die |strong="H4194" than |strong="H4480" to |strong="H3068" live |strong="H2416"."

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " Do |strong="H3190" you |strong="H3190" think |strong="H0559" it |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" right for |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3190" to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H2734"?"

<sup>5</sup> Jonah |strong="H3124" went |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318" of |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" to |strong="H5704" a |strong="H1961" place |strong="H8478" near |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892" on |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0834" east |strong="H6924" side. He |strong="H0834" made |strong="H6213" a |strong="H1961" shelter |strong="H5521" for |strong="H8478" himself |strong="H3427" and |strong="H8033" sat |strong="H3427" there |strong="H8033" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0834" shade |strong="H6738", waiting |strong="H5704" to |strong="H5704" see |strong="H7200" what |strong="H4100" would |strong="H4100" happen |strong="H1961" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H0834" city |strong="H5892".

#### The |strong="H0834" Gourd Plant and |strong="H8033" the |strong="H0834" Worm

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" made |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" gourd plant |strong="H7021" grow |strong="H5927" quickly over |strong="H5921" Jonah |strong="H3124". This |strong="H3068" made |strong="H1961"



a|strong="H1961" cool place|strong="H1961" for|strong="H5921" Jonah|strong="H3124" to|strong="H1961" sit and|strong="H3068" helped him|strong="H5921" to|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" more|strong="H1419" comfortable. He|strong="H0430" was|strong="H1961" very|strong="H1419" happy|strong="H8055" because|strong="H5921" of|strong="H0430" this|strong="H3068" plant|strong="H7021".

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0853" next|strong="H4283" morning|strong="H4283", God|strong="H0430" sent|strong="H4487" a|strong="H5221" worm to|strong="H0430" eat part of|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" plant|strong="H7021". The|strong="H0853" worm began|strong="H4487" eating the|strong="H0853" plant|strong="H7021", and|strong="H0430" the|strong="H0853" plant|strong="H7021" died.

<sup>8</sup> After|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H8121" was|strong="H1961" high in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sky, God|strong="H0430" caused|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" hot east|strong="H6921" wind|strong="H7307" to|strong="H0559" blow. The|strong="H0853" sun|strong="H8121" became|strong="H1961" very hot on|strong="H5921" Jonah's|strong="H3124" head|strong="H7218", and|strong="H0430" he|strong="H0430" became|strong="H1961" very weak. He|strong="H0430" asked|strong="H7592" God|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0559" let|strong="H1961" him|strong="H5921" die|strong="H4191". He|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559", " It|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0430" better|strong="H2896" for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5315" to|strong="H0559" die|strong="H4191" than|strong="H2896" to|strong="H0559" live|strong="H2416"."

<sup>9</sup> But|strong="H0559" God|strong="H0430" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Jonah|strong="H3124", " Do|strong="H3190" you|strong="H5921" think|strong="H0559" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0430" right for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0430" an-

gry|strong="H2734" just because|strong="H5921" this plant|strong="H7021" died|strong="H4194"?"

Jonah|strong="H3124" answered|strong="H0559", "Yes, it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H0430" right for|strong="H5921" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H0430" angry|strong="H2734"! I|strong="H5704" am|strong="H0430" angry|strong="H2734" enough to|strong="H0413" die|strong="H4194"!"

<sup>10</sup> And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", " You|strong="H0859" did|strong="H0834" nothing|strong="H3808" for|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" plant|strong="H7021". You|strong="H0859" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" make|strong="H1431" it|strong="H5921" grow|strong="H1431". It|strong="H5921" grew|strong="H1431" up|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" night|strong="H3915", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H0559" next|strong="H5921" day it|strong="H5921" died. And|strong="H1121" now|strong="H1961" you|strong="H0859" are|strong="H0834" sad about|strong="H1961" it|strong="H5921". <sup>11</sup> If|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" can|strong="H0834" get upset over|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0834" plant, surely|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0589" can|strong="H0834" feel sorry|strong="H2347" for|strong="H5921" a|strong="H0834" big city|strong="H5892" like|strong="H0834" Nineveh|strong="H5210". There|strong="H3426" are|strong="H0834" many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H0120" and|strong="H1419" animals|strong="H0929" in|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" city|strong="H5892". There|strong="H3426" are|strong="H0834" more|strong="H3808" than|strong="H3808" 120,000 people|strong="H0120" there|strong="H3426" who|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" they|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" doing wrong."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE ... WRONG Literally, "people who do not know their right from their left." This might mean "innocent children."

# Micah

## Samaria and Israel to Be Punished

**1** During *time* that *Jotham*, *Ahaz*, and *Hezekiah* were *kings* of *Judah*, the *word* of *LORD* came to *Micah*. *Micah* was from *Moreseth*. He saw these *visions* about *Samaria* and *Jerusalem*.

**2** Listen you *people*! *Earth* and *everyone* it *listens*! The *Lord* *GOD* will *be* a *witness* against you.

The *Lord* will *come* from *his* *holy* *temple*.

**3** See *LORD* is *leaving* *his* *place*

to *come* *down* *walk* *the* *high* *places* *of* *the* *earth*.

**4** The *mountains* will *melt* *under* *him*

**I** EVERYONE ON IT Literally, "its fullness." **II** HIGH PLACES Here, this might mean simply "hills," or it might mean places of worship (see "high place" in the Word List).

like *wax* *in* *fire*.

The *valleys* will *break* *apart* and *slide* *like* *water* *rushing* *down* *a* *hill*.

**5** This *will* *happen* *because* *of* *Jacob's* *sin*, *because* *of* *the* *sins* *of* *the* *nation* *of* *Israel*.

## Samaria, the Cause of Sin

What *caused* *Jacob* *to* *sin*?

It *was* *Samaria*.

Where *is* *the* *high* *place* *in* *Judah*?

It *is* *Jerusalem*.

**6** So *I* will *change* *Samaria* *into* *a* *pile* *of* *rocks* *in* *the* *field*,

*a* *place* *ready* *for* *planting* *grapes*.

*I* will *push* *Samaria's* *stones* *down* *into* *the* *valley*, *leaving* *nothing* *but* *the* *foundations*.

**7** All *her* *idols* will

**III** NATION Literally, "house." This might mean the royal family of that country.

be |strong="H7725" broken |strong="H3807"  
to |strong="H5704" pieces |strong="H3807".

And |strong="H7725" the |strong="H3605" offer-  
ings |strong="H3588" to |strong="H5704"  
her |strong="H3605" idols |strong="H6091"  
will |strong="H0784" be |strong="H7725"  
burned |strong="H8313".

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0784" de-  
stroy |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605"  
her |strong="H3605" statues of |strong="H3605" false  
gods,

because |strong="H3588" she |strong="H3588" got  
them |strong="H7725" as |strong="H5704"  
pay |strong="H7760" for |strong="H3588" being  
a |strong="H3588" prostitute |strong="H2181".

So |strong="H7725" those |strong="H3605"  
things |strong="H3605" will |strong="H0784"  
be |strong="H7725" taken |strong="H7760"  
away |strong="H7725"

to |strong="H5704" be |strong="H7725"  
used |strong="H3605" again |strong="H7725"  
for |strong="H3588" paying prosti-  
tutes |strong="H2181".

#### Micah's Great Sadness

<sup>8</sup> I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1323" be very  
sad |strong="H0060" about |strong="H5921"  
what |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1323" happen.

I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1323" go without  
sandals and |strong="H1323" clothes.

I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1323" cry  
like |strong="H1323" a |strong="H5921" dog. I

I |strong="H5921" will |strong="H1323"  
mourn |strong="H5594" like |strong="H1323"  
a |strong="H5921" bird |strong="H6213". II

<sup>9</sup> Samaria's |strong="H4347" III  
wound |strong="H4347" cannot be |strong="H3389"  
healed.

Her |strong="H0935" disease |strong="H4347"  
has |strong="H3063" spread to |strong="H0935" Ju-  
dah |strong="H3063".

It |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3063"  
reached |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3588"  
city |strong="H8179" gate |strong="H8179"  
of |strong="H8179" my |strong="H0935" peo-  
ple |strong="H5971";

it |strong="H3588" has |strong="H3063" spread  
all |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588"  
way |strong="H5704" to |strong="H0935"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>10</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" tell |strong="H5046" it  
in |strong="H5046" Gath |strong="H1661". IV

Don't |strong="H0408" cry in |strong="H5046" Acco.  
V

I DOG Literally, "jackal," a kind of wild dog. II BIRD Literally, "os-  
trich," a large bird. III SAMARIA The capital city of the northern  
kingdom of Israel. IV GATH This is a wordplay. This name means  
"tell." V ACCO This name means "cry."

Roll |strong="H6428" yourself in |strong="H5046"  
the |strong="H5046" dust |strong="H6083"  
at |strong="H1058" Beth Ophrah. VI

<sup>11</sup> You |strong="H3808" people |strong="H3427" liv-  
ing |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
Shaphir |strong="H8208", VII

pass |strong="H5674" on |strong="H3427"  
your |strong="H3947" way, naked  
and |strong="H3318" ashamed.

The |strong="H4480" people |strong="H3427" liv-  
ing |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Za-  
anan |strong="H6630" VIII

will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808"  
come |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318".

The |strong="H4480" people |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" Beth Ezel IX will |strong="H3808"  
cry

and |strong="H3318" take |strong="H3947"  
their |strong="H3947" support |strong="H5979"  
from |strong="H4480" you |strong="H3808".

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" liv-  
ing |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
Maroth |strong="H4796" X

wait |strong="H3427" for |strong="H3588" some-  
thing good |strong="H2896" to |strong="H3381" hap-  
pen,

even |strong="H3588" though |strong="H3588" trou-  
ble |strong="H7451" has |strong="H3068"  
come |strong="H3381" down |strong="H3381"  
from |strong="H3381" the |strong="H3588"  
LORD |strong="H3068"

and |strong="H3068" has |strong="H3068" reached  
the |strong="H3588" city |strong="H8179"  
gate |strong="H8179" of |strong="H3068"  
Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

<sup>13</sup> You |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" liv-  
ing |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
Lachish |strong="H3923", XI

get the |strong="H3588" horses |strong="H7409"  
ready for |strong="H3588" your |strong="H3588" chari-  
ots |strong="H4818".

You |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3478" guilty  
of |strong="H1323" the |strong="H3588"  
same |strong="H1931" sins |strong="H2403" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" XII committed,

and |strong="H3478" you |strong="H3588" brought  
those |strong="H3588" sins |strong="H2403"  
to |strong="H3478" Jerusalem. XIII

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="H3651" you |strong="H5414" must  
give |strong="H5414" goodbye gifts |strong="H7964"

VI BETH OPHRAH This name means "house of dust." VII  
SHAPHIR This name means "beautiful." VIII ZAANAN This name  
means "come out." IX BETH EZEL This name means "house of sup-  
port." X MAROTH This name means "bitter," "angry," or "sad." XI  
LACHISH This name is like the Hebrew word meaning "horse." XII  
ISRAEL Here, probably the northern kingdom of Israel centered in  
Samaria. XIII JERUSALEM Literally, "Daughter Zion." See "Zion" in the  
Word List.

to|strong="H5921" Moresheth <sup>I</sup> in|strong="H5921" Gath.

The|strong="H5921" houses|strong="H1004" in|strong="H5921" Aczib|strong="H0392"<sup>II</sup> will|strong="H4428" trick

the|strong="H5921" kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Israel|strong="H3478".

<sup>15</sup> You|strong="H5704" people|strong="H3427" who|strong="H3478" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" Mareshah|strong="H4762",<sup>III</sup>

I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3478" bring|strong="H0935" someone against|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5704" who|strong="H3478" will|strong="H3478" take|strong="H3423" the|strong="H0935" things|strong="H3478" you|strong="H5704" own.

The|strong="H0935" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H3427" Israel|strong="H3478"

will|strong="H3478" come|strong="H0935" in- to|strong="H0935" Adullam|strong="H5725".<sup>IV</sup>

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="H4480" cut|strong="H1494" off|strong="H5921" your|strong="H5921" hair|strong="H1494", make|strong="H7139" your- self|strong="H5921" bald|strong="H7144",<sup>V</sup>

because|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H1121" cry for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" children|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3588" love.

Make|strong="H7139" yourself|strong="H5921" bald|strong="H7144" like|strong="H1121" an|strong="H4480" eagle|strong="H5404"<sup>VI</sup> and|strong="H1121" show|strong="H1540" your|strong="H5921" sadness,

because|strong="H3588" your|strong="H5921" chil- dren|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121" be|strong="H1121" taken|strong="H1540" away|strong="H1540" from|strong="H4480" you|strong="H3588".

### The Evil Plans of People

<sup>2</sup> Trouble|strong="H7451" will|strong="H3027" come to|strong="H5921" those|strong="H1945" who|strong="H0410" make|strong="H6213" plans|strong="H2803" to|strong="H5921" sin|strong="H0205".

They|strong="H3588" lie|strong="H4904" on|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" beds|strong="H4904" making|strong="H6213" their|strong="H5921" evil|strong="H7451" plans|strong="H2803".

Then|strong="H6213" when|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5921" morning|strong="H1242"

<sup>I</sup> MORESHETH Micah's hometown. <sup>II</sup> ACZIB This name means "lie" or "trick." <sup>III</sup> MARESHAH The name means "a person who takes things." <sup>IV</sup> ADULLAM A cave that David hid in when he ran away from Saul. See 1 Sam. 22:1. <sup>V</sup> CUT ... BALD This showed that a person made a special agreement with God or that a person was very sad. <sup>VI</sup> EAGLE Or "vulture." See "vulture" in the Word List.

light|strong="H0216" comes|strong="H0216", they|strong="H3588" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H5921" they|strong="H3588" planned|strong="H2803",

because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3426" the|strong="H5921" pow- er|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5921" do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H5921" they|strong="H3588" want.

<sup>2</sup> They|strong="H0376" want fields|strong="H7704", so|strong="H5375" they|strong="H0376" take|strong="H5375" them|strong="H5375".

They|strong="H0376" want hous- es|strong="H1004", so|strong="H5375" they|strong="H0376" take|strong="H5375" them|strong="H5375".

They|strong="H0376" cheat a|strong="H5375" man|strong="H0376"

and|strong="H1004" take|strong="H5375" his|strong="H5375" house|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" his|strong="H5375" land|strong="H7704".

The|strong="H5375" Lord's Plans to|strong="H0376" Punish the|strong="H5375" People|strong="H0376"

<sup>3</sup> That|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" why|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559":

" Look|strong="H2005", I|strong="H0834" am|strong="H3068" planning|strong="H2803" trou- ble|strong="H7451" against|strong="H5921" this|strong="H2063" family|strong="H4940".

You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" able to|strong="H0559" save yourselves|strong="H3068".<sup>VII</sup>

You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" stop|strong="H3808" being proud, because|strong="H3588" bad|strong="H7451" times|strong="H6256" are|strong="H0834" coming.

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H5375" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H7704" sing|strong="H5375" songs about|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921".

They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H7704" sing|strong="H5375" this|strong="H1931" sad song: ' We|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117" ru- ined|strong="H7703"!'

The|strong="H0559" LORD took|strong="H5375" away|strong="H5375" our|strong="H5921" land|strong="H7704" and|strong="H3117" gave|strong="H0559" it|strong="H1931" to|strong="H0559" other people|strong="H5971". Yes, he|strong="H1931" took|strong="H5375" my|strong="H5921" land|strong="H7704" away|strong="H5375" from|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921".

<sup>VII</sup> SAVE YOURSELVES Literally, "take your necks off it."

He |strong="H1931" has |strong="H3117" divided |strong="H2505" our |strong="H5921" fields |strong="H7704" among |strong="H5921" our |strong="H5921" enemies.

<sup>5</sup> So |strong="H3651" we will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H1961" able to |strong="H1961" measure the |strong="H3068" land |strong="H1486"

and |strong="H3068" divide it |strong="H3651" among |strong="H3808" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" people |strong="H3808"."

### Micah Is |strong="H3068" Asked Not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H1961" Prophecy

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="H3808" people |strong="H3808" say, " Don't |strong="H0408" prophecy to |strong="H3808" us.

Don't |strong="H0408" say those |strong="H0428" bad things |strong="H0428" about us.

Nothing |strong="H3808" bad will |strong="H3808" happen to |strong="H3808" us."

<sup>7</sup> But |strong="H0518" people |strong="H3808" of |strong="H1004" Jacob |strong="H3290", I |strong="H0518" must |strong="H0518" say |strong="H0559" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H1697".

The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" losing his |strong="H3068" patience |strong="H7114"

because |strong="H0559" of |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0559" bad things |strong="H1697" you |strong="H0518" did |strong="H3808".

If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" lived right |strong="H3477",

I |strong="H0518" could |strong="H1697" say |strong="H0559" nice words |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0518".

<sup>8</sup> But |strong="H5971" you |strong="H7725" attack |strong="H4421" my |strong="H7725" people |strong="H5971" like |strong="H7725" enemies |strong="H0341".

You |strong="H7725" steal the |strong="H7725" clothes |strong="H8008" off |strong="H6584" the |strong="H7725" backs of |strong="H4421" people |strong="H5971" walking by |strong="H6965".

They |strong="H5971" think they |strong="H5971" are |strong="H4421" safe,

but |strong="H5971" you |strong="H7725" are |strong="H4421" there |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" treat them |strong="H7725" like |strong="H7725" prisoners of |strong="H4421" war |strong="H4421".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>9</sup> You |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1004" taken |strong="H3947" nice houses |strong="H1004" away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" women |strong="H0802"

<sup>1</sup> THEY THINK ... WAR Or "Returning from war, they think they are safe."

of |strong="H1004" my |strong="H5921" people |strong="H5971".

You |strong="H5921" have |strong="H1004" taken |strong="H3947" my |strong="H5921" wealth away |strong="H3947" from |strong="H5921" their |strong="H3947" small children |strong="H5768" forever |strong="H5769".

<sup>10</sup> Get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" leave!

This |strong="H2063" will |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" your |strong="H3588" place |strong="H4496" of |strong="H5668" rest |strong="H4496", because |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" ruined |strong="H2930" it |strong="H3588".

You |strong="H3588" made |strong="H2930" it |strong="H3588" unclean |strong="H2930", so |strong="H3808" it |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" destroyed!

It |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3588" terrible destruction!

<sup>11</sup> These |strong="H2088" people |strong="H5971" don't want to |strong="H1980" listen to |strong="H1980" me |strong="H1961".

But |strong="H1961" if |strong="H3863" a |strong="H1961" man |strong="H0376" comes |strong="H1961" telling lies |strong="H8267", they |strong="H0376" will |strong="H1961" accept him |strong="H1980".

They |strong="H0376" would |strong="H3863" accept a |strong="H1961" false |strong="H8267" prophet |strong="H0376" if |strong="H3863" he |strong="H0376" comes |strong="H1961" and |strong="H1980" says,

" There |strong="H1961" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" good times in |strong="H1980" the |strong="H1961" future, with |strong="H1980" plenty of |strong="H0376" wine |strong="H3196" and |strong="H1980" beer |strong="H7941"."

The |strong="H1961" Lord Will |strong="H1961" Bring |strong="H1980" His |strong="H1961" People |strong="H5971" Together |strong="H5971"

<sup>12</sup> Yes, people |strong="H0120" of |strong="H3605" Jacob |strong="H3290", I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3478" bring |strong="H7760" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3605" you |strong="H3605" together |strong="H3162".

I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3478" bring |strong="H7760" together |strong="H3162" all |strong="H3605" those |strong="H3605" in |strong="H3478" Israel |strong="H3478" who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3478" still living. I |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3478" put |strong="H7760" them |strong="H7760" together |strong="H3162" like |strong="H3478"

sheep|strong="H6629" in|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605" sheep|strong="H6629" pen, like|strong="H3478" a|strong="H7760" flock|strong="H6629" in|strong="H3478" its|strong="H3605" pasture|strong="H1699".

Then|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" place|strong="H7760" will|strong="H3478" be|strong="H3478" filled with|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" noise of|strong="H3605" many people|strong="H0120".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="H6440" " One|strong="H4428" Who|strong="H3068" Breaks|strong="H6555" Through|strong="H5674" Walls" will|strong="H3068" push through|strong="H5674" and|strong="H3068" walk to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3068" people.

They|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" break|strong="H6555" through|strong="H5674" the|strong="H6440" gates|strong="H8179" and|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H3318" that|strong="H3068" city|strong="H8179".

They|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" leave|strong="H3318" with|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" king|strong="H4428" marching|strong="H5927" before|strong="H6440" them|strong="H6440"—

with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3068" people.

### The Leaders of Israel Are Guilty of Evil

<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H3045" said|strong="H0559", " Listen|strong="H8085", leaders|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1004" Jacob|strong="H3290" and|strong="H3478" officers of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" nation|strong="H1004"<sup>1</sup> of|strong="H1004" Israel|strong="H3478"!

You|strong="H3045" should|strong="H0559" know|strong="H3045" what|strong="H4941" justice|strong="H4941" is|strong="H4941".

<sup>2</sup> But|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" hate|strong="H8130" good|strong="H2896" and|strong="H0157" love|strong="H0157" evil|strong="H7451".

You|strong="H5921" tear|strong="H1497" the|strong="H5921" skin|strong="H5785" off|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" people and|strong="H0157" tear|strong="H1497" the|strong="H5921" flesh|strong="H7607" off|strong="H5921" their|strong="H5921" bones|strong="H6106".

<sup>3</sup> You|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" destroying my|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971". II

I NATION Literally, "house." This might mean the royal family of that country.

You|strong="H0834" take|strong="H6584" their|strong="H5921" skin|strong="H5785" off|strong="H6584" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H0398" break|strong="H6476" their|strong="H5921" bones|strong="H6106".

You|strong="H0834" chop|strong="H6566" their|strong="H5921" bones|strong="H6106" up|strong="H5921" like|strong="H0834" meat|strong="H1320" to|strong="H5921" put|strong="H6584" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" pot|strong="H5518"!

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H0227" you|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" pray|strong="H2199" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068",

but|strong="H3808" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H6030" you|strong="H0834".

No|strong="H3808", he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" hide|strong="H5641" his|strong="H3068" face|strong="H6440" from|strong="H6440" you|strong="H0834", because|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" do is|strong="H0834" evil|strong="H7489"."

### False Prophets

<sup>5</sup> Some|strong="H5971" false prophets|strong="H5030" are|strong="H0834" telling|strong="H0559" lies|strong="H0834" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" Lord's|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971". This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H0834" what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559" about|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5414":

" These|strong="H5971" prophets|strong="H5030" are|strong="H0834" led|strong="H8582" by|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3068" stomachs.

They|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H3068" peace|strong="H7965" for|strong="H5921" those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" food, but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H3068" war|strong="H4421" to|strong="H0559" those|strong="H0834" who|strong="H0834" do not|strong="H3808" give|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" food.

<sup>6</sup> " This|strong="H3651" is|strong="H3117" why|strong="H3651" it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H3117" like|strong="H3651" night|strong="H3915" for|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921"

and|strong="H0935" you|strong="H5921" don't have|strong="H5030" visions|strong="H2377".

II YOU ARE DESTROYING MY PEOPLE Literally, " You

You *cannot see* what *will* happen in *the* future, so *it* is *like* darkness *to* you.

The *sun* has *gone* down *on* the *prophets*.

They *cannot see* what *will* happen in *the* future, so *it* is *like* darkness *to* them.

<sup>7</sup> The *seers* are *ashamed*.

The *fortunetellers* are *embarrassed*.

None *of* them *will* say anything

because *God* *will* not speak *to* them.

**Micah Is *an* Honest Prophet *of* God**

<sup>8</sup> But *the* LORD'S *Spirit* has *filled* me

with *power*, goodness, and *strength*.

So *I* can *tell* Jacob *about* his *crimes*,

and *so* *I* can *tell* *Israel* *about* his *sins*!

**The *Leaders of* *Israel* *Are* *to* Blame**

<sup>9</sup> Leaders *of* Jacob *and* rulers *of* *Israel*, listen *to* me

You *hate* the *way* of *living*!

If something is *straight*,

then *you* *make* it *crooked*!

<sup>10</sup> You *build* Zion *by* murdering people.

You *build* Jerusalem *by* cheating people!

<sup>11</sup> The *judges* in Jerusalem accept bribes

*to* help them *decide* who *wins* in court.

The *priests* in Jerusalem *must* be *paid*

*before* they *will* teach the *people*.

People *must* pay *the* prophets

*before* they *will* look into the *future*.

Then *those* leaders *expect* the LORD *to* help them.

They *say*, "The LORD *lives* here with *us*, so *nothing* bad *will* happen *to* us."

<sup>12</sup> Leaders, because *you*, Zion *will* be destroyed.

*It* *will* become *a* plowed *field*.

Jerusalem *will* become *a* pile of *rocks*.

Temple *Mount* *will* be an *empty hill* overgrown with *bushes*.

<sup>1</sup> MURDERING PEOPLE Literally, "bloodshed."

### The Law Will Come From Jerusalem

**4** In the last days the mountain of the LORD'S Temple will be on the highest of all mountains. It will be raised higher than the hills. There will be a steady stream of people going there.

**2** People from many nations will go there and say,

"Come, let's go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the Temple of the God of Jacob. Then God will teach us his way of living, and we will follow him. His teaching, the LORD'S message, will begin in Jerusalem on Mount Zion and will go out to all the world."

**3** Then God will act as judge between people

II EMPTY HILL Or "high place," a term usually used for local shrines (places for worship) where people often worshiped idols.

ple in many places.

He will decide what is right for the great nations far and near.

They will stop using their weapons of war.

They will hammer swords into plows and their spears into tools for harvesting.

All fighting between nations will end.

They will never train for war.

**4** They will sit under their own grapevine and fig tree.

No one will be afraid of them.

That is because the LORD All-Powerful said it would happen like that.

**5** All the people from other nations will follow their own gods, but we will follow the LORD our God forever!

**The Kingdom to Be Brought Back**

**6** The LORD says,

I Or "All the nations will walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God, forever and ever!"



"Jerusalem was hurt and crippled.

She was thrown away.

She was hurt and punished,

but I will bring her back to me.

7 " The people of that 'crippled' city will be the only ones left alive.

They were forced to leave,

but I will make them a nation."

The LORD will be their king.

He will rule from Mount Zion forever.

8 And you, Tower of Flocks,

your will come.

Ophel, hill of Zion,

you will have to rule.

Yes, the kingdom will be in

as it was the past.

#### Why Must the Israelites Go to Babylon?

9 Now, why are you crying so loudly?

Is your king gone?

I TOWER OF FLOCKS Or "Migdal Eder." This probably means a part of Jerusalem. The leaders would be like shepherds in a tower watching their sheep.

Have you lost your wise leader?

Is that why you are suffering like a woman in labor?

10 Cry out, you people of Jerusalem, and feel the pain,

as you were given birth.

You must go out

and live in the fields.

You will go away to Babylon,

but you will also be saved from that place.

The LORD will come and rescue you there.

He will take you away from your enemies.

#### The Lord Will Destroy the Other Nations

11 Many nations have come to fight against you.

They say, "Look, there is Zion!"

Let's attack her!

12 They have their plans, but they don't know what the LORD is planning.

He brought them here for a special purpose.

II PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM Literally, "daughter Zion," a name for Jerusalem. Also in verse 13. See "Zion" in the Word List.

They |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" crushed like |strong="H3808" grain on |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" threshing |strong="H1637" floor |strong="H1637".

### Israel Will |strong="H3068" Defeat Its |strong="H3045" Enemies

<sup>13</sup> " People |strong="H5971" of |strong="H0776" Jerusalem, get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" crush |strong="H1854" them |strong="H7760"!

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H7760" you |strong="H3588" very |strong="H7227" strong |strong="H2428".

It |strong="H7760" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" as |strong="H3068" if |strong="H3588" you |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0776" horns |strong="H7161" of |strong="H0776" iron |strong="H1270" and |strong="H6965" hooves |strong="H6541" of |strong="H0776" bronze |strong="H5154".

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" beat many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" in- to |strong="H0776" small pieces.

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H7760" their |strong="H3605" wealth |strong="H2428" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068".

You |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" give |strong="H7760" their |strong="H3605" treasure to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" of |strong="H0776" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776".

**5** Now |strong="H1961" strong city, I gather your |strong="H4480" soldiers!

They |strong="H3117" are |strong="H3117" surrounding us |strong="H3117" for |strong="H3117" the |strong="H4480" attack!

They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" hit the |strong="H4480" judge of |strong="H3117" Is- rael |strong="H3478"

on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H4480" cheek with |strong="H3117" a |strong="H1961" stick.

**The |strong="H4480" Messiah to |strong="H1961" Be |strong="H1961" Born in |strong="H3478" Bethle- hem |strong="H1035"**

<sup>2</sup> But |strong="H3651" you |strong="H5414", Bethle- hem Ephrathah,

are |strong="H3478" the |strong="H5921" smallest town in |strong="H5921" Judah.

Your |strong="H5414" family is |strong="H3651" al- most too |strong="H5921" small to |strong="H5704" count,

but |strong="H3651" the |strong="H5921" "Ruler of |strong="H1121" Israel |strong="H3478" will |strong="H3478" come |strong="H7725" from |strong="H7725" you |strong="H5414" to |strong="H5704" rule for |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5414".

His |strong="H5414" beginnings <sup>II</sup> are |strong="H3478" from |strong="H7725" ancient times |strong="H6256",

from |strong="H7725" long |strong="H5704", long |strong="H5704" ago.

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="H3588" Lord |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" let |strong="H6258" his |strong="H3068" people |strong="H3427" be |strong="H8034" defeated

until |strong="H5704" the |strong="H3588" woman |strong="H8034" gives |strong="H5975" birth to |strong="H5704" her |strong="H3588" child, the |strong="H3588" promised |strong="H3068" king.

Then |strong="H6258" the |strong="H3588" rest of |strong="H0776" his |strong="H3068" brothers will |strong="H3068" come back

to |strong="H5704" join |strong="H5975" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H0776" Israel.

<sup>4</sup> He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" begin to |strong="H0935" rule Israel in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" power of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" LORD.

Like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" shep- herd |strong="H7462", he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" lead |strong="H1869" his |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0120" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" wonderful name of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5921" LORD his |strong="H5921" God.

And |strong="H0935" they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" live in |strong="H5921" safe- ty |strong="H7965"

because |strong="H3588" then |strong="H1961" his |strong="H5921" greatness will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" known all over |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" world |strong="H0776".

<sup>5</sup> He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" bring |strong="H0935" a |strong="H3588" time of |strong="H0776" peace.

Yes |strong="H3588", the |strong="H0853" Assyrian army |strong="H0776" will |strong="H0776" come |strong="H0935" into |strong="H0935" our |strong="H3588" country |strong="H0776"

and |strong="H0935" march |strong="H1869" through |strong="H0935" our |strong="H3588" land |strong="H0776". <sup>III</sup>

But |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0776" plenty of |strong="H0776" lead- ers <sup>IV</sup>

I STRONG CITY Literally, "daughter of troops."

II BEGINNINGS Or "family origins." III MARCH ... LAND Or "trample our palaces."

we |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0935" send against |strong="H0935" them |strong="H0853".  
 6 With |strong="H3068" swords in |strong="H5921" hand our |strong="H3068" leaders will |strong="H3068" defeat the |strong="H0853" Assyrians  
 and |strong="H1121" rule the |strong="H0853" land |strong="H7130" of |strong="H1121" Nimrod. I  
 They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" save us |strong="H5921" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" Assyrians  
 when |strong="H1961" they |strong="H0834" come |strong="H1961" into |strong="H5921" our |strong="H3068" land |strong="H7130" and |strong="H1121" march through |strong="H5921" our |strong="H3068" territory.  
 7 But |strong="H0518" those |strong="H0834" from |strong="H1961" Jacob |strong="H3290" who |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" still |strong="H1471" living and |strong="H6629" scattered among |strong="H7130" the |strong="H0834" nations |strong="H1471"  
 will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" dew from |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" LORD that |strong="H0834" does |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" depend on |strong="H1961" anyone |strong="H0834".  
 They |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" rain on |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0834" grass that |strong="H0834" does |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" wait for |strong="H0518" anyone |strong="H0834".  
 8 Those |strong="H3605" from |strong="H5921" Jacob who |strong="H3605" are |strong="H3027" still living  
 are |strong="H3027" scattered among |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" nations.  
 But |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3772" lion among |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" animals in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" forest.  
 They |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H3772" young lion among |strong="H5921" flocks of |strong="H3027" sheep.  
 If the |strong="H3605" lion passes through |strong="H3027",  
 he |strong="H5921" goes where |strong="H5921" he |strong="H5921" wants to |strong="H5921" go.  
 If he |strong="H5921" attacks an |strong="H3772" animal,  
 no |strong="H3605" one |strong="H3605" can save it |strong="H5921".

IV PLENTY OF LEADERS Literally, "seven shepherds, no eight leaders." I LAND OF NIMROD Another name for Assyria. II THEY Literally, "He."

The |strong="H3605" survivors will |strong="H3027" be |strong="H3027" like |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605".

9 You |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" lift your |strong="H3068" hand against your |strong="H3068" enemies,  
 and |strong="H3068" you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H0006" them |strong="H1961".

**People |strong="H1931" Will |strong="H3068" Depend on |strong="H3117" God |strong="H3068"**

10 The |strong="H3605" LORD says,  
 " At |strong="H0776" that |strong="H3605" time I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H0776" take away |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" horses,  
 and |strong="H0776" I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H0776" destroy |strong="H3605" your |strong="H3605" chariots.

11 I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H1961" destroy |strong="H3772" the |strong="H1961" cities in |strong="H1961" your |strong="H3808" country.  
 I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H1961" pull down |strong="H3772" all your |strong="H3808" fortresses.

12 You |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3027" no |strong="H3808" longer |strong="H5750" try to |strong="H3027" do |strong="H4639" magic.

You |strong="H3808" will |strong="H3027" have |strong="H3808" no |strong="H3808" more |strong="H5750" fortunetellers.

13 I will destroy |strong="H8045" your |strong="H7130" statues of |strong="H7130" false gods.

I will pull down your |strong="H7130" memorial stones.

You |strong="H7130" will not worship what your |strong="H7130" hands have made.

14 I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" destroy |strong="H6213" the |strong="H0834" Asherah poles

and |strong="H8085" your |strong="H0834" false gods. III

15 Some nations will not listen to me,  
 but I will show my anger and get my revenge."

### The Lord's Complaint

6 Now |strong="H4994" hear |strong="H8085" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559".

"Present your |strong="H3068" argument to |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" mountains |strong="H2022".

Let |strong="H4994" the |strong="H0853" hills |strong="H1389" hear |strong="H8085" your |strong="H3068" story. IV

III FALSE GODS Or "cities."

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has a complaint against his people.  
Mountains, listen to the LORD'S complaint.  
Foundations of the earth, hear the LORD.

He will prove that Israel is wrong!

<sup>3</sup> He says, "My people, what did I do against you?  
Did I make your life too hard for you?  
I will tell you what I did.

I sent Moses and Aaron, and Miriam to you.  
I brought you from the land of Egypt.  
I freed you from slavery.

<sup>5</sup> My people, remember the evil plans of king Balak of Moab.

Remember what Balaam son of Beor said to Balak.

Remember what happened from Acacia to Gilgal, and will the LORD is right!

<sup>6</sup> What God must I do when I bow down to God above?

Should I come to him burnt and offerings and a year-old calf?

<sup>7</sup> Will LORD be pleased a thousand rams?

Should I offer my first child to pay for my wrongs?  
Should I sacrifice my very own child for my sins?

<sup>8</sup> Human LORD told what goodness is. This is what he wants from you: Be fair to other people.

Love and loyalty, and humbly obey God.

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IV This is like a court case. The mountains and hills are the judge and jury. I ACACIA TO GILGAL This story is found in Num. 22-25.

What **Were** the **Israelites Doing**?

9 The **LORD** shouts to the **city**:

"A **wise person** respects the **Lord's** name." I

So **pay attention** to the **punishing rod** and **to** the **one** who **uses it**!

10 Do the **wicked** still **hide** treasures

that **they have** stolen?

Do **they still** cheat people

with **baskets** that **are** too **small**?

Yes, all **of** this **is** still **happening**!

11 Some people carry special **weights**

that **they use** to cheat people when **they weigh** their goods.

Should I **pardon** them?

12 The **rich** in **that** **city** are **still** **cruel**.

The **people** there **still** **tell**

Yes, **they tell** their **lies**.

13 So **I** have **begun** to **punish** you

**I will** **destroy** you **because** of **your** **sins**.

14 You **will** **eat** you **will** **not** **become** **full**.

You **will** **still** **be** **hungry** and **empty**.

I THE LORD'S NAME Literally, "your name." II SO PAY ATTENTION ... USES IT The Hebrew text here is hard to understand. III BASKETS ...

You **will** **try** to **bring** **people** to **safety**, **but** **people** **with** **swords** **will** **kill** the **people** you **rescued**.

15 You **will** **plant** **your** **seeds**, **but** **you** **will** **not** **gather**

You **will** **try** to **squeeze** **oil** **from** **your** **olives**,

**but** **you** **will** **not** **get** **any** **oil**.

You **will** **crush** your **grapes**,

**but** **you** **will** **not** **get** **enough** **juice** to **have** **wine** to **drink**.

16 This **is** **because** **you** **obey** the **laws** of **Omri**.

You **do** **all** the **evil** things **that** **Ahab's** **family** **does**.

You **follow** their **teachings**,

so **I** **will** **let** **you** **be** **destroyed**.

**People** **will** **in** **amazement**

**when** **they** **see** your **destroyed** **city**.

**Then** **you** **will** **the** **shame** **that** **the** **other** **nations** **bring** **to** **you**.

TOO SMALL Literally, "short ephahs." An ephah is about 1/2 bushel. IV You ... EMPTY The Hebrew text here is unclear. V OMRI A king of Israel who led his nation to worship false gods. See 1 Kings 16:21-26. VI THEN ... YOU Or "My people's shame will be taken away."

### Micah Is Upset at the Evil People Do

7 I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H1961" upset because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" am |strong="H1961" like |strong="H1961" fruit |strong="H1063" that |strong="H3588" has |strong="H0369" been |strong="H1961" gathered |strong="H3588", like |strong="H1961" grapes that |strong="H3588" have |strong="H1961" already been |strong="H1961" picked.

There |strong="H0369" are |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" grapes left |strong="H1961" to |strong="H1961" eat |strong="H0398".

There |strong="H0369" are |strong="H0369" none |strong="H0369" of |strong="H5315" the |strong="H3588" early figs that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H3588" love.

2 By |strong="H3605" this |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0776" mean that |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" faithful people |strong="H0120" are |strong="H0376" gone |strong="H0369".

There |strong="H0369" are |strong="H0376" no |strong="H0369" good people |strong="H0120" left |strong="H4480".

Everyone |strong="H3605" is |strong="H0369" planning to |strong="H0369" kill someone |strong="H0376".

Everyone |strong="H3605" is |strong="H0369" trying to |strong="H0369" trap their |strong="H3605" brother |strong="H0251".

3 People |strong="H5315" are |strong="H8199" good |strong="H3190" at |strong="H5921" doing |strong="H7451" bad |strong="H7451" things |strong="H1419" with |strong="H5921" both |strong="H5921" hands |strong="H3709".

Officials |strong="H8269" ask |strong="H7592" for |strong="H5921" bribes.

Judges |strong="H8199" take money to |strong="H1696" change |strong="H3190" their |strong="H5921" decisions in |strong="H5921" court.

" Important |strong="H1419" leaders |strong="H8269" do |strong="H3190" whatever they |strong="H5921" want |strong="H5315" to |strong="H1696" do |strong="H3190".

4 Even the |strong="H0935" best |strong="H2896" of |strong="H3117" them |strong="H0935" is |strong="H3117" as |strong="H1961" crooked as |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" tangled thornbush.

The |strong="H0935" Day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" Punishment |strong="H6486" Is |strong="H3117" Coming |strong="H0935"

Your |strong="H0935" prophets said this |strong="H6258" day |strong="H3117" would |strong="H3477" come |strong="H0935", and |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" your |strong="H0935" watchmen |strong="H6822" has |strong="H1961" come |strong="H0935".

Now |strong="H6258" you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" punished.

Now |strong="H6258" you |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" confused!

5 Don't |strong="H0408" trust |strong="H0982" your |strong="H8104" neighbor |strong="H7453" or |strong="H0408" trust |strong="H0982" a |strong="H7453" friend |strong="H7453"!

Don't |strong="H0408" even |strong="H0408" speak |strong="H6310" freely

with |strong="H7901" your |strong="H8104" wife.

6 Your |strong="H3588" enemies |strong="H0341" will |strong="H0376" be |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0376" in |strong="H1004" your |strong="H3588" own |strong="H0376" house |strong="H1004".

A |strong="H3588" son |strong="H1121" will |strong="H0376" not |strong="H3588" honor his |strong="H0376" father |strong="H0001".

A |strong="H3588" daughter |strong="H1323" will |strong="H0376" turn against |strong="H0376" her |strong="H3588" mother |strong="H0517".

A |strong="H3588" daughter-in-law |strong="H3618" will |strong="H0376" turn against |strong="H0376" her |strong="H3588" mother-in-law |strong="H2545".

The |strong="H3588" Lord Is |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3588" Savior

7 So |strong="H0589" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" look to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H8085" LORD |strong="H3068" for |strong="H3068" help.

I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" wait |strong="H3176" for |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430" to |strong="H3068" save me |strong="H0589".

My |strong="H8085" God |strong="H0430" will |strong="H3068" hear |strong="H8085" me |strong="H0589".

8 I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H3068" fallen |strong="H5307", but |strong="H3588" enemy |strong="H0341", don't |strong="H0408" laugh at |strong="H3427" me |strong="H8055"!

I WATCHMEN Another name for prophets. This shows that the prophets were like guards who stood on a city's wall and watched for trouble coming from far away.

I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" get |strong="H6965" up |strong="H6965" again |strong="H6965".

I |strong="H3588" sit |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" darkness |strong="H2822" now |strong="H3588",

but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H0408" a |strong="H3588" light |strong="H0216" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H8055".

### The |strong="H3588" Lord |strong="H3068" Forgives

<sup>9</sup> I |strong="H0834" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068",

so |strong="H6213" he |strong="H0834" was |strong="H0834" angry with |strong="H3068" me |strong="H7200".

But |strong="H3588" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" argue |strong="H7378" my |strong="H3068" case |strong="H7379" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H7200" in |strong="H3068" court |strong="H4941".

He |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" right |strong="H4941" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H7200".

Then |strong="H3318" he |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H3318" me |strong="H7200" out |strong="H3318" in- to |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0834" light |strong="H0216",

and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" that |strong="H0834" he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" right |strong="H4941".

<sup>10</sup> My |strong="H3068" enemy |strong="H0341" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413",

"Where |strong="H0346" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430"?"

But |strong="H1961" my |strong="H3068" ene- my |strong="H0341" will |strong="H3068" see |strong="H7200" this |strong="H6258",

and |strong="H3068" she will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" ashamed.

At |strong="H0413" that |strong="H7200" time |strong="H6258" I |strong="H6258" will |strong="H3068" laugh at |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413".<sup>1</sup>

People |strong="H5869" will |strong="H3068" walk over |strong="H0413" her |strong="H0413",<sup>II</sup> like |strong="H1961" mud |strong="H2916"

<sup>I</sup> LAUGH AT HER Literally, "my eyes will stare at her." <sup>II</sup> ENEMY, DON'T LAUGH ... WALK OVER HER This probably refers to an enemy city, such as the capital of Edom.

in |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" streets |strong="H2351".

### The |strong="H0559" Jews to |strong="H0413" Return

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3117" come when |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3117" walls |strong="H1447" will |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" re- built |strong="H1129".

At |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3117" country will |strong="H3117" grow.

<sup>12</sup> Your |strong="H0935" people |strong="H1931" will |strong="H2022" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" your |strong="H0935" land.

They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H2022" come |strong="H0935" back |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" Assyria |strong="H0804" and |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" cities |strong="H5892" of |strong="H3117" Egypt |strong="H4693".

They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H2022" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" Egypt |strong="H4693"

and |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" other side |strong="H3220" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0935" Eu- phrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104".

They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H2022" come |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" sea |strong="H3220" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" west |strong="H3220"

and |strong="H0935" from |strong="H4480" the |strong="H0935" mountains |strong="H2022" in |strong="H0935" the |strong="H0935" east.

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H5921" land |strong="H0776" was |strong="H1961" ruined |strong="H8077" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" peo- ple |strong="H3427"

who |strong="H3427" lived |strong="H3427" there |strong="H1961" and |strong="H0776" by |strong="H5921" what |strong="H5921" they |strong="H5921" did.

<sup>14</sup> So rule your |strong="H3117" peo- ple |strong="H5971" with |strong="H3117" your |strong="H3117" rod |strong="H7626".

Rule the |strong="H3117" flock |strong="H6629" of |strong="H3117" people |strong="H5971" who be- long to |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117".

That |strong="H3117" flock |strong="H6629" lives |strong="H7931" alone |strong="H0910" in |strong="H7931" the |strong="H3117" woods |strong="H3293"

and |strong="H3117" up on |strong="H3117" Mount Carmel |strong="H3760".

That flock lives in Bashan and Gilead as they did in the past.

### Israel Will Defeat Its Enemies

<sup>15</sup> I did many miracles when I took you out of Egypt.

I will let you see more miracles like that.

<sup>16</sup> The nations will see those miracles, and they will be ashamed.

They will see their power is nothing compared to mine.

They will be amazed and put their hands over their mouths.

They will cover their ears and refuse to listen.

<sup>17</sup> They will crawl in dust like a snake.

They will shake their heads in fear.

They will be like insects crawling

from their holes in the ground

and coming to the LORD our God.

God, they will fear and respect you!

### Praise for the Lord

<sup>18</sup> There is no God like you.

You take away people's guilt.

God will forgive his people who survive.

He will not stay angry with them forever,

because he enjoys being kind.

<sup>19</sup> He will come and comfort us again.

He will throw our sins into deep sea.

<sup>20</sup> God, please be true to Jacob.

Be kind and loyal to Abraham, I as you promised our ancestors long ago.

<sup>1</sup> ABRAHAM Here, Abraham is used to mean all the people of Israel. See "Abraham" in the Word List.



# Nahum

**1** This book is the vision of Nahum from Elkosh. This is the sad message about the city of Nineveh.<sup>1</sup>

**The Lord Is Angry at Nineveh**

**2** The LORD is jealous of God.

The LORD punishes the guilty,

and he is very angry.

The LORD punishes his enemies, and he stays angry with them.

**3** The LORD is patient, but he is also very powerful!

The LORD will punish the guilty;

he will not let them go free.

He will use whirlwinds and storms to show his power.

People walk on the dusty ground, but he walks on the clouds.

**4** He will speak harshly to the sea, and

it will become dry.

He will dry up all the rivers.

The rich lands of Bashan and Carmel become dry and dead.

The flowers in Lebanon fade away.

**5** The Lord will come,

and the mountains will shake.

and the hills will melt away.

He will come, and the earth will shake with fear.

The earth and everyone on it will shake with fear.

**6** No one can stand against his great anger.

No one can endure his terrible anger.

His anger will burn like fire.

The rocks will shatter when he comes.

**7** The LORD is good.

He is a safe place to go to in

<sup>1</sup> NINEVEH The capital city of the country of Assyria. Assyria destroyed Israel in 722–721 B.C.

times of trouble.

He takes care of those who trust him.

<sup>8</sup> But he will destroy his enemies.

He will wash them away like a flood

and chase them into the darkness.

<sup>9</sup> Why are you making plans against the LORD?

He will bring complete destruction, so you will not cause trouble again.

<sup>10</sup> You will be completely

like thornbushes burning under a pot.

You will be destroyed

like dry weeds that burn quickly.

<sup>11</sup> Someone from Nineveh is making evil plans against the LORD.

That advisor is a worthless troublemaker.

<sup>12</sup> This is what LORD said:

"The people of Assyria are at full strength.

They have many soldiers, but they will be cut down.

They will all be finished.

My people, I made you suffer,

but I will make you suffer no more.

<sup>13</sup> Now I will set you free from the power of Assyria.

I will take the yoke off your neck

and tear away the chains holding you."

<sup>14</sup> King of Assyria, the LORD gave this command about you:

"You will not have any descendants to wear your name."

I will destroy carved idols

and metal statues that are in the temple of your gods.

I am preparing your grave,

because your end is coming soon!

<sup>15</sup> Judah, look!

There, coming over the mountains, is a messenger bringing good news!

He says there is peace.

Judah, celebrate your special festivals and do what you promised.

Those worthless troublemakers will not come through and attack you again.

They have all been destroyed.

### Nineveh Will Be Destroyed

<sup>2</sup> An enemy is coming to attack you,

so guard the strong places of your city.

Watch the road. Get ready for war.

Prepare for battle!

<sup>2</sup> Yes, the LORD changed Jacob's pride.

He made it like Israel's pride.

I BECAUSE YOUR END IS COMING SOON Or "you are not important" or "you are so hated."

The enemy destroyed them  
and ruined their grapevines.

<sup>3</sup> The shields of his soldiers are red.

Their uniforms are bright red.  
Their chariots are shining like flames of fire

and are lined up for battle.

Their horses are ready to go.

<sup>4</sup> The chariots race wildly through the streets and rush back and forth through the square.

They look like burning torches,  
like lightning flashing from place to place!

<sup>5</sup> The enemy calls for his best soldiers.

They stumble as they rush ahead.

They run to the wall and set up their shield over the battering ram.

<sup>6</sup> But the gates by the rivers are open,  
and the enemy comes flooding in and destroys the king's palace.

<sup>7</sup> The enemy takes away the queen,  
and her slave girls moan sadly like doves.

They beat their breasts to show their sadness.

<sup>8</sup> Nineveh is like a pool whose water

is draining away.  
People yell, "Stop! Stop running away!"

But it does not do any good.

<sup>9</sup> Take the silver!  
Take the gold!

There are many things to take.

There are many treasures.

<sup>10</sup> Now Nineveh is empty.

Everything is stolen.

The city is ruined.

People have lost

their courage,

their hearts melt

with fear,

their knees knock together,

their bodies shake,

and their faces turn pale.

<sup>11</sup> Where is that great city now?

It was like a den where the lions feed their young.

It was a place where people felt safe,

like lions in a cave with

no one there

to harm them.

<sup>12</sup> The lion was able to catch plenty of food

to feed his cubs and his mate.

He filled his cave with the animals he killed.

He filled his den with the meat he gathered.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says,

"I am against you, Nineveh.

I will burn your chariots

and kill your 'young lions' in battle.

You will not hunt anyone on earth again.

People will never again hear bad news from your messengers."

## Bad News for Nineveh

**3** It will be very bad for that city of murderers.

Nineveh is a city full of lies.

It is filled with things taken from other countries.

It is filled with plenty of people that it hunted and killed.

**2** You can hear the sounds of whips and the noise of wheels.

You can hear horses galloping and chariots bouncing along!

**3** Soldiers on horses are attacking, their swords are shining,

their spears are gleaming!  
There are many dead people.  
Dead bodies are piled up—too many to count.

People are tripping over dead bodies.

**4** All this happened because of Nineveh.

Nineveh is like a prostitute who could never get enough.

She wanted more and more.

She sold herself to many nations,

and she used her magic to make them her slaves.

**5** The LORD All-Powerful says,

"I am against you, Nineveh.

I will pull your dress up over your face."

I will let the nations see your naked body.

The kingdoms will see your shame.

**6** I will throw things on you

and treat you in a hateful way.

People will look at you and laugh.

**7** Everyone who sees you will be shocked.

They say, "Nineveh is destroyed."

Who will cry for her?"

I know I cannot find anyone to comfort you, Nineveh."

**8** Nineveh, are you better than Thebes on Nile?

Thebes also had water all around her

to protect herself from enemies.

She used that water like a wall too.

**9** Ethiopia and Egypt made Thebes strong. Libya and the Sudan supported her, but Thebes

**I** PULL YOUR DRESS This is a wordplay in Hebrew. The Hebrew word also means "to destroy a country and take its people away as prisoners to other nations."**II** THEBES A great city in Egypt. It was destroyed in 663 B.C. by the Assyrian army.

was *strong*="H1931" defeated. Her *strong*="H3605" people *strong*="H1473" were *strong*="H1571" taken away *strong*="H1980" as *strong*="H1571" prisoners *strong*="H7628" to *strong*="H1980" a *strong*="H5921" foreign country. Soldiers beat her *strong*="H3605" small children *strong*="H5768" to *strong*="H1980" death at *strong*="H5921" every *strong*="H3605" street *strong*="H2351" corner *strong*="H7218". They *strong*="H5921" threw lots *strong*="H1486" to *strong*="H1980" see who *strong*="H3605" got *strong*="H1980" to *strong*="H1980" keep the *strong*="H3605" important *strong*="H1419" people *strong*="H1473" as *strong*="H1571" slaves. They *strong*="H5921" put chains on *strong*="H5921" all *strong*="H3605" the *strong*="H3605" important *strong*="H1419" men *strong*="H7218" of *strong*="H7218" Thebes.

<sup>11</sup> So *strong*="H1961", Nineveh, you *strong*="H0859" will *strong*="H1961" also *strong*="H1571" fall *strong*="H1961" like *strong*="H1961" a *strong*="H1961" drunk *strong*="H7937". You *strong*="H0859" will *strong*="H1961" try to *strong*="H1961" hide *strong*="H5956". You *strong*="H0859" will *strong*="H1961" look *strong*="H1245" for *strong*="H1245" a *strong*="H1961" safe place *strong*="H1961" away from *strong*="H1961" the *strong*="H1961" enemy *strong*="H0341". <sup>12</sup> But *strong*="H0518" Nineveh, all *strong*="H3605" your *strong*="H3605" strong places *strong*="H3605" will *strong*="H6310" be *strong*="H3605" like *strong*="H5973" fig *strong*="H8384" trees *strong*="H8384". When *strong*="H0518" new figs *strong*="H8384" become ripe *strong*="H1061", people *strong*="H0518" come *strong*="H5307" and *strong*="H0398" shake *strong*="H5128" the *strong*="H3605" tree *strong*="H8384". The *strong*="H3605" figs *strong*="H8384" fall *strong*="H5307" into *strong*="H5921" their *strong*="H3605" mouths *strong*="H6310". They *strong*="H0518" eat *strong*="H0398" them *strong*="H5921", and *strong*="H0398" the *strong*="H3605" figs *strong*="H8384" are *strong*="H6310" gone *strong*="H5307".

<sup>13</sup> Nineveh, your *strong*="H0398" people *strong*="H5971" are *strong*="H0776" all *strong*="H0398" like *strong*="H0776" women *strong*="H0802"— and *strong*="H0776" the *strong*="H0398" enemy *strong*="H0341" soldiers *strong*="H5971" are *strong*="H0776" ready to *strong*="H0776" take them *strong*="H0398". The *strong*="H0398" gates *strong*="H8179" of *strong*="H0776" your *strong*="H0398" land *strong*="H0776" are *strong*="H0776" open *strong*="H6605" wide for *strong*="H0776" your *strong*="H0398" enemies *strong*="H0341" to *strong*="H0776" come in *strong*="H0776". Fire *strong*="H0784" has *strong*="H0776" de-

stroyed *strong*="H0398" the *strong*="H0398" wooden bars *strong*="H1280" across the *strong*="H0398" gates *strong*="H8179".

<sup>14</sup> Get *strong*="H0935" water *strong*="H4325" and *strong*="H0935" store it *strong*="H4325" inside *strong*="H0935" your *strong*="H0935" city *strong*="H4013", because the *strong*="H0935" enemy soldiers will *strong*="H4325" surround your *strong*="H0935" city *strong*="H4013". Make *strong*="H2388" your *strong*="H0935" defenses *strong*="H2388"! Get *strong*="H0935" clay *strong*="H2916" to *strong*="H0935" make *strong*="H2388" more bricks and *strong*="H0935" mix the *strong*="H0935" mortar. Get *strong*="H0935" the *strong*="H0935" molds for *strong*="H4325" making *strong*="H2388" bricks. <sup>15</sup> You *strong*="H0398" can do all *strong*="H0398" these things *strong*="H3513", but *strong*="H3513" the *strong*="H0398" fire *strong*="H0784" will *strong*="H2719" still destroy *strong*="H2719" you *strong*="H0398" completely *strong*="H3772". And *strong*="H0398" the *strong*="H0398" sword *strong*="H2719" will *strong*="H2719" kill *strong*="H3772" you *strong*="H0398". Your *strong*="H0398" land will *strong*="H2719" look like *strong*="H8033" a *strong*="H3772" swarm of *strong*="H2719" grasshoppers *strong*="H3218" came and *strong*="H0398" ate *strong*="H0398" everything.

Nineveh, you *strong*="H0398" grew *strong*="H3513" and *strong*="H0398" grew *strong*="H3513". You *strong*="H0398" became *strong*="H3513" like *strong*="H8033" a *strong*="H3772" swarm of *strong*="H2719" grasshoppers *strong*="H3218". You *strong*="H0398" were *strong*="H0784" like *strong*="H8033" a *strong*="H3772" swarm of *strong*="H2719" locusts *strong*="H0697". <sup>16</sup> You *strong*="H7235" have many *strong*="H7235" traders *strong*="H7402" who go places and *strong*="H8064" buy things. They are *strong*="H8064" as many *strong*="H7235" as the *strong*="H6584" stars *strong*="H3556" in *strong*="H8064" the *strong*="H6584" sky *strong*="H8064". They are *strong*="H8064" like *strong*="H8064" locusts *strong*="H3218" that come and *strong*="H8064" eat until everything is gone and *strong*="H8064" then leave. <sup>17</sup> And *strong*="H3117" your *strong*="H3045" government officials are *strong*="H3117" also *strong*="H3045" like *strong*="H3808" locusts *strong*="H0697" that *strong*="H3045" settle on *strong*="H3117" a *strong*="H3808" stone wall *strong*="H1448" on *strong*="H3117" a *strong*="H3808" cold *strong*="H7135" day *strong*="H3117". But *strong*="H3808" when *strong*="H3117" the *strong*="H3117" sun *strong*="H8121" comes *strong*="H3117" up *strong*="H2224", the *strong*="H3117" rocks be-

come warm, and  
 the locusts  
 all fly away.  
 And no  
 one knows  
 where

<sup>18</sup> King of Assyria,  
 your shepherds  
 fell asleep.  
 These powerful  
 men are sleeping.  
 And now  
 your sheep  
 have wandered away  
 on the mountains.  
 There is

no one  
 to bring them back.  
<sup>19</sup> Nineveh, you  
 have been hurt badly,  
 and nothing  
 can heal your wound.  
 Everyone who  
 hears the news  
 of your destruction  
 claps their hands.  
 They are all happy,  
 because they  
 all felt the pain  
 you caused  
 again and again.

# Habakkuk

## Habakkuk Complains to God

**1** This is the message that was given to the prophet Habakkuk the LORD, I continue to ask for help. When will you listen to me? I cried you about the violence, but did nothing! <sup>3</sup> People are stealing things and hurting others. They are arguing and fighting. Why do you make me look at these terrible things? <sup>4</sup> The law is weak and not fair to people. Evil people win their fights against good people. So the law is no longer fair, and justice does not win anymore.

<sup>5</sup> Look at the other nations! Watch them, and you will be amazed. I will do something in your lifetime that will amaze you. You would not believe it even if you were told about it. I will make the Babylonians a strong nation. They are cruel and powerful fighters. They will march across the earth. They will take houses and cities that don't belong to them. The Babylonians will scare the other people. They do what they want to do and go where they want to go. Their horses will be faster than leopards and more dangerous than wolves. Their horse soldiers will come from faraway places. They will attack their enemies quickly, like a hungry eagle swooping down from the sky. <sup>9</sup> The one thing they all want

## The Lord Answers Habakkuk

<sup>1</sup> BABYLONIANS Literally, "Chaldeans," a tribe of Arameans who gained control in Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar was from this tribe.

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to|strong="H0935" do|strong="H3605"  
is|strong="H3605" fight. Their|strong="H3605" armies  
will|strong="H0935" march fast like|strong="H6440"  
the|strong="H3605" wind|strong="H6921"  
in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" desert.  
And|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" Babylonian  
soldiers will|strong="H0935" take|strong="H0622"  
many prisoners|strong="H7628"—  
as|strong="H0935" many as|strong="H0935"  
the|strong="H3605" grains of|strong="H6440"  
sand|strong="H2344".

<sup>10</sup> " The|strong="H3605" Babylonian soldiers  
will|strong="H4428" laugh|strong="H7832"  
at|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605"  
kings|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" oth-  
er|strong="H3605" nations. Foreign  
rulers|strong="H7336" will|strong="H4428"  
be|strong="H4428" like jokes to|strong="H4428"  
them|strong="H1931". The|strong="H3605" Babylon-  
ian soldiers will|strong="H4428"  
laugh|strong="H7832" at|strong="H4428"  
the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H4013"  
with|strong="H3605" tall, strong walls.  
They|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4428" simply  
build dirt|strong="H6083" roads up|strong="H6651"  
to|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" top  
of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" walls  
and|strong="H4428" easily defeat  
the|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H4013". <sup>11</sup>  
Then|strong="H0227" they|strong="H0430"  
will|strong="H0430" leave like|strong="H7307"  
the|strong="H0227" wind|strong="H7307"  
and|strong="H0430" go|strong="H5674"  
on|strong="H0430" to|strong="H0430" fight against  
other places. The|strong="H0227" only thing  
the|strong="H0227" Babylonians worship  
is|strong="H0430" their|strong="H0227" own  
strength|strong="H3581"."

#### Habakkuk's Second Complaint

<sup>12</sup> LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0859"  
are|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068"  
one|strong="H6918" who|strong="H3068" lives forever!

You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H3068"  
my|strong="H7760" holy|strong="H6918"  
God|strong="H0430" who|strong="H3068" nev-  
er|strong="H3808" dies|strong="H4191"! <sup>1</sup>  
LORD|strong="H3068", you|strong="H0859" created  
the|strong="H3068" Babylonians to|strong="H4191"  
do what|strong="H4941" must|strong="H4191"  
be|strong="H4191" done.

Our|strong="H3068" Rock|strong="H6697",  
you|strong="H0859" created them|strong="H7760"  
to|strong="H4191" punish|strong="H3198" peo-  
ple|strong="H3808".

<sup>1</sup> LORD, YOU ARE ... NEVER DIES Or "LORD, you have been my holy  
God forever! Surely we will not die."

<sup>13</sup> Your|strong="H7200" eyes|strong="H5869"  
are|strong="H4100" too|strong="H4480" good  
to|strong="H0413" look|strong="H7200"  
at|strong="H0413" evil|strong="H7451".

You|strong="H3808" cannot|strong="H3808" stand  
to|strong="H0413" see|strong="H7200" peo-  
ple|strong="H3808" doing|strong="H7451"  
wrong|strong="H7451".

So|strong="H4480" why|strong="H4100"  
do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H3808" permit  
such|strong="H3808" evil|strong="H7451"?

How|strong="H4100" can|strong="H3201"  
you|strong="H3808" watch|strong="H7200"  
while|strong="H1104" the|strong="H0413"  
wicked|strong="H7563" destroy|strong="H1104" peo-  
ple|strong="H3808" who|strong="H6662"  
are|strong="H4100" so|strong="H4480"  
much|strong="H4100" better?

<sup>14</sup> You|strong="H6213" made|strong="H6213" peo-  
ple|strong="H0120" like|strong="H3808"  
fish|strong="H1709" in|strong="H3808"  
the|strong="H3808" sea|strong="H3220".

They|strong="H3808" are|strong="H0120"  
like|strong="H3808" little sea|strong="H3220" ani-  
mals without|strong="H3808" a|strong="H3808"  
leader.

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="H3605" enemy catches  
all|strong="H3605" of|strong="H5921"  
them|strong="H5921" with|strong="H5921" hooks  
and|strong="H8055" nets|strong="H2764".

The|strong="H3605" enemy catches  
them|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921"  
his|strong="H3605" net and|strong="H8055" drags  
them|strong="H5921" in|strong="H5921",  
and|strong="H8055" the|strong="H3605" enemy  
is|strong="H3651" very|strong="H3651" hap-  
py|strong="H8055" with|strong="H5921"  
what|strong="H5921" he|strong="H3651" caught.

<sup>16</sup> His|strong="H5921" net helps  
him|strong="H5921" live like|strong="H3651"  
the|strong="H5921" rich  
and|strong="H2076" enjoy the|strong="H5921"  
best food|strong="H3978".

So|strong="H3651" the|strong="H5921" enemy wor-  
ships his|strong="H5921" net.

He|strong="H3588" makes sacri-  
fices|strong="H6999" and|strong="H2076"  
burns|strong="H6999" incense|strong="H6999"  
to|strong="H5921" honor his|strong="H5921" net.

<sup>17</sup> Will|strong="H1471" he|strong="H3651" contin-  
ue|strong="H3651" to|strong="H5921" take rich-  
es|strong="H2764" with|strong="H5921"  
his|strong="H5921" net?

Will|strong="H1471" he|strong="H3651" contin-  
ue|strong="H3651" destroying peo-  
ple|strong="H1471" without|strong="H3808" showing  
mercy|strong="H2550"?



2 I will stand a guard and watch.

I will wait to see the LORD say to me.

I will wait and learn how he answers my questions.

### God Answers Habakkuk

2 The LORD answered me, "Write down what I show you clearly. A sign so the message will be to read. This message is about the end, and will come true. Just be patient and wait for it. That time will come; it will not be late. This message cannot help those who refuse to listen to it, but those who are good will live because they believe it."

5 "Wine can trick a person. In the same way,

I WRITE DOWN ... EASY TO READ Or "Write the vision clearly on tablets so that the person who reads it can run and tell other people."

same way a man can be a fool, but he will not find peace. He is like death— he always wants more. And, like death, he will never satisfied. He will continue to defeat other nations and make those people his prisoners. 6 But soon enough, all those people will laugh at him and tell stories about his defeat. They will laugh and say, 'It's too bad that the man who took many things will not get to keep them! He made himself rich by collecting debts.'

7 "Strong man, you have taken money from people. One day they will wake up and realize what is happening, and they will stand against you. Then they will take things from you, and you will be very afraid. 8 You have stolen things from many nations, so they will take much from you."

you|strong="H0859". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0776" killed many|strong="H7227" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H0776" destroyed lands|strong="H0776" and|strong="H0776" cities|strong="H7151". You|strong="H0859" have|strong="H0776" killed all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" there|strong="H3427".

<sup>9</sup> "Look at|strong="H1004" you|strong="H7760" people|strong="H3709"! You|strong="H7760" get|strong="H1214" rich by|strong="H7451" cheating people|strong="H3709", and|strong="H1004" it|strong="H7760" hurts your|strong="H7760" own family|strong="H1004"! You|strong="H7760" build your|strong="H7760" houses|strong="H1004" high|strong="H4791" on|strong="H1004" the|strong="H7760" cliffs to|strong="H1004" protect yourself|strong="H5337" from|strong="H5337" danger|strong="H7451". <sup>10</sup> You|strong="H3289" planned|strong="H3289" shameful|strong="H1322" things, and|strong="H1004" that|strong="H5315" will|strong="H1004" bring|strong="H2398" shame|strong="H1322" to|strong="H1004" your|strong="H1004" own|strong="H5315" family|strong="H1004". You|strong="H3289" have|strong="H1004" done|strong="H2398" wrong|strong="H2398", and|strong="H1004" it|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1004" cost you|strong="H3289" your|strong="H1004" life|strong="H5315". <sup>11</sup> The|strong="H3588" stones|strong="H0068" of|strong="H6086" the|strong="H3588" walls|strong="H7023" will|strong="H0068" cry|strong="H2199" out|strong="H2199" against you|strong="H3588". Even|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" wooden|strong="H6086" rafters|strong="H3714"<sup>I</sup> in|strong="H0068" your|strong="H3588" own house will|strong="H0068" prove that|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H0068" wrong.

<sup>12</sup> "Look at them! They kill people|strong="H1818" to|strong="H3559" build|strong="H1129" their|strong="H3559" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1818" do wicked things to|strong="H3559" make|strong="H3559" their|strong="H3559" walled city|strong="H5892" strong. <sup>13</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful has|strong="H3068" decided that|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3808" fire|strong="H0784" will|strong="H3068" destroy everything that|strong="H3068" those|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" worked|strong="H3021" to|strong="H3068" build. All|strong="H2009" their|strong="H3068" work|strong="H3021" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" for|strong="H6635" nothing|strong="H3808". <sup>14</sup> Then|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0776" every-

I RAFTERS Boards that support the roof.

where will|strong="H3068" know|strong="H3045" about|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Glory|strong="H3519" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068". This|strong="H3588" news will|strong="H3068" spread just as|strong="H3068" water|strong="H4325" spreads out|strong="H3045" into|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" sea|strong="H3220". <sup>15</sup> It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H0637" be very bad for|strong="H5921" those|strong="H1945" who|strong="H1945" become|strong="H7937" angry and|strong="H7453" make|strong="H7937" other|strong="H7453" people suffer. Like|strong="H5921" an|strong="H5921" angry drunk|strong="H7937", they|strong="H5921" knock others to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" ground and|strong="H7453" strip them|strong="H5921" naked, just to|strong="H5921" see|strong="H5027" their|strong="H5921" naked bodies. II

<sup>16</sup> " But|strong="H0859" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" know the|strong="H5921" Lord's|strong="H3068" anger. It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1571" like|strong="H3068" a|strong="H5921" cup|strong="H3563" of|strong="H3068" poison in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD'S|strong="H3068" right|strong="H3225" hand|strong="H3225". They|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" taste that|strong="H3068" anger, and|strong="H3068" then|strong="H0859" they|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" fall to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" ground like|strong="H3068" drunks.

"Evil ruler, you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" drink|strong="H8354" from|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3068" cup|strong="H3563". You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" get|strong="H7646" shame|strong="H7036", not|strong="H1571" honor|strong="H3519". <sup>17</sup> You|strong="H3588" hurt many people|strong="H0120" in|strong="H3427" Lebanon|strong="H3844" and|strong="H0776" stole many animals|strong="H0929" there|strong="H3427". So|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" afraid because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H0120" who|strong="H3605" died and|strong="H0776" because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" bad things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3588" did to|strong="H0776" that|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776". You|strong="H3588" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H0776" afraid because|strong="H3588" of|strong="H0776" what|strong="H3588"

II LIKE AN ANGRY DRUNK ... BODIES The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

you |strong="H3588" did to |strong="H0776"  
 those |strong="H3605" cities |strong="H7151"  
 and |strong="H0776" to |strong="H0776"  
 the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120"  
 who |strong="H3605" lived |strong="H3427"  
 there |strong="H3427".

### The |strong="H3605" Message About |strong="H3605" Idols

18 Their |strong="H5921" false |strong="H8267" god  
 will |strong="H4100" not |strong="H3588"  
 help |strong="H3276" them |strong="H5921", be-  
 cause |strong="H3588" it |strong="H5921"  
 is |strong="H4100" only a |strong="H3588" statue  
 that |strong="H3588" someone covered  
 with |strong="H5921" metal |strong="H6213".  
 It |strong="H5921" is |strong="H4100" only  
 a |strong="H3588" statue, so |strong="H6213" whoev-  
 er made |strong="H6213" it |strong="H5921" cannot  
 expect it |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921"  
 help |strong="H3276". That |strong="H3588" statue  
 cannot even |strong="H3588" speak! 19  
 Look |strong="H2009" at |strong="H0369"  
 them |strong="H8610"! They |strong="H0559"  
 speak |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559"  
 a |strong="H0369" wooden |strong="H6086" statue  
 and |strong="H3701" tell |strong="H0559"  
 it |strong="H1931", "Get up |strong="H5782"! Rescue  
 me |strong="H7130". They |strong="H0559" talk  
 to |strong="H0559" a |strong="H0369"  
 stone |strong="H0068" that |strong="H3605" can-  
 not |strong="H0369" speak |strong="H0559"  
 and |strong="H3701" say |strong="H0559", "  
 Wake |strong="H6974" up |strong="H5782"! "  
 Don't |strong="H0369" you |strong="H3605" know  
 those |strong="H3605" things |strong="H3605" can-  
 not |strong="H0369" help you |strong="H3605"?  
 That |strong="H3605" statue may |strong="H1931"  
 be |strong="H0369" covered with |strong="H3605"  
 gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3701" sil-  
 ver |strong="H3701", but |strong="H0369"  
 there |strong="H0369" is |strong="H0369"  
 no |strong="H0369" life in |strong="H7130"  
 it |strong="H1931".

20 But |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605"  
 LORD |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068"  
 in |strong="H3068" his |strong="H3605"  
 holy |strong="H6944" temple |strong="H1964",  
 so |strong="H6440" the |strong="H3605"  
 whole |strong="H3605" earth |strong="H0776"  
 should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068"  
 silent |strong="H2013" in |strong="H3068"  
 his |strong="H3605" presence |strong="H6440"  
 and |strong="H3068" show him |strong="H6440" re-  
 spect |strong="H6440".

### Habakkuk's Prayer

3 The |strong="H5921" prayer |strong="H8605"  
 of |strong="H5921" Habakkuk |strong="H2265"  
 the |strong="H5921" prophet |strong="H5030".<sup>1</sup>

2 LORD |strong="H3068", I |strong="H3045"  
 have |strong="H7355" heard |strong="H8085"  
 the |strong="H8085" news |strong="H8088"  
 about |strong="H8085" you |strong="H3045".

I |strong="H3045" am |strong="H3068" amazed,  
 LORD |strong="H3068", at |strong="H3068"  
 the |strong="H8085" powerful things  
 you |strong="H3045" did in |strong="H8141"  
 the |strong="H8085" past.

Now |strong="H8085" I |strong="H3045" pray  
 that |strong="H3045" you |strong="H3045"  
 will |strong="H3068" do |strong="H8085" great things  
 in |strong="H8141" our |strong="H3068"  
 time |strong="H8141".

Please |strong="H8085" make |strong="H3045"  
 these things happen in |strong="H8141"  
 our |strong="H3068" own days |strong="H8141".

But |strong="H8085" in |strong="H8141"  
 your |strong="H3068" anger,

remember |strong="H2142" to |strong="H3068"  
 show |strong="H3045" mercy |strong="H7355"  
 to |strong="H3068" us |strong="H3045". Selah

3 God |strong="H0433" is |strong="H0776" com-  
 ing |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" Te-  
 man |strong="H8487".

The |strong="H0935" Holy |strong="H6918"  
 One |strong="H6918" is |strong="H0776" com-  
 ing |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935"  
 Mount |strong="H2022" Paran |strong="H6290". Se-  
 lah |strong="H5542"

His |strong="H0935" glory |strong="H1935" cov-  
 ers |strong="H3680" the |strong="H0935" heav-  
 ens |strong="H8064",

and |strong="H0935" his |strong="H0935"  
 praise |strong="H8416" fills |strong="H4390"  
 the |strong="H0935" earth |strong="H0776"!

4 Rays |strong="H7161" of |strong="H3027"  
 light |strong="H0216" shine |strong="H0216"  
 from |strong="H3027" his |strong="H1961"  
 hand |strong="H3027", a |strong="H1961"  
 bright |strong="H5051", shining |strong="H0216"  
 light |strong="H0216".

There |strong="H8033" is |strong="H3027"  
 such |strong="H1961" power |strong="H3027" hid-  
 ing |strong="H2253" in |strong="H8033"  
 that |strong="H1961" hand |strong="H3027".

5 The |strong="H6440" sickness  
 went |strong="H3318" before |strong="H6440"  
 him |strong="H6440",

<sup>1</sup> The Hebrew text adds "according to shigyonoth,

and the destroyer followed behind him.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>6</sup> He stood and judged the earth.

He looked at the people of all nations,

and they shook with fear.

For many years the mountains stood strong,

but those mountains fell to pieces.

Those old hills fell down.

God has always been able to do that.

<sup>7</sup> I saw that the cities of Cushan were in trouble

and that the houses of Midian trembled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> LORD, were you angry at the rivers?

Were you angry at the streams?

Were you angry at the sea?

Were you angry when you rode your horses and chariots to victory?

<sup>9</sup> Even then you showed your rainbow.

It was your proof of your agreement with the families

<sup>I</sup> This probably refers to the diseases and the angel of death that God sent against the Egyptians when God freed Israel from slavery.

of the earth.<sup>II</sup> Selah

And the dry land split the rivers.

<sup>10</sup> The mountains saw you and shook.

The water flowed off the land.

The water from the sea made loud noise

as it lost its power over the land.

<sup>11</sup> The sun and moon lost their brightness.

They stopped shining when they saw your bright flashes of lightning.

That lightning was like spears and arrows shooting through the air.

<sup>12</sup> In your anger you walked the earth

and punished the nations.

<sup>13</sup> You came to save your people

and to lead your chosen king to victory.

You killed the leader every evil family,

from the least important person

to the most important in the land.<sup>IV</sup> Selah

<sup>14</sup> You used Moses' walking stick

<sup>II</sup> RAINBOW ... EARTH See Genesis 9. <sup>III</sup> CHOSEN KING Literally, "anointed one." <sup>IV</sup> YOU KILLED ... IN THE LAND Literally, "You struck the head from the wicked house. From the foundation to the neck they were laid bare."

to stop the enemy soldiers.

Those soldiers came like a powerful storm to fight against us.

They thought they could defeat us easily,

as robbing the poor in secret.

<sup>15</sup> But you marched your horses

through the deep water, stirring up the mud.

<sup>16</sup> My whole body shook when I heard the story.

My lips trembled

I felt weak deep down in my bones

and stood there shaking.

But I will wait patiently for destruction to come to those who attack us.

**Always Rejoice in the Lord**

<sup>17</sup> Figs might not grow on the fig trees,

and grapes might not grow on the vines.

Olives might not grow on the olive trees,

and food might not grow in the fields.

There might not be sheep in the pens

or cattle in the barns.

<sup>18</sup> But I will still be glad in the LORD

and rejoice in God my Savior.

<sup>19</sup> The Lord GOD gives me strength.

He helps me run fast like a deer.

He leads me safely on the mountains.

To the music of stringed instruments

# Zephaniah

<sup>1</sup> This *is* the *message* that *LORD* gave to Zephaniah. He received this *message* during the time that Josiah son of Amon was king of Judah. Zephaniah was the son of Cush, who was son of Gedaliah. Gedaliah was son of Amariah, who was son of Hezekiah.

**The Lord's Day for Judging the People**

<sup>2</sup> The *LORD* says, "I will destroy everything on earth." <sup>13</sup> I will destroy all the people and all the animals. I will destroy the birds in the air and the fish in the sea. I will destroy the

I EARTH Or "the land" or "the country." Also in verse 18.

evil people and everything that makes them sin. I will remove all people from the earth. This *is* what *LORD* said.

<sup>4</sup> "I will punish Judah and the people living in Jerusalem." I will remove from this place any signs of Baal worship. No one will remember the priests who serve the idols there." <sup>5</sup> And those who go up to their roofs to worship the stars will be forgotten. They will worship me, the *LORD*, but they will also use the name of the false god Milcom to make promises. <sup>6</sup> They have turned away from me, the *LORD*. They have stopped following me. They no longer ask me, the *LORD*, for help."

II STARS Literally, "army of heaven." This might mean the stars and planets or the angels.

<sup>7</sup> Be|strong="H3068" silent|strong="H2013" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440" Lord|strong="H3068" GOD|strong="H3068", because|strong="H3588" the|strong="H6440" LORD'S|strong="H3068" day|strong="H3117" for|strong="H3588" judging the|strong="H6440" people is|strong="H3068" coming soon|strong="H7138". The|strong="H6440" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" prepared|strong="H3559" his|strong="H3068" sacrifice|strong="H2077", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3588" has|strong="H3068" told his|strong="H3068" invited|strong="H7121" guests|strong="H7121" to|strong="H3068" get|strong="H3559" ready|strong="H3559".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068" said, " On|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" LORD'S|strong="H3068" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H1121" sacrifice|strong="H2077", I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" sons|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" other|strong="H3605" leaders|strong="H8269". I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1121" wearing clothes|strong="H3847" from|strong="H5921" other|strong="H3605" countries.<sup>9</sup> At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" I|strong="H3117" will|strong="H1004" punish|strong="H6485" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H1931" who|strong="H3605" jump over|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" thresh-old|strong="H4670"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="H1004" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605" fill|strong="H4390" their|strong="H3605" master's|strong="H0113" house|strong="H1004"<sup>III</sup> with|strong="H4390" lies|strong="H4820" and|strong="H1004" violence|strong="H2555"."

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" said, " At|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" people|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" calling for|strong="H3117" help at|strong="H3068" Fish|strong="H1709" Gate|strong="H8179" in|strong="H3068" Jerusalem and|strong="H3068" mourning in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" new part|strong="H4480" of|strong="H3068" town|strong="H8179".

<sup>I</sup> PREPARED ... GET READY Literally, "prepared his sacrifice. He has made his called ones holy." Here, this time of judgment is compared to a fellowship meal when priests offered a sacrifice to God and had the guests get ready for this special meal with God. <sup>II</sup> PEOPLE WEARING ... THRESHOLD This probably means the priests and people who worshiped foreign gods, such as Dagon, or people who copied their ways of worshiping. See 1 Sam. 5:5. <sup>III</sup> MASTER'S HOUSE This means the temple where the people worshiped God or their false gods.

They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" hear|strong="H6963" the|strong="H5002" sound|strong="H6963" of|strong="H3068" destruction|strong="H7667" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" hills|strong="H1389" around the|strong="H5002" city|strong="H8179".<sup>11</sup> You|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" living|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" lower part of|strong="H3427" town will|strong="H3427" cry, because|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" traders and|strong="H3701" rich merchants will|strong="H3427" be|strong="H3605" destroyed|strong="H3772".

<sup>12</sup> " At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H1931" time|strong="H6256" I|strong="H6256" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H6485" a|strong="H1961" lamp|strong="H5216" and|strong="H3068" search|strong="H2664" through|strong="H5921" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". I|strong="H6256" will|strong="H3068" find all|strong="H0376" those|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0376" are|strong="H0376" satisfied|strong="H3190" to|strong="H0559" live their|strong="H3068" own|strong="H1961" way|strong="H5921". They|strong="H5921" say|strong="H0559", ' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" does|strong="H3808" nothing|strong="H3808". He|strong="H1931" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" help, and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H1931" does|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808" hurt! I|strong="H6256" will|strong="H3068" find them|strong="H0853", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H6256" will|strong="H3068" punish|strong="H6485" them|strong="H0853".<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H1961" others will|strong="H1961" take|strong="H1961" their|strong="H1961" wealth|strong="H2428" and|strong="H1004" destroy their|strong="H1961" houses|strong="H1004". Those|strong="H0853" who|strong="H3427" built|strong="H1129" houses|strong="H1004" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" them|strong="H0853", and|strong="H1004" those|strong="H0853" who|strong="H3427" planted|strong="H5193" vineyards|strong="H3754" will|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" drink|strong="H8354" the|strong="H0853" wine|strong="H3196" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" grapes."

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H3068" LORD'S|strong="H3068" special day|strong="H3117" for|strong="H3117" judging is|strong="H3068" coming soon|strong="H7138"! It|strong="H8033" is|strong="H3068" near|strong="H7138" and|strong="H3068" coming fast. People will|strong="H3068" hear|strong="H6963" very|strong="H3966" sad

sounds |strong="H6963" on |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3068" LORD'S |strong="H3068" special day |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3068" judgment. Even |strong="H1419" soldiers |strong="H1368" will |strong="H3068" cry |strong="H6963".<sup>15</sup> The |strong="H3117" Lord will |strong="H3117" show his |strong="H1931" anger |strong="H5678" at |strong="H3117" that |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117". It |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" terrible troubles and |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" destruction |strong="H7722". It |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" a |strong="H3117" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" darkness |strong="H2822"— a |strong="H3117" black, cloudy |strong="H6051", and |strong="H3117" stormy day |strong="H3117".<sup>16</sup> It |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3117" be |strong="H3117" like |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" time |strong="H3117" of |strong="H3117" war |strong="H8643" when |strong="H3117" people hear horns |strong="H7782" and |strong="H3117" trumpets |strong="H7782" in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" defense towers |strong="H6438" and |strong="H3117" protected cities |strong="H5892".<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H3588" Lord |strong="H3068" said, "I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" make |strong="H3588" life |strong="H1818" very |strong="H1980" hard on |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H0120". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" walk |strong="H1980" around |strong="H1980" like |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588" blind |strong="H5787" who |strong="H3068" don't know where they |strong="H3588" are |strong="H3068" going |strong="H1980". That |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" happen because |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" sinned |strong="H2398" against |strong="H2398" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068". Their |strong="H3068" blood |strong="H1818" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" spilled |strong="H8210" on |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588" ground |strong="H6083". Their |strong="H3068" dead bodies will |strong="H3068" lie like |strong="H1980" dung |strong="H1561" on |strong="H1980" the |strong="H3588" ground |strong="H6083".<sup>18</sup> Their |strong="H3605" gold |strong="H2091" and |strong="H3068" silver |strong="H3701" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" help them |strong="H0853"! At |strong="H3427" that |strong="H3588" time |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068"

will |strong="H3068" become very |strong="H1571" upset and |strong="H3068" angry |strong="H5678". The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" destroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776"! He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" completely |strong="H3617" destroy |strong="H3605" everyone |strong="H3605" on |strong="H3117" earth |strong="H0776"!

### God Asks People to Change Their Lives

**2** Shameless people |strong="H1471", change your |strong="H3808" lives <sup>2</sup> before |strong="H2962" you |strong="H5921" become |strong="H3205" like |strong="H3808" a |strong="H3205" dry and |strong="H0935" dying flower. In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" heat of |strong="H3068" day |strong="H3117", a |strong="H3205" flower will |strong="H3068" wilt and |strong="H0935" die. You |strong="H5921" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3808" like |strong="H3808" that |strong="H3117" when |strong="H3117" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" shows his |strong="H5921" terrible anger |strong="H0639". So |strong="H3808" change your |strong="H3068" lives |strong="H0935" before |strong="H2962" the |strong="H5921" LORD |strong="H3068" shows his |strong="H5921" anger |strong="H0639" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921"! <sup>3</sup> All |strong="H3605" you |strong="H0834" humble |strong="H6035" people |strong="H0834", come to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068"! Obey his |strong="H3605" laws. Learn to |strong="H3068" do |strong="H6466" good things |strong="H3605". Learn to |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" humble |strong="H6035". Maybe |strong="H0194" then |strong="H0853" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" safe when |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" shows his |strong="H3605" anger |strong="H0639".

### The |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H3068" Will |strong="H3068" Punish Israel's Neighbors

**4** No one |strong="H3588" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" left |strong="H5800" in |strong="H1961" Gaza |strong="H5804". Ashkelon |strong="H0831" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" destroyed. By |strong="H1961" noon |strong="H6672", the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H5800" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" forced to |strong="H1961" leave |strong="H5800" Ashdod |strong="H0795". Ekron |strong="H6138"<sup>I</sup> will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" empty. <sup>III</sup><sup>5</sup> You |strong="H5921"

I WORLD Or "land" or "country."



Cretans<sup>1</sup> living |strong="H3427" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" sea|strong="H3220", this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0369" about|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921". Canaan|strong="H3667", land|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H5921" Philistines|strong="H6430", you|strong="H5921" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1697" destroyed|strong="H0006"— no|strong="H0369" one|strong="H0369" will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H3427" there|strong="H0369"! <sup>6</sup> Your|strong="H1961" land by|strong="H1961" the|strong="H1961" sea|strong="H3220" will|strong="H1961" become|strong="H1961" empty fields for|strong="H1961" shepherds|strong="H7462" and|strong="H6629" their|strong="H1961" sheep|strong="H6629". <sup>7</sup> Then|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5921" land will|strong="H3068" belong|strong="H1961" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H5921" survivors|strong="H7611" from|strong="H7725" Judah|strong="H3063". The|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" remember the|strong="H5921" people from|strong="H7725" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3068" restore|strong="H7725" their|strong="H3068" fortunes|strong="H7622". Then|strong="H1961" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3068" sheep eat the|strong="H5921" grass in|strong="H5921" those|strong="H5921" fields. In|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" evenings|strong="H6153" they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" lie|strong="H7257" down|strong="H7257" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" empty|strong="H6485" houses|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1004" Ashkelon|strong="H0831".

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="H0853" Lord says, " I|strong="H0834" know what|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1121" Moab|strong="H4124" and|strong="H1121" Ammon|strong="H5983" did|strong="H0834". They|strong="H0834" embarrassed my|strong="H0805" people|strong="H5971". They|strong="H0834" took|strong="H0853" their|strong="H5921" land|strong="H1366" to|strong="H5921" make|strong="H1431" their|strong="H5921" own countries larger. <sup>9</sup> So|strong="H3651", as|strong="H5704" surely|strong="H3588" as|strong="H5704"

II GAZA, ASHKELON, ASHDOD, EKRON Philistine cities. In Hebrew, Zephaniah is making wordplays on the names of these cities. III EMPTY In Hebrew this word is like the word meaning "Philistines." Also in verse 6. I CRETANS People from Crete. The Philistines came from that island.

I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" alive|strong="H2416", Moab|strong="H4124" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5002" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1121" Ammon|strong="H5983" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" destroyed like|strong="H1961" Sodom|strong="H5467" and|strong="H1121" Gomorrah|strong="H6017". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful, the|strong="H5002" God|strong="H0430" of|strong="H1121" Israel|strong="H3478", and|strong="H1121" I|strong="H0589" promise|strong="H3068" those|strong="H1121" countries will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" destroyed completely|strong="H0962" forever|strong="H5769". Their|strong="H3068" land will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" overgrown with|strong="H3068" weeds. It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H5002" land covered|strong="H8077" with|strong="H3068" salt|strong="H4417" by|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5002" Dead Sea. The|strong="H5002" survivors|strong="H7611" of|strong="H1121" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H0962" that|strong="H3588" land and|strong="H1121" everything left|strong="H1961" in|strong="H0430" it|strong="H3588"."

<sup>10</sup> This|strong="H2063" will|strong="H3068" happen to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068" Moab and|strong="H3068" Ammon because|strong="H3588" they|strong="H1992" were|strong="H1992" so|strong="H3588" proud|strong="H1347" and|strong="H3068" cruel and|strong="H3068" humiliated the|strong="H5921" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful. <sup>11</sup> They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H0376" afraid|strong="H3372" of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068", because|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H3605" their|strong="H3605" gods|strong="H0430". Then|strong="H0853" everyone|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" faraway lands|strong="H0776" will|strong="H3068" worship|strong="H7812" the|strong="H3605" Lord|strong="H3068". <sup>12</sup> People of|strong="H2719" Ethiopia|strong="H3569", this even|strong="H1571" means you|strong="H0859"! The|strong="H1571" Lord's sword|strong="H2719" will|strong="H1571" kill|strong="H2719" your|strong="H0859" people. <sup>13</sup> Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" Lord will|strong="H3027" turn|strong="H5186"

north|strong="H6828" and|strong="H3027" punish Assyria|strong="H0804". He|strong="H0853" will|strong="H3027" destroy|strong="H0006" Nineveh|strong="H5210"— that|strong="H3027" city will|strong="H3027" be|strong="H3027" like|strong="H7760" an|strong="H7760" empty, dry|strong="H6723" desert|strong="H4057".<sup>14</sup> Only|strong="H1571" sheep and|strong="H6963" wild animals|strong="H2416" will|strong="H1471" live|strong="H2416" in|strong="H8432" those|strong="H3605" ruins. Owls|strong="H6893" and|strong="H6963" crows will|strong="H1471" sit on|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" columns that|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1471" left standing. Their|strong="H3605" calls|strong="H6963" will|strong="H1471" be|strong="H1571" heard|strong="H6963" coming through|strong="H8432" the|strong="H3605" windows|strong="H2474". Crows will|strong="H1471" sit on|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" doorsteps. Black birds|strong="H6963" will|strong="H1471" make|strong="H6168" their|strong="H3605" homes in|strong="H8432" those|strong="H3605" empty|strong="H6168" houses.<sup>15</sup> Nineveh is|strong="H3027" so|strong="H1961" proud now|strong="H1961". It|strong="H5921" is|strong="H3027" such|strong="H2063" a|strong="H1961" happy city|strong="H5892". The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3427" think|strong="H3824" they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3027" safe. They|strong="H5921" think|strong="H3824" Nineveh is|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" greatest place|strong="H1961" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" world, but|strong="H1961" it|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H8047"! It|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" be|strong="H1961" an|strong="H1961" empty place|strong="H1961" where|strong="H5921" only|strong="H0657" wild animals|strong="H2416" go|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" rest|strong="H1961". People|strong="H3427" who|strong="H3605" pass|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5921" will|strong="H1961" whistle|strong="H8319" and|strong="H3027" shake|strong="H5128" their|strong="H3605" heads when|strong="H1961" they|strong="H5921" see how|strong="H0349" badly the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" was|strong="H1961" destroyed|strong="H8047".

### The Future of Jerusalem

**3** Jerusalem, your people fought against God. They hurt other people, and you have been stained|strong="H1351" with|strong="H1351" sin.<sup>2</sup> They|strong="H3808" didn't|strong="H3808" lis-

I BLACK BIRDS Or "cedar beams."

ten|strong="H8085" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" or|strong="H3808" accept|strong="H3947" my|strong="H8085" teachings. Jerusalem didn't|strong="H3808" trust|strong="H0982" the|strong="H0413" LORD|strong="H3068". Jerusalem didn't|strong="H3808" go|strong="H7126" to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" God|strong="H0430".<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem's leaders|strong="H8269" are|strong="H8199" like|strong="H3808" roaring|strong="H7580" lions|strong="H0738". Her|strong="H7130" judges|strong="H8199" are|strong="H8199" like|strong="H3808" hungry wolves|strong="H2061" that|strong="H3808" come in|strong="H7130" the|strong="H8199" evening|strong="H6153" to|strong="H1242" attack the|strong="H8199" sheep— and|strong="H1242" in|strong="H7130" the|strong="H8199" morning|strong="H1242" nothing|strong="H3808" is|strong="H7130" left.<sup>4</sup> Her|strong="H0376" prophets|strong="H5030" are|strong="H0376" always making secret plans to|strong="H0376" get more and|strong="H3548" more. Her|strong="H0376" priests|strong="H3548" have|strong="H0376" treated|strong="H2554" holy|strong="H6944" things|strong="H6944" as|strong="H0376" if|strong="H0376" they|strong="H0376" were|strong="H0376" not holy|strong="H6944". They|strong="H0376" have|strong="H0376" done|strong="H2554" bad things|strong="H6944" to|strong="H0376" God's teachings|strong="H8451".<sup>5</sup> But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H5414" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" still in|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3045" city, and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H6213" continues to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" good. He|strong="H6213" does|strong="H6213" not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" anything|strong="H3808" wrong|strong="H5766". He|strong="H6213" continues to|strong="H3068" help his|strong="H5414" people|strong="H3808". Morning|strong="H1242" after|strong="H1242" morning|strong="H1242" he|strong="H6213" makes|strong="H5414" good decisions|strong="H4941" for|strong="H4941" them|strong="H5414". Not|strong="H3808" a|strong="H5414" day|strong="H1242" passes without|strong="H3808" his|strong="H5414" justice|strong="H4941". He|strong="H6213" never|strong="H3808" gives|strong="H5414" a|strong="H5414" decision|strong="H4941" that|strong="H3045" is|strong="H3068" crooked or|strong="H3808" is|strong="H3068" something to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3808" ashamed of|strong="H3068".

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="H3772" Lord says, "I|strong="H3772" have|strong="H0369" destroyed|strong="H3772" whole na-

tions |strong="H1471" and |strong="H0376" their |strong="H3772" defense towers |strong="H6438". I |strong="H3772" destroyed |strong="H3772" their |strong="H3772" streets |strong="H2351" and |strong="H0376" now |strong="H0369" no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" goes there |strong="H0369" anymore. Their |strong="H3772" cities |strong="H5892" are |strong="H0376" empty— no |strong="H0369" one |strong="H0376" lives |strong="H3427" there |strong="H0369" anymore.<sup>7</sup> I |strong="H0834" tell |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" so |strong="H3947" that |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" learn a |strong="H3947" lesson. I |strong="H0834" want you |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" fear |strong="H3372" and |strong="H7925" respect |strong="H5921" me |strong="H5921". If |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3605" this |strong="H0834", your |strong="H3605" home will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" destroyed |strong="H7843", and |strong="H7925" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" have |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0559" punish |strong="H6485" you |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H3605" I |strong="H0834" planned." But |strong="H0389" those |strong="H3605" evil people |strong="H0834" only |strong="H0389" wanted to |strong="H0559" do |strong="H3605" more |strong="H3808" of |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0853" evil things |strong="H3605" they |strong="H0834" had |strong="H0834" already done |strong="H5949"!

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H3651", " So |strong="H3651" just |strong="H4941" wait |strong="H2442"! Wait |strong="H2442" for |strong="H3588" me |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" stand |strong="H6965" and |strong="H6965" judge |strong="H4941" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" right |strong="H4941" to |strong="H5921" bring |strong="H0622" people |strong="H1471" from |strong="H5921" many nations |strong="H1471" and |strong="H6965" use |strong="H0398" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" punish you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H0398" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" show my |strong="H3605" anger |strong="H0639" against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H3588". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" use |strong="H0398" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H5921" show how |strong="H3588" upset I |strong="H3588"

am |strong="H3068"— and |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" country |strong="H0776" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" destroyed |strong="H0398".<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H0227" I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" change |strong="H2015" people |strong="H5971" from |strong="H0413" other |strong="H0259" nations |strong="H5971" so |strong="H7121" that |strong="H3588" they |strong="H3588" can |strong="H0259" speak |strong="H8193" the |strong="H3605" language |strong="H8193" clearly and |strong="H3068" call |strong="H7121" out |strong="H0413" the |strong="H3605" name |strong="H8034" of |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". They |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" all |strong="H3605" worship |strong="H5647" me |strong="H0413" together |strong="H0259", shoulder |strong="H7926" to |strong="H0413" shoulder |strong="H7926", as |strong="H3068" one |strong="H0259" people |strong="H5971".<sup>10</sup> People will |strong="H1323" come all the |strong="H5676" way |strong="H5676" from |strong="H5676" the |strong="H5676" other |strong="H5676" side |strong="H5676" of |strong="H1323" the |strong="H5676" river |strong="H5104" in |strong="H4503" Ethiopia |strong="H3568". My |strong="H2986" scattered |strong="H6327" people will |strong="H1323" come to |strong="H1323" me. My |strong="H2986" worshipers will |strong="H1323" come and |strong="H1323" bring |strong="H2986" their gifts |strong="H4503" to |strong="H1323" me.

<sup>11</sup> " Then |strong="H0227", Jerusalem, you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" no |strong="H3808" longer |strong="H5750" be |strong="H5750" ashamed |strong="H0954" of |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" wrong things |strong="H6944" your |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0834" do |strong="H3254" against |strong="H6586" me |strong="H3254". That |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" remove |strong="H5493" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" bad people |strong="H0834" from |strong="H5493" Jerusalem. I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0834" take |strong="H5493" away |strong="H5493" all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" proud |strong="H1346" people |strong="H0834". There |strong="H2022" will |strong="H0834" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H5750" any |strong="H3605" of |strong="H3117" them |strong="H5493" on |strong="H3117" my |strong="H3605" holy |strong="H6944" mountain |strong="H2022".<sup>12</sup> I |strong="H3068"

<sup>1</sup> HOLY MOUNTAIN Mount Zion, one of the mountains Jerusalem was built on.

will let only meek and humble people stay in my city, and they will trust the LORD'S name.<sup>13</sup> The survivors of Israel will not do bad things or tell lies. They will not try to trick people with lies. They will be like sheep that eat and lie down in peace—and no one will bother them.<sup>14</sup>

#### A Happy Song

<sup>14</sup> Jerusalem, sing and be happy!

Israel, shout for joy!

Jerusalem, be happy and have fun!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD stopped your punishment.

He destroyed your enemies' strong towers.

King of Israel, the LORD is with you.

You don't need to worry about anything bad happening.

<sup>16</sup> At that time Jerusalem will be told,

"Be strong, don't be afraid!"

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you.

He is like a powerful soldier.

He will save you.

He will show how much he loves you

and how happy he is with you.

He will laugh and be happy about you,

like people at a party.

I will take your shame away.

I will make them stop hurting you.

<sup>19</sup> At that time I will punish those who hurt you.

I will save my hurt people and bring those who were forced to leave back home.

I will give praise and honor, even in places where they suffered shame.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will lead you back home.

I will bring your people back together.

I will cause people everywhere to honor and praise you.

You will see me

I The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

*bring|strong="H0935" back|strong="H7725"  
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" bless-  
ings|strong="H8034" you|strong="H3588"  
once|strong="H7725" had|strong="H3068".*

*This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559".*

# Haggai

## It Is Time to Build the Temple

**1** On *the first day of the sixth month of the second year that Darius was king of Persia*, Haggai received a message from the LORD. This message was for Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jehozadak. Zerubbabel was the governor of Judah and Joshua was high priest. This is the message: "The LORD All-Powerful said, 'The people say it is not yet the right time to build the LORD'S Temple.'" **3** Again Haggai received a message from the LORD. Haggai spoke this message: "You people think the

has come for you to live in nice houses. You live in houses with beautiful wooden paneling on the walls, but the Lord's house is still in ruins. **5** Now the LORD All-Powerful says, 'Think about what is happening. **6** You have planted many seeds, but you have gathered only a few crops. You have food to eat, but not enough to get full. You have something to drink, but not enough to get drunk. You have clothes to wear, but not enough to keep warm. You earn a little money, but you don't know where it goes. It's as though it is a hole in your pocket! **7** The LORD All-Powerful said,

**1** You ... POCKET Or "The one who saves money is putting it into a purse full of holes."

Think **about** what **you** are **doing**. **Go** **up** to **the** **mountains**, **get** **the** **wood**, and **build** **the** **Temple**. Then **I** **will** **be** **pleased** **with** **the** **Temple**, and **I** **will** **be** **honored** **is** **what** **LORD** **said**.

**The** **LORD** **All-Powerful** **said**, "You **people** **look** **for** **a** **big** **harvest** **when** **you** **go** **to** **gather** **the** **crop**, **there** **is** **only** **a** **little** **grain**. **So** **you** **bring** **that** **grain** **home**, and **then** **I** **send** **a** **wind** **that** **blows** **it** **all** **away**. **Why** **is** **this** **happening?** **Because** **my** **house** **is** **still** **in** **ruins** **while** **each** **of** **you** **runs** **home** **to** **take** **care** **of** **your** **own** **house**". **That** **is** **the** **sky** **holds** **back** **its** **dew** **and** **why** **the** **earth** **holds** **back** **its** **crops**.

**I** **gave** **the** **command** **for** **the** **land** **and** **the** **mountains**

**to** **be** **dry**. **The** **grain** **new** **wine**, **the** **olive** **oil**, and **everything** **the** **earth** **produces** **will** **be** **ruined**. **All** **the** **people** **and** **all** **the** **animals** **will** **become** **weak**.

### Work Begins on **the** **New** **Temple**

**The** **LORD** **God** **sent** **to** **speak** **to** **Zerubbabel** **son** **of** **Shealtiel** **and** **to** **the** **high** **priest**, **Joshua** **son** **of** **Jehozadak**. **So** **these** **men** **all** **the** **people** **to** **the** **voice** **of** **the** **LORD** **their** **and** **to** **the** **words** **of** **Haggai** **the** **prophet**. **And** **the** **people** **showed** **their** **fear** **and** **respect** **for** **the** **LORD** **their** **God**.

**Then** **Haggai** **the** **LORD'S** **messenger** **delivered** **this** **message** **to** **the** **people**: "The **LORD** **says**, 'I **am** **with** **you**'"

<sup>1</sup> DRY ... RUINED The Hebrew word "dry" is like the Hebrew word "ruined."

14 Zerubbabel|strong="H2216" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shealtiel|strong="H7597" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" governor|strong="H6346" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063". Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehozadak|strong="H3087" was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1419" priest|strong="H3548". The|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213" them|strong="H0853" and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" rest|strong="H7611" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" excited about|strong="H0935" working on|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" Temple|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" their|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430", the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful. 15 So they|strong="H3117" began this|strong="H3117" work on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3117" 24th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3117" sixth|strong="H8345" month|strong="H2320" in|strong="H8141" the|strong="H3117" second|strong="H8147" year|strong="H8141" Darius|strong="H1867" was|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3117" king|strong="H4428".

### The Lord Encourages the People

2 On|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" 21st day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" seventh|strong="H7637" month|strong="H2320", this|strong="H1697" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0559" Haggai|strong="H2292": 2 " Speak|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0413" Zerubbabel|strong="H2216" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Shealtiel|strong="H7597", the|strong="H0559" governor|strong="H6346" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063", and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehozadak|strong="H3087", the|strong="H0559" high|strong="H1419" priest|strong="H3548", and|strong="H1121" to|strong="H0413" all|strong="H1419" the|strong="H0559" people|strong="H5971". Say|strong="H0559" this|strong="H4994": 3 ' How|strong="H4100" many|strong="H4100" of|strong="H1004" you|strong="H0859" people|strong="H0834" look|strong="H7200" at|strong="H1004" this|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004" and|strong="H1004" try to|strong="H0369" compare|strong="H3644" it|strong="H7200" to|strong="H0369" the|strong="H0853" beautiful

Temple|strong="H1004" that|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0369" destroyed|strong="H0369"? What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" think|strong="H5869"? Does|strong="H4100" this|strong="H2088" Temple|strong="H1004" seem|strong="H5869" like|strong="H3644" nothing|strong="H3808" when|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0859" compare|strong="H3644" it|strong="H7200" with|strong="H1004" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H7223" Temple|strong="H1004"? 4 But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", " Zerubbabel|strong="H2216", don't be|strong="H1121" discouraged!" And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H5002", " Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehozadak|strong="H3087", you|strong="H3588" are|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605" high|strong="H1419" priest|strong="H3548". Don't be|strong="H1121" discouraged! And|strong="H1121" all|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3588" people|strong="H5971" who|strong="H3605" live in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" land|strong="H0776", don't be|strong="H1121" discouraged! Continue this|strong="H6258" work, because|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H3588": " This|strong="H6258" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful said. 5 " I|strong="H0834" made|strong="H3772" an|strong="H3772" agreement|strong="H1697" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834" when|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" left|strong="H3318" Egypt|strong="H4714", and|strong="H4714" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" kept|strong="H5975" my|strong="H0834" promise|strong="H1697". My|strong="H0834" Spirit|strong="H7307" is|strong="H0834" with|strong="H0854" you|strong="H0834", so|strong="H3318" don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372"! 6 This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful said|strong="H0559", ' In|strong="H3068" just a|strong="H3588" little|strong="H4592" while|strong="H5750", I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" once|strong="H0259" again|strong="H5750" shake|strong="H7493" things|strong="H0259" up|strong="H0853". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" shake|strong="H7493" heaven|strong="H8064" and|strong="H3068" earth|strong="H0776", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" shake|strong="H7493"



the sea and dry I shake the nations and will come to you with wealth from every nation then I will fill this Temple with glory: That what LORD All-Powerful said: <sup>8</sup> 'All their silver and gold This is the LORD All-Powerful said. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD All-Powerful said: ' This last will be more beautiful than the one I will bring to place what LORD All-Powerful said:

**Today Begins a**

**Time of Blessing**

<sup>10</sup> On the ninth day of the second year was this message from LORD came to Haggai the prophet: <sup>11</sup> " The LORD All-Powerful commands you

ask the priests what the law says about these things: <sup>12</sup> ' Suppose a man carries some meat in the fold of his clothes. This meat is part of a sacrifice, so it is holy. If clothes touch some bread, cooked food, wine, oil, or some other food, will the thing become holy? "

The priests answered, " No."

<sup>13</sup> Then Haggai said, " Whoever touches a dead body will become unclean. Now if they touch anything else, will it also become unclean? "

The priests answered, "Yes, it will become unclean."

<sup>14</sup> Then Haggai said, " This is what the LORD God said: ' This is also true for the people of this nation. They were not pure and holy before me. So anything they did

with|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3027" and|strong="H3068" anything|strong="H3605" they|strong="H0834" offered|strong="H7126" at|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" altar became unclean|strong="H2931".

<sup>15</sup> Think|strong="H3824" about|strong="H0413" what|strong="H2088" has|strong="H3068" happened to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H3117".

Think|strong="H3824" about|strong="H0413" how|strong="H4994" things were|strong="H3117" before|strong="H2962" you|strong="H3117" began working on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0413" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1964".

<sup>16</sup> People wanted 20 measures of|strong="H0935" grain|strong="H6194", but|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" only 10 measures in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0413" pile. People wanted to|strong="H0413" get|strong="H0935" 50 jars of|strong="H0935" wine|strong="H3342" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0413" wine|strong="H3342" vat|strong="H3342", but|strong="H1961" there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961" only 20.

<sup>17</sup> That|strong="H3605" was|strong="H0369" because|strong="H0413" I|strong="H3068" punished you|strong="H3605". I|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" diseases that|strong="H3605" killed|strong="H5221" your|strong="H3068" plants and|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" hail|strong="H1259" that|strong="H3605" destroyed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" things|strong="H3605" you|strong="H3605" made|strong="H4639" with|strong="H0413" your|strong="H3068" hands|strong="H3027". I|strong="H3068" did|strong="H4639" this|strong="H3068", but|strong="H0369" still you|strong="H3605" did|strong="H4639" not|strong="H0369" come to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413". This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H0369" what|strong="H4639" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0413".

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="H0834" Lord|strong="H3068" said, 'Today|strong="H3117" is|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" 24th day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" ninth|strong="H8671" month. You|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" finished laying|strong="H3245" the|strong="H0834" foundation|strong="H3245" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0834" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1964". So|strong="H4480" notice what|strong="H0834" happens|strong="H3117" from|strong="H4480" this|strong="H2088" day|strong="H3117" forward|strong="H4605". <sup>19</sup> Your|strong="H5375" seed|strong="H2233" for|strong="H3117" planting|strong="H2233" is|strong="H2088"

still|strong="H5750" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H4480" barn|strong="H4035". And|strong="H3117" look|strong="H5375" at|strong="H3117" the|strong="H4480" vines|strong="H1612", the|strong="H4480" fig|strong="H8384" trees|strong="H6086", and|strong="H3117" the|strong="H4480" pomegranate|strong="H7416" and|strong="H3117" olive|strong="H2132" trees|strong="H6086". They|strong="H3117" have|strong="H3117" not|strong="H3808" yet|strong="H5750" produced any|strong="H4480" fruit|strong="H4480". But|strong="H3808" beginning|strong="H5704" today|strong="H3117", I|strong="H5704" will|strong="H3808" bless|strong="H1288" you|strong="H3117"."

<sup>20</sup> Another|strong="H8145" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" came|strong="H1961" to|strong="H0413" Haggai|strong="H2292" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" 24th day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" month|strong="H2320". This|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" message|strong="H1697". <sup>21</sup> "Go to|strong="H0413" Zerubbabel|strong="H2216", the|strong="H0853" governor|strong="H6346" of|strong="H0776" Judah|strong="H3063" and|strong="H3063" tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" that|strong="H0559" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H0776" shake|strong="H7493" heaven|strong="H8064" and|strong="H3063" earth|strong="H0776". <sup>22</sup> And|strong="H0376" I will|strong="H1471" overthrow|strong="H2015" many kings and|strong="H0376" kingdoms|strong="H4467" and|strong="H0376" destroy|strong="H8045" the|strong="H0251" power|strong="H2392" of|strong="H0376" the|strong="H0251" kingdoms|strong="H4467" of|strong="H0376" those|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251" people|strong="H0376". I will|strong="H1471" destroy|strong="H8045" their|strong="H2015" chariots|strong="H4818" and|strong="H0376" their|strong="H2015" riders|strong="H7392". I will|strong="H1471" defeat their|strong="H2015" war|strong="H2719" horses|strong="H5483" and|strong="H0376" riders|strong="H7392". These armies are|strong="H0376" friends now, but|strong="H0376" they|strong="H0376" will|strong="H1471" turn|strong="H2015" against|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251" and|strong="H0376" kill|strong="H2719" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251" with|strong="H0376" swords|strong="H2719"." <sup>23</sup> This|strong="H1931" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3588" the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Power-

ful says *strong="H5002"*: " Zerubba-  
 bel *strong="H2216"* son *strong="H1121"*  
 of *strong="H1121"* Shealtiel *strong="H7597"*,  
 my *strong="H7760"* servant *strong="H5650"*,  
 I *strong="H3588"* have *strong="H1121"* cho-  
 sen *strong="H0977"* you *strong="H3588"*.  
 I *strong="H3588"*, the *strong="H5002"*  
 LORD *strong="H3068"*, tell you *strong="H3588"*  
 that *strong="H3588"* at *strong="H3068"*

that *strong="H3588"* time *strong="H3117"*  
 I *strong="H3588"* will *strong="H3068"*  
 use *strong="H1931"* you *strong="H3588"*  
 like *strong="H1121"* a *strong="H3947"*  
 signet *strong="H2368"* ring to *strong="H3068"* repre-  
 sent my *strong="H7760"* authority!"  
 This *strong="H1931"* is *strong="H3068"*  
 what *strong="H3588"* the *strong="H5002"*  
 LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Powerful said.

# Zechariah

## The Lord Wants His People to Return

**1** Zechariah *strong="H2148"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Bereki-ah received *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* mes-  
sage *strong="H1697"* from *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"*. This *strong="H1697"* was *strong="H1961"* in *strong="H8141"* the *strong="H0559"* eighth *strong="H8066"* month *strong="H2320"* of *strong="H1121"* the *strong="H0559"* sec-  
ond *strong="H8147"* year *strong="H8141"* that *strong="H1697"* Darius *strong="H1867"*<sup>1</sup> was *strong="H1961"* king in *strong="H8141"* Persia. (Zechariah *strong="H2148"* was *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H0559"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Bereki-ah, who *strong="H3068"* was *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H0559"* son *strong="H1121"* of *strong="H1121"* Id-  
do *strong="H5714"* the *strong="H0559"* prophet *strong="H5030"*.) This *strong="H1697"* is *strong="H3068"* that *strong="H1697"* mes-  
sage *strong="H1697"*:

<sup>2</sup> The *strong="H5921"* LORD *strong="H3068"* be-  
came *strong="H7107"* very angry *strong="H7107"* with *strong="H3068"* your *strong="H3068"* ances-  
tors *strong="H0001"*.<sup>3</sup> So *strong="H3541"* you *strong="H7725"* must tell *strong="H0559"* the *strong="H0559"* people what *strong="H3541"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Power-  
ful says *strong="H0559"*, "Come *strong="H7725"* back *strong="H7725"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"*", says *strong="H0559"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Power-  
ful, and *strong="H3068"* I *strong="H3541"* will *strong="H3068"* come *strong="H7725"* back *strong="H7725"* to *strong="H0413"* you *strong="H7725"*." This *strong="H3541"* is *strong="H3068"* what *strong="H3541"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Power-  
ful said *strong="H0559"*.

<sup>4</sup> Don't *strong="H0408"* be *strong="H1961"* like *strong="H1961"* your *strong="H3068"* ances-  
tors *strong="H0001"*. In *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0559"* past *strong="H7223"* the *strong="H0559"* prophets *strong="H5030"*

spoke *strong="H0559"* to *strong="H0413"* them *strong="H0413"* and *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"*, 'The *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Powerful wants you *strong="H0834"* to *strong="H0413"* change *strong="H7725"* your *strong="H3068"* evil *strong="H7451"* way *strong="H1870"* of *strong="H3068"* living *strong="H1870"*. Stop *strong="H0408"* doing *strong="H1870"* evil *strong="H7451"* things *strong="H7223"*! But *strong="H3808"* your *strong="H3068"* ances-  
tors *strong="H0001"* did *strong="H0834"* not *strong="H3808"* listen *strong="H8085"* to *strong="H0413"* me *strong="H0413"*." This *strong="H3541"* is *strong="H0834"* what *strong="H0834"* the *strong="H0559"* LORD *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"*.

<sup>5</sup> Your *strong="H0001"* ancestors *strong="H0001"* are *strong="H1992"* gone, and *strong="H0001"* those *strong="H1992"* prophets *strong="H5030"* did not live *strong="H2421"* forever *strong="H5769"*.<sup>6</sup> The *strong="H0853"* prophets *strong="H5030"* were *strong="H0834"* my *strong="H3068"* ser-  
vants *strong="H5650"*. I *strong="H0834"* used *strong="H6213"* them *strong="H0853"* to *strong="H0559"* tell *strong="H0559"* your *strong="H3068"* ancestors *strong="H0001"* about *strong="H1697"* my *strong="H3068"* laws *strong="H2706"* and *strong="H3068"* teach-  
ings *strong="H1870"*. Your *strong="H3068"* ances-  
tors *strong="H0001"* finally learned their *strong="H3068"* lesson and *strong="H3068"* said *strong="H0559"*, 'The *strong="H0853"* LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Powerful did *strong="H6213"* what *strong="H0834"* he *strong="H0834"* said *strong="H0559"* he *strong="H0834"* would *strong="H3068"* do *strong="H6213"*. He *strong="H0834"* punished us *strong="H7725"* for *strong="H6635"* the *strong="H0853"* way *strong="H1870"* we *strong="H0834"* lived and *strong="H3068"* for *strong="H6635"* all *strong="H1697"* the *strong="H0853"* evil things *strong="H1697"* we *strong="H0834"* did *strong="H6213"*.' So *strong="H3651"* they *strong="H0834"* came *strong="H7725"* back *strong="H7725"* to *strong="H0559"* God *strong="H3068"*."

<sup>1</sup> THE SECOND YEAR ... DARIUS That is, about 520 B.C. Also in verse 7.

### The **H0853** Four Horses

7 On **H3117** the **H0559** 24th day **H3117** of **H1121** the **H0559** eleventh **H6240** month **H2320** ( **Shebat** **H7627**) of **H1121** the **H0559** second **H8147** year **H8141** that **H3117** Darius **H1867** was **H1961** king of **H1121** Persia, Zechariah **H2148** received **H1961** another message **H1697** from **H1121** the **H0559** LORD **H3068**. ( This **H1931** was **H1961** Zechariah **H2148** son **H1121** of **H1121** Berekiah, son **H1121** of **H1121** Id-do **H5714**.) This **H1931** is **H3068** the **H0559** message **H1697**:

8 At **H5921** night **H3915** I **H0834** saw **H7200** a **H7200** man **H0376** riding **H7392** a **H7200** red **H0122** horse **H5483**. He **H0834** was **H0834** standing **H5975** among **H0996** some **H0376** myrtle **H1918** bushes in **H5921** the **H0834** valley. Behind **H0310** him **H5921**, there **H2009** were **H0834** red **H0122**, brown, and **H0376** white **H3836** horses **H5483**. 9 I **H0589** said **H0559**, " Sir **H0113**, what **H4100** are **H1992** these **H0428** horses for **H0413**?"

Then **H1696** the **H0559** angel **H4397** speaking **H1696** to **H0413** me **H0413** said **H0559**, " I **H0589** will **H0589** show **H7200** you **H4100** what **H4100** these **H0428** horses are **H1992** for **H0413**."

10 Then **H6030** the **H0559** man **H0376** standing **H5975** among **H0996** the **H0559** myrtle **H1918** bushes said **H0559**, " The **H0559** LORD **H3068** sent **H7971** these **H0428** horses to **H0559** go **H1980** here and **H1980** there **H5975** on **H1980** earth **H0776**."

11 Then **H6030** the **H3605** horses spoke **H0559** to **H0559** the **H3605** LORD'S **H3068** angel **H4397** standing **H5975**

among **H0996** the **H3605** myrtle **H1918** bushes and **H1980** said **H0559**, " We **H1980** have **H0776** walked **H1980** here **H2009** and **H1980** there **H2009** on **H1980** the **H3605** earth **H0776**, and **H1980** everything **H3605** is **H3068** calm **H8252** and **H1980** quiet **H8252**."

12 Then **H6030** the **H0853** LORD'S **H3068** angel **H4397** said **H0559**, " LORD **H3068** All-Powerful, how **H0834** long **H5704** before **H5704** you **H0859** comfort Jerusalem **H3389** and **H3068** the **H0853** cities **H5892** of **H3068** Judah **H3063**? You **H0859** have **H0834** shown your **H3068** anger at **H3068** these **H2088** cities **H5892** for **H6635** 70 years **H8141** now **H2088**."

13 Then **H6030** the **H0853** LORD **H3068** answered **H6030** the **H0853** angel **H4397** who **H3068** was **H3068** talking **H1696** with **H3068** me **H1696**. He **H3068** spoke **H1696** good **H2896**, comforting **H5150** words **H1697**.

14 Then **H1696** the **H0559** angel **H4397** told **H0559** me **H0413** to **H0413** tell **H0559** the **H0559** people **H1696** this **H3541**: The **H0559** Lord **H3068** All-Powerful says **H0559**:

" I **H3541** have **H3068** a **H7121** strong **H1419** love for **H7121** Jerusalem **H3389** and **H3068** Zion **H6726**."

15 And **H1419** I **H0589** am **H0589** very **H1419** angry **H7107** at **H5921** the **H0834** nations **H1471** that **H0834** feel so **H0834** safe.

I **H0589** was **H0834** only a **H0834** little **H4592** angry **H7107**,

and **H1419** I **H0589** used them **H1992** to **H5921** punish my **H5921** people **H1471**.

But **H1992** they **H1992** caused **H0834** too **H5921** much **H0834** damage."

16 So **H3651** the **H0559** LORD **H3068** says **H0559**, "

I will come back to Jerusalem and comfort her.

The LORD All-Powerful says, "Jerusalem will be rebuilt, and my house will be built there."

<sup>17</sup> The angel also said, "The LORD All-Powerful says,

' My towns will be rich again.

I will comfort Zion.

I will again choose Jerusalem to be my special city."

#### The Four Horns and Four Workers

<sup>18</sup> Then I looked up and I saw four horns. <sup>19</sup> So I asked the angel who was talking with me, "What do these horns mean?"

He said, "These are the horns that forced the people of Israel, Judah, and Jerusalem to go to foreign countries."

<sup>20</sup> The LORD showed me four workers. <sup>21</sup> I asked him, "What are these four workers coming to do?"

He said, "The horns represent the nations that attacked the people of Judah and forced them to go to foreign countries. The horns 'threw' the people of Judah to the foreign countries. The horns didn't show mercy to anyone. But these four workers have come to frighten the horns and throw them away."

#### Measuring Jerusalem

<sup>2</sup> Then I looked up and saw a man holding a rope for measuring things. <sup>2</sup> I asked him, "Where are you going?"

He said, "I am going to mea-

sure Jerusalem, to see how wide and how long it is."

<sup>3</sup> Then the angel who was speaking to me left, and another angel went out to talk to him. <sup>4</sup> He said, "Run and tell the young man this:

' Jerusalem will be a city without walls, because there will be too many people and animals living there.'

<sup>5</sup> The LORD says, ' I will be a wall of fire around her, to protect her,

and bring glory to that city, I will live there."

#### God Calls His People Home

The LORD says,

<sup>6</sup> "Hurry! Leave the North in a hurry.

Yes, it is true that I scattered your people in every direction.

<sup>7</sup> You people from Zion now live in Babylon.

Escape! Run away from that city!"

<sup>8</sup> The Lord sent me the nations that took away your wealth.

He sent me to bring you honor.

And *is* this *what* LORD All-Powerful said:

"If anyone even touches you,

it *is* if *they* did *to* the pupil of *my* eye.

<sup>9</sup> Watch and see how I will punish them:

Their own slaves will become their masters and take all their wealth."

Then you will know it was the LORD All-Powerful

who sent me to tell you these things.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD says,

"Zion, be happy, because I am coming,

and I will live in your city.

<sup>11</sup> At that time people from many nations

will come to me.

They will become my people,

and I will live in your city."

Then you will know it was the LORD All-Powerful

who sent me to tell you these things.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will again choose Jerusalem to be his special city.

Judah will be his share of the holy land.

<sup>13</sup> Everyone, be quiet!

The LORD is coming out of his holy house.

### The High Priest

<sup>3</sup> The angel showed me Joshua the high priest, standing in front of the angel of the LORD and Satan was standing by Joshua's right side. Satan was there to accuse Joshua of doing wrong. <sup>2</sup> Then the angel of the LORD said, "The LORD says that you are wrong, and he will continue to correct you! The LORD has chosen Jerusalem to be his special city. He saved it like a stick pulled from the fire."

<sup>3</sup> Joshua was wearing a dirty robe as he stood in front of the angel. <sup>4</sup> Then the angel said to the other angels standing near him, "Take those off Joshua." Then the angel spoke to Joshua. He said, "Now, I have taken away your guilt, and

I|strong="H7200" am giving you|strong="H6440" a|strong="H7200" new change of|strong="H6440" clothes|strong="H0899"."

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="H0559" I|strong="H7760" said|strong="H0559", " Put|strong="H7760" a|strong="H7760" clean|strong="H2889" turban|strong="H6797" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" head|strong="H7218". So|strong="H7760" they|strong="H5921" put|strong="H7760" the|strong="H0559" clean|strong="H2889" turban|strong="H6797" on|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" and|strong="H3068" also|strong="H3068" put|strong="H7760" clean|strong="H2889" clothes|strong="H0899" on|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921" while|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" angel|strong="H4397" stood|strong="H5975" there|strong="H5975". <sup>6</sup> Then|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" angel|strong="H4397" said|strong="H0559" this|strong="H3068" to|strong="H0559" Joshua|strong="H3091":

<sup>7</sup> This|strong="H0428" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful said|strong="H0559":

" Live|strong="H1870" the|strong="H0853" way|strong="H1870" I|strong="H0518" tell|strong="H0559" you|strong="H0859", and|strong="H3068" do|strong="H0518" everything I|strong="H0518" say|strong="H0559".

And|strong="H3068" you|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1571" in|strong="H3068" charge|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1004" my|strong="H8104" Temple|strong="H1004".

You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" take|strong="H8104" care|strong="H4931" of|strong="H1004" its|strong="H5414" courtyard|strong="H2691".

You|strong="H0859" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1571" free to|strong="H0559" go anywhere in|strong="H3068" my|strong="H8104" Temple|strong="H1004",

just|strong="H1571" as|strong="H3068" these|strong="H0428" angels standing|strong="H5975" here|strong="H3541".

<sup>8</sup> Listen|strong="H8085", Joshua|strong="H3091", you|strong="H0859" who|strong="H0376" are|strong="H1992" the|strong="H0853" high|strong="H1419" priest|strong="H3548", and|strong="H0935" listen|strong="H8085", you|strong="H0859" fellow|strong="H0376" priests|strong="H3548" seated|strong="H3427" before|strong="H6440" him|strong="H0853".

You|strong="H0859" are|strong="H1992" all|strong="H1419" examples to|strong="H0935"

show|strong="H4994" what|strong="H6780" will|strong="H0376" happen when|strong="H3588" I|strong="H3588" bring|strong="H0935" my|strong="H8085" special servant|strong="H5650".

He|strong="H3588" is|strong="H0376" called, the|strong="H0853" Branch|strong="H6780".

<sup>9</sup> Look|strong="H2009", I|strong="H0834" put|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588" special stone|strong="H0068" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H0776" Joshua|strong="H3091".

There|strong="H2009" are|strong="H0834" seven|strong="H7651" sides<sup>1</sup> on|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" stone|strong="H0068".

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" carve a|strong="H3588" special message|strong="H3068" on|strong="H5921" it|strong="H5414".

This|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" show|strong="H5414" that|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921" one|strong="H0259" day|strong="H3117", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" remove|strong="H4185" the|strong="H0853" guilt|strong="H5771" from|strong="H5921" this|strong="H1931" land|strong="H0776"."

<sup>10</sup> The|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful says|strong="H5002",

" At|strong="H0413" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117" people|strong="H0376" will|strong="H3068" sit and|strong="H3068" talk with|strong="H0413" their|strong="H3068" friends|strong="H7453" and|strong="H3068" neighbors|strong="H7453".

They|strong="H3117" will|strong="H3068" invite|strong="H7121" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H7453" to|strong="H0413" sit under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H5002" fig|strong="H8384" trees|strong="H8384" and|strong="H3068" grapevines."

#### The Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="H1696" the|strong="H0834" angel|strong="H4397" who|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" talking|strong="H1696" to|strong="H1696" me|strong="H7725" returned|strong="H7725" and|strong="H7725" woke me|strong="H7725" up|strong="H5782". I|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H0834" person|strong="H0376" waking up|strong="H5782" from|strong="H7725" sleep|strong="H8142". <sup>2</sup> Then|strong="H2009" the|strong="H3605" angel asked|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0413", " What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" see|strong="H7200"?"

<sup>1</sup> SIDES Literally, "eyes."



I |strong="H0834" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0834" see |strong="H7200" a |strong="H7200" solid gold |strong="H2091" lampstand |strong="H4501". There |strong="H2009" are |strong="H0834" seven |strong="H7651" lamps |strong="H5216"<sup>I</sup> on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" lampstand |strong="H4501", and |strong="H7218" there |strong="H2009" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H7200" bowl |strong="H1543" on |strong="H5921" top |strong="H7218" of |strong="H7218" it |strong="H5921". There |strong="H2009" are |strong="H0834" seven |strong="H7651" tubes coming |strong="H2009" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" bowl |strong="H1543". One |strong="H3605" tube goes to |strong="H0413" each |strong="H3605" lamp |strong="H5216". The |strong="H3605" tubes bring the |strong="H3605" oil in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" bowl |strong="H1543" to |strong="H0413" each |strong="H3605" of |strong="H7218" the |strong="H3605" lamps |strong="H5216".<sup>3</sup> There are |strong="H8147" two |strong="H8147" olive |strong="H2132" trees |strong="H2132" by |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" bowl |strong="H1543", one |strong="H0259" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" right |strong="H3225" side |strong="H3225" and |strong="H3225" one |strong="H0259" on |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" left |strong="H8040" side |strong="H3225". These trees |strong="H2132" produce the |strong="H5921" oil for |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" lamps." <sup>4</sup> Then |strong="H6030" I |strong="H0559" asked |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" who |strong="H0428" was |strong="H4397" speaking |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Sir |strong="H0113", what |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" mean?"

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" speaking |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" said |strong="H0559", " Don't |strong="H3808" you |strong="H3045" know |strong="H3045" what |strong="H4100" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428" are |strong="H1992"?"

" No |strong="H3808" sir |strong="H0113", " I |strong="H3045" said |strong="H0559".

<sup>6</sup> He |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" to |strong="H0413" Zerubbabel |strong="H2216": ' Your |strong="H3068" help |strong="H6030" will |strong="H3068"

I LAMPS These lamps made light by burning olive oil.

not |strong="H3808" come |strong="H6635" from |strong="H0413" your |strong="H3068" own strength |strong="H3581" and |strong="H3068" power |strong="H3581". No |strong="H3808", your |strong="H3068" help |strong="H6030" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H6635" from |strong="H0413" my |strong="H3068" Spirit |strong="H7307"! This |strong="H2088" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1697" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful says |strong="H0559".<sup>7</sup> That |strong="H4310" tall mountain |strong="H2022" will |strong="H4310" be like |strong="H3318" a |strong="H3318" flat place |strong="H4334" for |strong="H0068" Zerubbabel |strong="H2216". He |strong="H0853" will |strong="H4310" build the |strong="H0853" Temple, and |strong="H1419" when |strong="H3318" the |strong="H0853" most important |strong="H1419" stone |strong="H0068" is |strong="H4310" put |strong="H3318" in |strong="H1419" place |strong="H4334", the |strong="H0853" people will |strong="H4310" shout, 'Beautiful! Beautiful!'"<sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD'S |strong="H3068" message |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413" also |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559",<sup>9</sup> " Zerubbabel |strong="H2216" will |strong="H3068" lay |strong="H7971" the |strong="H3588" foundations |strong="H3245" for |strong="H3588" my |strong="H3068" Temple |strong="H1004", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" finish |strong="H1214" building it |strong="H3588". Then |strong="H2088" you |strong="H3588" will |strong="H3068" know |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3588" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful sent |strong="H7971" me |strong="H0413" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3045".<sup>10</sup> People |strong="H5869" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3588" be |strong="H3027" ashamed of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" small |strong="H6996" beginnings |strong="H3117", and |strong="H3068" they |strong="H1992" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3027" very |strong="H8055" happy |strong="H8055" when |strong="H3588" they |strong="H1992" see |strong="H7200" Zerubbabel |strong="H2216" with |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" plumb |strong="H0068" line |strong="H0068",<sup>II</sup> measuring and |strong="H3068" checking the |strong="H3605" finished building. Now |strong="H3117" the |strong="H3605" seven |strong="H7651" sides |strong="H3027"<sup>III</sup> of |strong="H0776"

II PLUMB LINE A string with a weight on one end used to show how straight the walls of a building were. Sometimes the line was coated with paint or chalk to mark a straight line. III SIDES This is a wordplay. The Hebrew word also means "eyes."

the **stone** you **saw** represent the **eyes** of **LORD** in **every** **direction**. They **see** **everything** on **earth**.

<sup>11</sup> Then **I** **said** **to** **him**, " **I** **saw** **one** **olive** **tree** **on** **the** **right** **side** **of** **the** **lampstand** **and** **one** **olive** **tree** **on** **the** **left** **side**. **What** **do** **those** **olive** **trees** **mean**?"

<sup>12</sup> **I** **also** **said** **to** **him**, " **I** **saw** **two** **olive** **branches** **by** **the** **gold** **tubes** **with** **gold** **colored** **oil** **flowing** **from** **them**. **What** **do** **these** **things** **mean**?"

<sup>13</sup> Then **the** **angel** **said** **to** **me**, " **Don't** **you** **know** **what** **these** **things** **mean**?"

**I** **said**, " **No**, **sir**."

<sup>14</sup> **So** **he** **said**, " **They** **represent** **the** **two** **men** **chosen** **to** **serve** **the** **Lord** **of** **the** **whole** **world**."

### The Flying Scroll

**5** **I** **looked** **up** **and** **the** **scroll** **was** **unrolling** **in** **front** **of** **me**.

**I** **thought**, " **These** **are** **the** **sons** **of** **olive** **oil**." **Often** **a** **special** **oil** **was** **poured** **over** **new** **kings**, **priests**, **and** **prophets**. **This** **showed** **that** **these** **people** **were** **chosen** **by** **God**.

**the** **scroll** **was** **unrolling** **in** **front** **of** **me**. **The** **angel** **asked** **me**, " **What** **do** **you** **see**?"

**I** **said**, " **I** **see** **a** **flying** **scroll** **that** **is** **30** **feet** **long** **and** **15** **feet** **wide**."

<sup>3</sup> Then **the** **angel** **told** **me**, " **There** **is** **a** **curse** **written** **on** **that** **scroll**. **On** **one** **side** **of** **the** **scroll**, **there** **is** **a** **curse** **against** **thieves** **and** **the** **other** **side** **is** **a** **curse** **against** **people** **who** **lie** **when** **they** **make** **promises**. **The** **LORD** **All-Powerful** **says**, ' **I** **will** **send** **that** **scroll** **to** **the** **houses** **of** **thieves** **and** **people** **who** **lie** **when** **they** **use** **my** **name** **to** **make** **promises**. **That** **scroll** **will** **settle** **there** **and** **destroy** **even** **the** **stones** **and** **wooden** **posts** **of** **their** **houses**."

**The** **woman** **and** **the** **bucket**

**The** **angel** **who** **was** **talking** **to** **me** **went** **out**

**II** **30 FEET** Literally, "20 cubits" (8.88 m). **III** **15 FEET** Literally, "10 cubits" (4.44 m).

side |strong="H3318" and |strong="H5869" said |strong="H0559", " Look |strong="H7200"! What |strong="H4100" do |strong="H4100" you |strong="H4100" see |strong="H7200" coming |strong="H3318"?"

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="H0776" said |strong="H0559", " I |strong="H0776" don't know. What |strong="H4100" is |strong="H1931" it |strong="H1931"?"

He |strong="H1931" said |strong="H0559", " That |strong="H3605" is |strong="H1931" a |strong="H0776" measuring bucket." He |strong="H1931" also |strong="H2063" said |strong="H0559", " That |strong="H3605" bucket is |strong="H1931" for |strong="H0776" measuring the |strong="H3605" sins <sup>1</sup> of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5869" in |strong="H0776" this |strong="H2063" country |strong="H0776"."

<sup>7</sup> A |strong="H5375" lid made |strong="H0802" of |strong="H3427" lead |strong="H5777" was |strong="H0259" lifted |strong="H5375" off |strong="H5375" the |strong="H5375" bucket, and |strong="H0802" there |strong="H2009" was |strong="H0259" a |strong="H5375" woman |strong="H0802" in |strong="H3427" the |strong="H5375" bucket. <sup>8</sup> The |strong="H0853" angel said |strong="H0559", " The |strong="H0853" woman represents evil |strong="H7564"." Then |strong="H0853" the |strong="H0853" angel pushed the |strong="H0853" woman down |strong="H7993" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" bucket and |strong="H0068" put |strong="H6310" the |strong="H0853" lead |strong="H5777" lid back |strong="H0413" on |strong="H0413" it |strong="H7993". <sup>9</sup> Then |strong="H3318" I |strong="H2009" looked |strong="H7200" up |strong="H5375" and |strong="H0776" saw |strong="H7200" two |strong="H8147" women |strong="H0802" with |strong="H0776" wings |strong="H3671" like |strong="H0776" a |strong="H7200" stork |strong="H2624". They |strong="H2007" flew |strong="H3318" out |strong="H3318", and |strong="H0776" with |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" wind |strong="H7307" in |strong="H0776" their |strong="H5375" wings |strong="H3671", they |strong="H2007" picked |strong="H5375" up |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" bucket. They |strong="H2007" flew |strong="H3318" through |strong="H0776" the |strong="H0853" air |strong="H7307" carrying |strong="H5375" the |strong="H0853" bucket. <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H1696" I |strong="H0559" asked |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0853" angel |strong="H4397" who |strong="H4397" was |strong="H4397" speaking |strong="H1696"

I SINS The Hebrew text has "their eye," but with a minor change of one character it becomes "their guilt."

with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Where |strong="H0575" are |strong="H1992" they |strong="H1992" carrying the |strong="H0853" bucket?"

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0559" angel told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413", " They |strong="H8033" are |strong="H0776" going to |strong="H0413" build |strong="H1129" a |strong="H1129" house |strong="H1004" for |strong="H5921" it |strong="H5921" in |strong="H5921" Babylonia. After |strong="H5921" they |strong="H8033" build |strong="H1129" that |strong="H0559" house |strong="H1004", they |strong="H8033" will |strong="H0776" put |strong="H3240" the |strong="H0559" bucket there |strong="H8033"."

### The Four Chariots

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="H3318" I |strong="H2009" turned |strong="H7725" around |strong="H7725". I |strong="H2009" looked |strong="H7200" up |strong="H5375" and |strong="H7725" saw |strong="H7200" four |strong="H0702" chariots |strong="H4818" going |strong="H3318" between |strong="H0996" two |strong="H8147" bronze |strong="H5178" mountains |strong="H2022". <sup>2</sup> Red |strong="H0122" horses |strong="H5483" were |strong="H7223" pulling the |strong="H7223" first |strong="H7223" chariot |strong="H4818". Black |strong="H7838" horses |strong="H5483" were |strong="H7223" pulling the |strong="H7223" second |strong="H8145" chariot |strong="H4818". <sup>3</sup> White |strong="H3836" horses |strong="H5483" were |strong="H4818" pulling the |strong="H7992" third |strong="H7992" chariot |strong="H4818", and |strong="H4818" horses |strong="H5483" with |strong="H4818" red spots were |strong="H4818" pulling the |strong="H7992" fourth |strong="H7243" chariot |strong="H4818". <sup>4</sup> I |strong="H0559" asked |strong="H0559" the |strong="H0559" angel |strong="H4397" who |strong="H0428" was |strong="H4397" talking |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", " Sir |strong="H0113", what |strong="H4100" does |strong="H4100" this |strong="H0428" mean?"

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3605" angel |strong="H4397" said |strong="H0559", " These |strong="H0428" are |strong="H0428" the |strong="H3605" four |strong="H0702" winds |strong="H7307". II They |strong="H5921" have |strong="H0776" just |strong="H3605" come |strong="H3318" from |strong="H3318" the |strong="H3605" Lord |strong="H0113" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3605" whole |strong="H3605" world |strong="H0776". <sup>6</sup> The |strong="H0834" black |strong="H7838" horses |strong="H5483"

II FOUR WINDS Or "four spirits." Four winds often means "winds that blow from every direction: north, south, east, and west."

will|strong="H0776" go|strong="H3318" north|strong="H6828", the|strong="H0834" red horses|strong="H5483" will|strong="H0776" go|strong="H3318" east, the|strong="H0834" white|strong="H3836" horses|strong="H5483" will|strong="H0776" go|strong="H3318" west|strong="H0310", and|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0834" horses|strong="H5483" with|strong="H0413" red spots will|strong="H0776" go|strong="H3318" south|strong="H8486".

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="H0559" red spotted horses were|strong="H0776" anxious to|strong="H0559" go|strong="H1980" look|strong="H1245" at|strong="H0776" their|strong="H1245" part of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776", so|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0559" angel told|strong="H0559" them|strong="H3318", " Go|strong="H1980" walk|strong="H1980" through|strong="H1980" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776". So|strong="H1980" they|strong="H0559" went|strong="H1980" walking|strong="H1980" through|strong="H1980" their|strong="H1245" part of|strong="H0776" the|strong="H0559" earth|strong="H0776".

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="H1696" he|strong="H0853" shouted at|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" and|strong="H0776" said|strong="H0559", " Look|strong="H7200", those|strong="H0853" horses that|strong="H7200" were|strong="H0776" going|strong="H3318" north|strong="H6828" finished their|strong="H7200" job in|strong="H0413" Babylon . They|strong="H0559" have|strong="H0776" calmed my|strong="H7200" spirit|strong="H7307"; I|strong="H7200" am not|strong="H0776" angry now|strong="H1696"!"

#### Joshua the|strong="H0853" Priest Gets a|strong="H7200" Crown

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H1961" I|strong="H1697" received|strong="H1961" another message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068". He|strong="H3068" said|strong="H0559", <sup>10</sup> " Helda|strong="H2469", Tobijah|strong="H2900", and|strong="H1121" Jedaiah|strong="H3048" have|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" captives|strong="H1473"<sup>I</sup> in|strong="H0935" Babylon|strong="H0894". Get|strong="H3947" silver and|strong="H1121" gold from|strong="H0935" these|strong="H1931" men|strong="H1121" and|strong="H1121" then|strong="H3947" go|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" house|strong="H1004" of|strong="H1121" Josiah|strong="H2977"

<sup>I</sup> CAPTIVES People taken away as prisoners. Here, it means the Jewish people who were taken to Babylon.

son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Zephaniah|strong="H6846". <sup>11</sup> Use|strong="H3947" the|strong="H3947" silver|strong="H3701" and|strong="H1121" gold|strong="H2091" to|strong="H1121" make|strong="H7760" a|strong="H3947" crown|strong="H5850". Put|strong="H7760" it|strong="H7760" on|strong="H2091" the|strong="H3947" head|strong="H7218" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3947" high|strong="H1419" priest|strong="H3548", Joshua|strong="H3091" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jehozadak|strong="H3087". <sup>12</sup> Then|strong="H2009" tell|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0413" this|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful says|strong="H0559":

' There|strong="H2009" is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1129" man|strong="H0376" called|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0853" Branch|strong="H6780".

He|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" grow|strong="H6779" strong, and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" build|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1964".

<sup>13</sup> He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" build|strong="H1129" the|strong="H0853" LORD'S|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1964",

and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" receive|strong="H5375" the|strong="H0853" honor|strong="H1935".

He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" sit|strong="H3427" on|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" throne|strong="H3678" and|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" ruler|strong="H4910", and|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548" will|strong="H3068" stand|strong="H3427" by|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" throne|strong="H3678".

These|strong="H1931" two|strong="H8147" men|strong="H8147" will|strong="H3068" work together|strong="H5921" in|strong="H3427" peace|strong="H7965".

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="H3068" crown|strong="H5850" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" kept in|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" Temple|strong="H1964", <sup>II</sup> so|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3068" when|strong="H1961" people|strong="H1121" see it|strong="H1961", they|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" remember Helda, Tobijah|strong="H2900", Jedaiah|strong="H3048", and|strong="H1121"

<sup>II</sup> MY TEMPLE Literally, "the Temple of the LORD."

the kindness of Zephaniah's son Josiah."

<sup>15</sup> People living far away will come and build the LORD'S Temple. Then you will know sure that the LORD All-Powerful sent me to you people. All these things will happen if you do what LORD your God says.

#### The Lord Wants Kindness and Mercy

**7** Zechariah received a message from the LORD in the fourth year that Darius was king of Persia. This was on the fourth day of the ninth month ( Kislev ). <sup>2</sup> The people Bethel sent Sharezer and Regem-Melech, and his men to ask the LORD a question. <sup>3</sup> They went to the prophets and to the priests at the Temple of the LORD All-Powerful. They asked them: " For many years we have

shown our sadness for the destruction of the Temple. In the fifth month of each year, we have had a special time of crying and fasting. Should we continue to do this?"

<sup>4</sup> I received this message from the LORD All-Powerful: <sup>5</sup> " Tell the priests and the people in this country: ' For seventy years you fasted and showed your sadness in the fifth month and in the seventh month. But was it really for me?' <sup>6</sup> And when you ate and drank, was it for me? No, it was for your own good. <sup>7</sup> The LORD used the earlier prophets to say the same thing long ago. That was when Jerusalem was still a rich city filled with people and there were still people living in the surrounding

I THE FOURTH YEAR ... DARIUS This was about 518 B.C.

towns|strong="H5892", in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" Negev|strong="H5045", and|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H0853" western foothills|strong="H8219"."

8 This|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068" the|strong="H0559" LORD'S|strong="H3068" message|strong="H1697" to|strong="H0413" Zechariah|strong="H2148":

9 " This|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" what|strong="H3541" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful said|strong="H0559":

' You|strong="H6213" must do|strong="H6213" what|strong="H3541" is|strong="H3068" right|strong="H4941" and|strong="H3068" fair.

You|strong="H6213" must be|strong="H0376" kind|strong="H4941" and|strong="H3068"

show|strong="H6213" mercy|strong="H7356" to|strong="H0559" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251".

10 Don't|strong="H0408" hurt widows|strong="H0490" and|strong="H0376" orphans|strong="H3490",

strangers|strong="H1616", or|strong="H0408" poor|strong="H6041" people|strong="H0376".

Don't|strong="H0408" even|strong="H0408" think|strong="H3824" of|strong="H0376" doing|strong="H7451" bad|strong="H7451" things to|strong="H0376" each|strong="H0376" other|strong="H0251"."

11 But|strong="H3513" they|strong="H8085" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H8085" listen|strong="H8085"

and|strong="H8085" refused|strong="H3985" to|strong="H8085" do|strong="H8085" what he|strong="H5414" wanted.

They|strong="H8085" closed their|strong="H5414" ears|strong="H0241" so|strong="H5414" that|strong="H8085" they|strong="H8085" could not hear|strong="H8085" what God|strong="H5414" said|strong="H8085".

12 They|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" very|strong="H1419" stubborn

and|strong="H3068" would|strong="H3068" not|strong="H1961" obey|strong="H8085" the|strong="H0853" law|strong="H8451".

The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful used|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3068" Spirit|strong="H7307"

and|strong="H3068" sent|strong="H7971" messages|strong="H1697" to|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3068" people|strong="H0834" through|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" prophets|strong="H5030".

But|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0853" people|strong="H0834" would|strong="H3068" not|strong="H1961" listen|strong="H8085",

so|strong="H7971" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful became|strong="H1961" very|strong="H1419" angry|strong="H7110".

13 So|strong="H3651" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful said|strong="H0559",

" I|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0559" them|strong="H7121", and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H0834" did|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H0559".

So|strong="H3651" now|strong="H1961", if|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" call|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H7121",

I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" answer|strong="H0559".

14 I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0776" bring|strong="H7725" the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" against|strong="H5921" them|strong="H5921" like|strong="H0834" a|strong="H7760" storm|strong="H5590".

They|strong="H0834" didn't|strong="H3808" know|strong="H3045" those|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471",

but|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" country|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H8047"

after|strong="H0310" those|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" pass|strong="H5674" through|strong="H5674".

This|strong="H0834" pleasant|strong="H2532" country|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" be|strong="H3808" destroyed|strong="H8047"."

#### The Lord Promises to Bless Jerusalem

8 This|strong="H1697" is|strong="H3068" a|strong="H1961" message|strong="H1697" from|strong="H1961" the|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful. 2

The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" All-Powerful says|strong="H0559", " I|strong="H3541" have|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" very|strong="H7065" strong|strong="H1419" love for|strong="H6635" Mount Zion|strong="H6726".

I|strong="H3541" love her|strong="H0559" so|strong="H3541" much|strong="H1419" that|strong="H3068" I|strong="H3541" be-

came|strong="H7065" angry|strong="H2534" when|strong="H3068" she|strong="H7065"

was|strong="H3068" not faithful to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H7065". 3 The|strong="H0559" LORD|strong="H3068" says|strong="H0559", "

I|strong="H3541" have|strong="H3068" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413" Zion|strong="H6726",

and I am living in Jerusalem. Jerusalem will be called Faithful City. The mountain of the LORD All-Powerful will be called Holy Mountain."

<sup>4</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "Old women and men will again be seen in the public places of Jerusalem. People will live so long that they will need their walking sticks. And the city will be filled with children playing in the streets." <sup>6</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "The survivors will think it is wonderful, and so I will!"

<sup>7</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "Look, I am rescuing my people from the countries east and west. I will bring them back here, and they will live in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be their good and faithful God."

<sup>9</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "Be strong! You people are hearing the same message today that the prophets gave when the LORD All-Powerful first laid the foundations of his Temple." <sup>10</sup> Before that time, people didn't have the money to hire workers or to rent animals. And it was not safe for people to come and go. There was no relief from the troubles. I had turned everyone against their neighbor. <sup>11</sup> But it is not like that now. It will be that the survivors of this LORD All-Powerful said.

<sup>12</sup> "These people will have peace. Their grapevines will produce grapes. The land will give good crops, and the skies will give rain. I will give all these things to my people." <sup>13</sup> People began using

the |strong="H0853" names Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063" in |strong="H1004" their |strong="H1961" curses |strong="H7045". But |strong="H1961" I |strong="H0834" will |strong="H1961" save |strong="H3467" Israel |strong="H3478" and |strong="H3063" Judah |strong="H3063", and |strong="H3063" their |strong="H1961" names will |strong="H1961" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" blessing |strong="H1293". So |strong="H3651" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H1961" afraid |strong="H3372". Be |strong="H1961" strong |strong="H2388"!

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful says |strong="H0559", "Your |strong="H3068" ancestors |strong="H0001" made |strong="H0834" me |strong="H3808" angry |strong="H7107", so |strong="H3541" I |strong="H0834" decided |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0559" destroy them |strong="H0853". I |strong="H0834" decided |strong="H0559" not |strong="H3808" to |strong="H0559" change |strong="H5162" my |strong="H3068" mind |strong="H5162". This |strong="H3541" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful said |strong="H0559". <sup>15</sup> " But |strong="H3651" now |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3063" changed my |strong="H7725" mind. And |strong="H3063" in |strong="H1004" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H3651" way |strong="H3651" I |strong="H3117" have |strong="H3063" decided to |strong="H7725" be |strong="H0408" good |strong="H3190" to |strong="H7725" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3063" to |strong="H7725" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H0408" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063". So |strong="H3651" don't |strong="H0408" be |strong="H0408" afraid |strong="H3372"! <sup>16</sup> But |strong="H1696" you |strong="H0834" must do |strong="H6213" this |strong="H0428". Tell |strong="H1696" the |strong="H0834" truth |strong="H0571" to |strong="H1696" your |strong="H0834" neighbors |strong="H7453". When |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0834" make |strong="H6213" decisions |strong="H4941" in |strong="H0376" your |strong="H0834" cities |strong="H8179", be |strong="H0376" fair and |strong="H4941" do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" right |strong="H4941". Do |strong="H6213" what |strong="H0834" brings peace |strong="H7965". <sup>17</sup> Don't |strong="H0408" make |strong="H2803" secret plans |strong="H2803" to |strong="H3068" hurt your |strong="H3068" neighbors |strong="H7453". Don't |strong="H0408" make |strong="H2803" false |strong="H8267" promises. You |strong="H0834"

must |strong="H0853" not |strong="H0408" enjoy doing |strong="H7451" these |strong="H0428" things |strong="H0428", because |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0834" hate |strong="H8130" them |strong="H0853"! This |strong="H0428" is |strong="H0834" what |strong="H0834" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" said.

<sup>18</sup> I |strong="H1697" received |strong="H1961" this |strong="H1697" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful. <sup>19</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful says |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H0157" have |strong="H1961" special days of |strong="H1004" sadness and |strong="H3068" fasting |strong="H6685" in |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" fourth |strong="H7243" month, the |strong="H0559" fifth |strong="H2549" month, the |strong="H0559" seventh |strong="H7637" month, and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0559" tenth |strong="H6224" month. I These days of |strong="H1004" sadness must be |strong="H1961" changed into |strong="H1961" days of |strong="H1004" happiness |strong="H8057". They |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" good |strong="H2896" and |strong="H3068" happy |strong="H8057" festivals |strong="H4150". And |strong="H3068" you |strong="H0157" must love |strong="H0157" truth |strong="H0571" and |strong="H3068" peace |strong="H7965"."

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful says |strong="H0559",

" In |strong="H3427" the |strong="H0559" future, people |strong="H5971" from |strong="H0935" many |strong="H7227" cities |strong="H5892" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0559" Jerusalem.

<sup>21</sup> People |strong="H3427" from |strong="H6440" different cities will |strong="H3068" greet each |strong="H0259" other |strong="H0259" and |strong="H1980" say |strong="H0559",

' We |strong="H1980" are |strong="H3068" going |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" worship the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful.'

And |strong="H1980" the |strong="H0853" other |strong="H0259" person |strong="H1245" will |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559",

' I |strong="H0589" would |strong="H3068" like |strong="H1980" to |strong="H0413" go |strong="H1980" with |strong="H1980" you |strong="H6440"!"

<sup>22</sup> Many |strong="H7227" people |strong="H5971" and |strong="H0935" many |strong="H7227" powerful |strong="H6099" nations |strong="H1471"

I DAYS ... MONTH These were days when the people remembered the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. See 2 Kings 25:1-25 and Jeremiah 41:1-17; 52:1-12.



will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935"  
to |strong="H0935" Jerusalem |strong="H3389"  
to |strong="H0935" find |strong="H1245"  
the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Power-  
ful and |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" worship  
him |strong="H0853".<sup>23</sup> The |strong="H3605"  
LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful  
says |strong="H0559", " At |strong="H3068"  
that |strong="H0834" time |strong="H3117" many for-  
eigners |strong="H1471" speaking |strong="H0559"  
different languages |strong="H3956"  
will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H6635"  
to |strong="H0559" a |strong="H3588" Jew-  
ish |strong="H3064" man |strong="H0376",  
take |strong="H2388" hold |strong="H2388"  
of |strong="H0376" the |strong="H3605" hem  
of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3605" robe,  
and |strong="H3068" ask |strong="H0559", ' We  
|strong="H3588" heard |strong="H8085"  
that |strong="H0834" God |strong="H0430"  
is |strong="H0834" with |strong="H5973"  
you |strong="H0834". Can |strong="H0834"  
we |strong="H3588" come |strong="H6635"  
with |strong="H5973" you |strong="H0834"  
to |strong="H0559" worship him |strong="H5973"?"

#### Judgment Against Other Nations

9 This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD'S |strong="H3068"  
message |strong="H1697" against |strong="H5869"  
the |strong="H3605" land |strong="H0776"  
of |strong="H0776" Hadrach |strong="H2317"  
and |strong="H3068" against |strong="H5869"  
the |strong="H3605" city of |strong="H0776" Damas-  
cus |strong="H1834". The |strong="H3605"  
tribes |strong="H7626" of |strong="H0776" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" are |strong="H3478"  
not |strong="H3588" the |strong="H3605" on-  
ly |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0120"  
who |strong="H3605" know about |strong="H1697"  
the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068". Every-  
one |strong="H3605" looks |strong="H5869"  
to |strong="H3068" him |strong="H3605"  
for |strong="H3588" help.<sup>12</sup> This |strong="H3588"  
message is |strong="H1571" also |strong="H1571"  
against |strong="H3966" the |strong="H3588" city  
of |strong="H1571" Hamath |strong="H2574" near  
Damascus. And |strong="H3966" this |strong="H3588"  
message is |strong="H1571" against |strong="H3966"  
Tyre |strong="H6865" and |strong="H3966"  
Sidon |strong="H6721", even |strong="H1571"  
though |strong="H3588" those |strong="H3588" peo-  
ple have |strong="H1571" been |strong="H2449"  
so |strong="H1571" wise |strong="H2449"  
and |strong="H3966" skillful |strong="H2449".<sup>3</sup>  
Tyre |strong="H6865" is |strong="H3701"

I The Hebrew text here is hard to understand.

built |strong="H1129" like |strong="H3701"  
a |strong="H1129" fort. The |strong="H1129" people  
there have |strong="H1129" collected so much sil-  
ver |strong="H3701" that |strong="H3701"  
it |strong="H1129" is |strong="H3701"  
like |strong="H3701" dust |strong="H6083",  
and |strong="H3701" gold |strong="H2742"  
is |strong="H3701" as |strong="H6865" common  
as |strong="H6865" clay |strong="H2916".<sup>4</sup>  
But |strong="H2009" the |strong="H5221"  
Lord |strong="H0136" will |strong="H0136"  
take |strong="H3423" it |strong="H1931"  
all |strong="H0398". He |strong="H1931"  
will |strong="H0136" destroy |strong="H5221"  
her |strong="H0398" powerful |strong="H2428" navy  
and |strong="H0398" that |strong="H1931"  
city |strong="H1931" will |strong="H0136"  
be |strong="H0136" destroyed |strong="H5221"  
by |strong="H0784" fire |strong="H0784".<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" Ashkelon |strong="H0831"  
will |strong="H4428" see |strong="H7200"  
this |strong="H3588" and |strong="H4428"  
they |strong="H3588" will |strong="H4428"  
be |strong="H3808" afraid |strong="H3372".  
The |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427"  
of |strong="H4428" Gaza |strong="H5804"  
will |strong="H4428" shake with |strong="H3427"  
fear |strong="H3372", and |strong="H4428"  
the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H3427"  
of |strong="H4428" Ekron |strong="H6138"  
will |strong="H4428" lose all |strong="H0954"  
hope |strong="H4007" when |strong="H3588"  
they |strong="H3588" see |strong="H7200"  
this |strong="H3588" happen. There |strong="H3427"  
will |strong="H4428" be |strong="H3808"  
no |strong="H3808" king |strong="H4428"  
left |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
Gaza |strong="H5804". No |strong="H3808"  
one |strong="H3808" will |strong="H4428"  
live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427"  
Ashkelon |strong="H0831" anymore.<sup>6</sup>  
The |strong="H3772" people |strong="H3427"  
in |strong="H3427" Ashdod |strong="H0795"  
will |strong="H6430" not even know  
who |strong="H3427" their |strong="H3772" real fa-  
thers are |strong="H6430". The |strong="H3772" Lord  
says, " I |strong="H3772" will |strong="H6430" com-  
pletely |strong="H3772" destroy |strong="H3772"  
the |strong="H3772" proud |strong="H1347"  
Philistines |strong="H6430".<sup>7</sup> They |strong="H1571"  
will |strong="H0430" no longer |strong="H5493" eat  
meat with |strong="H0430" the |strong="H0996"  
blood |strong="H1818" still |strong="H1571"  
in |strong="H0430" it |strong="H1931"  
or |strong="H1571" any |strong="H1571" oth-  
er |strong="H6310" forbidden food.  
Any |strong="H1571" Philistine left |strong="H7604"

alive |strong="H7604" will |strong="H0430" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H1961" people |strong="H1818"; they |strong="H1571" will |strong="H0430" be |strong="H1961" just |strong="H1571" one |strong="H1931" more |strong="H1571" tribe in |strong="H0430" Judah |strong="H3063". The |strong="H0996" people |strong="H1818" of |strong="H0430" Ekron |strong="H6138" will |strong="H0430" become |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" part |strong="H1931" of |strong="H0430" my |strong="H1961" people |strong="H1818", as |strong="H1961" the |strong="H0996" Jebusites |strong="H2983" did. <sup>8</sup> I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5869" protect my |strong="H5921" country. I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H6258" enemy armies |strong="H3808" pass |strong="H5674" through |strong="H5674" it |strong="H5921". I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H5869" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H6258" them |strong="H5921" hurt my |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3808" anymore |strong="H5750". With |strong="H1004" my |strong="H5921" own |strong="H5869" eyes |strong="H5869" I |strong="H3588" have |strong="H5869" seen |strong="H7200" how |strong="H3588" much |strong="H5921" my |strong="H5921" people |strong="H3808" have |strong="H5869" suffered |strong="H7200"."

**The |strong="H5921" Future King |strong="H5921"**

<sup>9</sup> People |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Zion |strong="H6726", <sup>1</sup> rejoice |strong="H1523"! People |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Jerusalem |strong="H3389", shout |strong="H7321" with |strong="H5921" joy |strong="H7321"! Look |strong="H2009", your |strong="H5921" king |strong="H4428" is |strong="H1931" coming |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0935" you |strong="H5921"! He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" the |strong="H5921" good king |strong="H4428" who |strong="H1931" won the |strong="H5921" victory |strong="H3467", but |strong="H2009" he |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" humble |strong="H6041". He |strong="H1931" is |strong="H1931" riding |strong="H7392" on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" donkey |strong="H2543", on |strong="H5921" a |strong="H0935" young |strong="H1121" donkey |strong="H2543" born |strong="H0935" from |strong="H0935" a |strong="H0935" work animal.

<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE OF ZION Literally, "Daughter Zion," meaning the city of Jerusalem. See "Zion" in the Word List.

<sup>10</sup> I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H0776" take the |strong="H5704" war |strong="H4421" chariots |strong="H7393" away from |strong="H3772" Ephraim |strong="H0669"

and |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5704" horse |strong="H5483" soldiers |strong="H4421" from |strong="H3772" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".

I |strong="H5704" will |strong="H0776" destroy |strong="H3772" the |strong="H5704" bows |strong="H7198" used in |strong="H0776" war |strong="H4421".

Your |strong="H3772" king will |strong="H0776" bring news of |strong="H0776" peace |strong="H7965" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" nations |strong="H1471".

He |strong="H5704" will |strong="H0776" rule from |strong="H3772" sea |strong="H3220" to |strong="H5704" sea |strong="H3220",

from |strong="H3772" the |strong="H5704" Euphrates |strong="H5104" River |strong="H5104" to |strong="H5704" the |strong="H5704" ends |strong="H0657" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H5704" earth |strong="H0776".

**The |strong="H5704" Lord Will |strong="H0776" Save His |strong="H3772" People |strong="H1471"**

<sup>11</sup> Jerusalem, we used blood |strong="H1818" to |strong="H0369" seal your |strong="H7971" agreement |strong="H1285",

so |strong="H7971" I |strong="H1571" am setting your |strong="H7971" people |strong="H1818" free |strong="H7971" from |strong="H7971" that |strong="H4325" empty |strong="H1285" hole in |strong="H1571" the |strong="H7971" ground. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Prisoners |strong="H0615", go |strong="H7725" home |strong="H7725"!

Now |strong="H3117" you |strong="H3117" have |strong="H1571" something to |strong="H7725" hope |strong="H8615" for |strong="H3117".

I |strong="H3117" am telling |strong="H5046" you |strong="H3117" now |strong="H3117",

I |strong="H3117" am coming back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" you |strong="H3117".

<sup>13</sup> Judah |strong="H3063", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H2719" use you |strong="H3588" like |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" bow |strong="H7198".

Ephraim |strong="H0669", I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H2719" use you |strong="H3588" like |strong="H1121" arrows |strong="H7198".

Israel, I |strong="H3588" will |strong="H2719" use you |strong="H3588" like |strong="H1121" a |strong="H3588" sword |strong="H2719"

to |strong="H5921" fight against |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5921" men |strong="H1368" of |strong="H1121" Greece |strong="H3120".

<sup>II</sup> EMPTY HOLE IN THE GROUND People stored water in large holes in the ground. People sometimes used those holes as prisons.

14 The LORD will appear to them, and he will shoot his arrows like lightning.

The LORD GOD blow the trumpet, and the army will rush forward like a desert storm.

15 The LORD All-Powerful protect them.

The soldiers use rocks and slings to defeat the enemy.

They will spill the blood of their enemies.

It will flow like wine.

It will be like the blood that is thrown on the corners of the altar!

16 At that time LORD God

will save his people like a shepherd saves his sheep.

They will be very precious to him.

They will be like sparkling jewels in his land.

17 Everything will be good and beautiful!

There will be a wonderful crop, but it will not be just the

food and wine.

It will be all the young men and women!

### The Lord's Promises

10 Pray to the LORD for rain in the springtime. The LORD will send the lightning and rain, and he will fall, and he will make the plants grow in each person's field.

2 People use their little statues and magic to learn what will happen in the future, but that is useless. They see visions and tell about their dreams, but it is nothing but worthless lies. So the people are like sheep wandering here and there crying for help, but there is no shepherd to lead them.

3 The LORD says, "I am very angry with the shepherds I made responsible for what happens to my sheep." The people of Judah are his flock, and the LORD All-Powerful real-

ly|strong="H7760" does|strong="H3068" take|strong="H7760" care|strong="H6485" of|strong="H1004" his|strong="H5921" flock|strong="H5739". He|strong="H3588" cares for|strong="H3588" them|strong="H0853" as|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3588" soldier|strong="H6635" cares for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H5921" beautiful war|strong="H4421" horse|strong="H5483".)

<sup>4</sup> " The|strong="H3605" corner-stone|strong="H6438", the|strong="H3605" tent|strong="H3489" peg|strong="H3489", the|strong="H3605" war|strong="H4421" bow|strong="H7198", and|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3605" advancing soldiers|strong="H4421" will|strong="H7198" all|strong="H3605" come|strong="H3318" from|strong="H4480" Judah together|strong="H3162". <sup>5</sup> They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" defeat their|strong="H3068" enemy — it|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" like|strong="H1961" soldiers|strong="H4421" marching through|strong="H3588" mud|strong="H2916" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3588" streets|strong="H2351". They|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" fight|strong="H3898", and|strong="H3068" since|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" them|strong="H1961", they|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" defeat even|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" enemy soldiers|strong="H4421" riding|strong="H7392" horses|strong="H5483". <sup>6</sup> I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H7725" Judah's|strong="H3063" family|strong="H1004" strong. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" help|strong="H3467" Joseph's|strong="H3130" family|strong="H1004" win the|strong="H0853" war. I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" bring|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0853" back|strong="H7725" safely and|strong="H3068" comfort them|strong="H0853". It|strong="H3588" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" as|strong="H0834" if|strong="H3588" I|strong="H0589" never|strong="H3808" left|strong="H7725" them|strong="H0853". I|strong="H0589" am|strong="H0589" the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" their|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430", and|strong="H3068" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" help|strong="H3467" them|strong="H0853". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="H7200" people|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Ephraim|strong="H0669" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" as|strong="H1961" happy|strong="H8055" as|strong="H1961" soldiers|strong="H1368"

who|strong="H3068" have|strong="H1961" too much to|strong="H1961" drink. Their|strong="H3068" children|strong="H1121" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" rejoicing|strong="H8055" and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H3068", too, will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961" happy|strong="H8055". They|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" all have|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" happy|strong="H8055" time|strong="H1961" together with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H7200" LORD|strong="H3068".

<sup>8</sup> " I|strong="H3588" will whistle|strong="H8319" for|strong="H3588" them|strong="H6908" and|strong="H8319" call them|strong="H6908" all together|strong="H6908". I|strong="H3588" really will save them|strong="H6908". There will be|strong="H3588" many|strong="H7235" people|strong="H6908". <sup>9</sup> Yes, I|strong="H2142" have|strong="H1121" been|strong="H2142" scattering my|strong="H7725" people|strong="H5971" throughout the|strong="H7725" nations|strong="H5971". But|strong="H5971" in|strong="H1121" those|strong="H1121" faraway places|strong="H4801", they|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1121" remember|strong="H2142" me|strong="H7725". They|strong="H5971" and|strong="H1121" their|strong="H7725" children|strong="H1121" will|strong="H1121" survive, and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1121" come|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725". <sup>10</sup> I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" bring|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" back|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725" Egypt|strong="H4714" and|strong="H0935" Assyria|strong="H0804". I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" bring|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" area|strong="H0776" of|strong="H0776" Gilead|strong="H1568". And|strong="H0935" since there|strong="H4672" will|strong="H0776" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" enough|strong="H4672" room, I|strong="H0776" will|strong="H0776" also|strong="H0935" let|strong="H3808" them|strong="H0413" live in|strong="H0935" nearby Lebanon|strong="H3844". <sup>11</sup> They|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4714" go|strong="H3381" through|strong="H5674" a|strong="H5221" sea|strong="H3220" of|strong="H7626" troubles, but|strong="H5221" the|strong="H3605" waves|strong="H1530" will|strong="H4714" be|strong="H3605" stopped|strong="H5493". Even|strong="H4714" the|strong="H3605" deepest waters of|strong="H7626" the|strong="H3605" Nile|strong="H2975" River|strong="H2975" will|strong="H4714" dry|strong="H3001" up|strong="H3001". I|strong="H4714"

will|strong="H4714" destroy|strong="H5221" Assyria's  
pride|strong="H1347" and|strong="H4714"  
take|strong="H5493" away|strong="H5493"  
Egypt's|strong="H4714" power. <sup>12</sup> I|strong="H3068",  
the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068",  
will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H1396"  
my|strong="H3068" people strong,  
and|strong="H1980" they|strong="H3068"  
will|strong="H3068" live|strong="H1980"  
for|strong="H3068" me|strong="H8034".  
This|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" what  
the|strong="H5002" LORD|strong="H3068" said.

### God Will Punish the Other Nations

**11** Lebanon|strong="H3844",  
open|strong="H6605" your|strong="H0398"  
gates|strong="H1817" so that|strong="H0784"  
the|strong="H0398" fire|strong="H0784"  
will|strong="H0784" come

and|strong="H0398" burn your|strong="H0398"  
cedar|strong="H0730" trees. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The|strong="H0834" cypress|strong="H1265"  
trees|strong="H1265" will|strong="H0834" cry be-  
cause|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0834"  
cedar|strong="H0730" trees|strong="H1265"  
have|strong="H0834" fallen|strong="H5307".

Those|strong="H0834" powerful|strong="H0117"  
trees|strong="H1265" will|strong="H0834"  
be|strong="H3588" taken|strong="H3381"  
away|strong="H5307".

Oak|strong="H0437" trees|strong="H1265"  
in|strong="H5307" Bashan|strong="H1316"  
will|strong="H0834" cry

for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0834" for-  
est|strong="H3293" that|strong="H0834"  
was|strong="H0834" cut down|strong="H3381".

<sup>3</sup> Listen|strong="H6963" to|strong="H3383"  
the|strong="H3588" crying|strong="H6963" shep-  
herds|strong="H7462".

Their|strong="H3588" powerful leaders  
were|strong="H3383" taken away.

Listen|strong="H6963" to|strong="H3383"  
the|strong="H3588" roaring|strong="H7581"  
of|strong="H6963" the|strong="H3588"  
young|strong="H3715" lions|strong="H3715".

Their|strong="H3588" thick bushes near  
the|strong="H3588" Jordan|strong="H3383" Riv-  
er|strong="H3588" have|strong="H3588" all been tak-  
en away.

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068"  
my|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430"  
says|strong="H0559", "Care for|strong="H3068"  
the|strong="H0853" sheep|strong="H6629"  
that|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3068"  
been|strong="H3068" raised to|strong="H0559"  
be|strong="H3068" killed. <sup>5</sup> Buyers

<sup>1</sup> CEDAR TREES In this poem, the trees, bushes, and animals are symbols for the leaders of the countries around Judah.

kill|strong="H2026" their|strong="H3068" sheep  
and|strong="H3068" are|strong="H0834"  
not|strong="H3808" punished. Those|strong="H0834"  
who|strong="H0834" sell|strong="H4376"  
the|strong="H0559" sheep say|strong="H0559",  
Praise|strong="H1288" the|strong="H0559"  
LORD|strong="H3068", I|strong="H0834"  
am|strong="H3068" rich|strong="H6238"!  
The|strong="H0559" shepherds|strong="H7462"  
don't|strong="H3808" feel sorry for|strong="H5921"  
their|strong="H3068" sheep. <sup>6</sup> And|strong="H3068"  
I|strong="H0595" don't|strong="H3808" feel sorry  
for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" peo-  
ple|strong="H0120" who|strong="H0376"  
live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427"  
this|strong="H3588" country|strong="H0776".

This|strong="H3588" is|strong="H3068"  
what|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"  
LORD|strong="H3068" said: " Look|strong="H2009",  
I|strong="H0595" will|strong="H3068"  
let|strong="H3808" everyone|strong="H0376"  
be|strong="H5750" under|strong="H5921"  
the|strong="H0853" control|strong="H3027"  
of|strong="H4428" their|strong="H3068" neigh-  
bor|strong="H7453" and|strong="H3068"  
king|strong="H4428". I|strong="H0595"  
will|strong="H3068" let|strong="H3808"  
them|strong="H0853" destroy the|strong="H0853"  
country|strong="H0776"— I|strong="H0595"  
will|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"  
stop|strong="H3808" them|strong="H0853"! "

<sup>7</sup> So|strong="H3651" I|strong="H3651"  
took|strong="H3947" care of|strong="H0259"  
the|strong="H0853" sheep|strong="H6629"  
that|strong="H3651" had|strong="H0853" been  
raised to|strong="H7121" be|strong="H0259" killed—  
those|strong="H0853" poor|strong="H6041"  
sheep|strong="H6629". I|strong="H3651" found  
two|strong="H8147" sticks|strong="H4731".  
I|strong="H3651" called|strong="H7121"  
one|strong="H0259" stick|strong="H4731" Fa-  
vor|strong="H5278", and|strong="H6629"  
I|strong="H3651" called|strong="H7121"  
the|strong="H0853" other|strong="H0259"  
stick|strong="H4731" Union. Then|strong="H3947"  
I|strong="H3651" began caring for|strong="H7121"  
the|strong="H0853" sheep|strong="H6629". <sup>8</sup>  
I|strong="H5315" fired the|strong="H0853"  
three|strong="H7969" shepherds|strong="H7462"  
all|strong="H0259" in|strong="H5315"  
one|strong="H0259" month|strong="H3391".  
I|strong="H5315" got angry at|strong="H0259"  
the|strong="H0853" sheep, and|strong="H0853"  
they|strong="H1571" began to|strong="H5315" hate  
me|strong="H5315". <sup>9</sup> Then|strong="H0853"  
I|strong="H0559" said|strong="H0559", "  
I|strong="H0559" quit! I|strong="H0559"  
will|strong="H1320" not|strong="H3808" take care

of |strong="H0802" you |strong="H3808"! I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H1320" let |strong="H3808" those |strong="H0853" who |strong="H0802" want to |strong="H0559" die |strong="H4191", die |strong="H4191". I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H1320" let |strong="H3808" those |strong="H0853" who |strong="H0802" want to |strong="H0559" be |strong="H4191" destroyed |strong="H3582", be |strong="H4191" destroyed |strong="H3582", and |strong="H0398" those |strong="H0853" who |strong="H0802" are |strong="H0802" left |strong="H7604" will |strong="H1320" de-  
stroy |strong="H4191" each |strong="H0802" other."<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="H3947" I |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H3605" stick |strong="H4731" named Favor |strong="H5278", and |strong="H1285" I |strong="H0834" broke it |strong="H3947". I |strong="H0834" did |strong="H0834" this |strong="H0834" to |strong="H0854" show that |strong="H0834" God's agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H0854" his |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" was |strong="H0834" broken |strong="H6565".<sup>11</sup> So |strong="H3651" that |strong="H3588" day |strong="H3117" the |strong="H0853" agree-  
ment |strong="H1697" was |strong="H3068" finished, and |strong="H3068" those |strong="H0853" poor |strong="H6041" sheep |strong="H6629" watch-  
ing |strong="H8104" me |strong="H8104" knew |strong="H3045" that |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3651" message |strong="H1697" was |strong="H3068" from |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068".<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H0518" said |strong="H0559", " If |strong="H0518" you |strong="H0518" want to |strong="H0413" pay |strong="H8254" me |strong="H0413", pay |strong="H8254" me |strong="H0413". If |strong="H0518" not |strong="H3808", don't |strong="H3808"! So |strong="H3808" they |strong="H0518" paid me |strong="H0413" 30 pieces of |strong="H5869" silver |strong="H3701".<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" told |strong="H0559" me |strong="H0413", " So |strong="H3947" that's |strong="H0834" how |strong="H0834" much |strong="H0834" they |strong="H0834" think |strong="H0559" I'm worth. Throw |strong="H7993" that |strong="H0834" large |strong="H1004" amount of |strong="H1004" money |strong="H3701"<sup>14</sup> into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" Temple |strong="H1004" trea-  
sury." So |strong="H3947" I |strong="H0834" took |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0853" 30 pieces of |strong="H1004" silver |strong="H3701"

I LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY The Lord was making fun of the people. This was only the amount of money a person paid for a slave.

and |strong="H3068" threw |strong="H7993" them |strong="H0413" into |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" treasury at |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" Tem-  
ple |strong="H1004".<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="H0853" I |strong="H3478" cut |strong="H1438" the |strong="H0853" stick |strong="H4731" named Union into |strong="H0996" two |strong="H8145" pieces |strong="H1438". I |strong="H3478" did this to |strong="H3478" show that |strong="H3478" the |strong="H0853" union between |strong="H0996" Judah |strong="H3063" and |strong="H3063" Is-  
rael |strong="H3478" had |strong="H3478" been bro-  
ken |strong="H6565".

<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H0413" me |strong="H0413", "Now, get |strong="H3947" the |strong="H0559" things |strong="H3627" a |strong="H3947" fool-  
ish |strong="H0196" shepherd |strong="H7462" might |strong="H3068" use |strong="H3947".<sup>16</sup> This |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" show that |strong="H3588" I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H0776" get |strong="H6965" a |strong="H3588" new shepherd |strong="H7462" for |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" coun-  
try |strong="H0776". But |strong="H3588" this |strong="H3588" young man |strong="H1320" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0776" take |strong="H6485" care |strong="H6485" of |strong="H0776" the |strong="H3588" sheep |strong="H6561" that |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0776" being de-  
stroyed |strong="H3582". He |strong="H3588" will |strong="H0776" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H0776" heal |strong="H7495" the |strong="H3588" hurt |strong="H7665" sheep |strong="H6561" or |strong="H3808" feed |strong="H0398" those |strong="H3588" that |strong="H3588" are |strong="H0776" left |strong="H6965" alive. And |strong="H6965" the |strong="H3588" healthy |strong="H1277" ones will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" eaten |strong="H0398" complete-  
ly |strong="H7495"—only their |strong="H3588" hoofs |strong="H6541" will |strong="H0776" be |strong="H3808" left |strong="H6965"."

<sup>17</sup> Too |strong="H5921" bad for |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921", you |strong="H5921" worth-  
less |strong="H0457" shepherd |strong="H7473"!

You |strong="H5921" abandoned |strong="H5800" my |strong="H5921" sheep |strong="H6629".

Punish him |strong="H5921"!

Strike his |strong="H5921" arm |strong="H2220" and |strong="H5869" right |strong="H3225" eye |strong="H5869" with |strong="H5921" a |strong="H5921" sword |strong="H2719".

His |strong="H5921" arm |strong="H2220" will |strong="H5869" be |strong="H5869" useless.

His |strong="H5921" right |strong="H3225" eye |strong="H5869" will |strong="H5869" be |strong="H5869" blind |strong="H3543".

### Visions About the Nations Around Judah

12 This |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H5921" message |strong="H1697" from |strong="H5921" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" about |strong="H5921" Israel |strong="H3478". The |strong="H5002" Lord |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" one |strong="H0120" who |strong="H3068" made |strong="H3335" the |strong="H5002" earth |strong="H0776" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H5002" sky |strong="H8064", and |strong="H3068" he |strong="H3068" put the |strong="H5002" human |strong="H0120" spirit |strong="H7307" in |strong="H5921" people |strong="H0120". And |strong="H3068" this |strong="H1697" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1697" the |strong="H5002" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H1697":<sup>2</sup> "Look |strong="H2009", I |strong="H0595" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H7760" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" cup of |strong="H5921" poison to |strong="H1961" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971" around |strong="H5439" her |strong="H3605". The |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H5971" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" and |strong="H3063" attack that |strong="H3605" city, and |strong="H3063" all |strong="H3605" of |strong="H5921" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" caught in |strong="H5921" the |strong="H3605" trap."<sup>3</sup> But |strong="H1961" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" make |strong="H7760" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" like |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" heavy |strong="H4614" rock |strong="H0068"— those |strong="H3605" who |strong="H3605" try to |strong="H1961" take |strong="H7760" it |strong="H7760" will |strong="H1961" hurt themselves |strong="H0622". They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H1961" be |strong="H1961" cut and |strong="H0776" scratched. All |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" on |strong="H5921" earth |strong="H0776" will |strong="H1961" come |strong="H1961" together |strong="H0622" to |strong="H1961" fight against |strong="H5921" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".<sup>4</sup> But |strong="H5221" at |strong="H5921" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" scare

the |strong="H3605" horse |strong="H5483", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3605" soldier riding |strong="H7392" it |strong="H1931" will |strong="H3068" panic. I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" make all |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" enemy horses |strong="H5483" blind, but |strong="H5221" my |strong="H3605" eyes |strong="H5869" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" open |strong="H6491"— and |strong="H3068" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" watching |strong="H5869" over |strong="H5921" Judah's |strong="H3063" family |strong="H1004".<sup>5</sup> The |strong="H0559" leaders of |strong="H0430" Judah |strong="H3063" will |strong="H3068" encourage the |strong="H0559" people |strong="H3427" and |strong="H3068" say |strong="H0559", 'The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful is |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" God |strong="H0430". He |strong="H0430" makes |strong="H0559" us |strong="H0559" strong |strong="H0556".'<sup>6</sup> At |strong="H3427" that |strong="H3605" time |strong="H3117" I |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3063" make |strong="H7760" the |strong="H3605" leaders of |strong="H3117" Judah |strong="H3063" like |strong="H8478" a |strong="H7760" fire |strong="H0784" burning |strong="H0784" in |strong="H3427" a |strong="H7760" forest. They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3063" destroy |strong="H3605" their |strong="H3605" enemies |strong="H3389" like |strong="H8478" fire |strong="H0784" burning |strong="H0784" straw. They |strong="H3117" will |strong="H3063" destroy |strong="H3605" the |strong="H3605" enemy all |strong="H3605" around |strong="H5439" them |strong="H0853", and |strong="H3063" the |strong="H3605" people |strong="H5971" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H3063" again |strong="H5750" be |strong="H5750" able to |strong="H5921" sit |strong="H3427" back |strong="H5750" and |strong="H3063" relax."

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" save |strong="H3467" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" of |strong="H1004" Judah |strong="H3063" first |strong="H7223", so |strong="H4616" the |strong="H0853" people |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" be |strong="H3808" able to |strong="H5921" brag too |strong="H5921" much |strong="H5921". David's |strong="H1732" family |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0853" other people |strong="H3427" who |strong="H3068" live |strong="H3427" in |strong="H3427" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" will |strong="H3068"

not be able to brag that they are better than the other people in Judah. <sup>8</sup> But LORD will protect the people of Jerusalem. Even the man who falls will become a great soldier like David. And the men from David's family will be like gods the LORD'S own angel leading the people.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord says, "At time I will destroy the nations that came to fight against Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> I will fill David's family and the people living in Jerusalem with a spirit of kindness and mercy. They will look to me, the one I stabbed, and they will be very sad. They will be as sad as someone crying over the death of their only son, as sad as someone crying over the death of their first-born son." <sup>11</sup> There will be a time of great sadness

and Jerusalem crying in Jerusalem. It will be like the time people cry over the death of Hadad Rimmon in Megiddo Valley. <sup>12</sup> Each and every family will cry by itself. The men in David's family will cry by themselves, and their wives will cry by themselves. The men in Nathan's family will cry by themselves, and their wives will cry by themselves. <sup>13</sup> The men in Levi's family will cry by themselves, and their wives will cry by themselves. The men in Simeon's family will cry by themselves, and their wives will cry by themselves. <sup>14</sup> And the same thing will happen in all the other tribes. The men and women will cry by themselves."

**13** But at that time a new spring of water will be opened for David's family and for the other people living in Jerusalem. That fountain will be washed away their sins.

I HADAD RIMMON Possibly a name for the Syrian fertility god.



and they will make the people pure.

### No More False Prophets

<sup>2</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "At that time I will remove all the idols from the earth. People will not even remember their names, and I will remove the false prophets and unclean spirits from the earth." <sup>3</sup> Whoever continues to prophesy will be punished. Even their parents, their own mother and father, will say to them, 'You have lied in the name of the LORD, so you must die! Their own mother and father will stab them for prophesying.' <sup>4</sup> At that time the prophets will be ashamed of their visions and prophecies. They will not wear rough cloth that shows a person a prophet. They will not wear those clothes to trick people with the

they call prophecies. <sup>5</sup> They will say, 'I am not a prophet. I am a farmer who worked as a farmer since I was a little child.' <sup>6</sup> But other people will say, 'Then are these wounds your hands?' He will say, 'I was beaten in the house of my friends.'

<sup>7</sup> The LORD All-Powerful says, "I will wake up and strike the shepherd, my friend. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will run away. And I will punish those little ones." <sup>8</sup> Two-thirds of the people in the land will be struck down and die, but the LORD, but one-third will survive. <sup>9</sup> Then I will test those survivors by giving them many troubles. The troubles will be like the fire a person uses to prove silver is pure. I will

test|strong="H0974" them|strong="H0853" the|strong="H0853" way a|strong="H7121" person|strong="H0935" tests|strong="H0974" gold|strong="H2091". Then|strong="H6030" they|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" call|strong="H7121" to|strong="H0559" me|strong="H0935" for|strong="H7121" help|strong="H6030", and|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" answer|strong="H6030" them|strong="H0853". I|strong="H0589" will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559", ' You|strong="H0935" are|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" people|strong="H5971". And|strong="H0935" they|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" say|strong="H0559", ' The|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3068" God|strong="H0430".'

### The Day of Judgment

**14** Look|strong="H2009", the|strong="H0935" LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" a|strong="H0935" special day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" judgment|strong="H0935" coming|strong="H0935", when|strong="H3117" the|strong="H0935" riches|strong="H2505" you|strong="H3117" have|strong="H3068" taken will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" divided|strong="H2505" in|strong="H0935" your|strong="H3068" city. <sup>2</sup> I|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" bring|strong="H3318" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" nations|strong="H1471" together|strong="H0622" to|strong="H0413" fight|strong="H4421" against|strong="H0413" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". They|strong="H3808" will|strong="H1471" capture|strong="H3920" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" and|strong="H1004" destroy|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" houses|strong="H1004". The|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802" will|strong="H1471" be|strong="H3808" raped|strong="H7693", and|strong="H1004" half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1471" be|strong="H3808" taken|strong="H3920" away|strong="H0622" as|strong="H1004" prisoners. But|strong="H3808" the|strong="H3605" rest|strong="H3499" of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" will|strong="H1471" not|strong="H3808" be|strong="H3808" taken|strong="H3920" from|strong="H4480" the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892". <sup>3</sup> Then|strong="H3318" the|strong="H3068" LORD|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" go|strong="H3318" to|strong="H3068" war|strong="H7128" with|strong="H3068" those|strong="H1992" na-

tions|strong="H1471". It|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3318" real battle|strong="H7128". <sup>4</sup> At|strong="H5921" that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H3117" he|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0834" stand|strong="H5975" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" Mount|strong="H2022" of|strong="H3117" Olives|strong="H2132", the|strong="H6440" hill|strong="H2022" east|strong="H4217" of|strong="H3117" Jerusalem|strong="H3389". The|strong="H6440" Mount|strong="H2022" of|strong="H3117" Olives|strong="H2132" will|strong="H0834" split|strong="H1234" in|strong="H5921" half|strong="H2677". Part|strong="H1931" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H6440" mountain|strong="H2022" will|strong="H0834" move|strong="H4185" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" north|strong="H6828", and|strong="H3117" part|strong="H1931" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" south|strong="H5045". A|strong="H0834" deep|strong="H1419" valley|strong="H1516" will|strong="H0834" open|strong="H6440" up|strong="H5975", from|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" east|strong="H4217" to|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" west|strong="H3220". <sup>5</sup> You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" try to|strong="H0413" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127" as|strong="H0834" that|strong="H0834" mountain|strong="H2022" valley|strong="H1516" comes|strong="H0935" closer and|strong="H0935" closer to|strong="H0413" you|strong="H0834". You|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" run|strong="H5127" away|strong="H5127" like|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" you|strong="H0834" ran|strong="H5127" from|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3605" earthquake|strong="H7494" during|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H3117" of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Uzziah|strong="H5818" of|strong="H4428" Judah|strong="H3063". But|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" LORD|strong="H3068" my|strong="H3605" God|strong="H0430" will|strong="H3068" come|strong="H0935", and|strong="H0935" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" holy|strong="H6918" ones|strong="H6918" will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H0413".

<sup>6</sup> That will be a very special day. There will not be any light, cold, or frost. Only the LORD knows how, but there will not be any day or night. Then, when darkness usually comes, there will still be light. <sup>8</sup>

I HOLY ONES Here, this probably means angels.

At *strong="H0413"* that *strong="H3117"* time *strong="H3117"* water *strong="H4325"* will *strong="H1961"* flow *strong="H3318"* continually *strong="H3117"* from *strong="H3318"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. <sup>1</sup> That *strong="H3117"* stream *strong="H4325"* will *strong="H1961"* split and *strong="H3117"* part *strong="H1931"* of *strong="H3117"* it *strong="H1931"* will *strong="H1961"* flow *strong="H3318"* east *strong="H6931"*, and *strong="H3117"* part *strong="H1931"* of *strong="H3117"* it *strong="H1931"* will *strong="H1961"* flow *strong="H3318"* west *strong="H3220"* to *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* Mediterranean Sea *strong="H3220"*. And *strong="H3117"* it *strong="H1931"* will *strong="H1961"* flow *strong="H3318"* all *strong="H3117"* year *strong="H3117"* long *strong="H3117"*, in *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* summer *strong="H7019"* as *strong="H1961"* well as *strong="H1961"* in *strong="H0413"* the *strong="H0413"* winter *strong="H2779"*. <sup>9</sup> And *strong="H3068"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* be *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* King *strong="H4428"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* world *strong="H0776"*. At *strong="H5921"* that *strong="H3605"* time *strong="H3117"* all *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H0776"* will *strong="H3068"* worship him *strong="H5921"* as *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* only *strong="H0259"* LORD *strong="H3068"* with *strong="H3068"* only *strong="H0259"* one *strong="H0259"* name *strong="H8034"*. <sup>10</sup> And *strong="H0776"* the *strong="H3605"* whole *strong="H3605"* land *strong="H0776"* from *strong="H5704"* Geba *strong="H1387"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H3605"* north to *strong="H5704"* Rimmon *strong="H7417"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H3605"* south *strong="H5045"* past *strong="H7223"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"* will *strong="H0776"* be *strong="H0776"* a *strong="H0776"* flat *strong="H8478"* plain *strong="H6160"*. The *strong="H3605"* city *strong="H8179"* of *strong="H4428"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"* will *strong="H0776"* stay *strong="H3427"* in *strong="H3427"* the *strong="H3605"* same place *strong="H4725"*, but *strong="H4428"* it *strong="H5704"* will *strong="H0776"* be *strong="H0776"* built high above the *strong="H3605"* land *strong="H0776"* around *strong="H5437"* it *strong="H5704"*. It *strong="H5704"* will *strong="H0776"* reach from *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H3605"* Ben-

<sup>1</sup> WATER ... JERUSALEM Literally, "living water will flow from Jerusalem." Jerusalem's main water supply, the Gihon spring, did not flow continuously.

jamin *strong="H1144"* Gate *strong="H8179"* to *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H3605"* First *strong="H7223"* Gate *strong="H8179"* ( that *strong="H3605"* is *strong="H0776"*, the *strong="H3605"* Corner Gate *strong="H8179"*) and *strong="H0776"* from *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H3605"* Tower *strong="H4026"* of *strong="H4428"* Hananel *strong="H2606"* of *strong="H5704"* the *strong="H3605"* king's *strong="H4428"* winepresses *strong="H3342"*. <sup>11</sup> People *strong="H3427"* will *strong="H1961"* move to *strong="H1961"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"* because it *strong="H1961"* will *strong="H1961"* be *strong="H1961"* a *strong="H1961"* safe place *strong="H1961"* to *strong="H1961"* live *strong="H3427"*. It *strong="H1961"* will *strong="H1961"* never *strong="H3808"* again *strong="H5750"* be *strong="H1961"* destroyed.

<sup>12</sup> But *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* will *strong="H3068"* punish the *strong="H3605"* nations *strong="H5971"* that *strong="H0834"* fought *strong="H6633"* against *strong="H5921"* Jerusalem *strong="H3389"*. He *strong="H0834"* will *strong="H3068"* send a *strong="H1961"* terrible disease against *strong="H5921"* them *strong="H0853"*. Their *strong="H3605"* skin *strong="H1320"* will *strong="H3068"* begin to *strong="H1961"* rot *strong="H4743"* while *strong="H1961"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H5971"* are *strong="H0834"* still *strong="H5975"* alive. Their *strong="H3605"* eyes *strong="H5869"* will *strong="H3068"* rot *strong="H4743"* in *strong="H5921"* their *strong="H3605"* sockets *strong="H2356"*, and *strong="H3068"* their *strong="H3605"* tongues *strong="H3956"* will *strong="H3068"* rot *strong="H4743"* in *strong="H5921"* their *strong="H3605"* mouths *strong="H6310"*. <sup>13</sup> That terrible disease will be in the enemy camp, and all their horses, mules, camels, and donkeys will catch that terrible disease.

At that time they will be afraid of the LORD. Each man will grab his neighbor's hand, and they will fight each other. Even Judah will fight against Jerusalem. This will happen even while armies from all the nations are surrounding the city. There will be much gold, silver, and clothing. <sup>16</sup> Some *strong="H3605"* of *strong="H4428"* the *strong="H3605"* people *strong="H1471"* who *strong="H3605"* came *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* fight Jerusalem *strong="H3389"* will *strong="H3068"* survive *strong="H3498"*. And *strong="H0935"* every *strong="H3605"* year *strong="H8141"* they *strong="H5921"* will *strong="H3068"* come *strong="H0935"* to *strong="H0935"* worship *strong="H7812"* the *strong="H3605"* king *strong="H4428"*, the *strong="H3605"* LORD *strong="H3068"* All-Powerful.

They will come to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.<sup>17</sup> And if people from any of the families on earth don't go to Jerusalem to worship the King LORD All-Powerful, no rain will fall on their land.<sup>18</sup> If any of the families in Egypt don't come to celebrate the Festival of Shelters, they will get that terrible disease that the LORD caused the enemy nations to get.<sup>19</sup> That will be the punishment for Egypt, and for any other nation that does not come to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

<sup>20</sup> At that time

the harnesses on the horses will have the label, HOLY TO THE LORD.<sup>1</sup> And all the pots used in the Temple will be just as important as the bowls used at the altar.<sup>21</sup> In fact, every dish in Jerusalem and Judah will have the label, HOLY TO THE LORD ALL-POWERFUL. All the people offering sacrifices will come, take those dishes, and cook their special meals in them.<sup>22</sup> At that time will not be any merchants buying and selling things in the Temple of the LORD All-Powerful.

<sup>1</sup> HOLY TO THE LORD These words were written on everything that was used in the Temple. This showed that these things belonged to the Lord, and that they could be used only for special purposes. Dishes with this labels could be used only by the priests in a holy place. <sup>II</sup> MERCHANTS ... SELLING THINGS Literally, "Canaanites."

# Malachi

**1** This *message* from *the LORD* to *Israel*. *God* used *Malachi* to tell this *message* to the *people*.

**God Loves Israel**

**2** The *LORD* said, "I love you *people*."

But you said, "What shows you love us?"

The *LORD* said, "Esau was *Jacob's* brother, but I chose *Jacob*. And I did not accept *Esau*. I destroyed his *hill country*, and his *country* was destroyed, and now only wild dogs live there."

**4** The *people* of *Edom* might say, "We were destroyed, but we will go back and rebuild our cities."

But the *LORD* All-Powerful says, "If they rebuild their cities, I will not rebuild them."

**I** CHOSE Or "loved." **II** DID NOT ACCEPT Or "hated." **III** HIS HILL COUNTRY This means the country of Edom. Edom was another name for Esau. **IV** WILD DOGS Literally, "jackals."

will destroy them again. That is why *people* of *Edom* is an evil country—a nation the *LORD* hates forever.

**5** You *people* saw these things, and you said, "The *LORD* is great, even outside *Israel*!"

**The People Don't Respect God**

**6** The *LORD* All-Powerful said, "Children honor their fathers. Servants honor their masters. I am your Father, so why don't you honor me? I am your master, so why don't you respect me? You priests don't respect my name."

"But you say, 'What have we done that shows we don't respect your name?'"

**7** "You bring unclean bread to my altar."

" But you ask, ' What makes that bread unclean? "

" It is unclean because you show no respect for the altar of LORD .<sup>8</sup> You bring blind animals as sacrifices, and that is wrong . You bring sick animals and crippled animals that are wrong . Try giving those sick animals a gift your governor . Would he accept sick animals? No, he would not accept them ." This is what the LORD All-Powerful said .

<sup>9</sup> " Now try asking God to be good to you . But he will not listen to you , and it is all your fault . This is what the LORD All-Powerful said .

<sup>10</sup> " I wish one of you would close the Temple doors to stop the lighting of useless fires on my altar . I am not pleased with you

you will not accept gifts . " This is what the LORD All-Powerful said .

<sup>11</sup> " People all around the world respect my name . All around the world they bring good gifts to me and burn good incense as a gift to me , because my name is important to all of them ." This is what LORD All-Powerful said .

<sup>12</sup> " But you people show that you don't respect my name . You say that the Lord's altar is unclean . And the food from that altar .<sup>13</sup> You smell the food and refuse to eat it . You say it is bad . Then you sick , crippled , and hurt animals to me . You try to give sick animals to me as sacrifices , but I will not accept them ." This is what LORD All-Powerful said .<sup>14</sup> " Some people have good , male animals that they could give as sacrifices , but don't

Some people bring good animals and promise to give those healthy animals to me. But then they secretly exchange those good animals and give me sick animals instead. Bad things will happen to those people. I am the Great King and all the people around the world respect me. This is what the LORD All-Powerful said.

#### Rules for Priests

<sup>2</sup> "Priests, this rule is for you. Listen to me! Pay attention to what I say. Show honor to my name. If you don't respect my name, bad things will happen to you. You will say blessings, but they will become curses. I will make bad things happen because you don't show respect for my name. This is what the LORD All-Powerful said.

<sup>3</sup> "Look, I will punish your descendants. During the festivals,

I BLESSINGS Words asking for good things to happen to a person who tries to obey God's law.

you priests offer sacrifices to me. You take the dung and inside parts from the dead animals and throw them away. But I will smear the dung on your faces, and you will be thrown away with it! Then you will learn why I am giving you this command. I am telling you these things so that my agreement with Levi will continue. This is what the LORD All-Powerful said.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord said, "I made that agreement with Levi. I promised to give him and I gave those things. Levi respected me and showed to my name. He taught the true teachings and didn't teach lies. Levi was honest, and he loved peace. He followed me and saved many people from being punished for the evil things they did. A

priest |strong="H3548" should |strong="H3068" know |strong="H1847" God's teachings |strong="H8451". People |strong="H1931" should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" able to |strong="H3068" go to |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" priest |strong="H3548" and |strong="H3068" learn God's teachings |strong="H8451". A |strong="H3588" priest |strong="H3548" should |strong="H3068" be |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" LORD'S |strong="H3068" messenger |strong="H4397" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H3588" people |strong="H1931".

<sup>8</sup> " But |strong="H0859" you |strong="H0859" priests stopped |strong="H5493" following |strong="H1870" me |strong="H4480"! You |strong="H0859" used the |strong="H0559" teachings |strong="H8451" to |strong="H0559" make people do |strong="H5493" wrong. You |strong="H0859" ruined |strong="H7843" the |strong="H0559" agreement |strong="H1285" with |strong="H3068" Levi |strong="H3878". " This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H1870" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful said |strong="H0559". <sup>9</sup> " You |strong="H0834" don't |strong="H0369" live |strong="H8451" the |strong="H3605" way |strong="H1870" I |strong="H0589" told you |strong="H0834". You |strong="H0834" have |strong="H0834" not |strong="H0369" accepted my |strong="H3605" teachings |strong="H8451". So |strong="H5414" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H0834" cause |strong="H5414" people |strong="H5971" to |strong="H0369" hate you |strong="H0834" and |strong="H1870" think you |strong="H0834" are |strong="H0834" worth nothing |strong="H0369". "

**Judah Was |strong="H0369" Not |strong="H0369" True to |strong="H0369" God |strong="H5414"**

<sup>10</sup> We |strong="H3605" all |strong="H3605" have |strong="H0001" the |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0259" father |strong="H0001". The |strong="H3605" same |strong="H0259" God |strong="H0410" made |strong="H3605" every |strong="H3605" one |strong="H0259" of |strong="H0376" us. So |strong="H3808" why |strong="H4069" do |strong="H3605" people |strong="H0376" cheat one |strong="H0259" another |strong="H0259"? They |strong="H3808" show that |strong="H3605" they |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" respect the |strong="H3605" agreement |strong="H1285". They |strong="H3808" don't |strong="H3808" respect the |strong="H3605" agreement |strong="H1285" that |strong="H3605" our |strong="H3605" ancestors |strong="H0001" made |strong="H3605" with |strong="H1285" God |strong="H0410". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3068" Ju-

dah |strong="H3063" cheated other people |strong="H0834". People |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389" and |strong="H3068" Israel |strong="H3478" did |strong="H6213" terrible things |strong="H6944". God |strong="H0410" loves |strong="H0157" the |strong="H0834" Temple, but |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" in |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063" didn't respect the |strong="H0834" LORD'S |strong="H3068" holy |strong="H6944" Temple. The |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" of |strong="H3068" Judah |strong="H3063" began |strong="H2490" to |strong="H3068" worship |strong="H3478" a |strong="H3588" foreign |strong="H5236" goddess. <sup>12</sup> The |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" remove them |strong="H0376" from |strong="H3772" Judah's family |strong="H0168". They |strong="H0834" might |strong="H3068" bring |strong="H5066" gifts |strong="H4503" to |strong="H3068" the |strong="H0834" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful— but |strong="H6030" it |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0168" help |strong="H6030". <sup>13</sup> You |strong="H6213" can |strong="H0369" cry and |strong="H3068" cover |strong="H3680" the |strong="H0853" LORD'S |strong="H3068" altar |strong="H4196" with |strong="H0413" tears |strong="H1832", but |strong="H0369" the |strong="H0853" Lord |strong="H3068" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0369" accept |strong="H3947" your |strong="H3068" gifts |strong="H4503". He |strong="H6213" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H0369" be |strong="H5750" pleased |strong="H7522" with |strong="H0413" the |strong="H0853" things you |strong="H6213" bring |strong="H3947" to |strong="H0413" him |strong="H0413".

<sup>14</sup> You |strong="H0859" ask |strong="H0559", " Why |strong="H4100" are |strong="H0834" our |strong="H3068" gifts not |strong="H3588" accepted? " It |strong="H1931" is |strong="H0834" because |strong="H3588" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" saw the |strong="H0559" evil things |strong="H0834" you |strong="H0859" did |strong="H4100"— he |strong="H0834" is |strong="H0834" a |strong="H3588" witness against |strong="H5921" you |strong="H0859". He |strong="H0834" saw you |strong="H0859" cheat on |strong="H5921" your |strong="H3068" wife |strong="H0802". You |strong="H0859" have |strong="H0834" been |strong="H0834" married |strong="H0802" to |strong="H0559" her |strong="H5921" since |strong="H3588" you |strong="H0859" were |strong="H0834" young. She |strong="H1931" was |strong="H0834" your |strong="H3068" girlfriend.



Then you made your vows to each other—and she became your wife. <sup>15</sup> God wants husbands and wives to become one body and one spirit. Why? So they would have holy children and protect that spiritual unity. Don't cheat on your wife. She has been your wife from the time you were young.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD, the God of Israel, says, "I hate divorce, and I hate the cruel things that men do. So I protect your spiritual unity. Don't cheat on your wife."

#### The Special Time of Judgment

<sup>17</sup> You have taught wrong things, and it makes the LORD very sad. People were doing evil things, but you said that pleased the LORD and that he accepted those things. And you taught that God does not punish people for evil things they do.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD, All-Powerful, says, "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way for me. Then suddenly, the Lord you are looking for will come to his temple. <sup>1</sup> Yes, messenger, the messenger you are waiting for, the one who will tell my agreement, is coming!"

<sup>2</sup> No one can prepare for that or stand against him when he comes. He will be like a burning fire. He will be the strong soap people use to make things clean. <sup>3</sup> He will make the Levites clean. He will make them pure like silver made with fire! He will make them pure like gold and silver. Then they will bring gifts to the LORD, and they will do things

<sup>1</sup> TEMPLE Or "palace."

the **right** way. <sup>4</sup> Then the **LORD** will accept the gifts from Judah and Jerusalem. It will be as it was in the past— as the time long ago. <sup>5</sup> Then I will bring you justice. I will be an expert witness and testify about the people I speak against those who do evil magic or commit adultery. I will speak out against those who make false promises and cheat their workers and don't pay them the money they promised. I will testify against those who don't help strangers, or widows and orphans. And I will testify against those who don't respect me. This is what the **LORD** All-Powerful said.

#### Stealing From God

<sup>6</sup> I am the **LORD**, and I don't change. You are Jacob's chil-

dren, and you have not been completely destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But you never obeyed my laws. Even your ancestors stopped following me. Come back to me, and I will come back to you. This is what the **LORD** All-Powerful said.

" You say, ' How can we come back? "

<sup>8</sup> " People should not steal things from God, but you stole things from me.

" You say, ' What did we steal from you? "

" You should have given me one-tenth of your things. You should have given me special gifts. <sup>9</sup> In this way your whole nation has stolen things from me, so bad things are happening to you.

<sup>10</sup> The **LORD** All-Powerful says, " Try this test. Bring your things to me. Put them in the treasury. Bring food to my house. Test me! If you

do |strong="H0518" these |strong="H2063" things |strong="H3605", I |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" surely |strong="H0518" bless you |strong="H0518". Good things |strong="H3605" will |strong="H3068" come |strong="H0935" to |strong="H0413" you |strong="H0518" like |strong="H1961" rain falling from |strong="H0935" the |strong="H3605" sky |strong="H8064". You |strong="H0518" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1961" more |strong="H3808" than |strong="H3808" enough |strong="H1767" of |strong="H1004" everything |strong="H3605". <sup>11</sup> I |strong="H0559" will |strong="H3068" not |strong="H3808" let |strong="H3808" pests destroy |strong="H7843" your |strong="H3068" crops. All |strong="H0398" your |strong="H3068" grapevines will |strong="H3068" produce |strong="H6529" grapes." This |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H6529" the |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful said |strong="H0559".

<sup>12</sup> " People |strong="H1471" from |strong="H0776" other |strong="H3605" nations |strong="H1471" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" good |strong="H2656" to |strong="H0559" you |strong="H0859". You |strong="H0859" will |strong="H3068" have |strong="H1961" a |strong="H1961" wonderful country |strong="H0776"." This |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" what |strong="H2656" the |strong="H3605" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful said |strong="H0559".

**The |strong="H3605" Special Time |strong="H1961" of |strong="H0776" Judgment |strong="H1471"**

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" says |strong="H0559", " You |strong="H5921" said |strong="H0559" cruel things |strong="H1697" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921"."

But |strong="H2388" you |strong="H5921" ask |strong="H0559", " What |strong="H4100" did |strong="H4100" we |strong="H1697" say |strong="H0559" about |strong="H5921" you |strong="H5921"?"

<sup>14</sup> You |strong="H3588" said |strong="H0559", " It |strong="H3588" is |strong="H3068" useless to |strong="H0559" worship |strong="H5647" God |strong="H0430". We |strong="H3588" did |strong="H4100" what |strong="H4100" the |strong="H0559" LORD |strong="H3068" All-Powerful told |strong="H0559" us |strong="H3588", but |strong="H3588" we |strong="H3588" didn't gain |strong="H1215" anything |strong="H4100". We |strong="H3588" cried like |strong="H1980" people at |strong="H3068" a |strong="H3588" funeral to |strong="H0559" show we |strong="H3588" were |strong="H0430" sorry for |strong="H3588" our |strong="H3068" sins, but |strong="H3588"

it |strong="H3588" didn't help. <sup>15</sup> We |strong="H0587" think proud |strong="H2086" people are |strong="H0430" happy |strong="H0833". Evil |strong="H7564" people succeed. They |strong="H6213" do |strong="H6213" evil |strong="H7564" things to |strong="H0430" test |strong="H0974" God's |strong="H0430" patience, and |strong="H0430" God |strong="H0430" does |strong="H6213" not |strong="H1571" punish them |strong="H6213"."

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="H0227" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" followers |strong="H8034" spoke |strong="H1696" with |strong="H0854" each |strong="H0376" other |strong="H7453", and |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6440" LORD |strong="H3068" listened |strong="H8085" to |strong="H1696" them |strong="H6440". There |strong="H3068" is |strong="H3068" a |strong="H8085" book |strong="H5612" in |strong="H3068" front |strong="H6440" of |strong="H0376" him |strong="H6440". In |strong="H3068" that |strong="H8085" book |strong="H5612" are |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" names |strong="H8034" of |strong="H0376" his |strong="H3068" followers |strong="H8034". They |strong="H0376" are |strong="H0376" the |strong="H6440" people |strong="H0376" who |strong="H0376" honor |strong="H8034" the |strong="H6440" LORD'S |strong="H3068" name |strong="H8034".

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="H0853" LORD |strong="H3068" said |strong="H0559", " They |strong="H0834" belong |strong="H1961" to |strong="H0559" me |strong="H5921". I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H0559" them |strong="H0853". Parents are |strong="H0834" very kind to |strong="H0559" their |strong="H3068" children |strong="H1121" who |strong="H0834" obey |strong="H6213" them |strong="H0853". In |strong="H5921" the |strong="H0853" same |strong="H0853" way |strong="H5921" I |strong="H0589" will |strong="H3068" be |strong="H1961" kind to |strong="H0559" my |strong="H3068" followers. <sup>18</sup> You |strong="H0834" people |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" come |strong="H7725" back |strong="H7725" to |strong="H7725" me |strong="H7725", and |strong="H0430" you |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" learn the |strong="H0834" difference between |strong="H0996" good and |strong="H0430" evil |strong="H7563". You |strong="H0834" will |strong="H0430" learn the |strong="H0834" difference between |strong="H0996" someone who |strong="H0834" follows God |strong="H0430" and |strong="H0430" someone who |strong="H0834" does |strong="H3808" not |strong="H3808".

**4** “That time of judgment is coming. It will be like a hot furnace. All the proud people will be punished. All the evil people will burn like straw. At that time they will be like a bush burning in the fire, and there will not be a branch or root left.” This is what the LORD All-Powerful said.

<sup>2</sup> “But, for my followers, goodness will shine on you like the rising sun. And it will bring healing power like the sun’s rays. You will be free and happy, like calves freed from their stalls. <sup>3</sup> Then you will walk on the evil

<sup>1</sup> *STALLS* Small rooms or areas surrounded by a fence where people keep their animals.

people—they will be like ashes under your feet. I will make this happen at the time of judgment.” This is what the LORD All-Powerful said.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember and obey the law of my servant Moses. I gave those laws and rules to him at Mount Horeb. They are for all the people of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “Look, I will send Elijah the prophet to you. He will come before that great and terrible time of judgment from the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Elijah will help the parents become close to their children, and he will help the children become close to their parents. This must happen, or I will come and completely destroy your country.”

# Matthew

## The Family History of Jesus the Messiah

(Luke 3:23b-38)

<sup>1</sup> This is the family history of Jesus the Messiah. He came from the family of David, who was from the family of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

<sup>3</sup> Judah was the father of Perez and Zerach. (Their mother was Tamar.) Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram.

<sup>4</sup> Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon.

<sup>5</sup> Salmon was the father of Boaz. (His mother was Rahab.)

Boaz was the father of Obed. (His mother was Ruth.) Obed was the father of Jesse.

<sup>6</sup> Jesse was the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon. (His mother had been Uriah's wife.)

<sup>7</sup> Solomon was the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the father of Abijah.

Abijah was the father of Asa.

<sup>8</sup> Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Jehoram.

Jehoram was the father of Uzziah.

<sup>9</sup> Uzziah was the father of Jotham. Jotham was the father of Ahaz.

Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.

<sup>10</sup> Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh. Manasseh was the father of Amon.

Amon *strong="G0301"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Josiah *strong="G2502"*.  
 11 Josiah *strong="G2502"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* grandfather of *strong="G1080"* Jehoiachin <sup>I</sup> and *strong="G2532"* his *strong="G0846"* brothers *strong="G0080"*, who *strong="G3588"* lived during *strong="G1909"* the *strong="G3588"* time *strong="G1909"* that *strong="G0846"* the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G0846"* were *strong="G3588"* taken away to *strong="G1909"* Babylon *strong="G0897"*.  
 12 After *strong="G3326"* they *strong="G1161"* were *strong="G3588"* taken to *strong="G3326"* Babylon *strong="G0897"*:  
 Jehoiachin was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Shealtiel *strong="G4528"*. Shealtiel *strong="G4528"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* grandfather of *strong="G1080"* Zerubbabel *strong="G2216"*.  
 13 Zerubbabel *strong="G2216"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Abiud *strong="G0010"*.  
 Abiud *strong="G0010"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Eliakim *strong="G1662"*. Eliakim *strong="G1662"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Azor *strong="G0107"*.  
 14 Azor *strong="G0107"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Zadok *strong="G4524"*. Zadok *strong="G4524"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Achim *strong="G0885"*. Achim *strong="G0885"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Eliud *strong="G1664"*.  
 15 Eliud *strong="G1664"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Eleazar *strong="G1648"*. Eleazar *strong="G1648"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Matthan *strong="G3157"*. Matthan *strong="G3157"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1080"* Jacob *strong="G2384"*.  
 16 Jacob *strong="G2384"* was *strong="G2424"* the *strong="G3588"* father *strong="G1080"* of *strong="G1537"* Joseph *strong="G2501"*. Joseph *strong="G2501"* was *strong="G2424"* the *strong="G3588"* husband *strong="G0435"* of *strong="G1537"* Mary *strong="G3137"*,

and *strong="G1161"* Mary *strong="G3137"* was *strong="G2424"* the *strong="G3588"* mother of *strong="G1537"* Jesus *strong="G2424"*, who *strong="G3739"* is *strong="G3739"* called *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* Messiah *strong="G5547"*.

17 So *strong="G3767"* there were *strong="G3956"* fourteen *strong="G1180"* generations *strong="G1074"* from *strong="G0575"* Abraham *strong="G0011"* to *strong="G2193"* David *strong="G1138"*. There were *strong="G3956"* also *strong="G2532"* fourteen *strong="G1180"* generations *strong="G1074"* from *strong="G0575"* David *strong="G1138"* until *strong="G2193"* the *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G3956"* were *strong="G3956"* taken away *strong="G0575"* to *strong="G2193"* Babylon *strong="G0897"*. And *strong="G2532"* there were *strong="G3956"* fourteen *strong="G1180"* more *strong="G3956"* from *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3956"* time the *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G3956"* were *strong="G3956"* taken to *strong="G2193"* Babylon *strong="G0897"* until *strong="G2193"* the *strong="G3956"* Messiah *strong="G5547"* was *strong="G3588"* born.

**The *strong="G3956"* Birth of *strong="G0575"* Jesus *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3956"* Messiah *strong="G5547"***

(Luke 2:1-7)

18 This *strong="G3779"* is *strong="G1510"* how *strong="G3779"* the *strong="G3588"* birth *strong="G1078"* of *strong="G1537"* Jesus *strong="G2424"* the *strong="G3588"* Messiah *strong="G5547"* happened *strong="G1078"*. His *strong="G0846"* mother *strong="G3384"* Mary *strong="G3137"* was *strong="G1510"* engaged *strong="G3423"* to *strong="G1722"* marry Joseph *strong="G2501"*. But *strong="G1161"* before *strong="G4250"* they *strong="G0846"* married, he *strong="G0846"* learned that *strong="G0846"* she *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G1510"* expecting a *strong="G2192"* baby. ( She *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G1510"* pregnant *strong="G1064"* by *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* power of *strong="G1537"* the *strong="G3588"* Holy *strong="G0040"* Spirit *strong="G4151"*.)  
 19 Mary's husband *strong="G0435"*, Joseph *strong="G2501"*, was *strong="G1510"* a *strong="G1510"* good *strong="G1510"* man *strong="G0435"*. He *strong="G2532"* did *strong="G1510"* not *strong="G3361"* want *strong="G2309"* to *strong="G2309"* cause her *strong="G0846"* public disgrace *strong="G1165"*, so *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* planned *strong="G1014"* to *strong="G2309"* divorce *strong="G0630"* her *strong="G0846"* secretly *strong="G2977"*.

I JEHOIACHIN Literally, "Jechoniah," another name for Jehoiachin.

20 But after Joseph thought about this, an angel from Lord to him in a dream said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to accept Mary your wife. The baby inside is from the Holy Spirit." 21 She will give birth to a son. You will name him Jesus. Give him that name because he will save people from their sins.

22 All this happened to make full meaning of what Lord said through prophet virgin will be and give to son. They will name him Immanuel. (Immanuel means God with us.)

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the

I Jesus The name Jesus means "the LORD (YAHWEH) saves." II 1:23 Quote from Isaiah 7:14.

Lord's angel told him to do. He and Mary. 25 But Joseph did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And he named Jesus.

### Wise Men Come to Visit Jesus

2 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews?" We the star that was born to be king of the Jews saw it rise in the sky in the east and have come to worship him.

3 When King Herod heard about this, he was upset and saw everyone else in Jerusalem.

4 Herod

called |strong="G4863" a |strong="G2532" meeting |strong="G4863" of |strong="G1080" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" leading Jewish priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" teachers of |strong="G1080" the |strong="G3956" law. He |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G4441" them |strong="G0846" where |strong="G4226" the |strong="G3956" Messiah |strong="G5547" would |strong="G5547" be |strong="G2532" born |strong="G1080". <sup>5</sup> They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" town of |strong="G1223" Bethlehem |strong="G0965" in |strong="G1722" Judea |strong="G2449", just |strong="G3779" as |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" prophet |strong="G4396" wrote |strong="G1125":

<sup>6</sup> ' Bethlehem |strong="G0965", in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" land |strong="G1093" of |strong="G1537" Judah |strong="G2455", you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" important among |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" rulers of |strong="G1537" Judah |strong="G2455".

Yes |strong="G1063", a |strong="G1510" ruler |strong="G2233" will |strong="G1510" come |strong="G1831" from |strong="G1537" you |strong="G4771",

and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3748" ruler |strong="G2233" will |strong="G1510" lead |strong="G1510" Israel |strong="G2474", my |strong="G1722" people |strong="G2992"."

Micah 5:2

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="G5119" Herod |strong="G2264" had |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2564" private meeting with |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3588" wise men |strong="G0846" from |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3588" east. He |strong="G0846" learned from |strong="G3844" them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" exact |strong="G5550" time |strong="G5550" they |strong="G0846" first saw the |strong="G3588" star |strong="G0792". <sup>8</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G3992" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" Bethlehem |strong="G0965". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Go |strong="G4198" and |strong="G2532" look carefully |strong="G0199" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" child |strong="G3813". When |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3004" find |strong="G2147" him |strong="G0846", come |strong="G2064" tell |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004". Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" can |strong="G3004" go |strong="G4198" worship |strong="G4352" him |strong="G0846" too |strong="G2532"."

<sup>9</sup> After |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" wise men |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935", they |strong="G0846" left. They |strong="G0846"

saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" star |strong="G0792" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510" seen |strong="G3708" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" east |strong="G0395", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" followed it |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" star |strong="G0792" went |strong="G2064" before |strong="G4254" them |strong="G0846" until |strong="G2193" it |strong="G0846" stopped |strong="G2476" above |strong="G1883" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G1722" where |strong="G3757" the |strong="G3588" child |strong="G3813" was |strong="G1510". <sup>10</sup> They |strong="G1161" were |strong="G3588" very |strong="G4970" happy and |strong="G1161" excited to |strong="G3708" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" star |strong="G0792".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="G3588" wise men |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614" where |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" child |strong="G3813" was |strong="G3588" with |strong="G3326" his |strong="G0846" mother |strong="G3384" Mary |strong="G3137". They |strong="G0846" bowed |strong="G4352" down |strong="G4098" and |strong="G2532" worshiped |strong="G4352" him |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" opened |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3588" boxes |strong="G4374" of |strong="G3384" gifts |strong="G1435" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2064" brought |strong="G4374" for |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" gave him |strong="G0846" treasures |strong="G2344" of |strong="G3384" gold |strong="G5557", frankincense |strong="G3030", and |strong="G2532" myrrh |strong="G4666". <sup>12</sup> But |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" warned |strong="G5537" the |strong="G3588" wise men |strong="G0243" in |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2532" dream |strong="G3677" not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G1519" go back |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" Herod |strong="G2264". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" went |strong="G0402" home to |strong="G1519" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G0846" country |strong="G5561" a |strong="G2532" different way |strong="G3598".

Jesus' Parents Take Him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" Egypt

<sup>13</sup> After |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" wise men |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0402", an |strong="G1510" angel |strong="G0032" from |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" came |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" Joseph |strong="G2501"



in|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1510" dream|strong="G3677". The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" said|strong="G3004", "Get|strong="G1453" up|strong="G1453"! Take|strong="G3880" the|strong="G3588" child|strong="G3813" with|strong="G2596" his|strong="G0846" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" escape|strong="G5343" to|strong="G1519" Egypt|strong="G0125". Herod|strong="G2264" wants to|strong="G1519" kill the|strong="G3588" child|strong="G3813" and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" soon start looking|strong="G2212" for|strong="G1063" him|strong="G0846". Stay in|strong="G1519" Egypt|strong="G0125" until|strong="G2193" I|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" come|strong="G3195" back|strong="G1519"."

<sup>14</sup> So|strong="G2532" Joseph got|strong="G1453" ready and|strong="G2532" left|strong="G0402" for|strong="G1519" Egypt|strong="G0125" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" child|strong="G3813" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" mother|strong="G3384". They|strong="G0846" left|strong="G0402" during|strong="G3571" the|strong="G3588" night|strong="G3571". <sup>15</sup> Joseph stayed|strong="G1510" in|strong="G2532" Egypt|strong="G0125" until|strong="G2193" Herod|strong="G2264" died|strong="G5054". This|strong="G3588" gave full|strong="G4137" meaning to|strong="G2443" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" said|strong="G3004" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396": "I|strong="G1473" called|strong="G2564" my|strong="G5259" son|strong="G5207" to|strong="G2443" come|strong="G1510" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G5207" Egypt|strong="G0125"."<sup>1</sup>

#### **Herod|strong="G2264" Kills the|strong="G3588" Baby Boys in|strong="G2532" Bethlehem**

<sup>16</sup> Herod|strong="G2264" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3956" wise men|strong="G3956" had|strong="G3739" fooled him|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3739" very|strong="G0846" angry. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" gave an|strong="G2532" order to|strong="G2596" kill|strong="G0337" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" baby boys in|strong="G1722" Bethlehem|strong="G0965" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" whole|strong="G3956" area|strong="G3725" around|strong="G2596" Bethlehem|strong="G0965".

<sup>1</sup> 2:15 Quote from Hosea 11:1.

Herod|strong="G2264" had|strong="G3739" learned from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" wise men|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" time|strong="G5550" the|strong="G3956" baby was|strong="G3739" born. It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3739" now|strong="G2532" two|strong="G1332" years|strong="G1332" from|strong="G0575" that|strong="G3754" time|strong="G5550". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2596" kill|strong="G0337" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" boys who|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3956" two|strong="G1332" years|strong="G1332" old|strong="G1332" and|strong="G2532" younger. <sup>17</sup> This|strong="G3588" gave full|strong="G4137" meaning to|strong="G3004" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396" Jeremiah|strong="G2408": <sup>18</sup> "A|strong="G1510" sound|strong="G5456" was|strong="G1510" heard|strong="G0191" in|strong="G1722" Ramah|strong="G4471"— bitter crying|strong="G2799" and|strong="G2532" great|strong="G4183" sadness.

Rachel|strong="G4478" cries for|strong="G3754" her|strong="G0846" children|strong="G5043", and|strong="G2532" she|strong="G0846" cannot|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" comforted|strong="G3870", because|strong="G3754" her|strong="G0846" children|strong="G5043" are|strong="G1510" gone."  
Jeremiah 31:15

#### **Joseph and|strong="G2532" Mary|strong="G0191" Return From|strong="G5456" Egypt**

<sup>19</sup> While|strong="G1722" Joseph|strong="G2501" was|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" Egypt|strong="G0125", Herod|strong="G2264" died|strong="G5053". An|strong="G0032" angel|strong="G0032" from|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" came to|strong="G2596" Joseph|strong="G2501" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3708" dream|strong="G3677"<sup>20</sup> and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Get|strong="G1453" up|strong="G1453"! Take|strong="G3880" the|strong="G3588" child|strong="G3813" with|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" Israel|strong="G2474". Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" trying|strong="G2212" to|strong="G1519" kill the|strong="G3588" child|strong="G3813" are|strong="G3588" now|strong="G2532" dead|strong="G2348"."

21 So Joseph took the child and the mother went to Israel. 22 But he heard that Archelaus was now king in Judea. Archelaus became king when his father Herod died. So Joseph was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he went away to the area of Galilee. 23 He went to a town called Nazareth and lived there. This gave full meaning to what God said through prophets. God said the Messiah I would be called a Nazarene. II

#### John Prepares the Way for Jesus

(Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-9, 15-17; John 1:19-28)

3 When it was the right time, John the Baptizer began telling people a message from God. This was out in the desert area of Judea. 2 John said, "Change your hearts and lives, because God's kingdom is now very near." III 3 John is

I THE MESSIAH Literally, "he." See "Messiah" in the Word List. II NAZARENE A person from the city of Nazareth. This name sounds like the Hebrew word for "branch." So Matthew may be referring to the

one Isaiah the prophet was talking about when he said, "There is someone shouting in the desert":  
 ' Prepare the way for the Lord the Lord of Hosts.  
 Make the straight road for him."

Isaiah 40:3

4 John's clothes were made from camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. For food, he ate locusts and wild honey. 5 People came to John from Jerusalem and the rest of Judea and all the areas along the Jordan River. 6 They confessed their bad things had done, and John baptized them in the Jordan.

7 Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to John where he was baptizing people. When John saw them, he said, "You are all snakes! Who warned you to run from God's judgment that is coming?" 8 Change your hearts! And show by

promise of a "branch" of David's family. See Isaiah 11:1. III IS NOW VERY NEAR Or "is coming soon" or "has come."

the **way** you **live** that **you** **have** **changed**.<sup>9</sup> I **know** what **you** **are** **thinking**. You **want** to **say**; **but** **Abraham** **is** **our** **father**! That **means** **nothing**. I **tell** **you**, **God** **could** **make** **children** **for** **Abraham** **from** **these** **rocks**.<sup>10</sup> The **ax** **is** **ready** **to** **cut** **the** **trees**.<sup>I</sup> Every **tree** **that** **does** **not** **produce** **good** **will** **be** **cut** **down** **and** **thrown** **into** **the** **fire**.

<sup>11</sup> I **baptize** **you** **with** **water** **to** **show** **that** **you** **have** **changed** **your** **hearts** **and** **lives**. **But** **there** **is** **someone** **coming** **later** **who** **is** **able** **to** **do** **more** **than** I **can**. I **am** **not** **good** **enough** **to** **be** **the** **slave** **who** **takes** **off** **his** **sandals**. **He** **will** **baptize** **you** **with** **the** **Holy** **Spirit** **and** **with** **fire**.<sup>12</sup> **He** **will** **come** **ready** **to** **clean** **the** **grain**.

I TREES The people who don't obey God. They are like "trees" that will be cut down.

**He** **will** **separate** **the** **good** **grain** **from** **the** **straw**, **and** **he** **will** **put** **the** **good** **part** **into** **his** **barn**. **Then** **he** **will** **burn** **the** **useless** **part** **with** **a** **fire** **that** **cannot** **be** **stopped**.

**Jesus** **Is** **Baptized** **by** **John**  
(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22)

<sup>13</sup> **Then** **Jesus** **came** **from** **Galilee** **to** **the** **Jordan** **River**. **He** **came** **to** **John**, **wanting** **John** **to** **baptize** **him**.<sup>14</sup> **But** **John** **tried** **to** **stop** **him**. **John** **said**, "Why **do** **you** **come** **to** **me** **to** **be** **baptized** **by** **I** **should** **be** **baptized** **by** **you**!"

<sup>15</sup> **Jesus** **answered**, "Let **it** **be** **this** **way** **for** **now**. **We** **should** **do** **whatever** **God** **says** **is** **right**." **Then** **John** **agreed**.

<sup>16</sup> **So** **Jesus** **was** **baptized**. **As** **soon** **as** **he** **came** **up** **out** **of** **the** **water**, **the** **sky** **opened**, **and** **he** **saw** **God's** **Spirit** **com-**

II CLEAN THE GRAIN Meaning that Jesus will separate the good people from those who are bad.

ing|strong="G2064" down|strong="G2597"  
 on|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846"  
 like|strong="G5616" a|strong="G3708"  
 dove|strong="G4058".<sup>17</sup> A|strong="G1510"  
 voice|strong="G5456" from|strong="G1537" heav-  
 en|strong="G3772" said|strong="G3004", "  
 This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510"  
 my|strong="G3708" Son|strong="G5207",  
 the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739"  
 I|strong="G1473" love|strong="G0027".  
 I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510"  
 very|strong="G3778" pleased|strong="G2106"  
 with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3739"."

### The Temptation of Jesus

(Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)

**4** Then|strong="G5119" the|strong="G3588"  
 Spirit|strong="G4151" led|strong="G0321" Je-  
 sus|strong="G2424" into|strong="G1519"  
 the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048".  
 He|strong="G5119" was|strong="G2424" taken there  
 to|strong="G1519" be tempted|strong="G3985"  
 by|strong="G5259" the|strong="G3588" dev-  
 il|strong="G1228".<sup>2</sup> Jesus|strong="G2532" ate noth-  
 ing for|strong="G2532" 40 days|strong="G2250"  
 and|strong="G2532" nights|strong="G3571". Af-  
 ter|strong="G2532" this|strong="G2532",  
 he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G2532"  
 very|strong="G2532" hungry|strong="G3983".<sup>3</sup>  
 The|strong="G3588" devil<sup>1</sup> came|strong="G4334"  
 to|strong="G2443" tempt|strong="G3985"  
 him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532"  
 said|strong="G3004", " If|strong="G1487"  
 you|strong="G1487" are|strong="G1510"  
 the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207"  
 of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316",  
 tell|strong="G3004" these|strong="G3778"  
 rocks|strong="G3037" to|strong="G2443" be-  
 come|strong="G1096" bread|strong="G0740"."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus|strong="G3004" answered|strong="G0611"  
 him|strong="G0444", " The|strong="G3956" Scrip-  
 tures say|strong="G3004",  
 ' It|strong="G1223" is|strong="G2316"  
 not|strong="G3756" just|strong="G3441"  
 bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3004" keeps  
 people|strong="G0444" alive|strong="G2198".

Their|strong="G3956" lives|strong="G2198" depend  
 on|strong="G1909" what|strong="G3588"  
 God|strong="G2316" says|strong="G3004"."

Deuteronomy 8:2

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" dev-  
 il|strong="G1228" led Jesus|strong="G0846"  
 to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588"  
 holy|strong="G0040" city|strong="G4172"  
 of|strong="G1909" Jerusalem and|strong="G2532"  
 put|strong="G2476" him|strong="G0846"  
 on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G2532" high

I THE DEVIL Literally, "The tempter."

place|strong="G0040" at|strong="G1909"  
 the|strong="G3588" edge of|strong="G1909"  
 the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" area.<sup>6</sup>  
 He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004"  
 to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846", "  
 If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G4771"  
 are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588"  
 Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207"  
 God|strong="G2316", jump off, be-  
 cause|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures  
 say|strong="G3004",  
 ' God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" com-  
 mand|strong="G1781" his|strong="G0846" an-  
 gels|strong="G0032" to|strong="G4314"  
 help|strong="G5495" you|strong="G4771",  
 and|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846"  
 hands|strong="G5495" will|strong="G2316" catch  
 you|strong="G4771",  
 so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754"  
 you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316"  
 not|strong="G1510" hit your|strong="G1487"  
 foot|strong="G4228" on|strong="G1909"  
 a|strong="G1510" rock."

Psalms 91:11-12

<sup>7</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G5346",  
 " The|strong="G3588" Scriptures also|strong="G0846"  
 say|strong="G5346", ' You|strong="G4771"  
 must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756"  
 test|strong="G1598" the|strong="G3588"  
 Lord|strong="G2962" your|strong="G2962"  
 God|strong="G2316"."<sup>II</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" dev-  
 il|strong="G1228" led Jesus|strong="G0846"  
 to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" top  
 of|strong="G0932" a|strong="G3825"  
 very|strong="G0846" high|strong="G5308" moun-  
 tain|strong="G3735" and|strong="G2532"  
 showed|strong="G1166" him|strong="G0846"  
 all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" king-  
 doms|strong="G0932" of|strong="G0932"  
 the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G2889"  
 and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956"  
 the|strong="G3956" wonderful  
 things|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1519"  
 them|strong="G0846".<sup>9</sup> The|strong="G3956" devil  
 said|strong="G3004", " If|strong="G1437"  
 you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3778"  
 bow|strong="G4352" down|strong="G4098"  
 and|strong="G2532" worship|strong="G4352"  
 me|strong="G1325", I|strong="G1473"  
 will|strong="G3778" give|strong="G1325"  
 you|strong="G4771" all|strong="G3956"  
 these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778"."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004"  
 to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", "  
 Get|strong="G5217" away|strong="G5217"  
 from|strong="G2424" me|strong="G3004", Sa-

II 4:7 Quote from Deuteronomy 6:16.

tan |strong="G4567"! The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say |strong="G3004";

' You |strong="G4771" must |strong="G3588" worship |strong="G4352" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" your |strong="G2962" God |strong="G2316".

Serve |strong="G3000" only |strong="G3441" him |strong="G0846"!''

Deuteronomy 6:13

11 So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" devil |strong="G1228" left |strong="G0863" him |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G2532" some |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032" came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" helped him |strong="G0846".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Begins His |strong="G0846" Work in |strong="G2532" Galilee**

(Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-15)

12 Jesus |strong="G0191" heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" John |strong="G2491" was |strong="G3588" put |strong="G3860" in |strong="G1519" prison, so |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3754" went |strong="G0402" back |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056".<sup>13</sup> But |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" did |strong="G2064" not |strong="G2532" stay in |strong="G1722" Nazareth |strong="G3478". He |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" live |strong="G2730" in |strong="G1722" Capernaum |strong="G2584", a |strong="G2064" town |strong="G2532" near |strong="G1722" Lake Galilee in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" area |strong="G3725" near |strong="G1722" Zebulun |strong="G2194" and |strong="G2532" Naphthali |strong="G3508".<sup>14</sup> He |strong="G3004" did this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2443" give |strong="G3004" full |strong="G4137" meaning to |strong="G2443" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" prophet |strong="G4396" Isaiah |strong="G2268" said |strong="G3004":

<sup>15</sup> "Listen, land |strong="G1093" of |strong="G1093" Zebulun |strong="G2194" and |strong="G2532" land |strong="G1093" of |strong="G1093" Naphthali |strong="G3508",

lands by |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598" that |strong="G1093" goes to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" sea |strong="G2281", the |strong="G3588" area past the |strong="G3588" Jordan |strong="G2446" River—

Galilee |strong="G1056", where those |strong="G3588" from |strong="G2532" other |strong="G4008" nations |strong="G1484" live.

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" who |strong="G3588" live |strong="G2521" in |strong="G1722" spiritual darkness |strong="G4655"

have |strong="G2532" seen |strong="G3708" a |strong="G3708" great |strong="G3173" light |strong="G5457".

The |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457" has |strong="G3708" shined for |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588"

who |strong="G3588" live |strong="G2521" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" land |strong="G5561" that |strong="G3708" is |strong="G3588" as |strong="G1722" dark |strong="G4653" as |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3708" grave."

Isaiah 9:1-2

<sup>17</sup> From |strong="G0575" that |strong="G3004" time |strong="G5119" Jesus |strong="G2424" began |strong="G0757" to |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" people |strong="G3588" his |strong="G2532" message: "Change your |strong="G2532" hearts and |strong="G2532" lives, because |strong="G1063" God's kingdom |strong="G0932" is |strong="G3772" now |strong="G2532" very |strong="G2532" near |strong="G1448".<sup>18</sup>

**Jesus |strong="G2424" Chooses Some |strong="G3588" Followers**

(Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11)

<sup>18</sup> As |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" walking |strong="G4043" by |strong="G3844" Lake |strong="G2281" Galilee |strong="G1056", he |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" two |strong="G1417" brothers |strong="G0080", Simon |strong="G4613" ( called |strong="G3004" Peter |strong="G4074") and |strong="G2532" Simon's |strong="G4613" brother |strong="G0080" Andrew |strong="G0406". These |strong="G3588" brothers |strong="G0080" were |strong="G1510" fishermen |strong="G0231", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" fishing in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" lake |strong="G2281" with |strong="G3844" a |strong="G1510" net.<sup>19</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", "Come |strong="G1205", follow |strong="G3694" me |strong="G3004", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G0444" make |strong="G4160" you |strong="G5210" a |strong="G4160" different kind of |strong="G0444" fishermen |strong="G0231". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G0444" bring |strong="G4160" in |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0444", not |strong="G4160" fish."<sup>20</sup> Simon |strong="G0846" and |strong="G1161" Andrew immediately |strong="G2112" left |strong="G0863" their |strong="G0846" nets |strong="G1350"

I IS NOW VERY NEAR Or "is coming soon" or "has come."

and **him** followed **him**.

<sup>21</sup> **Jesus** continued walking by **Lake Galilee**. **He** saw **two** other **brothers**, **James** and **John**, the sons of **Zebedee**. **They** were in **a** boat with their **father**, **Zebedee**. **They** were preparing their **nets** to catch fish. **Jesus** told the **brothers** to come with **him**. <sup>22</sup> So **they** left the boat and their **father**, and they followed **Jesus**.

**Jesus Teaches and Heals the People**  
(Luke 6:17-19)

<sup>23</sup> **Jesus** went everywhere in the country of **Galilee**. **He** taught in **the** synagogues and told the **Good News** about **God's** kingdom. And **he** healed **all** the **people's** diseases and sicknesses. <sup>24</sup> The **news** about **Jesus** spread over **Syria**, and **people** brought **him** all those **who** were sick. **They** were suffering from different kinds of diseases and pain. Some had demons inside them, some

suffered from seizures, and some were paralyzed. **Jesus** healed **them** all. Large crowds followed **him** — **people** from **Galilee**, the **Ten Towns**, **Jerusalem**, **Judea**, and the **area across** the **Jordan** River.

**Jesus Teaches the People**  
(Luke 6:20-23)

<sup>5</sup> When **Jesus** saw the crowds of **people** there, **he** went up **a** hill and sat down. His followers came and sat next to **him**. Then **Jesus** began teaching the **people**. **He** said, <sup>3</sup> "Great blessings belong to those **who** are **spiritually** in need. <sup>1</sup>

**God's** kingdom belongs to those **who** are in need.

<sup>4</sup> Great blessings belong to those **who** are sad now.

**God** will comfort them.

<sup>5</sup> Great blessings belong to those **who** are humble.

**They** will be given **land** **God** promised. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Great blessings belong to those **who** want to do **God's** will.

<sup>I</sup> THOSE ... IN NEED Literally, "the poor in spirit." <sup>II</sup> THEY WILL ... PROMISED This is the meaning of these words in Psalm 37:11. Here, they probably refer to a spiritual "promised land," but they can also mean "The earth will belong to them."

right|strong="G1343" more than|strong="G2532" anything else|strong="G2532".<sup>1</sup>

God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3748" fully satisfy|strong="G5526" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>7</sup> Great blessings belong to|strong="G0846" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" show|strong="G1653" mercy|strong="G1653" to|strong="G0846" others|strong="G3588".

Mercy|strong="G1653" will|strong="G3748" be given to|strong="G0846" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>8</sup> Great blessings belong to|strong="G0846" those|strong="G3588" whose|strong="G0846" thoughts are|strong="G3107" pure|strong="G2513".

They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2316" with|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>9</sup> Great blessings belong to|strong="G0846" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" work to|strong="G0846" bring peace.

God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" call|strong="G2564" them|strong="G0846" his|strong="G0846" sons|strong="G5207" and|strong="G2316" daughters.

<sup>10</sup> Great blessings belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G0846" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" suffer persecution for|strong="G3754" doing what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" right|strong="G1343".

God's|strong="G0846" kingdom|strong="G0932" belongs|strong="G1510" to|strong="G0846" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>11</sup> " People|strong="G3956" will|strong="G1510" insult|strong="G3679" you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G2532" hurt you|strong="G5210".

They|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" lie|strong="G5574" and|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3956" kinds|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956" evil|strong="G4190" things|strong="G3956" about|strong="G2596" you|strong="G5210" because|strong="G2596" you|strong="G5210" follow me|strong="G3004". But|strong="G2532" when|strong="G3752" they|strong="G2532" do|strong="G1510" that|strong="G3004", know that|strong="G3004" great|strong="G3956" blessings belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210".<sup>12</sup> Be|strong="G2532" happy about|strong="G1722" it|strong="G3779". Be|strong="G2532" very|strong="G4183" glad|strong="G5463" because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3779" great|strong="G4183" reward|strong="G3408" waiting for|strong="G1063" you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772". People|strong="G4183" did|strong="G1377" these|strong="G3748"

<sup>1</sup> I WANT ... MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE Literally, "hunger and thirst for righteousness."

same|strong="G3779" bad things|strong="G4183" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396" who|strong="G3588" lived before|strong="G4253" you|strong="G5210".

**You|strong="G5210" Are|strong="G3588" Like|strong="G3779" Salt and|strong="G2532" Light**  
(Mark 9:50; 4:21; Luke 14:34-35; 8:16)

<sup>13</sup> " You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" salt|strong="G0217" of|strong="G1093" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093". But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" the|strong="G3588" salt|strong="G0217" loses|strong="G3471" its|strong="G5259" taste, it|strong="G1437" cannot|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1510" made|strong="G3471" salty|strong="G0233" again|strong="G2089". Salt|strong="G0217" is|strong="G1510" useless if|strong="G1487" it|strong="G1437" loses|strong="G3471" its|strong="G5259" salty|strong="G0233" taste. It|strong="G1437" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" thrown|strong="G0906" out|strong="G1854" where|strong="G1722" people|strong="G0444" will|strong="G1510" just walk on|strong="G1722" it|strong="G1437".

<sup>14</sup> " You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457" that|strong="G1510" shines for|strong="G2749" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" to|strong="G1410" see. You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" like a|strong="G1510" city|strong="G4172" built on|strong="G1883" a|strong="G1510" hill|strong="G3735" that|strong="G1510" cannot|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" hidden|strong="G2928".<sup>15</sup> People|strong="G3956" don't|strong="G3761" hide a|strong="G5087" lamp|strong="G3088" under|strong="G5259" a|strong="G5087" bowl. They|strong="G0846" put|strong="G5087" it|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G5087" lampstand|strong="G3087". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" light|strong="G2545" shines|strong="G2989" for|strong="G1909" everyone|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" house|strong="G3614".<sup>16</sup> In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3779" way|strong="G3779", you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3708" light|strong="G5457" for|strong="G1722" other people|strong="G0444". Live so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3704" they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G0444" see|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G2570" things|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G3708" and|strong="G2532" praise|strong="G1392"

your |strong="G3708" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772".

**Jesus |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Old Testament Writings**

17 " Don't |strong="G3756" think |strong="G3543" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G3754" have |strong="G3748" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" destroy |strong="G2647" the |strong="G3588" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G3551" Moses or |strong="G2228" the |strong="G3588" teaching of |strong="G3551" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396". I |strong="G3754" have |strong="G3748" come |strong="G2064" not |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2064" destroy |strong="G2647" their |strong="G3754" teachings but |strong="G0235" to |strong="G2064" give |strong="G2064" full |strong="G4137" meaning to |strong="G2064" them |strong="G3754". 18 I |strong="G0281" assure you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3004" nothing |strong="G3756" will |strong="G3956" disappear from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" until |strong="G2193" heaven |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" earth |strong="G1093" are |strong="G3956" gone. The |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" will |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" lose even |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" smallest |strong="G1520" letter |strong="G2503" or |strong="G2228" the |strong="G3956" smallest |strong="G1520" part of |strong="G0575" a |strong="G1096" letter |strong="G2503" until |strong="G2193" it |strong="G2193" has |strong="G1096" all |strong="G3956" been |strong="G1096" done |strong="G1096".

19 " A |strong="G4160" person |strong="G0444" should |strong="G3778" obey |strong="G4160" every command |strong="G1785" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" law, even |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" that |strong="G3739" does |strong="G4160" not |strong="G4160" seem important |strong="G3173". Whoever |strong="G3739" refuses to |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G4160" any |strong="G3739" command |strong="G1785" and |strong="G2532" teaches |strong="G1321" others |strong="G0444" not |strong="G4160" to |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G4160" it |strong="G4160" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" least |strong="G1646" important |strong="G3173" in |strong="G1722" God's kingdom |strong="G0932". But |strong="G1161" whoever |strong="G3739" obeys |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" law and |strong="G2532" teaches |strong="G1321" others |strong="G0444" to |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G4160" it |strong="G4160" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532"

great |strong="G3173" in |strong="G1722" God's kingdom |strong="G0932". 20 I |strong="G1437" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" must |strong="G1525" do |strong="G3361" better |strong="G4052" than |strong="G4183" the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G0932" the |strong="G3588" law and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330". If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" more |strong="G4183" pleasing to |strong="G1519" God |strong="G3004" than |strong="G4183" they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G4183" never |strong="G3756" enter |strong="G1525" God's kingdom |strong="G0932".

**Jesus |strong="G3004" Teaches About |strong="G1519" Anger**

21 " You |strong="G3739" have |strong="G1510" heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" it |strong="G0191" was |strong="G1510" said |strong="G2046" to |strong="G0191" our |strong="G3739" people |strong="G1510" long |strong="G0744" ago |strong="G0744", ' You |strong="G3739" must |strong="G2046" not |strong="G3756" murder |strong="G5407" anyone |strong="G3739". 1 Any |strong="G3756" person who |strong="G3739" commits |strong="G5407" murder |strong="G5407" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" judged.' 22 But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", don't be |strong="G1510" angry |strong="G3710" with |strong="G1519" anyone |strong="G3956". If |strong="G0302" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" angry |strong="G3710" with |strong="G1519" others |strong="G3588", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" judged. And |strong="G1161" if |strong="G0302" you |strong="G5210" insult someone |strong="G3739", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" judged by |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" high court |strong="G2920". And |strong="G1161" if |strong="G0302" you |strong="G5210" call |strong="G3004" someone |strong="G3739" a |strong="G1510" fool |strong="G3474", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1519" danger of |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" fire |strong="G4442" of |strong="G3956" hell |strong="G1067".

23 " So |strong="G3767", what |strong="G3588" if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" offering |strong="G1435"

1 5:21 Quote from Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17.



your |strong="G1437" gift|strong="G1435" at|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379" and|strong="G0080" remember|strong="G3403" that|strong="G3754" someone|strong="G5100" has|strong="G2192" something|strong="G5100" against|strong="G2596" you|strong="G4771"? <sup>24</sup> Leave|strong="G0863" your|strong="G0863" gift|strong="G1435" there|strong="G1563" and|strong="G2532" go|strong="G5217" make|strong="G4374" peace with|strong="G2532" that|strong="G1435" person. Then|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" offer|strong="G4374" your|strong="G0863" gift|strong="G1435".

<sup>25</sup> " If|strong="G3379" anyone|strong="G0846" wants to|strong="G1519" take you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" court, make|strong="G2132" friends|strong="G2132" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846" quickly|strong="G5035". Try to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G1510" that|strong="G3748" before|strong="G2193" you|strong="G4771" get to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" court. If|strong="G3379" you|strong="G4771" don't, they|strong="G0846" might|strong="G2532" hand|strong="G3860" you|strong="G4771" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" judge|strong="G2923". And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" judge|strong="G2923" will|strong="G1510" hand|strong="G3860" you|strong="G4771" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1510" guard|strong="G5438", who|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1510" throw|strong="G0906" you|strong="G4771" into|strong="G1519" jail. <sup>26</sup> I|strong="G0281" assure you|strong="G4771" that|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3004" not|strong="G3756" leave|strong="G1831" there|strong="G1564" until|strong="G2193" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2078" paid|strong="G0591" everything you|strong="G4771" owe.

### Jesus|strong="G3004" Teaches About|strong="G3588" Sexual Sin

<sup>27</sup> " You|strong="G3754" have|strong="G3748" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" it|strong="G0191" was|strong="G3748" said|strong="G2046", ' You|strong="G3754" must|strong="G2046" not|strong="G3756" commit|strong="G3431" adultery|strong="G3431". <sup>128</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3754" if|strong="G3748" a|strong="G3004" man looks|strong="G0991" at|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3004"

woman|strong="G1135" and|strong="G1161" wants to|strong="G4314" sin sexually with|strong="G1722" her|strong="G0846", he|strong="G0846" has|strong="G3748" already|strong="G2235" committed|strong="G3431" that|strong="G3754" sin with|strong="G1722" her|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" mind|strong="G2588". <sup>29</sup> If|strong="G1487" your|strong="G3650" right|strong="G1188" eye|strong="G3788" makes|strong="G4624" you|strong="G4771" sin|strong="G4624", take|strong="G4624" it|strong="G0846" out|strong="G0575" and|strong="G2532" throw|strong="G0906" it|strong="G0846" away|strong="G4624". It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" better to|strong="G1519" lose|strong="G0622" one|strong="G1520" part|strong="G0846" of|strong="G0575" your|strong="G3650" body|strong="G4983" than|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2532" your|strong="G3650" whole|strong="G3650" body|strong="G4983" thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" hell|strong="G1067". <sup>30</sup> If|strong="G1487" your|strong="G3650" right|strong="G1188" hand|strong="G5495" makes|strong="G4624" you|strong="G4771" sin|strong="G4624", cut|strong="G1581" it|strong="G0846" off|strong="G1581" and|strong="G2532" throw|strong="G0906" it|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0565". It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" better to|strong="G1519" lose|strong="G0622" one|strong="G1520" part|strong="G0846" of|strong="G0575" your|strong="G3650" body|strong="G4983" than|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1063" your|strong="G3650" whole|strong="G3650" body|strong="G4983" to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G0565" into|strong="G1519" hell|strong="G1067".

### Jesus|strong="G0846" Teaches About|strong="G1519" Divorce

(Matthew 19:9; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18)

<sup>31</sup> " It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3739" also|strong="G1161" said|strong="G2046", ' Any|strong="G3739" man who|strong="G3739" divorces|strong="G0630" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135" must|strong="G1135" give|strong="G1325" her|strong="G0846" a|strong="G1325" written notice of|strong="G3588" divorce|strong="G0647". <sup>132</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3754" any|strong="G3956" man|strong="G4160" who|strong="G3739" divorces|strong="G0630" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135", ex-

I 5:27 Quote from Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18.

II 5:31 Quote from Deuteronomy 24:1.

cept|strong="G3924" for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3956" problem of|strong="G3056" sexual|strong="G4202" sin, is|strong="G3739" causing|strong="G4160" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135" to|strong="G3004" be|strong="G2532" guilty of|strong="G3056" adultery|strong="G3431". And|strong="G2532" whoever|strong="G3739" marries|strong="G1060" a|strong="G4160" divorced|strong="G0630" woman|strong="G1135" is|strong="G3739" guilty of|strong="G3056" adultery|strong="G3431".

### Jesus|strong="G0846" Teaches About|strong="G3588" Making|strong="G4160" Promises

33 " You|strong="G4771" have|strong="G3748" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" it|strong="G0191" was|strong="G3588" said|strong="G2046" to|strong="G3825" our|strong="G2962" people|strong="G3588" long|strong="G0744" ago|strong="G0744", ' When|strong="G1161" you|strong="G4771" make|strong="G1964" a|strong="G0191" vow, you|strong="G4771" must|strong="G2046" not|strong="G3756" break|strong="G1964" your|strong="G2962" promise. Keep the|strong="G3588" vows|strong="G1964" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" make|strong="G1964" to|strong="G3825" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962": I<sup>34</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", when|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G1510" promise, don't|strong="G3361" try to|strong="G3004" make|strong="G3660" it|strong="G1161" stronger with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1510" vow. Don't|strong="G3361" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G1510" vow using|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" name of|strong="G2316" heaven|strong="G3772", because|strong="G3754" heaven|strong="G3772" is|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" throne|strong="G2362".  
35 Don't make a|strong="G1510" vow using the|strong="G3588" name of|strong="G4172" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093", because|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" belongs|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".<sup>II</sup> Don't make a|strong="G1510" vow using the|strong="G3588" name of|strong="G4172" Jerusalem|strong="G2414", because|strong="G3754" it|strong="G0846" also|strong="G0846" belongs|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846", the|strong="G3588" great|strong="G3173" King|strong="G0935".<sup>36</sup> And|strong="G1520" don't|strong="G3756" even say

I See Leviticus 19:12; Num. 30:2; Deuteronomy 23:21. II THE EARTH ... HIM Literally, "it is the footstool of his feet."

that|strong="G3754" your|strong="G4160" own head|strong="G2776" is|strong="G3588" proof that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3748" keep|strong="G4160" your|strong="G4160" promise. You|strong="G4771" cannot|strong="G3756" make|strong="G4160" one|strong="G1520" hair|strong="G2359" on|strong="G1722" your|strong="G4160" head|strong="G2776" white|strong="G3022" or|strong="G2228" black|strong="G3189".<sup>37</sup> Say|strong="G3056" only|strong="G3756" 'yes' if you|strong="G5210" mean|strong="G1510" 'yes|strong="G3483"; and|strong="G1161" say|strong="G3056" only|strong="G3756" 'no' if you|strong="G5210" mean|strong="G1510" 'no|strong="G3756'. If you|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3056" more|strong="G4053" than|strong="G4053" that|strong="G3778", it|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Evil|strong="G4190" One|strong="G3778".

### Jesus|strong="G1510" Teaches About|strong="G3588" Fighting Back (Luke 6:29-30)

38 " You|strong="G3754" have|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" it|strong="G0191" was|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2046", ' An|strong="G2532" eye|strong="G3788" for|strong="G3754" an|strong="G2532" eye|strong="G3788", and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G0191" tooth|strong="G3599" for|strong="G3754" a|strong="G0191" tooth|strong="G3599":<sup>III39</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", don't|strong="G3361" fight back|strong="G1519" against|strong="G1519" someone|strong="G0243" who|strong="G3588" wants to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G3361" harm to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210". If|strong="G3748" they|strong="G0846" hit you|strong="G5210" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1188" cheek|strong="G4600", let|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" hit the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G0243" cheek|strong="G4600" too|strong="G2532".<sup>40</sup> If|strong="G2532" anyone|strong="G0846" wants|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" sue|strong="G2919" you|strong="G4771" in|strong="G2532" court and|strong="G2532" take|strong="G2983" your|strong="G0863" shirt|strong="G5509", let|strong="G0863" them|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" your|strong="G0863" coat|strong="G2440" too|strong="G2532".<sup>41</sup> If|strong="G3748" a|strong="G1520" soldier forces|strong="G0029"

III 5:38 Quote from Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20.

you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G2532" walk with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846" one |strong="G1520" mile |strong="G3400", I go |strong="G5217" with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846" two |strong="G1417".<sup>42</sup> Give |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2309" anyone who |strong="G3588" asks |strong="G0154" you |strong="G4771" for |strong="G0154" something. Don't |strong="G3361" refuse to |strong="G2309" give |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2309" anyone who |strong="G3588" wants |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" borrow |strong="G1155" from |strong="G0575" you |strong="G4771".

### Love Your |strong="G2532" Enemies

(Luke 6:27-28, 32-36)

<sup>43</sup> " You |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" it |strong="G0191" was |strong="G3588" said |strong="G2046", ' Love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" neighbor |strong="G4139"<sup>II</sup> and |strong="G2532" hate |strong="G3404" your |strong="G0025" enemy |strong="G2190"! <sup>44</sup> But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" enemies |strong="G2190". Pray |strong="G4336" for |strong="G5228" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" treat you |strong="G5210" badly. <sup>45</sup> If |strong="G3748" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G1096" this |strong="G3588", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G1096" children who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" truly |strong="G1722" like |strong="G0846" your |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772". He |strong="G2532" lets the |strong="G3588" sun |strong="G2246" rise |strong="G0393" for |strong="G3754" all |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846", whether |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" good |strong="G0018" or |strong="G2532" bad |strong="G4190". He |strong="G2532" sends |strong="G1026" rain |strong="G1026" to |strong="G1909" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G1096" right |strong="G1342" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G1096" wrong. <sup>46</sup> If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" love |strong="G0025" only |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" love |strong="G0025" you |strong="G5210", why |strong="G5101" should |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" get |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" re-

I ONE MILE Literally, "one million from Leviticus 19:18.

II 5:43 Quote

ward |strong="G3408" for |strong="G1063" that |strong="G0846"? Even |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" tax |strong="G5057" collectors |strong="G5057" do |strong="G4160" that |strong="G0846".<sup>47</sup> And |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" nice only |strong="G3440" to |strong="G2532" your |strong="G1437" friends, you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" no |strong="G3780" better than |strong="G4053" anyone |strong="G1437" else |strong="G2532". Even |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" don't know God |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" nice to |strong="G2532" their |strong="G0846" friends. <sup>48</sup> What |strong="G3588" I |strong="G3767" am |strong="G1510" saying is |strong="G1510" that |strong="G5613" you |strong="G5210" must |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" perfect |strong="G5046", just |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" your |strong="G3767" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G5613" heaven |strong="G3770" is |strong="G1510" perfect |strong="G5046".

### Jesus Teaches About Giving

<sup>6</sup> " Be |strong="G0444" careful |strong="G4337"! When |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4160" something good, don't |strong="G3756" do |strong="G4160" it |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" front |strong="G1715" of |strong="G3962" others |strong="G0444" so |strong="G1161" that |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0444" see |strong="G2300" you |strong="G5210". If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4160" that |strong="G0846", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G0444" have |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3756" reward |strong="G3408" from |strong="G3844" your |strong="G2192" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772".

<sup>2</sup> " When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G5210" give |strong="G4160" to |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" poor, don't |strong="G3361" announce that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" giving |strong="G1654". Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" like |strong="G5618" the |strong="G3588" hypocrites |strong="G5273". When |strong="G3752" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" synagogues |strong="G4864" and |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" streets |strong="G4505", they |strong="G0846" blow |strong="G4537" trumpets be-

fore |strong="G1715" they |strong="G0846" give |strong="G4160" so |strong="G3767" that |strong="G3004" people |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" see them |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" want everyone to |strong="G3004" praise |strong="G1392" them |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G0444", that's all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" reward |strong="G3408" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0444" get. <sup>3</sup> So |strong="G1161" when |strong="G1161" you |strong="G4771" give |strong="G4160" to |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" poor, don't |strong="G3361" let |strong="G1097" anyone know |strong="G1097" what |strong="G5101" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" doing |strong="G4160". <sup>14</sup> Your |strong="G2532" giving |strong="G1654" should |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" done in |strong="G1722" private. Your |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962" can see |strong="G0991" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" done in |strong="G1722" private, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" reward |strong="G0591" you |strong="G4771".

### Jesus |strong="G1510" Teaches About |strong="G1722"

#### Prayer

(Luke 11:2-4)

<sup>5</sup> " When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G5210" pray |strong="G4336", don't |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" hypocrites |strong="G5273". They |strong="G0846" love |strong="G5368" to |strong="G3004" stand |strong="G2476" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" synagogues |strong="G4864" and |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" street |strong="G4116" corners |strong="G1137" and |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G4336" loudly. They |strong="G0846" want people |strong="G0444" to |strong="G3004" see them |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G1510", that's all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" reward |strong="G3408" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" get. <sup>6</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3752" you |strong="G4771" pray |strong="G4336", you |strong="G4771" should |strong="G2532" go |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" room |strong="G5009" and |strong="G2532" close |strong="G2808" the |strong="G3588" door |strong="G2374". Then |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G4336" to |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588"

I DON'T ... DOING Literally, "don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

there |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" that |strong="G0991" private place |strong="G1722". He |strong="G2532" can see |strong="G0991" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" done in |strong="G1722" private, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" reward |strong="G0591" you |strong="G4771".

<sup>7</sup> " And |strong="G1161" when |strong="G1161" you |strong="G3754" pray |strong="G4336", don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3361" like |strong="G5618" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" don't |strong="G3361" know God |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" say the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" things |strong="G0846" again and |strong="G1161" again. They |strong="G0846" think |strong="G1380" that |strong="G3754" if |strong="G3748" they |strong="G0846" say it |strong="G0846" enough, their |strong="G0846" god |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3748" hear them |strong="G0846". <sup>8</sup> Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3767" like |strong="G3666" them |strong="G0846". Your |strong="G2192" Father |strong="G3962" knows |strong="G1492" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" need |strong="G5532" before |strong="G4253" you |strong="G5210" ask |strong="G0154" him |strong="G0846". <sup>9</sup> So |strong="G3767" this |strong="G3779" is |strong="G3772" how |strong="G3779" you |strong="G5210" should pray |strong="G4336".

' Our |strong="G1722" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772", we |strong="G2249" pray |strong="G4336" that |strong="G3767" your |strong="G1722" name |strong="G3686" will |strong="G3962" always be |strong="G3767" kept holy |strong="G0037".

<sup>10</sup> We |strong="G2532" pray that |strong="G1096" your |strong="G2532" kingdom |strong="G0932" will |strong="G2307" come |strong="G2064"— that |strong="G1096" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" want |strong="G2307" will |strong="G2307" be |strong="G1096" done |strong="G1096" here |strong="G1722" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093", the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" as |strong="G5613" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772".

<sup>11</sup> Give |strong="G1325" us |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" food |strong="G0740" we |strong="G2249" need for |strong="G0740" today |strong="G4594".

<sup>12</sup> Forgive |strong="G0863" our |strong="G2532" sins,

just |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2532" forgiven |strong="G0863" those |strong="G3588"

who |strong="G3588" did |strong="G0863" wrong to |strong="G2532" us |strong="G0863".

<sup>13</sup> Don't |strong="G3361" let us |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" tempted,

but |strong="G0235" save us |strong="G1519" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" Evil |strong="G4190" One |strong="G3588"! <sup>1</sup>  
<sup>14</sup> Yes |strong="G1063", if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" forgive |strong="G0863" others |strong="G0444" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" wrongs they |strong="G0846" do |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210", then |strong="G2532" your |strong="G1437" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G2532" heaven |strong="G3770" will |strong="G0444" also |strong="G2532" forgive |strong="G0863" your |strong="G1437" wrongs.

<sup>15</sup> But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3361" forgive |strong="G0863" others |strong="G0444", then |strong="G1161" your |strong="G1437" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1161" heaven will |strong="G0444" not |strong="G3361" forgive |strong="G0863" the |strong="G3588" wrongs you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G3361".

### Jesus |strong="G0863" Teaches About |strong="G3588" Fasting

<sup>16</sup> " When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G5210" fast |strong="G3522", don't |strong="G3361" make |strong="G3361" yourselves |strong="G0846" look |strong="G5316" sad |strong="G4659" like |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" hypocrites |strong="G5273". They |strong="G0846" put |strong="G1096" a |strong="G5613" look |strong="G5316" of |strong="G0444" suffering on |strong="G1161" their |strong="G0846" faces |strong="G4383" so |strong="G1161" that |strong="G3004" people |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" see they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" fasting |strong="G3522". The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G0444", that's all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" reward |strong="G3408" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0444" get |strong="G1096". <sup>17</sup> So |strong="G2532" when |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" fast |strong="G3522", wash |strong="G3538" your |strong="G2532" face |strong="G4383" and |strong="G2532" make yourself |strong="G4771" look nice. <sup>18</sup> Then |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" know you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" fasting |strong="G3522", except |strong="G3361" your |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962", who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G0444"

<sup>1</sup> Some Greek copies add: "For the kingdom and the power and the glory belong to you forever and ever. Amen."

with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G4771" even |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" private. He |strong="G2532" can see |strong="G0991" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G0444" done in |strong="G1722" private, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" reward |strong="G0591" you |strong="G4771".

### You |strong="G4771" Cannot |strong="G3361" Serve Two Masters

(Luke 12:33-34; 11:34-36; 16:13)

<sup>19</sup> " Don't |strong="G3361" save |strong="G2343" treasures |strong="G2344" for |strong="G1909" yourselves |strong="G4771" here |strong="G3699" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093". Moths and |strong="G2532" rust |strong="G1035" will |strong="G1093" destroy |strong="G0853" them |strong="G1909". And |strong="G2532" thieves |strong="G2812" can break |strong="G1358" into |strong="G1909" your |strong="G2532" house and |strong="G2532" steal |strong="G2813" them |strong="G1909". <sup>20</sup> Instead |strong="G1161", save |strong="G2343" your |strong="G2532" treasures |strong="G2344" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772", where |strong="G3699" they |strong="G2532" cannot |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2532" destroyed by |strong="G1722" moths or |strong="G3761" rust |strong="G1035" and |strong="G2532" where |strong="G3699" thieves |strong="G2812" cannot |strong="G3756" break |strong="G1358" in |strong="G1722" and |strong="G2532" steal |strong="G2813" them |strong="G1722". <sup>21</sup> Your |strong="G2532" heart |strong="G2588" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" where |strong="G3699" your |strong="G2532" treasure |strong="G2344" is |strong="G1510".

<sup>22</sup> " The |strong="G3588" only source of |strong="G4983" light |strong="G5460" for the |strong="G3588" body |strong="G4983" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" eye |strong="G3788". If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G4771" look at |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1510" and |strong="G4983" want to |strong="G1510" help them |strong="G1510", you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" full |strong="G5460" of |strong="G4983" light |strong="G5460". <sup>23</sup> But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G4771" look at |strong="G1722" people |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" selfish way |strong="G1722", you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" full |strong="G4652" of |strong="G4983" darkness |strong="G4655". And |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G1487" light |strong="G5457" you |strong="G4771"

have|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" really dark-  
ness|strong="G4655"; you|strong="G4771"  
have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" worst kind  
of|strong="G4983" darkness|strong="G4655".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>24</sup> " You|strong="G2532" cannot|strong="G3756"  
serve|strong="G1398" two|strong="G1417" mas-  
ters|strong="G2962" at|strong="G2316"  
the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G2532" time.  
You|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316"  
hate|strong="G3404" one|strong="G1520"  
and|strong="G2532" love|strong="G0025"  
the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G2087";  
or|strong="G2228" you|strong="G2532"  
will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" loyal  
to|strong="G1410" one|strong="G1520"  
and|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" care  
about|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" oth-  
er|strong="G2087". You|strong="G2532" can-  
not|strong="G3756" serve|strong="G1398"  
God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" Mon-  
ey|strong="G3126"<sup>II</sup> at|strong="G2316"  
the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G2532" time.

**Put God's|strong="G2316" Kingdom  
First|strong="G1520"**  
(Luke 12:22-34)

<sup>25</sup> " So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532"  
tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210",  
don't|strong="G3361" worry|strong="G3309"  
about|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588"  
things|strong="G3778" you|strong="G5210" need  
to|strong="G3004" live— what|strong="G5101"  
you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510"  
eat|strong="G2068", drink, or|strong="G3366" wear.  
Life|strong="G5590" is|strong="G1510"  
more|strong="G4183" important  
than|strong="G4183" food|strong="G5160",  
and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
body|strong="G4983" is|strong="G1510"  
more|strong="G4183" important  
than|strong="G4183" what|strong="G5101"  
you|strong="G5210" put|strong="G1746"  
on|strong="G1510" it|strong="G1223".<sup>26</sup>  
Look|strong="G1689" at|strong="G1519"  
the|strong="G3588" birds|strong="G4071".  
They|strong="G0846" don't|strong="G3756" plant,  
harvest, or|strong="G3761" save food  
in|strong="G1519" barns|strong="G0596",  
but|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" heav-  
enly|strong="G3770" Father|strong="G3962"  
feeds|strong="G5142" them|strong="G0846".  
Don't|strong="G3756" you|strong="G5210" know  
you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588"

<sup>1</sup> Literally, <sup>22</sup> \*The lamp of the body is the eye. So, if your eye is pure, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> \*But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be dark. So, if the light in you is darkness, how much is the darkness."<sup>II</sup> MONEY Or " mamona

worth|strong="G1308" much|strong="G3123"  
more|strong="G3123" than|strong="G2532"  
they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588"?<sup>27</sup>  
You|strong="G5210" cannot|strong="G1410"  
add|strong="G4369" any|strong="G1909"  
time|strong="G1909" to|strong="G1909"  
your|strong="G3588" life|strong="G2244"  
by|strong="G1537" worrying|strong="G3309"  
about|strong="G1909" it|strong="G0846".

<sup>28</sup> " And|strong="G2532" why|strong="G5101"  
do|strong="G3309" you|strong="G4459" wor-  
ry|strong="G3309" about|strong="G4012"  
clothes|strong="G1742"? Look at|strong="G4012"  
the|strong="G3588" wildflowers in|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" field|strong="G0068". See  
how|strong="G4459" they|strong="G2532"  
grow|strong="G0837". They|strong="G2532"  
don't|strong="G3756" work|strong="G2872"  
or|strong="G3761" make|strong="G3756"  
clothes|strong="G1742" for|strong="G4012" them-  
selves.<sup>29</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3778"  
tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210"  
that|strong="G3754" even|strong="G3761"  
Solomon|strong="G4672", the|strong="G3956"  
great|strong="G3956" and|strong="G1161" rich king,  
was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3761"  
dressed|strong="G4016" as|strong="G5613" beauti-  
fully as|strong="G5613" one|strong="G1520"  
of|strong="G1391" these|strong="G3778" flowers.<sup>30</sup>  
If|strong="G1487" God|strong="G2316" makes  
what|strong="G3588" grows in|strong="G1519"  
the|strong="G3588" field|strong="G0068"  
so|strong="G2532" beautiful, what|strong="G3588"  
do|strong="G1510" you|strong="G5210" think  
he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316"  
do|strong="G1510" for|strong="G1519"  
you|strong="G5210"? It's just|strong="G2532"  
grass|strong="G5528"— one|strong="G3588"  
day|strong="G4594" it's alive, and|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" next|strong="G0839"  
day|strong="G4594" someone throws  
it|strong="G1161" into|strong="G1519"  
a|strong="G1510" fire. But|strong="G1161"  
God|strong="G2316" cares enough|strong="G4183"  
to|strong="G1519" make|strong="G3756"  
it|strong="G1161" beautiful. Surely  
he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316"  
do|strong="G1510" much|strong="G4183"  
more|strong="G3123" for|strong="G1519"  
you|strong="G5210". Your|strong="G1487" faith  
is|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2532" small!  
<sup>31</sup> " Don't|strong="G3361" worry|strong="G3309"  
and|strong="G2068" say|strong="G3004", '   
What|strong="G5101" will|strong="G5101"  
we|strong="G3767" eat|strong="G2068"?  
or|strong="G2228" ' What|strong="G5101"  
will|strong="G5101" we|strong="G3767"  
drink|strong="G4095"? or|strong="G2228" ' "

What |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" we |strong="G3767" wear |strong="G4016"? <sup>32</sup> That's what |strong="G3588" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484" who |strong="G3588" don't know |strong="G1492" God |strong="G3962" are |strong="G3956" always |strong="G3956" thinking about |strong="G3588". Don't worry, because |strong="G3754" your |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G3956" heaven |strong="G3770" knows |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" need |strong="G5535" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778". <sup>33</sup> What |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2212" want |strong="G2212" most is |strong="G3778" God's |strong="G0846" kingdom |strong="G0932" and |strong="G2532" doing what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" wants you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2212" do |strong="G2532". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3778" give you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" other |strong="G1161" things |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" need. <sup>34</sup> So |strong="G3767" don't |strong="G3361" worry |strong="G3309" about |strong="G1519" tomorrow |strong="G0839". Each |strong="G1438" day |strong="G2250" has |strong="G0846" enough |strong="G0713" trouble |strong="G2549" of |strong="G2250" its |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438". Tomorrow |strong="G0839" will |strong="G2250" have |strong="G3588" its |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" worries.

### Be Careful About Criticizing Others

(Luke 6:37-38, 41-42)

**7** " Don't |strong="G3361" judge |strong="G2919" others, and |strong="G2919" God will not |strong="G3361" judge |strong="G2919" you |strong="G3361". <sup>2</sup> If |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" judge |strong="G2919" others |strong="G3739", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532" judged |strong="G2919" the |strong="G2532" same |strong="G3739" way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" judge |strong="G2919" them |strong="G1722". God will |strong="G3739" treat you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G2532" same |strong="G3739" way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" treat others |strong="G3739".

<sup>3</sup> Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G5101" you |strong="G4771" notice |strong="G2657" the |strong="G3588" small piece of |strong="G1722" dust that |strong="G0991" is |strong="G5101" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G4674" friend's eye |strong="G3788", but |strong="G1161" you |strong="G4771" don't |strong="G3756" notice |strong="G2657" the |strong="G3588" big piece

of |strong="G1722" wood that |strong="G0991" is |strong="G5101" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G4674" own |strong="G3788"? <sup>4</sup> Why |strong="G4459" do |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" your |strong="G0863" friend, ' Let |strong="G0863" me |strong="G3004" take that |strong="G3004" piece of |strong="G1537" dust out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G0863" eye? Look |strong="G2400" at |strong="G1722" yourself |strong="G4771" first! You |strong="G4771" still have |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3004" big piece of |strong="G1537" wood in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G0863" own |strong="G3788" eye |strong="G3788". <sup>5</sup> You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2532" hypocrite |strong="G5273"! First |strong="G4413", take the |strong="G3588" wood out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G3788" eye |strong="G3788". Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G2532" see |strong="G1227" clearly |strong="G1227" to |strong="G2532" get the |strong="G3588" dust out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G2532" friend's eye |strong="G3788".

<sup>6</sup> Don't |strong="G3361" give |strong="G1325" something that |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040" to |strong="G2532" dogs |strong="G2965". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" only |strong="G2532" turn |strong="G4762" and |strong="G2532" hurt you |strong="G5210". And |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3361" throw |strong="G0906" your |strong="G2532" pearls |strong="G3135" to |strong="G2532" pigs |strong="G5519". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" only |strong="G2532" step on |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846".

### Ask God |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1722" What |strong="G3588" You |strong="G5210" Need

(Luke 11:9-13)

<sup>7</sup> Continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2212" ask |strong="G0154", and |strong="G2532" God |strong="G1325" will |strong="G2532" give |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2212" you |strong="G5210". Continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2212" search |strong="G2212", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" find |strong="G2147". Continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2212" knock |strong="G2925", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" door will |strong="G2532" open |strong="G0455" for |strong="G2212" you |strong="G5210". <sup>8</sup> Yes |strong="G1063", whoever |strong="G3588" continues to |strong="G2212" ask |strong="G0154" will |strong="G3956" re-

ceive/strong="G2983". Whoever/strong="G3588" continues to/strong="G2212" look will/strong="G3956" find/strong="G2147". And/strong="G2532" whoever/strong="G3588" continues to/strong="G2212" knock/strong="G2925" will/strong="G3956" have/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" door opened/strong="G0455" for/strong="G1063" them/strong="G2147".

<sup>9</sup> " Do/strong="G1510" any/strong="G3739" of/strong="G5207" you/strong="G5210" have/strong="G1510" a/strong="G1510" son/strong="G5207"? If he/strong="G0846" asked/strong="G0154" for/strong="G0154" bread/strong="G0740", would/strong="G0846" you/strong="G5210" give/strong="G1929" him/strong="G0846" a/strong="G1510" rock? <sup>10</sup> Or/strong="G2228" if/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" asked/strong="G0154" for/strong="G0154" a/strong="G2228" fish/strong="G2486", would/strong="G0846" you/strong="G2532" give/strong="G1929" him/strong="G0846" a/strong="G2228" snake/strong="G3789"? Of/strong="G2228" course not/strong="G3361"! <sup>11</sup> You/strong="G5210" people/strong="G0846" are/strong="G1510" so/strong="G3767" bad/strong="G4190", but/strong="G1487" you/strong="G5210" still/strong="G3123" know/strong="G1492" how/strong="G4214" to/strong="G1722" give/strong="G1325" good/strong="G0018" things/strong="G0018" to/strong="G1722" your/strong="G1487" children/strong="G5043". So/strong="G3767" surely your/strong="G1487" heavenly/strong="G3772" Father/strong="G3962" will/strong="G1510" give/strong="G1325" good/strong="G0018" things/strong="G0018" to/strong="G1722" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" ask/strong="G0154" him/strong="G0846".

#### A/strong="G1510" Very/strong="G0846" Important Rule

<sup>12</sup> " Do/strong="G4160" for/strong="G1063" others/strong="G0444" what/strong="G3588" you/strong="G5210" would/strong="G0846" want/strong="G2309" them/strong="G0846" to/strong="G2443" do/strong="G4160" for/strong="G1063" you/strong="G5210". This/strong="G3778" is/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3956" meaning of/strong="G3551" the/strong="G3956" Law/strong="G3551" of/strong="G3551" Moses/strong="G0846" and/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" teaching of/strong="G3551" the/strong="G3956" prophets/strong="G4396".

The/strong="G3956" Way/strong="G3779" to/strong="G2443" Heaven and/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" Way/strong="G3779" to/strong="G2443" Hell  
(Luke 13:24)

<sup>13</sup> " You/strong="G3754" can enter/strong="G1525" true life only/strong="G2532" through/strong="G1223" the/strong="G3588" narrow/strong="G4728" gate/strong="G4439". The/strong="G3588" gate/strong="G4439" to/strong="G1519" hell is/strong="G1510" very/strong="G0846" wide/strong="G4116", and/strong="G2532" there/strong="G1510" is/strong="G1510" plenty of/strong="G1223" room on/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" road/strong="G3598" that/strong="G3754" leads/strong="G0520" there/strong="G1510". Many/strong="G4183" people/strong="G0846" go/strong="G1525" that/strong="G3754" way/strong="G3598". <sup>14</sup> But/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" gate/strong="G4439" that/strong="G3754" opens the/strong="G3588" way/strong="G3598" to/strong="G1519" true life/strong="G2222" is/strong="G1510" narrow/strong="G4728". And/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" road/strong="G3598" that/strong="G3754" leads/strong="G0520" there/strong="G1510" is/strong="G1510" hard to/strong="G1519" follow. Only/strong="G2532" a/strong="G1510" few/strong="G3641" people/strong="G0846" find/strong="G2147" it/strong="G0846".

What/strong="G3588" People/strong="G0846" Do/strong="G1510" Shows What/strong="G3588" They/strong="G0846" Are/strong="G1510"  
(Luke 6:43-44; 13:25-27)

<sup>15</sup> " Be/strong="G1510" careful/strong="G4337" of/strong="G0575" false/strong="G5578" prophets/strong="G5578". They/strong="G1161" come/strong="G2064" to/strong="G4314" you/strong="G5210" and/strong="G1161" look gentle like/strong="G4314" sheep/strong="G4263". But/strong="G1161" they/strong="G1161" are/strong="G1510" really dangerous like/strong="G4314" wolves/strong="G3074". <sup>16</sup> You/strong="G1438" will/strong="G0846" know/strong="G1921" these/strong="G3588" people/strong="G0846" because/strong="G0575" of/strong="G0575" what/strong="G3588" they/strong="G0846" do/strong="G2228". Good things/strong="G0846" don't come from/strong="G0575" people/strong="G0846" who/strong="G3588" are/strong="G3588" bad, just/strong="G0846" as/strong="G1438" grapes/strong="G4718" don't come from/strong="G0575" thornbushes,



and|strong="G0846" figs|strong="G4810" don't come from|strong="G0575" thorny weeds. <sup>17</sup> In|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G3779" way|strong="G3779", every|strong="G3956" good|strong="G0018" tree|strong="G1186" produces|strong="G4160" good|strong="G0018" fruit|strong="G2590", and|strong="G1161" bad|strong="G4190" trees|strong="G1186" produce|strong="G4160" bad|strong="G4190" fruit|strong="G2590". <sup>18</sup> A|strong="G4160" good|strong="G0018" tree|strong="G1186" cannot|strong="G3756" produce|strong="G4160" bad|strong="G4190" fruit|strong="G2590", and|strong="G4160" a|strong="G4160" bad|strong="G4190" tree|strong="G1186" cannot|strong="G3756" produce|strong="G4160" good|strong="G0018" fruit|strong="G2590". <sup>19</sup> Every|strong="G3956" tree|strong="G1186" that|strong="G3956" does|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3361" produce|strong="G4160" good|strong="G2570" fruit|strong="G2590" is|strong="G2532" cut|strong="G1581" down|strong="G1581" and|strong="G2532" thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" fire|strong="G4442". <sup>20</sup> You|strong="G1438" will|strong="G0846" know|strong="G1921" these|strong="G3588" false people|strong="G0846" by|strong="G0575" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" do. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>21</sup> "Not|strong="G3756" everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" calls|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G2307" enter|strong="G1525" God's kingdom|strong="G0932". The|strong="G3956" only|strong="G3756" people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2307" enter|strong="G1525" are|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" my|strong="G3956" Father|strong="G3962" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" wants|strong="G2307". <sup>22</sup> On|strong="G1722" that|strong="G1565" last Day|strong="G2250" many|strong="G4183" will|strong="G2962" call|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" Lord|strong="G2962". They|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" say|strong="G3004", ' Lord|strong="G2962", Lord|strong="G2962', by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G2250" your|strong="G4674" name|strong="G3686" we|strong="G2532" spoke|strong="G3004" for|strong="G1722" God|strong="G3004". And|strong="G2532" by|strong="G1722" your|strong="G4674" name|strong="G3686" we|strong="G2532" forced|strong="G1544"

<sup>1</sup> BY WHAT THEY DO Literally, "by their fruits."

out|strong="G1544" demons|strong="G1140" and|strong="G2532" did|strong="G4160" many|strong="G4183" miracles|strong="G1411". <sup>23</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3748" tell those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" clearly, 'Get away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" me|strong="G1473", you|strong="G5210" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G2532" wrong. I|strong="G1473" never|strong="G3763" knew|strong="G1097" you|strong="G5210".'

### Two Kinds of|strong="G0575" People|strong="G0846" (Luke 6:47-49)

<sup>24</sup> "Whoever|strong="G3748" hears|strong="G0191" these|strong="G3778" teachings of|strong="G3056" mine|strong="G1473" and|strong="G2532" obeys|strong="G4160" them|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3778" like|strong="G3666" a|strong="G4160" wise|strong="G5429" man|strong="G0435" who|strong="G3588" built|strong="G3618" his|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614" on|strong="G1909" rock|strong="G4073". <sup>25</sup> It|strong="G2532" rained hard, the|strong="G3588" floods|strong="G4215" came|strong="G2064", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" winds|strong="G0417" blew|strong="G4154" and|strong="G2532" beat|strong="G4154" against|strong="G1909" that|strong="G1565" house|strong="G3614". But|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532" did|strong="G2064" not|strong="G3756" fall|strong="G4098" because|strong="G1063" it|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" built on|strong="G1909" rock|strong="G4073".

<sup>26</sup> "Whoever|strong="G3748" hears|strong="G0191" these|strong="G3778" teachings of|strong="G3056" mine|strong="G1473" and|strong="G2532" does|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3361" obey|strong="G4160" them|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3778" like|strong="G3666" a|strong="G4160" foolish|strong="G3474" man|strong="G0435" who|strong="G3588" built|strong="G3618" his|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614" on|strong="G1909" sand|strong="G0285". <sup>27</sup> It|strong="G0846" rained hard, the|strong="G3588" floods|strong="G4215" came|strong="G2064", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" winds|strong="G0417" blew|strong="G4154" and|strong="G2532" beat|strong="G4154" against|strong="G4350" that|strong="G1565" house|strong="G3614". And|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846" fell|strong="G4098" with|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" loud|strong="G3173" crash."

28 When Jesus finished speaking, the people were amazed at his teaching. 29 He did not teach like their teachers of the law. He taught someone who has authority.

### Jesus Heals a Sick Man (Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16)

8 Jesus came down from the hill, and a large crowd followed him. Then a man sick with leprosy came to him. The man bowed down before Jesus and said, "Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want."

3 Jesus touched the man. He said, "I want you to heal you. Be healed!" Immediately the man was healed from his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone about what happened to you, and let the priest look at you. And offer the gift that Moses commanded for people

who are well. This will show everyone that you are healed."

### Jesus Heals an Officer's Servant

(Luke 7:1-10; John 4:43-54)

5 Jesus went to the city of Capernaum. When he entered the city, an army officer came to him and begged the officer for help. 6 The officer said, "Lord, my servant is very sick at home in bed. He can't move his body and has much pain."

7 Jesus said to the officer, "I will go and heal him."

8 The officer answered, "Lord, I am not good enough for you to come into my house. You need only give me my servant, and he will be healed." 9 I know this, because I understand authority over me, and I have soldiers under my authority. I tell

I LET THE PRIEST LOOK AT YOU The Law of Moses said a priest must decide when a person with leprosy was well.

one |strong="G3778" soldier |strong="G4757"; ' Go |strong="G4198"; and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" goes |strong="G4198". I |strong="G1473" tell |strong="G3004" another |strong="G0243" soldier |strong="G4757"; ' Come |strong="G2064"; ' and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" comes |strong="G2064". I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" my |strong="G5259" servant |strong="G1401"; ' Do |strong="G4160" this |strong="G3778"; and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G5259" servant |strong="G1401" obeys |strong="G4160" me |strong="G3004"."

<sup>10</sup> When |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588", he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" amazed |strong="G2296". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0191"; " The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G3588", this |strong="G3588" man has |strong="G4102" more faith |strong="G4102" than |strong="G3844" anyone I |strong="G0281" have |strong="G2532" found |strong="G2147", even |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" Israel |strong="G2474". <sup>11</sup> Many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G4183" will |strong="G4183" come |strong="G2240" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" east |strong="G0395" and |strong="G2532" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" west |strong="G1424". These |strong="G3748" people |strong="G4183" will |strong="G4183" sit |strong="G0347" and |strong="G2532" eat with |strong="G3326" Abraham |strong="G0011", Isaac |strong="G2464", and |strong="G2532" Jacob |strong="G2384" in |strong="G1722" God's kingdom |strong="G0932".

<sup>12</sup> And |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" should |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" kingdom |strong="G0932" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" thrown out |strong="G1831". They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" thrown outside |strong="G1544" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" darkness |strong="G4655", where |strong="G1519" people |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" cry and |strong="G2532" grind their |strong="G2532" teeth |strong="G3599" with |strong="G2532" pain."

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" officer, " Go |strong="G5217" home. Your |strong="G2532" servant |strong="G3816" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1096" healed |strong="G2390" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G4771" believed |strong="G4100" he |strong="G2532"

would |strong="G1096". Right then |strong="G2532" his |strong="G5613" servant |strong="G3816" was |strong="G2424" healed |strong="G2390".

**Jesus |strong="G2424" Heals |strong="G2390" Many People |strong="G3588"**  
(Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41)

<sup>14</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" Peter's |strong="G4074" house |strong="G3614". He |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3708" Peter's |strong="G4074" mother-in-law |strong="G3994" was |strong="G2424" in |strong="G1519" bed with |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" high fever |strong="G4445". <sup>15</sup> He |strong="G2532" touched |strong="G0681" her |strong="G0846" hand |strong="G5495", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" fever |strong="G4446" left |strong="G0863" her |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" stood up |strong="G1453" and |strong="G2532" began to |strong="G2532" serve |strong="G1247" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> That |strong="G3956" evening |strong="G3798" people |strong="G3956" brought |strong="G4374" to |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G2192" demons inside them |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" spoke |strong="G3056" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" demons left the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956". He |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2323" all |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3956" sick |strong="G2560". <sup>17</sup> So |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" made |strong="G4137" clear the |strong="G3588" full |strong="G4137" meaning of |strong="G1223" what |strong="G3588" Isaiah |strong="G2268" the |strong="G3588" prophet |strong="G4396" said |strong="G3004".

" He |strong="G2532" took |strong="G2983" away |strong="G0941" our |strong="G2532" diseases |strong="G3554" and |strong="G2532" carried |strong="G0941" away |strong="G0941" our |strong="G2532" sicknesses |strong="G0769"."

Isaiah 53:4

**Following Jesus |strong="G0846"**  
(Luke 9:57-62)

<sup>18</sup> When |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" crowd |strong="G3793" around |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846", he |strong="G0846" told his |strong="G0846" followers to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G0565" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G4008"

side *of* the lake. <sup>19</sup> Then a teacher *of* law came *to* him *and* said, "Teacher, I will follow you *anywhere* you go."

<sup>20</sup> Jesus said *to* him, "The foxes have holes *to* live *in* birds' nests. But the Son *of* Man has *no* place *to* rest."

<sup>21</sup> Another Jesus' followers said *to* him, "Lord, I will follow you *too*, but let *me* go *and* bury *my* father *first*."

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus said *to* him, "Follow *me*, and let *those* who are *dead* *bury* their *own* *dead*."

**Jesus' Followers See His Power**  
(Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus got *into* a boat *and* his followers went *with* him. <sup>24</sup> After the boat left the shore, a very bad storm began *on* the lake. The

waves covered the boat. But Jesus was *sleeping*. <sup>25</sup> The followers went *to* him *and* woke him. They said, "Lord, save *us*!" We will drown!

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered *to* them, "Why are *you* afraid? You don't have enough faith." Then he stood up *and* gave a command *to* the wind *and* the water. The wind stopped, *and* the lake became very calm.

<sup>27</sup> The men were *amazed*. They said, "What kind *of* man *is* this? Even the wind *and* the water obey him!"

**Jesus Sends Demons Out *of* Two Men**

(Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39)

<sup>28</sup> Jesus arrived *at* the other *side* of the lake *in* the country *of* Gadarene <sup>1</sup> people. There *two* men *who* had demons *inside* them *came* *to* him. They lived *in* the burial caves *and* were *so* dangerous *that* *no*

<sup>1</sup> GADARENE From Gadara, an area southeast of Lake Galilee.

one |strong="G5100" could |strong="G2480" use the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598" by |strong="G1223" those |strong="G3588" caves. <sup>29</sup> They |strong="G2532" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" shouted |strong="G2896", "What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" want with |strong="G2316" us |strong="G3004", Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316"? Did |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" come |strong="G2064" here |strong="G5602" to |strong="G3004" punish us |strong="G3004" before |strong="G4253" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G4253" time |strong="G2540"?"

<sup>30</sup> Near that |strong="G0846" place there |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" large |strong="G4183" herd |strong="G0034" of |strong="G0575" pigs |strong="G5519" feeding |strong="G1006". <sup>31</sup> The |strong="G3588" demons |strong="G1142" begged |strong="G3870" Jesus |strong="G0846", "If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" make us |strong="G3004" leave |strong="G1544" these |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846", please send |strong="G0649" us |strong="G3004" into |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3004" herd |strong="G0034" of |strong="G3004" pigs |strong="G5519"."

<sup>32</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", "Go |strong="G5217"! So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" demons left |strong="G1831" the |strong="G3956" men |strong="G3956" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" pigs |strong="G5519". Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" herd |strong="G0034" of |strong="G3956" pigs |strong="G5519" ran down |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3956" hill into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" lake |strong="G2281", and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" were |strong="G3956" drowned |strong="G0599". <sup>33</sup> The |strong="G3956" men |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" work of |strong="G4172" caring for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" pigs ran |strong="G5343" away |strong="G0565". They |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" into |strong="G1519" town |strong="G4172" and |strong="G2532" told |strong="G0518" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" everything |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3956" happened |strong="G3588", especially about |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" men |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" demons. <sup>34</sup>

Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" town |strong="G4172" went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" see |strong="G3708" Jesus |strong="G2424". When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" saw |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846", they |strong="G0846" begged |strong="G3870" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" leave |strong="G1831" their |strong="G0846" area |strong="G3725".

### Jesus Heals a Crippled Man

(Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26)

<sup>9</sup> Jesus |strong="G2532" got |strong="G1684" into |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2064" boat |strong="G4143" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" back |strong="G1519" across the |strong="G3588" lake to |strong="G1519" his |strong="G2532" own |strong="G2398" town |strong="G4172". <sup>2</sup> Some |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" brought |strong="G4374" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846" a |strong="G3708" man who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G2424" paralyzed |strong="G3885" and |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" lying |strong="G0906" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G3708" mat. Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3004" these |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2424" much faith |strong="G4102". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" paralyzed |strong="G3885" man, "Young man, you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" glad to |strong="G3004" hear this |strong="G3588". Your |strong="G0863" sins |strong="G0266" are |strong="G3588" forgiven |strong="G0863"."

<sup>3</sup> Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" law heard what |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004". They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" themselves |strong="G1438", "What |strong="G3588" an |strong="G2532" insult |strong="G0987" to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G3004" for |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" to |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3004"!"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" knew what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" thinking |strong="G1760". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "Why |strong="G2444" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" thinking |strong="G1760" such evil |strong="G4190" thoughts |strong="G1761"? <sup>5</sup> The

Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins. But how can I prove this to you? Maybe you are thinking it was easy for me to say, 'Your sins are forgiven.' There's no proof that it really happened. But what if I say to the man, 'Stand up and walk?' Then you will be able to see that I really have this power." So Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Stand up. Take your mat and go home."

<sup>7</sup> The *man* stood up and went home. The *people* saw and they were amazed. They praised God for letting someone have such power.

**Matthew (Levi) Follows Jesus**  
(Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32)

<sup>9</sup> When Jesus was leaving, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a place for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." So he got up and followed Jesus.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus ate dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and others with bad reputations came and ate with him and his followers.

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with these people. They asked his followers, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and other sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus heard them say this. So he said to them, "It is the sick people who need a doctor, not those who are healthy." You need to go and learn what Scripture means: 'I don't want animal sacrifices; I want you to show kindness to people.' I did not come to invite good people. I came to invite sinners."

**Jesus Is Not Like Other Religious Leaders**  
(Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39)

<sup>14</sup> Then the followers of John came to Jesus and said, "We and the Pharisees often fast, but your followers don't ever fast." Why?

<sup>15</sup> Jesus answered, "At a wedding the friends of the bridegroom are not sad while he is with them. They cannot fast then. But the time will come when the bridegroom will

I 9:13 Quote from Hosea 6:6.

be|strong="G1510" taken|strong="G0522" from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" fast|strong="G3522".

<sup>16</sup> " When|strong="G2532" someone sews|strong="G1911" a|strong="G1096" patch|strong="G1915" over|strong="G1909" a|strong="G1096" hole in|strong="G1909" an|strong="G1096" old|strong="G3820" coat|strong="G2440", they|strong="G0846" never|strong="G3762" use a|strong="G1096" piece|strong="G1915" of|strong="G0575" cloth|strong="G4470" that|strong="G1096" has|strong="G1096" not|strong="G3762" already been|strong="G1096" shrunk. If|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G1096", the|strong="G3588" patch|strong="G1915" will|strong="G2532" shrink and|strong="G2532" pull away|strong="G0142" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" coat|strong="G2440". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" hole will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1096" worse|strong="G5501". <sup>17</sup> Also|strong="G2532", people|strong="G3588" never|strong="G3361" pour new|strong="G2537" wine|strong="G3631" into|strong="G1519" old|strong="G3820" wine-skins|strong="G0779". They|strong="G2532" would|strong="G2532" break|strong="G4486", the|strong="G3588" wine|strong="G3631" would|strong="G2532" spill out|strong="G0906", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" wine-skins|strong="G0779" would|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" ruined|strong="G0622". People|strong="G3588" always put|strong="G0906" new|strong="G2537" wine|strong="G3631" into|strong="G1519" new|strong="G2537" wine-skins|strong="G0779", which|strong="G3588" won't|strong="G3361" break|strong="G4486", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" wine|strong="G3631" stays good."

**Jesus|strong="G2532" Gives Life to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1487" Dead Girl and|strong="G2532" Heals a|strong="G1487" Sick|strong="G0906" Woman**  
(Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56)

<sup>18</sup> While|strong="G2980" Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" still|strong="G2064" talking|strong="G2980", a|strong="G3708" leader of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" synagogue came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" leader bowed|strong="G4352" down|strong="G4352" before|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " My|strong="G3708" daughter|strong="G2364" has|strong="G3778" just|strong="G2532" died|strong="G5053". But|strong="G0235"

if|strong="G3748" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3778" come|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" touch her|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1909" your|strong="G3708" hand|strong="G5495", she|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" live|strong="G2198" again|strong="G2532"."

<sup>19</sup> So|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers went with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" man.

<sup>20</sup> On|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G0846", there|strong="G2400" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3708" woman|strong="G1135" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G3588" been|strong="G2532" bleeding for|strong="G2532" twelve|strong="G1427" years|strong="G2094". She|strong="G0846" came|strong="G4334" close behind|strong="G3693" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" touched|strong="G0681" the|strong="G3588" bottom of|strong="G3588" his|strong="G0846" coat|strong="G2440". <sup>21</sup> She|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" thinking, " If|strong="G1437" I|strong="G1437" can|strong="G3004" touch|strong="G0681" his|strong="G0846" coat|strong="G2440", I|strong="G1437" will|strong="G0846" be|strong="G1722" healed."

<sup>22</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" turned|strong="G4762" and|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Be|strong="G2532" happy, dear woman|strong="G1135". You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" made|strong="G4982" well|strong="G4982" because|strong="G0575" you|strong="G4771" believed." Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" was|strong="G2424" healed.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" continued going|strong="G2064" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Jewish leader and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" leader's house|strong="G3614". He|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" people|strong="G3793" there who|strong="G3588" make music for|strong="G1519" funerals. And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" a|strong="G3708" crowd|strong="G3793" of|strong="G3614" people|strong="G3793" crying loudly. <sup>24</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "Go away. The|strong="G3588" girl|strong="G2877" is|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" dead|strong="G0599". She|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" only|strong="G3756" sleeping|strong="G2518". But|strong="G0235" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" laughed at|strong="G2518" him|strong="G0846". <sup>25</sup> Af-

ter |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" were |strong="G3793" put |strong="G1544" out |strong="G1544" of |strong="G5495" the |strong="G3588" house, Jesus |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" girl's room. He |strong="G2532" held |strong="G2902" the |strong="G3588" girl's hand |strong="G5495", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" girl |strong="G2877" stood up |strong="G1453".<sup>26</sup> The |strong="G3588" news |strong="G5345" about |strong="G1519" this |strong="G3778" spread |strong="G1831" all |strong="G3650" around |strong="G3650" the |strong="G3588" area.

### Jesus |strong="G1565" Heals More People |strong="G3778"

<sup>27</sup> As |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424" going |strong="G3855" away |strong="G3855" from |strong="G2424" there |strong="G1564", two |strong="G1417" blind |strong="G5185" men |strong="G5185" followed |strong="G0190" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" loudly, " Show |strong="G1653" kindness to |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004", Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" David |strong="G1138"."

<sup>28</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G2064" inside, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" blind |strong="G5185" men |strong="G3778" went |strong="G2064" with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Do |strong="G4160" you |strong="G3754" believe |strong="G4100" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1410" able |strong="G1410" to |strong="G1519" make |strong="G4160" you |strong="G3754" see again |strong="G2532"? " They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " Yes |strong="G3483", Lord |strong="G2962", we |strong="G3778" believe |strong="G4100"."

<sup>29</sup> Then |strong="G5119" Jesus |strong="G0846" touched |strong="G0681" their |strong="G0846" eyes |strong="G3788" and |strong="G4102" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G5210" believe that |strong="G3004" I |strong="G3004" can |strong="G3004" make you |strong="G5210" see again, so |strong="G1096" it |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0846" happen |strong="G1096".<sup>30</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3788" able to |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708". Jesus |strong="G2424" gave them |strong="G0846" a |strong="G3708" strong warning. He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Don't |strong="G3367" tell |strong="G3004" anyone |strong="G3367" about |strong="G3588"

this |strong="G3588".<sup>31</sup> But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" left |strong="G1831" and |strong="G1161" spread |strong="G1831" the |strong="G3588" news |strong="G1310" about |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3650" around |strong="G3650" that |strong="G1565" area.

<sup>32</sup> As |strong="G1831" these |strong="G0846" two men |strong="G0444" were |strong="G0444" leaving, some people |strong="G0444" brought |strong="G4374" another man |strong="G0444" to |strong="G0846" Jesus |strong="G0846". This |strong="G0846" man |strong="G0444" could not talk because |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" had |strong="G0846" a |strong="G3708" demon inside him |strong="G0846".<sup>33</sup> Jesus |strong="G3004" forced |strong="G1544" the |strong="G3588" demon |strong="G1140" out |strong="G1544", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G2974" was |strong="G3588" able to |strong="G3004" talk. The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" were |strong="G3793" amazed |strong="G2296" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" never |strong="G3763" seen |strong="G5316" anything like |strong="G3779" this |strong="G3779" in |strong="G1722" Israel |strong="G2474"."

<sup>34</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" said |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" ruler |strong="G0758" of |strong="G1722" demons |strong="G1140" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3004" gives |strong="G3004" him |strong="G1722" power to |strong="G3004" force demons |strong="G1140" out |strong="G1544"."

### Jesus |strong="G3004" Feels Sorry for |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" People |strong="G3588"

<sup>35</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" traveled through |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" towns |strong="G4172" and |strong="G2532" villages |strong="G2968". He |strong="G2532" taught |strong="G1321" in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G0846" synagogues |strong="G4864" and |strong="G2532" told people |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" about |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G0846" kingdom |strong="G0932". He |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2323" all |strong="G3956" kinds |strong="G3956" of |strong="G0932" diseases |strong="G3554" and |strong="G2532" sicknesses.<sup>36</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" many |strong="G3793" people |strong="G3793" and |strong="G2532"



felt *strong="G4697"* sorry for *strong="G3754"* them *strong="G0846"* because *strong="G3754"* they *strong="G0846"* were *strong="G1510"* worried and *strong="G2532"* helpless *strong="G4496"*— like *strong="G5616"* sheep *strong="G4263"* without *strong="G3361"* a *strong="G2192"* shepherd *strong="G4166"* to *strong="G2532"* lead *strong="G1510"* them *strong="G0846"*. <sup>37</sup> Jesus *strong="G0846"* said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* his *strong="G0846"* followers, " There *strong="G1161"* is *strong="G3588"* such a *strong="G3004"* big harvest *strong="G2326"* of *strong="G3004"* people *strong="G0846"* to *strong="G3004"* bring *strong="G3004"* in *strong="G3004"*. But *strong="G1161"* there *strong="G1161"* are *strong="G3588"* only a *strong="G3004"* few *strong="G3641"* workers *strong="G2040"* to *strong="G3004"* help harvest *strong="G2326"* them *strong="G0846"*. <sup>38</sup> God *strong="G0846"* owns the *strong="G3588"* harvest *strong="G2326"*. Ask *strong="G1189"* him *strong="G0846"* to *strong="G1519"* send *strong="G1544"* more workers *strong="G2040"* to *strong="G1519"* help gather his *strong="G0846"* harvest *strong="G2326"*."

#### Jesus Sends His Apostles on a Mission

(Mark 3:13-19; 6:7-13; Luke 6:12-16; 9:1-6)

**10** Jesus *strong="G0846"* called *strong="G4341"* his *strong="G0846"* twelve *strong="G1427"* followers together *strong="G2532"*. He *strong="G2532"* gave *strong="G1325"* them *strong="G0846"* power *strong="G1849"* over *strong="G1849"* evil spirits *strong="G4151"* and *strong="G2532"* power *strong="G1849"* to *strong="G2532"* heal *strong="G2323"* every *strong="G3956"* kind *strong="G3956"* of *strong="G4151"* disease *strong="G3554"* and *strong="G2532"* sickness *strong="G3119"*. <sup>2</sup> These *strong="G3778"* are *strong="G1510"* the *strong="G3588"* names *strong="G3686"* of *strong="G3686"* the *strong="G3588"* twelve *strong="G1427"* apostles *strong="G0652"*: Simon *strong="G4613"* ( also *strong="G2532"* called *strong="G3004"* Peter *strong="G4074"*), Andrew *strong="G0406"*, the *strong="G3588"* brother *strong="G0080"* of *strong="G3686"* Peter *strong="G4074"*, James *strong="G2385"*, the *strong="G3588"* son of *strong="G3686"* Zebedee *strong="G2199"*, John *strong="G2491"*, the *strong="G3588"* brother *strong="G0080"* of *strong="G3686"* James *strong="G2385"*, <sup>3</sup> Philip *strong="G5376"*, Bartholomew *strong="G0918"*, Thomas *strong="G2381"*, Matthew *strong="G3156"*, the *strong="G3588"* tax *strong="G5057"* collector *strong="G5057"*,

James *strong="G2385"*, the *strong="G3588"* son of *strong="G3588"* Alphaeus, Thaddaeus *strong="G2280"*, <sup>4</sup> Simon *strong="G4613"*, the *strong="G3588"* Zealot *strong="G2581"*, Judas *strong="G2455"* Iscariot *strong="G2469"* ( the *strong="G3588"* one *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* handed *strong="G3860"* Jesus *strong="G0846"* over *strong="G3860"* to *strong="G2532"* his *strong="G0846"* enemies). <sup>5</sup> Jesus *strong="G2424"* sent *strong="G0649"* the *strong="G3588"* twelve *strong="G1427"* men *strong="G3778"* out *strong="G0649"* with *strong="G2532"* these *strong="G3778"* instructions *strong="G3853"*: " Don't *strong="G3361"* go *strong="G0565"* to *strong="G1519"* the *strong="G3588"* non-Jewish people *strong="G1484"*. And *strong="G2532"* don't *strong="G3361"* go *strong="G0565"* into *strong="G1519"* any town *strong="G4172"* where *strong="G1519"* the *strong="G3588"* Samaritans *strong="G4541"* live. <sup>6</sup> But *strong="G1161"* go *strong="G4198"* to *strong="G4314"* the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G3588"* of *strong="G3624"* Israel *strong="G2474"*. They *strong="G1161"* are *strong="G3588"* like *strong="G4314"* sheep *strong="G4263"* that *strong="G1161"* are *strong="G3588"* lost *strong="G0622"*. <sup>7</sup> When *strong="G1161"* you *strong="G3754"* go *strong="G4198"*, tell *strong="G3004"* them *strong="G3004"* this *strong="G3588"*: 'God's kingdom *strong="G0932"* is *strong="G3772"* now *strong="G1161"* very near *strong="G1448"*.<sup>I</sup> <sup>8</sup> Heal *strong="G2323"* the *strong="G2983"* sick *strong="G0770"*. Bring *strong="G2983"* the *strong="G2983"* dead *strong="G3498"* back *strong="G2983"* to *strong="G1325"* life. Heal *strong="G2323"* the *strong="G2983"* people *strong="G2983"* who *strong="G3498"* have *strong="G2983"* leprosy. And *strong="G2983"* force demons *strong="G1140"* out *strong="G1544"* of *strong="G2983"* people *strong="G2983"*. I *strong="G1325"* give *strong="G1325"* you *strong="G1325"* these powers freely *strong="G1432"*, so help others freely *strong="G1432"*. <sup>9</sup> Don't *strong="G3361"* carry any money *strong="G5475"* with *strong="G1519"* you *strong="G5210"*— gold *strong="G5557"* or *strong="G3366"* silver *strong="G0696"* or *strong="G3366"* copper *strong="G5475"*. <sup>10</sup> Don't *strong="G3361"* carry a *strong="G3361"* bag *strong="G4082"*. Take only the *strong="G3588"* clothes *strong="G5509"* and *strong="G0846"* sandals *strong="G5266"* you *strong="G3361"* are *strong="G3588"* wearing. And *strong="G0846"* don't *strong="G3361"* take a *strong="G3361"* walking stick. A *strong="G3361"* worker *strong="G2040"*

I IS NOW VERY NEAR Or "is coming soon" or "has come."

should be **given** what **he** needs.  
 11 " When **you** enter **a** city or town, find some **worthy** person there **and** stay **in** his **home** until **you** leave. 12 When **you** enter **that** home, say, 'Peace be with **you**.' 13 If **the** people **that** you **welcome** are **not** of **your** peace, **may** they **have** the **peace** you **wished** for **them**. But **if** they **don't** welcome **you**, they **are** not **worthy** of **your** peace. Take **back** the **peace** you **wished** for **them**. 14 And **if** the **people** in **a** home **refuse** to **welcome** you or **listen** to you, then **leave** that **place** and **shake** the **dust** off **your** feet. 15 I **can** assure **you** that **the** judgment **day** will **be** worse for **that** town **than**

I SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET A warning. It would show that they were finished talking to these people.

for **the** people of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**.

### Jesus Warns About Troubles

(Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-17)

16 " Listen! I am **sending** you, and you will **be** like **sheep** among **wolves**. So **be** smart like **snakes**. But **also** **be** like **doves** and **don't** hurt anyone. 17 **Be** careful! There **are** people **who** will **arrest** you and **take** you to **be** judged. They will **whip** you **in** their **synagogues**. 18 You will **be** taken to **stand** before **governors** and **kings**. People **will** do **this** to you **because** you **follow** me. You **will** tell about **me** to **those** **kings** and **governors** and **the** non-Jewish people. 19 When **you** are **arrested**, **don't** worry about **what** to **say** or **how** you **should** say it **at** that **time** you **will** **be** given **the** words to **say**. 20 It **will** **not** really

be |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" speaking |strong="G2980"; the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" of |strong="G4151" your |strong="G1722" Father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" speaking |strong="G2980" through |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>21</sup> " Brothers |strong="G0080" will |strong="G2532" turn |strong="G3860" against |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" hand |strong="G3860" them |strong="G0846" over |strong="G1909" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" killed. Fathers |strong="G3962" will |strong="G2532" hand |strong="G3860" over |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" children |strong="G5043" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" killed. Children |strong="G5043" will |strong="G2532" fight against |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" parents |strong="G1118" and |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846" killed. <sup>22</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" will |strong="G1510" hate |strong="G3404" you |strong="G1510" because |strong="G1223" you |strong="G1510" follow me |strong="G1473". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" remains faithful to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" end |strong="G5056" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" saved |strong="G4982". <sup>23</sup> When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3778" treated badly in |strong="G1722" one |strong="G3778" city |strong="G4172", go |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" another |strong="G2087" city |strong="G4172". I |strong="G0281" promise you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G0444" not |strong="G3756" finish |strong="G5055" going |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" cities |strong="G4172" of |strong="G5207" Israel |strong="G2474" before |strong="G2193" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" comes |strong="G2064" again |strong="G2193".

<sup>24</sup> "Students are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" better than |strong="G5228" their |strong="G0846" teacher |strong="G1320". Servants |strong="G1401" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" better than |strong="G5228" their |strong="G0846" master |strong="G2962". <sup>25</sup> Students should |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1096" happy to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1096" treated the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G5613" their |strong="G0846"

teacher |strong="G1320". And |strong="G2532" servants |strong="G1401" should |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1096" happy to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1096" treated the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G5613" their |strong="G0846" master |strong="G2962". If |strong="G1487" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" call |strong="G1941" me 'the |strong="G3588" ruler of |strong="G2962" demons,' and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" head |strong="G3617" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" family, <sup>I</sup> then |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2962" even |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123" certain that |strong="G2443" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2962" insult you |strong="G1487", the |strong="G3588" members of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" family!

**Fear God |strong="G0846", Not |strong="G2532" People |strong="G0846"**

(Luke 12:2-7)

<sup>26</sup> " So |strong="G3767" don't |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" afraid |strong="G5399" of |strong="G3762" those |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0846". Everything that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" hidden |strong="G2927" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" shown. Everything that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" secret |strong="G2927" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" made |strong="G0601" known |strong="G1097". <sup>27</sup> I |strong="G3739" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3588" secretly, <sup>II</sup> but |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" want you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" tell |strong="G3004" it |strong="G0191" publicly. <sup>III</sup> Whatever |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" privately, <sup>IV</sup> you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2532" shout for |strong="G1519" everyone |strong="G3739" to |strong="G1519" hear |strong="G0191". <sup>V</sup>

<sup>28</sup> " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" afraid |strong="G5399" of |strong="G0575" people |strong="G5590". They |strong="G2532" can |strong="G1410" kill |strong="G0615" the |strong="G3588" body |strong="G4983", but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G2532" cannot |strong="G3361" kill |strong="G0615" the |strong="G3588" soul |strong="G5590". The |strong="G3588" only |strong="G2532" one |strong="G3588" you |strong="G1722" should |strong="G2532" fear |strong="G5399"

<sup>I</sup> CALL ME ... FAMILY Literally, "call the head of the household Beelzebul." See verse 9:34. <sup>II</sup> SECRETLY Literally, "in the dark." <sup>III</sup> PUBLICLY Literally, "in the light." <sup>IV</sup> PRIVATELY Literally, "in the ear." <sup>V</sup> FOR EVERYONE TO HEAR Literally, "on the housetops."

is |strong="G3588" God, the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" can |strong="G1410" send the |strong="G3588" body |strong="G4983" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" soul |strong="G5590" to |strong="G1410" be |strong="G2532" destroyed |strong="G0622" in |strong="G1722" hell |strong="G1067". <sup>29</sup> When |strong="G2532" birds are |strong="G3588" sold |strong="G4453", two |strong="G1417" small birds cost only |strong="G3756" a |strong="G1520" penny. But |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" even |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" those |strong="G3588" little birds can die without |strong="G3756" your |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962" knowing it |strong="G0846". <sup>30</sup> God even |strong="G2532" knows how many hairs |strong="G2359" are |strong="G1510" on |strong="G1161" your |strong="G3956" head |strong="G2776". <sup>31</sup> So |strong="G3767" don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3767" afraid |strong="G5399". You |strong="G5210" are |strong="G4183" worth |strong="G1308" more |strong="G4183" than |strong="G4183" a |strong="G4183" whole flock of |strong="G4183" birds.

**Don't |strong="G3361" Be |strong="G3767" Ashamed of |strong="G4183" Your |strong="G3767" Faith**  
(Luke 12:8-9)

<sup>32</sup> " If |strong="G3748" you |strong="G1722" stand before |strong="G1715" others |strong="G0444" and |strong="G3962" are |strong="G3956" willing to |strong="G1722" say |strong="G1473" you |strong="G1722" believe in |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473", then |strong="G3767" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G0444" tell my |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772" that |strong="G3748" you |strong="G1722" belong to |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473". <sup>33</sup> But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G0302" you |strong="G1722" stand before |strong="G1715" others |strong="G0444" and |strong="G1161" say |strong="G1473" you |strong="G1722" do not |strong="G1473" believe in |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473", then |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G0444" tell my |strong="G1722" Father |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772" that |strong="G3748" you |strong="G1722" do not |strong="G1473" belong to |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473".

**Following |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" May |strong="G0444" Bring You |strong="G1722" Trouble**

(Luke 12:51-53; 14:26-27)

<sup>34</sup> " Do |strong="G3361" not |strong="G3756" think |strong="G3543" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G3754" have |strong="G3748" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1909" bring |strong="G0906" peace |strong="G1515" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093". I |strong="G3754" did |strong="G2064" not |strong="G3756" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1909" bring |strong="G0906" peace |strong="G1515". I |strong="G3754" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1909" bring |strong="G0906" trouble. <sup>35</sup> I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" make this |strong="G3588" happen:  
' A |strong="G2064" son will |strong="G0444" turn against |strong="G2596" his |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962".

A |strong="G2064" daughter |strong="G2364" will |strong="G0444" turn against |strong="G2596" her |strong="G0846" mother |strong="G3384".

A |strong="G2064" daughter-in-law |strong="G3565" will |strong="G0444" turn against |strong="G2596" her |strong="G0846" mother-in-law |strong="G3994".

<sup>36</sup> Even |strong="G2532" members of |strong="G0444" your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G0846" family will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" enemies |strong="G2190".

Micah 7:6

<sup>37</sup> " Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" love |strong="G5368" their |strong="G2532" father |strong="G3962" or |strong="G2228" mother |strong="G3384" more |strong="G5228" than |strong="G2228" they |strong="G2532" love |strong="G5368" me |strong="G1473" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" worthy |strong="G0514" of |strong="G5207" me |strong="G1473". And |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" love |strong="G5368" their |strong="G2532" son |strong="G5207" or |strong="G2228" daughter |strong="G2364" more |strong="G5228" than |strong="G2228" they |strong="G2532" love |strong="G5368" me |strong="G1473" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" worthy |strong="G0514" of |strong="G5207" me |strong="G1473". <sup>38</sup> Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" accept |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" cross |strong="G4716" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" given

to |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846"  
 when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" fol-  
 low |strong="G0190" me |strong="G1473"  
 are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" wor-  
 thy |strong="G0514" of |strong="G0514"  
 me |strong="G1473". <sup>39</sup> Those |strong="G3588"  
 who |strong="G3588" try to |strong="G2532" keep  
 the |strong="G3588" life |strong="G5590"  
 they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532"  
 will |strong="G2532" lose |strong="G0622"  
 it |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532"  
 those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" give up  
 their |strong="G0846" life |strong="G5590"  
 for |strong="G1752" me |strong="G1473"  
 will |strong="G2532" find |strong="G2147" true  
 life |strong="G5590".

**God |strong="G0846" Will |strong="G2532" Bless  
 Those |strong="G3588" Who |strong="G3588" Wel-  
 come You |strong="G2532"**  
 (Mark 9:41)

<sup>40</sup> "Whoever |strong="G3588" accepts  
 you |strong="G5210" also |strong="G2532" accepts  
 me |strong="G1473". And |strong="G2532" whoev-  
 er |strong="G3588" accepts me |strong="G1473" ac-  
 cepts the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588"  
 who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G0649"  
 me |strong="G1473". <sup>41</sup> Whoever |strong="G3588" ac-  
 cepts |strong="G2983" a |strong="G2983"  
 prophet |strong="G4396" because he |strong="G2532"  
 is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2983"  
 prophet |strong="G4396" will |strong="G2532" get  
 the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" re-  
 ward |strong="G3408" a |strong="G2983"  
 prophet |strong="G4396" gets |strong="G2983".  
 And |strong="G2532" whoever |strong="G3588" ac-  
 cepts |strong="G2983" a |strong="G2983" godly per-  
 son |strong="G1342" just |strong="G1342" because  
 that person |strong="G1342" is |strong="G3588" godly  
 will |strong="G2532" get the |strong="G3588"  
 same |strong="G2532" reward |strong="G3408"  
 a |strong="G2983" godly person |strong="G1342"  
 gets |strong="G2983". <sup>42</sup> Whoever |strong="G3739"  
 helps any |strong="G3756" of |strong="G3686"  
 these |strong="G3778" little |strong="G3398"  
 ones |strong="G3398" because |strong="G0846"  
 they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3778"  
 my |strong="G3739" followers will |strong="G3739"  
 definitely get a |strong="G1437" re-  
 ward |strong="G3408", even |strong="G2532"  
 if |strong="G1437" they |strong="G0846" on-  
 ly |strong="G3440" give |strong="G4222"  
 them |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1437"  
 cup |strong="G4221" of |strong="G3686"  
 cold |strong="G5593" water |strong="G4222"."

**John Sends Men  
 to Ask Jesus a Question**  
 (Luke 7:18-35)

**11** When |strong="G3753" Jesus |strong="G2424"  
 finished |strong="G5055"  
 these |strong="G3588" instructions |strong="G1299"  
 for |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846"  
 twelve |strong="G1427" followers, he |strong="G2532"  
 left |strong="G3327" there |strong="G1564".  
 He |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1096"  
 to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588"  
 towns |strong="G4172" in |strong="G1722" Galilee  
 to |strong="G2532" teach |strong="G1321"  
 the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846"  
 and |strong="G2532" tell them |strong="G0846"  
 God's |strong="G0846" message.

<sup>2</sup> When |strong="G1161" John |strong="G2491"  
 was |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722"  
 prison |strong="G1201", he |strong="G0846"  
 heard |strong="G0191" about |strong="G1722"  
 the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846"  
 that |strong="G0191" were |strong="G3101" happen-  
 ing— things |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588"  
 Messiah |strong="G5547" would |strong="G5547"  
 do |strong="G2041". So |strong="G1161"  
 he |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G3992"  
 some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1223"  
 his |strong="G0846" followers to |strong="G1722" Je-  
 sus |strong="G0846". <sup>3</sup> They |strong="G0846"  
 asked |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", "  
 Are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771"  
 the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588"  
 we |strong="G1510" have |strong="G1510"  
 been |strong="G1510" expecting |strong="G4328",  
 or |strong="G2228" should we |strong="G1510" wait  
 for |strong="G4328" someone |strong="G2087"  
 else |strong="G2087"?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611",  
 "Go |strong="G4198" tell |strong="G3004"  
 John |strong="G2491" what |strong="G3739"  
 you |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2532"  
 heard |strong="G0191" and |strong="G2532"  
 seen |strong="G0991": <sup>5</sup> The |strong="G2532"  
 blind |strong="G5185" can see |strong="G0308".  
 The |strong="G2532" crippled can  
 walk |strong="G4043". People |strong="G0191"  
 with |strong="G2532" leprosy are |strong="G2532"  
 healed. The |strong="G2532" deaf |strong="G2974"  
 can hear |strong="G0191". The |strong="G2532"  
 dead |strong="G3498" are |strong="G2532"  
 brought |strong="G2097" back to |strong="G2532"  
 life |strong="G4043". And |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G2532" Good |strong="G2097"  
 News |strong="G2097" is |strong="G2532" being told  
 to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532"  
 poor |strong="G4434". <sup>6</sup> Great blessings be-  
 long |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532"

those *strong*="G1722" who *strong*="G3739" don't *strong*="G3361" have *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G1510" problem accepting me *strong*="G1473".

<sup>7</sup> When *strong*="G1161" John's *strong*="G2491" followers left *strong*="G1831", Jesus *strong*="G2424" began *strong*="G0757" talking *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G3793" about *strong*="G4012" John *strong*="G2491". He *strong*="G3778" said *strong*="G3004", " What *strong*="G5101" did *strong*="G1831" you *strong*="G3004" people *strong*="G3793" go *strong*="G4198" out *strong*="G1831" to *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" desert *strong*="G2048" to *strong*="G1519" see *strong*="G2300"? Someone who *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G5101" weak, like a *strong*="G3793" stem of *strong*="G4012" grass <sup>I</sup> blowing in *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" wind *strong*="G0417"? <sup>8</sup> Really, what *strong*="G5101" did *strong*="G1510" you *strong*="G1722" expect to *strong*="G1722" see *strong*="G3708"? Someone *strong*="G0444" dressed *strong*="G0294" in *strong*="G1722" fine clothes *strong*="G0294"? Of *strong*="G3624" course not *strong*="G1510". People *strong*="G0444" who *strong*="G3588" wear *strong*="G5409" fine clothes *strong*="G0294" are *strong*="G1510" all *strong*="G3588" in *strong*="G1722" kings' *strong*="G0935" palaces *strong*="G3624". <sup>9</sup> So *strong*="G2532" what *strong*="G5101" did *strong*="G3708" you *strong*="G5210" go *strong*="G1831" out *strong*="G1831" to *strong*="G3004" see *strong*="G3708"? A *strong*="G3708" prophet *strong*="G4396"? Yes *strong*="G3483", John *strong*="G3004" is *strong*="G5101" a *strong*="G3708" prophet *strong*="G4396". But *strong*="G0235" I *strong*="G2532" tell *strong*="G3004" you *strong*="G5210", he *strong*="G2532" is *strong*="G5101" more than *strong*="G2532" that *strong*="G3004". <sup>10</sup> This *strong*="G3778" Scripture *strong*="G1125" was *strong*="G1510" written *strong*="G1125" about *strong*="G4012" him *strong*="G3739": ' Listen *strong*="G2400"! I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G1510" send *strong*="G0649" my *strong*="G3708" messenger *strong*="G0032" ahead *strong*="G1715" of *strong*="G3598" you *strong*="G4771".

He *strong*="G3739" will *strong*="G1510" prepare *strong*="G2680" the *strong*="G3588" way *strong*="G3598" for *strong*="G4012" you *strong*="G4771".

Malachi 3:1

<sup>11</sup> " The *strong*="G3588" truth is *strong*="G1510" that *strong*="G3004" John *strong*="G2491" the *strong*="G3588" Baptizer is *strong*="G1510"

I STEM OF GRASS Literally, "reed."

greater *strong*="G3173" than *strong*="G3173" anyone *strong*="G0846" who *strong*="G3588" has *strong*="G1510" ever come *strong*="G1510" into *strong*="G1722" this *strong*="G3588" world. But *strong*="G1161" even *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G3588" least *strong*="G3398" important *strong*="G3173" person *strong*="G0846" in *strong*="G1722" God's *strong*="G0846" kingdom *strong*="G0932" is *strong*="G1510" greater *strong*="G3173" than *strong*="G3173" John *strong*="G2491". <sup>12</sup> Since *strong*="G0575" the *strong*="G3588" time *strong*="G2250" John *strong*="G2491" the *strong*="G3588" Baptizer came until *strong*="G2193" now *strong*="G1161", God's *strong*="G0846" kingdom *strong*="G0932" has *strong*="G0910" been *strong*="G2532" going forward strongly. <sup>II</sup> And *strong*="G2532" people *strong*="G0846" have *strong*="G2532" been *strong*="G2532" trying to *strong*="G2193" take *strong*="G0726" control of *strong*="G0932" it *strong*="G0846" by *strong*="G0575" force *strong*="G0726". <sup>13</sup> Before *strong*="G2193" John *strong*="G2491" came, the *strong*="G3956" Law *strong*="G3551" of *strong*="G3551" Moses and *strong*="G2532" all *strong*="G3956" the *strong*="G3956" prophets *strong*="G4396" told about *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3956" things *strong*="G3956" that *strong*="G3956" would *strong*="G4396" happen. <sup>14</sup> And *strong*="G2532" if *strong*="G1487" you *strong*="G1487" believe what *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G2532", then *strong*="G2532" John *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G1510" Elijah *strong*="G2243". <sup>III</sup> He *strong*="G2532" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G2532" would *strong*="G3195" come *strong*="G2064". <sup>15</sup> You *strong*="G0191" people *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3588" hear *strong*="G0191" me *strong*="G2192", listen *strong*="G0191"!

<sup>16</sup> " What *strong*="G5101" can I *strong*="G3739" say about *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G1510" who *strong*="G3739" live *strong*="G2521" today? What *strong*="G5101" are *strong*="G1510" they *strong*="G3739" like *strong*="G3664"? The *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G1510" today are *strong*="G1510" like *strong*="G3664" children *strong*="G3813" sitting *strong*="G2521" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" marketplace. One *strong*="G3739" group of *strong*="G1722" children *strong*="G3813" calls to *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" other *strong*="G2087" group,

II HAS BEEN ... STRONGLY Or "has suffered violence." III ELIJAH See Mal. 4:5-6.

17 We played flute music for you,

but you did not dance;  
we sang a funeral song,  
but you were not sad.  
18 Why do I say like that?  
Because John came, not eating or drinking wine, and people say, 'He has a demon inside him.'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and people say, 'Look at him! He eats too much and too much wine. He's a friend of tax collectors and other sinners.'  
But wisdom is shown to be right by what it does."

**Jesus Warns People Who Refuse to Believe**  
(Luke 10:13-15)

20 Then Jesus criticized the cities where he did most of his miracles. He criticized these cities because the people there did not change their lives and stop sinning.  
21 Jesus said, "It

will be bad for Chorazin!  
It will be bad for Bethsaida!  
I did many miracles in Tyre and Sidon, the people there have lived a long time ago. They have worn sackcloth and ashes on themselves to show they were sorry for their sins.  
22 But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be worse for you than Tyre and Sidon.

23 "And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to heaven?  
No! You will be thrown down to the place of your death.  
I did many miracles in you. If these same miracles had happened in Sodom, the people there would have stopped sinning, and it would still be a city today.  
24 But

I |strong="G3754" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", it |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" worse for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" day |strong="G2250" of |strong="G2250" judgment |strong="G2920" than |strong="G2228" for |strong="G3754" Sodom |strong="G4670".

**Jesus |strong="G3004" Offers Rest |strong="G1510" to |strong="G3004" His |strong="G3754" People |strong="G1510"**  
(Luke 10:21-22)

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G2532" praise |strong="G1843" you |strong="G4771", Father |strong="G3962", Lord |strong="G2962" of |strong="G0575" heaven |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" earth |strong="G1093". I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" thankful that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" hidden |strong="G2928" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" from |strong="G0575" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3778" so |strong="G2532" wise |strong="G4680" and |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" smart. But |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" shown them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3778" like |strong="G0846" little children |strong="G3516".  
<sup>26</sup> Yes |strong="G3483", Father |strong="G3962", you |strong="G4771" did |strong="G1096" this |strong="G3779" because |strong="G3754" it's what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" really wanted to |strong="G1096" do |strong="G1096".

<sup>27</sup> " My |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" has |strong="G3962" given |strong="G3860" me |strong="G1473" everything |strong="G3956". No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" knows |strong="G1921" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207"— only |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" knows |strong="G1921" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207". And |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" knows |strong="G1921" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962"— only |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" knows |strong="G1921" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" only |strong="G1487" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" know |strong="G1921" about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" are |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956"

Son |strong="G5207" chooses to |strong="G2532" tell.  
<sup>28</sup> " Come |strong="G1205" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1473" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" you |strong="G5210" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" tired from |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" heavy burden you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" forced to |strong="G4314" carry. I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3956" give |strong="G0373" you |strong="G5210" rest |strong="G0373".<sup>29</sup> Accept my |strong="G0142" teaching. <sup>1</sup> Learn |strong="G3129" from |strong="G0575" me |strong="G1473". I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" gentle |strong="G4239" and |strong="G2532" humble |strong="G5011" in |strong="G1909" spirit |strong="G2588". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" able to |strong="G1909" get |strong="G0142" some |strong="G3588" rest |strong="G0372".<sup>30</sup> Yes |strong="G1063", the |strong="G3588" teaching that |strong="G1510" I |strong="G1473" ask you |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" accept is |strong="G1510" easy |strong="G5543". The |strong="G3588" load |strong="G5413" I |strong="G1473" give you |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" carry is |strong="G1510" light |strong="G1645"."

**Jesus Is Lord Over the Sabbath Day**  
(Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5)

**12** About |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" same |strong="G0846" time |strong="G2540", Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424" walking |strong="G4198" through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" fields of |strong="G1223" grain |strong="G4719" on |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521". His |strong="G0846" followers were |strong="G3101" with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3101" hungry |strong="G3983". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" began |strong="G0757" to |strong="G0757" pick |strong="G5089" the |strong="G3588" grain |strong="G4719" and |strong="G2532" eat |strong="G2068" it |strong="G0846".<sup>2</sup> The |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" saw |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3588". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Look |strong="G2400"! Your |strong="G3708" followers are |strong="G3739" doing |strong="G4160" something |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739"

<sup>1</sup> ACCEPT MY TEACHING Literally, "Take my yoke upon you." A yoke was put on the neck of a work animal for pulling a load. It was a Jewish symbol for the law. See Acts 15:10; Gal. 5:1.



against|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" law to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521".<sup>3</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G3004" have|strong="G2532" read|strong="G0314" what|strong="G5101" David|strong="G1138" did|strong="G4160" when|strong="G3753" he|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" hungry|strong="G3983".<sup>4</sup> David went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" God's|strong="G2316" house|strong="G3624". He|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846" ate|strong="G2068" the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" offered to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316". It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" against|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" law for|strong="G1519" David or|strong="G3761" those|strong="G3588" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" eat|strong="G2068" that|strong="G3739" bread|strong="G0740". Only|strong="G3441" the|strong="G3588" priests|strong="G2409" were|strong="G1510" allowed to|strong="G1519" eat|strong="G2068" it|strong="G0846".<sup>5</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3754" have|strong="G1510" read|strong="G0314" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3551" Moses that|strong="G3754" on|strong="G1722" every Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521" the|strong="G3588" priests|strong="G2409" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" break|strong="G0953" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" about|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521". But|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" wrong for|strong="G3754" doing that|strong="G3754".<sup>6</sup> I|strong="G3754" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3754" there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" something|strong="G1510" here|strong="G5602" that|strong="G3754" is|strong="G1510" greater|strong="G3173" than|strong="G3173" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413".<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, ' I|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309" animal sacrifices|strong="G2378"; I|strong="G2532" want|strong="G2309" you|strong="G1487"

to|strong="G2309" show kindness to|strong="G2309" people|strong="G1510".<sup>1</sup> You|strong="G1487" don't|strong="G3756" really know|strong="G1097" what|strong="G5101" that|strong="G1097" means|strong="G1510". If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" understood|strong="G1097" it|strong="G1161", you|strong="G1487" would|strong="G0302" not|strong="G3756" judge those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G1510" done nothing|strong="G3756" wrong.

<sup>8</sup> " The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" is|strong="G1510" Lord|strong="G2962" over the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521"."

**Jesus|strong="G1510" Heals a|strong="G1510" Man|strong="G0444" on|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" Day|strong="G4521"**  
(Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11)

<sup>9</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" from|strong="G2064" there|strong="G1564" to|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" synagogue|strong="G4864".<sup>10</sup> In|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" synagogue there|strong="G0444" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2192" man|strong="G0444" with|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2192" crippled hand|strong="G5495". Some|strong="G3588" Jews there|strong="G0444" were|strong="G3588" looking for|strong="G2443" a|strong="G2192" reason|strong="G2443" to|strong="G2443" accuse|strong="G2723" Jesus|strong="G0846" of|strong="G5495" doing wrong. So|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G1905" him|strong="G0846", " Is|strong="G0444" it|strong="G0846" right to|strong="G2443" heal|strong="G2323" on|strong="G5495" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521"?"<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " If|strong="G1437" any|strong="G3739" of|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210" has|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" sheep|strong="G4263" and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846" falls|strong="G1706" into|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2192" ditch on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" take|strong="G2902" the|strong="G3588" sheep|strong="G4263" and|strong="G2532" help it|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537"

<sup>1</sup> 12:7 Quote from Hosea 6:6. <sup>11</sup> "IS IT RIGHT ... DAY" It was against Jewish law to work on the Sabbath day.

the ditch.<sup>12</sup> Surely a man is more important than a sheep. So it is right to do on the Sabbath "G4521" day "G4521".

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said the man with the crippled hand, "Hold out your hand." The man held out his hand, and it became well again, the same as the other hand.<sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees left and made plans to kill Jesus.

**Jesus Is God's Chosen Servant**

<sup>15</sup> Jesus knew what the Pharisees were planning. So he left that place, and many people followed him. He healed all who were sick,<sup>16</sup> but he warned them not to tell others who he was. <sup>17</sup> This was to give full meaning to what Isaiah the prophet said when he spoke for God:

<sup>18</sup> "Here is my servant, the one I have chosen.

He is the one I love, and am pleased with him. I will fill him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>19</sup> He will not argue or shout, no will hear his voice in the streets.

<sup>20</sup> He will not break off even a bent stem of grass.

He will not put out the weakest flame.

He will not give up until he has made justice victorious.

<sup>21</sup> All people will hope in him.

Isaiah 42:1-4

**Jesus' Power Is From God**

(Mark 3:20-30; Luke 11:14-23; 12:10)

<sup>22</sup> Then some people brought a man to Jesus. This man was blind and could not talk, because he had a demon inside him. Jesus healed the man, and he could talk and see.

<sup>1</sup> STEM OF GRASS Literally, "reed."

the people were amazed at what Jesus did. They he the promised of David

<sup>24</sup> When the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man uses the power of Satan to force demons out of people". Satan is ruler of demons.

<sup>25</sup> Jesus knew what the Pharisees were thinking. So he said to them, "Every kingdom that itself be destroyed. And every city or family that is against itself will not survive. So if Satan forces out his own demons, then he is fighting against himself, and his kingdom will not survive. You say that I use the power of Satan to force out demons. If that is true, then what power do your people use when they force out demons? So your own people will prove that you are wrong. <sup>28</sup> But

I SATAN Literally, "Beelzebul" (the devil). Also in verse 27. II IF SATAN ... DEMONS Literally, "if Satan forces out Satan."

I use the power of God's Spirit to force out demons, and this shows that God's kingdom has come to you. <sup>29</sup> Whoever wants to enter a man's house and steal his things must first tie up his neighbor. Then they can steal the things from his house. <sup>30</sup> Whoever is not with me against me is working against me.

<sup>31</sup> "So I tell you, people be forgiven for every sinful thing they do and every bad thing they say against God. But anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> You can speak against the Son of Man and be forgiven. But anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven.

en|strong="G0863"— not|strong="G3756" now|strong="G1161" or|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" future|strong="G3195".

**What|strong="G3739" You|strong="G3739" Do|strong="G3004" Shows What|strong="G3739" You|strong="G3739" Are|strong="G3778"**  
(Luke 6:43-45)

<sup>33</sup> " If|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4160" want good|strong="G2570" fruit|strong="G2590", you|strong="G4160" must|strong="G4160" make|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G1186" good|strong="G2570". If|strong="G2532" your|strong="G4160" tree|strong="G1186" is|strong="G3588" not|strong="G4160" good|strong="G2570", it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" bad|strong="G4550" fruit|strong="G2590". A|strong="G4160" tree|strong="G1186" is|strong="G3588" known|strong="G1097" by|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" kind of|strong="G1537" fruit|strong="G2590" it|strong="G0846" produces|strong="G4160". <sup>34</sup> You|strong="G1510" snakes! You|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" so|strong="G1063" evil|strong="G4190". How|strong="G4459" can|strong="G1410" you|strong="G1510" say|strong="G2980" anything good|strong="G0018"? What|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" say|strong="G2980" with|strong="G1537" their|strong="G2980" mouths|strong="G4750" comes|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" what|strong="G3588" fills|strong="G4051" their|strong="G2980" hearts|strong="G2588". <sup>35</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" good|strong="G0018" have|strong="G2532" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G0018" saved in|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" hearts. That's why they|strong="G2532" say good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G0018". But|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" evil|strong="G4190" have|strong="G2532" hearts full of|strong="G1537" evil|strong="G4190", and|strong="G2532" that's why they|strong="G2532" say things|strong="G0018" that|strong="G0444" are|strong="G3588" evil|strong="G4190". <sup>36</sup> I|strong="G3739" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3754" everyone|strong="G3956" will|strong="G3739" have|strong="G3748" to|strong="G3004" answer|strong="G3056" for|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" careless|strong="G0692" things|strong="G3956" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G3748" said|strong="G3004". This|strong="G3588"

will|strong="G3739" happen on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G3056" judgment|strong="G2920". <sup>37</sup> Your|strong="G2532" words|strong="G3056" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" used to|strong="G2532" judge you|strong="G4771". What|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3056" will|strong="G2532" show whether|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" right or|strong="G2532" whether|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" guilty."

**Some|strong="G1537" People|strong="G3588" Doubt Jesus' Authority**  
(Mark 8:11-12; Luke 11:29-32)

<sup>38</sup> Then|strong="G2532" some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" and|strong="G2532" teachers|strong="G1320" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" law answered|strong="G0611" Jesus|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Teacher|strong="G1320", we|strong="G2532" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G3004" see|strong="G3708" you|strong="G4771" do|strong="G3708" a|strong="G3708" miracle|strong="G4592" as|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3708" sign|strong="G4592" from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G0846"."

<sup>39</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", " Evil|strong="G4190" and|strong="G2532" sinful people|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" ones who|strong="G3588" want|strong="G1934" to|strong="G3004" see a|strong="G1325" miracle|strong="G4592" as|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1325" sign|strong="G4592". But|strong="G1161" no|strong="G3756" miracle|strong="G4592" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" done to|strong="G3004" prove anything to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" only|strong="G1487" sign|strong="G4592" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" miracle|strong="G4592" that|strong="G3004" happened|strong="G3588" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396" Jonah|strong="G2495". <sup>140</sup> Jonah|strong="G2495" was|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" stomach|strong="G2836" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" big fish for|strong="G1063" three|strong="G5140" days|strong="G2250" and|strong="G2532" three|strong="G5140" nights|strong="G3571". In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"

<sup>1</sup> JONAH The story of Jonah is found in the Old Testament book of Jonah.

same |strong="G3779" way|strong="G3779", the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" grave three|strong="G5140" days|strong="G2250" and|strong="G2532" three|strong="G5140" nights|strong="G3571". <sup>41</sup> On|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" judgment|strong="G2920" day, you|strong="G3754" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" live now|strong="G2532" will|strong="G4183" be|strong="G2532" compared with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" from|strong="G1722" Nineveh|strong="G3536", <sup>1</sup> and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G4183" be|strong="G2532" witnesses who|strong="G3588" show how|strong="G3754" guilty you|strong="G3754" are|strong="G3778". Why|strong="G2400" do|strong="G3708" I|strong="G2532" say this|strong="G3778"? Because|strong="G3754" when|strong="G2532" Jonah|strong="G2495" preached|strong="G2782" to|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846", they|strong="G0846" changed their|strong="G0846" lives. And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3754" are|strong="G3778" listening to|strong="G1519" someone|strong="G0435" greater|strong="G4183" than|strong="G4183" Jonah|strong="G2495", but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3754" refuse to|strong="G1519" change!

<sup>42</sup> " On|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" judgment|strong="G2920" day, you|strong="G3754" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" live now|strong="G2532" will|strong="G4183" also|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" compared with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" Queen|strong="G0938" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" South|strong="G3558", <sup>II</sup> and|strong="G2532" she|strong="G0846" will|strong="G4183" be|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3708" witness who|strong="G3588" shows how|strong="G3754" guilty you|strong="G3754" are|strong="G3778". I|strong="G2532" say this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G3754" she|strong="G0846" traveled from|strong="G1537" far|strong="G3588", far|strong="G3588" away|strong="G3326" to|strong="G2064" listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2064" Solomon's|strong="G4672" wise teaching. And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" tell you|strong="G3754" that|strong="G3754" someone greater|strong="G4183" than|strong="G4183" Solomon|strong="G4672" is|strong="G3778" right

I NINEVEH City where Jonah preached. See Jonah 3. II QUEEN OF THE SOUTH Or "Queen of Sheba." She traveled about 1000 miles (1600 km) to learn God's wisdom from Solomon. See 1 Kings 10:1-13.

here|strong="G5602", but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3754" won't listen|strong="G0191"!

### The|strong="G3588" Danger of|strong="G1537" Emptiness (Luke 11:24-26)

<sup>43</sup> " When|strong="G3752" an|strong="G2532" evil spirit|strong="G4151" comes|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G4151" a|strong="G2147" person|strong="G0444", it|strong="G1223" travels through|strong="G1223" dry places|strong="G5117" looking|strong="G2212" for|strong="G1223" a|strong="G2147" place|strong="G5117" to|strong="G2212" rest|strong="G0372", but|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1223" finds|strong="G2147" none|strong="G3756". <sup>44</sup> So|strong="G2532" it|strong="G5119" says|strong="G3004", ' I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" go|strong="G1831" back|strong="G1994" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" home|strong="G3624" I|strong="G1473" left|strong="G1831"! When|strong="G2532" it|strong="G5119" comes|strong="G2064" back|strong="G1994", it|strong="G5119" finds|strong="G2147" that|strong="G3004" home|strong="G3624" still|strong="G2064" empty. It|strong="G5119" is|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" neat and|strong="G2532" clean. <sup>45</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" evil|strong="G4190" spirit|strong="G4151" goes|strong="G4198" out|strong="G1438" and|strong="G2532" brings|strong="G3880" seven|strong="G2033" other|strong="G2087" spirits|strong="G4151" more|strong="G4190" evil|strong="G4190" than|strong="G2532" itself|strong="G1438". They|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" go|strong="G4198" and|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2730" there|strong="G1563", and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G1565" person|strong="G0444" has|strong="G1096" even|strong="G2532" more|strong="G4190" trouble than|strong="G2532" before|strong="G4413". It|strong="G5119" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3779" way|strong="G3779" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" evil|strong="G4190" people|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588" live|strong="G2730" today."

### Jesus' Followers Are|strong="G1510" His|strong="G1438" True|strong="G3779" Family (Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21)

<sup>46</sup> While|strong="G2980" Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" talking|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2212" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793", his|strong="G0846" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" broth-

ers/strong="G0080" stood/strong="G2476" outside/strong="G1854". They/strong="G0846" wanted/strong="G2212" to/strong="G2212" talk to/strong="G2212" him/strong="G0846".<sup>47</sup> Someone/strong="G5100" told/strong="G3004" him/strong="G0846", " Your/strong="G3708" mother/strong="G3384" and/strong="G2532" brothers/strong="G0080" are/strong="G3588" waiting for/strong="G2212" you/strong="G4771" outside/strong="G1854". They/strong="G0846" want/strong="G2212" to/strong="G3004" talk to/strong="G3004" you/strong="G4771"."

<sup>48</sup> Jesus/strong="G0846" answered/strong="G0611", " Who/strong="G3588" is/strong="G1510" my/strong="G3004" mother/strong="G3384"? Who/strong="G3588" are/strong="G1510" my/strong="G3004" brothers/strong="G0080"?"<sup>49</sup> Then/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" pointed to/strong="G3004" his/strong="G0846" followers and/strong="G2532" said/strong="G3004", " See/strong="G3708"! These/strong="G3588" people/strong="G0846" are/strong="G3588" my/strong="G3708" mother/strong="G3384" and/strong="G2532" my/strong="G3708" brothers/strong="G0080".<sup>50</sup> Yes/strong="G1063", anyone/strong="G0846" who/strong="G3588" does/strong="G4160" what/strong="G3588" my/strong="G1722" Father/strong="G3962" in/strong="G1722" heaven/strong="G3772" wants/strong="G2307" is/strong="G1510" my/strong="G1722" true brother/strong="G0080" and/strong="G2532" sister/strong="G0079" and/strong="G2532" mother/strong="G3384"."

#### A Story About a Farmer Sowing Seed

(Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8)

**13** That/strong="G1565" same day/strong="G2250" Jesus/strong="G2424" went/strong="G1831" out/strong="G1831" of/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3588" house/strong="G3614" and/strong="G2250" sat/strong="G2521" by/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" lake/strong="G2281".<sup>2</sup> A/strong="G3793" large/strong="G4183" crowd/strong="G3793" gathered/strong="G4863" around/strong="G4314" him/strong="G0846". So/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" got/strong="G1684" into/strong="G1519" a/strong="G3793" boat/strong="G4143" and/strong="G2532" sat/strong="G2521" down/strong="G2521". All/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" people/strong="G3793" stayed on/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3956" shore.<sup>3</sup> Then/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" used stories to/strong="G3004" teach them/strong="G0846" many/strong="G4183" things/strong="G4183".

He/strong="G2532" told/strong="G3004" them/strong="G0846" this/strong="G3588" story:

" A/strong="G3708" farmer went/strong="G1831" out/strong="G1831" to/strong="G3004" sow/strong="G4687" seed.<sup>4</sup> While/strong="G1722" he/strong="G2532" was/strong="G3739" scattering the/strong="G3588" seed/strong="G4098", some/strong="G3588" of/strong="G3598" it/strong="G0846" fell/strong="G4098" by/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" road/strong="G3598". The/strong="G3588" birds/strong="G4071" came/strong="G2064" and/strong="G2532" ate/strong="G2719" all/strong="G3588" that/strong="G3739" seed/strong="G4098".<sup>5</sup> Other/strong="G0243" seed/strong="G4098" fell/strong="G4098" on/strong="G1909" rocky/strong="G4075" ground/strong="G1093", where/strong="G3699" there/strong="G3699" was/strong="G3588" not/strong="G3756" enough/strong="G4183" dirt. It/strong="G1223" grew very/strong="G4183" fast there/strong="G3699", because/strong="G1223" the/strong="G3588" soil/strong="G1093" was/strong="G3588" not/strong="G3756" deep/strong="G0899".<sup>6</sup> But/strong="G1161" when/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" sun/strong="G2246" rose, it/strong="G1223" burned the/strong="G3588" plants. The/strong="G3588" plants died because/strong="G1223" they/strong="G2532" did/strong="G2192" not/strong="G3361" have/strong="G2192" deep roots/strong="G4491".<sup>7</sup> Some/strong="G3588" other/strong="G0243" seed/strong="G4098" fell/strong="G4098" among/strong="G1909" thorny weeds. The/strong="G3588" weeds grew/strong="G0305" and/strong="G2532" stopped the/strong="G3588" good plants from/strong="G4098" growing.<sup>8</sup> But/strong="G1161" some/strong="G3588" of/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" seed/strong="G4098" fell/strong="G4098" on/strong="G1909" good/strong="G2570" ground/strong="G1093". There/strong="G1161" it/strong="G1161" grew and/strong="G2532" made grain/strong="G2590". Some/strong="G3588" plants made 100 times more/strong="G0243" grain/strong="G2590", some/strong="G3588" 60 times more/strong="G0243", and/strong="G2532" some/strong="G3588" 30 times more/strong="G0243".<sup>9</sup> You/strong="G0191" people/strong="G0191" who/strong="G3588" hear/strong="G0191" me/strong="G2192", listen/strong="G0191!"

### Why Jesus *Used Stories to Teach*

(Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10)

<sup>10</sup> The *followers* came *to Jesus* and *asked* *you* *use* these *stories to teach* the *people*?

<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "Only *you* *can* *know* the *secret truths* about *God's kingdom*. Those *other* *people* *cannot* *know* these *secret truths*."

The *people* *who* *some* *will* *be* *given* *more*. And *they* *will* *have* *even* *more* *than* *they* *need*. But *those* *who* *do* *not* *have* *much* *understanding* *will* *lose* *even* *the* *little* *understanding* *that* *they* *have*. <sup>13</sup> *This* *is* *why*

*I* *use* these *stories to teach* the *people*: *They* *see* *but* *they* *don't* *really* *see* *but* *they* *don't* *really* *hear* *or* *understand*. <sup>14</sup> *So* *they* *show* *that* *what* *Isaiah* *said* *about* *them* *is* *true*:

' *You* *people* *will* *listen* *and* *listen*, *but* *you* *will* *not* *understand*.'

*You* *will* *look* *and* *look*

*but* *you* *will* *not* *really* *see*.

<sup>15</sup> *Yes*, *the* *minds* *of* *these* *people* *are* *now* *closed*.

*They* *have* *ears* *but* *they* *don't* *listen*.

*They* *have* *eyes* *but* *they* *refuse* *to* *see*.

*If* *their* *minds* *were* *not* *closed*,

*they* *might* *see* *their* *eyes*;

*they* *might* *hear* *with* *their* *ears*;

*they* *might* *understand* *with* *their* *minds*.

*Then* *they* *might* *turn* *back* *to* *me* *and* *be* *healed*."

Isaiah 6:9-10

<sup>16</sup> *But* *God* *has* *blessed* *you*. *You* *understand* *what* *you* *see* *with* *your* *eyes*. And *you* *understand* *what* *you* *hear* *with* *your* *ears*. <sup>17</sup> *I* *can* *assure* *you*, *many* *prophets* *and* *godly* *people* *wanted* *to* *see* *what* *you* *now* *see*. *But* *they* *did* *not* *see* *it*. And *many* *prophets*

and *godly people* wanted to *hear* what *you* now *hear*. But *they* did *not* *hear* it.

**Jesus Explains the Story About Seed**  
(Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15)

18 " So *listen* to *the* meaning of *that* story about *the* farmer:

19 " What *about* *the* seed that *fell* by *the* path *is* like *the* people *who* *hear* *the* teaching about *God's* kingdom *do* *not* understand *it*. *The* *Evil* *One* *comes* and *takes away* what *was* planted in *their* hearts.

20 " And *what* *about* *the* seed that *fell* on *rocky* *ground*? *That* *is* like *the* people *who* *hear* *the* teaching and *quickly* and *gladly accept* *it*. 21 But *they* *do* *not* *let* *the* teaching go deep into *their* lives. *They* *keep* *it* only *a* short time. As *soon* *as* *trouble* or *persecution* *comes* because *of* *the* teaching *they* *accepted*, *they* *give* up.

22 " And *what* *about* *the* seed that *fell* among *the* thorny weeds? *That* *is* like *the* people *who* *hear* *the* teaching but *let* *worries* about *life* and *love* for *money* stop *it* from *growing*. So *it* *does* *not* produce a crop in *their* lives.

23 " But *what* *about* *the* seed that *fell* on *the* good ground *is* like *the* people *who* *hear* *the* teaching and *understand* *it*. *They* *grow* and *produce* good crop, sometimes 100 times more, sometimes 60 times more, and sometimes 30 times more."

**A Story About Wheat and Weeds**

24 Then *Jesus* used another story to *teach* them. *Jesus* said, " *God's* kingdom *is* like *a* man *who* *planted* seed in *his* field. *That* *night*, while *everyone* was asleep, *the* man's enemy came and *planted* weeds among *the* wheat and *left* them. 25 Later, *the* wheat grew, and *the* heads of *grain* grew on *the* plants. But *at*



the **same** **time** **weeds** **also** **grew**. <sup>27</sup> Then **the** **man's** **servants** **came** **to** **him** **and** **you** **planted** **seed** **in** **your** **field** **Where** **did** **the** **weeds** **come** **from**?

<sup>28</sup> " **The** **man** **answered**, " **An** **enemy** **planted** **weeds**."

" **The** **servants** **asked**, " **Do** **you** **want** **us** **to** **go** **and** **pull** **up** **the** **weeds**?"

<sup>29</sup> " **He** **answered**, " **No** **when** **you** **pull** **up** **the** **weeds**, **you** **might** **also** **pull** **up** **the** **wheat**. <sup>30</sup> **Let** **the** **weeds** **and** **the** **wheat** **grow** **together** **until** **the** **harvest** **time**. **At** **the** **harvest** **time** **I** **will** **tell** **the** **workers** **this**: **First**, **gather** **the** **weeds** **and** **tie** **them** **together** **to** **be** **burned**. **Then** **gather** **the** **wheat** **and** **bring** **it** **to** **my** **barn**."

**What Is God's Kingdom Like?**

(Mark 4:30-34; Luke 13:18-21)

<sup>31</sup> Then **Jesus** **told** **the** **people** **another** **story**: " **God's** **kingdom**

**is** **like** **a** **seed** **that** **a** **man** **plants** **in** **his** **field**. <sup>32</sup> **It** **is** **the** **smallest** **of** **all** **seeds**. **But** **when** **it** **grows**, **it** **is** **the** **largest** **of** **all** **garden** **plants**. **It** **becomes** **a** **big** **tree** **enough** **for** **the** **birds** **to** **come** **and** **make** **nests** **in** **its** **branches**."

<sup>33</sup> Then **Jesus** **told** **them** **another** **story**: " **God's** **kingdom** **is** **like** **yeast** **that** **a** **woman** **mixes** **into** **a** **big** **bowl** **of** **flour** **to** **make** **bread**. **The** **yeast** **makes** **all** **the** **dough** **rise**."

<sup>34</sup> **Jesus** **used** **stories** **to** **tell** **these** **things** **to** **the** **people**. **He** **always** **used** **stories** **to** **teach** **them**.

<sup>35</sup> **This** **was** **to** **make** **clear** **the** **full** **meaning** **of** **what** **the** **prophet** **said**:

" **I** **will** **speak** **using** **stories**;

**I** **will** **tell** **things** **that** **have** **been** **secrets** **since** **the** **world** **was** **made**."

Psalm 78:2

**Jesus Explains a Hard Story**

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus left the people and went into the house. His followers came to him and said, "Explain to us the meaning of the story about the weeds in the field."

<sup>37</sup> He answered, "The man who planted the good seed in the field is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The good seed are the people in God's kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the Evil One. One of the enemy who planted the bad seed is the devil. The harvest is the end of time. And the workers who gather are God's angels."

<sup>40</sup> "The weeds were pulled up and burned in fire. It will be the same at the end of time." <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man

will send his angels to find the people who cause sin and all those who do evil. They will take out of his kingdom those who throw into the place of fire those who will be crying and grinding their teeth with pain. <sup>43</sup> Then the godly people will shine like the sun. They will be in the kingdom of their Father. You people who hear me, listen!

**Stories About a Treasure and a Pearl**

<sup>44</sup> "God's kingdom is like a hidden treasure in a field. One day a man found the treasure. He hid it again and was happy that he went to sell everything he owned and bought the field."

<sup>45</sup> "Also, God's kingdom is like a merchant looking-

ing|strong="G2212" for|strong="G2212" fine|strong="G2570" pearls|strong="G3135".<sup>46</sup> One|strong="G1520" day he|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" a|strong="G2192" very|strong="G0846" fine pearl|strong="G3135". He|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0565" and|strong="G2532" sold|strong="G4097" everything|strong="G3956" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2192" to|strong="G2532" buy|strong="G0059" it|strong="G0846".

#### A|strong="G2192" Story About|strong="G3956" a|strong="G2192" Fishing Net

<sup>47</sup> " Also|strong="G2532", God's kingdom|strong="G0932" is|strong="G1510" like|strong="G3664" a|strong="G1510" net that|strong="G3956" was|strong="G1510" put|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" lake|strong="G2281". The|strong="G3956" net caught many different kinds|strong="G1085" of|strong="G1537" fish.<sup>48</sup> It|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3739" full|strong="G4137", so|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" fishermen pulled it|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" shore. They|strong="G3739" sat|strong="G2523" down|strong="G2523" and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G0906" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G2570" fish in|strong="G1519" baskets. Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G3739" threw|strong="G0906" away|strong="G1854" the|strong="G3588" bad|strong="G4550" fish.<sup>49</sup> It|strong="G3779" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3779" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" end|strong="G4930" of|strong="G1537" time|strong="G0165". The|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032" will|strong="G1510" come|strong="G1831" and|strong="G2532" separate|strong="G0873" the|strong="G3588" evil|strong="G4190" people|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" godly people|strong="G1510".<sup>50</sup> They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" throw|strong="G0906" the|strong="G3588" evil people|strong="G0846" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" place|strong="G1563" of|strong="G1030" fire|strong="G4442". There|strong="G1563" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" cry and|strong="G2532" grind their|strong="G0846" teeth|strong="G3599" with|strong="G2532" pain."<sup>51</sup> Then|strong="G0846" Jesus|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" followers, " Do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3004" understand|strong="G4920" all|strong="G3956" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778"?"

They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G3483", we|strong="G3778" understand|strong="G4920"."

<sup>52</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3956" followers, " So|strong="G2532" every|strong="G3956" teacher of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" law who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G0444" learned about|strong="G3588" God's|strong="G0846" kingdom|strong="G0932" has|strong="G0444" some|strong="G1537" new|strong="G2537" things|strong="G3778" to|strong="G3004" teach. He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" like|strong="G3664" the|strong="G3956" owner|strong="G3617" of|strong="G1537" a|strong="G1510" house|strong="G3617". He|strong="G2532" has|strong="G0444" new|strong="G2537" things|strong="G3778" and|strong="G2532" old|strong="G3820" things|strong="G3778" saved in|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3004" house|strong="G3617". And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" brings|strong="G1544" out|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" new|strong="G2537" with|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" old|strong="G3820"."

#### Jesus|strong="G0846" Goes to|strong="G3004" His|strong="G0846" Hometown

(Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30)

<sup>53</sup> When|strong="G3753" Jesus|strong="G2424" finished|strong="G5055" teaching with|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778" stories, he|strong="G2532" left there|strong="G1564".<sup>54</sup> He|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532" where|strong="G4159" he|strong="G2532" grew up|strong="G1519". He|strong="G2532" taught|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" synagogue|strong="G4864", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3778" amazed|strong="G1605". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Where|strong="G4159" did|strong="G2064" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778" get such|strong="G5620" wisdom|strong="G4678" and|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" power|strong="G1411" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G3004" miracles|strong="G1411"?<sup>55</sup> Isn't|strong="G3756" he|strong="G2532" just|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" carpenter|strong="G5045" we|strong="G3778" know? Isn't|strong="G3756" his|strong="G0846" mother's|strong="G3384" name Mary|strong="G3137", and|strong="G2532" aren't|strong="G3756" his|strong="G0846" broth-

ers |strong="G0080" James |strong="G2385", Joseph |strong="G2501", Simon |strong="G4613", and |strong="G2532" Judas |strong="G2455"? 56 And |strong="G2532" don't all |strong="G3956" his |strong="G0846" sisters |strong="G0079" still live here |strong="G1510" in |strong="G2532" town |strong="G2532"? How |strong="G4159" is |strong="G1510" he |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G4314" do |strong="G1510" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778"? 57 So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2424" a |strong="G1510" problem accepting him |strong="G0846".

But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " People |strong="G0846" everywhere give |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" honor |strong="G0820" to |strong="G3004" a |strong="G1510" prophet |strong="G4396", but |strong="G1161" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" town |strong="G2532" or |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" home |strong="G3614" a |strong="G1510" prophet |strong="G4396" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" get any |strong="G3756" honor |strong="G0820". 58 Jesus |strong="G0846" did |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3756" do |strong="G4160" many |strong="G4183" miracles |strong="G1411" there |strong="G1563", because |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" did |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3756" believe in |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846".

#### Herod Thinks Jesus Is John the Baptizer

(Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9)

**14** About |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" time |strong="G2540", Herod |strong="G2264", the |strong="G3588" ruler of |strong="G1722" Galilee, heard |strong="G0191" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" saying about |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G2424". 2 So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" his |strong="G0846" servants |strong="G3816", " This |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" really John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" Baptizer. He |strong="G2532" must |strong="G1510" have |strong="G1510" risen |strong="G1453" from |strong="G0575" death |strong="G3498", and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" why |strong="G1223" he |strong="G2532" can |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" these |strong="G3778" miracles |strong="G1411".

#### How John the Baptizer Was Killed

<sup>3</sup> Before |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588" time |strong="G5438", Herod |strong="G2264" had |strong="G3588" arrested |strong="G2902" John |strong="G2491". He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3588" him |strong="G0846" chained and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G0659" in |strong="G1722" prison |strong="G5438". He |strong="G2532" arrested |strong="G2902" John |strong="G2491" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" Herodias |strong="G2266", the |strong="G3588" wife |strong="G1135" of |strong="G1223" Philip |strong="G5376", Herod's |strong="G2264" brother |strong="G0080". <sup>4</sup> John |strong="G2491" had |strong="G2192" told |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" right for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G2192" married to |strong="G3004" Herodias." <sup>5</sup> Herod |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" kill |strong="G0615" him |strong="G0846", but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" afraid |strong="G5399" of |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793". They |strong="G0846" believed that |strong="G3754" John |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2192" prophet |strong="G4396".

<sup>6</sup> On |strong="G1722" Herod's |strong="G2264" birthday |strong="G1077", the |strong="G3588" daughter |strong="G2364" of |strong="G1722" Herodias |strong="G2266" danced |strong="G3738" for |strong="G1722" him |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G2532" group. Herod |strong="G2264" was |strong="G3588" very |strong="G2532" pleased |strong="G0700" with |strong="G1722" her |strong="G0700". <sup>7</sup> So |strong="G3606" he |strong="G0846" promised |strong="G3670" that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" give |strong="G1325" her |strong="G0846" anything she |strong="G0846" wanted. <sup>8</sup> Herodias told her |strong="G0846" daughter what |strong="G3588" to |strong="G1909" ask for |strong="G1909". So |strong="G1161" she |strong="G0846" said |strong="G5346" to |strong="G1909" Herod |strong="G0846", " Give |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" head |strong="G2776" of |strong="G1909" John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" Baptizer here |strong="G5602" on |strong="G1909" this |strong="G3588" plate."

<sup>9</sup> King |strong="G0935" Herod was |strong="G3588" very |strong="G2532" sad |strong="G3076".

But *he* *had* promised to *give* *the* daughter anything she wanted. And *the* *people* eating with *Herod* *had* heard *his* promise. So *he* ordered *what* she asked to be done. <sup>10</sup> *He* sent men to *the* prison *where*, they *cut off* *John's* head. <sup>11</sup> And *the* men *brought* *John's* head on *a* plate and *gave* it *to* *the* girl. Then *she* took *the* head *to* *her* mother, *Herodias*. <sup>12</sup> *John's* followers came and *got* *his* body and *buried* it *to*. Then *they* went and *told* *Jesus* what *happened*.

### Jesus Feeds More Than 5000

(Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; *John* 6:1-14)

<sup>13</sup> When *Jesus* heard *what* *happened* to *John*, *he* left *a* boat. *He* went alone *to* *a* place *where* no one lived. But *the* people *heard* that *Jesus* had left *So* they left *their* towns and *followed* *him*. They went *by* land *to*

*the* same place *he* went. <sup>14</sup> When *Jesus* got out *of* *the* boat, *he* saw *a* large crowd *of* *people*. *He* felt sorry for *them*, and *he* healed *the* ones who *were* sick.

<sup>15</sup> Late *afternoon*, *the* followers came *to* *Jesus* and said, "No one lives in *this* place *And* *it* is *already* late. Send *the* people away *so* they can go *to* *the* towns and *buy* food *for* *themselves*."

<sup>16</sup> *Jesus* said, "The *people* don't need *to* go away. You give *some* food *to* eat."

<sup>17</sup> *The* followers answered, "But *we* have *only* five loaves *of* bread and *two* fish."

<sup>18</sup> *Jesus* said, "Bring *and* *the* fish *to* me." <sup>19</sup> Then *he* told *the* people *to* sit down *on* *the* grass. *He* took *the* five

loaves/strong="G0740" of/strong="G1909" bread/strong="G0740" and/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" two/strong="G1417" fish/strong="G2486". He/strong="G2532" looked/strong="G0308" into/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" sky/strong="G3772" and/strong="G2532" thanked God/strong="G1325" for/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" food/strong="G0740". Then/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" broke/strong="G2806" the/strong="G3588" bread/strong="G0740" into/strong="G1519" pieces, which/strong="G3588" he/strong="G2532" gave/strong="G1325" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" followers, and/strong="G2532" they/strong="G2532" gave/strong="G1325" the/strong="G3588" food/strong="G0740" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G3793".<sup>20</sup> Everyone/strong="G3956" ate/strong="G2068" until/strong="G2532" they/strong="G2532" were/strong="G3956" full/strong="G4134". When/strong="G2532" they/strong="G2532" finished eating/strong="G2068", the/strong="G3956" followers filled/strong="G5526" twelve/strong="G1427" baskets/strong="G2894" with/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" pieces/strong="G2801" of/strong="G3956" food/strong="G5315" that/strong="G3956" were/strong="G3956" not/strong="G2532" eaten/strong="G2068".<sup>21</sup> There/strong="G1510" were/strong="G1510" about/strong="G5616" 5000 men/strong="G0435" there/strong="G1510" who/strong="G3588" ate/strong="G2068". There/strong="G1510" were/strong="G1510" also/strong="G2532" women/strong="G1135" and/strong="G2532" children/strong="G3813" who/strong="G3588" ate/strong="G2068".

### Jesus/strong="G1510" Walks on/strong="G1161" Water

(Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21)

<sup>22</sup> Then/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" made/strong="G0315" the/strong="G3588" followers get/strong="G1684" into/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" boat/strong="G4143". He/strong="G2532" told them/strong="G0846" to/strong="G1519" go/strong="G4254" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" other/strong="G4008" side/strong="G4008" of/strong="G3101" the/strong="G3588" lake. He/strong="G2532" said/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" would/strong="G0846" come later. He/strong="G2532" stayed there/strong="G3101" to/strong="G1519" tell everyone/strong="G3739" they/strong="G0846" could go/strong="G4254" home.<sup>23</sup> After/strong="G2596" Jesus/strong="G1510" said/strong="G1096" goodbye to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G3793",

he/strong="G2532" went/strong="G0305" up/strong="G0305" into/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" hills by/strong="G2596" himself/strong="G2398" to/strong="G1519" pray/strong="G4336". It/strong="G1161" was/strong="G1510" late, and/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" was/strong="G1510" there/strong="G1563" alone/strong="G3441".<sup>24</sup> By/strong="G5259" this/strong="G3588" time/strong="G2235" the/strong="G3588" boat/strong="G4143" was/strong="G1510" already/strong="G2235" a/strong="G1510" long/strong="G4183" way/strong="G3319" from/strong="G0575" shore/strong="G1093". Since/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588" wind/strong="G0417" was/strong="G1510" blowing against/strong="G0575" it/strong="G1161", the/strong="G3588" boat/strong="G4143" was/strong="G1510" having trouble because/strong="G1063" of/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588" waves/strong="G2949".

<sup>25</sup> Between/strong="G0846" three and/strong="G1161" six o'clock in/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" morning, Jesus' followers were/strong="G3588" still/strong="G2064" in/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" boat. Jesus/strong="G0846" came/strong="G2064" to/strong="G4314" them/strong="G0846". He/strong="G0846" was/strong="G3588" walking/strong="G4043" on/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" water.<sup>26</sup> When/strong="G2532" they/strong="G0846" saw/strong="G3708" him/strong="G0846" walking/strong="G4043" on/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" water, it/strong="G0846" scared them/strong="G0846". "It's a/strong="G1510" ghost/strong="G5326"!" they/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004", screaming/strong="G2896" in/strong="G1909" fear/strong="G5401".

<sup>27</sup> But/strong="G1161" Jesus/strong="G2424" quickly/strong="G2112" spoke/strong="G2980" to/strong="G3004" them/strong="G0846". He/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004", "Don't/strong="G3361" worry! It's me/strong="G3004"! Don't/strong="G3361" be/strong="G1510" afraid/strong="G5399"."

<sup>28</sup> Peter/strong="G4074" said/strong="G3004", "Lord/strong="G2962", if/strong="G1487" that/strong="G3004" is/strong="G1510" really you/strong="G4771", tell/strong="G3004" me/strong="G3004" to/strong="G4314" come/strong="G2064" to/strong="G4314" you/strong="G4771" on/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" water/strong="G5204"."

<sup>29</sup> Jesus/strong="G2424" said/strong="G3004", "Come/strong="G2064", Peter/strong="G4074"."

Then/strong="G2532" Peter/strong="G4074" left/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588"

boat |strong="G4143" and |strong="G2532" walked |strong="G4043" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" water |strong="G5204" to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G2424".<sup>30</sup> But |strong="G1161" while |strong="G2532" Peter was |strong="G3588" walking on |strong="G0991" the |strong="G3588" water, he |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G0991" the |strong="G3588" wind |strong="G0417" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" waves. He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" afraid |strong="G5399" and |strong="G2532" began |strong="G0757" sinking into |strong="G0991" the |strong="G3588" water. He |strong="G2532" shouted |strong="G2896", " Lord |strong="G2962", save |strong="G4982" me |strong="G3004"!"

<sup>31</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" caught Peter |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" hand |strong="G5495". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Your |strong="G2532" faith is |strong="G5101" small. Why |strong="G5101" did |strong="G5101" you |strong="G3004" doubt?"

<sup>32</sup> After |strong="G2532" Peter |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" boat |strong="G4143", the |strong="G3588" wind |strong="G0417" stopped |strong="G2869".<sup>33</sup> Then |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" followers in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" boat |strong="G4143" worshiped |strong="G4352" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G1722" really |strong="G0230" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316"."

### Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals Many Sick People |strong="G0846"

(Mark 6:53-56)

<sup>34</sup> After |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" crossed |strong="G1276" the |strong="G3588" lake, they |strong="G2532" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" shore |strong="G1093" at |strong="G1909" Genesaret |strong="G1082".<sup>35</sup> Some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0435" there |strong="G5117" saw Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" knew |strong="G1921" who |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G0649" word to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" other |strong="G1565" people |strong="G3956" throughout |strong="G3650" that |strong="G1565" area that |strong="G1565" Jesus |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" come. The |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956"

brought |strong="G4374" all |strong="G3956" their |strong="G0846" sick |strong="G2560" people |strong="G3956" to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846".<sup>36</sup> They |strong="G0846" begged |strong="G3870" Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" let |strong="G2443" them |strong="G0846" only |strong="G3440" touch |strong="G0681" the |strong="G3588" edge of |strong="G3588" his |strong="G0846" coat |strong="G2440" to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532" healed. And |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3745" the |strong="G3588" sick people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" touched |strong="G0681" his |strong="G0846" coat |strong="G2440" were |strong="G3588" healed.

### God's Law and Human Traditions

(Mark 7:1-23)

**15** Then |strong="G2532" some |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330"

and |strong="G2532" teachers of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" law came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G2424". They |strong="G2532" came |strong="G4334" from |strong="G0575" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" him |strong="G2532",<sup>2</sup> " Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G5101" your |strong="G1223" followers not |strong="G3756" obey the |strong="G3588" traditions |strong="G3862" we |strong="G3752" have |strong="G3588" from |strong="G1223" our |strong="G1223" great |strong="G3756" leaders who |strong="G3588" lived long ago? Your |strong="G1223" followers don't |strong="G3756" wash |strong="G3538" their |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" before |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" eat |strong="G2068"!"

<sup>3</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G0611", " And |strong="G2532" why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" refuse to |strong="G3004" obey God's |strong="G2316" command |strong="G1785" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" can |strong="G3004" follow those |strong="G3588" traditions |strong="G3862" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532"?<sup>4</sup> God |strong="G2316" said |strong="G3004", ' You |strong="G3004" must |strong="G3588" respect your |strong="G5091" father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" mother |strong="G3384".'<sup>1</sup> And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" also |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", ' Whoever |strong="G3588" says |strong="G3004" anything bad to |strong="G3004" their |strong="G2532" father |strong="G3962" or |strong="G2228" mother |strong="G3384" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G2532" killed.'<sup>115</sup> But |strong="G1161"

I 15:4 Quote from Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16.

you *teach that* a *person can* to *their* father *or* mother *;* I *have* could *use* help *you*. But *I* will *not* use it *for* you *will* give *it* God *!* You *are* them *not* to *respect* their father *.* So *you* are *teaching* that *it* is *not* important to *do* what *God* said *.* You *think* it *is* more important to *follow* those *traditions* you *have* *!* You *are* hypocrites *!* Isaiah *was* right *when* he *spoke* for *God* about *you*:

<sup>8</sup> *These* people *honor* me *with* their words, but *I* am *not* really important to *them*.

<sup>9</sup> Their worship *of* me *is* worthless.

The *things* they *teach* are *only* human *rules*.

Isaiah 29:13

<sup>10</sup> Jesus *called* the *people* to *him*. He *said*, " *Listen* and *understand* what *I* am *saying*." <sup>11</sup> *It*

II 15:4 Quote from Exodus 21:17.

*is* *not* what *people* put in *their* mouth *that* makes *them* wrong. <sup>1</sup> *It* *is* what *comes* out *of* their mouth *that* makes *them* wrong."

<sup>12</sup> Then *the* *followers* came *to* Jesus *and* asked *,"* Do *you* know *that* the *Pharisees* are *upset* about *what* *you* said *?"*

<sup>13</sup> Jesus *answered*, " *Every* plant *that* *my* Father *in* heaven *has* planted *will* be *pulled* up by *the* roots. <sup>14</sup> Stay away *from* the *Pharisees*. They *lead* the *people*, but *they* are *like* blind *men* leading *other* blind *men*. And *if* a *blind* man *leads* another *blind* man, both *of* them *will* fall *into* a *ditch*."

<sup>15</sup> Peter *said*, " *Explain* to *us* what *you* said *earlier* to *the* *people*."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus *said*, " *Do* *you* still *have* trouble *understanding* *?"* <sup>17</sup> Surely *you* know *that* all *the* food

I WRONG Literally, "unclean" or "not pure," meaning unacceptable to God. Also in verse 18.



that **strong="G3754"** enters **strong="G1531"** the **strong="G3956"** mouth **strong="G4750"** goes **strong="G1531"** into **strong="G1519"** the **strong="G3956"** stomach **strong="G2836"**. Then **strong="G2532"** it **strong="G2532"** goes **strong="G1531"** out **strong="G1544"** of **strong="G3956"** the **strong="G3956"** body **strong="G1519"**.<sup>18</sup> But **strong="G1161"** the **strong="G3588"** bad things **strong="G3588"** people **strong="G0444"** say with **strong="G1537"** their **strong="G1831"** mouth **strong="G4750"** come **strong="G1831"** from **strong="G1537"** the **strong="G3588"** way **strong="G1537"** they **strong="G1161"** think. And **strong="G1161"** that's what **strong="G3588"** can make people **strong="G0444"** wrong.<sup>19</sup> All **strong="G3588"** these **strong="G3588"** bad **strong="G4190"** things **strong="G4190"** begin **strong="G1831"** in **strong="G1537"** the **strong="G3588"** mind **strong="G2588"**: evil **strong="G4190"** thoughts **strong="G1261"**, murder **strong="G5408"**, adultery **strong="G3430"**, sexual **strong="G4202"** sins, stealing, lying, and **strong="G1831"** insulting people **strong="G3588"**.<sup>20</sup> These **strong="G3778"** are **strong="G1510"** the **strong="G3588"** things **strong="G3778"** that **strong="G3778"** make **strong="G3756"** people **strong="G0444"** wrong. Eating **strong="G2068"** without **strong="G3756"** washing their **strong="G2068"** hands **strong="G5495"** will **strong="G1510"** never **strong="G3756"** make **strong="G3756"** people **strong="G0444"** unacceptable to **strong="G3778"** God."

### **Jesus **strong="G1510"** Helps a **strong="G1510"** Non-Jewish Woman **strong="G3778"****

(Mark 7:24-30)

<sup>21</sup> Jesus **strong="G2424"** went **strong="G1831"** from **strong="G1831"** there **strong="G1564"** to **strong="G1519"** the **strong="G3588"** area of **strong="G3313"** Tyre **strong="G5184"** and **strong="G2532"** Sidon **strong="G4605"**.<sup>22</sup> A **strong="G3708"** Canaanite **strong="G5478"** woman **strong="G1135"** from **strong="G0575"** that **strong="G1565"** area **strong="G3725"** came **strong="G1831"** out **strong="G1831"** and **strong="G2532"** began shouting **strong="G2896"**, " Lord **strong="G2962"**, Son **strong="G5207"** of **strong="G5207"** David **strong="G1138"**, please help me **strong="G3004"**! My **strong="G3708"** daughter **strong="G2364"** has **strong="G2962"** a **strong="G3708"** demon inside her **strong="G3708"**, and **strong="G2532"** she **strong="G1135"** is **strong="G2962"** suffering very **strong="G2532"** much."

<sup>23</sup> But **strong="G1161"** Jesus **strong="G0846"** did **strong="G0611"** not **strong="G3756"** answer **strong="G0611"** her **strong="G0846"**.

So **strong="G2532"** the **strong="G3588"** followers came **strong="G4334"** to **strong="G3004"** him **strong="G0846"** and **strong="G2532"** said **strong="G3004"**, " Tell **strong="G3004"** her **strong="G0846"** to **strong="G3004"** go **strong="G0630"** away **strong="G0630"**. She **strong="G0846"** keeps crying **strong="G2896"** out **strong="G2896"** and **strong="G2532"** will **strong="G3748"** not **strong="G3756"** leave us **strong="G3004"** alone **strong="G0846"**."

<sup>24</sup> Jesus **strong="G3004"** answered **strong="G0611"**, " God **strong="G3004"** sent **strong="G0649"** me **strong="G3004"** only **strong="G1487"** to **strong="G1519"** the **strong="G3588"** lost **strong="G0622"** people **strong="G3588"** of **strong="G3624"** Israel **strong="G2474"**."

<sup>25</sup> Then **strong="G1161"** the **strong="G3588"** woman came **strong="G2064"** over to **strong="G3004"** Jesus **strong="G0846"** and **strong="G1161"** bowed **strong="G4352"** before **strong="G4352"** him **strong="G0846"**. She **strong="G0846"** said **strong="G3004"**, " Lord **strong="G2962"**, help **strong="G0997"** me **strong="G3004"**!"

<sup>26</sup> He **strong="G2532"** answered **strong="G0611"** her **strong="G0906"** with **strong="G2532"** this **strong="G3588"** saying **strong="G3004"**: " It **strong="G1161"** is **strong="G1510"** not **strong="G3756"** right **strong="G2570"** to **strong="G3004"** take **strong="G2983"** the **strong="G3588"** children's **strong="G5043"** bread **strong="G0740"** and **strong="G2532"** give **strong="G3004"** it **strong="G1161"** to **strong="G3004"** the **strong="G3588"** dogs **strong="G2952"**."

<sup>27</sup> The **strong="G3588"** woman said **strong="G3004"**, " Yes **strong="G3483"**, Lord **strong="G2962"**, but **strong="G1161"** even **strong="G2532"** the **strong="G3588"** dogs **strong="G2952"** eat **strong="G2068"** the **strong="G3588"** pieces of **strong="G0575"** food **strong="G5132"** that **strong="G3004"** fall **strong="G4098"** from **strong="G0575"** their **strong="G0846"** master's **strong="G2962"** table **strong="G5132"**."

<sup>28</sup> Then **strong="G2532"** Jesus **strong="G2424"** answered **strong="G0611"**, " Woman **strong="G1135"**, you **strong="G4771"** have **strong="G2532"** great **strong="G3173"** faith **strong="G4102"**! You **strong="G4771"** will **strong="G2309"** get **strong="G1096"** what **strong="G3588"** you **strong="G4771"** asked **strong="G3004"** for **strong="G0575"**." And **strong="G2532"** right then **strong="G2532"** the **strong="G3588"** woman's **strong="G1135"** daughter **strong="G2364"** was **strong="G2424"** healed **strong="G2390"**.

I PEOPLE Literally, "sheep."

**Jesus |strong="G2424" Heals |strong="G2390" Many  
People |strong="G0846"**

<sup>29</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G2064" from |strong="G3844" there |strong="G1563" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" shore of |strong="G2281" Lake |strong="G2281" Galilee |strong="G1056". He |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" up |strong="G0305" on |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2064" hill |strong="G3735" and |strong="G2532" sat |strong="G2521" down |strong="G2521".

<sup>30</sup> A |strong="G2192" large |strong="G4183" crowd |strong="G3793" of |strong="G4228" people |strong="G3793" came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" brought many |strong="G4183" other |strong="G2087" sick people |strong="G3793" and |strong="G2532" put them |strong="G0846" before |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846". There |strong="G4183" were |strong="G3793" people |strong="G3793" who |strong="G3588" could |strong="G2192" not |strong="G2532" walk, people |strong="G3793" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3793" blind |strong="G5185", crippled |strong="G2948", or |strong="G2532" deaf |strong="G2974", and |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" others |strong="G2087". Jesus |strong="G0846" healed |strong="G2323" them |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3588". <sup>31</sup> People |strong="G3793" were |strong="G3793" amazed |strong="G2296" when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G0991" that |strong="G5620" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" could not |strong="G2532" speak |strong="G2980" were |strong="G3793" now |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G2532" speak |strong="G2980". Crippled |strong="G2948" people |strong="G3793" were |strong="G3793" made |strong="G2980" strong. Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" could not |strong="G2532" walk |strong="G4043" were |strong="G3793" now |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G2532" walk |strong="G4043". The |strong="G3588" blind |strong="G5185" were |strong="G3793" able to |strong="G2532" see |strong="G0991". Everyone thanked the |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" of |strong="G2316" Israel |strong="G2474" for |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3588".

**Jesus |strong="G2532" Feeds More  
Than |strong="G2532" 4000**

(Mark 8:1-10)

<sup>32</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" called |strong="G3004" his |strong="G0846" followers to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473"

feel |strong="G4697" sorry for |strong="G3754" these |strong="G3748" people |strong="G3793". They |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2192" been |strong="G2192" with |strong="G1722" me |strong="G3004" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250", and |strong="G2532" now |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2192" nothing |strong="G3756" to |strong="G3004" eat |strong="G2068". I |strong="G1473" don't |strong="G3756" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" send |strong="G0630" them |strong="G0846" away |strong="G0630" hungry |strong="G3523". They |strong="G0846" might |strong="G2532" faint |strong="G1590" while |strong="G1722" going home."

<sup>33</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers asked |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Where |strong="G4159" can |strong="G3004" we |strong="G2249" get enough bread |strong="G0740" to |strong="G3004" feed all |strong="G3588" these |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793"? We |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3588" a |strong="G3793" long |strong="G5118" way |strong="G1722" from |strong="G1722" any town |strong="G2532"."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" asked |strong="G3004", " How |strong="G4214" many |strong="G4214" loaves |strong="G0740" of |strong="G3004" bread |strong="G0740" do |strong="G2192" you |strong="G3004" have |strong="G2192"?"

They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" seven |strong="G2033" loaves |strong="G0740" of |strong="G3004" bread |strong="G0740" and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2192" few |strong="G3641" small |strong="G3641" fish |strong="G2485"."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus |strong="G2532" told the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" to |strong="G1909" sit |strong="G0377" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" ground |strong="G1093". <sup>36</sup> He |strong="G2532" took |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" loaves |strong="G0740" of |strong="G3101" bread |strong="G0740" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" fish |strong="G2486". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" thanks |strong="G2168" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G1325" for |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" food |strong="G0740". He |strong="G2532" broke |strong="G2806" the |strong="G3588" bread |strong="G0740" into pieces, which |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers, and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325"

the *food* to *the* *people*. <sup>37</sup> All *the* *people* ate *until* they *were* full *After* *this*, *the* *followers* filled *seven* *baskets* *with* *the* *pieces* of *the* *food* that *were* not *eaten*. <sup>38</sup> There *about* *there* ate *were* *some* and *children*. <sup>39</sup> *After* all *ate*, *Jesus* told *the* *people* they *could* go *home*. He *got* *into* *the* *boat* and *went* to *the* *area* of *Magadan*.

#### Some People Doubt Jesus' Authority

(Mark 8:11-13; Luke 12:54-56)

**16** *The* *Pharisees* and *Sadducees* *came* to *Jesus*. They *wanted* to *test* *him*. So *they* *asked* *him* to *show* *them* a *miracle* as *a* *sign* from *God*.

<sup>2</sup> *Jesus* *answered*, "When *you* *people* *see* *the* *sunset*, *you* *know* *what* *the* *weather* *will* *be*. If *the* *sky* *is* *red*, *you* *say* *we* *will* *have* *good* *weather*."

<sup>3</sup> *And* *in* *the* *morning*, *if* *the* *sky* *is* *dark* and *red*, *you* *say* *that* *it* *will* *be* a *rainy* *day*. *These* *are* *the* *signs* of *the* *weather*. *You* *see* *these* *signs* *in* *the* *sky* and *know* *they* *mean*. *In* *the* *same* *way*, *you* *see* *the* *things* *that* *are* *happening* *now*. *These* *are* *also* *signs*, *but* *you* *don't* *know* *their* *meaning*. <sup>4</sup> *It* *is* *the* *evil* and *sinful* *people* *who* *want* to *see* a *miracle* as *a* *sign* from *God*. *But* *no* *miracle* *will* *be* *done* to *prove* anything to *them*. *The* *only* *sign* *will* *be* *the* *miracle* *that* *happened* to *Jonah*. <sup>1</sup> *Then* *Jesus* *went* *away* *from* *there*.

#### Jesus' Followers Misunderstand Him

(Mark 8:14-21)

<sup>5</sup> *Jesus* and *his* *followers* *went* *across* *the* *lake*. *But* *the* *followers* *forgot* to *bring* *bread*. <sup>6</sup> *Jesus*

<sup>1</sup> JONAH A prophet in the Old Testament. After three days in a big fish he came out alive, just as Jesus would come out from the tomb on the third day.

said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* followers, " Be *strong="G2532"* careful *strong="G4337"*! Guard *strong="G4337"* against *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* yeast *strong="G2219"* of *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* Pharisees *strong="G5330"* and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* Sadducees *strong="G4523"*."

7 The *strong="G3588"* followers discussed the *strong="G3588"* meaning of *strong="G1722"* this *strong="G3588"*. They *strong="G3754"* said *strong="G3004"*, "Did Jesus *strong="G3004"* say *strong="G3004"* this *strong="G3588"* because *strong="G3754"* we *strong="G3754"* forgot to *strong="G3004"* bring *strong="G2983"* bread *strong="G0740"*?"

8 Jesus *strong="G2424"* knew *strong="G1097"* that *strong="G3754"* they *strong="G3754"* were *strong="G3588"* talking *strong="G3004"* about *strong="G1722"* this *strong="G3588"*. So *strong="G1161"* he *strong="G3754"* asked *strong="G3004"* them *strong="G1722"*, " Why *strong="G5101"* are *strong="G3588"* you *strong="G3754"* talking *strong="G3004"* about *strong="G1722"* not *strong="G3756"* having bread *strong="G0740"*? Your *strong="G2983"* faith is *strong="G5101"* small. 9 Do *strong="G2983"* you *strong="G2532"* still *strong="G3768"* not *strong="G3761"* understand *strong="G3539"*? Remember *strong="G3421"* the *strong="G3588"* five *strong="G4002"* loaves *strong="G0740"* of *strong="G3588"* bread *strong="G0740"* that *strong="G3421"* fed the *strong="G3588"* 5000 people *strong="G3588"* and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* many *strong="G4214"* baskets *strong="G2894"* you *strong="G2532"* filled with *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* bread *strong="G0740"* that *strong="G3421"* was *strong="G3588"* left? 10 And *strong="G2532"* remember the *strong="G3588"* seven *strong="G2033"* loaves *strong="G0740"* of *strong="G3588"* bread *strong="G0740"* that *strong="G0740"* fed the *strong="G3588"* 4000 people *strong="G3588"* and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* many *strong="G4214"* baskets *strong="G4711"* you *strong="G2532"* filled that *strong="G0740"* time?

11 So *strong="G2532"* how *strong="G4459"* could you *strong="G5210"* think *strong="G3539"* that *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G2532"* am *strong="G2532"* concerned about *strong="G4012"* bread *strong="G0740"*? I *strong="G2532"* am *strong="G2532"* telling *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G5210"* to *strong="G3004"* be *strong="G2532"* careful *strong="G4337"* and *strong="G2532"* guard *strong="G4337"* against *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* yeast *strong="G2219"* of *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* Phar-

isees *strong="G5330"* and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* Sadducees *strong="G4523"*."

12 Then *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* followers understood *strong="G4920"* what *strong="G3588"* Jesus *strong="G3004"* meant *strong="G3004"*. He *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"* not *strong="G3756"* telling *strong="G3004"* them *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* guard *strong="G4337"* against *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* yeast *strong="G2219"* used in *strong="G2532"* bread *strong="G0740"*. He *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"* telling *strong="G3004"* them *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* guard *strong="G4337"* against *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* teaching *strong="G1322"* of *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* Pharisees *strong="G5330"* and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* Sadducees *strong="G4523"*."

Peter Says *strong="G3004"* Jesus *strong="G3004"* Is *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* Messiah  
(Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21)

13 Jesus *strong="G2424"* went *strong="G2064"* to *strong="G1519"* the *strong="G3588"* area of *strong="G5207"* Caesarea *strong="G2542"* Philippi *strong="G5376"*. He *strong="G0846"* said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G1519"* his *strong="G0846"* followers, " Who *strong="G3588"* do *strong="G1510"* people *strong="G0444"* say *strong="G3004"* I *strong="G1161"* am *strong="G1510"*?"

14 They *strong="G1161"* answered *strong="G3004"*, " Some *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G3588"* say *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G3004"* are *strong="G3588"* John *strong="G2491"* the *strong="G3588"* Baptizer. Others *strong="G0243"* say *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G3004"* are *strong="G3588"* Elijah *strong="G2243"*. And *strong="G1161"* some *strong="G3588"* say *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G3004"* are *strong="G3588"* Jeremiah *strong="G2408"* or *strong="G2228"* one *strong="G1520"* of *strong="G1520"* the *strong="G3588"* prophets *strong="G4396"*."

15 Then *strong="G1161"* Jesus *strong="G0846"* said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* his *strong="G0846"* followers, " And *strong="G1161"* who *strong="G5101"* do *strong="G1510"* you *strong="G5210"* say *strong="G3004"* I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G1510"*?"

16 Simon *strong="G4613"* Peter *strong="G4074"* answered *strong="G0611"*, " You *strong="G4771"* are *strong="G1510"* the *strong="G3588"* Messiah *strong="G5547"*, the *strong="G3588"* Son *strong="G5207"* of *strong="G5207"*

I I AM Literally, "the Son of Man is."

the **living God**.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered **“You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah. No one taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am.”** <sup>18</sup> So I tell you, you are Peter. I will build my church on this rock. The power of death I will not be able to defeat my church. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys to God’s kingdom. When you speak judgment on earth, that judgment will be God’s judgment. When you promise forgiveness here on earth, that forgiveness will be God’s forgiveness.” <sup>III</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus warned his followers not to tell anyone he was the Messiah.

**Jesus Says He Must Die**  
(Mark 8:31–9:1; Luke 9:22-27)

<sup>21</sup> From that time began telling his followers that he must go

<sup>I</sup> PETER The Greek name “Peter,” like the Aramaic name “Cephas,” means “rock.” <sup>II</sup> POWER OF DEATH Literally, “gates of Hades.” <sup>III</sup> WHEN YOU SPEAK ... GOD’S FORGIVENESS Literally, “Whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.”

to Jerusalem. He explained that the older Jewish leaders, the leading priests, and the teachers of law would make him suffer many things. And he told his followers that he must be killed. Then the third day he would be raised from death.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took Jesus away from the other followers to talk to him alone. He began to criticize him. He said, “God save you from those sufferings, Lord! That will never happen to you!”

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to Peter, “Get away from me, Satan! You are not helping me. You don’t care about the same things God does. You care only about things that people are important.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his followers, “If any of you want to be my follower,

<sup>IV</sup> SATAN Name for the devil meaning “the enemy.” Jesus means that Peter was talking like Satan.

you must stop thinking about your-self and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me. Any of you who try to save his life will lose it. But you who give up your life for me will find true life. It is worth nothing for you to have the whole world if you yourself are lost. You could never pay enough to buy back your life. The Son of Man will come again with his Father's glory and his angels. And he will reward everyone for what they have done. <sup>28</sup> Believe me when I say that there are some people here who will see the Son of Man coming with his kingdom before they die."

### Jesus Is Seen With Moses and Elijah

(Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36)

**17** Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, John the brother of James and went up a high mountain alone there. <sup>2</sup> While these followers watched him, Jesus was changed. His face became like the sun and his clothes became as light. <sup>3</sup> Then two men were there talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah. <sup>4</sup> Peter said, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you want, I will put three tents here for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While Peter was talking, a bright cloud came over them. A voice came from the cloud and said, "This is my Son,

the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739"  
I |strong="G1473" love |strong="G0027".  
I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510"  
very |strong="G0846" pleased |strong="G2106"  
with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846".  
Obey |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0846"!

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers  
with |strong="G1909" Jesus |strong="G0846"  
heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588" voice.  
They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3101"  
very |strong="G0846" afraid |strong="G5399",  
so |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846"  
fell |strong="G4098" to |strong="G1909"  
the |strong="G3588" ground. <sup>7</sup> But |strong="G2532"  
Jesus |strong="G2424" came |strong="G4334"  
to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846"  
and |strong="G2532" touched |strong="G0681"  
them |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532"  
said |strong="G3004", " Stand |strong="G1453"  
up |strong="G1453". Don't |strong="G3361"  
be |strong="G2532" afraid |strong="G5399". " <sup>8</sup>  
The |strong="G3588" followers  
looked |strong="G3708" up |strong="G1869",  
and |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846"  
saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3708" Je-  
sus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424"  
now |strong="G1161" alone |strong="G3441".

<sup>9</sup> As |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424"  
and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers  
were |strong="G3739" coming |strong="G2597"  
down |strong="G2597" the |strong="G3588" moun-  
tain |strong="G3735", he |strong="G2532"  
gave |strong="G1781" them |strong="G0846"  
this |strong="G3588" command |strong="G1781": "   
Don't |strong="G3367" tell |strong="G3004" any-  
one |strong="G3367" about |strong="G3588"  
what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" saw  
on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" moun-  
tain |strong="G3735". Wait until |strong="G2193"  
the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207"  
of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444"  
has |strong="G3739" been |strong="G2532"  
raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537"  
death |strong="G3498". Then |strong="G2532"  
you |strong="G3739" can |strong="G3004"  
tell |strong="G3004" people |strong="G0444"  
about |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3739"  
you |strong="G3739" saw."

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers  
asked |strong="G1905" Jesus |strong="G0846", "   
Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3004"  
the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G3101"  
the |strong="G3588" law say |strong="G3004"  
that |strong="G3754" Elijah |strong="G2243"  
must |strong="G1163" come |strong="G2064" <sup>11</sup> be-  
fore |strong="G4413" the |strong="G3588" Messiah  
comes |strong="G2064"?"

I ELIJAH MUST COME See Mal. 4:5-6.

<sup>11</sup> Jesus |strong="G3004" an-  
swered |strong="G0611", " They |strong="G2532"  
are |strong="G3956" right to |strong="G3004"  
say |strong="G3004" Elijah |strong="G2243"  
is |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2064".  
And |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161"  
is |strong="G3588" true that |strong="G3004" Eli-  
jah |strong="G2243" will |strong="G3956" make  
all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956"  
the |strong="G3956" way |strong="G3956"  
they |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532"  
be |strong="G2532". <sup>12</sup> But |strong="G1161"  
I |strong="G2532" tell |strong="G3004"  
you |strong="G5210", Elijah |strong="G2243"  
has |strong="G0444" already |strong="G2235"  
come |strong="G2064". People |strong="G0444"  
did |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3756"  
know |strong="G1921" who |strong="G3588"  
he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588",  
and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" treat-  
ed |strong="G4160" him |strong="G0846" badly, do-  
ing |strong="G4160" whatever |strong="G3745"  
they |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G2309"  
to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160".  
It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G0444"  
the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846"  
with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588"  
Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207"  
Man |strong="G0444". Those |strong="G3588"  
same |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0444"  
will |strong="G3195" make |strong="G4160"  
the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207"  
of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" suf-  
fer |strong="G3958". " <sup>13</sup> Then |strong="G5119"  
the |strong="G3588" followers under-  
stood |strong="G4920" that |strong="G3754"  
when |strong="G5119" Jesus |strong="G0846"  
said |strong="G3004" Elijah, he |strong="G0846"  
was |strong="G3588" really talking |strong="G3004"  
about |strong="G4012" John |strong="G2491"  
the |strong="G3588" Baptizer.

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Frees a |strong="G3004" Boy  
From |strong="G2491" an Evil Spirit**  
(Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43 a |strong="G3004")

<sup>14</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532"  
the |strong="G3588" followers went |strong="G2064"  
back |strong="G4314" to |strong="G4314"  
the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444".  
A |strong="G3793" man |strong="G0444"  
came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" Je-  
sus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" bowed be-  
fore |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846". <sup>15</sup>  
The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G5207"  
said |strong="G3004", " Lord |strong="G2962",  
be |strong="G2532" kind to |strong="G1519"  
my |strong="G3754" son |strong="G5207".  
He |strong="G2532" suffers |strong="G3958"

so|strong="G2532" much from|strong="G4098" the|strong="G3588" seizures he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2962". He|strong="G2532" often|strong="G4178" falls|strong="G4098" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" or|strong="G2532" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204".<sup>16</sup> I|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G4374" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1410" your|strong="G2532" followers, but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3756" heal|strong="G2323" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>17</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G5210" people|strong="G0846" today have|strong="G1510" no|strong="G2193" faith. Your|strong="G2532" lives are|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2532" wrong! How|strong="G2193" long|strong="G2193" must|strong="G1510" I|strong="G1473" stay with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210"? How|strong="G2193" long|strong="G2193" must|strong="G1510" I|strong="G1473" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G3004" be|strong="G1510" patient with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210"? Bring|strong="G5342" the|strong="G3588" boy here|strong="G5602".<sup>18</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" gave a|strong="G2532" strong command to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" demon|strong="G1140" inside the|strong="G3588" boy|strong="G3816". The|strong="G3588" demon|strong="G1140" came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" boy|strong="G3816", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" boy|strong="G3816" was|strong="G2424" healed|strong="G2323".

<sup>19</sup> Then|strong="G5119" the|strong="G3588" followers came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G2424" alone|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " We|strong="G2249" tried to|strong="G3004" force the|strong="G3588" demon out|strong="G1544" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" boy, but|strong="G1473" we|strong="G2249" could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3756". Why|strong="G5101" were|strong="G3101" we|strong="G2249" not|strong="G3756" able|strong="G1410" to|strong="G3004" make|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" demon go|strong="G4334" out|strong="G1544"?"

<sup>20</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " You|strong="G5210" were|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3762" able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G3004" make the|strong="G3588" demon go out, because|strong="G1223" your|strong="G1437" faith|strong="G4102" is|strong="G3778"

too|strong="G2532" small. Believe me|strong="G3004" when|strong="G5613" I|strong="G0281" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", if|strong="G1437" your|strong="G1437" faith|strong="G4102" is|strong="G3778" only|strong="G2532" as|strong="G5613" big as|strong="G5613" a|strong="G2192" mustard|strong="G4615" seed|strong="G2848" you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" mountain|strong="G3735", ' Move|strong="G3327" from|strong="G3327" here|strong="G1759" to|strong="G3004" there|strong="G1563"; and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" move|strong="G3327". You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G2192" anything|strong="G3762".<sup>21</sup> I

### Jesus Talks About His Death

(Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43b-45)

<sup>22</sup> Later|strong="G3195", the|strong="G3588" followers met together|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" Galilee|strong="G1056". Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" will|strong="G3195" be|strong="G0444" handed|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" control of|strong="G5207" other|strong="G1161" men|strong="G0444",<sup>23</sup> who|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2250" kill|strong="G0615" him|strong="G0846". But|strong="G2532" on|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" third|strong="G5154" day|strong="G2250" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2250" be|strong="G2532" raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G2532" death|strong="G0615". The|strong="G3588" followers were|strong="G3588" very|strong="G0846" sad|strong="G3076" to|strong="G2532" hear that|strong="G0846" Jesus|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" killed|strong="G0615".

### Jesus|strong="G0846" Teaches About|strong="G3588" Paying Taxes

<sup>24</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" Capernaum|strong="G2584". There|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" col-

<sup>1</sup> Some Greek copies add verse 21: "But that kind of spirit comes out only with prayer and fasting."



lect|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" two-drachma|strong="G1323" Temple|strong="G0846" tax came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" Peter|strong="G4074" and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G3004", " Does|strong="G2064" your|strong="G2532" teacher|strong="G1320" pay|strong="G5055" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846" tax?"

<sup>25</sup> Peter|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G3483", he|strong="G2532" does|strong="G5101"."

Peter|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3614" where|strong="G1519" Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424". Before|strong="G1519" Peter|strong="G0846" could speak|strong="G3004", Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846", " The|strong="G3588" kings|strong="G0935" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" get different kinds of|strong="G5207" taxes|strong="G2778" from|strong="G0575" people|strong="G0846". But|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" pay the|strong="G3588" taxes|strong="G2778"? Are|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" king's|strong="G0935" children? Or|strong="G2228" do|strong="G1380" other|strong="G2228" people|strong="G0846" pay the|strong="G3588" taxes|strong="G2778"? What|strong="G5101" do|strong="G1380" you|strong="G4771" think|strong="G1380"?"

<sup>26</sup> Peter|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" people|strong="G0846" pay the|strong="G3588" taxes."

Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Then|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" children of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" king don't have|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" pay taxes.

<sup>27</sup> But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" want to|strong="G1519" upset these|strong="G3588" tax collectors.

So|strong="G2443" do|strong="G3361" this|strong="G3588": Go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" lake|strong="G2281" and|strong="G2532" fish|strong="G2486". After|strong="G1161" you|strong="G4771" catch the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" fish|strong="G2486", open|strong="G0455" its|strong="G0846" mouth|strong="G4750". Inside its|strong="G0846" mouth|strong="G4750" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532" find|strong="G2147" a|strong="G2983" four-drachma coin. Take|strong="G0142" that|strong="G2443" coin

and|strong="G2532" give|strong="G1325" it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" tax collectors. That|strong="G2443" will|strong="G2532" pay|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" tax for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771" and|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1325"."

### Who Is the Greatest?

(Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48)

**18** About|strong="G1722" that|strong="G1565" time|strong="G5610" the|strong="G3588" followers came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G3772" asked|strong="G3004", " Who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" greatest|strong="G3173" in|strong="G1722" God's kingdom|strong="G0932"?"

<sup>2</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" called|strong="G4341" a|strong="G2532" little child|strong="G3813" to|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2476" to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" stood|strong="G2476" the|strong="G2532" child|strong="G3813" in|strong="G1722" front of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G2532" followers. <sup>3</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" truth is|strong="G3772", you|strong="G5210" must|strong="G1525" change your|strong="G1437" thinking and|strong="G2532" become|strong="G1096" like|strong="G5613" little children|strong="G3813". If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3756" do|strong="G1096" this|strong="G3588", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3756" enter|strong="G1525" God's kingdom|strong="G0932". <sup>4</sup> The|strong="G3588" greatest|strong="G3173" person|strong="G3778" in|strong="G1722" God's kingdom|strong="G0932" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1438" who|strong="G3588" makes himself|strong="G1438" humble|strong="G5013" like|strong="G5613" this|strong="G3778" child|strong="G3813".

<sup>5</sup> " Whoever|strong="G3739" accepts a|strong="G5108" little child|strong="G3813" like|strong="G5108" this|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1909" my|strong="G3739" name|strong="G3686" is|strong="G3739" accepting me|strong="G1473".

### Jesus|strong="G2532" Warns About|strong="G1909" Causes of|strong="G1909" Sin

(Mark 9:42-48; Luke 17:1-2)

<sup>6</sup> " If|strong="G0302" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" these|strong="G3778" little|strong="G3398" children believes|strong="G4100"

in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G2532" someone|strong="G1520" causes|strong="G4624" that|strong="G3739" child to|strong="G1519" sin|strong="G4624", it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" very|strong="G0846" bad for|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3739" person|strong="G1520". It|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0302" be|strong="G2532" better for|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3739" millstone|strong="G3458" tied around|strong="G4012" their|strong="G0846" neck|strong="G5137" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" drowned|strong="G2670" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" deep sea|strong="G2281". <sup>7</sup> I|strong="G3739" feel sorry for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" in|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3739" make people|strong="G0444" sin. These|strong="G3739" things|strong="G3739" must|strong="G1510" happen|strong="G1510", but|strong="G4133" it|strong="G1223" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" very bad for|strong="G1063" anyone|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" causes them|strong="G3739" to|strong="G2064" happen|strong="G1510".

<sup>8</sup> If|strong="G1487" your|strong="G2192" hand|strong="G5495" or|strong="G2228" your|strong="G2192" foot|strong="G4228" makes|strong="G4624" you|strong="G4771" sin|strong="G4624", cut|strong="G1581" it|strong="G0846" off|strong="G1581" and|strong="G2532" throw|strong="G0906" it|strong="G0846" away|strong="G4624". It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" better|strong="G2570" for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" lose part|strong="G0846" of|strong="G0575" your|strong="G2192" body|strong="G1519" and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222" than|strong="G2228" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2192" two|strong="G1417" hands|strong="G5495" and|strong="G2532" two|strong="G1417" feet|strong="G4228" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" that|strong="G0846" burns forever|strong="G1519".

<sup>9</sup> If|strong="G1487" your|strong="G2192" eye|strong="G3788" makes|strong="G4624" you|strong="G4771" sin|strong="G4624", take|strong="G4624" it|strong="G0846" out|strong="G0575" and|strong="G2532"

throw|strong="G0906" it|strong="G0846" away|strong="G4624". It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" better|strong="G2570" for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2192" only|strong="G1487" one|strong="G3588" eye|strong="G3788" and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" eternal life|strong="G2222" than|strong="G2228" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2192" two|strong="G1417" eyes|strong="G3788" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" of|strong="G0575" hell|strong="G1067".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Uses a|strong="G2192" Story About|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2192" Lost Sheep**  
(Luke 15:3-7)

<sup>10</sup> Be|strong="G3956" careful|strong="G0991". Don't|strong="G3361" think|strong="G2706" these|strong="G3778" little|strong="G3398" children are|strong="G3956" not|strong="G3361" important. I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3754" these|strong="G3778" children have|strong="G3748" angels|strong="G0032" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772". And|strong="G3962" those|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032" are|strong="G3956" always|strong="G1223" with|strong="G1722" my|strong="G3708" Father|strong="G3962" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772". <sup>11</sup> I

<sup>12</sup> If|strong="G1437" a|strong="G1096" man|strong="G0444" has|strong="G5101" 100 sheep|strong="G4263", but|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" sheep|strong="G4263" is|strong="G5101" lost, what|strong="G5101" will|strong="G5101" he|strong="G2532" do|strong="G1096"? He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G5101" leave|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G0846" 99 sheep|strong="G4263" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" hill|strong="G3735" and|strong="G2532" go|strong="G4198" look|strong="G1096" for|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" lost sheep|strong="G4263". Right? <sup>13</sup> And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1437" he|strong="G2532" finds|strong="G2147" the|strong="G3588" lost sheep, he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" happier about|strong="G1909" that|strong="G3754" one|strong="G3588" sheep than|strong="G2228" about|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" 99 sheep that|strong="G3754" were|strong="G1096" never|strong="G3361" lost.

<sup>1</sup> Some Greek copies add verse 11: "The Son of Man came to save lost people." See Luke 19:10.

I can assure you, <sup>14</sup> in the same way your Father in heaven does not want any of these little children to be lost.

**When Someone Hurts You**  
(Luke 17:3)

<sup>15</sup> If your brother or sister in God's family does something wrong, go and tell them what they did. Do when you are with them. If they listen to you, then you have helped them. <sup>16</sup> But if they refuse to listen, go to them again and take one or two people with you. Then there will be two or three people with you. If they refuse to listen to them, tell all that happened. <sup>17</sup> If they refuse to listen to them, tell the church. And if they refuse to listen

I THEN ... HAPPENED See Deuteronomy 19:15.

the church as you would treat someone who does not know God or who is a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> I can assure you that when you speak judgment here on earth, it will be God's judgment. And when you promise forgiveness here on earth, it will be God's forgiveness. <sup>19</sup> To say it another way, if two of you agree on anything, my Father in heaven will do what you ask. <sup>20</sup> Yes, if two or three people are together believing in me, I am with them.

**A Story About Forgiveness**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, when someone won't stop doing wrong to me, how many times must I forgive them? Seven times?"

II WHEN YOU SPEAK ... GOD'S FORGIVENESS Literally, "whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven." III SOMEONE Literally, "my brother."

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, you must forgive them more than seven times." You must continue to forgive them even if they do wrong to you seventy-seven times.<sup>1</sup>

23 "So God's kingdom like a king who decided to collect the money he owed him.<sup>24</sup> The king began to collect his money. One servant owed him several thousand pounds<sup>II</sup> of silver.<sup>25</sup> He was not able to pay the money to his master, the king. So the master ordered he and everything owned by him, even his wife and children. The money would be used to pay the king what the servant owed.

26 "But the servant on his knees and begged, 'Be patient me. I will pay you everything I owe.'<sup>27</sup> The mas-

ter felt sorry for him. So he told the servant he did not have to pay. He let him go free.

28 "Later, that same found another servant who owed a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him around the neck and said, 'Pay me the money you owe me!'

29 "The other servant on his knees and begged him, 'Be patient me. I will pay you everything I owe.'

30 "But the first servant refused to be patient. He told the judge that the other servant owed him money, and that servant was put in jail until he could pay everything he owed.<sup>31</sup> All the other servants saw what happened. They felt very sorry for the man. So they went and told their master everything that happened.

32 "Then the master called his servant in and

I SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES Or "seventy times seven," a very large number, meaning there should be no limit to forgiveness. II SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS Literally, "10,000 talents"

said |strong="G3004", ' You |strong="G4771" evil |strong="G4190" servant |strong="G1401". You |strong="G4771" begged |strong="G3870" me |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" forgive |strong="G0863" your |strong="G2962" debt |strong="G3782", and |strong="G2962" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" did |strong="G0863" not |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" to |strong="G3004" pay anything |strong="G3956"! <sup>33</sup> So |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" should |strong="G1163" have |strong="G1653" given that |strong="G5613" other man who |strong="G3588" serves with |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" mercy |strong="G1653" I |strong="G2532" gave you |strong="G4771"! <sup>34</sup> The |strong="G3956" master |strong="G2962" was |strong="G3739" very |strong="G0846" angry |strong="G3710", so |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" put |strong="G3860" the |strong="G3956" servant in |strong="G2532" jail to |strong="G2193" be |strong="G2532" punished. And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3739" to |strong="G2193" stay in |strong="G2532" jail until |strong="G2193" he |strong="G2532" could pay |strong="G0591" everything |strong="G3956" he |strong="G2532" owed |strong="G3784".

<sup>35</sup> " This |strong="G3779" king did |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G2532" my |strong="G4160" heavenly |strong="G3770" Father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210". You |strong="G5210" must |strong="G1538" forgive |strong="G0863" your |strong="G1437" brother |strong="G0080" or |strong="G2532" sister with |strong="G0575" all |strong="G3588" your |strong="G1437" heart |strong="G2588", or |strong="G2532" my |strong="G4160" heavenly |strong="G3770" Father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" forgive |strong="G0863" you |strong="G5210"."

### Jesus Teaches About Divorce

(Mark 10:1-12)

**19** After |strong="G3753" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3056" all |strong="G3588" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", he |strong="G2532" left |strong="G0575" Galilee |strong="G1056". He |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" area |strong="G3725" of |strong="G3056" Judea |strong="G2449" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G4008" side |strong="G4008" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" Jordan |strong="G2446" River. <sup>2</sup> Many |strong="G4183"

people |strong="G3793" followed |strong="G0190" him |strong="G0846". Jesus |strong="G0846" healed |strong="G2323" the |strong="G2532" sick people |strong="G3793" there |strong="G1563".

<sup>3</sup> Some |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" tried |strong="G3985" to |strong="G3004" make him |strong="G0846" say |strong="G3004" something wrong. They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " Is |strong="G0444" it |strong="G0846" right for |strong="G0156" a |strong="G3004" man |strong="G0444" to |strong="G3004" divorce |strong="G0630" his |strong="G0846" wife |strong="G1135" for |strong="G0156" any |strong="G3956" reason |strong="G0156" he |strong="G2532" chooses?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G0611", "Surely you |strong="G3754" have |strong="G2532" read |strong="G0314" this |strong="G3588" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures: When |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" made |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" world, ' he |strong="G2532" made |strong="G4160" people |strong="G0846" male |strong="G0730" and |strong="G2532" female |strong="G2338"! <sup>15</sup> And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", ' That |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" why a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G1510" leave |strong="G2641" his |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" mother |strong="G3384" and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" joined |strong="G2853" to |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" wife |strong="G1135". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" two |strong="G1417" people |strong="G0444" will |strong="G1510" become one |strong="G1520"! <sup>16</sup> So |strong="G3767" they |strong="G3767" are |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3361" longer |strong="G3765" two |strong="G1417", but |strong="G0235" one |strong="G1520". God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" joined |strong="G4801" them |strong="G3739" together |strong="G4801", so |strong="G3767" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G1520" should |strong="G2316" separate |strong="G5563" them |strong="G3739"."

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G2532" Pharisees asked |strong="G3004", " Then |strong="G2532" why |strong="G5101" did |strong="G1325" Moses |strong="G3475" give |strong="G1325" a |strong="G1325" command |strong="G1781" allowing a |strong="G1325" man to |strong="G3004" divorce |strong="G0647" his |strong="G0846" wife by |strong="G3004" writing a |strong="G1325" certifi-

I 19:4 Quote from Genesis 1:27; 5:2. II 19:5 Quote from Genesis 2:24.

cate |strong="G0975" of |strong="G3004" divorce |strong="G0647"?"

<sup>8</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " Moses |strong="G3475" allowed |strong="G2010" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G4314" divorce |strong="G0630" your |strong="G0630" wives |strong="G1135" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" refused |strong="G3756" to |strong="G4314" accept God's |strong="G0846" teaching. But |strong="G1161" divorce |strong="G0630" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" allowed |strong="G2010" in |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" beginning |strong="G0746". <sup>9</sup> I |strong="G3739" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3754" whoever |strong="G3739" divorces |strong="G0630" his |strong="G0846" wife |strong="G1135", except |strong="G3361" for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" problem of |strong="G1909" sexual |strong="G4202" sin, and |strong="G2532" marries |strong="G1060" another |strong="G0243" woman |strong="G1135" is |strong="G3739" guilty of |strong="G1909" adultery |strong="G3429"."

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846", " If |strong="G1487" that |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G1487" reason |strong="G0156" a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0444" can |strong="G3004" divorce his |strong="G0846" wife |strong="G1135", it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" better not |strong="G3756" to |strong="G3004" marry |strong="G1060"."

<sup>11</sup> He |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" statement |strong="G3056" is |strong="G3778" true for |strong="G3956" some |strong="G3588", but |strong="G1161" not |strong="G3756" for |strong="G3956" everyone |strong="G3956"— only |strong="G3756" for |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" have |strong="G3956" been |strong="G3756" given |strong="G1325" this |strong="G3778" gift. <sup>12</sup> There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" different reasons why |strong="G1223" some |strong="G1537" men |strong="G0444" don't marry. <sup>II</sup> Some |strong="G1537" were |strong="G1510" born |strong="G1080" without |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" ability to |strong="G1410" produce |strong="G1080" children |strong="G1080". Others |strong="G0444" were |strong="G1510" made |strong="G2134" that |strong="G3748" way |strong="G3779" later in |strong="G2532" life. And |strong="G2532" others |strong="G0444"

I A COMMAND ... CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE See Deuteronomy 24:1.

II SOME MEN DON'T MARRY Literally, "there are eunuchs."

have |strong="G1510" given up marriage because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1537" God's kingdom |strong="G0932". This |strong="G3779" is |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1063" anyone |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" able |strong="G1410" to |strong="G1410" accept |strong="G5562" it |strong="G1223"."

### Jesus |strong="G1510" Welcomes Children |strong="G1080"

(Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" brought |strong="G4374" their |strong="G0846" little children |strong="G3813" to |strong="G2443" Jesus |strong="G0846" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" could lay |strong="G2007" his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" on |strong="G5495" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" bless them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G4336" for |strong="G2443" them |strong="G0846". When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers saw this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G0846" told |strong="G2008" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" stop bringing |strong="G4374" their |strong="G0846" children |strong="G3813" to |strong="G2443" him |strong="G0846". <sup>14</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " Let |strong="G0863" the |strong="G3588" little children |strong="G3813" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G3004". Don't |strong="G3361" stop |strong="G3361" them |strong="G0846", because |strong="G1063" God's |strong="G0846" kingdom |strong="G0932" belongs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G4314" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5108" these |strong="G3588" children |strong="G3813"." <sup>15</sup> After |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" blessed the |strong="G3588" children, he |strong="G2532" left there |strong="G1564".

### A |strong="G2532" Rich Man Refuses to |strong="G2532" Follow |strong="G4198" Jesus |strong="G0846"

(Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30)

<sup>16</sup> A |strong="G2192" man |strong="G1520" came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G2443" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004", " Teacher |strong="G1320", what |strong="G5101" good |strong="G0018" thing |strong="G0018" must |strong="G4160" I |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" to |strong="G2443" have |strong="G2192" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222"?"

17 Jesus answered, "Why do you ask me about this? Only God is good. But if you want to have eternal life, obey the law's commands."

18 The man asked, "Which ones?" Jesus answered, "You must not murder anyone, you must not commit adultery, you must not steal, you must not tell lies about others, you must respect your father and mother, I love your neighbor as you love yourself."

20 The young man said, "I have obeyed all these commands. What else do I need?"

21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, then go and sell all that you own. Give the money

to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come and follow me!"

22 But when the young man heard Jesus tell him to give away his money, he was sad. He didn't want to do this, because he was very rich. So he left.

23 Then Jesus said to his followers, "The truth is, it will be very hard for a rich person to enter God's kingdom." Yes, I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

25 The followers were amazed to hear this. They asked, "Then who can be saved?"

26 Jesus looked at them and said, "This is something that people cannot do. But

I 19:19 Quote from Exodus 20:12-16; Deuteronomy 5:16-20.  
II YOUR NEIGHBOR Or "others." Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:25-37 makes clear that this includes anyone in need. III 19:19 Quote from Leviticus 19:18.

God |strong="G2316" can |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" anything |strong="G3956".

<sup>27</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " We |strong="G2249" left |strong="G0863" every- thing |strong="G3956" we |strong="G2249" had |strong="G1510" and |strong="G2532" fol- lowed |strong="G0190" you |strong="G4771". So |strong="G2532" what |strong="G5101" will |strong="G1510" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510"?"

<sup>28</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " When |strong="G3752" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G1909" of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" new world comes |strong="G2532", the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" sit |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" great and |strong="G2532" glori- ous |strong="G1391" throne |strong="G2362". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" can |strong="G3004" promise that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" who |strong="G3588" fol- lowed |strong="G0190" me |strong="G3004" will |strong="G0444" sit |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1909" twelve |strong="G1427" thrones |strong="G2362", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G0444" judge |strong="G2919" the |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427" tribes |strong="G5443" of |strong="G5207" Israel |strong="G2474". <sup>29</sup> Every- one |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" has |strong="G3962" left |strong="G0863" hous- es |strong="G3614", brothers |strong="G0080", sis- ters |strong="G0079", father |strong="G3962", moth- er |strong="G3384", children |strong="G5043", or |strong="G2228" farms |strong="G0068" to |strong="G2532" follow me |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3956" get much |strong="G4179" more |strong="G3956" than |strong="G2228" they |strong="G2532" left |strong="G0863". And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3956" have |strong="G2532" eter- nal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222". <sup>30</sup> Many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G1510" who |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" first |strong="G4413" now |strong="G1161" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" last |strong="G2078" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" future. And |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" who |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" last |strong="G2078" now |strong="G1161" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" first |strong="G4413" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" future.

## Jesus Uses a Story About Farm Workers

**20** " God's |strong="G0846" king- dom |strong="G0932" is |strong="G1510" like |strong="G3664" a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" owned some |strong="G3588" land. One |strong="G0444" morning |strong="G4404", the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0444" went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" very |strong="G0846" ear- ly |strong="G4404" to |strong="G1519" hire |strong="G3409" some |strong="G3588" peo- ple |strong="G0444" to |strong="G1519" work in |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" vine- yard |strong="G0290". <sup>2</sup> He |strong="G0846" agreed |strong="G4856" to |strong="G1519" pay the |strong="G3588" workers |strong="G2040" one |strong="G1438" silver coin for |strong="G1519" working that |strong="G0846" day |strong="G2250". Then |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G0649" them |strong="G0846" in- to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" vine- yard |strong="G0290" to |strong="G1519" work. <sup>3</sup> " About |strong="G4012" nine |strong="G5154" o'clock the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0243" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" marketplace and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" some |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0243" peo- ple |strong="G3588" standing |strong="G2476" there |strong="G1722". They |strong="G2532" were |strong="G0243" doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G1325", ' If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" go |strong="G5217" and |strong="G2532" work in |strong="G1519" my |strong="G1325" field, I |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" pay |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" what |strong="G3739" your |strong="G1437" work is |strong="G1510" worth.' <sup>5</sup> So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G2532" work in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" vineyard. " The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G4160" went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" again |strong="G3825" about |strong="G4012" twelve o'clock and |strong="G2532" again |strong="G3825" at |strong="G1161" three |strong="G1766" o'clock. Both |strong="G2532" times he |strong="G2532" hired some |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" work in |strong="G2532" his |strong="G4012" vineyard. <sup>6</sup> About |strong="G4012" five |strong="G1734" o'clock the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0243" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" marketplace again |strong="G2532". He |strong="G2532" saw



some |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0243" people |strong="G0846" standing |strong="G2476" there |strong="G1161". He |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", ' Why |strong="G5101" did |strong="G2147" you |strong="G3004" stand |strong="G2476" here |strong="G5602" all |strong="G3650" day |strong="G2250" doing nothing?'

<sup>7</sup> " They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", ' No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" gave us |strong="G3004" a |strong="G3004" job.'

" The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3762" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", ' Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" can |strong="G3004" go |strong="G5217" and |strong="G2532" work in |strong="G1519" my |strong="G3754" vineyard |strong="G0290".'

<sup>8</sup> " At |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" end |strong="G2078" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" day, the |strong="G3588" owner |strong="G2962" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" field said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" boss of |strong="G0575" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" workers |strong="G2040", ' Call |strong="G2564" the |strong="G3588" workers |strong="G2040" and |strong="G2532" pay |strong="G0591" them |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3588". Start |strong="G0756" by |strong="G0575" paying the |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" people |strong="G0846" I |strong="G2532" hired. Then |strong="G2532" pay |strong="G0591" all |strong="G3588" of |strong="G0575" them |strong="G0846", ending with |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" ones I |strong="G2532" hired first |strong="G4413".'

<sup>9</sup> " The |strong="G3588" workers who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" hired at |strong="G4012" five |strong="G1734" o'clock came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" get their |strong="G2532" pay. Each |strong="G0303" worker got one |strong="G3588" silver coin. <sup>10</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" workers who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" hired first |strong="G4413" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" get their |strong="G0846" pay. They |strong="G0846" thought |strong="G3543" they |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G2532" paid more |strong="G4183" than |strong="G4183" the |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3588". But |strong="G1161" each |strong="G0303" one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G4413" them |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" received |strong="G2983" one |strong="G3588" silver coin. <sup>11</sup> When |strong="G1161" they |strong="G1161" got their |strong="G2596" silver coin,

they |strong="G1161" complained |strong="G1111" to |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" man who |strong="G3588" owned the |strong="G3588" land. <sup>12</sup> They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", ' Those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3778" hired last |strong="G2078" and |strong="G2532" worked |strong="G4160" only |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" hour |strong="G5610". But |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3004" paid them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G2532" us |strong="G3004". And |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" worked |strong="G4160" hard all |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" hot |strong="G2742" sun.'

<sup>13</sup> " But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G1520" who |strong="G3588" owned the |strong="G3588" field said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1520" them |strong="G0846", ' Friend |strong="G2083", I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" being |strong="G4771" fair with |strong="G0846" you |strong="G4771". You |strong="G4771" agreed |strong="G4856" to |strong="G3004" work for |strong="G1520" one |strong="G1520" silver coin. Right? <sup>14</sup> So |strong="G2532" take |strong="G0142" your |strong="G4674" pay |strong="G1325" and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G5217". I |strong="G2532" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" give |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" hired last |strong="G2078" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3778" pay |strong="G1325" I |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" you |strong="G4771". <sup>15</sup> I |strong="G1473" can |strong="G4160" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" want |strong="G2309" with |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1699" own |strong="G1699" money. Why |strong="G3739" would |strong="G2309" you |strong="G4771" be |strong="G1510" jealous because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" generous |strong="G0018"?'

<sup>16</sup> " So |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" last |strong="G2078" now |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" first |strong="G4413" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" future. And |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" first |strong="G4413" now |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" last |strong="G2078" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" future."

**Jesus |strong="G1510" Talks Again |strong="G2532" About |strong="G3588" His |strong="G2532" Death**  
(Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34)

<sup>17</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424" going |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414". His |strong="G0846" twelve |strong="G1427" followers were |strong="G3101" with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846". While |strong="G1722" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3101" walking, he |strong="G2532" gathered the |strong="G3588" followers together |strong="G1722" and |strong="G2532" spoke |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846" privately |strong="G2596". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", <sup>18</sup> "We |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" going |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414". The |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G2532" handed |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" leading |strong="G1519" priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" law, and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0444" say he |strong="G2532" must |strong="G3588" die |strong="G2288". <sup>19</sup> They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2250" hand |strong="G3860" him |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" foreigners, who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2250" laugh at |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" beat him |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2532" whips, and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2250" kill him |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2532" cross. But |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" day |strong="G2250" after |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" death, he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2250" be |strong="G2532" raised |strong="G1453" to |strong="G1519" life again |strong="G1453"."

**A |strong="G2532" Mother Asks a |strong="G2532" Special Favor**  
(Mark 10:35-45)

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Zebedee's |strong="G2199" wife came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" brought her |strong="G0846" sons |strong="G5207". She |strong="G0846" bowed |strong="G4352" before |strong="G3844" Jesus |strong="G0846"

and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G0154" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2532" something |strong="G5100" for |strong="G3844" her |strong="G0846".

<sup>21</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", "What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" want |strong="G2309"?" She |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", "Promise that |strong="G2443" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G5207" my |strong="G1722" sons |strong="G5207" will |strong="G5101" sit |strong="G2523" at |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" right |strong="G1188" side in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" kingdom |strong="G0932" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" at |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" left |strong="G2176"."

<sup>22</sup> So |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" sons, " You |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" understand |strong="G1492" what |strong="G5101" you |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" asking |strong="G0154". Can |strong="G1410" you |strong="G3739" drink |strong="G4095" from |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" cup |strong="G4221"<sup>1</sup> that |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" must |strong="G4095" drink |strong="G4095" from |strong="G2424"?"

The |strong="G3588" sons answered |strong="G0611", " Yes |strong="G1161", we |strong="G3739" can |strong="G1410"!"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" true that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" drink |strong="G4095" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" cup |strong="G4221" that |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" drink |strong="G4095" from |strong="G1537". But |strong="G1161" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" for |strong="G2090" me |strong="G1325" to |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004" who |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" sit |strong="G2523" at |strong="G1537" my |strong="G1699" right |strong="G1188" or |strong="G2532" my |strong="G1699" left |strong="G2176". My |strong="G1699" Father |strong="G3962" has |strong="G3962" decided who |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" do |strong="G1510" that |strong="G3739". He |strong="G2532" has |strong="G3962" prepared |strong="G2090"

<sup>1</sup> cup A symbol of suffering. Jesus used the idea of drinking from a cup to mean accepting the suffering he would face in the terrible events that were soon to come. Also in verse 23.

those places for them

<sup>24</sup> The other ten of this were the two brothers of Jesus called the followers together said, "You know the rulers of the people love to show their power over the people." And their important love to use all their authority over the people. <sup>26</sup> But it should not be that way with you. Whoever wants to be your leader must be your servant. <sup>27</sup> Whoever wants to be first must serve the rest of you like a slave. <sup>28</sup> Do as I did: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve others and to give his life to save many people."

### Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

(Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43)

<sup>29</sup> When Jesus and his followers were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the road. They heard that Jesus was coming by. So they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, please help us!"

<sup>31</sup> The people there criticized the blind men and told them to be quiet. But they shouted more loudly, and Lord David, please help us!"

<sup>32</sup> Jesus stopped and said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

<sup>33</sup> They answered, "Lord, we want to be able to see."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus felt sorry for the blind men. He touched their eyes, and immediately they were able to see. Then they became followers of Jesus.

**Jesus Enters Jerusalem Like a King**  
(Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-38; John 12:12-19)

**21** Jesus and his followers

were coming closer to Jerusalem. But first they stopped at Bethphage at the hill called the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two of his followers into town.<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a white donkey with her colt untied. Tie them both, and bring them to me." If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, tell them, 'The Master needs them.' He will send them back soon.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>4</sup> This showed the full meaning of what prophet said:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the people of Zion, 'I

' Now your king is coming to you."

He is humble and riding on a donkey.

<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE OF ZION Literally, "daughter of Zion," meaning the city of Jerusalem.

He is riding on a young donkey, born from work animal."

Zechariah 9:9

<sup>6</sup> The followers went and did what Jesus told them to do.<sup>7</sup> They brought the mother donkey and the young donkey to him. They covered the donkeys with their coats, and Jesus sat on them.<sup>8</sup> On the way to Jerusalem, many people spread their coats on the road for Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.<sup>9</sup> Some of the people were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. They all shouted, "Praise to the Son of David!" "Welcome! God bless one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Psalms 118:25-26

Praise to God in heaven!"

<sup>II</sup> PRAISE Literally, "Hosanna," a Hebrew word used in praying to God for help. Here, it was probably a shout of celebration used in praising God or his Messiah. Also in the last line of this verse and in verse 15.

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus went into Jerusalem the next day. He went into the Temple area. Jesus healed them. <sup>15</sup> The leading priests and teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he was doing. And they saw the children praising him. The children were shouting, "Praise to the Son of David!" All this made the priests and teachers of the law angry.

<sup>11</sup> They asked Jesus, "Who is this man?" The crowds following Jesus answered, "This is the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

### Jesus Goes to the Temple

(Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48; John 2:13-22)

<sup>12</sup> Jesus went into the Temple area. He threw all those who were selling things there over the tables that belonged to those who were exchanging different kinds of money. And he turned over the benches of those who were selling doves. <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to them, "The Scriptures say, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer.'<sup>I</sup> But you are changing it into a hiding place for thieves."<sup>II</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Some blind people and some who were

crippled came to Jesus in the Temple area. Jesus healed them. <sup>15</sup> The leading priests and teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he was doing. And they saw the children praising him. The children were shouting, "Praise to the Son of David!" All this made the priests and teachers of the law angry.

<sup>16</sup> They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" He answered, "Yes. The Scriptures say, 'You have taught children and babies to give praise.'<sup>III</sup> Have you not read that Scripture?"

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus left and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

<sup>18</sup> Early the next morning, Jesus was going back

### Jesus Shows the Power of Faith

(Mark 11:12-14, 20-24)

<sup>18</sup> Early the next morning, Jesus was going back

<sup>III</sup> Quote from Psalm 8:2 (Greek version).

<sup>I</sup> 21:13 Quote from Isaiah 56:7. <sup>II</sup> 21:13 Quote from Jeremiah 7:11.

to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". He|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" very hungry|strong="G3983".<sup>19</sup> He|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" a|strong="G1096" fig|strong="G4808" tree|strong="G4808" beside|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" get|strong="G1096" a|strong="G1096" fig|strong="G4808" from|strong="G1537" it|strong="G0846". But|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1722" were|strong="G1096" no|strong="G3756" figs on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G4808". There|strong="G1722" were|strong="G1096" only|strong="G3440" leaves|strong="G5444". So|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G4808", " You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3756" again|strong="G3371" produce|strong="G2590" fruit|strong="G2590"! The|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G4808" immediately|strong="G3916" dried|strong="G3583" up|strong="G1519" and|strong="G2532" died.

<sup>20</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers saw|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588", they|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3101" very|strong="G2532" surprised|strong="G2296". They|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G3004", " How|strong="G4459" did|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" fig|strong="G4808" tree|strong="G4808" dry up and|strong="G2532" die so|strong="G2532" quickly?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " The|strong="G3588" truth is|strong="G3778", if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" faith|strong="G4102" and|strong="G2532" no|strong="G3756" doubts|strong="G1252", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G1096" able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G1519" I|strong="G0281" did|strong="G4160" to|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3778" tree|strong="G4808". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G1096" able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G4160" more|strong="G3756". You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G1096" able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G1519" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3778" mountain|strong="G3735", 'Go, mountain|strong="G3735", fall into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588"

sea|strong="G2281".' And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" faith|strong="G4102", it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" happen|strong="G1096".<sup>22</sup> If|strong="G0302" you|strong="G1722" believe|strong="G4100", you|strong="G1722" will|strong="G3956" get anything|strong="G3956" you|strong="G1722" ask|strong="G0154" for|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" prayer|strong="G4335"."

### Jewish Leaders Doubt Jesus' Authority

(Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846" area. While|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" teaching|strong="G1321" there|strong="G1722", the|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" older|strong="G4245" leaders|strong="G3004" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Tell|strong="G3004" us|strong="G1325"! What|strong="G5101" authority|strong="G1849" do|strong="G4160" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G4160" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3778" doing|strong="G4160"? Who|strong="G3588" gave|strong="G1325" you|strong="G4771" this|strong="G3778" authority|strong="G1849"?"

<sup>24</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" ask|strong="G2065" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G4160" question|strong="G2065" too. If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" answer|strong="G0611" me|strong="G3004", then|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" what|strong="G3739" authority|strong="G1849" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1473" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778".<sup>25</sup> Tell|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004": When|strong="G1161" John|strong="G2491" baptized people|strong="G0444", did|strong="G1510" his|strong="G0846" authority come|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G0846", or|strong="G2228" was|strong="G1510" it|strong="G0846" only|strong="G1438" from|strong="G1537" other|strong="G1161" people|strong="G0444"?"

The *strong*="G3588" priests and *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G3588" Jewish leaders *strong*="G3004" talked about *strong*="G1722" Jesus' question. They *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" each *strong*="G1438" other *strong*="G1161"; " If *strong*="G1437" we *strong*="G1437" answer, ' John's *strong*="G2491" baptism *strong*="G0908" was *strong*="G1510" from *strong*="G1537" God *strong*="G0846"; then *strong*="G3767" he *strong*="G0846" will *strong*="G1510" say *strong*="G3004"; ' Then *strong*="G3767" why *strong*="G5101" didn't you *strong*="G1437" believe *strong*="G4100" John *strong*="G2491"? ' <sup>26</sup> But *strong*="G1161" we *strong*="G2249" can't *strong*="G3756" say *strong*="G3004" John's *strong*="G2491" baptism was *strong*="G3588" from *strong*="G1537" someone *strong*="G0444" else. We *strong*="G2249" are *strong*="G3956" afraid *strong*="G5399" of *strong*="G1537" the *strong*="G3956" people *strong*="G0444", because *strong*="G1223" they *strong*="G0846" all *strong*="G3956" believe *strong*="G4100" John *strong*="G2491" was *strong*="G3588" a *strong*="G2192" prophet *strong*="G4396". "

<sup>27</sup> So *strong*="G2532" they *strong*="G0846" told *strong*="G3004" Jesus *strong*="G2424", " We *strong*="G3778" don't *strong*="G3756" know *strong*="G1492" the *strong*="G3588" answer *strong*="G0611". "

Jesus *strong*="G2424" said *strong*="G3004", " Then *strong*="G2532" I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G3778" not *strong*="G3756" tell *strong*="G3004" you *strong*="G5210" who *strong*="G3588" gave *strong*="G4160" me *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" authority *strong*="G1849" to *strong*="G3004" do *strong*="G4160" these *strong*="G3778" things *strong*="G3778". "

#### Jesus *strong*="G2424" Uses a *strong*="G4160" Story About *strong*="G1722" Two Sons

<sup>28</sup> " Tell *strong*="G3004" me *strong*="G3004" what *strong*="G5101" you *strong*="G5210" think *strong*="G1380" about *strong*="G1722" this *strong*="G3588": There *strong*="G1722" was *strong*="G3588" a *strong*="G2192" man *strong*="G0444" who *strong*="G3588" had *strong*="G2192" two *strong*="G1417" sons *strong*="G5043". He *strong*="G3004" went *strong*="G4334" to *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" first *strong*="G4413" son *strong*="G5043" and *strong*="G1161" said *strong*="G3004"; ' Son *strong*="G5043", go *strong*="G5217" and *strong*="G1161" work *strong*="G2038" today *strong*="G4594" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" vineyard *strong*="G0290". "

<sup>29</sup> " The *strong*="G3588" son answered *strong*="G0611"; ' I *strong*="G1161" will *strong*="G2309" not *strong*="G3756" go *strong*="G0565". ' But *strong*="G1161" later *strong*="G5305" he *strong*="G3004" decided he *strong*="G3004" should go *strong*="G0565"; and *strong*="G1161" he *strong*="G3004" went *strong*="G0565". "

<sup>30</sup> " Then *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" father went *strong*="G0565" to *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" other *strong*="G2087" son and *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004"; ' Son, go *strong*="G0565" and *strong*="G2532" work today in *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" vineyard.' He *strong*="G2532" answered *strong*="G0611"; ' Yes *strong*="G1161", sir *strong*="G2962"; I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G2962" go *strong*="G0565" and *strong*="G2532" work.' But *strong*="G1161" he *strong*="G2532" did *strong*="G0611" not *strong*="G3756" go *strong*="G0565". "

<sup>31</sup> " Which *strong*="G5101" of *strong*="G1537" the *strong*="G3588" two *strong*="G1417" sons obeyed his *strong*="G0846" father *strong*="G3962"? " The *strong*="G3588" Jewish leaders *strong*="G3004" answered *strong*="G3004"; " The *strong*="G3588" first *strong*="G4413" son. "

Jesus *strong*="G2424" said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G1519" them *strong*="G0846"; " The *strong*="G3588" truth is *strong*="G2316", you *strong*="G5210" are *strong*="G3588" worse than *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" tax *strong*="G5057" collectors *strong*="G5057" and *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" prostitutes *strong*="G4204". In *strong*="G1519" fact *strong*="G3754", they *strong*="G0846" will *strong*="G2307" enter God's *strong*="G2316" kingdom *strong*="G0932" before *strong*="G4254" you *strong*="G5210" enter. <sup>32</sup> John *strong*="G2491" came *strong*="G2064" showing you *strong*="G5210" the *strong*="G3588" right *strong*="G1343" way *strong*="G3598" to *strong*="G4314" live, and *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G5210" did *strong*="G3708" not *strong*="G3756" believe *strong*="G4100" him *strong*="G0846". But *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G3588" tax *strong*="G5057" collectors *strong*="G5057" and *strong*="G2532" prostitutes *strong*="G4204" believed *strong*="G4100" John *strong*="G2491". You *strong*="G5210" saw *strong*="G3708" that *strong*="G4100" happening, but *strong*="G1161" you *strong*="G5210" would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3756" change *strong*="G3338". You *strong*="G5210" still *strong*="G2064" refused *strong*="G3756" to *strong*="G4314" believe *strong*="G4100" him *strong*="G0846". "

**God** Sends His Son

(Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19)

<sup>33</sup> " Listen to this story: There was a man who owned a vineyard. He put a wall around it and dug a hole for a winepress. Then he built a tower. He leased some farmers and then left on a trip. <sup>34</sup> Later, it was time for the grapes to be picked. So the man sent his servants to get his share of the grapes. <sup>35</sup> " But when the farmers grabbed the servants, beat one, killed another, then stoned a third servant. <sup>36</sup> So the man sent some other servants to the farmers. He sent more than he sent first. But the farmers did same thing to them that they did first. <sup>37</sup> So the man decided to

send his son to the farmers. He said, ' The farmers will respect my son.'

<sup>38</sup> " But when the farmers saw the son, they said, ' This is the owner's son. This vineyard will be ours.' <sup>39</sup> So the farmers took the son, threw him out, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> " So what will the owner of the vineyard do to these farmers when he comes?"

<sup>41</sup> The Jewish priests and leaders said, " He will surely kill those evil men. Then he will lease the land to other farmers, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, " Surely you have read this in the Scriptures:

' The stone that the builders refused to accept



became *the cornerstone*.

The *Lord* did *this*, and *it* is *wonderful to us*.

*Psalms 118:22-23*

<sup>43</sup> "So *I* tell *you* that *God's* *kingdom* will be *taken away* from *you*. *It* will be *given* to *people* who *do* *what* *God* *wants in* his *kingdom*."

<sup>44</sup> Whoever falls on *this* *stone* will be *broken*. And *it* will *crush anyone* *it* falls on."

<sup>45</sup> When *the* *leading priests* and *the Pharisees* heard *these* *stories*, they *knew* that *Jesus* was *talking about* them. <sup>46</sup> They *wanted* to *find a way* to *arrest* *Jesus*. But *they* were *afraid* to *do* anything, because *the* *people* believed that *Jesus* was *a prophet*.

### A Story About People Invited to a Dinner (Luke 14:15-24)

**22** *Jesus* used *some* *stories* to *teach the* *people*. He *said*, <sup>2</sup> "God's *kingdom* is *like* *a*

<sup>1</sup> Some Greek copies do not have verse 44.

*king* who *prepared a* *wedding feast* for *his* *son*. <sup>3</sup> He *invited* *some* *people* to *the* *feast*. When *it* was *ready*, the *king* sent *his* *servants* to *tell the* *people* to *come*. But *they* *refused* to *come* to *the* *king's* *feast*."

<sup>4</sup> Then *the* *king* sent *some* *more* *servants*. He *said* to *them*, "I *have* *already* *invited* *the* *people* to *my* *feast* is *ready*. I *have* *killed* *my* *best* *bulls* and *calves* to *be* *eaten*. *Everything* *is* *ready*. *Come* to *the* *wedding* *feast*."

<sup>5</sup> But *when* *the* *servants* told *the* *people* to *come*, they *refused* to *listen*. They *all* *went* to *do* *other* *things*. One *went* to *work in* *his* *field*, and *another* *went* to *his* *business*. <sup>6</sup> *Some* *of* *the* *other* *people* grabbed *the* *servants*, beat *them*, and *killed* *them*. <sup>7</sup> The *king*

was *strong*="G3588" very *strong*="G0846" an-gry *strong*="G3710". He *strong*="G2532" sent *strong*="G3992" his *strong*="G0846" army *strong*="G4753" to *strong*="G2532" kill those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3588" murdered his *strong*="G0846" servants. And *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" army *strong*="G4753" burned their *strong*="G0846" city *strong*="G4172".

<sup>8</sup> " After *strong*="G1161" that *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" king said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" his *strong*="G0846" ser-vants *strong*="G1401", ' The *strong*="G3588" wed-ding *strong*="G1062" feast *strong*="G1062" is *strong*="G1510" ready *strong*="G2092". I *strong*="G1161" invited *strong*="G2564" those *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846", but *strong*="G1161" they *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3756" good *strong*="G1510" enough to *strong*="G3004" come *strong*="G1510" to *strong*="G3004" my *strong*="G3004" feast *strong*="G1062". <sup>9</sup> So *strong*="G3767" go *strong*="G4198" to *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" street corners and *strong*="G2532" invite *strong*="G2564" every-one *strong*="G3745" you *strong*="G1437" see. Tell them *strong*="G2147" to *strong*="G1519" come to *strong*="G1519" my *strong*="G2147" feast *strong*="G1062". <sup>10</sup> So *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3956" servants *strong*="G1401" went *strong*="G1831" into *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3956" streets *strong*="G3598". They *strong*="G2532" gathered *strong*="G4863" all *strong*="G3956" the *strong*="G3956" peo-ple *strong*="G3956" they *strong*="G2532" could *strong*="G2147" find *strong*="G2147", good *strong*="G0018" and *strong*="G2532" bad *strong*="G4190" alike *strong*="G5037", and *strong*="G2532" brought *strong*="G1519" them *strong*="G2147" to *strong*="G1519" where *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3956" wed-ding *strong*="G1062" feast *strong*="G1062" was *strong*="G3588" ready. And *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3956" place was *strong*="G3588" filled *strong*="G4130" with *strong*="G2532" guests *strong*="G0345".

<sup>11</sup> " When *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G3588" king *strong*="G0935" came *strong*="G1525" in *strong*="G1525" to *strong*="G0444" meet the *strong*="G3588" guests *strong*="G0345", he *strong*="G1161" saw *strong*="G3708" a *strong*="G3708" man *strong*="G0444" there *strong*="G1563" who *strong*="G3588" was *strong*="G3588" not *strong*="G3756" dressed in *strong*="G1525" the *strong*="G3588" right clothes *strong*="G1742" for *strong*="G0444" a *strong*="G3708" wedding *strong*="G1062". <sup>12</sup> The *strong*="G3588" king said *strong*="G3004", '

Friend *strong*="G2083", how *strong*="G4459" were *strong*="G3588" you *strong*="G3004" allowed to *strong*="G3004" come *strong*="G1525" in *strong*="G2532" here *strong*="G5602"? You *strong*="G3004" are *strong*="G3588" not *strong*="G3361" wearing the *strong*="G3588" right clothes *strong*="G1742".' But *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G3588" man *strong*="G3361" said *strong*="G3004" nothing *strong*="G3361". <sup>13</sup> So *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" king *strong*="G0935" told *strong*="G3004" some *strong*="G3588" servants *strong*="G1249", ' Tie *strong*="G1210" this *strong*="G3588" man's hands *strong*="G5495" and *strong*="G2532" feet *strong*="G4228". Throw *strong*="G1544" him *strong*="G0846" out *strong*="G1544" in-to *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" dark-ness *strong*="G4655", where *strong*="G1519" peo-ple *strong*="G0846" are *strong*="G1510" crying and *strong*="G2532" grinding their *strong*="G0846" teeth *strong*="G3599" with *strong*="G2532" pain.' <sup>14</sup> " Yes *strong*="G1063", many *strong*="G4183" people *strong*="G1510" are *strong*="G1510" invited. But *strong*="G1161" only a *strong*="G1510" few *strong*="G3641" are *strong*="G1510" cho-sen *strong*="G1588"."

**The *strong*="G1161" Jewish Leaders Try to *strong*="G4183" Trick Jesus *strong*="G1510"**

(Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26)

<sup>15</sup> Then *strong*="G5119" the *strong*="G3588" Phar-isees *strong*="G5330" left the *strong*="G3588" place *strong*="G1722" where *strong*="G1722" Je-sus *strong*="G0846" was *strong*="G3588" teach-ing *strong*="G3056". They *strong*="G0846" made plans to *strong*="G1722" catch him *strong*="G0846" saying *strong*="G3056" something wrong. <sup>16</sup> They *strong*="G0846" sent *strong*="G0649" some *strong*="G3588" men *strong*="G0444" to *strong*="G1519" Jesus *strong*="G0846". They *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G1510" some *strong*="G3588" of *strong*="G2316" their *strong*="G0846" own *strong*="G0846" followers and *strong*="G2532" some *strong*="G3588" from *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" group called *strong*="G3004" Herodians *strong*="G2265". They *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004", " Teacher *strong*="G1320", we *strong*="G2532" know *strong*="G1492" you *strong*="G4771" are *strong*="G1510" an *strong*="G1510" honest man *strong*="G0444". We *strong*="G2532" know *strong*="G1492" you *strong*="G4771" teach *strong*="G1321" the *strong*="G3588" truth *strong*="G0225" about *strong*="G4012" God's *strong*="G2316" way *strong*="G3598". You *strong*="G4771" are *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3756" afraid of *strong*="G2316" what *strong*="G3588" others *strong*="G0444" think

about |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771". All |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771". <sup>17</sup> So |strong="G3767" tell |strong="G3004" us |strong="G1325" what |strong="G5101" you |strong="G4771" think |strong="G1380". Is |strong="G5101" it |strong="G3004" right to |strong="G3004" pay |strong="G1325" taxes |strong="G2778" to |strong="G3004" Caesar |strong="G2541" or |strong="G2228" not |strong="G3756"?"

<sup>18</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" knew |strong="G1097" that |strong="G1097" these |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" trying |strong="G3985" to |strong="G3004" trick him |strong="G0846". So |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G3004" hypocrites |strong="G5273"! Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" trying |strong="G3985" to |strong="G3004" catch me |strong="G3004" saying |strong="G3004" something |strong="G5101" wrong? <sup>19</sup> Show |strong="G1925" me |strong="G1473" a |strong="G1161" coin |strong="G3546" used for |strong="G4374" paying the |strong="G3588" tax." They |strong="G0846" showed Jesus |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1161" silver coin |strong="G3546". <sup>20</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004", " Whose |strong="G5101" picture is |strong="G5101" on |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" coin? And |strong="G2532" whose |strong="G5101" name is |strong="G5101" written on |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" coin?" <sup>21</sup> They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" Caesar's |strong="G2541" picture and |strong="G2532" Caesar's |strong="G2541" name."

Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Give |strong="G0591" to |strong="G3004" Caesar |strong="G2541" what |strong="G3588" belongs to |strong="G3004" Caesar |strong="G2541", and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G0591" to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G2316" what |strong="G3588" belongs to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G2316"."

<sup>22</sup> When |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191" what |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532", they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G2532" amazed |strong="G2296". They |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0863" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" away |strong="G0565".

### Some Sadducees Try to |strong="G2532" Trick Jesus |strong="G0846"

(Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40)

<sup>23</sup> That |strong="G1565" same |strong="G0846" day |strong="G2250" some |strong="G3588" Sadducees |strong="G4523" came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846". ( Sadducees |strong="G4523" believe that |strong="G1565" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" rise |strong="G0386" from |strong="G3361" death.) The |strong="G3588" Sadducees |strong="G4523" asked |strong="G1905" Jesus |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1510" question |strong="G1905". <sup>24</sup> They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Teacher |strong="G1320", Moses |strong="G3475" told |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3004" if |strong="G1437" a |strong="G2192" married |strong="G1135" man |strong="G5100" dies |strong="G0599" and |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3361" children |strong="G5043", his |strong="G0846" brother |strong="G0080" must |strong="G1135" marry |strong="G1918" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G5100" have |strong="G2192" children |strong="G5043" for |strong="G0599" the |strong="G3588" dead |strong="G0599" brother |strong="G0080". <sup>25</sup> There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" seven |strong="G2033" brothers |strong="G0080" among |strong="G3844" us |strong="G0863". The |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" brother |strong="G0080" married |strong="G1060" but |strong="G1161" died |strong="G5053". He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3361" children |strong="G4690". So |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" brother |strong="G0080" married |strong="G1060" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135". <sup>26</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" brother also |strong="G2532" died. The |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3668" thing |strong="G3668" happened |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2193" the |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" brother and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" other brothers. <sup>27</sup> The |strong="G3956" woman |strong="G1135" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" last |strong="G5305" to |strong="G3956" die |strong="G0599". <sup>28</sup> But |strong="G1063" all |strong="G3956" seven |strong="G2033" men |strong="G3956" had |strong="G2192" married |strong="G1135" her |strong="G0846". So |strong="G3767" when |strong="G1722" people |strong="G3956" rise |strong="G0386"

from **death**, whose **wife** **will** **she** **be**?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered **are** **You** **are** **You** **know** **the** **say** **you** **know** **about** **power** **the** **from** **will** **no** **people** **not** **Everyone** **like** **angels** **in** **heaven** **what** **said** **you** **about** **people** **from** **God** **I** **the** **of** **the** **of** **and** **God** **of** **Jacob** **they** **not** **because** **is** **God** **of** **people** **When** **people** **this** **were** **amazed** **at** Jesus' teaching.

<sup>33</sup> When **people** **this** **were** **amazed** **at** Jesus' teaching.

**Which** **the** **Most Important?**

(Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-28)

<sup>34</sup> The **Pharisees** **learned** **that** **Jesus** **had** **made** **Sad-** **duces** **look** **so** **fool-** **ish** **that** **they** **stopped** **trying** **to** **argue** **with** **him** **So** **the** **Phar-** **isees** **had** **a** **meeting** **Then** **one** **of** **them** **an** **expert** **in** **the** **Law** **of** **Moses** **asked** **Jesus** **a** **question** **to** **test** **him** **He** **said**, **"Teacher** **which** **command** **is** **in** **the** **law** **is** **the** **most** **impor-** **tant** **?"**

<sup>37</sup> Jesus answered **Love** **the** **Lord** **your** **God** **with** **all** **your** **heart** **all** **your** **soul** **and** **all** **your** **mind** **is** **the** **first** **and** **most** **im-** **portant** **command** **is** **like** **the** **first**: **"Love** **your** **neighbor** **the** **same** **as** **you** **love** **your-** **self** **."** **All** **of** **the** **law** **and** **the** **writings** **of** **the** **prophets** **take** **their** **meaning** **from**

II 22:37 Quote from Deuteronomy 6:5. III YOUR NEIGHBOR Or "others." Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:25-37 makes clear that this includes anyone in need. IV 22:39 Quote from Leviticus 19:18.

these |strong="G3778" two |strong="G1417" commands |strong="G1785".

Is |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" Messiah David's Son

or |strong="G2532" David's Lord?

(Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44)

41 So |strong="G1161" while |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" were |strong="G5330" together |strong="G4863", Jesus |strong="G2424" asked |strong="G1905" them |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1438" question |strong="G1905". 42 He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1380" you |strong="G5210" think |strong="G1380" about |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547"? Whose |strong="G5101" son |strong="G5207" is |strong="G1510" he |strong="G0846"?"

The |strong="G3588" Pharisees answered |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" David |strong="G1138".

43 Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Then |strong="G3767" why |strong="G4459" did |strong="G2564" David |strong="G1138" call |strong="G2564" him |strong="G0846" "Lord"? David |strong="G1138" was |strong="G0846" speaking |strong="G3004" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" power of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G1722" Spirit |strong="G4151". He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004",

44 The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" God |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" my |strong="G5087" Lord |strong="G2962":

Sit |strong="G2521" by |strong="G1537" me |strong="G3004" at |strong="G1537" my |strong="G5087" right |strong="G1188" side, and |strong="G2962" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2962" put |strong="G5087" your |strong="G2962" enemies |strong="G2190" under |strong="G5270" your |strong="G2962" control |strong="G4228".<sup>1</sup>

Psalm 110:1

45 David |strong="G1138" calls |strong="G2564" the |strong="G3767" Messiah ' Lord |strong="G2962". So |strong="G3767" how |strong="G4459" can he |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1510" David's |strong="G1138" son |strong="G5207"?"

46 None |strong="G3762" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees could |strong="G1410" answer |strong="G0611" Jesus' question |strong="G1905". And |strong="G2532" after |strong="G2532" that |strong="G1565"

1 CONTROL Literally, "feet."

day |strong="G2250", no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" was |strong="G3588" brave enough to |strong="G1410" ask |strong="G1905" him |strong="G0846" any |strong="G5100" more |strong="G3765" questions |strong="G1905".

Jesus Criticizes the Religious Leaders

(Mark 12:38-40; Luke 11:37-52; 20:45-47)

23 Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" spoke |strong="G2980" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" followers. He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2980",<sup>2</sup> " The |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" law and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" authority to |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3004" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Law of |strong="G1909" Moses |strong="G3475" says |strong="G3004".<sup>3</sup> So |strong="G3767" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G5083" them |strong="G0846". Do |strong="G4160" everything |strong="G3956" they |strong="G0846" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160". But |strong="G1161" their |strong="G0846" lives are |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" good examples for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3004" follow. They |strong="G0846" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160" things |strong="G3956", but |strong="G1161" things |strong="G0846" don't |strong="G3756" do |strong="G4160" those |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3956" themselves |strong="G0846".<sup>4</sup> They |strong="G0846" make |strong="G3756" strict rules that |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" hard for |strong="G1909" people |strong="G0444" to |strong="G2309" obey. They |strong="G0846" try to |strong="G2309" force others |strong="G0444" to |strong="G2309" obey all |strong="G3588" their |strong="G0846" rules. But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" themselves |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0444" not |strong="G3756" try to |strong="G2309" follow any |strong="G1909" of |strong="G1909" those |strong="G3588" rules.<sup>5</sup> " The |strong="G3956" only |strong="G2532" reason |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" do |strong="G4160" is |strong="G0444" for |strong="G1063" other |strong="G1161" people |strong="G0444" to |strong="G4314" see |strong="G2300" them |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" make |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3956" little Scrip-

ture boxes <sup>I</sup> they wear bigger and bigger. And they make the tassels on their prayer clothes long enough for people to notice them. <sup>6</sup> These men love to have the places of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues. <sup>7</sup> They love for people to show respect to them in the marketplaces and to call them "Teacher."

<sup>8</sup> "But you must be called 'Teacher' are all equal as brothers and sisters. You have only one Teacher." <sup>9</sup> And don't call anyone on earth "Father" You have one Father in heaven. <sup>10</sup> And you should not be called "Master." You have only one Master, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup> Whoever serves you like a servant is the greatest among you.

<sup>12</sup> People who think they are better than others will be hum-

ble. But people who humble themselves will be great.

<sup>13</sup> "It will be bad for you teachers of the law and Pharisees! You hypocrites! You close for to enter God's kingdom. You don't enter yourselves, and you stop those who are trying to enter." <sup>14</sup> <sup>III</sup>

<sup>15</sup> "It will be bad for you teachers of the law and Pharisees! You hypocrites! You travel across the seas and across different countries to find one person who will follow your ways. When you find that person, you make him worse than you are. And you are so bad that you belong in hell!"

<sup>16</sup> "It will be bad for you teachers of the law and Pharisees! You guide people, but you are blind say, 'If anyone uses the name

I SCRIPTURE BOXES Small leather boxes containing four important Scriptures. Some Jews tied these to the forehead and left arm to show their devotion to God and his word. Many Pharisees made these bigger to show that they were more religious than others.

II TASSELS Decorations made from wool threads that hung down from the four corners of the clothing or prayer shawls worn by Jews. They were supposed to be reminders of God's commands (see Num. 15:38-41).

III Some Greek copies add verse 14: "It will be bad for you, teachers of the law and you Pharisees. You are hypocrites. You cheat widows and take their homes. Then you make long prayers so that people can see you. So you will have a worse punishment." See Mark 12:40; Luke 20:47.

of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G3485" to|strong="G3004" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G1510" promise, that|strong="G3739" means|strong="G1510" nothing|strong="G3762". But|strong="G1161" anyone|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3739" uses the|strong="G3588" gold|strong="G5557" that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G3485" to|strong="G3004" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G1510" promise must|strong="G1510" keep that|strong="G3739" promise.<sup>17</sup> You|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" blind|strong="G5185" fools|strong="G3474"! Can't you|strong="G1510" see that|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G3485" is|strong="G1510" greater|strong="G3173" than|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" gold|strong="G5557" on|strong="G2228" it|strong="G1510"? It's the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G3485" that|strong="G1510" makes the|strong="G3588" gold|strong="G5557" holy|strong="G0037"!

<sup>18</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739" say, ' If|strong="G0302" anyone|strong="G3762" uses the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379" to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G1510" promise, that|strong="G3739" means|strong="G1510" nothing|strong="G3762". But|strong="G1161" anyone|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3739" uses the|strong="G3588" gift|strong="G1435" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379" to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G1510" promise must|strong="G1510" keep that|strong="G3739" promise.<sup>19</sup> You|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588" blind|strong="G5185"! Can't you|strong="G5101" see that|strong="G1435" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379" is|strong="G5101" greater|strong="G3173" than|strong="G2228" any gift|strong="G1435" on|strong="G2228" it? It's the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379" that|strong="G1435" makes the|strong="G3588" gift|strong="G1435" holy|strong="G0037"!<sup>20</sup> Whoever|strong="G3588" uses the|strong="G3956" altar|strong="G2379" to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G2532" promise is|strong="G3588" really using the|strong="G3956" altar|strong="G2379" and|strong="G2532" everything|strong="G3956" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" altar|strong="G2379".<sup>21</sup> And|strong="G2532" anyone|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" uses the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G3485" to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G2532" promise is|strong="G3588" really using the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G3485" and|strong="G2532"

God|strong="G0846", who|strong="G3588" lives|strong="G2730" in|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846".<sup>22</sup> Whoever|strong="G3588" uses heaven|strong="G3772" to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G3660" a|strong="G2532" promise is|strong="G2316" using God's|strong="G2316" throne|strong="G2362" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G2316" seated|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846".

<sup>23</sup> It|strong="G4160" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G1163" bad for|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" teachers of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" Pharisees|strong="G5330"! You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3778" hypocrites|strong="G5273"! You|strong="G5210" give|strong="G4160" God|strong="G4160" a|strong="G4160" tenth of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3588" food you|strong="G5210" get, even|strong="G2532" your|strong="G0863" mint|strong="G2238", dill|strong="G0432", and|strong="G2532" cumin.<sup>I</sup> But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3361" obey|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" really important teachings of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551"— being|strong="G4771" fair, showing mercy|strong="G1656", and|strong="G2532" being|strong="G4771" faithful. These|strong="G3778" are|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G1163" do|strong="G4160". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G1163" also|strong="G2532" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" those|strong="G3588" other things|strong="G3778".<sup>24</sup> You|strong="G5185" guide|strong="G3595" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588", but|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5185" are|strong="G3588" blind|strong="G5185"! Think about|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1161" man|strong="G5185" picking a|strong="G1161" little fly out of|strong="G3588" his|strong="G1161" drink and|strong="G1161" then|strong="G1161" swallowing a|strong="G1161" camel|strong="G2574"! You|strong="G5185" are|strong="G3588" like that|strong="G1161".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>25</sup> It|strong="G1161" will|strong="G3748" be|strong="G2532" bad for|strong="G3754"

<sup>I</sup> YOU GIVE ... CUMIN Literally, "You tithe the mint, dill, and cumin." The Law of Moses required Israelites to share their food supply by dedicating a tenth of their field crops and livestock to God (see Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 26:12). This did not include such small garden plants as those mentioned here. So these Pharisees were giving more than required to be sure they were not breaking the Law. <sup>II</sup> YOU ARE LIKE THAT Meaning "You worry about the smallest mistakes but commit the biggest sin."

you teachers of the law and Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You wash clean outside of you your cups and dishes. But inside they are full of what you got by cheating others and pleasing yourselves. Pharisees are blind! First the inside of the cup and the outside of the cup will also be clean.

<sup>27</sup> "It will be bad for you teachers of the law and Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You are like tombs that are painted white. Outside they look fine, but inside they are full of dead people's bones and all kinds of filth. <sup>28</sup> It is the same with you. People look at you and think you are godly. But on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and evil.

<sup>29</sup> "It will be bad for you

teachers of the law and Pharisees! You are hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets. And you show honor to the graves of the prophets the godly people who were killed. <sup>30</sup> And you say, 'If we had lived during the time of our ancestors, we would not have helped them kill these prophets.' <sup>31</sup> So you give proof that you are descendants of those who killed the prophets. <sup>32</sup> And you will finish the sin that your ancestors started!

<sup>33</sup> "You are snakes from a family of poisonous snakes! You will not escape God. You will all be judged guilty and go to hell! <sup>34</sup> So I tell you this: I will send you prophets and teachers who are wise and know the Scriptures. You will kill some of them of them on crosses. You will beat some of them in



your *synagogues*. You will chase them from town to town.

<sup>35</sup> "So you will be guilty for the death of all the people who have been killed on earth. You will be guilty for the killing of Abel. And you will be guilty for the killing of Zechariah's son of Berachiah. He was killed between the Temple and the altar." You will be guilty for the killing of all the good people who lived between the time of Abel and the time of Zechariah. <sup>36</sup> Believe me when I say that all these things will happen to you people who are living now.

**Jesus Warns the People of Jerusalem**  
(Luke 13:34-35)

<sup>37</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those that God has sent to you."

I ABEL, ZECHARIAH In the Hebrew Old Testament, these are the first and last persons murdered.

to you. Many, many times I wanted to help your people. I wanted to gather them together as they gathered around me. But you did not let me. Now your house will be completely empty. I tell you, you will not see me again until the time you will say, 'Welcome! God bless one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

**Jesus Warns About the Future**  
(Mark 13:1-31; Luke 21:5-33)

**24** Jesus left the area and was walking away. But his followers came to him to show him the Temple's buildings. <sup>2</sup> He asked, "Are you looking at these buildings? The fact is, they will be destroyed. Every stone will be thrown down to the ground. Not one stone will be left standing."

II 23:39 Quote from Psalm 118:26.

left **"G0863"** on **"G1909"** another **"G3037"**."

<sup>3</sup> Later, Jesus **"G0846"** was **"G1510"** sitting **"G2521"** at **"G1909"** a **"G1510"** place **"G1473"** on **"G1909"** the **"G3588"** Mount **"G3735"** of **"G1909"** Olives **"G1636"**. The **"G3588"** followers came **"G4334"** to **"G3004"** be **"G1510"** alone **"G0846"** with **"G1909"** him **"G0846"**. They **"G0846"** said **"G3004"**, "Tell **"G3004"** us **"G3004"** when **"G2532"** these **"G3778"** things **"G3778"** will **"G1510"** happen **"G1510"**. And **"G2532"** what **"G5101"** will **"G1510"** happen **"G1510"** to **"G3004"** prepare us **"G3004"** for **"G1909"** your **"G4674"** coming **"G3952"** and **"G2532"** the **"G3588"** end **"G4930"** of **"G1909"** time **"G0165"**?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus **"G2424"** answered **"G0611"**, "Be **"G2532"** careful **"G0991"**! Don't **"G3361"** let **"G4105"** anyone **"G5100"** fool you **"G5210"**." <sup>5</sup> Many **"G4183"** people **"G1510"** will **"G1510"** come **"G2064"** and **"G2532"** use my **"G3004"** name **"G3686"**. They **"G2532"** will **"G1510"** say **"G3004"**, 'I **"G1473"** am **"G1510"** the **"G3588"** Messiah **"G5547"**! And **"G2532"** they **"G2532"** will **"G1510"** fool many **"G4183"** people **"G1510"**." <sup>6</sup> You **"G3708"** will **"G1510"** hear **"G0191"** about **"G3195"** wars **"G4171"** that **"G0191"** are **"G1510"** being **"G1510"** fought. And **"G2532"** you **"G3708"** will **"G1510"** hear **"G0191"** stories about **"G3195"** other **"G1161"** wars **"G4171"** beginning. But **"G1161"** don't **"G3361"** be **"G1510"** afraid. These **"G3588"** things **"G3195"** must **"G1163"** happen **"G1096"** before **"G3588"** the **"G3588"** end **"G5056"** comes **"G1096"**." <sup>7</sup> Nations **"G1484"** will **"G1510"** fight against **"G2596"** other nations **"G1484"**. Kingdoms **"G0932"** will **"G1510"** fight against **"G2596"** other kingdoms **"G0932"**. There **"G1510"** will **"G1510"** be **"G1510"** times when **"G2532"** there **"G1510"** is **"G1510"** no food for **"G1063"** peo-

ple **"G1484"** to **"G1909"** eat. And **"G2532"** there **"G1510"** will **"G1510"** be **"G1510"** earthquakes **"G4578"** in **"G1909"** different places **"G5117"**." <sup>8</sup> These **"G3778"** things **"G3778"** are **"G3956"** only the **"G3956"** beginning **"G0746"** of **"G3956"** troubles, like the **"G3956"** first **"G0746"** pains **"G5604"** of **"G3956"** a **"G1161"** woman **"G3778"** giving birth **"G5604"**."

<sup>9</sup> "Then **"G2532"** you **"G5210"** will **"G1510"** be **"G1510"** arrested and **"G2532"** handed **"G3860"** over **"G3860"** to **"G1519"** be **"G1510"** punished and **"G2532"** killed **"G0615"**. People **"G1484"** all **"G3956"** over **"G3860"** the **"G3956"** world will **"G1510"** hate **"G3404"** you **"G5210"** because **"G1223"** you **"G5210"** believe in **"G1519"** me **"G1473"**." <sup>10</sup> During that **"G5119"** time **"G5119"** many **"G4183"** believers will **"G4183"** lose their **"G2532"** faith. They **"G2532"** will **"G4183"** turn **"G3860"** against each **"G0240"** other **"G0240"** and **"G2532"** hate **"G3404"** each **"G0240"** other **"G0240"**." <sup>11</sup> Many **"G4183"** false **"G5578"** prophets **"G5578"** will **"G4183"** come and **"G2532"** cause **"G1453"** many **"G4183"** people **"G4183"** to **"G2532"** believe things **"G4183"** that are **"G2532"** wrong. <sup>12</sup> There **"G4183"** will **"G4183"** be **"G2532"** so **"G2532"** much **"G4183"** more **"G4183"** evil in **"G2532"** the **"G3588"** world that **"G1223"** the **"G3588"** love **"G0026"** of **"G1223"** most **"G4183"** believers will **"G4183"** grow **"G5594"** cold **"G5594"**." <sup>13</sup> But **"G1161"** the **"G3588"** one **"G3778"** who **"G3588"** remains faithful to **"G1519"** the **"G3588"** end **"G5056"** will **"G3778"** be **"G3778"** saved **"G4982"**." <sup>14</sup> And **"G2532"** the **"G3956"** Good **"G2098"** News **"G2098"** I **"G2532"** have **"G2532"** shared about **"G1722"** God's kingdom **"G0932"** will **"G3778"** be **"G2532"** told throughout **"G1722"** the **"G3956"** world **"G3625"**. It **"G5119"** will **"G3778"** be **"G2532"** spread **"G1519"** to **"G1519"** every **"G3956"** na-

tion|strong="G1484". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" end|strong="G5056" will|strong="G3778" come|strong="G2240".

<sup>15</sup> " Daniel|strong="G1158" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396" spoke|strong="G3004" about|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" terrible thing|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" causes destruction.<sup>I</sup> You|strong="G3752" will|strong="G3004" see|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588" terrible thing|strong="G3004" standing|strong="G2476" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" holy|strong="G0040" place|strong="G5117". " ( You|strong="G3752" who|strong="G3588" read|strong="G0314" this|strong="G3588" should understand|strong="G3539" what|strong="G3588" it|strong="G1223" means|strong="G3004". ) <sup>16</sup> " The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" Judea|strong="G2449" at|strong="G1722" that|strong="G1722" time|strong="G5119" should run away|strong="G5343" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" mountains|strong="G3735". <sup>17</sup> They|strong="G0846" should run away|strong="G0142" without|strong="G3361" wasting time|strong="G1909" to|strong="G1909" stop|strong="G3361" for|strong="G1909" anything. If they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" roof|strong="G1430" of|strong="G1537" their|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614", they|strong="G0846" must|strong="G2597" not|strong="G3361" go|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" to|strong="G1909" get|strong="G0142" anything out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3614". <sup>18</sup> If|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" field|strong="G0068", they|strong="G0846" must|strong="G1994" not|strong="G3361" go back|strong="G1994" to|strong="G2532" get|strong="G0142" a|strong="G2532" coat|strong="G2440".

<sup>19</sup> " During|strong="G1722" that|strong="G1565" time|strong="G2250" it|strong="G1161" will|strong="G2250" be|strong="G2532" hard for|strong="G1722" women who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" pregnant|strong="G1064" or|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" small babies|strong="G2337". <sup>20</sup> Pray|strong="G4336" that|strong="G2443" it|strong="G1161" will|strong="G1096" not|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1096" winter|strong="G5494" or|strong="G3366" a|strong="G1096" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521" when|strong="G1161" these|strong="G3588"

I 'THE TERRIBLE THING ... DESTRUCTION' See Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11.

things|strong="G3588" happen|strong="G1096" and|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2443" run away, <sup>21</sup> because|strong="G1063" it|strong="G5119" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" time|strong="G5119" of|strong="G0575" great|strong="G3173" trouble|strong="G2347". There|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" more|strong="G3173" trouble|strong="G2347" than|strong="G3173" has|strong="G1096" ever happened|strong="G1096" since|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" beginning|strong="G0746" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889". And|strong="G3173" nothing|strong="G3756" as|strong="G1096" bad as|strong="G1096" that|strong="G1096" will|strong="G1510" ever happen|strong="G1096" again|strong="G2193".

<sup>22</sup> " But|strong="G1161" God has|strong="G2532" decided to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G3361" that|strong="G1565" terrible time|strong="G2250" short|strong="G2856". If|strong="G1487" it|strong="G1223" were|strong="G3956" not|strong="G3756" made|strong="G4982" short|strong="G2856", no|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3588" would|strong="G0302" continue|strong="G2532" living. But|strong="G1161" God will|strong="G2250" make|strong="G3361" that|strong="G1565" time|strong="G2250" short|strong="G2856" to|strong="G2532" help the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2532" chosen|strong="G1588".

<sup>23</sup> " Someone|strong="G5100" might|strong="G5100" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" at|strong="G3588" that|strong="G3004" time|strong="G5119", ' Look|strong="G2400", there|strong="G5602" is|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547"! Or|strong="G2228" someone|strong="G5100" else|strong="G2228" might|strong="G5100" say|strong="G3004", ' There|strong="G5602" he|strong="G1437" is|strong="G5100"! But|strong="G3361" don't|strong="G3361" believe|strong="G4100" them|strong="G3004". <sup>24</sup> False|strong="G5578" messiahs and|strong="G2532" false|strong="G5578" prophets|strong="G5578" will|strong="G2532" come and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4105" great|strong="G3173" miracles and|strong="G2532" wonders|strong="G5059", <sup>II</sup> trying to|strong="G2532" fool the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" God|strong="G1325" has|strong="G2532" chosen|strong="G1588", if|strong="G1487" that|strong="G5620"

II MIRACLES AND WONDERS Here, amazing acts done by Satan's power.

is possible.<sup>25</sup> Now I warned you about this before it happens.

<sup>26</sup> "Someone might tell you, 'The Messiah is in the desert!' But don't go into the desert to look for him." Someone else might say, 'There is in the room don't believe it.'<sup>27</sup> When the Son of Man comes, everyone will see him. It will be like lightning flashing in the sky that can be seen everywhere.<sup>28</sup> It's like looking for a dead body: You will find it where the vultures are gathering above.

<sup>29</sup> "Right after the trouble of those days, this will happen:

' The sun will become dark, and the moon will not give light.

The stars will fall from the sky,

and everything in the sky will be changed.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>30</sup> " Then there will be something in the sky

that shows the Son of Man is coming. All the people of the world will cry. Everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds in the sky. He will come with power and great glory.<sup>31</sup> He will use a trumpet to send his angels all around the earth. They will gather his chosen people from every part of the earth.

<sup>32</sup> " The fig tree teaches us a lesson: When its branches become green and soft, and new leaves begin to grow, then you know that summer is very near.<sup>33</sup>

In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that the time is near,<sup>34</sup> I assure you that these things will happen while some of

<sup>1</sup> II TIME The time Jesus has been talking about when something important will happen. See Luke 21:31, where Jesus says that this is the time for God's kingdom to come.

<sup>1</sup> See Isaiah 13:10, 34:4.

the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" this |strong="G3778" time are |strong="G3956" still |strong="G2193" living.<sup>35</sup> The |strong="G3588" whole world |strong="G1093", earth |strong="G1093" and |strong="G2532" sky |strong="G3772", will |strong="G1093" be |strong="G2532" destroyed, but |strong="G1161" my |strong="G2532" words |strong="G3056" will |strong="G1093" last forever.

**Only |strong="G3756" God Knows  
When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Time  
Will |strong="G1093" Be |strong="G2532"**  
(Mark 13:32-37; Luke 17:26-30, 34-36)

<sup>36</sup> " No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" knows |strong="G1492" when |strong="G2532" that |strong="G1565" day |strong="G2250" or |strong="G3761" time |strong="G2250" will |strong="G2250" be |strong="G2532". The |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032" in |strong="G2532" heaven |strong="G3772" don't |strong="G3361" know |strong="G1492" when |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" will |strong="G2250" be |strong="G2532". Only |strong="G3441" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" knows |strong="G1492".  
<sup>37</sup> " When |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" comes |strong="G1510", it |strong="G1161" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" as |strong="G5618" what |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588" during Noah's time |strong="G2250".<sup>38</sup> In |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" days |strong="G2250" before |strong="G4253" the |strong="G3588" flood |strong="G2627", people |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" eating |strong="G5176" and |strong="G2532" drinking |strong="G4095", marrying |strong="G1060" and |strong="G2532" giving their |strong="G2532" children to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1510" married |strong="G1060" right |strong="G1519" up |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" Noah |strong="G3575" entered |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" boat.<sup>39</sup> They |strong="G2532" knew |strong="G1097" nothing |strong="G3756" about |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" happening until |strong="G2193" the |strong="G3588" flood |strong="G2627" came |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" destroyed them |strong="G0142" all |strong="G0537".

" It |strong="G3779" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" when |strong="G2532"

the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" comes |strong="G2064".<sup>40</sup> Two |strong="G1417" men |strong="G1417" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" working together |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" field |strong="G0068". One |strong="G1520" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" taken |strong="G3880" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" left |strong="G0863".<sup>41</sup> Two |strong="G1417" women |strong="G1417" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" grinding |strong="G0229" grain with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1520" mill |strong="G3458". One |strong="G1520" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" taken |strong="G3880" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" left |strong="G0863".

<sup>42</sup> " So |strong="G3767" always be |strong="G3767" ready. You |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" your |strong="G2962" Lord |strong="G2962" will |strong="G2962" come |strong="G2064".<sup>43</sup> What |strong="G4169" would |strong="G0302" a |strong="G2064" homeowner do |strong="G1492" if |strong="G1487" he |strong="G2532" knew |strong="G1097" when |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2064" thief |strong="G2812" was |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2064"? You |strong="G1487" know |strong="G1097" he |strong="G2532" would |strong="G0302" be |strong="G2532" ready and |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" let |strong="G1439" the |strong="G3588" thief |strong="G2812" break |strong="G1358" in |strong="G2532".<sup>44</sup> So |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" also |strong="G2532" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G1096" ready |strong="G2092". The |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G3739" come |strong="G2064" at |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1096" time |strong="G5610" when |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" expect |strong="G1380" him |strong="G3739".

**Good |strong="G1380" Servants and |strong="G2532"  
Bad Servants**  
(Luke 12:41-48)

<sup>45</sup> " Who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" wise |strong="G5429" and |strong="G2532" trusted servant |strong="G1401"? The |strong="G3588" master |strong="G2962" trusts one |strong="G3739" servant |strong="G1401" to |strong="G1909"

give |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3739" servants |strong="G1401" their |strong="G0846" food |strong="G5160" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G2540" time |strong="G2540". Who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" master |strong="G2962" trusts to |strong="G1909" do |strong="G1510" that |strong="G3739" work? <sup>46</sup> When |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" master |strong="G2962" comes |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2064" finds |strong="G2147" that |strong="G3739" servant |strong="G1401" doing |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" work he |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G4160" him |strong="G0846", it |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2962" a |strong="G4160" day of |strong="G2962" blessing for |strong="G2064" that |strong="G3739" servant |strong="G1401". <sup>47</sup> I |strong="G0281" can |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" without a |strong="G3004" doubt, the |strong="G3956" master will |strong="G3956" choose that |strong="G3754" servant to |strong="G3004" take care of |strong="G1909" everything |strong="G3956" he |strong="G0846" owns.

<sup>48</sup> " But |strong="G1161" what |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2962" happen if |strong="G1437" that |strong="G1565" servant |strong="G1401" is |strong="G2962" evil |strong="G2556" and |strong="G1161" thinks his |strong="G0846" master |strong="G2962" will |strong="G2962" not |strong="G1473" come back soon |strong="G1722"? <sup>49</sup> He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" begin |strong="G0757" to |strong="G0757" beat |strong="G5180" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" servants |strong="G4889". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" eat |strong="G2068" and |strong="G2532" drink |strong="G4095" with |strong="G3326" others |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" drunk |strong="G3184". <sup>50</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" master |strong="G2962" will |strong="G3739" come |strong="G2240" when |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" servant |strong="G1401" is |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" ready, at |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3739" time |strong="G2250" when |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" servant |strong="G1401" is |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" expecting |strong="G4328" him |strong="G3739". <sup>51</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" master will |strong="G1510" punish that |strong="G0846" servant. He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" send him |strong="G0846" away |strong="G3326" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326"

the |strong="G3588" hypocrites |strong="G5273", where |strong="G1563" people |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" cry and |strong="G2532" grind their |strong="G0846" teeth |strong="G3599" with |strong="G3326" pain.

### A Story About Ten Girls

**25** " At |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3748" time |strong="G5119" God's |strong="G0846" kingdom |strong="G0932" will |strong="G3748" be like |strong="G3666" ten |strong="G1176" girls who |strong="G3588" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" wait for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" bridegroom |strong="G3566". They |strong="G0846" took |strong="G2983" their |strong="G0846" lamps |strong="G2985" with |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846". <sup>2</sup> Five |strong="G4002" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G2532" girls were |strong="G1510" foolish |strong="G3474", and |strong="G2532" five |strong="G4002" were |strong="G1510" wise |strong="G5429". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="G3588" foolish |strong="G3474" girls took |strong="G2983" their |strong="G0846" lamps |strong="G2985" with |strong="G3326" them |strong="G0846", but |strong="G1063" they |strong="G0846" did not |strong="G3756" take |strong="G2983" extra |strong="G1637" oil |strong="G1637" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" lamps |strong="G2985". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3588" wise |strong="G5429" girls took |strong="G2983" their |strong="G1438" lamps |strong="G2985" and |strong="G1161" more |strong="G5429" oil |strong="G1637" in |strong="G1722" jars. <sup>5</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" bridegroom |strong="G3566" was |strong="G3588" very |strong="G2532" late, the |strong="G3956" girls could not |strong="G2532" keep their |strong="G2532" eyes open, and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" fell asleep |strong="G2518".

<sup>6</sup> " At |strong="G1519" midnight |strong="G3319" someone announced, ' The |strong="G3588" bridegroom |strong="G3566" is |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G1831"! Come |strong="G1831" and |strong="G1161" meet |strong="G0529" him |strong="G0846"!

<sup>7</sup> " Then |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" girls woke |strong="G1453" up |strong="G1453". They |strong="G2532" made their |strong="G1438" lamps |strong="G2985" ready. <sup>8</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" foolish |strong="G3474" girls said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" wise |strong="G5429" girls, ' Give |strong="G1325" us |strong="G1325" some |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G1325" oil |strong="G1637". The |strong="G3588" oil |strong="G1637" in |strong="G3004"

our *lamps* is *gone*.

<sup>9</sup> "The *wise* girls answered, 'No! The *oil* we have *might* not be *enough* for *all* of *us*. But *go* to those *who* sell *oil* and buy *some* for *yourselves*!' "

<sup>10</sup> "So the *foolish* girls went to buy *oil*. While they were *gone*, the *bridegroom* came. The *girls* who were *ready* went *in* with the *bridegroom* to the *wedding* feast. Then the *door* was *closed* and *locked*.

<sup>11</sup> "Later, the *other* girls came. They said, 'Sir, *open* the *door* to *us*!' "

<sup>12</sup> "But the *bridegroom* answered, 'Certainly not! I *don't* know *you*!' "

<sup>13</sup> "So *always* be *ready*. You *don't* know *the* day *or* the *time* when the *Son* of *Man* will come.

### A Story About Three Servants

(Luke 19:11-27)

<sup>14</sup> "At *time* God's *kingdom* will also be *like*

man leaving home to travel to another place for a visit. Before he left, he talked with his servants. He told his servants to take care of his things while he was gone.<sup>15</sup> He decided how much each servant would be able to care for. The man gave one servant five bags of money. He gave another servant two bags. And he gave a third servant one bag. Then he left.<sup>16</sup> The servant who got five bags went quickly to invest the money. Those five bags of money earned five more.<sup>17</sup> It was the same with the servant who had two bags. That servant invested the money and earned two more.<sup>18</sup> But the servant who got one bag of money went away and dug a hole in the ground. Then he hid his master's money in the hole.<sup>19</sup> After a long time the master came home. He asked the servants what they

I BAGS OF MONEY Literally, "talanta

did|strong="G2064" with|strong="G3326" his|strong="G0846" money|strong="G0846".<sup>20</sup> The|strong="G3588" servant who|strong="G3588" got five|strong="G4002" bags brought|strong="G4374" that|strong="G3004" amount and|strong="G2532" five|strong="G4002" more|strong="G0243" bags of|strong="G2962" money to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" master|strong="G2962". The|strong="G3588" servant said|strong="G3004", ' Master|strong="G2962", you|strong="G3708" trusted me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" care for|strong="G2532" five|strong="G4002" bags of|strong="G2962" money. So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" used them|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" earn five|strong="G4002" more|strong="G0243".'

<sup>21</sup> " The|strong="G3588" master|strong="G2962" answered|strong="G5346", ' You|strong="G4771" did|strong="G1510" right|strong="G1519". You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G0018" servant|strong="G1401" who|strong="G3588" can be|strong="G1510" trusted. You|strong="G4771" did|strong="G1510" well|strong="G2532" with|strong="G1909" that|strong="G0846" small|strong="G3641" amount|strong="G1510" of|strong="G2962" money|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" let|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" care for|strong="G1519" much|strong="G4183" greater|strong="G4183" things|strong="G4183". Come|strong="G1525" and|strong="G2532" share my|strong="G1525" happiness with|strong="G1909" me|strong="G1909".'

<sup>22</sup> " Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" servant who|strong="G3588" got two|strong="G1417" bags of|strong="G2962" money came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" master|strong="G2962". The|strong="G3588" servant said|strong="G3004", ' Master|strong="G2962", you|strong="G3708" gave|strong="G3860" me|strong="G3004" two|strong="G1417" bags of|strong="G2962" money to|strong="G3004" care for|strong="G2532". So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" used your|strong="G2962" two|strong="G1417" bags to|strong="G3004" earn two|strong="G1417" more|strong="G0243".'

<sup>23</sup> " The|strong="G3588" master|strong="G2962" answered|strong="G5346", ' You|strong="G4771" did|strong="G1510" right|strong="G1519". You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G0018" servant|strong="G1401" who|strong="G3588" can be|strong="G1510" trusted. You|strong="G4771" did|strong="G1510" well|strong="G2532" with|strong="G1909" a|strong="G1510" small|strong="G3641" amount|strong="G1510"

of|strong="G2962" money|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" let|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" care for|strong="G1519" much|strong="G4183" greater|strong="G4183" things|strong="G4183". Come|strong="G1525" and|strong="G2532" share my|strong="G1525" happiness with|strong="G1909" me|strong="G1909".'

<sup>24</sup> " Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" servant who|strong="G3588" got one|strong="G1520" bag of|strong="G2962" money came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" master|strong="G2962". The|strong="G3588" servant said|strong="G3004", ' Master|strong="G2962", I|strong="G2532" knew|strong="G1097" you|strong="G4771" were|strong="G1510" a|strong="G2983" very|strong="G2532" hard|strong="G4642" man|strong="G0444". You|strong="G4771" harvest what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" did|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" plant. You|strong="G4771" gather|strong="G4863" crops where|strong="G3699" you|strong="G4771" did|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" put|strong="G1097" any|strong="G3756" seed.<sup>25</sup> So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" afraid|strong="G5399". I|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0565" and|strong="G2532" hid|strong="G2928" your|strong="G4674" money in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1093". Here|strong="G1722" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" bag of|strong="G1093" money you|strong="G4771" gave me|strong="G3708".'

<sup>26</sup> " The|strong="G3588" master|strong="G2962" answered|strong="G0611", ' You|strong="G3754" are|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3004" bad|strong="G4190" and|strong="G2532" lazy|strong="G3636" servant|strong="G1401"! You|strong="G3754" say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3754" knew|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" harvest what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G3756" plant and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" gather|strong="G4863" crops where|strong="G3699" I|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G3756" put any|strong="G3756" seed.<sup>27</sup> So|strong="G3767" you|strong="G4771" should|strong="G1163" have|strong="G2532" put|strong="G0906" my|strong="G1699" money|strong="G0694" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" bank|strong="G5133". Then|strong="G2532", when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" came|strong="G2064" home, I|strong="G1473" would|strong="G0302" get my|strong="G1699" money|strong="G0694" back|strong="G2865".'



And I would also get the interest that my money earned.'

<sup>28</sup> So the master told his other servants, 'Take the one bag of money from that servant and give it to the other servant who has ten bags. Every one who uses what they have will get more. They have much more than they need. But people who do not use what they will have everything taken away from them.' <sup>30</sup> Then the master said, 'Throw that useless servant outside into the darkness, where people will cry and grind their teeth with pain.'

**The Son of Man Will Judge All People**

<sup>31</sup> The Son of Man will come again with divine greatness, and his angels will come with him. He will sit on his great throne and glorious throne. All the people of

the world will be gathered before him. Then he will separate everyone into two groups. It will be like a shepherd separating his sheep from goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on the right and the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to the godly people on the right, 'Come, my Father has great blessings for you. The kingdom he promised is now yours. It has been prepared for you since the world was made. <sup>35</sup> It is yours because I was hungry, you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I had no place to stay, you welcomed me into your home. <sup>36</sup> When I was without clothes, you gave me something to wear. When I was

sick |strong="G0770", you |strong="G1722" cared for |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1473". When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" prison |strong="G5438", you |strong="G1722" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" visit |strong="G2064" me |strong="G1473".

<sup>37</sup> " Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" godly people |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2962" answer |strong="G0611", ' Lord |strong="G2962", when |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" hungry |strong="G3983" and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G4222" you |strong="G4771" food? When |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" thirsty |strong="G1372" and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G4222" you |strong="G4771" something |strong="G3708" to |strong="G3004" drink |strong="G4222"? <sup>38</sup> When |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" with |strong="G2532" no place to |strong="G2532" stay and |strong="G2532" welcome you |strong="G4771" into |strong="G4863" our |strong="G2532" home? When |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" without |strong="G2532" clothes and |strong="G2532" give you |strong="G4771" something |strong="G3708" to |strong="G2532" wear |strong="G4016"? <sup>39</sup> When |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" sick |strong="G0770" or |strong="G2228" in |strong="G1722" prison |strong="G5438" and |strong="G2532" care for |strong="G4314" you |strong="G4771"?"

<sup>40</sup> " Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935" will |strong="G3778" answer |strong="G0611", ' The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G3778", anything you |strong="G5210" did |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1909" any |strong="G1909" of |strong="G1909" my |strong="G4160" people |strong="G0846" here, <sup>I</sup> you |strong="G5210" also |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1909" me |strong="G3004".'

<sup>41</sup> " Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" king will |strong="G2532" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" evil people |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" left |strong="G2176", ' Get |strong="G2090" away |strong="G4198" from |strong="G0575" me |strong="G3004". God |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2532" already de-

<sup>I</sup> ANY OF MY PEOPLE HERE Literally, "one of the least of these brothers of mine." Also in verse 45.

cided that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3004" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" punished. Go |strong="G4198" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" fire |strong="G4442" that |strong="G3004" burns forever |strong="G1519"—the |strong="G3588" fire |strong="G4442" that |strong="G3004" was |strong="G3588" prepared |strong="G2090" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" devil |strong="G1228" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" angels |strong="G0032". <sup>42</sup> You |strong="G1325" must go away because |strong="G1063" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G2532" hungry |strong="G3983", you |strong="G1325" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" nothing |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2532" eat |strong="G2068". When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G2532" thirsty |strong="G1372", you |strong="G1325" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" nothing |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2532" drink |strong="G4222". <sup>43</sup> When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" had |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" place |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2532" stay, you |strong="G1722" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" welcome me |strong="G1473" into |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" home. When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" without |strong="G3756" clothes, you |strong="G1722" gave me |strong="G1473" nothing |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2532" wear |strong="G4016". When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" sick |strong="G0772" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" prison |strong="G5438", you |strong="G1722" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" care for |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473".'

<sup>44</sup> " Then |strong="G2532" those |strong="G1722" people |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2962" answer |strong="G0611", ' Lord |strong="G2962", when |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" hungry |strong="G3983" or |strong="G2228" thirsty |strong="G1372"? When |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" without |strong="G3756" a |strong="G3708" place |strong="G1722" to |strong="G3004" stay? Or |strong="G2228" when |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" without |strong="G3756" clothes or |strong="G2228" sick |strong="G0772" or |strong="G2228" in |strong="G1722" prison |strong="G5438"? When |strong="G2532" did |strong="G3708" we |strong="G2532"

see |strong="G3708" any |strong="G3756" of |strong="G2962" this |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" help you |strong="G4771"?"

<sup>45</sup> " The |strong="G3588" king will |strong="G3778" answer |strong="G0611"; ' The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G3778", anything you |strong="G5210" refused |strong="G3756" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1909" any |strong="G1909" of |strong="G1520" my |strong="G4160" people |strong="G0846" here, you |strong="G5210" refused |strong="G3756" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1909" me |strong="G3004"."

<sup>46</sup> " Then |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3778" evil people |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3778" go |strong="G0565" away |strong="G0565" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" punished forever |strong="G1519". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" godly people |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3778" go |strong="G0565" and |strong="G2532" enjoy eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222"."

#### The Jewish Leaders Plan to Kill Jesus

(Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2; John 11:45-53)

**26** After |strong="G3753" Jesus |strong="G2424" finished |strong="G5055" saying |strong="G3004" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" his |strong="G0846" followers, <sup>2</sup> " You |strong="G3754" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" after |strong="G3326" tomorrow is |strong="G0444" Passover |strong="G3957". On |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3754" day |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G1096" handed |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" his |strong="G2532" enemies to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1096" killed on |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1096" cross."

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" leading |strong="G1519" priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" Jewish leaders |strong="G3004" had |strong="G3588" a |strong="G3004" meeting |strong="G4863" at |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" palace |strong="G0833" where |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" lived. The |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest's |strong="G0749" name was |strong="G3588" Caiaphas |strong="G2533". <sup>4</sup> In |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" meeting they |strong="G2532"

tried to |strong="G2443" find a |strong="G2532" way to |strong="G2443" arrest |strong="G2902" and |strong="G2532" kill |strong="G0615" Jesus |strong="G2424" without |strong="G2532" anyone knowing what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3588" doing. They |strong="G2532" planned |strong="G4823" to |strong="G2443" arrest |strong="G2902" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" kill |strong="G0615" him |strong="G2532". <sup>5</sup> They |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G1161" cannot |strong="G3361" arrest Jesus |strong="G3004" during |strong="G1722" Passover. We |strong="G1161" don't |strong="G3361" want the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" to |strong="G2443" become |strong="G1096" angry and |strong="G1161" cause a |strong="G1096" riot |strong="G2351"."

#### A |strong="G1096" Woman Does |strong="G3004" Something Special

(Mark 14:3-9; John |strong="G3004" 12:1-8)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424" in |strong="G1722" Bethany |strong="G0963" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614" of |strong="G1722" Simon |strong="G4613" the |strong="G3588" leper |strong="G3015". <sup>7</sup> While |strong="G0846" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" there, a |strong="G2192" woman |strong="G1135" came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846". She |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" an |strong="G2192" alabaster |strong="G0211" jar filled with |strong="G1909" expensive |strong="G3464" perfume |strong="G3464". She |strong="G0846" poured |strong="G2708" the |strong="G3588" perfume |strong="G3464" on |strong="G1909" Jesus' head |strong="G2776" while |strong="G0846" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" eating.

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G3778" do |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3778" and |strong="G1161" were |strong="G3101" upset at |strong="G1519" her |strong="G3708". They |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" waste |strong="G0684" that |strong="G3004" perfume? <sup>9</sup> It |strong="G3778" could |strong="G1410" be |strong="G2532" sold |strong="G4097" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1325" lot of |strong="G4183" money, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" money could |strong="G1410" be |strong="G2532" given |strong="G1325" to |strong="G1410" those |strong="G3778" who |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3778" poor |strong="G4434"."

<sup>10</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" knew |strong="G1097" what |strong="G5101" hap-

pened |strong="G3588". He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" bothering |strong="G2873" this |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135"? She |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1097" a |strong="G3004" very |strong="G0846" good |strong="G2570" thing |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1063" me |strong="G3004". <sup>11</sup> You |strong="G1438" will |strong="G1473" always |strong="G3842" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" poor |strong="G4434" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G1438". <sup>1</sup> But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G1438" will |strong="G1473" not |strong="G3756" always |strong="G3842" have |strong="G2192" me |strong="G1473". <sup>12</sup> This |strong="G3778" woman |strong="G3778" poured |strong="G0906" perfume |strong="G3464" on |strong="G1909" my |strong="G0906" body |strong="G4983". She |strong="G3778" did |strong="G4160" this |strong="G3778" to |strong="G4314" prepare |strong="G1779" me |strong="G1473" for |strong="G1063" burial |strong="G1779" after |strong="G1909" I |strong="G1473" die. <sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" people |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3650" over |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" can |strong="G3004" assure you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3739" everywhere the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" is |strong="G3778" told |strong="G3004", the |strong="G3588" story of |strong="G2098" what |strong="G3739" this |strong="G3778" woman |strong="G3778" did |strong="G4160" will |strong="G3739" also |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004", and |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" remember |strong="G4160" her |strong="G0846"."

**Judas |strong="G3778" Agrees to |strong="G1519" Help Jesus' Enemies**

(Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6)

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="G5119" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1520" the |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427" followers went |strong="G4198" to |strong="G4314" talk to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749". This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" follower named |strong="G3004" Judas |strong="G2455" Iscariot |strong="G2469". <sup>15</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473"

I YOU WILL ... WITH YOU See Deuteronomy 15:11.

will |strong="G5101" hand |strong="G3860" Jesus |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771". What |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" you |strong="G4771" pay |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" for |strong="G2309" doing this |strong="G3588"? The |strong="G3588" priests gave |strong="G1325" him |strong="G0846" 30 silver |strong="G0694" coins. <sup>16</sup> After |strong="G2532" that |strong="G2443" Judas |strong="G2212" waited for |strong="G2212" the |strong="G2532" best time |strong="G5119" to |strong="G2443" hand |strong="G3860" Jesus |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G2443" them |strong="G0846".

**The |strong="G2532" Passover Meal**

(Mark 14:12-21; Luke 22:7-14, 21-23; John |strong="G0846" 13:21-30)

<sup>17</sup> On |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" day of |strong="G3101" the |strong="G3588" Festival of |strong="G3101" Unleavened |strong="G0106" Bread, the |strong="G3588" followers came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G2424". They |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G1161" will |strong="G2309" prepare |strong="G2090" everything for |strong="G2090" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G3004" eat |strong="G2068" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" meal. Where |strong="G4226" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" want |strong="G2309" us |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" have |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" meal?"

<sup>18</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " Go |strong="G5217" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172". Go |strong="G5217" to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G1170" I |strong="G1473" know. Tell |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Teacher |strong="G1320" says |strong="G3004", ' The |strong="G3588" chosen time |strong="G2540" is |strong="G1510" near |strong="G1451". I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" have |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" meal with |strong="G3326" my |strong="G4160" followers at |strong="G1519" your |strong="G4160" house.' <sup>19</sup>

They |strong="G0846" obeyed and |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G2424" told them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160". They |strong="G0846" prepared |strong="G2090" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" meal.

<sup>20</sup> In |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" evening |strong="G3798" Jesus |strong="G3326" was |strong="G3588" at |strong="G1161"

the *table* with *twelve* followers. <sup>21</sup> They were all eating. Then Jesus said, "Believe me when I say that one of you here will hand me over to my enemies."

<sup>22</sup> The followers were very sad to hear this. Each one said, "Lord, surely I am not the one!"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "One who has dipped his bread in the same bowl with me will be the one to hand me over." <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will suffer what the Scriptures say will happen to him. But will be very bad for the one who over the hands over the Son of Man to be killed. It would be better for him if he had never been born."

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would hand him over,

said to Jesus, "Teacher, surely I am not the one you are talking about, am I?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

### The Lord's Supper

(Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke off some pieces, gave them to his followers and said, "Take this bread and eat it. It is my body."

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup of wine, thanked God for it, and gave it to them. He said, "Each one of you drink of this wine. This is my blood, which will be poured out for you to forgive the sins of many and begin the new agreement from God to his people." <sup>29</sup> I want you to know, I will not drink this wine again until that day

when |strong="G3752" we |strong="G3778" are |strong="G3778" together |strong="G3326" in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1722" Father's |strong="G3962" kingdom |strong="G0932" and |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" wine is |strong="G3778" new |strong="G2537". Then |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2250" drink |strong="G4095" it |strong="G0846" again |strong="G2193" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210"."

<sup>30</sup> They |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" sang a |strong="G2532" song and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Mount |strong="G3735" of |strong="G3735" Olives |strong="G1636".

**Jesus |strong="G1831" Says His |strong="G2532" Followers Will |strong="G2532" Leave |strong="G1831" Him |strong="G2532"**

(Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38)

<sup>31</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" told |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" followers, " Tonight |strong="G3571" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3778" all |strong="G3956" lose your |strong="G2532" faith in |strong="G1722" me |strong="G3004". The |strong="G3956" Scriptures say |strong="G3004",

' I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3778" kill the |strong="G3956" shepherd |strong="G4166", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" sheep |strong="G4263" will |strong="G3778" run away |strong="G4624".'

Zechariah 13:7

<sup>32</sup> But |strong="G1161" after |strong="G3326" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" killed, I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1473" rise |strong="G1453" from |strong="G3588" death. Then |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1473" go |strong="G4254" into |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056". I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1473" be |strong="G3326" there |strong="G1161" before |strong="G4254" you |strong="G5210" go |strong="G4254" there |strong="G1161"."

<sup>33</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" answered |strong="G0611", " All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" other |strong="G1161" followers may |strong="G3956" lose their |strong="G0846" faith in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G4771". But |strong="G1161" my |strong="G3956" faith will |strong="G3956" never |strong="G3763" be |strong="G3956" shaken."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G3778", tonight |strong="G3571" you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G3778" say |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" don't know

me |strong="G3004". You |strong="G4771" will |strong="G3778" deny |strong="G0533" me |strong="G3004" three |strong="G5151" times |strong="G5151" before |strong="G4250" the |strong="G3588" rooster |strong="G0220" crows |strong="G5455"."

<sup>35</sup> But |strong="G2532" Peter |strong="G4074" answered |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3956" never |strong="G3756" say |strong="G3004" I |strong="G1473" don't |strong="G3756" know you |strong="G4771"! I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3956" even |strong="G2532" die |strong="G0599" with |strong="G4862" you |strong="G4771"! And |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" other |strong="G0846" followers said |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" thing |strong="G0846".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Prays Alone |strong="G0846"**

(Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46)

<sup>36</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G0565" with |strong="G3326" his |strong="G0846" followers to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G3739" place |strong="G1563" called |strong="G3004" Gethsemane |strong="G1068". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", " Sit |strong="G2523" here |strong="G0847" while |strong="G2193" I |strong="G3739" go |strong="G0565" there |strong="G1563" and |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G4336"."<sup>37</sup> He |strong="G2532" told Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" two |strong="G1417" sons |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Zebedee |strong="G2199" to |strong="G0757" come with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G2532". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" began |strong="G0757" to |strong="G0757" be |strong="G2532" very |strong="G2532" sad |strong="G3076" and |strong="G2532" troubled |strong="G0085".<sup>38</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Peter |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" two sons of |strong="G3004" Zebedee, " My |strong="G3326" heart |strong="G5590" is |strong="G1510" so |strong="G2532" heavy with |strong="G3326" grief, I |strong="G1473" feel as |strong="G2532" if |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" dying. Wait here |strong="G5602" and |strong="G2532" stay |strong="G3306" awake |strong="G1127" with |strong="G3326" me |strong="G3004"."

<sup>39</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" went |strong="G4334" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G5613" little |strong="G3398" farther |strong="G4281" away |strong="G3928"

from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" fell|strong="G4098" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" ground and|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336", " My|strong="G3004" Father|strong="G3962", if|strong="G1487" it|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" possible|strong="G1415", don't|strong="G3756" make|strong="G4336" me|strong="G3004" drink from|strong="G0575" this|strong="G3778" cup|strong="G4221".<sup>I</sup> But|strong="G0235" do|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" want|strong="G2309", not|strong="G1473" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G2309"."<sup>40</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" back|strong="G4314" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" followers and|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" them|strong="G0846" sleeping|strong="G2518". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" Peter|strong="G4074", " Could|strong="G2480" you|strong="G3004" men|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3756" stay|strong="G1127" awake|strong="G1127" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G3004" for|strong="G4314" one|strong="G1520" hour|strong="G5610"?<sup>41</sup> Stay|strong="G1127" awake|strong="G1127" and|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G4336" for|strong="G1519" strength against|strong="G1519" temptation|strong="G3986". Your|strong="G2532" spirit|strong="G4151" wants to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G3361" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1519", but|strong="G1161" your|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4561" is|strong="G3588" weak|strong="G0772"."

<sup>42</sup> Then|strong="G0846" Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G0565" away|strong="G0565" a|strong="G1096" second|strong="G1208" time|strong="G1208" and|strong="G0565" prayed|strong="G4336", " My|strong="G4095" Father|strong="G3962", if|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G4095" do|strong="G1096" this|strong="G3778"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="G0565" it|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" possible for|strong="G1537" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" escape it|strong="G0846", then|strong="G0846" I|strong="G1473" pray|strong="G4336" that|strong="G3004" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" want|strong="G2307" will|strong="G2307" be|strong="G1096" done|strong="G1096"."

<sup>I</sup> CUP A symbol of suffering. Jesus used the idea of drinking from a cup to mean accepting the suffering he would face in the terrible events that were soon to come. <sup>II</sup> DO THIS Literally, "drink this," referring to the "cup," the symbol of suffering in verse 39.

<sup>43</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" back|strong="G3825" to|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" followers. Again|strong="G3825" he|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" them|strong="G0846" sleeping|strong="G2518". They|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2147" not|strong="G1510" stay awake.<sup>44</sup> So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" left|strong="G0863" them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0565" away|strong="G0565" one|strong="G1438" more|strong="G3825" time|strong="G5154" and|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336". This|strong="G3588" third|strong="G5154" time|strong="G5154" he|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336", he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" thing|strong="G0846".

<sup>45</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" back|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" followers and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3708" still|strong="G2064" sleeping|strong="G2518" and|strong="G2532" resting|strong="G0373"? The|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5610" has|strong="G0444" come|strong="G2064" for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" handed|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" control of|strong="G5207" sinful|strong="G0268" men|strong="G0444".<sup>46</sup> Stand|strong="G1453" up|strong="G1453"! We|strong="G3588" must|strong="G3588" go|strong="G0071". Here|strong="G2400" comes|strong="G1448" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1473" hand|strong="G1448" me|strong="G1473" over|strong="G3860"."

**Jesus|strong="G1448" Is|strong="G3588" Arrested**  
(Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-12)

<sup>47</sup> While|strong="G2980" Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" still|strong="G2089" speaking|strong="G2980", Judas|strong="G2455", one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" apostles came|strong="G2064" there|strong="G4183". He|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2064" a|strong="G3708" big crowd|strong="G3793" of|strong="G0575" people|strong="G2992" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846", all|strong="G3588" carrying swords|strong="G3162" and|strong="G2532" clubs|strong="G3586". They|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2064" been|strong="G2532" sent from|strong="G0575"

the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" leaders of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992". <sup>48</sup> Judas <sup>I</sup> planned to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" something |strong="G1510" to |strong="G3004" show |strong="G1325" them |strong="G0846" which |strong="G3739" one |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510" Jesus |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", "The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" kiss |strong="G5368" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" Jesus |strong="G0846". Arrest |strong="G2902" him |strong="G0846"." <sup>49</sup> So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G4334" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "Hello, Teacher!" Then |strong="G2532" Judas |strong="G2112" kissed |strong="G2705" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>50</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G3004", " Friend |strong="G2083", do |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" thing |strong="G0846" you |strong="G3739" came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G3004"."

Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" came |strong="G4334" and |strong="G2532" grabbed Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" arrested |strong="G2902" him |strong="G0846". <sup>51</sup> When |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3708" happened |strong="G3588", one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1520" the |strong="G3588" followers with |strong="G3326" Jesus |strong="G2424" grabbed |strong="G0645" his |strong="G0846" sword |strong="G3162" and |strong="G2532" pulled it |strong="G0846" out |strong="G1614". He |strong="G2532" swung it |strong="G0846" at |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" servant |strong="G1401" of |strong="G1520" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" cut |strong="G0851" off |strong="G0851" his |strong="G0846" ear |strong="G5621".

<sup>52</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" man, " Put |strong="G0654" your |strong="G3956" sword |strong="G3162" back |strong="G0654" in |strong="G1722" its |strong="G0846" place |strong="G5117". People |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" use swords |strong="G3162" will |strong="G3956" be |strong="G3956" killed |strong="G0622" with |strong="G1722" swords |strong="G3162". <sup>53</sup> Surely you |strong="G3754" know I |strong="G1473"

I Judas Literally, "the one who handed him over."

could |strong="G1410" ask |strong="G3870" my |strong="G3754" Father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" would |strong="G2532" give me |strong="G1473" more |strong="G4183" than |strong="G2228" twelve |strong="G1427" armies of |strong="G3962" angels |strong="G0032". <sup>54</sup> But it |strong="G3779" must |strong="G1163" happen |strong="G1096" this |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779" to |strong="G1163" show |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" truth of |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures |strong="G1124" said |strong="G1096"."

<sup>55</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" crowd |strong="G3793", "Why do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G1722" come |strong="G1831" to |strong="G3004" get |strong="G1831" me |strong="G3004" with |strong="G3326" swords |strong="G3162" and |strong="G2532" clubs |strong="G3586" as |strong="G5613" if |strong="G5613" I |strong="G1473" were |strong="G3793" a |strong="G5613" criminal. Every |strong="G2596" day |strong="G2250" I |strong="G1473" sat |strong="G2516" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413" area teaching |strong="G1321". You |strong="G1722" did |strong="G1831" not |strong="G3756" arrest |strong="G2902" me |strong="G3004" there |strong="G1722". <sup>56</sup> But |strong="G1161" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" have |strong="G3956" happened |strong="G1096" to |strong="G2443" show |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3956" full |strong="G4137" meaning of |strong="G3956" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" prophets |strong="G4396" wrote." Then |strong="G5119" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" Jesus' followers left |strong="G0863" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G1161" ran |strong="G5343" away |strong="G5343".

#### Jesus |strong="G0846" Before |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" Jewish Leaders

(Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54-55, 63-71; John |strong="G0846" 18:13-14, 19-24)

<sup>57</sup> The |strong="G3588" men |strong="G4245" who |strong="G3588" arrested |strong="G2902" Jesus |strong="G2424" led |strong="G0520" him |strong="G0520" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" house of |strong="G3588" Caiaphas |strong="G2533" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749". The |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" law and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" Jewish



leaders were gathered there. <sup>58</sup> Peter followed Jesus but stayed back at a distance. He followed him to the high yard of the priest's house. Peter went in and sat with the guards. He wanted to see what would happen to Jesus.

<sup>59</sup> The leading priests and the high council tried to find something against Jesus so that they could kill him. They tried to find people to lie and say that Jesus had done wrong. <sup>60</sup> Many people came and told lies about him. But the council could not find a real reason to kill him. Then two people came and said, "This man said, 'I can destroy the Temple of God and build it again in three days.'" <sup>61</sup>

<sup>62</sup> Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Don't you have anything to say about this?"

these charges against you? Are they telling the truth?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus said nothing.

Again the high priest said to Jesus, "You are now under oath. I command you by the power of the God of Israel to tell us the truth. Tell us, are you the Messiah Son of God?"

<sup>64</sup> Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right. But I tell you, in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right side of God. And you will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup> When the high priest heard this, he tore his clothes in anger. He said, "This man has said things that insult God! We don't need any more witnesses. You all heard his insulting words."

I THIS MAN That is, Jesus. His enemies avoided saying his name.

66 What do you think?"

The Jewish leaders answered, "He is guilty, and he must die."

67 Then some there spit in Jesus' face, and they hit him with their fists. Others slapped him. They said, "Show us that you are a prophet, Messiah! Tell us who hit you!"

**Peter Is Afraid to Say He Knows Jesus**

(Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:56-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27)

69 While Peter was sitting outside the yard, a servant girl came up to him. She said, "You were with Jesus, that man from Galilee."

70 But Peter told everyone there that this was not true. "I don't know what you are talking about," he said.

71 Then he left the yard. At the gate another girl saw him and said to the people there,

I **PROPHET** A prophet often knows things that are hidden to other people.

This man was Jesus of Nazareth."

72 Again, Peter said he was never with Jesus. He said, "I swear to God I don't know the man!"

73 A short time later those standing there went to Peter and said, "We know you are one of them." It's clear from the way you talk,

74 Then Peter began to curse. He said, "I swear to God, I don't know the man!" As he said this, a rooster crowed. Then he remembered what Jesus had told him: "Before the rooster crows, you will say three times you don't know me." Then Peter went outside and cried bitterly.

### Jesus Is Taken to Governor Pilate

(Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1-2; John 18:28-32)

27 Early the next morning, all the leading priests and elders of the people met and decided

to|strong="G2596" kill Jesus|strong="G2424".<sup>2</sup> They|strong="G0846" tied|strong="G1210" him|strong="G0846", led|strong="G0520" him|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0520", and|strong="G2532" handed|strong="G3860" him|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2532" Pilate|strong="G4091", the|strong="G3588" governor|strong="G2232".

### Judas Kills Himself|strong="G0846"

(Acts 1:18-19)

<sup>3</sup> Judas|strong="G2455" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3748" decided to|strong="G2532" kill Jesus|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G3748" handed|strong="G3860" him|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860". When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" what|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G3588", he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" very|strong="G0846" sorry for|strong="G3754" what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3748" done. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" took the|strong="G3588" 30 silver|strong="G0694" coins back|strong="G4762" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" older|strong="G4245" leaders|strong="G3754".<sup>4</sup> Judas said|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" sinned|strong="G0264". I|strong="G1473" handed|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771" an|strong="G1161" innocent|strong="G0121" man to|strong="G4314" be killed."

The|strong="G3588" Jewish leaders|strong="G3004" answered|strong="G3004", " We|strong="G2249" don't care! That's a|strong="G3708" problem for|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771", not|strong="G1473" us|strong="G3004"."

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="G2532" Judas threw|strong="G4496" the|strong="G3588" money|strong="G0694" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G3485". Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0565" out from|strong="G2532" there and|strong="G2532" hanged|strong="G0519" himself|strong="G1519".

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749" picked|strong="G2983" up|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" silver|strong="G0694" coins in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Our|strong="G2983" law does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" allow us|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" keep this|strong="G3588" mon-

ey|strong="G0694" with|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846" money|strong="G0694", because|strong="G1893" this|strong="G3588" money|strong="G0694" has|strong="G1510" paid for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2983" man's death|strong="G0129".<sup>7</sup> So|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" decided to|strong="G1519" use the|strong="G3588" money|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" buy|strong="G0059" a|strong="G2983" field|strong="G0068" called Potter's|strong="G2763" Field|strong="G0068". This|strong="G3588" field|strong="G0068" would|strong="G0846" be a|strong="G2983" place|strong="G5027" to|strong="G1519" bury people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" died while|strong="G0846" visiting in|strong="G1519" Jerusalem.<sup>8</sup> That|strong="G1565" is|strong="G3588" why|strong="G1352" that|strong="G1565" field|strong="G0068" is|strong="G3588" still|strong="G2193" called|strong="G2564" the|strong="G3588" Field|strong="G0068" of|strong="G0129" Blood|strong="G0129".<sup>9</sup> This|strong="G3588" showed the|strong="G3588" full|strong="G4137" meaning of|strong="G5207" what|strong="G3739" Jeremiah|strong="G2408" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396" said|strong="G3004": " They|strong="G3739" took|strong="G2983" 30 silver|strong="G0694" coins. That|strong="G3739" was|strong="G3739" how much the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" of|strong="G5207" Israel|strong="G2474" decided to|strong="G3004" pay for|strong="G1223" his|strong="G1223" life.<sup>10</sup> They|strong="G0846" used those|strong="G3588" 30 silver coins to|strong="G1519" buy the|strong="G3588" potter's|strong="G2763" field|strong="G0068", as|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" commanded|strong="G4929" me|strong="G1325".<sup>11</sup>

### Governor Pilate Questions Jesus|strong="G0846"

(Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:3-5; John|strong="G0846" 18:33-38)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" stood|strong="G2476" before|strong="G1715" Pilate|strong="G3004", the|strong="G3588" governor|strong="G2232", who|strong="G3588" asked|strong="G1905" him|strong="G0846", " Are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" the|strong="G3588" king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G0935" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453"?"

Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G1161", that's right."

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="G2532", when|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" older|strong="G4245" Jewish leaders|strong="G0611"

I "THEY TOOK ... ME" See Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 32:6-9.

made/strong="G0611" their/strong="G0846" accusations against/strong="G1722" Jesus/strong="G0846", he/strong="G2532" said/strong="G0611" nothing/strong="G3762".

<sup>13</sup> So Pilate/strong="G4091" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" him/strong="G0846", "Don't/strong="G3756" you/strong="G4771" hear/strong="G0191" all/strong="G3588" these/strong="G3588" charges/strong="G3004" they/strong="G0846" are/strong="G3588" making against/strong="G2649" you/strong="G4771"? Why don't/strong="G3756" you/strong="G4771" answer?"

<sup>14</sup> But/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" did/strong="G0611" not/strong="G3756" say/strong="G4487" anything, and/strong="G2532" this/strong="G3588" really surprised/strong="G2296" the/strong="G3588" governor/strong="G2232".

#### Pilate Tries but/strong="G2532" Fails

#### to/strong="G4314" Free Jesus/strong="G0846"

(Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John/strong="G0846" 18:39—19:16)

<sup>15</sup> Every/strong="G2596" year at/strong="G1161" Passover time the/strong="G3588" governor/strong="G2232" would/strong="G2309" free/strong="G0630" one/strong="G1520" prisoner/strong="G1198"—whichever one/strong="G1520" the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G3793" wanted/strong="G2309" him/strong="G3739" to/strong="G2309" free/strong="G0630". <sup>16</sup> At/strong="G1161" that/strong="G3004" time/strong="G5119" there/strong="G1161" was/strong="G2424" a/strong="G2192" man in/strong="G3004" prison who was/strong="G2424" known to/strong="G3004" be/strong="G2192" very bad. His/strong="G2192" name was/strong="G2424" Barabbas/strong="G0912".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>17</sup> When/strong="G3767" a/strong="G2228" crowd gathered/strong="G4863", Pilate/strong="G4091" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" them/strong="G0846", "I/strong="G3767" will/strong="G5101" free/strong="G0630" one/strong="G3588" man for/strong="G2309" you/strong="G5210". Which/strong="G5101" one/strong="G3588" do/strong="G3004" you/strong="G5210" want/strong="G2309" me/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" free/strong="G0630": Barabbas/strong="G0912" or/strong="G2228" Jesus/strong="G2424" who/strong="G3588" is/strong="G5101" called/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3588" Messiah/strong="G5547"?"<sup>18</sup> Pilate/strong="G3860" knew/strong="G1492" that/strong="G3754" they/strong="G0846" had/strong="G3748" handed/strong="G3860" Jesus/strong="G0846" over/strong="G3860" to/strong="G0846" him/strong="G0846" because/strong="G3754"

<sup>I</sup> BARABBAS In some Greek copies the name is Jesus Barabbas.

they/strong="G0846" were/strong="G3748" jealous of/strong="G1223" him/strong="G0846".

<sup>19</sup> While/strong="G0846" Pilate/strong="G3004" was/strong="G3588" sitting/strong="G2521" there/strong="G1161" in/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" place for/strong="G1063" judging, his/strong="G0846" wife/strong="G1135" sent/strong="G0649" a/strong="G3004" message to/strong="G4314" him/strong="G0846". It/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004", "Don't/strong="G3367" do/strong="G3004" anything/strong="G3367" with/strong="G4314" that/strong="G1565" man/strong="G1342". He/strong="G2532" is/strong="G3588" not/strong="G3367" guilty. Last/strong="G4594" night/strong="G4594" I/strong="G2532" had/strong="G3588" a/strong="G3004" dream/strong="G3677" about/strong="G1909" him/strong="G0846", and/strong="G2532" it/strong="G0846" troubled me/strong="G3004" very/strong="G0846" much/strong="G4183"."

<sup>20</sup> But/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" leading priests/strong="G0749" and/strong="G2532" older/strong="G4245" Jewish leaders told the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G3793" to/strong="G2443" ask/strong="G0154" for/strong="G0154" Barabbas/strong="G0912" to/strong="G2443" be/strong="G2532" set free and/strong="G2532" for/strong="G0154" Jesus/strong="G2424" to/strong="G2443" be/strong="G2532" killed/strong="G0622".

<sup>21</sup> Pilate/strong="G3004" said/strong="G3004", "I/strong="G1161" have/strong="G3588" Barabbas/strong="G0912" and/strong="G1161" Jesus/strong="G0846". Which/strong="G5101" one/strong="G3588" do/strong="G3004" you/strong="G5210" want/strong="G2309" me/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" set/strong="G0630" free/strong="G0630" for/strong="G0575" you/strong="G5210"?"

The/strong="G3588" people/strong="G0846" answered/strong="G0611", "Barabbas/strong="G0912"!"

<sup>22</sup> Pilate/strong="G4091" asked/strong="G3004", "So/strong="G3767" what/strong="G5101" should I/strong="G3767" do/strong="G4160" with/strong="G3956" Jesus/strong="G2424", the/strong="G3956" one/strong="G3588" called/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3956" Messiah/strong="G5547"?"

All/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" people/strong="G3956" said/strong="G3004", "Kill him/strong="G0846" on/strong="G4160" a/strong="G4160" cross!"

<sup>23</sup> Pilate/strong="G3004" asked/strong="G3004", "Why/strong="G5101" do/strong="G4160" you/strong="G3004" want me/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" kill him/strong="G4160"? What/strong="G5101" wrong/strong="G2556"

has|strong="G5101" he|strong="G3004" done|strong="G4160"?"

But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161" shout-ed|strong="G2896" louder, "Kill him|strong="G4160" on|strong="G1161" a|strong="G4160" cross!"

<sup>24</sup> Pilate|strong="G4091" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" nothing|strong="G3762" he|strong="G3778" could|strong="G1096" do|strong="G1096" to|strong="G3004" make the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" change. In|strong="G1096" fact|strong="G3754", it|strong="G3708" looked|strong="G3708" as|strong="G1096" if|strong="G3748" there|strong="G1510" would|strong="G1096" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" ri-ot|strong="G2351". So|strong="G1161" he|strong="G3778" took|strong="G2983" some|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" and|strong="G1161" washed|strong="G0633" his|strong="G3708" hands|strong="G5495"<sup>1</sup> in|strong="G1096" front of|strong="G0575" them|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3588". He|strong="G3778" said|strong="G3004", "I|strong="G3778" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" guilty of|strong="G0575" this|strong="G3778" man's|strong="G3778" death|strong="G0129". You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" ones|strong="G3748" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" doing|strong="G5623" it|strong="G3708"!"

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992" an-swered|strong="G0611", " We|strong="G2249" will|strong="G3956" take full|strong="G3956" respon-sibility for|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" death|strong="G0129". You|strong="G3004" can|strong="G3004" blame us|strong="G3004" and|strong="G2532" even|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" children|strong="G5043"!"

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="G5119" Pilate|strong="G3860" set|strong="G0630" Barabbas|strong="G0912" free|strong="G0630". And|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" told some|strong="G3588" sol-diers to|strong="G2443" beat Jesus|strong="G2424" with|strong="G0846" whips. Then|strong="G5119" he|strong="G0846" handed|strong="G3860" him|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" soldiers to|strong="G2443" be killed on|strong="G1161" a|strong="G1161" cross.

<sup>1</sup> WASHED HIS HANDS Pilate did this as a sign to show that he wanted no part in what the people did.

Pilate's Soldiers Make Fun of|strong="G3588" Je-sus|strong="G2424"

(Mark 15:16-20; John|strong="G0846" 19:2-3)

<sup>27</sup> Then|strong="G5119" Pilate's sol-diers|strong="G4757" took|strong="G3880" Je-sus|strong="G2424" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" governor's|strong="G2232" palace|strong="G4232". All|strong="G3650" the|strong="G3588" soldiers|strong="G4757" gath-ered|strong="G4863" around|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846". <sup>28</sup> They|strong="G0846" took|strong="G1562" off|strong="G1562" Jesus' clothes and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G4060" a|strong="G2532" red robe|strong="G5511" on|strong="G0846" him|strong="G0846". <sup>29</sup> Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" made|strong="G3004" a|strong="G3004" crown|strong="G4735" from|strong="G1537" thorny branches and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G2007" it|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" head|strong="G2776", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" put|strong="G2007" a|strong="G3004" stick in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" right|strong="G1188" hand|strong="G1188". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" bowed before|strong="G1715" him|strong="G0846", making fun of|strong="G1537" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " We|strong="G2532" salute you|strong="G1722", king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453"!" <sup>30</sup> They|strong="G0846" spit|strong="G1716" on|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" took|strong="G2983" his|strong="G0846" stick and|strong="G2532" kept hitting him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" head|strong="G2776" with|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846". <sup>31</sup> After|strong="G3753" they|strong="G0846" finished making fun of|strong="G3588" him|strong="G0846", the|strong="G3588" soldiers took|strong="G1562" off|strong="G1562" the|strong="G3588" robe|strong="G2440" and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G1746" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" clothes|strong="G2440" on|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" again|strong="G2532". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" led|strong="G0520" him|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0520" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" killed on|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2532" cross.

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Is |strong="G3588" Nailed to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2532" Cross**  
(Mark 15:21-32; Luke 23:26-39; John |strong="G0846" 19:17-19)

<sup>32</sup> The |strong="G3588" soldiers were |strong="G3778" going |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G3686" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" with |strong="G0142" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" saw a |strong="G2147" man |strong="G0444" from |strong="G1831" Cyrene |strong="G2956" named |strong="G3686" Simon |strong="G4613", and |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" forced |strong="G0029" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" carry |strong="G0142" Jesus' cross |strong="G4716". <sup>33</sup> They |strong="G3739" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G2532" place |strong="G5117" called |strong="G3004" Golgotha |strong="G1115". ( Golgotha |strong="G1115" means |strong="G1510" " The |strong="G2532" Place |strong="G5117" of |strong="G3004" the |strong="G2532" Skull |strong="G2898"." ) <sup>34</sup> There the |strong="G2532" soldiers gave |strong="G1325" Jesus |strong="G0846" some wine |strong="G3631" mixed |strong="G3396" with |strong="G3326" gall |strong="G5521". <sup>1</sup> But |strong="G2532" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" tasted |strong="G1089" it |strong="G0846", he |strong="G2532" refused |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2309" drink |strong="G4095" it |strong="G0846".

<sup>35</sup> The |strong="G3588" soldiers nailed Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G0846" a |strong="G0906" cross. Then |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" threw |strong="G0906" dice |strong="G2819" to |strong="G0846" divide |strong="G1266" his |strong="G0846" clothes |strong="G2440" between |strong="G0846" them |strong="G0846". <sup>36</sup> The |strong="G2532" soldiers stayed there |strong="G1563" to |strong="G2532" guard |strong="G5083" him |strong="G0846". <sup>37</sup> They |strong="G0846" put |strong="G2007" a |strong="G1510" sign above |strong="G1883" his |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" charge |strong="G0156" against |strong="G0156" him |strong="G0846" written |strong="G1125" on |strong="G1883" it |strong="G0846": " THIS |STRONG="G3778" IS |STRONG="G1510" JESUS |STRONG="G2424", THE |STRONG="G3588" KING |STRONG="G0935" OF |STRONG="G0935" THE |STRONG="G3588" JEWS |STRONG="G2453"."

<sup>38</sup> Two |strong="G1417" criminals were |strong="G0846" nailed to |strong="G2532" crosses beside Jesus |strong="G0846"—

<sup>1</sup> GALL Probably used as a drug to relieve pain.

one |strong="G1520" on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G2532" right |strong="G1188" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" other |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G2532" left |strong="G2176". <sup>39</sup> People |strong="G0846" walked by |strong="G1161" and |strong="G1161" shouted insults at |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" shook their |strong="G0846" heads |strong="G2776" <sup>40</sup> and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G1487" said |strong="G3004" you |strong="G1487" could destroy |strong="G2647" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G3485" and |strong="G2532" build |strong="G3618" it |strong="G1510" again |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250". So |strong="G2532" save |strong="G4982" yourself |strong="G4572"! Come |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G0575" that |strong="G3004" cross |strong="G4716" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" really are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316"!"

<sup>41</sup> The |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749", the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" law, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" Jewish leaders |strong="G3004" were |strong="G3588" also |strong="G2532" there. They |strong="G2532" made |strong="G3004" fun of |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3668" as |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other people |strong="G3588" did. <sup>42</sup> They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532", " He |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982" others |strong="G0243", but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" can't |strong="G3756" save |strong="G4982" himself |strong="G1438"! People |strong="G0846" say he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0575" Israel |strong="G2474". If |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935", he |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532" come |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" now |strong="G3568" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" cross |strong="G4716". Then |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846". <sup>43</sup> He |strong="G0846" trusted |strong="G3982" God |strong="G2316". So |strong="G1063" let |strong="G1510" God |strong="G2316" save him |strong="G0846" now |strong="G3568", if |strong="G1487"

God |strong="G2316" really wants |strong="G2309" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" himself |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004"; ' I |strong="G1487" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316".<sup>44</sup> And |strong="G2532" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" way |strong="G0846", the |strong="G3588" criminals on |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" crosses beside Jesus |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" insulted him |strong="G0846".

### Jesus |strong="G0846" Dies

(Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John |strong="G0846" 19:28-30)

<sup>45</sup> At |strong="G1909" noon |strong="G5610" the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" country |strong="G1093" became |strong="G1096" dark. The |strong="G3956" darkness |strong="G4655" continued for |strong="G1909" three |strong="G1766" hours |strong="G5610".<sup>46</sup> About |strong="G4012" three |strong="G1766" o'clock Jesus |strong="G2424" cried |strong="G0310" out |strong="G1510" loudly |strong="G3173", "Eli |strong="G2241", Eli |strong="G2241", lema |strong="G2982" sabachthani |strong="G4518"?". This |strong="G3778" means |strong="G1510" " My |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316", my |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316", why |strong="G2444" have |strong="G1510" you |strong="G3004" left |strong="G1459" me |strong="G3004" alone?"<sup>I</sup>

<sup>47</sup> Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3778" standing |strong="G2476" there |strong="G1563" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3778". They |strong="G3754" said |strong="G3004", " He |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" calling |strong="G5455" Elijah |strong="G2243".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>48</sup> Quickly |strong="G2112", one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846" ran |strong="G5143" and |strong="G2532" got a |strong="G2983" sponge |strong="G4699". He |strong="G2532" filled |strong="G4130" the |strong="G2532" sponge |strong="G4699" with |strong="G1537" sour |strong="G3690" wine |strong="G3690" and |strong="G2532" tied the |strong="G2532" sponge |strong="G4699" to |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2983" stick. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" used the |strong="G2532" stick to |strong="G2532" give |strong="G4222" the |strong="G2532" sponge |strong="G4699" to |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" get a |strong="G2983" drink |strong="G4222"

I 27:46 Quote from Psalm 22:1. II "HE IS CALLING ELIJAH" The word for "My God" (Eli Eloi

from |strong="G1537" it |strong="G0846".<sup>49</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3062" said |strong="G3004", "Don't bother him |strong="G0846". We |strong="G1487" want to |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708" if |strong="G1487" Elijah |strong="G2243" will |strong="G0863" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G3004" save |strong="G4982" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>50</sup> Again |strong="G3825" Jesus |strong="G2424" cried |strong="G2896" out |strong="G2896" loudly |strong="G3173" and |strong="G1161" then |strong="G1161" died.<sup>III</sup>

<sup>51</sup> When |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2532" died, the |strong="G3588" curtain |strong="G2665" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G3485" was |strong="G3588" torn |strong="G4977" into |strong="G1519" two |strong="G1417" pieces. The |strong="G3588" tear |strong="G4977" started at |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" top |strong="G0509" and |strong="G2532" tore all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G0575" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" bottom |strong="G2736". Also |strong="G2532", the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" shook |strong="G4579" and |strong="G2532" rocks |strong="G4073" were |strong="G3588" broken.<sup>52</sup> The |strong="G3588" graves |strong="G3419" opened |strong="G0455", and |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G4983" God's people |strong="G4183" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G3588" died |strong="G2837" were |strong="G3588" raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G2532" death.<sup>53</sup> They |strong="G0846" came |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" graves |strong="G3419". And |strong="G2532" after |strong="G3326" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" raised from |strong="G1537" death, they |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1831" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040" city |strong="G4172", and |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0846" saw them |strong="G0846".

<sup>54</sup> The |strong="G3588" army officer and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" soldiers guarding Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3778" earthquake |strong="G4578" and |strong="G2532" everything that |strong="G3004" happened |strong="G1096". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" very |strong="G0846" afraid |strong="G5399" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " He |strong="G2532" really |strong="G0230" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316".<sup>!</sup>

III DIED Literally, "let his spirit leave."

<sup>55</sup> Many women were standing away from the cross, watching. These women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for him. <sup>56</sup> Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of James and John were there.

**Jesus Is Buried**  
(Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)

<sup>57</sup> That evening a man named Joseph came to Jerusalem. He was a follower of Jesus from the town of Arimathaea. <sup>58</sup> He went to Pilate and asked to have Jesus' body. Pilate gave orders for the soldiers to give Jesus' body to him. <sup>59</sup> Then Joseph took the body and wrapped it in new linen cloth. <sup>60</sup> He put Jesus' body in a new tomb that he had dug in a wall of rock. Then he closed the tomb by rolling

I JAMES AND JOHN Literally, "the sons of Zebedee."

a very large stone to cover the entrance. After he did this, he went away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other woman named Mary were sitting near the tomb.

**The Tomb of Jesus Is Guarded**

<sup>62</sup> That day was the day called Preparation the next day, the leading priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. <sup>63</sup> They said, "Sir, we remember that while you were still alive he said, 'I will rise from death in three days.' So give the order for his tomb to be guarded well for three days. His followers might try to steal the body. Then they could tell everyone that he has risen from death." That lie will even be worse than they said about him before.

<sup>65</sup> Pilate said, "Take some soldiers and go guard the tomb



the best way you know." So they all went to the tomb and made it safe from thieves. They did this by sealing the stone in the entrance and putting soldiers there to guard it.

### News That Jesus Has Risen From Death

(Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10)

**28** The day after the Sabbath was the first day of the week. That day dawned, and the other woman named Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord came from the sky, and there was a huge earthquake. The angel went to the tomb and rolled away the stone from the entrance. Then he sat on top of the stone. <sup>3</sup> The angel was shining as bright as lightning. His clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The soldiers guarding the tomb were very afraid

of the angel. They shook with fear and then became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, the one who was killed on the cross. <sup>6</sup> But he is here, not here. He has risen from death, as he said he would. Come and see where his body was. <sup>7</sup> And go quickly and tell his followers, 'Jesus has risen from death.' He is going into Galilee and will be there before you." You will see him there. <sup>8</sup> Then the angel said, "Now I told you." <sup>9</sup> So the women left the tomb quickly. They were afraid, but they were also very happy. They ran to tell his followers what happened. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly, Jesus was there.

in|strong="G2532" front of|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Hello!" The|strong="G3588" women|strong="G0846" went|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532", holding|strong="G2902" on|strong="G1161" to|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228", worshiped|strong="G4352" him|strong="G0846".<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " Don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" afraid|strong="G5399". Go|strong="G5217" tell|strong="G3004" my|strong="G3708" followers<sup>1</sup> to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G5217" to|strong="G1519" Galilee|strong="G1056". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708" me|strong="G3004" there|strong="G1563"."

**Report|strong="G0518" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Jewish Leaders|strong="G3004"**

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="G3588" women|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" tell|strong="G0518" the|strong="G3588" followers. At|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" time, some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" soldiers who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G1096" guarding the|strong="G3588" tomb went|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". They|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" tell|strong="G0518" the|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749" everything|strong="G0537" that|strong="G3708" happened|strong="G1096".<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" priests met|strong="G4863" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" older|strong="G4245" Jewish leaders and|strong="G2532" made a|strong="G2983" plan. They|strong="G2532" paid the|strong="G3588" soldiers|strong="G4757" a|strong="G2983" lot of|strong="G0694" money|strong="G0694"<sup>13</sup> and|strong="G2064" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " Tell|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3754" Jesus' followers came|strong="G2064" during|strong="G3571" the|strong="G3588" night|strong="G3571" and|strong="G2064" stole|strong="G2813" the|strong="G3588" body while|strong="G0846" you|strong="G3754" were|strong="G3101" sleeping|strong="G2837".<sup>14</sup> If|strong="G1437" the|strong="G3588" governor|strong="G2232" hears|strong="G0191" about|strong="G1909"

I FOLLOWERS Literally, "brothers."

this|strong="G3778", we|strong="G2249" will|strong="G3778" talk to|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" keep|strong="G4160" you|strong="G5210" out|strong="G4160" of|strong="G1909" trouble|strong="G0275"."<sup>15</sup> So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" soldiers kept|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" money|strong="G0694" and|strong="G2532" obeyed the|strong="G3588" priests. And|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3778" story|strong="G3056" is|strong="G3778" still spread|strong="G1310" among|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" even|strong="G2532" today|strong="G4594".

**Jesus|strong="G2532" Talks to|strong="G2532" His|strong="G4160" Followers**

(Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49; John|strong="G5346" 20:19-23; Acts|strong="G4160" 1:6-8)

<sup>16</sup> The|strong="G3588" eleven|strong="G1733" followers went|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" Galilee|strong="G1056", to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" mountain|strong="G3735" where|strong="G3757" Jesus|strong="G2424" told them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G4198".<sup>17</sup> On|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" mountain the|strong="G3588" followers saw|strong="G3708" Jesus|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" worshiped|strong="G4352" him|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" followers did|strong="G3708" not|strong="G2532" believe that|strong="G3708" it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" really Jesus|strong="G0846".<sup>18</sup> So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " All|strong="G3956" authority|strong="G1849" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" and|strong="G2532" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093" is|strong="G3772" given|strong="G1325" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G1325".<sup>19</sup> So|strong="G3767" go|strong="G4198" and|strong="G2532" make|strong="G3100" followers of|strong="G5207" all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G1484" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" world. Baptize|strong="G0907" them|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3956" Father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Son|strong="G5207" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151".<sup>20</sup> Teach|strong="G1321" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2193" obey|strong="G5083" everything|strong="G3956"

that I have told you to do.  
You can be sure that I will be with you al-

ways I will continue with you until the end of time."

# Mark

## John Prepares the Way for Jesus

(Matthew 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-9, 15-17; John 1:19-28)

**1** The *strong*="G3588" Good *strong*="G2098" News *strong*="G2098" about *strong*="G2424" Jesus *strong*="G2424" the *strong*="G3588" Messiah *strong*="G5547", the *strong*="G3588" Son of *strong*="G2098" God, <sup>I</sup> begins <sup>2</sup> with *strong*="G1722" what *strong*="G3739" the *strong*="G3588" prophet *strong*="G4396" Isaiah *strong*="G2268" said would *strong*="G4396" happen. He *strong*="G3739" wrote *strong*="G1125": " Listen *strong*="G2400"! I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G3739" send *strong*="G0649" my *strong*="G3708" messenger *strong*="G0032" ahead *strong*="G4253" of *strong*="G3598" you *strong*="G4771". He *strong*="G3739" will *strong*="G3739" prepare *strong*="G2680" the *strong*="G3588" way *strong*="G3598" for *strong*="G1722" you *strong*="G4771"."

Malachi 3:1

<sup>3</sup> " There *strong*="G1722" is *strong*="G2962" someone shouting *strong*="G0994" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" desert *strong*="G2048": ' Prepare *strong*="G2090" the *strong*="G3588" way *strong*="G3598" for *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" Lord *strong*="G2962". Make *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G3588" road *strong*="G3598" straight *strong*="G2117" for *strong*="G1722" him *strong*="G0846"."

Isaiah 40:3

<sup>4</sup> So *strong*="G2532" John *strong*="G2491" the *strong*="G3588" Baptizer came *strong*="G1096" and *strong*="G2532" was *strong*="G3588" baptizing *strong*="G0907" people *strong*="G3588" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" desert *strong*="G2048" area. He *strong*="G2532" told them *strong*="G1722" to *strong*="G1519" be *strong*="G1096" baptized *strong*="G0907" to *strong*="G1519" show *strong*="G1096" that *strong*="G1096" they *strong*="G2532" wanted to *strong*="G1519" change their *strong*="G2532" lives, and *strong*="G2532" then *strong*="G2532" their *strong*="G2532" sins *strong*="G0266" would *strong*="G1096" be *strong*="G1096" forgiven. <sup>5</sup> All *strong*="G3956" the *strong*="G3956" people *strong*="G3956" from *strong*="G5259"

Judea *strong*="G2449", including *strong*="G2532" everyone *strong*="G3956" from *strong*="G5259" Jerusalem *strong*="G2415", came *strong*="G1607" out *strong*="G1607" to *strong*="G4314" John *strong*="G0846". They *strong*="G0846" confessed *strong*="G1843" the *strong*="G3956" bad things *strong*="G3956" they *strong*="G0846" had *strong*="G3588" done, and *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" baptized *strong*="G0907" them *strong*="G0846" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3956" Jordan *strong*="G2446" River *strong*="G4215".

<sup>6</sup> John *strong*="G2491" wore clothes made from *strong*="G2532" camel's *strong*="G2574" hair *strong*="G2359" and *strong*="G2532" a *strong*="G1510" leather *strong*="G1193" belt *strong*="G2223" around *strong*="G4012" his *strong*="G0846" waist *strong*="G3751". He *strong*="G2532" ate *strong*="G2068" locusts *strong*="G0200" and *strong*="G2532" wild *strong*="G0066" honey *strong*="G3192".

<sup>7</sup> This *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G1510" what *strong*="G3739" John *strong*="G0846" told *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846": " There *strong*="G1510" is *strong*="G1510" someone *strong*="G3739" coming *strong*="G2064" later who *strong*="G3739" is *strong*="G1510" able *strong*="G2425" to *strong*="G3004" do *strong*="G1510" more *strong*="G3756" than *strong*="G2532" I *strong*="G1473" can *strong*="G3004". I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3756" good *strong*="G1510" enough *strong*="G2425" to *strong*="G3004" be *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" slave *strong*="G2064" who *strong*="G3739" stoops down *strong*="G2955" to *strong*="G3004" untie *strong*="G3089" his *strong*="G0846" sandals *strong*="G5266". <sup>8</sup> I *strong*="G1473" baptize *strong*="G0907" you *strong*="G5210" with *strong*="G1722" water *strong*="G5204", but *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G1722" one *strong*="G0040" who *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G0846" coming will *strong*="G0846" baptize *strong*="G0907" you *strong*="G5210" with *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G1722" Holy *strong*="G0040" Spirit *strong*="G4151"."

I THE SON OF GOD Some Greek copies do not have these words.

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Is |strong="G0846" Baptized |strong="G0907" by |strong="G1722" John |strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22)

<sup>9</sup> About |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" time |strong="G2250" Jesus |strong="G2424" came |strong="G2064" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G2532" of |strong="G2250" Nazareth |strong="G3478" in |strong="G1722" Galilee |strong="G1056" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G1096" where |strong="G1722" John |strong="G2491" was |strong="G2424". John |strong="G2491" baptized |strong="G0907" Jesus |strong="G2424" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Jordan |strong="G2446" River. <sup>10</sup> As |strong="G5613" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2597" up |strong="G0305" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" water |strong="G5204", he |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" torn |strong="G4977" open. The |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" came |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" on |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" dove |strong="G4058". <sup>11</sup> A |strong="G1096" voice |strong="G5456" came |strong="G1096" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G1096", " You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" my |strong="G1722" Son |strong="G5207", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" love |strong="G0027". I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" very |strong="G2532" pleased |strong="G2106" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G4771"."

**Jesus |strong="G1510" Goes Away to |strong="G2532" Be |strong="G1510" Tempted**  
(Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" sent |strong="G1544" Jesus |strong="G0846" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" desert |strong="G2048" alone |strong="G0846". <sup>13</sup> He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1722" 40 days |strong="G2250", being |strong="G1510" tempted |strong="G3985" by |strong="G1722" Satan |strong="G4567". During |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2250" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" out |strong="G1510" among |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" wild |strong="G2342" animals. Then |strong="G2532"

angels |strong="G0032" came |strong="G1510" and |strong="G2532" helped him |strong="G0846".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Begins His |strong="G0846" Work in |strong="G1722" Galilee**  
(Matthew 4:12-17; Luke 4:14-15)

<sup>14</sup> After |strong="G3326" John |strong="G2491" was |strong="G2424" put |strong="G3860" in |strong="G1519" prison, Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G2064" into |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056" and |strong="G2532" told people |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" from |strong="G2064" God |strong="G2316". <sup>15</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" right |strong="G2540" time |strong="G2540" is |strong="G2316" now |strong="G2532" here |strong="G1722". God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" is |strong="G2316" very |strong="G2532" near |strong="G1448". <sup>1</sup> Change your |strong="G2532" hearts and |strong="G2532" lives, and |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G4100" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098"! "

**Jesus |strong="G3004" Chooses Some |strong="G3588" Followers**  
(Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11)

<sup>16</sup> Jesus |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" walking by |strong="G1722" Lake |strong="G2281" Galilee |strong="G1056". He |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" Simon |strong="G4613" <sup>II</sup> and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G3708" brother |strong="G0080" Andrew |strong="G0406". These |strong="G3588" two men were |strong="G1510" fishermen |strong="G0231", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G1510" throwing |strong="G0906" a |strong="G1510" net into |strong="G0906" the |strong="G3588" lake |strong="G2281" to |strong="G2532" catch fish. <sup>17</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Come |strong="G1096", follow |strong="G3694" me |strong="G3004", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G0444" make |strong="G4160" you |strong="G5210" a |strong="G1096" different kind of |strong="G0444" fishermen |strong="G0231". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G0444" bring |strong="G4160" in |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0444", not |strong="G4160" fish." <sup>18</sup> So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" immediately |strong="G2117" left |strong="G0863" their |strong="G0846"

<sup>I</sup> IS VERY NEAR Or "is coming soon" or "has come." <sup>II</sup> SIMON Simon's other name was Peter. Also in verses 29, 30, 36.

nets |strong="G1350" and |strong="G2532" followed |strong="G0190" Jesus |strong="G0846".

<sup>19</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" continued walking by |strong="G1722" Lake Galilee. He |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" two more brothers |strong="G0080", James |strong="G2385" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491", the |strong="G3588" sons of |strong="G1722" Zebedee |strong="G2199". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G0846" boat |strong="G4143", preparing their |strong="G0846" nets |strong="G1350" to |strong="G2532" catch fish. <sup>20</sup> Their |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962" Zebedee |strong="G2199" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" worked for |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" boat |strong="G4143" with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" brothers. When |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" saw the |strong="G3588" brothers, he |strong="G2532" told them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" come. They |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0863" their |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" followed |strong="G3694" Jesus |strong="G0846".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Frees a |strong="G2532" Man From |strong="G1722" an |strong="G2532" Evil Spirit**  
(Luke 4:31-37)

<sup>21</sup> Jesus |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G2532" followers went |strong="G1531" to |strong="G1519" Capernaum |strong="G2584". On |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521", Jesus |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1531" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G4864" and |strong="G2532" taught |strong="G1321" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588". <sup>22</sup> They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" amazed |strong="G1605" at |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" teaching |strong="G1321". He |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" teach |strong="G1321" like |strong="G5613" their |strong="G0846" teachers of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" law. He |strong="G2532" taught |strong="G1321" like |strong="G5613" someone with |strong="G1909" authority |strong="G1849". <sup>23</sup> While |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G4864", a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0444" was |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G1510" an |strong="G1510" evil spirit |strong="G4151" inside |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846".

The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0444" shouted, <sup>24</sup> " Jesus |strong="G2424" of |strong="G2316" Nazareth |strong="G3479"! What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1492" you |strong="G4771" want with |strong="G2316" us |strong="G3004"? Did |strong="G1492" you |strong="G4771" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G3004" destroy |strong="G0622" us |strong="G3004"? I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1492" who |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510"— God's |strong="G2316" Holy |strong="G0040" One |strong="G3588"! "

<sup>25</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424", his |strong="G0846" voice full of |strong="G1537" warning, said |strong="G3004", " Be |strong="G2532" quiet |strong="G5392", and |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G1537" him |strong="G0846"! " <sup>26</sup> The |strong="G3588" evil spirit |strong="G4151" made the |strong="G3588" man shake. Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" spirit |strong="G4151" made a |strong="G2532" loud |strong="G3173" noise and |strong="G2532" came |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G1537" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>27</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" amazed |strong="G2284". They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G3004" each |strong="G2596" other |strong="G1438", " What |strong="G5101" is |strong="G1510" happening here |strong="G1510"? This |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" teaching |strong="G1322" something |strong="G5101" new |strong="G2537", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" teaches with |strong="G4314" authority |strong="G1849"! He |strong="G2532" even |strong="G2532" commands |strong="G2004" evil spirits |strong="G4151", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" obey |strong="G5219" him |strong="G0846". " <sup>28</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" news |strong="G0189" about |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846" spread |strong="G1831" quickly |strong="G2112" everywhere |strong="G3837" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" area of |strong="G3588" Galilee |strong="G1056".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals Many People |strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 8:14-17; Luke 4:38-41)

<sup>29</sup> Jesus |strong="G1831" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers left |strong="G1831" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G4864". They |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" went |strong="G1831" with |strong="G3326" James |strong="G2385" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" home |strong="G3614" of |strong="G1537" Simon |strong="G4613"

and **Andrew**. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was very sick. She was in bed and had a fever. The people told Jesus about her. So he went to her bed. Jesus held her hand and helped her stand up. The fever left, and she was healed. Then she began serving them.

<sup>32</sup> That night, after sun went down, the people brought Jesus many who were sick. They brought those who had demons inside them. <sup>33</sup> Everyone in the town gathered at the door of that house. <sup>34</sup> Jesus healed many of those who had different kinds of sicknesses. He also forced many demons out of people. But he would not allow demons speak, because they who knew he was

I WHO HE WAS Meaning that the demons knew that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.

**Jesus Goes to Other Towns**  
(Luke 4:42-44)

<sup>35</sup> The next morning Jesus woke up very early. He left the house while it was still dark and went to a place he could be alone and pray. <sup>36</sup> Later, Simon and his friends went to look for Jesus. They found him and said, "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, "We should go to another place." We can go to other towns around here, and I can tell God's message to those people too. That is why I came. <sup>39</sup> So Jesus traveled everywhere in Galilee. He spoke in the synagogues, and he forced demons out of people.

**Jesus Heals a Sick Man**

(Matthew 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-16)

<sup>40</sup> A man who had leprosy came to Jesus. The man bowed on his knees

and |strong="G2532" begged |strong="G3870" him |strong="G0846", " You |strong="G1437" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" power |strong="G1410" to |strong="G4314" heal me |strong="G3004" if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G1437" want |strong="G2309".

<sup>41</sup> These |strong="G3588" last words |strong="G2532" made |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846" angry. <sup>I</sup> But |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" touched |strong="G0681" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G2532" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" heal you |strong="G3004". Be |strong="G2532" healed!" <sup>42</sup> Immediately |strong="G2117" the |strong="G3588" leprosy |strong="G3014" disappeared, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" man was |strong="G3588" healed.

<sup>43</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" told the |strong="G2532" man to |strong="G2532" go, but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" gave him |strong="G0846" a |strong="G2532" strong warning: <sup>44</sup> " Don't |strong="G3367" tell |strong="G3004" anyone |strong="G3367" about |strong="G4012" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" did |strong="G3708" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771". But |strong="G0235" go |strong="G5217" and |strong="G2532" let |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" priest |strong="G2409" look |strong="G3708" at |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771". <sup>II</sup> And |strong="G2532" offer |strong="G4374" a |strong="G3708" gift to |strong="G1519" God |strong="G0846" because |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" healed. Offer |strong="G4374" the |strong="G3588" gift that |strong="G3739" Moses |strong="G3475" commanded |strong="G4367". <sup>III</sup> This |strong="G3588" will |strong="G3739" show |strong="G1166" everyone |strong="G3739" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3739" healed." <sup>45</sup> The |strong="G3588" man left |strong="G1831" there |strong="G1510" and |strong="G2532" told |strong="G4314" everyone he |strong="G2532" saw that |strong="G5620" Jesus |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510" healed him |strong="G0846". So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" news |strong="G3056" about |strong="G1909" Jesus |strong="G0846" spread |strong="G1831". And |strong="G2532" that |strong="G5620" is |strong="G1510" why he |strong="G2532" could |strong="G1410" not |strong="G1510" enter |strong="G1525"

I THESE ... ANGRY Most Greek copies have "Moved with pity ...." But it is hard to explain why some good Greek copies and Latin versions have "Filled with anger ...." so many scholars now consider it to be the original reading. II LET THE PRIEST LOOK AT YOU The Law of Moses said a priest must decide when a person with leprosy was well. III MOSES COMMANDED See Leviticus 14:1-32.

a |strong="G1510" town |strong="G4172" if |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846" saw him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" stayed |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1519" places |strong="G5117" where |strong="G1519" people |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" live. But |strong="G1161" people |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" from |strong="G2064" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" towns |strong="G4172" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" places |strong="G5117" where |strong="G1519" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510".

### Jesus Heals a Crippled Man

(Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26)

<sup>2</sup> A |strong="G1510" few days |strong="G2250" later, Jesus |strong="G1525" came |strong="G1525" back |strong="G3825" to |strong="G1519" Capernaum |strong="G2584". The |strong="G2532" news spread |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" back |strong="G3825" home |strong="G3624". <sup>2</sup> A |strong="G2532" large |strong="G4183" crowd gathered |strong="G4863" to |strong="G4314" hear him |strong="G0846" speak |strong="G2980". The |strong="G3588" house was |strong="G3588" so |strong="G2532" full |strong="G4183" that |strong="G5620" there |strong="G4183" was |strong="G3588" no |strong="G3371" place |strong="G5562" to |strong="G4314" stand, not |strong="G3366" even |strong="G2532" outside the |strong="G3588" door |strong="G2374". While |strong="G2980" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G3056", <sup>3</sup> some people |strong="G0846" brought |strong="G5342" a |strong="G5259" paralyzed |strong="G3885" man to |strong="G4314" see him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G0846" being carried |strong="G0142" by |strong="G5259" four |strong="G5064" of |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846". <sup>4</sup> But |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" could |strong="G1410" not |strong="G3361" get |strong="G4374" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3361" inside to |strong="G1410" Jesus |strong="G0846" because |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" house was |strong="G1510" so |strong="G2532" full of |strong="G1223" people |strong="G3793". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" went to |strong="G1410" the |strong="G3588" roof |strong="G4721" above |strong="G3699" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" made a |strong="G1510" hole in |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" lowered the |strong="G3588" mat |strong="G2895"



with|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" paralyzed|strong="G3885" man|strong="G3361" on|strong="G0846" it|strong="G0846".<sup>5</sup> When|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" saw|strong="G3708" how much faith|strong="G4102" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424", he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" paralyzed|strong="G3885" man, "Young man, your|strong="G0863" sins|strong="G0266" are|strong="G3588" forgiven|strong="G0863"."

<sup>6</sup> Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" law were|strong="G1510" sitting|strong="G2521" there|strong="G1563". They|strong="G0846" saw what|strong="G3588" Jesus|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1510", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" said|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" themselves|strong="G0846",<sup>7</sup> " Why|strong="G5101" does|strong="G5101" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778" say|strong="G2980" things|strong="G3778" like|strong="G3779" that|strong="G3778"? What|strong="G5101" an|strong="G1520" insult|strong="G0987" to|strong="G1410" God|strong="G2316"! No|strong="G3361" one|strong="G1520" but|strong="G1487" God|strong="G2316" can|strong="G1410" forgive|strong="G0863" sins|strong="G0266"."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" knew|strong="G1921" immediately|strong="G2117" what|strong="G5101" these|strong="G3778" teachers of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" law were|strong="G3778" thinking. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " Why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778" questions in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" minds|strong="G2588"?<sup>9</sup> The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins. But how can I prove this to you? Maybe you are thinking it was easy for me to say to the crippled man, 'Your sins are forgiven.' There's no proof it really happened. But what if I say to the man, 'Stand up. Take your mat and walk? Then you will be able to see if I really have this power or not.'" So Jesus said to the paralyzed man,<sup>11</sup> " I|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771", stand|strong="G1453" up|strong="G1453". Take|strong="G0142" your|strong="G2532" mat|strong="G2895" and|strong="G2532" go|strong="G5217" home|strong="G3624"."

<sup>12</sup> Immediately|strong="G2117" the|strong="G3956" paralyzed man|strong="G2316" stood up|strong="G1453". He|strong="G2532" picked|strong="G0142" up|strong="G1453" his|strong="G3956" mat|strong="G2895"

and|strong="G2532" walked out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956" room. Everyone|strong="G3956" could see|strong="G3708" him|strong="G3708". They|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3956" amazed|strong="G1839" and|strong="G2532" praised|strong="G1392" God|strong="G2316". They|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " This|strong="G3779" is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956" most amazing|strong="G1839" thing|strong="G3004" we|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" ever|strong="G3763" seen|strong="G3708"!"

### Levi (Matthew) Follows|strong="G3779" Jesus|strong="G3004"

(Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32)

<sup>13</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" lake|strong="G2281" again|strong="G3825", and|strong="G2532" many|strong="G3793" people|strong="G3793" followed him|strong="G0846" there. So|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" taught|strong="G1321" them|strong="G0846".<sup>14</sup> He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" walking beside|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" lake, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" a|strong="G3708" man named|strong="G3004" Levi|strong="G3018", son of|strong="G1909" Alphaeus. Levi|strong="G3018" was|strong="G3588" sitting|strong="G2521" at|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" place|strong="G1473" for|strong="G1909" collecting taxes. Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Follow|strong="G0190" me|strong="G3004". Then|strong="G2532" Levi|strong="G3018" stood|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450" and|strong="G2532" followed|strong="G0190" Jesus|strong="G0846".

<sup>15</sup> Later that|strong="G1096" day, Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers ate at|strong="G1722" Levi's|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614". There|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" tax|strong="G5057" collectors|strong="G5057" and|strong="G2532" others|strong="G3588" with|strong="G1722" bad reputations eating with|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846". ( There|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" many|strong="G4183" of|strong="G1722" these|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" followed|strong="G0190" Jesus|strong="G2424".)<sup>16</sup> When|strong="G2532" some|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G3101" the|strong="G3588" law who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3101" Pharisees|strong="G5330" saw|strong="G3708" Jesus|strong="G0846" eat-

ing|strong="G2068" with|strong="G3326" such bad people|strong="G0846", they|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" followers, "Why does|strong="G2068" he|strong="G2532" eat|strong="G2068" with|strong="G3326" tax|strong="G5057" collectors|strong="G5057" and|strong="G2532" sinners|strong="G0268"?"

<sup>17</sup> When|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3588", he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", "It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" sick|strong="G2560" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" need|strong="G5532" a|strong="G2192" doctor, not|strong="G3756" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" healthy|strong="G2480". I|strong="G2532" did|strong="G0191" not|strong="G3756" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G3004" invite|strong="G2564" good|strong="G2480" people|strong="G0846". I|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G3004" invite|strong="G2564" sinners|strong="G0268"."

**Jesus|strong="G2424" Is|strong="G3588" Not|strong="G3756" Like|strong="G0846" Other|strong="G0846" Religious Leaders|strong="G3004"**

(Matthew 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39)

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G1223" John|strong="G2491" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" were|strong="G1510" fasting|strong="G3522". Some|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "John's|strong="G2491" followers fast|strong="G3522", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" fast|strong="G3522". But|strong="G1161" your|strong="G4674" followers don't|strong="G3756" fast|strong="G3522". Why|strong="G5101"?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G3004", "At|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2192" wedding|strong="G3567" the|strong="G3588" friends of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" sad while|strong="G1722" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" cannot|strong="G3756" fast|strong="G3522" while|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566" is|strong="G1510" still there|strong="G1510".<sup>20</sup> But|strong="G1161"

the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2250" will|strong="G2250" come|strong="G2064" when|strong="G3752" the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566" will|strong="G2250" be|strong="G2532" taken|strong="G0522" from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2250" fast|strong="G3522".

<sup>21</sup> "When|strong="G2532" someone sews|strong="G1976" a|strong="G1096" patch|strong="G1915" over|strong="G1909" a|strong="G1096" hole in|strong="G1909" an|strong="G1096" old|strong="G3820" coat|strong="G2440", they|strong="G0846" never|strong="G3361" use a|strong="G1096" piece|strong="G1915" of|strong="G0575" cloth|strong="G4470" that|strong="G1096" is|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" yet|strong="G2532" shrunk. If|strong="G1487" they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G1096", the|strong="G3588" patch|strong="G1915" will|strong="G2532" shrink and|strong="G2532" pull away|strong="G0142" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" coat|strong="G2440". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" hole will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1096" worse|strong="G5501".<sup>22</sup> Also|strong="G2532", no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" ever pours|strong="G0906" new|strong="G2537" wine|strong="G3631" into|strong="G1519" old|strong="G3820" wineskins|strong="G0779". The|strong="G3588" wine|strong="G3631" would|strong="G3762" break|strong="G4486" them|strong="G0622", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" wine|strong="G3631" would|strong="G3762" be|strong="G2532" ruined|strong="G0622" along|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" wineskins|strong="G0779". You|strong="G1487" always put|strong="G0906" new|strong="G2537" wine|strong="G3631" into|strong="G1519" new|strong="G2537" wineskins|strong="G0779"."

**Jesus|strong="G2532" Is|strong="G3588" Lord Over|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath Day**

(Matthew 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5)

<sup>23</sup> On|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521", Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers were|strong="G3101" walking through|strong="G1223" some|strong="G3588" grain|strong="G4719" fields. The|strong="G3588" followers picked|strong="G5089" some|strong="G3588" grain|strong="G4719" to|strong="G0757" eat.<sup>24</sup> Some|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846", "

Why are your followers doing this? It is against the law to pick grain on the Sabbath." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "You have read what David did when he and the people with him were hungry and needed food. <sup>26</sup> It was during the time of Abiathar the high priest. David went into God's house and ate the bread that was offered to God. And the Law of Moses says that only priests can eat that bread." David also gave of the bread to the people with him."  
<sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to the Pharisees, "The Sabbath was made to help people. People were not made to be ruled by the Sabbath." <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath, even the Sabbath."

### Jesus Heals a Man on the Sabbath Day

(Matthew 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11)

**3** Another time Jesus went into the synagogue there. A man with a crippled hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Some Jews were watching Jesus closely. They were waiting to see if he would heal the man on a Sabbath day. They wanted to see Jesus do something wrong so that they could accuse him. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with a crippled hand, "Stand up here so that everyone can see you."  
<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked the people, "Which is right to do on the Sabbath: to do good or evil? Is it right to save a life or to destroy one?" The people said nothing to answer him.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus looked at the people. He was angry, but he felt very sad be-

cause/strong="G1909" they/strong="G0846" were/strong="G3588" so/strong="G2532" stubborn. He/strong="G2532" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3588" man/strong="G0444", "Hold out/strong="G1438" your/strong="G2532" hand/strong="G5495"." The/strong="G3588" man/strong="G0444" held out/strong="G1438" his/strong="G0846" hand/strong="G5495", and/strong="G2532" it/strong="G0846" was/strong="G3588" healed. <sup>6</sup> Then/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" Pharisees/strong="G5330" left/strong="G1831" and/strong="G2532" made/strong="G4160" plans with/strong="G3326" the/strong="G3588" Herodians/strong="G2265" about/strong="G2596" a/strong="G4160" way/strong="G2596" to/strong="G2596" kill Jesus/strong="G0846".

### Many Follow Jesus/strong="G0846"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus/strong="G2424" went/strong="G0402" away/strong="G0575" with/strong="G3326" his/strong="G0846" followers to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" lake/strong="G2281". A/strong="G2532" large/strong="G4183" crowd/strong="G4128" of/strong="G0575" people/strong="G4128" from/strong="G0575" Galilee/strong="G1056" followed/strong="G0190" them/strong="G0846". <sup>8</sup> Many/strong="G4183" also/strong="G2532" came/strong="G2064" from/strong="G0575" Judea, from/strong="G0575" Jerusalem/strong="G2414", from/strong="G0575" Idumea/strong="G2401", from/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588" area across/strong="G4008" the/strong="G3588" Jordan/strong="G2446" River, and/strong="G2532" from/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588" area around/strong="G4012" Tyre/strong="G5184" and/strong="G2532" Sidon/strong="G4605". These/strong="G3588" people/strong="G4128" came/strong="G2064" because/strong="G0575" they/strong="G0846" heard/strong="G0191" about/strong="G4012" all/strong="G3745" that/strong="G0191" Jesus/strong="G0846" was/strong="G3588" doing/strong="G4160".

<sup>9</sup> Jesus/strong="G0846" saw how many/strong="G3793" people/strong="G3793" there/strong="G3101" were/strong="G3793", so/strong="G2443" he/strong="G2532" told/strong="G3004" his/strong="G0846" followers to/strong="G2443" get a/strong="G3793" small/strong="G4142" boat/strong="G4142" and/strong="G2532" make/strong="G3361" it/strong="G0846" ready/strong="G4342" for/strong="G1223" him/strong="G0846". He/strong="G2532" wanted the/strong="G3588" boat/strong="G4142" so/strong="G2443" that/strong="G2443" the/strong="G3588" crowds/strong="G3793" of/strong="G1223" peo-

ple/strong="G3793" could/strong="G3361" not/strong="G3361" push against/strong="G0846" him/strong="G0846". <sup>10</sup> He/strong="G0846" had/strong="G2192" healed/strong="G2323" many/strong="G4183" of/strong="G2192" them/strong="G0846", so/strong="G2443" all/strong="G3745" the/strong="G2192" sick people/strong="G0846" were/strong="G0846" pushing toward him/strong="G0846" to/strong="G2443" touch/strong="G0681" him/strong="G0846". <sup>11</sup> Some/strong="G3588" people/strong="G0846" had/strong="G1510" evil spirits/strong="G4151" inside them/strong="G0846". When/strong="G3752" the/strong="G3588" evil spirits/strong="G4151" saw/strong="G2334" Jesus/strong="G0846", they/strong="G0846" bowed before/strong="G4363" him/strong="G0846" and/strong="G2532" shouted/strong="G2896", " You/strong="G4771" are/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3588" Son/strong="G5207" of/strong="G5207" God/strong="G2316"! " <sup>12</sup> But/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" gave/strong="G4160" the/strong="G2532" spirits a/strong="G4160" strong warning not/strong="G3361" to/strong="G2443" tell/strong="G5318" anyone/strong="G0846" who/strong="G0846" he/strong="G2532" was/strong="G0846".

### Jesus/strong="G0846" Chooses His/strong="G0846" Twelve Apostles

(Matthew 10:1-4; Luke 6:12-16)

<sup>13</sup> Then/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" went/strong="G0565" up/strong="G0305" on/strong="G1519" a/strong="G3739" hill/strong="G3735" and/strong="G2532" invited those/strong="G3588" he/strong="G2532" wanted/strong="G2309" to/strong="G1519" go/strong="G0565" with/strong="G4314" him/strong="G0846". So/strong="G2532" they/strong="G0846" joined him/strong="G0846" there/strong="G3739". <sup>14</sup> And/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" chose twelve/strong="G1427" men/strong="G0846" and/strong="G2532" called them/strong="G0846" apostles. He/strong="G2532" wanted these/strong="G0846" twelve/strong="G1427" men/strong="G0846" to/strong="G2443" be/strong="G1510" with/strong="G3326" him/strong="G0846", and/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" wanted to/strong="G2443" send/strong="G0649" them/strong="G0846" to/strong="G2443" other/strong="G1438" places to/strong="G2443" tell people/strong="G0846" God's/strong="G0846" message. <sup>15</sup> He/strong="G2532" also/strong="G2532" wanted them/strong="G1544" to/strong="G2532" have/strong="G2192" the/strong="G3588" power/strong="G1849" to/strong="G2532" force demons/strong="G1140" out/strong="G1544"

of|strong="G2192" people|strong="G3588". 16 These|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" names|strong="G3686" of|strong="G3686" the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" men Jesus|strong="G2532" chose:

Simon|strong="G4613" ( the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" Jesus|strong="G2532" named|strong="G3686" Peter|strong="G4074"), 17 James|strong="G2385" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" brother|strong="G0080" John|strong="G2491", the|strong="G3588" sons|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Zebedee|strong="G2199" ( the|strong="G3588" ones Jesus|strong="G0846" named|strong="G3686" Boanerges|strong="G0993", which|strong="G3739" means|strong="G1510" " Sons|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Thunder|strong="G1027"), 18 Andrew|strong="G0406", Philip|strong="G5376", Bartholomew|strong="G0918", Matthew|strong="G3156", Thomas|strong="G2381", James|strong="G2385", the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G3588" Alphaeus, Thaddaeus|strong="G2280", Simon|strong="G4613", the|strong="G3588" Zealot|strong="G2581", 19 Judas|strong="G2455" Iscariot|strong="G2469" ( the|strong="G2532" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" handed|strong="G3860" Jesus|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" enemies).

**Jesus' Power Is|strong="G3739" From|strong="G2064" God|strong="G0846"**

(Matthew 12:22-32; Luke 11:14-23; 12:10)

20 Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" home|strong="G3624", but|strong="G2532" again|strong="G3825" a|strong="G3793" large crowd|strong="G3793" gathered|strong="G4905" there. There were|strong="G3793" so|strong="G2532" many|strong="G3793" people|strong="G3793" that|strong="G5620" he|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3361" eat|strong="G2068". 21 His|strong="G0846" family heard|strong="G0191" about|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" these|strong="G3748" things|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" went|strong="G1831" to|strong="G3004" get|strong="G1831" him|strong="G0846" because|strong="G3754" people|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" crazy.

22 And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" law

from|strong="G0575" Jerusalem|strong="G2414" said|strong="G3004", "Satan<sup>1</sup> is|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2192" inside|strong="G1722" him|strong="G2532"! He|strong="G2532" uses power from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" ruler|strong="G0758" of|strong="G0575" demons|strong="G1140" to|strong="G3004" force demons|strong="G1140" out|strong="G1544" of|strong="G0575" people|strong="G3588"."

23 So|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" called|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" together|strong="G1722" and|strong="G2532" talked to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" using|strong="G3004" some|strong="G3004" stories. He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Satan|strong="G4567" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G1410" force his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438" demons out|strong="G1544" of|strong="G1722" people|strong="G0846". 24 A|strong="G1437" kingdom|strong="G0932" that|strong="G1565" fights against|strong="G1909" itself|strong="G1438" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" survive. 25 And|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1437" family that|strong="G1565" is|strong="G3588" divided|strong="G3307" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" survive. 26 If|strong="G1487" Satan|strong="G4567" is|strong="G3588" against|strong="G1909" himself|strong="G1438" and|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" fighting against|strong="G1909" his|strong="G1438" own|strong="G1438" people|strong="G3588", he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" survive. That|strong="G1438" would|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" end|strong="G5056" of|strong="G1909" Satan|strong="G4567".

27 " Whoever|strong="G3588" wants to|strong="G1519" enter|strong="G1525" a|strong="G1437" strong|strong="G2478" man's|strong="G2478" house|strong="G3614" and|strong="G2532" steal his|strong="G0846" things|strong="G0846" must|strong="G1525" first|strong="G4413" tie|strong="G1210" him|strong="G0846" up|strong="G1210". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" can|strong="G1410" steal the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G0846" from|strong="G3361" his|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614".

28 " I|strong="G0281" want you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G3004" know|strong="G0988" that|strong="G3754" people|strong="G0444" can|strong="G3004" be|strong="G2532" forgiven|strong="G0863" for|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" sinful things|strong="G3956" they|strong="G2532" do|strong="G3004". They|strong="G2532"

<sup>1</sup> SATAN Literally, "Beelzebul" (the devil).

can |strong="G3004" even |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" forgiven |strong="G0863" for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3956" bad things |strong="G3956" they |strong="G2532" say |strong="G3004" against |strong="G0987" God |strong="G3004". <sup>29</sup> But |strong="G1161" anyone |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" speaks against |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" will |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" forgiven. They |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" always be |strong="G1510" guilty |strong="G1777" of |strong="G4151" that |strong="G3739" sin |strong="G0265".

<sup>30</sup> Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3748" because |strong="G3754" the |strong="G2192" teachers of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G2192" law had |strong="G2192" accused him of |strong="G4151" having |strong="G2192" an |strong="G2192" evil spirit |strong="G4151" inside him.

**Jesus' Followers Are |strong="G3748"  
His |strong="G2192" True Family**  
(Matthew 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21)

<sup>31</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus' |strong="G3384" mother |strong="G3384" and |strong="G2532" brothers |strong="G0080" came |strong="G2064". They |strong="G0846" stood outside |strong="G1854" and |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G0649" someone in |strong="G2532" to |strong="G4314" tell him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G2064" out |strong="G1854". <sup>32</sup> Many |strong="G3793" people |strong="G3793" were |strong="G3793" sitting |strong="G2521" around |strong="G4012" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", "Your |strong="G3708" mother |strong="G3384" and |strong="G2532" brothers |strong="G0080" are |strong="G3588" waiting for |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771" outside |strong="G1854"."

<sup>33</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G3004", "Who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" my |strong="G3004" mother |strong="G3384"? Who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" my |strong="G3004" brothers |strong="G0080"?" <sup>34</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" looked |strong="G3708" at |strong="G4017" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" sitting |strong="G2521" around |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "These |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" my |strong="G3708" mother |strong="G3384" and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G3708" brothers |strong="G0080"! <sup>35</sup> My |strong="G3739" true brother |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sis-

ter |strong="G0079" and |strong="G2532" mother |strong="G3384" are |strong="G1510" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" wants |strong="G2307"."

**A Story About a Farmer Sowing Seed**  
(Matthew 13:1-9; Luke 8:4-8)

**4** Another |strong="G3825" time |strong="G1909" Jesus |strong="G0846" began |strong="G0757" teaching |strong="G1321" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" lake |strong="G2281", and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" large |strong="G4183" crowd |strong="G3793" gathered |strong="G4863" around |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" got |strong="G1684" into |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1510" boat |strong="G4143" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G5620" he |strong="G2532" could sit |strong="G2521" and |strong="G2532" teach |strong="G1321" from |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3956" lake |strong="G2281". All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3793" stayed |strong="G1510" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" shore |strong="G1093" near |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3956" water. <sup>2</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" used stories to |strong="G3004" teach |strong="G1321" them |strong="G0846" many |strong="G4183" things |strong="G4183". One |strong="G1438" of |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" lessons included this |strong="G3588" story:

<sup>3</sup> "Listen |strong="G0191"! A |strong="G3708" farmer went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" to |strong="G0191" sow |strong="G4687" seed. <sup>4</sup> While |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" scattering the |strong="G3588" seed |strong="G4098", some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G3598" it |strong="G0846" fell |strong="G4098" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598". The |strong="G3588" birds |strong="G4071" came |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" ate |strong="G2719" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3739" seed |strong="G4098". <sup>5</sup> Other |strong="G0243" seed |strong="G4098" fell |strong="G4098" on |strong="G1909" rocky |strong="G4075" ground |strong="G1093", where |strong="G3699" there |strong="G3699" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" enough |strong="G4183" dirt. It |strong="G1223" grew quickly |strong="G2112" there |strong="G3699" because |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" soil |strong="G1093" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" deep |strong="G0899". <sup>6</sup> But |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" sun |strong="G2246" rose

and **the** plants were **burned**. They **died** because **they** **did** **not** **have** **deep** **roots**. **Some** **other** **seed** **fell** **among** **G1519** **thorny** **weeds**. **The** **weeds** **grew** **and** **stopped** **the** **good** **plants** **from** **growing**. **So** **they** **did** **not** **make** **G1325** **grain**. **But** **some** **of** **G1520** **the** **seed** **fell** **on** **G1519** **good** **ground**. **There** **it** **began** **to** **grow**, **and** **it** **made** **G5342** **grain**. **Some** **plants** **made** **30** **times** **more** **grain**, **some** **60** **times** **more**, **and** **some** **100** **times** **more**.

<sup>9</sup> **Then** **Jesus** **said**, " **You** **people** **who** **hear** **me**, **listen**!"

**Why** **Jesus** **Used** **Stories** **to** **Teach**  
(Matthew 13:10-17; Luke 8:9-10)

<sup>10</sup> **Later**, **Jesus** **was** **away** **from** **the** **people**. **The** **twelve** **apostles** **and** **his** **other** **followers** **asked** **him** **about** **the** **stories**.

<sup>11</sup> **Jesus** **said**, " **Only** **you** **can** **know** **the** **secret** **truth** **about** **G1722** **God's** **kingdom**. **But** **G1161** **to** **those** **other** **G1161** **people** **I** **tell** **everything** **by** **G1722** **using** **G3004** **stories**. <sup>12</sup> **I** **do** **this** **so** **G2443** **that** **G2443** **They** **will** **look** **G0991** **and** **G2532**"

**look** **but** **never** **really** **see**; **they** **will** **listen** **G0191** **and** **G2532** **listen** **G0191** **but** **G2532** **never** **G3361** **understand** **G4920**".

**If** **they** **saw** **G3708** **and** **G2532** **understood** **G4920**, **they** **might** **G2532** **change** **and** **G2532** **be** **G2532** **forgiven** **G0863**".

Isaiah 6:9-10

**Jesus** **Explains** **the** **Story** **About** **Seed**  
(Matthew 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15)

<sup>13</sup> **Then** **Jesus** **said** **to** **the** **followers**, " **Do** **you** **understand** **this** **story**? **If** **you** **don't**, **how** **will** **you** **understand** **any** **G3956** **story**? <sup>14</sup> **The** **farmer** **is** **like** **someone** **who** **plants** **God's** **teaching** **in** **people**. <sup>15</sup> **Sometimes** **the** **teaching** **falls** **on** **the** **path**. **That** **is** **like** **some** **people** **who** **hear** **the** **teaching** **of** **God**. **As** **G1519** **soon** **G1722** **as** **G1519** **they** **hear** **it**, **Satan** **comes** **and** **G2532** **takes** **away** **the** **teaching** **that** **G0191** **was** **G1510** **planted** **in** **them** **G0846**".

<sup>16</sup> " **Other** **people** **are** **like** **the** **seed** **planted** **on** **rocky** **ground**. **They** **hear** **the** **teaching** **G3056**, **and** **G2532** **they** **quickly** **and** **G2532** **gladly** **accept** **it** **G0846**". <sup>17</sup> **But** **they** **don't** **allow** **it** **G1223** **to** **G2532** **go** **deep** **in**

to|strong="G1096" their|strong="G1438" lives. They|strong="G2532" keep|strong="G2192" it|strong="G1223" only|strong="G3756" a|strong="G2192" short time. As|strong="G1722" soon|strong="G1722" as|strong="G1722" trouble|strong="G2347" or|strong="G2228" persecution|strong="G1375" comes|strong="G1096" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" teaching|strong="G3056" they|strong="G2532" accepted, they|strong="G2532" give|strong="G1096" up.

<sup>18</sup> "Others|strong="G0243" are|strong="G1510" like the|strong="G3588" seed planted among|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" thorny weeds. They|strong="G2532" hear|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" teaching|strong="G3056", <sup>19</sup> but|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" lives become|strong="G1096" full of|strong="G3056" other|strong="G3062" things|strong="G3062": the|strong="G3588" worries|strong="G3308" of|strong="G3056" this|strong="G3588" life, the|strong="G3588" love of|strong="G3056" money, and|strong="G2532" everything else|strong="G3062" they|strong="G2532" want. This|strong="G3588" keeps the|strong="G3588" teaching|strong="G3056" from|strong="G2532" growing, and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532" does|strong="G1096" not|strong="G2532" produce a|strong="G1096" crop <sup>1</sup> in|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" lives.

<sup>20</sup> "And|strong="G2532" others|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" like the|strong="G3588" seed planted on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G2570" ground|strong="G1093". They|strong="G2532" hear|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" teaching|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" accept|strong="G3858" it|strong="G0191". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" grow and|strong="G2532" produce a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G2570" crop—sometimes 30 times more, sometimes 60 times more, and|strong="G2532" sometimes 100 times more."

**Use the|strong="G3588" Understanding You|strong="G1722" Have|strong="G1510"**  
(Luke 8:16-18)

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2443" them|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G3754" don't|strong="G3756" take|strong="G5087" a|strong="G2228" lamp|strong="G3088" and|strong="G2532" hide it|strong="G0846" under|strong="G5259" a|strong="G2228" bowl or|strong="G2228" a|strong="G2228" bed|strong="G2825", do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3754"? Of|strong="G1909" course

<sup>I</sup> PRODUCE A CROP Meaning to do the good things God wants his people to do.

not|strong="G3756". You|strong="G3754" put|strong="G5087" it|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G2228" lamp-stand|strong="G3087". <sup>22</sup> Everything that|strong="G2443" is|strong="G1510" hidden|strong="G2927" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" made|strong="G1096" clear|strong="G5319". Every secret|strong="G2927" thing will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" made|strong="G1096" known|strong="G5318". <sup>23</sup> You|strong="G1487" people|strong="G5100" who|strong="G5100" hear|strong="G0191" me|strong="G2192", listen|strong="G0191"! <sup>24</sup> Think carefully about|strong="G1722" what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3739" hearing|strong="G0191". God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G5101" know how|strong="G5101" much to|strong="G3004" give|strong="G0191" you|strong="G5210" by|strong="G1722" how|strong="G5101" much you|strong="G5210" understand|strong="G0191" now|strong="G2532". But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G5101" give|strong="G0191" you|strong="G5210" more|strong="G4369" than|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" deserve. <sup>25</sup> The|strong="G2532" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" some|strong="G3739" understanding will|strong="G3739" receive|strong="G2192" more|strong="G3756". But|strong="G2532" those|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739" do|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2192" much will|strong="G3739" lose even|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" small amount they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2192"."

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Uses a|strong="G2192" Story About|strong="G2532" Seed**

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004", " God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" is|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" man|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588" plants seed|strong="G4703" in|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1093". <sup>27</sup> The|strong="G3588" seed|strong="G4703" begins to|strong="G2532" grow. It|strong="G0846" grows|strong="G3373" night|strong="G3571" and|strong="G2532" day|strong="G2250". It|strong="G0846" doesn't|strong="G3756" matter whether|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" man is|strong="G3588" sleeping|strong="G2518" or|strong="G2532" awake|strong="G1453", the|strong="G3588" seed|strong="G4703" still grows|strong="G3373". He|strong="G2532" doesn't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" how|strong="G5613" it|strong="G0846" happens. <sup>28</sup> Without any help the|strong="G3588"



ground|strong="G1093" produces|strong="G2592" grain|strong="G4621". First|strong="G4413" the|strong="G3588" plant grows, then|strong="G1534" the|strong="G3588" head|strong="G4719", and|strong="G1093" then|strong="G1534" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" grain|strong="G4621" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" head|strong="G4719".<sup>29</sup> When|strong="G3752" the|strong="G3588" grain|strong="G2590" is|strong="G3588" ready, the|strong="G3588" man cuts it|strong="G1161". This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" harvest|strong="G2326" time."

### What|strong="G3588" Is|strong="G3588" God's Kingdom Like?

(Matthew 13:31-32, 34-35; Luke 13:18-19)

<sup>30</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " What|strong="G5101" can|strong="G3004" I|strong="G2532" use to|strong="G3004" show you|strong="G1722" what|strong="G5101" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" is|strong="G2316" like|strong="G3666"? What|strong="G5101" story can|strong="G3004" I|strong="G2532" use to|strong="G3004" explain it|strong="G0846"?  
<sup>31</sup> God's kingdom is|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" mustard|strong="G4615" seed|strong="G4690", which|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" smaller|strong="G3398" than|strong="G3398" any|strong="G3956" other|strong="G3739" seed|strong="G4690" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" can plant.<sup>32</sup> But|strong="G2532" when|strong="G3752" you|strong="G3752" plant it|strong="G0846", it|strong="G0846" grows|strong="G0305" and|strong="G2532" becomes|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3956" largest of|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" plants|strong="G3001" in|strong="G2532" your|strong="G4160" garden|strong="G3001". It|strong="G0846" has|strong="G1096" branches|strong="G2798" that|strong="G5620" are|strong="G3956" very|strong="G0846" big|strong="G3173". The|strong="G3956" wild birds|strong="G4071" can|strong="G1410" come|strong="G1096" and|strong="G2532" make|strong="G4160" nests there|strong="G1096" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1096" protected from|strong="G5259" the|strong="G3956" sun."

<sup>33</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" used many|strong="G4183" stories like|strong="G2531" these|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1410" teach the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" taught them|strong="G0846"

all|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G1410" understand|strong="G0191".  
<sup>34</sup> He|strong="G0846" always|strong="G3956" used stories to|strong="G2596" teach them|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" alone|strong="G0846" with|strong="G2596" his|strong="G0846" followers, Jesus|strong="G0846" explained everything|strong="G3956" to|strong="G2596" them|strong="G0846".

### Jesus' Followers See His|strong="G0846" Power

(Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25)

<sup>35</sup> That|strong="G1565" day|strong="G2250", at|strong="G1722" evening|strong="G3798", Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" followers, " Come|strong="G1096" with|strong="G1722" me|strong="G3004" across|strong="G4008" the|strong="G3588" lake." <sup>36</sup> So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" left|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588" crowd|strong="G3793" behind|strong="G3326" and|strong="G2532" went with|strong="G3326" Jesus|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" boat|strong="G4143" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" already in|strong="G1722". There|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" other|strong="G0243" boats|strong="G4143" that|strong="G0846" went with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846".<sup>37</sup> A|strong="G1096" very|strong="G2532" bad wind|strong="G0417" came|strong="G1096" up|strong="G1519" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" lake. The|strong="G3588" waves|strong="G2949" were|strong="G1096" coming|strong="G1096" over|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" sides and|strong="G2532" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" boat|strong="G4143", and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" almost full of|strong="G1519" water.<sup>38</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" inside|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" boat, sleeping|strong="G2518" with|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" head on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G1510" pillow. The|strong="G3588" followers went and|strong="G2532" woke|strong="G1453" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Teacher|strong="G1320", don't|strong="G3756" you|strong="G4771" care|strong="G3199" about|strong="G1909" us|strong="G3004"? We|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510" going to|strong="G3004" drown!"

<sup>39</sup> Jesus|strong="G3004" stood up and|strong="G2532" gave a|strong="G1096" command|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"

the wind and the water. He said, "Quiet! Be still! Then the wind stopped, and the lake became calm."

<sup>40</sup> He said to his followers, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> They were very afraid and asked each other, "What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the water obey him!"

#### Jesus Frees a Man From Evil Spirits

(Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39)

<sup>5</sup> Jesus and his followers went across the lake to the area where the Gerasene people lived. <sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man came to him from the caves where the dead are buried. This man had an evil spirit living inside him. <sup>3</sup> He lived in the burial caves. No one could keep him tied up, even with chains. <sup>4</sup> Many times had chains on

his hands and feet, but he broke the chains. No one was strong enough to control him. <sup>5</sup> Day and night he stayed around the burial caves and on the hills. He would scream and cut himself with rocks.

<sup>6</sup> While Jesus was away, the man saw him. He ran to Jesus and bowed down before him. <sup>7</sup> As Jesus was saying, "You evil spirit, come out of this man," the man shouted loudly, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you in God's name not to punish me!"

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus asked the man, "What is your name?"

The man answered, "My name is Legion because there are many spirits inside me." <sup>10</sup> The spirits inside the man begged again and again to be sent to that area.

<sup>11</sup> A herd of pigs was eating on a hill there. <sup>12</sup> The evil spirits begged Jesus, "Send us to the pigs."

<sup>1</sup> LEGION This name means very many. A legion was about 6000 men in the Roman army.

Let *us* go *into* them." <sup>13</sup> So *Jesus* allowed them to do this. The evil spirits left the man and went *into* the pigs. Then the herd of pigs ran down the hill and *into* the lake. They all drowned. There were 2000 pigs in the herd.

<sup>14</sup> The men who the work of caring for the pigs ran away. They ran to the town and to the farms and told everyone what happened. The people went out to see them. They came to Jesus, and they saw the man who had the many evil spirits. He was sitting down and was wearing clothes. He was in his right mind again. When they saw this, they were afraid. Those who had seen what Jesus did told the others what hap-

pened to the man who had the demons living in him. And they also told about the man who had the demons living in him. Then the people began to beg Jesus to leave their area.

<sup>18</sup> Jesus was preparing to leave in the boat. The man who was now free from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus did not allow the man to go. He said, "Go home and your family and friends. Tell them about all the Lord did for you." Tell them how the Lord was good to you.

<sup>20</sup> So the man left and told the people the Ten Towns about the great things Jesus did for him. Everyone was amazed.

**Jesus Gives Life to a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman**

(Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 8:40-56)

21 Jesus went back to the other side of the lake in a boat. There, a large crowd of people gathered around him on the shore. 22 A leader of the synagogue came. His name was Jairus. He saw Jesus and bowed down before him. 23 He begged again and again, saying, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and lay your hands on her." Then she will be healed and will live.

24 So Jesus went with Jairus. Many people followed Jesus. They were pushing very close around him.

25 There was a woman among the people who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered very much. Many doctors had tried to help

her, and all the money she had spent, but she was not improving. In fact, her sickness was getting worse.

27 The woman heard about Jesus, so she followed him with the other people and touched his coat. 28 She thought, "If I can just touch his clothes, that will be enough to heal me." 29 As soon as she touched his coat, her bleeding stopped. She felt that her body was healed from all the suffering. 30 Jesus immediately felt power go out from him, so he stopped and turned around. "Who touched my clothes?" he asked.

31 The followers said to Jesus, "There are many people pushing against you. But you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

32 But Jesus continued looking for the one who touched him.

33 The woman knew she was healed,

so |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" bowed at |strong="G1161" Jesus' feet. She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" shaking with |strong="G2532" fear |strong="G5399". She |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" story. <sup>34</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" her |strong="G0846", "Dear woman, you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" made |strong="G4982" well |strong="G4982" because |strong="G0575" you |strong="G4771" believed. Go |strong="G5217" in |strong="G1519" peace |strong="G1515". You |strong="G4771" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" suffer anymore."

<sup>35</sup> While |strong="G2980" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" still |strong="G2089" there speaking |strong="G2980", some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G0752" of |strong="G0575" Jairus, the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G0752" leader |strong="G0752". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Your |strong="G5101" daughter |strong="G2364" is |strong="G5101" dead |strong="G0599". There is |strong="G5101" no need to |strong="G3004" bother the |strong="G3588" Teacher |strong="G1320"."

<sup>36</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" did not |strong="G3361" care what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" men said |strong="G3004". He |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G0752" leader |strong="G0752", " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3056" afraid |strong="G5399"; just |strong="G3440" believe |strong="G4100"."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" let |strong="G0863" only |strong="G1487" Peter |strong="G4074", James |strong="G2385", and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" brother |strong="G0080" of |strong="G0080" James |strong="G2385" go |strong="G0863" with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846". <sup>38</sup> They |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G0752" leader's house |strong="G3624", where |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G2334" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G4183" crying |strong="G2799" loudly |strong="G4183". There |strong="G4183" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2064" lot of |strong="G3624" confusion. <sup>39</sup> He |strong="G2532" entered |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" house and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" peo-

ple |strong="G0846" crying |strong="G2799" and |strong="G2532" making so |strong="G2532" much noise? This |strong="G3588" child |strong="G3813" is |strong="G5101" not |strong="G3756" dead |strong="G0599". She |strong="G0846" is |strong="G5101" only |strong="G3756" sleeping |strong="G2518"." <sup>40</sup> But |strong="G1161" everyone |strong="G3956" laughed at |strong="G1161" him |strong="G0846". Jesus |strong="G0846" told the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" to |strong="G2532" leave |strong="G1544" the |strong="G3956" house. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1531" into |strong="G1531" the |strong="G3956" room where |strong="G3699" the |strong="G3956" child |strong="G3813" was |strong="G1510". He |strong="G2532" brought the |strong="G3956" child's |strong="G3813" father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" mother |strong="G3384" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" three followers into |strong="G1531" the |strong="G3956" room with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846". <sup>41</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" held |strong="G2902" the |strong="G3588" girl's hand |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" her |strong="G0846", " Talitha |strong="G5008", koum |strong="G2891"! " ( This |strong="G3588" means |strong="G1510" " Little |strong="G2877" girl |strong="G2877", I |strong="G3739" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G3004" stand |strong="G1453" up |strong="G1453"! " ) <sup>42</sup> The |strong="G3588" girl |strong="G2877" immediately |strong="G2117" stood |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" and |strong="G2532" began walking |strong="G4043". ( She |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" twelve |strong="G1427" years |strong="G2094" old. ) The |strong="G3588" father |strong="G0450" and |strong="G2532" mother and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G1510" amazed |strong="G1839". <sup>43</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325" the |strong="G2532" father and |strong="G2532" mother very |strong="G0846" strict |strong="G4183" orders |strong="G1291" not |strong="G3367" to |strong="G2443" tell |strong="G3004" people |strong="G0846" about |strong="G1097" this |strong="G3778". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" give |strong="G1325" the |strong="G2532" girl some |strong="G3778" food |strong="G5315" to |strong="G2443" eat |strong="G2068".

### Jesus Goes to His Hometown

(Matthew 13:53-58; Luke 4:16-30)

6 Jesus *left* and *went* *back* *to* *his* *hometown*. His *followers* *went* *with* *him*.<sup>2</sup> On *the* *Sabbath* *day* *Jesus* *taught* *in* *the* *synagogue*, and *many* *people* *heard* *him*. They *were* *amazed* *and* *said*, "Where *did* *this* *man* *get* *this* *teaching*? How *did* *he* *get* *such* *wisdom*? Who *gave* *it* *him*? And *where* *did* *he* *get* *the* *power* *to* *do* *these* *miracles*?"<sup>3</sup> Isn't *he* *just* *the* *carpenter* *we* *know*— *Mary's* *son* *the* *brother* *of* *James*, *Joses*, *Judas*, and *Simon*? And *don't* *his* *sisters* *still* *live* *here* *in* *the* *town*? So *they* *had* *a* *problem* *accepting* *him*.

<sup>4</sup> Then *Jesus* *said* *to* *them*, "People *everywhere* *give* *honor* *to* *a* *prophet*, *except* *his* *own* *town*, *with* *his* *own* *people*, or

*his* *home*." <sup>5</sup> *Jesus* *was* *not* *able* *to* *do* *any* *miracles* *there* *except* *the* *healing* *of* *some* *sick* *people* *by* *laying* *his* *hands* *on* *them*.<sup>6</sup> *He* *was* *surprised* *that* *the* *people* *there* *had* *no* *faith*. Then *he* *went* *to* *other* *villages* *in* *the* *area* *and* *taught*.

### Jesus Sends His Apostles on a Mission

(Matthew 10:1, 5-15; Luke 9:1-6)

<sup>7</sup> *Jesus* *called* *his* *twelve* *apostles* *together*. *He* *sent* *them* *out* *in* *two* *groups* *and* *gave* *them* *power* *over* *evil* *spirits*.<sup>8</sup> *This* *is* *what* *he* *told* *them*: "Take *nothing* *for* *your* *trip* *except* *a* *stick* *for* *walking*. Take *no* *bread*, *no* *bag*, and *no* *money*.<sup>9</sup> *You* *can* *wear* *sandals*, *but* *don't* *take* *extra* *clothes*.<sup>10</sup> *When* *you* *enter* *a* *house*, *stay* *there* *until* *you* *leave* *the* *town*.<sup>11</sup> *If* *any* *town* *refuses* *to* *accept* *you* *or*

to |strong="G1519" listen |strong="G0191"  
to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210",  
then |strong="G2532" leave |strong="G1607"  
that |strong="G3739" town |strong="G1564"  
and |strong="G2532" shake |strong="G1621"  
the |strong="G3588" dust |strong="G5522"  
off |strong="G1621" your |strong="G2532"  
feet |strong="G4228"<sup>I</sup> as |strong="G1519"  
a |strong="G0191" warning to |strong="G1519"  
them |strong="G0846".

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="G2532" apostles  
left |strong="G1831" and |strong="G2532"  
went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G2443" other  
places. They |strong="G2532" talked  
to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G2532" people  
and |strong="G2532" told them |strong="G2443"  
to |strong="G2443" change their |strong="G2532"  
hearts and |strong="G2532" lives. <sup>13</sup>  
They |strong="G2532" forced |strong="G1544"  
many |strong="G4183" demons |strong="G1140"  
out |strong="G1544" of |strong="G2532" peo-  
ple |strong="G0732" and |strong="G2532"  
put |strong="G1544" olive |strong="G1637"  
oil |strong="G1637" on |strong="G2532"<sup>II</sup>  
many |strong="G4183" who |strong="G2532"  
were |strong="G2532" sick |strong="G0732"  
and |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2323"  
them |strong="G2323".

**Herod Thinks Jesus |strong="G2532"  
Is |strong="G2532" John the |strong="G2532" Baptizer**  
(Matthew 14:1-12; Luke 9:7-9)

<sup>14</sup> King |strong="G0935" Herod |strong="G2264"  
heard |strong="G0191" about |strong="G1722" Je-  
sus |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" Je-  
sus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588"  
now |strong="G2532" famous. Some |strong="G1537"  
people |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", "  
He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3778"  
John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" Baptizer.  
He |strong="G2532" must |strong="G3588"  
have |strong="G2532" risen |strong="G1453"  
from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498",  
and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3754"  
is |strong="G3778" why |strong="G1223"  
he |strong="G2532" can |strong="G3004"  
do |strong="G1096" these |strong="G3778" mira-  
cles |strong="G1411".

<sup>15</sup> Other |strong="G0243" people |strong="G1510"  
said |strong="G3004", " He |strong="G3754"  
is |strong="G1510" Elijah |strong="G2243".

And |strong="G1161" others |strong="G0243"  
said |strong="G3004", " He |strong="G3754"  
is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G5613"  
prophet |strong="G4396". He |strong="G3754"

I SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET A warning. It would show that they were finished talking to these people. II PUT OLIVE OIL ON Olive oil was used like a medicine.

is |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5613"  
the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396"  
who |strong="G3588" lived |strong="G1510" long ago."

<sup>16</sup> Herod |strong="G2264" heard |strong="G0191"  
these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778"  
about |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G3004".  
He |strong="G3739" said |strong="G3004", "  
I |strong="G1473" killed John |strong="G2491"  
by |strong="G3004" cutting off his |strong="G0191"  
head. Now |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3739"  
has |strong="G3739" been raised |strong="G1453"  
from |strong="G0191" death!"

**How John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" Bap-  
tizer Was |strong="G3739" Killed**

<sup>17</sup> Herod |strong="G2264" himself |strong="G1438"  
had |strong="G3748" ordered his |strong="G0846" sol-  
diers to |strong="G2532" arrest |strong="G2902"  
John |strong="G2491" and |strong="G2532"  
put |strong="G1210" him |strong="G0846"  
in |strong="G1722" prison |strong="G5438".  
Herod |strong="G2264" did |strong="G0649"  
this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" please  
his |strong="G0846" wife |strong="G1135" Hero-  
dias |strong="G2266". She |strong="G0846"  
had |strong="G3748" been |strong="G2532" mar-  
ried |strong="G1060" to |strong="G2532"  
Herod's |strong="G2264" brother |strong="G0080"  
Philip |strong="G5376", but |strong="G2532"  
then |strong="G2532" Herod |strong="G2264" mar-  
ried |strong="G1060" her |strong="G0846". <sup>18</sup>  
John |strong="G2491" told |strong="G3004"  
Herod |strong="G2264", " It |strong="G3004"  
is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" right  
for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G4771"  
to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G2192" mar-  
ried |strong="G1135" to |strong="G3004"  
your |strong="G2192" brother's |strong="G0080"  
wife |strong="G1135". <sup>19</sup> So |strong="G2532" Hero-  
dias |strong="G2266" hated John |strong="G0846".  
She |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G2309"  
him |strong="G0846" dead, but |strong="G1161"  
she |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588"  
not |strong="G3756" able |strong="G1410"  
to |strong="G2309" persuade Herod |strong="G0846"  
to |strong="G2309" kill |strong="G0615"  
him |strong="G0846". <sup>20</sup> Herod |strong="G2264"  
was |strong="G3588" afraid |strong="G5399"  
to |strong="G2532" kill John |strong="G2491", be-  
cause |strong="G1063" he |strong="G2532"  
knew |strong="G1492" that |strong="G0191"  
he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588"  
a |strong="G3708" good and |strong="G2532"  
holy |strong="G0040" man |strong="G0435".  
So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" protected  
him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" liked listen-  
ing |strong="G0191" to |strong="G2532"  
John |strong="G2491", although |strong="G2532"

what |strong="G3588" John |strong="G2491" said |strong="G2532" left him |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" questions.

<sup>21</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" right time |strong="G2250" came |strong="G1096" for |strong="G2532" Herodias to |strong="G2532" cause |strong="G4160" John's |strong="G0846" death. It |strong="G0846" happened |strong="G1096" on |strong="G4160" Herod's |strong="G2264" birthday |strong="G1077". Herod |strong="G2264" gave |strong="G4160" a |strong="G1096" dinner |strong="G1173" party for |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" most important government leaders |strong="G4413", the |strong="G3588" commanders |strong="G5506" of |strong="G2250" his |strong="G0846" army, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" most important people |strong="G0846" in |strong="G2532" Galilee |strong="G1056". <sup>22</sup> The |strong="G3588" daughter |strong="G2364" of |strong="G0935" Herodias |strong="G2266" came |strong="G1525" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" party and |strong="G2532" danced |strong="G3738". When |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" danced |strong="G3738", Herod |strong="G2264" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" eating with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3739" very |strong="G0846" pleased |strong="G0700".

So |strong="G2532" King |strong="G0935" Herod |strong="G2264" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" girl |strong="G2877", " I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739" give |strong="G1325" you |strong="G4771" anything you |strong="G4771" want |strong="G2309". " <sup>23</sup> He |strong="G2532" promised her |strong="G0846", " Anything |strong="G2193" you |strong="G4771" ask |strong="G0154" for |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739" give |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2193" you |strong="G4771"— even |strong="G2532" half |strong="G2255" of |strong="G0932" my |strong="G1325" kingdom |strong="G0932". "

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="G3588" girl went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G3004" her |strong="G0846" mother |strong="G3384" and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G0154", " What |strong="G5101" should |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" ask |strong="G0154" King Herod |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" give |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004"?"

Her |strong="G0846" mother |strong="G3384" answered |strong="G3004", " Ask |strong="G0154" for |strong="G0154" the |strong="G3588" head |strong="G2776" of |strong="G3384" John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" Baptizer."

<sup>25</sup> So |strong="G2443" right |strong="G2117" then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" girl went |strong="G1525" back |strong="G4314" in |strong="G1909" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935". She |strong="G2309" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G1325", " Please |strong="G2309" give |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" head |strong="G2776" of |strong="G1909" John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" Baptizer. Bring |strong="G3004" it |strong="G2117" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1325" now |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1325" plate."

<sup>26</sup> King |strong="G0935" Herod |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" very |strong="G0846" sad |strong="G4036", but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" didn't |strong="G3756" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" break the |strong="G3588" promise he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3588" made |strong="G1096" to |strong="G2309" her |strong="G0846" in |strong="G2532" front of |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" guests |strong="G0345". <sup>27</sup> So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G0649" a |strong="G2532" soldier to |strong="G2532" cut off |strong="G0565" John's |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" and |strong="G2532" bring |strong="G5342" it |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" soldier went |strong="G0565" and |strong="G2532" cut off |strong="G0565" John's |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" prison |strong="G5438". <sup>28</sup> He |strong="G2532" brought |strong="G5342" the |strong="G3588" head |strong="G2776" back |strong="G0565" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1325" plate and |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" it |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" girl |strong="G2877", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" girl |strong="G2877" gave |strong="G1325" it |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1909" her |strong="G0846" mother |strong="G3384". <sup>29</sup> John's |strong="G0846" followers heard |strong="G0191" about |strong="G1722" what |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588", so |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" got John's |strong="G0846" body |strong="G4430" and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G5087" it |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G0191" tomb |strong="G3419".



**Jesus *strong*="G0846" Feeds More Than *strong*="G2532" 5000**

(Matthew 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; John *strong*="G0846" 6:1-14)

<sup>30</sup> The *strong*="G3956" apostles *strong*="G0652" Jesus *strong*="G2424" had *strong*="G2424" sent *strong*="G0652" out *strong*="G4160" came *strong*="G4863" back *strong*="G4314" to *strong*="G4314" him *strong*="G0846". They *strong*="G0846" gathered *strong*="G4863" around *strong*="G4314" him *strong*="G0846" and *strong*="G2532" told *strong*="G0518" him *strong*="G0846" about *strong*="G4314" all *strong*="G3956" they *strong*="G0846" had *strong*="G2424" done *strong*="G4160" and *strong*="G2532" taught *strong*="G1321". <sup>31</sup> Jesus *strong*="G0846" and *strong*="G2532" his *strong*="G0846" followers were *strong*="G1510" in *strong*="G1519" a *strong*="G1510" very *strong*="G0846" busy place *strong*="G5117". There *strong*="G1510" were *strong*="G1510" so *strong*="G2532" many *strong*="G4183" people *strong*="G0846" that *strong*="G3004" he *strong*="G2532" and *strong*="G2532" his *strong*="G0846" followers did *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3761" even *strong*="G2532" have *strong*="G1510" time *strong*="G2119" to *strong*="G1519" eat *strong*="G2068". He *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G1519" them *strong*="G0846", "Come *strong*="G2064" with *strong*="G2596" me *strong*="G3004". We *strong*="G2532" will *strong*="G1510" go *strong*="G5217" to *strong*="G1519" a *strong*="G1510" quiet place *strong*="G5117" to *strong*="G1519" be *strong*="G1510" alone *strong*="G0846". There *strong*="G1510" we *strong*="G2532" will *strong*="G1510" get *strong*="G5217" some *strong*="G3588" rest *strong*="G0373"."

<sup>32</sup> So *strong*="G2532" Jesus *strong*="G0565" and *strong*="G2532" his *strong*="G2532" followers went *strong*="G0565" away *strong*="G0565" alone *strong*="G2596". They *strong*="G2532" went *strong*="G0565" in *strong*="G1722" a *strong*="G2532" boat *strong*="G4143" to *strong*="G1519" a *strong*="G2532" place *strong*="G5117" where *strong*="G1722" no one *strong*="G3588" lived. <sup>33</sup> But *strong*="G2532" many *strong*="G4183" people *strong*="G3956" saw *strong*="G3708" them *strong*="G0846" leave and *strong*="G2532" knew *strong*="G1921" who *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G3956". So *strong*="G2532" people *strong*="G3956" from *strong*="G0575" every *strong*="G3956" town *strong*="G4172" ran *strong*="G4936" to *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3956" place *strong*="G1563" where *strong*="G1563" they *strong*="G0846"

were *strong*="G3956" going *strong*="G5217" and *strong*="G2532" got *strong*="G4281" there *strong*="G1563" before *strong*="G0575" Jesus *strong*="G0846". <sup>34</sup> As *strong*="G5613" Jesus *strong*="G0846" stepped out *strong*="G1831" of *strong*="G1909" the *strong*="G2532" boat, he *strong*="G2532" saw *strong*="G3708" a *strong*="G2192" large *strong*="G4183" crowd *strong*="G3793" waiting. He *strong*="G2532" felt *strong*="G4697" sorry for *strong*="G3754" them *strong*="G0846", because *strong*="G3754" they *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G1510" like *strong*="G5613" sheep *strong*="G4263" without *strong*="G3361" a *strong*="G2192" shepherd *strong*="G4166" to *strong*="G1909" care for *strong*="G3754" them *strong*="G0846". So *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" taught *strong*="G1321" the *strong*="G2532" people *strong*="G3793" many *strong*="G4183" things *strong*="G4183".

<sup>35</sup> It *strong*="G0846" was *strong*="G1510" now *strong*="G2532" very *strong*="G0846" late *strong*="G5610" in *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" day. Jesus' followers came *strong*="G4334" to *strong*="G3004" him *strong*="G0846" and *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004", "No one *strong*="G3588" lives around here *strong*="G1510", and *strong*="G2532" it *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G1510" already *strong*="G2235" very *strong*="G0846" late *strong*="G5610". <sup>36</sup> So *strong*="G2443" send *strong*="G0630" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846" away *strong*="G0565". They *strong*="G0846" need to *strong*="G1519" go *strong*="G0565" to *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" farms *strong*="G0068" and *strong*="G2532" towns around *strong*="G2945" here *strong*="G1519" to *strong*="G1519" buy *strong*="G0059" some *strong*="G3588" food *strong*="G5315" to *strong*="G1519" eat *strong*="G2068"."

<sup>37</sup> But *strong*="G1161" Jesus *strong*="G0846" answered *strong*="G0611", "You *strong*="G5210" give *strong*="G1325" them *strong*="G0846" some *strong*="G3588" food *strong*="G0740" to *strong*="G3004" eat *strong*="G2068"."

They *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" Jesus *strong*="G0846", "We *strong*="G2532" can't buy *strong*="G0059" enough bread *strong*="G0740" to *strong*="G3004" feed *strong*="G2068" all *strong*="G3588" these *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846". We *strong*="G2532" would *strong*="G0846" all *strong*="G3588" have *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G3004" work a *strong*="G1325" month to *strong*="G3004" earn enough to *strong*="G3004" buy *strong*="G0059" that *strong*="G3004" much bread *strong*="G0740"."

<sup>38</sup> Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have now? See

They counted their loaves of bread. They came to Jesus and we said, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Tell everyone to sit in groups on the green grass." So all the people sat in groups.

<sup>41</sup> Jesus took the five loaves and two fish. He looked up to the sky and thanked God for the food. Then he broke the bread into pieces, which he gave to his followers to distribute to the people. Then he divided the two fish among everyone there.

<sup>42</sup> They all ate until they were full. <sup>43</sup> After they finished eating,

the twelve baskets with the pieces of bread and fish that were left were 5000 men who ate.

### Jesus Walks on Water

(Matthew 14:22-33; John 6:16-21)

<sup>45</sup> Then Jesus told the followers to get into the boat. He told them to go to the other side of the lake to Bethsaida. He said he would come later. He stayed there to tell everyone they could go home. After he said goodbye to them, he went up into the hills to pray.

<sup>47</sup> That night, the boat was still in the middle of the lake. Jesus was alone on the land. He saw the boat far away on the lake. And he saw the followers working hard to row the boat. The wind was blowing against them. Sometime between three and six o'clock in the morning, Jesus went out

to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" boat, walking |strong="G4043" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" water. He |strong="G2532" continued walking |strong="G4043" until |strong="G2064" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" almost past |strong="G3928" the |strong="G3588" boat. <sup>49</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" followers saw |strong="G3708" Jesus |strong="G0846" walking |strong="G4043" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" water. They |strong="G0846" thought |strong="G1380" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" ghost |strong="G5326", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" started screaming. <sup>50</sup> It |strong="G0846" scared them |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3956" to |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" spoke |strong="G2980" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Don't |strong="G3361" worry! It's me |strong="G3004"! Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" afraid |strong="G5399"." <sup>51</sup> When |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" got |strong="G0305" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" boat |strong="G4143" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" followers, the |strong="G3588" wind |strong="G0417" stopped |strong="G2869". The |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G3588" completely |strong="G3029" amazed |strong="G1839". <sup>52</sup> They |strong="G0846" could not |strong="G3756" believe what |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" like |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" miracle he |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" with |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" bread |strong="G0740". They |strong="G0846" still didn't |strong="G3756" understand |strong="G4920" what |strong="G3588" that |strong="G0846" meant |strong="G1510".

### **Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals Many Sick People |strong="G0846"**

(Matthew 14:34-36)

<sup>53</sup> Jesus |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G1909" followers went |strong="G2064" across |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" lake and |strong="G2532" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" shore |strong="G1093" at |strong="G1909" Gennesaret |strong="G1082". They |strong="G2532" tied the |strong="G3588" boat there. <sup>54</sup> When |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" boat |strong="G4143", the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" there |strong="G2112" saw Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846"

knew |strong="G1921" who |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588", <sup>55</sup> so |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" ran |strong="G4063" to |strong="G1909" tell others |strong="G3588" throughout |strong="G3650" that |strong="G3754" area. They |strong="G2532" brought sick |strong="G2560" people |strong="G1510" on |strong="G1909" mats |strong="G2895" to |strong="G1909" every |strong="G0191" place |strong="G3699" Jesus |strong="G1565" went. <sup>56</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1531" into |strong="G1519" towns |strong="G4172", cities |strong="G4172", and |strong="G2532" farms |strong="G0068" around that |strong="G2443" area. And |strong="G2532" every place |strong="G0058" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1531", the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" brought |strong="G1519" sick |strong="G0770" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" marketplaces. They |strong="G0846" begged |strong="G3870" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" let |strong="G2443" them |strong="G0846" touch |strong="G0681" any |strong="G1437" part |strong="G0846" of |strong="G4172" his |strong="G0846" coat |strong="G2440". And |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3745" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" touched |strong="G0681" him |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" healed.

### **God's Law and Human Traditions** (Matthew 15:1-20)

**7** Some |strong="G5100" Pharisees |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G5100" teachers of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" law came |strong="G2064" from |strong="G0575" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" and |strong="G2532" gathered |strong="G4863" around |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G0846". <sup>2</sup> They |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3754" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" his |strong="G0846" followers ate |strong="G2068" food |strong="G0740" with |strong="G2532" hands |strong="G5495" that |strong="G3754" were |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" clean, meaning that |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" wash their |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" in |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" special way |strong="G0846". <sup>3</sup> The |strong="G3956" Pharisees |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" other Jews |strong="G2453" never |strong="G3756" eat |strong="G2068" before |strong="G3588" washing their |strong="G2532" hands |strong="G5495" in |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" special

way|strong="G3956". They|strong="G2532" do|strong="G3361" this|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2532" follow the|strong="G3956" traditions|strong="G3862" they|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" from|strong="G3361" their|strong="G2532" great|strong="G3956" leaders who|strong="G3588" lived long ago.<sup>4</sup> And|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3739" Jews buy something|strong="G4183" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" market|strong="G0058", they|strong="G3739" never|strong="G3756" eat|strong="G2068" it|strong="G1437" until|strong="G2532" they|strong="G3739" wash|strong="G0907" it|strong="G1437" in|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" special way|strong="G3739". They|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532" follow other|strong="G0243" rules from|strong="G0575" their|strong="G2532" people|strong="G2068" who|strong="G3739" lived|strong="G1510" before|strong="G0575" them|strong="G3739". They|strong="G3739" follow rules like the|strong="G2532" washing|strong="G0909" of|strong="G0575" cups|strong="G4221", pitchers|strong="G3582", and|strong="G2532" pots|strong="G5473".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" and|strong="G2532" teachers of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" law said|strong="G1905" to|strong="G2596" Jesus|strong="G0846", "Your|strong="G2532" followers don't|strong="G3756" follow the|strong="G3588" traditions|strong="G3862" we|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" from|strong="G2596" our|strong="G2532" great|strong="G3756" leaders who|strong="G3588" lived|strong="G4043" long ago. They|strong="G0846" eat|strong="G2068" their|strong="G0846" food|strong="G0740" with|strong="G1223" hands|strong="G5495" that|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" clean. Why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G5101" they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G5101" this|strong="G3588"?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", "You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3778" all|strong="G3588" hypocrites|strong="G5273". Isaiah|strong="G2268" was|strong="G3588" right|strong="G2573" when|strong="G5613" he|strong="G0846" wrote|strong="G1125" these|strong="G3778" words from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G0846" about|strong="G4012" you|strong="G5210":

'These|strong="G3778" people|strong="G2992" honor|strong="G5091" me|strong="G3004" with|strong="G0575" their|strong="G0846" words,

but|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" not|strong="G3778" really important to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>7</sup> Their worship|strong="G4576" of|strong="G0444" me|strong="G1473" is|strong="G0444" worthless.

The|strong="G1161" things they|strong="G1161" teach|strong="G1321" are|strong="G0444" only human|strong="G0444" rules.'

Isaiah 29:13

<sup>8</sup> You|strong="G0863" have|strong="G0863" stopped following God's|strong="G2316" commands|strong="G1785", preferring instead the|strong="G3588" man-made rules you|strong="G0863" got from|strong="G0444" others|strong="G0444":

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "You|strong="G5210" show great skill in|strong="G2316" avoiding the|strong="G3588" commands|strong="G1785" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G3004" follow your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G0846" teachings!

<sup>10</sup> Moses|strong="G3475" said|strong="G3004", 'You|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" respect your|strong="G5091" father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" mother|strong="G3384":<sup>II</sup> He|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", 'Whoever|strong="G3588" says|strong="G3004" anything bad to|strong="G3004" their|strong="G2532" father|strong="G3962" or|strong="G2228" mother|strong="G3384" must|strong="G3588" be|strong="G2532" killed.'<sup>III</sup><sup>11</sup> But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" teach that|strong="G3739" people|strong="G0444" can|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" their|strong="G3739" father|strong="G3962" or|strong="G2228" mother|strong="G3384", 'I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" something|strong="G1510" I|strong="G1473" could use to|strong="G3004" help|strong="G5623" you|strong="G5210", but|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" use it|strong="G1437" for|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" give|strong="G3004" it|strong="G1437" to|strong="G3004" God|strong="G3004":<sup>12</sup> You|strong="G4160" are|strong="G3588" telling people|strong="G0846" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3762" have|strong="G4160" to|strong="G2228" do|strong="G4160" anything|strong="G3762" for|strong="G2228" their|strong="G0846" father|strong="G3962"

<sup>II</sup> 7:10 Quote from Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16. <sup>III</sup> 7:10 Quote from Exodus 21:17.

<sup>I</sup> POTS Some Greek copies add "and couches."

or/strong="G2228" mother/strong="G3384".<sup>13</sup> So/strong="G2532" you/strong="G5210" are/strong="G3739" teaching/strong="G3056" that/strong="G3739" it/strong="G4160" is/strong="G2316" not/strong="G4160" important to/strong="G2532" do/strong="G4160" what/strong="G3739" God/strong="G2316" said/strong="G3056". You/strong="G5210" think it/strong="G4160" is/strong="G2316" more/strong="G4183" important to/strong="G2532" follow those/strong="G3588" traditions/strong="G3862" you/strong="G5210" have/strong="G2532", which/strong="G3739" you/strong="G5210" pass/strong="G4160" on/strong="G2532" to/strong="G2532" others/strong="G3588". And/strong="G2532" you/strong="G5210" do/strong="G4160" many/strong="G4183" things/strong="G4183" like/strong="G5108" that/strong="G3739".

<sup>14</sup> Jesus/strong="G0846" called/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3956" people/strong="G3793" to/strong="G3004" him/strong="G0846" again/strong="G3825". He/strong="G2532" said/strong="G3004", " Everyone/strong="G3956" should/strong="G2532" listen/strong="G0191" to/strong="G3004" me/strong="G3004" and/strong="G2532" understand/strong="G4920" what/strong="G3588" I/strong="G1473" am/strong="G1473" saying/strong="G3004".<sup>15</sup> There/strong="G1510" is/strong="G1510" nothing/strong="G3762" people/strong="G0444" can/strong="G1410" put in/strong="G1519" their/strong="G0846" mouth that/strong="G3739" will/strong="G1510" make them/strong="G0846" wrong.<sup>1</sup> People/strong="G0444" are/strong="G1510" made/strong="G2840" wrong by/strong="G1537" what/strong="G3739" comes/strong="G1510" from/strong="G1537" inside them/strong="G0846"."  
16 II

<sup>17</sup> Then/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" left/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G3793" and/strong="G2532" went/strong="G1525" into/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" house/strong="G3624". The/strong="G3588" followers asked/strong="G1905" Jesus/strong="G0846" about/strong="G1519" what/strong="G3588" he/strong="G2532" had/strong="G3588" told the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G3793".<sup>18</sup> He/strong="G2532" said/strong="G3004", " Do/strong="G1510" you/strong="G5210" still have/strong="G1510" trouble understanding/strong="G0801"? Surely you/strong="G5210" know that/strong="G3754" nothing/strong="G3756" that/strong="G3754" enters/strong="G1531" the/strong="G3956" mouth

I WRONG Literally, "unclean" or "not pure," meaning unacceptable to God. Also in verse 20. II Some Greek copies add verse 16: "You people who hear me, listen!"

from/strong="G0444" the/strong="G3956" outside/strong="G1855" can/strong="G1410" make/strong="G3756" people/strong="G0444" unacceptable to/strong="G1519" God/strong="G0846".<sup>19</sup> Food/strong="G1033" does not/strong="G3756" go/strong="G1607" into/strong="G1519" a/strong="G2532" person's mind/strong="G2588". It/strong="G0846" goes/strong="G1531" into/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3956" stomach/strong="G2836". Then/strong="G2532" it/strong="G0846" goes/strong="G1531" out/strong="G1607" of/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" body/strong="G1519". ( When/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" said/strong="G2532" this/strong="G3588", he/strong="G2532" meant there is/strong="G3588" no/strong="G3756" food/strong="G1033" that/strong="G3754" is/strong="G3588" wrong for/strong="G1519" people/strong="G3956" to/strong="G1519" eat.)

<sup>20</sup> And/strong="G1161" Jesus/strong="G3004" said/strong="G3004", " The/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3588" that/strong="G3754" make people/strong="G0444" wrong are/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3588" that/strong="G3754" come/strong="G1607" from/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3588" inside.<sup>21</sup> All/strong="G3588" these/strong="G3588" bad/strong="G2556" things/strong="G2556" begin inside/strong="G2081" a/strong="G1607" person/strong="G0444", in/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3588" mind/strong="G2588": bad/strong="G2556" thoughts/strong="G1261", sexual/strong="G4202" sins, stealing, murder/strong="G5408",<sup>22</sup> adultery/strong="G3430", greed/strong="G4124", doing bad/strong="G4190" things/strong="G4190" to/strong="G3788" people, lying, doing things/strong="G4190" that are morally wrong, jealousy, insulting people, proud talking, and/strong="G3788" foolish living.<sup>23</sup> These/strong="G3778" evil/strong="G4190" things/strong="G3778" come/strong="G1607" from/strong="G0444" inside/strong="G2081" a/strong="G2532" person/strong="G0444". And/strong="G2532" these/strong="G3778" are/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" things/strong="G3778" that/strong="G3778" make people/strong="G0444" unacceptable to/strong="G2532" God."

**Jesus/strong="G2532" Helps a/strong="G2532" Non-Jewish Woman/strong="G3778"**  
(Matthew 15:21-28)

<sup>24</sup> Jesus/strong="G1525" went/strong="G0565" from/strong="G2532" there/strong="G1564" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" area/strong="G3725" around Tyre/strong="G5184". He/strong="G2532" did/strong="G1097"

not want the people in that area know he was there, so he went into a house. But he could not stay hidden. <sup>25</sup> A woman heard he was there. Her little had an evil spirit inside her. So the woman to Jesus and bowed down near his feet. <sup>26</sup> She was a Jew. She was born in Phoenicia, an area in Syria. She begged Jesus to force the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> Jesus told the woman, "It is right to take children's bread and give it to the dogs." First the children eat all they want. <sup>28</sup> She answered, "That Lord, the dogs under the table can eat the pieces of food that children don't eat." <sup>29</sup> Then he told her, "That is

a very good answer may go. The demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> The woman went home and found her daughter lying on the bed. The demon is gone.

### Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the area and went through Sidon. On his way Lake Galilee he went through the area of the Ten Towns. <sup>32</sup> While he was there, some people brought a man who was deaf and could not talk clearly. The people begged to put his hand on the man to heal him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus led the man away from the people to be alone with him. He put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit on a finger and put it on the man's

tongue |strong="G1100".<sup>34</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" looked |strong="G0308" up |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" with |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" loud sigh |strong="G4727" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Ephphatha |strong="G2188!" ( This |strong="G3588" means |strong="G1510" "Open!" )<sup>35</sup> As |strong="G2532" soon as |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" did this |strong="G3588", the |strong="G3588" man was |strong="G3588" able to |strong="G2532" hear. He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" able to |strong="G2532" use his |strong="G0846" tongue |strong="G1100", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" began to |strong="G2532" speak |strong="G2980" clearly.<sup>36</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" the |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3367" to |strong="G2443" tell |strong="G3004" anyone |strong="G3367" about |strong="G2532" this |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123" he |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3367" to |strong="G2443" say |strong="G3004" anything |strong="G3367", the |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123" people |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004".<sup>37</sup> They |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" completely |strong="G5249" amazed |strong="G1605". They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "Look at |strong="G2573" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2532" done |strong="G4160". It's all |strong="G3956" good |strong="G2573". He |strong="G2532" makes |strong="G4160" deaf |strong="G2974" people |strong="G3956" able to |strong="G3004" hear |strong="G0191" and |strong="G2532" gives |strong="G3004" a |strong="G4160" new voice to |strong="G3004" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" could not |strong="G4160" talk."

### Jesus Feeds More Than 4000

(Matthew 15:32-39)

**8** Another |strong="G3825" time |strong="G2250" there |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3793" with |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" had |strong="G2192" nothing |strong="G3361" to |strong="G3004" eat |strong="G2068". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" called |strong="G3004" his |strong="G0846" followers to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004",<sup>2</sup> " I |strong="G1473" feel |strong="G4697" sorry for |strong="G3754" these |strong="G3748" peo-

ple |strong="G3793". They |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" been |strong="G2192" with |strong="G1909" me |strong="G1473" for |strong="G3754" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250", and |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" nothing |strong="G3756" to |strong="G1909" eat |strong="G2068".<sup>3</sup> I |strong="G1437" should |strong="G5100" not |strong="G2532" send |strong="G0630" them |strong="G0846" home |strong="G3624" hungry |strong="G3523". If |strong="G1437" they |strong="G0846" leave without |strong="G2532" eating, they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G5100" faint |strong="G1590" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598" home |strong="G3624". Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G0575" them |strong="G0846" live a |strong="G1437" long way |strong="G3598" from |strong="G0575" here |strong="G1519"."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus' followers answered |strong="G0611", " But |strong="G2532" we |strong="G3778" are |strong="G3778" far |strong="G3588" away from |strong="G2532" any |strong="G5100" towns. Where |strong="G4159" can |strong="G1410" we |strong="G3778" get enough bread |strong="G0740" to |strong="G1909" feed all |strong="G3588" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G0846"?"

<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G2065" them |strong="G0846", " How |strong="G4214" many |strong="G4214" loaves |strong="G0740" of |strong="G3004" bread |strong="G0740" do |strong="G2192" you |strong="G3004" have |strong="G2192"?"

They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" seven |strong="G2033" loaves |strong="G0740" of |strong="G3004" bread |strong="G0740"."

<sup>6</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" told the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" to |strong="G2443" sit |strong="G0377" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" ground |strong="G1093". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" took |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" loaves |strong="G0740" and |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" thanks |strong="G2168" to |strong="G2443" God |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" broke |strong="G2806" the |strong="G3588" bread |strong="G0740" into |strong="G1909" pieces and |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" his |strong="G0846" followers. He |strong="G2532" told them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" give |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" bread |strong="G0740" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793",

and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1325" as |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532".<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G2532" followers also |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" few |strong="G3641" small |strong="G3641" fish |strong="G2485". Jesus |strong="G0846" gave thanks for |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" fish |strong="G2485" and |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" give |strong="G3004" the |strong="G2532" fish |strong="G2485" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846".

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="G2532" all ate |strong="G2068" until |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G2532" full |strong="G4051". Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" followers filled |strong="G5526" seven |strong="G2033" baskets |strong="G4711" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" pieces |strong="G2801" of |strong="G2532" food |strong="G5315" that were |strong="G2532" left |strong="G4051".<sup>9</sup> There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" about |strong="G5613" 4000 men |strong="G0846" who |strong="G0846" ate. After |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" ate, Jesus |strong="G0846" told them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" go |strong="G0630" home.<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2064" boat |strong="G4143" with |strong="G3326" his |strong="G0846" followers to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" area of |strong="G3101" Dalmanutha |strong="G1148".

### Some |strong="G3588" People |strong="G0846" Doubt Jesus' Authority

(Matthew 16:1-4; Luke 11:16, 29)

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" came |strong="G1831" to |strong="G0757" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3985" him |strong="G0846" questions. They |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G2212" to |strong="G0757" test |strong="G3985" him |strong="G0846". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G3985" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G0757" do |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" miracle |strong="G4592" as |strong="G1831" a |strong="G2532" sign |strong="G4592" from |strong="G0575" God |strong="G0846".<sup>12</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" sighed deeply |strong="G0389" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" people |strong="G0846" ask |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" see a |strong="G1325" miracle |strong="G4592"

as |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1325" sign |strong="G4592"? I |strong="G0281" want |strong="G2212" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3004" know that |strong="G3004" no |strong="G1487" miracle |strong="G4592" will |strong="G5101" be |strong="G2532" done to |strong="G3004" prove anything |strong="G5101" to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210".<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0863" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" boat to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G4008" side |strong="G4008" of |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" lake.

### Jesus' Followers Misunderstand Him |strong="G0846" (Matthew 16:5-12)

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers had |strong="G2192" only |strong="G1487" one |strong="G1520" loaf |strong="G0740" of |strong="G1520" bread |strong="G0740" with |strong="G3326" them |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" boat |strong="G4143". They |strong="G2532" forgot to |strong="G2532" bring |strong="G2983" more |strong="G3756" bread |strong="G0740".<sup>15</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" warned them |strong="G0846", " Be |strong="G2532" careful |strong="G0991"! Guard |strong="G2532" against |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" yeast |strong="G2219" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" yeast |strong="G2219" of |strong="G0575" Herod |strong="G2264"."

<sup>16</sup> The |strong="G2532" followers discussed the |strong="G2532" meaning of |strong="G2192" this |strong="G3748". They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532", " He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3748" because |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3756" bread |strong="G0740"."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" knew |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G3588" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3588". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G3588" having |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3756" bread |strong="G0740"? Do |strong="G2192" you |strong="G5210" still |strong="G2089" not |strong="G3756" see |strong="G1097" or |strong="G3761" understand |strong="G4920"? Are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" not |strong="G3756"



able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G3004" understand|strong="G4920"? <sup>18</sup> Do|strong="G2192" you|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" eyes|strong="G3788" that|strong="G0191" can't|strong="G3756" see|strong="G0991"? Do|strong="G2192" you|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" ears|strong="G3775" that|strong="G0191" can't|strong="G3756" hear|strong="G0191"? Remember|strong="G3421" what|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" did|strong="G0191" before, when|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" did|strong="G0191" not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2192" enough bread? <sup>19</sup> I|strong="G2532" divided five|strong="G4002" loaves|strong="G0740" of|strong="G3004" bread|strong="G0740" for|strong="G1519" 5000 people|strong="G0846". Remember how|strong="G4214" many|strong="G4214" baskets|strong="G2894" you|strong="G3004" filled|strong="G4134" with|strong="G2532" pieces|strong="G2801" of|strong="G3004" food|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3004" were|strong="G3588" not|strong="G2532" eaten?"

The|strong="G3588" followers answered|strong="G3004", " We|strong="G2532" filled|strong="G4134" twelve|strong="G1427" baskets|strong="G2894"."

<sup>20</sup> " And|strong="G2532" when|strong="G3753" I|strong="G2532" divided seven|strong="G2033" loaves of|strong="G3004" bread for|strong="G1519" 4000 people|strong="G0846", how|strong="G4214" many|strong="G4214" baskets|strong="G4711" did you|strong="G3004" fill with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" leftover pieces|strong="G2801"?"

They|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " We|strong="G2532" filled seven|strong="G2033" baskets|strong="G4711"."

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G3004" remember these|strong="G0846" things|strong="G0846" I|strong="G2532" did|strong="G4920", but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" still|strong="G3768" don't understand|strong="G4920"?"

### Jesus|strong="G0846" Heals a|strong="G3004" Blind Man in|strong="G2532" Bethsaida

<sup>22</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" Bethsaida|strong="G0966". Some people|strong="G0846" brought|strong="G5342" a|strong="G2064" blind|strong="G5185" man|strong="G5185" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" begged|strong="G3870" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" touch|strong="G0681" the|strong="G2532" man|strong="G5185". <sup>23</sup>

So|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" held the|strong="G3588" blind|strong="G5185" man's|strong="G5100" hand|strong="G5495" and|strong="G2532" led him|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1854" of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" village|strong="G2968". Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" spit on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" man's|strong="G5100" eyes|strong="G3659". He|strong="G2532" laid|strong="G2007" his|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G1905", "Can you|strong="G1487" see|strong="G0991" now|strong="G2532"?"

<sup>24</sup> The|strong="G3588" man|strong="G0444" looked|strong="G3708" up|strong="G0308" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Yes, I|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708" people|strong="G0444". They|strong="G2532" look|strong="G0991" like|strong="G5613" trees|strong="G1186" walking|strong="G4043" around|strong="G4043"."

<sup>25</sup> Again|strong="G3825" Jesus|strong="G0846" laid|strong="G2007" his|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" man's eyes|strong="G3788", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" man opened them|strong="G0846" wide. His|strong="G0846" eyes|strong="G3788" were|strong="G3788" healed, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" able to|strong="G1909" see|strong="G1227" everything|strong="G0537" clearly|strong="G1227". <sup>26</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G1525" home|strong="G3624". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Don't|strong="G3361" go|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532"."

### Peter|strong="G0846" Says|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846" Is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Messiah (Matthew 16:13-20; Luke 9:18-21)

<sup>27</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers went|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" towns in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" area of|strong="G3598" Caesarea|strong="G2542" Philippi|strong="G5376". While|strong="G1722" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" traveling, Jesus|strong="G2424" asked|strong="G1905" the|strong="G3588" followers, " Who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G1510" people|strong="G0444" say|strong="G3004" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510"?"

28 They answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah. And others say you are one of the prophets."

29 Then Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

30 Jesus told the followers, "Don't tell anyone who I am."

**Jesus Says He Must Die**  
(Matthew 16:21-28; Luke 9:22-27)

31 Then Jesus began to teach his followers that Son of Man must suffer many things and be killed, then rise from the dead after three days. Jesus told them every-thing that would

happen. He did not keep anything secret.

Peter took Jesus away from the other followers to talk to him alone. Peter criticized him for saying things like this. <sup>33</sup> But Jesus turned and looked at his followers. Then he criticized Peter. He said, "Get away from me, Satan! You don't care about the same things God does. You care only about things that people think are impor-tant."

34 Then Jesus called the crowd his followers to him. He said, "Any of you who want to be my follower must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me. <sup>35</sup> Any of you who save their life will lose it."

1 SATAN Name for the devil meaning "the enemy." Jesus means that Peter was talking like Satan.

But who give up your life for me and for the Good will it is worth nothing for you to have the whole world if you yourself are lost. You are enough to buy back your life. People so they not to be ashamed of and my teaching that will you with my and holy

9 Then said I that of here see with die

Jesus Seen Moses and Elijah  
(Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36)

2 Six days later took James, and John and went up a high mountain. They were alone there. While these followers watched him, Jesus was changed. His clothes became shining white—whiter than anyone on earth could make. Then two men were there talking with Jesus. They were Elijah and Moses.

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good that we are here." We will be here three tents here— one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter did not know what to say, because he and the other two followers were afraid.

7 Then a cloud came and covered them. A voice came from the cloud and said,

1 I Literally, "the Son of Man" (Jesus).

is |strong="G1510" my |strong="G0191" Son |strong="G5207", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3778" I |strong="G1473" love |strong="G0027". Obey |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0846"!"

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers looked |strong="G3708", but |strong="G0235" they |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" only |strong="G3441" Jesus |strong="G2424" there alone |strong="G3441" with |strong="G3326" them |strong="G1438".

<sup>9</sup> As |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G3739" walking back down |strong="G2597" the |strong="G3588" mountain |strong="G3735", he |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1291" them |strong="G0846" these |strong="G3739" instructions: " Don't |strong="G3361" tell |strong="G1334" anyone |strong="G3367" about |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708" on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" mountain |strong="G3735". Wait until |strong="G2532" after |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" rises |strong="G0450" from |strong="G0575" death |strong="G3498". Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3739" can tell |strong="G1334" people |strong="G0444" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708"."

<sup>10</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers waited to |strong="G4314" say |strong="G3056" anything |strong="G5101" about |strong="G4314" what |strong="G5101" they |strong="G2532" saw. But |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" discussed among |strong="G1537" themselves |strong="G1438" what |strong="G5101" Jesus |strong="G1510" meant |strong="G1510" about |strong="G4314" rising |strong="G0450" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498". <sup>11</sup> They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G1905" him |strong="G0846", "Why do |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" law say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" Elijah |strong="G2243" must |strong="G1163" come |strong="G2064" <sup>1</sup> first |strong="G4413"?"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G5346", " They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3956" right to |strong="G2443" say |strong="G5346" that |strong="G2443" Elijah |strong="G2243" must |strong="G3588" come |strong="G2064" first |strong="G4413". Elijah |strong="G2243" makes all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" way |strong="G3956" they |strong="G0846" should |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532".

I ELIJAH MUST COME See Mal. 4:5-6.

But |strong="G1161" why |strong="G4459" do |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" Scriptures say |strong="G5346" that |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" suffer |strong="G3958" much |strong="G4183" and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G2443" people |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" think he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G0444" worth nothing |strong="G3956"? <sup>13</sup> I |strong="G2532" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3754" Elijah |strong="G2243" has |strong="G3748" already come |strong="G2064". And |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846" did |strong="G4160" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3745" the |strong="G2532" bad things |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160". The |strong="G2532" Scriptures said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" happen to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846"."

Jesus |strong="G0846" Frees a |strong="G4160" Boy From |strong="G2064" an |strong="G2532" Evil Spirit  
(Matthew 17:14-20; Luke 9:37-43 a |strong="G4160")

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846", Peter |strong="G0846", James, and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G0846" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1438" followers. They |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3793" around |strong="G4012" them |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" law were |strong="G3793" arguing |strong="G4802" with |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" followers. <sup>15</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3793" saw |strong="G3708" Jesus |strong="G0846", they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3793" very |strong="G0846" surprised and |strong="G2532" ran |strong="G4370" to |strong="G2532" welcome him |strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G1905", " What |strong="G5101" are |strong="G2532" you |strong="G2532" arguing |strong="G4802" about |strong="G4314" with |strong="G4314" the |strong="G2532" teachers of |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" law?"

<sup>17</sup> A |strong="G2192" man |strong="G1520" answered |strong="G0611", " Teacher |strong="G1320", I |strong="G1473" brought |strong="G5342" my |strong="G2192" son |strong="G5207" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G4771". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" controlled by |strong="G1537" an |strong="G2192" evil spirit |strong="G4151" that |strong="G0846" keeps

him|strong="G0846" from|strong="G1537" talking. <sup>18</sup> The|strong="G3588" spirit attacks him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" throws|strong="G1544" him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" ground. He|strong="G2532" foams|strong="G0875" at|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" mouth, grinds|strong="G5149" his|strong="G0846" teeth|strong="G3599", and|strong="G2532" becomes very|strong="G0846" stiff. I|strong="G1437" asked|strong="G3004" your|strong="G1437" followers to|strong="G2443" force|strong="G2480" the|strong="G3588" evil spirit out|strong="G1544", but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2480" not|strong="G3756"."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G5210" people|strong="G0846" today don't believe! How|strong="G2193" long|strong="G2193" must|strong="G1510" I|strong="G1473" stay with|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210"? How|strong="G2193" long|strong="G2193" must|strong="G1510" I|strong="G1473" be|strong="G1510" patient with|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210"? Bring|strong="G5342" the|strong="G3588" boy to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G3004"!"

<sup>20</sup> So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers brought|strong="G5342" the|strong="G3588" boy to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846". When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" evil spirit|strong="G4151" saw|strong="G3708" Jesus|strong="G0846", it|strong="G0846" attacked the|strong="G3588" boy. The|strong="G3588" boy fell|strong="G4098" down|strong="G4098" and|strong="G2532" rolled on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1093". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" foaming|strong="G0875" at|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" mouth.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G1905" the|strong="G3588" boy's father|strong="G3962", " How|strong="G5613" long|strong="G5550" has|strong="G3962" this|strong="G3778" been|strong="G1510" happening|strong="G1096" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846"?"

The|strong="G3588" father|strong="G3962" answered|strong="G3004", " Since|strong="G1537" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" very|strong="G0846" young. <sup>22</sup> The|strong="G2532" spirit often|strong="G4178" throws him|strong="G0846" into|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1487" fire|strong="G4442" or|strong="G2532" into|strong="G1519" water|strong="G5204" to|strong="G1519" kill him|strong="G0846". If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" can|strong="G1410" do|strong="G1410" anything|strong="G5100", please

have|strong="G2532" pity|strong="G4697" on|strong="G1909" us|strong="G1519" and|strong="G2532" help|strong="G0997" us|strong="G1519"."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3956" father, "Why did you|strong="G1487" say|strong="G3004" if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" can? All|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" are|strong="G3956" possible|strong="G1415" for|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" believes|strong="G4100"."

<sup>24</sup> Immediately|strong="G2117" the|strong="G3588" father|strong="G3962" shouted|strong="G2896", " I|strong="G1473" do|strong="G4100" believe|strong="G4100". Help|strong="G0997" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" believe|strong="G4100" more!"

<sup>25</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" were|strong="G3793" running there|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519" see|strong="G3708" what|strong="G3588" was|strong="G2424" happening. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" spoke|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" evil spirit|strong="G4151". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " You|strong="G4771" evil spirit|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3754" makes this|strong="G3588" boy deaf|strong="G2974" and|strong="G2532" stops him|strong="G0846" from|strong="G1537" talking|strong="G3004"— I|strong="G1473" command|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" come|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G1537" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3371" enter|strong="G1525" him|strong="G0846" again|strong="G3371"!"

<sup>26</sup> The|strong="G3588" evil spirit screamed. It|strong="G2532" caused the|strong="G3588" boy to|strong="G3004" fall on|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" ground again|strong="G2532", and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532" came|strong="G1096" out|strong="G1831". The|strong="G3588" boy looked|strong="G1096" as|strong="G1831" if|strong="G3748" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498". Many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G4183" said|strong="G3004", " He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498"! <sup>27</sup> But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G2424" took|strong="G2902" hold|strong="G2902" of|strong="G5495" his|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G5495" and|strong="G2532"

helped |strong="G1453" him |strong="G0846" stand |strong="G0450" up |strong="G1453".

<sup>28</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3624". His |strong="G0846" followers were |strong="G3101" alone |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2596" him |strong="G0846" there |strong="G2596". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G1905", "Why weren't we |strong="G2249" able |strong="G1410" to |strong="G1519" force that |strong="G3754" evil spirit out |strong="G1544"?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " That |strong="G3004" kind |strong="G1085" of |strong="G1722" spirit can |strong="G1410" be |strong="G2532" forced out |strong="G1831" only |strong="G1487" with |strong="G1722" prayer |strong="G4335". I'

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Talks About |strong="G1722" His |strong="G0846" Death**  
(Matthew 17:22-23; Luke 9:43b-45)

<sup>30</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G1831" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G1223" followers left |strong="G1831" there |strong="G2547" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" through |strong="G1223" Galilee |strong="G1056". Jesus |strong="G1831" did |strong="G1097" not |strong="G3756" want |strong="G2309" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G5100" to |strong="G2443" know |strong="G1097" where |strong="G5100" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3588". <sup>31</sup> He |strong="G2532" wanted to |strong="G1519" teach |strong="G1321" his |strong="G0846" followers alone |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", " The |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G2532" handed |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" control of |strong="G5207" other |strong="G0846" men |strong="G0444", who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G0444" kill |strong="G0615" him |strong="G0846". After |strong="G3326" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250", he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" rise |strong="G0450" from |strong="G0444" death |strong="G0615"." <sup>32</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" followers did not |strong="G2532" understand |strong="G0050" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" meant, and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" afraid |strong="G5399" to |strong="G2532" ask |strong="G1905" him |strong="G0846".

I PRAYER Some Greek copies have "prayer and fasting."

**Who |strong="G3588" Is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Greatest?**

(Matthew 18:1-5; Luke 9:46-48)

<sup>33</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" followers went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" Capernaum |strong="G2584". They |strong="G0846" went |strong="G2064" into |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1096" house |strong="G3614", and |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G1905" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", " I |strong="G2532" heard you |strong="G1722" arguing on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598" here |strong="G1519" today. What |strong="G5101" were |strong="G1096" you |strong="G1722" arguing about |strong="G1722"?"

<sup>34</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" followers did |strong="G5101" not answer, because |strong="G1063" their |strong="G1722" argument on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598" was |strong="G3588" about |strong="G1722" which |strong="G5101" one |strong="G0240" of |strong="G3598" them |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" greatest |strong="G3173".

<sup>35</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" sat |strong="G2523" down |strong="G2523" and |strong="G2532" called |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" twelve |strong="G1427" apostles to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Whoever |strong="G3588" wants |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" most important must |strong="G1510" make others |strong="G3588" more |strong="G3956" important than |strong="G2532" themselves |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" must |strong="G1510" serve everyone |strong="G3956" else |strong="G2532"."

<sup>36</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" took |strong="G2983" a |strong="G2983" small child |strong="G3813" and |strong="G2532" stood |strong="G2476" the |strong="G2532" child |strong="G3813" in |strong="G1722" front of |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" followers. He |strong="G2532" held the |strong="G2532" child |strong="G3813" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" arms |strong="G1723" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", <sup>37</sup> " Whoever |strong="G3739" accepts children |strong="G3813" like |strong="G5108" these |strong="G3778" in |strong="G1909" my |strong="G0649" name |strong="G3686" is |strong="G3778" accepting me |strong="G1473". And |strong="G2532" anyone |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" accepts me |strong="G1473" is |strong="G3778" also |strong="G2532" accepting the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520"

who|strong="G3739" sent|strong="G0649"  
me|strong="G1473".

**Whoever|strong="G3739" Is|strong="G3778"  
Not|strong="G3756" Against|strong="G1909"  
Us|strong="G1909" Is|strong="G3778"  
For|strong="G1909" Us|strong="G1909"**  
(Luke 9:49-50)

<sup>38</sup> Then|strong="G2532" John|strong="G2491"  
said|strong="G5346", " Teacher|strong="G1320",  
we|strong="G2249" saw|strong="G3708"  
a|strong="G3708" man|strong="G5100" using  
your|strong="G3708" name|strong="G3686"  
to|strong="G2532" force demons|strong="G1140"  
out|strong="G1544" of|strong="G3686" some-  
one|strong="G5100". He|strong="G2532"  
is|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756"  
one|strong="G5100" of|strong="G3686"  
us|strong="G1722". So|strong="G2532"  
we|strong="G2249" told him|strong="G0846"  
to|strong="G2532" stop|strong="G2967", be-  
cause|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532"  
does|strong="G1544" not|strong="G3756" belong  
to|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" group."  
<sup>39</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", "  
Don't|strong="G3361" stop|strong="G3361"  
him|strong="G0846". Whoever|strong="G3739" uses  
my|strong="G3739" name|strong="G3686"  
to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" power-  
ful|strong="G1411" things|strong="G3739"  
will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361"  
soon|strong="G5035" say|strong="G3004" bad  
things|strong="G3739" about|strong="G1909"  
me|strong="G3004". <sup>40</sup> Whoever|strong="G3739"  
is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756"  
against|strong="G2596" us is|strong="G1510"  
with|strong="G2596" us. <sup>41</sup> I|strong="G1473"  
can|strong="G3004" assure you|strong="G5210"  
that|strong="G3754" anyone|strong="G3739"  
who|strong="G3739" helps you|strong="G5210"  
by|strong="G1722" giving you|strong="G5210"  
a|strong="G1510" drink|strong="G4222"  
of|strong="G3686" water|strong="G5204" be-  
cause|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" be-  
long|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547"  
will|strong="G1510" definitely get a|strong="G1510"  
reward|strong="G3408".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Warns About|strong="G1722"  
Causes of|strong="G3686" Sin**  
(Matthew 18:6-9; Luke 17:1-2)

<sup>42</sup> " If|strong="G1487" one|strong="G1520"  
of|strong="G1520" these|strong="G3778" lit-  
tle|strong="G3398" children believes|strong="G4100"  
in|strong="G1519" me|strong="G1473",  
and|strong="G2532" someone|strong="G1520" caus-  
es|strong="G4624" that|strong="G3739" child

to|strong="G1519" sin|strong="G4624",  
it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510"  
be|strong="G1510" very|strong="G0846" bad  
for|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3739" per-  
son|strong="G1520". It|strong="G0846"  
would|strong="G0302" be|strong="G1510" bet-  
ter|strong="G2570" for|strong="G1519"  
them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519"  
have|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" mill-  
stone|strong="G3458" tied|strong="G4029"  
around|strong="G4012" their|strong="G0846"  
neck|strong="G5137" and|strong="G2532"  
be|strong="G1510" drowned in|strong="G1519"  
the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281". <sup>43</sup>  
If|strong="G1437" your|strong="G1437"  
hand|strong="G5495" makes|strong="G4624"  
you|strong="G4771" sin|strong="G4624",  
cut|strong="G0609" it|strong="G0846"  
off|strong="G0609". It|strong="G0846"  
is|strong="G1510" better|strong="G2570"  
for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771"  
to|strong="G1519" lose part|strong="G0846"  
of|strong="G5495" your|strong="G1437"  
body|strong="G1519" and|strong="G2532"  
have|strong="G2192" eternal life|strong="G2222"  
than|strong="G2228" to|strong="G1519"  
have|strong="G2192" two|strong="G1417"  
hands|strong="G5495" and|strong="G2532"  
go|strong="G0565" to|strong="G1519"  
hell|strong="G1067". There|strong="G1510"  
the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" never stops.  
<sup>44</sup> <sup>45</sup> If|strong="G1437" your|strong="G1437"  
foot|strong="G4228" makes|strong="G4624"  
you|strong="G4771" sin|strong="G4624",  
cut|strong="G0609" it|strong="G0846"  
off|strong="G0609". It|strong="G0846"  
is|strong="G1510" better|strong="G2570"  
for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771"  
to|strong="G1519" lose part|strong="G0846"  
of|strong="G2228" your|strong="G1437"  
body|strong="G1519" and|strong="G2532"  
have|strong="G2192" eternal life|strong="G2222"  
than|strong="G2228" to|strong="G1519"  
have|strong="G2192" two|strong="G1417"  
feet|strong="G4228" and|strong="G2532"  
be|strong="G1510" thrown|strong="G0906" in-  
to|strong="G1519" hell|strong="G1067". <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup>  
If|strong="G1437" your|strong="G1437"  
eye|strong="G3788" makes|strong="G4624"  
you|strong="G4771" sin|strong="G4624",  
take|strong="G4624" it|strong="G0846"  
out|strong="G1544". It|strong="G0846"  
is|strong="G1510" better|strong="G2570"  
for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771"  
to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2192" on-

<sup>1</sup> Some Greek copies add verse 44, which is the same as verse 48.  
<sup>II</sup> Some Greek copies add verse 46, which is the same as verse 48.

ly|strong="G2532" one|strong="G3588" eye|strong="G3788" and|strong="G2532" enter|strong="G1525" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" than|strong="G2228" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2192" two|strong="G1417" eyes|strong="G3788" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" hell|strong="G1067".<sup>48</sup> The|strong="G3588" worms that|strong="G0846" eat the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G2532" hell never|strong="G3756" die|strong="G5053". The|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" there|strong="G3699" is|strong="G3588" never|strong="G3756" stopped.

<sup>49</sup> " Everyone|strong="G3956" will|strong="G3956" be|strong="G3956" salted|strong="G0233" with|strong="G3956" fire|strong="G4442".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>50</sup> " Salt|strong="G0217" is|strong="G5101" good|strong="G2570". But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" it|strong="G0846" loses its|strong="G0846" salty|strong="G0741" taste, you|strong="G1437" can't make|strong="G0741" it|strong="G0846" good|strong="G2570" again|strong="G2532". So|strong="G2532", don't lose that|strong="G1096" good|strong="G2570" quality of|strong="G1722" salt|strong="G0217" you|strong="G1437" have|strong="G2192". And|strong="G2532" live|strong="G1514" in|strong="G1722" peace|strong="G1514" with|strong="G1722" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G1161"."

#### Jesus Teaches About Divorce

(Matthew 19:1-12)

**10** Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" left|strong="G0450" there|strong="G1564" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" area|strong="G3725" of|strong="G3725" Judea|strong="G2449" and|strong="G2532" across|strong="G4008" the|strong="G3588" Jordan|strong="G2446" River. Again|strong="G3825", many|strong="G3793" people|strong="G3793" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" taught|strong="G1321" them|strong="G0846" as|strong="G5613" he|strong="G2532" always did|strong="G2064".

<sup>2</sup> Some|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" tried|strong="G3985" to|strong="G2532" make him|strong="G0846" say something wrong.

<sup>I</sup> Some Greek copies add, "and every sacrifice will be salted with salt." In the Old Testament salt was put on sacrifices. This verse could mean that Jesus' followers will be tested by suffering and that they must offer themselves to God as sacrifices.

They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G1905" him|strong="G0846", " Is|strong="G3588" it|strong="G0846" right for|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1487" man|strong="G0435" to|strong="G2532" divorce|strong="G0630" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135"?"

<sup>3</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", " What|strong="G5101" did|strong="G0611" Moses|strong="G3475" command|strong="G1781" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G3004"?"

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="G3588" Pharisees said|strong="G3004", " Moses|strong="G3475" allowed|strong="G2010" a|strong="G3004" man to|strong="G3004" divorce|strong="G0647" his|strong="G0630" wife by|strong="G3004" writing|strong="G1125" a|strong="G3004" certificate|strong="G0975" of|strong="G3004" divorce|strong="G0647"."<sup>II</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Moses|strong="G0846" wrote|strong="G1125" that|strong="G3004" command|strong="G1785" for|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" because|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" refused to|strong="G4314" accept God's|strong="G0846" teaching.<sup>6</sup> But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846" made|strong="G4160" the|strong="G2532" world, ' he|strong="G2532" made|strong="G4160" people|strong="G0846" male|strong="G0730" and|strong="G2532" female|strong="G2338".<sup>III7</sup> That|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" why a|strong="G2532" man|strong="G0444" will|strong="G0444" leave|strong="G2641" his|strong="G0846" father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" joined to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135".<sup>8</sup> And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" two|strong="G1417" people|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" become one|strong="G1520".<sup>IV</sup> So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3765" longer|strong="G3765" two|strong="G1417", but|strong="G0235" one|strong="G1520".<sup>9</sup> God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" joined|strong="G4801" them|strong="G3739" together|strong="G4801", so|strong="G3767" no|strong="G3361" one|strong="G3739" should|strong="G2316" separate|strong="G5563" them|strong="G3739"."

<sup>10</sup> Later, when|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers and|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3101" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3614",

<sup>II</sup> "MOSES ... CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE" See Deuteronomy 24:1. <sup>III</sup> 10:6 Quote from Genesis 1:27; 5:2. <sup>IV</sup> 10:8 Quote from Genesis 2:24.



they|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G1905" him|strong="G0846" again|strong="G3825" about|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588" question|strong="G1905" of|strong="G4012" divorce. <sup>11</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Whoever|strong="G3739" divorces|strong="G0630" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135" and|strong="G2532" marries|strong="G1060" another|strong="G0243" woman|strong="G1135" has|strong="G3739" sinned against|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3739" guilty of|strong="G1909" adultery|strong="G3429". <sup>12</sup> And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G0243" who|strong="G3588" divorces|strong="G0630" her|strong="G0846" husband|strong="G0435" and|strong="G2532" marries|strong="G1060" another|strong="G0243" man|strong="G0435" is|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532" guilty of|strong="G0435" adultery|strong="G3429".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Welcomes Children**  
(Matthew 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17)

<sup>13</sup> People|strong="G0846" brought|strong="G4374" their|strong="G0846" small children|strong="G3813" to|strong="G2443" Jesus|strong="G0846" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" he|strong="G2532" could lay his|strong="G0846" hands on|strong="G1161" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2443" bless them|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" followers told|strong="G2008" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2443" stop bringing|strong="G4374" their|strong="G0846" children|strong="G3813" to|strong="G2443" him|strong="G0846". <sup>14</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" saw|strong="G3708" what|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G3588". He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" like|strong="G5108" his|strong="G0846" followers telling|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" children|strong="G3813" not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G4314" come|strong="G2064". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", "Let|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588" little children|strong="G3813" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G3004". Don't|strong="G3361" stop|strong="G3361" them|strong="G0846", because|strong="G1063" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" belongs|strong="G1510" to|strong="G4314" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5108" these|strong="G3588" little children|strong="G3813". <sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" truth is|strong="G2316", you|strong="G5210"

must|strong="G1525" accept|strong="G1209" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" little child|strong="G3813" accepts things|strong="G3739", or|strong="G3361" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2316" never|strong="G3756" enter|strong="G1525" it|strong="G0846"." <sup>16</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" held the|strong="G3588" children in|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" arms|strong="G1723". He|strong="G2532" laid|strong="G5087" his|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G1909" them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" blessed|strong="G2127" them|strong="G0846".

**A|strong="G5087" Rich Man Refuses to|strong="G1909" Follow Jesus|strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30)

<sup>17</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" started to|strong="G1519" leave|strong="G1607", but|strong="G2532" a|strong="G4160" man|strong="G1520" ran|strong="G4370" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" bowed down|strong="G1120" on|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" knees|strong="G1120" before|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846". The|strong="G2532" man|strong="G1520" asked|strong="G1905", "Good|strong="G0018" Teacher|strong="G1320", what|strong="G5101" must|strong="G4160" I|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" to|strong="G1519" get the|strong="G2532" life|strong="G2222" that|strong="G2443" never ends?"

<sup>18</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G3004", "Why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G3361" you|strong="G1487" call|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" good|strong="G0018"? Only|strong="G1487" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" good|strong="G0018". <sup>19</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1492" his|strong="G2532" commands|strong="G1785": 'You|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" murder|strong="G5407" anyone, you|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" commit|strong="G3431" adultery|strong="G3431", you|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" steal|strong="G2813", you|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" lie, you|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" cheat|strong="G0650", you|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" respect your|strong="G5091" father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" mother|strong="G3384" ....' <sup>1</sup>



will|strong="G3778" get more homes, brothers|strong="G0080", sisters|strong="G0079", mothers|strong="G3384", children|strong="G5043", and|strong="G2532" farms|strong="G0068". And|strong="G2532" with|strong="G3326" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2532" persecutions|strong="G1375". But|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G0165" that|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" coming|strong="G2064" they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3778" also|strong="G2532" get the|strong="G3588" reward of|strong="G5043" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222".<sup>31</sup> Many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" highest place now|strong="G1161" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" lowest place in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" future. And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" lowest place now|strong="G1161" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" highest place then|strong="G2532"."

**Jesus|strong="G1510" Talks Again|strong="G2532" About|strong="G3588" His|strong="G2532" Death**  
(Matthew 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34)

<sup>32</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" on|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" way|strong="G3598" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" front|strong="G4254" of|strong="G3598" the|strong="G3588" group. His|strong="G0846" followers were|strong="G1510" wondering what|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" happening|strong="G4819", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" followed|strong="G0190" behind them|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" feeling afraid|strong="G5399". Jesus|strong="G2424" gathered the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" apostles again|strong="G3825" and|strong="G2532" talked with|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846" alone|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3588" would|strong="G3195" happen|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2414".<sup>33</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2532", " We|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" going|strong="G0305"

to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414". The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" will|strong="G0444" be|strong="G2532" handed|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" teachers of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" law. They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G0444" say that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" must|strong="G3588" die|strong="G2288" and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G0444" hand|strong="G3860" him|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" foreigners,<sup>34</sup> who|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2250" laugh at him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" spit|strong="G1716" on|strong="G0846" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2250" beat him|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3326" whips and|strong="G2532" kill|strong="G0615" him|strong="G0846". But|strong="G2532" on|strong="G0846" the|strong="G2532" third day|strong="G2250" after|strong="G3326" his|strong="G0846" death|strong="G0615", he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2250" rise|strong="G0450" to|strong="G2532" life again|strong="G0450"."

**James and|strong="G2532" John|strong="G0846" Ask for|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" Favor**  
(Matthew 20:20-28)

<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="G2532" James|strong="G2385" and|strong="G2532" John|strong="G2491", sons|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Zebedee|strong="G2199", came|strong="G4365" to|strong="G2443" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Teacher|strong="G1320", we|strong="G2249" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2443" ask|strong="G0154" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160" something for|strong="G0154" us|strong="G3004"."

<sup>36</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004", " What|strong="G5101" do|strong="G4160" you|strong="G5210" want|strong="G2309" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" for|strong="G2309" you|strong="G5210"?"

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="G3588" sons answered|strong="G3004", " Let|strong="G2443" us|strong="G1325" share the|strong="G3588" great honor|strong="G1391" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" as|strong="G1722" king. Let|strong="G2443" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" us|strong="G1325" sit|strong="G2523" at|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532"

right|strong="G1188" side and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" at|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" left|strong="G0710".

<sup>38</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " You|strong="G3739" don't|strong="G3756" understand|strong="G1492" what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" asking|strong="G0154". Can|strong="G1410" you|strong="G3739" drink|strong="G4095" from|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" cup|strong="G4221"<sup>I</sup> that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G4095" drink|strong="G4095" from|strong="G2228"? Can|strong="G1410" you|strong="G3739" be|strong="G1410" baptized|strong="G0907" with|strong="G0907" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" baptism|strong="G0908"<sup>II</sup> that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G4095" go through?"

<sup>39</sup> The|strong="G3588" sons answered|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G1161", we|strong="G3739" can|strong="G1410"!"

Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" sons, " It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3739" true that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" drink|strong="G4095" from|strong="G2424" the|strong="G3588" cup|strong="G4221" that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" drink|strong="G4095" from|strong="G2424". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" baptized|strong="G0907" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" baptism|strong="G0908" that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G4095" go through. <sup>40</sup> But|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" for|strong="G2090" me|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1325" say|strong="G1473" who|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" sit|strong="G2523" at|strong="G1537" my|strong="G1699" right|strong="G1188" or|strong="G2228" my|strong="G1699" left|strong="G2176". God|strong="G1325" has|strong="G3739" prepared|strong="G2090" those|strong="G3588" places for|strong="G2090" the|strong="G3588" ones he|strong="G3739" chooses."

<sup>41</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" other ten|strong="G1176" followers

I CUP A symbol of suffering. Jesus used the idea of drinking from a cup to mean accepting the suffering he would face in the terrible events that were soon to come. Also in verse 39. II BAPTIZED WITH THE SAME BAPTISM Baptism, which usually means to be immersed in water, has a special meaning here—being covered or "buried" in troubles. Also in verse 39.

heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3588", they|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" angry with|strong="G2532" James|strong="G2385" and|strong="G2532" John|strong="G2491". <sup>42</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" called|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" followers together|strong="G2532". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" non-Jewish people|strong="G1484" have|strong="G2532" men|strong="G3173" they|strong="G0846" call|strong="G3004" rulers|strong="G0757". You|strong="G3754" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" those|strong="G3588" rulers|strong="G0757" love to|strong="G3004" show their|strong="G0846" power over|strong="G2715" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1484". And|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" important|strong="G3173" leaders|strong="G3004" love to|strong="G3004" use|strong="G2715" all|strong="G3588" their|strong="G0846" authority|strong="G2715" over|strong="G2715" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1484". <sup>43</sup> But|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161" should not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" that|strong="G3739" way|strong="G3779" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". Whoever|strong="G3739" wants|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" be|strong="G1510" your|strong="G1722" leader must|strong="G0235" be|strong="G1510" your|strong="G1722" servant|strong="G1249". <sup>44</sup> Whoever|strong="G3739" wants|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" be|strong="G1510" first|strong="G4413" must|strong="G1510" serve the|strong="G3956" rest|strong="G1510" of|strong="G1401" you|strong="G5210" like|strong="G2309" a|strong="G1096" slave|strong="G1401". <sup>45</sup> Follow|strong="G2064" my|strong="G1325" example: Even|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" did|strong="G1325" not|strong="G3756" come|strong="G2064" for|strong="G1063" people|strong="G0444" to|strong="G2064" serve|strong="G1247" him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G2064" serve|strong="G1247" others|strong="G0444" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2064" give|strong="G1325" his|strong="G0846" life|strong="G5590" to|strong="G2064" save many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G0444"."

Jesus|strong="G0846" Heals a|strong="G1325" Blind Man|strong="G0444"

(Matthew 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43)

<sup>46</sup> Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532"

of|strong="G5207" Jericho|strong="G2410". When|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" left|strong="G0575" there|strong="G3101" with|strong="G3844" his|strong="G0846" followers, a|strong="G3793" large|strong="G2425" crowd|strong="G3793" was|strong="G3588" with|strong="G3844" them|strong="G0846". A|strong="G3793" blind|strong="G5185" man|strong="G5185" named Bartimaeus|strong="G0924" (meaning "son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Timaeus|strong="G5090") was|strong="G3588" sitting|strong="G2521" by|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" always begging for|strong="G1519" money|strong="G0846".<sup>47</sup> He|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424" from|strong="G0757" Nazareth|strong="G3479" was|strong="G1510" walking by|strong="G3004". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" began|strong="G0757" shouting|strong="G2896", "Jesus|strong="G2424", Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" David|strong="G1138", please help me|strong="G3004"!"

<sup>48</sup> Many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G0846" criticized the|strong="G3588" blind man|strong="G5207" and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G2008" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G2532" quiet|strong="G4623". But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" shouted|strong="G2896" more|strong="G3123" and|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3123", "Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" David|strong="G1138", please help me|strong="G1473"!"

<sup>49</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" stopped|strong="G2476" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Tell|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" come|strong="G2476" here."

So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" called|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" blind|strong="G5185" man|strong="G5185" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "You|strong="G4771" can|strong="G3004" be|strong="G2532" happy now|strong="G2532". Stand|strong="G2476" up|strong="G1453"! Jesus|strong="G2424" is|strong="G3588" calling|strong="G5455" you|strong="G4771"."<sup>50</sup> The|strong="G3588" blind man stood up|strong="G2064" quickly. He|strong="G0846" left his|strong="G0846" coat|strong="G2440" there|strong="G1161" and|strong="G1161" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G2424".

<sup>51</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" asked|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5185", "What|strong="G5101" do|strong="G4160"

you|strong="G4771" want|strong="G2309" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160" for|strong="G2443" you|strong="G4771"?"

He|strong="G2532" answered|strong="G0611", "Teacher, I|strong="G2532" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2443" see|strong="G0308" again|strong="G2532"."

<sup>52</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", "Go|strong="G5217". You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" healed because|strong="G1722" you|strong="G4771" believed." Immediately|strong="G2117" the|strong="G3588" man was|strong="G2424" able to|strong="G3004" see|strong="G0308" again|strong="G2532". He|strong="G2532" followed|strong="G0190" Jesus|strong="G2424" down the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598".

### Jesus Enters Jerusalem Like a King

(Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19)

**11** Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers were|strong="G3101" coming|strong="G1448" closer to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414". They|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1448" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" towns of|strong="G3735" Bethphage|strong="G0967" and|strong="G2532" Bethany|strong="G0963" at|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Mount|strong="G3735" of|strong="G3735" Olives|strong="G1636". There|strong="G1417" Jesus|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" two|strong="G1417" of|strong="G3735" his|strong="G0846" followers to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G2532" something.<sup>2</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", "Go|strong="G5217" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G3004" see there|strong="G0444". When|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" enter|strong="G1531" it|strong="G0846", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3739" find|strong="G2147" a|strong="G2147" young donkey that|strong="G3739" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" has|strong="G3739" ever|strong="G3768" ridden. Untie|strong="G3089" it|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" bring|strong="G5342" it|strong="G0846" here|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004".<sup>3</sup> If|strong="G1437" anyone|strong="G5100" asks you|strong="G5210" why|strong="G5101" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3778" taking the|strong="G3588" donkey, tell|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", 'The|strong="G3588" Master|strong="G2962" needs|strong="G5532" it|strong="G0846".

He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G5101" send |strong="G0649" it |strong="G0846" back |strong="G3825" soon |strong="G2117".<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers went |strong="G0565" into |strong="G0565" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G2532". They |strong="G0846" found |strong="G2147" a |strong="G2147" young donkey tied |strong="G1210" in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" street |strong="G0296" near |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" door |strong="G2374" of |strong="G1909" a |strong="G2147" house, and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" untied |strong="G3089" it |strong="G0846".<sup>5</sup> Some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" standing |strong="G2476" there |strong="G1563" and |strong="G2532" saw this |strong="G3588". They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G3004", "What |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" doing |strong="G4160"? Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" untying |strong="G3089" that |strong="G3004" donkey?"<sup>6</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers answered |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G0846" Jesus |strong="G2424" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" let |strong="G0863" them |strong="G0846" take the |strong="G3588" donkey.

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers brought |strong="G5342" the |strong="G3588" donkey to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G2424". They |strong="G0846" put |strong="G1911" their |strong="G0846" coats |strong="G2440" on |strong="G1909" it |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" sat |strong="G2523" on |strong="G1909" it |strong="G0846".<sup>8</sup> Many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0846" spread |strong="G4766" their |strong="G0846" coats |strong="G2440" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598" for |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846". Others |strong="G0243" cut |strong="G2875" branches in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" fields |strong="G0068" and |strong="G2532" spread |strong="G4766" the |strong="G3588" branches on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598".<sup>9</sup> Some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G2962" them |strong="G1722" were |strong="G3588" walking |strong="G4254" ahead |strong="G4254" of |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2532". Others |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" walking |strong="G4254" behind him |strong="G2532". Everyone shouted |strong="G2896",

" Praise |strong="G2127" Him |strong="G2532"!"

"Welcome! God bless |strong="G2127" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" comes |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962"!"

*Psalm 118:25-26*

<sup>10</sup> " God |strong="G3962" bless |strong="G2127" the |strong="G3588" kingdom |strong="G0932" of |strong="G0932" our |strong="G1722" father |strong="G3962" David |strong="G1138".

That |strong="G1722" kingdom |strong="G0932" is |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2064"!"

Praise |strong="G2127" to |strong="G2064" God |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" heaven!"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus |strong="G1525" entered |strong="G1525" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Temple |strong="G2411". He |strong="G2532" looked |strong="G4017" at |strong="G1519" everything |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Temple |strong="G2411" area, but |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1525" was |strong="G1510" already |strong="G2235" late |strong="G3796". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" Bethany |strong="G0963" with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3956" twelve |strong="G1427" apostles.

**Jesus |strong="G1525" Says a |strong="G1510" Fig Tree Will |strong="G1510" Die**  
(Matthew 21:18-19)

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G1887", Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" leaving Bethany |strong="G0963". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" hungry |strong="G3983".<sup>13</sup> He |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" a |strong="G2192" fig |strong="G4808" tree |strong="G4808" with |strong="G1722" leaves |strong="G5444". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" tree |strong="G4808" to |strong="G1909" see |strong="G3708" if |strong="G1487" it |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" any |strong="G5100" figs |strong="G4810" growing |strong="G1722" on |strong="G1909" it |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" found |strong="G2147" no |strong="G3756" figs |strong="G4810" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" tree |strong="G4808". There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" only |strong="G1487"

<sup>1</sup> PRAISE Literally, "Hosanna," a Hebrew word used in praying to God for help. Here, it was probably a shout of celebration used in praising God or his Messiah. Also in verse 10.

leaves/strong="G5444", because/strong="G1063" it/strong="G0846" was/strong="G1510" not/strong="G3756" the/strong="G3588" right/strong="G2540" time/strong="G2540" for/strong="G1063" figs/strong="G4810" to/strong="G1909" grow. <sup>14</sup> So/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" tree, " People/strong="G0846" will/strong="G2532" never/strong="G3371" eat/strong="G2068" fruit/strong="G2590" from/strong="G1537" you/strong="G4771" again/strong="G3371"." His/strong="G0846" followers heard/strong="G0191" him/strong="G0846" say/strong="G3004" this/strong="G3588".

**Jesus/strong="G0846" Goes to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" Temple/strong="G0846"**

(Matthew 21:12-17; Luke 19:45-48; John/strong="G0846" 2:13-22)

<sup>15</sup> Jesus/strong="G1525" went/strong="G2064" to/strong="G1519" Jerusalem/strong="G2414" and/strong="G2532" entered/strong="G1525" the/strong="G3588" Temple/strong="G2413" area. He/strong="G2532" began/strong="G0757" driving out/strong="G1544" the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" were/strong="G3588" buying/strong="G0059" and/strong="G2532" selling/strong="G4453" things/strong="G3588" there/strong="G1722". He/strong="G2532" turned/strong="G2064" over/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" tables/strong="G5132" that/strong="G1525" belonged to/strong="G1519" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" were/strong="G3588" exchanging different kinds of/strong="G1722" money. And/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" turned/strong="G2064" over/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" benches of/strong="G1722" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" were/strong="G3588" selling/strong="G4453" doves/strong="G4058". <sup>16</sup> He/strong="G2532" refused/strong="G3756" to/strong="G2443" allow/strong="G0863" anyone/strong="G5100" to/strong="G2443" carry/strong="G1308" things/strong="G5100" through/strong="G1223" the/strong="G3588" Temple/strong="G2411" area. <sup>17</sup> Then/strong="G2532" Jesus/strong="G0846" began teaching/strong="G1321" the/strong="G3956" people/strong="G1484" and/strong="G2532" said/strong="G3004", " It/strong="G0846" is/strong="G3588" written/strong="G1125" in/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" Scriptures, ' My/strong="G3956" Temple/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3956" be/strong="G2532" called/strong="G2564" a/strong="G4160" house/strong="G3624" of/strong="G3624" prayer/strong="G4335" for/strong="G3754" all/strong="G3956" nations/strong="G1484".' <sup>1</sup>

But/strong="G1161" you/strong="G5210" have/strong="G2532" changed it/strong="G0846" into/strong="G2564" a/strong="G4160" 'hiding place/strong="G4335" for/strong="G3754" thieves.' <sup>II</sup>

<sup>18</sup> When/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" leading priests/strong="G0749" and/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" teachers of/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3956" law heard/strong="G0191" what/strong="G3588" Jesus/strong="G0846" said/strong="G2532", they/strong="G0846" began/strong="G1909" trying/strong="G2212" to/strong="G1909" find a/strong="G0191" way/strong="G3956" to/strong="G1909" kill him/strong="G0846". They/strong="G0846" were/strong="G3793" afraid/strong="G5399" of/strong="G1909" him/strong="G0846" because/strong="G1063" all/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" people/strong="G3793" were/strong="G3793" amazed/strong="G1605" at/strong="G1909" his/strong="G0846" teaching/strong="G1322". <sup>19</sup> That/strong="G1096" night Jesus/strong="G2532" and/strong="G2532" his/strong="G2532" followers left the/strong="G3588" city/strong="G4172".

**Jesus/strong="G2532" Shows the/strong="G3588" Power of/strong="G4172" Faith**

(Matthew 21:20-22)

<sup>20</sup> The/strong="G3588" next morning/strong="G4404" Jesus/strong="G2532" was/strong="G3588" walking with/strong="G1537" his/strong="G3708" followers. They/strong="G2532" saw/strong="G3708" the/strong="G3588" fig/strong="G4808" tree/strong="G4808" that/strong="G3708" he/strong="G2532" spoke to/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" day before/strong="G1537". The/strong="G3588" tree/strong="G4808" was/strong="G3588" dry and/strong="G2532" dead, even/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" roots/strong="G4491". <sup>21</sup> Peter/strong="G4074" remembered/strong="G0363" the/strong="G3588" tree/strong="G4808" and/strong="G2532" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" Jesus/strong="G0846", "Teacher, look/strong="G3708"! Yesterday, you/strong="G3739" told/strong="G3004" that/strong="G3739" fig/strong="G4808" tree/strong="G4808" to/strong="G3004" die. Now/strong="G2532" it/strong="G0846" is/strong="G3739" dry and/strong="G2532" dead!"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus/strong="G2424" answered/strong="G0611", " Have/strong="G2192" faith/strong="G4102" in/strong="G2316" God/strong="G2316". <sup>23</sup> The/strong="G3588" truth is/strong="G1510", you/strong="G5210" can/strong="G3004" say/strong="G3004"

<sup>I</sup> 11:17 Quote from Isaiah 56:7. <sup>II</sup> 11:17 Quote from Jeremiah 7:11.

to|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3778" mountain|strong="G3735", 'Go, mountain|strong="G3735", fall into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281".' And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G0302" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3361" doubts|strong="G1252" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" mind|strong="G2588" and|strong="G2532" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3004" will|strong="G1510" happen|strong="G1096", then|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" do|strong="G1096" it|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210".<sup>24</sup> So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G3004" ask|strong="G0154" for|strong="G3754" what|strong="G3745" you|strong="G5210" want in|strong="G3956" prayer|strong="G4336". And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G3748" you|strong="G5210" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" received|strong="G2983" those|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778", then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" yours|strong="G4771".<sup>25</sup> When|strong="G3752" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" praying|strong="G4336" and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" remember that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" angry with|strong="G1722" another|strong="G2596" person|strong="G5100" about|strong="G1722" something|strong="G5100", forgive|strong="G0863" that|strong="G2443" person|strong="G5100". Forgive|strong="G0863" them|strong="G1722" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" your|strong="G2192" Father|strong="G3962" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" will|strong="G5100" also|strong="G2532" forgive|strong="G0863" your|strong="G2192" sins|strong="G3900".<sup>26</sup> I

#### Jewish Leaders Doubt Jesus' Authority

(Matthew 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8)

<sup>27</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers went|strong="G2064" again|strong="G3825" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414". Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" walking|strong="G4043" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846" area. The|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749", the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G1722"

I Some early Greek copies add verse 26: "But if you don't forgive others, then your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins."

the|strong="G3588" law, and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" older|strong="G4245" Jewish leaders came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".<sup>28</sup> They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Tell|strong="G3004" us|strong="G1325"! What|strong="G5101" authority|strong="G1849" do|strong="G4160" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778"? Who|strong="G3588" gave|strong="G1325" you|strong="G4771" this|strong="G3778" authority|strong="G1849"?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3778" ask|strong="G1905" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G4160" question|strong="G1905". You|strong="G5210" answer|strong="G0611" my|strong="G1722" question|strong="G1905". Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3778" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" whose|strong="G0846" authority|strong="G1849" I|strong="G1473" use to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778".<sup>30</sup> Tell me|strong="G1473": When|strong="G1510" John|strong="G2491" baptized people|strong="G0444", did|strong="G1510" his|strong="G2491" authority come|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" God or|strong="G2228" was|strong="G1510" it|strong="G1510" only from|strong="G1537" other|strong="G2228" people|strong="G0444"? Answer|strong="G0611" me|strong="G1473"."

<sup>31</sup> These|strong="G0846" Jewish leaders|strong="G3004" talked about|strong="G4314" Jesus' question. They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1438", " If|strong="G1437" we|strong="G1437" answer, ' John's|strong="G0846" baptism was|strong="G0846" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G0846", then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G5101" say|strong="G3004", ' Then|strong="G2532" why|strong="G5101" didn't|strong="G3756" you|strong="G1437" believe|strong="G4100" John|strong="G0846"?<sup>32</sup> But|strong="G0235" we|strong="G3754" can't say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" John's|strong="G2491" baptism was|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" someone|strong="G0444" else." ( These|strong="G3748" leaders|strong="G3004" were|strong="G1510" afraid|strong="G5399" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992", because|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" believed that|strong="G3754"



John *strong="G2491"* was *strong="G1510"* a *strong="G2192"* prophet *strong="G4396"*.)  
<sup>33</sup> So *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* leaders *strong="G3004"* answered *strong="G0611"* "Jesus *strong="G2424"*, " We *strong="G3778"* don't *strong="G3756"* know *strong="G1492"* the *strong="G3588"* answer *strong="G0611"*."  
 Jesus *strong="G2424"* said *strong="G3004"*, " Then *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* will *strong="G3778"* not *strong="G3756"* tell *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G5210"* who *strong="G3588"* gave *strong="G4160"* me *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* authority *strong="G1849"* to *strong="G3004"* do *strong="G4160"* these *strong="G3778"* things *strong="G3778"*."

### God Sends His Son

(Matthew 21:33-46; Luke 20:9-19)

**12** Jesus *strong="G0846"* used stories to *strong="G0757"* teach the *strong="G2532"* people *strong="G0444"*. He *strong="G2532"* said *strong="G2980"*, " A *strong="G3618"* man *strong="G0444"* planted *strong="G5452"* a *strong="G3618"* vineyard *strong="G0290"*. He *strong="G2532"* put *strong="G4060"* a *strong="G3618"* wall *strong="G5418"* around *strong="G4060"* the *strong="G2532"* field and *strong="G2532"* dug *strong="G3736"* a *strong="G3618"* hole for *strong="G1722"* a *strong="G3618"* winepress. Then *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* built *strong="G3618"* a *strong="G3618"* tower *strong="G4444"*. He *strong="G2532"* leased *strong="G1554"* the *strong="G2532"* land to *strong="G0757"* some farmers and *strong="G2532"* left for *strong="G1722"* a *strong="G3618"* trip.

<sup>2</sup> "Later, it *strong="G0649"* was *strong="G3588"* time *strong="G2540"* for *strong="G4314"* the *strong="G3588"* grapes to *strong="G4314"* be *strong="G2532"* picked *strong="G2983"*. So *strong="G2443"* the *strong="G3588"* man sent *strong="G0649"* a *strong="G2983"* servant *strong="G1401"* to *strong="G4314"* the *strong="G3588"* farmers to *strong="G4314"* get his *strong="G2983"* share of *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"* grapes. <sup>3</sup> But *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G2532"* farmers grabbed the *strong="G2532"* servant and *strong="G2532"* beat *strong="G1194"* him *strong="G0846"*. They *strong="G0846"* sent *strong="G0649"* him *strong="G0846"* away *strong="G0649"* with *strong="G2532"* nothing. <sup>4</sup> Then *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G2532"* man *strong="G0243"* sent *strong="G0649"* another *strong="G0243"* servant *strong="G1401"* to *strong="G4314"* the *strong="G2532"* farmers. They *strong="G0846"* hit this *strong="G0846"* ser-

vant *strong="G1401"* on *strong="G0846"* the *strong="G2532"* head *strong="G2775"*, showing no respect for *strong="G4314"* him *strong="G0846"*.  
<sup>5</sup> So *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G2532"* man *strong="G0243"* sent *strong="G0649"* another *strong="G0243"* servant. The *strong="G2532"* farmers killed *strong="G0615"* this *strong="G3739"* servant. The *strong="G2532"* man *strong="G0243"* sent *strong="G0649"* many *strong="G4183"* other *strong="G0243"* servants to *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G2532"* farmers. The *strong="G2532"* farmers beat *strong="G1194"* some *strong="G3739"* of *strong="G2532"* them *strong="G3739"* and *strong="G2532"* killed *strong="G0615"* the *strong="G2532"* others *strong="G0243"*.

<sup>6</sup> " The *strong="G3588"* man *strong="G1520"* had *strong="G2192"* only *strong="G1438"* one *strong="G1520"* person *strong="G5207"* left to *strong="G4314"* send *strong="G0649"* to *strong="G4314"* the *strong="G3588"* farmers. It *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* his *strong="G0846"* son *strong="G5207"*. He *strong="G0846"* loved his *strong="G0846"* son *strong="G5207"*, but *strong="G1438"* he *strong="G0846"* decided to *strong="G4314"* send *strong="G0649"* him *strong="G0846"*. He *strong="G0846"* said *strong="G3004"*, ' The *strong="G3588"* farmers will *strong="G3748"* respect *strong="G1788"* my *strong="G0649"* son *strong="G5207"*."

<sup>7</sup> " But *strong="G1161"* the *strong="G3588"* farmers said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G4314"* each *strong="G1438"* other *strong="G1161"*, ' This *strong="G3778"* is *strong="G1510"* the *strong="G3588"* owner's son, and *strong="G2532"* this *strong="G3778"* vineyard will *strong="G1510"* be *strong="G1510"* his *strong="G0846"*. If *strong="G3748"* we *strong="G2249"* kill *strong="G0615"* him *strong="G0846"*, it *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G1510"* be *strong="G1510"* ours *strong="G1473"*! <sup>8</sup> So *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* took *strong="G2983"* the *strong="G3588"* son, threw *strong="G1544"* him *strong="G0846"* out *strong="G1854"* of *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* vineyard *strong="G0290"*, and *strong="G2532"* killed *strong="G0615"* him *strong="G0846"*.

<sup>9</sup> " So *strong="G2532"* what *strong="G5101"* will *strong="G5101"* the *strong="G3588"* man *strong="G0243"* who *strong="G3588"* owns the *strong="G3588"* vineyard *strong="G0290"* do *strong="G4160"*? He *strong="G2532"* will *strong="G5101"* go *strong="G2064"* and *strong="G2532"* kill those *strong="G3588"* farmers. Then *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* will *strong="G5101"* lease the *strong="G3588"* land to *strong="G2064"* others *strong="G0243"*. <sup>10</sup> Surely

you |strong="G3739" have |strong="G1096" read |strong="G0314" this |strong="G3778" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures |strong="G1124".

' The |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" that |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" builders |strong="G3618" refused to |strong="G1519" accept

became |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" cornerstone |strong="G2776".

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" did |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778", and |strong="G2532" it |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" wonderful to |strong="G2532" us |strong="G1722"."

Psalms 118:22-23

<sup>12</sup> When |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3748" Jewish leaders |strong="G3004" heard |strong="G1097" this |strong="G3588" story, they |strong="G0846" knew |strong="G1097" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" about |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G2212" to |strong="G4314" find |strong="G1097" a |strong="G3793" way |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" arrest |strong="G2902" Jesus |strong="G0846", but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3793" afraid |strong="G5399" of |strong="G3004" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" crowd |strong="G3793" would |strong="G0846" do |strong="G5399". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0863" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" away |strong="G0565".

**The |strong="G3588" Jewish Leaders |strong="G3004" Try to |strong="G4314" Trick Jesus |strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26)

<sup>13</sup> Later, the |strong="G3588" Jewish leaders |strong="G0649" sent |strong="G0649" some |strong="G5100" Pharisees |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G5100" men |strong="G5100" from |strong="G0649" the |strong="G3588" group called Herodians |strong="G2265" to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G4314" catch him |strong="G0846" saying |strong="G3056" something |strong="G5100" wrong. <sup>14</sup> They |strong="G0846" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Teacher |strong="G1320", we |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" an |strong="G1510" honest man |strong="G0444". You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" afraid

of |strong="G2316" what |strong="G3588" others |strong="G0444" think about |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771". All |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" teach |strong="G1321" the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225" about |strong="G4012" God's |strong="G2316" way |strong="G3598". Tell |strong="G3004" us |strong="G1325", is |strong="G1510" it |strong="G0846" right |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" pay |strong="G1325" taxes |strong="G2778" to |strong="G1519" Caesar |strong="G2541"? Should |strong="G2316" we |strong="G2532" pay |strong="G1325" them |strong="G0846" or |strong="G2228" not |strong="G3756"?"

<sup>15</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" knew that |strong="G2443" these |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" really trying |strong="G3985" to |strong="G2443" trick him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3708" trying |strong="G3985" to |strong="G2443" catch me |strong="G3004" saying |strong="G3004" something |strong="G5101" wrong? Bring |strong="G5342" me |strong="G3004" a |strong="G3708" silver coin. Let |strong="G2443" me |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708" it |strong="G0846"." <sup>16</sup> They |strong="G0846" gave Jesus |strong="G0846" a |strong="G3004" coin and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004", " Whose |strong="G5101" picture is |strong="G5101" on |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" coin? And |strong="G2532" whose |strong="G5101" name is |strong="G5101" written on |strong="G1161" it |strong="G0846"? " They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G5101" Caesar's |strong="G2541" picture and |strong="G2532" Caesar's |strong="G2541" name."

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Give |strong="G0591" to |strong="G3004" Caesar |strong="G2541" what |strong="G3588" belongs to |strong="G3004" Caesar |strong="G2541", and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G0591" to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G2316" what |strong="G3588" belongs to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G2316". " The |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" amazed |strong="G2296" at |strong="G1909" what |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004".

*Some Sadducees Try  
to Trick Jesus*  
(Matthew 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-40)

18 Then some Sadducees came to Jesus. (Sadducees believe that no one will rise from death.) They asked a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote that if a married man dies, he had no children, his brother must marry the woman. Then they will have children for the dead brother. There were seven brothers. The first married but died. He had no children. So the second married the woman. But he also died. He had no children. The same thing happened with the third brother. All seven brothers married a woman and died. None of the brothers had any children with her. And she was the last to die. But all seven

I IF ... DEAD BROTHER See Deuteronomy 25:5, 6.

brothers had married her. So at the time when people rise from death, whose wife will she be?"  
24 Jesus answered, "How could you be so wrong? It's because you don't know what the Scriptures say. And you don't know anything about God's power." 25 When people rise from death, there will be no marriage. People will not be married to each other. All people will be like angels in heaven. 26 Surely you have read what God said about people rising from death. In the book where Moses wrote about the burning bush, it says that God told Moses: 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' So they were not still dead, because he is the God on-

II BURNING BUSH See Exodus 3:1-12. III 12:26 Quote from Exodus 3:6.

ly|strong="G3756" of|strong="G2316" living|strong="G2198" people|strong="G1510". You|strong="G1510" Sadducees are|strong="G1510" so wrong!"

**Which Command Is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G1510" Most|strong="G4183" Important?**

(Matthew 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28)

28 One|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3956" teachers of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3956" law came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" Jesus|strong="G0846" arguing|strong="G4802" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Sadducees and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Pharisees. He|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G0846" gave good|strong="G2573" answers|strong="G0611" to|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" questions|strong="G1905". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G1905" him|strong="G0846", " Which|strong="G3748" of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3956" commands|strong="G1785" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" most important?"

29 Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " The|strong="G3588" most important command is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3588": ' People|strong="G1510" of|strong="G2316" Israel|strong="G2474", listen|strong="G0191"! The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" only Lord|strong="G2962". 30 Love|strong="G0025" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" your|strong="G0025" God|strong="G2316" with|strong="G1537" all|strong="G3650" your|strong="G0025" heart|strong="G2588", all|strong="G3650" your|strong="G0025" soul|strong="G5590", all|strong="G3650" your|strong="G0025" mind|strong="G1271", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3650" your|strong="G0025" strength|strong="G2479". 31 The|strong="G3588" second|strong="G1208" most important|strong="G3173" command|strong="G1785" is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778": ' Love|strong="G0025" your|strong="G0025" neighbor|strong="G4139" III the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3778" as|strong="G5613" you|strong="G4771" love|strong="G0025" yourself|strong="G4572". III These|strong="G3778" two|strong="G1208" commands|strong="G1785"

I 12:30 Quote from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. II YOUR NEIGHBOR OR "others." Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:25-37 makes clear that this includes anyone in need. III 12:31 Quote from Leviticus 19:18.

are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" most important|strong="G3173"."

32 The|strong="G3588" man|strong="G1520" answered|strong="G3004", " That|strong="G3754" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G2573" answer, Teacher|strong="G1320". You|strong="G3754" are|strong="G1510" right|strong="G2573" in|strong="G1909" saying|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" only|strong="G3756" Lord and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756" other|strong="G0243" God|strong="G0846". 33 And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1510" must|strong="G1510" love|strong="G0025" God|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1537" all|strong="G3956" your|strong="G0025" heart|strong="G2588", all|strong="G3956" your|strong="G0025" mind|strong="G2588", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" your|strong="G0025" strength|strong="G2479". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1510" must|strong="G1510" love|strong="G0025" others|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G5613" you|strong="G1510" love|strong="G0025" yourself|strong="G0846". These|strong="G3588" commands are|strong="G1510" more|strong="G3956" important than|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" animals and|strong="G2532" sacrifices|strong="G2378" we|strong="G2532" offer to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846"."

34 Jesus|strong="G2424" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G3762" answered|strong="G0611" him|strong="G0846" wisely. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G3754" are|strong="G1510" close to|strong="G3004" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932". And|strong="G2532" after|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" time, no|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3762" was|strong="G1510" brave enough to|strong="G3004" ask|strong="G1905" Jesus|strong="G2424" any|strong="G3762" more|strong="G3765" questions|strong="G1905".

**Is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Messiah David's Son or|strong="G2532" David's Lord|strong="G2316"?**  
(Matthew 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44)

35 Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G1510" teaching|strong="G1321" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2411" area. He|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G3004", "

Why|strong="G4459" do|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" law say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" David|strong="G1138"?<sup>36</sup> With|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" help of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151", David|strong="G1138" himself|strong="G0846" says|strong="G3004", ' The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" God|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" my|strong="G5087" Lord|strong="G2962":

Sit|strong="G2521" by|strong="G1722" me|strong="G3004" at|strong="G1722" my|strong="G5087" right|strong="G1188" side, and|strong="G2962" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2962" put|strong="G5087" your|strong="G2962" enemies|strong="G2190" under|strong="G5270" your|strong="G2962" control|strong="G4228".<sup>1</sup>

Psalm 110:1

<sup>37</sup> David|strong="G1138" himself|strong="G0846" calls|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Messiah ' Lord|strong="G2962":' So|strong="G2532" how|strong="G4159" can|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Messiah be|strong="G1510" David's|strong="G1138" son|strong="G5207"? Many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G3793" listened|strong="G0191" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" were|strong="G1510" very|strong="G0846" pleased.

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Criticizes the|strong="G3588" Teachers of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" Law**  
(Matthew 23:1-36; Luke 20:45-47)

<sup>38</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" continued teaching|strong="G1322". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Be|strong="G2532" careful|strong="G0991" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" law. They|strong="G0846" like|strong="G2309" to|strong="G3004" walk|strong="G4043" around|strong="G4043" wearing clothes that|strong="G3004" look|strong="G0991" important. And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" love for|strong="G1722" people|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" show respect to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" marketplaces.<sup>39</sup> They|strong="G2532" love to|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" most important seats|strong="G4410" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" synagogues|strong="G4864"

<sup>1</sup> CONTROL Literally, "feet."

and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" places|strong="G4411" of|strong="G1722" honor|strong="G4411" at|strong="G1722" banquets|strong="G1173".<sup>40</sup> But|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" cheat widows|strong="G5503" and|strong="G2532" take|strong="G2983" their|strong="G2532" homes. Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" try to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G4336" themselves look good by|strong="G2532" saying long|strong="G3117" prayers|strong="G4336". God will|strong="G3778" punish them|strong="G2983" very|strong="G3778" much."

### True Giving (Luke 21:1-4)

<sup>41</sup> Jesus|strong="G2532" sat|strong="G2523" near|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple collection box<sup>II</sup> and|strong="G2532" watched|strong="G2334" as|strong="G1519" people|strong="G3793" put|strong="G0906" money|strong="G5475" into|strong="G1519" it|strong="G2532". Many|strong="G4183" rich|strong="G4145" people|strong="G3793" put|strong="G0906" in|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3793" lot of|strong="G3588" money|strong="G5475".<sup>42</sup> Then|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" poor|strong="G4434" widow|strong="G5503" came|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G0906" in|strong="G2532" two|strong="G1417" very|strong="G2532" small|strong="G3016" copper|strong="G3016" coins|strong="G3016", worth less than|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" penny|strong="G2835".

<sup>43</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" called|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" followers to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " This|strong="G3778" poor|strong="G4434" widow|strong="G5503" put|strong="G0906" in|strong="G1519" only|strong="G2532" two small coins. But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" truth is|strong="G3778", she|strong="G0846" gave|strong="G0906" more|strong="G4183" than|strong="G4183" all|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3588" rich people|strong="G3956".<sup>44</sup> They|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2192" plenty, and|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" gave|strong="G0906" only what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3778" need|strong="G2192". This|strong="G3778" woman|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" very|strong="G0846" poor, but|strong="G1161" she|strong="G0846" gave|strong="G0906" all|strong="G3956"

<sup>II</sup> COLLECTION BOX A special box in the Jewish place for worship where people put their gifts to God.

she/strong="G0846" had/strong="G2192". It/strong="G0846" was/strong="G3588" money/strong="G0846" she/strong="G0846" needed to/strong="G3778" live/strong="G0979" on/strong="G1537".

**Jesus Warns About the Future**  
(Matthew 24:1-44; Luke 21:5-33)

**13** Jesus/strong="G0846" was/strong="G3588" leaving/strong="G1607" the/strong="G3588" Temple/strong="G0846" area. One/strong="G1520" of/strong="G1537" his/strong="G0846" followers said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" him/strong="G0846", " Teacher/strong="G1320", look/strong="G3708" how/strong="G4217" big those/strong="G3588" stones/strong="G3037" are/strong="G3588"! What/strong="G3588" beautiful buildings/strong="G3619"!"

<sup>2</sup> Jesus/strong="G2424" said/strong="G3004", " Do/strong="G3361" you/strong="G3739" see/strong="G0991" these/strong="G3778" great/strong="G3173" buildings/strong="G3619"? They/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3739" all/strong="G3588" be/strong="G2532" destroyed/strong="G2647". Every stone/strong="G3037" will/strong="G3739" be/strong="G2532" thrown down/strong="G2647" to/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3588" ground. Not/strong="G3756" one/strong="G3739" stone/strong="G3037" will/strong="G3739" be/strong="G2532" left/strong="G0863" on/strong="G1909" another/strong="G3037"."

<sup>3</sup> Later, Jesus/strong="G0846" was/strong="G4074" sitting/strong="G2521" at/strong="G1519" a/strong="G2532" place on/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" Mount/strong="G3735" of/strong="G2596" Olives/strong="G1636". He/strong="G2532" was/strong="G4074" alone/strong="G0846" with/strong="G2596" Peter/strong="G4074", James/strong="G2385", John/strong="G2491", and/strong="G2532" Andrew/strong="G0406". They/strong="G0846" could all/strong="G3588" see the/strong="G3588" Temple/strong="G0846", and/strong="G2532" they/strong="G0846" said/strong="G1905" to/strong="G1519" Jesus/strong="G0846", <sup>4</sup> " Tell/strong="G3004" us/strong="G3004" when/strong="G3752" these/strong="G3778" things/strong="G3778" will/strong="G1510" happen/strong="G1510". And/strong="G2532" what/strong="G5101" will/strong="G1510" show us/strong="G3004" it/strong="G3752" is/strong="G1510" time for/strong="G3956" them/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" happen/strong="G1510"?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus/strong="G2424" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" them/strong="G0846", " Be/strong="G5100" careful/strong="G0991"!

Don't/strong="G3361" let/strong="G4105" anyone/strong="G5100" fool you/strong="G5210". <sup>6</sup> Many/strong="G4183" people/strong="G1510" will/strong="G1510" come/strong="G2064" and/strong="G2532" use my/strong="G3754" name/strong="G3686". They/strong="G1510" say/strong="G3004", ' I/strong="G1473" am/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3588" Messiah, <sup>1</sup> and/strong="G2532" they/strong="G2532" will/strong="G1510" fool many/strong="G4183" people/strong="G1510". <sup>7</sup> You/strong="G3752" will/strong="G2532" hear/strong="G0191" about/strong="G3588" wars/strong="G4171" that/strong="G0191" are/strong="G3588" being/strong="G1096" fought. And/strong="G2532" you/strong="G3752" will/strong="G2532" hear/strong="G0191" stories about/strong="G3588" other/strong="G1161" wars/strong="G4171" beginning. But/strong="G1161" don't/strong="G3361" be/strong="G1096" afraid. These/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3588" must/strong="G1163" happen/strong="G1096" before/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" end/strong="G5056" comes/strong="G1096". <sup>8</sup> Nations/strong="G1484" will/strong="G1510" fight against/strong="G2596" other nations/strong="G1484". Kingdoms/strong="G0932" will/strong="G1510" fight against/strong="G2596" other kingdoms/strong="G0932". There/strong="G1510" will/strong="G1510" be/strong="G1510" times when/strong="G2532" there/strong="G1510" is/strong="G1510" no food for/strong="G1063" people/strong="G1484" to/strong="G1909" eat. And/strong="G2532" there/strong="G1510" will/strong="G1510" be/strong="G1510" earthquakes/strong="G4578" in/strong="G1909" different places/strong="G5117". These things are/strong="G1510" only/strong="G2532" the/strong="G2532" beginning/strong="G0746" of/strong="G0932" troubles, like/strong="G2596" the/strong="G2532" first/strong="G0746" pains/strong="G5604" of/strong="G0932" a/strong="G1510" woman giving birth/strong="G5604".

<sup>9</sup> " You/strong="G5210" must/strong="G0846" be/strong="G2532" careful/strong="G0991"! There/strong="G1161" are/strong="G3778" people/strong="G0846" who/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3778" arrest you/strong="G5210" and/strong="G2532" take/strong="G0991" you/strong="G5210" to/strong="G1519" be/strong="G2532" judged for/strong="G1519" being/strong="G4771" my/strong="G2532" followers. They/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3778" beat/strong="G1194" you/strong="G5210" in/strong="G1519" their/strong="G0846" syna-

<sup>1</sup> THE MESSIAH Literally "the one," meaning the chosen one sent by God. See "Messiah" in the Word List and Matthew 24:5.

gogues |strong="G4864". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3778" be |strong="G2532" forced to |strong="G1519" stand |strong="G2476" before |strong="G1909" kings |strong="G0935" and |strong="G2532" governors |strong="G2232". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3778" tell them |strong="G0846" about |strong="G1909" me |strong="G1473".<sup>10</sup> Before |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" end |strong="G1519" comes |strong="G2532", the |strong="G3956" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1163" told to |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3956" nations |strong="G1484".<sup>11</sup> Even |strong="G2532" when |strong="G3752" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" arrested and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G1325" on |strong="G1722" trial, don't |strong="G3756" worry |strong="G4305" about |strong="G1722" what |strong="G5101" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" say |strong="G2980". Say |strong="G2980" whatever |strong="G1437" God |strong="G1325" tells you |strong="G5210" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G5610". It |strong="G1437" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" really be |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" speaking |strong="G2980". It |strong="G1437" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151".

<sup>12</sup> " Brothers |strong="G0080" will |strong="G2532" turn |strong="G3860" against |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" hand |strong="G3860" them |strong="G0846" over |strong="G1909" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" killed. Fathers |strong="G3962" will |strong="G2532" hand |strong="G3860" over |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" children |strong="G5043" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" killed. Children |strong="G5043" will |strong="G2532" fight against |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" parents |strong="G1118" and |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846" killed.<sup>13</sup> All |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" will |strong="G1510" hate |strong="G3404" you |strong="G1510" because |strong="G1223" you |strong="G1510" follow me |strong="G1473". But |strong="G1161" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" remain |strong="G1510" faithful to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" end |strong="G5056" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" saved |strong="G4982".

<sup>14</sup> " You |strong="G3752" will |strong="G2476" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" terrible thing that |strong="G3708" causes destruction.'<sup>1</sup>

You |strong="G3752" will |strong="G2476" see |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3588" thing standing |strong="G2476" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G3699" where |strong="G3699" it |strong="G5119" should |strong="G1163" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1163". ( Reader |strong="G0314", I |strong="G1161" trust you |strong="G3752" understand |strong="G3539" what |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3588" means |strong="G1722".) "Every-one in |strong="G1722" Judea |strong="G2449" at |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3708" time |strong="G5119" should |strong="G1163" run away |strong="G5343" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" mountains |strong="G3735".<sup>15</sup> They |strong="G0846" should |strong="G5100" run away |strong="G0142" without |strong="G3361" wasting time |strong="G1909" to |strong="G1909" stop |strong="G3361" for |strong="G1909" anything |strong="G5100". If someone |strong="G5100" is |strong="G5100" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" roof |strong="G1430" of |strong="G1537" their |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3614", they |strong="G0846" must |strong="G2597" not |strong="G3361" go |strong="G1525" down |strong="G2597" to |strong="G1909" take |strong="G0142" things |strong="G0846" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614".<sup>16</sup> If |strong="G2532" someone is |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" field |strong="G0068", they |strong="G0846" must |strong="G1994" not |strong="G3361" go back |strong="G1994" to |strong="G1519" get |strong="G0142" a |strong="G2532" coat |strong="G2440".

<sup>17</sup> " During |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" time |strong="G2250" it |strong="G1161" will |strong="G2250" be |strong="G2532" hard for |strong="G1722" women who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" pregnant |strong="G1064" or |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" small babies |strong="G2337".<sup>18</sup> Pray |strong="G4336" that |strong="G2443" these things will |strong="G1096" not |strong="G3361" happen |strong="G1096" in |strong="G1096" winter |strong="G5494",<sup>19</sup> because |strong="G1063" those |strong="G3588" days |strong="G2250" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" full of |strong="G2250" trouble |strong="G2347". There |strong="G1510" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" more |strong="G3756" trouble |strong="G2347" than |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2316" ever happened |strong="G1096" since |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" beginning |strong="G0746", when |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" made |strong="G1096"

I 'THE TERRIBLE THING ... DESTRUCTION' See Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11.

the world. And nothing will ever happen again the Lord has decided to make that terrible time short. If we were not made, no one could survive. But the Lord will make that time short to help the special people he has chosen.

<sup>21</sup> "Someone might to you at that time, 'Look, there the Messiah! Or another person say, 'There he is! But don't believe in them. False messiahs and false prophets will do miracles and wonders, trying to fool the people. God has chosen, if that is possible. So be careful. Now I have warned you about all this before it happens.

<sup>24</sup> "During the days following that time of trouble, 'The sun will become dark, and the moon will

not give light.

<sup>25</sup> The stars will fall from the sky, and everything in the sky will be changed. <sup>II</sup>

<sup>26</sup> " Then people will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> He will send his angels all around the earth. They will gather his chosen people from every part of the earth.

<sup>28</sup> " The fig tree teaches us a lesson: When its branches become green and soft, and new leaves begin to grow, then you know that summer is very near. <sup>29</sup> In the same way, when you see all these things happening, you will know that the time is very near, already present. <sup>30</sup> I assure you that all these things will happen while some of the people

<sup>II</sup> See Isaiah 13:10; 34:4. <sup>III</sup> TIME The time Jesus has been talking about when something important will happen. See Luke 21:31, where Jesus says that this is the time for God's kingdom to come.

<sup>I</sup> MIRACLES AND WONDERS Here, amazing acts done by Satan's power.



of|strong="G3956" this|strong="G3778" time are|strong="G3956" still living.<sup>31</sup> The|strong="G3588" whole world|strong="G1093", earth|strong="G1093" and|strong="G2532" sky|strong="G3772", will|strong="G1093" be|strong="G2532" destroyed, but|strong="G1161" my|strong="G2532" words|strong="G3056" will|strong="G1093" last forever.

<sup>32</sup> " No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" knows|strong="G1492" when|strong="G1161" that|strong="G1565" day|strong="G2250" or|strong="G2228" time|strong="G2250" will|strong="G2250" be|strong="G2228". The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" don't|strong="G3361" know|strong="G1492" when|strong="G1161" that|strong="G1565" day|strong="G2250" or|strong="G2228" time|strong="G2250" will|strong="G2250" be|strong="G2228". Only|strong="G1487" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" knows|strong="G1492".<sup>33</sup> Be|strong="G1510" careful|strong="G0991"! Always be|strong="G1510" ready. You|strong="G1510" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" when|strong="G1492" that|strong="G0991" time|strong="G2540" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510".

<sup>34</sup> "It's like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" man|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588" goes on|strong="G1849" a|strong="G5613" trip and|strong="G2532" leaves|strong="G0863" his|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" care of|strong="G2041" his|strong="G0846" servants|strong="G1401". He|strong="G2532" gives|strong="G1325" each|strong="G1538" one|strong="G1538" a|strong="G5613" special job to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G2532". He|strong="G2532" tells the|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G1401" guarding the|strong="G3588" door|strong="G2377" to|strong="G2443" always be|strong="G2532" ready. And|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" is|strong="G0444" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G2532" telling you|strong="G1325" now|strong="G2532".<sup>35</sup> You|strong="G3767" must|strong="G3588" always be|strong="G3767" ready. You|strong="G3767" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" when|strong="G1492" the|strong="G3588" owner|strong="G2962" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3614" will|strong="G2962" come|strong="G2064" back. He|strong="G3767" might come|strong="G2064" in|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" afternoon, or|strong="G2228" at|strong="G3588" midnight|strong="G3317",

or|strong="G2228" in|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" early|strong="G4404" morning|strong="G4404", or|strong="G2228" when|strong="G1492" the|strong="G3588" sun rises.<sup>36</sup> If you|strong="G5210" are always ready, he|strong="G2064" will|strong="G2064" not|strong="G3361" find|strong="G2147" you|strong="G5210" sleeping|strong="G2518", even if he|strong="G2064" comes|strong="G2064" back earlier than|strong="G3361" expected|strong="G2064".<sup>37</sup> I|strong="G3739" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" this|strong="G3739", and|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3739" say|strong="G3004" it|strong="G1161" to|strong="G3004" everyone|strong="G3956": ' Be|strong="G3956" ready!'"

#### The Jewish Leaders Plan to Kill Jesus (Matthew 26:1-5; Luke 22:1-2; John 11:45-53)

**14** It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" now|strong="G1161" only|strong="G2532" two|strong="G1417" days|strong="G2250" before|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Festival of|strong="G2250" Unleavened|strong="G0106" Bread. The|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" teachers of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" law were|strong="G1510" trying|strong="G2212" to|strong="G2212" find a|strong="G1510" way|strong="G1722" to|strong="G2212" arrest|strong="G2902" Jesus|strong="G0846" without|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" seeing it|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" could kill|strong="G0615" him|strong="G0846".<sup>2</sup> They|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004", " But|strong="G1063" we|strong="G1510" cannot|strong="G3361" arrest Jesus|strong="G3004" during|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" festival|strong="G1859". We|strong="G1510" don't|strong="G3361" want the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" to|strong="G3004" be|strong="G1510" angry and|strong="G2992" cause a|strong="G1510" riot|strong="G2351"."

#### A|strong="G1510" Woman Does|strong="G1510" Something|strong="G1510" Special

(Matthew 26:6-13; John|strong="G3004" 12:1-8)

<sup>3</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" Bethany|strong="G0963" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3614" of|strong="G1722" Simon|strong="G4613" the|strong="G3588" leper|strong="G3015". While|strong="G1722" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" eating there|strong="G1510", a|strong="G2192" woman|strong="G1135" came|strong="G2064"

to|strong="G2064" him|strong="G0846". She|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2192" an|strong="G2192" alabaster|strong="G0211" jar filled with|strong="G1722" expensive|strong="G3464" perfume|strong="G3464" made of|strong="G1722" pure|strong="G4101" nard|strong="G3487". She|strong="G0846" opened the|strong="G3588" jar and|strong="G2532" poured|strong="G2708" the|strong="G3588" perfume|strong="G3464" on|strong="G1722" Jesus' head|strong="G2776".

<sup>4</sup> Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" followers there|strong="G1510" saw this|strong="G3778". They|strong="G1161" were|strong="G1510" upset and|strong="G1161" complained to|strong="G1519" each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1161". They|strong="G1161" said|strong="G1096", " Why|strong="G5101" waste|strong="G0684" that|strong="G3778" perfume|strong="G3464"? <sup>5</sup> It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" worth a|strong="G1325" full year's pay|strong="G1325". <sup>1</sup> It|strong="G0846" could|strong="G1410" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" sold|strong="G4097" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" money|strong="G0846" given|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1410" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" poor|strong="G4434". And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" told the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G3778" what|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1325" bad thing|strong="G3778" she|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3588" done.

<sup>6</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Leave|strong="G0863" her|strong="G0846" alone|strong="G0863". Why|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G1722" giving her|strong="G0846" such trouble|strong="G3930"? She|strong="G0846" did|strong="G0863" a|strong="G3004" very|strong="G0846" good|strong="G2570" thing|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1722" me|strong="G3004". <sup>7</sup> You|strong="G3752" will|strong="G2309" always|strong="G3842" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" poor|strong="G4434" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G3752", <sup>II</sup> and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3752" can|strong="G1410" help them|strong="G0846" any|strong="G3756" time you|strong="G3752" want|strong="G2309". But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G3752" will|strong="G2309" not|strong="G3756" always|strong="G3842" have|strong="G2192" me|strong="G1473". <sup>8</sup> This|strong="G3588" woman did|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" only thing|strong="G3739" she|strong="G3739" could|strong="G2192"

I A FULL YEAR'S PAY Literally, "300 denarii." One Roman denarius, a silver coin, was the average pay for one day's work. II You WILL ... WITH you See Deuteronomy 15:11.

do|strong="G4160" for|strong="G1519" me|strong="G1473". She|strong="G3739" poured perfume on|strong="G1519" my|strong="G3739" body|strong="G4983" before|strong="G1519" I|strong="G1473" die to|strong="G1519" prepare it|strong="G4160" for|strong="G1519" burial|strong="G1780". <sup>9</sup> The|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" people|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3650" over|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889". And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G3739" can|strong="G3004" assure you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3739" everywhere the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098" is|strong="G3778" told|strong="G3004", the|strong="G3588" story of|strong="G2098" what|strong="G3739" this|strong="G3778" woman|strong="G3778" did|strong="G4160" will|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004", and|strong="G2532" people|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" remember|strong="G4160" her|strong="G0846"."

#### Judas|strong="G3778" Agrees to|strong="G1519" Help Jesus' Enemies

(Matthew 26:14-16; Luke 22:3-6)

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Judas|strong="G2455" Iscariot|strong="G2469", one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" apostles, went|strong="G0565" to|strong="G4314" talk to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749" about|strong="G4314" handing|strong="G3860" Jesus|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846". <sup>11</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" very|strong="G0846" happy about|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3588", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" promised|strong="G1861" to|strong="G2212" pay|strong="G1325" him|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" waited for|strong="G2212" the|strong="G3588" best time|strong="G2122" to|strong="G2212" hand|strong="G3860" Jesus|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2212" them|strong="G0846".

#### The|strong="G3588" Passover Meal

(Matthew 26:17-25; Luke 22:7-14, 21-23; John|strong="G0846" 13:21-30)

<sup>12</sup> It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" now|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" Festival

of|strong="G2250" Unleavened|strong="G0106" Bread— the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" lambs were|strong="G3101" killed|strong="G2380" for|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957". Jesus' followers came|strong="G0565" to|strong="G2443" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " We|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2250" go|strong="G0565" and|strong="G2532" prepare|strong="G2090" everything for|strong="G2443" you|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2443" eat|strong="G2068" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957" meal. Where|strong="G4226" do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3004" want|strong="G2309" us|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2443" have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" meal?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" two|strong="G1417" of|strong="G4172" his|strong="G0846" followers into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " Go|strong="G5217" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G0444" see a|strong="G3004" man|strong="G0444" carrying|strong="G0941" a|strong="G3004" jar of|strong="G4172" water|strong="G5204". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G0444" come to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210". Follow|strong="G0190" him|strong="G0846". <sup>14</sup> He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" go|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1525" a|strong="G1510" house|strong="G3617". Tell|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" owner|strong="G3617" of|strong="G3101" the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3617", ' The|strong="G3588" Teacher|strong="G1320" asks that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G1437" show us|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" room|strong="G2646" where|strong="G3699" he|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2532" followers can|strong="G3004" eat|strong="G2068" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957" meal. <sup>15</sup> The|strong="G2532" owner will|strong="G2532" show|strong="G1166" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G2532" large|strong="G3173" room upstairs that|strong="G0846" is|strong="G2532" ready|strong="G2092" for|strong="G2090" us|strong="G1166". Prepare|strong="G2090" the|strong="G2532" meal for|strong="G2090" us|strong="G1166" there|strong="G1563"."

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers left|strong="G1831" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1831" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". Everything

happened|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G0846" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004". So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers prepared|strong="G2090" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957" meal.

<sup>17</sup> In|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" evening|strong="G3798" Jesus|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G2064" that|strong="G1096" house with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" apostles.

<sup>18</sup> While|strong="G2068" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" at|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" table eating|strong="G2068", he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Believe me|strong="G3004" when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3748" hand|strong="G3860" me|strong="G3004" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G3004" my|strong="G3754" enemies— one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210" eating|strong="G2068" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G3004" now|strong="G2532"."

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G2532" followers were|strong="G0846" very|strong="G0846" sad|strong="G3076" to|strong="G3004" hear this|strong="G0846". Each|strong="G2596" one|strong="G1520" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846", " Surely|strong="G3385" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" not|strong="G3385" the|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520"!"

<sup>20</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" you|strong="G3004" twelve|strong="G1427"— the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1520" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" dipping his|strong="G0846" bread in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" bowl|strong="G5165" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G3004". <sup>21</sup> The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" will|strong="G3739" suffer what|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say|strong="G1223" will|strong="G3739" happen to|strong="G0444" him|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G0444" very|strong="G0846" bad for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" hands|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444"

to|strong="G0444" be|strong="G0444" killed.  
 It|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846"  
 be|strong="G0444" better|strong="G2570"  
 for|strong="G3754" him|strong="G0846"  
 if|strong="G1487" he|strong="G0846"  
 had|strong="G3739" never|strong="G3756"  
 been|strong="G3756" born|strong="G1080".

### The|strong="G3588" Lord's Supper

(Matthew 26:26-30; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

22 While|strong="G1510" they|strong="G0846"  
 were|strong="G1510" eating|strong="G2068", Je-  
 sus|strong="G0846" took|strong="G2983"  
 some|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740"  
 and|strong="G2532" thanked God|strong="G0846"  
 for|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846".  
 He|strong="G2532" broke|strong="G2806" off  
 some|strong="G3588" pieces, gave|strong="G1325"  
 them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004"  
 his|strong="G0846" followers and|strong="G2532"  
 said|strong="G3004", " Take|strong="G2983"  
 and|strong="G2532" eat|strong="G2068"  
 this|strong="G3778" bread|strong="G0740".  
 It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510"  
 my|strong="G1325" body|strong="G4983"."

23 Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
 took|strong="G2983" a|strong="G2983"  
 cup|strong="G4221" of|strong="G1537" wine,  
 thanked|strong="G2168" God|strong="G0846"  
 for|strong="G1537" it|strong="G0846",  
 and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325"  
 it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2532"  
 them|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846"  
 all|strong="G3956" drank|strong="G4095"  
 from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956"  
 cup|strong="G4221". 24 Then|strong="G2532"  
 he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "  
 This|strong="G3778" wine is|strong="G1510"  
 my|strong="G3004" blood|strong="G0129",  
 which|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1510"  
 be|strong="G1510" poured out|strong="G1510"  
 for|strong="G5228" many|strong="G4183"  
 to|strong="G3004" begin the|strong="G3588" new  
 agreement from|strong="G2532"  
 God|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004"  
 his|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846". 25  
 I|strong="G0281" want you|strong="G5210"  
 to|strong="G3004" know, I|strong="G0281"  
 will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756"  
 drink|strong="G4095" this|strong="G3588" wine  
 again|strong="G3765" until|strong="G2193"  
 that|strong="G3754" day|strong="G2250"  
 when|strong="G3752" I|strong="G0281"  
 drink|strong="G4095" it|strong="G0846"  
 in|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G2316" king-  
 dom|strong="G0932" and|strong="G2316"  
 the|strong="G3588" wine is|strong="G2316"  
 new|strong="G2537"."

26 They|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" sang  
 a|strong="G2532" song and|strong="G2532"  
 then|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1831"  
 out|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519"  
 the|strong="G3588" Mount|strong="G3735"  
 of|strong="G3735" Olives|strong="G1636".

### Jesus|strong="G1831" Says His|strong="G2532" Fol- lowers Will|strong="G2532" Leave|strong="G1831" Him|strong="G2532"

(Matthew 26:31-35; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38)

27 Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
 told|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3956" followers, "  
 You|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3956"  
 all|strong="G3956" lose your|strong="G2532" faith.  
 The|strong="G3956" Scriptures say|strong="G3004",  
 ' I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3956" kill  
 the|strong="G3956" shepherd|strong="G4166",  
 and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956"  
 sheep|strong="G4263" will|strong="G3956" run  
 away|strong="G4624".'

Zechariah 13:7

28 But|strong="G0235" after|strong="G3326"  
 I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" killed,  
 I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1473"  
 rise|strong="G1453" from|strong="G3588" death.  
 Then|strong="G3326" I|strong="G1473"  
 will|strong="G1473" go|strong="G4254"  
 to|strong="G1519" Galilee|strong="G1056".  
 I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1473"  
 be|strong="G3326" there before|strong="G4254"  
 you|strong="G5210" come."

29 Peter|strong="G4074" said|strong="G5346", "  
 All|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" oth-  
 er|strong="G1161" followers may|strong="G2532"  
 lose their|strong="G0846" faith. But|strong="G1161"  
 my|strong="G3956" faith will|strong="G3956" nev-  
 er|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" shaken."

30 Jesus|strong="G2424" an-  
 swered|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" truth  
 is|strong="G3778", tonight|strong="G3571"  
 you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3778"  
 say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" don't know  
 me|strong="G3004". You|strong="G4771"  
 will|strong="G3778" say|strong="G3004"  
 it|strong="G0846" three|strong="G5151"  
 times|strong="G5151" before|strong="G4250"  
 the|strong="G3588" rooster|strong="G0220"  
 crows|strong="G5455" twice|strong="G1364"."

31 But|strong="G1161" Peter|strong="G2980"  
 strongly protested, " I|strong="G1473"  
 will|strong="G3956" never|strong="G3756"  
 say|strong="G3004" I|strong="G1473"  
 don't|strong="G3756" know you|strong="G4771"!  
 I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3956"  
 even|strong="G2532" die|strong="G4880"  
 with|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771"!"  
 And|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956"

the|strong="G3956" other|strong="G1161" followers said|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G5615" thing|strong="G5615".

### Jesus|strong="G3004" Prays Alone

(Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46)

<sup>32</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739" place|strong="G5564" named|strong="G3686" Gethsemane|strong="G1068". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " Sit|strong="G2523" here|strong="G5602" while|strong="G2193" I|strong="G3739" pray|strong="G4336"." <sup>33</sup> But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" told Peter|strong="G4074", James|strong="G2385", and|strong="G2532" John|strong="G2491" to|strong="G0757" come with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G0757" be|strong="G2532" very|strong="G0846" distressed|strong="G0085" and|strong="G2532" troubled|strong="G0085", <sup>34</sup> and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " My|strong="G3004" heart|strong="G5590" is|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2532" heavy with|strong="G2532" grief, I|strong="G1473" feel as|strong="G2532" if|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" dying. Wait here|strong="G5602" and|strong="G2532" stay|strong="G3306" awake|strong="G1127"."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G4281" on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G1510" little|strong="G3398" farther|strong="G4281" away|strong="G3928" from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846", fell|strong="G4098" to|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1093", and|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336". He|strong="G2532" asked that|strong="G2443", if|strong="G1487" possible|strong="G1415", he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5610" of|strong="G0575" suffering|strong="G1510". <sup>36</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Abba|strong="G0005", <sup>I</sup> Father|strong="G3962"! You|strong="G4771" can|strong="G3004" do|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3778". Don't|strong="G3756" make|strong="G3756" me|strong="G3004" drink from|strong="G0575" this|strong="G3778" cup|strong="G4221". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>I</sup> ABBA An Aramaic word that was used by Jewish children as a name for their fathers. <sup>II</sup> CUP A symbol of suffering. Jesus used the idea of drinking from a cup to mean accepting the suffering he would face in the terrible events that were soon to come.

But|strong="G0235" do|strong="G3004" what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G4771" want|strong="G2309", not|strong="G3756" what|strong="G5101" I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G2309"."

<sup>37</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" back to|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" followers and|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" them|strong="G0846" sleeping|strong="G2518". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Peter|strong="G4074", " Simon|strong="G4613", why are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3004" sleeping|strong="G2518"? Could|strong="G2480" you|strong="G3004" not|strong="G3756" stay|strong="G1127" awake|strong="G1127" with|strong="G2532" me|strong="G3004" for|strong="G1520" one|strong="G1520" hour|strong="G5610"? <sup>38</sup> Stay|strong="G1127" awake|strong="G1127" and|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G4336" for|strong="G1519" strength against|strong="G1519" temptation|strong="G3986". Your|strong="G2532" spirit|strong="G4151" wants to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G3361" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1519", but|strong="G1161" your|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4561" is|strong="G3588" weak|strong="G0772"."

<sup>39</sup> Again|strong="G3825" Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G0565" away|strong="G0565" and|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" thing|strong="G0846". <sup>40</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" back|strong="G3825" to|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" followers and|strong="G2532" again|strong="G3825" found|strong="G2147" them|strong="G0846" sleeping|strong="G2518". They|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2147" not|strong="G3756" stay awake. They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G5101" they|strong="G0846" should|strong="G2532" say to|strong="G2064" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>41</sup> After|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" prayed a|strong="G3708" third|strong="G5154" time|strong="G5610", he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" back|strong="G0568" to|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" followers. He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " Are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3708" still|strong="G2064" sleeping|strong="G2518" and|strong="G2532" resting|strong="G0373"? That's enough|strong="G0568"! The|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5610" has|strong="G0444" come|strong="G2064" for|strong="G1519"

the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207"  
of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444"  
to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" hand-  
ed|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860"  
to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" control  
of|strong="G5207" sinful|strong="G0268"  
men|strong="G0444".<sup>42</sup> Stand|strong="G1453"  
up|strong="G1453"! We|strong="G3588"  
must|strong="G3588" go|strong="G0071".  
Here|strong="G2400" comes|strong="G1448"  
the|strong="G3588" man who|strong="G3588"  
is|strong="G3588" handing|strong="G3860"  
me|strong="G1473" over|strong="G3860"  
to|strong="G3708" them|strong="G0071".

**Jesus|strong="G1448" Is|strong="G3588" Arrested**  
(Matthew 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-12)

<sup>43</sup> While|strong="G2980" Jesus|strong="G0846"  
was|strong="G3588" still|strong="G2089" speak-  
ing|strong="G2980", Judas|strong="G2455",  
one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520"  
the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" apostles,  
came|strong="G3854" there|strong="G2112".  
He|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3588"  
a|strong="G3793" big crowd|strong="G3793"  
of|strong="G1520" people|strong="G3793"  
with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846",  
all|strong="G3588" carrying swords|strong="G3162"  
and|strong="G2532" clubs|strong="G3586".  
They|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3588"  
been|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G3844"  
from|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" leading  
priests|strong="G0749", the|strong="G3588" teachers  
of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" law,  
and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" old-  
er|strong="G4245" Jewish leaders.

<sup>44</sup> Judas<sup>I</sup> planned to|strong="G3004"  
do|strong="G1510" something|strong="G1510"  
to|strong="G3004" show|strong="G1325"  
them|strong="G0846" which|strong="G3739"  
one|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" Je-  
sus|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532"  
said|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588"  
one|strong="G3739" I|strong="G3739"  
kiss|strong="G5368" will|strong="G1510"  
be|strong="G1510" Jesus|strong="G0846". Ar-  
rest|strong="G2902" him|strong="G0846"  
and|strong="G2532" guard|strong="G2532"  
him|strong="G0846" while|strong="G1510"  
you|strong="G3739" lead|strong="G0520"  
him|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0520".<sup>45</sup>  
So|strong="G2532" Judas|strong="G2112"  
went|strong="G2064" over to|strong="G3004" Je-  
sus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532"  
said|strong="G3004", "Teacher!"  
Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
kissed|strong="G2705" him|strong="G0846".<sup>46</sup>

I JUDAS Literally, "the one who handed him over."

The|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0846" grabbed  
Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" arrest-  
ed|strong="G2902" him|strong="G0846".<sup>47</sup>  
One|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520"  
the|strong="G3588" followers stand-  
ing|strong="G3936" near Jesus|strong="G0846"  
grabbed his|strong="G0846" sword|strong="G3162"  
and|strong="G2532" pulled it|strong="G0846" out.  
He|strong="G2532" swung it|strong="G0846"  
at|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" ser-  
vant|strong="G1401" of|strong="G1520"  
the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749"  
priest|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532"  
cut|strong="G0851" off|strong="G0851"  
his|strong="G0846" ear|strong="G5621".

<sup>48</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
said|strong="G3004", "Why do|strong="G3004"  
you|strong="G3004" come|strong="G1831"  
to|strong="G3004" get|strong="G1831"  
me|strong="G3004" with|strong="G3326"  
swords|strong="G3162" and|strong="G2532"  
clubs|strong="G3586" as|strong="G5613"  
if|strong="G5613" I|strong="G1473"  
were|strong="G3588" a|strong="G5613" criminal?<sup>49</sup>  
Every|strong="G2596" day|strong="G2250"  
I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G1510"  
with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" teach-  
ing|strong="G1321" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2411" area.  
You|strong="G5210" did|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" arrest|strong="G2902"  
me|strong="G1473" there|strong="G1510".  
But|strong="G0235" all|strong="G3588"  
these|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588"  
have|strong="G1510" happened|strong="G3588"  
to|strong="G4314" show the|strong="G3588"  
full|strong="G4137" meaning of|strong="G2250"  
what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Scrip-  
tures|strong="G1124" said|strong="G2532".<sup>50</sup>  
Then|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956"  
of|strong="G3956" Jesus' followers  
left|strong="G0863" him|strong="G0846"  
and|strong="G2532" ran|strong="G5343"  
away|strong="G5343".

<sup>51</sup> One|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1909"  
those|strong="G0846" following|strong="G4870" Je-  
sus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G0846"  
a|strong="G1520" young|strong="G3495"  
man|strong="G5100" wearing|strong="G4016" on-  
ly|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1520"  
linen|strong="G4616" cloth|strong="G4616".  
When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" tried to|strong="G1909" grab  
him|strong="G0846",<sup>52</sup> he|strong="G1161"  
left|strong="G2641" the|strong="G3588"  
cloth|strong="G4616" in|strong="G1161" their hands  
and|strong="G1161" ran|strong="G5343"  
away|strong="G5343" naked|strong="G1131".

**Jesus Before the Jewish Leaders**

(Matthew 26:57-68; Luke 22:54-55, 63-71; John 18:13-14, 19-24)

<sup>53</sup> Those who arrested Jesus led him to the house of the high priest. All the leading priests, the older Jewish leaders, and the teachers of the law were gathered there. <sup>54</sup> Peter followed him to the yard of the high priest's house. He went into the yard and sat there with the guards, warming himself. <sup>55</sup> The leading priests and the high council tried to find something that Jesus had done wrong so they could kill him. But the council could not find anything that would allow them to kill Jesus. <sup>56</sup> Many people came and told lies against Jesus, but they all said different things. None of them agreed.

<sup>57</sup> Then some others stood up and told more

lies against Jesus. They said, "We heard this man say, 'I will destroy this Temple built by human hands. And three days later, I will build another Temple made by human hands.'" <sup>59</sup> But what these people said did not agree.

<sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before everyone and said to Jesus, "These people said things against you. Do you have something to say about their charges?" Are they telling the truth? <sup>61</sup> But Jesus said nothing to answer him.

The high priest asked Jesus another question: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of God?"

<sup>62</sup> Jesus answered, "Yes, I am the Son of God. And in the future you will see

I THIS MAN That is, Jesus. His enemies avoided saying his name.

the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" sitting |strong="G2521" at |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1188" side of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G3004" All-Powerful. And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3708" will |strong="G1510" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" coming |strong="G2064" on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" clouds |strong="G3507" of |strong="G5207" heaven |strong="G3772".

<sup>63</sup> When |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" heard this |strong="G3588", he |strong="G0846" tore |strong="G1284" his |strong="G0846" clothes |strong="G5509" in |strong="G3004" anger. He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G1161" don't need |strong="G5532" any |strong="G2089" more |strong="G2089" witnesses |strong="G3144".<sup>64</sup> You |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3956" heard |strong="G0191" these |strong="G3588" insults to |strong="G5101" God |strong="G0846". What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" think?"

Everyone |strong="G3956" agreed that |strong="G0191" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" guilty |strong="G1777" and |strong="G1161" must |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" killed.<sup>65</sup> Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" there spit |strong="G1716" at |strong="G3588" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" covered |strong="G4028" his |strong="G0846" eyes and |strong="G2532" hit him |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2532" their |strong="G0846" fists |strong="G2852". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Be |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2983" prophet <sup>I</sup> and |strong="G2532" tell |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" who |strong="G3588" hit you |strong="G3004". Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" guards led Jesus |strong="G0846" away and |strong="G2532" beat |strong="G2852" him |strong="G0846".

**Peter |strong="G0846" Is |strong="G5100" Afraid to |strong="G3004" Say |strong="G3004"**

**He |strong="G2532" Knows Jesus |strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 26:69-75; Luke 22:56-62; John |strong="G0846" 18:15-18, 25-27)

<sup>66</sup> While |strong="G1722" Peter |strong="G4074" was |strong="G1510" still |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" yard, a |strong="G1510" servant girl of |strong="G1520" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749"

<sup>I</sup> **PROPHET** A prophet often knows things that are hidden to other people.

priest |strong="G0749" came |strong="G2064" there |strong="G1510".<sup>67</sup> She |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846" warming |strong="G2328" himself |strong="G0846" by |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" fire. She |strong="G0846" looked |strong="G3708" closely at |strong="G1689" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G4771" were |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" Jesus |strong="G2424", that |strong="G3004" man from |strong="G2424" Nazareth |strong="G3479".

<sup>68</sup> But |strong="G1161" Peter |strong="G0720" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G2532" true. " That |strong="G3004" makes no |strong="G3777" sense," he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004". " I |strong="G2532" don't know |strong="G1492" what |strong="G5101" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G1519". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" left |strong="G1831" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" entrance of |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" yard, and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3004" rooster |strong="G0220" crowed |strong="G5455".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>69</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" servant girl saw |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846" there |strong="G1510", she |strong="G0846" began |strong="G0757" saying |strong="G3004" again |strong="G3825" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" standing |strong="G3936" around, " This |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" one |strong="G3778" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846".<sup>70</sup> Again |strong="G3825" Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G3004" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" true.

A |strong="G1510" short |strong="G3398" time later |strong="G3326", the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" standing |strong="G3936" there |strong="G1510" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G2532" know you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846", because |strong="G1063" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" Galilee |strong="G1057".

<sup>71</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Peter began |strong="G0757" to |strong="G3004" curse |strong="G0332". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G3739" swear |strong="G3660" to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G3004", I |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492"

<sup>II</sup> Some Greek copies do not have "and a rooster crowed."



this man you are talking about!

<sup>72</sup> As Peter said, the rooster crowed the second time. Then he remembered what Jesus told him: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will say three times that you don't know me." Then Peter began to cry.

#### Governor Pilate Questions Jesus

(Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-38)

**15** Very early in the morning, the leading priests, the older Jewish leaders, the teachers of the law, and the whole high council decided what to do with Jesus. They tied him up, led him away, and handed him over to Governor Pilate.

<sup>2</sup> Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, that is right."

<sup>3</sup> The leading priests accused Jesus of many things. <sup>4</sup> So Pilate asked Jesus another question. He said,

"You can see these people are accusing you of many things. Why don't you answer?"

<sup>5</sup> But Jesus still did not answer, and this really surprised Pilate.

#### Pilate Tries but Fails to Free Jesus

(Matthew 27:15-31; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39—19:16)

<sup>6</sup> Every year at the Passover time the governor would free one prisoner—whichever one the people wanted.

<sup>7</sup> There was a man in prison at that time named Barabbas and the rebels with him had been in prison for committing murder during a riot.

<sup>8</sup> The people came to Pilate and asked him to free a prisoner as he always did. <sup>9</sup> Pilate asked them, "Do you want me free or the king of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> Pilate knew that the leading priests had handed Jesus over to him because they were jealous of him. <sup>11</sup> But the leading

priests |strong="G0749" persuaded the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" to |strong="G2443" ask Pilate to |strong="G2443" free |strong="G0630" Barabbas |strong="G0912", not Jesus |strong="G0846".

<sup>12</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" asked |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" again |strong="G3825", " So |strong="G3767" what |strong="G5101" should I |strong="G3739" do |strong="G4160" with |strong="G0846" this |strong="G3588" man |strong="G4160" you |strong="G3739" call |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0935" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453"?"

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" shouted |strong="G2896", "Kill him |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1161" a |strong="G3825" cross!"

<sup>14</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" asked |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101"? What |strong="G5101" wrong |strong="G2556" has |strong="G5101" he |strong="G0846" done |strong="G4160"?"

But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" shouted |strong="G2896" louder and |strong="G1161" louder, "Kill him |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1161" a |strong="G4160" cross!"

<sup>15</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" wanted |strong="G1014" to |strong="G2443" please the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793", so |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" set |strong="G0630" Barabbas |strong="G0912" free |strong="G0630" for |strong="G2443" them |strong="G0846". And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" told the |strong="G3588" soldiers to |strong="G2443" beat Jesus |strong="G2424" with |strong="G2532" whips. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" handed |strong="G3860" him |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" soldiers to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532" killed on |strong="G1161" a |strong="G4160" cross.

<sup>16</sup> Pilate's soldiers |strong="G4757" took |strong="G0520" Jesus |strong="G0846" into |strong="G0520" the |strong="G3588" governor's palace |strong="G0833" ( called |strong="G4779" the |strong="G3588" Praetorium |strong="G4232"). They |strong="G0846" called |strong="G4779" all |strong="G3650" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" soldiers |strong="G4757" together |strong="G4779". <sup>17</sup> They |strong="G0846" put |strong="G4060" a |strong="G2532" purple |strong="G4209" robe |strong="G4209" on |strong="G0846" Jesus |strong="G0846", made a |strong="G2532" crown |strong="G4735" from |strong="G2532" thorny branches, and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G4060" it |strong="G0846" on |strong="G0846" his |strong="G0846" head. <sup>18</sup> Then |strong="G2532"

they |strong="G0846" began |strong="G0757" shouting, "Welcome, king |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0935" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453"! " <sup>19</sup> They |strong="G0846" kept |strong="G5087" on |strong="G0846" beating |strong="G5180" his |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" with |strong="G2532" a |strong="G5087" stick and |strong="G2532" spitting |strong="G1716" on |strong="G0846" him |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" bowed |strong="G4352" down |strong="G5087" on |strong="G0846" their |strong="G0846" knees |strong="G1119" and |strong="G2532" pretended to |strong="G2532" honor him |strong="G0846" as |strong="G2532" a |strong="G5087" king. <sup>20</sup> After |strong="G3753" they |strong="G0846" finished making fun of |strong="G3588" him |strong="G0846", they |strong="G0846" took |strong="G1562" off |strong="G1562" the |strong="G3588" purple |strong="G4209" robe |strong="G2440" and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G1746" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" clothes |strong="G2440" on |strong="G0846" him |strong="G0846" again |strong="G2532". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" led |strong="G1806" him |strong="G0846" out |strong="G1806" of |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" palace to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532" killed on |strong="G0846" a |strong="G2532" cross.

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Is |strong="G3588" Nailed to |strong="G2443" a |strong="G2532" Cross**  
(Matthew 27:32-44; Luke 23:26-39; John |strong="G0846" 19:17-19)

<sup>21</sup> There |strong="G3962" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2064" man |strong="G5100" from |strong="G0575" Cyrene |strong="G2956" named |strong="G4613" Simon |strong="G4613" walking into |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" fields |strong="G0068". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" father |strong="G3962" of |strong="G0575" Alexander |strong="G0223" and |strong="G2532" Rufus |strong="G4504". The |strong="G3588" soldiers forced |strong="G0029" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" carry |strong="G0142" Jesus' cross |strong="G4716". <sup>22</sup> They |strong="G0846" led Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G5117" called |strong="G3739" Golgotha |strong="G1115". ( Golgotha |strong="G1115" means |strong="G1510" " The |strong="G3588" Place |strong="G5117" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" Skull |strong="G2898". ) <sup>23</sup> There |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325" him |strong="G0846"

some |strong="G3739" wine |strong="G3631" mixed |strong="G4669" with |strong="G2532" myrrh |strong="G4669", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" refused |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2532" drink it |strong="G0846".<sup>24</sup> The |strong="G3588" soldiers nailed Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1909" a |strong="G2532" cross. Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" divided |strong="G1266" his |strong="G0846" clothes |strong="G2440" among |strong="G1266" themselves |strong="G0846", throwing |strong="G0906" dice |strong="G2819" to |strong="G1909" see who |strong="G3588" would |strong="G0846" get |strong="G0142" what |strong="G5101".

<sup>25</sup> It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" nine |strong="G5154" o'clock in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" morning when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" nailed Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" cross.<sup>26</sup> There |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" sign with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" charge |strong="G0156" against |strong="G0156" him |strong="G0846" written |strong="G1924" on |strong="G0846" it |strong="G0846". It |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532", " THE |strong="G3588" KING |strong="G0935" OF |strong="G0935" THE |strong="G3588" JEWS |strong="G2453"."<sup>27</sup> They |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" nailed two |strong="G1417" criminals to |strong="G2532" crosses beside Jesus |strong="G0846"— one |strong="G1520" on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G2532" right |strong="G1188" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" other |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G2532" left |strong="G2176".<sup>28</sup> I

<sup>29</sup> People |strong="G0846" walked by |strong="G1722" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" bad things |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" shook their |strong="G0846" heads |strong="G2776" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G1722" said |strong="G3004" you |strong="G1722" could destroy |strong="G2647" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G3485" and |strong="G2532" build |strong="G3618" it |strong="G0846" again |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250".<sup>30</sup> So save |strong="G4982" yourself |strong="G4572"! Come |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G0575" that |strong="G0575" cross |strong="G4716"! "

<sup>31</sup> The |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532"

the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" law were |strong="G0243" also |strong="G2532" there. They |strong="G2532" made |strong="G4982" fun of |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3668" as |strong="G1438" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0243" people |strong="G3588" did. They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0243", " He |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982" others |strong="G0243", but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" can't |strong="G3756" save |strong="G4982" himself |strong="G1438"! <sup>32</sup> If |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" really the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547", the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0575" Israel |strong="G2474", he |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2443" come |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" cross |strong="G4716" now |strong="G3568". When |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3588", then |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846". " The |strong="G3588" criminals on |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" crosses |strong="G4716" beside Jesus |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" bad things |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" him |strong="G0846".

#### Jesus |strong="G0846" Dies

(Matthew 27:45-56; Luke 23:44-49; John |strong="G0846" 19:28-30)

<sup>33</sup> At |strong="G1909" noon |strong="G5610" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" country |strong="G1093" became |strong="G1096" dark. This |strong="G3588" darkness |strong="G4655" continued until |strong="G2193" three |strong="G1766" o'clock.<sup>34</sup> At |strong="G1519" three |strong="G1766" o'clock Jesus |strong="G2424" cried |strong="G0994" out |strong="G1510" loudly |strong="G3173", " Eloi |strong="G1682", Eloi |strong="G1682", lama |strong="G2982" sabachthani |strong="G4518". " This |strong="G3588" means |strong="G1510" " My |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316", my |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316", why |strong="G5101" have |strong="G1510" you |strong="G3739" left |strong="G1459" me |strong="G1473" alone?"<sup>II</sup>

<sup>35</sup> Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G5100" standing |strong="G3936" there heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588". They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Listen |strong="G0191"!

I Some Greek copies add verse 28: "And this showed the full meaning of the Scripture that says, 'They put him with criminals.'"

II 15:34 Quote from Psalm 22:1.

He **is** **calling** **Elijah** **I**  
<sup>36</sup> One **man** **there** **and** **got a** **sponge** **filled** **sponge** **sour** **and** **to** **Then** **the** **give** **sponge** **Jesus** **get a** **from** **The** **said** **should** **and** **if** **will** **to** **him** **from**  
<sup>37</sup> Then **cried out loudly** **died.**  
<sup>38</sup> When **died, the** **in** **temple** **torn** **two** **tear** **the** **and** **the** **to** **bottom** **officer** **standing** **in** **of** **saw** **opened** **Jesus** **said** **man** **was** **Son** **God**

<sup>I</sup> HE IS CALLING ELIJAH" The word for "My God" (Eli Eloi

<sup>40</sup> Some **women** **were** **from** **watching** **these** **were** **and** **the** **of** **and** **James** **her** **These** **the** **who** **followed** **in** **and** **for** **Many** **women** **had** **with** **to** **were** **there**

**Jesus Is Buried**  
 (Matthew 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)

<sup>42</sup> This **day** **was** **Preparation** **That** **the** **before** **It** **becoming** **A** **Joseph** **Joseph** **was** **enough to** **to** **and** **for** **body** **was** **the** **He** **one** **the** **who** **kingdom** **come**

<sup>44</sup> Pilate **was** **surprised** **to** **hear**

that |strong="G0846" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" already |strong="G2235" dead |strong="G0599". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" called |strong="G4341" for |strong="G0599" the |strong="G3588" army officer in |strong="G2532" charge and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G1905" him |strong="G0846" if |strong="G1487" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" already |strong="G2235" dead |strong="G0599". <sup>45</sup> When |strong="G2532" Pilate |strong="G1097" heard |strong="G1097" it |strong="G2532" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" officer, he |strong="G2532" told Joseph |strong="G2501" he |strong="G2532" could have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" body |strong="G4430".

<sup>46</sup> Joseph |strong="G0059" bought |strong="G0059" some |strong="G1537" linen |strong="G4616" cloth |strong="G4616". He |strong="G2532" took |strong="G2507" the |strong="G3588" body from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" cross, wrapped |strong="G1750" it |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" linen |strong="G4616", and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G5087" the |strong="G3588" body in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" tomb |strong="G3419" that |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510" dug in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" wall of |strong="G1537" rock |strong="G4073". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" closed the |strong="G3588" tomb |strong="G3419" by |strong="G1722" rolling a |strong="G1510" large stone |strong="G3037" to |strong="G1909" cover the |strong="G3588" entrance |strong="G2374". <sup>47</sup> Mary |strong="G3137" Magdalene |strong="G3094" and |strong="G2532" Mary |strong="G3137" the |strong="G3588" mother of |strong="G3588" Joseph |strong="G2500" saw |strong="G2334" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G4226" where |strong="G4226" Jesus |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" put |strong="G5087".

#### News That Jesus Has Risen From Death

(Matthew 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10)

**16** The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G2064" day |strong="G4521" after |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521", Mary |strong="G3137" Magdalene |strong="G3094", Salome |strong="G4539", and |strong="G2532" Mary |strong="G3137" the |strong="G3588" mother of |strong="G3588" James |strong="G2385" bought |strong="G0059" some |strong="G3588" sweet-smelling spices |strong="G0759" to |strong="G2443" put on |strong="G0846" Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very |strong="G3029" early |strong="G4404" on |strong="G1909" that |strong="G1909"

day |strong="G4521", the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G1520" day |strong="G4521" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" week |strong="G4521", the |strong="G3588" women were |strong="G3588" going |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" tomb |strong="G3419". It |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" very |strong="G3029" early |strong="G4404" after |strong="G2532" sunrise. <sup>3</sup> The |strong="G3588" women said |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G1438" other |strong="G1438", "There is |strong="G5101" a |strong="G3004" large stone |strong="G3037" covering the |strong="G3588" entrance |strong="G2374" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" tomb |strong="G3419". Who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G5101" move the |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" for |strong="G4314" us |strong="G3004"?"

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" women looked |strong="G0308" and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G2334" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" was |strong="G1510" moved. The |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" was |strong="G1510" very |strong="G4970" large |strong="G3173", but |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" moved away |strong="G0617" from |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" entrance. <sup>5</sup> The |strong="G3588" women walked into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" tomb |strong="G3419" and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" a |strong="G3708" young |strong="G3495" man |strong="G3495" there |strong="G1722" wearing |strong="G4016" a |strong="G3708" white |strong="G3022" robe |strong="G4749". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" sitting |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1188" side of |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" tomb |strong="G3419". The |strong="G3588" women were |strong="G3588" afraid.

<sup>6</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3361" said |strong="G3004", "Don't |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" afraid. You |strong="G3708" are |strong="G1510" looking |strong="G2212" for |strong="G2212" Jesus |strong="G2424" from |strong="G3361" Nazareth |strong="G3479", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" killed on |strong="G1161" a |strong="G1510" cross. He |strong="G0846" has |strong="G3708" risen |strong="G1453" from |strong="G3361" death! He |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" here |strong="G5602". Look |strong="G3708", here |strong="G5602" is |strong="G1510"

the|strong="G3588" place|strong="G5117" they|strong="G0846" put|strong="G5087" him|strong="G0846" when|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" dead. <sup>7</sup> Now|strong="G2532" go|strong="G5217" and|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" followers. And|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" sure to|strong="G1519" tell|strong="G3004" Peter|strong="G4074". Tell|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", ' Jesus|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" going|strong="G5217" into|strong="G1519" Galilee|strong="G1056" and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3748" be|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1563" before|strong="G4254" you|strong="G5210" come. You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3748" see|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846" there|strong="G1563", as|strong="G2531" he|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" before|strong="G4254"."

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="G3956" women|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3956" very|strong="G0846" afraid|strong="G5399" and|strong="G2532" confused. They|strong="G0846" left|strong="G1831" the|strong="G3956" tomb|strong="G3419" and|strong="G2532" ran|strong="G5343" away|strong="G1821". They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3762" tell|strong="G3004" about|strong="G4012" what|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G3588", because|strong="G1223" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3956" afraid|strong="G5399".<sup>I</sup>

#### Some|strong="G3588" Followers See Jesus|strong="G2424"

(Matthew 28:9-10; John|strong="G0846" 20:11-18; Luke 24:13-35)

<sup>9</sup> Jesus|strong="G0450" rose|strong="G0450" from|strong="G0575" death early|strong="G4404" on|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" day|strong="G4521" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" week|strong="G4521". He|strong="G3739" appeared|strong="G5316" first|strong="G4413" to|strong="G3844" Mary|strong="G3137" Magdalene|strong="G3094". One|strong="G3739" time|strong="G4413" in|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" past Jesus|strong="G0450" had|strong="G3739" forced|strong="G1544" seven|strong="G2033" demons|strong="G1140" out|strong="G1544" of|strong="G0575" Mary|strong="G3137".<sup>10</sup> After|strong="G3326" Mary|strong="G0846" saw Jesus|strong="G0846",

<sup>I</sup> Some of the oldest Greek copies end the book here. A few later copies have this shorter ending: "But they soon gave all the instructions to Peter and those with him. After that Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the holy message that will never change—that people can be saved forever."

she|strong="G0846" went|strong="G4198" and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G0518" his|strong="G0846" followers. They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1096" very|strong="G0846" sad and|strong="G2532" were|strong="G1096" crying|strong="G2799".<sup>11</sup> But|strong="G2532" Mary|strong="G0191" told them|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G0846" alive|strong="G2198". She|strong="G0846" said|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" she|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3748" seen|strong="G2300" Jesus|strong="G0846", but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G0191" not|strong="G2532" believe|strong="G0569" her|strong="G0846".

<sup>12</sup> Later|strong="G3326", Jesus|strong="G0846" appeared|strong="G5319" to|strong="G1519" two|strong="G1417" followers while|strong="G1722" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3778" walking|strong="G4043" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" country|strong="G0068". But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846" did|strong="G4043" not|strong="G3778" look the|strong="G1722" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G1519" before|strong="G1722" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G0846" killed.<sup>13</sup> These|strong="G3588" followers went|strong="G0565" back|strong="G0565" to|strong="G0518" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G3062" followers and|strong="G0565" told|strong="G0518" them|strong="G1565" what|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G3588". Again, the|strong="G3588" followers did|strong="G3761" not|strong="G3761" believe|strong="G4100" them|strong="G1565".

#### Jesus|strong="G1565" Talks to|strong="G0518" His|strong="G3761" Followers

(Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-8)

<sup>14</sup> Later|strong="G5305", Jesus|strong="G0846" appeared|strong="G5319" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" eleven|strong="G1733" followers while|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" eating. He|strong="G2532" criticized them|strong="G0846" because|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3748" so|strong="G2532" little faith|strong="G4100". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" stubborn and|strong="G2532" refused|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2532" believe|strong="G4100" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" said|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3748" risen|strong="G1453" from|strong="G2532" death.

<sup>15</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " Go|strong="G4198" everywhere in|strong="G1519"

the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G2889".  
 Tell |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956"  
 Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098"  
 to |strong="G1519" everyone |strong="G3956".<sup>16</sup>  
 Whoever |strong="G3588" believes |strong="G4100"  
 and |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" bap-  
 tized |strong="G0907" will |strong="G2532"  
 be |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982".  
 But |strong="G1161" those |strong="G3588"  
 who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G4100"  
 not |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G4100"  
 will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" judged  
 guilty.<sup>17</sup> And |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588"  
 people |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" be-  
 lieve |strong="G4100" will |strong="G3778"  
 be |strong="G3778" able to |strong="G1722"  
 do |strong="G4100" these |strong="G3778"  
 things |strong="G3778" as |strong="G1722" proof:  
 They |strong="G1161" will |strong="G3778" use  
 my |strong="G1722" name |strong="G3686"  
 to |strong="G1722" force demons |strong="G1140"  
 out |strong="G1544" of |strong="G3686" peo-  
 ple |strong="G3778". They |strong="G1161"  
 will |strong="G3778" speak |strong="G2980"  
 in |strong="G1722" languages |strong="G1100"  
 they |strong="G1161" never learned.<sup>18</sup>  
 If |strong="G2579" they |strong="G0846"  
 pick |strong="G0142" up |strong="G0142"  
 snakes |strong="G3789" or |strong="G2532"  
 drink |strong="G4095" any |strong="G5100" poi-  
 son |strong="G2286", they |strong="G0846"  
 will |strong="G5100" not |strong="G3756"  
 be |strong="G2532" hurt |strong="G0984".  
 They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G5100"

lay |strong="G2007" their |strong="G0846"  
 hands |strong="G5495" on |strong="G1909"  
 sick |strong="G0732" people |strong="G0846",  
 and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846"  
 will |strong="G5100" get |strong="G0142"  
 well |strong="G2573"."

### Jesus |strong="G0846" Goes Back to |strong="G1909" Heaven

(Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11)

<sup>19</sup> After |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588"  
 Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424"  
 said |strong="G2980" these |strong="G3588"  
 things |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519"  
 his |strong="G0846" followers, he |strong="G2532"  
 was |strong="G2424" carried up |strong="G0353" in-  
 to |strong="G1519" heaven |strong="G3772". There, Je-  
 sus |strong="G2424" sat |strong="G2523"  
 at |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588"  
 right |strong="G1188" side of |strong="G1537"  
 God |strong="G2316".<sup>20</sup> The |strong="G3588" follow-  
 ers went |strong="G1831" every-  
 where |strong="G3837" in |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G3588" world telling peo-  
 ple |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Good  
 News |strong="G3056", and |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" helped  
 them |strong="G1565". By |strong="G1223" giving  
 them |strong="G1565" power to |strong="G2532"  
 do |strong="G2532" miracles the |strong="G3588"  
 Lord |strong="G2962" proved that |strong="G1565"  
 their |strong="G2532" message |strong="G3056"  
 was |strong="G3588" true.

# Luke

## Luke Writes About the Life of Jesus

**1** Most *Honorable Theophilus: Many others* have *tried to* give a *report of* the *things* that *happened* among *us* to *complete* God's plan. <sup>2</sup> What *they* have *written* agrees with *what* we *learned from* the *people* who *saw those* events from *the* beginning *also* served God by *telling people* his *message*. <sup>3</sup> I *studied it all* from the *beginning*. Then *I* *decided* to *write* it down *for* you *in* an *organized way*. <sup>4</sup> I *did this* so *that* you *can be* sure that *what* you *have* been taught *is* true.

## Zechariah and Elizabeth

<sup>5</sup> During *the* time *when* Herod *ruled* Judea, there *was* a *priest* named *Zechariah*. He *belonged* to *Abijah's* group. <sup>1</sup> His *wife*

<sup>1</sup> ABIJAH'S GROUP Jewish priests were divided into 24 groups. See 1 Chron. 24.

*came from* the *family of* Aaron. Her *name* was *Elizabeth*. <sup>6</sup> Zechariah and *Elizabeth* were *both* good *people* who *pleased* God. They *did* everything *the* Lord *commanded*, always *following* his *instructions* completely. <sup>7</sup>

But *they* had *no* children *could not* have a *baby*, and *both* of *them* were *very* old.

<sup>8</sup> Zechariah *was* serving as *a* priest before *God* for *his* group. It *was* his *group's* time to *serve*. <sup>9</sup> The *priests* always chose one *priest* to *offer* the *incense*, and *Zechariah* was *the* one *chosen* this *time*. So *he* went *into* the *Temple* of *the* Lord *to* offer *the* *incense*. <sup>10</sup> There *was* a *large crowd* outside *praying* at *the* time *the* *incense* was *offered*.

<sup>11</sup> Then *on* the *right* side of *the* *in-*



cense|strong="G2368" table, an|strong="G0032" angel|strong="G0032" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" came|strong="G2476" and|strong="G1161" stood|strong="G2476" before|strong="G1537" Zechariah. <sup>12</sup> When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G2532" angel, Zechariah|strong="G2197" was|strong="G0846" upset and|strong="G2532" very|strong="G0846" afraid. <sup>13</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846", " Zechariah|strong="G2197", don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" afraid|strong="G5399". Your|strong="G2532" prayer|strong="G1162" has|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G1522" by|strong="G3004" God|strong="G0846". Your|strong="G2532" wife|strong="G1135" Elizabeth|strong="G1665" will|strong="G2532" give|strong="G3004" birth|strong="G1080" to|strong="G4314" a|strong="G3004" baby boy, and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532" name|strong="G3686" him|strong="G0846" John|strong="G2491". <sup>14</sup> You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" very|strong="G0846" happy, and|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" others|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1510" share your|strong="G2532" joy|strong="G5479" over|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" birth|strong="G1078". <sup>15</sup> He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" great|strong="G3173" man|strong="G3361" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" never|strong="G3756" drink|strong="G4095" wine|strong="G3631" or|strong="G2532" beer. Even|strong="G2532" before|strong="G1799" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" born, he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" filled|strong="G4130" with|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2532" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151".

<sup>16</sup> " John|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" help many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G0846" of|strong="G5207" Israel|strong="G2474" return|strong="G1994" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" their|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316". <sup>17</sup> John|strong="G0846" himself|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2962" go|strong="G4281" ahead|strong="G4281" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962" and|strong="G2532" make|strong="G2090" people|strong="G2992" ready|strong="G2090" for|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" coming.

He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" be|strong="G2532" powerful|strong="G1411" like|strong="G0846" Elijah|strong="G2243" and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" same|strong="G0846" spirit|strong="G4151". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" make|strong="G2090" peace between|strong="G0846" fathers|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" children|strong="G5043". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" cause people|strong="G2992" who|strong="G3962" are|strong="G2532" not|strong="G2532" obeying God|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1909" change and|strong="G2532" start thinking the|strong="G2532" way|strong="G1722" they|strong="G0846" should|strong="G2532"."

<sup>18</sup> Zechariah|strong="G2197" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032", " How|strong="G5101" can|strong="G3004" I|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G1097" what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G1722" say|strong="G3004" is|strong="G1510" true? I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" an|strong="G1510" old|strong="G4260" man|strong="G3778", and|strong="G2532" my|strong="G1722" wife|strong="G1135" is|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" old|strong="G4260"."

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" answered|strong="G0611" him|strong="G0846", " I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" Gabriel|strong="G1043", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" always stands|strong="G3936" ready before|strong="G1799" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" talk to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G4314" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" this|strong="G3778" good|strong="G2097" news|strong="G2097". <sup>20</sup> Now|strong="G2532", listen|strong="G2400"! You|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" able|strong="G1410" to|strong="G1519" talk|strong="G3056" until|strong="G0891" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" when|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" happen|strong="G1096". You|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" lose your|strong="G3708" speech|strong="G3056" because|strong="G0473" you|strong="G3739" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" believe|strong="G4100" what|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" told|strong="G2980" you|strong="G3739". But|strong="G2532" everything

I will really happen."

<sup>21</sup> Outside, the people were still waiting for Zechariah. They were surprised that he was staying so long in the Temple. <sup>22</sup> Then Zechariah came outside, but he could not speak to them. So they knew that he had a vision inside the Temple. He was not able to speak, so he could only make signs to the people. <sup>23</sup> When his time of service was finished, he went home.

<sup>24</sup> Later, Zechariah's wife Elizabeth became pregnant. So she did not go out of her house for five months. She said, "Look what the Lord has done for me!" He decided to help me. Now people will stop thinking there is something wrong with me."

#### The Virgin Mary

<sup>26</sup> During Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin girl who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry

a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, Lord! The Lord is with you; you are very special to him."

<sup>29</sup> But Mary was very confused about what the angel said. She wondered, "What does this mean?"

<sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is very pleased with you." <sup>31</sup> Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby named him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great. People will call him the Son of Most High God, and the Lord God will make him king like his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will rule over the people of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen to me? I am still a virgin."

<sup>35</sup> The *angel* said *Mary*, "The *Holy Spirit* will *come* to *you*, and *the* *power* of *the* *Most High* *God* will *cover* you. The *baby* will *be* *and* *will* *be* *called* *the* *Son* of *God*. <sup>36</sup> And *here's* something *else*: Your *relative* *Elizabeth* *is* *pregnant*. She *is* *very* *old*, but *she* *is* *going* to *have* a *son*. Everyone thought *she* could not *have* a *baby*, but *she* *has* *been* *pregnant* *now* *for* *six* *months*. <sup>37</sup> *God* can *do* anything. <sup>38</sup> *Mary* said, "I *am* *the* *Lord's* *servant*. Let *this* *you* *have* *said* to *me*. Then *the* *angel* *went* *away*."

***Mary* *Visits* *Zechariah* *and* *Elizabeth***

<sup>39</sup> *Mary* *got* *up* *went* *to* *town* *the* *hill* *country* *of* *Judea*. <sup>40</sup> She *went* *in*

to *Zechariah's* *house* *and* *greeted* *Elizabeth*. <sup>41</sup> When *Elizabeth* *heard* *Mary's* *greeting*, *the* *unborn* *baby* *inside* *her* *jumped*, *and* *she* *was* *filled* *with* *the* *Holy Spirit*."

<sup>42</sup> In *the* *loud* *she* *said* to *Mary*, " *God* *has* *you* *more* *than* *any* *other* *woman*. *And* *God* *has* *blessed* *you* *have* *are* *the* *mother* *of* *my* *Lord*, *and* *you* *have* *come* to *me*! Why *has* something *so* *good* *happened* to *me*? <sup>44</sup> When *I* *heard* *your* *voice*, *the* *baby* *inside* *me* *jumped* *with* *joy*. <sup>45</sup> Great *blessings* *are* *yours* *because* *you* *believed* *what* *the* *Lord* *said* to *you*! *You* *believed* *this* *would* *happen*."

***Mary* *Praises* *God***

<sup>46</sup> Then *Mary* *said*, " *I* *praise* *the* *Lord* *with* *all* *my* *heart*."

<sup>47</sup> *I* *am* *very* *happy* *because* *God* *is* *my* *Savior*."

48 I am not important, but he has shown his care for me, his lowly servant. From now until the time of the end of the world, people will remember how much God blessed me.

49 Yes, the Power has done great things for me.

His name is holy.

50 He always gives mercy

to those who worship him.

51 He reached out his arm and showed his power.

He scattered those who are proud and think great things about themselves.

52 He brought down rulers from their thrones

and raised up the humble people.

53 He filled the hungry with good things,

but he sent the rich away with nothing.

54 God has helped Israel— the people he chose to serve him.

He did not forget his promise to give us his mercy.

55 He has done what he promised to our ancestors,

to Abraham and his children forever.

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then went home.

### The Birth of John

57 When it was for to give birth had Her and heard the was to and were her.

59 When the baby was eight days old, they came to circumcise him. They wanted to name him Zechariah because this was his father's name. But his mother said, "No, he will be named John."

61 The people said to Elizabeth, "No, in your family has that name." Then they made signs to his father, "What you like to name him?"

63 Zechariah asked for something

to |strong="G3004" write |strong="G1125" on |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" wrote |strong="G1125", " His |strong="G0846" name |strong="G3686" is |strong="G1510" John |strong="G2491"." Everyone |strong="G3956" was |strong="G1510" surprised |strong="G2296". <sup>64</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Zechariah could talk again |strong="G2532", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" began praising |strong="G2127" God |strong="G2316". <sup>65</sup> And |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" their |strong="G0846" neighbors |strong="G4039" were |strong="G3956" afraid. In |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" hill |strong="G3714" country |strong="G3714" of |strong="G1909" Judea |strong="G2449", people |strong="G3956" continued talking about |strong="G1909" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778". <sup>66</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" heard |strong="G0191" about |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" wondered about |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" thought |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G5101" will |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778" child |strong="G3813" be |strong="G1510"?" They |strong="G0846" could see that |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" was |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846".

#### Zechariah Praises God |strong="G0846"

<sup>67</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Zechariah |strong="G2197", John's |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962", was |strong="G3588" filled |strong="G4130" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" and |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" a |strong="G3004" message from |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846".

<sup>68</sup> "Praise to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" God |strong="G2316" of |strong="G2316" Israel |strong="G2474".

He |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2316" come to |strong="G2532" help his |strong="G0846" people |strong="G2992"

and |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2316" given them |strong="G0846" freedom.

<sup>69</sup> He |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2532" given us |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" powerful Savior from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" family |strong="G3624" of |strong="G3624" his |strong="G0846" servant |strong="G3816" David |strong="G1138".

<sup>70</sup> This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G0846" promised

through |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" prophets |strong="G4396" long |strong="G0165" ago |strong="G0575".

<sup>71</sup> He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3956" save us |strong="G3404" from |strong="G1537" our |strong="G2532" enemies |strong="G2190"

and |strong="G2532" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" power |strong="G5495" of |strong="G1537" all |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" hate |strong="G3404" us |strong="G3404".

<sup>72</sup> God |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" would |strong="G0846" show |strong="G4160" mercy |strong="G1656" to |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2532" fathers |strong="G3962",

and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" remembered |strong="G3403" his |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" agreement.

<sup>73</sup> This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" promise he |strong="G3739" made to |strong="G4314" our |strong="G0011" father |strong="G3962" Abraham |strong="G0011",

<sup>74</sup> a |strong="G2190" promise to |strong="G0846" free |strong="G4506" us |strong="G1537" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G1537" power |strong="G5495" of |strong="G1537" our enemies |strong="G2190",

so that |strong="G0846" we could serve |strong="G3000" him |strong="G0846" without |strong="G0870" fear |strong="G0870"

<sup>75</sup> in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" way |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3956" is |strong="G3588" holy and |strong="G2532" right |strong="G1343" for |strong="G1722" as |strong="G1722" long |strong="G2250" as |strong="G1722" we |strong="G2249" live |strong="G2250".

<sup>76</sup> " Now |strong="G1161" you |strong="G4771", little boy, will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2532" called |strong="G2564" a |strong="G2532" prophet |strong="G4396" of |strong="G1799" the |strong="G2532" Most |strong="G5310" High |strong="G5310" God |strong="G0846".

You |strong="G4771" will |strong="G2962" go |strong="G4313" first before |strong="G1799" the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" to |strong="G2532" prepare |strong="G2090" the |strong="G2532" way |strong="G3598" for |strong="G1063" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>77</sup> You |strong="G1325" will |strong="G0846" make |strong="G1325" his |strong="G0846" people |strong="G2992" understand that |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1722" saved

by |strong="G1722" having their |strong="G0846" sins |strong="G0266" forgiven.

78 " With |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1223" loving mercy |strong="G1656" of |strong="G1537" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316", a |strong="G3739" new day <sup>1</sup> from |strong="G1537" heaven will |strong="G2316" shine on |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1537".

79 It |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" bring |strong="G1519" light to |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" live |strong="G2521" in |strong="G1722" darkness |strong="G4655", in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" fear of |strong="G3598" death |strong="G2288".

It |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" guide |strong="G2720" us |strong="G1519" in- to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598" that |strong="G1722" brings |strong="G1519" peace |strong="G1515"."

80 And |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" little boy John |strong="G0846" grew |strong="G0837" up and |strong="G2532" be- came stronger in |strong="G1722" spir- it |strong="G4151". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" lived |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" areas away from |strong="G1722" other |strong="G1161" people |strong="G0846" un- til |strong="G2193" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2250" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" came |strong="G1510" out |strong="G1510" to |strong="G4314" tell God's |strong="G0846" message to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" of |strong="G4151" Israel |strong="G2474".

### The Birth of Jesus Christ

(Matthew 1:18-25)

2 It |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" about |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" same time |strong="G2250" that |strong="G1565" Au- gustus |strong="G0828" Caesar |strong="G2541" sent |strong="G3844" out |strong="G1831" an |strong="G1096" order to |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" countries that |strong="G1565" were |strong="G3956" un- der |strong="G1722" Roman rule. The |strong="G3956" order said |strong="G1096" that |strong="G1565" everyone's |strong="G3956" name must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G1096" put |strong="G1096" on |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1096" list. <sup>2</sup> This |strong="G3778" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" counting of |strong="G4413" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" peo- ple |strong="G3778" while |strong="G1096" Quirinius |strong="G2958" was |strong="G3588" gov-

<sup>1</sup> NEW DAY Literally, "dawn," used here as a symbol, probably meaning the Lord's Messiah.

ernor |strong="G2230" of |strong="G4413" Syr- ia |strong="G4947". <sup>3</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" trav- eled to |strong="G1519" their |strong="G1438" own |strong="G1438" hometowns to |strong="G1519" have |strong="G2532" their |strong="G1438" name put on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" list.

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="G2532" Joseph |strong="G2501" left |strong="G0575" Nazareth |strong="G3478", a |strong="G1510" town |strong="G4172" in |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056", and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G4172" of |strong="G1537" Bethle- hem |strong="G0965" in |strong="G1519" Judea |strong="G2449". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" known as |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G4172" of |strong="G1537" David |strong="G1138". Joseph |strong="G2501" went |strong="G0305" there |strong="G1510" because |strong="G1223" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" fami- ly |strong="G3965" of |strong="G1537" David |strong="G1138". <sup>5</sup> Joseph registered with |strong="G4862" Mary |strong="G3137" be- cause |strong="G0846" she |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" engaged |strong="G3423" to |strong="G0846" marry him |strong="G0846". ( She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" now |strong="G1510" pregnant.) <sup>6</sup> While |strong="G1722" Joseph and |strong="G1161" Mary |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" Bethlehem, the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2250" came |strong="G1096" for |strong="G1722" her |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1722" have |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" baby |strong="G5088". <sup>7</sup> She |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G5088" birth |strong="G5088" to |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" first son |strong="G5207". She |strong="G0846" wrapped |strong="G4683" him |strong="G0846" up well |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" laid |strong="G0347" him |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" box where |strong="G1722" cattle are |strong="G1510" fed. She |strong="G0846" put him |strong="G0846" there |strong="G1510" be- cause |strong="G1360" the |strong="G3588" guest |strong="G2646" room |strong="G5117" was |strong="G1510" full.

### Some |strong="G3588" Shepherds Hear About |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846"

<sup>8</sup> That |strong="G0846" night |strong="G3571", some |strong="G3588" shepherds |strong="G4166" were |strong="G1510" out |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" fields |strong="G5561" near |strong="G1722" Bethle-

hem watching |strong="G5442" their |strong="G0846" sheep. <sup>9</sup> An |strong="G0032" angel |strong="G0032" of |strong="G1391" the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" appeared |strong="G2186" to |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" glory |strong="G1391" of |strong="G1391" the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" was |strong="G0846" shining |strong="G4034" around |strong="G4034" them |strong="G0846". The |strong="G2532" shepherds were |strong="G0846" very |strong="G0846" afraid |strong="G5399". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="G3956" angel |strong="G0032" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" afraid |strong="G5399". I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" some |strong="G3588" very |strong="G0846" good |strong="G2097" news |strong="G2097" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210"—news |strong="G2097" that |strong="G3004" will |strong="G1510" make |strong="G3361" everyone |strong="G3956" happy. <sup>11</sup> Today |strong="G4594" your |strong="G2962" Savior |strong="G4990" was |strong="G1510" born |strong="G5088" in |strong="G1722" David's |strong="G1138" town |strong="G4172". He |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G1722" Messiah |strong="G5547", the |strong="G1722" Lord |strong="G2962". <sup>12</sup> This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" how you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3778" know him |strong="G2532": You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3778" find |strong="G2147" a |strong="G2147" baby |strong="G1025" wrapped |strong="G4683" in |strong="G1722" pieces of |strong="G1722" cloth and |strong="G2532" lying |strong="G2749" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2147" feeding box."

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" huge army |strong="G4756" of |strong="G2316" angels |strong="G0032" from |strong="G2532" heaven |strong="G3770" joined |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" first angel |strong="G0032", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G1096" all |strong="G3588" praising |strong="G0134" God |strong="G2316", saying |strong="G3004",

<sup>14</sup> " Praise |strong="G1391" God |strong="G2316" in |strong="G1722" heaven, and |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093" let there |strong="G1722" be |strong="G2532" peace |strong="G1515" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0444" who |strong="G0444" please him |strong="G2532"."

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032" left |strong="G0565" the |strong="G3588" shep-

herds |strong="G4166" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" back |strong="G0565" to |strong="G1519" heaven |strong="G3772". The |strong="G3588" shepherds |strong="G4166" said |strong="G2980" to |strong="G1519" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G3739", "Let's go |strong="G0565" to |strong="G1519" Bethlehem |strong="G0965" and |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3778" great event the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" has |strong="G2962" told |strong="G2980" us |strong="G1519" about |strong="G5613"."

<sup>16</sup> So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" running and |strong="G2532" found |strong="G0429" Mary |strong="G3137" and |strong="G2532" Joseph |strong="G2501". And |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" baby |strong="G1025", lying |strong="G2749" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" feeding box.

<sup>17</sup> When |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" baby, they |strong="G0846" told |strong="G2980" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" angels said |strong="G2980" about |strong="G4012" this |strong="G3778" child |strong="G3813". <sup>18</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" was |strong="G3588" surprised |strong="G2296" when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" shepherds |strong="G4166" told |strong="G2980" them |strong="G0846". <sup>19</sup> Mary |strong="G3137" continued to |strong="G1722" think about |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", trying to |strong="G1722" understand them |strong="G0846". <sup>20</sup>

The |strong="G3956" shepherds |strong="G4166" went |strong="G5290" back |strong="G5290" to |strong="G4314" their |strong="G0846" sheep, praising |strong="G0134" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" thanking him |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1909" everything |strong="G3956" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3739" seen |strong="G3708" and |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" just |strong="G2531" as |strong="G2531" the |strong="G3956" angel had |strong="G3739" told |strong="G2980" them |strong="G0846".

<sup>21</sup> When |strong="G3753" the |strong="G3588" baby was |strong="G2424" eight |strong="G3638" days |strong="G2250" old, he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" circumcised |strong="G4059", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" named |strong="G3686" Jesus |strong="G2424". This |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" was |strong="G2424" given |strong="G2564" by |strong="G1722"

the|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" before|strong="G4253" the|strong="G3588" baby began to|strong="G2532" grow inside|strong="G1722" Mary|strong="G0846".

**Jesus|strong="G2424" Is|strong="G3588" Presented in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846"**

22 The|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2250" came|strong="G4130" for|strong="G1519" Mary|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Joseph to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G2250" Moses|strong="G3475" taught about|strong="G2596" being|strong="G2250" made pure. <sup>I</sup> They|strong="G0846" brought|strong="G0321" Jesus|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414" so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" could present|strong="G3936" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". <sup>23</sup> It|strong="G3551" is|strong="G2962" written|strong="G1125" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962": " When|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2564" mother's first baby is|strong="G2962" a|strong="G2564" boy, he|strong="G3754" shall|strong="G2564" be|strong="G3956" called|strong="G2564" 'special for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962": " <sup>II</sup> <sup>24</sup> The|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" also|strong="G2532" says|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" people|strong="G3588" must|strong="G2046" give|strong="G1325" a|strong="G1325" sacrifice|strong="G2378": " You|strong="G1325" must|strong="G2046" sacrifice|strong="G2378" two|strong="G1417" doves|strong="G4058" or|strong="G2228" two|strong="G1417" young|strong="G3502" pigeons|strong="G4058": " <sup>III</sup> So|strong="G2532" Joseph and|strong="G2532" Mary went to|strong="G3004" Jerusalem to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588".

**Simeon Sees Jesus|strong="G3004"**

25 A|strong="G1510" man|strong="G0444" named|strong="G3686" Simeon|strong="G4826" lived|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2419". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510"

<sup>I</sup> PURE The Law of Moses said that 40 days after a Jewish woman gave birth to a baby, she must be made ritually clean by a ceremony at the Temple. See Leviticus 12:2-8. <sup>II</sup> "WHEN ... 'SPECIAL FOR THE LORD'" See Exodus 13:2, 12. <sup>III</sup> 2:24 Quote from Leviticus 12:8.

good|strong="G1510" man|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" devoted to|strong="G1909" God|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" waiting|strong="G4327" for|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G1909" when|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" come|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1909" help Israel|strong="G2474". The|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" was|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846". <sup>26</sup> The|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" told him|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3708" he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G0302" not|strong="G3361" die|strong="G2288" before|strong="G4250" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547" from|strong="G5259" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". <sup>27</sup> The|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" led Simeon|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G2424" there|strong="G1722" when|strong="G2532" Mary|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Joseph brought|strong="G1521" the|strong="G3588" baby Jesus|strong="G2424" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Jewish law|strong="G3551" said|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" must|strong="G4160" do|strong="G4160". <sup>28</sup> Simeon|strong="G0846" took|strong="G1209" the|strong="G3588" baby in|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" arms|strong="G0043" and|strong="G2532" thanked God|strong="G2316":

<sup>29</sup> " Now|strong="G3568", Lord|strong="G1203", you|strong="G4771" can let|strong="G0630" me|strong="G0630", your|strong="G0630" servant|strong="G1401", die in|strong="G1722" peace|strong="G1515" as|strong="G1722" you|strong="G4771" said.

<sup>30</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G3748" seen|strong="G3708" with|strong="G3708" my|strong="G3708" own|strong="G3788" eyes|strong="G3788" how|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3748" save your|strong="G3708" people|strong="G3588".

<sup>31</sup> Now all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992" can see your|strong="G3956" plan.

<sup>32</sup> He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" light|strong="G5457" to|strong="G1519" show your|strong="G2532" way to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" other nations|strong="G1484".

And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1484" bring|strong="G1519" hon-



or |strong="G1391" to |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" people |strong="G2992" Israel |strong="G2474".

<sup>33</sup> Jesus |strong="G3384" father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" mother |strong="G3384" were |strong="G1510" amazed |strong="G2296" at |strong="G1909" what |strong="G3588" Simeon |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2980" about |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846". <sup>34</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Simeon |strong="G4826" blessed |strong="G2127" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" Mary |strong="G3137", " Many |strong="G4183" Jews will |strong="G4183" fall |strong="G4431" and |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" will |strong="G4183" rise |strong="G0386" because |strong="G1722" of |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" boy. He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G4183" be |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" sign |strong="G4592" from |strong="G4592" God |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3004" some |strong="G3588" will |strong="G4183" not |strong="G2532" accept. <sup>35</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" secret thoughts |strong="G1261" of |strong="G1537" many |strong="G4183" will |strong="G4183" be |strong="G2532" made |strong="G1330" known. And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G4183" that |strong="G3704" happen will |strong="G4183" be |strong="G2532" painful for |strong="G1537" you |strong="G4771"— like |strong="G0846" a |strong="G2532" sword |strong="G4501" cutting through |strong="G1330" your |strong="G2532" heart |strong="G2588".

#### Anna Sees Jesus |strong="G0846"

<sup>36</sup> Anna |strong="G0451", a |strong="G1510" prophetess |strong="G4398", was |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G0846". She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" family of |strong="G1537" Phanuel |strong="G5323" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" tribe |strong="G5443" of |strong="G1537" Asher |strong="G0768". She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" now |strong="G2532" very |strong="G0846" old |strong="G4260". She |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510" lived |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" her |strong="G0846" husband |strong="G0435" seven |strong="G2033" years |strong="G2094"<sup>37</sup> before |strong="G2193" he |strong="G2532" died and |strong="G2532" left |strong="G0868" her |strong="G0846" alone |strong="G0846". She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" now |strong="G2532" 84 years |strong="G2094" old.

Anna was |strong="G3739" always at |strong="G2094" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G0846"; she |strong="G0846" never |strong="G3756" left |strong="G0868". She |strong="G0846" worshiped God |strong="G0846" by |strong="G2250" fasting |strong="G3521" and |strong="G2532" praying day |strong="G2250" and |strong="G2532" night |strong="G3571".

<sup>38</sup> Anna was |strong="G3588" there when |strong="G2532" Joseph and |strong="G2532" Mary |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2186" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" Temple |strong="G0846". She |strong="G0846" praised God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" talked |strong="G2980" about |strong="G4012" Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3956" waiting |strong="G4327" for |strong="G4012" God |strong="G2316" to |strong="G2532" free Jerusalem |strong="G2419".

#### Joseph and |strong="G2532" Mary |strong="G0846" Return Home

<sup>39</sup> Joseph and |strong="G2532" Mary finished |strong="G5055" doing all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G3551" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" commanded. Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" went home to |strong="G1519" Nazareth |strong="G3478", their |strong="G1438" own |strong="G1438" town |strong="G4172" in |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056". <sup>40</sup> The |strong="G3588" little boy Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" developing into |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1510" mature young man |strong="G2316", full |strong="G4137" of |strong="G2316" wisdom |strong="G4678". God |strong="G2316" was |strong="G1510" blessing |strong="G5485" him |strong="G0846".

#### Jesus |strong="G0846" as |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" Boy

<sup>41</sup> Every |strong="G2596" year |strong="G2094" Jesus' parents |strong="G1118" went |strong="G4198" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" festival |strong="G1859". <sup>42</sup> When |strong="G3753" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427" years |strong="G2094" old, they |strong="G0846" went |strong="G0305" to |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" festival |strong="G1859" as |strong="G2596" usual. <sup>43</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" festival was |strong="G2424" over |strong="G1722", they |strong="G0846"

went *strong="G5290"* home, but *strong="G2532"* Jesus *strong="G2424"* stayed *strong="G5278"* in *strong="G1722"* Jerusalem *strong="G2419"*. His *strong="G0846"* parents *strong="G1118"* did *strong="G1097"* not *strong="G3756"* know *strong="G1097"* about *strong="G1722"* it *strong="G0846"*. <sup>44</sup> They *strong="G0846"* traveled for *strong="G1722"* a *strong="G1510"* whole *strong="G1722"* day *strong="G2250"* thinking that *strong="G0846"* Jesus *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G1510"* with *strong="G1722"* them *strong="G0846"* in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* group. They *strong="G0846"* began looking *strong="G0327"* for *strong="G1722"* him *strong="G0846"* among *strong="G1722"* their *strong="G0846"* family and *strong="G2532"* close friends, <sup>45</sup> but *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* did *strong="G2147"* not *strong="G3361"* find *strong="G2147"* him *strong="G0846"*. So *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* went *strong="G5290"* back *strong="G5290"* to *strong="G1519"* Jerusalem *strong="G2419"* to *strong="G1519"* look *strong="G0327"* for *strong="G1519"* him *strong="G0846"* there.

<sup>46</sup> After *strong="G3326"* three *strong="G5140"* days *strong="G2250"* they *strong="G0846"* found *strong="G2147"* him *strong="G0846"*. Jesus *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* sitting *strong="G2516"* in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* Temple *strong="G0846"* area with *strong="G3326"* the *strong="G3588"* religious teachers *strong="G1320"*, listening *strong="G0191"* and *strong="G2532"* asking *strong="G1905"* them *strong="G0846"* questions *strong="G1905"*. <sup>47</sup> Everyone *strong="G3956"* who *strong="G3588"* heard *strong="G0191"* him *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* amazed *strong="G1839"* at *strong="G1909"* his *strong="G0846"* understanding *strong="G4907"* and *strong="G2532"* wise answers *strong="G0612"*. <sup>48</sup> When *strong="G2532"* his *strong="G0846"* parents *strong="G3962"* saw *strong="G3708"* him *strong="G0846"*, they *strong="G0846"* wondered how *strong="G5101"* this *strong="G3779"* was *strong="G3588"* possible. And *strong="G2532"* his *strong="G0846"* mother *strong="G3384"* said *strong="G3004"*, " Son *strong="G5043"*, why *strong="G5101"* did *strong="G4160"* you *strong="G4771"* do *strong="G4160"* this *strong="G3779"* to *strong="G4314"* us *strong="G3004"*? Your *strong="G3708"* father *strong="G3962"* and *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* were *strong="G3588"* very *strong="G0846"* worried about *strong="G4314"* you *strong="G4771"*. We *strong="G2249"* have *strong="G2532"* been *strong="G2532"* looking *strong="G2212"* for *strong="G4314"* you *strong="G4771"*."

<sup>49</sup> Jesus *strong="G0846"* said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G4314"* them *strong="G0846"*, " Why *strong="G5101"* did *strong="G1492"* you *strong="G3754"* have *strong="G1510"* to *strong="G4314"* look *strong="G1492"* for *strong="G3754"* me *strong="G3004"*? You *strong="G3754"* should *strong="G1163"* have *strong="G1510"* known that *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G1473"* must *strong="G1163"* be *strong="G1510"* where *strong="G1722"* my *strong="G2212"* Father's *strong="G3962"* work is *strong="G1510"*. <sup>1</sup> <sup>50</sup> But *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* did *strong="G4920"* not *strong="G3756"* understand *strong="G4920"* the *strong="G3588"* meaning of *strong="G4487"* what *strong="G3739"* he *strong="G2532"* said *strong="G2980"* to *strong="G2532"* them *strong="G0846"*."

<sup>51</sup> Jesus *strong="G0846"* went *strong="G2064"* with *strong="G3326"* them *strong="G0846"* to *strong="G1519"* Nazareth *strong="G3478"* and *strong="G2532"* obeyed them *strong="G0846"*. His *strong="G0846"* mother *strong="G3384"* was *strong="G1510"* still *strong="G2064"* thinking about *strong="G1722"* all *strong="G3956"* these *strong="G3588"* things *strong="G3956"*. <sup>52</sup> As *strong="G1722"* Jesus *strong="G2424"* grew taller, he *strong="G2532"* continued to *strong="G2532"* grow in *strong="G1722"* wisdom *strong="G4678"*. God *strong="G2316"* was *strong="G2424"* pleased with *strong="G1722"* him *strong="G2532"* and *strong="G2532"* so *strong="G2532"* were *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G0444"* who *strong="G3588"* knew him *strong="G2532"*."

### John Prepares the Way for Jesus

(Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; John 1:19-28)

**3** It *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* 15th year *strong="G2094"* of *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* rule of *strong="G1722"* Tiberius *strong="G5086"* Caesar *strong="G2541"*. These *strong="G3588"* men *strong="G0846"* were *strong="G3588"* under *strong="G1722"* Caesar *strong="G2541"*: Pontius *strong="G4194"* Pilate *strong="G4091"*, the *strong="G3588"* governor *strong="G2230"* of *strong="G1722"* Judea *strong="G2449"*; Herod *strong="G2264"*, the *strong="G3588"* ruler of *strong="G1722"* Galilee *strong="G1056"*; Philip *strong="G5376"*, Herod's *strong="G2264"* brother *strong="G0080"*, the *strong="G3588"* ruler of *strong="G1722"* Iturea and *strong="G2532"* Trachonitis *strong="G5139"*; Lysanias *strong="G3078"*, the *strong="G3588"* ruler of *strong="G1722"* Abilene *strong="G0009"*.

I WHERE ... WORK IS Or "in my Father's house."

2 Annas *and* Caiaphas were the high priests during this time, John the son of Zechariah, was living in the desert he received a message from God. <sup>3</sup> So he went through the area around the Jordan River and told the people God's message. He told them to be baptized to show that they wanted to change their lives, and then their sins would be forgiven. <sup>4</sup> This is like the words written in the book of Isaiah the prophet:

" There is someone shouting in the desert: ' Prepare the way for the Lord. ' "

Make the road straight for him.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley will be filled, and every mountain hill will be made flat. Crooked roads will be made straight, and rough roads will be smooth.

<sup>6</sup> Then everyone will see

how God will save his people!

Isaiah 40:3-5

<sup>7</sup> Crowds of people came to be baptized by John. But he said to them, " You are all snakes! Who warned you to run from God's judgment that is coming? " <sup>8</sup> Change your hearts! And show by your lives that you have changed. I know what you are about to say— ' but Abraham is our father! That means nothing. I tell you that God can make children for Abraham from these rocks! " <sup>9</sup> The axis is ready to cut down the trees. <sup>1</sup> Every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>10</sup> The people asked John, " What should we do? "

<sup>11</sup> He answered, " If you have two shirts, share with someone who does

<sup>1</sup> TREES Meaning the people who don't obey God. They are like "trees" that will be cut down.

not |strong="G3361" have |strong="G2192" one |strong="G3588". If |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3004" have |strong="G2192" food |strong="G1033", share |strong="G3330" that |strong="G3004" too |strong="G2532"."

<sup>12</sup> Even |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" tax |strong="G5057" collectors |strong="G5057" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" John |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G4314" be |strong="G2532" baptized |strong="G0907". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", " Teacher |strong="G1320", what |strong="G5101" should |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160"?"

<sup>13</sup> He |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Don't |strong="G3367" take more |strong="G4183" taxes from |strong="G3844" people |strong="G0846" than |strong="G3844" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G3588" been |strong="G4183" ordered |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" collect |strong="G4238"."

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" soldiers |strong="G4754" asked |strong="G1905" him |strong="G0846", " What |strong="G5101" about |strong="G4314" us |strong="G3004"? What |strong="G5101" should |strong="G3367" we |strong="G2249" do |strong="G4160"?"

He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846", " Don't |strong="G3367" use force |strong="G1286" or |strong="G3366" lies |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" make |strong="G4160" people |strong="G0846" give |strong="G4160" you |strong="G5210" money |strong="G0846". Be |strong="G2532" happy with |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" pay you |strong="G5210" get."

<sup>15</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" was |strong="G1510" hoping for |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3956" Messiah |strong="G5547" to |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1510", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" wondered |strong="G1260" about |strong="G4012" John |strong="G2491". They |strong="G0846" thought, "Maybe he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" Messiah |strong="G5547"."

<sup>16</sup> John's |strong="G2491" answer |strong="G0611" to |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510", " I |strong="G1473" baptize |strong="G0907" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" water |strong="G5204", but |strong="G1161" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" someone |strong="G3739" coming |strong="G2064" later who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" able |strong="G2425" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" more |strong="G3956" than |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" can |strong="G3004".

I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" good |strong="G1510" enough |strong="G2425" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" slave |strong="G2064" who |strong="G3739" unties his |strong="G0846" sandals |strong="G5266". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" baptize |strong="G0907" you |strong="G5210" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" and |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1722" fire |strong="G4442". <sup>17</sup> He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" come ready to |strong="G1519" clean the |strong="G3588" grain |strong="G4621". <sup>1</sup> He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" separate the |strong="G3588" good grain |strong="G4621" from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" straw, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" put the |strong="G3588" good part |strong="G0846" into |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" barn |strong="G0596". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" burn |strong="G2618" the |strong="G3588" useless part |strong="G0846" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3739" fire |strong="G4442" that |strong="G3739" cannot be |strong="G2532" stopped." <sup>18</sup> John |strong="G2097" said |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" other |strong="G2087" things |strong="G4183" like this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" encourage |strong="G3870" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" to |strong="G2532" change, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" told them |strong="G3870" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097".

#### How John's Work Later Ended

<sup>19</sup> John |strong="G0846" criticized Herod |strong="G2264" the |strong="G3956" ruler for |strong="G4012" what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3739" done |strong="G4160" with |strong="G2532" Herodias |strong="G2266", the |strong="G3956" wife |strong="G1135" of |strong="G3956" Herod's |strong="G2264" brother |strong="G0080", as |strong="G2532" well |strong="G2532" as |strong="G2532" for |strong="G4012" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" other |strong="G1161" bad |strong="G4190" things |strong="G3956" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3739" done |strong="G4160". <sup>20</sup> So |strong="G2532" Herod added |strong="G4369" another bad thing |strong="G3778" to |strong="G1909" all |strong="G3956" his |strong="G3956" other wrongs:

<sup>1</sup> CLEAN THE GRAIN Meaning that Jesus will separate the good people from those who are bad.

He |strong="G2532" put John |strong="G2491" in |strong="G1722" jail.

**Jesus |strong="G2532" Is |strong="G3778" Baptized by |strong="G1722" John |strong="G2491"**  
(Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11)

21 When |strong="G2532" all |strong="G0537" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" were |strong="G2992" being |strong="G1096" baptized |strong="G0907", Jesus |strong="G2424" came |strong="G1096" and |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" baptized |strong="G0907" too |strong="G2532". And |strong="G2532" while |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" praying |strong="G4336", the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" opened |strong="G0455", 22 and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" came |strong="G1096" down |strong="G2597" on |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" looked |strong="G1096" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" real dove |strong="G4058". Then |strong="G2532" a |strong="G5613" voice |strong="G5456" came |strong="G1096" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G1096", " You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" my |strong="G1722" Son |strong="G5207", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" love |strong="G0027". I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" very |strong="G0846" pleased |strong="G2106" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G4771"."

**The |strong="G3588" Family History of |strong="G5207" Joseph**  
(Matthew 1:1-17)

23 When |strong="G5613" Jesus |strong="G2424" began |strong="G0757" to |strong="G0757" teach, he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" about |strong="G5613" 30 years |strong="G2094" old. People |strong="G0846" thought |strong="G3543" that |strong="G0846" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" Joseph's |strong="G2501" son |strong="G5207".

Joseph |strong="G2501" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Eli |strong="G2242".

24 Eli was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Matthat |strong="G3158". Matthat |strong="G3158" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Levi |strong="G3017". Levi |strong="G3017" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Melchi |strong="G3197".

Melchi |strong="G3197" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Jannai |strong="G2388".

Jannai |strong="G2388" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Joseph |strong="G2501".

25 Joseph was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Mattathias |strong="G3161". Mattathias |strong="G3161" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Amos |strong="G0301".

Amos |strong="G0301" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Nahum |strong="G3486".

Nahum |strong="G3486" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Esli. Esli was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Naggai |strong="G3477".

26 Naggai was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Maath |strong="G3092". Maath |strong="G3092" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Mattathias |strong="G3161".

Mattathias |strong="G3161" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Semein |strong="G4584".

Semein |strong="G4584" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Josech. Josech was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Joda.

27 Joda was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Joanan.

Joanan was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Rhesa |strong="G4488". Rhesa |strong="G4488" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Zerubabel |strong="G2216".

Zerubbabel |strong="G2216" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Shealtiel |strong="G4528".

Shealtiel |strong="G4528" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Neri |strong="G3518".

28 Neri was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Melchi |strong="G3197". Melchi |strong="G3197" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Addi |strong="G0078".

Addi |strong="G0078" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Cosam |strong="G2973".

Cosam |strong="G2973" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Elmadam |strong="G1678".

Elmadam |strong="G1678" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Er |strong="G2262".

<sup>29</sup> Er was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G2424" Joshua |strong="G2424". Joshua |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G2424" Eliezer |strong="G1663".

Eliezer |strong="G1663" was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G2424" Jorim |strong="G2497".

Jorim |strong="G2497" was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G2424" Matthat |strong="G3158".

Matthat |strong="G3158" was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G2424" Levi |strong="G3017".

<sup>30</sup> Levi was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Simeon |strong="G4826". Simeon |strong="G4826" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Judah |strong="G2455".

Judah |strong="G2455" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Joseph |strong="G2501".

Joseph |strong="G2501" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Jonam |strong="G2494".

Jonam |strong="G2494" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Eliakim |strong="G1662".

<sup>31</sup> Eliakim was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Melea |strong="G3190".

Melea |strong="G3190" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Menna.

Menna was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Mattatha |strong="G3160".

Mattatha |strong="G3160" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Nathan |strong="G3481".

Nathan |strong="G3481" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" David |strong="G1138".

<sup>32</sup> David was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Jesse |strong="G2421".

Jesse |strong="G2421" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Obed.

Obed was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Boaz |strong="G1003".

Boaz |strong="G1003" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Salmon.

Salmon was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Nahshon |strong="G3476".

<sup>33</sup> Nahshon was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Amminadab |strong="G0284".

Amminadab |strong="G0284" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Admin.

Admin was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Arni.

Arni was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Hezron |strong="G2074". Hezron |strong="G2074" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Perez |strong="G5329".

Perez |strong="G5329" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Judah |strong="G2455".

<sup>34</sup> Judah was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Jacob |strong="G2384".

Jacob |strong="G2384" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Isaac |strong="G2464".

Isaac |strong="G2464" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Abraham |strong="G0011".

Abraham |strong="G0011" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Terah |strong="G2291".

Terah |strong="G2291" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Nahor |strong="G3493".

<sup>35</sup> Nahor was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Serug.

Serug was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Reu |strong="G4466".

Reu |strong="G4466" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Peleg |strong="G5317".

Peleg |strong="G5317" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Eber.

Eber was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Shelah |strong="G4527".

<sup>36</sup> Shelah was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Cainan |strong="G2536".

Cainan |strong="G2536" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Arphaxad |strong="G0742".

Arphaxad |strong="G0742" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Shem |strong="G4590".

Shem |strong="G4590" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Noah |strong="G3575".

Noah |strong="G3575" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Lamech |strong="G2984".

<sup>37</sup> Lamech was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Methuselah.

Methuselah was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Enoch |strong="G1802".

Enoch |strong="G1802" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Jared |strong="G2391".

Jared|strong="G2391" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G3588" Mahalaleel|strong="G3121".

Mahalaleel|strong="G3121" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G3588" Cainan|strong="G2536".

<sup>38</sup> Cainan was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G2316" Enos.

Enos was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G2316" Seth|strong="G4589".

Seth|strong="G4589" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G2316" Adam|strong="G0076".

Adam|strong="G0076" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".

### Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil

(Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13)

**4** Now|strong="G1161" filled|strong="G4134" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151", Jesus|strong="G2424" returned|strong="G5290" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" Jordan|strong="G2446" River. And|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" led|strong="G0071" him|strong="G0071" into|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048". <sup>2</sup> There|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" tempted|strong="G3985" Jesus|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1722" 40 days|strong="G2250". Jesus|strong="G0846" ate|strong="G2068" nothing|strong="G3762" during|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2250", and|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" finished|strong="G4931", he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" very|strong="G0846" hungry|strong="G3983".

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2443" him|strong="G0846", " If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316", tell|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" rock to|strong="G2443" become|strong="G1096" bread|strong="G0740"."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, ' It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G0444" not|strong="G3756" just|strong="G2532" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3754" keeps people|strong="G0444" alive|strong="G2198"."

Deuteronomy 8:3

<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" devil took Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532"

in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2532" moment|strong="G4743" of|strong="G0932" time|strong="G5550" showed|strong="G1166" him|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" kingdoms|strong="G0932" of|strong="G0932" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G3625". <sup>6</sup> The|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" make|strong="G1325" you|strong="G4771" king over|strong="G3860" all|strong="G0537" these|strong="G3778" places. You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" power|strong="G1849" over|strong="G3860" them|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3739" get all|strong="G0537" the|strong="G3588" glory|strong="G1391". It|strong="G0846" has|strong="G3739" all|strong="G0537" been|strong="G2532" given|strong="G1325" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G1325". I|strong="G1473" can|strong="G3004" give|strong="G1325" it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" anyone|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G2309". <sup>7</sup> I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" give it|strong="G1437" all|strong="G3956" to|strong="G3956" you|strong="G4771", if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G1510" only worship|strong="G4352" me|strong="G1473"."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say|strong="G3004", ' You|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" worship|strong="G4352" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" your|strong="G2962" God|strong="G2316".

Serve|strong="G3000" only|strong="G3441" him|strong="G0846"."

Deuteronomy 6:13

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" devil led|strong="G0071" Jesus|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G0906" him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G1510" high place|strong="G0906" at|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" edge of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846" area. He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846", " If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316", jump off! <sup>10</sup> The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say,

' God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3748" com-  
mand|strong="G1781" his|strong="G0846" an-  
gels|strong="G0032"  
to|strong="G0846" take care of|strong="G4012"  
you|strong="G4771":'

Psalm 91:11

11 It|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" al-  
so|strong="G2532" written,  
' Their|strong="G2532" hands|strong="G5495"  
will|strong="G3748" catch you|strong="G4771"  
so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754"  
you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3748"  
not|strong="G3379" hit your|strong="G2532"  
foot|strong="G4228" on|strong="G1909"  
a|strong="G2532" rock."

Psalm 91:12

12 Jesus|strong="G2424" an-  
swered|strong="G0611", " But|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" Scriptures also|strong="G2532"  
say|strong="G3004", ' You|strong="G4771"  
must|strong="G2046" not|strong="G3756"  
test|strong="G1598" the|strong="G3588"  
Lord|strong="G2962" your|strong="G2962"  
God|strong="G2316".<sup>I</sup>

13 The|strong="G3956" devil|strong="G1228" fin-  
ished|strong="G4931" tempting Je-  
sus|strong="G0846" in|strong="G2532"  
every|strong="G3956" way|strong="G3956"  
and|strong="G2532" went away|strong="G0868"  
to|strong="G2532" wait until|strong="G0891"  
a|strong="G2532" better time|strong="G2540".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Begins His|strong="G0846"  
Work in|strong="G2532" Galilee**  
(Matthew 4:12-17; Mark 1:14-15)

14 Jesus|strong="G2424" went|strong="G1831"  
back|strong="G5290" to|strong="G1519"  
Galilee|strong="G1056" with|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1411"  
of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" Spir-  
it|strong="G4151". Stories about|strong="G4012"  
him|strong="G0846" spread|strong="G1831"  
all|strong="G3650" over|strong="G2596"  
the|strong="G3588" area around|strong="G4012"  
Galilee|strong="G1056".<sup>15</sup> He|strong="G2532" be-  
gan to|strong="G2532" teach|strong="G1321"  
in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" syna-  
gogues|strong="G4864", and|strong="G2532" every-  
one|strong="G3956" praised|strong="G1392"  
him|strong="G0846".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Goes to|strong="G2532"  
His|strong="G0846" Hometown**  
(Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6)

16 Jesus|strong="G0846" traveled  
to|strong="G1519" Nazareth|strong="G3478",  
the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532"

I 4:12 Quote from Deuteronomy 6:16.

where|strong="G3757" he|strong="G2532" grew  
up|strong="G0450". On|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521"  
day|strong="G2250" he|strong="G2532"  
went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519"  
the|strong="G3588" synagogue|strong="G4864"  
as|strong="G1519" he|strong="G2532" always  
did|strong="G1510". He|strong="G2532"  
stood|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450"  
to|strong="G1519" read|strong="G0314".<sup>17</sup>  
The|strong="G3588" book|strong="G0975"  
of|strong="G0975" Isaiah|strong="G2268"  
the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396"  
was|strong="G1510" given to|strong="G2532"  
him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" opened  
the|strong="G3588" book|strong="G0975"  
and|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147"  
the|strong="G3588" place|strong="G5117"  
where|strong="G3757" this|strong="G3588"  
is|strong="G1510" written|strong="G1125":

18 " The|strong="G2532" Spirit|strong="G4151"  
of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G2532"  
Lord|strong="G2962" is|strong="G3739"  
on|strong="G1909" me|strong="G1473".

He|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2962" chosen  
me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G1909" tell  
good|strong="G2097" news|strong="G2097"  
to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G2532"  
poor|strong="G4434".

He|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649"  
me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G1909" tell prisoners  
that|strong="G3739" they|strong="G3739"  
are|strong="G3739" free

and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1909" tell  
the|strong="G2532" blind|strong="G5185"  
that|strong="G3739" they|strong="G3739" can see  
again|strong="G2532".

He|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649"  
me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G1909" free  
those|strong="G1722" who|strong="G3739"  
have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" treated  
badly

19 and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" an-  
nounce that|strong="G1722" the|strong="G2532"  
time has|strong="G2962" come for|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962"  
to|strong="G2532" show his|strong="G0649" kind-  
ness."

Isaiah 61:1-2; 58:6

20 Jesus|strong="G0846" closed|strong="G4428"  
the|strong="G3956" book|strong="G0975",  
gave|strong="G0591" it|strong="G0846"  
back|strong="G0591" to|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3956" helper|strong="G5257",  
and|strong="G2532" sat|strong="G2523"  
down|strong="G2523". As|strong="G1722" every-  
one|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3956" synagogue|strong="G4864"



watched him/strong="G0846" closely,<sup>21</sup> he/strong="G0846" began/strong="G0757" to/strong="G4314" speak/strong="G3004" to/strong="G4314" them/strong="G0846". He/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004", "While/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210" heard me/strong="G3004" reading these/strong="G3778" words just/strong="G0846" now/strong="G1161", they/strong="G0846" were/strong="G3778" coming true!"

<sup>22</sup> Everyone/strong="G3956" there/strong="G1510" said/strong="G3004" good/strong="G1510" things/strong="G3778" about/strong="G1909" Jesus/strong="G0846". They/strong="G0846" were/strong="G1510" amazed/strong="G2296" to/strong="G3004" hear him/strong="G0846" speak/strong="G3004" such/strong="G3778" wonderful words/strong="G3056". They/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004", "How is/strong="G1510" this/strong="G3778" possible? Isn't/strong="G3780" he/strong="G2532" Joseph's/strong="G2501" son/strong="G5207"?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G1519" them/strong="G0846", "I/strong="G1473" know you/strong="G4771" will/strong="G3778" tell/strong="G3004" me/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3588" old saying/strong="G3004": 'Doctor, heal/strong="G2323" yourself/strong="G4572"! You/strong="G4771" want to/strong="G1519" say/strong="G3004", 'We/strong="G3778" heard/strong="G0191" about/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3778" you/strong="G4771" did/strong="G4160" in/strong="G1722" Capernaum/strong="G2584". Do/strong="G4160" those/strong="G3588" same/strong="G0846" things/strong="G3778" here/strong="G5602" in/strong="G1722" your/strong="G4160" own/strong="G1438" hometown/strong="G3968"!'"<sup>24</sup> Then/strong="G1161" he/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004", "The/strong="G3588" truth is/strong="G1510", a/strong="G1510" prophet/strong="G4396" is/strong="G1510" not/strong="G1510" accepted in/strong="G1722" his/strong="G0846" own/strong="G1438" hometown/strong="G3968".

<sup>25</sup> "During the time of Elijah it did not rain in Israel for three and a half years. There was no food anywhere in the whole country. There were many widows in Israel during that time. But the fact is, Elijah was sent to none of those widows in Israel. He was sent only to a widow in Zarephath, a town in Sidon.

<sup>27</sup> "And/strong="G2532" there/strong="G1510" were/strong="G1510" many/strong="G4183" people/strong="G0846" with/strong="G1722" leprosy living in/strong="G1722" Israel/strong="G2474" during/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" time/strong="G1909" of/strong="G1909"

the/strong="G3588" prophet/strong="G4396" Elisha/strong="G1666". But/strong="G2532" none/strong="G3762" of/strong="G1909" them/strong="G0846" were/strong="G1510" healed; the/strong="G3588" only/strong="G1487" one/strong="G3762" was/strong="G1510" Naaman/strong="G3497". And/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" was/strong="G1510" from/strong="G3361" the/strong="G3588" country of/strong="G1909" Syria, not/strong="G3361" Israel/strong="G2474"."

<sup>28</sup> When/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" people/strong="G3956" in/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3956" synagogue/strong="G4864" heard/strong="G0191" this/strong="G3778", they/strong="G2532" were/strong="G3956" very/strong="G3778" angry/strong="G2372".<sup>29</sup> They/strong="G0846" got/strong="G0450" up/strong="G0450" and/strong="G2532" forced/strong="G1544" Jesus/strong="G0846" to/strong="G1909" go/strong="G0071" out/strong="G1854" of/strong="G1909" town/strong="G4172". Their/strong="G0846" town/strong="G4172" was/strong="G3739" built/strong="G3618" on/strong="G1909" a/strong="G3739" hill/strong="G3735". They/strong="G0846" took/strong="G0071" Jesus/strong="G0846" to/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" edge of/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" hill/strong="G3735" to/strong="G1909" throw/strong="G1544" him/strong="G0846" off.<sup>30</sup> But/strong="G1161" he/strong="G0846" walked through/strong="G1223" the/strong="G1223" middle/strong="G3319" of/strong="G1223" the/strong="G1223" crowd and/strong="G1161" went/strong="G4198" away/strong="G4198".

**Jesus/strong="G0846" Frees a/strong="G1161" Man From/strong="G1223" an/strong="G1161" Evil Spirit**  
(Mark 1:21-28)

<sup>31</sup> Jesus/strong="G0846" went/strong="G2718" to/strong="G1519" Capernaum/strong="G2584", a/strong="G1510" city/strong="G4172" in/strong="G1722" Galilee/strong="G1056". On/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" Sabbath/strong="G4521" day/strong="G4521" he/strong="G2532" taught/strong="G1321" the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G0846".<sup>32</sup> They/strong="G0846" were/strong="G1510" amazed/strong="G1605" at/strong="G1722" his/strong="G0846" teaching/strong="G1322" because/strong="G3754" he/strong="G2532" spoke/strong="G3056" with/strong="G1722" authority/strong="G1849".

<sup>33</sup> In/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" synagogue/strong="G4864" there/strong="G1510" was/strong="G1510" a/strong="G2192"

man |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G2192" an |strong="G2192" evil spirit |strong="G4151" from |strong="G5456" the |strong="G3588" devil inside |strong="G1722" him |strong="G2532". The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0444" shouted loudly |strong="G3173",<sup>34</sup> " Jesus |strong="G2424" of |strong="G2316" Nazareth |strong="G3479"! What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1492" you |strong="G4771" want with |strong="G2316" us |strong="G1436"? Did |strong="G1492" you |strong="G4771" come |strong="G2064" here |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2064" destroy |strong="G0622" us |strong="G1436"? I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1492" who |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510"— God's |strong="G2316" Holy |strong="G0040" One |strong="G3588"! "<sup>35</sup> But |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" warned |strong="G2008" the |strong="G3588" evil spirit to |strong="G1519" stop. He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Be |strong="G2532" quiet |strong="G5392"! Come |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3367"! " The |strong="G3588" evil spirit threw |strong="G4496" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3367" down |strong="G4496" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" ground in |strong="G1519" front of |strong="G0575" everyone. Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" evil spirit left |strong="G1831" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3367" and |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1831" not |strong="G3367" hurt |strong="G0984" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>36</sup> The |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" were |strong="G3956" amazed |strong="G2285". They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240", " What |strong="G5101" does |strong="G5101" this |strong="G3778" mean |strong="G3004"? With |strong="G1722" authority |strong="G1849" and |strong="G2532" power |strong="G1411" he |strong="G2532" commands |strong="G2004" evil spirits |strong="G4151" and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831". "<sup>37</sup> And |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" news about |strong="G4012" Jesus |strong="G0846" spread |strong="G1607" to |strong="G1519" every |strong="G3956" place |strong="G5117" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" area.

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals Peter's |strong="G0846" Mother-in-Law**

(Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-34)

<sup>38</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G4864"

and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1525" to |strong="G1519" Simon's |strong="G4613"<sup>1</sup> house |strong="G3614". Simon's |strong="G4613" mother-in-law |strong="G3994" was |strong="G1510" very |strong="G0846" sick. She |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" high |strong="G3173" fever |strong="G4446". They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G2065" Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G1510" something |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" help |strong="G4012" her |strong="G0846".<sup>39</sup> He |strong="G2532" stood |strong="G0450" very |strong="G0846" close to |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" ordered the |strong="G3588" sickness to |strong="G2532" go |strong="G0863" away |strong="G0863". The |strong="G3588" sickness left |strong="G0863" her |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" got |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" and |strong="G2532" began serving |strong="G1247" them |strong="G0846".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals Many Others |strong="G3588"**

<sup>40</sup> When |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" sun |strong="G2246" went down, the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" brought |strong="G0071" their |strong="G0846" sick |strong="G0770" friends to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" many |strong="G3745" different kinds |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1520" sicknesses. Jesus |strong="G0846" laid |strong="G2007" his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" on |strong="G5495" each |strong="G1538" sick |strong="G0770" person |strong="G1538" and |strong="G1161" healed |strong="G2323" them |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3956".<sup>41</sup> Demons |strong="G1140" came |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G5207" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" demons |strong="G1140" shouted, " You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316". " But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" gave a |strong="G1510" strong command |strong="G3004" for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" demons |strong="G1140" not |strong="G3756" to |strong="G3004" speak |strong="G2980", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" knew |strong="G1492" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547".

1 SIMON Simon's other name was Peter. Also in 5:3, 4, 5, 10.

Jesus *strong="G0846"* Goes *strong="G1831"*  
to *strong="G3004"* Other *strong="G1161"* Towns  
(Mark 1:35-39)

42 The *strong="G3588"* next *strong="G2064"*  
day *strong="G2250"* Jesus *strong="G0846"*  
went *strong="G1831"* to *strong="G1519"*  
a *strong="G1096"* place *strong="G5117"*  
to *strong="G1519"* be *strong="G1096"*  
alone *strong="G0846"*. The *strong="G3588"* peo-  
ple *strong="G3793"* looked *strong="G1096"*  
for *strong="G1519"* him *strong="G0846"*.  
When *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"*  
found *strong="G1096"* him *strong="G0846"*,  
they *strong="G0846"* tried to *strong="G1519"*  
stop *strong="G3361"* him *strong="G0846"*  
from *strong="G0575"* leaving *strong="G4198"*.<sup>43</sup>  
But *strong="G1161"* he *strong="G2532"*  
said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G4314"*  
them *strong="G0846"*, " I *strong="G1473"*  
must *strong="G1163"* tell *strong="G3004"*  
the *strong="G3588"* Good *strong="G2097"*  
News *strong="G2097"* about *strong="G1909"*  
God's *strong="G2316"* kingdom *strong="G0932"*  
to *strong="G4314"* other *strong="G2087"*  
towns *strong="G4172"* too *strong="G2532"*.  
This *strong="G3778"* is *strong="G2316"* why  
I *strong="G1473"* was *strong="G3588"*  
sent *strong="G0649"*."

44 Then *strong="G2532"* Jesus *strong="G1510"* told  
the *strong="G3588"* Good *strong="G1510"* News  
in *strong="G1519"* the *strong="G3588"* syna-  
gogues *strong="G4864"* in *strong="G1519"*  
Judea *strong="G2449"*.

#### Jesus Chooses Some Followers (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20)

5 As *strong="G1722"* Jesus *strong="G0846"*  
stood *strong="G2476"* beside *strong="G3844"*  
Lake *strong="G3041"* Galilee,<sup>1</sup> a *strong="G1096"*  
crowd *strong="G3793"* of *strong="G3056"* peo-  
ple *strong="G3793"* pushed to *strong="G2532"*  
get *strong="G1096"* closer to *strong="G2532"*  
him *strong="G0846"* and *strong="G2532"*  
to *strong="G2532"* hear *strong="G0191"*  
the *strong="G3588"* teachings of *strong="G3056"*  
God *strong="G2316"*.<sup>2</sup> Jesus *strong="G0846"*  
saw *strong="G3708"* two *strong="G1417"*  
boats *strong="G4143"* at *strong="G3844"*  
the *strong="G3588"* shore of *strong="G0575"*  
the *strong="G3588"* lake *strong="G3041"*.  
The *strong="G3588"* fishermen *strong="G0231"*  
were *strong="G3588"* washing *strong="G4150"*  
their *strong="G0846"* nets *strong="G1350"*.<sup>3</sup> Je-  
sus *strong="G0846"* got *strong="G1684"* in-  
to *strong="G1519"* the *strong="G3588"*

boat *strong="G4143"* that *strong="G3739"* be-  
longed *strong="G0575"* to *strong="G1519"* Si-  
mon *strong="G4613"*. He *strong="G0846"*  
asked *strong="G2065"* Simon *strong="G4613"*  
to *strong="G1519"* push off *strong="G0575"*  
a *strong="G1510"* little *strong="G3641"*  
from *strong="G0575"* the *strong="G3588"*  
shore *strong="G1093"*. Then *strong="G2532"*  
he *strong="G0846"* sat *strong="G2523"*  
down *strong="G2523"* in *strong="G1722"*  
the *strong="G3588"* boat *strong="G4143"*  
and *strong="G1161"* taught *strong="G1321"*  
the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G3793"*  
on *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"*  
shore *strong="G1093"*.

4 When *strong="G5613"* Jesus *strong="G3004"* fin-  
ished *strong="G3973"* speaking *strong="G2980"*,  
he *strong="G2532"* said *strong="G3004"*  
to *strong="G1519"* Simon *strong="G4613"*, "Take  
the *strong="G3588"* boat into *strong="G1519"*  
the *strong="G3588"* deep *strong="G0899"* wa-  
ter *strong="G0899"*. If *strong="G5613"*  
all *strong="G3588"* of *strong="G3004"*  
you *strong="G5210"* will *strong="G2532"*  
put *strong="G1877"* your *strong="G2532"*  
nets *strong="G1350"* into *strong="G1519"*  
the *strong="G3588"* water *strong="G0899"*,  
you *strong="G5210"* will *strong="G2532"*  
catch *strong="G0061"* some *strong="G3588"* fish."

5 Simon *strong="G4613"* an-  
swered *strong="G0611"*, " Master *strong="G1988"*,  
we *strong="G2532"* worked *strong="G2872"*  
hard *strong="G2872"* all *strong="G3650"*  
night *strong="G3571"* trying to *strong="G3004"* catch  
fish and *strong="G2532"* caught *strong="G2983"*  
nothing *strong="G3762"*. But *strong="G1161"*  
you *strong="G4771"* say *strong="G3004"*  
I *strong="G2532"* should *strong="G2532"*  
put *strong="G2983"* the *strong="G3588"*  
nets *strong="G1350"* into *strong="G1909"*  
the *strong="G3588"* water, so *strong="G2532"*  
I *strong="G2532"* will *strong="G2532"*."<sup>6</sup>  
The *strong="G3588"* fishermen put *strong="G4160"*  
their *strong="G0846"* nets *strong="G1350"* in-  
to *strong="G4160"* the *strong="G3588"* water.  
Their *strong="G0846"* nets *strong="G1350"*  
were *strong="G3778"* filled with *strong="G2532"*  
so *strong="G2532"* many *strong="G4183"*  
fish *strong="G2486"* that *strong="G3778"*  
they *strong="G0846"* began to *strong="G2532"*  
break *strong="G1284"*.<sup>7</sup> They *strong="G0846"* called  
to *strong="G2064"* their *strong="G0846"* friends  
in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* oth-  
er *strong="G2087"* boat *strong="G4143"*  
to *strong="G2064"* come *strong="G2064"*  
and *strong="G2532"* help *strong="G4815"*  
them *strong="G0846"*. The *strong="G3588"* friends  
came *strong="G2064"*, and *strong="G2532"*

1 GALILEE Literally, "Gennesaret."

both |strong="G2532" boats |strong="G4143" were |strong="G3588" filled |strong="G4130" so |strong="G2532" full of |strong="G1722" fish that |strong="G5620" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" almost sinking.

<sup>8</sup> The fishermen were all amazed at the many fish they caught. When Simon Peter saw this, he bowed down before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!" <sup>10</sup> James |strong="G2385" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491", the |strong="G3588" sons |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Zebedee |strong="G2199", were |strong="G1510" amazed too |strong="G2532". ( James |strong="G2385" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491" worked together |strong="G2532" with |strong="G4314" Simon |strong="G4613".)

Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" Simon |strong="G4613", " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" afraid |strong="G5399". From |strong="G0575" now |strong="G1161" on |strong="G0575" your |strong="G2532" work will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" to |strong="G4314" bring |strong="G3004" in |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0444", not |strong="G3361" fish!"

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="G3956" men |strong="G3956" brought |strong="G2609" their |strong="G0846" boats |strong="G4143" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" shore |strong="G1093". They |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0863" everything |strong="G3956" and |strong="G2532" followed |strong="G0190" Jesus |strong="G0846".

### Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals a |strong="G2532" Sick Man

(Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45)

<sup>12</sup> One |strong="G1520" time |strong="G1909" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1096" town |strong="G4172" where |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1096" very |strong="G0846" sick man |strong="G0435" lived |strong="G1510". This |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0435" was |strong="G1510" covered |strong="G1096" with |strong="G1722" leprosy |strong="G3014". When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0435" saw |strong="G3708" Jesus |strong="G2424", he |strong="G2532" bowed before |strong="G1909" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" begged |strong="G1189" him |strong="G0846", " Lord |strong="G2962", you |strong="G1437" have |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" power |strong="G1410" to |strong="G3004" heal me |strong="G3004" if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G1437" want |strong="G2309"."

<sup>13</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G2532" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" heal you |strong="G3004". Be |strong="G2532" healed!" Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" touched |strong="G0681" the |strong="G3588" man, and |strong="G2532" immediately |strong="G2112" the |strong="G3588" leprosy |strong="G3014" disappeared. <sup>14</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Don't |strong="G3367" tell |strong="G3004" anyone |strong="G3367" about |strong="G4012" what |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588". But |strong="G0235" go |strong="G0565" and |strong="G2532" let |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" priest |strong="G2409" look at |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771". <sup>1</sup> And |strong="G2532" offer |strong="G4374" a |strong="G3004" gift to |strong="G1519" God |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" healing as |strong="G2531" Moses |strong="G3475" commanded |strong="G4367". This |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2532" show |strong="G1166" people |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" healed."

<sup>15</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" news |strong="G3056" about |strong="G4012" Jesus |strong="G0846" spread |strong="G1330" more |strong="G3123" and |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123". Many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3793" came |strong="G4905" to |strong="G2532" hear |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2323" of |strong="G3056" their |strong="G0846" sicknesses |strong="G0769". <sup>16</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" often went away |strong="G5298" to |strong="G2532" other |strong="G1161" places to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" alone |strong="G0846" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G0846" he |strong="G2532" could pray |strong="G4336".

### Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals a |strong="G1510" Crippled Man

(Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12)

<sup>17</sup> One |strong="G1520" day |strong="G2250" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" teaching |strong="G1321" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956". The |strong="G3956" Pharisees |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" teachers |strong="G3547" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3547" were |strong="G1510" sitting |strong="G2521" there |strong="G1510" too |strong="G2532". They |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510"

<sup>1</sup> LET THE PRIEST LOOK AT YOU The Law of Moses said a priest must decide when a person with leprosy was well.

come |strong="G2064" from |strong="G1537" every |strong="G3956" town |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" Galilee |strong="G1056" and |strong="G2532" Judea |strong="G2449" and |strong="G2532" from |strong="G1537" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". The |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" was |strong="G1510" giving Jesus |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3956" power |strong="G1411" to |strong="G1519" heal |strong="G2390" people |strong="G3956".<sup>18</sup> There |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510" paralyzed |strong="G3886", and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G3739" other |strong="G3739" men |strong="G0444" were |strong="G1510" carrying |strong="G5342" him |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1510" mat. They |strong="G0846" tried |strong="G2212" to |strong="G1909" bring |strong="G5342" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G5087" him |strong="G0846" down |strong="G5087" before |strong="G1799" Jesus |strong="G0846".<sup>19</sup> But |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1715" were |strong="G3793" so |strong="G2532" many |strong="G3793" people |strong="G3793" that |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" could |strong="G2147" not |strong="G3361" find |strong="G2147" a |strong="G2147" way |strong="G1223" to |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G2424". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" roof |strong="G1430" and |strong="G2532" lowered |strong="G2524" the |strong="G3588" crippled man |strong="G3361" down |strong="G2524" through |strong="G1223" a |strong="G2147" hole in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" ceiling. They |strong="G0846" lowered |strong="G2524" the |strong="G3588" mat into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" room so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" crippled man |strong="G3361" was |strong="G2424" lying before |strong="G1715" Jesus |strong="G2424".<sup>20</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" how much faith |strong="G4102" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3588" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" sick man |strong="G0444", " Friend |strong="G0444", your |strong="G0863" sins |strong="G0266" are |strong="G3588" forgiven |strong="G0863"."

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jewish teachers of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" law and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" thought |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" themselves |strong="G1510", "

Who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3739" dares to |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004" such |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778"? What |strong="G5101" an |strong="G1510" insult to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G2316"! No |strong="G3361" one |strong="G3739" but |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" can |strong="G1410" forgive |strong="G0863" sins |strong="G0266"."

<sup>22</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" knew |strong="G1921" what |strong="G5101" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" thinking |strong="G1261" and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G3588" these |strong="G3588" questions in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G1438" minds |strong="G2588"? <sup>23</sup> The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins. But how can I prove this to you? Maybe you are thinking it was easy for me to say, 'Your sins are forgiven.' There's no proof that it really happened. But what if I say to the man, 'Stand up and walk?' Then you will be able to see that I really have this power." So Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, stand up! Take your mat and go home!"

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G2316" immediately |strong="G3916" stood |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0142" in |strong="G1519" front |strong="G1799" of |strong="G2316" everyone |strong="G3739". He |strong="G2532" picked |strong="G0142" up |strong="G0142" his |strong="G0846" mat and |strong="G2532" walked home |strong="G3624", praising |strong="G1392" God |strong="G2316".<sup>26</sup> Everyone |strong="G3748" was |strong="G3588" completely |strong="G1611" amazed and |strong="G2532" began to |strong="G3004" praise |strong="G1392" God |strong="G2316". They |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3588" filled |strong="G4130" with |strong="G2316" great respect |strong="G5401" for |strong="G3754" God's |strong="G2316" power. They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Today |strong="G4594" we |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" amazing things |strong="G3861"!"

Levi (Matthew) Follows |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G3004"

(Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17)

<sup>27</sup> After |strong="G3326" this |strong="G3778" Jesus |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G2300" a |strong="G3004" tax |strong="G5057" collector |strong="G5057" sitting |strong="G2521" at |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" place |strong="G1473" for |strong="G1909" collecting taxes.

His|strong="G0846" name|strong="G3686" was|strong="G3588" Levi|strong="G3018". Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Follow|strong="G0190" me|strong="G3004"!"<sup>28</sup> Levi got|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450", left|strong="G2641" everything|strong="G3956", and|strong="G2532" followed|strong="G0190" Jesus|strong="G0846".

<sup>29</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Levi|strong="G3018" gave|strong="G4160" a|strong="G1510" big|strong="G3173" dinner at|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614" for|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G0846". At|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" table there|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" many|strong="G4183" tax|strong="G5057" collectors|strong="G5057" and|strong="G2532" some|strong="G3588" other|strong="G0243" people|strong="G3793" too|strong="G2532".<sup>30</sup> But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" taught the|strong="G3588" law for|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" began to|strong="G4314" complain|strong="G1111" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G0846", " Why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3004" eat|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" with|strong="G3326" tax|strong="G5057" collectors|strong="G5057" and|strong="G2532" other|strong="G0846" sinners|strong="G0268"?"

<sup>31</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611" them|strong="G0846", " It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" sick|strong="G2560" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" need|strong="G5532" a|strong="G2192" doctor, not|strong="G3756" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" healthy.<sup>32</sup> I|strong="G0235" have|strong="G0268" not|strong="G3756" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" ask good people to|strong="G1519" change. I|strong="G0235" have|strong="G0268" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" ask sinners|strong="G0268" to|strong="G1519" change the|strong="G1519" way they|strong="G2064" live."

**Jesus|strong="G2564" Is|strong="G1342" Not|strong="G3756" Like Other Religious Leaders**  
(Matthew 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22)

<sup>33</sup> They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846", " John's|strong="G2491" followers of ten|strong="G4437" fast|strong="G3522"

and|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G1162", the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330". But|strong="G1161" your|strong="G4674" followers eat|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" time."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", " At|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1510" wedding|strong="G3567" you|strong="G3739" can't ask|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" friends of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566" to|strong="G4314" be|strong="G1510" sad and|strong="G1161" fast|strong="G3522" while|strong="G1722" he|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" still with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846".<sup>35</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2250" will|strong="G2250" come|strong="G2064" when|strong="G3752" the|strong="G3588" groom will|strong="G2250" be|strong="G2532" taken|strong="G0522" away|strong="G0522" from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" friends will|strong="G2250" fast|strong="G3522"."

<sup>36</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" this|strong="G3588" story: " No|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3762" takes cloth|strong="G1915" off|strong="G0575" a|strong="G3004" new|strong="G2537" coat|strong="G2440" to|strong="G4314" cover a|strong="G3004" hole in|strong="G1909" an|strong="G2532" old|strong="G3820" coat|strong="G2440". That|strong="G3754" would|strong="G3762" ruin the|strong="G3588" new|strong="G2537" coat|strong="G2440", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" cloth|strong="G1915" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" new|strong="G2537" coat|strong="G2440" would|strong="G3762" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G1438" the|strong="G3588" old|strong="G3820" cloth|strong="G1915".<sup>37</sup> Also|strong="G2532", no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" ever pours|strong="G0906" new|strong="G3501" wine|strong="G3631" into|strong="G1519" old|strong="G3820" wineskins|strong="G0779". The|strong="G3588" new|strong="G3501" wine|strong="G3631" would|strong="G3762" break|strong="G4486" them|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" wine|strong="G3631" would|strong="G3762" spill out|strong="G0906", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" wineskins|strong="G0779"

would|strong="G3762" be|strong="G2532" ruined|strong="G0622".<sup>38</sup> You|strong="G1519" always put|strong="G0992" new|strong="G2537" wine|strong="G3631" into|strong="G1519" new|strong="G2537" wineskins|strong="G0779".<sup>39</sup> No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" drinks|strong="G4095" old|strong="G3820" wine wants|strong="G2309" new|strong="G3501" wine. They|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004"; ' The|strong="G3588" old|strong="G3820" wine is|strong="G1510" just|strong="G2532" fine.'"

### Jesus Is Lord Over the Sabbath Day

(Matthew 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28)

**6** One|strong="G3588" time on|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1096" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521", Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" walking through|strong="G1223" some|strong="G3588" grain|strong="G4719" fields. His|strong="G0846" followers picked|strong="G5089" the|strong="G3588" grain|strong="G4719", rubbed|strong="G5597" it|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495", and|strong="G2532" ate|strong="G2068" it|strong="G0846".<sup>2</sup> Some|strong="G5100" Pharisees|strong="G5330" said|strong="G3004", " Why|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" doing|strong="G4160" that|strong="G3739"? It|strong="G4160" is|strong="G5101" against|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" Law of|strong="G5100" Moses to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" that|strong="G3739" on|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521"."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" read|strong="G0314" about|strong="G4314" what|strong="G3739" David|strong="G1138" did|strong="G4160" when|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" hungry|strong="G3983".<sup>4</sup> David went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" God's|strong="G2316" house|strong="G3624". He|strong="G2532" took|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3739" was|strong="G3739" offered to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" ate|strong="G2068" it|strong="G0846". And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" peo-

ple|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846". This|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3739" against|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Law of|strong="G2316" Moses|strong="G0846", which|strong="G3739" says that|strong="G3739" only|strong="G3441" the|strong="G3588" priests|strong="G2409" can|strong="G1325" eat|strong="G2068" that|strong="G3739" bread|strong="G0740".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees, " The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" is|strong="G1510" Lord|strong="G2962" over the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521"."

### Jesus|strong="G0846" Heals a|strong="G1510" Man|strong="G0444" on|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" Day|strong="G4521"

(Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6)

**6** On|strong="G1722" another|strong="G2087" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521" Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" synagogue|strong="G4864" and|strong="G2532" taught|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444". A|strong="G1096" man|strong="G0444" with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1096" crippled right|strong="G1188" hand|strong="G5495" was|strong="G1510" there|strong="G1563".<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" law and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" were|strong="G5330" watching|strong="G3906" Jesus|strong="G0846" closely|strong="G3906". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G5330" waiting to|strong="G2443" see if|strong="G1487" he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G0846" heal|strong="G2323" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521". They|strong="G0846" wanted to|strong="G2443" see him|strong="G0846" do|strong="G2532" something wrong so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2147" accuse|strong="G2723" him|strong="G0846".<sup>8</sup> But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846" knew|strong="G1492" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" thinking|strong="G1261". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G0435" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" crippled hand|strong="G5495", " Get|strong="G1453" up|strong="G1453" and|strong="G2532" stand|strong="G2476" here|strong="G1519"

where everyone can see." The man up stood. Then said to them, "I ask you, which the thing do the Sabbath day do or do not do? Is it right to save life or to destroy one?"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus looked around all them then to the man, "Hold out your hand." The man held his hand, and was healed. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisees and teachers of the law got so mad they couldn't think straight. They talked each about what they could do to Jesus.

#### Jesus Chooses His Twelve Apostles

(Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19)

<sup>12</sup> A few days later, Jesus went out to a mountain to pray. He stayed there all night praying

to God. The next morning he called his followers. He chose twelve of them and called them apostles. These are the ones he chose:

<sup>14</sup> Simon (Jesus named him Peter), Andrew, brother of Peter, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,

<sup>15</sup> Matthew, Thomas, James, the son of Alphaeus, Simon, called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup> Judas, the son of James, Judas Iscariot (the one who turned against Jesus).

#### Jesus Teaches and Heals the People

(Matthew 4:23-25; 5:1-12)

<sup>17</sup> Jesus and the apostles came down from the mountain. Jesus stood a flat place. A large crowd of his followers was there. Also, there many people from around Judea, Jerusalem, and the seacoast cities of Tyre and Sidon. They came to hear Jesus teach and to



be |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2323" of |strong="G4151" their |strong="G0846" sicknesses. He |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2323" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" troubled |strong="G1776" by |strong="G0575" evil spirits |strong="G4151".<sup>19</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" was |strong="G3588" trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G2212" touch |strong="G0681" him |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" power |strong="G1411" was |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" from |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846". Jesus |strong="G0846" healed |strong="G2390" them |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3956".

<sup>20</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" looked at |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" followers and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004",

"Great blessings belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G3754" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" poor |strong="G4434".

God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" belongs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G3754".

<sup>21</sup> Great blessings belong to |strong="G3107" you |strong="G3754" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3107" hungry |strong="G3983" now |strong="G3568".

You |strong="G3754" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G3568" filled |strong="G5526".

Great blessings belong to |strong="G3107" you |strong="G3754" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3107" crying |strong="G2799" now |strong="G3568".

You |strong="G3754" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G3568" happy |strong="G3107" and |strong="G2799" laughing.

<sup>22</sup> " People |strong="G0444" will |strong="G1510" hate |strong="G3404" you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G1752" you |strong="G5210" belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444". They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" make you |strong="G5210" leave |strong="G1544" their |strong="G2532" group. They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" insult |strong="G3679" you |strong="G5210". They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" think it |strong="G3752" is |strong="G1510" wrong even |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" say your |strong="G2532" name |strong="G3686". When |strong="G3752" these |strong="G3588" things |strong="G4190" happen |strong="G1510", know that |strong="G5613" great blessings belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210".<sup>23</sup> You |strong="G5210" can |strong="G4160"

be |strong="G2532" happy then |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" jump for |strong="G1063" joy |strong="G5463", because |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" great |strong="G4183" reward |strong="G3408" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772". The |strong="G3588" ancestors |strong="G3962" of |strong="G2250" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" did |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" things |strong="G4183" to |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396".

<sup>24</sup> " But |strong="G4133" how |strong="G3754" bad it will |strong="G3748" be for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" rich |strong="G4145" people |strong="G4145",

because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" had |strong="G3748" your |strong="G0568" easy life.

<sup>25</sup> How |strong="G3754" bad it |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" full now |strong="G3568", because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" hungry |strong="G3983".

How |strong="G3754" bad it |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" laughing now |strong="G3568", because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" sad and |strong="G2532" cry.

<sup>26</sup> "How bad it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G0444" when |strong="G3752" everyone |strong="G3956" says |strong="G3004" nothing |strong="G3956" but |strong="G1063" good |strong="G2573" about |strong="G2596" you |strong="G4771". Just |strong="G2596" look at |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3956" false |strong="G5578" prophets |strong="G5578". Their |strong="G0846" ancestors |strong="G3962" always |strong="G3956" said |strong="G3004" good |strong="G2573" things |strong="G3956" about |strong="G2596" them |strong="G0846".

#### Love Your |strong="G4160" Enemies (Matthew 5:38-48; 7:12 a |strong="G4160")

<sup>27</sup> " But |strong="G0235" I |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" listening |strong="G0191" to |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004", love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" enemies |strong="G2190". Do |strong="G4160" good |strong="G2573"

to |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" hate |strong="G3404" you |strong="G5210".<sup>28</sup> Ask God to |strong="G4012" bless |strong="G2127" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" ask for |strong="G4012" bad things |strong="G3588" to |strong="G4012" happen to |strong="G4012" you |strong="G5210". Pray |strong="G4336" for |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" mean to |strong="G4012" you |strong="G5210".<sup>29</sup> If |strong="G2532" someone |strong="G0243" hits |strong="G5180" you |strong="G4771" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" side of |strong="G0575" your |strong="G2532" face, let |strong="G3930" them |strong="G0142" hit the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0243" side too |strong="G2532". If |strong="G2532" someone |strong="G0243" takes |strong="G0142" your |strong="G2532" coat |strong="G2440", don't |strong="G3361" stop |strong="G3361" them |strong="G0142" from |strong="G0575" taking |strong="G0142" your |strong="G2532" shirt |strong="G5509" too |strong="G2532".<sup>30</sup> Give |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2532" everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" asks |strong="G0154" you |strong="G4771" for |strong="G0154" something. When |strong="G2532" someone takes |strong="G0142" something that |strong="G3956" is |strong="G3588" yours |strong="G4771", don't |strong="G3361" ask |strong="G0154" for |strong="G0154" it |strong="G2532" back |strong="G0523".<sup>31</sup> Do |strong="G4160" for |strong="G2443" others |strong="G0444" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" want |strong="G2309" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G4160" for |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>32</sup> " If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G5210" love |strong="G0025" only |strong="G1487" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" love |strong="G0025" you |strong="G5210", should |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" get any |strong="G4169" special praise for |strong="G1063" doing that |strong="G0846"? No |strong="G1487", even |strong="G2532" sinners |strong="G0268" love |strong="G0025" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" love |strong="G0025" them |strong="G0846"! <sup>33</sup> If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4160" good |strong="G0015" only |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G4160" good |strong="G0015" to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210", should |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" get

any |strong="G4169" special praise for |strong="G1063" doing |strong="G4160" that |strong="G0846"? No, even |strong="G2532" sinners |strong="G0268" do |strong="G4160" that |strong="G0846"! <sup>34</sup> If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" lend |strong="G1155" things |strong="G3739" to |strong="G2443" people |strong="G1510", always expecting to |strong="G2443" get something |strong="G1510" back |strong="G0618", should |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" get any |strong="G3739" special praise for |strong="G3844" that |strong="G3739"? No, even |strong="G2532" sinners |strong="G0268" lend |strong="G1155" to |strong="G2443" other |strong="G3739" sinners |strong="G0268" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3739" they |strong="G3739" can get back |strong="G0618" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3739" amount |strong="G1510"!

<sup>35</sup> "I'm telling you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1909" love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" enemies |strong="G2190" and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G0015" good |strong="G0015" to |strong="G1909" them |strong="G0846". Lend |strong="G1155" to |strong="G1909" people |strong="G0846" without |strong="G3367" expecting |strong="G0560" to |strong="G1909" get anything |strong="G3367" back |strong="G0560". If |strong="G3748" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G0015" this |strong="G3588", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" have |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" great |strong="G4183" reward |strong="G3408". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" children of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" Most |strong="G4183" High |strong="G5310" God |strong="G0846". Yes, because |strong="G3754" God |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" good |strong="G0015" even |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" full |strong="G4183" of |strong="G5207" sin and |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3367" thankful. <sup>36</sup> Give |strong="G1096" love and |strong="G3962" mercy |strong="G3629" the |strong="G3588" same as |strong="G2531" your |strong="G1096" Father |strong="G3962" gives love and |strong="G3962" mercy |strong="G3629".

**Be |strong="G1510" Careful About |strong="G3588" Criticizing Others |strong="G3588"**  
(Matthew 7:1-5)

<sup>37</sup> " Don't |strong="G3756" judge |strong="G2919" others, and |strong="G2532" God will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" judge |strong="G2919" you |strong="G2532". Don't |strong="G3756" con-

demn|strong="G2919" others, and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" condemned|strong="G2919". Forgive|strong="G0630" others, and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1519" others|strong="G3588", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3739" receive|strong="G3354". You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" given|strong="G1325" much. It|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" poured|strong="G1325" into|strong="G1519" your|strong="G2532" hands—more than|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G1325" hold. You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" given|strong="G1325" so|strong="G2532" much that|strong="G3739" it|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" spill into|strong="G1519" your|strong="G2532" lap|strong="G2859". The|strong="G3588" way|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" give|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1519" others|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G3739" God|strong="G1325" will|strong="G3739" give|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210"."

<sup>39</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" this|strong="G0846" story: " Can|strong="G1410" a|strong="G3004" blind|strong="G5185" man|strong="G5185" lead|strong="G3594" another blind|strong="G5185" man|strong="G5185"? No|strong="G3780". Both|strong="G2532" of|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2532" fall|strong="G1706" into|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3004" ditch. <sup>40</sup> Students are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" better than|strong="G5228" their|strong="G0846" teacher|strong="G1320". But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G5613" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" fully|strong="G2675" taught, they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" their|strong="G0846" teacher|strong="G1320".

<sup>41</sup> " Why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G5101" you|strong="G4771" notice|strong="G2657" the|strong="G3588" small piece of|strong="G1722" dust that|strong="G0991" is|strong="G5101" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" friend's eye|strong="G3788", but|strong="G1161" you|strong="G4771" don't|strong="G3756" see|strong="G0991" the|strong="G3588" big piece of|strong="G1722" wood that|strong="G0991" is|strong="G5101" in|strong="G1722"

your|strong="G1722" own|strong="G2398" eye|strong="G3788"? <sup>42</sup> You|strong="G4771" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" your|strong="G0863" friend, ' Let|strong="G0863" me|strong="G3004" get that|strong="G3004" little piece of|strong="G1537" dust out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" your|strong="G0863" eye|strong="G3788"! Why|strong="G4459" do|strong="G1410" you|strong="G4771" say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588"? Can't|strong="G3756" you|strong="G4771" see|strong="G0991" that|strong="G3004" big piece of|strong="G1537" wood in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G0863" own|strong="G0846" eye|strong="G3788"? You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3004" hypocrite|strong="G5273". First|strong="G4413", take|strong="G0991" the|strong="G3588" wood out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" your|strong="G0863" own|strong="G0846" eye|strong="G3788". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532" see|strong="G0991" clearly|strong="G1227" to|strong="G3004" get the|strong="G3588" dust out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" your|strong="G0863" friend's eye|strong="G3788".

**Only|strong="G3756" Good Trees Produce Good Fruit**  
(Matthew 7:17-20; 12:34b-35)

<sup>43</sup> " A|strong="G1510" good|strong="G2570" tree|strong="G1186" does|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3756" produce|strong="G4160" bad|strong="G4550" fruit|strong="G2590". And|strong="G4160" a|strong="G1510" bad|strong="G4550" tree|strong="G1186" does|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3756" produce|strong="G4160" good|strong="G2570" fruit|strong="G2590". <sup>44</sup> Every|strong="G1538" tree|strong="G1186" is|strong="G3588" known|strong="G1097" by|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" kind of|strong="G1537" fruit|strong="G2590" it|strong="G1537" produces. You|strong="G1537" won't|strong="G3756" find|strong="G1097" figs|strong="G4810" on|strong="G1537" thorny weeds. And|strong="G1097" you|strong="G1537" can't|strong="G3756" pick|strong="G5166" grapes|strong="G4718" from|strong="G1537" thorn-bushes! <sup>45</sup> Good|strong="G0018" people|strong="G0444" have|strong="G2532" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G0018" saved in|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" hearts|strong="G2588". That's why|strong="G1063" they|strong="G0846" say|strong="G2980" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G0018". But|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" evil|strong="G4190" have|strong="G2532"

hearts |strong="G2588" full |strong="G4051" of |strong="G1537" evil |strong="G4190", and |strong="G2532" that's why |strong="G1063" they |strong="G0846" say |strong="G2980" things |strong="G0018" that |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" evil |strong="G4190". What |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" say |strong="G2980" with |strong="G1537" their |strong="G0846" mouths |strong="G4750" comes |strong="G2532" from |strong="G1537" what |strong="G3588" fills |strong="G4051" their |strong="G0846" hearts |strong="G2588".

### Two Kinds of |strong="G1537" People |strong="G0444" (Matthew 7:24-27)

46 " Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G4160" you |strong="G3739" call |strong="G2564" me |strong="G3004", ' Lord |strong="G2962", Lord |strong="G2962"; but |strong="G1161" you |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G5101" I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G3004"? 47 The |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1473", who |strong="G3588" listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G4314" my |strong="G0191" teachings and |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G4160" them |strong="G0846"— I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" show |strong="G5263" you |strong="G5210" what |strong="G5101" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" like |strong="G3664": 48 They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" like |strong="G3664" a |strong="G1096" man |strong="G0444" building |strong="G3618" a |strong="G1096" house |strong="G3614". He |strong="G2532" digs deep |strong="G0900" and |strong="G2532" builds |strong="G3618" his |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3614" on |strong="G1909" rock |strong="G4073". The |strong="G3588" floods |strong="G4215" come |strong="G1096", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" water crashes against |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" flood |strong="G4132" cannot |strong="G3756" move the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614", because |strong="G1223" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" built |strong="G3618" well |strong="G2573".

49 " But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3739" hear |strong="G0191" my |strong="G0191" words |strong="G0191" and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3361" obey |strong="G4160" are |strong="G1510" like |strong="G3664" a |strong="G1096" man |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3739"

builds |strong="G3618" a |strong="G1096" house |strong="G3614" without |strong="G5565" preparing a |strong="G1096" foundation |strong="G2310". When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" floods |strong="G4215" come |strong="G1096", the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614" falls |strong="G4098" down |strong="G4098" easily and |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" completely destroyed."

### Jesus Heals an Officer's Servant

(Matthew 8:5-13; John 4:43-54)

7 Jesus |strong="G0846" finished |strong="G4137" saying |strong="G4487" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3956" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G2992". Then |strong="G0846" he |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" Capernaum |strong="G2584". 2 In |strong="G2192" Capernaum there |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" an |strong="G2192" army officer. He |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" servant |strong="G1401" who |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510" very |strong="G0846" sick |strong="G2560"; he |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" near death. The |strong="G2192" officer loved the |strong="G2192" servant |strong="G1401" very |strong="G0846" much. 3 When |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191" about |strong="G4012" Jesus |strong="G2424", he |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G0649" some |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders |strong="G2065" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" wanted the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G4245" to |strong="G4314" ask |strong="G2065" Jesus |strong="G2424" to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G2064" and |strong="G1161" save |strong="G1295" the |strong="G3588" life |strong="G1295" of |strong="G1401" his |strong="G0846" servant |strong="G1401". 4 The |strong="G3588" men |strong="G3778" went to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G2424". They |strong="G0846" begged |strong="G3870" Jesus |strong="G2424" to |strong="G4314" help the |strong="G3588" officer. They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" officer is |strong="G1510" worthy |strong="G0514" to |strong="G4314" have |strong="G1510" your |strong="G3870" help. 5 He |strong="G2532" loves |strong="G0025" our |strong="G2532" people |strong="G1484" and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" built |strong="G3618" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G4864" for |strong="G1063" us."

6 So Jesus went with them. He was coming near the officer's house when the officer sent his friends to say, "Lord, you don't need to do anything special for me." I am not good enough for you to come into my house. 7 That is why I did not come to you. You need only to give the order, and my servant will be healed. 8 I know this because I am a man under the authority of other men. And I have soldiers under my authority. I tell one soldier, 'Go,' and he goes. And I tell another soldier, 'Come,' and he comes. And I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and my servant obeys me."

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed.

turned to the people following him and said, "I tell you, this is the most faith have seen anywhere, even in Israel."

10 The group that was sent by Jesus went back to the house. There they found that the servant was healed.

**Jesus Brings a Woman's Son Back to Life**

11 The next day and he went to a town called Nain. A big crowd was with them. When Jesus came near the town gate, he saw some people carrying a dead body. It was the only son of a woman who was a widow. Walking with her were many other people from the town. 13 When the Lord saw the woman, he felt very sorry for her and said, "Don't cry." He walked to the open coffin

and **it** touched **men** who were carrying the coffin stopped. Jesus spoke to the dead son: "

Young man, I tell you, get up!"<sup>15</sup> Then the boy sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back his mother.

<sup>16</sup> Everyone was filled with fear. They began praising God and said, "A great prophet is here with us and God is taking care of his people."

<sup>17</sup> This news spread over all Judea and to all the other places around there.

**John Sends Men to Ask Jesus a Question**  
(Matthew 11:2-19)

<sup>18</sup> John's followers told him about these things. John called for two of his followers.<sup>19</sup> He sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one we heard was com-

ing, or should we wait for someone else?"

<sup>20</sup> So the men came to Jesus. They said, "John the Baptistizer sent us to you with this question: 'Are you the one who is coming, or should we wait for someone else?'"

<sup>21</sup> Right then Jesus healed many people of their sicknesses and diseases. He healed those had evil spirits and made many who were blind able to see again.<sup>22</sup> Then he said to John's followers, "Go tell John you have seen and heard blind can see. The crippled can walk. People with leprosy are healed. The deaf can hear. The dead are brought back to life. And the Good News is being told to the poor." Great blessings belong to those who don't have a problem accepting me.

24 When John's followers left, Jesus began talking to the people John did: "What did you people go out into the desert to see? Someone who is like a stem of grass blowing in the wind? Really, what did you expect to see dressed in fine clothes? Of course not. People who wear fancy clothes and live in luxury all in kings' palaces." 25 So what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, John is a prophet. But I tell you, he is more than that. This Scripture was written about him: 'Listen will my messenger ahead you.

He will prepare the way for you.'

28 I tell you, no one is greater than John. But

Malachi 3:1

the least important person in God's kingdom is greater than John.

29 (When the people heard this, they all agreed that God's teaching was good. Even the tax collectors agreed. These were people who were baptized by John. 30 But the Pharisees and experts in the law refused to accept God's plan for themselves; they did not let John baptize them.)

31 "What shall I say about the people of this time? What can I compare them to? What are they like? 32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace. One group of children calls to the other and says, 'We played flute music for you,

but you did not dance;

we sang a sad song,

but you did not cry.'

33 John the Baptizer came and did not eat the usual

food|strong="G0740" or|strong="G3366" drink|strong="G4095" wine|strong="G3631". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004"; ' He|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" demon|strong="G1140" inside him|strong="G2532":<sup>34</sup> The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" came|strong="G2064" eating|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drinking|strong="G4095". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3708" say|strong="G3004"; ' Look|strong="G2400" at|strong="G3588" him|strong="G3708"! He|strong="G2532" eats|strong="G2068" too|strong="G2532" much and|strong="G2532" drinks|strong="G4095" too|strong="G2532" much wine! He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G0444" a|strong="G3708" friend|strong="G5384" of|strong="G5207" tax|strong="G5057" collectors|strong="G5057" and|strong="G2532" other sinners|strong="G0268"!<sup>35</sup> But|strong="G2532" wisdom|strong="G4678" is|strong="G3588" shown to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" right by|strong="G0575" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" accept it|strong="G0846".

**Simon|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3956" Pharisee**

<sup>36</sup> One|strong="G5100" of|strong="G3624" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" asked|strong="G2065" Jesus|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" eat|strong="G2068" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846". Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Pharisee's|strong="G5330" house|strong="G3624" and|strong="G2532" took a|strong="G1525" place|strong="G3624" at|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" table.

<sup>37</sup> There|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" sinful|strong="G0268" woman|strong="G1135" in|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3754" town|strong="G4172". She|strong="G1135" knew|strong="G1921" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" eating at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Pharisee's|strong="G5330" house|strong="G3614". So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" brought|strong="G2865" some|strong="G3588" expensive|strong="G3464" perfume|strong="G3464" in|strong="G1722" an|strong="G1510" alabaster|strong="G0211" jar.<sup>38</sup> She|strong="G0846" stood|strong="G2476" at|strong="G3844" Jesus' feet|strong="G4228", crying|strong="G2799". Then|strong="G2532" she|strong="G0846" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G0757" wash his|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228" with|strong="G3844" her|strong="G0846"

tears|strong="G1144". She|strong="G0846" dried his|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228" with|strong="G3844" her|strong="G0846" hair|strong="G2359". She|strong="G0846" kissed|strong="G2705" his|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228" many times and|strong="G2532" rubbed them|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" perfume|strong="G3464".

<sup>39</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Pharisee|strong="G5330" who|strong="G3588" asked|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" come|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" house saw|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3778", he|strong="G2532" thought|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" himself|strong="G1438", " If|strong="G1487" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778" were|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" prophet|strong="G4396",<sup>1</sup> he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G0302" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" touching|strong="G0681" him|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" sinner|strong="G0268"!"

<sup>40</sup> In|strong="G2532" response|strong="G0611", Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" Pharisee, " Simon|strong="G4613", I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" something|strong="G5100" to|strong="G4314" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771"."

Simon|strong="G4613" said|strong="G3004", " Let|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" hear it|strong="G0846", Teacher|strong="G1320"."

<sup>41</sup> Jesus|strong="G1510" said, " There|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" two|strong="G1417" men|strong="G5100". Both|strong="G1417" men|strong="G5100" owed|strong="G3784" money to|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" same banker. One|strong="G1520" man|strong="G5100" owed|strong="G3784" him|strong="G4001" 500 silver coins. The|strong="G3588" other|strong="G2087" man|strong="G5100" owed|strong="G3784" him|strong="G4001" 50 silver coins.<sup>42</sup> The|strong="G2192" men|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3361" money|strong="G0846", so|strong="G3767" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3361" pay|strong="G0591" their|strong="G0846" debt. But|strong="G3361" the|strong="G2192" banker told the|strong="G2192" men|strong="G0846" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G2192"

<sup>1</sup> PROPHET A prophet often knows things that are hidden to other people.



not |strong="G3361" have |strong="G2192" to |strong="G5101" pay |strong="G0591" him |strong="G0846". Which |strong="G5101" one |strong="G5101" of |strong="G2192" those |strong="G0846" two men |strong="G0846" will |strong="G5101" love |strong="G0025" him |strong="G0846" more |strong="G4183"?"

<sup>43</sup> Simon |strong="G4613" answered |strong="G0611", " I |strong="G3739" think |strong="G2919" it |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G4183" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" owed him |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" most |strong="G4183" money |strong="G0846"."

Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " You |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" right." <sup>44</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" turned |strong="G4762" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G5346" to |strong="G1519" Simon |strong="G4613", " Do |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" see |strong="G0991" this |strong="G3778" woman |strong="G1135"? When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" came |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" house |strong="G3614", you |strong="G4771" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" no |strong="G3756" water |strong="G5204" for |strong="G1519" my |strong="G1525" feet |strong="G4228". But |strong="G1161" she |strong="G0846" washed my |strong="G1525" feet |strong="G4228" with |strong="G4314" her |strong="G0846" tears |strong="G1144" and |strong="G2532" dried my |strong="G1525" feet |strong="G4228" with |strong="G4314" her |strong="G0846" hair |strong="G2359". <sup>45</sup> You |strong="G3739" did |strong="G1525" not |strong="G3756" greet me |strong="G1325" with |strong="G0575" a |strong="G1325" kiss |strong="G5370", but |strong="G1161" she |strong="G3739" has |strong="G3739" been |strong="G3756" kissing |strong="G2705" my |strong="G1525" feet |strong="G4228" since |strong="G0575" I |strong="G1473" came |strong="G1525" in |strong="G0575". <sup>46</sup> You |strong="G3778" did not |strong="G3756" honor me |strong="G1473" with |strong="G4228" oil |strong="G1637" for |strong="G3778" my head |strong="G2776", but |strong="G1161" she |strong="G3778" rubbed my feet |strong="G4228" with |strong="G4228" her sweet-smelling oil |strong="G1637". <sup>47</sup> I |strong="G3739" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" that |strong="G3754" her |strong="G0846" many |strong="G4183" sins |strong="G0266"

are |strong="G3739" forgiven |strong="G0863". This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3739" clear, because |strong="G3754" she |strong="G0846" showed great |strong="G4183" love |strong="G0025". People |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" forgiven |strong="G0863" only a |strong="G3739" little |strong="G3641" will |strong="G3739" love |strong="G0025" only a |strong="G3739" little |strong="G3641"."

<sup>48</sup> Then |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" her |strong="G0846", " Your |strong="G0863" sins |strong="G0266" are |strong="G3588" forgiven |strong="G0863"."

<sup>49</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1510" sitting at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" table |strong="G4873" began |strong="G0757" to |strong="G3004" think to |strong="G3004" themselves |strong="G1438", " Who |strong="G3739" does |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" think he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510"? How |strong="G5101" can |strong="G3004" he |strong="G2532" forgive |strong="G0863" sins |strong="G0266"?"

<sup>50</sup> Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135", " Because |strong="G4314" you |strong="G4771" believed, you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" saved |strong="G4982" from |strong="G1515" your |strong="G4982" sins. Go |strong="G4198" in |strong="G1519" peace |strong="G1515"."

### The Group With Jesus

**8** The |strong="G3588" next day, Jesus |strong="G0846" traveled |strong="G1353" through |strong="G1722" some |strong="G3588" cities |strong="G4172" and |strong="G2532" small towns |strong="G4172". Jesus |strong="G0846" told the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1096" message from |strong="G2596" God |strong="G2316", the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" about |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932". The |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427" apostles were |strong="G1096" with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846". <sup>2</sup> There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" also |strong="G2532" some |strong="G5100" women |strong="G1135" with |strong="G0575" him |strong="G3739". Jesus |strong="G1831" had |strong="G1510" healed |strong="G2323" these |strong="G3739" women |strong="G1135" of |strong="G4151" sicknesses |strong="G0769" and |strong="G2532" evil |strong="G4190" spirits |strong="G4151". One |strong="G5100" of |strong="G4151" them |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510"

Mary |strong="G3137", who |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510" called |strong="G2564" Magdalene |strong="G3094". Seven |strong="G2033" demons |strong="G1140" had |strong="G1510" come |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G4151" her |strong="G3137".<sup>3</sup> Also |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1537" these |strong="G3748" women |strong="G1135" were |strong="G3588" Joanna |strong="G2489", the |strong="G3588" wife |strong="G1135" of |strong="G1537" Chuza ( the |strong="G3588" manager |strong="G2012" of |strong="G1537" Herod's |strong="G2264" property |strong="G5225"), Suzanna, and |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" other |strong="G2087" women |strong="G1135". These |strong="G3748" women |strong="G1135" used their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G0846" money |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" help Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" apostles.

**A |strong="G2532" Story About |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2532" Farmer Sowing Seed**  
(Matthew 13:1-17; Mark 4:1-12)

<sup>4</sup> A |strong="G3793" large |strong="G4183" crowd |strong="G3793" came |strong="G1223" together |strong="G2532". People |strong="G3793" came |strong="G1223" to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G0846" from |strong="G2596" every |strong="G2596" town |strong="G4172", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" this |strong="G3588" story:

<sup>5</sup> " A |strong="G3739" farmer went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" to |strong="G2532" sow |strong="G4687" seed |strong="G4703". While |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" scattering the |strong="G3588" seed |strong="G4703", some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G3598" it |strong="G0846" fell |strong="G4098" beside |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598". People |strong="G0846" walked on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" seed |strong="G4703", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" birds |strong="G4071" ate |strong="G2719" it |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3588".<sup>6</sup> Other |strong="G2087" seed fell |strong="G2667" on |strong="G1909" rock |strong="G4073". It |strong="G1223" began |strong="G1909" to |strong="G1909" grow but |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" died because |strong="G1223" it |strong="G1223" had |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3361" water.<sup>7</sup> Some |strong="G3588" other |strong="G2087" seed |strong="G4098" fell |strong="G4098" among |strong="G1722" thorny weeds. This |strong="G3588" seed |strong="G4098" grew |strong="G4855", but |strong="G2532" later

the |strong="G3588" weeds stopped the |strong="G3588" plants from |strong="G4098" growing |strong="G1722".<sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" rest |strong="G2192" of |strong="G1093" the |strong="G3588" seed |strong="G4098" fell |strong="G4098" on |strong="G1519" good |strong="G0018" ground |strong="G1093". This |strong="G3778" seed |strong="G4098" grew |strong="G5453" and |strong="G2532" made |strong="G4160" 100 times |strong="G1542" more grain |strong="G2590".

Jesus |strong="G3004" finished the |strong="G3588" story. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" called |strong="G3004" out |strong="G4160", " You |strong="G3004" people |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" hear |strong="G0191" me |strong="G3004", listen |strong="G0191"! "<sup>9</sup> Jesus' followers asked |strong="G1905" him |strong="G0846", " What |strong="G5101" does |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778" story mean |strong="G1510"?"

<sup>10</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" chosen to |strong="G2443" know |strong="G1097" the |strong="G3588" secret truths about |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932". But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G2532" use stories to |strong="G2443" speak |strong="G3004" to |strong="G2443" other |strong="G3062" people |strong="G3062". I |strong="G2532" do |strong="G3361" this |strong="G3588" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443"

' They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" look |strong="G0991",

but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3361" see |strong="G0991",

and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" listen |strong="G0191",

but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3361" understand |strong="G4920".

Isaiah 6:9

**Jesus |strong="G3004" Explains the |strong="G3588" Story About |strong="G1722" Seed**  
(Matthew 13:18-23; Mark 4:13-20)

<sup>11</sup> " This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" story |strong="G3056" means |strong="G1510". The |strong="G3588" seed |strong="G4703" is |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G2316" teaching |strong="G3056".<sup>12</sup> Some |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" like |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" seed that |strong="G2443" fell beside |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3588" path |strong="G3598".

They|strong="G0846" hear|strong="G0191" God's|strong="G0846" teaching|strong="G3056", but|strong="G1161" then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" comes|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" causes them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2443" stop|strong="G3361" thinking about|strong="G3588" it|strong="G0846". This|strong="G3588" keeps them|strong="G0846" from|strong="G0575" believing|strong="G4100" it|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" being|strong="G1510" saved|strong="G4982".<sup>13</sup> Others|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" like|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" seed that|strong="G3739" fell on|strong="G1909" rock|strong="G4073". That|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3778" like|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3739" hear|strong="G0191" God's teaching|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" gladly accept|strong="G1209" it|strong="G0191". But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G3739" don't|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2192" deep roots|strong="G4491". They|strong="G3739" believe|strong="G4100" for|strong="G1909" a|strong="G2192" while|strong="G1722". But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G3752" trouble comes|strong="G2532", they|strong="G3739" turn away|strong="G0868" from|strong="G0191" God|strong="G0191".

<sup>14</sup> "What|strong="G3588" about|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" seed|strong="G4098" that|strong="G0191" fell|strong="G4098" among|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" thorny weeds? That|strong="G0191" is|strong="G1510" like the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3588" hear|strong="G0191" God's teaching, but|strong="G1161" they|strong="G2532" let|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" worries|strong="G3308", riches|strong="G4149", and|strong="G2532" pleasures|strong="G2237" of|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3778" life|strong="G0979" stop them|strong="G0191" from|strong="G5259" growing. So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3756" produce a|strong="G1510" crop.<sup>15</sup> And|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" about|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" seed that|strong="G0191" fell on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G0018" ground|strong="G1093"? That|strong="G0191" is|strong="G1510" like the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3588" hear|strong="G0191" God's teaching|strong="G3056" with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G0018", honest|strong="G2570" heart|strong="G2588".

I PRODUCE A CROP Meaning to do the good things God wants his people to do.

They|strong="G2532" obey|strong="G0191" it|strong="G0191" and|strong="G2532" patiently produce a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G0018" crop.

Use the|strong="G3588" Understanding You|strong="G1722" Have|strong="G1510"  
(Mark 4:21-25)

<sup>16</sup> "No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" lights|strong="G5457" a|strong="G2228" lamp|strong="G3088" and|strong="G1161" then|strong="G1161" covers|strong="G2572" it|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1909" a|strong="G2228" bowl or|strong="G2228" hides it|strong="G0846" under|strong="G5270" a|strong="G2228" bed|strong="G2825". Instead|strong="G0235", they|strong="G0846" put|strong="G5087" the|strong="G3588" lamp|strong="G3088" on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G2228" lampstand|strong="G3087" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" come|strong="G1531" in|strong="G1909" will|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2228" enough light|strong="G5457" to|strong="G2443" see|strong="G0991".<sup>17</sup> Everything that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" hidden|strong="G2927" will|strong="G1510" become|strong="G1096" clear. Every secret|strong="G2927" thing|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" made|strong="G1096" known|strong="G1097", and|strong="G2532" everyone|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" see|strong="G1097" it|strong="G3739".<sup>18</sup> So|strong="G3767" think|strong="G1380" carefully|strong="G4459" about|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" hearing|strong="G0191". The|strong="G2532" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" some|strong="G3739" understanding will|strong="G3739" receive|strong="G2192" more. But|strong="G2532" those|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739" do|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3361" have|strong="G2192" understanding will|strong="G3739" lose even|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" think|strong="G1380" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2192"."

Jesus' Followers Are|strong="G3739" His|strong="G0846" True Family  
(Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35)

<sup>19</sup> Jesus'|strong="G3384" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" brothers|strong="G0080" came|strong="G3854" to|strong="G4314" visit him|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3756" get|strong="G4940" close

to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846", because|strong="G1223" there|strong="G1161" were|strong="G3793" so|strong="G2532" many|strong="G3793" people|strong="G3793".  
 20 Someone said|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2309" Jesus|strong="G0846", " Your|strong="G2532" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" brothers|strong="G0080" are|strong="G3588" standing|strong="G2476" outside|strong="G1854". They|strong="G0846" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" see|strong="G3708" you|strong="G4771"."

21 Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611" them|strong="G0846", " My|strong="G0191" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" my|strong="G0191" brothers|strong="G0080" are|strong="G1510" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G4314" God's|strong="G2316" teaching|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" obey|strong="G4160" it|strong="G0846"."

**Jesus'|strong="G3384" Followers See  
 His|strong="G0846" Power**  
 (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41)

22 One|strong="G1520" day|strong="G2250" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers got|strong="G1684" into|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1096" boat|strong="G4143". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " Come|strong="G1096" with|strong="G1722" me|strong="G3004" across|strong="G4008" the|strong="G3588" lake|strong="G3041". And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" started|strong="G1096" across|strong="G4008".  
 23 While|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" sailing|strong="G4126", Jesus|strong="G0846" slept. A|strong="G2532" big storm|strong="G2978" blew across the|strong="G3588" lake|strong="G3041", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" boat began to|strong="G1519" fill with|strong="G2532" water. They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1519" danger|strong="G2793".  
 24 The|strong="G3588" followers went|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" woke|strong="G1326" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Master|strong="G1988"! Master|strong="G1988"! We|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" drown!"

Jesus|strong="G0846" got|strong="G1326" up|strong="G4334". He|strong="G2532" gave a|strong="G1096" command|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" and|strong="G2532"

the|strong="G3588" waves|strong="G2830". The|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" stopped|strong="G3973", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" lake became|strong="G1096" calm|strong="G1055".  
 25 He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" followers, " Where|strong="G4226" is|strong="G1510" your|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102"?"

They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" afraid|strong="G5399" and|strong="G2532" amazed|strong="G2296". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G1161", " What|strong="G5101" kind of|strong="G3004" man|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778"? He|strong="G2532" commands|strong="G2004" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" obey|strong="G5219" him|strong="G0846"."

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Frees a|strong="G1510" Man|strong="G3778" From|strong="G2532" Evil Spirits**

(Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20)

26 Jesus|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2532" followers sailed|strong="G2668" on|strong="G1519" across the|strong="G3588" lake. They|strong="G2532" sailed|strong="G2668" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" area where|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Gerasene people|strong="G1510" live, across from|strong="G2532" Galilee|strong="G1056".  
 27 When|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" got|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" boat, a|strong="G2192" man|strong="G0435" from|strong="G1537" that|strong="G0846" town|strong="G4172" came|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846". This|strong="G3588" man|strong="G0435" had|strong="G2192" demons|strong="G1140" inside|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846". For|strong="G1909" a|strong="G2192" long|strong="G5550" time|strong="G5550" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2192" worn no|strong="G3756" clothes|strong="G2440". He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" live|strong="G2192" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2192" house|strong="G3614" but|strong="G1161" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" caves where|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" dead are|strong="G3588" buried.

28 The demon inside the man had often seized him, and he had been put in jail with his hands and feet in

chains. But he would always break the chains. The demon inside him would force him to go out to the places where no one lived. Jesus commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. When the man saw Jesus, he fell down before him, shouting loudly, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please, don't punish me!"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

The man answered, "Legion." He said his name was "Legion" because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> The demons begged Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit. <sup>32</sup> On that hill there a big herd of pigs was eating. The demons begged Jesus to allow them to go into the pigs. So he allowed them to do this. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and went into the pigs. The herd ran down into the lake, and all were drowned.

<sup>34</sup> The men who were caring for the pigs

I "LEGION" This name means very many. A legion was about 6000 men in the Roman army. II BOTTOMLESS PIT Literally, "the abyss," something like a deep hole where evil spirits are kept.

and told the story in the fields and in the town. <sup>35</sup> People went to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man sitting there at the feet of Jesus. The man had clothes on and was in his right mind again; the demons were gone. This made the people afraid. <sup>36</sup> The men who saw these things told the others about how Jesus made the man well. <sup>37</sup> All those who lived in the area around Gerasa

asked Jesus to go away because they were afraid. So Jesus got into the boat to go back to Galilee. <sup>38</sup> The man he had healed begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Go back home and tell the people

ple |strong="G0846" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" did |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771"."

So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G2316" went |strong="G0565" all |strong="G3650" over |strong="G2596" town |strong="G4172" telling what |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G2424" had |strong="G2424" done |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846".

**Jesus |strong="G2424" Gives |strong="G4160" Life to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G4160" Dead Girl and |strong="G2532" Heals a |strong="G4160" Sick Woman**

(Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43)

<sup>40</sup> When |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G1096" back |strong="G5290" to |strong="G1722" Galilee, the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3793" welcomed |strong="G0588" him |strong="G0846". Everyone |strong="G3956" was |strong="G1510" waiting |strong="G4328" for |strong="G1063" him |strong="G0846". <sup>41</sup> A man named Jairus came to him. He was a leader of the synagogue. He had only one daughter. She was twelve years old, and she was dying. So Jairus bowed down at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house.

While Jesus was going to Jairus' house, the people crowded all around him. <sup>43</sup> A |strong="G1510" woman |strong="G1135" was |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G1510" been |strong="G1510" bleeding for |strong="G1722" twelve |strong="G1427" years |strong="G2094". She |strong="G1135" had |strong="G1510" spent all |strong="G3650" her |strong="G0575" money on |strong="G1722" doctors |strong="G2395", <sup>1</sup> but |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3756" doctor was |strong="G1510" able |strong="G2480" to |strong="G2532" heal |strong="G2323" her |strong="G0575". <sup>44</sup> The |strong="G3588" woman came |strong="G4334" behind |strong="G3693" Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" touched |strong="G0681" the |strong="G3588" bottom of |strong="G0129" his |strong="G0846" coat |strong="G2440". At |strong="G3588" that |strong="G0846" moment, her |strong="G0846" bleeding stopped |strong="G2476". <sup>45</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " Who |strong="G3588" touched |strong="G0681" me |strong="G3004"?"

They |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3956" said |strong="G3004" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2424" not |strong="G2532" touched |strong="G0681" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>1</sup> SHE HAD SPENT ... DOCTORS Some Greek copies do not have these words.

And |strong="G2532" Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G3004", " Master |strong="G1988", people |strong="G3793" are |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" around you |strong="G4771", pushing against |strong="G0846" you |strong="G4771"."

<sup>46</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " Someone |strong="G5100" touched |strong="G0681" me |strong="G3004". I |strong="G1473" felt |strong="G1097" power |strong="G1411" go |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" from |strong="G0575" me |strong="G3004"." <sup>47</sup> When |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3956" woman |strong="G1135" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3754" she |strong="G0846" could not |strong="G3756" hide, she |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" forward, shaking. She |strong="G0846" bowed down |strong="G4363" before |strong="G1799" Jesus |strong="G0846". While |strong="G5613" everyone |strong="G3956" listened, she |strong="G0846" told |strong="G0518" why |strong="G1223" she |strong="G0846" touched |strong="G0681" him |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3754" she |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" healed |strong="G2390" immediately |strong="G3916" when |strong="G5613" she |strong="G0846" touched |strong="G0681" him |strong="G0846". <sup>48</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" her |strong="G0846", " My |strong="G3004" daughter |strong="G2364", you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" made |strong="G4982" well |strong="G4982" because |strong="G1161" you |strong="G4771" believed. Go |strong="G4198" in |strong="G1519" peace |strong="G1515"."

<sup>49</sup> While |strong="G2980" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" still |strong="G2089" speaking |strong="G2980", someone |strong="G5100" came |strong="G2064" from |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G0752" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G0752" leader |strong="G0752" and |strong="G2064" said |strong="G3004", " Your |strong="G3588" daughter |strong="G2364" has |strong="G2364" died |strong="G2348"! Don't |strong="G3371" bother the |strong="G3588" Teacher |strong="G1320" anymore |strong="G2089"."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G0611" to |strong="G2532" Jairus, " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" afraid |strong="G5399"! Just |strong="G3440" believe |strong="G4100" and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" daughter will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" well |strong="G4982"."

<sup>51</sup> Jesus went to the house he let Peter, John, James the girl's father and mother go with him. <sup>52</sup> Everyone was crying and feeling sad because the girl was dead. But Jesus said, "Don't cry. She is not dead. She is only sleeping."

<sup>53</sup> The people laughed at him because they knew the girl was dead. <sup>54</sup> But Jesus held her hand and called to her, "Little girl, stand up!" <sup>55</sup> Her spirit came back into her, and she stood up immediately. Jesus said, "Give her something to eat." <sup>56</sup> The girl's parents were amazed. He told them not to tell anyone about what happened.

#### Jesus Sends His Apostles on a Mission (Matthew 10:5-15; Mark 6:7-13)

<sup>9</sup> Jesus called his apostles together. He gave them power to heal and sicknesses and power to force demons out.

of people. <sup>2</sup> He sent them to tell about God's kingdom and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup> He said to them, "When you travel, don't take a walking stick. Also, don't carry a bag, food, or money. Take your trip only the clothes you are wearing. <sup>4</sup> When you go into a house, stay until it is time to leave." <sup>5</sup> If the people in the town will not welcome you, go outside the town and shake the dust off your feet as a warning to them."

<sup>6</sup> So the apostles went out. They traveled through all the towns. They told the Good News and healed people everywhere.

#### Herod Is Confused About Jesus (Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29)

<sup>7</sup> Herod the ruler heard about these things that were happening. He was confused

because |strong="G3754" some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G3956" said |strong="G3004", " John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3956" Baptizer has |strong="G1096" risen |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498"." <sup>8</sup> Others |strong="G0243" said, " Elijah |strong="G2243" has |strong="G3748" come to |strong="G5100" us." And |strong="G1161" some |strong="G5100" others |strong="G0243" said, " One |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" from |strong="G5259" long |strong="G0744" ago |strong="G0744" has |strong="G3748" risen |strong="G0450" from |strong="G5259" death." <sup>9</sup> Herod |strong="G2264" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" cut off John's |strong="G2491" head. So |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" I |strong="G1473" hear |strong="G0191" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" about |strong="G4012"? " Herod |strong="G2264" continued trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708" Jesus |strong="G0846".

#### Jesus |strong="G0846" Feeds More Than |strong="G2532" 5000

(Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John |strong="G2491" 6:1-14)

<sup>10</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652" came back |strong="G5290", they |strong="G0846" told Jesus |strong="G0846" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3588" done |strong="G4160" on |strong="G1519" their |strong="G0846" trip. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" took |strong="G3880" them |strong="G0846" away |strong="G5298" to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G4160" town |strong="G4172" called |strong="G2564" Bethsaida |strong="G0966". There |strong="G2596", he |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" apostles |strong="G0652" could be |strong="G2532" alone |strong="G0846" together |strong="G2532". <sup>11</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" learned |strong="G1097" where Jesus |strong="G0846" went and |strong="G2532" followed |strong="G0190" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" welcomed |strong="G0588" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" talked |strong="G2980" with |strong="G2316" them |strong="G0846" about |strong="G4012" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932". He |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2390" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3793" sick.

<sup>12</sup> Late in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" afternoon, the |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427" apostles came |strong="G4334" to |strong="G1519" Je-

sus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "No one |strong="G3588" lives in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588" place |strong="G5117". Send |strong="G0630" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" away |strong="G0630". They |strong="G0846" need to |strong="G1519" find |strong="G2147" food and |strong="G2532" places |strong="G5117" to |strong="G1519" sleep in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" farms |strong="G0068" and |strong="G2532" towns around |strong="G2945" here |strong="G5602"."

<sup>13</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" apostles, " You |strong="G5210" give |strong="G1325" them |strong="G0846" something |strong="G4183" to |strong="G1519" eat |strong="G2068"."

They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510" only |strong="G1487" five |strong="G4002" loaves |strong="G0740" of |strong="G3956" bread |strong="G0740" and |strong="G2532" two |strong="G1417" fish |strong="G2486". Do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" want us |strong="G1325" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G4198" buy |strong="G0059" food |strong="G1033" for |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G2992"? " There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" too |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183"! <sup>14</sup> ( There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" about |strong="G5616" 5000 men |strong="G0435" there |strong="G1510".)

Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" his |strong="G0846" followers, " Tell |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" sit |strong="G2625" in |strong="G3004" groups |strong="G2828" of |strong="G0435" about |strong="G5616" 50 people |strong="G0846".

<sup>15</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" followers did |strong="G4160" this |strong="G3779" and |strong="G2532" everyone sat down |strong="G2625". <sup>16</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" took |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" five |strong="G4002" loaves |strong="G0740" of |strong="G3101" bread |strong="G0740" and |strong="G2532" two |strong="G1417" fish |strong="G2486". He |strong="G2532" looked |strong="G0308" up |strong="G1519" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" thanked God |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" food |strong="G0740". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" broke |strong="G2622" it |strong="G0846" into |strong="G1519" pieces,



which |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" followers to |strong="G1519" give |strong="G1325" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793". 17 They |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3956" ate |strong="G2068" until |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3956" full |strong="G3956". And |strong="G2532" there was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2532" lot of |strong="G3956" food |strong="G5315" left |strong="G4052". Twelve |strong="G1427" baskets |strong="G2894" were |strong="G3956" filled |strong="G5526" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" pieces |strong="G2801" of |strong="G3956" food |strong="G5315" that |strong="G3956" were |strong="G3956" not |strong="G2532" eaten |strong="G2068".

**Peter |strong="G0846" Says Jesus |strong="G0846" Is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" Messiah**  
(Matthew 16:13-19; Mark 8:27-29)

18 One |strong="G1438" time Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" praying |strong="G4336" alone |strong="G3441". His |strong="G0846" followers came |strong="G1096" together |strong="G1722" there |strong="G1510", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G1905" them |strong="G0846", " Who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" say |strong="G3004" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510"?"

19 They |strong="G3754" answered |strong="G0611", " Some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G5100" say |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3588" John |strong="G2491" the |strong="G3588" Baptizer. Others |strong="G0243" say |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3588" Elijah |strong="G2243". And |strong="G1161" some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G5100" say |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3588" one |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" from |strong="G2491" long |strong="G0744" ago |strong="G0744" that |strong="G3754" has |strong="G3748" come back to |strong="G3004" life."

20 Then |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" his |strong="G0846" followers, " And |strong="G1161" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" say |strong="G3004" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510"?"

Peter |strong="G4074" answered |strong="G0611", " You |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547" from |strong="G1510" God |strong="G2316"."

21 Jesus |strong="G0846" warned |strong="G2008" them |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3367" to |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" anyone |strong="G3367".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Says |strong="G3004" He |strong="G0846" Must |strong="G3588" Die**  
(Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:30—9:1)

22 Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" must |strong="G1163" suffer |strong="G3958" many |strong="G4183" things |strong="G4183". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G1163" rejected |strong="G0593" by |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" Jewish leaders |strong="G3004", the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749", and |strong="G2532" teachers of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" law. And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G1163" killed |strong="G0615". But |strong="G2532" after |strong="G2532" three days |strong="G2250" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G1163" raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G0575" death |strong="G0615"."

23 Jesus |strong="G0846" continued to |strong="G4314" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G2250" them |strong="G0846", " Any |strong="G5100" of |strong="G2250" you |strong="G1487" who |strong="G3588" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G4314" be |strong="G2532" my |strong="G3956" follower |strong="G3694" must |strong="G3588" stop thinking about |strong="G2596" yourself |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G1487" want |strong="G2309". You |strong="G1487" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G2532" willing |strong="G2309" to |strong="G4314" carry |strong="G0142" the |strong="G3956" cross |strong="G4716" that |strong="G3004" is |strong="G5100" given to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G1487" every |strong="G3956" day |strong="G2250" for |strong="G4314" following |strong="G0190" me |strong="G3004". 24 Any |strong="G3739" of |strong="G5590" you |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" try to |strong="G2309" save |strong="G4982" the |strong="G3588" life |strong="G5590" you |strong="G3739" have |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739" lose |strong="G0622" it |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" give up your |strong="G1437" life |strong="G5590" for |strong="G1063" me |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739"

save |strong="G4982" it |strong="G0846".<sup>25</sup> It |strong="G1161" is |strong="G5101" worth nothing for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G1438" to |strong="G2228" have |strong="G2228" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" world |strong="G2889" if you |strong="G1438" yourself |strong="G1438" are |strong="G3588" destroyed |strong="G0622" or |strong="G2228" lost |strong="G0622".<sup>26</sup> Don't be |strong="G2532" ashamed |strong="G1870" of |strong="G5207" me |strong="G1473" and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G1699" teaching |strong="G3056". If |strong="G0302" that |strong="G3739" happens, I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532" ashamed |strong="G1870" of |strong="G5207" you |strong="G3739" when |strong="G3752" I |strong="G1473" come |strong="G2064" with |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1699" divine greatness and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3739" of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040" angels |strong="G0032".<sup>27</sup> Believe me |strong="G3004" when |strong="G1161" I |strong="G3739" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3739" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G0932" you |strong="G5210" people |strong="G1510" standing |strong="G2476" here |strong="G0847" will |strong="G2316" see |strong="G3708" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" before |strong="G2193" you |strong="G5210" die |strong="G2288"."

**Jesus |strong="G3004" Is |strong="G1510" Seen |strong="G3708" With |strong="G2316" Moses |strong="G3708" and |strong="G1161" Elijah**  
(Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8)

<sup>28</sup> About |strong="G5616" eight |strong="G3638" days |strong="G2250" after |strong="G3326" Jesus |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3056" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", he |strong="G2532" took |strong="G3880" Peter |strong="G4074", John |strong="G2491", and |strong="G2532" James |strong="G2385" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" on |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1096" mountain |strong="G3735" to |strong="G1519" pray |strong="G4336".<sup>29</sup> While |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" praying |strong="G4336", his |strong="G0846" face |strong="G4383" began |strong="G1096" to |strong="G2532" change. His |strong="G0846" clothes |strong="G2441" became |strong="G1096" shining white |strong="G3022".<sup>30</sup> Then |strong="G2532" two |strong="G1417" men |strong="G0435" were |strong="G1510"

I I Literally, "the Son of Man" (Jesus).

there |strong="G1510", talking |strong="G4814" with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" Moses |strong="G3475" and |strong="G2532" Elijah |strong="G2243".<sup>31</sup> They |strong="G0846" also |strong="G0846" looked |strong="G3708" bright and |strong="G1391" glorious |strong="G1391". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3739" talking |strong="G3004" with |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" about |strong="G3195" his |strong="G0846" death that |strong="G3739" would |strong="G3195" happen in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419".<sup>32</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" asleep. But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" woke up and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" glory |strong="G1391" of |strong="G1391" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" two |strong="G1417" men |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" standing |strong="G4921" with |strong="G4862" him |strong="G0846".<sup>33</sup> When |strong="G2532" Moses |strong="G3475" and |strong="G2532" Elijah |strong="G2243" were |strong="G1510" leaving |strong="G1316", Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G3004", " Master |strong="G1988", it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" good |strong="G2570" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" here |strong="G5602". We |strong="G2249" will |strong="G1510" put |strong="G4160" three |strong="G5140" tents |strong="G4633" here |strong="G5602"— one |strong="G1520" for |strong="G4314" you |strong="G4771", one |strong="G1520" for |strong="G4314" Moses |strong="G3475", and |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" for |strong="G4314" Elijah |strong="G2243". ( He |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3361" know |strong="G1492" what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" saying |strong="G3004".)

<sup>34</sup> While |strong="G1722" Peter |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" saying |strong="G3004" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", a |strong="G1096" cloud |strong="G3507" came |strong="G1096" all |strong="G3588" around them |strong="G0846". Peter |strong="G0846", John |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" James were |strong="G3778" afraid |strong="G5399" when |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" cloud |strong="G3507" covered |strong="G1096" them |strong="G0846".<sup>35</sup> A |strong="G1096" voice |strong="G5456" came |strong="G1096" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588"

cloud|strong="G3507" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" my|strong="G0191" Son|strong="G5207". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" chosen|strong="G1586". Obey|strong="G0191" him|strong="G0846"."

<sup>36</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" voice|strong="G5456" stopped|strong="G4601", on-ly|strong="G3441" Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424" there|strong="G1722". Pe-ter|strong="G0846", John|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" James said|strong="G1096" nothing|strong="G3762". And|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1096" long|strong="G2250" time|strong="G2250" af-ter|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739", they|strong="G0846" told|strong="G0518" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" about|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424" seen|strong="G3708".

**Jesus|strong="G2424" Frees a|strong="G1096" Boy From|strong="G5456" an|strong="G1096" Evil Spirit**  
(Matthew 17:14-18; Mark 9:14-27)

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="G3588" next|strong="G1836" day|strong="G2250", Jesus|strong="G0846", Pe-ter|strong="G0846", John|strong="G0846", and|strong="G1161" James came|strong="G1096" down|strong="G2718" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" mountain|strong="G3735". A|strong="G1096" large|strong="G4183" group|strong="G3793" of|strong="G2250" peo-ple|strong="G3793" met|strong="G4876" Je-sus|strong="G0846". <sup>38</sup> A|strong="G1510" man|strong="G0435" in|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" group|strong="G3793" shout-ed|strong="G0994" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G3708", " Teacher|strong="G1320", please come|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" look|strong="G2400" at|strong="G1909" my|strong="G3708" son|strong="G5207". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" only|strong="G3439" child I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510". <sup>39</sup> An|strong="G2532" evil spirit|strong="G4151" comes|strong="G2532" into|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" shouts. He|strong="G2532" loses control of|strong="G4151" himself|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" foams at|strong="G0575" the|strong="G2532" mouth. The|strong="G2532" evil spirit|strong="G4151" con-tinues to|strong="G2532" hurt him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" almost never leaves|strong="G0672" him|strong="G0846". <sup>40</sup>

I|strong="G2532" begged|strong="G1189" your|strong="G2532" followers to|strong="G2443" make|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" evil spirit leave|strong="G1544" my|strong="G2532" son, but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3756" do|strong="G1410" it|strong="G0846"."

<sup>41</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" an-swered|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G5210" peo-ple|strong="G1510" today have|strong="G1510" no|strong="G2193" faith. Your|strong="G2532" lives are|strong="G1510" all|strong="G3588" wrong. How|strong="G2193" long|strong="G2193" must|strong="G1510" I|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" patient with|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210"? Then|strong="G2532" Je-sus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5207", " Bring|strong="G4317" your|strong="G2532" son|strong="G5207" here|strong="G5602"."

<sup>42</sup> While|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" boy|strong="G3816" was|strong="G2424" com-ing|strong="G4334", the|strong="G3588" de-mon|strong="G1140" threw|strong="G4952" the|strong="G3588" boy|strong="G3816" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" ground. The|strong="G3588" boy|strong="G3816" lost control of|strong="G4151" himself|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G2424" gave|strong="G0591" a|strong="G2532" strong com-mand to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" evil spirit|strong="G4151". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" boy|strong="G3816" was|strong="G2424" healed|strong="G2390", and|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" gave|strong="G0591" him|strong="G0846" back|strong="G0591" to|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" father|strong="G3962". <sup>43</sup> All|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" peo-ple|strong="G3956" were|strong="G3101" amazed|strong="G2296" at|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" great|strong="G3956" power of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Talks About|strong="G1909" His|strong="G0846" Death**  
(Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32)

The|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" were|strong="G3101" still amazed|strong="G2296" about|strong="G1909" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" Je-sus|strong="G0846" did|strong="G4160". He|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" followers, <sup>44</sup> "Don't forget what|strong="G3588"

I |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3195" tell you |strong="G5210" now: The |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G3195" soon be |strong="G0444" handed |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" control of |strong="G5207" other men |strong="G0444"." <sup>45</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" followers did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3361" understand |strong="G0050" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" meant |strong="G1510". The |strong="G3588" meaning was |strong="G1510" hidden from |strong="G0575" them |strong="G0846" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" they |strong="G0846" could |strong="G3361" not |strong="G3361" understand |strong="G0050" it |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" afraid |strong="G5399" to |strong="G2443" ask |strong="G2065" Jesus |strong="G0846" about |strong="G4012" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532".

**Who |strong="G3588" Is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Greatest?**

(Matthew 18:1-5; Mark 9:33-37)

<sup>46</sup> Jesus' followers began to |strong="G1722" have |strong="G1510" an |strong="G1510" argument |strong="G1261" about |strong="G1722" which |strong="G5101" one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" greatest |strong="G3173". <sup>47</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" knew |strong="G1492" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" thinking |strong="G1261", so |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" took |strong="G1949" a |strong="G3708" little child |strong="G3813" and |strong="G1161" stood |strong="G2476" the |strong="G3588" child |strong="G3813" beside |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846". <sup>48</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" followers, " Whoever |strong="G3739" accepts a |strong="G1510" little |strong="G3398" child |strong="G3813" like |strong="G0846" this |strong="G3778" in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G3956" name |strong="G3686" is |strong="G1510" accepting me |strong="G3004". And |strong="G2532" anyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" accepts me |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" also |strong="G2532" accepting the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" sent |strong="G0649" me |strong="G3004". The |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" among |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210"

who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" most humble— this |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" great |strong="G3173"."

**Whoever |strong="G3739" Is |strong="G1510" Not |strong="G1510" Against |strong="G1909" You |strong="G5210" Is |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1063" You |strong="G5210"**

(Mark 9:38-40)

<sup>49</sup> John |strong="G2491" answered |strong="G0611", " Master |strong="G1988", we |strong="G2249" saw |strong="G3708" someone |strong="G5100" using |strong="G3004" your |strong="G3708" name |strong="G3686" to |strong="G3004" force demons |strong="G1140" out |strong="G1544" of |strong="G1909" people |strong="G0846". We |strong="G2249" told |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" stop |strong="G2967" because |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" does |strong="G3004" not |strong="G3756" belong to |strong="G3004" our |strong="G2532" group."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", " Don't |strong="G3756" stop |strong="G3361" him |strong="G0846". Whoever |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" against |strong="G2596" you |strong="G5210" is |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210"."

**A |strong="G1510" Samaritan Town**

<sup>51</sup> The |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2250" was |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G1096" near |strong="G1722" when |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" would |strong="G1096" leave |strong="G4198" and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G4198" back |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" heaven. He |strong="G2532" decided |strong="G1096" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G4198" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". <sup>52</sup> He |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G0649" some |strong="G5613" men |strong="G0846" ahead |strong="G4253" of |strong="G4172" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" went |strong="G4198" into |strong="G1519" a |strong="G5613" town |strong="G4172" in |strong="G1519" Samaria to |strong="G1519" make |strong="G2090" everything ready |strong="G2090" for |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846". <sup>53</sup> But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" there |strong="G1510" would |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3756" welcome |strong="G1209" Jesus |strong="G0846" because |strong="G3754"

he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" going|strong="G4198" toward|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419".<sup>54</sup> James|strong="G2385" and|strong="G2532" John|strong="G2491", the|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G0575" Jesus|strong="G0846", saw|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Lord|strong="G2962", do|strong="G3708" you|strong="G3708" want|strong="G2309" us|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" call|strong="G3004" fire|strong="G4442" down|strong="G2597" from|strong="G0575" heaven|strong="G3772" and|strong="G2532" destroy those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846"?"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>55</sup> But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846" turned|strong="G4762" and|strong="G1161" criticized them|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1161" saying this|strong="G0846".<sup>II56</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2532" followers went|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" another|strong="G2087" town|strong="G2532".

**Following|strong="G4198" Jesus|strong="G2532"**  
(Matthew 8:19-22)

<sup>57</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" traveling|strong="G4198" along|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598". Someone|strong="G5100" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846", " I|strong="G1437" will|strong="G5100" follow|strong="G0190" you|strong="G4771" anywhere you|strong="G4771" go|strong="G4198"."

<sup>58</sup> He|strong="G2532" answered|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" foxes|strong="G0258" have|strong="G2192" holes|strong="G5454" to|strong="G3004" live|strong="G2192" in|strong="G2532". The|strong="G3588" birds|strong="G4071" have|strong="G2192" nests|strong="G2682". But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" has|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" place|strong="G4226" where|strong="G4226" he|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" rest|strong="G2192" his|strong="G0846" head|strong="G2776"."

<sup>59</sup> Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" another|strong="G2087" man|strong="G4413", " Follow|strong="G0190" me|strong="G3004"!"

I Some Greek copies add "as Elijah did?"<sup>II</sup> Some Greek copies add "And he said, 'You don't know what kind of spirit you belong to.'<sup>56</sup> \* The Son of Man did not come to destroy people's lives but to save them."

But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G4413" said|strong="G3004", " Lord|strong="G2962", let|strong="G2010" me|strong="G3004" go|strong="G0565" and|strong="G1161" bury|strong="G2290" my|strong="G2290" father|strong="G3962" first|strong="G4413"."

<sup>60</sup> But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Let|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498" bury|strong="G2290" their|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438" dead|strong="G3498". You|strong="G4771" must|strong="G3588" go|strong="G0565" and|strong="G1161" tell|strong="G3004" about|strong="G3588" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932"."

<sup>61</sup> Another|strong="G2087" man|strong="G4413" said|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2962" follow|strong="G0190" you|strong="G4771", Lord|strong="G2962", but|strong="G1161" first|strong="G4413" let|strong="G2010" me|strong="G3004" go and|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004" goodbye to|strong="G1519" my|strong="G3004" family|strong="G3624"."

<sup>62</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Anyone|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" begins to|strong="G1519" plow|strong="G0723" a|strong="G1510" field but|strong="G1161" looks|strong="G0991" back|strong="G3694" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" prepared for|strong="G1519" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932"."

### Jesus Sends Out 72 of His Followers

**10** After|strong="G3326" this|strong="G3778", the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" chose 72<sup>III</sup> more|strong="G3956" followers. He|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649" them|strong="G0846" out|strong="G0649" in|strong="G1519" groups of|strong="G2962" two|strong="G1417". He|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649" them|strong="G0846" ahead|strong="G4253" of|strong="G2962" him|strong="G0846" into|strong="G1519" every|strong="G3956" town|strong="G4172" and|strong="G2532" place|strong="G5117" where|strong="G3757" he|strong="G2532" planned to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G2064".<sup>2</sup> He|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " There|strong="G1161" is|strong="G2962" such a|strong="G3004" big harvest|strong="G2326"

<sup>III</sup> 72 Some Greek copies say 70. Also in verse 17.

of|strong="G2962" people|strong="G0846"  
to|strong="G1519" bring|strong="G3004"  
in|strong="G1519". But|strong="G1161"  
there|strong="G1161" are|strong="G3588" on-  
ly|strong="G1438" a|strong="G3004"  
few|strong="G3641" workers|strong="G2040"  
to|strong="G1519" help harvest|strong="G2326"  
them|strong="G0846". God|strong="G0846" owns  
the|strong="G3588" harvest|strong="G2326".  
Ask|strong="G1189" him|strong="G0846"  
to|strong="G1519" send|strong="G1544"  
more|strong="G4183" workers|strong="G2040"  
to|strong="G1519" help bring|strong="G3004"  
in|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" har-  
vest|strong="G2326".

<sup>3</sup> " You|strong="G5210" can go|strong="G5217"  
now|strong="G2400". But listen|strong="G2400"!  
I|strong="G5613" am sending|strong="G0649"  
you|strong="G5210", and|strong="G3708"  
you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G4771"  
be|strong="G1722" like|strong="G5613" sheep  
among|strong="G1722" wolves|strong="G3074". <sup>4</sup>  
Don't|strong="G3361" carry|strong="G0941"  
any|strong="G3367" money|strong="G0905",  
a|strong="G2532" bag|strong="G4082",  
or|strong="G2532" sandals|strong="G5266".  
Don't|strong="G3361" stop|strong="G3361"  
to|strong="G2596" talk with|strong="G2596" peo-  
ple|strong="G3588" on|strong="G2596"  
the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598". <sup>5</sup> Be-  
fore|strong="G1519" you|strong="G3739"  
go|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519"  
a|strong="G3739" house|strong="G3614",  
say|strong="G3004", ' Peace|strong="G1515"  
be|strong="G4413" with|strong="G1519"  
this|strong="G3778" home|strong="G3624". <sup>6</sup>  
If|strong="G1487" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" living there|strong="G1563" love  
peace|strong="G1515", your|strong="G1437" blessing  
of|strong="G5207" peace|strong="G1515"  
will|strong="G1510" stay with|strong="G1909"  
them|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161"  
if|strong="G1487" not|strong="G3361",  
your|strong="G1437" blessing of|strong="G5207"  
peace|strong="G1515" will|strong="G1510"  
come|strong="G1510" back to|strong="G1909"  
you|strong="G5210". <sup>7</sup> Stay|strong="G3306"  
in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" peace-loving  
house|strong="G3614". Eat|strong="G2068"  
and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095"  
what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" there|strong="G1722"  
give|strong="G3844" you|strong="G1722".  
A|strong="G2532" worker|strong="G2040"  
should|strong="G3306" be|strong="G2532" given  
his|strong="G0846" pay|strong="G3408".  
Don't|strong="G3361" leave|strong="G3327"  
that|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614"

to|strong="G1519" stay|strong="G3306"  
in|strong="G1722" another house|strong="G3614".

<sup>8</sup> " If|strong="G0302" you|strong="G5210"  
go|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519"  
a|strong="G3739" town|strong="G4172"  
and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G2068" welcome|strong="G1209"  
you|strong="G5210", eat|strong="G2068"  
the|strong="G3588" food they|strong="G3739" give  
you|strong="G5210". <sup>9</sup> Heal|strong="G2323"  
the|strong="G3588" sick|strong="G0772" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" live  
there|strong="G1722", and|strong="G2532"  
tell|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", ' God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932"  
is|strong="G2316" now|strong="G2532"  
very|strong="G0846" near|strong="G1448"  
you|strong="G5210"!'

<sup>10</sup> " But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G0302"  
you|strong="G5210" go|strong="G1831" in-  
to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739"  
town|strong="G4172" and|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846"  
don't|strong="G3361" welcome|strong="G1209"  
you|strong="G5210", then|strong="G2532"  
go|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" in-  
to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588"  
streets|strong="G4113" of|strong="G4172"  
that|strong="G3739" town|strong="G4172"  
and|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004", <sup>11</sup> ' Even|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" dirt  
from|strong="G1537" your|strong="G2532"  
town|strong="G4172" that|strong="G3754" sticks  
to|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2316"  
feet|strong="G4228" we|strong="G2249"  
wipe|strong="G0631" off|strong="G0631"  
against|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210".  
But|strong="G2532" remember that|strong="G3754"  
God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932"  
is|strong="G2316" coming|strong="G1448"  
soon|strong="G1448". <sup>12</sup> I|strong="G3754"  
tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771",  
on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" judgment  
day|strong="G2250" it|strong="G1161"  
will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" worse  
for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G1510" of|strong="G2250"  
that|strong="G3754" town|strong="G4172"  
than|strong="G2228" for|strong="G3754"  
the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510"  
of|strong="G2250" Sodom|strong="G4670".

I IS NOW VERY NEAR YOU Or "is coming to you soon" or "has come to you."

**Jesus Warns People Who Refuse to Believe**  
(Matthew 11:20-24)

<sup>13</sup> "It will be bad for you, Chorazin! It will be bad for you, Bethsaida! I did many miracles in you. If those same miracles had happened in Tyre and Sidon, then the people in those cities would have changed their lives and stopped sinning a long time ago. They would have worn sackcloth and sat in ashes to show that they were sorry for their sins. <sup>14</sup> But on the judgment day it will be worse for you than for Tyre and Sidon. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, will be lifted up to heaven? No! You will be thrown down to the place of death!

<sup>16</sup> "When anyone listens to my followers, they are really listening to me. But when anyone refuses to accept you, they

are really refusing to accept me. And when anyone refuses to accept me, they are refusing to accept the one who sent me."

**Satan Falls**

<sup>17</sup> When the 72 followers came back from their trip, they were very happy. They said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed us when we used your name!"

<sup>18</sup> Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan falling like lightning from the sky." <sup>19</sup> He is the enemy, but know that I have given you more power than he has. I have given you power to crush his snakes and scorpions under your feet. Nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Yes, even the spirits obey you. And you can be happy, not because you have this power, but because your names are written in heaven."

**Jesus |strong="G3778" Prays to |strong="G1722"  
the |strong="G3588" Father**  
(Matthew 11:25-27; 13:16-17)

21 Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" made |strong="G1096" Jesus |strong="G0846" feel very |strong="G0846" happy. Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G2532" praise |strong="G1843" you |strong="G4771", Fa-ther |strong="G3962", Lord |strong="G2962" of |strong="G4151" heaven |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" earth |strong="G1093". I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1096" thankful that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" hidden |strong="G0613" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" from |strong="G0575" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3778" so |strong="G2532" wise |strong="G4680" and |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" smart. But |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" shown them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3778" like |strong="G3779" little children |strong="G3516". Yes |strong="G3483", Father |strong="G3962", you |strong="G4771" did |strong="G1096" this |strong="G3778" because |strong="G3754" it's what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" really wanted to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1096".

22 " My |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" has |strong="G3962" given |strong="G3860" me |strong="G3004" all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956". No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" knows |strong="G1097" who |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" is |strong="G1510"— on-ly |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3956" Fa-ther |strong="G3962" knows |strong="G1097". And |strong="G2532" only |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" knows |strong="G1097" who |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" is |strong="G1510". The |strong="G3956" on-ly |strong="G1487" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" know |strong="G1097" about |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" are |strong="G1510" those |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" chooses to |strong="G4314" tell |strong="G3004"."

23 Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G3004" turned |strong="G4762" to |strong="G4314" his |strong="G3739" followers. They |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3101" there |strong="G2596" alone |strong="G2596" with |strong="G4314" him |strong="G3739". He |strong="G2532"

said |strong="G3004", " It |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" a |strong="G3739" great blessing for |strong="G4314" you |strong="G3739" to |strong="G4314" see |strong="G0991" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" now |strong="G2532" see |strong="G0991"! 24 I |strong="G3739" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", many |strong="G4183" prophets |strong="G4396" and |strong="G2532" kings |strong="G0935" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" now |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708", but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739" could not |strong="G3756". And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" hear |strong="G0191" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" now |strong="G2532" hear |strong="G0191", but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739" could not |strong="G3756"."

**A |strong="G3708" Story About |strong="G3754"  
the |strong="G2532" Good Samaritan**

25 Then |strong="G2532" an |strong="G2532" expert in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" law |strong="G3544" stood |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" to |strong="G3004" test |strong="G1598" Jesus |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Teacher |strong="G1320", what |strong="G5101" must |strong="G4160" I |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" to |strong="G3004" get |strong="G0450" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222"?"

26 Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", " What |strong="G5101" is |strong="G5101" writ-ten |strong="G1125" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551"? What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G1722" understand from |strong="G1722" it |strong="G0846"?"

27 The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G2316" an-swered |strong="G0611", " Love |strong="G0025" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" your |strong="G0025" God |strong="G2316" with |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3650" your |strong="G0025" heart |strong="G2588", all |strong="G3650" your |strong="G0025" soul |strong="G5590", all |strong="G3650" your |strong="G0025" strength |strong="G2479", and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3650" your |strong="G0025" mind |strong="G1271"! I Al-so |strong="G2532", Love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" neighbor |strong="G4139"



the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G2532" as|strong="G5613" you|strong="G4771" love|strong="G0025" yourself|strong="G4572":<sup>1</sup>

<sup>28</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "Your|strong="G4160" answer|strong="G0611" is|strong="G3778" right. Do|strong="G4160" this|strong="G3778" and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" will|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2532" eternal life|strong="G2198":

<sup>29</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" man wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G4314" show that|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" way he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" living was|strong="G1510" right. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G2424", "But|strong="G1161" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" my|strong="G3004" neighbor|strong="G4139"?"

<sup>30</sup> To|strong="G1519" answer this|strong="G3588" question, Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", "A|strong="G3739" man|strong="G0444" was|strong="G2424" going|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" the|strong="G3588" road from|strong="G0575" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" to|strong="G1519" Jericho|strong="G2410". Some|strong="G5100" robbers|strong="G3027" surrounded him|strong="G0846", tore off|strong="G0565" his|strong="G0846" clothes, and|strong="G2532" beat|strong="G4127" him|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" left|strong="G0863" him|strong="G0846" lying there|strong="G1161" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" ground almost dead|strong="G2253".

<sup>31</sup> "It|strong="G0846" happened|strong="G3588" that|strong="G1565" a|strong="G3708" Jewish priest|strong="G2409" was|strong="G3588" going|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" that|strong="G1565" road|strong="G3598". When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5100", he|strong="G2532" did|strong="G3708" not|strong="G2532" stop to|strong="G2596" help him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" walked away.<sup>32</sup>

Next|strong="G2064", a|strong="G1096" Levite|strong="G3019" came|strong="G2064" near|strong="G2596". He|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" hurt man, but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" around|strong="G2596" him|strong="G3708". He|strong="G2532" would|strong="G1096" not|strong="G2532" stop to|strong="G2064" help him|strong="G3708" either|strong="G2532". He|strong="G2532" just|strong="G2532" walked away.

I 10:27 Quote from Leviticus 19:18.

<sup>33</sup> "Then|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3708" Samaritan|strong="G4541" man|strong="G5100" traveled down|strong="G2596" that|strong="G3708" road. He|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G2064" the|strong="G2532" place where|strong="G5100" the|strong="G2532" hurt man|strong="G5100" was|strong="G0846" lying. He|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G2532" man|strong="G5100" and|strong="G2532" felt|strong="G4697" very|strong="G0846" sorry for|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846".<sup>34</sup> The|strong="G3588" Samaritan went|strong="G4334" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" poured olive|strong="G1637" oil|strong="G1637" and|strong="G2532" wine|strong="G3631"<sup>II</sup> on|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" wounds|strong="G5134". Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" covered the|strong="G3588" man's wounds|strong="G5134" with|strong="G1909" cloth. The|strong="G3588" Samaritan had|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2532" donkey. He|strong="G2532" put|strong="G1913" the|strong="G3588" hurt man on|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" donkey, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" took|strong="G1959" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" an|strong="G2532" inn|strong="G3829". There|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" cared for|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".<sup>35</sup> The|strong="G3588" next|strong="G0839" day|strong="G0839", the|strong="G3588" Samaritan took|strong="G1959" out|strong="G1544" two|strong="G1417" silver coins and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3739" worked at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" inn. He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", 'Take|strong="G1959" care|strong="G1959" of|strong="G1909" this|strong="G3588" hurt man|strong="G5100". If|strong="G0302" you|strong="G4771" spend|strong="G4325" more|strong="G4325" money|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" pay|strong="G0591" it|strong="G0846" back|strong="G0591" to|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" come again|strong="G2532":'

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus|strong="G3778" said|strong="G1096", "Which|strong="G5101" one|strong="G3778" of|strong="G1519" these|strong="G3778" three|strong="G5140" men|strong="G3778" do|strong="G1096" you|strong="G4771" think|strong="G1380" was|strong="G3588" really

II OLIVE OIL AND WINE These were used like medicine to soften and clean wounds.

a|strong="G1096" neighbor|strong="G4139" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" hurt by|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" robbers|strong="G3027"?"  
<sup>37</sup> The|strong="G3588" teacher of|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" law answered|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" helped him|strong="G0846"."  
 Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" go|strong="G4198" and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846"."

### Mary|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Martha

<sup>38</sup> While|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers were|strong="G1096" traveling|strong="G4198", he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G4198" into|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1096" town|strong="G2532", and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1096" woman|strong="G1135" named|strong="G3686" Martha|strong="G3136" let|strong="G1096" him|strong="G0846" stay at|strong="G1722" her|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3614". <sup>39</sup> She|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424" a|strong="G1510" sister|strong="G0079" named|strong="G2564" Mary|strong="G3137". Mary|strong="G3137" was|strong="G1510" sitting at|strong="G4314" Jesus'|strong="G2424" feet|strong="G4228" and|strong="G2532" listening|strong="G0191" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" teach. <sup>40</sup> But|strong="G1161" her|strong="G0846" sister|strong="G0079" Martha|strong="G3136" was|strong="G3588" busy doing all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" work that|strong="G3754" had|strong="G3748" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G3767" done. Martha|strong="G3136" went in|strong="G3004" and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G3004", " Lord|strong="G2962", don't|strong="G3756" you|strong="G4771" care|strong="G3199" that|strong="G3754" my|strong="G3754" sister|strong="G0079" has|strong="G2962" left|strong="G2641" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" work by|strong="G3004" myself|strong="G0846"? Tell|strong="G3004" her|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2443" help|strong="G4878" me|strong="G3004"!"  
<sup>41</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" answered|strong="G0611" her|strong="G0846", " Martha|strong="G3136", Martha|strong="G3136", you|strong="G3004" are|strong="G3588" getting worried|strong="G3309" and|strong="G2532" upset about|strong="G4012"

too|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" things|strong="G4183". <sup>42</sup> Only|strong="G3756" one|strong="G1520" thing|strong="G0018" is|strong="G1510" important. Mary|strong="G3137" has|strong="G3748" made|strong="G1586" the|strong="G3588" right choice|strong="G1586", and|strong="G1161" it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" never|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" taken|strong="G0851" away|strong="G0851" from|strong="G2228" her|strong="G0846"."

### Jesus Teaches About Prayer (Matthew 6:9-15)

**11** One|strong="G5100" time Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" out|strong="G1096" praying|strong="G4336", and|strong="G2532" when|strong="G5613" he|strong="G2532" finished|strong="G3973", one|strong="G5100" of|strong="G2962" his|strong="G0846" followers said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846", " John|strong="G2491" taught|strong="G1321" his|strong="G0846" followers how|strong="G5613" to|strong="G4314" pray|strong="G4336". Lord|strong="G2962", teach|strong="G1321" us|strong="G3004" how|strong="G5613" to|strong="G4314" pray|strong="G4336" too|strong="G2532"."

<sup>2</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" followers, " This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" how you|strong="G4771" should pray|strong="G4336": ' Father|strong="G3962", we|strong="G1161" pray|strong="G4336" that|strong="G3004" your|strong="G3752" name|strong="G3686" will|strong="G3962" always be kept holy|strong="G0037".

We|strong="G1161" pray|strong="G4336" that|strong="G3004" your|strong="G3752" kingdom|strong="G0932" will|strong="G3962" come|strong="G2064".

<sup>3</sup> Give|strong="G1325" us|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" food|strong="G0740" we|strong="G2249" need for|strong="G0740" each|strong="G2596" day|strong="G2250".

<sup>4</sup> Forgive|strong="G0863" our|strong="G2532" sins|strong="G0266",

just|strong="G2532" as|strong="G1519" we|strong="G2249" forgive|strong="G0863" everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G2532" done wrong to|strong="G1519" us|strong="G0863".

And|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" let|strong="G0863" us|strong="G0863" be|strong="G2532" tempted."

**Ask God *for* What *You* Need**  
(Matthew 7:7-11)

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you went to your friend's house very late at night and said to him, 'A friend of mine has come into town to visit me. But I have nothing for him to eat. Please give me three loaves of bread.'<sup>7</sup> Your friend inside the house answers, 'Go away! Don't bother me! The door is already locked. My children and I are in bed.' I cannot get up and give the bread now!<sup>8</sup> I tell you, maybe friendship is not enough to make him get up to give you the bread. But he will give you what you need if you continue to ask.<sup>9</sup> So I tell you, continue to ask, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will be opened for you.<sup>10</sup> Yes, whoever continues to ask will receive. Whoever continues to look will find.

And whoever continues to knock will have the door opened for them.<sup>11</sup> Do any of you have a son? What would he do if your son asked you for a fish? Would any father give him a snake? Or if he asked for an egg you would give him a scorpion? Of course not!<sup>13</sup> Even you who are bad know how to give good things to your children. So your heavenly Father knows how to give the Holy Spirit to the people who ask him.

**Jesus' Power Is From God**  
(Matthew 12:22-30; Mark 3:20-27)

<sup>14</sup> One time Jesus was sending a demon out of a man who could not talk. When the demon came out, the man was able to speak. The crowds were amazed. But some

of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " He|strong="G0846" uses the|strong="G3588" power of|strong="G1537" Satan<sup>1</sup> to|strong="G3004" force demons|strong="G1140" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" people|strong="G0846". Satan is|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" ruler|strong="G0758" of|strong="G1537" demons|strong="G1140"."

<sup>16</sup> Some|strong="G1537" others|strong="G2087" there|strong="G1161" wanted|strong="G2212" to|strong="G2212" test|strong="G3985" Jesus|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3985" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2212" do|strong="G2212" a|strong="G1161" miracle|strong="G4592" as|strong="G0846" a|strong="G1161" sign|strong="G4592" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G0846". <sup>17</sup> But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" knew|strong="G1492" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3956" thinking. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " Every|strong="G3956" kingdom|strong="G0932" that|strong="G3004" fights against|strong="G1909" itself|strong="G1438" will|strong="G3956" be|strong="G2532" destroyed. And|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3708" family|strong="G3624" that|strong="G3004" fights against|strong="G1909" itself|strong="G1438" will|strong="G3956" break apart. <sup>18</sup> So|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1487" Satan|strong="G4567" is|strong="G3588" fighting against|strong="G1909" himself|strong="G1438", how|strong="G4459" will|strong="G3748" his|strong="G0846" kingdom|strong="G0932" survive? You|strong="G1487" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" use the|strong="G3588" power of|strong="G0932" Satan|strong="G4567" to|strong="G3004" force out|strong="G1544" demons|strong="G1140". <sup>19</sup> But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" use Satan's power to|strong="G1722" force out|strong="G1544" demons|strong="G1140", then|strong="G1161" what|strong="G5101" power do|strong="G1510" your|strong="G1487" people|strong="G0846" use when|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" force out|strong="G1544" demons|strong="G1140"? So|strong="G1161" your|strong="G1487" own|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" prove that|strong="G3778" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" wrong. <sup>20</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1487" use the|strong="G3588" power of|strong="G0932" God|strong="G2316" to|strong="G1909" force out|strong="G1544" demons|strong="G1140".

<sup>1</sup> SATAN Literally, "Beelzebul" (the devil). Also in verses 18, 19.

This|strong="G3588" shows that|strong="G2316" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" has|strong="G2316" now|strong="G1161" come|strong="G5348" to|strong="G1909" you|strong="G5210".

<sup>21</sup> " When|strong="G3752" a|strong="G1510" strong|strong="G2478" man|strong="G2478" with|strong="G1722" many weapons guards|strong="G5442" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438" house|strong="G0833", the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" house|strong="G0833" are|strong="G1510" safe|strong="G1722". <sup>22</sup> But|strong="G1161" suppose a|strong="G3739" stronger|strong="G2478" man|strong="G2478" comes|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" defeats him|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" stronger|strong="G2478" man|strong="G2478" will|strong="G3739" take|strong="G0142" away|strong="G0142" the|strong="G3588" weapons that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" first man|strong="G2478" trusted|strong="G3982" to|strong="G1909" keep|strong="G0142" his|strong="G0846" house safe. Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" stronger|strong="G2478" man|strong="G2478" will|strong="G3739" do|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" wants with|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" man's|strong="G2478" things|strong="G3739".

<sup>23</sup> " Whoever|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1473" is|strong="G1510" against|strong="G2596" me|strong="G1473". And|strong="G2532" anyone who|strong="G3588" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" work with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1473" is|strong="G1510" working against|strong="G2596" me|strong="G1473".

**The|strong="G3588" Danger of|strong="G2596" Emptiness**  
(Matthew 12:43-45)

<sup>24</sup> " When|strong="G3752" an|strong="G2532" evil spirit|strong="G4151" comes|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G4151" someone|strong="G0444", it|strong="G1223" travels through|strong="G1223" dry places|strong="G5117", looking|strong="G2212" for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2147" place|strong="G5117" to|strong="G1519" rest|strong="G0372". But|strong="G2532" it|strong="G1223" finds|strong="G2147" no|strong="G3361" place|strong="G5117" to|strong="G1519" rest|strong="G0372". So|strong="G2532" it|strong="G1223" says|strong="G3004", ' I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G0444"

go |strong="G1831" back |strong="G5290" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" home |strong="G3624" I |strong="G1473" left |strong="G1831".'<sup>25</sup> When |strong="G2532" it |strong="G2147" comes |strong="G2064" back, it |strong="G2147" finds |strong="G2147" that home all neat and |strong="G2532" clean.<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" evil |strong="G4190" spirit |strong="G4151" goes |strong="G4198" out |strong="G1438" and |strong="G2532" brings |strong="G3880" back |strong="G1525" seven |strong="G2033" other |strong="G2087" spirits |strong="G4151" more |strong="G4190" evil |strong="G4190" than |strong="G2532" itself |strong="G1438". They |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" go |strong="G4198" and |strong="G2532" live |strong="G2730" there |strong="G1563", and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G1565" person |strong="G0444" has |strong="G1096" even |strong="G2532" more |strong="G4190" trouble than |strong="G2532" before |strong="G4413".

**The |strong="G3588" People |strong="G0444" God |strong="G2730" Blesses**

<sup>27</sup> As |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" saying |strong="G3004" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", a |strong="G1096" woman |strong="G1135" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" there |strong="G1722" called |strong="G3004" out |strong="G1537" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", "Blessings from |strong="G1537" God |strong="G0846" belong |strong="G1537" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3739" gave birth |strong="G2836" to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" and |strong="G2532" fed you |strong="G4771"!"

<sup>28</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" hear |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G5442" it |strong="G0846"— they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3107" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" God's |strong="G2316" blessing."

**Some |strong="G3588" People |strong="G0846" Doubt Jesus' Authority**

(Matthew 12:38-42; Mark 8:12)

<sup>29</sup> The |strong="G3588" crowd |strong="G3793" grew larger and |strong="G2532" larger. Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793"

who |strong="G3588" live today are |strong="G1510" evil |strong="G4190". They |strong="G0846" ask |strong="G3004" for |strong="G2212" a |strong="G1510" miracle |strong="G4592" as |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" sign |strong="G4592" from |strong="G4592" God |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" no |strong="G3756" miracle |strong="G4592" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" done to |strong="G3004" prove anything to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" only |strong="G1487" sign |strong="G4592" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" miracle |strong="G4592" that |strong="G3004" happened |strong="G3588" to |strong="G3004" Jonah |strong="G2495".<sup>130</sup> Jonah |strong="G2495" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1096" sign |strong="G4592" for |strong="G1063" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" lived |strong="G1510" in |strong="G2532" Nineveh |strong="G3536".<sup>II</sup> It |strong="G3779" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1096" sign |strong="G4592" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" of |strong="G5207" this |strong="G3778" time.

<sup>31</sup> " On |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" judgment |strong="G2920" day, you |strong="G3754" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" live now |strong="G2532" will |strong="G4183" be |strong="G2532" compared with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" Queen |strong="G0938" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" South |strong="G3558",<sup>III</sup> and |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" will |strong="G4183" be |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" witness who |strong="G3588" shows how |strong="G3754" guilty you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3778". Why |strong="G2400" do |strong="G3708" I |strong="G2532" say this |strong="G3778"? Because |strong="G3754" she |strong="G0846" traveled from |strong="G1537" far |strong="G3588", far |strong="G3588" away |strong="G3326" to |strong="G2064" listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G2064" Solomon's |strong="G4672" wise teaching. And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" tell you |strong="G3754" that |strong="G3754" someone |strong="G0435"<sup>IV</sup> greater |strong="G4183"

<sup>I</sup> JONAH A prophet in the Old Testament. After three days in a big fish he came out alive, just as Jesus would come out from the tomb on the third day. <sup>II</sup> NINEVEH City where Jonah preached. See Jonah 3. <sup>III</sup> QUEEN OF THE SOUTH Or "Queen of Sheba." She traveled about 1000 miles (1600 km) to learn God's wisdom from Solomon.

than |strong="G4183" Solomon |strong="G4672" is |strong="G3778" right here |strong="G5602", but |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3754" won't listen |strong="G0191"!

<sup>32</sup> " On |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" judgment |strong="G2920" day, you |strong="G3754" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" live now |strong="G2532" will |strong="G4183" also |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" compared with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" from |strong="G1722" Nineveh |strong="G3536", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G4183" be |strong="G2532" witnesses who |strong="G3588" show how |strong="G3754" guilty you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3778". I |strong="G2532" say this |strong="G3778" because |strong="G3754" when |strong="G2532" Jonah |strong="G2495" preached |strong="G2782" to |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846", they |strong="G0846" changed their |strong="G0846" hearts and |strong="G2532" lives. And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3778" listening to |strong="G1519" someone |strong="G0435" greater |strong="G4183" than |strong="G4183" Jonah |strong="G2495", but |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3754" refuse to |strong="G1519" change!

**Be |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" Light for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" World**

(Matthew 5:15; 6:22-23)

<sup>33</sup> " No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" takes a |strong="G5087" light |strong="G5338" and |strong="G0235" puts |strong="G5087" it |strong="G5087" under |strong="G5259" a |strong="G5087" bowl or |strong="G3761" hides it |strong="G5087". Instead |strong="G0235", they put |strong="G5087" it |strong="G5087" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G5087" lampstand |strong="G3087" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" come |strong="G1531" in |strong="G1519" can see |strong="G0991". <sup>34</sup> The |strong="G3588" only |strong="G2532" source of |strong="G4983" light |strong="G5460" for |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" body |strong="G4983" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" eye |strong="G3788". When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G4771" look at |strong="G1161" people |strong="G1510" and |strong="G2532" want to |strong="G2532" help them |strong="G1510", you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" full |strong="G5460" of |strong="G4983" light |strong="G5460". But |strong="G1161"

See 1 Kings 10:1-13. IV SOMEONE Literally, "something." Also in verse 32.

when |strong="G3752" you |strong="G4771" look at |strong="G1161" people |strong="G1510" in |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" selfish way, you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" full |strong="G5460" of |strong="G4983" darkness |strong="G4652". <sup>35</sup> So |strong="G3767" be |strong="G1510" careful! Don't |strong="G3361" let |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G4771" become darkness |strong="G4655". <sup>36</sup> If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" full |strong="G5460" of |strong="G5100" light |strong="G5461", and |strong="G4983" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3361" part |strong="G3313" of |strong="G5100" you |strong="G4771" that |strong="G5613" is |strong="G1510" dark |strong="G4652", then |strong="G3767" you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3650" bright |strong="G5460", as |strong="G5613" though |strong="G5613" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5461" of |strong="G5100" a |strong="G2192" lamp |strong="G3088" shining on |strong="G3767" you |strong="G4771"."

**Jesus |strong="G1510" Criticizes the |strong="G3588" Religious Leaders**

(Matthew 23:1-36; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47)

<sup>37</sup> After |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3588" finished |strong="G0709" speaking |strong="G2980", a |strong="G1525" Pharisee |strong="G5330" asked |strong="G2065" Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1722" eat with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846". So |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1525" and |strong="G1161" took |strong="G0377" a |strong="G1525" place |strong="G1722" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" table. <sup>38</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Pharisee |strong="G5330" was |strong="G3588" surprised |strong="G2296" when |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3754" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G0907" did |strong="G3708" not |strong="G3756" wash |strong="G0907" his |strong="G3708" hands <sup>II</sup> first |strong="G4413" before |strong="G4253" the |strong="G3588" meal |strong="G0712". <sup>39</sup> The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", " The |strong="G3588" washing you |strong="G5210"

I Literally, "The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is pure, your whole body is full of light. But if it is evil, your body is dark." II WASH HIS HANDS Washing the hands was a Jewish religious custom that the Pharisees thought was very important.

Pharisees |strong="G5330" do |strong="G3004" is |strong="G2962" like |strong="G0846" cleaning only |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" outside |strong="G1855" of |strong="G2962" a |strong="G3004" cup |strong="G4221" or |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3004" dish. But |strong="G1161" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2962" inside |strong="G2081" you |strong="G5210"? You |strong="G5210" want only |strong="G2532" to |strong="G4314" cheat and |strong="G2532" hurt people |strong="G0846".<sup>40</sup> You |strong="G4160" are |strong="G3588" foolish |strong="G0878"! The |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" made |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" inside |strong="G2081".<sup>41</sup> So |strong="G2532" pay |strong="G1325" attention to |strong="G2532" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" inside. Give |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" need help. Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" fully clean |strong="G2513".

<sup>42</sup> " But |strong="G1161" it |strong="G4160" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1163" bad for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" Pharisees |strong="G5330"! You |strong="G5210" give |strong="G4160" God |strong="G2316" a |strong="G4160" tenth of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" food you |strong="G5210" get, even |strong="G2532" your |strong="G4160" mint |strong="G2238", your |strong="G4160" rue |strong="G4076", and |strong="G2532" every |strong="G3956" other |strong="G1161" little plant in |strong="G2316" your |strong="G4160" garden |strong="G3001".<sup>I</sup> But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" forget to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1163" fair to |strong="G2532" others |strong="G3588" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" love |strong="G0026" God |strong="G2316". These |strong="G3778" are |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G1163" do |strong="G4160". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G1163" also |strong="G2532" continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532"

<sup>I</sup> YOU GIVE ... GARDEN Literally, "You tithe the mint, rue, and every herb." The Law of Moses required Israelites to share their food supply by dedicating a tenth of their field crops and livestock to God (see Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 26:12). This did not include such small garden plants as those mentioned here. So these Pharisees were giving more than required to be sure they were not breaking the Law.

do |strong="G4160" those |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" things |strong="G3778".

<sup>43</sup> " It |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" bad for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" Pharisees |strong="G5330" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" love |strong="G0025" to |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" most important seats |strong="G4410" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" synagogues |strong="G4864". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" love |strong="G0025" for |strong="G3754" people |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" show respect to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" marketplaces.<sup>44</sup> It |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" bad for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210", because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5613" hidden graves |strong="G3419". People |strong="G0444" walk |strong="G4043" on |strong="G1883" them |strong="G3754" without |strong="G3756" knowing |strong="G1492" it |strong="G1510"."

<sup>45</sup> One |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" experts in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3544" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Teacher |strong="G1320", when |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees, you |strong="G3004" are |strong="G3778" criticizing our |strong="G2532" group too |strong="G2532"."

<sup>46</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " It |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G2532" bad for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210", you |strong="G5210" experts in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3544"! You |strong="G5210" make |strong="G3756" strict rules that |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3588" very |strong="G0846" hard |strong="G1419" for |strong="G3754" people |strong="G0444" to |strong="G3004" obey.<sup>II</sup> You |strong="G5210" try to |strong="G3004" force others |strong="G0444" to |strong="G3004" obey your |strong="G2532" rules. But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" yourselves |strong="G0846" don't |strong="G3756" even |strong="G2532" try to |strong="G3004" follow any |strong="G3756" of |strong="G1520" those |strong="G3588" rules.<sup>47</sup> It |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" bad for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210", because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210"

<sup>II</sup> YOU MAKE ... OBEY Literally, "You put heavy burdens on people that are hard for them to carry."

build|strong="G3618" tombs|strong="G3419" for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396". But|strong="G1161" these|strong="G3748" are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" prophets|strong="G4396" your|strong="G2532" ancestors|strong="G3962" killed|strong="G0615"! <sup>48</sup> And|strong="G2532" now|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" show all|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" agree|strong="G1510" with|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" your|strong="G2532" ancestors|strong="G3962" did|strong="G1510". They|strong="G0846" killed|strong="G0615" the|strong="G3588" prophets, and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" build|strong="G3618" tombs for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" prophets! <sup>49</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G2316" why|strong="G1223" God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" wisdom|strong="G4678" said|strong="G3004", ' I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" send|strong="G0649" prophets|strong="G4396" and|strong="G2532" apostles|strong="G0652" <sup>I</sup> to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846". Some|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" my|strong="G0649" prophets|strong="G4396" and|strong="G2532" apostles|strong="G0652" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" killed|strong="G0615" by|strong="G1223" evil men|strong="G3778". Others|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" treated badly.'

<sup>50</sup> " So|strong="G2443" you|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" live now will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G3956" punished for|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3956" deaths of|strong="G0575" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" prophets|strong="G4396" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3956" killed since|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" beginning of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G2889". <sup>51</sup> You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" punished for|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" killing of|strong="G0575" Abel|strong="G0006". <sup>II</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" punished for|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" killing of|strong="G0575" Zechariah|strong="G2197", <sup>III</sup> who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" killed|strong="G0622" between|strong="G3342" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379"

<sup>I</sup> PROPHETS AND APOSTLES People chosen by God to tell his Good News to the world. <sup>II</sup> ABEL In the Hebrew Old Testament, the first person to be murdered. <sup>III</sup> ZECHARIAH In the Hebrew Old Testament, the last person to be murdered.

and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Temple. Yes|strong="G3483", I|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" people|strong="G3778" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" punished for|strong="G0575" them|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3588".

<sup>52</sup> " It|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3748" be|strong="G2532" bad for|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210", you|strong="G5210" experts in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3544"! You|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2532" taken|strong="G0142" away|strong="G0142" the|strong="G3588" key|strong="G2807" to|strong="G2532" learning about|strong="G3588" God|strong="G0846". You|strong="G5210" yourselves|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3756" learn, and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" stopped others|strong="G3588" from|strong="G2532" learning too|strong="G2532"."

<sup>53</sup> When|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831", the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588" law and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G0757" give him|strong="G0846" much|strong="G4183" trouble. They|strong="G0846" tried to|strong="G0757" make him|strong="G0846" answer questions about|strong="G4012" many|strong="G4183" things|strong="G4183". <sup>54</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" trying to|strong="G5100" find a way|strong="G0846" to|strong="G5100" catch|strong="G2340" Jesus|strong="G0846" saying something|strong="G5100" wrong.

### Don't Be Like the Pharisees

**12** Many|strong="G3461" thousands|strong="G3461" of|strong="G0575" people|strong="G3793" came|strong="G1510" together|strong="G1996". There|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" so|strong="G5620" many|strong="G3461" people|strong="G3793" that|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" stepping|strong="G2662" on|strong="G1722" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G3739". Before|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846" spoke|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793", he|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" followers, " Be|strong="G1510" careful|strong="G4337" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" yeast|strong="G2219" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330". I|strong="G3739" mean|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3739"



they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" hypocrites.  
<sup>2</sup> Everything that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" hidden|strong="G2927" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" shown, and|strong="G2532" everything that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" secret|strong="G2927" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" made|strong="G0601" known|strong="G1097".<sup>3</sup> What|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" say|strong="G3004" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" dark|strong="G4653" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457". And|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" whisper in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G0191" private room|strong="G5009" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" shouted from|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" top of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" house."

**Fear Only|strong="G2532" God|strong="G3004"**  
 (Matthew 10:28-31)

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3778"; "I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", my|strong="G4160" friends|strong="G5384", don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" afraid|strong="G5399" of|strong="G0575" people|strong="G3778". They|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" kill|strong="G0615" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983", but|strong="G1161" after|strong="G3326" that|strong="G3004" they|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" nothing|strong="G3361" more to|strong="G3004" hurt you|strong="G5210".<sup>5</sup> I|strong="G3778" will|strong="G5101" show|strong="G5263" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" to|strong="G1519" fear|strong="G5399". You|strong="G5210" should|strong="G3778" fear|strong="G5399" God|strong="G3004", who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1849" to|strong="G1519" kill|strong="G0615" you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G1161" also|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519" throw you|strong="G5210" into|strong="G1519" hell|strong="G1067". Yes|strong="G3483", he|strong="G3778" is|strong="G5101" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G3778" fear|strong="G5399".

<sup>6</sup> "When|strong="G2532" birds are|strong="G1510" sold|strong="G4453", five|strong="G4002" small birds cost only|strong="G3756" two|strong="G1417" pen-

nies. But|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" forget|strong="G1950" any|strong="G3756" of|strong="G1537" them|strong="G0846".<sup>7</sup> Yes|strong="G0235", God|strong="G4183" even|strong="G2532" knows how many|strong="G4183" hairs|strong="G2359" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2532" on|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" head|strong="G2776". Don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" afraid|strong="G5399". You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3956" worth|strong="G1308" much|strong="G4183" more|strong="G4183" than|strong="G4183" many|strong="G4183" birds.

**Don't|strong="G3361" Be|strong="G2532" Ashamed of|strong="G3956" Your|strong="G2532" Faith**  
 (Matthew 10:32-33; 12:32; 10:19-20)

<sup>8</sup> "I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", if|strong="G0302" you|strong="G5210" stand before|strong="G1715" others|strong="G0444" and|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3956" willing to|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" believe in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G3004", then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" belong to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" presence|strong="G1715" of|strong="G5207" God's|strong="G2316" angels|strong="G0032".<sup>9</sup> But|strong="G1161" if you|strong="G1799" stand before|strong="G1799" others|strong="G0444" and|strong="G1161" say|strong="G1473" you|strong="G1799" do not|strong="G1473" believe in|strong="G2316" me|strong="G1473", then|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" say|strong="G1473" that|strong="G2316" you|strong="G1799" do not|strong="G1473" belong to|strong="G0444" me|strong="G1473". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" say|strong="G1473" this|strong="G3588" in|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" presence|strong="G1799" of|strong="G2316" God's|strong="G2316" angels|strong="G0032".

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever|strong="G3739" says|strong="G3004" something against|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" can|strong="G3004" be|strong="G2532" forgiven|strong="G0863". But|strong="G1161" whoever|strong="G3739" speaks|strong="G3004"

I I Literally, "the Son of Man" (Jesus).

against|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" will|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" forgiven|strong="G0863".

11 " When|strong="G3752" men bring|strong="G1533" you|strong="G5210" into|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" synagogues|strong="G4864" before|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" leaders|strong="G3004" and|strong="G2532" other|strong="G1161" important men, don't|strong="G3361" worry|strong="G3309" about|strong="G1909" what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G5101" say|strong="G3004". 12 The|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" will|strong="G3739" teach|strong="G1321" you|strong="G5210" at|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3739" time|strong="G5610" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G1163" say|strong="G3004"."

### Jesus|strong="G0846" Warns Against|strong="G1722" Selfishness

13 One|strong="G5100" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" men|strong="G5100" in|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" crowd|strong="G3793" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846", " Teacher|strong="G1320", our|strong="G0080" father just|strong="G0846" died and|strong="G1161" left some|strong="G5100" things|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1537" us|strong="G3004". Tell|strong="G3004" my|strong="G3326" brother|strong="G0080" to|strong="G3004" share them|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G3004"."

14 But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Who|strong="G3588" said|strong="G3004" I|strong="G1473" should be|strong="G0444" your|strong="G3588" judge|strong="G2923" or|strong="G2228" decide how|strong="G5101" to|strong="G3004" divide your|strong="G3588" father's things|strong="G0846" between|strong="G0846" you|strong="G5210" two?"

15 Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", " Be|strong="G1510" careful and|strong="G2532" guard|strong="G5442" against|strong="G4314" all|strong="G3956" kinds|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1537" greed|strong="G4124". People|strong="G3956" do|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" get life|strong="G2222" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" many things|strong="G3956" they|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438"."

16 Then|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846" used this|strong="G3588" story:"

There|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3004" rich|strong="G4145" man|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G3588" some|strong="G5100" land|strong="G5561". His|strong="G0846" land|strong="G5561" grew a|strong="G3004" very|strong="G0846" good crop of|strong="G5100" food. 17 He|strong="G2532" thought|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" himself|strong="G1438", ' What|strong="G5101" will|strong="G5101" I|strong="G1473" do|strong="G4160"? I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" place|strong="G4226" to|strong="G3004" keep|strong="G4160" all|strong="G3588" my|strong="G1722" crops|strong="G2590".'

18 " Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", ' I|strong="G1473" know what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3778" do|strong="G4160". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3778" tear|strong="G2507" down|strong="G2507" my|strong="G3956" barns|strong="G0596" and|strong="G2532" build|strong="G3618" bigger barns|strong="G0596"! I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3778" put|strong="G4160" all|strong="G3956" my|strong="G3956" wheat and|strong="G2532" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G3778" together|strong="G4863" in|strong="G2532" my|strong="G3956" new barns|strong="G0596". 19 Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" can|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" myself|strong="G1473", I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" many|strong="G4183" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G4183" stored. I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" saved enough|strong="G4183" for|strong="G1519" many|strong="G4183" years|strong="G2094". Rest|strong="G0373", eat|strong="G2068", drink|strong="G4095", and|strong="G2532" enjoy life|strong="G5590".'

20 " But|strong="G1161" God|strong="G2316" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3739" man|strong="G3778", ' Foolish|strong="G0878" man|strong="G3778"! Tonight|strong="G3571" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316" die. So|strong="G1161" what|strong="G5101" about|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" you|strong="G4771" prepared|strong="G2090" for|strong="G0575" yourself|strong="G4771"? Who|strong="G3739" will|strong="G2316" get|strong="G2090" those|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" now|strong="G1161"?'"

21 " This|strong="G3779" is|strong="G2316" how|strong="G3779" it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532"

for anyone who saves things only for himself. To God that person is not rich.

**Put God's Kingdom First**  
(Matthew 6:25-34; 19—21)

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to his followers, "So I tell you, don't worry about things you need to live— what you will eat or what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> Life is more important than food, and the body is more important than what you put on it." <sup>24</sup> Look at the birds: they don't plant, harvest, or save food in houses or barns, but God feeds them. And you are much more than crows. <sup>25</sup> None of you can add any time to your life by worrying about it. <sup>26</sup> And if you can't do the little things, why worry about the big things?

<sup>27</sup> "Think about how the wildflowers grow. They don't work

or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon, the great and rich king, was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. <sup>28</sup> If God grows in the field so beautiful, what do you think he will do for you? That's just grass— one day it's alive, and the next day someone throws it into a fire. But God cares enough to make it beautiful. Surely he will do much more for you. Your faith is so small!

<sup>29</sup> "So don't always think about what you will eat or drink. Don't worry about it." <sup>30</sup> That's what those people who don't know God are always thinking about. But your Father knows that you need these things. <sup>31</sup> What should be thinking about is God's kingdom. Then he will give you all these other things you need.

**Don't Trust in *strong="G2532" Money* *strong="G0846"***

<sup>32</sup> " Don't *strong="G3361" fear* *strong="G5399"*, little *strong="G3398" flock* *strong="G4168"*. Your *strong="G1325" Father* *strong="G3962"* wants to *strong="G1325" share his* *strong="G1325" kingdom* *strong="G0932"* with *strong="G3962"* you *strong="G5210"*. <sup>33</sup> Sell *strong="G4453"* the *strong="G3588" things* *strong="G3588"* you *strong="G5210"* have *strong="G2532"* and *strong="G2532"* give *strong="G1325"* that *strong="G1438" money* *strong="G0905"* to *strong="G2532"* those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* need it *strong="G4160"*. This *strong="G3588"* is *strong="G3772"* the *strong="G3588" only* *strong="G3756"* way *strong="G1722"* you *strong="G5210"* can *strong="G1325"* keep *strong="G4160"* your *strong="G4160"* riches from *strong="G3361" being* *strong="G5225"* lost. You *strong="G5210"* will *strong="G2532"* be *strong="G2532"* storing treasure *strong="G2344"* in *strong="G1722"* heaven *strong="G3772"* that *strong="G1438"* lasts forever. Thieves *strong="G2812"* can't *strong="G3756"* steal that *strong="G1438" treasure* *strong="G2344"*, and *strong="G2532"* moths can't *strong="G3756"* destroy *strong="G1311"* it *strong="G4160"*. <sup>34</sup> Your *strong="G2532"* heart *strong="G2588"* will *strong="G1510"* be *strong="G1510"* where *strong="G3699"* your *strong="G2532"* treasure *strong="G2344"* is *strong="G1510"*.

**Always Be *strong="G1510"* Ready**  
(Matthew 24:42-44)

<sup>35</sup> " Be *strong="G1510"* ready! Be *strong="G1510"* fully dressed *strong="G4024"* and *strong="G2532"* have *strong="G1510"* your *strong="G2532"* lights shining. <sup>36</sup> Be *strong="G2532"* like *strong="G3664"* servants who *strong="G3588"* are *strong="G3588"* waiting *strong="G4327"* for *strong="G2443"* their *strong="G0846" master* *strong="G2962"* to *strong="G2443"* come *strong="G2064"* home from *strong="G1537"* a *strong="G3664"* wedding *strong="G1062"* party. The *strong="G3588" master* *strong="G2962"* comes *strong="G2064"* and *strong="G2532"* knocks *strong="G2925"*, and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* servants immediately *strong="G2112"* open *strong="G0455"* the *strong="G3588"* door for *strong="G2443"* him *strong="G0846"*. <sup>37</sup> When *strong="G2532"* their *strong="G0846" master* *strong="G2962"* sees that *strong="G3754"* they *strong="G0846"* are *strong="G3739"* ready and *strong="G2532"* waiting for *strong="G3754"* him *strong="G0846"*, it *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G3739"* be *strong="G2532"* a *strong="G2147"* great day for *strong="G3754"* those *strong="G3588"* ser-

vants *strong="G1401"*. I *strong="G3739"* can *strong="G3004"* tell *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G5210"* without *strong="G2532"* a *strong="G2147"* doubt, the *strong="G3588" master* *strong="G2962"* will *strong="G3739"* get *strong="G2147"* himself *strong="G0846"* ready to *strong="G3004"* serve *strong="G1247"* a *strong="G2147"* meal and *strong="G2532"* tell *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* servants *strong="G1401"* to *strong="G3004"* sit *strong="G0347"* down *strong="G0347"*. Then *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* will *strong="G3739"* serve *strong="G1247"* them *strong="G0846"*. <sup>38</sup> Those *strong="G3588"* servants might *strong="G2532"* have *strong="G1510"* to *strong="G2064"* wait until *strong="G2064"* midnight or *strong="G2532"* later *strong="G1208"* for *strong="G1722"* their *strong="G2532"* master. But *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G2532"* will *strong="G1510"* be *strong="G1510"* glad they *strong="G2532"* did *strong="G1510"* when *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* comes *strong="G2064"* in *strong="G1722"* and *strong="G2532"* finds *strong="G2147"* them *strong="G2147"* still *strong="G2064"* waiting.

<sup>39</sup> " What *strong="G4169"* would *strong="G0302"* a *strong="G2064"* homeowner do *strong="G1492"* if *strong="G1487"* he *strong="G0846"* knew *strong="G1097"* when *strong="G1161"* a *strong="G2064"* thief *strong="G2812"* was *strong="G3588"* coming *strong="G2064"*? You *strong="G1487"* know *strong="G1097"* he *strong="G0846"* would *strong="G0302"* not *strong="G3756"* let *strong="G0863"* the *strong="G3588"* thief *strong="G2812"* break *strong="G1358"* in *strong="G1097"*. <sup>40</sup> So *strong="G2532"* you *strong="G5210"* also *strong="G2532"* must *strong="G3588"* be *strong="G1096"* ready *strong="G2092"*, because *strong="G3754"* the *strong="G3588"* Son *strong="G5207"* of *strong="G5207"* Man *strong="G0444"* will *strong="G3739"* come *strong="G2064"* at *strong="G3588"* a *strong="G1096"* time *strong="G5610"* when *strong="G2532"* you *strong="G5210"* don't *strong="G3756"* expect *strong="G1380"* him *strong="G3739"*!"

**Who *strong="G3739"* Is *strong="G3739"* the *strong="G3588"* Trusted Servant?**  
(Matthew 24:45-51)

<sup>41</sup> Peter *strong="G4074"* said *strong="G3004"*, " Lord *strong="G2962"*, did *strong="G2228"* you *strong="G3004"* tell *strong="G3004"* this *strong="G3778"* story for *strong="G4314"* us *strong="G3004"* or *strong="G2228"* for *strong="G4314"* all *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G3956"*?"

<sup>42</sup> The Lord said, "Who is the wise servant? The master trusts one servant to give the other servants their food at the right time. Who is the servant that the master trusts to do his work?" <sup>43</sup> When the master comes and finds him doing the work he gave him, it will be a day of blessing for that servant! <sup>44</sup> I can tell you without a doubt, the master will choose that servant to take care of everything he owns.

<sup>45</sup> "But what will happen if that servant is evil and thinks his master will not come back soon? He will begin to beat the other men, women will eat and drink until he has too much. <sup>46</sup> Then the master will come when the servant is not ready, at a time when the servant is

not expecting him. Then the master will punish that servant and send him away to be with the other people who obey.

<sup>47</sup> "That servant knew what his master wanted him to do. But he did not make himself or try to do what his master wanted. So that servant will be punished very much! <sup>48</sup> But what the servant who does not know what his master wants? He also does things that deserve punishment. But he will get less punishment than the servant who knew what he should do. Whoever has been given much will be responsible for much more. He will be expected from the one who has been given more."

Following Jesus May Bring You Trouble  
(Matthew 10:34-36)

<sup>49</sup> Jesus continued speaking: "I came to bring

fire |strong="G4442" to |strong="G2309" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G1093". I |strong="G2532" wish |strong="G2309" it |strong="G1909" were |strong="G3588" already |strong="G2235" burning |strong="G4442"! <sup>50</sup> There |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3748" a |strong="G2192" kind of |strong="G0908" baptism |strong="G0908" <sup>1</sup> that |strong="G3748" I |strong="G2532" must suffer through. I |strong="G2532" feel very |strong="G2532" troubled until |strong="G2193" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3748" finished |strong="G5055". <sup>51</sup> Do |strong="G1380" you |strong="G5210" think |strong="G1380" I |strong="G3754" came |strong="G3854" to |strong="G3004" give |strong="G1325" peace |strong="G1515" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G1093"? No |strong="G3780", I |strong="G3754" came |strong="G3854" to |strong="G3004" divide the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G1093"! <sup>52</sup> From |strong="G0575" now |strong="G3568" on |strong="G1909", a |strong="G1510" family |strong="G3624" of |strong="G0575" five |strong="G4002" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" divided |strong="G1266", three |strong="G5140" against |strong="G1909" two |strong="G1417", and |strong="G2532" two |strong="G1417" against |strong="G1909" three |strong="G5140". <sup>53</sup> A |strong="G2532" father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" son |strong="G5207" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" divided |strong="G1266":

The |strong="G3588" son |strong="G5207" will |strong="G2532" turn against |strong="G1909" his |strong="G1909" father |strong="G3962".

The |strong="G3588" father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G2532" turn against |strong="G1909" his |strong="G1909" son |strong="G5207".

A |strong="G2532" mother |strong="G3384" and |strong="G2532" her |strong="G1909" daughter |strong="G2364" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" divided |strong="G1266":

The |strong="G3588" daughter |strong="G2364" will |strong="G2532" turn against |strong="G1909" her |strong="G1909" mother |strong="G3384".

The |strong="G3588" mother |strong="G3384" will |strong="G2532" turn against |strong="G1909" her |strong="G1909" daughter |strong="G2364".

A |strong="G2532" mother-in-law |strong="G3994" and |strong="G2532" her |strong="G1909" daughter-in-law |strong="G3565" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" divided |strong="G1266":

The |strong="G3588" daughter-in-law |strong="G3565" will |strong="G2532" turn

against |strong="G1909" her |strong="G1909" mother-in-law |strong="G3994".

The |strong="G3588" mother-in-law |strong="G3994" will |strong="G2532" turn against |strong="G1909" her |strong="G1909" daughter-in-law |strong="G3565":

#### Understanding the |strong="G3588" Times

(Matthew 16:2-3)

<sup>54</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793", "When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G3752" see |strong="G3708" clouds |strong="G3507" growing bigger in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" west |strong="G1424", you |strong="G3752" say |strong="G3004", ' A |strong="G1096" rainstorm is |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2064"! And |strong="G2532" soon |strong="G1096" it |strong="G3708" begins to |strong="G3004" rain. <sup>55</sup> When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G3752" feel the |strong="G2532" wind |strong="G3558" begin to |strong="G3004" blow |strong="G4154" from |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" south |strong="G3558", you |strong="G3752" say |strong="G3004", ' It |strong="G3752" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1096" hot |strong="G2742" day! And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3752" are |strong="G1510" right. <sup>56</sup> You |strong="G4459" hypocrites |strong="G5273"! You |strong="G4459" can understand |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3588" weather. Why |strong="G4459" don't |strong="G3756" you |strong="G4459" understand |strong="G1492" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3778" happening now |strong="G1161"?

#### Settle Your |strong="G2532" Problems

(Matthew 5:25-26)

<sup>57</sup> " Why |strong="G5101" can't |strong="G3756" you |strong="G2532" decide for |strong="G0575" yourselves |strong="G1438" what |strong="G5101" is |strong="G5101" right |strong="G1342"? <sup>58</sup> Suppose someone is |strong="G3588" suing you |strong="G4771", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" both |strong="G2532" going |strong="G5217" to |strong="G1519" court. Try hard to |strong="G1519" settle |strong="G0525" it |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598". If |strong="G5613" you |strong="G4771" don't settle |strong="G0525" it |strong="G0846", you |strong="G4771" may |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G5217" before |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" judge |strong="G2923". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" judge |strong="G2923"

<sup>1</sup> BAPTISM This word, which usually means to be immersed in water, has a special meaning here—being covered or “buried” in troubles.

will|strong="G2532" hand|strong="G3860" you|strong="G4771" over|strong="G1909" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" officer|strong="G4233", who|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2532" throw|strong="G0906" you|strong="G4771" into|strong="G1519" jail. <sup>59</sup> I|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771", you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" get|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G3004" there|strong="G1564" until|strong="G2193" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2532" paid|strong="G0591" every cent|strong="G3016" you|strong="G4771" owe."

### Change Your Hearts

**13** Some|strong="G5100" people|strong="G0846" there|strong="G1722" with|strong="G3326" Jesus|strong="G0846" at|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3739" time|strong="G2540" told|strong="G0518" him|strong="G0846" about|strong="G4012" what|strong="G3739" had|strong="G3739" happened|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1722" some|strong="G5100" worshipers from|strong="G1722" Galilee|strong="G1057". Pilate|strong="G4091" had|strong="G3739" them|strong="G0846" killed. Their|strong="G0846" blood|strong="G0129" was|strong="G3739" mixed|strong="G3396" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" animals they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3739" brought for|strong="G4012" sacrificing. <sup>2</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", " Do|strong="G1096" you|strong="G3754" think|strong="G1380" this|strong="G3778" happened|strong="G1096" to|strong="G3004" those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3956" because|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3956" more|strong="G3956" sinful|strong="G0268" than|strong="G3844" all|strong="G3956" other|strong="G0846" people|strong="G3956" from|strong="G3844" Galilee|strong="G1057"? <sup>3</sup> No|strong="G3361", they|strong="G3004" were|strong="G3956" not|strong="G3361". But|strong="G0235" if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3361" decide now to|strong="G3004" change your|strong="G1437" lives, you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956" be|strong="G3956" destroyed|strong="G0622" like|strong="G3668" those|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956"! <sup>4</sup> And|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" about|strong="G1909" those|strong="G3588" 18 people|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3739" died|strong="G4098" when|strong="G2532"

the|strong="G3956" tower|strong="G4444" of|strong="G1909" Siloam|strong="G4611" fell|strong="G4098" on|strong="G1909" them|strong="G0846"? Do|strong="G1096" you|strong="G3739" think|strong="G1380" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3956" more|strong="G3956" sinful than|strong="G2228" everyone|strong="G3956" else|strong="G2228" in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2419"? <sup>5</sup> They|strong="G3004" were|strong="G3956" not|strong="G3361". But|strong="G0235" I|strong="G1437" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3361" decide now to|strong="G3004" change your|strong="G1437" lives, you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956" be|strong="G3956" destroyed|strong="G0622" too!"

### The|strong="G3956" Useless Tree

<sup>6</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" story: " A|strong="G2192" man|strong="G3778" had|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" fig|strong="G4808" tree|strong="G4808". He|strong="G2532" planted|strong="G5452" it|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" garden. He|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" looking|strong="G2212" for|strong="G1722" some|strong="G5100" fruit|strong="G2590" on|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846", but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" none|strong="G3756". <sup>7</sup> He|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3739" a|strong="G3708" servant who|strong="G3739" took care of|strong="G0575" his|strong="G0846" garden. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" servant, ' I|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" looking|strong="G2212" for|strong="G4314" fruit|strong="G2590" on|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" tree|strong="G4808" for|strong="G4314" three|strong="G5140" years|strong="G2094", but|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3739" never|strong="G3756" find|strong="G2147" any|strong="G3756". Cut|strong="G1581" it|strong="G0846" down|strong="G1581"! Why|strong="G2444" should|strong="G2212" it|strong="G0846" waste the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1093"? <sup>8</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" servant answered|strong="G0611", ' Master|strong="G2962", let|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588" tree have|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1438" more|strong="G2193" year|strong="G2094" to|strong="G3004" produce fruit. Let|strong="G0863" me|strong="G3004" dig|strong="G4626" up

the |strong="G3588" dirt around |strong="G4012" it |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" fertilize it |strong="G0846". <sup>9</sup> Maybe the |strong="G3588" tree will |strong="G3195" have |strong="G4160" fruit |strong="G2590" on |strong="G1519" it |strong="G0846" next year. If |strong="G1487" it |strong="G0846" still does |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3361" produce |strong="G4160", then |strong="G1161" you |strong="G1487" can |strong="G4160" cut |strong="G1581" it |strong="G0846" down |strong="G1581":"

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals a |strong="G4160" Woman on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath**

<sup>10</sup> Jesus |strong="G1510" taught |strong="G1321" in |strong="G1722" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1520" the |strong="G3588" synagogues |strong="G4864" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521". <sup>11</sup> A |strong="G2192" woman |strong="G1135" was |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G2192" an |strong="G2192" evil spirit |strong="G4151" inside her |strong="G3708". It |strong="G3708" had |strong="G2192" made the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" crippled for |strong="G1519" 18 years |strong="G2094". Her |strong="G3708" back |strong="G1519" was |strong="G1510" always bent |strong="G4794"; she |strong="G1135" could |strong="G1410" not |strong="G3361" stand up |strong="G1519" straight. <sup>12</sup> When |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" her |strong="G0846", he |strong="G2532" called |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" her |strong="G0846", " Woman |strong="G1135", you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" made |strong="G3004" free |strong="G0630" from |strong="G0575" your |strong="G3708" sickness |strong="G0769"! <sup>13</sup> He |strong="G2532" laid |strong="G2007" his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" on |strong="G5495" her |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" immediately |strong="G3916" she |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" able to |strong="G2532" stand up straight. She |strong="G0846" began praising |strong="G1392" God |strong="G2316".

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G0752" leader |strong="G0752" was |strong="G1510" angry because |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" healed |strong="G2323" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G2250". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793", " There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510"

six |strong="G1803" days |strong="G2250" for |strong="G3754" work |strong="G2038". So |strong="G3767" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" healed |strong="G2323" on |strong="G1722" one |strong="G3739" of |strong="G2250" those |strong="G3588" days |strong="G2250". Don't |strong="G3361" come |strong="G2064" for |strong="G3754" healing |strong="G2323" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G2250":"

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" answered |strong="G0611", " You |strong="G5210" people |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" hypocrites |strong="G5273"! All |strong="G3588" of |strong="G0575" you |strong="G5210" untie |strong="G3089" your |strong="G2962" work animals and |strong="G2532" lead |strong="G0520" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" drink |strong="G4222" water |strong="G4222" every |strong="G1538" day |strong="G4521"—even |strong="G2532" on |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521". <sup>16</sup> This |strong="G3778" woman |strong="G3778" that |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" healed is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" true descendant of |strong="G2250" Abraham |strong="G0011". <sup>I</sup> But |strong="G1161" Satan |strong="G4567" has |strong="G3739" held her |strong="G3708" for |strong="G0575" 18 years |strong="G2094". Surely it |strong="G3708" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" wrong for |strong="G0575" her |strong="G3708" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" made free |strong="G3089" from |strong="G0575" her |strong="G3708" sickness on |strong="G0575" a |strong="G1510" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G2250"! <sup>17</sup> When |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778", all |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3793" criticizing him |strong="G0846" felt ashamed of |strong="G1909" themselves |strong="G0846". And |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3793" were |strong="G3793" happy for |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" wonderful things |strong="G3778" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" doing.

**What |strong="G3588" Is |strong="G3778" God's |strong="G0846" Kingdom Like |strong="G0846"?**

(Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 4:30-32)

<sup>18</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G5101" is |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G2316" king-

<sup>I</sup> TRUE DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM Literally, "daughter of Abraham."



dom |strong="G0932" like |strong="G3664"?  
 What |strong="G5101" can |strong="G3004"  
 I |strong="G2532" compare |strong="G3666"  
 it |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004"?<sup>19</sup>  
 God's |strong="G0846" kingdom is |strong="G1510"  
 like |strong="G3664" the |strong="G3588"  
 seed |strong="G2848" of |strong="G1722"  
 the |strong="G3588" mustard |strong="G4615" plant.  
 Someone |strong="G3739" plants this |strong="G3588"  
 seed |strong="G2848" in |strong="G1722"  
 their |strong="G0846" garden |strong="G2779".  
 The |strong="G3588" seed |strong="G2848"  
 grows |strong="G0837" and |strong="G2532" be-  
 comes |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096"  
 tree |strong="G1186", and |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G3588" birds |strong="G4071" build nests  
 on |strong="G1722" its |strong="G0846" branch-  
 es |strong="G2798".

<sup>20</sup> Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004"  
 again |strong="G3825", " What |strong="G5101"  
 can |strong="G3004" I |strong="G2532" com-  
 pare |strong="G3666" God's |strong="G2316" king-  
 dom |strong="G0932" with |strong="G2316"?<sup>21</sup>  
 It |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510"  
 like |strong="G3664" yeast |strong="G2219"  
 that |strong="G3739" a |strong="G2983"  
 woman |strong="G1135" mixes into |strong="G1519"  
 a |strong="G2983" big bowl of |strong="G1519"  
 flour |strong="G0224" to |strong="G1519" make bread.  
 The |strong="G2983" yeast |strong="G2219"  
 makes |strong="G2220" all |strong="G3650"  
 the |strong="G2983" dough rise |strong="G2220".

### The |strong="G2983" Narrow Door

(Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23)

<sup>22</sup> Jesus |strong="G2532" was |strong="G4172"  
 teaching |strong="G1321" in |strong="G1519"  
 every |strong="G2596" town |strong="G4172"  
 and |strong="G2532" village |strong="G2968".  
 He |strong="G2532" continued to |strong="G1519"  
 travel toward |strong="G1519"  
 Jerusalem |strong="G2414".<sup>23</sup> Some-  
 one |strong="G5100" said |strong="G3004"  
 to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", "  
 Lord |strong="G2962", how many peo-  
 ple |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2962"  
 be |strong="G5100" saved |strong="G4982"? On-  
 ly |strong="G1487" a |strong="G3004"  
 few |strong="G3641"?"

Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004",<sup>24</sup> "  
 The |strong="G3588" door |strong="G2374"  
 to |strong="G3004" heaven is |strong="G3588" nar-  
 row |strong="G4728". Try hard |strong="G4183"  
 to |strong="G3004" enter |strong="G1525"  
 it |strong="G1223". Many |strong="G4183" peo-  
 ple |strong="G4183" will |strong="G4183"  
 want |strong="G2212" to |strong="G3004" en-  
 ter |strong="G1525" there |strong="G4183",

but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532"  
 will |strong="G4183" not |strong="G3756"  
 be |strong="G2532" able |strong="G2480"  
 to |strong="G3004" go |strong="G1525"  
 in |strong="G2532".<sup>25</sup> If |strong="G0302"  
 a |strong="G1510" man locks the |strong="G3588"  
 door |strong="G2374" of |strong="G0575"  
 his |strong="G0455" house |strong="G3617",  
 you |strong="G5210" can |strong="G3004"  
 stand |strong="G2476" outside |strong="G1854"  
 and |strong="G2532" knock |strong="G2925"  
 on |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588"  
 door |strong="G2374", but |strong="G2532"  
 he |strong="G2532" won't |strong="G3756"  
 open |strong="G0455" it |strong="G3739".  
 You |strong="G5210" can |strong="G3004"  
 say |strong="G3004", ' Sir |strong="G2962",  
 open |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3588"  
 door |strong="G2374" for |strong="G0575"  
 us |strong="G3004".' But |strong="G2532"  
 he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" an-  
 swer |strong="G0611", ' I |strong="G1473"  
 don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492"  
 you |strong="G5210". Where |strong="G4159"  
 did |strong="G1492" you |strong="G5210"  
 come |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0575"?<sup>26</sup>  
 Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771"  
 will |strong="G2532" say |strong="G3004", '  
 We |strong="G2249" ate |strong="G2068"  
 and |strong="G2532" drank |strong="G4095"  
 with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G4771".  
 You |strong="G4771" taught |strong="G1321"  
 in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588"  
 streets |strong="G4116" of |strong="G1799"  
 our |strong="G2532" town |strong="G2532".<sup>27</sup>  
 Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532"  
 will |strong="G1510" say |strong="G3004"  
 to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", '  
 I |strong="G1473" don't |strong="G3756"  
 know |strong="G1492" you |strong="G5210".  
 Where |strong="G4159" did |strong="G1492"  
 you |strong="G5210" come |strong="G1510"  
 from |strong="G0575"? Get away |strong="G0868"  
 from |strong="G0575" me |strong="G3004"!  
 You |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510"  
 all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956"  
 who |strong="G3956" do |strong="G1492"  
 wrong |strong="G0093"!

<sup>28</sup> " You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2316"  
 see |strong="G3708" Abraham |strong="G0011",  
 Isaac |strong="G2464", Jacob |strong="G2384",  
 and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956"  
 the |strong="G3956" prophets |strong="G4396"  
 in |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" king-  
 dom |strong="G0932". But |strong="G1161"  
 you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2316"  
 be |strong="G1510" left outside |strong="G1854".  
 There |strong="G1563" you |strong="G5210"

will|strong="G2316" cry and|strong="G2532" grind your|strong="G3708" teeth|strong="G3599" with|strong="G1722" pain. <sup>29</sup> People|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2316" come|strong="G2240" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" east|strong="G0395", west|strong="G1424", north|strong="G1005", and|strong="G2532" south|strong="G3558". They|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" sit|strong="G0347" down|strong="G0347" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" table in|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932". <sup>30</sup> People|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" lowest place in|strong="G2532" life now|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" highest place in|strong="G2532" God's kingdom. And|strong="G2532" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" highest place now|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" lowest place in|strong="G2532" God's kingdom."

**Jesus|strong="G1510" Will|strong="G1510" Die in|strong="G2532" Jerusalem**  
(Matthew 23:37-39)

<sup>31</sup> Just|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" some|strong="G5100" Pharisees|strong="G5330" came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Go|strong="G4198" away|strong="G1831" from|strong="G1831" here|strong="G1782" and|strong="G2532" hide. Herod|strong="G2264" wants|strong="G2309" to|strong="G3004" kill|strong="G0615" you|strong="G4771"!"

<sup>32</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " Go|strong="G4198" tell|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" fox|strong="G0258", I<sup>1</sup> Today|strong="G4594" and|strong="G2532" tomorrow|strong="G0839" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G4198" forcing demons|strong="G1140" out|strong="G1544" of|strong="G3004" people|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" finishing my|strong="G3708" work of|strong="G3004" healing|strong="G2392". Then|strong="G2532", the|strong="G3588" next|strong="G0839" day|strong="G4594", the|strong="G3588" work will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" finished|strong="G5048". <sup>33</sup> After|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G1163" go|strong="G4198", because|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396" should|strong="G1163" die in|strong="G2532" Jerusalem|strong="G2419".

I Fox Jesus means that Herod is clever and sly like a fox.

<sup>34</sup> " Jerusalem|strong="G2419", Jerusalem|strong="G2419"! You|strong="G4771" kill|strong="G0615" the|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396". You|strong="G4771" stone|strong="G3036" to|strong="G4314" death|strong="G0615" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" God|strong="G0846" has|strong="G3739" sent|strong="G0649" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771". How|strong="G4212" many times I|strong="G3739" wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G4314" help your|strong="G2532" people|strong="G0846". I|strong="G3739" wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G4314" gather|strong="G1996" them|strong="G0846" together|strong="G1996" as|strong="G1438" a|strong="G3739" hen|strong="G3733" gathers|strong="G1996" her|strong="G0846" chicks|strong="G3555" under|strong="G5259" her|strong="G0846" wings|strong="G4420". But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" did|strong="G0649" not|strong="G3756" let me|strong="G0649". <sup>35</sup> Now|strong="G1161" your|strong="G2962" home|strong="G3624" will|strong="G2962" be|strong="G2962" left|strong="G0863" completely|strong="G2193" empty. I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2962" not|strong="G3756" see|strong="G3708" me|strong="G3004" again|strong="G2193" until|strong="G2193" that|strong="G3754" time when|strong="G3753" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2962" say|strong="G3004", "Welcome! God|strong="G3004" bless|strong="G2127" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" comes|strong="G2064" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G3624" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962".<sup>II</sup>"

**Is It Right to Heal on the Sabbath Day?**

**14** On|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1096" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521", Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" home|strong="G3624" of|strong="G3624" a|strong="G1096" leading|strong="G1519" Pharisee|strong="G5330" to|strong="G1519" eat|strong="G2068" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" there|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" all|strong="G3588" watching|strong="G3906" him|strong="G0846" very|strong="G0846" closely|strong="G3906". <sup>2</sup> A|strong="G1510" man|strong="G0444" with|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" bad disease

II 13:35 Quote from Psalm 118:26.

I was <sup>1</sup> there in front of him. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it right or wrong to heal on the Sabbath? But they would not answer his question. So he took the man and healed him. Then he sent the man away. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to the Pharisees and teachers of the law, "If your son or work animal falls into a well on the Sabbath, you would pull him out immediately." <sup>6</sup> The Pharisees and teachers of the law could say nothing against what he said.

#### Don't Make Yourself Important

<sup>7</sup> Then Jesus noticed some of the guests were choosing the best places to sit. So he told this story: <sup>8</sup> "When someone invites you to a wedding, don't sit in the most important seat.

<sup>1</sup> *DISEASE* The man had dropsy, a sickness that causes the body to swell larger and larger.

They may have invited someone more important than you. <sup>9</sup> And if you are sitting in the most important seat, they will come to you and say, 'Give this man your seat!' Then you will have to move down to the last place and be embarrassed.

<sup>10</sup> So when someone invites you, go sit in the seat that is not important. Then they will come to you and say, 'Friend, move up here to a better place!' What honor will be for you in front of all the other guests? <sup>11</sup> Everyone who makes themselves important will be made humble. But everyone who makes themselves humble will be made important."

#### You Will Be Rewarded

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to the Pharisee who had invited him, "When you give

a |strong="G1096" lunch or |strong="G2228" a |strong="G1096" dinner |strong="G1173", don't |strong="G3361" invite |strong="G2564" only |strong="G2532" your |strong="G4160" friends |strong="G5384", brothers |strong="G0080", relatives |strong="G4773", and |strong="G2532" rich |strong="G4145" neighbors |strong="G1069". At |strong="G1161" another time they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" pay you |strong="G4771" back by |strong="G2228" inviting you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G3004" eat with |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846". <sup>13</sup> Instead |strong="G0235", when |strong="G3752" you |strong="G3752" give |strong="G4160" a |strong="G4160" feast, invite |strong="G2564" the |strong="G4160" poor |strong="G4434", the |strong="G4160" crippled, and |strong="G4160" the |strong="G4160" blind |strong="G5185". <sup>14</sup> Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G1510" have |strong="G2192" great |strong="G3756" blessings, because |strong="G3754" these |strong="G3748" people |strong="G1510" cannot |strong="G3756" pay you |strong="G4771" back |strong="G0467". They |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" nothing |strong="G3756". But |strong="G1161" God will |strong="G1510" reward you |strong="G4771" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" time when |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" godly people |strong="G1510" rise |strong="G0386" from |strong="G1722" death."

### A |strong="G2192" Story About |strong="G1722" People |strong="G1510"

Invited to |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2192" Dinner  
(Matthew 22:1-10)

<sup>15</sup> One |strong="G5100" of |strong="G0932" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G3778" sitting at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" table |strong="G4873" with |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778". The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " It |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2316" a |strong="G0191" great blessing for |strong="G1722" anyone |strong="G5100" to |strong="G3004" eat |strong="G2068" a |strong="G0191" meal |strong="G0740" in |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932"!"

<sup>16</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " A |strong="G4160" man |strong="G0444" gave |strong="G4160" a |strong="G4160" big |strong="G3173" dinner |strong="G1173". He |strong="G2532" invited |strong="G2564" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0444". <sup>17</sup>

When |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" time |strong="G5610" to |strong="G3004" eat, he |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G0649" his |strong="G0846" servant |strong="G1401" to |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" guests |strong="G2564", ' Come |strong="G2064". The |strong="G3588" food is |strong="G1510" ready |strong="G2092".' <sup>18</sup> But |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" guests said |strong="G3004" they |strong="G0846" could |strong="G2192" not |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1831". Each one |strong="G1520" made |strong="G3004" an |strong="G2192" excuse |strong="G3868". The |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" one |strong="G1520" said |strong="G3004", ' I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G2192" just |strong="G2532" bought |strong="G0059" a |strong="G2192" field |strong="G0068", so |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" must |strong="G0318" go |strong="G1831" look |strong="G3708" at |strong="G3588" it |strong="G0846". Please |strong="G2065" excuse |strong="G3868" me |strong="G3004".' <sup>19</sup> Another |strong="G2087" man |strong="G2087" said |strong="G3004", ' I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G2192" just |strong="G2532" bought |strong="G0059" five |strong="G4002" pairs of |strong="G3004" work animals; I |strong="G1473" must |strong="G0846" go |strong="G4198" and |strong="G2532" try them |strong="G0846" out. Please |strong="G2065" excuse |strong="G3868" me |strong="G3004".' <sup>20</sup> A |strong="G2064" third man |strong="G3778" said |strong="G3004", ' I |strong="G2532" just |strong="G2532" got married |strong="G1060"; I |strong="G2532" can't |strong="G3756" come |strong="G2064".' <sup>21</sup>

<sup>21</sup> " So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" servant |strong="G1401" returned and |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" his |strong="G0846" master |strong="G2962" what |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588". The |strong="G3588" master |strong="G2962" was |strong="G3588" angry |strong="G3710". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", 'Hurry! Go |strong="G1831" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" streets |strong="G4505" and |strong="G2532" alleys |strong="G4505" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G4172". Bring |strong="G1521" me |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" poor |strong="G4434", the |strong="G3588" crippled, the |strong="G3588" blind |strong="G5185", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" lame |strong="G5560".' <sup>22</sup>

<sup>22</sup> "Later, the |strong="G3588" servant |strong="G1401" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G3739", ' Mas-

ter|strong="G2962", I|strong="G3739" did|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" told|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G1096", but|strong="G2532" we|strong="G3739" still|strong="G2089" have|strong="G1510" places|strong="G5117" for|strong="G2532" more|strong="G2089" people|strong="G1510".<sup>23</sup> The|strong="G3588" master|strong="G2962" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G1401", ' Go|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" highways|strong="G3598" and|strong="G2532" country roads|strong="G3598". Tell|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" there|strong="G1401" to|strong="G1519" come|strong="G1831". I|strong="G1473" want my|strong="G1525" house|strong="G3624" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" full!<sup>24</sup> None|strong="G3762" of|strong="G0435" those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0435" I|strong="G1473" invited|strong="G2564" first will|strong="G3748" get to|strong="G3004" eat|strong="G1089" any|strong="G3762" of|strong="G0435" this|strong="G3588" food."

**Decide if|strong="G3748" You|strong="G5210" Can|strong="G3004" Follow Me|strong="G3004"**  
(Matthew 10:37-38)

<sup>25</sup> Many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G3793" were|strong="G3793" traveling|strong="G4848" with|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846",<sup>26</sup> " If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G1473" but|strong="G1161" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" leave your|strong="G1487" family, you|strong="G1487" cannot|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" my|strong="G2532" follower. You|strong="G1487" must|strong="G1135" love me|strong="G1473" more|strong="G2089" than|strong="G2532" your|strong="G1487" father|strong="G3962", mother|strong="G3384", wife|strong="G1135", children|strong="G5043", brothers|strong="G0080", and|strong="G2532" sisters|strong="G0079"— even|strong="G2532" more|strong="G2089" than|strong="G2532" your|strong="G1487" own|strong="G1438" life|strong="G5590".<sup>27</sup> Whoever|strong="G3748" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" carry|strong="G0941" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716" that|strong="G3748" is|strong="G1510" given to|strong="G2064" them|strong="G1438" when|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" fol-

low|strong="G3694" me|strong="G1473" cannot|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" my|strong="G2532" follower|strong="G3694".

<sup>28</sup> " If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G5210" wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G1519" build|strong="G3618" a|strong="G2192" building|strong="G3618", you|strong="G5210" would|strong="G2309" first|strong="G4413" sit|strong="G2523" down|strong="G2523" and|strong="G4413" decide how|strong="G5101" much it|strong="G3618" would|strong="G2309" cost. You|strong="G5210" must|strong="G3588" see if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" enough money to|strong="G1519" finish the|strong="G3588" job.<sup>29</sup> If|strong="G2443" you|strong="G3956" don't|strong="G3361" do|strong="G3361" that|strong="G2443", you|strong="G3956" might|strong="G2532" begin|strong="G0757" the|strong="G3956" work, but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3956" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" able|strong="G2480" to|strong="G2443" finish|strong="G1615". And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G2443" you|strong="G3956" could|strong="G2480" not|strong="G3361" finish|strong="G1615" it|strong="G0846", everyone|strong="G3956" would|strong="G0846" laugh at|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3956".<sup>30</sup> They|strong="G2532" would|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004", ' This|strong="G3778" man|strong="G0444" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G3004" build|strong="G3618", but|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" able|strong="G2480" to|strong="G3004" finish|strong="G1615".

<sup>31</sup> " If|strong="G1487" a|strong="G1510" king|strong="G0935" is|strong="G1510" going|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" fight against|strong="G1909" another|strong="G2087" king|strong="G0935", first|strong="G4413" he|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" sit|strong="G2523" down|strong="G2523" and|strong="G2064" plan. If|strong="G1487" he|strong="G0846" has|strong="G5101" only|strong="G1487" 10,000 men|strong="G4413", he|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" try to|strong="G1519" decide if|strong="G1487" he|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" able|strong="G1415" to|strong="G1519" defeat the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G2087" king|strong="G0935" who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G5101" 20,000 men|strong="G4413".<sup>32</sup> If|strong="G1487" he|strong="G0846" thinks he|strong="G0846" cannot|strong="G3361" defeat the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" king, he|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510"

send |strong="G0649" some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" ask |strong="G2065" for |strong="G4314" peace |strong="G1515" while |strong="G1510" that |strong="G0846" king's army is |strong="G1510" still |strong="G2089" far |strong="G4206" away |strong="G0649".

<sup>33</sup> " It |strong="G3779" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G3779" for |strong="G1537" each |strong="G1438" of |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210". You |strong="G5210" must |strong="G1510" leave |strong="G0657" everything |strong="G3956" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1410" follow me |strong="G1473". If not |strong="G3756", you |strong="G5210" cannot |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" my |strong="G3956" follower.

### Don't |strong="G3756" Lose Your |strong="G3956" Influence

(Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:50)

<sup>34</sup> " Salt |strong="G0217" is |strong="G5101" a |strong="G1437" good |strong="G2570" thing |strong="G2570". But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1437" the |strong="G3588" salt |strong="G0217" loses |strong="G3471" its salty |strong="G0741" taste, you |strong="G1437" can't make |strong="G0741" it |strong="G1437" salty |strong="G0741" again |strong="G2532". <sup>35</sup> It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" worth nothing |strong="G3777". You |strong="G1510" can't even |strong="G1519" use |strong="G2192" it |strong="G0846" as |strong="G1519" dirt or |strong="G3777" dung. People |strong="G0846" just |strong="G0846" throw |strong="G0906" it |strong="G0846" away |strong="G1854".

" You |strong="G1510" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" hear |strong="G0191" me |strong="G2192", listen |strong="G0191"

### Joy in Heaven

(Matthew 18:12-14)

**15** Many tax |strong="G5057" collectors |strong="G5057" and |strong="G2532" sinners |strong="G0268" came |strong="G1448" to |strong="G2532" listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846". <sup>2</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" law began to |strong="G3004" complain, "Look, this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" welcomes |strong="G4327" sinners |strong="G0268" and |strong="G2532"

even |strong="G2532" eats |strong="G4906" with |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846"!"

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" this |strong="G3778" story: <sup>4</sup> " Suppose |strong="G5101" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210" has |strong="G2192" 100 sheep |strong="G4263", but |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846" gets lost |strong="G0622". What |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G2192"? You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G5101" leave |strong="G2641" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0846" 99 sheep |strong="G4263" there |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" field and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G4198" out |strong="G1537" and |strong="G2532" look for |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" lost |strong="G0622" sheep |strong="G4263". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G5101" continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" search for |strong="G1909" it |strong="G0846" until |strong="G2193" you |strong="G5210" find |strong="G2147" it |strong="G0846". <sup>5</sup> And |strong="G2532" when |strong="G2532" you |strong="G2532" find |strong="G2147" it |strong="G0846", you |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" very |strong="G0846" happy. You |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" carry it |strong="G0846" home |strong="G3624", go |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" friends |strong="G5384" and |strong="G2532" neighbors |strong="G1069" and |strong="G2532" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", ' Be |strong="G2532" happy with |strong="G2532" me |strong="G3004" because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" found |strong="G2147" my |strong="G3754" lost |strong="G0622" sheep |strong="G4263"! <sup>7</sup> In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779", I |strong="G3754" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", heaven |strong="G3772" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2192" happy place |strong="G1722" when |strong="G1722" one |strong="G1520" sinner |strong="G0268" decides to |strong="G3004" change. There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" more |strong="G3756" joy |strong="G5479" for |strong="G3754" that |strong="G3754" one |strong="G1520" sinner |strong="G0268" than |strong="G2228" for |strong="G3754" 99 good |strong="G1510" people |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" don't |strong="G3756" need |strong="G5532" to |strong="G3004" change.

I THIS MAN That is, Jesus. His enemies avoided saying his name.

8 " Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them. She will look carefully for it until she finds it. And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors and say to them, ' Be happy with me because I have found the lost coin.' 10 In the same way, it's a happy time for the angels of God when one sinner decides to change."

#### Story About Two Sons

11 Then Jesus said, " There was a man who had two sons. The younger son said to his father, ' Give me now the part of your property that I supposed to receive someday.' So the father divided

his wealth between his two sons.

13 A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and traveled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool. 14 After he spent everything he had, there was a terrible famine throughout the country. He was hungry and needed money.

15 So he went and got a job with one of the people who lived there. The man sent him into the fields to feed pigs. 16 He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pigs' food. But no one gave him anything.

17 The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, ' All my father's hired workers have plenty of food. But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat.' 18 I will leave and

I SILVER COINS Each coin, a Greek drachma, was worth the average pay for one day's work.

go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" my|strong="G3004" father|strong="G3962". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846": Father|strong="G3962", I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" sinned|strong="G0264" against|strong="G4314" God|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" done wrong to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771".<sup>19</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3765" longer|strong="G3765" worthy|strong="G0514" to|strong="G4160" be|strong="G1510" called|strong="G2564" your|strong="G4160" son|strong="G2507". But|strong="G1473" let|strong="G1510" me|strong="G1473" be|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G5207" your|strong="G4160" hired|strong="G3407" workers.<sup>20</sup> So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" left|strong="G0450" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" father|strong="G3962".

#### The|strong="G3588" Younger Son Returns

" While|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" son was|strong="G3588" still|strong="G2089" a|strong="G3708" long|strong="G3112" way|strong="G0846" off|strong="G3112", his|strong="G0846" father|strong="G3962" saw|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846" coming|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" felt|strong="G4697" sorry for|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" ran|strong="G5143" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" hugged|strong="G1968" and|strong="G2532" kissed|strong="G2705" him|strong="G0846".<sup>21</sup> The|strong="G3588" son|strong="G5207" said|strong="G3004", ' Father|strong="G3962", I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" sinned|strong="G0264" against|strong="G1519" God|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" done wrong to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771". I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3765" longer|strong="G3765" worthy|strong="G0514" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" called|strong="G2564" your|strong="G2532" son|strong="G5207":'

<sup>22</sup> " But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" father|strong="G3962" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" servants|strong="G1401", 'Hurry! Bring|strong="G1627" the|strong="G3588" best|strong="G4413" clothes and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846". Also|strong="G2532",

put|strong="G1325" a|strong="G1325" ring|strong="G1146" on|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" finger|strong="G5495" and|strong="G2532" good sandals|strong="G5266" on|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228".<sup>23</sup> And|strong="G2532" bring|strong="G5342" our|strong="G2532" best calf|strong="G3448" and|strong="G2532" kill|strong="G2380" it|strong="G5342" so|strong="G2532" that we|strong="G2532" can celebrate|strong="G2165" with|strong="G2532" plenty to|strong="G2532" eat|strong="G2068".<sup>24</sup> My|strong="G3754" son|strong="G5207" was|strong="G1510" dead|strong="G3498", but|strong="G2532" now|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" alive|strong="G0326" again|strong="G0326"! He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" lost|strong="G0622", but|strong="G2532" now|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" found|strong="G2147"! So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G0757" have|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" party.

#### The|strong="G3588" Older Son|strong="G5207" Complains

<sup>25</sup> " The|strong="G3588" older|strong="G4245" son|strong="G5207" had|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" out|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" field|strong="G0068". When|strong="G5613" he|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" near|strong="G1448" the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3614", he|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" sound of|strong="G5207" music|strong="G4858" and|strong="G2532" dancing|strong="G5525".<sup>26</sup> So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" called|strong="G4341" to|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G3816" boys and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G4441", ' What|strong="G5101" does|strong="G1510" all|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778" mean|strong="G1510"?<sup>27</sup> The|strong="G3588" boy said|strong="G3004", ' Your|strong="G2532" brother|strong="G0080" has|strong="G3962" come|strong="G2240" back|strong="G0618", and|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" father|strong="G3962" killed|strong="G2380" the|strong="G3588" best calf|strong="G3448" to|strong="G3004" eat. He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" happy because|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3962" his|strong="G0846" son back|strong="G0618" safe|strong="G5198" and|strong="G2532" sound|strong="G5198":'



28 " The *strong*="G3588" older son was *strong*="G3588" angry *strong*="G3710" and *strong*="G2532" would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3756" go *strong*="G1831" in *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2309" the *strong*="G3588" party. So *strong*="G2532" his *strong*="G0846" father *strong*="G3962" went *strong*="G1831" out *strong*="G1831" and *strong*="G2532" begged *strong*="G3870" him *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G2309" come *strong*="G1831" in *strong*="G2532". 29 But *strong*="G1161" he *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G2443" his *strong*="G0846" father *strong*="G3962", ' Look *strong*="G2400", for *strong*="G2443" all *strong*="G3588" these *strong*="G3588" years *strong*="G2094" I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G2532" worked like *strong*="G0846" a *strong*="G3708" slave for *strong*="G2443" you *strong*="G4771". I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G2532" always done what *strong*="G3588" you *strong*="G4771" told *strong*="G3004" me *strong*="G1325" to *strong*="G2443" do *strong*="G3708", and *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G4771" never *strong*="G3763" gave *strong*="G1325" me *strong*="G1325" even *strong*="G2532" a *strong*="G3708" young *strong*="G2056" goat *strong*="G2056" for *strong*="G2443" a *strong*="G3708" party with *strong*="G3326" my *strong*="G3708" friends *strong*="G5384". 30 But *strong*="G1161" then *strong*="G1161" this *strong*="G3778" son *strong*="G5207" of *strong*="G5207" yours *strong*="G4771" comes *strong*="G2064" home after *strong*="G3326" wasting your *strong*="G3588" money *strong*="G0846" on *strong*="G1161" prostitutes *strong*="G4204", and *strong*="G1161" you *strong*="G4771" kill *strong*="G2380" the *strong*="G3588" best calf *strong*="G3448" for *strong*="G2064" him *strong*="G0846"! "

31 " His *strong*="G0846" father said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" him *strong*="G0846", 'Oh, my *strong*="G1699" son *strong*="G5043", you *strong*="G4771" are *strong*="G1510" always *strong*="G3842" with *strong*="G3326" me *strong*="G3004", and *strong*="G2532" everything *strong*="G3956" I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G1510" is *strong*="G1510" yours *strong*="G4771". 32 But *strong*="G1161" this *strong*="G3778" was *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G1510" day to *strong*="G2532" be *strong*="G1510" happy and *strong*="G2532" celebrate *strong*="G2165". Your *strong*="G2532" brother *strong*="G0080" was *strong*="G1510" dead *strong*="G3498", but *strong*="G1161" now *strong*="G1161" he *strong*="G2532" is *strong*="G1510" alive *strong*="G2198". "

He *strong*="G2532" was *strong*="G1510" lost *strong*="G0622", but *strong*="G1161" now *strong*="G1161" he *strong*="G2532" is *strong*="G1510" found *strong*="G2147". "

### True Wealth

16 Jesus *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G4314" his *strong*="G0846" followers, "Once there *strong*="G1510" was *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G2192" rich *strong*="G4145" man *strong*="G0444". He *strong*="G2532" hired a *strong*="G2192" manager *strong*="G3623" to *strong*="G4314" take *strong*="G2192" care of *strong*="G5100" his *strong*="G0846" business. Later, he *strong*="G2532" learned that *strong*="G3739" his *strong*="G0846" manager *strong*="G3623" was *strong*="G1510" cheating him *strong*="G0846". 2 So *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" called *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" manager *strong*="G3621" in *strong*="G2532" and *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" him *strong*="G0846", ' I *strong*="G2532" have *strong*="G2532" heard *strong*="G0191" bad things *strong*="G3778" about *strong*="G4012" you *strong*="G4771". Give *strong*="G0591" me *strong*="G3004" a *strong*="G0191" report *strong*="G3056" of *strong*="G3056" what *strong*="G5101" you *strong*="G4771" have *strong*="G2532" done with *strong*="G2532" my *strong*="G0191" money *strong*="G0846". You *strong*="G4771" can't *strong*="G3756" be *strong*="G2532" my *strong*="G0191" manager *strong*="G3621" anymore *strong*="G2089". "

3 " So *strong*="G1161", the *strong*="G3588" manager *strong*="G3623" thought *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" himself *strong*="G1438", ' What *strong*="G5101" will *strong*="G5101" I *strong*="G1473" do *strong*="G4160"? My *strong*="G1722" master *strong*="G2962" is *strong*="G5101" taking *strong*="G0851" my *strong*="G1722" job away *strong*="G0851" from *strong*="G0575" me *strong*="G3004". I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G2480" not *strong*="G3756" strong *strong*="G2480" enough *strong*="G2480" to *strong*="G3004" dig *strong*="G4626" ditches. I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G2480" too proud to *strong*="G3004" beg *strong*="G1871". 4 I *strong*="G1473" know *strong*="G1097" what *strong*="G5101" I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G5101" do *strong*="G4160"! I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G5101" do *strong*="G4160" something *strong*="G5101" to *strong*="G1519" make *strong*="G4160" friends, so *strong*="G2443" that *strong*="G2443" when *strong*="G3752" I *strong*="G1473" lose my *strong*="G4160" job, they *strong*="G3752" will *strong*="G5101" wel-

come |strong="G1209" me |strong="G1473" in-  
to |strong="G1519" their |strong="G1438"  
homes |strong="G3624".'

<sup>5</sup> " So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" manag-  
er called |strong="G3004" in |strong="G2532"  
each |strong="G1538" person |strong="G1538"  
who |strong="G3588" owed |strong="G3784"  
the |strong="G3588" master |strong="G2962"  
some |strong="G3588" money. He |strong="G2532"  
asked |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588"  
first |strong="G4413" one |strong="G1520", '   
How |strong="G4214" much |strong="G4214"  
do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3004"  
owe |strong="G3784" my |strong="G3004" mas-  
ter |strong="G2962"? <sup>6</sup> He |strong="G2532" an-  
swered |strong="G3004", ' I |strong="G2532" owe  
him |strong="G0846" 100 jars <sup>I</sup> of |strong="G3004"  
olive |strong="G1637" oil |strong="G1637".  
The |strong="G3588" manager said |strong="G3004"  
to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", 'Here  
is |strong="G3588" your |strong="G2532"  
bill |strong="G1121". Hurry! Sit |strong="G2523"  
down |strong="G2523" and |strong="G2532" make  
the |strong="G3588" bill |strong="G1121" less.  
Write |strong="G1125" 50 jars.'

<sup>7</sup> " Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" manag-  
er asked |strong="G3004" another |strong="G2087"  
one |strong="G3588", ' How |strong="G4214"  
much |strong="G4214" do |strong="G3004"  
you |strong="G4771" owe |strong="G3784"  
my |strong="G3004" master? He |strong="G2532" an-  
swered |strong="G3004", ' I |strong="G2532"  
owe |strong="G3784" him |strong="G0846" 100 mea-  
sures |strong="G2884" <sup>II</sup> of |strong="G3004"  
wheat |strong="G4621". Then |strong="G2532"  
the |strong="G3588" manager said |strong="G3004"  
to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", 'Here  
is |strong="G3588" your |strong="G2532"  
bill |strong="G1121"; you |strong="G4771"  
can |strong="G3004" make it |strong="G0846" less.  
Write |strong="G1125" 80 measures |strong="G2884".'

<sup>8</sup> "Later, the |strong="G3588" mas-  
ter |strong="G2962" told the |strong="G3588" dishon-  
est manager |strong="G3623" that |strong="G3754"  
he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G1510"  
done |strong="G4160" a |strong="G1510" smart  
thing |strong="G3778". Yes, worldly |strong="G0165"  
people |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" smarter  
in |strong="G1519" their |strong="G1438" business  
with |strong="G2532" each |strong="G1438" oth-  
er |strong="G1438" than |strong="G5228" spiritual  
people |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510".

<sup>9</sup> " I |strong="G1473" tell |strong="G3004"  
you |strong="G5210", use the |strong="G3588" worldly  
things |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210"

have |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532"  
to |strong="G1519" make |strong="G4160" 'friends'  
for |strong="G1519" later. Then |strong="G2532",  
when |strong="G3752" those |strong="G3588"  
things |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" gone,  
you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532"  
be |strong="G2532" welcomed |strong="G1209" in-  
to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G4160" home  
that |strong="G2443" lasts forever |strong="G1519".

<sup>10</sup> Whoever |strong="G3588" can be |strong="G1510"  
trusted with |strong="G1722" small |strong="G1646"  
things |strong="G4183" can also |strong="G2532"  
be |strong="G1510" trusted with |strong="G1722" big  
things |strong="G4183". Whoever |strong="G3588"  
is |strong="G1510" dishonest |strong="G0094"  
in |strong="G1722" little |strong="G1646"  
things |strong="G4183" will |strong="G1510"  
be |strong="G1510" dishonest |strong="G0094"  
in |strong="G1722" big things |strong="G4183"  
too |strong="G2532". <sup>11</sup> If |strong="G1487"  
you |strong="G5210" cannot |strong="G3756"  
be |strong="G1096" trusted with |strong="G1722"  
worldly riches, you |strong="G5210"  
will |strong="G5101" not |strong="G3756"  
be |strong="G1096" trusted with |strong="G1722"  
the |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0228" riches. <sup>12</sup>  
And |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1487"  
you |strong="G5210" cannot |strong="G3756"  
be |strong="G1096" trusted with |strong="G1722"  
the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3588"  
that |strong="G1096" belong to |strong="G2532"  
someone else |strong="G2532", you |strong="G5210"  
will |strong="G5101" not |strong="G3756"  
be |strong="G1096" given |strong="G1325" any-  
thing |strong="G5101" of |strong="G1722"  
your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G0245".

<sup>13</sup> " You |strong="G2532" cannot |strong="G3756"  
serve |strong="G1398" two |strong="G1417" mas-  
ters |strong="G2962" at |strong="G2316"  
the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" time.  
You |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316"  
hate |strong="G3404" one |strong="G1520" mas-  
ter |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532"  
love |strong="G0025" the |strong="G3588" oth-  
er |strong="G2087". Or |strong="G2228"  
you |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316"  
be |strong="G2532" loyal to |strong="G1410"  
one |strong="G1520" and |strong="G2532"  
not |strong="G3756" care about |strong="G3588"  
the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G2087".  
You |strong="G2532" cannot |strong="G3756"  
serve |strong="G1398" God |strong="G2316"  
and |strong="G2532" Money |strong="G3126" <sup>III</sup>  
at |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588"  
same |strong="G2532" time."

I JARS Greek batous bath

II MEASURES Greek korous cor

III MONEY Or " mamona

**God's Law Cannot Be Changed**  
(Matthew 11:12-13)

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees were listening to all these things. They criticized Jesus because all Jesus loved money. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to them, "You yourselves in front of these people. But God knows is really in your hearts. What people think is important is worth nothing to God."

<sup>16</sup> "Before John the Baptizer came, people were taught the Law of Moses and the writings of prophets since time John the Good about the kingdom. And is trying hard to get into it. But the smallest part of a letter the law cannot be changed. It would be easier for heaven and earth to pass away."

**Divorce and Remarriage**

<sup>18</sup> "Any man who divorces his wife

and marries another woman is guilty of adultery. And the man who marries a divorced woman is also guilty of adultery."

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always dressed the finest clothes. He was so rich that he was able to enjoy all the best things every day. There was also a very poor man named Lazarus. Lazarus' body was covered with sores. He was often put by the rich man's gate. Lazarus wanted only to eat the scraps of food left on the floor under the rich man's table. And the dogs came and licked his sores."

<sup>22</sup> "Later, Lazarus died. The angels took him and placed him in the arms of Abraham. The rich man also died and buried. He was sent to

the <sup>1</sup> place of death and was in great pain. He saw Abraham far away with Lazarus in his arms. He called Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus so that he dip his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am suffering in fire.

<sup>25</sup> " But Abraham said, ' My child when you lived? You had all good things in life. But had nothing but problems. Now he is comforted here, and you are suffering there. <sup>26</sup> Also, there is a big pit between you and us. No one can cross over you, and no one can come here from there.'

<sup>27</sup> " The rich man said, ' Then please, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's

house on earth. <sup>28</sup> I have five brothers. He could warn my brothers so that they will not come to this place of pain.'

<sup>29</sup> " But Abraham said, ' They have the Law of Moses and the writings of prophets to read; let them learn from that.'

<sup>30</sup> " The rich man said, ' No, father Abraham! But if someone came to them from the dead, then they would change their lives.'

<sup>31</sup> " But Abraham said to him, ' If your brothers won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen to someone who comes from the dead.'

### Sin and Forgiveness

(Matthew 18:6-7, 21-22; Mark 9:42)

**17** Jesus said to his followers, " Things will surely happen that will make people sin. But it will be very bad for anyone who makes this happen. <sup>2</sup> It will be very bad

<sup>1</sup> PLACE OF DEATH Literally, "Hades."

for|strong="G1519" anyone|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" makes|strong="G4624" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" these|strong="G3778" little|strong="G3398" children sin|strong="G4624". It|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" better|strong="G3081" for|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2228" millstone tied|strong="G4029" around|strong="G4012" their|strong="G0846" neck|strong="G5137" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" drowned in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281".<sup>3</sup> So|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" careful|strong="G4337"!

" If|strong="G1437" your|strong="G1437" brother|strong="G0080" or|strong="G2532" sister in|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G0846" family does|strong="G0264" something wrong, warn them|strong="G0846". If|strong="G1437" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" sorry for|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G0863", forgive|strong="G0863" them|strong="G0846".<sup>4</sup> Even|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1437" they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G3004" something wrong to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771" seven|strong="G2034" times|strong="G2034" in|strong="G1519" one|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250", but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" say|strong="G3004" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" sorry each time|strong="G2250", you|strong="G4771" should|strong="G0863" forgive|strong="G0863" them|strong="G0846"."

#### How Big Is|strong="G3588" Your|strong="G1437" Faith?

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962", " Give|strong="G3004" us|strong="G3004" more|strong="G4369" faith|strong="G4102"!"

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" said|strong="G3004", " If|strong="G1487" your|strong="G2962" faith|strong="G4102" is|strong="G3778" as|strong="G5613" big as|strong="G5613" a|strong="G2192" mustard|strong="G4615" seed|strong="G2848", you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" mulberry|strong="G4807" tree|strong="G4807", 'Dig yourself|strong="G4771" up and|strong="G2532" plant|strong="G5452" yourself|strong="G4771" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" ocean! And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G4807"

will|strong="G2962" obey|strong="G5219" you|strong="G5210".

#### Be|strong="G2532" Good Servants

<sup>7</sup> " Suppose|strong="G5101" one|strong="G3739" of|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210" has|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" servant|strong="G1401" who|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2192" been|strong="G2192" working in|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" field|strong="G0068", plowing|strong="G0722" or|strong="G2228" caring|strong="G4165" for|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" sheep|strong="G4165". When|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" comes|strong="G1525" in|strong="G3004" from|strong="G1537" work, what|strong="G5101" would|strong="G0846" you|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846"? Would|strong="G0846" you|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3004", ' Come|strong="G1525" in|strong="G3004", sit|strong="G0377" down|strong="G0377" and|strong="G1161" eat? <sup>8</sup> Of|strong="G3004" course not|strong="G3780"! You|strong="G4771" would|strong="G0846" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" your|strong="G2532" servant|strong="G1247", ' Prepare|strong="G2090" something|strong="G5101" for|strong="G2090" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" eat|strong="G2068". Then|strong="G2532" get|strong="G2090" ready|strong="G2090" and|strong="G2532" serve|strong="G1247" me|strong="G3004". When|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" finish eating|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drinking|strong="G4095", then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" can|strong="G3004" eat|strong="G2068".<sup>9</sup> The|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G1401" should not|strong="G3361" get|strong="G2192" any|strong="G2192" special thanks|strong="G5485" for|strong="G3754" doing|strong="G4160" his|strong="G4160" job. He|strong="G3754" is|strong="G3588" only doing|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" his|strong="G4160" master told him|strong="G4160" to|strong="G4160" do|strong="G4160".<sup>10</sup> It|strong="G4160" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G3779" with|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210". When|strong="G3752" you|strong="G5210" finish doing|strong="G4160" all|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" told|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160", you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G3784" say|strong="G3004", ' We|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" worthy of|strong="G1401" any|strong="G3956" special

thanks. We *strong="G3739"* have *strong="G1510"* only *strong="G2532"* done *strong="G4160"* the *strong="G3956"* work we *strong="G3739"* should *strong="G3784"* do *strong="G4160"*."

### Be *strong="G1510"* Thankful

11 Jesus *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* traveling *strong="G4198"* to *strong="G1519"* Jerusalem *strong="G2419"*. He *strong="G2532"* went *strong="G4198"* from *strong="G1722"* Galilee *strong="G1056"* to *strong="G1519"* Samaria *strong="G4540"*. 12 He *strong="G2532"* came *strong="G1525"* into *strong="G1519"* a *strong="G3739"* small town *strong="G2532"*, and *strong="G2532"* ten *strong="G1176"* men *strong="G0435"* met *strong="G5221"* him *strong="G0846"* there *strong="G3739"*. They *strong="G0846"* did *strong="G1525"* not *strong="G3739"* come *strong="G1525"* close to *strong="G1519"* him *strong="G0846"*, because *strong="G0846"* they *strong="G0846"* all had *strong="G3739"* leprosy. 13 But *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G2532"* men *strong="G0846"* shouted, " Jesus *strong="G2424"*! Master *strong="G1988"*! Please help us *strong="G3004"*!"

14 When *strong="G2532"* Jesus *strong="G0846"* saw *strong="G3708"* the *strong="G3588"* men *strong="G0846"*, he *strong="G2532"* said *strong="G3004"*, " Go *strong="G4198"* and *strong="G2532"* show *strong="G1925"* yourselves *strong="G1438"* to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* priests *strong="G2409"*." I

While *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* ten men *strong="G0846"* were *strong="G1096"* going *strong="G5217"* to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* priests *strong="G2409"*, they *strong="G0846"* were *strong="G1096"* healed.

15 When *strong="G1161"* one *strong="G1520"* of *strong="G1537"* them *strong="G0846"* saw *strong="G3708"* that *strong="G3754"* he *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* healed *strong="G2390"*, he *strong="G0846"* went *strong="G5290"* back *strong="G5290"* to *strong="G5290"* Jesus *strong="G0846"*. He *strong="G0846"* praised *strong="G1392"* God *strong="G2316"* loudly *strong="G3173"*. 16 He *strong="G2532"* bowed down *strong="G4098"* at *strong="G1909"* Jesus' feet *strong="G4228"* and *strong="G2532"* thanked *strong="G2168"* him *strong="G0846"*. ( He *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G1510"* a *strong="G1510"* Samaritan *strong="G4541"*.) 17 Jesus *strong="G2424"* said *strong="G3004"*, " Ten *strong="G1176"* men were *strong="G3588"* healed; where *strong="G4226"* are *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* other *strong="G1161"* nine *strong="G1767"*? 18

I SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS The Law of Moses said a priest must decide when a person with leprosy was well.

This *strong="G3778"* man *strong="G3778"* is *strong="G2316"* not *strong="G3756"* even one *strong="G3778"* of *strong="G2316"* our *strong="G2316"* people *strong="G3778"*. Is *strong="G2316"* he *strong="G3778"* the *strong="G3588"* only *strong="G1487"* one *strong="G3778"* who *strong="G3588"* came back *strong="G5290"* to *strong="G1325"* give *strong="G1325"* praise *strong="G1391"* to *strong="G1325"* God *strong="G2316"*? 19 Then *strong="G2532"* Jesus *strong="G0846"* said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* man, " Stand *strong="G0450"* up *strong="G0450"*! You *strong="G4771"* can *strong="G3004"* go *strong="G4198"*. You *strong="G4771"* were *strong="G3588"* healed because *strong="G0846"* you *strong="G4771"* believed."

### The *strong="G3588"* Coming of *strong="G3004"* God's *strong="G0846"* Kingdom (Matthew 24:23-28, 37-41)

20 Some *strong="G3588"* of *strong="G0932"* the *strong="G3588"* Pharisees *strong="G5330"* asked *strong="G1905"* Jesus *strong="G0846"*, " When *strong="G2532"* will *strong="G2316"* God's *strong="G2316"* kingdom *strong="G0932"* come *strong="G2064"*?"

Jesus *strong="G0846"* answered *strong="G0611"*, " God's *strong="G2316"* kingdom *strong="G0932"* is *strong="G2316"* coming *strong="G2064"*, but *strong="G1161"* not *strong="G3756"* in *strong="G2316"* a *strong="G5259"* way *strong="G0846"* that *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G3004"* can *strong="G3004"* see it *strong="G0846"*. 21 People *strong="G1510"* will *strong="G2316"* not *strong="G3761"* say *strong="G3004"*, ' Look *strong="G2400"*, God's *strong="G2316"* kingdom *strong="G0932"* is *strong="G1510"* here *strong="G5602"*! or *strong="G2228"* ' There *strong="G1563"* it *strong="G3708"* is *strong="G1510"*! No *strong="G3761"*, God's *strong="G2316"* kingdom *strong="G0932"* is *strong="G1510"* here *strong="G5602"* with *strong="G2316"* you *strong="G5210"*. II"

22 Then *strong="G2532"* Jesus *strong="G3004"* said *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G4314"* his *strong="G3708"* followers, " The *strong="G3588"* time *strong="G2250"* will *strong="G0444"* come *strong="G2064"* when *strong="G3753"* you *strong="G3708"* will *strong="G0444"* want very *strong="G2532"* much to *strong="G4314"* see *strong="G3708"* one *strong="G1520"* of *strong="G5207"* the *strong="G3588"* days *strong="G2250"* of *strong="G5207"* the *strong="G3588"* Son *strong="G5207"* of *strong="G5207"* Man *strong="G0444"*,

II HERE WITH YOU Or "inside you."

but you will be able to say you there is Look here it is Look it is Stay where are you go and

When Son Man again will On day will like flash- es sky first, the Son of must many The of today will refuse to

26 " When Son Man again will the as was Noah when Noah the Then flood and them

28 " It be same during time Lot

stroyed Sodom. Those people were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building themselves were doing these things even on day Lot town fire sulfur from sky killed all This is will when Son Man

31 " On day a is his he not time go and his If man in field cannot back home Remember Lot's

33 " Whoever to the they will it Lot's That there be

1 Lot's wife The story about Lot's wife is found in Genesis 19:15-17, 26.

ple|strong="G1510" sleeping in|strong="G1909" one|strong="G1520" room. One|strong="G1520" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" taken|strong="G3880" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G2087" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" left|strong="G0863". <sup>35</sup> There|strong="G1510" may|strong="G1161" be|strong="G1510" two|strong="G1417" women|strong="G1417" working together|strong="G1909". One|strong="G1520" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" taken|strong="G3880" and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G2087" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" left|strong="G0863". <sup>36</sup> I

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="G3588" followers asked|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846", "Where|strong="G3699" will|strong="G2962" this|strong="G3588" be|strong="G2532", Lord|strong="G2962"?"

Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", "It's like|strong="G0846" looking for|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3004" dead body|strong="G4983"—you|strong="G3004" will|strong="G2962" find it|strong="G0846" where|strong="G3699" the|strong="G3588" vultures|strong="G0105" are|strong="G3588" gathering above|strong="G3699"."

### God Will Answer His People

**18** Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" taught the|strong="G3588" followers that|strong="G3004" they|strong="G0846" should|strong="G1163" always|strong="G3842" pray|strong="G4336" and|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3361" lose hope. He|strong="G2532" used this|strong="G3588" story to|strong="G4314" teach them|strong="G0846". <sup>2</sup> "Once there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" judge|strong="G2923" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1510" town|strong="G4172". He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" care about|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" care what|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" thought|strong="G3004" about|strong="G1722" him|strong="G2532". <sup>3</sup> In|strong="G1722" that|strong="G1565" same|strong="G0846" town|strong="G4172" there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" woman whose|strong="G0846" husband had|strong="G1510" died. She|strong="G0846" came|strong="G2064" many times to|strong="G4314" this|strong="G3588"

I A few Greek copies add verse 36: "Two men will be in the same field. One man will be taken, but the other man will be left behind."

judge and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", 'There|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G1565" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" doing bad things|strong="G0846" to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G3004". Give|strong="G1556" me|strong="G3004" my|strong="G1722" rights!' <sup>4</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" judge did|strong="G3761" not|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G3004" help the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G3778". After|strong="G3326" a|strong="G3004" long|strong="G5550" time|strong="G5550", the|strong="G3588" judge thought|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" himself|strong="G1438", 'I|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3756" care about|strong="G1909" God|strong="G2316". And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3756" care about|strong="G1909" what|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" think. <sup>5</sup> But|strong="G3361" this|strong="G3778" woman|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" bothering|strong="G2873" me|strong="G1473". If|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" give|strong="G1556" her|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3588" she|strong="G0846" wants, then|strong="G0846" she|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" leave me|strong="G1473" alone|strong="G0846". But|strong="G3361" if|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3361" give|strong="G1556" her|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3588" she|strong="G0846" wants, she|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" bother|strong="G3930" me|strong="G1473" until|strong="G1519" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" sick."

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" said|strong="G3004", "Listen|strong="G0191", there|strong="G1161" is|strong="G5101" meaning in|strong="G3004" what|strong="G5101" the|strong="G3588" bad judge|strong="G2923" said|strong="G3004". <sup>7</sup> God's|strong="G2316" people|strong="G0846" shout|strong="G0994" to|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846" night|strong="G3571" and|strong="G2532" day|strong="G2250", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" always give|strong="G4160" them|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G2316" right. He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" slow to|strong="G1909" answer them|strong="G0846". <sup>8</sup> I|strong="G3754" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G0444" help his|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0444" quickly|strong="G5034". But|strong="G4133" when|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207"



of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" comes|strong="G2064" again, will|strong="G0444" he|strong="G0846" find|strong="G2147" people|strong="G0444" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093" who|strong="G3588" believe in|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846"?"

**Being|strong="G0444" Right With|strong="G1722" God|strong="G0846"**

9 There|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" some|strong="G5100" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3588" thought|strong="G3004" they|strong="G2532" were|strong="G1510" very|strong="G3778" good|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" looked down on|strong="G1909" everyone|strong="G3748" else|strong="G3062". Jesus|strong="G3004" used this|strong="G3778" story to|strong="G4314" teach them|strong="G1438": 10 "One|strong="G1520" time there|strong="G1417" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1520" Pharisee|strong="G5330" and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1520" tax|strong="G5057" collector|strong="G5057". One|strong="G1520" day they|strong="G2532" both|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0305" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2411" to|strong="G1519" pray|strong="G4336". 11 The|strong="G3588" Pharisee|strong="G5330" stood|strong="G2476" alone, away from|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" tax|strong="G5057" collector|strong="G5057". When|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" Pharisee|strong="G5330" prayed|strong="G4336", he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2532", 'O God|strong="G2316", I|strong="G2532" thank|strong="G2168" you|strong="G4771" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" as|strong="G5613" bad as|strong="G5613" other|strong="G3062" people|strong="G0444". I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" like|strong="G5613" men|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588" steal, cheat, or|strong="G2228" commit adultery. I|strong="G2532" thank|strong="G2168" you|strong="G4771" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" better than|strong="G2228" this|strong="G3778" tax|strong="G5057" collector|strong="G5057". 12 I|strong="G3956" fast|strong="G3522" twice|strong="G1364" a|strong="G1364" week|strong="G4521", and|strong="G3956" I|strong="G3956" give a|strong="G1364" tenth of|strong="G3956" everything|strong="G3956" I|strong="G3956" get|strong="G2932"!"

13 " The|strong="G3588" tax|strong="G5057" collector|strong="G5057" stood|strong="G2476" alone|strong="G0846" too. But|strong="G1161"

when|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" prayed, he|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3756" even|strong="G3761" look up|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" heaven|strong="G3772". He|strong="G0846" felt very|strong="G0846" humble before|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", 'O God|strong="G2316", have|strong="G1473" mercy on|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004". I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G2309" a|strong="G3004" sinner|strong="G0268"! 14 I|strong="G3778" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", when|strong="G1161" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778" finished his|strong="G0846" prayer and|strong="G1161" went|strong="G2597" home|strong="G3624", he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1519" with|strong="G3844" God|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3956" Pharisee, who|strong="G3588" felt that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" better than|strong="G2228" others|strong="G3588", was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3778" right|strong="G1519" with|strong="G3844" God|strong="G0846". People|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" make themselves|strong="G1438" important will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G3956" made|strong="G5312" humble|strong="G5013". But|strong="G1161" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" make themselves|strong="G1438" humble|strong="G5013" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G3956" made|strong="G5312" important."

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Welcomes Children**  
(Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16)

15 Some|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" brought|strong="G4374" their|strong="G0846" small children to|strong="G2443" Jesus|strong="G0846" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" he|strong="G2532" could lay his|strong="G0846" hands on|strong="G1161" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2443" bless them|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers saw|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588", they|strong="G0846" told|strong="G2008" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" not|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588". 16 But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G2424" called|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" little children|strong="G3813" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" followers, " Let|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588" little chil-

dren |strong="G3813" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G3004". Don't |strong="G3361" stop |strong="G3361" them |strong="G0846", because |strong="G1063" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" belongs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G4314" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5108" these |strong="G3588" little children |strong="G3813".  
 17 The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G2316", you |strong="G5210" must |strong="G1525" accept |strong="G1209" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" little child |strong="G3813" accepts things |strong="G3739", or |strong="G3361" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2316" never |strong="G3756" enter |strong="G1525" it |strong="G0846"."

**A |strong="G5613" Rich Man |strong="G3361" Refuses to |strong="G1519" Follow Jesus |strong="G0846"**  
 (Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31)

18 A |strong="G4160" religious leader asked |strong="G1905" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Good |strong="G0018" Teacher |strong="G1320", what |strong="G5101" must |strong="G4160" I |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" to |strong="G3004" get eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222"?"

19 Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3361" you |strong="G1487" call |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004" good |strong="G0018"? Only |strong="G1487" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" good |strong="G0018".<sup>20</sup> And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" know |strong="G1492" his |strong="G2532" commands |strong="G1785": ' You |strong="G4771" must |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3361" commit |strong="G3431" adultery |strong="G3431", you |strong="G4771" must |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3361" murder |strong="G5407" anyone, you |strong="G4771" must |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3361" steal |strong="G2813", you |strong="G4771" must |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3361" tell lies about |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3588", you |strong="G4771" must |strong="G3588" respect your |strong="G5091" father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" mother |strong="G3384" ....<sup>1</sup>

21 But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" leader said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" obeyed all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" commands since |strong="G1537" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G3004" boy."

<sup>1</sup> 18:20 Quote from Exodus 20:12-16; Deuteronomy 5:16-20.

22 When |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588", he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" leader, " But |strong="G1161" there |strong="G1722" is |strong="G3772" still |strong="G2089" one |strong="G1520" thing |strong="G1520" you |strong="G4771" need |strong="G2192" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G2192". Sell |strong="G4453" everything |strong="G3956" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2192" and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3956" money |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" poor |strong="G4434". You |strong="G4771" will |strong="G3956" have |strong="G2192" riches in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772". Then |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1204" and |strong="G2532" follow |strong="G0190" me |strong="G3004"."<sup>23</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" heard |strong="G0191" Jesus |strong="G1510" tell him |strong="G0191" to |strong="G1096" give |strong="G0191" away his |strong="G0191" money, he |strong="G3778" was |strong="G1510" sad |strong="G4036". He |strong="G3778" didn't want to |strong="G1096" do |strong="G1096" this |strong="G3778", because |strong="G1063" he |strong="G3778" was |strong="G1510" very |strong="G3778" rich |strong="G4145".

24 When |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G2316" was |strong="G2424" sad, he |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " It |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2316" very |strong="G0846" hard |strong="G1423" for |strong="G1519" rich |strong="G2192" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" enter |strong="G1531" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932".<sup>25</sup> It |strong="G1223" is |strong="G1510" easier |strong="G2123" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1510" camel |strong="G2574" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G1525" through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" eye of |strong="G0932" a |strong="G1510" needle than |strong="G2228" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1510" rich |strong="G4145" person to |strong="G1519" enter |strong="G1525" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932"."

**Who |strong="G3588" Can Be |strong="G1510" Saved?**

26 When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G2532"

said |strong="G3004", " Then |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3588" can |strong="G1410" be |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982"?"

<sup>27</sup> Jesus |strong="G3004" answered |strong="G3004", " God |strong="G2316" can |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" things |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3004" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" possible |strong="G1415" for |strong="G3844" people |strong="G0444" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510"."

<sup>28</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G3004", " Look |strong="G2400", we |strong="G2249" left |strong="G0863" everything we |strong="G2249" had |strong="G3588" and |strong="G1161" followed |strong="G0190" you |strong="G4771"."

<sup>29</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G3739" can |strong="G3004" promise that |strong="G3739" everyone |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" has |strong="G2316" left |strong="G0863" their |strong="G0846" home |strong="G3614", wife |strong="G1135", brothers |strong="G0080", parents |strong="G1118", or |strong="G2228" children |strong="G5043" for |strong="G1752" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932"<sup>30</sup> will |strong="G3739" get much |strong="G4179" more than |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739" left. They |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" get many |strong="G4179" times |strong="G2540" more in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" life |strong="G2222". And |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G0165" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3778" coming |strong="G2064" they |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" get the |strong="G3588" reward of |strong="G1722" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222"."

**Jesus |strong="G2532" Talks Again |strong="G2532" About |strong="G1722" His |strong="G3739" Death**  
(Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34)

<sup>31</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" talked to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" twelve |strong="G1427" apostles alone |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", " Listen |strong="G2400", we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3956" going |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". Every-thing |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3004" God |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" prophets |strong="G4396" to |strong="G1519" write |strong="G1125" about |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" hap-

pen |strong="G1519".<sup>32</sup> He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1484" be |strong="G2532" handed |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" foreigners, who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1484" laugh at |strong="G3588" him |strong="G2532", in-sult |strong="G5195" him |strong="G2532", and |strong="G2532" spit |strong="G1716" on |strong="G2532" him |strong="G2532".<sup>33</sup> They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2250" beat him |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2532" whips and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" kill |strong="G0615" him |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532" on |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" day |strong="G2250" after |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" death |strong="G0615", he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2250" rise |strong="G0450" to |strong="G2532" life again |strong="G0450".<sup>34</sup> The |strong="G3588" apos-tles tried to |strong="G3004" under-stand |strong="G4920" this |strong="G3778", but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" could not |strong="G3756"; the |strong="G3588" meaning was |strong="G1510" hidden |strong="G2928" from |strong="G0575" them |strong="G0846".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals a |strong="G1510" Blind Man |strong="G3778"**

(Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52)

<sup>35</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" came |strong="G1096" near |strong="G1448" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" of |strong="G5100" Jeri-cho |strong="G2410". There |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1096" blind |strong="G5185" man |strong="G5100" sit-ting |strong="G2521" beside |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598". He |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" beg-ging |strong="G1871" people |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1519" money |strong="G0846".<sup>36</sup> When |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3778" heard |strong="G0191" the |strong="G1161" peo-ple |strong="G3793" coming down the |strong="G1161" road, he |strong="G3778" asked |strong="G4441", " What |strong="G5101" is |strong="G1510" happening?"

<sup>37</sup> They |strong="G0846" told |strong="G0518" him |strong="G0846", " Jesus |strong="G2424", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" from |strong="G2424" Nazareth |strong="G3480", is |strong="G3588" coming here."

<sup>38</sup> The |strong="G2532" blind man |strong="G5207" was |strong="G2424" excited and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Jesus |strong="G2424", Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" David |strong="G1138", please help me |strong="G3004"!"

<sup>39</sup> The *people* who were in front of the group criticized the blind man. They told him to be quiet. But he shouted and said, "Son of David, please help me!"

<sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped there and said, "Bring that man to me!" When he came close, Jesus asked him, "What do you want to do for you?"

He said, "Lord, I want to see again."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "You can see now. You are healed because you believed."

<sup>43</sup> Then the man was able to see. He followed Jesus, thanking God. Everyone who saw this praised God for what happened.

#### Zacchaeus

**19** Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. In Jericho there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was wealthy, very impor-

tant tax collector. He wanted to see who Jesus was. There were many others who wanted to see Jesus, but he was too short. Zacchaeus was too short. So he ran a place where he would come. Then he climbed a sycamore tree so he could see him.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to where Zacchaeus was, he looked up and saw him in the tree. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down! Come down! I must stay at your house today."

<sup>6</sup> Zacchaeus hurried and came down. He was happy to have Jesus in his house. Everyone saw this. They began to complain, "Look at the kind of man Jesus is staying with." Zacchaeus is a sinner!

<sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "I want to do good. I will give half of my

of|strong="G2962" my|strong="G3708" money to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" poor|strong="G4434". If|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" cheated anyone|strong="G5100", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2962" pay|strong="G0591" them|strong="G1325" back|strong="G0591" four|strong="G5073" times|strong="G5073" more."<sup>9</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Today|strong="G4594" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G4594" for|strong="G3754" this|strong="G3778" family|strong="G3624" to|strong="G4314" be|strong="G1510" saved from|strong="G2424" sin. Yes|strong="G1161", even|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" tax collector is|strong="G1510" one|strong="G3778" of|strong="G5207" God's|strong="G0846" chosen people|strong="G0846".<sup>10</sup> The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G2064" find lost|strong="G0622" people|strong="G0444" and|strong="G2532" save|strong="G4982" them|strong="G0622".

**Use What|strong="G3588" God Gives  
You|strong="G4982"**  
(Matthew 25:14-30)

<sup>11</sup> As|strong="G1438" the|strong="G3588" crowd listened|strong="G0191" to|strong="G3004" what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" saying|strong="G3004", Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G4369" on|strong="G1161" to|strong="G3004" tell|strong="G3004" a|strong="G1510" story. He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" now|strong="G1161" near|strong="G1451" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" and|strong="G2532" knew that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" thought|strong="G1380" it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" almost|strong="G3195" time for|strong="G3754" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" to|strong="G3004" come|strong="G3195".<sup>12</sup> So|strong="G3767" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " A|strong="G2983" very|strong="G2532" important man|strong="G0444" was|strong="G0444" preparing to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2983" country|strong="G5561" far away|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" made|strong="G3004" a|strong="G2983" king. Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" planned to|strong="G1519" return|strong="G5290" home and|strong="G2532" rule his|strong="G2983" people|strong="G0444".<sup>13</sup> So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"

I ONE OF GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE Literally, "a son of Abraham."

called|strong="G2564" ten|strong="G1176" of|strong="G1401" his|strong="G0846" servants|strong="G1401" together|strong="G1722". He|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" a|strong="G1325" bag of|strong="G1401" money|strong="G0846"<sup>II</sup> to|strong="G4314" each|strong="G1438" servant|strong="G1401". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", ' Do|strong="G3004" business|strong="G4231" with|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3739" money|strong="G0846" until|strong="G2064" I|strong="G3739" come|strong="G2064" back|strong="G4314".<sup>14</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" kingdom hated|strong="G3404" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G3778". They|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" a|strong="G3004" group to|strong="G3004" follow|strong="G3694" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" country. There|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", ' We|strong="G2249" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778" to|strong="G3004" be|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" king.'

<sup>15</sup> " But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G3778" was|strong="G3739" made|strong="G1096" king. When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" came|strong="G1096" home, he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", ' Call|strong="G3004" those|strong="G3588" servants|strong="G1401" who|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" my|strong="G1722" money|strong="G0694". I|strong="G3739" want to|strong="G2443" know|strong="G1097" how|strong="G5101" much more money|strong="G0694" they|strong="G0846" earned with|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846".<sup>16</sup> The|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" servant came|strong="G3854" and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G3004", ' Sir|strong="G2962", I|strong="G1161" earned ten|strong="G1176" bags of|strong="G2962" money with|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" bag you|strong="G4771" gave me|strong="G3004".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="G2532" king said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", 'That's great! You|strong="G3754" are|strong="G1510" a|strong="G2192" good|strong="G0018" servant|strong="G1401". I|strong="G2532" see that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" trust you|strong="G3754" with|strong="G1722" small|strong="G1646"

II BAG OF MONEY One bag of money was a Greek mina, enough to pay a person for working three months. Also in verses 16, 18, 20, 24, 25.

things|strong="G0018". So|strong="G2532"  
now|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532"  
will|strong="G1510" let|strong="G1096"  
you|strong="G3754" rule over|strong="G1883"  
ten|strong="G1176" of|strong="G1401"  
my|strong="G1722" cities|strong="G4172".

<sup>18</sup> " The|strong="G3588" second|strong="G1208"  
servant said|strong="G3004", ' Sir|strong="G2962",  
with|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2962"  
one|strong="G3588" bag of|strong="G2962" money  
I|strong="G2532" earned five|strong="G4002" bags.'  
<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G2532" king said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" servant, '  
You|strong="G4771" can|strong="G3004" rule  
over|strong="G1883" five|strong="G4002"  
cities|strong="G4172".

<sup>20</sup> " Then|strong="G2532" another|strong="G2087"  
servant came|strong="G2064" in|strong="G1722"  
and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" king, '  
Sir|strong="G2962", here|strong="G2400"  
is|strong="G3739" your|strong="G2962" bag  
of|strong="G2962" money. I|strong="G3739"  
wrapped it|strong="G3708" in|strong="G1722"  
a|strong="G2192" piece of|strong="G2962"  
cloth|strong="G4676" and|strong="G2532" hid  
it|strong="G3708". <sup>21</sup> I|strong="G3739"  
was|strong="G1510" afraid|strong="G5399"  
of|strong="G0444" you|strong="G4771" be-  
cause|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771"  
are|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" hard  
man|strong="G0444". You|strong="G4771"  
even|strong="G2532" take|strong="G0142" money  
that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771"  
didn't|strong="G3756" earn and|strong="G2532"  
gather food that|strong="G3754"  
you|strong="G4771" didn't|strong="G3756" grow.'

<sup>22</sup> " Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" king  
said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"  
him|strong="G0846", ' What|strong="G3739"  
a|strong="G1510" bad|strong="G4190" ser-  
vant|strong="G1401" you|strong="G4771"  
are|strong="G1510"! I|strong="G1473"  
will|strong="G1510" use your|strong="G5087"  
own|strong="G0846" words|strong="G4750"  
to|strong="G3004" condemn|strong="G2919"  
you|strong="G4771". You|strong="G4771"  
said|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754"  
I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510"  
a|strong="G1510" hard man|strong="G0444".  
You|strong="G4771" said|strong="G3004"  
that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473"  
even|strong="G2532" take|strong="G0142" mon-  
ey|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3754"  
I|strong="G1473" didn't|strong="G3756" earn  
and|strong="G2532" gather food  
that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473"  
didn't|strong="G3756" grow. <sup>23</sup> If|strong="G0302"

that|strong="G0846" is|strong="G5101" true,  
you|strong="G1325" should|strong="G2532"  
have|strong="G2532" put|strong="G1325"  
my|strong="G1325" money|strong="G0694"  
in|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588"  
bank|strong="G5132". Then|strong="G2532",  
when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473"  
came|strong="G2064" back|strong="G1325",  
my|strong="G1325" money|strong="G0694"  
would|strong="G0302" have|strong="G2532" earned  
some|strong="G3588" interest|strong="G5110".<sup>24</sup>  
Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" king  
said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0846"  
who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" watching,  
' Take|strong="G0142" the|strong="G3588" bag  
of|strong="G0575" money|strong="G0846"  
away|strong="G0142" from|strong="G0575"  
this|strong="G3588" servant and|strong="G2532"  
give|strong="G1325" it|strong="G0846"  
to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" servant  
who|strong="G3588" earned ten|strong="G1176"  
bags of|strong="G0575" money|strong="G0846".

<sup>25</sup> " The|strong="G2532" men|strong="G0846"  
said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G2532" king, ' But|strong="G2532"  
sir|strong="G2962", that|strong="G3004" servant al-  
ready has|strong="G2192" ten|strong="G1176" bags  
of|strong="G2962" money|strong="G0846".

<sup>26</sup> " The|strong="G3956" king said|strong="G3004", '  
People|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3739"  
use|strong="G2192" what|strong="G3739"  
they|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192"  
will|strong="G3739" get|strong="G0142"  
more|strong="G3956". But|strong="G1161"  
those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739"  
do|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3361"  
use|strong="G2192" what|strong="G3739"  
they|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192"  
will|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" every-  
thing|strong="G3956" taken|strong="G0142"  
away|strong="G0142" from|strong="G0575"  
them|strong="G1325". <sup>27</sup> Now|strong="G2532"  
where are|strong="G3778" my|strong="G1715" ene-  
mies|strong="G2190"? Where are|strong="G3778"  
the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846"  
who|strong="G3588" did|strong="G2309"  
not|strong="G3361" want|strong="G2309"  
me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G2309"  
be|strong="G2532" king? Bring|strong="G0071"  
my|strong="G1715" enemies|strong="G2190"  
here|strong="G5602" and|strong="G2532" kill  
them|strong="G0846". I|strong="G1473"  
will|strong="G3778" watch them|strong="G0846"  
die."

**Jesus Enters Jerusalem**

**Like a King**

(Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-19)

28 After Jesus said these things, he continued traveling toward Jerusalem. He came near Bethphage and Bethany, towns near the hill the Mount of Olives. He sent two of his followers. He said, "Go into the town you see there. When you enter the town, you will find a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here to me." 31 If anyone you see taking the donkey, you should say, "The Master needs it." 32

32 The two followers went into the town. They found the donkey exactly like Jesus told them. They untied it, but its owners came out. They said to the followers, "Why are you untying our donkey?"

34 The followers answered, "The Master needs it." 35 So the followers brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on its back. Then they put Jesus on the donkey. He rode along the road toward Jerusalem. The followers spread their coats on the road before him.

37 Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. He was already near the bottom of the Mount of Olives. The whole group of followers was happy. They were very excited and praised God. They thanked God for all the powerful things they had seen. 38 They said,

"Welcome! God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Psalm 118:26

Peace in heaven and glory to God!

39 Some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell your followers not to..."

say|strong="G3004" these|strong="G3588" things|strong="G0846".

<sup>40</sup> But|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G3004" answered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G1437" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", if|strong="G1437" my|strong="G3754" followers didn't say|strong="G3004" them|strong="G3004", these|strong="G3778" stones|strong="G3037" would|strong="G2532" shout|strong="G2896" them|strong="G3004".

**Jesus|strong="G3004" Cries|strong="G2896" for|strong="G3754" Jerusalem**

<sup>41</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1448" near|strong="G1448" Jerusalem. Looking at|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172", he|strong="G2532" began|strong="G1909" to|strong="G3004" cry for|strong="G1909" it|strong="G0846"<sup>42</sup> and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G2532" wish you|strong="G4771" knew|strong="G1097" today|strong="G2250" what|strong="G3588" would|strong="G2532" bring|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" peace|strong="G1515". But|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161" is|strong="G3778" hidden|strong="G2928" from|strong="G0575" you|strong="G4771" now|strong="G1161". <sup>43</sup> A|strong="G2532" time|strong="G2250" is|strong="G3588" coming when|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" enemies|strong="G2190" will|strong="G2250" build a|strong="G2532" wall around|strong="G1909" you|strong="G4771" and|strong="G2532" hold you|strong="G4771" in|strong="G1909" on|strong="G1909" all|strong="G3588" sides|strong="G3840". <sup>44</sup> They|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" destroy you|strong="G4771" and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" your|strong="G0863" people|strong="G3588". Not|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3739" stone|strong="G3037" of|strong="G1909" your|strong="G0863" buildings will|strong="G3739" stay on|strong="G1909" top of|strong="G1909" another|strong="G3037". All|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3588" will|strong="G3739" happen because|strong="G1909" you|strong="G4771" did|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2540" when|strong="G2532" God came to|strong="G1909" save you|strong="G4771".

**Jesus|strong="G2532" Goes to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" Temple**

(Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; John|strong="G0863" 2:13-22)

<sup>45</sup> Jesus|strong="G1525" went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2411" area. He|strong="G2532" be-

gan|strong="G0757" to|strong="G1519" throw|strong="G1544" out|strong="G1544" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" selling|strong="G4453" things|strong="G3588" there. <sup>46</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say|strong="G3004", ' My|strong="G4160" Temple|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" house|strong="G3624" of|strong="G3624" prayer|strong="G4335".<sup>1</sup> I But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" changed it|strong="G0846" into|strong="G4693" a|strong="G1510" 'hiding place|strong="G4335" for|strong="G2532" thieves.'<sup>II</sup> <sup>47</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" taught|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" area every|strong="G2596" day|strong="G2250". The|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G4413" priests|strong="G0749", the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" law, and|strong="G2532" some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" leaders|strong="G4413" of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" wanted|strong="G2212" to|strong="G2596" kill him|strong="G0846". <sup>48</sup> But|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3756" know how|strong="G5101" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2147" do|strong="G4160" it|strong="G0846", because|strong="G1063" everyone|strong="G5101" was|strong="G3588" listening|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" were|strong="G2992" very|strong="G0846" interested in|strong="G2532" what|strong="G5101" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G2532".

**Jewish Leaders Doubt Jesus' Authority**

(Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33)

<sup>20</sup> One|strong="G1520" day|strong="G2250" Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" area teaching|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" telling them|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097". The|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749", teachers of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" law, and|strong="G2532" older|strong="G4245" Jewish leaders came|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2532" talk to|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846".<sup>2</sup>

<sup>I</sup> 19:46 Quote from Isaiah 56:7. <sup>II</sup> 19:46 Quote from Jeremiah 7:11.



They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Tell|strong="G3004" us|strong="G1325" what|strong="G5101" authority|strong="G1849" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G1510" to|strong="G4314" do|strong="G4160" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778". Who|strong="G3588" gave|strong="G1325" you|strong="G4771" this|strong="G3778" authority|strong="G1849"?"

<sup>3</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" ask|strong="G2065" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G3004" question|strong="G2065" too|strong="G2532". Tell|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004": <sup>4</sup> When|strong="G1510" John|strong="G2491" baptized people|strong="G0444", did|strong="G1510" his|strong="G2491" authority come|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" God or|strong="G2228" was|strong="G1510" it|strong="G1510" only from|strong="G1537" other|strong="G2228" people|strong="G0444"?"

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="G3588" priests, the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" law, and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Jewish leaders|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3588" talked about|strong="G4314" this|strong="G3588". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1161", " If|strong="G1437" we|strong="G1437" answer, ' John's|strong="G0846" baptism was|strong="G3588" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G0846"; then|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" will|strong="G5101" say|strong="G3004", ' Then|strong="G1161" why|strong="G5101" did|strong="G5101" you|strong="G1437" not|strong="G3756" believe|strong="G4100" John|strong="G0846"?' <sup>6</sup>

But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" we|strong="G2249" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" John's|strong="G2491" baptism was|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" someone|strong="G0444" else, the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" will|strong="G1510" stone|strong="G2642" us|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" death|strong="G2642". They|strong="G1161" all|strong="G0537" believe|strong="G3982" that|strong="G3004" John|strong="G2491" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" prophet|strong="G4396". <sup>7</sup> So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" answered|strong="G0611", " We|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" know|strong="G1492" the|strong="G2532" answer|strong="G0611"."

<sup>8</sup> So|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3778"

not|strong="G3761" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" who|strong="G3588" gave|strong="G4160" me|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" authority|strong="G1849" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778"."

**God|strong="G0846" Sends His|strong="G0846" Son**  
(Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12)

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" this|strong="G3778" story: " A|strong="G3004" man|strong="G0444" planted|strong="G5452" a|strong="G3004" vineyard|strong="G0290". He|strong="G2532" leased|strong="G1554" the|strong="G3588" land to|strong="G4314" some|strong="G3588" farmers. Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0589" away for|strong="G4314" a|strong="G3004" long|strong="G5550" time|strong="G5550". <sup>10</sup> Later, it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2540" for|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" grapes to|strong="G4314" be|strong="G2532" picked. So|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" man sent|strong="G0649" a|strong="G1325" servant|strong="G1401" to|strong="G4314" those|strong="G3588" farmers so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" give|strong="G1325" him|strong="G0846" his|strong="G0846" share of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" grapes. But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" beat|strong="G1194" the|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G1401" and|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649" him|strong="G0846" away|strong="G1821" with|strong="G4314" nothing.

<sup>11</sup> So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G2087" sent|strong="G3992" another|strong="G2087" servant|strong="G1401". They|strong="G2532" beat|strong="G1194" this|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G1401" too|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" showed no respect for|strong="G2532" him|strong="G2532". They|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G3992" the|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G1401" away|strong="G1821" with|strong="G2532" nothing. <sup>12</sup> So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G3778" sent|strong="G3992" a|strong="G2532" third|strong="G5154" servant to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" farmers. They|strong="G2532" hurt this|strong="G3778" servant badly and|strong="G2532" threw|strong="G1544" him|strong="G2532" out|strong="G1544".

<sup>13</sup> " The|strong="G3588" owner|strong="G2962" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" vineyard|strong="G0290" said|strong="G3004", "

What |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" I |strong="G1473" do |strong="G4160" now |strong="G1161"? I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G5101" send |strong="G3992" my |strong="G1788" son |strong="G5207". I |strong="G1473" love |strong="G0027" my |strong="G1788" son |strong="G5207" very |strong="G3778" much. Maybe the |strong="G3588" farmers will |strong="G5101" respect |strong="G1788" my |strong="G1788" son |strong="G5207".<sup>14</sup> When |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" farmers saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" son, they |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161"; ' This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" owner's son. This |strong="G3778" vineyard will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" his |strong="G0846". If |strong="G2443" we |strong="G2249" kill |strong="G0615" him |strong="G0846", it |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" ours |strong="G1473".<sup>15</sup> So |strong="G3767" the |strong="G3588" farmers threw |strong="G1544" the |strong="G3588" son out |strong="G1854" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" vineyard |strong="G0290" and |strong="G2532" killed |strong="G0615" him |strong="G0846".

" What |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" owner |strong="G2962" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" vineyard |strong="G0290" do |strong="G4160"?<sup>16</sup> He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3778" come |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" kill those |strong="G3588" farmers. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3778" lease the |strong="G3588" land to |strong="G3004" some |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0243" farmers."

When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3778" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3778" story, they |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" should |strong="G3778" never |strong="G3361" happen |strong="G1096"! "<sup>17</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" looked |strong="G1689" into |strong="G1519" their |strong="G0846" eyes and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " Then |strong="G3767" what |strong="G5101" does |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778" verse mean |strong="G3004":

' The |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" that |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" builders |strong="G3618" refused to |strong="G1519" accept

became |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" cornerstone?

Psalm 118:22

18 Everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" falls |strong="G4098" on |strong="G1909" that |strong="G3739" stone |strong="G3037" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G3956" broken |strong="G4917". If |strong="G0302" that |strong="G3739" stone |strong="G3037" falls |strong="G4098" on |strong="G1909" you |strong="G3739", it |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" crush you |strong="G3739".

<sup>19</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" law and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" heard |strong="G1097" this |strong="G3778" story, they |strong="G0846" knew |strong="G1097" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" about |strong="G1909" them |strong="G0846". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G2212" to |strong="G4314" arrest Jesus |strong="G0846" right then |strong="G2532", but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G2992" afraid |strong="G5399" of |strong="G1909" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" would |strong="G0846" do |strong="G5399".

The |strong="G3588" Jewish Leaders |strong="G3004" Try to |strong="G4314" Trick Jesus |strong="G0846"

(Matthew 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17)

<sup>20</sup> So |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" Jewish leaders |strong="G0649" waited for |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1849" time to |strong="G2443" get Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G0649" some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G1342" to |strong="G2443" him |strong="G0846", who |strong="G3588" pretended |strong="G5271" to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1510" sincere. They |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G2443" find something |strong="G1510" wrong with |strong="G2532" what |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3056". ( If |strong="G2443" they |strong="G0846" found |strong="G1510" something |strong="G1510" wrong, then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" could hand |strong="G3860" him |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" governor |strong="G2232", who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" authority |strong="G1849" to |strong="G2443" arrest him |strong="G0846". )<sup>21</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Teacher |strong="G1320", we |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3754"

say|strong="G3004" and|strong="G2532" teach|strong="G1321" is|strong="G2316" true|strong="G0225". It|strong="G0846" doesn't|strong="G3756" matter who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G2316" listening— you|strong="G3754" teach|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846". You|strong="G3754" always teach|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225" about|strong="G1909" God's|strong="G2316" way|strong="G3598". <sup>22</sup> Tell us|strong="G1325", is|strong="G1832" it right for|strong="G2228" us|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1325" pay|strong="G1325" taxes|strong="G5411" to|strong="G1325" Caesar|strong="G2541" or|strong="G2228" not|strong="G3756"?"

<sup>23</sup> But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846" knew that|strong="G3004" these|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" trying to|strong="G4314" trick him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", <sup>24</sup> " Show|strong="G1166" me|strong="G3004" a|strong="G2192" silver coin. Whose|strong="G5101" name and|strong="G2532" picture are|strong="G3588" on|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161"?"

They|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Caesar's|strong="G2541"?"

<sup>25</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", " Then|strong="G2532" give|strong="G0591" to|strong="G4314" Caesar|strong="G2541" what|strong="G3588" belongs to|strong="G4314" Caesar|strong="G2541", and|strong="G2532" give|strong="G0591" to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316" what|strong="G3588" belongs to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316"."

<sup>26</sup> The|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0846" were|strong="G2992" amazed|strong="G2296" at|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" wise answer|strong="G0612". They|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2480" say|strong="G4487" nothing|strong="G3756". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G2992" not|strong="G3756" able|strong="G2480" to|strong="G1909" trick Jesus|strong="G0846" there in|strong="G1909" front of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2532" nothing|strong="G3756" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2480" use against|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846".

**Some|strong="G3588" Sadducees Try to|strong="G1909" Trick Jesus|strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27)

<sup>27</sup> Some|strong="G5100" Sadducees|strong="G4523" came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G4334" Jesus|strong="G0846". ( Sadducees|strong="G4523" believe that|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" rise|strong="G0386" from|strong="G3361" death.) They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G1905" him|strong="G0846", <sup>28</sup> " Teacher|strong="G1320", Moses|strong="G3475" wrote|strong="G1125" that|strong="G2443" if|strong="G1437" a|strong="G2192" married|strong="G2983" man|strong="G3778" dies|strong="G0599" and|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2192" no children|strong="G4690", his|strong="G0846" brother|strong="G0080" must|strong="G1135" marry|strong="G2983" his|strong="G0846" widow. Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G2192" children|strong="G4690" for|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G0599" brother|strong="G0080". <sup>29</sup> One|strong="G3588" time|strong="G4413" there|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" seven|strong="G2033" brothers|strong="G0080". The|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" brother|strong="G0080" married|strong="G2983" a|strong="G2983" woman|strong="G1135" but|strong="G2532" died|strong="G0599". He|strong="G2532" had|strong="G1510" no children. <sup>30</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" second|strong="G1208" brother married the|strong="G3588" woman, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" died. <sup>31</sup> And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" third|strong="G5154" brother married|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" woman, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" died|strong="G0599". The|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" thing|strong="G5615" happened|strong="G3588" with|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" brothers. They|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3588" died|strong="G0599" and|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3588" no|strong="G3756" children|strong="G5043". <sup>32</sup> The|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" last|strong="G5305" to|strong="G2532" die|strong="G0599". <sup>33</sup> But|strong="G1063" all|strong="G3588" seven|strong="G2033" brothers married|strong="G1135" her|strong="G0846". So|strong="G3767" when|strong="G1722" people|strong="G0846" rise|strong="G0386" from|strong="G1722" death, whose|strong="G5101"

wife|strong="G1135" will|strong="G5101"  
this|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135"  
be|strong="G1096"?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Sadducees, "  
On|strong="G0846" earth, people|strong="G0846"  
marry|strong="G1060" each other|strong="G0846".  
<sup>35</sup> Some|strong="G1537" people|strong="G3588"  
will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" wor-  
thy|strong="G2661" to|strong="G2532"  
be|strong="G2532" raised from|strong="G1537"  
death|strong="G3498" and|strong="G2532" live  
again|strong="G2532" after|strong="G1161"  
this|strong="G3588" life. In|strong="G2532"  
that|strong="G1565" life they|strong="G2532"  
will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G2532" mar-  
ry|strong="G1060". <sup>36</sup> In|strong="G2316"  
that|strong="G2316" life people|strong="G1510"  
are|strong="G1510" like|strong="G2465" an-  
gels|strong="G2465" and|strong="G2532" can-  
not|strong="G1410" die|strong="G0599".  
They|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510" children  
of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316", be-  
cause|strong="G1063" they|strong="G2532"  
have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" raised  
from|strong="G2532" death|strong="G0599". <sup>37</sup>  
Moses|strong="G3475" clearly  
showed|strong="G3377" that|strong="G3754" peo-  
ple|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588"  
raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G2532"  
death|strong="G3498". When|strong="G5613"  
Moses|strong="G3475" wrote about|strong="G5613"  
the|strong="G3588" burning bush|strong="G0942",  
I he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004"  
that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588"  
Lord|strong="G2962" is|strong="G2316"  
the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316"  
of|strong="G2316" Abraham|strong="G0011",  
the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316"  
of|strong="G2316" Isaac|strong="G2464",  
and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
God|strong="G2316" of|strong="G2316" Ja-  
cob|strong="G2384".<sup>II38</sup> So|strong="G1161"  
they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" still dead|strong="G3498", be-  
cause|strong="G1063" he|strong="G0846"  
is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956"  
God|strong="G2316" only|strong="G3756"  
of|strong="G2316" living|strong="G2198" peo-  
ple|strong="G3956". Yes|strong="G1063",  
to|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316"  
they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510"  
all|strong="G3956" still living|strong="G2198".  
<sup>39</sup> Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100"  
the|strong="G3588" teachers|strong="G1320"  
of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" law

I BURNING BUSH See Exodus 3:1-12. II 'THE GOD OF ... JACOB'  
Words taken from Exodus 3:6.

said|strong="G3004", " Teacher|strong="G1320",  
your|strong="G1161" answer|strong="G0611"  
was|strong="G3588" very|strong="G2573"  
good|strong="G2573".<sup>40</sup> No|strong="G3762"  
one|strong="G3762" was|strong="G3762" brave  
enough to|strong="G0846" ask|strong="G1905"  
him|strong="G0846" another|strong="G3765" ques-  
tion|strong="G1905".

### Is|strong="G0846" the|strong="G0846" Messiah David's Son or David's Lord?

(Matthew 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37)

<sup>41</sup> Then|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G0846"  
said|strong="G3004", " Why|strong="G4459"  
do|strong="G1510" people|strong="G0846"  
say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547"  
is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588"  
Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207"  
David|strong="G1138"? <sup>42</sup> In|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" book|strong="G0976"  
of|strong="G1537" Psalms|strong="G5568",  
David|strong="G1138" himself|strong="G0846"  
says|strong="G3004",  
' The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962"  
God|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" my|strong="G1722"  
Lord|strong="G2962":  
Sit|strong="G2521" by|strong="G1722"  
me|strong="G3004" at|strong="G1722"  
my|strong="G1722" right|strong="G1188" side,  
<sup>43</sup> and|strong="G4228" I|strong="G2193"  
will|strong="G4771" put|strong="G5087"  
your|strong="G5087" enemies|strong="G2190" under  
your|strong="G5087" power. <sup>III</sup>

Psalm 110:1

<sup>44</sup> David|strong="G1138" calls|strong="G2564"  
the|strong="G2532" Messiah ' Lord|strong="G2962":  
So|strong="G3767" how|strong="G4459" can  
the|strong="G2532" Messiah also|strong="G2532"  
be|strong="G1510" David's|strong="G1138"  
son|strong="G5207"?"

### Warning Against|strong="G0846" the|strong="G2532" Teachers of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G2532" Law

(Matthew 23:1-36; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 11:37-54)

<sup>45</sup> While|strong="G1161" all|strong="G3956"  
the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992"  
were|strong="G3101" listening|strong="G0191"  
to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G3004",  
he|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" his|strong="G3956" followers, <sup>46</sup> "  
Be|strong="G2532" careful|strong="G4337"  
of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" teachers

III AND I ... POWER Literally, "until I make your enemies a foot-  
stool for your feet."

of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" law. They |strong="G2532" like |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" walk |strong="G4043" around |strong="G4043" wearing clothes that |strong="G2309" look important. And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" love |strong="G5368" for |strong="G1722" people |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2309" show respect to |strong="G2309" them |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" marketplaces. They |strong="G2532" love |strong="G5368" to |strong="G2309" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" most important seats |strong="G4410" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" synagogues |strong="G4864" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" places |strong="G0058" of |strong="G0575" honor |strong="G4411" at |strong="G1722" banquets |strong="G1173". <sup>47</sup> But |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739" cheat widows |strong="G5503" and |strong="G2532" take |strong="G2983" their |strong="G2532" homes. Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739" try to |strong="G2532" make |strong="G4336" themselves look good by |strong="G2532" saying long |strong="G3117" prayers |strong="G4336". God will |strong="G3739" punish them |strong="G3739" very |strong="G3778" much."

**True Giving**  
(Mark 12:41-44)

**21** Jesus |strong="G0846" looked |strong="G3708" up |strong="G1519" and |strong="G1161" saw |strong="G3708" some |strong="G3588" rich |strong="G4145" people |strong="G0846" putting |strong="G0906" their |strong="G0846" gifts |strong="G1435" to |strong="G1519" God |strong="G0846" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G0846" collection box. <sup>2</sup> Then |strong="G1161" he |strong="G1161" saw |strong="G3708" a |strong="G3708" poor |strong="G3998" widow |strong="G5503" put |strong="G0906" two |strong="G1417" small |strong="G3016" copper |strong="G3016" coins |strong="G3016" into |strong="G0906" the |strong="G3708" box. <sup>3</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" poor |strong="G4434" widow |strong="G5503" gave |strong="G0906" only |strong="G2532" two small coins. But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" truth is |strong="G3778", she |strong="G3754" gave |strong="G0906" more |strong="G4183" than |strong="G4183" all |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" rich people |strong="G3956". <sup>4</sup> They |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2192" plenty, and |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G0906" only what |strong="G3739"

they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3739" need |strong="G2192". This |strong="G3778" woman |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" very |strong="G0846" poor, but |strong="G1161" she |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G0906" all |strong="G3956" she |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" to |strong="G1519" live |strong="G0979" on |strong="G1519"."

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Warns About |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Future**  
(Matthew 24:1-14; Mark 13:1-13)

<sup>5</sup> Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G3588" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413". They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G5100" a |strong="G3004" beautiful |strong="G2570" Temple |strong="G2413", built with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" best stones |strong="G3037". Look at |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" many good |strong="G2570" gifts that |strong="G3754" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" offered to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G3004"."

<sup>6</sup> But |strong="G3778" Jesus |strong="G0863" said, " The |strong="G1722" time |strong="G2250" will |strong="G3739" come |strong="G2064" when |strong="G1722" all that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" see |strong="G2334" here |strong="G1722" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G3778" destroyed |strong="G2647". Every stone |strong="G3037" of |strong="G2250" these |strong="G3778" buildings will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G3778" thrown down |strong="G2647" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G1722" ground. Not |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3739" stone |strong="G3037" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G3778" left |strong="G0863" on |strong="G1909" another |strong="G3037"."

<sup>7</sup> Some |strong="G3588" followers asked |strong="G1905" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Teacher |strong="G1320", when |strong="G3752" will |strong="G1510" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" happen |strong="G1096"? What |strong="G5101" will |strong="G1510" show |strong="G1096" us |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3004" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" time for |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" to |strong="G3004" happen |strong="G1096"?"

<sup>8</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Be |strong="G1510" careful |strong="G0991"! Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" fooled. Many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" come |strong="G2064" using |strong="G3004" my |strong="G3004"

name|strong="G3686". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" say|strong="G3004", ' I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Messiah <sup>1</sup> and|strong="G2532" The|strong="G3588" right|strong="G2540" time|strong="G2540" has|strong="G1510" come|strong="G2064"! But|strong="G1161" don't|strong="G3361" follow|strong="G3694" them|strong="G0846". <sup>9</sup> When|strong="G3752" you|strong="G3752" hear|strong="G0191" about|strong="G3588" wars|strong="G4171" and|strong="G2532" riots|strong="G0181", don't|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1096" afraid. These|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" must|strong="G1163" happen|strong="G1096" first|strong="G4413". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" end|strong="G5056" will|strong="G3778" come|strong="G1096" later."

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " Nations|strong="G1484" will|strong="G1484" fight against|strong="G1909" other|strong="G0846" nations|strong="G1484". Kingdoms|strong="G0932" will|strong="G1484" fight against|strong="G1909" other|strong="G0846" kingdoms|strong="G0932". <sup>11</sup> There|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" great|strong="G3173" earthquakes|strong="G4578", sicknesses, and|strong="G2532" other bad things|strong="G3173" in|strong="G2596" many places|strong="G5117". In|strong="G2596" some|strong="G0575" places|strong="G5117" there|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" no food for|strong="G0575" the|strong="G2532" people|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2596" eat. Terrible|strong="G3173" things|strong="G3173" will|strong="G1510" happen|strong="G1510", and|strong="G2532" amazing things|strong="G3173" will|strong="G1510" come|strong="G1510" from|strong="G0575" heaven|strong="G3772" to|strong="G2596" warn people|strong="G1510".

<sup>12</sup> " But|strong="G1161" before|strong="G4253" all|strong="G3956" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" happen|strong="G1519", people|strong="G3956" will|strong="G3778" arrest you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" bad things|strong="G3778" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" judge you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" synagogues|strong="G4864" and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G1911" you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G1519" jail. You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" forced to|strong="G1519" stand

I THE MESSIAH Literally "the one," meaning the chosen one sent by God. See "Messiah" in the Word List and Matthew 24:5.

before|strong="G4253" kings|strong="G0935" and|strong="G2532" governors|strong="G2232". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" do|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210" because|strong="G1909" you|strong="G5210" follow me|strong="G1473". <sup>13</sup> But this will|strong="G4771" give you|strong="G5210" an opportunity to|strong="G1519" tell about|strong="G1519" me. <sup>14</sup> Decide now|strong="G3767" not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G1722" worry about|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3767" say. <sup>15</sup> I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" give|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3588" wisdom|strong="G4678" to|strong="G1410" say|strong="G0483" things|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3739" none|strong="G3756" of|strong="G4678" your|strong="G2532" enemies can|strong="G1410" answer. <sup>16</sup> Even|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" parents|strong="G1118", brothers|strong="G0080", relatives|strong="G4773", and|strong="G2532" friends|strong="G5384" will|strong="G2532" turn|strong="G3860" against|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210". They|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" some|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210" killed. <sup>17</sup> Everyone|strong="G3956" will|strong="G1510" hate|strong="G3404" you|strong="G1510" because|strong="G1223" you|strong="G1510" follow me|strong="G1473". <sup>18</sup> But|strong="G2532" none|strong="G3756" of|strong="G1537" these|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588" can really harm you|strong="G5210". <sup>19</sup> You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G5590" save yourselves|strong="G4771" by|strong="G1722" continuing strong in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" faith through|strong="G1722" all|strong="G3588" these|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588".

### The|strong="G3588" Destruction of|strong="G1722" Jerusalem

(Matthew 24:15-21; Mark 13:14-19)

<sup>20</sup> " You|strong="G3752" will|strong="G3748" see|strong="G3708" armies|strong="G4760" all|strong="G3588" around|strong="G2944" Jerusalem|strong="G2419". Then|strong="G5119" you|strong="G3752" will|strong="G3748" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5119" for|strong="G3754" its|strong="G0846" destruction has|strong="G3708" come|strong="G1448". <sup>21</sup> The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" Judea|strong="G2449" at|strong="G1722" that|strong="G0846" time|strong="G5119" should|strong="G2532" run

away |strong="G5343" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" mountains |strong="G3735". The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem must |strong="G1525" leave |strong="G1633" quickly |strong="G1722". If |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1722" are |strong="G3588" near |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846", don't |strong="G3361" go |strong="G1525" in |strong="G1722"! <sup>22</sup> The |strong="G3956" prophets wrote |strong="G1125" many things |strong="G3778" about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" time |strong="G2250" when |strong="G1510" God will |strong="G1510" punish |strong="G1557" his |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956". The |strong="G3956" time |strong="G2250" I |strong="G3778" am |strong="G1510" talking about |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" when |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" must |strong="G1510" happen |strong="G1510". <sup>23</sup> During |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" time |strong="G2250" it |strong="G3778" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" hard for |strong="G1063" women who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" pregnant |strong="G1064" or |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" small babies |strong="G2337", because |strong="G1063" very |strong="G3778" bad times will |strong="G1510" come |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1909" this |strong="G3778" land |strong="G1093". God will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" angry with |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G2992". <sup>24</sup> Some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G1484" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" killed by |strong="G5259" soldiers. Others |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" made |strong="G4137" prisoners and |strong="G2532" taken to |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" different countries. The |strong="G3956" holy city of |strong="G3956" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" under |strong="G5259" the |strong="G3956" control of |strong="G3956" foreigners until |strong="G0891" their |strong="G2532" time |strong="G2540" is |strong="G1510" completed |strong="G4137".

#### Don't Fear

(Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27)

<sup>25</sup> "Amazing things |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" happen |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" sun |strong="G2246", moon |strong="G4582", and |strong="G2532" stars |strong="G0798". And |strong="G2532" people |strong="G1484" all |strong="G3588" over |strong="G1909"

the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" upset and |strong="G2532" confused by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" noise |strong="G2279" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" sea |strong="G2281" and |strong="G2532" its crashing waves |strong="G4535". <sup>26</sup> They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G2532" afraid and |strong="G2532" worried about |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3588" will |strong="G0444" happen |strong="G1904" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G3625". Everything in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" will |strong="G0444" be |strong="G2532" changed. <sup>27</sup> Then |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0444" will |strong="G0444" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" coming |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3708" cloud |strong="G3507" with |strong="G3326" power |strong="G1411" and |strong="G2532" great |strong="G4183" glory |strong="G1391". <sup>28</sup> When |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" begin |strong="G0757" to |strong="G0757" happen |strong="G1096", stand up |strong="G1869" tall and |strong="G2532" don't be |strong="G1096" afraid. Know that |strong="G3778" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3778" almost time for |strong="G1360" God to |strong="G0757" free you |strong="G5210"! "

**My |strong="G1096" Words |strong="G2532" Will |strong="G3778" Live Forever**  
(Matthew 24:32-35; Mark 13:28-31)

<sup>29</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588" story: " Look |strong="G3708" at |strong="G3588" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" trees |strong="G1186". The |strong="G3956" fig |strong="G4808" tree |strong="G1186" is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G3708" good example. <sup>30</sup> When |strong="G3752" it |strong="G3752" turns green, you |strong="G3752" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" summer |strong="G2330" is |strong="G1510" very near |strong="G1451". <sup>31</sup> In |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779", when |strong="G3752" you |strong="G5210" see |strong="G3708" all |strong="G3588" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" happening |strong="G1096", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2316" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" is |strong="G1510" very |strong="G3778" near |strong="G1451". <sup>32</sup> " I |strong="G0281" assure you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3754" all |strong="G3956"

these things will happen while of the people this still whole world and will but words of

### Be Ready All the Time

<sup>34</sup> "Be not your parties or this If do you are ready will as to on So ready the Pray you be get all things will and safe the of <sup>37</sup> During day taught the At he out the

stayed night the of Every all people ly to go Je- sus the

### The Jewish Leaders Plan to Kill Jesus

(Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16; Mark 14:1-2, 10-11; John 11:45-53)

### 22 It most time for

the of Bread, called Passover leading teachers of kill But were to do were of the would

### Judas Agrees to Help Jesus' Enemies

(Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11)

<sup>3</sup> One twelve named Judas Iscariot entered and went with priests some the guarded the Temple to about way hand over them were



about |strong="G2532" this |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" promised to |strong="G2532" give |strong="G1325" Judas money |strong="G0694" for |strong="G2532" doing this |strong="G0846".<sup>6</sup> He |strong="G2532" agreed |strong="G1843". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" waited for |strong="G2212" the |strong="G3588" best time to |strong="G2212" hand |strong="G3860" him |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G2212" them |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" wanted |strong="G2212" to |strong="G2212" do |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" when |strong="G2532" no one |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" around to |strong="G2212" see it |strong="G0846".

### The |strong="G3588" Passover Meal

(Matthew 26:17-25; Mark 14:12-21; John |strong="G0846" 13:21-30)

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G3588" Day |strong="G2250" of |strong="G2250" Unleavened |strong="G0106" Bread<sup>I</sup> came |strong="G2064". This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" when |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Jews always killed |strong="G2380" the |strong="G3588" lambs for |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957".<sup>8</sup> Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G2443" Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491", " Go |strong="G4198" and |strong="G2532" prepare |strong="G2090" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" meal for |strong="G2443" us |strong="G3004" to |strong="G2443" eat |strong="G2068"."

<sup>9</sup> They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " Where |strong="G4226" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3004" want |strong="G2309" us |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" prepare |strong="G2090" the |strong="G3588" meal?"

He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846",<sup>10</sup> " When |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" go |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3739" see |strong="G3708" a |strong="G3708" man |strong="G0444" carrying |strong="G0941" a |strong="G3708" jar of |strong="G4172" water |strong="G5204". Follow |strong="G0190" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" go |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" a |strong="G3708" house |strong="G3614".<sup>11</sup> Tell |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" owner |strong="G3617" of |strong="G3614" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614", ' The |strong="G3588"

I DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD Same as Passover.

Teacher |strong="G1320" asks that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" please show us |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" room |strong="G2646" where |strong="G3699" he |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G2532" followers can |strong="G3004" eat |strong="G2068" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" meal.<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="G2548" the |strong="G2090" owner will |strong="G2548" show |strong="G1166" you |strong="G5210" a |strong="G2090" large |strong="G3173" room upstairs that |strong="G1166" is |strong="G3173" ready |strong="G2090" for |strong="G2090" us |strong="G1166". Prepare |strong="G2090" the |strong="G2090" meal there |strong="G1563"."

<sup>13</sup> So |strong="G2532" Peter |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G0846" left |strong="G0565". Everything happened |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G0846" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" prepared |strong="G2090" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" meal.

### The |strong="G3588" Lord's Supper

(Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" time |strong="G5610" came |strong="G1096" for |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" eat the |strong="G3588" Passover meal. Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652" were |strong="G1096" together |strong="G4862" at |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" table.<sup>15</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846", " I |strong="G1473" wanted very |strong="G0846" much to |strong="G4314" eat |strong="G2068" this |strong="G3778" Passover |strong="G3957" meal with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210" before |strong="G4253" I |strong="G1473" die.<sup>16</sup> I |strong="G2193" will |strong="G2316" never |strong="G3756" eat |strong="G2068" another |strong="G3765" Passover meal until |strong="G2193" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" given its |strong="G0846" full |strong="G4137" meaning in |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932"."

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G3004" took |strong="G2983" a |strong="G2983" cup |strong="G4221" of |strong="G3004" wine. He |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G2168" thanks |strong="G2168" to |strong="G1519" God |strong="G3004" for |strong="G1519" it |strong="G3778" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Take |strong="G2983" this |strong="G3778" cup |strong="G4221" and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G2168"

it |strong="G3778" to |strong="G1519" everyone here |strong="G1519".<sup>18</sup> I |strong="G2193" will |strong="G2316" never |strong="G3756" drink |strong="G4095" wine again |strong="G2193" until |strong="G2193" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" comes |strong="G2064"."

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" took |strong="G2983" some |strong="G3588" bread |strong="G0740" and |strong="G2532" thanked |strong="G2168" God |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1519" it |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" broke |strong="G2806" off some |strong="G3588" pieces, gave |strong="G1325" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" apostles and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" bread |strong="G0740" is |strong="G1510" my |strong="G1699" body |strong="G4983" that |strong="G3004" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" giving |strong="G1325" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210". Eat this |strong="G3778" to |strong="G1519" remember |strong="G4160" me |strong="G1325"."<sup>20</sup> In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G5615" way |strong="G5615", after |strong="G3326" supper |strong="G1172", Jesus |strong="G3004" took the |strong="G3588" cup |strong="G4221" of |strong="G0129" wine and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" wine represents the |strong="G3588" new |strong="G2537" agreement from |strong="G1722" God |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" his |strong="G2532" people |strong="G3778". It |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3778" begin when |strong="G2532" my |strong="G1722" blood |strong="G0129" is |strong="G3778" poured out for |strong="G5228" you |strong="G5210"."<sup>1</sup>

#### **Who |strong="G3588" Will |strong="G3778" Turn Against |strong="G3326" Jesus |strong="G3004"?**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus |strong="G3326" said, " But |strong="G4133" here |strong="G2400" on |strong="G1909" this |strong="G3588" table |strong="G5132" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" hand |strong="G5495" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1473" hand |strong="G5495" me |strong="G1473" over |strong="G1909" to |strong="G1909" my |strong="G3708" enemies.<sup>22</sup> The |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" will |strong="G3739" do |strong="G4198" what |strong="G3739" God has |strong="G3739" planned. But |strong="G4133" it |strong="G1223"

<sup>1</sup> A few Greek copies do not have Jesus' words in the last part of verse 19 and all of verse 20.

will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G0444" very |strong="G1565" bad for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" hands |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444" to |strong="G2596" be |strong="G0444" killed."

<sup>23</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" apostles asked |strong="G4802" each |strong="G1438" other |strong="G1438", " Which |strong="G5101" one |strong="G1438" of |strong="G1537" us |strong="G1537" would |strong="G3195" do |strong="G4238" that |strong="G3778"?"

#### **Be |strong="G1510" Like |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1510" Servant**

<sup>24</sup> Later, the |strong="G3588" apostles began |strong="G1096" to |strong="G2532" argue about |strong="G1722" which |strong="G5101" one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" most important |strong="G3173".

<sup>25</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " The |strong="G3588" kings |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0935" the |strong="G3588" world rule over |strong="G2961" their |strong="G0846" people |strong="G1484", and |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" authority |strong="G1850" over |strong="G2961" others |strong="G3588" want to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G2532" called |strong="G2564" the |strong="G3588" great providers for |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484".<sup>26</sup> But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" must |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1096" like |strong="G5613" that |strong="G1096". The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" most authority among |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2532" act as |strong="G5613" if |strong="G5613" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" least important |strong="G3173". The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" leads should |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1096" like |strong="G5613" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" serves |strong="G1247".<sup>27</sup> Who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" more |strong="G3173" important |strong="G3173": the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" serving |strong="G1247" or |strong="G2228" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" sitting at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" table being |strong="G1510" served |strong="G1247"? Every-

one|strong="G5101" thinks it's the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" being|strong="G1510" served|strong="G1247", right? But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" as|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" serves|strong="G1247".

<sup>28</sup> " You|strong="G5210" men have|strong="G1510" stayed|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1473" through|strong="G1722" many struggles. <sup>29</sup> So|strong="G2504" I|strong="G1473" give you|strong="G5210" authority to|strong="G0932" rule with|strong="G3962" me|strong="G1473" in|strong="G1473" the|strong="G3588" kingdom|strong="G0932" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" has|strong="G3962" given me|strong="G1473". <sup>30</sup> You|strong="G1722" will|strong="G2532" eat|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" at|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" table|strong="G5132" in|strong="G1722" that|strong="G2443" kingdom|strong="G0932". You|strong="G1722" will|strong="G2532" sit|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909" thrones|strong="G2362" and|strong="G2532" judge|strong="G2919" the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" tribes|strong="G5443" of|strong="G0932" Israel|strong="G2474".

### Peter Will|strong="G2532" Be|strong="G2532" Tested and|strong="G2532" Fail

(Matthew 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; John 13:36-38)

<sup>31</sup> " Satan|strong="G4567" has|strong="G3708" asked to|strong="G3708" test you|strong="G5210" men like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" farmer tests his|strong="G3708" wheat|strong="G4621". O Simon|strong="G4613", Simon|strong="G4613", <sup>32</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G1189" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3361" lose your|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102"! Help|strong="G4012" your|strong="G2532" brothers|strong="G0080" be|strong="G2532" stronger when|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" come|strong="G1587" back|strong="G1994" to|strong="G2443" me|strong="G1473"."

<sup>33</sup> But|strong="G1161" Peter|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" Jesus|strong="G0846", " Lord|strong="G2962", I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" ready|strong="G2092" to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" jail with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G4771". I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510"

even|strong="G2532" die|strong="G2288" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G4771"! "

<sup>34</sup> But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004", " Peter|strong="G4074", before|strong="G2193" the|strong="G3588" rooster|strong="G0220" crows|strong="G5455" tomorrow morning, you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" me|strong="G3004". You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588" three|strong="G5151" times|strong="G5151"."

### Be|strong="G3361" Ready for|strong="G5455" Trouble

<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" apostles, "Remember when|strong="G3753" I|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649" you|strong="G5210" out|strong="G0649" without|strong="G3361" money|strong="G0905", a|strong="G3004" bag|strong="G4082", or|strong="G2532" sandals|strong="G5266"? Did|strong="G0649" you|strong="G5210" need|strong="G5302" anything|strong="G5100"?"

The|strong="G3588" apostles said|strong="G3004", " No|strong="G3762"."

<sup>36</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" if|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" have|strong="G2192" money|strong="G0905" or|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2192" bag|strong="G4082", carry|strong="G0142" that|strong="G3004" with|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004". If|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" don't|strong="G3361" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" sword|strong="G3162", sell|strong="G4453" your|strong="G2192" coat|strong="G2440" and|strong="G2532" buy|strong="G0059" one|strong="G3588". <sup>37</sup> The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say|strong="G3004",

' He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" considered|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" criminal.'

Isaiah 53:12

This|strong="G3778" Scripture|strong="G1125" must|strong="G1163" happen. It|strong="G3778" was|strong="G3588" written|strong="G1125" about|strong="G4012" me|strong="G3004", and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" happening now|strong="G2532"."

<sup>38</sup> The|strong="G3588" followers said|strong="G3004", " Look|strong="G2400", Lord|strong="G2962", here|strong="G5602"

I SIMON Simon's other name was Peter.

are|strong="G1510" two|strong="G1417" swords|strong="G3162".

Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", "That's enough|strong="G2425".<sup>I</sup>

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Prays Alone|strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42)

<sup>39</sup> Jesus left the city and went to the Mount of Olives. His followers went with him. (He went there often.) He said to his followers, "Pray for strength against temptation."

<sup>41</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" went about|strong="G5616" 50 steps away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" knelt down|strong="G5087" and|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336", <sup>42</sup> "Father|strong="G3962", if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" are|strong="G3778" willing|strong="G1014", please don't|strong="G3361" make|strong="G3361" me|strong="G3004" drink from|strong="G0575" this|strong="G3778" cup|strong="G4221".<sup>II</sup> But|strong="G0235" do|strong="G1096" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G1487" want|strong="G1014", not|strong="G3361" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G1014".<sup>43</sup> Then|strong="G1161" an|strong="G0032" angel|strong="G0032" from|strong="G0575" heaven|strong="G3772" came to|strong="G0846" help him|strong="G0846". <sup>44</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" full of|strong="G1909" pain; he|strong="G2532" struggled hard in|strong="G1722" prayer|strong="G4336". Sweat|strong="G2402" dripped from|strong="G2597" his|strong="G0846" face like|strong="G5616" drops|strong="G2361" of|strong="G1909" blood|strong="G0129" falling|strong="G2597" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1093".<sup>III</sup><sup>45</sup> When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" finished praying|strong="G4335", he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" his|strong="G0846" followers. He|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" them|strong="G0846" asleep|strong="G2837", worn out|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" their|strong="G0846" grieving. <sup>46</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", "Why|strong="G5101" are|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" sleeping|strong="G2518"? Get|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450" and|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G4336"

<sup>I</sup> "THAT'S ENOUGH" Or "Enough of that!" meaning "Don't talk any more about such things."<sup>II</sup> CUP A symbol of suffering. Jesus used the idea of drinking from a cup to mean accepting the suffering he would face in the terrible events that were soon to come. <sup>III</sup> Some Greek copies do not have verses 43 and 44.

for|strong="G1519" strength against|strong="G1519" temptation|strong="G3986".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Is|strong="G5101" Arrested**  
(Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; John|strong="G0846" 18:3-11)

<sup>47</sup> While|strong="G2980" Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424" speaking|strong="G2980", a|strong="G3708" crowd|strong="G3793" came|strong="G1448" up. It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G2424" led by|strong="G3004" Judas|strong="G2455", one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" apostles. He|strong="G2532" came|strong="G1448" over to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G2424" to|strong="G3004" kiss|strong="G5368" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>48</sup> But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", "Judas|strong="G2455", are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3004" using|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" kiss|strong="G5370" of|strong="G5207" friendship to|strong="G3004" hand|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" to|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" enemies?"<sup>49</sup> The|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" standing there|strong="G1510" too. They|strong="G0846" saw|strong="G3708" what|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" happening and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846", "Lord|strong="G2962", should|strong="G3960" we|strong="G1487" use our|strong="G2962" swords|strong="G3162"?"<sup>50</sup> And|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" them|strong="G0846" did|strong="G5100" use his|strong="G0846" sword. He|strong="G2532" cut|strong="G0851" off|strong="G0851" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1188" ear|strong="G3775" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" servant|strong="G1401" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749".

<sup>51</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", "Stop|strong="G1439"! Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" touched|strong="G0681" the|strong="G3588" servant's ear|strong="G5621" and|strong="G2532" healed|strong="G2390" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>52</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" spoke|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" group that|strong="G3004" came|strong="G1831" to|strong="G4314" arrest him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749",

the **older** Jewish leaders, and the Jewish soldiers. He said to them, "Why did you come here with swords and clubs? Do you think I am a criminal?" I was with you every day in the Temple area. Why didn't you try to arrest me there this your time—the time when rules."

**Peter Is Afraid to Say He Knows Jesus**

(Matthew 26:57-58, 69-75; Mark 14:53-54, 66-72; John 18:12-18, 25-27)

<sup>54</sup> They arrested Jesus and took away the house of high priest Peter. Peter followed Jesus but stayed back at a distance. The soldiers started a fire in the middle of the yard and sat together. Peter sat with them. <sup>55</sup> A servant girl saw him there. She could see because of the light the fire gave. She looked closely

at Peter's face. Then she said, "This man was also with Jesus."

<sup>57</sup> But Peter said this was not true. He said, "Lady, I don't know him." <sup>58</sup> A short time later, someone else saw Peter and said, "You are also one of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

<sup>59</sup> About an hour later, another man said, "It's true. I'm sure this man was him, because he is from Galilee."

<sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I don't know you are talking about!"

Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. Then the Lord turned and looked into Peter's eyes. And Peter remembered what the Lord had said, "Before the rooster crows in the morning, you will say three times you don't know

me|strong="G3004".<sup>62</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Peter|strong="G1831" went|strong="G1831" outside|strong="G1854" and|strong="G2532" cried bitterly|strong="G4090".

**The|strong="G2532" Guards Treat Jesus|strong="G1831" Badly**  
(Matthew 26:67-68; Mark 14:65)

<sup>63</sup> The|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0435" guarding Jesus|strong="G0846" made fun of|strong="G0435" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" beat|strong="G1194" him|strong="G0846".<sup>64</sup> They|strong="G0846" covered|strong="G4028" his|strong="G0846" eyes|strong="G1905" so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3004" he|strong="G2532" could not|strong="G1510" see them|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" hit|strong="G3817" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" prophet I and|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" us|strong="G3004" who|strong="G3588" hit|strong="G3817" you|strong="G4771"!"<sup>65</sup> And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" shouted all|strong="G4183" kinds of|strong="G3004" insults at|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Before|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" Jewish Leaders|strong="G3004"**  
(Matthew 26:59-66; Mark 14:55-64; John|strong="G0846" 18:19-24)

<sup>66</sup> The|strong="G3588" next morning|strong="G2250", the|strong="G3588" older leaders|strong="G3004" of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992", the|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" law came|strong="G1096" together|strong="G4863". They|strong="G0846" led|strong="G0520" Jesus|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0520" to|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" high|strong="G0749" council|strong="G4892".<sup>67</sup> They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3004" Messiah|strong="G5547", then|strong="G1161" tell|strong="G3004" us|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510"."  
Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", "If|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3004" Messiah|strong="G5547",

I PROPHET A prophet often knows things that are hidden to other people.

you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" believe|strong="G4100" me|strong="G3004".<sup>68</sup> And|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" I|strong="G1437" ask|strong="G2065" you|strong="G1437", you|strong="G1437" will|strong="G2065" not|strong="G3756" answer|strong="G0611".<sup>69</sup> But|strong="G1161" beginning now|strong="G1161", the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" will|strong="G2316" sit|strong="G2521" at|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1188" side of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316" All-Powerful."

<sup>70</sup> They|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3956" said|strong="G3004", "Then|strong="G3767" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3956" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316"?"  
Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", "You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" right in|strong="G2316" saying|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510"."

<sup>71</sup> They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "Why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G2192" we|strong="G1161" need|strong="G5532" witnesses now|strong="G1161"? We|strong="G1161" all|strong="G3588" heard|strong="G0191" what|strong="G5101" he|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004"!"

**Governor Pilate Questions Jesus**

(Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14; Mark 15:1-5; John 18:28-38)

**23** Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" whole|strong="G0537" group|strong="G4128" stood|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450" and|strong="G2532" led|strong="G0071" Jesus|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0071" to|strong="G1909" Pilate|strong="G4091".<sup>2</sup> They|strong="G0846" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G3004" accuse|strong="G2723" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Pilate|strong="G3004", "We|strong="G2249" caught this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778" trying to|strong="G3004" change the|strong="G3588" thinking of|strong="G0935" our|strong="G5547" people|strong="G1484". He|strong="G2532" says|strong="G3004" we|strong="G2249" should|strong="G3778" not|strong="G1510" pay|strong="G1325" taxes|strong="G5411" to|strong="G3004" Caesar|strong="G2541". He|strong="G2532" calls|strong="G3004" himself|strong="G1438" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547", a|strong="G1510" king|strong="G0935"."

<sup>3</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" asked |strong="G2065" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0935" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453"? " Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G0611", " Yes |strong="G1161", what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" say |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" true."

<sup>4</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444", " I |strong="G2532" find |strong="G2147" nothing |strong="G3762" wrong with |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G0444". "

<sup>5</sup> But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G2532" kept |strong="G2992" on |strong="G0575" saying |strong="G3004", " His |strong="G2532" teaching |strong="G1321" is |strong="G3588" causing trouble all |strong="G3650" over |strong="G2596" Judea |strong="G2449". He |strong="G2532" began |strong="G0757" in |strong="G2596" Galilee |strong="G1056", and |strong="G2532" now |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" here |strong="G5602". "

**Pilate |strong="G3004" Sends Jesus |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Herod**

<sup>6</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588" and |strong="G1161" asked |strong="G1905" if |strong="G1487" Jesus |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0191" Galilee |strong="G1057". <sup>7</sup> He |strong="G2532" learned |strong="G1921" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" under |strong="G1722" Herod's |strong="G2264" authority |strong="G1849". Herod |strong="G2264" was |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" at |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3754" time |strong="G2250", so |strong="G2532" Pilate sent |strong="G0375" Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>8</sup> When |strong="G2532" Herod |strong="G2264" saw |strong="G3708" Jesus |strong="G2424", he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" very |strong="G0846" happy. He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2424" heard |strong="G0191" all |strong="G3588" about |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2424" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" meet him |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1096" long |strong="G5550" time |strong="G5550". Herod |strong="G2264" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" see |strong="G3708" a |strong="G1096" miracle |strong="G4592",

so |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" hoping |strong="G1679" that |strong="G0191" Jesus |strong="G2424" would |strong="G1096" do |strong="G1096" one |strong="G5100". <sup>9</sup> He |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G1905" him |strong="G0846" many |strong="G2425" questions |strong="G1905", but |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G0611" nothing |strong="G3762". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" teachers of |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" law were |strong="G3588" standing |strong="G2476" there |strong="G1161" shouting things |strong="G0846" against |strong="G2723" Jesus |strong="G0846". <sup>11</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Herod |strong="G2264" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" soldiers |strong="G4753" laughed at |strong="G1161" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" made fun of |strong="G3588" him |strong="G0846" by |strong="G2532" dressing |strong="G4016" him |strong="G0846" in |strong="G2532" clothes |strong="G2066" like |strong="G0846" kings wear |strong="G4016". Then |strong="G2532" Herod |strong="G2264" sent |strong="G0375" him |strong="G0846" back |strong="G0375" to |strong="G2532" Pilate |strong="G4091". <sup>12</sup> In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" past Pilate |strong="G4091" and |strong="G2532" Herod |strong="G2264" had |strong="G1510" always been |strong="G1510" enemies |strong="G2189". But |strong="G1161" on |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1096" day |strong="G2250" they |strong="G0846" became |strong="G1096" friends |strong="G5384".

**Pilate |strong="G4091" Tries but |strong="G1161" Fails to |strong="G4314" Free Jesus |strong="G0846"**  
(Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; John |strong="G0846" 18:39—19:16)

<sup>13</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" called |strong="G4779" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" together |strong="G4779" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Jewish leaders |strong="G0758". <sup>14</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846", " You |strong="G5210" brought |strong="G4374" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G0444" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G3004". You |strong="G5210" said |strong="G3004" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" trying to |strong="G4314" change the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992". But |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" judged him |strong="G0846" before |strong="G1799" you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3588" and |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3762"

found|strong="G2147" him|strong="G0846" guilty of|strong="G1799" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" you|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3004" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3739" done. <sup>15</sup> Herod|strong="G2264" didn't find him|strong="G0846" guilty either|strong="G3761". He|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0375" him|strong="G0846" back|strong="G0375" to|strong="G4314" us|strong="G3708". Look|strong="G2400", he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3762" done|strong="G4238" nothing|strong="G3762" bad enough for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2532" death|strong="G2288" penalty. <sup>16</sup> So|strong="G3767" after|strong="G3767" I|strong="G3767" punish|strong="G3811" him|strong="G0846" a|strong="G3767" little, I|strong="G3767" will|strong="G0846" let|strong="G0630" him|strong="G0846" go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630".<sup>17</sup> <sup>17</sup> I

<sup>18</sup> But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161" all|strong="G3588" shouted, "Kill him|strong="G0630"! Let|strong="G0630" Barabbas|strong="G0912" go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630"!" <sup>19</sup> (Barabbas was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" man|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" jail for|strong="G1223" starting|strong="G1096" a|strong="G1096" riot in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172" and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1223" murder|strong="G5408".)

<sup>20</sup> Pilate|strong="G4091" wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" let|strong="G0630" Jesus|strong="G2424" go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630". So|strong="G1161" again|strong="G3825" Pilate|strong="G4091" told them|strong="G0630" that|strong="G1161" he|strong="G3825" would|strong="G2309" let|strong="G0630" him|strong="G0630" go|strong="G0630". <sup>21</sup> But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" shouted|strong="G2019" again, "Kill him|strong="G0846"! Kill him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1161" a|strong="G3004" cross!"

<sup>22</sup> A|strong="G4160" third|strong="G5154" time|strong="G5154" Pilate|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846", "Why|strong="G5101"? What|strong="G5101" wrong|strong="G2556" has|strong="G5101" he|strong="G0846" done|strong="G4160"? He|strong="G0846" is|strong="G5101" not|strong="G3762" guilty. I|strong="G3778" can|strong="G3004" find|strong="G2147" no|strong="G3762" reason|strong="G0846"

I A few Greek copies add verse 17: "Every year at the Passover festival, Pilate had to release one prisoner to the people."

to|strong="G4314" kill him|strong="G0846". So|strong="G3767" I|strong="G3778" will|strong="G5101" let|strong="G0630" him|strong="G0846" go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630" after|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3778" punish|strong="G3811" him|strong="G0846" a|strong="G4160" little."<sup>23</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" continued to|strong="G2532" shout. They|strong="G0846" demanded that|strong="G0846" Jesus|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" killed on|strong="G1161" a|strong="G2532" cross. Their|strong="G0846" shouting got so|strong="G2532" loud|strong="G3173" that|strong="G0846"<sup>24</sup> Pilate|strong="G4091" decided|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2532" give|strong="G1096" them|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" wanted. <sup>25</sup> They|strong="G0846" wanted Barabbas to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630"— the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" was|strong="G2424" in|strong="G1519" jail for|strong="G1519" starting a|strong="G3739" riot and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519" murder|strong="G5408". Pilate|strong="G3860" let|strong="G0630" Barabbas go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630". And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" handed|strong="G3860" Jesus|strong="G2424" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" killed. This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3739" what|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" wanted.

**Jesus|strong="G2424" Is|strong="G3739" Nailed to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739" Cross**  
(Matthew 27:32-44; Mark 15:21-32; John|strong="G0846" 19:17-19)

<sup>26</sup> The|strong="G3588" soldiers led|strong="G0520" Jesus|strong="G2424" away|strong="G0520". At|strong="G3588" that|strong="G0846" same|strong="G0846" time there was|strong="G2424" a|strong="G5613" man|strong="G5100" from|strong="G0575" Cyrene|strong="G2956" named|strong="G4613" Simon|strong="G4613" coming|strong="G2064" into|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" fields|strong="G0068". The|strong="G3588" soldiers forced him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2064" carry|strong="G5342" Jesus'|strong="G2424" cross|strong="G4716" and|strong="G2532" walk behind|strong="G3693" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>27</sup> A|strong="G3739" large|strong="G4183" crowd|strong="G4128" followed|strong="G0190" Jesus|strong="G0846". Some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G4128" the|strong="G3588"



women were sad and crying. They felt sorry for him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turned and said to the women, "Women of Jerusalem, don't cry for me or yourselves and for your children too." <sup>29</sup> The time is coming when people will say, 'The women who have the babies are the ones God blessed.' It's really a blessing that they have no children to care for! <sup>30</sup> Then the will to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' They will say to the hills, 'Cover us!' <sup>31</sup> If this can happen to someone who is good, what will happen to those who are guilty? <sup>32</sup> There also two criminals led out with Jesus to be killed. <sup>33</sup> They were led to a place called Skull. There the soldiers nailed Jesus to

the cross. They also nailed the criminals to crosses beside Jesus—one on the right and the other on the left.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them." They don't know what they are doing." <sup>III</sup>

The soldiers threw dice to divide Jesus' clothes between them. <sup>35</sup> The people there watching everything. The Jewish leaders laughed at Jesus. They said, "If he is God's Chosen One, the Messiah, let him save himself or others!"

<sup>36</sup> Even the soldiers laughed at Jesus and made fun of him. They and offered him some sour wine. They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> (At the top of the cross these words were written: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS")

I 23:30 Quote from Hosea 10:8. II IF THIS CAN HAPPEN ... GUILTY Literally, "If they do these things in the green tree, what will happen in the dry?"

III JESUS SAID, "FATHER ... DOING" Some early copies of Luke do not have these words.

<sup>39</sup> One *of* *of* criminals *hanging* there *there* *to* shout insults at *Jesus*: "Aren't you *the* *Messiah*? Then *save* yourself, and *save* us *too*!"

<sup>40</sup> But *the* other *him* *said*, "You *should* *God* *of* *will* *You* *I* *We* *to* *we* *But* *man* *done* *wrong*." <sup>42</sup> Then *he* *said*, "Jesus *remember* *me* *you* *begin* *king*!"

<sup>43</sup> Then *Jesus* *said* *him* *you* *you* *be* *me* *paradise*:"

#### **Jesus Dies**

(Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; John 19:28-30)

<sup>44</sup> It *was* *about* *but* *turned* *land* *three* *the* *because* *sun* *The* *in* *temple* *torn* *into* *pieces*.

<sup>46</sup> Jesus *shouted*, "Fa-

*ther* *I* *put* *my* *life* *in* *your* *hands*!" <sup>1</sup> After *Jesus* *said* *this* *he* *died*.

<sup>47</sup> The *army officer* *there* *what* *He* *God* *I* *man* *a* *man*:"

<sup>48</sup> Many *people* *had* *out* *the* *see* *this* *they* *it* *very* *and* *left*.

<sup>49</sup> The *people* *who* *were* *were* *also* *were* *women* *had* *from* *They* *stood* *away* *the* *watched* *these* *things*:"

#### **Jesus Is Buried**

(Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; John 19:38-42)

<sup>50</sup> A man named Joseph was there from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a good man, who lived the way God wanted. He was waiting for God's kingdom to come. Joseph was a member of the Jewish council. But he did not agree when the other Jewish leaders decided to kill Jesus. <sup>52</sup> He *went* *Pilate* *asked* *the* *of* *He* *the* *from* *the* *cross*

<sup>1</sup> "I PUT ... HANDS" Literally, "I put my spirit in your hands." Quote from Psalm 31:5.

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#### News That Jesus Has Risen From Death

(Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; John 20:1-10)

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tomb |strong="G3419" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G5290" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" eleven |strong="G1733" apostles and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" other |strong="G3062" followers. They |strong="G2532" told |strong="G0518" them |strong="G3778" everything |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3778" happened |strong="G3588" at |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" tomb |strong="G3419".<sup>10</sup> These |strong="G3778" women |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" Mary |strong="G3137" Magdalene |strong="G3094", Joanna |strong="G2489", Mary |strong="G3137", the |strong="G3588" mother of |strong="G0652" James |strong="G2385", and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3062". They |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652" everything that |strong="G3004" happened |strong="G3588".<sup>11</sup> But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" apostles did |strong="G0569" not |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G0569" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532". It |strong="G0846" sounded like |strong="G5616" nonsense |strong="G3026".<sup>12</sup> But |strong="G1161" Peter |strong="G4074" got |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" and |strong="G2532" ran |strong="G5143" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G2532" tomb |strong="G3419" to |strong="G4314" see |strong="G0991". He |strong="G2532" looked |strong="G1096" in |strong="G1909", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G0991" only |strong="G3441" the |strong="G2532" cloth that |strong="G1096" Jesus' body had |strong="G2532" been |strong="G1096" wrapped in |strong="G1909". It |strong="G1161" was |strong="G4074" just |strong="G2532" lying there |strong="G1161". Peter |strong="G4074" went |strong="G0565" away |strong="G0565" to |strong="G4314" be |strong="G1096" alone |strong="G3441", wondering |strong="G2296" what |strong="G1161" had |strong="G2532" happened |strong="G1096".<sup>I</sup>

**On |strong="G1909" The |strong="G2532" Road to |strong="G4314" Emmaus**

(Mark 16:12-13)

<sup>13</sup> That |strong="G3739" same |strong="G0846" day |strong="G2250" two |strong="G1417" of |strong="G1537" Jesus' followers were |strong="G1510" going |strong="G4198" to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1510" town |strong="G2532" named |strong="G3686" Emmaus |strong="G1695". It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" about |strong="G1722" seven |strong="G1835" miles |strong="G4712"<sup>II</sup>

I A few Greek copies do not have this verse. II SEVEN MILES Literally, "seven stadias"

from |strong="G0575" Jerusalem |strong="G2419".<sup>14</sup> They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3956" talking |strong="G3656" about |strong="G4012" everything |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3778" had |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G4819".<sup>15</sup> While |strong="G1722" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1096" talking |strong="G3656", discussing |strong="G4802" these |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846", Jesus |strong="G2424" himself |strong="G1438" came |strong="G1096" near |strong="G1448" and |strong="G2532" walked with |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846".<sup>16</sup> ( But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" two men |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3788" not |strong="G3361" allowed to |strong="G0846" recognize |strong="G1921" Jesus |strong="G0846".)<sup>17</sup> He |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", "What's this |strong="G3778" I |strong="G3739" hear you |strong="G3739" discussing with |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161" as |strong="G1438" you |strong="G3739" walk |strong="G4043"?"

The |strong="G3588" two men |strong="G3778" stopped |strong="G2476", their |strong="G0846" faces looking |strong="G4659" very |strong="G0846" sad |strong="G4659".<sup>18</sup> The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" named |strong="G3686" Cleopas |strong="G2810" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G4771" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3441" person |strong="G1520" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" who |strong="G3739" doesn't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1097" what |strong="G3739" has |strong="G3739" just |strong="G2532" happened |strong="G1096" there |strong="G1722"."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3956" you |strong="G3739" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G4012"?"

They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", "It's about |strong="G4012" Jesus |strong="G2424", the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" from |strong="G1722" Nazareth |strong="G3479". To |strong="G3004" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G3004" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G2992" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" a |strong="G1096" great |strong="G3956" prophet |strong="G4396". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1096" many powerful |strong="G1415" things |strong="G3956".<sup>20</sup> But |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2532" leaders |strong="G0758" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" leading |strong="G1519" priests |strong="G0749" handed |strong="G3860" him |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860"

to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" judged and|strong="G2532" killed. They|strong="G0846" nailed him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2532" cross. <sup>21</sup> We|strong="G2249" were|strong="G1510" hoping|strong="G1679" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G3195" be|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3739" to|strong="G3195" free|strong="G3084" Israel|strong="G2474". But|strong="G1161" then|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" this|strong="G3778" happened|strong="G1096".

" And|strong="G2532" now|strong="G1161" something|strong="G1510" else|strong="G2532":

It|strong="G0846" has|strong="G3739" been|strong="G1510" three days|strong="G2250" since|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" killed, <sup>22</sup> but|strong="G0235" today some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G1537" our|strong="G2532" women|strong="G1135" told us|strong="G1537" an|strong="G1096" amazing|strong="G1839" thing. Early|strong="G3720" this|strong="G3588" morning|strong="G3720" they|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1096" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" tomb|strong="G3419" where|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" body of|strong="G1537" Jesus|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" laid. <sup>23</sup> But|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G2147" not|strong="G3361" find|strong="G2147" his|strong="G0846" body|strong="G4983" there|strong="G3739". They|strong="G0846" came|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004" us|strong="G3004" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3739" seen|strong="G3708" some|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032" in|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3708" vision|strong="G3701". The|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032" told|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" Jesus|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3739" alive|strong="G2198"! <sup>24</sup> So|strong="G2532" some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G1909" our|strong="G2532" group went|strong="G0565" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" tomb|strong="G3419" too|strong="G2532". It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" the|strong="G3588" women|strong="G1135" said|strong="G3004". They|strong="G0846" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" tomb|strong="G3419", but|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G2147" not|strong="G3756" see|strong="G3708" Jesus|strong="G0846"."

<sup>25</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3956" two men|strong="G3956", "

You|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3956" foolish|strong="G0453" and|strong="G2532" slow|strong="G1021" to|strong="G4314" realize what|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3739" true. You|strong="G3739" should|strong="G2532" believe|strong="G4100" everything|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" prophets|strong="G4396" said|strong="G3004". <sup>26</sup> The|strong="G3588" prophets said|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547" must|strong="G1163" suffer|strong="G3958" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" before|strong="G1519" he|strong="G2532" begins his|strong="G0846" time of|strong="G1391" glory|strong="G1391". <sup>27</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G0757" explain everything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3956" had|strong="G3588" been|strong="G2532" written about|strong="G4012" himself|strong="G1438" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" Scriptures|strong="G1124". He|strong="G2532" started with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" books of|strong="G0575" Moses|strong="G3475" and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" talked about|strong="G4012" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3956" prophets|strong="G4396" had|strong="G3588" said|strong="G2532" about|strong="G4012" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>28</sup> They|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1448" near|strong="G1448" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532" of|strong="G3588" Emmaus, and|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" acted|strong="G4364" as|strong="G1519" if|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" did not|strong="G2532" plan to|strong="G1519" stop there|strong="G3757". <sup>29</sup> But|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" wanted him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G4314" stay|strong="G3306". They|strong="G0846" begged him|strong="G0846", " Stay|strong="G3306" with|strong="G3326" us|strong="G3004". It's almost night. There's hardly any daylight|strong="G2250" left." So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1525" in|strong="G2532" to|strong="G4314" stay|strong="G3306" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>30</sup> Joining them|strong="G0846" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" supper table, Jesus|strong="G0846" took|strong="G2983" some|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1929" thanks. Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" broke|strong="G2806" some|strong="G3588" off and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1929" it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2532" them|strong="G0846". <sup>31</sup> Just|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"

men |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3788" allowed to |strong="G2532" recognize |strong="G1921" him |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" saw who |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588", he |strong="G2532" disappeared. <sup>32</sup> They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240", " When |strong="G5613" he |strong="G2532" talked |strong="G2980" to |strong="G4314" us |strong="G3004" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598", it |strong="G1510" felt |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" fire burning |strong="G2545" in |strong="G1722" us |strong="G3004". How |strong="G5613" exciting it |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" when |strong="G5613" he |strong="G2532" explained to |strong="G4314" us |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" true meaning of |strong="G3598" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures |strong="G1124"! "

<sup>33</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" two men |strong="G0846" got |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" then |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G5290" back |strong="G5290" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". There they |strong="G0846" found |strong="G2147" the |strong="G3588" followers of |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G0846" meeting together |strong="G4867". The |strong="G3588" eleven |strong="G1733" apostles and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" with |strong="G4862" them |strong="G0846"<sup>34</sup> said |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" really |strong="G3689" has |strong="G2962" risen |strong="G1453" from |strong="G2532" death! He |strong="G2532" appeared |strong="G3708" to |strong="G3004" Simon |strong="G4613". "

<sup>35</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" two men |strong="G0846" told |strong="G1834" what |strong="G3588" had |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598". They |strong="G0846" talked about |strong="G5613" how |strong="G5613" they |strong="G0846" recognized |strong="G1097" Jesus |strong="G0846" when |strong="G5613" he |strong="G2532" shared the |strong="G3588" bread |strong="G0740" with |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846".

### Jesus |strong="G0846" Appears to |strong="G2532" His |strong="G0846" Followers

(Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18; John |strong="G0846" 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-8)

<sup>36</sup> While |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" two |strong="G3319" men |strong="G3778" were |strong="G3778" saying |strong="G2980" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" to |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" other |strong="G1161" followers, Jesus |strong="G0846" himself |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2476" and |strong="G1161" stood |strong="G2476" among |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2980" to |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846", "Peace be |strong="G3778" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1722". "

<sup>37</sup> This |strong="G2532" surprised the |strong="G2532" followers. They |strong="G2532" were |strong="G1096" afraid. They |strong="G2532" thought |strong="G1380" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G1096" seeing |strong="G2334" a |strong="G1096" ghost. <sup>38</sup> But |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" troubled |strong="G5015"? Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" doubt what |strong="G5101" you |strong="G5210" see? <sup>39</sup> Look |strong="G3708" at |strong="G3588" my |strong="G3708" hands |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G3708" feet |strong="G4228". It's really me |strong="G1473". Touch |strong="G5584" me |strong="G1473". You |strong="G3754" can see |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" living |strong="G2192" body |strong="G4561"; a |strong="G2192" ghost does |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" body |strong="G4561" like |strong="G2531" this |strong="G3588". "

<sup>40</sup> After |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" this |strong="G0846", he |strong="G2532" showed them |strong="G0846" his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" feet |strong="G4228". <sup>41</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G3588" amazed |strong="G2296" and |strong="G2532" very |strong="G0846", very |strong="G0846" happy to |strong="G3004" see that |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" alive. They |strong="G0846" still |strong="G2089" could |strong="G2192" not |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G0569" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" saw. He |strong="G2532"

said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Do |strong="G2192" you |strong="G3004" have |strong="G2192" any |strong="G5100" food here |strong="G1759"?" 42 They |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1929" him |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1161" piece |strong="G3313" of |strong="G3313" cooked fish |strong="G2486". 43 While |strong="G2068" the |strong="G2532" followers watched, he |strong="G2532" took |strong="G2983" the |strong="G2532" fish and |strong="G2532" ate |strong="G2068" it |strong="G0846".

44 Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846", "Remember when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" before |strong="G4314"? I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" everything |strong="G3956" written |strong="G1125" about |strong="G4012" me |strong="G3004" must |strong="G1163" happen |strong="G1510"— everything |strong="G3956" written |strong="G1125" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G3056" Moses |strong="G3475", the |strong="G3956" books of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3956" prophets |strong="G4396", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" Psalms |strong="G5568"."

45 Then |strong="G5119" Jesus |strong="G0846" helped the |strong="G3588" followers understand |strong="G4920" these |strong="G3588" Scriptures |strong="G1124" about |strong="G3588" him |strong="G0846". 46 Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" written |strong="G1125" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547" would |strong="G5547" be |strong="G2532" killed and |strong="G2532" rise |strong="G0450" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498" on |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" day |strong="G2250". 47 You saw these things hap-

pen—you are witnesses. You must go and tell people that they must change and turn to God, which will bring them his forgiveness. You must start from Jerusalem and tell this message in my name to the people of all nations. 49 Remember |strong="G2400" that |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739" send |strong="G1821" you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" my |strong="G1722" Father |strong="G3962" promised |strong="G1860". Stay |strong="G2523" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" until |strong="G2193" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3739" given that |strong="G3739" power |strong="G1411" from |strong="G1537" heaven."

### Jesus |strong="G2532" Goes Back to |strong="G1909" Heaven

(Mark 16:19-20; Acts 1:9-11)

50 Jesus |strong="G0846" led |strong="G1806" his |strong="G0846" followers out |strong="G1806" of |strong="G5495" Jerusalem almost to |strong="G4314" Bethany |strong="G0963". He |strong="G2532" raised |strong="G1869" his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" blessed |strong="G2127" his |strong="G0846" followers. 51 While |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" blessing |strong="G2127" them |strong="G0846", he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" separated from |strong="G0575" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" carried |strong="G1096" into |strong="G1519" heaven |strong="G3772". 52 They |strong="G0846" worshiped |strong="G4352" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G5290" back |strong="G5290" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" very |strong="G0846" happy. 53 They |strong="G2532" stayed |strong="G1510" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Temple |strong="G2413" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" time, praising |strong="G0134" God |strong="G2316".

# John

## Christ Comes to the World

**1** Before world began, the Word<sup>I</sup> was there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in beginning. Everything was made through him, and nothing was made without him. In there life was that was light for the people of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the light not defeated it.

**6** There a man named John, who sent God. He came to tell people about

I WORD The Greek word is "logos"

II LIGHT Meaning Christ, the Word, who brought to the world understanding about God. Also in verse 7. III DEFEATED Or "understood."

the light. Through all people could hear about the light and believe. John was not light. But he came to tell people about the light. The true light was coming into world. This is the true light that to all people.

**10** The Word was already in the world. The world was made through him, but the world did not know him. He came to the world that his own people did not accept him. Some people did not accept him. They believed in him, and he gave them the right to become children of God. They became



God's |strong="G2316" children |strong="G1080", but |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756" in |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3739" way |strong="G3739" babies are |strong="G3739" usually born |strong="G1080". It |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" because |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" any |strong="G3756" human |strong="G4561" desire |strong="G2307" or |strong="G3761" plan. They |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3739" born |strong="G1080" from |strong="G1537" God |strong="G2316" himself.

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" Word |strong="G3056" became |strong="G1096" a |strong="G5613" man |strong="G4561" and |strong="G2532" lived among |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722". We |strong="G2249" saw |strong="G2300" his |strong="G0846" divine greatness—the |strong="G3588" greatness that |strong="G1096" belongs to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3439" Son of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962". The |strong="G3588" Word |strong="G3056" was |strong="G3588" full |strong="G4134" of |strong="G3056" grace |strong="G5485" and |strong="G2532" truth |strong="G0225". <sup>15</sup> John |strong="G2491" told |strong="G3004" people |strong="G0846" about |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" loudly, " This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G4012" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004", ' The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" coming |strong="G2064" after |strong="G3694" me |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" greater |strong="G4413" than |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510", because |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" living before |strong="G1715" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" even |strong="G2532" born |strong="G1096"."

<sup>16</sup> Yes, the |strong="G3956" Word was |strong="G3588" full |strong="G4138" of |strong="G1537" grace |strong="G5485" and |strong="G2532" truth, and |strong="G2532" from |strong="G1537" him |strong="G0846" we |strong="G2249" all |strong="G3956" received |strong="G2983" one |strong="G3588" blessing |strong="G5485" after |strong="G2532" another.

<sup>17</sup> That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G3588", the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" was |strong="G2424" given |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2532" us |strong="G1325"

I ONE BLESSING AFTER ANOTHER Literally, "grace in place of grace."

through |strong="G1223" Moses |strong="G3475", but |strong="G2532" grace |strong="G5485" and |strong="G2532" truth |strong="G0225" came |strong="G1096" through |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". <sup>18</sup> No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" has |strong="G2316" ever |strong="G4455" seen |strong="G3708" God |strong="G2316". The |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3439" Son |strong="G5207" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3588" has |strong="G2316" shown us |strong="G1519" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5207". He |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" himself |strong="G1565" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" very |strong="G1565" close to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962". <sup>II</sup>

### John Tells About |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Messiah

(Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-9, 15-17)

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders |strong="G2065" in |strong="G2532" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" sent |strong="G0649" some |strong="G1537" priests |strong="G2409" and |strong="G2532" Levites |strong="G3019" to |strong="G2443" John |strong="G2491" to |strong="G2443" ask |strong="G2065" him |strong="G0846", " Who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771"? " He |strong="G2532" told them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" truth. <sup>20</sup> Without |strong="G3756" any |strong="G3756" hesitation he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" openly and |strong="G2532" plainly, " I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547"."

<sup>21</sup> They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G2065" him |strong="G0846", " Then |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771"? Are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771" Elijah |strong="G2243"? " He |strong="G2532" answered |strong="G0611", " No |strong="G3756", I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" Elijah |strong="G2243"."

They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G2065", " Are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771" the |strong="G3588" Prophet |strong="G4396"? <sup>III</sup>?"

II THE ONLY SON ... FATHER Or more literally, "The only God, who is very close to the Father, has shown us what he is like." Some other Greek copies say, "The only Son is very close to the Father and has shown us what he is like." <sup>III</sup> PROPHET They probably meant the prophet that God told Moses he would send. See Deuteronomy 18:15-19. Also in verse 24.

He|strong="G2532" answered|strong="G0611", " No|strong="G3756", I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" Prophet|strong="G4396"."

22 Then|strong="G3767" they|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G1325"? Tell|strong="G3004" us|strong="G1325" about|strong="G4012" yourself|strong="G4572". Give|strong="G1325" us|strong="G1325" an|strong="G1510" answer|strong="G0612" to|strong="G2443" tell|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G3992" us|strong="G1325". What|strong="G5101" do|strong="G1510" you|strong="G1325" say|strong="G3004" about|strong="G4012" yourself|strong="G4572"?"

23 John|strong="G3004" told|strong="G3004" them|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" words of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396" Isaiah|strong="G2268":

" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G5456" the|strong="G3588" voice|strong="G5456" of|strong="G2962" someone shouting|strong="G0994" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048":  
' Make|strong="G2116" a|strong="G3004" straight|strong="G2116" road|strong="G3598" ready for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962"."

Isaiah 40:3

24 These|strong="G3588" Jews were|strong="G1510" sent|strong="G0649" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330". 25 They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" John|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G4771" say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547". You|strong="G4771" say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" Elijah|strong="G2243" or|strong="G3761" the|strong="G3588" Prophet|strong="G4396". Then|strong="G2532" why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" baptize|strong="G0907" people|strong="G0846"?"

26 John|strong="G2491" answered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G1473" baptize|strong="G0907" people|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722" water|strong="G5204". But|strong="G1473" there|strong="G1722" is|strong="G3739" someone|strong="G3739" here|strong="G1722" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492". 27

He|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" coming|strong="G2064" later. I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" good|strong="G1510" enough to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" slave|strong="G2064" who|strong="G3739" unties the|strong="G3588" strings on|strong="G3089" his|strong="G0846" sandals|strong="G5266"."

28 These|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" all|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G1096" at|strong="G1722" Bethany|strong="G0963" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G4008" side|strong="G4008" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Jordan|strong="G2446" River. This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" where|strong="G3699" John|strong="G2491" was|strong="G1510" baptizing|strong="G0907" people|strong="G1510".

**Jesus|strong="G1510", the|strong="G3588" Lamb of|strong="G1722" God**

29 The|strong="G3588" next|strong="G1887" day|strong="G1887" John|strong="G0846" saw|strong="G3708" Jesus|strong="G2424" coming|strong="G2064" toward|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Look|strong="G0991", the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0286" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" takes|strong="G0142" away|strong="G0142" the|strong="G3588" sins|strong="G0266" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889"! 30 This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3739" one|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G1510" talking|strong="G3004" about|strong="G5228" when|strong="G1096" I|strong="G1473" said|strong="G3004", ' There|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" man|strong="G0435" coming|strong="G2064" after|strong="G3694" me|strong="G3004" who|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" greater|strong="G4413" than|strong="G5228" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510", because|strong="G3754" he|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" living even before|strong="G1715" I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G1510" born|strong="G1096"! 31 I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" who|strong="G3588" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588". But|strong="G0235" I|strong="G1473" came|strong="G2064" baptizing|strong="G0907" people|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722" water|strong="G5204"

so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" Israel |strong="G2474" could know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" Messiah. <sup>I</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Then John said this for everyone to hear: "I also did not know who the Messiah was. But the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and rest on a man. He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen this happen. I saw the Spirit come down from heaven like a dove and rest on this man. So this is what I tell people: 'He is the Son of God.' <sup>II</sup>"

### The First Followers of Jesus

<sup>35</sup> The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G1887" John |strong="G2491" was |strong="G3588" there |strong="G1417" again |strong="G3825" and |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3588" two |strong="G1417" of |strong="G1537" his |strong="G0846" followers with |strong="G1537" him |strong="G0846". <sup>36</sup> He |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" Jesus |strong="G2424" walking |strong="G4043" by |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Look |strong="G3708", the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0286" of |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316!"

<sup>37</sup> The |strong="G3588" two |strong="G1417" followers heard |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0846" say |strong="G2980" this |strong="G3588", so |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" followed |strong="G0190" Jesus |strong="G2424". <sup>38</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" turned |strong="G4762" and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G2300" the |strong="G3588" two men |strong="G0846" following |strong="G0190" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3004" want |strong="G2212"?"

They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Rabbi |strong="G4461", where |strong="G4226" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" staying |strong="G3306"?" (" Rabbi |strong="G4461" means |strong="G3004" " Teacher |strong="G1320".")

<sup>39</sup> He |strong="G2532" answered |strong="G3004", " Come |strong="G2064" with |strong="G3844" me |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" see |strong="G3708". So |strong="G3767" the |strong="G3588" two men |strong="G0846" went |strong="G2064" with |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G4226" where |strong="G4226"

I SO THAT ... THE MESSIAH Literally, "so that he might be revealed as the Messiah" II HE IS THE SON OF GOD Some very early Greek copies have "He is the chosen one of God."

he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" staying |strong="G3306", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" stayed |strong="G3306" there |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3739" day |strong="G2250". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" about |strong="G5613" four |strong="G1182" o'clock.

<sup>40</sup> These |strong="G3588" men |strong="G1417" followed |strong="G0190" Jesus |strong="G0846" after |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510" heard |strong="G0191" about |strong="G5613" him |strong="G0846" from |strong="G3844" John |strong="G2491". One |strong="G1520" of |strong="G2250" them |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" Andrew |strong="G0406", the |strong="G3588" brother |strong="G0080" of |strong="G2250" Simon |strong="G4613" Peter |strong="G4074". <sup>41</sup> The |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" thing |strong="G1520" Andrew |strong="G0406" did |strong="G0191" was |strong="G1510" to |strong="G3004" go and |strong="G2532" find |strong="G2147" his |strong="G0846" brother |strong="G0080" Simon |strong="G4613". Andrew |strong="G0406" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " We |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" found |strong="G2147" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547" (" Messiah |strong="G5547" means |strong="G1510" " Christ |strong="G5547".")

<sup>42</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Andrew brought |strong="G0071" Simon |strong="G4613" to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G2424". Jesus |strong="G2424" looked |strong="G1689" at |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" Simon |strong="G4613", the |strong="G3588" son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" John |strong="G2491". You |strong="G4771" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" called |strong="G2564" Cephas |strong="G2786". (" Cephas |strong="G2786" means |strong="G1510" " Peter |strong="G4074". <sup>III</sup>)

<sup>43</sup> The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G1887" Jesus |strong="G2424" decided to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056". He |strong="G2532" met Philip |strong="G5376" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846", " Follow |strong="G0190" me |strong="G3004". <sup>44</sup> Philip |strong="G5376" was |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G4172" of |strong="G0575" Bethsai-

III PETER The Greek name "Peter," like the Aramaic name "Cephas," means "rock."

da|strong="G0966", the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G1519" Andrew|strong="G0406" and|strong="G2532" Peter|strong="G4074".<sup>45</sup> Philip|strong="G5376" found|strong="G2147" Nathanael|strong="G3482" and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " We|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" found|strong="G2147" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5207" that|strong="G3004" Moses|strong="G3475" wrote|strong="G1125" about|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551". The|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396" wrote|strong="G1125" about|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846" too|strong="G2532". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" Jesus|strong="G2424", the|strong="G3588" son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Joseph|strong="G2501". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" from|strong="G0575" Nazareth|strong="G3478"."

<sup>46</sup> But|strong="G2532" Nathanael|strong="G3482" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Philip|strong="G5376", " Nazareth|strong="G3478"! Can|strong="G1410" anything|strong="G3708" good|strong="G0018" come|strong="G2064" from|strong="G0575" Nazareth|strong="G3478"? " Philip|strong="G5376" answered|strong="G3004", " Come|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708"."

<sup>47</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" saw|strong="G3708" Nathanael|strong="G3482" coming|strong="G2064" toward|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " This|strong="G0846" man|strong="G0018" coming|strong="G2064" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" true Israelite|strong="G2475", one|strong="G5101" you|strong="G1722" can|strong="G1410" trust. <sup>1</sup>"

<sup>48</sup> Nathanael|strong="G3482" asked|strong="G3004", " How|strong="G4159" do|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1097" me|strong="G3004"? " Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G1473" saw|strong="G3708" you|strong="G4771" when|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" were|strong="G1510" under|strong="G5259" the|strong="G3588" fig|strong="G4808" tree|strong="G4808", before|strong="G4253" Philip|strong="G5376" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" about|strong="G4012" me|strong="G3004"."

<sup>49</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Nathanael|strong="G3482" said|strong="G3004",

I ONE YOU CAN TRUST Literally, "in whom is no deceit." In the Old Testament, Israel's other name, Jacob, is explained with words that mean "deceit" or "trickery," for which he was well known. See Genesis 27:35, 36.

"Teacher, you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316". You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" King|strong="G0935" of|strong="G5207" Israel|strong="G2474"."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Do|strong="G4100" you|strong="G4771" believe|strong="G4100" this|strong="G3588" just|strong="G2532" because|strong="G0846" I|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" you|strong="G4771" under|strong="G5270" the|strong="G3588" fig|strong="G4808" tree|strong="G4808"? You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316" see|strong="G3708" much|strong="G3173" greater|strong="G3173" things|strong="G0846" than|strong="G3173" that|strong="G3004"! "<sup>51</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Believe|strong="G4100" me|strong="G3004" when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G0281" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316" all|strong="G3588" see|strong="G3708" heaven|strong="G3772" open|strong="G0455". You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316" see|strong="G3708" angels|strong="G0032" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316" going|strong="G0305" up|strong="G0305" and|strong="G2532" coming|strong="G2597" down' <sup>II</sup> on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444"."

### The Wedding at Cana

<sup>2</sup> Two days|strong="G2250" later there|strong="G1563" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" wedding|strong="G1062" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532" of|strong="G2250" Cana|strong="G2580" in|strong="G1722" Galilee|strong="G1056", and|strong="G2532" Jesus'|strong="G2424" mother|strong="G3384" was|strong="G1510" there|strong="G1563".<sup>2</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers were|strong="G3101" also|strong="G2532" invited|strong="G2564".<sup>3</sup> At|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" wedding|strong="G1062" there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" enough wine|strong="G3631", so|strong="G2532" Jesus'|strong="G2424" mother|strong="G3384" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846", " They|strong="G0846"

II 1:51 Quote from Genesis 28:12.

have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" more|strong="G3756" wine|strong="G3631".

<sup>4</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G3004", "Dear woman|strong="G1135", why|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" telling|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588"? It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G5101" not|strong="G3768" yet|strong="G2532" time|strong="G5610" for|strong="G2532" me|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" begin my|strong="G3004" work."

<sup>5</sup> His|strong="G0846" mother|strong="G3384" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" servants|strong="G1249", "Do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3739" he|strong="G0846" tells you|strong="G5210"."

<sup>6</sup> There|strong="G1563" were|strong="G1510" six|strong="G1803" large stone|strong="G3035" waterpots|strong="G5201" there|strong="G1563" that|strong="G1161" were|strong="G1510" used by|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" in|strong="G2596" their|strong="G2596" washing ceremonies. <sup>I</sup> Each|strong="G0303" one|strong="G3588" held about|strong="G2596" 20 or|strong="G2228" 30 gallons|strong="G3355". <sup>II</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" servants, "Fill|strong="G1072" the|strong="G3588" waterpots|strong="G5201" with|strong="G2532" water|strong="G5204"." So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" filled|strong="G1072" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" top.

<sup>8</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", "Now|strong="G1161" dip out some|strong="G3588" water and|strong="G2532" take|strong="G5342" it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" man in|strong="G2532" charge of|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" feast."

So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" did what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004". <sup>9</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" man in|strong="G2532" charge tasted|strong="G1089" it|strong="G1161", but|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" had|strong="G1510" become|strong="G1096" wine|strong="G3631". He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" where|strong="G4159" the|strong="G3588" wine|strong="G3631" had|strong="G1510"

<sup>I</sup> WASHING CEREMONIES The Jews had religious rules about washing in special ways before eating, before worshipping in the Temple, and at other special times. <sup>II</sup> 20 OR 30 GALLONS Literally, "2 or 3 metretas

come|strong="G1096" from|strong="G2532", but|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" servants|strong="G1249" who|strong="G3588" brought|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" knew|strong="G1492". He|strong="G2532" called|strong="G5455" the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566"<sup>10</sup> and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", "People|strong="G0444" always|strong="G3956" serve the|strong="G3956" best|strong="G4413" wine|strong="G3631" first|strong="G4413". Later, when|strong="G3752" the|strong="G3956" guests are|strong="G3956" drunk|strong="G3184", they|strong="G0846" serve the|strong="G3956" cheaper wine|strong="G3631". But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2532" saved the|strong="G3956" best|strong="G4413" wine|strong="G3631" until|strong="G2193" now|strong="G2532"."

<sup>11</sup> This|strong="G3778" was|strong="G2424" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G0746" of|strong="G1391" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" miraculous signs|strong="G4592" Jesus|strong="G2424" did|strong="G4160". He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G4160" it|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532" of|strong="G1391" Cana|strong="G2580" in|strong="G1722" Galilee|strong="G1056". By|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" he|strong="G2532" showed|strong="G4160" his|strong="G0846" divine greatness, and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2597" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G2532" of|strong="G2250" Capernaum|strong="G2584". His|strong="G0846" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers went|strong="G2597" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3588" stayed|strong="G3306" there|strong="G1563" a|strong="G2532" few days|strong="G2250".

Jesus|strong="G0846" at|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846"  
(Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46)

<sup>13</sup> It|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" almost time for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" Passover|strong="G3957", so|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" went|strong="G0305" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414". <sup>14</sup> There|strong="G1722"

in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413" area he |strong="G2532" saw men selling |strong="G4453" cattle, sheep |strong="G4263", and |strong="G2532" doves |strong="G4058". He |strong="G2532" saw others |strong="G3588" sitting |strong="G2521" at |strong="G1722" tables, exchanging and |strong="G2532" trading people's money |strong="G2773".<sup>15</sup> Jesus |strong="G2532" made |strong="G4160" a |strong="G4160" whip with |strong="G1537" some |strong="G1537" pieces of |strong="G1537" rope. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" forced |strong="G1544" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3588" men |strong="G3956" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" sheep |strong="G4263" and |strong="G2532" cattle to |strong="G2532" leave |strong="G1544" the |strong="G3956" Temple |strong="G2413" area. He |strong="G2532" turned over |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" tables |strong="G5132" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" money traders and |strong="G2532" scattered their |strong="G2532" money.<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3778" selling |strong="G4453" pigeons |strong="G4058", " Take |strong="G0142" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" out |strong="G4160" of |strong="G3624" here |strong="G1782"! Don't |strong="G3361" make |strong="G4160" my |strong="G0142" Father's |strong="G3962" house |strong="G3624" a |strong="G4160" place |strong="G3624" for |strong="G2532" buying and |strong="G2532" selling |strong="G4453"!"

<sup>17</sup> When |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588", his |strong="G0846" followers remembered |strong="G3403" what |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" written |strong="G1125" in |strong="G1125" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures:  
" My |strong="G3754" strong devotion to |strong="G0846" your |strong="G2719" Temple |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" destroy me |strong="G1473"."

Psalm 69:9

<sup>18</sup> Some |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Show |strong="G1166" us |strong="G3004" a |strong="G4160" miracle |strong="G4592" as |strong="G2532" a |strong="G4160" sign |strong="G4592" from |strong="G4592" God |strong="G0846". Prove that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" right to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778"."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " Destroy |strong="G3089" this |strong="G3778" temple |strong="G3485" and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2250" build it |strong="G0846" again |strong="G1453" in |strong="G1722" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250"."

<sup>20</sup> They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " People |strong="G0846" worked 46 years |strong="G2094" to |strong="G3004" build |strong="G3618" this |strong="G3778" Temple |strong="G3485"! Do |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" really believe you |strong="G4771" can |strong="G3004" build |strong="G3618" it |strong="G0846" again |strong="G1453" in |strong="G1722" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250"?"

<sup>21</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" temple |strong="G3485" Jesus |strong="G0846" meant |strong="G3004" was |strong="G3588" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G0846" body |strong="G4983".<sup>22</sup> After |strong="G3753" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498", his |strong="G0846" followers remembered |strong="G3403" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778". So |strong="G3767" they |strong="G0846" believed |strong="G4100" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures |strong="G1124", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" believed |strong="G4100" the |strong="G3588" words |strong="G3056" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004".

<sup>23</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" festival |strong="G1859". Many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0846" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" because |strong="G1722" they |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G2334" the |strong="G3588" miraculous signs |strong="G4592" he |strong="G0846" did |strong="G4160".<sup>24</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" did |strong="G1097" not |strong="G3756" trust them |strong="G0846", because |strong="G1223" he |strong="G0846" knew |strong="G1097" how |strong="G1097" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" think.<sup>25</sup> He |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1097" not |strong="G3756" need |strong="G5532" anyone |strong="G5100" to |strong="G2443" tell him |strong="G0846" what |strong="G5101" a |strong="G2192" person |strong="G0444" was |strong="G1510" like |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" already knew |strong="G1097".



don't |strong="G3756" accept |strong="G2983" what |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771".<sup>12</sup> I |strong="G1437" have |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G3588" things |strong="G2032" here on |strong="G1437" earth |strong="G1919", but |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4100" not |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100" me |strong="G3004". So |strong="G2532" I'm sure you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100" me |strong="G3004" if |strong="G1487" I |strong="G1437" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G3588" heavenly |strong="G2032" things |strong="G2032".<sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" only |strong="G1487" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3588" has |strong="G0444" ever gone |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" heaven |strong="G3772" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3588" came |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772"—the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444".

<sup>14</sup> " Moses |strong="G3475" lifted |strong="G5312" up |strong="G1210" the |strong="G3588" snake |strong="G3789" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" desert |strong="G2048".<sup>I</sup> It |strong="G3779" is |strong="G0444" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444". He |strong="G2532" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1163" lifted |strong="G5312" up |strong="G1210" too |strong="G2532".<sup>15</sup> Then |strong="G0846" everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" believes |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" can have |strong="G2192" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222".<sup>II</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Yes |strong="G1063", God |strong="G2316" loved |strong="G0025" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G2889" so |strong="G2443" much that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325" his |strong="G0846" only |strong="G3439" Son |strong="G5207", so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" believes |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3956"

I **MOSES LIFTED ... DESERT** When God's people were dying from snake bites, God told Moses to put a brass snake on a pole for them to look at and be healed. See Num. 21:4-9. II Some scholars think that Jesus' words to Nicodemus continue through verse 21.

lost |strong="G0622" but |strong="G0235" have |strong="G2192" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222".<sup>17</sup> God |strong="G2316" sent |strong="G0649" his |strong="G0846" Son |strong="G5207" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". He |strong="G0846" did |strong="G0649" not |strong="G3756" send |strong="G0649" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" judge |strong="G2919" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" guilty, but |strong="G0235" to |strong="G1519" save |strong="G4982" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" through |strong="G1223" him |strong="G0846".<sup>18</sup> People |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" God's |strong="G2316" Son |strong="G5207" are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" judged |strong="G2919" guilty. But |strong="G1161" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G2919" not |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100" are |strong="G3588" already |strong="G2235" judged |strong="G2919", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G3748" not |strong="G3756" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" God's |strong="G2316" only |strong="G3439" Son |strong="G5207".<sup>19</sup> They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" judged by |strong="G2228" this |strong="G3778" fact |strong="G3754": The |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457"<sup>III</sup> has |strong="G0444" come |strong="G2064" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" want light |strong="G5457". They |strong="G0846" wanted darkness |strong="G4655", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" doing |strong="G2041" evil |strong="G4190" things |strong="G3778".<sup>20</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" does |strong="G2064" evil |strong="G5337" hates |strong="G3404" the |strong="G3956" light |strong="G5457". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3956" light |strong="G5457", because |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3956" light |strong="G5457" will |strong="G3956" show |strong="G1651" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" bad |strong="G5337" things |strong="G3956" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532" done |strong="G4238".<sup>21</sup> But |strong="G1161" anyone |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" follows the |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0225"

III **LIGHT** This means Christ, the Word, who brought to the world understanding about God.



way|strong="G1722" comes|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457". Then|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457" will|strong="G2316" show|strong="G5319" that|strong="G3754" whatever|strong="G3748" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" done|strong="G4160" was|strong="G1510" done|strong="G4160" through|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G1161" John|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" Baptizer**

<sup>22</sup> After|strong="G3326" this|strong="G3778", Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" followers went|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" area of|strong="G1093" Judea|strong="G2453". There|strong="G1563" he|strong="G2532" stayed|strong="G1304" with|strong="G3326" his|strong="G0846" followers and|strong="G2532" baptized|strong="G0907" people|strong="G0846". <sup>23</sup> John|strong="G2491" was|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" baptizing|strong="G0907" people|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" Aenon|strong="G0137", a|strong="G1510" place|strong="G1563" near|strong="G1451" Salim|strong="G4530" with|strong="G1722" plenty of|strong="G1722" water|strong="G5204". People|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" going there|strong="G1563" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" baptized|strong="G0907". <sup>24</sup> This|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" before|strong="G1519" John|strong="G2491" was|strong="G1510" put|strong="G0906" in|strong="G1519" prison|strong="G5438".

<sup>25</sup> Some|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" John's|strong="G2491" followers had|strong="G3588" an|strong="G1096" argument with|strong="G3326" another Jew|strong="G2453" about|strong="G4012" religious washing. <sup>26</sup> Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" John|strong="G2491" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Teacher, remember the|strong="G3956" man|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G4771" on|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3956" other|strong="G4008" side|strong="G4008" of|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" Jordan|strong="G2446" River? He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" were|strong="G1510" telling|strong="G3004" every-one|strong="G3956" about|strong="G4314".

<sup>I</sup> RELIGIOUS WASHING The Jews had religious rules about washing in special ways before eating, before worshiping in the Temple, and at other special times.

He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" baptizing|strong="G0907" people|strong="G3956", and|strong="G2532" many are|strong="G1510" going|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>27</sup> John|strong="G2491" answered|strong="G0611", "A|strong="G2983" person|strong="G0444" can|strong="G1410" receive|strong="G2983" only|strong="G3756" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G0846" gives|strong="G1325". <sup>28</sup> You|strong="G5210" yourselves|strong="G0846" heard me|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004", 'I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G547". I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" only|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" God|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" to|strong="G3004" prepare the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G0846" for|strong="G3754" him|strong="G0846".' <sup>29</sup> The|strong="G3588" bride|strong="G3565" always|strong="G1223" belongs|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566". The|strong="G3588" friend|strong="G5384" who|strong="G3588" helps the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566" just|strong="G2532" waits and|strong="G2532" listens|strong="G0191". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" happy just|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" hear|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" bridegroom|strong="G3566" talk. That's how I|strong="G2532" feel now|strong="G1161". I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" so|strong="G3767" happy that|strong="G0191" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" here|strong="G1510". <sup>30</sup> He|strong="G1161" must|strong="G1163" become more and|strong="G1161" more important, and|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G1163" become less important.

**The|strong="G1161" One|strong="G1565" Who|strong="G1565" Comes From Heaven**

<sup>31</sup> "The|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" comes|strong="G2064" from|strong="G1537" above|strong="G0509" is|strong="G1510" greater than|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" others|strong="G3588". The|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093" belongs|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093". He|strong="G2532" talks about|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3956" are|strong="G1510" on|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956"

earth |strong="G1093". But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" comes |strong="G2064" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772" is |strong="G1510" greater than |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" others |strong="G3588". <sup>32</sup> He |strong="G2532" tells what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" has |strong="G3739" seen |strong="G3708" and |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191", but |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846" don't accept |strong="G2983" what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" says. <sup>33</sup> Whoever |strong="G3748" accepts |strong="G2983" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G0846" says has |strong="G2316" given proof that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" speaks the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0227". <sup>34</sup> God |strong="G2316" sent |strong="G0649" him |strong="G1325", and |strong="G2316" he |strong="G3739" tells people |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" says |strong="G2980". God |strong="G2316" gives |strong="G1325" him |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" fully. <sup>35</sup> The |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" loves |strong="G0025" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" and |strong="G2532" has |strong="G3962" given |strong="G1325" him |strong="G0846" power |strong="G5495" over |strong="G1722" everything |strong="G3956". <sup>36</sup> Whoever |strong="G3588" believes |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" has |strong="G2192" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222". But |strong="G1161" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3756" obey |strong="G0544" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" will |strong="G2316" never |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2192" that |strong="G4100" life |strong="G2222". They |strong="G0846" cannot |strong="G3756" get |strong="G2192" away from |strong="G3588" God's |strong="G2316" anger |strong="G3709"."

#### Jesus Talks to a Woman in Samaria

**4** Jesus |strong="G2424" learned |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" had |strong="G2424" heard |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" report that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" making |strong="G4160" and |strong="G2532" baptizing |strong="G0907" more |strong="G4183" followers than |strong="G2228" John |strong="G2491". <sup>2</sup> ( But |strong="G0235" really, Jesus |strong="G2424" himself |strong="G0846" did |strong="G0907" not |strong="G3756" baptize |strong="G0907" anyone |strong="G0846"; his |strong="G0846" followers bap-

tized |strong="G0907" people |strong="G0846" for |strong="G2424" him |strong="G0846".) <sup>3</sup> So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" left |strong="G0863" Judea |strong="G2449" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" back |strong="G3825" to |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056". <sup>4</sup> On |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1223" to |strong="G1163" Galilee, he |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1163" to |strong="G1163" go |strong="G1330" through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" country of |strong="G1223" Samaria |strong="G4540".

<sup>5</sup> In |strong="G1519" Samaria |strong="G4540" Jesus |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G4172" called |strong="G3004" Sychar |strong="G4965", which |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" near |strong="G4139" the |strong="G3588" field |strong="G5564" that |strong="G3739" Jacob |strong="G2384" gave |strong="G1325" to |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" son |strong="G5207" Joseph |strong="G2501". <sup>6</sup> Jacob's |strong="G2384" well |strong="G4077" was |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1563". Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" tired from |strong="G1537" his |strong="G1909" long trip, so |strong="G3767" he |strong="G1161" sat |strong="G2516" down |strong="G2516" beside |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" well |strong="G4077". It |strong="G1161" was |strong="G1510" about |strong="G5613" noon |strong="G5610". <sup>7</sup> A |strong="G1325" Samaritan |strong="G4540" woman |strong="G1135" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" well |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" get some |strong="G1537" water |strong="G5204", and |strong="G2064" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" her |strong="G0846", "Please give |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" a |strong="G1325" drink |strong="G4095"." <sup>8</sup> This |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588" while |strong="G0846" his |strong="G0846" followers were |strong="G3101" in |strong="G1519" town |strong="G4172" buying |strong="G0059" some |strong="G3588" food |strong="G5160".

<sup>9</sup> The |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" answered |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" surprised that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" ask |strong="G0154" me |strong="G3004" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1510" drink |strong="G4095"! You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Jew |strong="G2453" and |strong="G2453" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Samari-

tan|strong="G4542" woman|strong="G1135"! ( Jews|strong="G2453" have|strong="G1510" nothing to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3844" Samaritans. )

<sup>10</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G4771" don't know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G5101" God|strong="G2316" can|strong="G3004" give|strong="G1325" you|strong="G4771". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" don't know|strong="G1492" who|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" asked|strong="G0154" you|strong="G4771" for|strong="G0154" a|strong="G1510" drink|strong="G4095". If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G4771" knew|strong="G1492", you|strong="G4771" would|strong="G0302" have|strong="G1510" asked|strong="G0154" me|strong="G1325", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" would|strong="G0302" have|strong="G1510" given|strong="G1325" you|strong="G4771" living|strong="G2198" water|strong="G5204"."

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" said|strong="G3004", " Sir|strong="G2962", where|strong="G4159" will|strong="G1510" you|strong="G3004" get|strong="G2192" that|strong="G3004" living|strong="G2198" water|strong="G5204"? The|strong="G3588" well|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" very|strong="G0846" deep|strong="G0901", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" have|strong="G2192" nothing|strong="G3777" to|strong="G3004" get|strong="G2192" water|strong="G5204" with|strong="G2532". <sup>12</sup> Are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" greater|strong="G3173" than|strong="G3173" our|strong="G2532" ancestor|strong="G3962" Jacob|strong="G2384"? He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" gave|strong="G1325" us|strong="G1325" this|strong="G3588" well|strong="G2532". He|strong="G2532" drank|strong="G4095" from|strong="G1537" it|strong="G0846" himself|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" sons|strong="G5207" and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" his|strong="G0846" animals drank|strong="G4095" from|strong="G1537" it|strong="G0846" too|strong="G2532"."

<sup>13</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " Everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" drinks|strong="G4095" this|strong="G3778" water|strong="G5204"

I JEWS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH SAMARITANS Or "Jews don't use things that Samaritans have used."

will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" thirsty|strong="G1372" again|strong="G3825". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="G1161" anyone|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" drinks|strong="G4095" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" I|strong="G1473" give|strong="G1325" will|strong="G3739" never|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1096" thirsty|strong="G1372" again|strong="G1519". The|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" I|strong="G1473" give|strong="G1325" people|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G1096" like|strong="G0846" a|strong="G1096" spring|strong="G4077" flowing in-side|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846". It|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" bring|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222"."

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846", " Sir|strong="G2962", give|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325" this|strong="G3778" water|strong="G5204". Then|strong="G0846" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2962" never|strong="G3361" be|strong="G3366" thirsty|strong="G1372" again and|strong="G2962" won't|strong="G3361" have|strong="G1473" to|strong="G4314" come|strong="G1330" back|strong="G4314" here|strong="G1759" to|strong="G4314" get more water|strong="G5204"."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" her|strong="G0846", " Go|strong="G5217" get|strong="G5217" your|strong="G2532" husband|strong="G0435" and|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2064" back|strong="G5217"."

<sup>17</sup> The|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" answered|strong="G0611", " But|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" husband|strong="G0435"."

Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" her|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G3754" are|strong="G3588" right|strong="G2573" to|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3754" have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" husband|strong="G0435". <sup>18</sup> That's because|strong="G1063", although|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2192" had|strong="G2192" five|strong="G4002" husbands|strong="G0435", the|strong="G2532" man|strong="G0435" you|strong="G4771" live|strong="G2192" with|strong="G2532" now|strong="G3568" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" your|strong="G2192" husband|strong="G0435". That|strong="G3739" much was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" truth|strong="G0227"."

19 The *strong*="G3588" woman *strong*="G1135" said *strong*="G3004", " Sir *strong*="G2962", I *strong*="G3754" can *strong*="G3004" see *strong*="G2334" that *strong*="G3754" you *strong*="G4771" are *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G1510" prophet *strong*="G4396". 120 Our *strong*="G2532" fathers *strong*="G3962" worshiped *strong*="G4352" on *strong*="G1722" this *strong*="G3778" mountain *strong*="G3735". But *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G5210" Jews say *strong*="G3004" that *strong*="G3754" Jerusalem *strong*="G2414" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" place *strong*="G5117" where *strong*="G3699" people *strong*="G1510" must *strong*="G1163" worship *strong*="G4352"."

21 Jesus *strong*="G2424" said *strong*="G3004", " Believe *strong*="G4100" me *strong*="G3004", woman *strong*="G1135"! The *strong*="G3588" time *strong*="G5610" is *strong*="G3778" coming *strong*="G2064" when *strong*="G3753" you *strong*="G3754" will *strong*="G3778" not *strong*="G3777" have *strong*="G3748" to *strong*="G3004" be *strong*="G3778" in *strong*="G1722" Jerusalem *strong*="G2414" or *strong*="G3777" on *strong*="G1722" this *strong*="G3778" mountain *strong*="G3735" to *strong*="G3004" worship *strong*="G4352" the *strong*="G3588" Father *strong*="G3962". 22 You *strong*="G5210" Samaritans worship *strong*="G4352" something *strong*="G1510" you *strong*="G5210" don't *strong*="G3756" understand *strong*="G1492". We *strong*="G2249" Jews *strong*="G2453" understand *strong*="G1492" what *strong*="G3739" we *strong*="G2249" worship *strong*="G4352", since *strong*="G3754" salvation *strong*="G4991" comes *strong*="G1510" from *strong*="G1537" the *strong*="G3588" Jews *strong*="G2453". 23 But *strong*="G0235" the *strong*="G3588" time *strong*="G5610" is *strong*="G1510" coming *strong*="G2064" when *strong*="G3753" the *strong*="G3588" true *strong*="G0228" worshipers *strong*="G4353" will *strong*="G1510" worship *strong*="G4352" the *strong*="G3588" Father *strong*="G3962" in *strong*="G1722" spirit *strong*="G4151" and *strong*="G2532" truth *strong*="G0225". In *strong*="G1722" fact *strong*="G0235", that *strong*="G0846" time *strong*="G5610" is *strong*="G1510" now *strong*="G3568" here *strong*="G1510". And *strong*="G2532" these *strong*="G3588" are *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" kind *strong*="G5108" of *strong*="G4151" people *strong*="G0846" the *strong*="G3588" Father *strong*="G3962" wants to *strong*="G2064" be *strong*="G1510" his *strong*="G0846" worshipers *strong*="G4353". 24

I PROPHET A prophet often knows things that are hidden to other people.

God *strong*="G2316" is *strong*="G2316" spirit *strong*="G4151". So *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846" who *strong*="G3588" worship *strong*="G4352" him *strong*="G0846" must *strong*="G1163" worship *strong*="G4352" in *strong*="G1722" spirit *strong*="G4151" and *strong*="G2532" truth *strong*="G0225"."

25 The *strong*="G3588" woman *strong*="G1135" said *strong*="G3004", " I *strong*="G1473" know *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" the *strong*="G3588" Messiah *strong*="G5547" is *strong*="G3588" coming *strong*="G2064". ( He *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3588" called *strong*="G3004" Christ *strong*="G5547".) " When *strong*="G3752" he *strong*="G0846" comes *strong*="G2064", he *strong*="G0846" will *strong*="G3748" explain everything *strong*="G0537" to *strong*="G3004" us *strong*="G3004"."

26 Then *strong*="G2424" Jesus *strong*="G2424" said *strong*="G3004", " He *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G1510" talking *strong*="G2980" to *strong*="G3004" you *strong*="G4771" now *strong*="G1510"— I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" Messiah."

27 Just *strong*="G2532" then *strong*="G2532" Jesus' followers came *strong*="G2064" back from *strong*="G2064" town *strong*="G2532". They *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G3101" surprised *strong*="G2296" because *strong*="G3754" they *strong*="G0846" saw Jesus *strong*="G0846" talking *strong*="G2980" with *strong*="G3326" a *strong*="G2228" woman *strong*="G1135". But *strong*="G2532" none *strong*="G3762" of *strong*="G1909" them *strong*="G0846" asked *strong*="G3004", " What *strong*="G5101" do *strong*="G3004" you *strong*="G3754" want *strong*="G2212"?" or *strong*="G2228" " Why *strong*="G5101" are *strong*="G3778" you *strong*="G3754" talking *strong*="G2980" with *strong*="G3326" her *strong*="G0846"?"

28 Then *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" woman *strong*="G1135" left *strong*="G0863" her *strong*="G0846" water jar and *strong*="G2532" went *strong*="G0565" back *strong*="G0565" to *strong*="G1519" town *strong*="G4172". She *strong*="G0846" told *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0444" there *strong*="G0444", 29 " A *strong*="G1510" man *strong*="G0444" told *strong*="G3004" me *strong*="G3004" everything *strong*="G3956" I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G1510" ever done *strong*="G4160". Come *strong*="G1205" see *strong*="G3708" him *strong*="G3739". Maybe he *strong*="G3739" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3956" Messiah *strong*="G5547". 30

So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" left |strong="G1831" the |strong="G3588" town |strong="G4172" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G4314" see Jesus |strong="G0846".

<sup>31</sup> While |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" woman was |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" town, Jesus' followers were |strong="G3101" begging |strong="G2065" him |strong="G0846", "Teacher, eat |strong="G2068" something!"

<sup>32</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G2192" food |strong="G1035" to |strong="G3004" eat |strong="G2068" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" nothing |strong="G3756" about |strong="G3588"."

<sup>33</sup> So |strong="G3767" the |strong="G3588" followers asked |strong="G3004" themselves |strong="G0846", " Did |strong="G3767" someone |strong="G5100" already bring |strong="G5342" him |strong="G0846" some |strong="G5100" food |strong="G5315"?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " My |strong="G1699" food |strong="G1033" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G3004" wants |strong="G2307" me |strong="G3004" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G4160". My |strong="G1699" food |strong="G1033" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2443" finish |strong="G5048" the |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2041" that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G4160" me |strong="G3004" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G4160". <sup>35</sup> When |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" plant, you |strong="G5210" always say |strong="G3004", ' Four |strong="G5072" more |strong="G2089" months |strong="G5072" to |strong="G4314" wait before |strong="G4314" we |strong="G2532" gather the |strong="G3588" grain.' But |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", open your |strong="G3708" eyes |strong="G3788", and |strong="G2532" look |strong="G2400" at |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" fields |strong="G5561". They |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" ready for |strong="G3754" harvesting now |strong="G2532".

<sup>36</sup> Even |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532", the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" harvest |strong="G2590" the |strong="G3588" crop |strong="G2590" are |strong="G3588" being |strong="G2235" paid. They |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" gathering |strong="G4863" crops |strong="G2590"

for |strong="G1519" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222". So |strong="G2443" now |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" plant can be |strong="G2532" happy together |strong="G4863" with |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" harvest |strong="G2590". <sup>37</sup> It |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" true |strong="G0228" when |strong="G2532" we |strong="G3778" say |strong="G3056", ' One |strong="G3778" person |strong="G3056" plants, but |strong="G2532" another |strong="G0243" person |strong="G3056" harvests the |strong="G3588" crop.' <sup>38</sup> I |strong="G1473" sent |strong="G0649" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" harvest a |strong="G3739" crop that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" did |strong="G1525" not |strong="G3756" work |strong="G2872" for |strong="G1519". Others |strong="G0243" did |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2872", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" get the |strong="G3588" profit from |strong="G0649" their |strong="G0846" work |strong="G2872"."

<sup>39</sup> Many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" Samaritan |strong="G4541" people |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3754" town |strong="G4172" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" believed |strong="G4100" because |strong="G3754" of |strong="G1537" what |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3956" woman |strong="G1135" had |strong="G3739" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" about |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846". She |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3739" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " He |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004" everything |strong="G3956" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G3748" ever done |strong="G4160"." <sup>40</sup> The |strong="G3588" Samaritans |strong="G4541" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" begged |strong="G2065" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" stay |strong="G3306" with |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846". So |strong="G3767" he |strong="G2532" stayed |strong="G3306" there |strong="G1563" two |strong="G1417" days |strong="G2250". <sup>41</sup> Many |strong="G4183" more |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0846" became believers |strong="G4100" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G4183" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3056".

<sup>42</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004"

the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135", "First we |strong="G3778" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" because |strong="G3754" of |strong="G1223" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3754" told |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004". But |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" we |strong="G3778" believe |strong="G4100" because |strong="G3754" we |strong="G3778" heard |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0846" ourselves |strong="G0846". We |strong="G3778" know |strong="G1492" now |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" really |strong="G0230" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" save the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889"."

### Jesus |strong="G0846" Heals an |strong="G1510" Official's Son

(Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10)

<sup>43</sup> Two |strong="G1417" days |strong="G2250" later |strong="G3326" Jesus |strong="G1831" left |strong="G1831" and |strong="G1161" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056". <sup>44</sup> ( Jesus |strong="G2424" had |strong="G2192" said before |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3754" a |strong="G2192" prophet |strong="G4396" is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" respected in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" country |strong="G3968".) <sup>45</sup> When |strong="G3753" he |strong="G2532" arrived |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" Galilee |strong="G1056", the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" there |strong="G1722" welcomed |strong="G1209" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3739" been |strong="G2532" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Passover festival |strong="G1859" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" and |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3739" seen |strong="G3708" everything |strong="G3956" he |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" there |strong="G1722".

<sup>46</sup> Jesus |strong="G1510" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" visit |strong="G2064" Cana |strong="G2580" in |strong="G1722" Galilee |strong="G1056" again |strong="G3825". Cana |strong="G2580" is |strong="G1510" where |strong="G3699" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G1510" changed the |strong="G3588" water |strong="G5204" into |strong="G1519" wine |strong="G3631". One |strong="G3739" of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" king's |strong="G0937" important officials lived |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G3699" of |strong="G5207" Capernaum |strong="G2584".

This |strong="G3588" man's son |strong="G5207" was |strong="G1510" sick |strong="G0770". <sup>47</sup> The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" had |strong="G2424" come |strong="G2240" from |strong="G1537" Judea |strong="G2449" and |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" now |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056". So |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" to |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" begged |strong="G2065" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" come |strong="G2240" to |strong="G1519" Capernaum and |strong="G2532" heal |strong="G2390" his |strong="G0846" son |strong="G5207", who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G2424" almost |strong="G3195" dead |strong="G0599". <sup>48</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", " You |strong="G1437" people |strong="G0846" must |strong="G3588" see |strong="G3708" miraculous signs |strong="G4592" and |strong="G2532" wonders |strong="G5059" before |strong="G4314" you |strong="G1437" will |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G2532" me |strong="G3004"."

<sup>49</sup> The |strong="G3588" king's |strong="G0937" official |strong="G0937" said |strong="G3004", " Sir |strong="G2962", come |strong="G2597" before |strong="G4250" my |strong="G3004" little son dies |strong="G0599"."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G3004", " Go |strong="G4198". Your |strong="G2532" son |strong="G5207" will |strong="G3739" live |strong="G2198"."

The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0444" believed |strong="G4100" what |strong="G3739" Jesus |strong="G2424" told |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G4198" home. <sup>51</sup> On |strong="G2198" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G0846" home, the |strong="G3588" man's servants |strong="G1401" came |strong="G2597" and |strong="G2532" met |strong="G5221" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Your |strong="G2532" son |strong="G3816" is |strong="G3588" well |strong="G2532"."

<sup>52</sup> The |strong="G3588" man asked |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G3739" time |strong="G5610" did |strong="G2192" my |strong="G1722" son begin to |strong="G3004" get |strong="G2192" well |strong="G0846"?"

They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" about |strong="G1722" one |strong="G3739" o'clock yesterday |strong="G5504" when |strong="G1722"

the |strong="G3588" fever |strong="G4446" left |strong="G0863" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>53</sup> The |strong="G3588" father |strong="G3962" knew |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" one |strong="G3739" o'clock was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" time |strong="G5610" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" had |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " Your |strong="G3650" son |strong="G5207" will |strong="G3739" live |strong="G2198". So |strong="G3767" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G5207" and |strong="G2532" everyone |strong="G3739" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3614" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G2424".

<sup>54</sup> That |strong="G3778" was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" miraculous sign |strong="G4592" that |strong="G3778" Jesus |strong="G2424" did |strong="G4160" after |strong="G1161" coming |strong="G2064" from |strong="G1537" Judea |strong="G2449" to |strong="G1519" Galilee |strong="G1056".

#### Jesus Heals a Man at a Pool

**5** Later |strong="G3326", Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" for |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1510" special Jewish |strong="G2453" festival |strong="G1859". <sup>2</sup> In |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2192" pool |strong="G2861" with |strong="G1722" five |strong="G4002" covered |strong="G2192" porches. In |strong="G1722" Aramaic it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G1510" called |strong="G3004" Bethesda |strong="G0964". <sup>1</sup> This |strong="G3588" pool |strong="G2861" is |strong="G1510" near |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Sheep |strong="G4262" Gate. <sup>3</sup> Many sick |strong="G0770" people |strong="G4128" were |strong="G3778" lying |strong="G2621" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" porches beside the |strong="G3588" pool. Some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1722" them |strong="G1722" were |strong="G3778" blind |strong="G5185", some |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3778" crippled, and |strong="G5185" some |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3778" paralyzed. <sup>II 4 III 5</sup> One |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0444" lying there |strong="G1563" had |strong="G2192"

<sup>I</sup> BETHZATHA Also called Bethsaida or Bethesda, a pool of water north of the Temple in Jerusalem. <sup>II</sup> At the end of verse 3, some Greek copies add "and they waited for the water to move." <sup>III</sup> A few later copies add verse 4: "Sometimes an angel of the Lord came down to the pool and shook the water. After this, the first person to go into the pool was healed from any sickness he had."

been |strong="G1510" sick |strong="G0769" for |strong="G1722" 38 years |strong="G2094". <sup>6</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846" lying |strong="G2621" there |strong="G1096" and |strong="G2532" knew |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" been |strong="G1096" sick |strong="G2621" for |strong="G3754" a |strong="G2192" very |strong="G0846" long |strong="G4183" time |strong="G5550". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " Do |strong="G1096" you |strong="G3754" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1096" well |strong="G2532"?"

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G3588" sick |strong="G0770" man |strong="G0444" answered |strong="G0611", " Sir |strong="G2962", there |strong="G1722" is |strong="G3739" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3739" to |strong="G1519" help me |strong="G1473" get |strong="G2192" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" water |strong="G5204" when |strong="G3752" it |strong="G0846" starts moving. I |strong="G1473" try to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G0444" the |strong="G3588" first one |strong="G3739" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" water |strong="G5204". But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3752" I |strong="G1473" try, someone |strong="G0243" else |strong="G0243" always goes in |strong="G1722" before |strong="G4253" I |strong="G1473" can."

<sup>8</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " Stand |strong="G1453" up |strong="G1453"! Pick |strong="G0142" up |strong="G1453" your |strong="G2532" mat |strong="G2895" and |strong="G2532" walk |strong="G4043". " <sup>9</sup> Immediately |strong="G2112" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0444" was |strong="G1510" well |strong="G2532". He |strong="G2532" picked |strong="G0142" up |strong="G0142" his |strong="G0846" mat |strong="G2895" and |strong="G2532" started |strong="G1096" walking |strong="G4043".

The |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" all |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G1096" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1096" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G2250". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="G3767" some |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" man who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G1510" been |strong="G1510" healed |strong="G2323", "Today is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521". It |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510"

against|strong="G3756" our|strong="G2532" law  
for|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771"  
to|strong="G3004" carry|strong="G0142"  
your|strong="G2532" mat|strong="G2895"  
on|strong="G2895" the|strong="G3588" Sab-  
bath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521"."

11 But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" an-  
swered|strong="G0611", " The|strong="G3588"  
man|strong="G1565" who|strong="G3588"  
made|strong="G4160" me|strong="G3004"  
well|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004"  
me|strong="G3004", ' Pick|strong="G0142"  
up|strong="G0142" your|strong="G2532"  
mat|strong="G2895" and|strong="G2532"  
walk|strong="G4043"."

12 They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G2065"  
him|strong="G0846", " Who|strong="G3588"  
is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588"  
man|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588"  
told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771"  
to|strong="G3004" pick|strong="G0142"  
up|strong="G0142" your|strong="G2532" mat  
and|strong="G2532" walk|strong="G4043"?"

13 But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588"  
man|strong="G0770" who|strong="G3588"  
had|strong="G2424" been|strong="G1510"  
healed|strong="G2390" did|strong="G1492"  
not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492"  
who|strong="G3588" it|strong="G1161"  
was|strong="G1510". There|strong="G1510"  
were|strong="G1510" many|strong="G3793" peo-  
ple|strong="G3793" there|strong="G1510",  
and|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
had|strong="G2424" left.

14 Later|strong="G3326", Jesus|strong="G2424"  
found|strong="G2147" the|strong="G3588"  
man|strong="G3778" at|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413"  
and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G2443" him|strong="G0846", "  
See|strong="G3708", you|strong="G4771"  
are|strong="G3778" well|strong="G2532"  
now|strong="G2532". But|strong="G2532"  
stop|strong="G3361" sinning|strong="G0264"  
or|strong="G2532" something|strong="G5100"  
worse|strong="G5501" may|strong="G2532" hap-  
pen|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2443"  
you|strong="G4771"!"

15 Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
man|strong="G0444" left|strong="G0565"  
and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0565"  
back|strong="G0565" to|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453"  
who|strong="G3588" questioned  
him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532"  
told|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846"  
that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588"

one|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588"  
made|strong="G4160" him|strong="G0846"  
well|strong="G2532".

16 Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424" do-  
ing|strong="G4160" all|strong="G3588"  
this|strong="G3778" on|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521"  
day|strong="G4521". So|strong="G2532"  
these|strong="G3778" Jews|strong="G2453" began  
trying to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G4160"  
him|strong="G4160" stop. 17 But|strong="G1161"  
he|strong="G0846" said|strong="G0611"  
to|strong="G2193" them|strong="G0846", "My Fa-  
ther|strong="G3962" never stops working,  
and|strong="G1161" so|strong="G1161"  
I|strong="G1473" work|strong="G2038" too."

18 This|strong="G3778" made|strong="G4160"  
them|strong="G0846" try harder to|strong="G3004"  
kill|strong="G0615" him|strong="G0846".  
They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "First  
this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778"  
was|strong="G3588" breaking|strong="G3089"  
the|strong="G3588" law about|strong="G3588"  
the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521"  
day|strong="G4521". Then|strong="G2532"  
he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004"  
that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316"  
is|strong="G2316" his|strong="G0846" Fa-  
ther|strong="G3962"! He|strong="G2532"  
is|strong="G2316" making|strong="G4160" him-  
self|strong="G1438" equal|strong="G2470"  
with|strong="G1223" God|strong="G2316"!"

Jesus|strong="G0846" Has|strong="G2316"  
God's|strong="G2316" Authority|strong="G2212"

19 But|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" an-  
swered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G3739" assure  
you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3739"  
the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207"  
can|strong="G1410" do|strong="G4160" noth-  
ing|strong="G3762" alone|strong="G0846".  
He|strong="G2532" does|strong="G4160" on-  
ly|strong="G3756" what|strong="G3739"  
he|strong="G2532" sees|strong="G0991"  
his|strong="G0846" Father|strong="G3962" do-  
ing|strong="G4160". The|strong="G3588"  
Son|strong="G5207" does|strong="G4160"  
the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846"  
things|strong="G3778" that|strong="G3739"  
the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962"  
does|strong="G4160". 20 The|strong="G3956" Fa-  
ther|strong="G3962" loves|strong="G5368"  
the|strong="G3956" Son|strong="G5207"  
and|strong="G2532" shows|strong="G1166"  
him|strong="G0846" everything|strong="G3956"  
he|strong="G2532" does|strong="G4160".  
This|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778"  
was|strong="G3739" healed. But|strong="G2532"



the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G3739" show |strong="G1166" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" greater |strong="G3173" things |strong="G3778" than |strong="G3173" this |strong="G3778" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G4160". Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3739" all |strong="G3956" be |strong="G2532" amazed |strong="G2296".<sup>21</sup> The |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" raises |strong="G1453" the |strong="G3588" dead |strong="G3498" and |strong="G2532" gives |strong="G2227" them |strong="G3739" life |strong="G2227". In |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779", the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" gives |strong="G2227" life |strong="G2227" to |strong="G2309" those |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" wants |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309".

<sup>22</sup> "Also, the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" judges |strong="G2919" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762". He |strong="G3956" has |strong="G3962" given |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" power to |strong="G1325" do |strong="G2919" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" judging |strong="G2919".<sup>23</sup> God |strong="G0846" did this |strong="G3588" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" will |strong="G3956" respect |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G2531" they |strong="G0846" respect |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962". Anyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" does |strong="G5091" not |strong="G3756" respect |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" does |strong="G5091" not |strong="G3756" respect |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962". He |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207".

<sup>24</sup> " I |strong="G1473" assure you |strong="G5210", anyone who |strong="G3588" hears |strong="G0191" what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" believes |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G3004" has |strong="G2192" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222". They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3748" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2532" judged

guilty. They |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" already left |strong="G3327" death |strong="G2288" and |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" entered |strong="G2064" into |strong="G1519" life |strong="G2222".<sup>25</sup> Believe me |strong="G3004", an |strong="G1510" important time |strong="G5610" is |strong="G1510" coming |strong="G2064". That |strong="G3754" time |strong="G5610" is |strong="G1510" already here |strong="G1510". People |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" dead |strong="G3498" will |strong="G2316" hear |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" voice |strong="G5456" of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316". And |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" listen |strong="G0191" will |strong="G2316" live |strong="G2198".<sup>26</sup> Life |strong="G2222" comes |strong="G2532" from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" himself |strong="G1438". So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" has |strong="G2192" also |strong="G2532" allowed the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" to |strong="G2532" give |strong="G1325" life |strong="G2222".<sup>27</sup> And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" Father has |strong="G0444" given |strong="G1325" him |strong="G0846" the |strong="G2532" power |strong="G1849" to |strong="G2532" judge all people |strong="G0444" because |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G2532" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" Man |strong="G0444".

<sup>28</sup> " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3956" surprised |strong="G2296" at |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778". A |strong="G0191" time |strong="G5610" is |strong="G3778" coming |strong="G2064" when |strong="G0191" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3956" dead and |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G0846" graves |strong="G3419" will |strong="G3739" hear |strong="G0191" his |strong="G0846" voice |strong="G5456".<sup>29</sup> Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1607" out |strong="G1607" of |strong="G0386" their |strong="G2532" graves. Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" did |strong="G4160" good |strong="G0018" in |strong="G1519" this |strong="G3588" life |strong="G2222" will |strong="G2532" rise |strong="G0386" and |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" eternal life |strong="G2222". But |strong="G1161" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" did |strong="G4160" evil |strong="G5337"

will **rise** **to** **be** **judged** **guilty**.  
<sup>30</sup> " I **can** **do** **nothing** **alone**.  
 I **judge** **only** **the** **way**  
**am** **told**. **And** **my**  
**judgment** **is** **right**, **because**  
**am** **not** **trying** **to** **please** **myself**  
**want** **only** **to** **please** **the**  
**one** **who** **sent** **me**.

**Jesus Says More** **to** **the** **Jewish Leaders**

<sup>31</sup> " If I **tell** **people** **about** **myself**,  
 they **cannot** **be** **sure**  
 that **what** I **say** **is** **true**.  
 But **there** **is** **someone**  
 else **who** **tells** **people**  
**about** **me**, **and** I **know**  
 that **what** **he** **says** **about**  
**me** **is** **true**.

<sup>33</sup> " You **sent** **men**  
**to** **John**, **and** **he** **told**  
**you** **what** **is** **true**.  
<sup>34</sup> I **don't** **need** **anyone**  
**to** **tell** **people** **about**  
**me**, **but** I **remind** **you**  
**of** **what** **John** **said**  
**so** **that** **you** **can**  
**be** **saved**.  
 John **was** **like** **a** **lamp**  
**that**

**burned** **and** **gave**  
**light**, **and** **you** **were**  
**happy** **to** **enjoy** **his**  
**light** **for** **a** **while**.

<sup>36</sup> " But I **have** **proof**  
**about** **that** **is** **greater**  
**than** **anything** **John**  
**said**. **The** **things** **I**  
**do** **are** **my** **proof**.  
**These** **are** **what** **my**  
**Father** **gave** **me** **to**  
**do**. **They** **show** **that**  
**the** **Father** **sent** **me**.  
<sup>37</sup> **And** **the** **Father** **who**  
**sent** **me** **has** **given**  
**proof** **about** **me** **himself**.  
 But **you** **have** **never**  
**heard** **his** **voice**.  
 You **have** **never** **seen**  
**he** **looks** **like**.  
 The **Father's** **teaching**  
**does** **not** **live** **in**  
**you**, **because** **you**  
**don't** **believe** **in**  
**the** **one** **the** **Father**  
**sent**.  
<sup>39</sup> **You** **carefully**  
**study** **the** **Scriptures**  
**and** **you** **think** **that**  
**they** **give** **you** **eternal**  
**life**.  
 These **same** **Scriptures**  
**tell** **about** **me**!  
<sup>40</sup> **But** **you** **refuse**  
**to** **come** **to** **me**  
**to** **have** **life**.

41 "I don't want praise from you or any other human". 42 But I know you— I know that you have love for God. 43 I have come from my Father and speak for him, but you don't accept me. But when other people come speaking only for themselves, you accept them. 44 You like to praise each other. But you never try to get the praise that comes from God. So how can you believe? 45 Don't think I will be one to stand before the Father and accuse you. Moses is the one to accuse you. And he is the one you hoped would save you. 46 If you really believed, Moses would believe me, because he wrote about me. But you don't believe

what he wrote, so you can't believe what I say."

### Jesus Feeds More Than 5000

(Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17)

6 Later, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (also known as Lake Tiberias). 2 A great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he did in the healing of the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the side of the hill and sat there with his followers. 4 It was almost the time for the Jewish Passover festival.

5 Jesus looked up and saw a crowd of people coming toward him. He said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked Philip this question to test him. Jesus already knew what he planned to do.

7 Philip answered, "We would all have to work a month to buy enough bread for

each *person* here to *have* *only* a *little* piece!"

<sup>8</sup> Another *follower* there *was* *Andrew*, the *brother* *Simon* *Peter*. *Andrew* said, " *Here* is *a* *boy* with *five* *loaves* of *barley* *bread* and *two* *little* *fish*. But *that* is *not* enough for *so* many *people*."

<sup>10</sup> *Jesus* said, " *Tell* everyone to *sit* down. This *was* a *place* with *a* lot of *grass*, and *about* 5000 *men* sat down there. <sup>11</sup> *Jesus* took the *loaves* of *bread* and *gave* *thanks* for *them*. Then *he* *gave* *them* to *the* *people* who *were* waiting to *eat*. *He* *did* *the* *same* with *the* *fish*. *He* *gave* *them* as *much* as *they* wanted.

<sup>12</sup> *They* all *had* plenty to *eat*. When *they* finished, *Jesus* said to *his* *followers*, " *Gather* the *pieces* of *fish* and *bread* that *were* *not* eaten. Don't *waste* any-

thing." <sup>13</sup> *So* *they* gathered up *the* *pieces* *were* left. *The* *people* had *started* eating with *only* *five* *loaves* of *barley* *bread*. But *the* *followers* filled *twelve* *large* *baskets* with *the* *pieces* of *food* that *were* left.

<sup>14</sup> *The* *people* saw *this* *miraculous* sign that *Jesus* did and *said*, " *He* must *be* the *Prophet* who *is* coming *into* the *world*."

<sup>15</sup> *Jesus* knew that *the* *people* planned to *come* and *make* *him* *king*. So *he* *left* and *went* *into* the *hills* alone.

#### *Jesus* Walks on *Water*

(Matthew 14:22-27; Mark 6:45-52)

<sup>16</sup> *That* evening *Jesus*' *followers* went down to *the* *lake*. It *was* *dark* now, and *Jesus* had *not* yet *come* back to *them*. *They* got *into* a *boat*

<sup>1</sup> *PROPHET* They probably meant the prophet that God told Moses he would send. See Deuteronomy 18:15-19.

and **started** **going** **across** **the** **lake** **to** **Capernaum**. **The** **wind** **was** **blowing** **very** **hard**. **The** **waves** **on** **the** **lake** **were** **becoming** **bigger**. **They** **rowed** **the** **boat** **about** **three** **or** **four** **miles**. **Then** **they** **saw** **Jesus** **was** **walking** **on** **the** **water**, **coming** **to** **the** **boat**. **They** **were** **afraid**. **But** **he** **said** **to** **them**, **"Don't** **be** **afraid**. **It's** **me**. **When** **he** **said** **this**, **they** **were** **glad** **to** **take** **him** **into** **the** **boat**. **And** **then** **the** **boat** **reached** **the** **shore** **at** **the** **place** **they** **wanted** **to** **go**.

**The** **People** **Look** **for** **Jesus**

<sup>22</sup> **The** **next** **day** **Some** **people** **had** **stayed** **on** **the** **other** **side** **of** **the** **lake**. **They** **knew** **that** **Jesus** **did** **not** **go** **with** **his** **followers** **in** **the** **boat**.

**I** **THREE OR FOUR MILES** Literally, "25 or 30 stadia,

**They** **knew** **that** **the** **followers** **had** **left** **in** **the** **boat** **alone**. **And** **they** **knew** **it** **was** **only** **that** **there** **was** **some** **from** **Tiberias** **came** **and** **landed** **near** **the** **place** **where** **they** **had** **eaten** **the** **day** **before**. **This** **was** **where** **they** **had** **eaten** **the** **bread** **after** **the** **Lord** **gave** **thanks**. **The** **people** **saw** **that** **Jesus** **and** **his** **followers** **were** **not** **there** **now**. **So** **they** **got** **into** **the** **boats** **and** **went** **to** **Capernaum** **to** **find** **Jesus**.

**Jesus** **the** **Bread** **of** **Life**

<sup>25</sup> **The** **people** **found** **Jesus** **on** **the** **other** **side** **of** **the** **lake**. **They** **asked** **him**, **"Teacher,** **when** **did** **you** **come** **here** **?"**

<sup>26</sup> **He** **answered**, **"Why** **are** **you** **looking** **for** **me** **?"** **Is** **it** **because** **you** **saw** **miraculous** **signs** **?"** **The** **truth** **is**, **you** **are** **looking**

for me because you ate bread and were satisfied. <sup>27</sup> But earthly food spoils and ruins. So don't work to get that kind of food. But work to get the food that stays good and gives you eternal life. The Son of Man will give you that food. He is the only one qualified by God the Father to give it to you.

<sup>28</sup> The people asked Jesus, "What does God want us to do?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work God wants you to do is this: believe in the one he sent."

<sup>30</sup> So the people asked, "What miraculous sign will you do for us? If we can see you do a miracle, then we will believe you." What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors were given manna

to eat in the desert. As the Scriptures say, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' <sup>1</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said, "I can assure you that Moses was not the one who gave you bread from heaven. But my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> God's bread is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> The people said, "Sir, from now on give us bread like that."

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus said, "I am bread that gives life. No one who comes to me will be hungry. No one who believes in me will be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> I told you before that you have seen me, and don't believe."

The *strong*="G3956" Father *strong*="G3962" gives *strong*="G1325" me *strong*="G1325" my *strong*="G3956" people *strong*="G3956". Every *strong*="G3956" one *strong*="G3739" of *strong*="G3962" them *strong*="G1325" will *strong*="G3739" come *strong*="G2064" to *strong*="G4314" me *strong*="G1325". I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G3739" always *strong*="G3956" accept them *strong*="G1325".<sup>38</sup> I *strong*="G1473" came *strong*="G2597" down *strong*="G2597" from *strong*="G0575" heaven *strong*="G3772" to *strong*="G2443" do *strong*="G4160" what *strong*="G3588" God *strong*="G4160" wants *strong*="G2307", not *strong*="G3756" what *strong*="G3588" I *strong*="G1473" want *strong*="G2307".<sup>39</sup> I *strong*="G1473" must *strong*="G0235" not *strong*="G3361" lose *strong*="G0622" anyone *strong*="G3956" God *strong*="G0846" has *strong*="G3739" given *strong*="G1325" me *strong*="G1325". But *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G1473" must *strong*="G0235" raise *strong*="G0450" them *strong*="G0846" up *strong*="G0450" on *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3956" last *strong*="G2078" day *strong*="G2250". This *strong*="G3778" is *strong*="G1510" what *strong*="G3739" the *strong*="G3956" one *strong*="G3739" who *strong*="G3739" sent *strong*="G3992" me *strong*="G1325" wants *strong*="G2307" me *strong*="G1325" to *strong*="G2443" do *strong*="G1510".<sup>40</sup> Everyone *strong*="G3956" who *strong*="G3588" sees *strong*="G2334" the *strong*="G3956" Son *strong*="G5207" and *strong*="G2532" believes *strong*="G4100" in *strong*="G1722" him *strong*="G0846" has *strong*="G2192" eternal *strong*="G0166" life *strong*="G2222". I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G2307" raise *strong*="G0450" them *strong*="G0846" up *strong*="G0450" on *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3956" last *strong*="G2078" day *strong*="G2250". This *strong*="G3778" is *strong*="G1510" what *strong*="G3588" my *strong*="G3956" Father *strong*="G3962" wants *strong*="G2307".

<sup>41</sup> Some *strong*="G1537" Jews *strong*="G2453" began to *strong*="G3004" complain *strong*="G1111" about *strong*="G4012" Jesus *strong*="G0846" because *strong*="G3754" he *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004", " I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" bread *strong*="G0740" that *strong*="G3754" comes *strong*="G2597" down *strong*="G2597" from *strong*="G1537" heaven *strong*="G3772".<sup>42</sup> They *strong*="G3739" said *strong*="G3004", " This *strong*="G3778" is *strong*="G1510" Jesus *strong*="G2424". We *strong*="G2249" know *strong*="G1492" his *strong*="G3739" fa-

ther *strong*="G3962" and *strong*="G2532" mother *strong*="G3384". He *strong*="G2532" is *strong*="G1510" only *strong*="G3756" Joseph's *strong*="G2501" son *strong*="G5207". How *strong*="G4459" can *strong*="G3004" he *strong*="G2532" say *strong*="G3004", ' I *strong*="G1473" came *strong*="G2597" down *strong*="G2597" from *strong*="G1537" heaven?'

<sup>43</sup> But *strong*="G2532" Jesus *strong*="G2424" said *strong*="G3004", " Stop *strong*="G3361" complaining to *strong*="G3004" each *strong*="G0240" other *strong*="G0240".<sup>44</sup> The *strong*="G3588" Father *strong*="G3962" is *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3962" one *strong*="G3762" who *strong*="G3588" sent *strong*="G3992" me *strong*="G1473", and *strong*="G2064" he *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3762" who *strong*="G3588" brings people *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G4314" me *strong*="G1473". I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G2250" raise *strong*="G0450" them *strong*="G0846" up *strong*="G0450" on *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" last *strong*="G2078" day *strong*="G2250". Anyone *strong*="G3762" the *strong*="G3588" Father *strong*="G3962" does *strong*="G2064" not *strong*="G3361" bring to *strong*="G4314" me *strong*="G1473" cannot *strong*="G3361" come *strong*="G2064" to *strong*="G4314" me *strong*="G1473".<sup>45</sup> It *strong*="G0191" is *strong*="G1510" written *strong*="G1125" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3956" prophets *strong*="G4396": ' God *strong*="G2316" will *strong*="G2316" teach them *strong*="G1722" all *strong*="G3956".<sup>1</sup> People *strong*="G3956" listen *strong*="G0191" to *strong*="G4314" the *strong*="G3956" Father *strong*="G3962" and *strong*="G2532" learn *strong*="G3129" from *strong*="G3844" him *strong*="G0191". They *strong*="G2532" are *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3956" ones who *strong*="G3588" come *strong*="G2064" to *strong*="G4314" me *strong*="G1473".<sup>46</sup> I *strong*="G3778" don't *strong*="G3756" mean *strong*="G1510" that *strong*="G3754" there *strong*="G1510" is *strong*="G1510" anyone *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G3588" has *strong*="G2316" seen *strong*="G3708" the *strong*="G3588" Father *strong*="G3962". The *strong*="G3588" only *strong*="G1487" one *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G3588" has *strong*="G2316" ever seen *strong*="G3708" the *strong*="G3588" Father *strong*="G3962" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G3588" came *strong*="G1510" from *strong*="G3844"

<sup>1</sup> 6:45 Quote from Isaiah 54:13.

God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G3778" has|strong="G2316" seen|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962".

<sup>47</sup> I|strong="G0281" can|strong="G3004" assure you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3004" anyone who|strong="G3588" believes|strong="G4100" has|strong="G2192" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222". <sup>48</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G1510" gives life|strong="G2222". <sup>49</sup> Your|strong="G2532" ancestors|strong="G3962" ate|strong="G2068" the|strong="G3588" manna|strong="G3131" God|strong="G3962" gave them|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048", but|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532" didn't keep them|strong="G1722" from|strong="G1722" dying|strong="G0599". <sup>50</sup> Here|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G2443" comes|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" from|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="G3772". Whoever|strong="G3588" eats|strong="G2068" this|strong="G3778" bread|strong="G0740" will|strong="G1510" never|strong="G3361" die|strong="G0599". <sup>51</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2198" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3739" came|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" from|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="G3772". Whoever|strong="G3739" eats|strong="G2068" this|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" will|strong="G1510" live|strong="G2198" forever|strong="G0165". This|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" is|strong="G1510" my|strong="G1325" body|strong="G4561". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" give|strong="G1325" my|strong="G1325" body|strong="G4561" so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2068" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" can|strong="G1325" have|strong="G1510" life|strong="G2222"."

<sup>52</sup> Then|strong="G3767" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" began to|strong="G4314" argue|strong="G3164" among|strong="G4314" themselves|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "How|strong="G4459" can|strong="G1410" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778" give|strong="G1325" us|strong="G1325" his|strong="G0846" body|strong="G4561" to|strong="G4314" eat|strong="G2068"?"

<sup>53</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", "Believe me|strong="G3004" when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G0281" say|strong="G3004"

that|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" must|strong="G4095" eat|strong="G2068" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4561" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" must|strong="G4095" drink|strong="G4095" his|strong="G0846" blood|strong="G0129". If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3756" do|strong="G2192" this|strong="G3588", you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" real life|strong="G2222". <sup>54</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" eat my|strong="G5176" body|strong="G4561" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" my|strong="G5176" blood|strong="G0129" have|strong="G2192" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2250" raise|strong="G0450" them|strong="G0846" up|strong="G0450" on|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" last|strong="G2078" day|strong="G2250". <sup>55</sup> My|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4561" is|strong="G1510" true|strong="G0227" food|strong="G1035", and|strong="G2532" my|strong="G2532" blood|strong="G0129" is|strong="G1510" true|strong="G0227" drink|strong="G4213". <sup>56</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" eat my|strong="G1722" body|strong="G4561" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" my|strong="G1722" blood|strong="G0129" live in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" live in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>57</sup> "The|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" sent|strong="G0649" me|strong="G1473". He|strong="G2532" lives|strong="G2198", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" live|strong="G2198" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" him|strong="G0649". So|strong="G2532" everyone who|strong="G3588" eats|strong="G5176" me|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2198" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" me|strong="G1473". <sup>58</sup> I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" like|strong="G2531" the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3778" your|strong="G2532" ancestors|strong="G3962" ate|strong="G2068". They|strong="G2532" ate|strong="G2068" that|strong="G3778" bread|strong="G0740", but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" still died|strong="G0599". I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" that|strong="G3778" came|strong="G2597"



down|strong="G2597" from|strong="G1537" heav-  
en|strong="G3772". Whoever|strong="G3588"  
eats|strong="G2068" this|strong="G3778"  
bread|strong="G0740" will|strong="G1510"  
live|strong="G2198" forever|strong="G0165"."

<sup>59</sup> Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" all  
this|strong="G3778" while|strong="G1722"  
he|strong="G3778" was|strong="G3778" teach-  
ing|strong="G1321" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G1722" synagogue|strong="G4864"  
in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" city  
of|strong="G1722" Capernaum|strong="G2584".

#### Many Followers Leave Jesus|strong="G3004"

<sup>60</sup> When|strong="G0191" Jesus' followers  
heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3778",  
many|strong="G4183" of|strong="G1537"  
them|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "  
This|strong="G3778" teaching|strong="G3056"  
is|strong="G1510" hard|strong="G4183".  
Who|strong="G3588" can|strong="G1410" ac-  
cept|strong="G0191" it|strong="G0846"?"

<sup>61</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" already  
knew|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754"  
his|strong="G0846" followers were|strong="G3101"  
complaining about|strong="G4012"  
this|strong="G3778". So|strong="G1161"  
he|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "  
Is|strong="G3778" this|strong="G3778" teaching  
a|strong="G3708" problem for|strong="G3754"  
you|strong="G5210"? <sup>62</sup> Then|strong="G3767"  
what|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1510"  
you|strong="G1437" think when|strong="G3767"  
you|strong="G1437" see|strong="G2334"  
the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207"  
of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" go-  
ing|strong="G0305" up|strong="G0305"  
to|strong="G0444" where|strong="G3699"  
he|strong="G1437" came|strong="G0305"  
from|strong="G0444"? <sup>63</sup> It|strong="G3739"  
is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Spir-  
it|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3739"  
gives|strong="G2227" life|strong="G2222".  
The|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4561"  
is|strong="G1510" of|strong="G4151"  
no|strong="G3756" value|strong="G5623"  
for|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739".  
But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
things|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473"  
have|strong="G1510" told|strong="G2980"  
you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510"  
from|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" Spir-  
it|strong="G4151", so|strong="G2532"  
they|strong="G3739" give|strong="G2227"  
life|strong="G2222". <sup>64</sup> But|strong="G0235"  
some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G1537"  
you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3756" be-  
lieve|strong="G4100". ( Jesus|strong="G2424"

knew|strong="G1492" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739"  
did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G3756" be-  
lieve|strong="G4100". He|strong="G2532"  
knew|strong="G1492" this|strong="G3588"  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" begin-  
ning|strong="G0746". And|strong="G2532"  
he|strong="G2532" knew|strong="G1492"  
the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G5100"  
who|strong="G3739" would|strong="G5100"  
hand|strong="G3860" him|strong="G0846"  
over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2532"  
his|strong="G0846" enemies.) <sup>65</sup> Je-  
sus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "  
That|strong="G3754" is|strong="G1510"  
why|strong="G1223" I|strong="G1473"  
said|strong="G3004", ' Anyone|strong="G3762"  
the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962"  
does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" help  
to|strong="G4314" come|strong="G2064"  
to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G1325" can-  
not|strong="G3361" come|strong="G2064"."

<sup>66</sup> After|strong="G3326" Jesus|strong="G0846"  
said|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778"  
things|strong="G3778", many|strong="G4183"  
of|strong="G1537" his|strong="G0846" followers  
left|strong="G0565" and|strong="G2532" stopped fol-  
lowing|strong="G3694" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>67</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" asked|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" apostles,  
" Do|strong="G3361" you|strong="G5210"  
want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G3004" leave  
too|strong="G2532"?"

<sup>68</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074"  
answered|strong="G0611" him|strong="G0846", "  
Lord|strong="G2962", where would|strong="G2962"  
we|strong="G2192" go|strong="G0565"?  
You|strong="G5101" have|strong="G2192"  
the|strong="G2192" words|strong="G4487"  
that|strong="G0846" give eternal|strong="G0166"  
life|strong="G2222". <sup>69</sup> We|strong="G2249" be-  
lieve|strong="G4100" in|strong="G2316"  
you|strong="G4771". We|strong="G2249"  
know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754"  
you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510"  
the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040"  
One|strong="G3588" from|strong="G2532"  
God|strong="G2316"."

<sup>70</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" an-  
swered|strong="G0611", " I|strong="G1473"  
chose|strong="G1586" all|strong="G3588"  
twelve|strong="G1427" of|strong="G1537"  
you|strong="G5210". But|strong="G2532"  
one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537"  
you|strong="G5210" is|strong="G1510"  
a|strong="G1510" devil|strong="G1228". <sup>71</sup>  
He|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" talk-  
ing|strong="G3004" about|strong="G3195" Ju-

das/strong="G2455", the/strong="G3588" son of/strong="G1537" Simon/strong="G4613" Iscariot/strong="G2469". Judas/strong="G2455" was/strong="G1510" one/strong="G1520" of/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3588" twelve/strong="G1427" apostles, but/strong="G1161" later/strong="G3195" he/strong="G0846" would/strong="G3195" hand/strong="G3860" Jesus/strong="G0846" over/strong="G3860" to/strong="G3004" his/strong="G0846" enemies.

### Jesus and His Brothers

7 After/strong="G3326" this/strong="G3778", Jesus/strong="G2424" traveled around/strong="G4043" the/strong="G3588" country of/strong="G1722" Galilee/strong="G1056". He/strong="G2532" did/strong="G4043" not/strong="G3756" want/strong="G2309" to/strong="G2309" travel in/strong="G1722" Judea/strong="G2453", because/strong="G3754" the/strong="G3588" Jewish/strong="G2453" leaders/strong="G3754" there/strong="G1722" wanted/strong="G2309" to/strong="G2309" kill/strong="G0615" him/strong="G0846". 2 It/strong="G1161" was/strong="G1510" time for/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" Jewish/strong="G2453" Festival/strong="G1859" of/strong="G3588" Shelters. 3 So/strong="G2443" his/strong="G0846" brothers/strong="G0080" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G1519" him/strong="G0846", " You/strong="G4771" should/strong="G0080" leave/strong="G3327" here/strong="G1782" and/strong="G2532" go/strong="G5217" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" festival in/strong="G1519" Judea/strong="G2449". Then/strong="G2532" your/strong="G4160" followers there/strong="G3101" can/strong="G3004" see/strong="G2334" the/strong="G3588" miracles/strong="G2041" you/strong="G4771" do/strong="G4160". 4 If/strong="G1487" you/strong="G1487" want/strong="G2212" to/strong="G2212" be/strong="G1510" well/strong="G2532" known/strong="G5319", you/strong="G1487" must/strong="G4160" not/strong="G1510" hide what/strong="G3588" you/strong="G1487" do/strong="G4160". So/strong="G2532", if/strong="G1487" you/strong="G1487" can/strong="G4160" do/strong="G4160" such/strong="G3778" amazing things/strong="G3778", let/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3588" whole/strong="G1722" world/strong="G2889" see you/strong="G1487" do/strong="G4160" them/strong="G0846". 5 Jesus' brothers/strong="G0080" said this/strong="G3588" because/strong="G1063" even/strong="G3761" they/strong="G0846" did/strong="G3761"

not/strong="G3761" believe/strong="G4100" in/strong="G1519" him/strong="G0846".

6 Jesus/strong="G2424" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" them/strong="G0846", " The/strong="G3588" right/strong="G2540" time/strong="G2540" for/strong="G2540" me/strong="G3004" has/strong="G1510" not/strong="G1510" yet/strong="G1161" come/strong="G1510", but/strong="G1161" any time/strong="G2540" is/strong="G1510" right/strong="G2540" for/strong="G2540" you/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" go. 7 The/strong="G3588" world/strong="G2889" cannot/strong="G3756" hate/strong="G3404" you/strong="G5210". But/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" world/strong="G2889" hates/strong="G3404" me/strong="G1473", because/strong="G3754" I/strong="G1473" tell the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G0846" in/strong="G4012" the/strong="G3588" world/strong="G2889" that/strong="G3754" they/strong="G0846" do/strong="G1510" evil/strong="G4190" things/strong="G0846". 8 So/strong="G1519" you/strong="G5210" go/strong="G0305" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" festival/strong="G1859". I/strong="G1473" will/strong="G3778" not/strong="G3756" go/strong="G0305" now/strong="G3756", because/strong="G3754" the/strong="G3588" right/strong="G1519" time/strong="G2540" for/strong="G1519" me/strong="G1473" has/strong="G3778" not/strong="G3756" yet/strong="G3768" come/strong="G0305". 9 After/strong="G1161" Jesus/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004" this/strong="G3778", he/strong="G0846" stayed/strong="G3306" in/strong="G1722" Galilee/strong="G1056".

10 So/strong="G2532" his/strong="G0846" brothers/strong="G0080" left to/strong="G1519" go/strong="G0305" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" festival/strong="G1859". After/strong="G1161" they/strong="G0846" left, Jesus/strong="G0846" went/strong="G0305" too/strong="G2532", but/strong="G1161" he/strong="G2532" did/strong="G0305" not/strong="G3756" let people/strong="G0846" see him/strong="G0846". 11 At/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" festival/strong="G1859" the/strong="G3588" Jewish/strong="G2453" leaders/strong="G3004" were/strong="G1510" looking/strong="G2212" for/strong="G1722" him/strong="G0846". They/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004", " Where/strong="G4226" is/strong="G1510" that/strong="G1565" man/strong="G1565"?"

12 There/strong="G1510" was/strong="G1510" a/strong="G1510" large/strong="G4183"

group |strong="G3793" of |strong="G4012" people |strong="G3793" there |strong="G1510". Many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G4012" them |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" talking |strong="G3004" secretly to |strong="G3004" each other |strong="G0243" about |strong="G4012" Jesus |strong="G0846". Some |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" said |strong="G3004", " He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" good |strong="G0018" man |strong="G0243"." But |strong="G1161" others |strong="G0243" said |strong="G3004", " No |strong="G3756", he |strong="G2532" fools the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793"." <sup>13</sup> But |strong="G3762" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" was |strong="G3588" brave enough to |strong="G2980" talk about |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846" openly |strong="G3954". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G2453" afraid of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders.

#### Jesus |strong="G0846" Teaches in |strong="G2980" Jerusalem

<sup>14</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" festival |strong="G1859" was |strong="G2424" about |strong="G1519" half finished, Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2411" area and |strong="G2532" began to |strong="G1519" teach |strong="G1321". <sup>15</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders |strong="G3004" were |strong="G2453" amazed |strong="G2296" and |strong="G2453" said |strong="G3004", " How |strong="G4459" did |strong="G1492" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" learn |strong="G3129" so |strong="G3767" much? He |strong="G3778" never |strong="G3361" had |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" kind of |strong="G3004" teaching we |strong="G3778" had |strong="G3588"!"

<sup>16</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " What |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" teach is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" my |strong="G1699" own |strong="G1699". My |strong="G1699" teaching |strong="G1322" comes |strong="G1510" from |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G3004". <sup>17</sup> People |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" really want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" wants |strong="G2309" will |strong="G2307" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G1097" my |strong="G4160" teaching |strong="G1322" comes |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0575" God |strong="G2316".

They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2307" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G1097" this |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G1322" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" my |strong="G4160" own |strong="G1683". <sup>18</sup> If |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" taught my |strong="G2212" own |strong="G2398" ideas, I |strong="G2532" would |strong="G0846" just |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G2212" get honor |strong="G1391" for |strong="G1722" myself |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G2212" bring honor |strong="G1391" to |strong="G2212" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1438" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G3992", I |strong="G2532" can be |strong="G1510" trusted. Anyone |strong="G0846" doing |strong="G0093" that |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" going to |strong="G2212" lie. <sup>19</sup> Moses |strong="G3475" gave |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551", right? But |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" obey |strong="G4160" that |strong="G3551" law |strong="G3551". If |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4160", then |strong="G2532" why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G2212" kill |strong="G0615" me |strong="G1325"?"

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" answered |strong="G0611", " A |strong="G2192" demon |strong="G1140" is |strong="G5101" making you |strong="G4771" crazy! We |strong="G2192" are |strong="G3588" not trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G2212" kill |strong="G0615" you |strong="G4771"."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " I |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" one |strong="G1520" miracle |strong="G2041" on |strong="G4160" a |strong="G4160" Sabbath day, and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3004" were |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" surprised |strong="G2296". <sup>22</sup> But |strong="G0235" you |strong="G5210" obey the |strong="G3588" law Moses |strong="G3475" gave |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G1722" circumcision |strong="G4061"— and |strong="G2532" sometimes you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G1510" it |strong="G1223" on |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521". (Really, Moses |strong="G3475" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G0444"

who |strong="G3588" gave |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" circumcision |strong="G4061". It |strong="G1223" came |strong="G1223" from |strong="G1537" our |strong="G2532" ancestors |strong="G3962" who |strong="G3588" lived |strong="G1510" before |strong="G1722" Moses |strong="G3475".) Yes |strong="G0235", you |strong="G5210" often circumcise |strong="G4059" baby boys on |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521".<sup>23</sup> This |strong="G3588" shows |strong="G2983" that |strong="G3754" someone |strong="G0444" can |strong="G4160" be |strong="G0444" circumcised |strong="G4061" on |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2983" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521" to |strong="G2443" obey |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G3551" Moses |strong="G3475". So |strong="G2443" why are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G1487" angry |strong="G5520" with |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473" for |strong="G3754" healing a |strong="G2983" person's whole |strong="G3650" body on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Sabbath |strong="G4521" day |strong="G4521"?<sup>24</sup> Stop |strong="G3361" judging |strong="G2919" by |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G2596" things |strong="G3588" look. Be |strong="G3361" fair and |strong="G1342" judge |strong="G2919" by |strong="G2596" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" really right |strong="G1342".

**People |strong="G2919" Wonder if Jesus Is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Messiah**

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="G3767" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2415" who |strong="G3739" lived |strong="G1510" in |strong="G3004" Jerusalem |strong="G2415" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" they |strong="G3767" are |strong="G1510" trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G3004" kill |strong="G0615".<sup>26</sup> But |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" teaching |strong="G2980" where everyone |strong="G3748" can |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708" and |strong="G2532" hear him |strong="G0846". And |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" is |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G3004" stop him |strong="G0846" from |strong="G2980" teaching |strong="G2980". Maybe the |strong="G3588" leaders |strong="G3004" have |strong="G1510" decided that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" really |strong="G0230" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547".<sup>27</sup> But |strong="G1161"

when |strong="G3752" the |strong="G3588" real Messiah |strong="G5547" comes |strong="G2064", no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" will |strong="G1510" know |strong="G1097" where |strong="G4159" he |strong="G3778" comes |strong="G2064" from |strong="G2064". And |strong="G1161" we |strong="G3778" know |strong="G1097" where |strong="G4159" this |strong="G3778" man's |strong="G3778" home is |strong="G1510"."

<sup>28</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" still |strong="G2064" teaching |strong="G1321" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413" area when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" loudly, " Do |strong="G1492" you |strong="G5210" really know |strong="G1492" me |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" where |strong="G4159" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0575"? I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" here |strong="G1510", but |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756" by |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1722" own |strong="G1683" decision. I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" sent |strong="G3992" by |strong="G1722" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" very |strong="G2532" real. But |strong="G0235" you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" him |strong="G3739".<sup>29</sup> I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1492" him |strong="G0846" because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" from |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G1510" one |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3748" sent |strong="G0649" me |strong="G1473"."

<sup>30</sup> When |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588", the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" tried |strong="G2212" to |strong="G1909" grab him |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" was |strong="G3588" able even |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" touch him |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" right time |strong="G5610" for |strong="G3754" him |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3748" not |strong="G3762" yet |strong="G2532" come |strong="G2064".<sup>31</sup> But |strong="G1161" many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3778" waiting for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547"

to|strong="G1519" come|strong="G2064".  
When|strong="G3752" he|strong="G2532"  
comes|strong="G2064", will|strong="G3739"  
he|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160"  
more|strong="G4183" miraculous  
signs|strong="G4592" than|strong="G4183"  
this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778"  
has|strong="G3739" done|strong="G4160"?"

**The|strong="G3588" Jewish Leaders|strong="G3004"  
Try to|strong="G1519" Arrest Jesus|strong="G0846"**

<sup>32</sup> The|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330"  
heard|strong="G0191" what|strong="G3588"  
the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793"  
were|strong="G3793" saying about|strong="G4012"  
Jesus|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2443"  
the|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749"  
and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Phar-  
isees|strong="G5330" sent|strong="G0649"  
some|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G0846" police  
to|strong="G2443" arrest|strong="G4084"  
him|strong="G0846". <sup>33</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Je-  
sus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", "  
I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510"  
be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326"  
you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G1510" little  
while|strong="G1510" longer|strong="G2089".  
Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473"  
will|strong="G1510" go|strong="G5217"  
back|strong="G4314" to|strong="G4314"  
the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588"  
who|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G3992"  
me|strong="G3004". <sup>34</sup> You|strong="G5210"  
will|strong="G1510" look for|strong="G2212"  
me|strong="G1473", but|strong="G2532"  
you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" find|strong="G2147"  
me|strong="G1473". And|strong="G2532"  
you|strong="G5210" cannot|strong="G3756"  
come|strong="G2064" where|strong="G3699"  
I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510"."

<sup>35</sup> These|strong="G3778" Jews|strong="G2453"  
said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519"  
each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1438", "  
Where|strong="G4226" will|strong="G3195"  
this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778"  
go|strong="G4198" that|strong="G3754"  
we|strong="G3778" cannot|strong="G3756"  
find|strong="G2147" him|strong="G0846"?  
Will|strong="G3195" he|strong="G2532"  
go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519"  
the|strong="G3588" Greek|strong="G1672" cities  
where|strong="G4226" our|strong="G2532" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" live? Will|strong="G3195"  
he|strong="G2532" teach|strong="G1321"  
the|strong="G3588" Greek|strong="G1672" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" there? <sup>36</sup> He|strong="G2532"  
says|strong="G3004", ' You|strong="G5210"

will|strong="G1510" look for|strong="G2212"  
me|strong="G3004", but|strong="G2532"  
you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" find|strong="G2147"  
me|strong="G3004". He|strong="G2532" al-  
so|strong="G2532" says|strong="G3004", '  
You|strong="G5210" cannot|strong="G3756"  
come|strong="G2064" where|strong="G3699"  
I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510".'  
What|strong="G5101" does|strong="G1510"  
this|strong="G3778" mean|strong="G3004"?"

**Jesus|strong="G3004" Talks About|strong="G3588"  
the|strong="G3588" Holy Spirit**

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="G3588" last|strong="G2078"  
day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250"  
the|strong="G3588" festival|strong="G1859"  
came|strong="G2064". It|strong="G1437"  
was|strong="G2424" the|strong="G3588" most im-  
portant|strong="G3173" day|strong="G2250".  
On|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3004"  
day|strong="G2250" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
stood|strong="G2476" up|strong="G2064"  
and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" loud-  
ly|strong="G3173", " Whoever|strong="G3588"  
is|strong="G5100" thirsty|strong="G1372"  
may|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2064"  
to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G3004"  
and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095". <sup>38</sup> If any-  
one|strong="G0846" believes|strong="G4100"  
in|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004",  
rivers|strong="G4215" of|strong="G1537" liv-  
ing|strong="G2198" water|strong="G5204"  
will|strong="G0846" flow|strong="G4482"  
out|strong="G1537" from|strong="G1537"  
their|strong="G0846" heart. That|strong="G3004"  
is|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588"  
the|strong="G3588" Scriptures|strong="G1124"  
say|strong="G3004". <sup>39</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424"  
was|strong="G1510" talking|strong="G3004"  
about|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588" Spir-  
it|strong="G4151". The|strong="G3588" Spir-  
it|strong="G4151" had|strong="G2424"  
not|strong="G1510" yet|strong="G1161"  
been|strong="G1510" given to|strong="G1519" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846", because|strong="G3754" Je-  
sus|strong="G2424" had|strong="G2424"  
not|strong="G1510" yet|strong="G1161"  
been|strong="G1510" raised to|strong="G1519" glo-  
ry|strong="G1392". But|strong="G1161" lat-  
er|strong="G3195", those|strong="G3588"  
who|strong="G3739" believed|strong="G4100"  
in|strong="G1519" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
would|strong="G3195" receive|strong="G2983"  
the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151".

**The People Argue About Jesus**

40 When the people heard the things that Jesus said of them said, "This man is Prophet." I

41 Other people said, "He is the Messiah."

And others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee." The Scriptures say that the Messiah will come from David's family. And they say that he will come from Bethlehem where David lived. So the people did not agree with each other about Jesus. Some of the people wanted to arrest him. But no one tried to do it.

**The Jewish Leaders Refuse to Believe**

45 The Temple police went back to the leading priests and Pharisees.

I PROPHECY They probably meant the prophet that God told Moses he would send. See Deuteronomy 18:15-19.

The priests and the Pharisees asked, "Why didn't you bring Jesus?"

46 The Temple police answered, "We have never heard anyone say such things!"

47 The Pharisees answered, "So he has fooled you too! You don't see any of the leaders or any of us Pharisees believing in him, do you? But those people there know nothing about the law. They are under God's curse!"

50 But Nicodemus was in that group. He was the one who had gone to see Jesus before. He said, "Our law will not let us judge anyone first without hearing them out what they have done."

52 The Jewish leaders answered, "You must be from Galilee too! Study the Scriptures. You will find nothing"

II HE WAS THE ONE ... BEFORE The story about Nicodemus going and talking to Jesus is in John 3:1-21.

about|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1510"  
 prophet|strong="G4396"<sup>1</sup> coming  
 from|strong="G1537" Galilee|strong="G1056".

### A|strong="G1510" Woman Caught in|strong="G2532" Adultery

<sup>53</sup> Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846"  
 all|strong="G3588" left and|strong="G2532"  
 went|strong="G4198" home|strong="G3624".

**8** Jesus|strong="G2424" went|strong="G4198"  
 to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588"  
 Mount|strong="G3735" of|strong="G3735"  
 Olives|strong="G1636". <sup>2</sup> Early|strong="G3722"  
 in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" morn-  
 ing|strong="G3722" he|strong="G2532"  
 went|strong="G2064" back|strong="G3825"  
 to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" Tem-  
 ple|strong="G0846" area. The|strong="G3956" peo-  
 ple|strong="G2992" all|strong="G3956"  
 came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519"  
 him|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532"  
 he|strong="G2532" sat|strong="G2523"  
 and|strong="G2532" taught|strong="G1321"  
 them|strong="G0846".

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="G3588" teachers of|strong="G1722"  
 the|strong="G3588" law and|strong="G2532"  
 the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330"  
 brought|strong="G0071" a|strong="G2532"  
 woman|strong="G1135" they|strong="G0846"  
 had|strong="G3588" caught|strong="G2638"  
 in|strong="G1722" bed with|strong="G1722"  
 a|strong="G2532" man who|strong="G3588"  
 was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G2532"  
 her|strong="G0846" husband. They|strong="G0846"  
 forced her|strong="G0846" to|strong="G4314"  
 stand|strong="G2476" in|strong="G1722" front  
 of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
 ple|strong="G0846". <sup>4</sup> They|strong="G0846"  
 said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Je-  
 sus|strong="G0846", " Teacher|strong="G1320",  
 this|strong="G3778" woman|strong="G1135"  
 was|strong="G3588" caught|strong="G2638"  
 in|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" act  
 of|strong="G3004" adultery|strong="G3431". <sup>5</sup>  
 The|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551"  
 of|strong="G3551" Moses|strong="G3475" com-  
 mands us|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"  
 stone|strong="G3036" to|strong="G3004" death any  
 such|strong="G5108" woman. What|strong="G5101"  
 do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771"  
 say|strong="G3004" we|strong="G1161" should  
 do|strong="G3004"?"

<sup>6</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3778" say-  
 ing|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778"

<sup>1</sup> A PROPHET Two early Greek copies have "the Prophet," which would mean the "prophet like Moses" mentioned in Deuteronomy 18:15. In Acts 3:22 and 7:37 this is understood to be the Messiah, as in verse 40 above.

to|strong="G1519" trick Jesus|strong="G2424".  
 They|strong="G0846" wanted to|strong="G1519"  
 catch him|strong="G0846" saying|strong="G3004"  
 something wrong so|strong="G2443"  
 that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846"  
 could|strong="G2192" have|strong="G2192"  
 a|strong="G2192" charge|strong="G2723"  
 against|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".  
 But|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
 stooped|strong="G2955" down|strong="G2736"  
 and|strong="G1161" started writing|strong="G1125"  
 on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588"  
 ground|strong="G1093" with|strong="G1519"  
 his|strong="G0846" finger|strong="G1147". <sup>7</sup>  
 The|strong="G3588" Jewish leaders|strong="G3004"  
 continued|strong="G1961" to|strong="G4314"  
 ask|strong="G2065" him|strong="G0846"  
 their|strong="G0846" question|strong="G2065".  
 So|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" stood up  
 and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G3004", " Any-  
 one|strong="G0846" here who|strong="G3588"  
 has|strong="G0846" never sinned should  
 throw|strong="G0906" the|strong="G3588"  
 first|strong="G4413" stone|strong="G3037"  
 at|strong="G1909" her|strong="G0846". <sup>8</sup>  
 Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2532"  
 stooped|strong="G2955" down|strong="G2736"  
 again|strong="G3825" and|strong="G2532"  
 wrote|strong="G1125" on|strong="G1519"  
 the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1093".

<sup>9</sup> When|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532"  
 heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3588",  
 they|strong="G2532" began|strong="G0756"  
 to|strong="G2596" leave|strong="G2641"  
 one|strong="G1520" by|strong="G1722"  
 one|strong="G1520". The|strong="G3588" old-  
 er|strong="G4245" men|strong="G4245"  
 left|strong="G1831" first|strong="G1520",  
 and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532"  
 the|strong="G3588" others|strong="G3588". Je-  
 sus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424"  
 left|strong="G1831" alone|strong="G3441"  
 with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"  
 woman|strong="G1135" standing|strong="G2476"  
 there|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" front  
 of|strong="G0575" him|strong="G0191". <sup>10</sup>  
 He|strong="G2532" looked|strong="G2300" up  
 again|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532"  
 said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"  
 her|strong="G0846", " Where|strong="G4226"  
 did|strong="G1510" they|strong="G0846"  
 all|strong="G3588" go? Did|strong="G1510"  
 no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" judge  
 you|strong="G4771" guilty?"

<sup>11</sup> She|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004",  
 " No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762",  
 sir|strong="G2962"."

Then **Jesus** said, "I don't judge you either. You can now go, but don't sin again."

**Jesus Is the Light of the World**

<sup>12</sup> Later, **Jesus** talked to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never live in darkness. They have the light that gives life."

<sup>13</sup> But the Pharisees to **Jesus**, "When you talk about yourself, you are the only one to say these things are true. So we cannot accept what you say."

<sup>14</sup> **Jesus** answered, "Yes, I am saying these things about myself. But people can believe what I say, because I know where I came from. And I know where I

am going. But you don't know where I came from or where I am going. You judge me the way people judge other people. I don't judge anyone. But if I judge, my judging is true, because I judge like when I am not alone. The Father who sent me with me is my own law says that two witnesses say the same thing, you must accept what they say. I am one of the witnesses who speaks about myself. And the Father who sent me is my other witness."

<sup>19</sup> The people asked, "Where is your father?"

**Jesus** answered, "You don't know me or my Father. But if you knew me, you would know my Father too." <sup>20</sup> **Jesus** said these things while he was teach-

<sup>1</sup> The oldest and best Greek copies do not have verses 7:53-8:11. Other copies have this section in different places.



ing|strong="G1321" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" area, near|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" room where|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" offerings were|strong="G3778" kept. But|strong="G2532" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" arrested him|strong="G0846", because|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" right time|strong="G5610" for|strong="G3754" him|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3748" not|strong="G3762" yet|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2064".

### Some|strong="G3588" Jews Don't Understand Jesus|strong="G0846"

<sup>21</sup> Again|strong="G3825", Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846", " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" leave you|strong="G5210". You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2532" look for|strong="G1722" me|strong="G3004", but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2532" die|strong="G0599" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" sin|strong="G0266". You|strong="G5210" cannot|strong="G3756" come|strong="G2064" where|strong="G3699" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1410" going|strong="G5217"."

<sup>22</sup> So|strong="G3767" the|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" leaders|strong="G3004" asked|strong="G3004" themselves|strong="G1438", " Will|strong="G3748" he|strong="G3754" kill|strong="G0615" himself|strong="G1438"? Is|strong="G3588" that|strong="G3754" why he|strong="G3754" said|strong="G3004", ' You|strong="G5210" cannot|strong="G3756" come|strong="G2064" where|strong="G3699" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1410" going?"

<sup>23</sup> But|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G5210" people|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" here|strong="G1510" below|strong="G2736", but|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" above|strong="G0507". You|strong="G5210" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G2889", but|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3756" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G2889". <sup>24</sup> I|strong="G1473" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" would|strong="G0266" die|strong="G0599" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1437" sins|strong="G0266".

Yes|strong="G1063", if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3361" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" AM|strong="G1510", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" die|strong="G0599" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1437" sins|strong="G0266"."

<sup>25</sup> They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004", " Then|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G5210"?"

Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G3739" am|strong="G1510" what|strong="G5101" I|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" from|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" beginning|strong="G0746". <sup>26</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" much|strong="G4183" more|strong="G4183" I|strong="G1473" could|strong="G2192" say|strong="G2980" to|strong="G1519" judge|strong="G2919" you|strong="G5210". But|strong="G0235" I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G2980" people|strong="G0846" only|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" heard|strong="G0191" from|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" sent|strong="G3992" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" speaks|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0227"."

<sup>27</sup> They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" understand|strong="G1097" who|strong="G3588" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" talking|strong="G3004" about|strong="G3588". He|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" telling|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" about|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962". <sup>28</sup> So|strong="G3767" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G4160", " You|strong="G3752" will|strong="G1510" lift|strong="G5312" up<sup>II</sup> the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3752" will|strong="G1510" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" AM|strong="G1510". You|strong="G3752" will|strong="G1510" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" whatever|strong="G3748" I|strong="G1473" do|strong="G4160" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510"

I I AM This is like the name of God used in the Old Testament. See Isaiah 41:4; 43:10; Exodus 3:14. However, it can also mean "I am he," meaning "I am the Messiah." Also in verses 28, 58. II LIFT UP Meaning to be nailed to a cross and "lifted up" on it to die. It may also have a second meaning: to be "lifted up" from death to heaven.

by|strong="G0575" my|strong="G3754" own|strong="G1683" authority. You|strong="G3752" will|strong="G1510" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" say|strong="G3004" only|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" has|strong="G3962" taught|strong="G1321" me|strong="G3004".<sup>29</sup> The|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G3992" me|strong="G1473" is|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1473". I|strong="G1473" always|strong="G3842" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" pleases him|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" left|strong="G0863" me|strong="G1473" alone|strong="G3441".<sup>30</sup> While|strong="G2980" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G2980" saying|strong="G2980" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778", many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G0846" believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Talks About|strong="G1519" Freedom From|strong="G2980" Sin**

<sup>31</sup> So|strong="G3767" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" who|strong="G3588" believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846", " If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" continue|strong="G3306" to|strong="G4314" accept and|strong="G2453" obey my|strong="G1699" teaching|strong="G3056", you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" really|strong="G0230" my|strong="G1699" followers.<sup>32</sup> You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225" will|strong="G2532" make|strong="G1659" you|strong="G5210" free|strong="G1659"."

<sup>33</sup> They|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", " We|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510" Abraham's|strong="G0011" descendants|strong="G4690". And|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" never|strong="G3762" been|strong="G1510" slaves|strong="G1398". So|strong="G2532" why|strong="G4459" do|strong="G1096" you|strong="G4771" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" we|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" free|strong="G1658"?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3956" truth is|strong="G1510", everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588"

sins|strong="G0266" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" slave|strong="G1401"— a|strong="G1510" slave|strong="G1401" to|strong="G3004" sin|strong="G0266".<sup>35</sup> A|strong="G1722" slave|strong="G1401" does|strong="G3306" not|strong="G3756" stay|strong="G3306" with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1722" family forever|strong="G0165". But|strong="G1161" a|strong="G1722" son|strong="G5207" belongs to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" family forever|strong="G0165".<sup>36</sup> So|strong="G3767" if|strong="G1437" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" makes|strong="G1659" you|strong="G5210" free|strong="G1658", you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" really|strong="G3689" free|strong="G1658".<sup>37</sup> I|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1492" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" Abraham's|strong="G0011" descendants|strong="G4690". But|strong="G0235" you|strong="G5210" want|strong="G2212" to|strong="G2212" kill|strong="G0615" me|strong="G1473", because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2212" to|strong="G2212" accept|strong="G5562" my|strong="G1699" teaching|strong="G3056".<sup>38</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" telling|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210" what|strong="G3739" my|strong="G0191" Father|strong="G3962" has|strong="G3962" shown|strong="G4160" me|strong="G1473". But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3739" your|strong="G3708" father|strong="G3962" has|strong="G3962" told|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210"."

<sup>39</sup> They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Our|strong="G2424" father|strong="G3962" is|strong="G1510" Abraham|strong="G0011"."

Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" were|strong="G1510" really Abraham's|strong="G0011" descendants, you|strong="G1487" would|strong="G0846" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" Abraham|strong="G0011" did|strong="G4160".<sup>40</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G2212" someone|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2316" told|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225" I|strong="G1473" heard|strong="G0191" from|strong="G3844" God|strong="G2316". But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3778" trying|strong="G2212" to|strong="G2212" kill|strong="G0615" me|strong="G1473". Abraham|strong="G0011" did|strong="G4160" nothing|strong="G3756" like that|strong="G3739".<sup>41</sup> So

you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" do-  
ing |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588"  
your |strong="G2192" own |strong="G0846" fa-  
ther |strong="G3962" did |strong="G4160".

But |strong="G2316" they |strong="G0846"  
said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G2249"  
are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756"  
like |strong="G0846" children |strong="G1080"  
who |strong="G3588" never |strong="G3756" knew  
who |strong="G3588" their |strong="G0846" fa-  
ther |strong="G3962" was |strong="G3588".  
God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316"  
our |strong="G2316" Father |strong="G3962".  
He |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316"  
the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3756" Fa-  
ther |strong="G3962" we |strong="G2249"  
have |strong="G2192".

<sup>42</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004"  
to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", "  
If |strong="G1487" God |strong="G2316"  
were |strong="G1510" really your |strong="G0025" Fa-  
ther |strong="G3962", you |strong="G5210"  
would |strong="G0302" love |strong="G0025"  
me |strong="G3004". I |strong="G1473"  
came |strong="G2064" from |strong="G0575"  
God |strong="G2316", and |strong="G2532"  
now |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473"  
am |strong="G1510" here |strong="G1510".  
I |strong="G1473" did |strong="G1510"  
not |strong="G3761" come |strong="G2064"  
by |strong="G1537" my |strong="G0649"  
own |strong="G1683" authority. God |strong="G2316"  
sent |strong="G0649" me |strong="G3004". <sup>43</sup>  
You |strong="G3754" don't |strong="G3756" under-  
stand |strong="G1097" the |strong="G3588"  
things |strong="G3588" I |strong="G3754"  
say |strong="G3056", because |strong="G3754"  
you |strong="G3754" cannot |strong="G3756" ac-  
cept |strong="G0191" my |strong="G1699" teach-  
ing |strong="G3056". <sup>44</sup> Your |strong="G4160" fa-  
ther |strong="G3962" is |strong="G1510"  
the |strong="G3588" devil |strong="G1228".  
You |strong="G5210" belong |strong="G1510"  
to |strong="G2309" him |strong="G0846".  
You |strong="G5210" want |strong="G2309"  
to |strong="G2309" do |strong="G4160"  
what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532"  
wants |strong="G2309". He |strong="G2532"  
was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" murder-  
er |strong="G0443" from |strong="G0575"  
the |strong="G3588" beginning |strong="G0746".  
He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" always  
against |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588"  
truth |strong="G0225". There |strong="G1510"  
is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756"  
truth |strong="G0225" in |strong="G1722"  
him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532"  
is |strong="G1510" like |strong="G2309"

the |strong="G3588" lies |strong="G0846"  
he |strong="G2532" tells. Yes, the |strong="G3588"  
devil |strong="G1228" is |strong="G1510"  
a |strong="G1510" liar |strong="G5583".  
He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510"  
the |strong="G3588" father |strong="G3962"  
of |strong="G1537" lies |strong="G0846".

<sup>45</sup> " I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473"  
telling |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3754"  
the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225",  
and |strong="G1161" that's why you |strong="G3754"  
don't |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100"  
me |strong="G3004". <sup>46</sup> Can |strong="G3004"  
any |strong="G3756" of |strong="G1537"  
you |strong="G5210" prove that |strong="G3004"  
I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473"  
guilty |strong="G1651" of |strong="G1537"  
sin |strong="G0266"? If |strong="G1487"  
I |strong="G1473" tell |strong="G3004"  
the |strong="G1223" truth |strong="G0225",  
why |strong="G5101" don't |strong="G3756"  
you |strong="G5210" believe |strong="G4100"  
me |strong="G3004"? <sup>47</sup> Whoever |strong="G3748" be-  
longs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G0191"  
God |strong="G2316" accepts what |strong="G3588"  
he |strong="G3778" says. But |strong="G2316"  
you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" ac-  
cept |strong="G0191" what |strong="G3588"  
God |strong="G2316" says, because |strong="G3754"  
you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" be-  
long |strong="G1510" to |strong="G0191"  
God |strong="G2316".

#### Jesus |strong="G1510" Talks About |strong="G3588" Himself and |strong="G2316" Abraham

<sup>48</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453"  
there |strong="G1510" answered |strong="G0611", "  
We |strong="G2249" say |strong="G3004"  
you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510"  
a |strong="G2192" Samaritan |strong="G4541".  
We |strong="G2249" say |strong="G3004"  
a |strong="G2192" demon |strong="G1140"  
is |strong="G1510" making you |strong="G4771" crazy!  
Are |strong="G1510" we |strong="G2249"  
not |strong="G3756" right |strong="G2573"  
when |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249"  
say |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588"?"

<sup>49</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" an-  
swered |strong="G0611", " I |strong="G1473"  
have |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3756" de-  
mon |strong="G1140" in |strong="G2532"  
me |strong="G1473". I |strong="G1473" give hon-  
or |strong="G5091" to |strong="G2532"  
my |strong="G2192" Father |strong="G3962",  
but |strong="G0235" you |strong="G5210" give  
no |strong="G3756" honor |strong="G5091"  
to |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473". <sup>50</sup>

I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" trying |strong="G2212" to |strong="G2212" get honor |strong="G1391" for |strong="G2212" myself |strong="G1473". There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" wants this |strong="G3588" honor |strong="G1391" for |strong="G2212" me |strong="G1473". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" judge |strong="G2919".<sup>51</sup> I |strong="G0281" promise you |strong="G5210", who ever |strong="G3588" continues to |strong="G1519" obey |strong="G5083" my |strong="G1699" teaching |strong="G3056" will |strong="G5100" never |strong="G3756" die |strong="G2288"."

<sup>52</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846", " Now |strong="G3568" we |strong="G1437" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" demon |strong="G1140" in |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771"! Even |strong="G2532" Abraham |strong="G0011" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" died |strong="G0599". But |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" say |strong="G3004", ' Whoever |strong="G3748" obeys |strong="G5083" my |strong="G5083" teaching |strong="G3056" will |strong="G5100" never |strong="G3756" die |strong="G0599".'<sup>53</sup> Do |strong="G4160" you |strong="G4771" think you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" greater |strong="G3173" than |strong="G3173" our |strong="G2532" father |strong="G3962" Abraham |strong="G0011"? He |strong="G2532" died |strong="G0599", and |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396". Who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G4160" you |strong="G4771" think you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510"?"

<sup>54</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " If |strong="G1437" I |strong="G1473" give |strong="G3004" honor |strong="G1391" to |strong="G3004" myself |strong="G1683", that |strong="G3754" honor |strong="G1391" is |strong="G1510" worth nothing |strong="G3762". The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3739" gives |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004" honor |strong="G1391" is |strong="G1510" my |strong="G3739" Father |strong="G3962". And |strong="G0611" you |strong="G5210" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" your |strong="G1437" God |strong="G2316".<sup>55</sup> But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" really know |strong="G1097"

him |strong="G0846". I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1097" him |strong="G0846". If |strong="G2579" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004" I |strong="G1473" did |strong="G1492" not |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1097" him |strong="G0846", I |strong="G1473" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" liar |strong="G5583" like |strong="G3664" you |strong="G5210". But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" do |strong="G1492" know |strong="G1097" him |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" obey |strong="G5083" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" says |strong="G3004".<sup>56</sup> Your |strong="G3708" father |strong="G3962" Abraham |strong="G0011" was |strong="G3588" very |strong="G2532" happy that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" would |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" came. He |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G2443" day |strong="G2250" and |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" happy."

<sup>57</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G0846", " What |strong="G3588"? How can |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3708" say |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3708" have |strong="G2192" seen |strong="G3708" Abraham |strong="G0011"? You |strong="G3708" are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3768" even |strong="G2532" 50 years |strong="G2094" old!"

<sup>58</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3004" fact is |strong="G1510", before |strong="G4250" Abraham |strong="G0011" was |strong="G1510" born |strong="G1096", I |strong="G1473" AM |strong="G1510"."<sup>59</sup> When |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G0846" picked |strong="G0142" up |strong="G0142" stones |strong="G3037" to |strong="G2443" throw |strong="G0906" at |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" hid |strong="G2928", and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" left |strong="G1831" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413" area.

### Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

**9** While |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2532" was |strong="G0444" walking, he |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" a |strong="G3708" man |strong="G0444" who |strong="G0444" had |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" blind |strong="G5185"

since |strong="G1537" the |strong="G2532" time he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G0444" born. <sup>2</sup> Jesus' followers asked |strong="G2065" him |strong="G0846", "Teacher, why |strong="G5101" was |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" born |strong="G1080" blind |strong="G5185"? Whose |strong="G5101" sin |strong="G0264" made |strong="G3004" it |strong="G0846" happen? Was |strong="G3588" it |strong="G0846" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G0846" sin |strong="G0264" or |strong="G2228" that |strong="G2443" of |strong="G1080" his |strong="G0846" parents |strong="G1118"?"

<sup>3</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" not |strong="G0235" any sin |strong="G0264" of |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" or |strong="G3777" his |strong="G0846" parents |strong="G1118" that |strong="G2443" caused him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2316" blind. He |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" born blind so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G0846" could be |strong="G2316" used to |strong="G2443" show |strong="G5319" what |strong="G3588" great things |strong="G3778" God |strong="G2316" can do |strong="G0264". <sup>4</sup> While |strong="G2193" it |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" daytime |strong="G2250", we |strong="G2249" must |strong="G1163" continue doing |strong="G2038" the |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2041" of |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G1473". The |strong="G3588" night |strong="G3571" is |strong="G1510" coming |strong="G2064", and |strong="G2064" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" can |strong="G1410" work |strong="G2041" at |strong="G3588" night |strong="G3571". <sup>5</sup> While |strong="G1722" I |strong="G3752" am |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889", I |strong="G3752" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457" of |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889"."

<sup>6</sup> After |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778", he |strong="G2532" spit on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" dirt, made |strong="G4160" some |strong="G1537" mud |strong="G4081" and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G4160" it |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" man's |strong="G3778" eyes |strong="G3788". <sup>7</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", "

Go |strong="G5217" and |strong="G2532" wash |strong="G3538" in |strong="G1519" Siloam |strong="G4611" pool |strong="G2861"." ( Siloam |strong="G4611" means |strong="G3004" " Sent |strong="G0649".") So |strong="G3767" the |strong="G3588" man went |strong="G0565" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" pool |strong="G2861", washed |strong="G3538" and |strong="G2532" came |strong="G2064" back |strong="G0565". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" now |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G1519" see |strong="G0991".

<sup>8</sup> His |strong="G0846" neighbors |strong="G1069" and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G1510" seen |strong="G2334" him |strong="G0846" begging said |strong="G3004", " Look |strong="G2334"! Is |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" man |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" always sits |strong="G2521" and |strong="G2532" begs?"

<sup>9</sup> Some |strong="G0243" people |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Yes |strong="G0235"! He |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3004" one |strong="G3778". But |strong="G0235" others |strong="G0243" said |strong="G3004", " No |strong="G3780", he |strong="G0846" can't be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3004" same |strong="G0846" man |strong="G3778". He |strong="G0846" only |strong="G0235" looks like |strong="G3664" him |strong="G0846"."

So |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3004" man |strong="G3778" himself |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" that |strong="G3754" same |strong="G0846" man |strong="G3778"."

<sup>10</sup> They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588"? How |strong="G4459" did |strong="G3767" you |strong="G4771" get your |strong="G0455" sight |strong="G3788"?"

<sup>11</sup> He |strong="G2532" answered |strong="G0611", " The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0444" they |strong="G3767" call |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G2424" made |strong="G4160" some |strong="G3588" mud |strong="G4081" and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G4160" it |strong="G4160" on |strong="G1519" my |strong="G0308" eyes |strong="G3788". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G5217" to |strong="G1519" Siloam |strong="G4611" and |strong="G2532" wash |strong="G3538". So |strong="G3767" I |strong="G1473" went |strong="G0565" there |strong="G0444"

and|strong="G2532" washed|strong="G3538".  
And|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532"  
I|strong="G1473" could see|strong="G0308"."

12 They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004"  
him|strong="G0846", " Where|strong="G4226"  
is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G1565"  
man|strong="G1565"?"

He|strong="G2532" answered|strong="G3004", "  
I|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3756"  
know|strong="G1492"."

### Some|strong="G3004" Pharisees Have|strong="G1510" Questions

13 Then|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" brought|strong="G0071"  
the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5185"  
to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" Phar-  
isees|strong="G5330". 14 The|strong="G3588"  
day|strong="G2250" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
had|strong="G2424" made|strong="G4160"  
mud|strong="G4081" and|strong="G2532" healed  
the|strong="G3588" man's eyes|strong="G3788"  
was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" Sab-  
bath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G2250". 15  
So|strong="G3767" the|strong="G3588" Phar-  
isees|strong="G5330" asked|strong="G2065"  
the|strong="G3588" man, " How|strong="G4459"  
did|strong="G3767" you|strong="G3004" get  
your|strong="G2532" sight|strong="G0308"?"

He|strong="G2532" answered|strong="G3004", "  
He|strong="G2532" put|strong="G2007"  
mud|strong="G4081" on|strong="G1909"  
my|strong="G0308" eyes|strong="G3788".  
I|strong="G1473" washed|strong="G3538",  
and|strong="G2532" now|strong="G1161"  
I|strong="G1473" can|strong="G3004"  
see|strong="G0991"."

16 Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G1537"  
the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330"  
said|strong="G3004", " That|strong="G3754"  
man|strong="G0444" does|strong="G4160"  
not|strong="G3756" obey|strong="G5083"  
the|strong="G3588" law about|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521"  
day|strong="G4521". So|strong="G3767"  
he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" from|strong="G1537"  
God|strong="G2316"."

Others|strong="G0243" said|strong="G3004", "  
But|strong="G2532" someone|strong="G5100"  
who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510"  
a|strong="G1510" sinner|strong="G0268" can-  
not|strong="G3756" do|strong="G4160"  
these|strong="G3778" miraculous  
signs|strong="G4592". So|strong="G3767"  
they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G1410"  
not|strong="G3756" agree|strong="G1510"  
with|strong="G1722" each other|strong="G0243".

17 They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5185"  
again|strong="G3825", " Since|strong="G3754"  
it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510"  
your|strong="G0455" eyes|strong="G3788"  
he|strong="G0846" healed, what|strong="G5101"  
do|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771"  
say|strong="G3004" about|strong="G4012"  
him|strong="G0846"?"

He|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", "  
He|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510"  
a|strong="G1510" prophet|strong="G4396"."

18 The|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453"  
leaders|strong="G3754" still|strong="G2193"  
did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" be-  
lieve|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754"  
this|strong="G3588" really happened|strong="G3588"  
to|strong="G2193" the|strong="G3588"  
man|strong="G5185"— that|strong="G3754"  
he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510"  
blind|strong="G5185" and|strong="G2532"  
was|strong="G1510" now|strong="G2532" healed.  
But|strong="G2532" later they|strong="G0846" sent  
for|strong="G3754" his|strong="G0846" par-  
ents|strong="G1118". 19 They|strong="G0846"  
asked|strong="G2065" them|strong="G0846", "  
Is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778"  
your|strong="G2532" son|strong="G5207"?  
You|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3004"  
he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510"  
born|strong="G1080" blind|strong="G5185".  
So|strong="G3767" how|strong="G4459"  
can|strong="G3004" he|strong="G2532"  
see|strong="G0991"?"

20 His|strong="G0846" parents|strong="G1118" an-  
swered|strong="G0611", " We|strong="G2249"  
know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754"  
this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778"  
is|strong="G1510" our|strong="G2532"  
son|strong="G5207". And|strong="G2532"  
we|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1492"  
that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532"  
was|strong="G1510" born|strong="G1080"  
blind|strong="G5185". 21 But|strong="G1161"  
we|strong="G2249" don't|strong="G3756"  
know|strong="G1492" why|strong="G5101"  
he|strong="G0846" can see|strong="G0991"  
now|strong="G1161". We|strong="G2249"  
don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492"  
who|strong="G3588" healed his|strong="G0846"  
eyes|strong="G3788". Ask|strong="G2065"  
him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G0846"  
is|strong="G5101" old enough to|strong="G2228" an-  
swer for|strong="G4012" himself|strong="G1438"."

22 They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004"  
this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G3754"  
they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G2453"  
afraid|strong="G5399" of|strong="G5100"

the *strong*="G3588" Jewish *strong*="G2453" leaders *strong*="G3004". The *strong*="G3588" leaders *strong*="G3004" had *strong*="G3748" already *strong*="G2235" decided *strong*="G1096" that *strong*="G3754" they *strong*="G0846" would *strong*="G5547" punish anyone *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G3588" said *strong*="G3004" Jesus *strong*="G0846" was *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" Messiah *strong*="G5547". They *strong*="G0846" would *strong*="G5547" stop them *strong*="G0846" from *strong*="G3778" coming *strong*="G1096" to *strong*="G2443" the *strong*="G3588" synagogue *strong*="G0656". <sup>23</sup> That *strong*="G3754" is *strong*="G3778" why *strong*="G1223" his *strong*="G0846" parents *strong*="G1118" said *strong*="G3004", " He *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G3778" old enough. Ask *strong*="G1905" him *strong*="G0846"."

<sup>24</sup> So *strong*="G3767" the *strong*="G3588" Jewish leaders *strong*="G3004" called *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" man *strong*="G0444" who *strong*="G3739" had *strong*="G1510" been *strong*="G1510" blind *strong*="G5185". They *strong*="G0846" told *strong*="G3004" him *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G3004" come *strong*="G1510" in *strong*="G2316" again *strong*="G2532". They *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004", " You *strong*="G3739" should *strong*="G2316" honor *strong*="G1391" God *strong*="G2316" by *strong*="G1537" telling *strong*="G3004" the *strong*="G3588" truth. We *strong*="G2249" know *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" this *strong*="G3778" man *strong*="G0444" is *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G1510" sinner *strong*="G0268"."

<sup>25</sup> The *strong*="G3767" man *strong*="G5185" answered *strong*="G0611", " I *strong*="G1487" don't *strong*="G3756" know *strong*="G1492" if *strong*="G1487" he *strong*="G3754" is *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G1510" sinner *strong*="G0268". But *strong*="G1487" I *strong*="G1487" do *strong*="G1492" know *strong*="G1492" this *strong*="G1565": I *strong*="G1487" was *strong*="G1510" blind *strong*="G5185", and *strong*="G0611" now *strong*="G0737" I *strong*="G1487" can see *strong*="G0991"."

<sup>26</sup> They *strong*="G0846" asked *strong*="G3004", " What *strong*="G5101" did *strong*="G4160" he *strong*="G0846" do *strong*="G4160" to *strong*="G3004" you *strong*="G4771"? How *strong*="G4459" did *strong*="G4160" he *strong*="G0846" heal your *strong*="G4160" eyes *strong*="G3788"?"

<sup>27</sup> He *strong*="G2532" answered *strong*="G0611", " I *strong*="G2532" have *strong*="G2532" already *strong*="G2235" told *strong*="G3004"

you *strong*="G5210" that *strong*="G3004". But *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G5210" would *strong*="G1096" not *strong*="G3756" listen *strong*="G0191" to *strong*="G3004" me *strong*="G3004". Why *strong*="G5101" do *strong*="G1096" you *strong*="G5210" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G3004" hear *strong*="G0191" it *strong*="G0846" again *strong*="G3825"? Do *strong*="G1096" you *strong*="G5210" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G3004" be *strong*="G1096" his *strong*="G0846" followers too *strong*="G2532"?"

<sup>28</sup> At *strong*="G1161" this *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G0846" shouted insults at *strong*="G1161" him *strong*="G0846" and *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004", " You *strong*="G4771" are *strong*="G1510" his *strong*="G0846" follower, not *strong*="G1510" us *strong*="G3004"! We *strong*="G2249" are *strong*="G1510" followers of *strong*="G3004" Moses *strong*="G3475". <sup>29</sup> We *strong*="G2249" know *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" God *strong*="G2316" spoke *strong*="G2980" to *strong*="G2980" Moses *strong*="G3475". But *strong*="G1161" we *strong*="G2249" don't *strong*="G3756" even *strong*="G1161" know *strong*="G1492" where *strong*="G4159" this *strong*="G3778" man *strong*="G3778" comes *strong*="G1510" from *strong*="G2980"!"

<sup>30</sup> The *strong*="G3588" man *strong*="G0444" answered *strong*="G0611", " This *strong*="G3778" is *strong*="G1510" really strange! You *strong*="G5210" don't *strong*="G3756" know *strong*="G1492" where *strong*="G4159" he *strong*="G2532" comes *strong*="G1510" from *strong*="G1722", but *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" healed my *strong*="G1722" eyes *strong*="G3788". <sup>31</sup> We *strong*="G1437" all *strong*="G3588" know *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" God *strong*="G2316" does *strong*="G4160" not *strong*="G3756" listen *strong*="G0191" to *strong*="G2532" sinners *strong*="G0268", but *strong*="G0235" he *strong*="G2532" will *strong*="G2307" listen *strong*="G0191" to *strong*="G2532" anyone *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G3588" worships and *strong*="G2532" obeys *strong*="G4160" him *strong*="G0846". <sup>32</sup> This *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G5100" the *strong*="G3588" first time *strong*="G0165" we *strong*="G3754" have *strong*="G3748" ever *strong*="G0165" heard *strong*="G0191" of *strong*="G1537" anyone *strong*="G5100" healing the *strong*="G3588" eyes *strong*="G3788" of *strong*="G1537" someone *strong*="G5100" born *strong*="G1080" blind *strong*="G5185". <sup>33</sup> This *strong*="G3778" man *strong*="G3778" must *strong*="G4160" be *strong*="G1510" from *strong*="G3844"

God|strong="G2316". If|strong="G1487" he|strong="G3778" were|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" from|strong="G3844" God|strong="G2316", he|strong="G3778" could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3756" do|strong="G4160" anything|strong="G3762" like this|strong="G3778"."

<sup>34</sup> The|strong="G2532" Jewish lead-ers|strong="G3004" answered|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G4771" were|strong="G0846" born|strong="G1080" full|strong="G3650" of|strong="G1080" sin|strong="G0266"! Are|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" trying to|strong="G3004" teach|strong="G1321" us|strong="G3004"? " And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" the|strong="G2532" man to|strong="G3004" get out|strong="G1854" of|strong="G1080" the|strong="G2532" synagogue and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G3004" stay out|strong="G1854".

### Spiritual Blindness

<sup>35</sup> When|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424" forced|strong="G1544" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G0444" to|strong="G1519" leave|strong="G1544", he|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Do|strong="G4100" you|strong="G4771" believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444"? "

<sup>36</sup> The|strong="G2532" man|strong="G1565" said|strong="G3004", " Tell|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" who|strong="G5101" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510", sir|strong="G2962", so|strong="G2443" I|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" be-lieve|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846". "

<sup>37</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G4771" have|strong="G1510" already seen|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" Son of|strong="G3004" Man|strong="G1565" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" talk-ing|strong="G2980" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G4771" now|strong="G2532". "

<sup>38</sup> The|strong="G3588" man an-swered|strong="G5346", " Yes|strong="G1161", I|strong="G2532" believe|strong="G4100", Lord|strong="G2962"! " Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" bowed|strong="G4352"

and|strong="G2532" worshiped|strong="G4352" Je-sus|strong="G0846".

<sup>39</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" came|strong="G2064" in-to|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G2889" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" could|strong="G1096" be|strong="G1096" judged. I|strong="G1473" came|strong="G2064" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" people|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" blind|strong="G5185"<sup>1</sup> could|strong="G1096" see|strong="G0991". And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" came|strong="G2064" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" peo-ple|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" think they|strong="G2532" see|strong="G0991" would|strong="G1096" become|strong="G1096" blind|strong="G5185". "

<sup>40</sup> Some|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" were|strong="G1510" near Jesus|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" heard|strong="G0191" him|strong="G0846" say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588". They|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004", " What|strong="G3588"? Are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G3004" say-ing|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" blind|strong="G5185" too|strong="G2532"? "

<sup>41</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G5210" were|strong="G1510" really blind|strong="G5185", you|strong="G5210" would|strong="G0302" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" guilty of|strong="G3004" sin|strong="G0266". But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" see|strong="G0991", so|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" still guilty. "

### The Shepherd and His Sheep

**10** Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004", " It|strong="G1223" is|strong="G1510" certain-ly|strong="G0235" true that|strong="G1565" when|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G3361" enters|strong="G1525" the|strong="G3588" sheep|strong="G4263" pen, he|strong="G2532" should|strong="G2532" use the|strong="G3588" gate|strong="G2374". If|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" climbs|strong="G0305" in|strong="G1519" some|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1565" way|strong="G1223", he|strong="G2532"

<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND Jesus is talking about people who are spiritually blind (without understanding), not physically blind.



is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" robber |strong="G3027". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G1519" steal the |strong="G3588" sheep |strong="G4263".<sup>2</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" man who |strong="G3588" takes care of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" sheep |strong="G4263" enters |strong="G1525" through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" gate |strong="G2374". He |strong="G1161" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" shepherd |strong="G4166".<sup>3</sup> The |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" guards the |strong="G3588" gate opens |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3588" gate for |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" shepherd. And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" sheep |strong="G4263" listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" voice |strong="G5456" of |strong="G3686" the |strong="G3588" shepherd. He |strong="G2532" calls |strong="G5455" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" sheep |strong="G4263", using their |strong="G0846" names |strong="G3686", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" leads |strong="G1806" them |strong="G0846" out |strong="G1806".<sup>4</sup> He |strong="G2532" brings |strong="G1544" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G5456" his |strong="G0846" sheep |strong="G4263" out |strong="G1544". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" goes |strong="G4198" ahead |strong="G1715" of |strong="G5456" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" leads them |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3956" sheep |strong="G4263" follow |strong="G0190" him |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" know |strong="G1492" his |strong="G0846" voice |strong="G5456".<sup>5</sup> But |strong="G1161" sheep will |strong="G3748" never |strong="G3756" follow |strong="G0190" someone they |strong="G0846" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3748" run away |strong="G5343" from |strong="G0575" him |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" his |strong="G0846" voice |strong="G5456".

<sup>6</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" told |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" this |strong="G3778" story, but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1097" not |strong="G3756" understand |strong="G1097" what |strong="G5101" it |strong="G0846" meant |strong="G1510".

Jesus |strong="G2424" Is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G1510" Shepherd

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="G3767" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" again |strong="G3825", " I |strong="G1473" assure you |strong="G5210", I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" gate |strong="G2374" for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" sheep |strong="G4263".<sup>8</sup> All |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" came |strong="G2064" before |strong="G4253" me |strong="G1473" were |strong="G1510" thieves |strong="G2812" and |strong="G2532" robbers |strong="G3027". The |strong="G3956" sheep |strong="G4263" did |strong="G0191" not |strong="G3756" listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G2064" them |strong="G0846".<sup>9</sup> I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" gate |strong="G2374". Whoever |strong="G3588" enters |strong="G1525" through |strong="G1223" me |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" saved |strong="G4982". They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" able to |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1831" in |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831". They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" find |strong="G2147" everything they |strong="G2532" need.<sup>10</sup> A |strong="G2192" thief |strong="G2812" comes |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2443" steal |strong="G2813", kill |strong="G2380", and |strong="G2532" destroy |strong="G0622". But |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2443" give |strong="G2064" life |strong="G2222"— life |strong="G2222" that |strong="G2443" is |strong="G3588" full |strong="G2192" and |strong="G2532" good.

<sup>11</sup> " I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" good |strong="G2570" shepherd |strong="G4166", and |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" good |strong="G2570" shepherd |strong="G4166" gives his |strong="G0846" life |strong="G5590" for |strong="G5228" the |strong="G3588" sheep |strong="G4263".<sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" worker who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" paid to |strong="G2064" keep the |strong="G3588" sheep |strong="G4263" is |strong="G1510" different from |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" shepherd |strong="G4166". The |strong="G3588" paid worker does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" own |strong="G2398" the |strong="G3588" sheep |strong="G4263". So |strong="G2532" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" sees |strong="G2334" a |strong="G1510"

wolf|strong="G3074" coming|strong="G2064", he|strong="G2532" runs away|strong="G5343" and|strong="G2532" leaves|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588" sheep|strong="G4263" alone|strong="G0863". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" wolf|strong="G3074" attacks|strong="G0726" the|strong="G3588" sheep|strong="G4263" and|strong="G2532" scatters|strong="G4650" them|strong="G0846".<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" man runs away because|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" only|strong="G3756" a|strong="G1510" paid worker. He|strong="G2532" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" really care|strong="G3199" for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" sheep|strong="G4263".

<sup>14</sup> "I am the shepherd who cares for the sheep. I know my sheep just as the Father knows me. And my sheep know me just as I know the Father. I give my life for these sheep.<sup>16</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" other|strong="G0243" sheep|strong="G4263" too|strong="G2532". They|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" in|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" flock|strong="G4167" here|strong="G1510". I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G1163" lead|strong="G0071" them|strong="G0071" also|strong="G2532". They|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" my|strong="G0191" voice|strong="G5456". In|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" future there|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" one|strong="G1520" flock|strong="G4167" and|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" shepherd|strong="G4166".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" loves|strong="G0025" me|strong="G1473" because|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" give my|strong="G5087" life|strong="G5590". I|strong="G1473" give my|strong="G5087" life|strong="G5590" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" can get it|strong="G0846" back|strong="G3825" again|strong="G3825".<sup>18</sup> No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" takes|strong="G0142" my|strong="G5087" life away|strong="G0142" from|strong="G0575" me|strong="G1473". I|strong="G1473" give|strong="G3844" my|strong="G5087" own|strong="G1438" life freely. I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1849" to|strong="G2532" give|strong="G3844" my|strong="G5087" life, and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1849"

I I HAVE OTHER SHEEP ... SHEPHERD Jesus means he has followers who are not Jews. See John 11:52.

to|strong="G2532" get|strong="G0142" it|strong="G0846" back|strong="G3825" again|strong="G3825". This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" told me|strong="G1473"."

<sup>19</sup> Again|strong="G3825" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" were|strong="G2453" divided over|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588" Jesus|strong="G3778" was|strong="G3588" saying|strong="G3056".<sup>20</sup> Many|strong="G4183" of|strong="G1537" them|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " A|strong="G2192" demon|strong="G1140" has|strong="G2192" come|strong="G0191" into him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" made|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846" crazy. Why|strong="G5101" listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846"?"

<sup>21</sup> But|strong="G3361" others|strong="G0243" said|strong="G3004", " These|strong="G3778" aren't|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" words|strong="G4487" of|strong="G4487" someone|strong="G0243" controlled by|strong="G3004" a|strong="G1510" demon|strong="G1140". A|strong="G1510" demon|strong="G1140" cannot|strong="G3756" heal the|strong="G3588" eyes|strong="G3788" of|strong="G4487" a|strong="G1510" blind|strong="G5185" man|strong="G3778"."

#### The|strong="G3588" Jewish Leaders|strong="G3004" Against|strong="G3756" Jesus|strong="G3004"

<sup>22</sup> It|strong="G5119" was|strong="G1510" winter|strong="G5494", and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5119" came|strong="G1096" for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Festival of|strong="G1722" Dedication|strong="G1456"<sup>II</sup> at|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2414".<sup>23</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" area at|strong="G1722" Solomon's|strong="G4672" Porch.<sup>24</sup> The|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" leaders|strong="G3004" gathered|strong="G2944" around|strong="G2944" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " How|strong="G2193" long|strong="G2193" will|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" make us|strong="G3004" wonder about|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771"? If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547",

II FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION Hanukkah, or "Festival of Lights," a special week in December celebrating the time in 165 B.C. when the Jerusalem Temple was made pure and ready again for Jewish worship. Before then it had been under the control of a foreign (Greek) army and used for pagan worship.

then |strong="G2532" tell |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" clearly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " I |strong="G1473" told |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" already, but |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" did |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100". I |strong="G1473" do |strong="G4160" miracles |strong="G2041" in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1722" Father's |strong="G3962" name |strong="G3686". These |strong="G3778" miracles |strong="G2041" show |strong="G4160" who |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473". <sup>26</sup> But |strong="G0235" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4100" not |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100", because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" my |strong="G1699" sheep |strong="G4263". <sup>27</sup> My |strong="G1699" sheep |strong="G4263" listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G2532" my |strong="G1699" voice |strong="G5456". I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1097" them |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" follow |strong="G0190" me |strong="G1473". <sup>28</sup> I |strong="G1473" give |strong="G1325" my |strong="G1325" sheep eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G5100" never |strong="G3756" die, and |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G5100" can |strong="G1325" take |strong="G0726" them |strong="G0846" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" my |strong="G1325" hand |strong="G5495". <sup>29</sup> My |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3739" gave |strong="G1325" them |strong="G1325" to |strong="G1410" me |strong="G1325", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" greater |strong="G3173" than |strong="G3173" all |strong="G3956". I |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" can |strong="G1410" steal |strong="G0726" my |strong="G3956" sheep out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" his |strong="G3956" hand |strong="G5495". <sup>30</sup> The |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" are |strong="G1510" one |strong="G1520"."

<sup>31</sup> Again |strong="G3825" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" there picked |strong="G0941" up |strong="G0941" stones |strong="G3037" to |strong="G2443" kill Jesus |strong="G0846". <sup>32</sup> But |strong="G3962" he |strong="G0846"

I HE ... THAN ALL Some Greek copies have "they are greater than all."

said |strong="G0611" to |strong="G0846" them |strong="G0846", " The |strong="G3588" many |strong="G4183" wonderful things |strong="G4183" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1473" seen me |strong="G1473" do |strong="G2041" are |strong="G3588" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962". Which |strong="G4169" of |strong="G1537" these |strong="G3588" good |strong="G2570" things |strong="G4183" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" killing me |strong="G1473" for |strong="G1223"?"

<sup>33</sup> They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G0611", " We |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" killing you |strong="G4771" for |strong="G3754" any |strong="G3756" good |strong="G2570" thing |strong="G0846" you |strong="G4771" did |strong="G4160". But |strong="G0235" you |strong="G4771" say things |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3754" insult God |strong="G2316". You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" only |strong="G3756" a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0444", but |strong="G0235" you |strong="G4771" say you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316"! That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G1510" why we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G2532" kill you |strong="G4771"!"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" written |strong="G1125" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G1722" law |strong="G3551" that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" said |strong="G3004", ' I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" gods |strong="G2316". ' <sup>35</sup> This |strong="G3588" Scripture |strong="G1124" called |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" gods |strong="G2316"— the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" received God's |strong="G2316" message |strong="G3056". And |strong="G2532" Scripture |strong="G1124" is |strong="G2316" always true. <sup>36</sup> So |strong="G2532" why |strong="G3739" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" accuse me |strong="G3004" of |strong="G5207" insulting God |strong="G2316" for |strong="G1519" saying |strong="G3004", ' I |strong="G3739" am |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G2316" Son? ' I |strong="G3739" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" chose and |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G0649" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". <sup>37</sup> If |strong="G1487"

II 10:34 Quote from Psalm 82:6.

I don't what my Father does, then don't believe I say. <sup>38</sup> But if I do what my Father does, you should believe in me. You might not believe in me, but you should believe in the things I do. Then you will and understand that the Father is in me and I am the Father." <sup>39</sup> They tried to get Jesus again, but he escaped from them. <sup>40</sup> Then he went across the Jordan the place where John began his work of baptizing people. Jesus stayed there many people came to him. They said, "John never any signs, but everything John said about this man is true." <sup>41</sup> And many people there be-

lieved in Jesus.

### The Death of Lazarus

**11** There was a man named Lazarus who was sick. He lived in the town of Bethany, where Mary and her sister Martha lived. <sup>2</sup> Mary is the same woman who put perfume on Lord's feet with her hair. (Mary's brother was Lazarus, the man who was now sick. <sup>3</sup> So Mary and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus, "Lord, your dear friend Lazarus is sick.") <sup>4</sup> When Jesus heard this he said, "The end of this sickness will not be death, this sickness is for the glory of God." This has happened to bring glory to God. <sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha and her sister Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he

heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" Lazarus |strong="G0770" was |strong="G1510" sick |strong="G0770", he |strong="G3739" stayed |strong="G3306" where |strong="G3739" he |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510" two |strong="G1417" more days |strong="G2250"<sup>7</sup> and |strong="G3101" then |strong="G1899" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" his |strong="G3326" followers, " We |strong="G3778" should |strong="G3778" go |strong="G0071" back |strong="G3825" to |strong="G1519" Judea |strong="G2449"."

<sup>8</sup> They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G3004", " But |strong="G2532" Teacher, those |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" there |strong="G1563" tried |strong="G2212" to |strong="G3004" stone |strong="G3034" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G3004" death. That |strong="G3004" was |strong="G3588" only |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3825" short time |strong="G3568" ago. Now |strong="G3568" you |strong="G4771" want |strong="G2212" to |strong="G3004" go |strong="G5217" back |strong="G3825" there |strong="G1563"?"

<sup>9</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" twelve |strong="G1427" hours |strong="G5610" of |strong="G2250" light |strong="G5457" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250". Whoever |strong="G3748" walks |strong="G4043" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" stumble |strong="G4350" and |strong="G0611" fall because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G3754" can see |strong="G0991" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457" from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" sun. <sup>10</sup> But |strong="G1161" whoever |strong="G3748" walks |strong="G4043" at |strong="G1722" night |strong="G3571" will |strong="G1510" stumble |strong="G4350" because |strong="G3754" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" light |strong="G5457"."

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Our |strong="G2532" friend |strong="G5384" Lazarus |strong="G2976" is |strong="G3778" now |strong="G2532" sleeping |strong="G2837", but |strong="G0235" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" going |strong="G4198" there to |strong="G2443" wake him |strong="G0846"."

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" followers answered |strong="G3004", " But |strong="G1487", Lord |strong="G2962", if |strong="G1487" he |strong="G0846" can |strong="G3004" sleep |strong="G2837", he |strong="G0846"

will |strong="G2962" get |strong="G4982" well |strong="G4982".<sup>13</sup> They |strong="G0846" thought |strong="G1380" Jesus |strong="G2424" meant |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" Lazarus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" literally sleeping, but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" really meant |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" Lazarus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" dead.

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="G3767" then |strong="G5119" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" plainly |strong="G3954", " Lazarus |strong="G2976" is |strong="G3588" dead |strong="G0599". <sup>15</sup> And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" glad |strong="G5463" I |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" there |strong="G1563". I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" happy for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G3754" now |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1223". We |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" go |strong="G0071" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846" now |strong="G2532"."

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Thomas |strong="G2381", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" called |strong="G3004" "Twin," said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0846" followers, " We |strong="G2249" will |strong="G2532" go |strong="G0071" too |strong="G2532". We |strong="G2249" will |strong="G2532" die |strong="G0599" there with |strong="G3326" Jesus |strong="G0846"."

**Jesus |strong="G0846" in |strong="G2532" Bethany**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" arrived |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" Bethany and |strong="G2064" found |strong="G2147" that |strong="G0846" Lazarus |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" already |strong="G2235" been |strong="G2192" dead and |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" tomb |strong="G3419" for |strong="G1722" four |strong="G5064" days |strong="G2250". <sup>18</sup> Bethany |strong="G0963" was |strong="G1510" about |strong="G5613" two miles |strong="G4712"<sup>11</sup> from |strong="G0575" Jerusalem |strong="G2414". <sup>19</sup> Many |strong="G4183" Jews |strong="G2453" had |strong="G2064" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" see Martha |strong="G3136" and |strong="G2532" Mary |strong="G3137". They |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" comfort |strong="G3888" them |strong="G0846" about |strong="G4012" their |strong="G0846" brother |strong="G0080" Lazarus |strong="G0846".

I FROM THE SUN Literally, "of this world."

II TWO MILES Literally, "15 stadia,

<sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to greet him. But Mary stayed home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if I had been here, my brother would not have died." But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said, "Your brother will rise and be alive again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know that he will rise to live again at the time the resurrection is on last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I tell you the resurrection life. Everyone who believes me will have life, even they die. And <sup>26</sup> everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Martha, do you believe this?

<sup>27</sup> Martha answered, "Yes, Lord."

I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. You are the one who was coming to the world.

#### Jesus Cries

<sup>28</sup> After Martha said these things, she went to her sister Mary alone and the Teacher is here. He is asking you. <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she stood up and went quickly to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> He had not yet come into the village. He was still at the place where Martha met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were in the house comforting Mary saw her get up and leave quickly. They thought she was going to the tomb to cry there. So they followed her. <sup>32</sup> Mary went to the

place |strong="G3699" where |strong="G3699" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510". When |strong="G5613" she |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846", she |strong="G0846" bowed at |strong="G4314" his |strong="G0846" feet |strong="G4228" and |strong="G2064" said |strong="G3004", " Lord |strong="G2962", if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" had |strong="G2424" been |strong="G1510" here |strong="G5602", my |strong="G3708" brother |strong="G0080" would |strong="G0302" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G1510" died |strong="G0599"."

<sup>33</sup> When |strong="G5613" Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" Mary |strong="G0846" crying |strong="G2799" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" crying |strong="G2799" too |strong="G2532", he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" very |strong="G0846" upset and |strong="G2532" deeply |strong="G1690" troubled |strong="G5015". <sup>34</sup> He |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004", " Where |strong="G4226" did |strong="G3708" you |strong="G3708" put |strong="G5087" him |strong="G0846"?"

They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Lord |strong="G2962", come |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708"."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" cried.

<sup>36</sup> And |strong="G2453" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" said |strong="G3004", " Look |strong="G3708"! He |strong="G0846" loved |strong="G5368" Lazarus |strong="G0846" very |strong="G0846" much!"

<sup>37</sup> But |strong="G1161" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Jesus |strong="G0846" healed the |strong="G3588" eyes |strong="G3788" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" blind |strong="G5185" man |strong="G3778". Why didn't |strong="G3756" he |strong="G2532" help Lazarus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" stop |strong="G3361" him |strong="G0846" from |strong="G1537" dying |strong="G0599"?"

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Raises Lazarus |strong="G0846" From |strong="G1537" Death |strong="G0599"**

<sup>38</sup> Again |strong="G3825" feeling very |strong="G0846" upset, Jesus |strong="G2424" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" tomb |strong="G3419". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" cave |strong="G4693" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" large stone |strong="G3037" covering the |strong="G3588" entrance. <sup>39</sup> He |strong="G0846"

said |strong="G3004", "Move the |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" away |strong="G0142"."

Martha |strong="G3136" said |strong="G3004", " But |strong="G1063", Lord |strong="G2962", it |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2962" been |strong="G1510" four days since |strong="G1063" Lazarus |strong="G0846" died |strong="G5053". There |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" bad smell." Martha |strong="G3136" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" sister |strong="G0079" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" dead man.

<sup>40</sup> Then |strong="G2424" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" her |strong="G0846", "Remember what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1437" told |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771"? I |strong="G1437" said |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G4771" believed |strong="G4100", you |strong="G4771" would |strong="G0846" see |strong="G3708" God's |strong="G2316" divine greatness."

<sup>41</sup> So |strong="G3767" they |strong="G3767" moved the |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" away |strong="G0142" from |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" entrance. Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" looked |strong="G0142" up |strong="G0142" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Father |strong="G3962", I |strong="G1473" thank |strong="G2168" you |strong="G4771" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" heard |strong="G0191" me |strong="G3004". <sup>42</sup> I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" always |strong="G3842" hear |strong="G0191" me |strong="G3004". But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004" these |strong="G3748" things |strong="G3588" because |strong="G3754" of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" here around |strong="G4026" me |strong="G3004". I |strong="G1473" want them |strong="G3004" to |strong="G2443" believe |strong="G4100" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" sent |strong="G0649" me |strong="G3004"." <sup>43</sup> After |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778" he |strong="G2532" called |strong="G3004" in |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3004" loud |strong="G3173" voice |strong="G5456", " Lazarus |strong="G2976", come |strong="G1204" out |strong="G1854"! <sup>44</sup> The |strong="G3588" dead |strong="G2348" man came |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831". His |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" feet |strong="G4228"

were wrapped with pieces of cloth. He had a handkerchief covering his face.

Jesus said to the people, "Take off the cloth and let go of it."

**The Jewish Leaders Plan to Kill Jesus**  
(Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2)

<sup>45</sup> There were many Jews who came to visit Mary. When they saw what did of them, many believed in him. But some of them went to Pharisees and told what Jesus did. <sup>47</sup> Then the leading priests and Pharisees called a meeting the high council. They said, "What should we do? This man is doing miraculous signs we let him continue doing these things, everyone will believe in him." Then the Romans will come and take away our Tem-

ple and our nation."

<sup>49</sup> One of the men there was Caiaphas. He was the high priest that year. He said, "You people know nothing! It is better for one man to die than for the whole nation to be destroyed. But you don't realize this."

<sup>51</sup> Caiaphas did not think of this. As that year's high priest, he was really prophesying that Jesus would die for the Jewish people.

<sup>52</sup> Yes, he would die for the Jewish people. But he would also die for God's other children scattered all over the world. He would bring all together and make them one people.

<sup>53</sup> That day the Jewish leaders began planning to kill Jesus. <sup>54</sup> So Jesus stopped traveling around openly among Jews. He went away



to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3004" town|strong="G4172" called|strong="G3004" Ephraim|strong="G2187" in|strong="G1722" an|strong="G4043" area near|strong="G1451" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048". He|strong="G3004" stayed|strong="G3306" there|strong="G1564" with|strong="G3326" his|strong="G3326" followers.

<sup>55</sup> It|strong="G1161" was|strong="G1510" almost time for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" Passover|strong="G3957" festival. Many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" country|strong="G5561" went|strong="G0305" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414" before|strong="G4253" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957". They|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0305" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" special things|strong="G4183" to|strong="G1519" make|strong="G0048" themselves|strong="G1438" pure|strong="G0048" for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" festival. <sup>56</sup> The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" looked for|strong="G1519" Jesus|strong="G2424". They|strong="G3767" stood|strong="G2476" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" area and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G3004" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240", "Is|strong="G5101" he|strong="G2532" coming|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" festival|strong="G1859"? What|strong="G5101" do|strong="G1380" you|strong="G5210" think|strong="G1380"? <sup>57</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" had|strong="G1510" given|strong="G1325" a|strong="G1510" special order|strong="G2443" about|strong="G3588" Jesus|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G2532" that|strong="G2443" anyone|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3588" knew|strong="G1097" where|strong="G4226" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" must|strong="G1510" tell them|strong="G0846" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" could arrest|strong="G4084" him|strong="G0846".

### Jesus in Bethany With His Friends

(Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9)

**12** Six|strong="G1803" days|strong="G2250" before|strong="G4253" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957" festival, Jesus|strong="G2424" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" Bethany|strong="G0963". That|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" where|strong="G3699" Lazarus|strong="G2976"

lived|strong="G1510", the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G3498" Jesus|strong="G2424" raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G3498". <sup>2</sup> There|strong="G1563" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" dinner|strong="G1173" for|strong="G1520" Jesus|strong="G0846". Martha|strong="G3136" served|strong="G1247" the|strong="G3588" food, and|strong="G2532" Lazarus|strong="G2976" was|strong="G1510" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" eating with|strong="G4862" Jesus|strong="G0846". <sup>3</sup> Mary|strong="G3137" brought in|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2983" pint <sup>1</sup> of|strong="G1537" expensive|strong="G3464" perfume|strong="G3464" made|strong="G4137" of|strong="G1537" pure|strong="G4101" nard|strong="G3487". She|strong="G0846" poured the|strong="G3588" perfume|strong="G3464" on|strong="G1537" Jesus'|strong="G2424" feet|strong="G4228". Then|strong="G2532" she|strong="G0846" wiped|strong="G1591" his|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228" with|strong="G1537" her|strong="G0846" hair|strong="G2359". And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" sweet|strong="G3744" smell from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" perfume|strong="G3464" filled|strong="G4137" the|strong="G3588" whole house|strong="G3614".

<sup>4</sup> Judas|strong="G2455" Iscariot|strong="G2469", one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" Jesus' followers, was|strong="G3588" there|strong="G1161"—the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1520" who|strong="G3588" would|strong="G3195" later|strong="G3195" hand|strong="G3860" Jesus|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" enemies. Judas|strong="G2455" said|strong="G3004", <sup>5</sup> "That|strong="G3778" perfume|strong="G3464" was|strong="G3588" worth a|strong="G1325" full year's pay|strong="G1325". <sup>II</sup> It|strong="G1223" should|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" sold|strong="G4097", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" money should|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" given|strong="G1325" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" poor|strong="G4434" people|strong="G3778"." <sup>6</sup> But|strong="G1161" Judas|strong="G3778" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" really care|strong="G3199" about|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588" poor|strong="G4434". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G3754"

<sup>I</sup> PINT Literally, "litra

<sup>II</sup> A FULL YEAR'S PAY Literally, "300 denarii." One Roman denarius, a silver coin, was the average pay for one day's work.

he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2192" thief |strong="G2812". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" kept |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" moneybag for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" group of |strong="G4012" followers. And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" often stole money |strong="G1101" from |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" bag.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G3004", "Don't stop her |strong="G0846". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" right |strong="G1519" for |strong="G1519" her |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" save this |strong="G3588" perfume for |strong="G1519" today |strong="G2250"—the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" for |strong="G1519" me |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G3767" prepared for |strong="G1519" burial |strong="G1780". <sup>8</sup> You |strong="G1438" will |strong="G1473" always |strong="G3842" have |strong="G2192" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" poor |strong="G4434" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G1438". <sup>1</sup> But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G1438" will |strong="G1473" not |strong="G3756" always |strong="G3842" have |strong="G2192" me |strong="G1473"."

### The |strong="G3588" Plot Against |strong="G3326" Lazarus

<sup>9</sup> Many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" heard |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" in |strong="G2532" Bethany, so |strong="G2443" they |strong="G3767" went |strong="G2064" there |strong="G1563" to |strong="G2443" see |strong="G3708" him |strong="G3739". They |strong="G3767" also |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" there |strong="G1563" to |strong="G2443" see |strong="G3708" Lazarus |strong="G2976", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" Jesus |strong="G2424" raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" made plans to |strong="G2443" kill |strong="G0615" Lazarus |strong="G2976" too |strong="G2532". <sup>11</sup> Because |strong="G3754" of |strong="G1223" him |strong="G0846", many |strong="G4183" Jews |strong="G2453" were |strong="G2453" leaving |strong="G5217" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" believing |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G2424".

I YOU WILL ... WITH YOU See Deuteronomy 15:11.

That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G3588" why |strong="G1223" they |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G1519" kill Lazarus |strong="G0846" too |strong="G2532".

### Jesus |strong="G2424" Enters |strong="G1519" Jerusalem Like |strong="G0846" a |strong="G2532" King

(Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40)

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G1887" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" in |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424" coming |strong="G2064" there |strong="G4183". These |strong="G3748" were |strong="G3793" the |strong="G3588" crowds |strong="G3793" of |strong="G0191" people |strong="G3793" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G2424" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Passover festival |strong="G1859". <sup>13</sup> They |strong="G0846" took |strong="G2983" branches |strong="G0902" of |strong="G2962" palm |strong="G5404" trees |strong="G5404" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" meet |strong="G5222" Jesus |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" shouted, "Praise |strong="G2127" Him |strong="G0846"! 'Welcome! God |strong="G0846" bless |strong="G2127" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" comes |strong="G2064" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962"!"

Psalm 118:25-26

God |strong="G0846" bless |strong="G2127" the |strong="G3588" King |strong="G0935" of |strong="G2962" Israel |strong="G2474"!"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" found |strong="G2147" a |strong="G1510" donkey |strong="G3678" and |strong="G1161" rode on |strong="G1909" it |strong="G0846", as |strong="G2531" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say,

<sup>15</sup> "Do |strong="G5399" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3361" afraid |strong="G5399", people |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1909" Zion |strong="G4622"!"

Look |strong="G2400"! Your |strong="G3708" king |strong="G0935" is |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2064".

II PRAISE Literally, "Hosanna," a Hebrew word used in praying to God for help. Here, it was probably a shout of celebration used in praising God or his Messiah. III PEOPLE OF ZION Literally, "daughter of Zion," meaning the city of Jerusalem. See "Zion" in the Word List.

He *is* riding on a young donkey."

Zechariah 9:9

16 The followers of Jesus did not understand that time what was happening. But after he was raised to glory, they understood that this was written about him. Then they remembered that they had done these things for him.

17 There were many people with Jesus when he raised Lazarus from death and told him to come out of the tomb. Now they were telling others about what Jesus did. That's why many people went out to him — because they had heard this miraculous sign he did. So the Pharisees said to each other, "Look! Our plan is not working. The people are all following him!"

### Jesus Talks About Life and Death

20 There were some Greeks there too. These were some of the people who went to Jerusalem to worship at the Passover festival. They went to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew. Then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

23 Jesus said to them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to receive his glory. It is a fact that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die; it can then grow and produce much more wheat. If it never dies, it will be less than a single seed. Whoever loves his life here will lose it

it|strong="G0846". But|strong="G2532" whoever|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3778" willing to|strong="G1519" give up|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" life|strong="G2222" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G2889" will|strong="G3778" keep|strong="G5442" it|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2532" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222". <sup>26</sup> Whoever|strong="G3588" serves|strong="G1247" me|strong="G1473" must|strong="G1510" follow|strong="G0190" me|strong="G1473". My|strong="G1699" servants|strong="G1249" must|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473" everywhere I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510". My|strong="G1699" Father|strong="G3962" will|strong="G1510" give|strong="G1247" honor|strong="G5091" to|strong="G2532" anyone|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3588" serves|strong="G1247" me|strong="G1473".

#### Jesus|strong="G0846" Talks About|strong="G3588" His|strong="G0846" Death

<sup>27</sup> " Now|strong="G3568" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" very|strong="G3778" troubled|strong="G5015". What|strong="G5101" should|strong="G3778" I|strong="G1473" say|strong="G3004"? Should|strong="G3778" I|strong="G1473" say|strong="G3004", ' Father|strong="G3962" save|strong="G4982" me|strong="G3004" from|strong="G1537" this|strong="G3778" time|strong="G5610" of|strong="G1537" suffering? No|strong="G0235", I|strong="G1473" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3778" time|strong="G5610" so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3004" I|strong="G1473" could suffer. <sup>28</sup> Father|strong="G3962", do|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2532" bring you|strong="G4771" glory|strong="G1392"! "

Then|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3825" voice|strong="G5456" came|strong="G2064" from|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="G3772", " I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" already brought|strong="G2064" glory|strong="G1392" to|strong="G2064" myself. I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" it|strong="G3825" again|strong="G3825". "

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" standing|strong="G2476" there|strong="G1096" heard|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" voice. They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" thunder|strong="G1027".

But|strong="G2532" others|strong="G0243" said|strong="G3004", " An|strong="G1096" an-

gel|strong="G0032" spoke|strong="G2980" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846"! "

<sup>30</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " That|strong="G3004" voice|strong="G5456" was|strong="G2424" for|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" for|strong="G1223" me|strong="G3004". <sup>31</sup> Now|strong="G3568" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G3568" for|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" to|strong="G3778" be|strong="G1510" judged. Now|strong="G3568" the|strong="G3588" ruler|strong="G0758" of|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G2889" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" thrown out|strong="G1854". <sup>32</sup> I|strong="G1437" will|strong="G3956" be|strong="G3956" lifted|strong="G5312" up<sup>I</sup> from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093". When|strong="G1437" that|strong="G3956" happens, I|strong="G1437" will|strong="G3956" draw|strong="G1670" all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" to|strong="G4314" myself|strong="G1683". " <sup>33</sup> Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G3004" show how he|strong="G3778" would|strong="G3195" die|strong="G0599".

<sup>34</sup> The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" said|strong="G3004", " But|strong="G2532" our|strong="G5547" law|strong="G3551" says|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547" will|strong="G1510" live forever|strong="G0165". So|strong="G3767" why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" say|strong="G3004", ' The|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" must|strong="G1163" be|strong="G1510" lifted|strong="G5312" up? Who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778" ' Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man? "

<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457"<sup>II</sup> will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" for|strong="G1722" only|strong="G3756" a|strong="G2192" short time|strong="G5550" more|strong="G2089". So|strong="G2443" walk|strong="G4043" while|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588"

<sup>I</sup> LIFTED UP Meaning to be nailed to a cross and "lifted up" on it to die. It may also have a second meaning: to be "lifted up" from death to heaven. Also in verse 34. <sup>II</sup> LIGHT This means Christ, as in John 1:5-9. Also, it is a symbol of goodness and truth, qualities associated with Christ and his kingdom.

light|strong="G5457". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" darkness|strong="G4653" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" catch you|strong="G5210". People|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" walk|strong="G4043" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" darkness|strong="G4653" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" where|strong="G4226" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" going|strong="G5217".<sup>36</sup> So|strong="G2443" put|strong="G1096" your|strong="G2192" trust in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457" while|strong="G5613" you|strong="G2532" still have|strong="G2192" it|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G1096" children of|strong="G5207" light|strong="G5457". When|strong="G5613" Jesus|strong="G2424" finished|strong="G1096" saying|strong="G2980" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778", he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G0565" away|strong="G0565" to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2192" place|strong="G1096" where|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2192" not|strong="G2532" find him|strong="G0846".

**Some|strong="G3588" Jews Refuse to|strong="G1519" Believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" Jesus|strong="G2424"**

<sup>37</sup> The|strong="G4160" people|strong="G0846" saw all|strong="G5118" these|strong="G0846" miraculous signs|strong="G4592" Jesus|strong="G0846" did|strong="G4160", but|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" still did|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3756" believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".<sup>38</sup> This|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3739" to|strong="G2443" give|strong="G3004" full|strong="G4137" meaning to|strong="G2443" what|strong="G5101" Isaiah|strong="G2268" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396" said|strong="G3004":

" Lord|strong="G2962", who|strong="G3739" believed|strong="G4100" what|strong="G5101" we|strong="G2249" told|strong="G3004" them|strong="G3739"?

Who|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2962" seen the|strong="G3588" Lord's|strong="G2962" power?"

Isaiah 53:1

<sup>39</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" why|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1223" people|strong="G3778" could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3756" believe|strong="G4100". Because|strong="G3754" Isaiah|strong="G2268" also said|strong="G3004",

<sup>40</sup> " God|strong="G0846" made the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" blind.

He|strong="G2532" closed their|strong="G0846" minds|strong="G2588".

He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3361" see|strong="G3708" with|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" eyes|strong="G3788" and|strong="G2532" understand|strong="G3539" with|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" minds|strong="G2588".

He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G3708" it|strong="G0846" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3361" turn|strong="G4762"

and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" healed|strong="G2390".

Isaiah 6:10

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah|strong="G2268" said|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" Jesus' divine greatness. So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" spoke|strong="G2980" about|strong="G4012" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>42</sup> But|strong="G0235" many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G0846" believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" Jesus|strong="G0846". Even|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Jewish leaders|strong="G0758" believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846", but|strong="G0235" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G5330" afraid of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330", so|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1096" not|strong="G3756" say|strong="G1223" openly that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" believed|strong="G4100". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G5330" afraid they|strong="G0846" would|strong="G1096" be|strong="G1096" ordered to|strong="G1519" stay out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" synagogue|strong="G0656".

<sup>43</sup> They loved|strong="G0025" praise|strong="G1391" from|strong="G1391" people|strong="G0444" more|strong="G3123" than|strong="G2260" praise|strong="G1391" from|strong="G1391" God|strong="G2316".

**Jesus' Teaching Will|strong="G2316" Judge People|strong="G0444"**

<sup>44</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" loudly, "Everyone who|strong="G3588" believes|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004"

is |strong="G3588" really believing |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G3004". <sup>45</sup> Everyone who |strong="G3588" sees |strong="G2334" me |strong="G1473" is |strong="G3588" really seeing |strong="G2334" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G1473". <sup>46</sup> I |strong="G1473" came |strong="G2064" into |strong="G1519" this |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" as |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2064" light |strong="G5457". I |strong="G1473" came |strong="G2064" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" believes |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3361" stay |strong="G3306" in |strong="G1722" darkness |strong="G4653". <sup>47</sup> " I |strong="G1473" did |strong="G0191" not |strong="G3756" come |strong="G2064" into |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" to |strong="G2443" judge |strong="G2919" people |strong="G0846". I |strong="G1473" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2443" save |strong="G4982" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". So |strong="G2443" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2919" not |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G5100" who |strong="G3588" judges |strong="G2919" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" hear |strong="G0191" my |strong="G0191" teaching |strong="G4487" and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2919" not |strong="G3756" obey |strong="G5442". <sup>48</sup> But |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1722" is |strong="G3739" a |strong="G2192" judge |strong="G2919" for |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3588" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" refuse |strong="G0114" to |strong="G2532" believe in |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473" and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2919" not |strong="G3361" accept |strong="G2983" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G2980". The |strong="G3588" message |strong="G3056" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G2192" spoken |strong="G2980" will |strong="G3739" judge |strong="G2919" them |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" day |strong="G2250". <sup>49</sup> That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G5101" because |strong="G3754" what |strong="G5101" I |strong="G1473" taught was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" from |strong="G1537" my-

self |strong="G1683". The |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G1325" told |strong="G3004" me |strong="G1325" what |strong="G5101" to |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" what |strong="G5101" to |strong="G3004" teach. <sup>50</sup> And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" whatever |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" says |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1492" will |strong="G1510" bring |strong="G3004" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222". So |strong="G3767" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G3004" are |strong="G1510" exactly |strong="G3779" what |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" told |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004"."

### Jesus Washes His Followers' Feet

**13** It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" almost time |strong="G5610" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Jewish Passover |strong="G3957" festival |strong="G1859". Jesus |strong="G2424" knew |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G5610" had |strong="G2424" come |strong="G2064" for |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" leave |strong="G3327" this |strong="G3778" world |strong="G2889" and |strong="G1161" go |strong="G2064" back |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962". Jesus |strong="G2424" had |strong="G2424" always loved |strong="G0025" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3778" his |strong="G0846". Now |strong="G1161" was |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G5610" he |strong="G0846" showed them |strong="G0846" his |strong="G0846" love |strong="G0025" the |strong="G3588" most. <sup>2</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" followers were |strong="G1096" at |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" evening meal. The |strong="G3588" devil |strong="G1228" had |strong="G3588" already |strong="G2235" persuaded Judas |strong="G2455" Iscariot |strong="G2469" to |strong="G1519" hand |strong="G3860" Jesus |strong="G0846" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" enemies. ( Judas |strong="G2455" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" son

of|strong="G2588" Simon|strong="G4613".) <sup>3</sup> The|strong="G3956" Father|strong="G3962" had|strong="G2316" given|strong="G1325" Jesus|strong="G0846" power|strong="G5495" over|strong="G1519" everything|strong="G3956". Jesus|strong="G0846" knew|strong="G1492" this|strong="G3588". He|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" knew|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2316" come|strong="G1831" from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2316". And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" knew|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" going|strong="G5217" back|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316". <sup>4</sup> So|strong="G2532" while|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" eating, Jesus|strong="G2532" stood up|strong="G1453" and|strong="G2532" took|strong="G2983" off his|strong="G2983" robe|strong="G2440". He|strong="G2532" got|strong="G1453" a|strong="G2983" towel|strong="G3012" and|strong="G2532" wrapped it|strong="G5087" around his|strong="G2983" waist. <sup>5</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" poured|strong="G0906" water|strong="G5204" into|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1510" bowl and|strong="G2532" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G1519" wash|strong="G3538" the|strong="G3588" followers' feet|strong="G4228". <sup>1</sup> He|strong="G2532" dried their|strong="G2532" feet|strong="G4228" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" towel|strong="G3012" that|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" wrapped around his|strong="G3739" waist.

<sup>6</sup> He|strong="G0846" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074". But|strong="G1473" Peter|strong="G4074" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846", " Lord|strong="G2962", you|strong="G4771" should not|strong="G1473" wash|strong="G3538" my|strong="G3538" feet|strong="G4228"."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G4771" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1097" what|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" doing|strong="G4160" now|strong="G1161". But|strong="G1161" later|strong="G3326" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G3739" understand|strong="G1097"."

<sup>8</sup> Peter|strong="G4074" said|strong="G3004", " No|strong="G3756"! You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G0846" never|strong="G3756"

<sup>1</sup> WASH ... FEET A social custom of the first century, because people wore open sandals on very dusty roads. It was a humble duty, usually done by a servant. Also in verses 6-14.

wash|strong="G3538" my|strong="G3538" feet|strong="G4228"."

Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", " If|strong="G1437" I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3756" wash|strong="G3538" your|strong="G1437" feet|strong="G4228", you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3588" of|strong="G3004" my|strong="G3538" people|strong="G0846"."

<sup>9</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074" said|strong="G3004", " Lord|strong="G2962", after|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3004" wash|strong="G3361" my|strong="G3004" feet|strong="G4228", wash|strong="G3361" my|strong="G3004" hands|strong="G5495" and|strong="G2532" my|strong="G3004" head|strong="G2776" too|strong="G2532"."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " After|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2192" person|strong="G0846" has|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" bath, his|strong="G0846" whole|strong="G3650" body is|strong="G1510" clean|strong="G2513". He|strong="G2532" needs|strong="G5532" only|strong="G1487" to|strong="G3004" wash|strong="G3538" his|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" clean|strong="G2513", but|strong="G0235" not|strong="G3756" all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956" you|strong="G5210"." <sup>11</sup> Jesus|strong="G0846" knew|strong="G1492" who|strong="G3588" would|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G3860" him|strong="G0846" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G3004" his|strong="G0846" enemies. That|strong="G3754" is|strong="G1510" why|strong="G1223" he|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Not|strong="G3780" all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1223" you|strong="G3754" are|strong="G1510" clean|strong="G2513"."

<sup>12</sup> When|strong="G3753" Jesus|strong="G0846" finished washing their|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228", he|strong="G2532" put|strong="G4160" on|strong="G4160" his|strong="G0846" clothes|strong="G2440" and|strong="G2532" went back|strong="G3825" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" table. He|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G3004", " Do|strong="G4160" you|strong="G5210" understand|strong="G1097" what|strong="G5101" I|strong="G2532" did|strong="G4160" for|strong="G1097" you|strong="G5210"? <sup>13</sup> You|strong="G5210" call|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" ' Teacher|strong="G1320"! And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" call|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004" "

Lord |strong="G2962".' And |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" right |strong="G2573", because |strong="G1063" that |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510". <sup>14</sup> I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" your |strong="G2962" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" Teacher |strong="G1320". But |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" washed |strong="G3538" your |strong="G2962" feet |strong="G4228". So |strong="G3767" you |strong="G5210" also |strong="G2532" should |strong="G3784" wash |strong="G3538" each |strong="G0240" other's |strong="G0240" feet |strong="G4228". <sup>15</sup> I |strong="G1473" did |strong="G4160" this |strong="G2532" as |strong="G2531" an |strong="G1325" example |strong="G5262" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210". So |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2443" serve each other just |strong="G2531" as |strong="G2531" I |strong="G1473" served you |strong="G5210". <sup>16</sup> Believe me |strong="G3004", servants |strong="G1401" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" greater |strong="G3173" than |strong="G3173" their |strong="G0846" master |strong="G2962". Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" sent |strong="G3992" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" something |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" greater |strong="G3173" than |strong="G3173" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" them |strong="G0846". <sup>17</sup> If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1437" know |strong="G1492" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", great blessings will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" yours if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1437" do |strong="G4160" them |strong="G0846". <sup>18</sup> I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" not |strong="G3756" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G4012" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1909" you |strong="G5210". I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" chosen |strong="G1586". But |strong="G0235" what |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3956" Scriptures |strong="G1124" say |strong="G3004" must |strong="G0235" happen: ' The |strong="G3956" man who |strong="G3588" shared my |strong="G3956" food |strong="G0740" has |strong="G5101" turned against |strong="G1909" me |strong="G3004".' <sup>19</sup> I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510"

I HAS TURNED AGAINST ME Literally, "has lifted up his heel against me." Quote from Psalm 41:9.

telling |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" this |strong="G3588" now |strong="G0737" before |strong="G4253" it |strong="G3752" happens |strong="G1096". Then |strong="G3754" when |strong="G3752" it |strong="G3752" happens |strong="G1096", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" believe |strong="G4100" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" AM |strong="G1510". <sup>20</sup> I |strong="G1473" assure you |strong="G5210", whoever |strong="G0302" accepts |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" person |strong="G5100" I |strong="G1473" send |strong="G3992" also |strong="G1161" accepts |strong="G2983" me |strong="G3004". And |strong="G1161" whoever |strong="G0302" accepts |strong="G2983" me |strong="G3004" also |strong="G1161" accepts |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G5100" who |strong="G3588" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G3004"."

**Jesus |strong="G3004" Tells Who |strong="G3588" Will |strong="G5100" Turn Against Him |strong="G2983"**

(Matthew 26:20-25; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:21-23)

<sup>21</sup> After |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", he |strong="G2532" felt very |strong="G3778" troubled |strong="G5015". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" openly, "Believe me |strong="G3004" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3778" hand |strong="G3860" me |strong="G3004" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G3004" my |strong="G3754" enemies."

<sup>22</sup> His |strong="G4012" followers all |strong="G3588" looked at |strong="G1519" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240". They |strong="G3004" did |strong="G5101" not |strong="G3101" understand who |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G3004" was |strong="G3588" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G4012". <sup>23</sup> One |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" followers was |strong="G1510" next to |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" leaning close to |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846". This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" Jesus |strong="G2424" loved |strong="G0025" very |strong="G0846" much. <sup>24</sup> Simon |strong="G4613" Peter |strong="G4074" made |strong="G3004" signs to |strong="G3004"

II I AM This is like the name of God used in the Old Testament. See Isaiah 41:4; 43:10; Exodus 3:14. However, it can also mean "I am he," meaning "I am the Messiah."



this|strong="G3778" follower to|strong="G3004" ask|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" talking|strong="G3004" about|strong="G4012".

<sup>25</sup> That|strong="G1565" follower leaned|strong="G0377" closer to|strong="G3004" Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2962" asked|strong="G3004", " Lord|strong="G2962", who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" it|strong="G0846"?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611" him|strong="G0846", " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" dip|strong="G0911" this|strong="G3588" bread into|strong="G2424" the|strong="G3588" dish. The|strong="G3588" man|strong="G1565" I|strong="G1473" give|strong="G1325" it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739"." So|strong="G3767" Jesus|strong="G2424" took|strong="G2983" a|strong="G2983" piece of|strong="G2424" bread, dipped|strong="G0911" it|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2532" Judas|strong="G2455" Iscariot|strong="G2469", the|strong="G3588" son of|strong="G2424" Simon|strong="G4613". <sup>27</sup> When|strong="G2532" Judas|strong="G5596" took|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" bread, Satan|strong="G4567" entered|strong="G1525" him|strong="G0846". Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" Judas|strong="G5596", " What|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" do|strong="G4160"— do|strong="G4160" it|strong="G0846" quickly|strong="G5032"! " <sup>28</sup> No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" at|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" table understood|strong="G1097" why|strong="G5101" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G4314" Judas|strong="G3778". <sup>29</sup> Since|strong="G1893" Judas|strong="G2455" was|strong="G2424" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G5100" in|strong="G1519" charge of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" money|strong="G1101", some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100" them|strong="G0846" thought|strong="G1380" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424" meant|strong="G3004" for|strong="G1063" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" go and|strong="G2424" buy|strong="G0059" some|strong="G5100" things|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" needed|strong="G5532" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" feast|strong="G1859". Or|strong="G2228" they|strong="G0846" thought|strong="G1380"

that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424" wanted him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" go give|strong="G1325" something|strong="G5100" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" poor|strong="G4434".

<sup>30</sup> Judas|strong="G2112" ate the|strong="G3588" bread Jesus|strong="G1565" gave him|strong="G2983". Then|strong="G3767" he|strong="G1161" immediately|strong="G2117" went|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831". It|strong="G1161" was|strong="G1510" night|strong="G3571".

### Jesus|strong="G1565" Talks About|strong="G3588" His|strong="G2983" Death

<sup>31</sup> When|strong="G3753" Judas|strong="G1831" was|strong="G2424" gone|strong="G1831", Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Now|strong="G3568" is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G3568" for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444" to|strong="G3004" receive his|strong="G0846" glory|strong="G1392". And|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" receive glory|strong="G1392" through|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846". <sup>32</sup> If|strong="G1487" God|strong="G2316" receives glory|strong="G1392" through|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846", he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" give glory|strong="G1392" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Son through|strong="G1722" himself|strong="G1438". And|strong="G2532" that|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" happen very|strong="G0846" soon|strong="G1722". "

<sup>33</sup> Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004", " My|strong="G2212" children|strong="G5040", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210" only|strong="G3756" a|strong="G1510" short|strong="G3398" time|strong="G0737" more|strong="G2089". You|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" look for|strong="G3754" me|strong="G3004", but|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" now|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1473" told|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" leaders|strong="G3004": Where|strong="G3699" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" going|strong="G5217" you|strong="G5210" cannot|strong="G3756" come|strong="G2064".

<sup>34</sup> " I|strong="G2532" give|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G1325" new|strong="G2537" command|strong="G1785": Love|strong="G0025" each|strong="G0240" oth-

er |strong="G0240". You |strong="G5210" must love |strong="G0025" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240" just |strong="G2531" as |strong="G2531" I |strong="G2532" loved |strong="G0025" you |strong="G5210". <sup>35</sup> All |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" will |strong="G1510" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G1437" are |strong="G1510" my |strong="G1699" followers if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G1437" love |strong="G0026" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240"."

**Jesus |strong="G1510" Says Peter Will |strong="G1510" Deny Him |strong="G1097"**

(Matthew 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34)

<sup>36</sup> Simon |strong="G4613" Peter |strong="G4074" asked |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G2424", " Lord |strong="G2962", where |strong="G3699" are |strong="G0846" you |strong="G3004" going |strong="G5217"?"

Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " Where |strong="G3699" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1410" going |strong="G5217" you |strong="G3004" cannot |strong="G3756" follow |strong="G0190" now |strong="G1161". But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G3004" will |strong="G2962" follow |strong="G0190" later |strong="G5305"."

<sup>37</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" asked |strong="G3004", " Lord |strong="G2962", why |strong="G5101" can't |strong="G3756" I |strong="G1473" follow |strong="G0190" you |strong="G4771" now |strong="G0737"? I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1410" ready |strong="G1410" to |strong="G3004" die |strong="G1223" for |strong="G5228" you |strong="G4771"!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " Will |strong="G3739" you |strong="G4771" really give |strong="G3004" your |strong="G5087" life |strong="G5590" for |strong="G5228" me |strong="G3004"? The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G3739", before |strong="G2193" the |strong="G3588" rooster |strong="G0220" crows |strong="G5455", you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G3739" say |strong="G3004" three |strong="G5151" times |strong="G5151" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G4771" don't |strong="G3756" know me |strong="G3004"."

**Jesus Comforts His Followers**

**14** Jesus |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532", " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" troubled |strong="G5015". Trust in |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316", and |strong="G2532" trust in |strong="G1519" me |strong="G1473". <sup>2</sup> There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510"

many |strong="G4183" rooms in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1722" Father's |strong="G3962" house |strong="G3614". I |strong="G1473" would |strong="G0302" not |strong="G3361" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" this |strong="G3588" if |strong="G1487" it |strong="G1161" were |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3361" true. I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" going |strong="G4198" there |strong="G1510" to |strong="G3004" prepare |strong="G2090" a |strong="G1510" place |strong="G5117" for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210". <sup>3</sup> After |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" go |strong="G4198" and |strong="G2532" prepare |strong="G2090" a |strong="G1510" place |strong="G5117" for |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210", I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" come |strong="G2064" back |strong="G3825". Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" take |strong="G3880" you |strong="G5210" with |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1473", so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" can be |strong="G1510" where |strong="G3699" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510". <sup>4</sup> You |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G3699" where |strong="G3699" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" going |strong="G5217"."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas |strong="G2381" said |strong="G3004", " Lord |strong="G2962", we |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" where |strong="G4226" you |strong="G3004" are |strong="G3588" going |strong="G5217", so |strong="G2532" how |strong="G4459" can |strong="G1410" we |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598"?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598", the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" life |strong="G2222". The |strong="G3588" only |strong="G1487" way |strong="G3598" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" is |strong="G1510" through |strong="G1223" me |strong="G3004". <sup>7</sup> If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" really knew |strong="G1097" me |strong="G1473", you |strong="G1487" would |strong="G0846" know |strong="G1097" my |strong="G3708" Father |strong="G3962" too |strong="G2532". But |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1487" know |strong="G1097"

the Father. You have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Philip, I have been with you for a long time. So should you know me who has seen the Father too. So why you, Show the Father?"<sup>10</sup>

Don't you believe I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The things I have told you don't come from me. The Father lives in me, and he is doing his own work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am the Father and the Father is in me. Or believe because of the miracles

I have done.

<sup>12</sup> "I can assure you that whoever believes in me will do the same things I have done. And they will do even greater things than I have done, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And if you ask for anything in my name, I will do it for you. Then the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it for you. Then the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. <sup>15</sup> If you love me, you will do what I command. <sup>16</sup> I will give you another Helper to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> The Helper is the Spir-

#### The Promise of the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will do what I command. I will give you another Helper to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> The Helper is the Spir-

<sup>1</sup> HELPER Or "Comforter," the Holy Spirit (see "Holy Spirit" in the Word List). Also in verse 26.

it |strong="G4151" of |strong="G4151" truth |strong="G0225".<sup>1</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" cannot |strong="G3756" accept |strong="G2983" him |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" don't |strong="G3756" see |strong="G2334" him |strong="G0846" or |strong="G3761" know |strong="G1097" him |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1097" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" lives |strong="G3306" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>18</sup> " I |strong="G2064" will |strong="G0863" not |strong="G3756" leave |strong="G0863" you |strong="G5210" all alone |strong="G0863" like |strong="G4314" orphans |strong="G3737". I |strong="G2064" will |strong="G0863" come |strong="G2064" back |strong="G4314" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210".<sup>19</sup> In |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" very |strong="G2532" short |strong="G3398" time the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" will |strong="G3748" not |strong="G3765" see |strong="G2334" me |strong="G1473" anymore |strong="G2089". But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3748" see |strong="G2334" me |strong="G1473". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3748" live |strong="G2198" because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" live |strong="G2198".<sup>20</sup> On |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3754" day |strong="G2250" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2250" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2250" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473" and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210".<sup>21</sup> Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" really love |strong="G0025" me |strong="G1473" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" not |strong="G1510" only |strong="G2532" know my |strong="G5083" commands |strong="G1785" but |strong="G1161" al-

<sup>1</sup> SPIRIT OF TRUTH The Holy Spirit (see "Holy Spirit" in the Word List). It was his work to help Jesus' followers understand God's truth. See John 16:13.

so |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G5083" them |strong="G0846". My |strong="G5083" Father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G1510" love |strong="G0025" such people |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" love |strong="G0025" them |strong="G0846". I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" make |strong="G1718" myself |strong="G1683" known to |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846"."

<sup>22</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Judas |strong="G2455" (not |strong="G3756" Judas |strong="G2455" Iscariot |strong="G2469") said |strong="G3004", " Lord |strong="G2962", how |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" you |strong="G3754" make |strong="G1718" yourself |strong="G4572" known to |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004", but |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889"?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " All |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" love |strong="G0025" me |strong="G3004" will |strong="G5100" obey |strong="G5083" my |strong="G5083" teaching |strong="G3056". My |strong="G5083" Father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G5100" love |strong="G0025" them |strong="G0846". My |strong="G5083" Father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G5100" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" live with |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846".<sup>24</sup> But |strong="G0235" anyone |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" love |strong="G0025" me |strong="G1473" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" obey |strong="G5083" my |strong="G1699" teaching |strong="G3056". This |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G3056" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" hear |strong="G0191" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" really mine |strong="G1699". It |strong="G0191" is |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0191" my |strong="G1699" Father |strong="G3962" who |strong="G3739" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G1473".

<sup>25</sup> " I |strong="G3778" have |strong="G2980" told |strong="G2980" you |strong="G5210" all these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778" while |strong="G2980" I |strong="G3778" am with |strong="G3844" you |strong="G5210".<sup>26</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" Helper |strong="G3875" will |strong="G3739" teach |strong="G1321" you |strong="G5210" everything |strong="G3956" and |strong="G2532" cause you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3004" remember

all |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3739"  
I |strong="G1473" told |strong="G3004"  
you |strong="G5210". This |strong="G3588"  
Helper |strong="G3875" is |strong="G3739"  
the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spir-  
it |strong="G4151" that |strong="G3739"  
the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962"  
will |strong="G3739" send |strong="G3992"  
in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G3956"  
name |strong="G3686".

27 " I |strong="G1473" leave |strong="G0863"  
you |strong="G5210" peace |strong="G1515".  
It |strong="G0863" is |strong="G3588"  
my |strong="G1699" own |strong="G1699"  
peace |strong="G1515" I |strong="G1473"  
give |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210".  
I |strong="G1473" give |strong="G1325"  
you |strong="G5210" peace |strong="G1515"  
in |strong="G1515" a |strong="G1325" different way  
than |strong="G3361" the |strong="G3588"  
world |strong="G2889" does |strong="G1325".  
So |strong="G3361" don't |strong="G3756"  
be |strong="G2588" troubled |strong="G5015".  
Don't |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2588" afraid. 28  
You |strong="G5210" heard |strong="G0191"  
me |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004"  
to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210", '  
I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" leav-  
ing |strong="G4198", but |strong="G2532"  
I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510"  
come |strong="G2064" back |strong="G4314"  
to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210".'  
If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G5210"  
loved |strong="G0025" me |strong="G3004",  
you |strong="G5210" would |strong="G0302"  
be |strong="G1510" happy that |strong="G3754"  
I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" go-  
ing |strong="G5217" back |strong="G4314"  
to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Fa-  
ther |strong="G3962", because |strong="G3754"  
the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962"  
is |strong="G1510" greater |strong="G3173"  
than |strong="G3173" I |strong="G1473"  
am |strong="G1510". 29 I |strong="G2532"  
have |strong="G2532" told |strong="G3004"  
you |strong="G5210" this |strong="G2532"  
now |strong="G3568", before |strong="G4250"  
it |strong="G3752" happens |strong="G1096".  
Then |strong="G2532" when |strong="G3752"  
it |strong="G3752" happens |strong="G1096",  
you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" be-  
lieve |strong="G4100".

30 " I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G4183"  
not |strong="G3756" talk with |strong="G3326"  
you |strong="G5210" much |strong="G4183"  
longer |strong="G3765". The |strong="G3588"  
ruler |strong="G0758" of |strong="G1722"  
this |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889"

is |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2064".  
He |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2192"  
no |strong="G3756" power over |strong="G1722"  
me |strong="G1473". 31 But |strong="G0235"  
the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889"  
must |strong="G4160" know |strong="G1097"  
that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473"  
love |strong="G0025" the |strong="G3588" Fa-  
ther |strong="G3962". So |strong="G2443"  
I |strong="G1473" do |strong="G4160" exact-  
ly |strong="G3779" what |strong="G3588"  
the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" told  
me |strong="G1473" to |strong="G2443"  
do |strong="G4160".

" Come |strong="G0071" now |strong="G2532", let's  
go |strong="G0071"."

### Jesus Is Like a Vine

15 Jesus |strong="G1510" said |strong="G2532", "  
I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510"  
the |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0228"  
vine |strong="G0288", and |strong="G2532"  
my |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962"  
is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" gardener. 2  
He |strong="G2532" cuts off every |strong="G3956"  
branch |strong="G2814" of |strong="G3956"  
mine |strong="G1473" that |strong="G2443" does  
not |strong="G3361" produce |strong="G2590"  
fruit |strong="G2590". II He |strong="G2532" al-  
so |strong="G2532" trims every |strong="G3956"  
branch |strong="G2814" that |strong="G2443" pro-  
duces fruit |strong="G2590" to |strong="G2443" pre-  
pare it |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" pro-  
duce |strong="G2590" even |strong="G2532"  
more |strong="G4183". 3 You |strong="G5210"  
have |strong="G1510" already |strong="G2235"  
been |strong="G1510" prepared to |strong="G2980"  
produce more fruit by |strong="G1223"  
the |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G3056"  
I |strong="G3739" have |strong="G1510" given  
you |strong="G5210". 4 Stay |strong="G3306" joined  
to |strong="G1410" me |strong="G1473"  
and |strong="G3761" I |strong="G1473"  
will |strong="G3761" stay |strong="G3306" joined  
to |strong="G1410" you |strong="G5210".  
No |strong="G3756" branch |strong="G2814"  
can |strong="G1410" produce |strong="G2590"  
fruit |strong="G2590" alone. It |strong="G1437"  
must |strong="G3588" stay |strong="G3306" connect-  
ed to |strong="G1410" the |strong="G3588"  
vine |strong="G0288". It |strong="G1437"  
is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588"  
same |strong="G3779" with |strong="G1722"  
you |strong="G5210". You |strong="G5210" can-  
not |strong="G3756" produce |strong="G2590"

I BRANCH The "branches" are Jesus' followers. See verse 5. II  
PRODUCE FRUIT Meaning the way Jesus' followers must live to show  
they belong to him. See verses 7-10.

fruit|strong="G2590" alone. You|strong="G5210" must|strong="G3588" stay|strong="G3306" joined to|strong="G1410" me|strong="G1473".

<sup>5</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" vine|strong="G0288", and|strong="G4160" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" branches|strong="G2814". If|strong="G3748" you|strong="G5210" stay|strong="G3306" joined to|strong="G1410" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G4160" I|strong="G1473" to|strong="G1410" you|strong="G5210", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" produce|strong="G4160" plenty of|strong="G1722" fruit|strong="G2590". But|strong="G3762" separated from|strong="G5565" me|strong="G1473" you|strong="G5210" won't|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" able|strong="G1410" to|strong="G1410" do|strong="G4160" anything|strong="G3762". <sup>6</sup> If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G1437" don't|strong="G3361" stay|strong="G3306" joined to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G1473", you|strong="G1437" will|strong="G5100" be|strong="G2532" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" branch|strong="G2814" that|strong="G0846" has|strong="G5100" been|strong="G2532" thrown|strong="G0906" out|strong="G1854" and|strong="G2532" has|strong="G5100" dried|strong="G3583" up|strong="G1519". All|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" dead branches|strong="G2814" like|strong="G5613" that|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" gathered|strong="G4863" up|strong="G1519", thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" and|strong="G2532" burned|strong="G2545". <sup>7</sup> Stay|strong="G3306" joined|strong="G1096" together|strong="G1722" with|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G2532" follow my|strong="G1722" teachings. If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G1096" this|strong="G3588", you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G3306" ask|strong="G0154" for|strong="G1722" anything you|strong="G5210" want|strong="G2309", and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G1437" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G1096" given to|strong="G2309" you|strong="G5210". <sup>8</sup> Show|strong="G1096" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G1722" are|strong="G3778" my|strong="G1699" followers by|strong="G1722" producing much|strong="G4183" fruit|strong="G2590". This|strong="G3778" will|strong="G4183" bring|strong="G5342" honor|strong="G1392"<sup>1</sup> to|strong="G2443" my|strong="G1699" Father|strong="G3962".

<sup>1</sup> HONOR Or "glory." See "glory" in the Word List.

<sup>9</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1473" loved|strong="G0025" you|strong="G4771" as|strong="G2531" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" has|strong="G3962" loved|strong="G0025" me|strong="G1473". Now|strong="G1722" continue|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1699" love|strong="G0026". <sup>10</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" obeyed my|strong="G5083" Father's|strong="G3962" commands|strong="G1785", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" continues|strong="G3306" to|strong="G2532" love|strong="G0026" me|strong="G1473". In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" way|strong="G1722", if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G1437" obey|strong="G5083" my|strong="G5083" commands|strong="G1785", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" continue|strong="G3306" to|strong="G2532" love|strong="G0026" you|strong="G1437". <sup>11</sup> I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" told|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" can have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" true happiness that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510". I|strong="G2532" want you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G1510" completely happy. <sup>12</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G3778" command|strong="G1785" you|strong="G5210": Love|strong="G0025" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" as|strong="G2531" I|strong="G3778" have|strong="G1510" loved|strong="G0025" you|strong="G5210". <sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" greatest|strong="G3173" love|strong="G0026" people|strong="G0846" can show|strong="G2192" is|strong="G3778" to|strong="G2443" die for|strong="G5228" their|strong="G0846" friends|strong="G5384". <sup>14</sup> You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" my|strong="G3739" friends|strong="G5384" if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" tell you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G4160" do|strong="G4160". <sup>15</sup> I|strong="G1473" no|strong="G3756" longer|strong="G3765" call|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" servants|strong="G1401", because|strong="G3754" servants|strong="G1401" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G5101" their|strong="G0846" master|strong="G2962" is|strong="G5101" doing|strong="G4160". But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" call|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210"

friends|strong="G5384", because|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G3748" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" every-thing|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3754" my|strong="G0191" Father|strong="G3962" told|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004".

<sup>16</sup> " You|strong="G5210" did|strong="G1325" not|strong="G3756" choose|strong="G1586" me|strong="G1325". I|strong="G1473" chose|strong="G1586" you|strong="G5210". And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" gave|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210" this|strong="G3588" work: to|strong="G2443" go|strong="G5217" and|strong="G2532" pro-duce|strong="G2590" fruit|strong="G2590"—fruit|strong="G2590" that|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" last. Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" will|strong="G3739" give|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210" anything|strong="G5100" you|strong="G5210" ask|strong="G0154" for|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" my|strong="G5087" name|strong="G3686". <sup>17</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" my com-mand|strong="G1781": Love|strong="G0025" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240".

#### Jesus|strong="G3778" Warns His|strong="G0025" Fol-lowers

<sup>18</sup> " If|strong="G1487" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" hates|strong="G3404" you|strong="G5210", remember that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G3754" hated|strong="G3404" me|strong="G1473" first|strong="G4413". <sup>19</sup> If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G5210" be-longed|strong="G1537" to|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889", the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" would|strong="G0302" love|strong="G5368" you|strong="G5210" as|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1223" loves|strong="G5368" its|strong="G5368" own|strong="G2398" peo-ple|strong="G1510". But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" cho-sen|strong="G1586" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G3778" be|strong="G1510" different from|strong="G1537" those|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889". So|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3756" be-long|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889", and|strong="G1161" that|strong="G3754" is|strong="G1510" why|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" hates|strong="G3404" you|strong="G5210".

<sup>20</sup> " Remember|strong="G3421" the|strong="G3588" lesson I|strong="G1473"

told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210": Ser-vants|strong="G1401" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" greater|strong="G3173" than|strong="G3173" their|strong="G0846" mas-ter|strong="G2962". If|strong="G1487" peo-ple|strong="G0846" treated me|strong="G3004" bad-ly, they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" treat you|strong="G5210" badly too|strong="G2532". And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1487" they|strong="G0846" obeyed my|strong="G5083" teaching|strong="G3056", they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" obey|strong="G5083" yours|strong="G4771" too|strong="G2532". <sup>21</sup> They|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3778" do|strong="G4160" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210" whatever|strong="G3956" they|strong="G3754" did|strong="G4160" to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G1473", be-cause|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" belong to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G1473". They|strong="G3754" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G3992" me|strong="G1473". <sup>22</sup> If|strong="G1487" I|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" come|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" spo-ken|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" of|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588" world, they|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" guilty of|strong="G4012" sin|strong="G0266". But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" spo-ken|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2064" them|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" excuse|strong="G4392" for|strong="G4012" their|strong="G0846" sin|strong="G0266".

<sup>23</sup> " Whoever|strong="G3588" hates|strong="G3404" me|strong="G1473" al-so|strong="G2532" hates|strong="G3404" my|strong="G3404" Father|strong="G3962". <sup>24</sup> I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G4160" things|strong="G3739" among|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" of|strong="G2041" the|strong="G3588" world that|strong="G3739" no|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3762" else|strong="G0243" has|strong="G2192" ever done|strong="G4160". If|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" had|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" done|strong="G4160" those|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739", they|strong="G0846" would|strong="G3762" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" guilty of|strong="G2041"

sin|strong="G0266". But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2192" seen|strong="G3708" what|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G4160", and|strong="G2532" still they|strong="G0846" hate|strong="G3404" me|strong="G1473" and|strong="G2532" my|strong="G3708" Father|strong="G3962".<sup>25</sup> But|strong="G0235" this|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2443" make|strong="G4137" clear the|strong="G3588" full|strong="G4137" meaning of|strong="G3056" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" written|strong="G1125" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" law|strong="G3551": ' They|strong="G0846" hated|strong="G3404" me|strong="G1473" for|strong="G3754" no|strong="G0235" reason|strong="G3056".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>26</sup> " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" send|strong="G3992" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3588" Helper|strong="G3875"<sup>II</sup> from|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962". The|strong="G3588" Helper|strong="G3875" is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151" truth|strong="G0225"<sup>III</sup> who|strong="G3739" comes|strong="G2064" from|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962". When|strong="G3752" he|strong="G3739" comes|strong="G2064", he|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" tell about|strong="G4012" me|strong="G1473".<sup>27</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" tell people|strong="G1510" about|strong="G3754" me|strong="G1473" too|strong="G2532", because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1473" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G2532" beginning|strong="G0746".

**16** " I|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2980" told|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210" all this|strong="G3778" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" won't|strong="G3361" lose your|strong="G2980" faith|strong="G2980" when|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210" face troubles.<sup>2</sup> People|strong="G3956" will|strong="G2316" tell you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" leave their|strong="G3956" synagogues and|strong="G2064" never come|strong="G2064" back. In|strong="G2316" fact|strong="G0235", the|strong="G3956" time|strong="G5610"

<sup>1</sup> 'THEY HATED ME FOR NO REASON' These words could be from Psalm 35:19 or Psalm 69:4. <sup>II</sup> HELPER Or "Comforter." Also in 16:7, 8. <sup>III</sup> SPIRIT OF TRUTH The Holy Spirit (see "Holy Spirit" in the Word List). It was his work to help Jesus' followers understand God's truth. See John 16:13.

will|strong="G2316" come|strong="G2064" when|strong="G2064" they|strong="G2064" will|strong="G2316" think|strong="G1380" that|strong="G2443" killing|strong="G0615" you|strong="G5210" would be|strong="G3956" doing|strong="G4160" service|strong="G2999" for|strong="G2443" God|strong="G2316".<sup>3</sup> They|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3778" do|strong="G4160" this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G3754" they|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" known|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" known|strong="G1097" me|strong="G1473".<sup>4</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" all|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778" now|strong="G1161" to|strong="G2443" prepare you|strong="G5210". So|strong="G2443" when|strong="G3752" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5610" comes|strong="G2064" for|strong="G3754" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" to|strong="G2443" happen|strong="G1510", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" remember|strong="G3421" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" warned you|strong="G5210".

#### The|strong="G3588" Work of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Holy Spirit

" I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" at|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" beginning|strong="G0746", because|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210" then|strong="G1161".<sup>5</sup> Now|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" going|strong="G5217" back|strong="G4314" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G3992" me|strong="G1473". And|strong="G2532" none|strong="G3762" of|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210" asks|strong="G2065" me|strong="G1473", ' Where|strong="G4226" are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210" going|strong="G5217"?'<sup>6</sup> But|strong="G0235" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3778" filled|strong="G4137" with|strong="G2980" sadness|strong="G3077" because|strong="G3754" I|strong="G3778" have|strong="G3748" told|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210" all|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778".<sup>7</sup> Let|strong="G2443" me|strong="G3004" assure you|strong="G5210", it|strong="G0846"



is |strong="G3588" better for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G2443" I |strong="G1473" go |strong="G4198" away |strong="G0565". I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588" because |strong="G1063" when |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" go |strong="G4198" away |strong="G0565" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G0846" send |strong="G3992" the |strong="G3588" Helper |strong="G3875" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210". But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1437" I |strong="G1473" did |strong="G2064" not |strong="G3756" go |strong="G4198", the |strong="G3588" Helper |strong="G3875" would |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3756" come |strong="G2064".

<sup>8</sup> " When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Helper comes |strong="G2064", he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" show |strong="G1651" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" of |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" how |strong="G4012" wrong |strong="G1651" they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" about |strong="G4012" sin |strong="G0266", about |strong="G4012" being right |strong="G1343" with |strong="G2532" God, and |strong="G2532" about |strong="G4012" judgment |strong="G2920". <sup>9</sup> He |strong="G3754" will |strong="G3748" prove that |strong="G3754" they |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3748" guilty of |strong="G4012" sin |strong="G0266", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G3754" don't |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" me |strong="G1473". <sup>10</sup> He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3748" show them |strong="G4012" how |strong="G3754" wrong they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" about |strong="G4012" how |strong="G3754" to |strong="G4314" be |strong="G2532" right |strong="G1343" with |strong="G4314" God |strong="G3962". The |strong="G3588" Helper will |strong="G3748" do |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588", because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" going |strong="G5217" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962". You |strong="G3754" will |strong="G3748" not |strong="G3765" see |strong="G2334" me |strong="G1473" then |strong="G2532". <sup>11</sup> And |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3778" show them |strong="G4012" how |strong="G3754" wrong their |strong="G4012" judgment |strong="G2920" is |strong="G3778", because |strong="G3754" their |strong="G4012" leader I

I THEIR LEADER Literally, "the ruler of this world," meaning Satan. See "Satan" in the Word List.

has |strong="G3778" already been condemned |strong="G2919".

<sup>12</sup> " I |strong="G3004" have |strong="G2192" so much |strong="G4183" more |strong="G4183" to |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", but |strong="G0235" it |strong="G3004" is |strong="G3004" too much |strong="G4183" for |strong="G4183" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3004" accept now |strong="G0737". <sup>13</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3752" the |strong="G3956" Spirit |strong="G4151" of |strong="G4151" truth |strong="G0225" comes |strong="G2064", he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3956" lead |strong="G3594" you |strong="G5210" into |strong="G2064" all |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" speak |strong="G2980" his |strong="G3956" own |strong="G1438" words |strong="G0191". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3956" speak |strong="G2980" only |strong="G3756" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" hears |strong="G0191" and |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3956" tell |strong="G2980" you |strong="G5210" what |strong="G3588" will |strong="G3956" happen in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" future. <sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" Spirit of |strong="G1537" truth will |strong="G3748" bring |strong="G2983" glory |strong="G1392" to |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473" by |strong="G1537" telling you |strong="G5210" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" receives |strong="G2983" from |strong="G1537" me |strong="G1473". <sup>15</sup> All |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" has |strong="G2192" is |strong="G1510" mine |strong="G1699". That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G1510" why |strong="G1223" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3956" Spirit will |strong="G1510" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" receives |strong="G2983" from |strong="G1537" me |strong="G3004".

**Sadness Will |strong="G1510" Turn |strong="G1510" Into |strong="G1223" Happiness**

<sup>16</sup> " After |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" short |strong="G3398" time you |strong="G3708" won't see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G1473". Then |strong="G2532" after |strong="G2532" another |strong="G3825" short |strong="G3398" time you |strong="G3708" will |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G1473" again |strong="G3825". "

17 Some |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" followers said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G3825", " What |strong="G5101" does |strong="G1510" he |strong="G2532" mean |strong="G3004" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" says |strong="G3004", ' After |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" short |strong="G3398" time you |strong="G3739" won't |strong="G3756" see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G3004". Then |strong="G2532" after |strong="G2532" another |strong="G0240" short |strong="G3398" time you |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G3004" again? And |strong="G2532" what |strong="G5101" does |strong="G1510" he |strong="G2532" mean |strong="G3004" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" says |strong="G3004", ' Because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" going |strong="G5217" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Father?' 18 They |strong="G3767" also |strong="G3767" asked |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G5101" does |strong="G1492" he |strong="G3739" mean |strong="G3004" by |strong="G3004" a |strong="G1510" short |strong="G3398" time? We |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" understand |strong="G1492" what |strong="G5101" he |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" saying |strong="G3004"."

19 Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G2532" followers wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" ask |strong="G2065" him |strong="G0846" about |strong="G4012" this |strong="G3778". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " Are |strong="G3778" you |strong="G3754" asking |strong="G2065" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G3825" what |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" meant |strong="G3004" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004", ' After |strong="G3326" a |strong="G3708" short |strong="G3398" time you |strong="G3754" won't |strong="G3756" see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G3004". Then |strong="G2532" after |strong="G3326" another |strong="G0240" short |strong="G3398" time you |strong="G3754" will |strong="G3778" see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G3004" again? 20 The |strong="G3588" truth is |strong="G3588", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3748" cry and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1096" sad |strong="G3076", but |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G1096" happy. You |strong="G5210"

will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G1096" sad |strong="G3076", but |strong="G1161" then |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" sadness |strong="G3077" will |strong="G3748" change to |strong="G1519" happiness.

21 " When |strong="G3752" a |strong="G2192" woman |strong="G1135" gives |strong="G5088" birth |strong="G5088" to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2192" baby |strong="G5088", she |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2192" pain |strong="G3077", because |strong="G3754" her |strong="G0846" time |strong="G5610" has |strong="G2192" come |strong="G2064". But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3752" her |strong="G0846" baby |strong="G5088" is |strong="G0444" born |strong="G1080", she |strong="G0846" forgets the |strong="G3588" pain |strong="G3077". She |strong="G0846" forgets because |strong="G3754" she |strong="G0846" is |strong="G0444" so |strong="G1161" happy that |strong="G3754" a |strong="G2192" child |strong="G3813" has |strong="G2192" been |strong="G2192" born |strong="G1080" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". 22 It |strong="G3708" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" with |strong="G0575" you |strong="G5210". Now |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" sad, but |strong="G1161" I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G5210" again |strong="G3825", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" happy. You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" joy |strong="G5479" that |strong="G3708" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" can take |strong="G0142" away |strong="G0142". 23 In |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" day |strong="G2250" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2250" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" to |strong="G3004" ask |strong="G0154" me |strong="G1325" about |strong="G1722" anything |strong="G5100". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" assure you |strong="G5210", my |strong="G1722" Father |strong="G3962" will |strong="G2250" give |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" anything |strong="G5100" you |strong="G5210" ask |strong="G0154" him |strong="G1325" for |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1722" name |strong="G3686". 24 You |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3756" asked |strong="G0154" for |strong="G1722" anything |strong="G3762" in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" before |strong="G2193".

But *ask* *in* *my* *name*, and *you* *will* *receive*. And *you* *will* *have* *the* *fullest* *joy* possible.

### Victory Over *the* *World*

<sup>25</sup> " *I* *have* *told* *these* *things*, using *words* that *hide* *the* *meaning*. But *the* *time* *will* *come* *when* *I* *will* *not* *use* *words* like *that* *to* *tell* *you* *things*. *I* *will* *to* *you* *in* *plain* *words* about *the* *Father*. <sup>26</sup> Then *you* *will* *be* *able* *to* *ask* *the* *Father* *for* *things* *in* *my* *name*. *I'm* *not* *saying* *that* *I* *will* *have* *ask* *the* *Father* *for* *you*. <sup>27</sup> *The* *Father* *loves* *you* *because* *you* *have* *me* *he* *loves* *you* *because* *you* *have* *believed* *that* *I* *came* *from* *God*. <sup>28</sup> *I* *came* *from* *the* *Father* *into* *the* *world*. *Now* *I* *am* *leaving* *the* *world*

and *going* *back* *to* *the* *Father*."

<sup>29</sup> Then *his* *followers* *said*, " *You* *are* *already* *speaking* *plainly* *to* *us*. *You* *are* *not* *using* *words* *that* *hide* *the* *meaning*. <sup>30</sup> *We* *can* *see* *now* *that* *you* *know* *all* *things*. *You* *answer* *our* *questions* *even* *before* *we* *ask* *them*. *This* *makes* *us* *believe* *that* *you* *came* *from* *God*."

<sup>31</sup> *Jesus* *said*, " *So* *now* *you* *believe* *me*? <sup>32</sup> *Listen* *to* *me* *A* *time* *is* *coming* *when* *you* *will* *be* *scattered* *to* *his* *own* *home*. *In* *fact*, *that* *time* *is* *already* *here*. *You* *will* *leave* *me*, *and* *I* *will* *be* *alone*. *But* *I* *am* *never* *really* *alone*, *because* *the* *Father* *is* *with* *me*."

<sup>33</sup> " *I* *have* *told* *these* *things* *so* *you* *can* *have* *peace* *in* *me*. *In* *this* *world* *you* *will* *have* *troubles*. *But* *be* *brave!*

I have defeated the world!"

### Jesus Prays for Himself and His Followers

**17** After Jesus said these things, he looked toward heaven and prayed, "Father, the time has come. Give glory to your Son so that the Son can give glory to you." <sup>2</sup> You gave the Son power over all people so that he could give eternal life to all those you have given to him. <sup>3</sup> And this is life: that people can know you, the only God, and that they can know Jesus Christ, the one you sent. <sup>4</sup> I finished work you gave me to do. I brought you glory on earth. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, give glory to me with you. Give me the glory you had with you before

the world was made.

<sup>6</sup> You gave me some people from the world. I have shown them what you are like. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They obeyed your teaching. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything I have from you came from you. <sup>8</sup> I told them the words you gave me, and they accepted them. They realized the fact that I came from you and believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them now. I am not praying for the people of the world. But I am praying for these people you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and I have all you have mine. And my glory is seen in them.

11 " Now I am coming to you. I will not stay in the world, but these followers of mine are still in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe by the power of your name— the name you gave me. I protected them. And only of them was the one who lost the one who was sure to be lost. This was to show the truth of what the Scriptures said would happen.

13 " I am coming to you now. But pray these things while I am still in the world. I say

all this so these followers can have the true happiness that I want them to be completely happy. I have given them your teaching. And the world has hated them because they don't belong to the world, just as I don't belong to the world.

15 " I am not asking to take them out of the world. But I am asking that you keep them safe from the Evil One. They don't belong to the world, just as I don't belong to the world. 17 Make them ready for your service through the truth. Your teaching is truth. 18 I have sent them into the world, just as I sent me into the world. 19 I am making myself completely ready to serve you. I do

this|strong="G0846" for|strong="G5228" them|strong="G0846", so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" also|strong="G2532" might|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" fully qualified for|strong="G5228" your|strong="G2532" service.

<sup>20</sup> " I|strong="G1473" pray not|strong="G3756" only|strong="G3440" for|strong="G1519" these|strong="G3778" followers but|strong="G1161" also|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" will|strong="G3778" believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" me|strong="G1473" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G3056" their|strong="G0846" teaching|strong="G3056". <sup>21</sup> Father|strong="G3962", I|strong="G1473" pray|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473" can be|strong="G1510" one|strong="G1520". You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473" and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G4771". I|strong="G1473" pray|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" can also|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" one|strong="G1520" in|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G2889" will|strong="G1510" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" sent|strong="G0649" me|strong="G1473". <sup>22</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" given|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" glory|strong="G1391" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" gave|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325". I|strong="G1473" gave|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" this|strong="G3588" glory|strong="G1391" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" can|strong="G1325" be|strong="G1510" one|strong="G1520", just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" you|strong="G3739" and|strong="G1391" I|strong="G1473" are|strong="G1510" one|strong="G1520". <sup>23</sup> I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473". So|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" completely|strong="G5048" one|strong="G1520". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889"

will|strong="G1510" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" sent|strong="G0649" me|strong="G1473" and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" loved|strong="G0025" them|strong="G0846" just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" you|strong="G4771" loved|strong="G0025" me|strong="G1473".

<sup>24</sup> " Father|strong="G3962", I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G2309" these|strong="G3739" people|strong="G1510" you|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" given|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1325" in|strong="G3326" every place|strong="G3699" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510". I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G2309" them|strong="G1325" to|strong="G2443" see|strong="G2334" my|strong="G1699" glory|strong="G1391"— the|strong="G3588" glory|strong="G1391" you|strong="G3739" gave|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325" because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G3739" loved|strong="G0025" me|strong="G1325" before|strong="G4253" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" was|strong="G1510" made. <sup>25</sup> Father|strong="G3962", you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" always does|strong="G1097" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3778" right|strong="G1342". The|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" does|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1097" you|strong="G4771", but|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1097" you|strong="G4771", and|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778" followers of|strong="G3962" mine|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" sent|strong="G0649" me|strong="G1473". <sup>26</sup> I|strong="G1473" showed them|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" like|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" show them|strong="G0846" again|strong="G2532". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" love|strong="G0026" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G1510" for|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" live in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846"."

### Jesus Is Arrested

(Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53)

**18** When finished praying, he left his followers and went the Kidron Valley. He went into a garden there still with him.

<sup>2</sup> Judas, the one handing over where place He knew because ten there his Judas of the with some from the they and

<sup>4</sup> Jesus already knew that So went and them are looking

<sup>5</sup> They "Jesus Nazareth"

He I Jesus the was there

<sup>1</sup> "I AM JESUS" Literally, "I am," which could have the same meaning here that it has in 8:24, 28, 58; 13:19. Also in verse 8.

them I Jesus men and to ground

<sup>7</sup> He them Who you for

They Nazareth

<sup>8</sup> Jesus I you I Jesus if are for let This to the what said have lost you me

<sup>10</sup> Simon had sword he out struck the priest his ear (The Malchus said Peter your back its I drink the

has|strong="G3962" given|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325".

**Jesus|strong="G2424" Is|strong="G3739" Brought|strong="G1519" Before|strong="G1519" An-  
nas**

(Matthew 26:57-58; Mark 14:53-54; Luke 22:54)

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" soldiers with|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" commander|strong="G5506" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" guards arrested|strong="G4815" Jesus|strong="G2424". They|strong="G0846" tied|strong="G1210" him|strong="G0846"<sup>13</sup> and|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G0071" him|strong="G3739" to|strong="G4314" Annas|strong="G0452", the|strong="G3588" father-in-law|strong="G3995" of|strong="G4413" Caiaphas|strong="G2533". Caiaphas|strong="G2533" was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" that|strong="G3739" year|strong="G1763". <sup>14</sup> He|strong="G3754" was|strong="G1510" also|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1520" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G1510" told the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" Jewish|strong="G2453" leaders|strong="G3754" that|strong="G3754" it|strong="G1161" would|strong="G2992" be|strong="G1510" better if|strong="G3748" one|strong="G1520" man|strong="G0444" died|strong="G0599" for|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992".

**Peter Lies About|strong="G5228" Knowing Je-  
sus|strong="G1510"**

(Matthew 26:69-70; Mark 14:66-68; Luke 22:55-57)

<sup>15</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074" and|strong="G2532" another|strong="G0243" one|strong="G3588" of|strong="G3101" Jesus'|strong="G2424" followers went with|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424". This|strong="G3588" follower knew the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went with|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" yard of|strong="G3101" the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest's|strong="G0749" house|strong="G0833". <sup>16</sup> But|strong="G1161" Peter|strong="G4074" waited outside|strong="G1854" near|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" door|strong="G2374". The|strong="G3588" follower who|strong="G3588" knew the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749"

II *cup* A symbol of suffering. Jesus used the idea of drinking from a cup to mean accepting the suffering he would face in the terrible events that were soon to come.

priest|strong="G0749" came|strong="G1831" back|strong="G4314" outside|strong="G1854" and|strong="G2532" spoke|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" gatekeeper. Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G1521" Peter|strong="G4074" inside. <sup>17</sup> The|strong="G3588" girl at|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" gate said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Peter|strong="G4074", "Are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" also|strong="G2532" one|strong="G3778" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G1537" that|strong="G1565" man|strong="G0444"?"

Peter|strong="G4074" answered|strong="G3004", "No|strong="G3756", I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756"!"

<sup>18</sup> It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" cold|strong="G5592", so|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" servants|strong="G1401" and|strong="G2532" guards had|strong="G1510" built a|strong="G1510" fire|strong="G0439". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" standing|strong="G2476" around it|strong="G0846", warming|strong="G2328" themselves|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" Peter|strong="G4074" was|strong="G1510" standing|strong="G2476" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846".

**The|strong="G3588" High Priest Questions Je-  
sus|strong="G0846"**

(Matthew 26:59-66; Mark 14:55-64; Luke 22:66-71)

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" asked|strong="G2065" Jesus|strong="G2424" questions about|strong="G4012" his|strong="G0846" followers and|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" taught them|strong="G0846". <sup>20</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" answered|strong="G0611", "I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" always|strong="G3842" spoken|strong="G2980" openly|strong="G3954" to|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956". I|strong="G1473" always|strong="G3842" taught|strong="G1321" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" synagogues|strong="G4864" and|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" Temple|strong="G2413" area. All|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" Jews|strong="G2453" come|strong="G4905" together|strong="G4905" there|strong="G3699". I|strong="G1473" never|strong="G3762" said|strong="G0611" anything|strong="G3762" in|strong="G1722" secret|strong="G2927". <sup>21</sup> So|strong="G3739" why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G1492" you|strong="G3739" question|strong="G2065" me|strong="G3004"? Ask|strong="G2065" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846"



who |strong="G3739" heard |strong="G0191" my |strong="G0191" teaching |strong="G2980". They |strong="G0846" know |strong="G1492" what |strong="G5101" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004".

<sup>22</sup> When |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778", one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1520" the |strong="G3588" guards standing |strong="G3936" there |strong="G1161" hit him |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" guard said |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G1325" should |strong="G3778" not |strong="G3778" talk to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" like |strong="G3779" that |strong="G3004"! "

<sup>23</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " If |strong="G1487" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G0611" something |strong="G5101" wrong |strong="G2556", tell |strong="G2980" everyone |strong="G5101" here what |strong="G5101" was |strong="G2424" wrong |strong="G2556". But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1487" what |strong="G5101" I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G0611" is |strong="G5101" right |strong="G2573", then |strong="G1161" why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G5101" you |strong="G1487" hit me |strong="G1473"? "

<sup>24</sup> So |strong="G3767" Annas |strong="G0452" sent |strong="G0649" Jesus |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" Caiaphas |strong="G2533" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749". He |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" still tied |strong="G1210".

**Peter |strong="G0846" Lies |strong="G0846" Again**  
(Matthew 26:71-75; Mark 14:69-72; Luke 22:58-62)

<sup>25</sup> Simon |strong="G4613" Peter |strong="G4074" was |strong="G1510" standing |strong="G2476" at |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" fire, keeping himself |strong="G0846" warm. The |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" people |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Peter |strong="G4074", " Aren't |strong="G3756" you |strong="G4771" one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" followers of |strong="G1537" that |strong="G1565" man |strong="G3361"? "

Peter |strong="G4074" denied |strong="G0720" it |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " No |strong="G3756", I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756". "

<sup>26</sup> One |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" servants |strong="G1401" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749"

was |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510". He |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" relative |strong="G4773" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G1520" whose |strong="G3739" ear |strong="G5621" Peter |strong="G4074" had |strong="G1510" cut |strong="G0609" off |strong="G0609". The |strong="G3588" servant |strong="G1401" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" think I |strong="G1473" saw |strong="G3708" you |strong="G4771" with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" garden |strong="G2779"! "

<sup>27</sup> But |strong="G2532" again |strong="G3825" Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G2532", " No, I |strong="G2532" was |strong="G4074" not |strong="G2532" with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G2532"! " As |strong="G2532" soon as |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" this |strong="G2532", a |strong="G3825" rooster |strong="G0220" crowed |strong="G5455".

**Jesus |strong="G2532" Is |strong="G2532" Brought Before Pilate**

(Matthew 27:1-2, 11-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25)

<sup>28</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" guards took |strong="G0071" Jesus |strong="G2424" from |strong="G0575" Caiaphas' house to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Roman governor's palace |strong="G4232". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" early |strong="G4404" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" morning |strong="G4404". The |strong="G3588" Jews there |strong="G1510" would |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3756" go |strong="G1525" inside the |strong="G3588" palace |strong="G4232". They |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" want to |strong="G1519" make |strong="G3361" themselves |strong="G0846" unclean,<sup>1</sup> because |strong="G0575" they |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G1519" eat |strong="G2068" the |strong="G3588" Passover |strong="G3957" meal.<sup>29</sup> So |strong="G3767" Pilate |strong="G4091" went |strong="G1831" outside |strong="G1854" to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" asked, " What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G5101" you |strong="G2532" say |strong="G5346" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G0444" has |strong="G5101" done wrong? "

<sup>30</sup> They |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G0611", " He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510"

<sup>1</sup> UNCLEAN Going into a non-Jewish place would ruin the special cleansing the Jews did to make themselves fit for worship. See John 11:55.

a |strong="G1510" bad |strong="G2556" man |strong="G3778". That |strong="G3004" is |strong="G1510" why we |strong="G3778" brought him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771"."

<sup>31</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846", " You |strong="G5210" take |strong="G2983" him |strong="G0846" yourselves |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" judge |strong="G2919" him |strong="G0846" by |strong="G2596" your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G0846" law |strong="G3551"."

The |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders |strong="G3004" answered |strong="G3004", " But |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" law |strong="G3551" does |strong="G3004" not |strong="G3756" allow us |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" punish anyone |strong="G3762" by |strong="G2596" killing |strong="G0615" them |strong="G0846". " <sup>32</sup> ( This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G2424" to |strong="G2443" show the |strong="G3588" truth of |strong="G3056" what |strong="G3739" Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" about |strong="G3195" how he |strong="G3739" would |strong="G3195" die |strong="G0599".)

<sup>33</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Pilate |strong="G4091" went |strong="G1525" back |strong="G3825" inside the |strong="G3588" palace |strong="G4232". He |strong="G2532" called |strong="G3004" for |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " Are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0935" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453"?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004", " Is |strong="G3778" that |strong="G3004" your |strong="G1438" own |strong="G1438" question, or |strong="G2228" did |strong="G0611" other |strong="G0243" people |strong="G3778" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" about |strong="G4012" me |strong="G3004"?"

<sup>35</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" said |strong="G0611", "I'm not |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Jew |strong="G2453"! It |strong="G4160" was |strong="G1510" your |strong="G4674" own people |strong="G1484" and |strong="G2532" their |strong="G2532" leading priests |strong="G0749" who |strong="G3588" brought you |strong="G4771" before |strong="G3588" me |strong="G1473". What |strong="G5101" have |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771" done |strong="G4160" wrong?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G0611", " My |strong="G1699" kingdom |strong="G0932" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2443"

this |strong="G3778" world |strong="G2889". If |strong="G1487" it |strong="G1161" did |strong="G1510", my |strong="G1699" servants |strong="G5257" would |strong="G0302" fight |strong="G0075" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" I |strong="G1473" would |strong="G0302" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" handed |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders |strong="G0611". No |strong="G3756", my |strong="G1699" kingdom |strong="G0932" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" an |strong="G1510" earthly one |strong="G3778"."

<sup>37</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" said |strong="G3004", " So |strong="G2443" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" king |strong="G0935"."

Jesus |strong="G2424" answered |strong="G0611", " You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" right |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" king |strong="G0935". I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" born |strong="G1080" for |strong="G1519" this |strong="G3778": to |strong="G1519" tell |strong="G3004" people |strong="G3956" about |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225". That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G1510" why I |strong="G1473" came |strong="G2064" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G2889". And |strong="G2532" everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" belongs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225" listens |strong="G0191" to |strong="G1519" me |strong="G3004"."

<sup>38</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" said |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G5101" is |strong="G1510" truth |strong="G0225"?" Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders |strong="G3004" again |strong="G3825" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846", " I |strong="G1473" can |strong="G3004" find |strong="G2147" nothing |strong="G3762" against |strong="G4314" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778". <sup>39</sup> But |strong="G1161" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G1510" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1520" your |strong="G0630" customs for |strong="G1722" me |strong="G0630" to |strong="G2443" free |strong="G0630" one |strong="G1520" prisoner to |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" time

of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" Passover|strong="G3957". Do|strong="G1510" you|strong="G5210" want|strong="G1014" me|strong="G0630" to|strong="G2443" free|strong="G0630" this|strong="G3588" king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" Jews?"

<sup>40</sup> They|strong="G3767" shouted back|strong="G3825", " No|strong="G3361", not|strong="G3361" him! Let|strong="G1510" Barab- bas|strong="G0912" go free!" ( Barab- bas|strong="G0912" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" rebel.)

**19** Then|strong="G2532" Pilate|strong="G4091" ordered that|strong="G3767" Je- sus|strong="G2424" be|strong="G2532" tak- en|strong="G2983" away and|strong="G2532" whipped. <sup>2</sup> The|strong="G3588" sol- diers|strong="G4757" made a|strong="G2532" crown|strong="G4735" from|strong="G1537" thorny branches and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G2007" it|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1537" his|strong="G0846" head|strong="G2776". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" put|strong="G2007" a|strong="G2532" pur- ple|strong="G4210" robe|strong="G2440" around|strong="G4016" him|strong="G0846". <sup>3</sup> They|strong="G0846" kept coming|strong="G2064" up|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" say- ing|strong="G3004", " Hail|strong="G5463" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G0935" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453"! And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" hit him|strong="G0846" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" face.

<sup>4</sup> Again|strong="G3825" Pilate|strong="G4091" came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" Jewish lead- ers|strong="G3004", " Look|strong="G3708"! I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G2532" bring- ing|strong="G0071" Jesus|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1831" to|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G2532" want you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" find|strong="G2147" noth- ing|strong="G3756" I|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" charge|strong="G0156" him|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722". <sup>5</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" wear- ing|strong="G5409" the|strong="G3588" crown|strong="G4735" of|strong="G4735" thorns|strong="G0174" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" purple|strong="G4210"

robe|strong="G2440". Pilate|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Jews, " Here|strong="G2400" is|strong="G0444" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G0444"! "

<sup>6</sup> When|strong="G3753" the|strong="G3588" lead- ing priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Jewish guards saw|strong="G3708" Jesus|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" shouted, "Kill him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2983" cross! Kill him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2983" cross!"

But|strong="G2532" Pilate|strong="G4091" an- swered|strong="G3004", " You|strong="G5210" take|strong="G2983" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" nail him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" a|strong="G2983" cross your- selves|strong="G0846". I|strong="G1473" find|strong="G2147" nothing|strong="G3756" I|strong="G1473" can|strong="G3004" charge|strong="G0156" him|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722". "

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" lead- ers|strong="G3754" answered|strong="G0611", " We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" law|strong="G3551" that|strong="G3754" says he|strong="G2532" must|strong="G2453" die|strong="G0599", be- cause|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G0611" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316". "

<sup>8</sup> When|strong="G3753" Pilate|strong="G4091" heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3778", he|strong="G3778" was|strong="G3588" more|strong="G3123" afraid|strong="G5399". <sup>9</sup> So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1525" back|strong="G3825" inside the|strong="G3588" palace|strong="G4232" and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G3004" Je- sus|strong="G2424", " Where|strong="G4159" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" from|strong="G2424"? " But|strong="G1161" Je- sus|strong="G2424" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" answer|strong="G0612" him|strong="G0846". <sup>10</sup> Pilate|strong="G4091" said|strong="G3004", " You|strong="G4771" refuse|strong="G3756" to|strong="G3004" speak|strong="G2980" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004"? Remember|strong="G1492", I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1849" to|strong="G3004" make|strong="G3756" you|strong="G4771" free|strong="G0630" or|strong="G2532" to|strong="G3004" kill

you|strong="G4771" on|strong="G1849"  
a|strong="G2192" cross."

<sup>11</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" an-  
swered|strong="G0611", " The|strong="G3588" on-  
ly|strong="G1487" power|strong="G1849"  
you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2192"  
over|strong="G3860" me|strong="G1325"  
is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" pow-  
er|strong="G1849" given|strong="G1325"  
to|strong="G2596" you|strong="G4771"  
by|strong="G1223" God|strong="G0846".  
So|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588"  
one|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" hand-  
ed|strong="G3860" me|strong="G1325"  
over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2596"  
you|strong="G4771" is|strong="G1510" guilty  
of|strong="G1223" a|strong="G2192"  
greater|strong="G3173" sin|strong="G0266"."

<sup>12</sup> After|strong="G1161" this|strong="G3778", Pi-  
late|strong="G4091" tried|strong="G2212"  
to|strong="G3004" let|strong="G0630" Je-  
sus|strong="G0846" go|strong="G0630"  
free|strong="G0630". But|strong="G1161"  
the|strong="G3956" Jewish|strong="G2453" lead-  
ers|strong="G3004" shouted, " Any-  
one|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588"  
makes|strong="G4160" himself|strong="G1438"  
a|strong="G1510" king|strong="G0935"  
is|strong="G1510" against|strong="G1537" Cae-  
sar|strong="G2541". So|strong="G1161"  
if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G1437"  
let|strong="G0630" this|strong="G3778"  
man|strong="G3778" go|strong="G0630"  
free|strong="G0630", that|strong="G3004"  
means|strong="G1510" you|strong="G1437"  
are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" Cae-  
sar's|strong="G2541" friend|strong="G5384"."

<sup>13</sup> When|strong="G2532" Pilate|strong="G4091"  
heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3778",  
he|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G0071" Je-  
sus|strong="G2424" out|strong="G1854"  
to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588"  
place|strong="G5117" called|strong="G3004" "  
The|strong="G3588" Stone Pave-  
ment|strong="G3038"." ( In|strong="G1519" Aramaic  
the|strong="G3588" name is|strong="G3778" Gab-  
batha|strong="G1042". ) Pilate|strong="G4091"  
sat|strong="G2523" down|strong="G2523"  
on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" judge's  
seat|strong="G0968" there|strong="G1161". <sup>14</sup>  
It|strong="G3708" was|strong="G1510"  
now|strong="G1161" almost noon|strong="G5610"  
on|strong="G1161" Preparation|strong="G3904"  
day|strong="G3904" of|strong="G0935"  
Passover|strong="G3957" week. Pi-  
late|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588"  
Jews|strong="G2453", " Here|strong="G1510"

is|strong="G1510" your|strong="G3708"  
king|strong="G0935"!"

<sup>15</sup> They|strong="G0846" shouted, "  
Take|strong="G0142" him|strong="G0846"  
away|strong="G0142"! Take|strong="G0142"  
him|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0142"! Kill  
him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G0846"  
a|strong="G2192" cross!"

Pilate|strong="G4091" asked|strong="G3004"  
them|strong="G0846", " Do|strong="G2192"  
you|strong="G5210" want me|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" kill your|strong="G2192"  
king|strong="G0935" on|strong="G0846"  
a|strong="G2192" cross?"

The|strong="G3588" leading  
priests|strong="G0749" answered|strong="G0611", "  
The|strong="G3588" only|strong="G1487"  
king|strong="G0935" we|strong="G1487"  
have|strong="G2192" is|strong="G3588" Cae-  
sar|strong="G2541"!"

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="G2443" Pilate|strong="G3860" hand-  
ed|strong="G3860" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2443"  
them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2443"  
be|strong="G3767" killed on|strong="G0846"  
a|strong="G3767" cross.

#### Jesus|strong="G2424" Is|strong="G3588" Nailed to|strong="G2443" a|strong="G3767" Cross

(Matthew 27:32-44; Mark 15:21-32; Luke 23:26-39)

The|strong="G3588" soldiers took|strong="G3880"  
Jesus|strong="G2424". <sup>17</sup> He|strong="G2532" car-  
ried|strong="G0941" his|strong="G1438"  
own|strong="G1438" cross|strong="G4716"  
to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739"  
place|strong="G5117" called|strong="G3004" "  
The|strong="G3588" Place|strong="G5117"  
of|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588"  
Skull|strong="G2898"." ( In|strong="G1519" Aramaic  
the|strong="G3588" name of|strong="G3004"  
this|strong="G3588" place|strong="G5117"  
is|strong="G3739" " Golgotha|strong="G1115". ) <sup>18</sup>  
There|strong="G3699" they|strong="G0846" nailed Je-  
sus|strong="G2424" to|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" cross. They|strong="G0846" al-  
so|strong="G2532" nailed two|strong="G1417" oth-  
er|strong="G0243" men|strong="G1417"  
to|strong="G2532" crosses. They|strong="G0846" put  
them|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1161"  
each|strong="G3326" side|strong="G1782"  
of|strong="G3319" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846"  
in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" mid-  
dle|strong="G3319".

<sup>19</sup> Pilate|strong="G4091" told  
them|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1909"  
write|strong="G1125" a|strong="G1510" sign  
and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G5087"

it |strong="G5087" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" cross |strong="G4716". The |strong="G3588" sign said |strong="G2532", " JE-SUS |STRONG="G2424" OF |STRONG="G1909" NAZARETH |STRONG="G3480", THE |STRONG="G3588" KING |STRONG="G0935" OF |STRONG="G1909" THE |STRONG="G3588" JEWS |STRONG="G2453"." <sup>20</sup> The |strong="G3588" sign was |strong="G1510" written |strong="G1125" in |strong="G2532" Aramaic, in |strong="G2532" Latin |strong="G4515", and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G2532" Greek |strong="G1676". Many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G4172" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" read |strong="G0314" this |strong="G3778" sign, because |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G5117" where |strong="G3699" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" nailed to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" cross was |strong="G1510" near |strong="G1451" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172".

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="G3588" leading Jew-ish |strong="G2453" priests |strong="G0749" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Pi-late |strong="G4091", " Don't |strong="G3361" write |strong="G1125", ' The |strong="G3588" King |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0935" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453". But |strong="G0235" write |strong="G1125", ' This |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3361" said |strong="G3004", I |strong="G3754" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" King |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0935" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453"."

<sup>22</sup> Pilate |strong="G4091" an-swered |strong="G0611", " I |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3739" change what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" have |strong="G1125" written |strong="G1125"."

<sup>23</sup> After |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" sol-diers |strong="G4757" nailed Jesus |strong="G2424" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" cross, they |strong="G0846" took |strong="G2983" his |strong="G0846" clothes |strong="G2440" and |strong="G2532" divided them |strong="G0846" into |strong="G2424" four |strong="G5064" parts |strong="G3313". Each |strong="G1538" sol-dier |strong="G4757" got one |strong="G1538" part |strong="G3313". They |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" took |strong="G2983" his |strong="G0846" tunic |strong="G5509". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3650" one |strong="G1538" piece |strong="G3313" of |strong="G1537" cloth wo-ven |strong="G5307" from |strong="G1537" top |strong="G0509" to |strong="G2532" bottom. <sup>24</sup> So |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" sol-diers |strong="G4757" said |strong="G3004"

to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" oth-er |strong="G0240", " We |strong="G3778" should |strong="G2443" not |strong="G3361" tear |strong="G4977" this |strong="G3778" in-to |strong="G0906" parts. Let's throw |strong="G0906" lots |strong="G2819" to |strong="G4314" see who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" get it |strong="G0846". This |strong="G3778" hap-pened |strong="G3588" to |strong="G4314" make |strong="G4160" clear the |strong="G3588" full |strong="G4137" meaning of |strong="G1909" what |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" Scrip-tures |strong="G1124" say |strong="G3004".

" They |strong="G0846" divided |strong="G1266" my |strong="G0906" clothes |strong="G2440" among |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" threw |strong="G0906" lots |strong="G2819" for |strong="G4012" what |strong="G5101" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" wearing."

Psalm 22:18

So |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" sol-diers |strong="G4757" did |strong="G4160" this |strong="G3778".

<sup>25</sup> Jesus' |strong="G2424" mother |strong="G3384" stood |strong="G2476" near his |strong="G0846" cross |strong="G4716". Her |strong="G0846" sis-ter |strong="G0079" was |strong="G2424" also |strong="G2532" standing |strong="G2476" there |strong="G1161" with |strong="G3844" Mary |strong="G3137" the |strong="G3588" wife of |strong="G3384" Clopas |strong="G2832", and |strong="G2532" Mary |strong="G3137" Magda-lene |strong="G3094". <sup>26</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" saw |strong="G3708" his |strong="G3708" moth-er |strong="G3384". He |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" follower he |strong="G2532" loved |strong="G0025" very |strong="G2532" much standing |strong="G3936" there |strong="G3101". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" his |strong="G3708" moth-er |strong="G3384", "Dear woman |strong="G1135", here |strong="G3936" is |strong="G3739" your |strong="G0025" son |strong="G5207"." <sup>27</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" follower, " Here |strong="G1519" is |strong="G3588" your |strong="G3708" moth-er |strong="G3384". So |strong="G2532" af-ter |strong="G2532" that |strong="G1565", this |strong="G3588" follower took |strong="G2983" Je-sus' |strong="G3384" mother |strong="G3384" to |strong="G1519" live in |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" home |strong="G2398".

**Jesus *strong*="G0846" Dies**

(Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49)

<sup>28</sup> Later *strong*="G3326", Jesus *strong*="G2424" knew *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" everything *strong*="G3956" had *strong*="G2424" been *strong*="G2235" done. To *strong*="G2443" make *strong*="G5048" the *strong*="G3956" Scriptures *strong*="G1124" come true he *strong*="G3778" said *strong*="G3004", " I *strong*="G3778" am *strong*="G1372" thirsty *strong*="G1372"."  
<sup>129</sup> There was *strong*="G3588" a *strong*="G4060" jar *strong*="G4632" full *strong*="G3324" of *strong*="G3324" sour *strong*="G3690" wine *strong*="G3690" there, so *strong*="G3767" the *strong*="G3588" soldiers soaked *strong*="G3324" a *strong*="G4060" sponge *strong*="G4699" in *strong*="G4750" it *strong*="G0846". They *strong*="G0846" put *strong*="G4060" the *strong*="G3588" sponge *strong*="G4699" on *strong*="G0846" a *strong*="G4060" branch of *strong*="G3324" a *strong*="G4060" hyssop *strong*="G5301" plant and *strong*="G0846" lifted it *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G0846" Jesus' mouth *strong*="G4750".<sup>30</sup> When *strong*="G3753" he *strong*="G2532" tasted the *strong*="G3588" wine *strong*="G3690", he *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004", " It *strong*="G2532" is *strong*="G3588" finished *strong*="G5055"."  
 Then *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" bowed *strong*="G2827" his *strong*="G2983" head *strong*="G2776" and *strong*="G2532" died.  
<sup>31</sup> This *strong*="G3588" day *strong*="G2250" was *strong*="G1510" Preparation *strong*="G3904" day *strong*="G2250". The *strong*="G3588" next day *strong*="G2250" was *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G1510" special Sabbath *strong*="G4521" day *strong*="G2250". The *strong*="G3588" Jewish *strong*="G2453" leaders *strong*="G2065" did *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3361" want the *strong*="G3588" bodies *strong*="G4983" to *strong*="G2443" stay *strong*="G3306" on *strong*="G1909" the *strong*="G3588" cross *strong*="G4716" on *strong*="G1909" the *strong*="G3588" Sabbath *strong*="G4521" day *strong*="G2250". So *strong*="G2443" they *strong*="G0846" asked *strong*="G2065" Pilate *strong*="G4091" to *strong*="G2443" order *strong*="G2443" that *strong*="G2443" the *strong*="G3588" legs *strong*="G4628" of *strong*="G2250" the *strong*="G3588" men *strong*="G3173" be *strong*="G1510" broken *strong*="G2608". And *strong*="G2532" they *strong*="G0846" asked *strong*="G2065" that *strong*="G2443" the *strong*="G3588" bodies *strong*="G4983" be *strong*="G1510" taken *strong*="G0142" down from *strong*="G3361"

I "I AM THIRSTY" See Psalm 22:15; 69:21.

the *strong*="G3588" crosses *strong*="G4716".<sup>32</sup> So *strong*="G3767" the *strong*="G3588" soldiers *strong*="G4757" came *strong*="G2064" and *strong*="G2532" broke *strong*="G2608" the *strong*="G3588" legs *strong*="G4628"<sup>II</sup> of *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" two men *strong*="G4413" on *strong*="G0846" the *strong*="G3588" crosses beside Jesus *strong*="G0846".<sup>33</sup> But *strong*="G1161" when *strong*="G5613" the *strong*="G3588" soldiers came *strong*="G2064" close to *strong*="G1909" Jesus *strong*="G2424", they *strong*="G0846" saw *strong*="G3708" that *strong*="G3708" he *strong*="G0846" was *strong*="G2424" already *strong*="G2235" dead *strong*="G2348". So *strong*="G1161" they *strong*="G0846" did *strong*="G3708" not *strong*="G3756" break *strong*="G2608" his *strong*="G0846" legs *strong*="G4628".  
<sup>34</sup> But *strong*="G0235" one *strong*="G1520" of *strong*="G1520" the *strong*="G3588" soldiers *strong*="G4757" stuck his *strong*="G0846" spear *strong*="G3057" into *strong*="G1831" Jesus' side *strong*="G4125". Immediately *strong*="G2117" blood *strong*="G0129" and *strong*="G2532" water *strong*="G5204" came *strong*="G1831" out *strong*="G1831".<sup>35</sup> ( The *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3588" saw *strong*="G3708" this *strong*="G3588" happen *strong*="G1510" has *strong*="G3708" told *strong*="G3004" about *strong*="G3588" it *strong*="G0846". He *strong*="G2532" told *strong*="G3004" about *strong*="G3588" it *strong*="G0846" so *strong*="G2443" that *strong*="G3754" you *strong*="G5210" also *strong*="G2532" can *strong*="G3004" believe *strong*="G4100". The *strong*="G3588" things *strong*="G0846" he *strong*="G2532" says *strong*="G3004" are *strong*="G1510" true *strong*="G0228". He *strong*="G2532" knows *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" he *strong*="G2532" tells the *strong*="G3588" truth *strong*="G0227".)<sup>36</sup> These *strong*="G3778" things *strong*="G3778" happened *strong*="G1096" to *strong*="G2443" give *strong*="G1096" full *strong*="G4137" meaning to *strong*="G2443" the *strong*="G3588" Scriptures *strong*="G1124" that *strong*="G2443" said *strong*="G1096", " None *strong*="G3756" of *strong*="G3588" his *strong*="G0846" bones *strong*="G3747" will *strong*="G3778" be *strong*="G1096" broken *strong*="G4937"<sup>III37</sup> and *strong*="G2532" " People *strong*="G3004" will *strong*="G3739" look *strong*="G3708" at *strong*="G1519"

II BROKE THE LEGS The legs were broken to make those on the crosses die more quickly. III Quote from Psalm 34:20. The idea is from Exodus 12:46; Num. 9:12.

the|strong="G2532" one|strong="G3739" they|strong="G3739" stabbed." <sup>I</sup>

**Jesus|strong="G3004" Is|strong="G3739" Buried**  
(Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56)

<sup>38</sup> Later|strong="G3326", a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G3778" named|strong="G2424" Joseph|strong="G2501" from|strong="G0575" Arimathea|strong="G0707" asked|strong="G2065" Pilate|strong="G4091" for|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983" of|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424". ( Joseph|strong="G2501" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" follower of|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424", but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" tell anyone|strong="G0846", because|strong="G1223" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" afraid of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" leaders|strong="G2065".) Pilate|strong="G4091" said|strong="G2532" Joseph|strong="G2501" could take|strong="G0142" Jesus'|strong="G2424" body|strong="G4983", so|strong="G2443" he|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" took|strong="G0142" it|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0142".

<sup>39</sup> Nicodemus|strong="G3530" went|strong="G2064" with|strong="G4314" Joseph. He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G4413" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G2064" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846" before|strong="G4314" and|strong="G2532" talked to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" at|strong="G4314" night|strong="G3571". He|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G5342" about|strong="G5613" 100 pounds|strong="G3046"<sup>II</sup> of|strong="G4413" spices— a|strong="G5613" mixture|strong="G3395" of|strong="G4413" myrrh|strong="G4666" and|strong="G2532" aloes|strong="G0250". <sup>40</sup> These|strong="G3588" two men|strong="G0846" took|strong="G2983" Jesus'|strong="G2424" body|strong="G4983" and|strong="G2532" wrapped|strong="G1210" it|strong="G0846" in|strong="G2532" pieces of|strong="G4983" linen|strong="G3608" cloth with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" spices|strong="G0759". ( This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" how|strong="G2531" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" bury people|strong="G0846".)

<sup>41</sup> In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" place|strong="G5117" where|strong="G3699" Jesus|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" killed on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" cross,

<sup>I</sup> 19:37 Quote from Zechariah 12:10. <sup>II</sup> 100 POUNDS Literally, "100 litras

there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" garden|strong="G2779". In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" garden|strong="G2779" there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" new|strong="G2537" tomb|strong="G3419". No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" had|strong="G1510" ever been|strong="G1510" buried there|strong="G1510" before|strong="G1722". <sup>42</sup> The|strong="G3588" men put|strong="G5087" Jesus|strong="G2424" in|strong="G5087" that|strong="G3754" tomb|strong="G3419" because|strong="G3754" it|strong="G5087" was|strong="G1510" near|strong="G1451", and|strong="G2453" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" were|strong="G1510" preparing to|strong="G2424" start their|strong="G1223" Sabbath day|strong="G3904".

**News That Jesus Has Risen From Death**

(Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12)

<sup>20</sup> Early|strong="G4404" on|strong="G1519" Sunday morning|strong="G4404", while|strong="G1510" it|strong="G1161" was|strong="G1510" still|strong="G2089" dark|strong="G4653", Mary|strong="G3137" Magdalene|strong="G3094" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" tomb|strong="G3419". She|strong="G1510" saw|strong="G0991" that|strong="G0991" the|strong="G3588" large stone|strong="G3037" was|strong="G1510" moved away|strong="G0142" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" entrance. <sup>2</sup> So|strong="G3767" she|strong="G0846" ran|strong="G5143" to|strong="G4314" Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G0243" follower ( the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" Jesus|strong="G2424" loved|strong="G5368" very|strong="G0846" much). She|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " They|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" taken|strong="G0142" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" tomb|strong="G3419", and|strong="G2532" we|strong="G3739" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" where|strong="G4226" they|strong="G0846" put|strong="G5087" him|strong="G0846"."

<sup>3</sup> So|strong="G3767" Peter|strong="G4074" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G0243" follower started going|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" tomb|strong="G3419". <sup>4</sup> They|strong="G2532" were|strong="G0243" both|strong="G2532" running|strong="G5143", but|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" oth-

er/strong="G0243" follower ran/strong="G5143" faster than/strong="G2532" Peter/strong="G4074" and/strong="G2532" reached/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" tomb/strong="G3419" first/strong="G4413".<sup>5</sup> He/strong="G2532" bent down and/strong="G2532" looked/strong="G3879" in/strong="G2532". He/strong="G2532" saw/strong="G0991" the/strong="G3588" pieces of/strong="G3588" linen/strong="G3608" cloth lying/strong="G2749" there, but/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" did/strong="G1525" not/strong="G3756" go/strong="G1525" in/strong="G2532".

<sup>6</sup> Then/strong="G2532" Simon/strong="G4613" Peter/strong="G4074" finally reached/strong="G1525" the/strong="G3588" tomb/strong="G3419" and/strong="G2532" went/strong="G2064" in/strong="G1519". He/strong="G2532" saw/strong="G2334" the/strong="G3588" pieces of/strong="G3588" linen/strong="G3608" lying/strong="G2749" there.<sup>7</sup> He/strong="G2532" also/strong="G2532" saw the/strong="G3588" cloth/strong="G4676" that/strong="G3739" had/strong="G1510" been/strong="G1510" around/strong="G1909" Jesus' head/strong="G2776". It/strong="G0846" was/strong="G1510" folded up/strong="G1519" and/strong="G2532" laid/strong="G2749" in/strong="G1519" a/strong="G1510" different place/strong="G5117" from/strong="G5565" the/strong="G3588" pieces of/strong="G1909" linen/strong="G3608".<sup>8</sup> Then/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" other/strong="G0243" follower went/strong="G2064" in/strong="G1519"— the/strong="G3588" one/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" had/strong="G2064" reached/strong="G1525" the/strong="G3588" tomb/strong="G3419" first/strong="G4413". He/strong="G2532" saw/strong="G3708" what/strong="G3588" had/strong="G2064" happened/strong="G3588" and/strong="G2532" believed/strong="G4100".<sup>9</sup> ( These/strong="G3748" followers did/strong="G1492" not/strong="G1163" yet/strong="G3764" understand/strong="G1492" from/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3588" Scriptures/strong="G1124" that/strong="G3754" Jesus/strong="G0846" must/strong="G1163" rise/strong="G0450" from/strong="G1537" death/strong="G3498".)

**Jesus/strong="G0846" Appears to/strong="G1163" Mary/strong="G0846" Magdalene**

(Mark 16:9-11)

<sup>10</sup> Then/strong="G3767" the/strong="G3588" followers went/strong="G0565" back/strong="G3825" home.<sup>11</sup> But/strong="G1161" Mary/strong="G3137" stood/strong="G2476" outside/strong="G1854" the/strong="G3588" tomb/strong="G3419", crying/strong="G2799". While/strong="G5613"

she/strong="G5613" was/strong="G3588" crying/strong="G2799", she/strong="G5613" bent down and/strong="G1161" looked/strong="G3879" inside the/strong="G3588" tomb/strong="G3419".<sup>12</sup> She saw/strong="G2334" two/strong="G1417" angels/strong="G0032" dressed/strong="G1722" in/strong="G1722" white/strong="G3022" sitting/strong="G2516" where/strong="G3699" Jesus' /strong="G2424" body/strong="G4983" had/strong="G2424" been/strong="G2532". One/strong="G1520" was/strong="G2424" sitting/strong="G2516" where/strong="G3699" the/strong="G3588" head/strong="G2776" had/strong="G2424" been/strong="G2532"; the/strong="G3588" other was/strong="G2424" sitting/strong="G2516" where/strong="G3699" the/strong="G3588" feet/strong="G4228" had/strong="G2424" been/strong="G2532".

<sup>13</sup> The/strong="G3588" angels asked/strong="G3004" Mary/strong="G0846", " Woman/strong="G1135", why/strong="G5101" are/strong="G3588" you/strong="G3754" crying/strong="G2799"?"

Mary/strong="G0846" answered/strong="G3004", " They/strong="G0846" took/strong="G0142" away/strong="G0142" the/strong="G3588" body of/strong="G2962" my/strong="G5087" Lord/strong="G2962", and/strong="G2532" I/strong="G1473" don't/strong="G3756" know/strong="G1492" where/strong="G4226" they/strong="G0846" put/strong="G5087" him/strong="G0846"."<sup>14</sup> When/strong="G2532" Mary said/strong="G3004" this/strong="G3778", she/strong="G3754" turned/strong="G4762" around/strong="G3694" and/strong="G2532" saw/strong="G1492" Jesus/strong="G2424" standing/strong="G2476" there/strong="G1510". But/strong="G2532" she/strong="G3754" did/strong="G1492" not/strong="G3756" know/strong="G1492" that/strong="G3754" it/strong="G3778" was/strong="G1510" Jesus/strong="G2424".

<sup>15</sup> He/strong="G0846" asked/strong="G3004" her/strong="G0846", " Woman/strong="G1135", why/strong="G5101" are/strong="G1510" you/strong="G4771" crying/strong="G2799"? Who/strong="G3588" are/strong="G1510" you/strong="G4771" looking/strong="G2212" for/strong="G3754"?"

She/strong="G0846" thought/strong="G1380" he/strong="G0846" was/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3588" man/strong="G1565" in/strong="G3004" charge of/strong="G2962" the/strong="G3588" garden. So/strong="G2504" she/strong="G0846" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G3004" him/strong="G0846", " Did/strong="G1510" you/strong="G4771" take/strong="G0142" him/strong="G0846"



away|strong="G0142", sir|strong="G2962"?  
Tell|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004"  
where|strong="G4226" you|strong="G4771"  
put|strong="G5087" him|strong="G0846".  
I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" go  
and|strong="G2962" get|strong="G0142"  
him|strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" her|strong="G0846", "  
Mary|strong="G3137".

She|strong="G0846" turned|strong="G4762" toward  
him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2424"  
said|strong="G3004" in|strong="G3004" Aramaic, "  
Rabboni|strong="G4462", " which|strong="G3739"  
means|strong="G3004" " Teacher|strong="G1320".

<sup>17</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G4314" her|strong="G0846", "  
You|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3361" need  
to|strong="G4314" hold on|strong="G1161"  
to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G3004".  
I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532"  
not|strong="G3361" yet|strong="G2532"  
gone|strong="G4198" back|strong="G4314"  
up|strong="G0305" to|strong="G4314"  
the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962".  
But|strong="G1161" go|strong="G4198"  
to|strong="G4314" my|strong="G0681" followers I  
and|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004"  
them|strong="G0846" this|strong="G3588":  
I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G0305" go-  
ing|strong="G4198" back|strong="G4314"  
to|strong="G4314" my|strong="G0681" Fa-  
ther|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532"  
your|strong="G2532" Father|strong="G3962".  
I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G0305" go-  
ing|strong="G4198" back|strong="G4314"  
to|strong="G4314" my|strong="G0681"  
God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532"  
your|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>18</sup> Mary|strong="G3137" Magda-  
lene|strong="G3094" went|strong="G2064"  
to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" followers  
and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G3004"  
them|strong="G0846", " I|strong="G2532"  
saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588"  
Lord|strong="G2962"! And|strong="G2532"  
she|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004"  
them|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3588"  
he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3748"  
said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"  
her|strong="G0846".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Appears to|strong="G3004"**

**His|strong="G0846" Followers**

(Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49)

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250"  
was|strong="G1510" Sunday, and|strong="G2532"

I FOLLOWERS Literally, "brothers."

that|strong="G1565" same|strong="G0846"  
evening|strong="G3798" the|strong="G3588" follow-  
ers were|strong="G1510" together|strong="G2532".  
They|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424"  
the|strong="G3588" doors|strong="G2374"  
locked|strong="G2808" because|strong="G1223"  
they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" afraid  
of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" Jew-  
ish|strong="G2453" leaders|strong="G3004". Sudden-  
ly, Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G1510" stand-  
ing|strong="G2476" there|strong="G1510"  
among|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846".  
He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "  
Peace|strong="G1515" be|strong="G1510"  
with|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210"! <sup>20</sup>  
As|strong="G2532" soon as|strong="G2532"  
he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004"  
this|strong="G3778", he|strong="G2532"  
showed|strong="G1166" them|strong="G0846"  
his|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495"  
and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846"  
side|strong="G4125". When|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" followers saw|strong="G3708"  
the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962",  
they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3101"  
very|strong="G0846" happy.

<sup>21</sup> Then|strong="G3767" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
said|strong="G3004" again|strong="G3825", "  
Peace|strong="G1515" be|strong="G3767"  
with|strong="G0846" you|strong="G5210".  
It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G2424"  
the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962"  
who|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G0649"  
me|strong="G3004", and|strong="G3962"  
I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473"  
now|strong="G3767" sending|strong="G0649"  
you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G3004"  
the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846"  
way|strong="G0846". <sup>22</sup> Then|strong="G2532"  
he|strong="G2532" breathed|strong="G1720"  
on|strong="G4151" them|strong="G0846"  
and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Re-  
ceive|strong="G2983" the|strong="G2532"  
Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151". <sup>23</sup>  
If|strong="G0302" you|strong="G0302" for-  
give|strong="G0863" the|strong="G3588"  
sins|strong="G0266" of|strong="G5100" any-  
one|strong="G5100", their|strong="G0846"  
sins|strong="G0266" are|strong="G3588" forgiv-  
en|strong="G0863". If|strong="G0302" there  
is|strong="G5100" anyone|strong="G5100"  
whose|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266"  
you|strong="G0302" don't forgive|strong="G0863",  
their|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266"  
are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G0266" forgiv-  
en|strong="G0863".

**Jesus |strong="G0846" Appears to |strong="G5100" Thomas**

24 Thomas |strong="G2381" ( called |strong="G3004" Didymus |strong="G1324") was |strong="G1510" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" followers when |strong="G3753" Jesus |strong="G2424" came |strong="G2064". 25 They |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " We |strong="G1437" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962"." Thomas said |strong="G3004", "That's hard to |strong="G1519" believe |strong="G4100". I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2962" have |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" nail holes in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495", put |strong="G0906" my |strong="G3708" finger |strong="G1147" where |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" nails |strong="G2247" were |strong="G0243", and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G0906" my |strong="G3708" hand |strong="G5495" into |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" side |strong="G4125". Only |strong="G3756" then |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" I |strong="G1473" believe |strong="G4100" it |strong="G0846"."

26 A |strong="G1510" week later |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" house again |strong="G3825", and |strong="G2532" Thomas |strong="G2381" was |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" them |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" doors |strong="G2374" were |strong="G1510" locked |strong="G2808", but |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" came |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" stood |strong="G2476" among |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Peace |strong="G1515" be |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210"! " 27 Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" Thomas |strong="G2381", " Put |strong="G0906" your |strong="G3708" finger |strong="G1147" here |strong="G5602". Look |strong="G3708" at |strong="G1519" my |strong="G3708" hands |strong="G5495". Put |strong="G0906" your |strong="G3708" hand |strong="G5495" here |strong="G5602" in |strong="G1519" my |strong="G3708" side |strong="G4125". Stop |strong="G3361" doubting and |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G4103"."

28 Thomas |strong="G2381" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G0846", " My |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316"! "

29 Jesus |strong="G2424" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", " You |strong="G3754" believe |strong="G4100" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G3004". Great blessings belong to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" believe |strong="G4100" without |strong="G3361" seeing |strong="G3708" me |strong="G3004"! "

**Why John |strong="G0846" Wrote This |strong="G3588" Book**

30 Jesus |strong="G2424" did |strong="G4160" many |strong="G4183" other |strong="G0243" miraculous signs |strong="G4592" that |strong="G3739" his |strong="G4160" followers saw, which |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" written |strong="G1125" in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" book |strong="G0975". 31 But |strong="G1161" these |strong="G3778" are |strong="G1510" written |strong="G1125" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" can believe |strong="G4100" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547", the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316". Then |strong="G2532", by |strong="G1722" believing |strong="G4100", you |strong="G3754" can have |strong="G2192" life |strong="G2222" through |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" name |strong="G3686".

**Jesus Appears to Seven Followers**

21 Later |strong="G3326", Jesus |strong="G2424" appeared |strong="G5319" again |strong="G3825" to |strong="G1909" his |strong="G1438" followers by |strong="G1909" Lake |strong="G2281" Galilee. <sup>1</sup> This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" how |strong="G3779" it |strong="G1161" happened |strong="G3588": <sup>2</sup> Some |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" followers were |strong="G1510" together |strong="G3674"— Simon |strong="G4613" Peter |strong="G4074", Thomas |strong="G2381" ( called |strong="G3004" Didymus |strong="G1324"), Nathanael |strong="G3482" from |strong="G0575" Cana |strong="G2580" in |strong="G2532" Galilee |strong="G1056", the |strong="G3588"

<sup>1</sup> LAKE GALILEE Literally, "Lake of Tiberias," another name for Lake Galilee. See John 6:1.

two|strong="G1417" sons of|strong="G1537" Zebedee|strong="G2199", and|strong="G2532" two|strong="G1417" other|strong="G0243" followers.  
<sup>3</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074" said|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" going|strong="G5217" out|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519" fish."

The|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1565" followers said|strong="G3004", " We|strong="G2249" will|strong="G2532" go|strong="G5217" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G4771"." So|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" of|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846" went|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" and|strong="G2532" got|strong="G1684" in- to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" boat|strong="G4143". They|strong="G0846" fished that|strong="G1565" night|strong="G3571" but|strong="G2532" caught|strong="G4084" noth- ing|strong="G3762".

<sup>4</sup> Early the|strong="G3588" next morning Je- sus|strong="G2424" stood|strong="G2476" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" shore. But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" followers did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492" it|strong="G1161" was|strong="G1510" Jesus|strong="G2424".<sup>5</sup> Then|strong="G3767" he|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", "Friends, have|strong="G2192" you|strong="G3004" caught any|strong="G5100" fish|strong="G4371"?"

They|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G0611", " No|strong="G3756"."

<sup>6</sup> He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Throw|strong="G0906" your|strong="G2532" net|strong="G1350" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" water on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1188" side|strong="G3313" of|strong="G0575" your|strong="G2532" boat|strong="G4143". You|strong="G3004" will|strong="G2532" find|strong="G2147" some|strong="G3588" fish|strong="G2486" there|strong="G1161". So|strong="G3767" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G2147" this|strong="G3588". They|strong="G0846" caught so|strong="G3767" many fish|strong="G2486" that|strong="G3004" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2480" not|strong="G3765" pull the|strong="G3588" net|strong="G1350" back|strong="G1519" in- to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" boat|strong="G4143".

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3588" follower Je- sus|strong="G2424" loved|strong="G0025" very|strong="G2532" much said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" Peter|strong="G4074", " That|strong="G3754" man|strong="G1565"

is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962"! When|strong="G2532" Pe- ter|strong="G4074" heard|strong="G0191" him|strong="G3739" say|strong="G3004" it|strong="G0191" was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962", he|strong="G2532" wrapped his|strong="G0025" coat around himself|strong="G1438". ( He|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2424" taken his|strong="G0025" clothes off to|strong="G1519" work.) Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" jumped in- to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" water.<sup>8</sup> The|strong="G3588" other|strong="G0243" followers went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G2064" shore|strong="G1093" in|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" boat|strong="G4142". They|strong="G1161" pulled the|strong="G3588" net|strong="G1350" full of|strong="G0575" fish|strong="G2486". They|strong="G1161" were|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" very far|strong="G3112" from|strong="G0575" shore|strong="G1093", only|strong="G3756" about|strong="G5613" 100 yards|strong="G4083".<sup>9</sup> When|strong="G5613" they|strong="G3767" stepped out of|strong="G1093" the|strong="G3588" boat and|strong="G2532" onto|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" shore|strong="G1093", they|strong="G3767" saw|strong="G0991" a|strong="G5613" fire|strong="G0439" of|strong="G1093" hot coals. There were|strong="G3588" fish|strong="G3795" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G0439" and|strong="G2532" some|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" there too|strong="G2532".<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="G2424" Je- sus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Bring|strong="G5342" some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" fish|strong="G3795" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" caught|strong="G4084"."

<sup>11</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074" got|strong="G0305" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" boat and|strong="G2532" pulled|strong="G1670" the|strong="G3588" net|strong="G1350" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" shore|strong="G1093". It|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" full|strong="G3324" of|strong="G1093" big|strong="G3173" fish|strong="G2486"—153 of|strong="G1093" them|strong="G4074"! But|strong="G2532" even|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3767" many|strong="G5118" fish|strong="G2486", the|strong="G3588" net|strong="G1350" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" tear|strong="G4977".<sup>12</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004"

I 100 YARDS Literally, "200 cubits."

them|strong="G0846", " Come|strong="G1205" and|strong="G1161" eat." None|strong="G3762" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" followers would|strong="G3762" ask|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771"?" They|strong="G0846" knew|strong="G1492" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962".<sup>13</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" walked over|strong="G1325" to|strong="G2064" get the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740" and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2064" them|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" fish|strong="G3795".

<sup>14</sup> This|strong="G3778" was|strong="G2424" now|strong="G2235" the|strong="G3588" third|strong="G5154" time|strong="G5154" Jesus|strong="G2424" appeared|strong="G5319" to|strong="G3778" his|strong="G5319" followers after|strong="G1537" he|strong="G3778" was|strong="G2424" raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G3498".

#### Jesus|strong="G2424" Talks to|strong="G3778" Peter

<sup>15</sup> When|strong="G3753" they|strong="G0846" finished|strong="G0709" eating, Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Simon|strong="G4613" Peter|strong="G4074", " Simon|strong="G4613", son of|strong="G2962" John|strong="G2491", do|strong="G1492" you|strong="G4771" love|strong="G0025" me|strong="G3004" more|strong="G4183" than|strong="G4183" these|strong="G3778" other|strong="G0846" men|strong="G3778" love|strong="G0025" me|strong="G3004"?"

Peter|strong="G4074" answered|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G3483", Lord|strong="G2962", you|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" love|strong="G0025" you|strong="G4771"."

Then|strong="G3767" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", "Take care of|strong="G2962" my|strong="G3754" lambs|strong="G0721"."

<sup>16</sup> Again|strong="G3825" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Simon|strong="G4613", son of|strong="G2962" John|strong="G2491", do|strong="G1492" you|strong="G4771" love|strong="G0025" me|strong="G3004"?"

Peter|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G3483", Lord|strong="G2962", you|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1492"

I LAMBS Jesus uses this word and the word "sheep" in verses 16 and 17 to mean his followers, as in John 10.

that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" love|strong="G0025" you|strong="G4771"."

Then|strong="G0846" Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "Take care of|strong="G2962" my|strong="G4165" sheep|strong="G4263"."

<sup>17</sup> A|strong="G3004" third|strong="G5154" time|strong="G5154" Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004", " Simon|strong="G4613", son of|strong="G2962" John|strong="G2491", do|strong="G1492" you|strong="G4771" love|strong="G5368" me|strong="G3004"?"

Peter|strong="G4074" was|strong="G2424" sad|strong="G3076" because|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424" asked|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846" three times, "

Do|strong="G1492" you|strong="G4771" love|strong="G5368" me|strong="G3004"?" He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Lord|strong="G2962", you|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1097" everything|strong="G3956". You|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473"

love|strong="G5368" you|strong="G4771"."

Jesus|strong="G2424" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Take|strong="G1097" care of|strong="G2962" my|strong="G3956" sheep|strong="G4263".<sup>18</sup> The|strong="G3588" truth is|strong="G1510", when|strong="G3752" you|strong="G4771" were|strong="G1510" young|strong="G3501", you|strong="G4771" tied your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G4572" belt and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G4043" where|strong="G3699" you|strong="G4771" wanted|strong="G2309". But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G3752" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" old|strong="G1095", you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G1510" put out|strong="G4572" your|strong="G2532" hands|strong="G5495", and|strong="G2532" someone|strong="G0243" else|strong="G0243" will|strong="G1510" tie your|strong="G2532" belt. They|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" lead|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" where|strong="G3699" you|strong="G4771" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G3004" go."<sup>19</sup> (Jesus|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G3004" show how Peter|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" die|strong="G2288" to|strong="G3004" give|strong="G3004" glory|strong="G1392" to|strong="G3004" God|strong="G2316".)

Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Peter|strong="G0846", " Follow|strong="G0190" me|strong="G3004"."

<sup>20</sup> Peter|strong="G4074" turned|strong="G1994" and|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G0991"

the *strong*="G3588" follower Jesus *strong*="G2424" loved *strong*="G0025" very *strong*="G0846" much walking behind them *strong*="G0846". ( This *strong*="G3588" was *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" follower who *strong*="G3739" had *strong*="G2424" leaned *strong*="G0377" against *strong*="G1909" Jesus *strong*="G2424" at *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" supper *strong*="G1173" and *strong*="G2532" said *strong*="G3004", " Lord *strong*="G2962", who *strong*="G3739" is *strong*="G1510" it *strong*="G0846" that *strong*="G3739" will *strong*="G1510" hand *strong*="G3860" you *strong*="G4771" over *strong*="G1909"?" )<sup>21</sup> When *strong*="G1161" Peter *strong*="G4074" saw *strong*="G3708" him *strong*="G3708" behind them *strong*="G3004", he *strong*="G3778" asked *strong*="G3004" Jesus *strong*="G2424", " Lord *strong*="G2962", what *strong*="G5101" about *strong*="G3588" him *strong*="G3708"?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus *strong*="G2424" answered *strong*="G3004", "Maybe I *strong*="G1473" want *strong*="G2309" him *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G4314" live until *strong*="G2193" I *strong*="G1473" come *strong*="G2064". That *strong*="G3004" should *strong*="G3306" not *strong*="G2309" matter to *strong*="G4314" you *strong*="G4771". You *strong*="G4771" follow *strong*="G0190" me *strong*="G3004"!"

<sup>23</sup> So *strong*="G3767" a *strong*="G1437" story *strong*="G3056" spread *strong*="G1831" among *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" followers of *strong*="G3056" Jesus *strong*="G2424". They *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G3101" saying *strong*="G3004" that *strong*="G3754" this *strong*="G3778" follower would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3756" die *strong*="G0599". But *strong*="G1161" Jesus *strong*="G2424" did *strong*="G2064" not *strong*="G3756" say *strong*="G3004" he *strong*="G2532"

would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3756" die *strong*="G0599". He *strong*="G2532" only *strong*="G3756" said *strong*="G3004", "Maybe I *strong*="G1437" want *strong*="G2309" him *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G1519" live until *strong*="G2193" I *strong*="G1437" come *strong*="G2064". That *strong*="G3754" should *strong*="G0080" not *strong*="G3756" matter *strong*="G3056" to *strong*="G1519" you *strong*="G4771"."

<sup>24</sup> That *strong*="G3754" follower is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3778" who *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G1510" telling these *strong*="G3778" things *strong*="G3778". He *strong*="G2532" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3778" who *strong*="G3588" has *strong*="G3778" now *strong*="G2532" written *strong*="G1125" them *strong*="G0846" all *strong*="G3588" down *strong*="G1125". We *strong*="G3778" know *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" what *strong*="G3588" he *strong*="G2532" says is *strong*="G1510" true *strong*="G0227".

<sup>25</sup> There *strong*="G1510" are *strong*="G1510" many *strong*="G4183" other *strong*="G0243" things *strong*="G4183" that *strong*="G0846" Jesus *strong*="G2424" did *strong*="G4160". If *strong*="G1437" every *strong*="G2596" one *strong*="G1520" of *strong*="G1520" them *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G1510" written *strong*="G1125" down *strong*="G2596", I *strong*="G1437" think the *strong*="G2532" whole world *strong*="G2889" would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3761" be *strong*="G1510" big enough *strong*="G4183" for *strong*="G1520" all *strong*="G4183" the *strong*="G2532" books *strong*="G0975" that *strong*="G0846" would *strong*="G0846" be *strong*="G1510" written *strong*="G1125".

# Acts

## Luke Writes Another Book

1 Dear *Theophilus*,  
 The first book I wrote was about everything *Jesus* did and taught from the beginning until the day he was carried up into heaven. Before he went, he talked to the apostles he had chosen. With the help of the Holy Spirit, he told them what they should do.<sup>3</sup>  
 This was after his death, but he showed them that he was alive, proving it to them in many ways. The apostles saw *Jesus* many times during the 40 days after he was raised from death. He spoke to them about God's kingdom.<sup>4</sup>  
 One time when *Jesus* was eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem. He said, "Wait here until"

you receive what the Father promised to send. Remember, I told you about it before.<sup>5</sup>  
*John* baptized people with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

## *Jesus* Is Carried Up Into Heaven

6 The apostles were all together. They asked *Jesus*, "Lord, is this the time you will give the people of Israel their kingdom again?"

7 *Jesus* said to them, "The Father is only one who has the authority to decide dates and times. They are not for you to know."<sup>8</sup>  
 But the Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power.

will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" my |strong="G3956" witnesses |strong="G3144". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" tell people |strong="G3956" everywhere about |strong="G1909" me |strong="G1473"— in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419", in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" rest |strong="G1510" of |strong="G4151" Judea |strong="G2449", in |strong="G1722" Samaria |strong="G4540", and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" every |strong="G3956" part |strong="G1473" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G1093"."

<sup>9</sup> After |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778", he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" lifted |strong="G1869" up |strong="G1869" into |strong="G0991" the |strong="G3588" sky. While |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3778" watching, he |strong="G2532" went into |strong="G0991" a |strong="G3004" cloud |strong="G3507", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" could not |strong="G2532" see |strong="G0991" him |strong="G0846". <sup>10</sup> They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" staring |strong="G0816" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" where |strong="G5613" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G1510" gone |strong="G4198". Suddenly |strong="G2400" two |strong="G1417" men |strong="G0435" wearing white |strong="G3022" clothes |strong="G2066" were |strong="G1510" standing |strong="G3936" beside |strong="G3936" them |strong="G0846". <sup>11</sup> They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " Men |strong="G0435" from |strong="G0575" Galilee |strong="G1057", why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" standing |strong="G2476" here |strong="G1519" looking |strong="G0991" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772"? You |strong="G5210" saw |strong="G0991" Jesus |strong="G2424" carried away |strong="G4198" from |strong="G0575" you |strong="G5210" into |strong="G1519" heaven |strong="G3772". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G5101" come |strong="G2064" back |strong="G1519" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" way |strong="G3779" you |strong="G5210" saw |strong="G0991" him |strong="G0846" go |strong="G4198"."

#### A |strong="G3739" New Apostle Is |strong="G5101" Chosen

<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="G5119" the |strong="G3588" apostles went |strong="G5290" back |strong="G5290" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588"

Mount |strong="G3735" of |strong="G0575" Olives. This |strong="G3588" mountain |strong="G3735" is |strong="G1510" about |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2192" half mile <sup>1</sup> from |strong="G0575" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". <sup>13</sup> When |strong="G3753" they |strong="G2532" entered |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" city, they |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" upstairs room |strong="G5253" where |strong="G3757" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G1510" staying |strong="G2650". These |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510": Peter |strong="G4074", John |strong="G2491", James |strong="G2385", Andrew |strong="G0406", Philip |strong="G5376", Thomas |strong="G2381", Bartholomew |strong="G0918", Matthew |strong="G3156", James |strong="G2385" ( the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" Alphaeus), Simon |strong="G4613", the |strong="G3588" Zealot, and |strong="G2532" Judas |strong="G2455" ( the |strong="G3588" son of |strong="G3588" James |strong="G2385").

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3956" apostles were |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3956" together |strong="G3661". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" constantly praying |strong="G4335" with |strong="G4862" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" purpose |strong="G0846". Some |strong="G3588" women |strong="G1135", Mary |strong="G3137" the |strong="G3956" mother |strong="G3384" of |strong="G3956" Jesus |strong="G2424", and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" brothers |strong="G0080" were |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510" with |strong="G4862" the |strong="G3956" apostles.

<sup>15</sup> After |strong="G2532" a |strong="G5613" few days |strong="G2250" there |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G5613" meeting of |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588" believers. There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" about |strong="G5613" 120 of |strong="G2250" them |strong="G0846". Peter |strong="G4074" stood |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", <sup>16</sup> "Brothers and sisters, in the Scriptures the Holy Spirit said through David that something must happen. He was talking about Judas, one of our own group. Judas served together with us. The Spirit said that Judas would lead men to arrest Jesus."

<sup>18</sup> ( Judas |strong="G3778" was |strong="G3588" paid money |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1537" doing |strong="G0093" this |strong="G3778". His |strong="G0846" money |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" used to |strong="G2532" buy

<sup>1</sup> HALF A MILE Literally, "a Sabbath day's journey."

him |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1096" field |strong="G5564". But |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" fell |strong="G1096" on |strong="G1537" his |strong="G0846" head, his |strong="G0846" body broke open |strong="G2997", and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" his |strong="G0846" intestines |strong="G4698" poured out |strong="G1537".<sup>19</sup> And |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" of |strong="G0129" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" learned about |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3778". That |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" why |strong="G3739" they |strong="G0846" named |strong="G2564" that |strong="G3739" field |strong="G5564" Akeldama, which |strong="G3739" in |strong="G2730" their |strong="G0846" language |strong="G1258" means |strong="G1510" "field |strong="G5564" of |strong="G0129" blood |strong="G0129".")

<sup>20</sup> Peter |strong="G0846" said |strong="G1096", "In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" book |strong="G0976" of |strong="G1722" Psalms |strong="G5568", this |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" written |strong="G1125" about |strong="G1722" Judas |strong="G2983": ' People |strong="G0846" should |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" go near |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" land; no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G3588" should |strong="G2532" live |strong="G2730" there |strong="G1510".'

Psalm 69:25

And |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" also |strong="G2532" written |strong="G1125":

' Let |strong="G1096" another |strong="G2087" man |strong="G3361" have |strong="G1510" his |strong="G0846" work.'

Psalm 109:8

<sup>21</sup> "So now another man must join us and be a witness of Jesus' resurrection. He must be one of those men who were part of our group during all the time the Lord Jesus was with us. He must have been with us from the time John was baptizing people until the day when Jesus was carried up from us into heaven."

<sup>23</sup> They |strong="G3739" put |strong="G2476" two |strong="G1417" men |strong="G1417" before |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" group. One |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" Joseph |strong="G2501" Barsabbas |strong="G0923". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" also |strong="G2532" called |strong="G2564" Justus |strong="G2459". The |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3739" man was |strong="G3739" Matthias |strong="G3159".<sup>24</sup> They prayed, "Lord, you know the minds of all people. Show us which one of these two men you choose to do this work. Judas

turned away from it and went where he belongs. Lord, show us which man should take his place as an apostle!"<sup>26</sup> Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" used lots |strong="G2819" to |strong="G1909" choose one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" two men |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" lots |strong="G2819" showed that |strong="G0846" Matthias |strong="G3159" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Lord wanted. So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" became an |strong="G1325" apostle |strong="G0652" with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G0846" eleven |strong="G1733".

### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

<sup>2</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" day |strong="G2250" of |strong="G2250" Pentecost |strong="G4005" came |strong="G1510", they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3956" together |strong="G3674" in |strong="G1722" one |strong="G3588" place |strong="G1722".<sup>2</sup> Suddenly |strong="G0869" a |strong="G1096" noise |strong="G2279" came |strong="G1096" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772". It |strong="G5342" sounded like |strong="G5618" a |strong="G1096" strong wind |strong="G4157" blowing |strong="G5342". This |strong="G3588" noise |strong="G2279" filled |strong="G4137" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" house |strong="G3624" where |strong="G3757" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G1510" sitting |strong="G2521".<sup>3</sup> They |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" something |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3708" looked |strong="G3708" like |strong="G5616" flames of |strong="G1520" fire |strong="G4442". The |strong="G2532" flames were |strong="G0846" separated and |strong="G2532" stood over |strong="G1909" each |strong="G1538" person |strong="G1538" there.<sup>4</sup> They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" filled |strong="G4130" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" began |strong="G0757" to |strong="G0757" speak |strong="G2980" different |strong="G2087" languages |strong="G1100". The |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" was |strong="G3588" giving |strong="G1325" them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3956" power to |strong="G0757" do |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588".

<sup>5</sup> There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" some |strong="G3588" godly Jews |strong="G2453" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" at |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588" time. They |strong="G1161" were |strong="G1510"



from every country in the world. <sup>6</sup> A large crowd came together because they heard the noise. They were surprised because, as they spoke, everyone heard them in their own language.

<sup>7</sup> They were amazed at this. They did not understand how the apostles could do this. They said, "Look! These men we hear speaking all from Galilee!" <sup>8</sup> But we hear them in our own languages. How is this possible? We are from all these different places: <sup>9</sup> Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near the city of Cyrene, Rome, Crete, and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews, and others have changed their religion to worship God like Jews. We are from these different countries, but we can hear these men in our own lan-

<sup>1</sup> FROM GALILEE The people thought men from Galilee could speak only their own language.

guages! We can all understand the great things they are saying about God!"

<sup>12</sup> The people were amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What is happening?" <sup>13</sup> But others were laughing at the apostles, saying they were drunk from too much wine.

**Peter Speaks to the People**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles. He spoke loudly so that the people could hear. He said, "My Jewish brothers and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me! I will tell you something you need to know. Listen carefully. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk as you think; it's only nine o'clock in the morning. But Joel the prophet wrote about what you see happening here today. This is what he wrote:

<sup>17</sup> 'God says: In the last days my Spir-

it |strong="G4151" on |strong="G1909"  
all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956".

Your |strong="G3708" sons |strong="G5207"  
and |strong="G2532" daughters |strong="G2364"  
will |strong="G2316" prophesy |strong="G4395".

Your |strong="G3708" young |strong="G3495"  
men |strong="G3956" will |strong="G2316"  
see |strong="G3708" visions |strong="G3706".

Your |strong="G3708" old |strong="G4245"  
men |strong="G3956" will |strong="G2316"  
have |strong="G1510" special  
dreams |strong="G1798".

<sup>18</sup> In |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588"  
days |strong="G2250" I |strong="G1473"  
will |strong="G2250" pour out |strong="G0575"  
my |strong="G1722" Spirit |strong="G4151"

on |strong="G1909" my |strong="G1722" ser-  
vants |strong="G1401", men |strong="G1401"  
and |strong="G2532" women |strong="G1401",  
and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532"  
will |strong="G2250" prophesy |strong="G4395".

<sup>19</sup> I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1093" work won-  
ders |strong="G5059" in |strong="G1722"  
the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772"  
above |strong="G0507".

I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1093"  
cause |strong="G1325" miraculous  
signs |strong="G4592" on |strong="G1909"  
the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" be-  
low |strong="G2736".

There |strong="G1722" will |strong="G1093"  
be |strong="G2532" blood |strong="G0129",  
fire |strong="G4442", and |strong="G2532" thick  
smoke |strong="G2586".

<sup>20</sup> The |strong="G3588" sun |strong="G2246"  
will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2532" changed in-  
to |strong="G1519" darkness |strong="G4655",  
and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588"  
moon |strong="G4582" will |strong="G2962"  
be |strong="G2532" as |strong="G1519" red  
as |strong="G1519" blood |strong="G0129".

Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588"  
great |strong="G3173" and |strong="G2532" glori-  
ous |strong="G2016" day |strong="G2250"  
of |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588"  
Lord |strong="G2962" will |strong="G2962"  
come |strong="G2064".

<sup>21</sup> And |strong="G2532" everyone |strong="G3956"  
who |strong="G3739" trusts in |strong="G2532"  
the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962"<sup>1</sup>  
will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510"  
saved |strong="G4982".

Joel 2:28-32

<sup>22</sup> " My |strong="G0191" fellow Is-  
raelites |strong="G2475", listen |strong="G0191"

<sup>1</sup> WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD Literally, "who calls on the name of the Lord," meaning to show faith in him by worshiping him or praying to him for help.

to |strong="G1519" these |strong="G3778"  
words |strong="G3056": Jesus |strong="G2424"  
from |strong="G0575" Nazareth |strong="G3480"  
was |strong="G2424" a |strong="G4160"  
very |strong="G0846" special man |strong="G0435".  
God |strong="G2316" clearly showed |strong="G4160"  
this |strong="G3778" to |strong="G1519"  
you |strong="G5210". He |strong="G2532" proved  
it |strong="G0846" by |strong="G1722"  
the |strong="G3588" miracles |strong="G1411", won-  
ders |strong="G5059", and |strong="G2532" miracu-  
lous |strong="G1411" signs |strong="G4592"  
he |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160"  
through |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424".  
You |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3588"  
saw |strong="G1492" these |strong="G3778"  
things |strong="G3778", so |strong="G2532"  
you |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492"  
this |strong="G3778" is |strong="G2316" true. <sup>23</sup> Je-  
sus |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" handed  
over |strong="G1223" to |strong="G2532"  
you |strong="G2532", and |strong="G2532"  
you |strong="G2532" killed |strong="G0337"  
him |strong="G2532". With |strong="G1223"  
the |strong="G3588" help |strong="G5495"  
of |strong="G1223" evil men |strong="G3778",  
you |strong="G2532" nailed |strong="G4362"  
him |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532"  
a |strong="G2532" cross |strong="G4362".  
But |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" knew  
all |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3778"  
would |strong="G2532" happen. It |strong="G1223"  
was |strong="G3588" his |strong="G1223"  
plan |strong="G1012"— a |strong="G2532"  
plan |strong="G1012" he |strong="G2532" made long  
ago. <sup>24</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" suffered  
the |strong="G3588" pain of |strong="G2316"  
death |strong="G2288", but |strong="G2316"  
God |strong="G2316" made him |strong="G0846"  
free |strong="G3089". He |strong="G0846"  
raised |strong="G0450" him |strong="G0846"  
from |strong="G5259" death |strong="G2288".  
There |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510"  
no |strong="G3756" way |strong="G0846"  
for |strong="G2316" death |strong="G2288"  
to |strong="G0846" hold |strong="G2902"  
him |strong="G0846". <sup>25</sup> David |strong="G1138"  
said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588"  
about |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846":  
' I |strong="G1473" saw |strong="G4308"  
the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" be-  
fore |strong="G1799" me |strong="G3004" al-  
ways |strong="G1223";

he |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510"  
at |strong="G1519" my |strong="G3956"  
right |strong="G1188" side to |strong="G1519"  
keep |strong="G3361" me |strong="G3004" safe.

26 So my heart is and the words of joy,

Yes my will with you will leave in place of death. I

You will not let your body One the grave.

28 You taught me how to live.

You come me and give me great joy.'

Psalm 16:8-11

29 " My brothers, I tell you for David our great ancestor. He was buried, and his tomb is still here with us today. He was a prophet and knew something that God had said. God had promised David that his own family would sit on David's throne as king. David knew this it happened. That he said

I PLACE OF DEATH Literally, "Hades." Also in verse 31. II GOD HAD PROMISED ... AS KING See 2 Sam. 7:12, 13 and Psalm 132:11.

this that future king:

' He was not left in the place of death.

His body did not rot in the grave. David was talking about the Messiah rising from death. So Jesus is one God raised from death. We are witnesses of this.

We saw him lifted up to heaven. Now he is with God,

at God's right side. The Father has given the Holy Spirit to him, as he promised. So Jesus has now that Spirit. This is what you see hear.

34 David was the one who was lifted up to heaven. David himself said, ' The Lord God said to my Lord:

Sit at my right side,

35 until I put your enemies under your power. III'

III UNTIL I PUT ... POWER Literally, "until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Psalm 110:1

36 " So |strong="G3767", all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" of |strong="G2316" Israel |strong="G2474" should |strong="G2316" know |strong="G1097" this |strong="G3778" for |strong="G3754" certain |strong="G0806": God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" made |strong="G4160" Jesus |strong="G2424" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" Messiah |strong="G5547". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" man |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" nailed to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" cross!"

37 When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0435" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G2532" felt very |strong="G2532", very |strong="G2532" sorry. They |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G3004" Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3062" apostles |strong="G0652", " Brothers |strong="G0080", what |strong="G5101" should |strong="G0080" we |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160"?"

38 Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G5346" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846", "Change your |strong="G2532" hearts and |strong="G2532" lives and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" baptized |strong="G0907", each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1538" of |strong="G4151" you |strong="G5210", in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G4151" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". Then |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" forgive your |strong="G2532" sins |strong="G0266", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" receive |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" gift |strong="G1431" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151". 39 This |strong="G3588" promise |strong="G1860" is |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210". It |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" also |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1063" your |strong="G2962" children |strong="G5043" and |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" far |strong="G3588" away. It |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1063" everyone |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" calls to |strong="G1519" himself |strong="G1519"."

40 Peter |strong="G0846" warned |strong="G1263" them |strong="G0846" with |strong="G0575"

many |strong="G4183" other |strong="G2087" words |strong="G3056"; he |strong="G2532" begged |strong="G3870" them |strong="G0846", " Save |strong="G4982" yourselves |strong="G1438" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" evil of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" live now |strong="G2532"! 41 Then |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" accepted what |strong="G3588" Peter |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3056" were |strong="G3588" baptized |strong="G0907". On |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" day |strong="G2250" about |strong="G5616" 3000 people |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" added |strong="G4369" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" group of |strong="G3056" believers.

### The |strong="G3588" Believers Share

42 The |strong="G3588" believers spent their |strong="G2532" time listening to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G1322" of |strong="G0652" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652". They |strong="G2532" shared everything with |strong="G2532" each other |strong="G1161". They |strong="G2532" ate <sup>1</sup> together |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" prayed together |strong="G2532". 43 Many |strong="G4183" wonders |strong="G5059" and |strong="G2532" miraculous signs |strong="G4592" were |strong="G1510" happening |strong="G1096" through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3956" apostles |strong="G0652", and |strong="G2532" everyone |strong="G3956" felt |strong="G1510" great |strong="G3173" respect |strong="G5401" for |strong="G1223" God |strong="G4183". 44 All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" believers |strong="G4100" stayed |strong="G1510" together |strong="G1909" and |strong="G2532" shared everything |strong="G3956". 45 They |strong="G0846" sold |strong="G4097" their |strong="G0846" land and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" they |strong="G0846" owned |strong="G2192". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" divided |strong="G1266" the |strong="G3956" money |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" gave it |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" needed |strong="G5532" it |strong="G0846". 46 The |strong="G3588" believers shared a |strong="G2532" common purpose, and |strong="G2532" every |strong="G2596" day |strong="G2250" they |strong="G2532" spent much of |strong="G2250" their |strong="G2532"

<sup>1</sup> ATE Literally, "broke bread." This may mean a meal or the Lord's Supper, the special meal Jesus told his followers to eat to remember him. Also in verse 46. See Luke 22:14-20.

time |strong="G2250" together |strong="G3661" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413" area. They |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" ate together |strong="G3661" in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G2532" homes |strong="G3624". They |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3588" happy to |strong="G2596" share |strong="G3335" their |strong="G2532" food |strong="G5160" and |strong="G2532" ate with |strong="G1722" joyful hearts |strong="G2588".  
 47 The |strong="G3588" believers praised God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" were |strong="G2992" respected by |strong="G2596" all |strong="G3650" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992". More |strong="G2596" and |strong="G2532" more |strong="G2596" people |strong="G2992" were |strong="G2992" being |strong="G2192" saved |strong="G4982" every |strong="G2596" day |strong="G2250", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" was |strong="G3588" adding |strong="G4369" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" their |strong="G0846" group.

#### Peter Heals a Crippled Man

**3** One |strong="G3588" day Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491" went |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2411" area. It |strong="G1161" was |strong="G4074" three |strong="G1766" o'clock in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" afternoon, which |strong="G3588" was |strong="G4074" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G5610" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" daily Temple |strong="G2411" prayer |strong="G4335" service.  
 2 As |strong="G1519" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3739" entering |strong="G1531" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413" area, a |strong="G5087" man |strong="G0435" was |strong="G3739" there |strong="G2596" who |strong="G3739" had |strong="G3739" been |strong="G2532" crippled all |strong="G3588" his |strong="G0846" life. He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" being |strong="G5225" carried |strong="G0941" by |strong="G1537" some |strong="G5100" friends who |strong="G3739" brought |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413" every |strong="G2596" day |strong="G2250". They |strong="G0846" put |strong="G5087" him |strong="G0846" by |strong="G1537" one |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" gates |strong="G2374" outside the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" called |strong="G3004" Beautiful |strong="G5611" Gate |strong="G2374".

There |strong="G2596" he |strong="G2532" begged for |strong="G1519" money |strong="G0846" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" going to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413".  
 3 That |strong="G3739" day he |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491" going |strong="G3195" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2411" area. He |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G2065" them |strong="G3739" for |strong="G1519" money |strong="G1654".

<sup>4</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G1161" John |strong="G2491" looked at |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" crippled man and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", "Look |strong="G0991" at |strong="G1519" us |strong="G3004"!"  
<sup>5</sup> He |strong="G0846" looked at |strong="G3844" them |strong="G0846"; he |strong="G0846" thought they |strong="G0846" would |strong="G5100" give |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846" some |strong="G5100" money |strong="G0846".  
<sup>6</sup> But |strong="G1161" Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G3004", "I |strong="G1473" don't |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2192" any |strong="G3756" silver |strong="G0694" or |strong="G2532" gold |strong="G5553", but |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" do |strong="G2192" have |strong="G2192" something else |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" can |strong="G3004" give |strong="G1325" you |strong="G4771". By |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" power of |strong="G3686" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" from |strong="G1722" Nazareth |strong="G3480"—stand up |strong="G1325" and |strong="G2532" walk |strong="G4043"!"

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Peter |strong="G0846" took the |strong="G3588" man's right |strong="G1188" hand |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" lifted him |strong="G0846" up |strong="G1453". Immediately |strong="G3916" his |strong="G0846" feet |strong="G0939" and |strong="G2532" legs became strong.  
<sup>8</sup> He |strong="G2532" jumped up |strong="G1519", stood |strong="G2476" on |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" feet, and |strong="G2532" began to |strong="G1519" walk |strong="G4043". He |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G0846" area with |strong="G4862" them |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" walking |strong="G4043" and |strong="G2532" jumping and |strong="G2532" praising |strong="G0134" God |strong="G2316".  
<sup>9</sup> All the people recognized him. They knew he was the crippled man who always sat by

the Beautiful Gate to beg for money. Now they saw this same man walking and praising God. They were amazed. They did not understand how this could happen.

### Peter Speaks to the People

<sup>11</sup> The man was holding on to Peter and John. All the people were amazed. They ran to Peter and John at Solomon's Porch.

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to the people, "My Jewish brothers, why are you surprised at this? You are looking at us as if it is our power that this man walks. Do you think this was done because we are good? <sup>13</sup> No, God did it! He is God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He is the God of our fathers. He gave glory to Jesus, his special servant. But you handed him over to be killed. Pilate decided

to let him go free. But you told Pilate you did not want him. Jesus was holy and good, but you said you did not want him. You told Pilate to give a murderer instead of Jesus. And I, who gives life to God, raised him from death. We are witnesses of this—we saw it with our own eyes.

<sup>16</sup> This crippled man was healed because we trusted in Jesus. It was Jesus' power that made him well. You can see this man, and you know him. He was completely well because of his faith in Jesus. You saw it happen!

<sup>17</sup> "My brothers, I know that you did to Jesus what you did to his leaders

<sup>1</sup> MURDERER Barabbas, the man the Jews chose to let go free instead of Jesus. See Luke 23:18.

did|strong="G1492" not|strong="G2532" understand|strong="G1492" any more|strong="G2596" than|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" did|strong="G1492".<sup>18</sup> But|strong="G1161" God|strong="G2316" said these|strong="G3739" things|strong="G3956" would|strong="G5547" happen. Through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3956" prophets|strong="G4396" he|strong="G0846" said that|strong="G3739" his|strong="G0846" Messiah|strong="G5547" would|strong="G5547" suffer|strong="G3958" and|strong="G1161" die|strong="G1223". I|strong="G3739" have|strong="G3956" told you|strong="G3739" how|strong="G3779" God|strong="G2316" made|strong="G4137" this|strong="G3779" happen.<sup>19</sup> So|strong="G3767" you|strong="G5210" must|strong="G1994" change your|strong="G2962" hearts and|strong="G2532" lives. Come|strong="G2064" back|strong="G1994" to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G4314", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" forgive your|strong="G2962" sins|strong="G0266".<sup>20</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G2962" give|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210" times|strong="G2540" of|strong="G0575" spiritual rest. He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" send|strong="G0649" you|strong="G5210" Jesus|strong="G2424", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" chose to|strong="G2064" be|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547".

<sup>21</sup> " But|strong="G2316" Jesus|strong="G0846" must|strong="G1163" stay in|strong="G2316" heaven|strong="G3772" until|strong="G0891" the|strong="G3956" time|strong="G5550" when|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1163" made|strong="G2980" right|strong="G0891" again. God|strong="G2316" told|strong="G2980" about|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5550" when|strong="G3739" he|strong="G0846" spoke|strong="G2980" long|strong="G5550" ago|strong="G0575" through|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846" holy|strong="G0040" prophets|strong="G4396".<sup>22</sup> Moses|strong="G3475" said|strong="G3004", ' The|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" your|strong="G2962" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" give|strong="G0191" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G5613" prophet|strong="G4396". That|strong="G3754" prophet|strong="G4396" will|strong="G2316" come|strong="G0191" from|strong="G1537" among|strong="G1537" your|strong="G2962" own|strong="G0846" people|strong="G3956". He|strong="G0846"

will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G3956" like|strong="G5613" me|strong="G3004". You|strong="G5210" must|strong="G3588" obey|strong="G0191" everything|strong="G3956" he|strong="G0846" tells you|strong="G5210".<sup>23</sup> And|strong="G1161" anyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" refuses to|strong="G0191" obey|strong="G0191" that|strong="G1565" prophet|strong="G4396" will|strong="G1510" die, separated from|strong="G1537" God's people|strong="G2992".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>24</sup> " Samuel|strong="G4545", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" other|strong="G1161" prophets|strong="G4396" who|strong="G3588" spoke|strong="G2980" for|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2980" after|strong="G1161" Samuel|strong="G4545", said|strong="G2980" that|strong="G3778" this|strong="G3778" time|strong="G2250" would|strong="G4396" come.<sup>25</sup> And|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" those|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396" talked about|strong="G1722" is|strong="G1510" for|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210", their|strong="G2532" descendants|strong="G4690". You|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" received the|strong="G3956" agreement that|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316" made|strong="G1303" with|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" fathers|strong="G3962". God|strong="G2316" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" your|strong="G2532" father|strong="G3962" Abraham|strong="G0011", ' Every|strong="G3956" nation on|strong="G1722" earth|strong="G1093" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" blessed|strong="G1757" through|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" descendants|strong="G4690".<sup>II26</sup> God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" sent|strong="G0649" his|strong="G0846" special servant|strong="G3816" Jesus|strong="G0846". He|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" first|strong="G4413". He|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1722" bless|strong="G2127" you|strong="G5210" by|strong="G1722" causing each|strong="G1538" of|strong="G0575" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G1722" turn|strong="G0654" away|strong="G0654" from|strong="G0575" your|strong="G1722" evil|strong="G4189" ways|strong="G4189"."

I 3:23 Quote from Deuteronomy 18:15, 19. II 3:25 Quote from Genesis 22:18; 26:24.

### The Apostles and the Jewish High Council

4 While Peter and John were to the people, some Jewish leaders came to them. There some priests, the captain of the soldiers that Temple some Sadducees. They were upset because what and John were teaching the people. By telling people about Jesus, the apostles were teaching that people will rise from death. 3 The Jewish leaders arrested Peter and John and put them in jail. It was already night, so they kept them in jail until the next day. 4 But many of the people heard they believed. There now men of the group of believers.

5 The next day the Jewish rulers, the elders, and the teachers of law

met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander were there. Everyone from the high priest's family was there. 7 They made and John stand all the people. They asked over you, "How did this crippled man well?" What power you use? By whose authority do you do this?"

8 Then Peter was with the Holy Spirit and said to them, "Rulers of the people and you older leaders, are you questioning us today about we to help this crippled man? Are you asking us what made well?" 10 We want all you and all the people of Israel to know this man was made well by the power of Jesus Christ from



Nazareth |strong="G3480". You |strong="G5210" nailed Jesus |strong="G2424" to |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" cross, but |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" raised |strong="G1453" him |strong="G3739" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498". This |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" was |strong="G1510" crippled, but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" now |strong="G2532" well |strong="G2532". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" able to |strong="G2532" stand |strong="G3936" here |strong="G1510" before |strong="G1799" you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G3754" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" power of |strong="G1537" Jesus |strong="G2424"! <sup>11</sup> Jesus |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510"

' the |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" <sup>I</sup> that |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" builders |strong="G3618" thought was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" important.

But |strong="G3778" this |strong="G3778" stone |strong="G3037" has |strong="G1096" become |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" cornerstone |strong="G2776".'

Psalm 118:22

<sup>12</sup> Jesus |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3739" can |strong="G1325" save |strong="G4982" people |strong="G0444". His |strong="G1325" name |strong="G3686" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3756" power |strong="G5259" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" world that |strong="G3739" has |strong="G3739" been |strong="G1510" given |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2532" save |strong="G4982" anyone |strong="G3762". We |strong="G2249" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1510" saved |strong="G4982" through |strong="G1722" him |strong="G1325"!'

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jewish leaders |strong="G3754" understood |strong="G1921" that |strong="G3754" Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491" had |strong="G2424" no special training or |strong="G2532" education. But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G2334" that |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" afraid to |strong="G2532" speak. So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" leaders |strong="G3754" were |strong="G1510" amazed |strong="G2296". They |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" realized |strong="G1921" that |strong="G3754" Peter |strong="G4074" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491"

I STONE A picture or symbol meaning Jesus.

had |strong="G2424" been |strong="G1510" with |strong="G4862" Jesus |strong="G2424". <sup>14</sup> They |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G0991" the |strong="G3588" crippled man |strong="G0444" standing |strong="G2476" there |strong="G0444" beside the |strong="G3588" apostles. They |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G0991" that |strong="G0846" he |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" healed |strong="G2323", so |strong="G5037" they |strong="G0846" could |strong="G2192" say |strong="G0483" nothing |strong="G3762" against |strong="G0483" the |strong="G3588" apostles.

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jewish leaders told |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" leave |strong="G0565" the |strong="G3588" council |strong="G4892" meeting. Then |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" leaders talked to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161" about |strong="G4314" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" should do. <sup>16</sup> They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", "What |strong="G5101" shall |strong="G0444" we |strong="G3778" do |strong="G4160" with |strong="G1223" these |strong="G3778" men |strong="G0444"? Everyone |strong="G3956" in |strong="G2730" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" knows about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" miracle |strong="G4592" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G4160" as |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" sign |strong="G4592" from |strong="G4592" God |strong="G0846". It's too |strong="G2532" obvious |strong="G5318". We |strong="G3778" can't |strong="G3756" say |strong="G3004" it |strong="G0846" didn't |strong="G3756" happen |strong="G1096". <sup>17</sup> But |strong="G0235" we |strong="G3778" must |strong="G0235" make |strong="G3361" them |strong="G0846" afraid to |strong="G1519" talk to |strong="G1519" anyone |strong="G3367" again |strong="G3371" using that |strong="G2443" name |strong="G3686". <sup>II</sup> Then |strong="G0846" this |strong="G3778" problem will |strong="G0444" not |strong="G3361" spread |strong="G1519" among |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992"."

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Jewish leaders called |strong="G2564" Peter |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1909" again |strong="G2532". They |strong="G0846" told the |strong="G3588" apostles not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G1909" say anything or |strong="G3366" to |strong="G1909" teach |strong="G1321" anything in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G3686" Jesus |strong="G2424". <sup>19</sup>

II THAT NAME That is, Jesus' name. The Jewish leaders avoided saying his name. See Luke 15:2.

But *and* Peter *answered* them, "What *do* you *think* is *right*? What *would* God *want*? Should *we* *obey* you *or* God? *We* *cannot* be *quiet*. We *must* tell *people* what *we* *have* *seen* and *heard*."

<sup>21</sup> The Jewish leaders could not find a way to punish the apostles, because all the people were praising God for what had been done. This miracle was a sign from God. The man who was healed was more than 40 years old. So the Jewish leaders warned the apostles again and let them go free.

#### Peter and John Return to the Believers

<sup>23</sup> Peter *and* John *left* the *meeting* of Jewish leaders *and* *went* to *their* own *group*. They *told* the *group* everything *that* the *leading* priests *and* the *older* Jewish leaders *had* *said* to *them*. <sup>24</sup> When *the* believers *heard* *this*, they *all* *prayed* to God *with* one *purpose*. They *said*, "Master, you *are* the *one* who *made* the *sky*, the *earth*, the *sea*, and *everything* *in* the *world*. <sup>25</sup> Our *ancestor* was *your* *servant*. With *his* help of

the *Holy* Spirit *he* *wrote* these *words*: 'Why *are* the *nations* shouting *Why* *are* the *people* planning such *useless* things?' <sup>26</sup> The *kings* of *earth* *prepare* themselves *to* fight, and *the* *rulers* *come* *together* *against* Lord *and* *against* his *Messiah*.'

<sup>27</sup> That's what *actually* happened *when* Herod *Pontius* Pilate, the *other* *nations*, and *the* *people* of *Israel* *all* *came* *together* *against* Jesus *in* Jerusalem. He *is* *your* *holy* *Servant*, the *one* you *made* *to* be *the* *Messiah*. These *people* who *came* *together* *against* Jesus *made* *plan* *happen*. It *was* *done* *because* of *your* *power* and *your* *will*. <sup>29</sup> And *now*, Lord, listen to *what* they *are* *saying*. They *are* *trying* to *make* *us* *afraid*. We *are* *your* *servants*. Help *us* *to* *say* what

*Psalms* 2:1-2

<sup>27</sup> That's what *actually* happened *when* Herod *Pontius* Pilate, the *other* *nations*, and *the* *people* of *Israel* *all* *came* *together* *against* Jesus *in* Jerusalem. He *is* *your* *holy* *Servant*, the *one* you *made* *to* be *the* *Messiah*. These *people* who *came* *together* *against* Jesus *made* *plan* *happen*. It *was* *done* *because* of *your* *power* and *your* *will*. <sup>29</sup> And *now*, Lord, listen to *what* they *are* *saying*. They *are* *trying* to *make* *us* *afraid*. We *are* *your* *servants*. Help *us* *to* *say* what

you |strong="G4771" want us |strong="G1325" to |strong="G1909" say |strong="G2980" with-out |strong="G2532" fear. <sup>30</sup> Help |strong="G5495" us |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1096" brave by |strong="G1722" showing us |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" power |strong="G5495". Make sick people |strong="G3588" well |strong="G2532". Cause miraculous signs |strong="G4592" and |strong="G2532" wonders |strong="G5059" to |strong="G1519" happen |strong="G1096" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" authority |strong="G5495" <sup>1</sup> of |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424", your |strong="G2532" holy |strong="G0040" servant |strong="G3816".

<sup>31</sup> After |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" believers prayed |strong="G1189", the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G5117" where |strong="G3739" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" meeting |strong="G4863" shook |strong="G4531". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" all |strong="G0537" filled |strong="G4130" with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" continued to |strong="G2532" speak |strong="G2980" God's |strong="G2316" message |strong="G3056" with-out |strong="G2532" fear.

#### The |strong="G3588" Believers Share

<sup>32</sup> The |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" group |strong="G4128" of |strong="G1520" believers |strong="G4100" was |strong="G1510" united in |strong="G2532" their |strong="G0846" thinking and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G2532" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" wanted. None of |strong="G1520" them |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398". Instead |strong="G0235", they |strong="G0846" shared every-thing |strong="G3956". <sup>33</sup> With |strong="G1909" great |strong="G3173" power |strong="G1411" the |strong="G3956" apostles |strong="G0652" were |strong="G1510" making it |strong="G0846" known to |strong="G1909" everyone |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G1510" raised from |strong="G2424" death. And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" blessed all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" believers very |strong="G0846" much |strong="G3173".

<sup>34</sup> None of |strong="G5100" them |strong="G0846" could say they |strong="G0846" needed any-

thing |strong="G5100". Everyone |strong="G3745" who |strong="G3588" owned |strong="G5225" fields or |strong="G2228" houses |strong="G3614" sold |strong="G4453" them |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" brought |strong="G5342" the |strong="G3588" money |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" got <sup>35</sup> and |strong="G2532" gave it |strong="G5087" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652". Then |strong="G2532" everyone |strong="G1538" was |strong="G3588" given whatever |strong="G0302" they |strong="G2532" needed |strong="G5532".

<sup>36</sup> One |strong="G3739" of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" believers was |strong="G1510" named Joseph |strong="G2501". The |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652" called |strong="G1941" him |strong="G3739" Barnabas |strong="G0921", a |strong="G1510" name that |strong="G3739" means |strong="G1510" "one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" encourages oth-ers |strong="G3588". He |strong="G3739" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Levite |strong="G3019" born in |strong="G0575" Cyprus |strong="G2953". <sup>37</sup> Joseph sold |strong="G4453" a |strong="G5087" field |strong="G0068" he |strong="G2532" owned |strong="G5225". He |strong="G2532" brought |strong="G5342" the |strong="G3588" money |strong="G5536" and |strong="G2532" gave it |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652".

#### Ananias and Sapphira

**5** There |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G0435" man |strong="G0435" named |strong="G3686" Ananias |strong="G0367". His |strong="G0846" wife's |strong="G1135" name |strong="G3686" was |strong="G3588" Sapphi-ra |strong="G4551". Ananias |strong="G0367" sold |strong="G4453" some |strong="G5100" land he |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3588", <sup>2</sup> but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" gave on-ly |strong="G2532" part |strong="G3313" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" money |strong="G5092" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652". He |strong="G2532" secretly kept |strong="G5087" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" money |strong="G5092" for |strong="G3844" himself. His |strong="G5087" wife |strong="G1135" knew this |strong="G3588", and |strong="G2532" she |strong="G1135" agreed with |strong="G3844" it |strong="G5087".

<sup>3</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G3004", "Ananias |strong="G0367", why |strong="G5101" did |strong="G5101" you |strong="G4771" let |strong="G3004" Satan |strong="G4567" fill |strong="G4137" your |strong="G2532"

I AUTHORITY Literally, "name."

mind/strong="G2588" with/strong="G1223" such an/strong="G2532" idea? You/strong="G4771" kept/strong="G3557" part of/strong="G4151" the/strong="G3588" money/strong="G5092" for/strong="G1223" yourself/strong="G4771" and/strong="G2532" lied/strong="G5574" about/strong="G3588" it/strong="G1223" to/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3588" Holy/strong="G0040" Spirit/strong="G4151"! <sup>4</sup> Before/strong="G1722" you/strong="G4771" sold/strong="G4097" the/strong="G3588" field, it/strong="G5087" belonged to/strong="G2532" you/strong="G4771", right/strong="G1849"? And/strong="G2532" even/strong="G2532" after/strong="G2532" you/strong="G4771" sold/strong="G4097" it/strong="G5087", you/strong="G4771" could have/strong="G2532" used the/strong="G3588" money any/strong="G3756" way/strong="G1722" you/strong="G4771" wanted. How/strong="G5101" could you/strong="G4771" even/strong="G2532" think of/strong="G2316" doing such/strong="G3778" a/strong="G5087" thing/strong="G3778"? You/strong="G4771" lied/strong="G5574" to/strong="G2532" God/strong="G2316", not/strong="G3756" to/strong="G2532" us/strong="G1722"!"

<sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. Some young men came and wrapped his body. They carried it out and buried it. And everyone who heard about this was filled with fear.

<sup>7</sup> About/strong="G5613" three/strong="G5140" hours/strong="G5610" later his/strong="G0846" wife/strong="G1135" came/strong="G1096" in/strong="G2532". Sapphira did/strong="G1492" not/strong="G3361" know/strong="G1492" about/strong="G5613" what/strong="G3588" had/strong="G3588" happened/strong="G1096" to/strong="G2532" her/strong="G0846" husband. <sup>8</sup> Peter/strong="G4074" said/strong="G3004" to/strong="G4314" her/strong="G0846", " Tell/strong="G3004" me/strong="G3004" how much/strong="G5118" money/strong="G0846" you/strong="G1487" got for/strong="G4314" your/strong="G1487" field/strong="G5564". Was/strong="G4074" it/strong="G0846" this/strong="G3588" much/strong="G5118"?"

Sapphira answered/strong="G0611", " Yes/strong="G3483", that/strong="G3004" was/strong="G4074" all/strong="G3588" we/strong="G1487" got for/strong="G4314" the/strong="G3588" field/strong="G5564"."

<sup>9</sup> Peter/strong="G4074" said/strong="G2532" to/strong="G4314" her/strong="G0846", " Why/strong="G5101" did/strong="G3985" you/strong="G5210" and/strong="G2532" your/strong="G2962" husband/strong="G0435" agree/strong="G4856" to/strong="G4314" test/strong="G3985" the/strong="G3588" Spir-

it/strong="G4151" of/strong="G4151" the/strong="G3588" Lord/strong="G2962"? Listen/strong="G2400"! Do/strong="G3708" you/strong="G5210" hear those/strong="G3588" footsteps? The/strong="G3588" men/strong="G0435" who/strong="G3588" buried/strong="G2290" your/strong="G2962" husband/strong="G0435" are/strong="G3588" at/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" door/strong="G2374". They/strong="G0846" will/strong="G5101" carry/strong="G1627" you/strong="G5210" out/strong="G1627" in/strong="G1909" the/strong="G3588" same/strong="G0846" way/strong="G0846". <sup>10</sup> At/strong="G4314" that/strong="G0846" moment Sapphira fell/strong="G4098" down/strong="G4098" by/strong="G1438" his/strong="G0846" feet/strong="G4228" and/strong="G2532" died/strong="G1634". The/strong="G3588" young/strong="G3495" men/strong="G0435" came/strong="G1525" in/strong="G2532" and/strong="G2532" saw that/strong="G0846" she/strong="G0846" was/strong="G3588" dead/strong="G3498". They/strong="G0846" carried/strong="G1627" her/strong="G0846" out/strong="G1627" and/strong="G2532" buried/strong="G2290" her/strong="G0846" beside/strong="G4314" her/strong="G0846" husband/strong="G0435". <sup>11</sup> The/strong="G3956" whole/strong="G3650" church/strong="G1577" and/strong="G2532" all/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" other people/strong="G3956" who/strong="G3588" heard/strong="G0191" about/strong="G1909" this/strong="G3778" were/strong="G3956" filled with/strong="G1909" fear/strong="G5401".

**Proofs From/strong="G0191" God/strong="G0191"**

<sup>12</sup> The/strong="G3588" apostles/strong="G0652" were/strong="G1510" given the/strong="G3588" power/strong="G5495" to/strong="G2532" do/strong="G1096" many/strong="G4183" miraculous signs/strong="G4592" and/strong="G2532" wonders/strong="G5059" among/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" people/strong="G2992". They/strong="G2532" were/strong="G1510" together/strong="G3661" in/strong="G1722" Solomon's/strong="G4672" Porch, and/strong="G2532" they/strong="G2532" all/strong="G0537" had/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3588" same/strong="G2532" purpose. <sup>13</sup> None/strong="G3762" of/strong="G2992" the/strong="G3588" other/strong="G3062" people/strong="G2992" dared/strong="G5111" to/strong="G0846" stand with/strong="G1438" the/strong="G3588" apostles, but/strong="G1161" everyone was/strong="G3588" saying wonderful things/strong="G0846" about/strong="G3588"

them |strong="G0846". <sup>14</sup> More |strong="G3123" and |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123" people |strong="G4128" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962", and |strong="G2532" many men |strong="G0435" and |strong="G2532" women |strong="G1135" were |strong="G3588" added |strong="G4369" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" group |strong="G4128" of |strong="G2962" believers |strong="G4100". <sup>15</sup> So |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" brought |strong="G2064" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" sick |strong="G0772" in- to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" streets |strong="G4113" and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G5087" them |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1909" little beds and |strong="G2532" mats |strong="G2895". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" hoping that |strong="G2443" Peter's |strong="G4074" shadow |strong="G4639" might |strong="G2532" fall |strong="G2064" on |strong="G1909" them |strong="G0846" as |strong="G1519" he |strong="G2532" walked by |strong="G1909". <sup>16</sup> People |strong="G4128" came |strong="G4905" from |strong="G5259" all |strong="G0537" the |strong="G3588" towns |strong="G4172" around |strong="G4038" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". They |strong="G2532" brought |strong="G5342" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" sick |strong="G0772" or |strong="G2532" troubled by |strong="G5259" evil spirits |strong="G4151". All |strong="G0537" of |strong="G4151" them |strong="G2323" were |strong="G3588" healed |strong="G2323".

#### The |strong="G3588" Apostles Are |strong="G3588" Ar- rested

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3956" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" his |strong="G0846" friends, a |strong="G1510" group called the |strong="G3956" Sadducees |strong="G4523", became very |strong="G0846" jealous. <sup>18</sup> They |strong="G0846" grabbed the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652" and |strong="G2532" put |strong="G5087" them |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" jail |strong="G5084". <sup>19</sup> But |strong="G1161" during |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" night |strong="G3571", an |strong="G0032" angel |strong="G0032" of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" opened |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3588" doors |strong="G2374" of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" jail. The |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" led |strong="G1806" the |strong="G3588" apostles out-

side and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", <sup>20</sup> "Go |strong="G4198" and |strong="G2532" stand |strong="G2476" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Temple |strong="G2413" area. Tell |strong="G2980" the |strong="G3956" peo- ple |strong="G2992" everything |strong="G3956" about |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" new life |strong="G2222"." <sup>21</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" apostles heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G0191" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3956" told. They |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1525" in- to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Tem- ple |strong="G0846" area about |strong="G1519" sun- rise and |strong="G2532" began to |strong="G1519" teach |strong="G1321" the |strong="G3956" peo- ple |strong="G3956".

The |strong="G3956" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" friends came |strong="G3854" to- gether |strong="G4779" and |strong="G2532" called |strong="G4779" a |strong="G0191" meeting of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3956" high |strong="G0749" council |strong="G4892" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" older Jewish lead- ers |strong="G0649". They |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G0649" some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G3956" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" jail to |strong="G1519" bring |strong="G0071" the |strong="G3956" apostles to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846". <sup>22</sup> When |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" went to |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" jail, they |strong="G0846" could |strong="G2147" not |strong="G3756" find |strong="G2147" the |strong="G3588" apostles there |strong="G1722". So |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" went back and |strong="G1161" told |strong="G0518" the |strong="G3588" Jewish lead- ers about |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588". <sup>23</sup> They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "The |strong="G3956" jail was |strong="G3588" closed |strong="G2808" and |strong="G2532" locked |strong="G2808". The |strong="G3956" guards |strong="G5441" were |strong="G3956" stand- ing |strong="G2476" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" doors |strong="G2374". But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" opened |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3956" doors |strong="G2374", the |strong="G3956" jail was |strong="G3588" empty!" <sup>24</sup> The |strong="G3588" captain |strong="G4755" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" Tem- ple |strong="G2413" guards and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" leading priests |strong="G0749" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3778".

They were confused and wondered what it all meant.

<sup>25</sup> Then another man came and told them, "Listen! The men you put in jail are standing in the Temple area teaching the people." <sup>26</sup> The captain and his men went out and brought the apostles back. But the soldiers did not use force, because they were afraid of the people. They were afraid the people would stone them to death.

<sup>27</sup> The soldiers brought the apostles in and made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them. <sup>28</sup> He said, "We told you never again to teach that name." <sup>1</sup> But they look at what you have done! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are trying to blame us for his death."

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apos-

<sup>1</sup> THAT NAME That is, Jesus' name. The Jewish leaders avoided saying his name. See Acts 4:17, 18.

les answered, "We obey God, not you!" <sup>30</sup> You killed Jesus by nailing him to the cross. But God, the God of our fathers, had raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the one God honored by giving a place at his right side. He made him our Leader and Savior. God did this to give the people of Israel the opportunity to change and turn to God to have their sins forgiven. <sup>32</sup> We saw all these things, and we can say that they are true. The Holy Spirit also shows that these things are true. God has given this Spirit to all those who obey him."

<sup>33</sup> When the council members heard this, they became very angry. They began to plan a way to kill the apostles. <sup>34</sup> But one member of the council, a Phar-

isee|strong="G5330" named|strong="G3686" Gamaliel|strong="G1059", stood|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450". He|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G4160" teacher|strong="G3547" of|strong="G3686" the|strong="G3956" law|strong="G3547", and|strong="G1161" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992" respected|strong="G5093" him|strong="G4160". He|strong="G1161" told the|strong="G3956" men|strong="G0444" to|strong="G1722" make|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3956" apostles leave the|strong="G3956" meeting for|strong="G1722" a|strong="G4160" few|strong="G5100" minutes.<sup>35</sup> Then|strong="G0846" he|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", " Men|strong="G0444" of|strong="G0435" Israel|strong="G0846", be|strong="G0444" careful|strong="G4337" of|strong="G0435" what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G3004" are|strong="G3778" planning to|strong="G4314" do|strong="G4238" to|strong="G4314" these|strong="G3778" men|strong="G0444".<sup>36</sup> Remember when|strong="G5613" Theudas|strong="G2333" appeared|strong="G1096"? He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" an|strong="G1510" important man|strong="G0435", and|strong="G2532" about|strong="G5613" 400 men|strong="G0435" joined|strong="G1096" him|strong="G0846". But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" killed|strong="G0337", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3739" followed|strong="G3982" him|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" scattered and|strong="G2532" ran away|strong="G0337". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" able to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G1096" anything|strong="G5100".<sup>37</sup> Later|strong="G3326", during|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" time|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3956" census|strong="G0582", a|strong="G2532" man|strong="G3778" named Judas|strong="G2455" came|strong="G0450" from|strong="G1722" Galilee|strong="G1057". Many|strong="G3745" people|strong="G2992" joined his|strong="G0846" group, but|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532" killed|strong="G0622", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" his|strong="G0846" followers were|strong="G2992" scattered|strong="G1287".<sup>38</sup> And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" now|strong="G3568" I|strong="G1437" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210", stay|strong="G0868" away|strong="G0868"

from|strong="G0575" these|strong="G3778" men|strong="G0444". Leave|strong="G0863" them|strong="G0846" alone|strong="G0863". If|strong="G1437" their|strong="G0846" plan|strong="G1012" is|strong="G1510" something|strong="G1510" they|strong="G0846" thought|strong="G3004" up, it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" fail.<sup>39</sup> But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" it|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316", you|strong="G1487" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" able|strong="G1410" to|strong="G1410" stop them|strong="G0846". You|strong="G1487" might|strong="G1410" even|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" fighting|strong="G2314" against|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316" himself|strong="G1438"!"

The|strong="G2532" Jewish leaders agreed with|strong="G1537" what|strong="G1161" Gamaliel said|strong="G2532".<sup>40</sup> They|strong="G0846" called|strong="G4341" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" in|strong="G1909" again|strong="G2532". They|strong="G0846" beat|strong="G1194" them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G2980" them|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G1909" speak|strong="G2980" anymore using the|strong="G3588" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G3686" Jesus|strong="G2424". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" let|strong="G0630" them|strong="G0846" go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630".<sup>41</sup> The|strong="G3588" apostles left|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" council|strong="G4892" meeting. They|strong="G3767" were|strong="G3588" happy because|strong="G3754" they|strong="G3767" were|strong="G3588" given the|strong="G3588" honor of|strong="G0575" suffering dishonor|strong="G0818" for|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G4198".<sup>42</sup> The|strong="G3956" apostles did not|strong="G3756" stop|strong="G3973" teaching|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956". They|strong="G2532" continued to|strong="G2596" tell the|strong="G3956" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097"—that|strong="G3956" Jesus|strong="G2424" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3956" Messiah|strong="G5547". They|strong="G2532" did this|strong="G3588" every|strong="G3956" day|strong="G2250" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" Temple|strong="G2413" area and|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" people's homes|strong="G3624".

#### Seven Men Chosen for a Special Work

6 More and|strong="G1161" more people|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3101" be-

coming |strong="G1096" followers of |strong="G2250" Jesus |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" during |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" same |strong="G0846" time |strong="G2250", the |strong="G3588" Greek-speaking followers began |strong="G1096" to |strong="G4314" complain against |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" Jewish followers. They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G1096" that |strong="G3754" their |strong="G0846" widows |strong="G5503" were |strong="G3101" not |strong="G3101" getting their |strong="G0846" share of |strong="G2250" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" followers received every day |strong="G2250". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427" apostles called |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" whole group |strong="G4128" of |strong="G3056" followers together.

The |strong="G3588" apostles said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G3004", "It |strong="G1161" would |strong="G2641" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" right |strong="G0701" for |strong="G2316" us |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" give |strong="G3004" up our |strong="G2316" work of |strong="G3056" teaching |strong="G3056" God's |strong="G2316" word |strong="G3056" in |strong="G2316" order to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" in |strong="G2316" charge of |strong="G3056" getting food |strong="G5132" to |strong="G3004" people |strong="G4128". <sup>3</sup> So |strong="G2532", brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, choose seven |strong="G2033" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G2532" men |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3739" good |strong="G3140" reputation |strong="G3140". They |strong="G3739" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G2532" full |strong="G4134" of |strong="G1537" wisdom |strong="G4678" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151". We |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" give them |strong="G3739" this |strong="G3778" work to |strong="G1909" do |strong="G2532". <sup>4</sup> Then |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" can use all |strong="G3588" our |strong="G2532" time to |strong="G2532" pray and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" teach the |strong="G3588" word |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" God."

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" group |strong="G4128" liked the |strong="G3956" idea. So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" chose |strong="G1586" these |strong="G3588" seven men |strong="G0435": Stephen |strong="G4736" ( a |strong="G2532" man |strong="G0435" with |strong="G2532" great |strong="G3956"

faith |strong="G4102" and |strong="G2532" full |strong="G4134" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151"), Philip |strong="G5376", <sup>1</sup> Prochorus |strong="G4402", Nicanor |strong="G3527", Timon |strong="G5096", Parmenas |strong="G3937", and |strong="G2532" Nicolaus ( a |strong="G2532" man |strong="G0435" from |strong="G0435" Antioch |strong="G0491" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G3588" become a |strong="G2532" Jew). <sup>6</sup> Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" put |strong="G2007" these |strong="G3739" men |strong="G0846" before |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652", who |strong="G3739" prayed |strong="G4336" and |strong="G2532" laid |strong="G2007" their |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" on |strong="G5495" them |strong="G0846".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G3588" word |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" God |strong="G2316" was |strong="G3588" reaching more |strong="G4183" and |strong="G2532" more |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3793". The |strong="G3588" group |strong="G0706" of |strong="G3056" followers in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" became |strong="G3101" larger |strong="G4183" and |strong="G2532" larger |strong="G4183". Even |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3793" big group |strong="G0706" of |strong="G3056" Jewish priests |strong="G2409" believed and |strong="G2532" obeyed |strong="G5219".

### Some |strong="G3588" Jews Against |strong="G1722" Stephen

<sup>8</sup> Stephen |strong="G4736" received a |strong="G4160" great |strong="G3173" blessing |strong="G5485". God |strong="G4160" gave |strong="G4160" him |strong="G4160" power |strong="G1411" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" great |strong="G3173" wonders |strong="G5059" and |strong="G2532" miraculous |strong="G1411" signs |strong="G4592" among |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992". <sup>9</sup> But |strong="G1161" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" Jews there |strong="G1161" were |strong="G3588" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" synagogue |strong="G4864" of |strong="G1537" Free Men |strong="G5100", as |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" called |strong="G3004". The |strong="G3588" group included Jews from |strong="G0575" Cyrene |strong="G2956", Alexandria, Cilicia |strong="G2791", and |strong="G2532" Asia |strong="G0773". They |strong="G2532" started argu-

I PHILIP Not the apostle named Philip.



ing |strong="G4802" with |strong="G1537" Stephen |strong="G4736". <sup>10</sup> But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" was |strong="G3739" helping him |strong="G3739" speak |strong="G2980" with |strong="G2532" wisdom |strong="G4678". His |strong="G2532" words |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3739" so |strong="G2532" strong |strong="G2480" that |strong="G3739" these |strong="G3739" Jews could |strong="G2480" not |strong="G3756" argue with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G3739".

<sup>11</sup> So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" told |strong="G3004" some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0435" to |strong="G1519" say |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" Stephen |strong="G0846" say |strong="G3004" bad things |strong="G4487" against |strong="G1519" Moses |strong="G3475" and |strong="G2532" against |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316"! " <sup>12</sup> By |strong="G2532" doing this |strong="G3588", these |strong="G3588" Jews upset the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992", the |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" Jewish leaders, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" teachers of |strong="G2992" the |strong="G3588" law. They |strong="G0846" became so |strong="G2532" angry that |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2186" and |strong="G2532" grabbed Stephen |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" took |strong="G0071" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2532" meeting of |strong="G2992" the |strong="G3588" high council |strong="G4892".

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jews brought |strong="G2476" some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0444" into |strong="G0444" the |strong="G3588" meeting to |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" lies about |strong="G2596" Stephen. These |strong="G3778" men |strong="G0444" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" man |strong="G0444" is |strong="G3778" always saying |strong="G3004" things |strong="G3778" against |strong="G2596" this |strong="G3778" holy |strong="G0040" place |strong="G5117" and |strong="G2532" against |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G3551" Moses. <sup>14</sup> We |strong="G2249" heard |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0846" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" from |strong="G0191" Nazareth |strong="G3480" will |strong="G3739" destroy |strong="G2647" this |strong="G3778" place |strong="G5117" and |strong="G2532" change |strong="G0236" what |strong="G3739" Moses |strong="G3475" told |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G3004". " <sup>15</sup> Everyone |strong="G3956" there |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722"

the |strong="G3956" council |strong="G4892" meeting was |strong="G3588" staring |strong="G0816" at |strong="G1722" Stephen |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3708" his |strong="G0846" face |strong="G4383" looked |strong="G3708" like |strong="G5616" the |strong="G3956" face |strong="G4383" of |strong="G3956" an |strong="G0032" angel |strong="G0032".

### Stephen's Speech

**7** The |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Stephen, " Is |strong="G3778" all |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3778" true |strong="G3779"? " <sup>2</sup> Stephen |strong="G0846" answered |strong="G5346", " My |strong="G0191" Jewish fathers |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" brothers |strong="G0080", listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473". Our |strong="G2316" great and |strong="G2532" glorious |strong="G1391" God |strong="G2316" appeared |strong="G3708" to |strong="G2532" Abraham |strong="G0011", our |strong="G2316" ancestor |strong="G3962", when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" Mesopotamia |strong="G3318". This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" before |strong="G4250" he |strong="G2532" lived |strong="G2730" in |strong="G1722" Haran |strong="G5488". <sup>3</sup> God |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846", ' Leave |strong="G1831" your |strong="G2532" country |strong="G1093" and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" country |strong="G1093" I |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" show |strong="G1166" you |strong="G4771"! ' I

<sup>4</sup> " So |strong="G1519" Abraham |strong="G0846" left |strong="G1831" the |strong="G3588" country |strong="G1093" of |strong="G1537" Chaldea. II He |strong="G0846" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" live |strong="G2730" in |strong="G1722" Haran |strong="G5488". After |strong="G3326" his |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962" died |strong="G0599", God |strong="G0846" sent him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" this |strong="G3778" place |strong="G1722", where |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" live |strong="G2730" now |strong="G3568". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" give |strong="G1325" Abraham |strong="G0846" any |strong="G3756"

I 7:3 Quote from Genesis 12:1. II CHALDEA Or "Babylonia," a land in the southern part of Mesopotamia. See verse 2.

of|strong="G5043" this|strong="G3588" land, not|strong="G3756" even|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" foot|strong="G4228" of|strong="G5043" it|strong="G0846". But|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846" promised|strong="G1861" that|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" future he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G0846" give|strong="G1325" Abraham|strong="G0846" this|strong="G3588" land for|strong="G1519" himself|strong="G1438" and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" children|strong="G5043". This|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" before|strong="G1722" Abraham|strong="G0846" had|strong="G1510" any|strong="G3756" children|strong="G5043".

<sup>6</sup> " This|strong="G3779" is|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" said|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846": ' Your|strong="G2532" descendants|strong="G4690" will|strong="G2316" live in|strong="G1722" another|strong="G0245" country|strong="G1093". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" strangers|strong="G0245". The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" there|strong="G1510" will|strong="G2316" make them|strong="G0846" slaves|strong="G1402" and|strong="G2532" mistreat|strong="G2559" them|strong="G0846" for|strong="G3754" 400 years|strong="G2094". <sup>7</sup> But|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" punish the|strong="G3588" nation|strong="G1484" that|strong="G3739" made|strong="G3004" them|strong="G1722" slaves|strong="G1398". <sup>I</sup> And|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" also|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", ' After|strong="G3326" those|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" happen, your|strong="G1437" people|strong="G1484" will|strong="G2316" come|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G2316" that|strong="G3739" country. Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G3739" will|strong="G2316" worship|strong="G3000" me|strong="G3004" here|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" place|strong="G5117".' <sup>II</sup>

<sup>8</sup> " God|strong="G0846" made an|strong="G1325" agreement with|strong="G2532" Abraham|strong="G0846"; the|strong="G3588" sign for|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3779" agreement was|strong="G3588" circumcision|strong="G4061". And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" Abraham|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1325" son, he|strong="G2532" circumcised|strong="G4061" him|strong="G0846" when|strong="G2532"

<sup>I</sup> 7:7 Quote from Genesis 15:13-14. <sup>II</sup> 7:7 Quote from Genesis 15:14; Exodus 3:12.

he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" eight days|strong="G2250" old. His|strong="G0846" son's name was|strong="G3588" Isaac|strong="G2464". Isaac|strong="G2464" also|strong="G2532" circumcised|strong="G4061" his|strong="G0846" son Jacob|strong="G2384". And|strong="G2532" Jacob|strong="G2384" did|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" for|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" sons, who|strong="G3588" became|strong="G1080" the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1427" great ancestors of|strong="G1080" our|strong="G2532" people|strong="G0846".

<sup>9</sup> These|strong="G3588" ancestors of|strong="G2316" ours became jealous|strong="G2206" of|strong="G2316" their|strong="G0846" brother Joseph|strong="G2501" and|strong="G2532" sold|strong="G0591" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" slave in|strong="G1519" Egypt|strong="G0125". But|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" was|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846"<sup>10</sup> and|strong="G2532" saved him|strong="G0846" from|strong="G1537" all|strong="G3956" his|strong="G0846" troubles|strong="G2347". Pharaoh|strong="G5328" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3956" king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G1537" Egypt|strong="G0125" then|strong="G2532". He|strong="G2532" liked Joseph and|strong="G2532" respected him|strong="G0846" because|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" wisdom|strong="G4678" God|strong="G0846" gave|strong="G1325" him|strong="G0846". Pharaoh|strong="G5328" gave|strong="G1325" Joseph the|strong="G3956" job of|strong="G1537" being a|strong="G1325" governor|strong="G2233" of|strong="G1537" Egypt|strong="G0125". He|strong="G2532" even|strong="G2532" let him|strong="G0846" rule over|strong="G1909" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1909" Pharaoh's|strong="G5328" house|strong="G3624". <sup>11</sup> But|strong="G1161" all|strong="G3650" the|strong="G3588" land of|strong="G1909" Egypt|strong="G0125" and|strong="G2532" of|strong="G1909" Canaan|strong="G5477" became dry. It|strong="G2147" became so|strong="G2532" dry that|strong="G3650" food|strong="G5527" could|strong="G2147" not|strong="G3756" grow, and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" suffered very|strong="G2532" much|strong="G3173". Our|strong="G2532" people|strong="G3588" could|strong="G2147" not|strong="G3756" find|strong="G2147" anything to|strong="G1909" eat.

12 " But *strong="G1161"* Jacob *strong="G2384"* heard *strong="G0191"* that *strong="G0191"* there *strong="G1510"* was *strong="G1510"* food in *strong="G1519"* Egypt *strong="G0125"*. So *strong="G1161"* he *strong="G1161"* sent *strong="G1821"* our *strong="G1821"* people *strong="G1510"* there *strong="G1510"*. This *strong="G3588"* was *strong="G1510"* their *strong="G0191"* first *strong="G4413"* trip to *strong="G1519"* Egypt *strong="G0125"*. 13 Then *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* went *strong="G1096"* there *strong="G1722"* a *strong="G1096"* second *strong="G1208"* time *strong="G1208"*. This *strong="G3588"* time *strong="G1208"* Joseph *strong="G2501"* told his *strong="G0846"* brothers *strong="G0080"* who *strong="G3588"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"*. And *strong="G2532"* Pharaoh *strong="G5328"* learned about *strong="G1722"* Joseph's *strong="G2501"* family *strong="G1085"*. 14 Then *strong="G2532"* Joseph *strong="G2501"* sent *strong="G0649"* some *strong="G3588"* men *strong="G3956"* to *strong="G2532"* tell Jacob *strong="G2384"*, his *strong="G0846"* father *strong="G3962"*, to *strong="G2532"* come to *strong="G2532"* Egypt. He *strong="G2532"* also *strong="G2532"* invited *strong="G3333"* all *strong="G3956"* his *strong="G0846"* relatives *strong="G4772"*, a *strong="G2532"* total of *strong="G3962"* 75 people *strong="G3956"*. 15 So *strong="G2532"* Jacob *strong="G2384"* went *strong="G2597"* down *strong="G2597"* to *strong="G1519"* Egypt *strong="G0125"*. He *strong="G2532"* and *strong="G2532"* our *strong="G2532"* other *strong="G0846"* ancestors *strong="G3962"* lived there *strong="G3962"* until *strong="G1519"* they *strong="G0846"* died *strong="G5053"*. 16 Later, their *strong="G2532"* bodies were *strong="G3739"* moved to *strong="G1519"* Shechem *strong="G4966"*, where *strong="G3739"* they *strong="G3739"* were *strong="G3739"* put *strong="G5087"* in *strong="G1722"* a *strong="G5087"* tomb *strong="G3418"*. It *strong="G5087"* was *strong="G3739"* the *strong="G3588"* same *strong="G3739"* tomb *strong="G3418"* that *strong="G3739"* Abraham *strong="G0011"* had *strong="G3739"* bought in *strong="G1722"* Shechem *strong="G4966"* from *strong="G3844"* the *strong="G3588"* sons *strong="G5207"* of *strong="G5207"* Hamor *strong="G1697"*. He *strong="G2532"* paid them *strong="G1722"* with *strong="G1722"* silver *strong="G0694"*.

17 " The *strong="G3588"* number of *strong="G2316"* our *strong="G2316"* people *strong="G2992"* in *strong="G1722"* Egypt *strong="G0125"* grew *strong="G0837"*. There *strong="G1722"* were *strong="G2992"* more and *strong="G2532"*

more of *strong="G2316"* our *strong="G2316"* people *strong="G2992"* there *strong="G1722"*. The *strong="G3588"* promise *strong="G1860"* that *strong="G3739"* God *strong="G2316"* made *strong="G3670"* to *strong="G2532"* Abraham *strong="G0011"* was *strong="G3739"* soon *strong="G1722"* to *strong="G2532"* come *strong="G1448"* true. 18 Then a *strong="G3739"* different *strong="G2087"* king *strong="G0935"* began *strong="G1909"* to *strong="G1909"* rule Egypt *strong="G0125"*, one *strong="G3739"* who *strong="G3739"* knew *strong="G1492"* nothing *strong="G3756"* about *strong="G1909"* Joseph *strong="G2501"*. 19 This *strong="G3778"* king tricked our *strong="G4160"* people *strong="G0846"*. He *strong="G0846"* treated *strong="G4160"* them *strong="G0846"* badly, making *strong="G4160"* them *strong="G0846"* leave their *strong="G0846"* children *strong="G1085"* outside to *strong="G1519"* die.

20 " This *strong="G3588"* was *strong="G1510"* the *strong="G3588"* time *strong="G2540"* when *strong="G2532"* Moses *strong="G3475"* was *strong="G1510"* born *strong="G1080"*. He *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G1510"* a *strong="G1510"* very *strong="G2532"* beautiful *strong="G0791"* child *strong="G1080"*, and *strong="G2532"* for *strong="G1722"* three *strong="G5140"* months *strong="G3376"* his *strong="G3739"* parents *strong="G3962"* took care of *strong="G1080"* him *strong="G3739"* at *strong="G1722"* home *strong="G3624"*. 21 When *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* put *strong="G0337"* him *strong="G0846"* outside *strong="G1620"*, Pharaoh's *strong="G5328"* daughter *strong="G2364"* took *strong="G0337"* him *strong="G0846"*. She *strong="G0846"* raised him *strong="G0846"* as *strong="G1519"* her *strong="G0846"* own *strong="G1438"* son *strong="G5207"*. 22 The *strong="G3956"* Egyptians *strong="G0124"* taught *strong="G3811"* Moses *strong="G3475"* everything *strong="G3956"* they *strong="G0846"* knew. He *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G1510"* powerful *strong="G1415"* in *strong="G1722"* all *strong="G3956"* he *strong="G2532"* said *strong="G3056"* and *strong="G2532"* did *strong="G1510"*.

23 " When *strong="G5613"* Moses *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* about *strong="G5613"* 40 years old, he *strong="G0846"* decided to *strong="G1909"* visit *strong="G1980"* his *strong="G0846"* own *strong="G0846"* people *strong="G0846"*, the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G0846"* of *strong="G5207"* Israel *strong="G2474"*. 24 He *strong="G2532"* saw *strong="G3708"* one *strong="G5100"* of *strong="G5100"* them *strong="G4160"* being mistreated by *strong="G2532"* an *strong="G2532"* Egypt-

ian|strong="G0124", so|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" defended him|strong="G3708". Moses|strong="G0292" hit the|strong="G3588" Egyptian|strong="G0124" to|strong="G2532" pay him|strong="G3708" back for|strong="G2532" hurting the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5100". He|strong="G2532" hit him|strong="G3708" so|strong="G2532" hard that|strong="G3708" it|strong="G4160" killed him|strong="G3708".<sup>25</sup> Moses|strong="G0846" thought|strong="G3543" that|strong="G3754" his|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" understand|strong="G4920" that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316" was|strong="G3588" using him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1325" save them|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1325" not|strong="G3756" understand|strong="G4920".

<sup>26</sup> " The|strong="G3588" next day|strong="G2250", Moses|strong="G3708" saw|strong="G3708" two of|strong="G2250" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438" people|strong="G0846" fighting|strong="G3164". He|strong="G2532" tried|strong="G4900" to|strong="G1519" make peace|strong="G1515" between|strong="G0846" them|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", ' Men|strong="G0435", you|strong="G3708" are|strong="G1510" brothers|strong="G0080"! Why|strong="G2444" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G3708" trying to|strong="G1519" hurt|strong="G0091" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240"?<sup>27</sup> The|strong="G3588" man who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" hurting the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" one|strong="G3588" pushed|strong="G0683" Moses|strong="G0846" away|strong="G0683" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", ' Did|strong="G0758" anyone|strong="G0846" say|strong="G3004" you|strong="G4771" could be|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" ruler|strong="G0758" and|strong="G2532" judge|strong="G1348"?<sup>28</sup> Will|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" kill|strong="G0337" me|strong="G1473" just|strong="G3739" as|strong="G5158" you|strong="G4771" killed|strong="G0337" that|strong="G3739" Egyptian|strong="G0124" yesterday|strong="G5504"?<sup>129</sup> When|strong="G2532" Moses|strong="G3475" heard him|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3056" this|strong="G3778", he|strong="G2532" left Egypt. He|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2532" live in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" land|strong="G1093" of|strong="G5207" Midian|strong="G3099", where|strong="G3757" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588"

I 7:28 Quote from Exodus 2:14.

a|strong="G1096" stranger. During|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" time he|strong="G2532" lived there|strong="G1722", he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3588" two|strong="G1417" sons|strong="G5207".

<sup>30</sup> " Forty|strong="G5062" years|strong="G2094" later Moses|strong="G3708" was|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048" near|strong="G1722" Mount|strong="G3735" Sinai|strong="G4614". An|strong="G0032" angel|strong="G0032" appeared|strong="G3708" to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" flame|strong="G5395" of|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3708" burning|strong="G4442" bush|strong="G0942".<sup>31</sup> When|strong="G1161" Moses|strong="G3475" saw|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588", he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" amazed|strong="G2296". He|strong="G0846" went|strong="G4334" near|strong="G4334" to|strong="G4334" look|strong="G3708" closer at|strong="G2296" it|strong="G0846". He|strong="G0846" heard a|strong="G1096" voice|strong="G5456"; it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Lord's|strong="G2962".<sup>32</sup> The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2316" said|strong="G1096", ' I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G5111" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3475" God|strong="G2316" your|strong="G2532" ancestors|strong="G3962" had|strong="G2316"— the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" of|strong="G2316" Abraham|strong="G0011", the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" of|strong="G2316" Isaac|strong="G2464", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" of|strong="G2316" Jacob|strong="G2384".<sup>II</sup> Moses|strong="G3475" began|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2532" shake with|strong="G2316" fear|strong="G1790". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" afraid to|strong="G2532" look|strong="G2657" at|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" bush.

<sup>33</sup> " The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", ' Take|strong="G3089" off|strong="G3089" your|strong="G2962" sandals|strong="G5266", because|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" place|strong="G5117" where|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" now|strong="G1161" standing|strong="G2476" is|strong="G1510" holy|strong="G0040" ground|strong="G1093".<sup>34</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" seen|strong="G3708" my|strong="G0191" people|strong="G2992" suffer|strong="G3708" much

II 7:32 Quote from Exodus 3:6.

in|strong="G1722" Egypt|strong="G0125".  
I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532"  
heard|strong="G0191" my|strong="G0191" peo-  
ple|strong="G2992" crying and|strong="G2532"  
have|strong="G2532" come|strong="G1204"  
down|strong="G2597" to|strong="G1519" save  
them|strong="G0846". Come|strong="G1204"  
now|strong="G3568", Moses|strong="G3708",  
I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" send-  
ing|strong="G0649" you|strong="G4771"   
back|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519"  
Egypt|strong="G0125".<sup>I</sup>

<sup>35</sup> " This|strong="G3778" Moses|strong="G3475"  
was|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588"  
one|strong="G3739" his|strong="G0846" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004"  
they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G0649"  
not|strong="G3739" want. They|strong="G0846"  
said|strong="G3004", ' Did|strong="G0649" any-  
one|strong="G3739" say|strong="G3004"  
you|strong="G4771" could be|strong="G2532"  
our|strong="G2316" ruler|strong="G0758"  
and|strong="G2532" judge|strong="G1348"?<sup>II</sup>  
But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588"  
one|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316"  
sent|strong="G0649" to|strong="G3004"  
be|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3708"  
ruler|strong="G0758" and|strong="G2532" savior.  
God|strong="G2316" sent|strong="G0649"  
him|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" help|strong="G5495"  
of|strong="G2316" an|strong="G0032" an-  
gel|strong="G0032", the|strong="G3588"  
one|strong="G3739" Moses|strong="G3475"  
saw|strong="G3708" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" burning bush|strong="G0942".

<sup>36</sup> So|strong="G2532" Moses|strong="G0846"  
led|strong="G1806" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1806"  
of|strong="G1093" Egypt|strong="G0125".  
He|strong="G2532" worked|strong="G4160" won-  
ders|strong="G5059" and|strong="G2532" miraculous  
signs|strong="G4592" in|strong="G1722"  
Egypt|strong="G0125", at|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" Red|strong="G2063"  
Sea|strong="G2281", and|strong="G2532"  
then|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048"  
for|strong="G1722" 40 years|strong="G2094".

<sup>37</sup> " This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510"  
the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3475"  
Moses|strong="G3475" who|strong="G3588"  
said|strong="G3004" these|strong="G3778" words  
to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G1510" of|strong="G5207" Is-

rael|strong="G2474": ' God|strong="G2316"  
will|strong="G2316" give|strong="G3004"  
you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G5613"  
prophet|strong="G4396". That|strong="G3004"  
prophet|strong="G4396" will|strong="G2316"  
come|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537"  
among|strong="G1537" your|strong="G3588" own  
people|strong="G1510". He|strong="G3778"  
will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510"  
like|strong="G5613" me|strong="G3004".<sup>III38</sup>  
This|strong="G3778" same|strong="G0846"  
Moses|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510"  
with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" gathering  
of|strong="G1577" God's|strong="G0846" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048".  
He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510"  
with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" an-  
gel|strong="G0032" who|strong="G3739"  
spoke|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2532"  
him|strong="G0846" at|strong="G1722"  
Mount|strong="G3735" Sinai|strong="G4614",  
and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
was|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326"  
our|strong="G2532" ancestors|strong="G3962".  
He|strong="G2532" received|strong="G1209" life-giv-  
ing words|strong="G3051" from|strong="G2980"  
God|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2532"  
give|strong="G1325" to|strong="G2532"  
us|strong="G1325".

<sup>39</sup> " But|strong="G0235" our|strong="G2532" ances-  
tors|strong="G3962" did|strong="G1096"  
not|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309"  
to|strong="G1519" obey Moses|strong="G0846".  
They|strong="G0846" rejected|strong="G0683"  
him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" want-  
ed|strong="G2309" to|strong="G1519" go  
back|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519"  
Egypt|strong="G0125" again|strong="G2532".<sup>40</sup>  
They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004"  
to|strong="G3004" Aaron|strong="G0002", '   
Moses|strong="G3475" led|strong="G1806"  
us|strong="G3004" out|strong="G1537"  
of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" coun-  
try|strong="G1093" of|strong="G1537"  
Egypt|strong="G0125". But|strong="G2316"  
we|strong="G2249" don't|strong="G3756"  
know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G5101"  
has|strong="G2316" happened|strong="G1096"  
to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846".  
So|strong="G1063" make|strong="G4160"  
some|strong="G1537" gods|strong="G2316"  
to|strong="G3004" go|strong="G4313" be-  
fore|strong="G1537" us|strong="G3004"  
and|strong="G2316" lead|strong="G1806"  
us|strong="G3004".<sup>IV41</sup> So|strong="G2532"

I 7:34 Quote from Exodus 3:5-10. II 7:35 Quote from Exodus 2:14.

III 7:37 Quote from Deuteronomy 18:15. IV 7:40 Quote from Exodus 32:1.

the people made an idol like a calf. Then they brought sacrifices to it. They were very happy with what they had made with their own hands. But God against and let them continue the army of false gods in the sky is what God the book that the prophets wrote

' People of Israel, you did not bring me and sacrifices in the desert for 40 years;

<sup>43</sup> You carried with you the tent for worshipping Moloch

and the image of the star of your god Rephan.

These were the idols you made to worship.

So I will send you away beyond Babylon!

<sup>44</sup> " The Holy Tent was with

I HOLY TENT Literally, "Tent of the Testimony." See "Holy Tent" in the Word List.

our ancestors in the desert. God told Moses how to make this tent. He made it like the plan that God showed him. <sup>45</sup> Later Joshua led our ancestors to capture the lands of other nations. Our people went in and God made the other people go out. When our people went into this new land, they took with them the same tent. Our people received this tent from their fathers, and our people kept it until the time of David. <sup>46</sup> God was very pleased with David. He asked God to let him build a Temple for the people of Jacob. <sup>47</sup> But Solomon was the one who built the Temple. <sup>48</sup> " But the Most High God does not live in human hands. This is what the prophet writes:

II FOR THE PEOPLE OF JACOB Some Greek copies have "for the God of Jacob." III PROPHET Isaiah, who spoke for God about 740-700 B.C.

49 The Lord says, Heaven is my throne and

earth is where I rest my feet.

So do you can build a house for me?

Do I need a place to rest?

50 Remember, I made these things

Isaiah 66:1-2

51 Then Stephen said, "You stubborn Jewish leaders! You refuse to give your hearts to God or even listen to him. You are always against what the Holy Spirit wants you to do. That's how your ancestors were, and you are just like them! They persecuted every prophet who ever lived. They even killed those who long ago said that the Righteous One would come now. And now you have turned against that Righteous One and killed him." 53 You are the people who received God's law, which he gave you through his angels. But

you don't obey it!"

### Stephen Is Killed

54 When those in the council meeting heard this, they became very angry. They were so mad they were grinding their teeth at him. 55 But Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit. He looked up into heaven and saw the glory of God. And he saw Jesus standing at God's right side. 56 Stephen said, "Look! I see heaven open. And I see the Son of Man standing at God's right side."

57 Everyone there started shouting loudly, covering their ears with their hands. Together all ran at Stephen. 58 They took him out of the city and began throwing stones at him. The men who told lies against Stephen gave their coats to a young man named Saul. 59 As they were throwing the stones at Stephen, Stephen was praying. He said,

Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424", receive |strong="G1209" my |strong="G3004" spirit |strong="G4151"! 60 He |strong="G2532" fell |strong="G2837" on |strong="G1161" his |strong="G0846" knees |strong="G1119" and |strong="G2532" shouted |strong="G2896", " Lord |strong="G2962", don't |strong="G3361" blame them |strong="G0846" for |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3778" sin |strong="G0266"! These |strong="G3778" were |strong="G3778" his |strong="G0846" last |strong="G3778" words |strong="G2532" before |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" died |strong="G2837".

8 Saul agreed that the killing of Stephen was a good thing. Some godly men buried Stephen and cried loudly for him.

### Trouble for the Believers

On that day the Jews began to persecute the church in Jerusalem, making them suffer very much. Saul was also trying to destroy the group. He went into their houses, dragged out men and women, and put them in jail. All the believers left Jerusalem. Only the apostles stayed. The believers went to different places in Judea and Samaria. 4 They |strong="G3767" were |strong="G3588" scattered |strong="G1289" everywhere, and |strong="G3056" in |strong="G3056" every place they |strong="G3767" went |strong="G1330", they |strong="G3767" told people |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097".

**Philip Tells the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" in |strong="G3056" Samaria**

5 Philip |strong="G5376" went |strong="G2718" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" of |strong="G4172" Samaria |strong="G4540" and |strong="G1161" told people |strong="G0846" about |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547". 6 The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" there |strong="G1722" heard |strong="G0191" Philip |strong="G5376" and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G0991" the |strong="G3588" miraculous signs |strong="G4592" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" doing |strong="G4160". They |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3588" listened |strong="G0191" carefully to |strong="G3004" what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004". 7 Many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G4151" these |strong="G3588" people |strong="G4183" had |strong="G2192" evil spirits |strong="G4151" inside them |strong="G2323", but |strong="G1161" Philip made the |strong="G3588" evil spirits |strong="G4151" leave |strong="G1831" them |strong="G2323". The |strong="G3588" spir-

its |strong="G4151" made a |strong="G2192" lot of |strong="G4151" noise as |strong="G1831" they |strong="G2532" came |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831". There |strong="G1161" were |strong="G3588" also |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" weak and |strong="G2532" crippled people |strong="G4183" there |strong="G1161". Philip made these |strong="G3588" people |strong="G4183" well |strong="G2532" too |strong="G2532". 8 What |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1096" happy day this |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" for |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1565" city |strong="G4172"!

9 Now |strong="G1161" there |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0435" named |strong="G3686" Simon |strong="G4613" who |strong="G3588" lived |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3004" city |strong="G4172". Before |strong="G1722" Philip came |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510", Simon |strong="G4613" had |strong="G1510" been |strong="G1510" doing magic |strong="G3096" and |strong="G2532" amazing |strong="G1839" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484" of |strong="G0435" Samaria |strong="G4540". He |strong="G2532" bragged and |strong="G2532" called |strong="G3004" himself |strong="G1438" a |strong="G1510" great |strong="G3173" man |strong="G0435". 10 All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956"—the |strong="G3956" least |strong="G3398" important |strong="G3173" and |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" most important |strong="G3173"—believed what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G3739" said |strong="G3004". They |strong="G3739" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" has |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" power |strong="G1411" of |strong="G0575" God |strong="G2316" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" called |strong="G2564" the |strong="G3956" Great |strong="G3173" Power |strong="G1411". 11 Simon |strong="G0846" amazed |strong="G1839" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" with |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" magic |strong="G3095" for |strong="G1223" so |strong="G1161" long |strong="G5550" that |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" became his |strong="G0846" followers. 12 But |strong="G1161" Philip |strong="G5376" told the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0435" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" about |strong="G4012" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" power of |strong="G0932" Je-

I PHILIP Not the apostle named Philip.



sus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547". Men|strong="G0435" and|strong="G2532" women|strong="G1135" believed|strong="G4100" Philip|strong="G5376" and|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" baptized|strong="G0907".<sup>13</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" himself|strong="G0846" also|strong="G2532" believed|strong="G4100", and|strong="G2532" after|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" baptized|strong="G0907", he|strong="G2532" stayed|strong="G1510" close to|strong="G2532" Philip|strong="G5376". When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G2334" the|strong="G3588" miraculous|strong="G1411" signs|strong="G4592" and|strong="G2532" powerful|strong="G1411" things|strong="G0846" Philip|strong="G5376" did|strong="G1510", he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" amazed|strong="G1839".

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2414" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" of|strong="G3056" Samaria|strong="G4540" had|strong="G2316" accepted|strong="G1209" the|strong="G3588" word|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" God|strong="G2316". So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" Peter|strong="G4074" and|strong="G2532" John|strong="G2491" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" Samaria|strong="G4540".<sup>15</sup> When|strong="G4336" Peter|strong="G0846" and|strong="G4151" John|strong="G0846" arrived, they|strong="G0846" prayed|strong="G4336" for|strong="G4012" the|strong="G2983" Samaritan believers to|strong="G2597" receive|strong="G2983" the|strong="G2983" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151".<sup>16</sup> These|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424" been|strong="G1510" baptized|strong="G0907" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424", but|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Holy Spirit had|strong="G2424" not|strong="G1510" yet|strong="G1161" come|strong="G1510" down on|strong="G1909" any|strong="G3762" of|strong="G2962" them|strong="G0846". This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" why|strong="G1063" Peter|strong="G0846" and|strong="G1161" John|strong="G0846" prayed.<sup>17</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" two apostles laid|strong="G2007" their|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846",

they|strong="G0846" received|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151".

<sup>18</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" was|strong="G3588" given|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1325" people|strong="G0846" when|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" laid|strong="G1936" their|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G5495" them|strong="G0846". So|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" offered|strong="G4374" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" money|strong="G5536".<sup>19</sup> He|strong="G3739" said|strong="G3004", " Give|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325" this|strong="G3778" power|strong="G1849" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" when|strong="G3739" I|strong="G3739" lay|strong="G2007" my|strong="G1325" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G1849" someone|strong="G3739", they|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" receive|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151"."

<sup>20</sup> Peter|strong="G4074" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" Simon|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G4771" and|strong="G1161" your|strong="G1223" money|strong="G0694" should|strong="G2316" both|strong="G1161" be|strong="G1510" destroyed because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" thought|strong="G3543" you|strong="G4771" could buy God's|strong="G2316" gift|strong="G1431" with|strong="G4862" money|strong="G0694".<sup>21</sup> You|strong="G4771" cannot|strong="G3756" share|strong="G3310" with|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" work. Your|strong="G1722" heart|strong="G2588" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" right|strong="G2117" before|strong="G1725" God|strong="G2316".<sup>22</sup> Change your|strong="G2962" heart|strong="G2588"! Turn away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" these|strong="G3778" evil|strong="G2549" thoughts and|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G1189" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". Maybe he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" forgive|strong="G0863" you|strong="G4771".<sup>23</sup> I|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3708" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" full of|strong="G1519" bitter jealousy and|strong="G2532" cannot stop yourself|strong="G4771" from|strong="G2532" doing|strong="G0093" wrong|strong="G0093"."

<sup>24</sup> Simon|strong="G4613" answered|strong="G0611", " Both|strong="G1161"

of|strong="G2962" you|strong="G5210" pray|strong="G1189" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" for|strong="G5228" me|strong="G3004", so|strong="G1161" that|strong="G3739" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1473" said|strong="G3004" will|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3367" happen|strong="G1904" to|strong="G4314" me|strong="G3004".

<sup>25</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" two apostles told|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G4183" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G3767" had|strong="G3588" seen Jesus|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532". They|strong="G3767" told|strong="G2980" them|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" message|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G3767" went|strong="G5290" back|strong="G5290" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414". On|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" way, they|strong="G3767" went|strong="G5290" through many|strong="G4183" Samaritan|strong="G4541" towns and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G2980" people|strong="G4183" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097".

#### Philip Teaches a|strong="G2532" Man From|strong="G2980" Ethiopia

<sup>26</sup> An|strong="G1510" angel|strong="G0032" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" spoke|strong="G2980" to|strong="G1519" Philip|strong="G5376". The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" said|strong="G3004", " Get|strong="G0450" ready and|strong="G2532" go|strong="G4198" south|strong="G3314" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598" that|strong="G3004" leads|strong="G1519" down|strong="G2597" to|strong="G1519" Gaza|strong="G1048" from|strong="G0575" Jerusalem|strong="G2419"— the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598" that|strong="G3004" goes|strong="G4198" through|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048".

<sup>27</sup> So|strong="G2532" Philip got|strong="G0450" ready and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064". On|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" road he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G0435" from|strong="G2064" Ethiopia. He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" eunuch|strong="G2135" and|strong="G2532" an|strong="G1510" important official|strong="G1413" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" service of|strong="G0435" Candace|strong="G2582",

the|strong="G3956" queen|strong="G0938" of|strong="G0435" the|strong="G3956" Ethiopians|strong="G0128". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" responsible for|strong="G1519" taking care of|strong="G0435" all|strong="G3956" her|strong="G0846" money|strong="G0846". This|strong="G3588" man|strong="G0435" had|strong="G1510" gone|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" to|strong="G1519" worship|strong="G4352". <sup>28</sup> Now|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" on|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" way|strong="G0846" home. He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" sitting|strong="G2521" in|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" chariot|strong="G0716" reading|strong="G0314" from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" book of|strong="G1909" Isaiah|strong="G2268" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396".

<sup>29</sup> The|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Philip|strong="G5376", " Go|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" chariot|strong="G0716" and|strong="G2532" stay near|strong="G4334" it|strong="G1161". <sup>30</sup> So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" went toward the|strong="G3588" chariot, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" man reading|strong="G0314" from|strong="G0191" Isaiah|strong="G2268" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396". Philip|strong="G5376" asked|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", " Do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3739" understand|strong="G1097" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" reading|strong="G0314"?"

<sup>31</sup> The|strong="G3588" man|strong="G5100" answered|strong="G3004", " How|strong="G4459" can|strong="G1410" I|strong="G1473" understand? I|strong="G1473" need someone|strong="G5100" to|strong="G3004" explain it|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004". Then|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" invited|strong="G3870" Philip|strong="G5376" to|strong="G3004" climb in|strong="G3004" and|strong="G1161" sit|strong="G2523" with|strong="G4862" him|strong="G0846". <sup>32</sup> The|strong="G3588" part|strong="G0846" of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures|strong="G1124" that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" reading|strong="G0314" was|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778":

" He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" sheep|strong="G4263" being|strong="G1510"

led|strong="G0071" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" butcher.

He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" lamb|strong="G0286" that|strong="G3739" makes no|strong="G3756" sound as|strong="G5613" its|strong="G0846" wool is|strong="G1510" being|strong="G1510" cut|strong="G2751" off|strong="G2751".

He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2532" nothing|strong="G3756".

<sup>33</sup> He|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" shamed, and|strong="G1093" all|strong="G3588" his|strong="G0846" rights were|strong="G3588" taken|strong="G0142" away|strong="G0142".

His|strong="G0846" life|strong="G2222" on|strong="G1722" earth|strong="G1093" has|strong="G5101" ended.

So|strong="G3754" there|strong="G1722" will|strong="G5101" be|strong="G1722" no story about|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" descendants."

Isaiah 53:7-8

<sup>34</sup> The|strong="G3588" official I said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Philip|strong="G5376", "Please, tell|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004", who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G5101" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396" talking|strong="G3004" about|strong="G4012"? Is|strong="G5101" he|strong="G3778" talking|strong="G3004" about|strong="G4012" himself|strong="G1438" or|strong="G2228" about|strong="G4012" someone|strong="G5100" else|strong="G2087"? <sup>35</sup> Philip|strong="G5376" began|strong="G0757" to|strong="G0757" speak. He|strong="G2532" started with|strong="G0575" this|strong="G3778" same|strong="G0846" Scripture|strong="G1124" and|strong="G2532" told the|strong="G3588" man|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097" about|strong="G3588" Jesus|strong="G2424".

<sup>36</sup> While|strong="G5613" they|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" traveling|strong="G4198" down|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598", they|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1909" some|strong="G5100" water|strong="G5204". The|strong="G3588" official said|strong="G5346", "Look|strong="G2400", here|strong="G2400" is|strong="G5101" water|strong="G5204"! What|strong="G5101" is|strong="G5101" stopping me|strong="G1473" from|strong="G2064" being baptized|strong="G0907"? <sup>37</sup> <sup>38</sup> Then|strong="G2532"

I OFFICIAL Literally, "eunuch." Also in verses 36, 38, 39. II Some late copies of Acts add verse 37: "Philip answered, 'If you believe with all your heart, you can.' The official said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.'"

the|strong="G3588" official ordered|strong="G2753" the|strong="G3588" chariot|strong="G0716" to|strong="G1519" stop|strong="G2476". Both|strong="G5037" Philip|strong="G5376" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" official went|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204", and|strong="G2532" Philip|strong="G5376" baptized|strong="G0907" him|strong="G0846". <sup>39</sup> When|strong="G3753" they|strong="G0846" came|strong="G0305" up|strong="G0305" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204", the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" took Philip|strong="G5376" away|strong="G0726"; the|strong="G3588" official never|strong="G3756" saw|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846" again|strong="G3765". The|strong="G3588" official continued on|strong="G1537" his|strong="G0846" way|strong="G3598" home. He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" very|strong="G0846" happy. <sup>40</sup> But|strong="G1161" Philip|strong="G5376" appeared in|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2147" city|strong="G4172" called Azotus|strong="G0108". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" going|strong="G1330" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" city|strong="G4172" of|strong="G4172" Caesarea|strong="G2542". He|strong="G2532" told people|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097" in|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" towns|strong="G4172" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" way|strong="G3956" from|strong="G2064" Azotus|strong="G0108" to|strong="G1519" Caesarea|strong="G2542".

### Saul Becomes a Follower of Jesus

**9** In|strong="G1519" Jerusalem Saul|strong="G4569" was|strong="G3588" still|strong="G2089" trying to|strong="G1519" scare the|strong="G3588" followers of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962", even|strong="G2532" saying he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G2962" kill them. He|strong="G2532" went|strong="G4334" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749"<sup>2</sup> and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G0154" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" write letters|strong="G1992" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" synagogues|strong="G4864" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" of|strong="G0435" Damascus|strong="G1154". Saul|strong="G0846" wanted the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G5100" priest to|strong="G1519"

give |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" authority to |strong="G1519" find |strong="G2147" people |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1519" Damascus |strong="G1154" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" followers of |strong="G0435" the |strong="G3588" Way |strong="G3598". If |strong="G1437" he |strong="G2532" found |strong="G2147" any |strong="G5100" believers there |strong="G1510", men |strong="G0435" or |strong="G2532" women |strong="G1135", he |strong="G2532" would |strong="G0302" arrest |strong="G0071" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" bring |strong="G0071" them |strong="G0846" back |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419".

<sup>3</sup> So |strong="G1161" Saul |strong="G0846" went |strong="G4198" to |strong="G1722" Damascus |strong="G1154". When |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" came |strong="G1096" near |strong="G1448" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846", a |strong="G1096" very |strong="G0846" bright |strong="G5457" light |strong="G5457" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772" suddenly |strong="G1810" shined around |strong="G4015" him |strong="G0846". <sup>4</sup> He |strong="G2532" fell |strong="G4098" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" ground |strong="G1093" and |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" a |strong="G0191" voice |strong="G5456" saying |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G0846", "Saul |strong="G4549", Saul |strong="G4549"! Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" persecuting |strong="G1377" me |strong="G3004"?"

<sup>5</sup> Saul said |strong="G3004", " Who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G4771", Lord |strong="G2962"?"

The |strong="G3588" voice answered |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" Jesus |strong="G2424", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" persecuting |strong="G1377". <sup>6</sup> Get |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" now |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G1525" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172". Someone |strong="G3739" there |strong="G3739" will |strong="G5101" tell |strong="G2980" you |strong="G4771" what |strong="G5101" you |strong="G4771" must |strong="G1163" do |strong="G4160"."

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0435" traveling with |strong="G0846" Saul |strong="G0846" just |strong="G0846" stood |strong="G2476" there |strong="G1161", unable to |strong="G0846" speak. They |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191"

the |strong="G3588" voice |strong="G5456", but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G2334" no |strong="G3367" one |strong="G3367". <sup>8</sup> Saul |strong="G4569" got |strong="G1453" up |strong="G1453" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" ground |strong="G1093" and |strong="G1161" opened |strong="G0455" his |strong="G0846" eyes |strong="G3788", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" could not |strong="G3762" see |strong="G0991". So |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" with |strong="G0575" him |strong="G0846" held his |strong="G0846" hand |strong="G1161" and |strong="G1161" led |strong="G5496" him |strong="G0846" into |strong="G1519" Damascus |strong="G1154". <sup>9</sup> For |strong="G2532" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250", Saul could |strong="G3361" not |strong="G3756" see |strong="G0991"; he |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" eat |strong="G2068" or |strong="G3761" drink |strong="G4095".

<sup>10</sup> There |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" follower of |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" Damascus |strong="G1154" named |strong="G3686" Ananias |strong="G0367". In |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" vision |strong="G3705" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", " Ananias |strong="G0367"! Ananias |strong="G0367" answered |strong="G3004", " Here |strong="G2400" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510", Lord |strong="G2962"."

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" said |strong="G2532" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846", " Get |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G4198" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" street |strong="G4505" called |strong="G2564" Straight |strong="G2117" Street |strong="G4505". Find the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614" of |strong="G2962" Judas |strong="G2455"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="G2532" ask for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G3708" man named |strong="G3686" Saul |strong="G4569" from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" of |strong="G2962" Tarsus |strong="G5018". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2962" there |strong="G1722" now |strong="G1161", praying |strong="G4336". <sup>12</sup> He |strong="G2532" has |strong="G3708" seen |strong="G3708" a |strong="G3708" vision |strong="G3705" in |strong="G1722" which |strong="G5495" a |strong="G3708"

<sup>1</sup> I JUDAS This is not either of the apostles named Judas.

man |strong="G0435" named |strong="G3686" Ananias |strong="G0367" came |strong="G1525" and |strong="G2532" laid |strong="G2007" his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" on |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3704" he |strong="G2532" could see |strong="G3708" again |strong="G2532".

<sup>13</sup> But |strong="G1161" Ananias |strong="G0367" answered |strong="G0611", " Lord |strong="G2962", many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0435" have |strong="G4160" told |strong="G0611" me |strong="G4160" about |strong="G4012" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G0435". They |strong="G1161" told |strong="G0611" me |strong="G4160" about |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" many |strong="G4183" bad |strong="G2556" things |strong="G3778" he |strong="G3778" did |strong="G4160" to |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2962" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G0435" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". <sup>14</sup> Now |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2192" come here |strong="G5602" to |strong="G2532" Damascus. The |strong="G3956" leading priests |strong="G0749" have |strong="G2192" given him |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" power |strong="G1849" to |strong="G2532" arrest all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" trust in |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771". <sup>15</sup>

<sup>15</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" Ananias, " Go |strong="G4198"! I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1510" chosen |strong="G1589" Saul |strong="G0846" for |strong="G3754" an |strong="G1510" important work. I |strong="G1473" want him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" tell |strong="G3004" other |strong="G1161" nations |strong="G1484", their |strong="G0846" rulers, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484" of |strong="G5207" Israel |strong="G2474" about |strong="G4314" me |strong="G3004". <sup>16</sup> I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G0846" show |strong="G5263" him |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3745" that |strong="G0846" he |strong="G0846" must |strong="G1163" suffer |strong="G3958" for |strong="G1063" me |strong="G1473".

<sup>17</sup> So |strong="G2532" Ananias |strong="G0367" left |strong="G0565" and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0565" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3614" of |strong="G4151" Judas |strong="G2064". He |strong="G2532" laid |strong="G2007"

I WHO TRUST IN YOU Literally, "who call on your name," meaning to show faith in Jesus by worshiping him or praying to him for help.

his |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495" on |strong="G1909" Saul |strong="G4549" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Saul |strong="G4549", my |strong="G3708" brother |strong="G0080", the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" sent |strong="G0649" me |strong="G3004". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" you |strong="G4771" saw |strong="G3708" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" road |strong="G3598" when |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" came |strong="G2064" here |strong="G1519". He |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G0649" me |strong="G3004" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G4771" can |strong="G3004" see |strong="G3708" again |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" filled |strong="G4130" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151". <sup>18</sup> Immediately |strong="G2112", something |strong="G3788" that |strong="G0846" looked |strong="G0308" like |strong="G5613" fish scales |strong="G3013" fell |strong="G0634" off |strong="G0575" Saul's eyes |strong="G3788". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" able to |strong="G2532" see |strong="G0308"! Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" got |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" and |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" baptized |strong="G0907". <sup>19</sup> After |strong="G3326" he |strong="G2532" ate, he |strong="G2532" began |strong="G1096" to |strong="G2532" feel strong again |strong="G2532".

#### Saul Begins to |strong="G2532" Tell About |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G2532"

Saul stayed with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" followers of |strong="G2250" Jesus |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" Damascus |strong="G1154" for |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1096" few |strong="G5100" days |strong="G2250". <sup>20</sup> Soon |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" began to |strong="G2532" go to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" synagogues |strong="G4864" and |strong="G2532" tell people |strong="G1510" about |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G2424". He |strong="G2532" told the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1510", " Jesus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316".

<sup>21</sup> All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" heard |strong="G0191" Saul |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" amazed |strong="G1839".

They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004"; " This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G0846" man|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" trying to|strong="G1519" destroy|strong="G4199" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" trust in|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G0846"<sup>1</sup>! And|strong="G2532" that's why he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3778" come|strong="G2064" here|strong="G5602"— to|strong="G1519" arrest|strong="G0071" the|strong="G3956" followers of|strong="G1909" Jesus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" take them|strong="G0846" back|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749".

<sup>22</sup> But|strong="G1161" Saul|strong="G4569" became more|strong="G3123" and|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3123" powerful in|strong="G1722" proving|strong="G4822" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547". His|strong="G2532" proofs were|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2532" strong|strong="G1743" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" who|strong="G3588" lived|strong="G2730" in|strong="G1722" Damascus|strong="G1154" could not|strong="G1510" argue with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G2532".

#### Saul|strong="G4569" Escapes From|strong="G1722" Some|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453"

<sup>23</sup> After|strong="G1161" many|strong="G2425" days|strong="G2250", some|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" made|strong="G4137" plans to|strong="G0846" kill|strong="G0337" Saul|strong="G0846". <sup>24</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" watching|strong="G3906" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" gates|strong="G4439" day|strong="G2250" and|strong="G2532" night|strong="G3571". They|strong="G0846" wanted to|strong="G2532" kill|strong="G0337" Saul|strong="G4569", but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" learned|strong="G1097" about|strong="G3588" their|strong="G0846" plan. <sup>25</sup> One|strong="G3588" night|strong="G3571" some|strong="G3588" followers that|strong="G0846" Saul|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3588" taught helped him|strong="G0846" leave the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" put|strong="G2983" him|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2983" basket|strong="G4711" and|strong="G1161" low-

ered|strong="G2524" it|strong="G0846" down|strong="G5465" through|strong="G1223" a|strong="G2983" hole in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" wall|strong="G5038".

#### Saul|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem

<sup>26</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Saul|strong="G0846" went to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419". He|strong="G2532" tried|strong="G3985" to|strong="G1519" join|strong="G2853" the|strong="G3956" group of|strong="G3956" followers, but|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" all|strong="G3956" afraid|strong="G5399" of|strong="G3956" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" really a|strong="G1510" follower of|strong="G3956" Jesus|strong="G0846". <sup>27</sup> But|strong="G1161" Barnabas|strong="G0921" accepted Saul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" took|strong="G1949" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652". He|strong="G2532" told|strong="G2980" them|strong="G0846" how|strong="G4459" Saul|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424" seen|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" road|strong="G3598" and|strong="G2532" how|strong="G4459" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" had|strong="G2424" spoken|strong="G2980" to|strong="G4314" Saul|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" told|strong="G2980" them|strong="G0846" how|strong="G4459" boldly|strong="G3955" Saul|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424" spoken|strong="G2980" for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" in|strong="G1722" Damascus|strong="G1154". <sup>28</sup> And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" Saul|strong="G0846" stayed|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" followers and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1607" all|strong="G3588" around Jerusalem|strong="G2419" speaking|strong="G3955" boldly|strong="G3955" for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". <sup>29</sup> He|strong="G2532" often had|strong="G3588" arguments with|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" Greek-speaking Jews, who|strong="G3588" began making plans to|strong="G4314" kill|strong="G0337" him|strong="G0846". <sup>30</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" believers learned|strong="G1921" about|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3588", they|strong="G0846" took

I WHO TRUST IN JESUS Literally, "who call on this name."

Saul *to* *Caesarea*, and *from* *there* *they* *sent* *him* *the* *city* *of* *Tarsus*.

<sup>31</sup> The *church* *in* *Judea*, *Galilee*, *and* *Samaria* *had* *a* *time* *of* *peace* *with* *the* *help* *of* *Holy* *Spirit*, *these* *groups* *of* *believers* *became* *stronger* *in* *faith* *and* *showed* *their* *respect* *for* *the* *Lord* *by* *the* *way* *they* *lived*. *So* *the* *church* *everywhere* *grew* *in* *numbers*.

#### **Peter in Lydda and Joppa**

<sup>32</sup> Peter *was* *traveling* *through* *all* *the* *areas* *around* *Jerusalem*, *and* *he* *stopped* *to* *visit* *the* *believers* *who* *lived* *in* *Lydda*. <sup>33</sup> There *he* *met* *a* *man* *named* *Aeneas*, *who* *was* *paralyzed* *and* *had* *not* *been* *able* *to* *get* *out* *of* *his* *bed* *for* *many* *years*. <sup>34</sup> Peter *said* *to* *him*, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ *heals* *you*. *Get* *up* *and* *make* *your* *bed* *stood* *up* *immediately*." <sup>35</sup> All *the* *people* *living* *in* *Lydda* *and* *Joppa* *decided* *to* *follow* *the* *Lord*. <sup>36</sup> In *the* *city* *of* *Joppa* *there* *was* *a* *follower* *of* *Jesus* *named* *Tabitha* *Her* *Greek* *name*, *Dorcas*, *means* *"a* *deer*." *She* *was* *always* *doing* *good* *things* *for* *people* *and* *giving* *money* *to* *those* *in* *need*. <sup>37</sup> While *Peter* *was* *in* *Lydda*, *Tabitha* *became* *sick* *and* *died*. *They* *washed* *her* *body* *and* *put* *it* *in* *an* *upstairs* *room*. <sup>38</sup> The *followers* *in* *Joppa* *heard* *that* *Peter* *was* *in* *Lydda*, *which* *was* *not* *far* *away*. *So* *they* *sent* *two* *men*, *who* *begged* *him*, "Hurry, please *come* *quickly*!" <sup>39</sup> Peter *got* *ready* *and* *went* *with* *them*. *When* *he* *arrived*, *they* *took* *him* *to* *the* *upstairs* *room*. *All* *the* *widows* *stood* *around* *him*. *They* *were* *crying* *and* *show-*

<sup>1</sup> BELIEVERS Literally, "holy ones," a name for people who believe in Jesus. Also in verse 41.

*up* *immediately*. <sup>35</sup> All *the* *people* *living* *in* *Lydda* *and* *on* *the* *plain* *of* *Sharon* *saw* *him*, *and* *they* *decided* *to* *follow* *the* *Lord*.

<sup>36</sup> In *the* *city* *of* *Joppa* *there* *was* *a* *follower* *of* *Jesus* *named* *Tabitha* *Her* *Greek* *name*, *Dorcas*, *means* *"a* *deer*." *She* *was* *always* *doing* *good* *things* *for* *people* *and* *giving* *money* *to* *those* *in* *need*. <sup>37</sup> While *Peter* *was* *in* *Lydda*, *Tabitha* *became* *sick* *and* *died*.

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<sup>39</sup> Peter *got* *ready* *and* *went* *with* *them*. *When* *he* *arrived*, *they* *took* *him* *to* *the* *upstairs* *room*. *All* *the* *widows* *stood* *around* *him*. *They* *were* *crying* *and* *show-*

ing |strong="G1925" him |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3956" coats |strong="G2440" and |strong="G2532" other |strong="G1161" clothes |strong="G2440" that |strong="G3739" Tabitha had |strong="G1510" made |strong="G4160" during her |strong="G0846" time with |strong="G3326" them |strong="G0846". <sup>40</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" sent |strong="G1544" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" out |strong="G1854" of |strong="G4983" the |strong="G3956" room. He |strong="G2532" knelt down |strong="G5087" and |strong="G2532" prayed |strong="G4336". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" turned |strong="G1994" to |strong="G4314" Tabitha's body |strong="G4983" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Tabitha |strong="G5000", stand |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450"! She |strong="G0846" opened |strong="G0455" her |strong="G0846" eyes |strong="G3788". When |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G3708" Peter |strong="G4074", she |strong="G0846" sat |strong="G0339" up |strong="G0450". <sup>41</sup> He |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" her |strong="G0846" his |strong="G0846" hand |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" helped her |strong="G0846" stand |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" called |strong="G5455" the |strong="G3588" believers and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" widows |strong="G5503" into the |strong="G3588" room. He |strong="G2532" showed them |strong="G0846" Tabitha; she |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" alive |strong="G2198"!

<sup>42</sup> People |strong="G4183" everywhere in |strong="G1909" Joppa |strong="G2445" learned about |strong="G1909" this |strong="G3588", and |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". <sup>43</sup> Peter |strong="G3306" stayed |strong="G3306" in |strong="G1722" Joppa |strong="G2445" for |strong="G1722" many |strong="G2425" days |strong="G2250" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" home of |strong="G2250" a |strong="G1096" man |strong="G5100" named |strong="G4613" Simon |strong="G4613", who |strong="G5100" was |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" leatherworker.

#### Peter and Cornelius

**10** In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" city of |strong="G1537" Caesarea |strong="G2542" there |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2564" man |strong="G0435" named |strong="G3686" Cornelius |strong="G2883", a |strong="G2564" Roman army officer

in |strong="G1722" what |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" called |strong="G2564" the |strong="G3588" Italian |strong="G2483" Unit. <sup>2</sup> He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G4160" religious man |strong="G2152". He |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" others |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" lived in |strong="G2316" his |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3624" were |strong="G2992" worshipers of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3956" true God |strong="G2316". He |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G4160" much |strong="G4183" of |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" money |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" help the |strong="G3956" poor people |strong="G2992" and |strong="G2532" always |strong="G1223" prayed |strong="G1189" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316". <sup>3</sup> One |strong="G3588" afternoon about |strong="G4012" three |strong="G1766" o'clock, Cornelius |strong="G2883" had |strong="G2316" a |strong="G3708" vision |strong="G3705". He |strong="G2532" clearly |strong="G5320" saw |strong="G3708" an |strong="G0032" angel |strong="G0032" from |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316" coming |strong="G1525" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" saying |strong="G3004", " Cornelius |strong="G2883"! <sup>4</sup> Staring |strong="G0816" at |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" angel and |strong="G2532" feeling |strong="G1096" afraid, Cornelius said |strong="G3004", " What |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1096" you |strong="G4771" want, sir |strong="G2962"?"

The |strong="G3588" angel said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846", " God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" heard your |strong="G2962" prayers |strong="G4335" and |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2316" seen your |strong="G2962" gifts |strong="G1654" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" poor. He |strong="G2532" remembers you |strong="G4771" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G1510" done |strong="G1096". <sup>5</sup> Send |strong="G3992" some |strong="G5100" men |strong="G0435" now |strong="G3568" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G2532" city of |strong="G0435" Joppa |strong="G2445" to |strong="G1519" get a |strong="G3739" man |strong="G0435" named |strong="G4613" Simon |strong="G4613", who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" also |strong="G2532" called |strong="G1941" Peter |strong="G4074". <sup>6</sup> He |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" staying |strong="G3579" with |strong="G3844" someone |strong="G5100" also named |strong="G4613" Simon |strong="G4613",



a leatherworker who has a house beside the sea." <sup>7</sup> The angel who spoke to Cornelius left. Then Cornelius called two of his servants and a soldier. The soldier was a religious man, one of his close helpers. <sup>8</sup> Cornelius explained everything to these three men and sent them to Joppa. <sup>9</sup> The day after they were coming near Joppa about noon, when Peter was going to the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup> He was hungry and wanted to eat. But they were preparing the food for Peter to eat, he had a vision. <sup>11</sup> He saw something coming down through the open sky. It looked like a big sheet being lowered to the ground by its four corners. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of animals, reptiles, birds. <sup>13</sup> Then a voice

said to him, "Get up, Peter, kill anything here and eat it."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter said, "I can't do that, Lord! I have never eaten anything that is not pure or fit for food."

<sup>15</sup> But the voice again said, "God has made these things pure. Don't say they are unfit to eat." <sup>16</sup> This happened three times. Then the whole thing was taken up into heaven. <sup>17</sup> Peter wondered what this vision meant.

The men Cornelius had found in Simon's house. They were standing at the door. <sup>18</sup> They asked, "Is Simon Peter staying here?"

<sup>19</sup> While Peter was about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Listen, three men are looking for you. Get up and go downstairs with these men without wondering if it's all right,

because I sent them." 21 So Peter went and told them, "I think I'm the man you are looking for. Why did you come here?"

22 The men said, "A holy angel told Cornelius to invite you to his house. He is an army officer. He is a good man, one who worships God, and all the Jewish people respect him." The angel told him to invite you to his house so he can listen to what you have say." 23 Peter asked the men to come in and stay for the night.

The next day Peter got ready and went away with the three men. Some of the believers from Joppa went with him. 24 The next day they came to the city of Caesarea. Cornelius

was waiting for them and had already gathered his relatives and close friends at his house.

25 When Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him. He fell down at Peter's feet and worshiped him. Peter said, "Stand up. I am only a man like you." 27 Peter continued talking with Cornelius. Then Peter went inside and saw a large group of people gathered there.

28 Peter said to the people, "You understand that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit anyone who is not a Jew. But God has shown me that I should not consider anyone unfit or say they are not pure. 29 That's why I didn't argue when your men asked me to come here. Now, please tell me

why |strong="G5101" you |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G3343" for |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473".

<sup>30</sup> Cornelius |strong="G2883" said |strong="G5346", " Four |strong="G5067" days |strong="G2250" ago |strong="G0575", I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" praying |strong="G4336" in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G3708" house |strong="G3624". It |strong="G3708" was |strong="G1510" at |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" same |strong="G3778" time |strong="G2250"— three |strong="G1766" o'clock in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" afternoon. Suddenly |strong="G2400" there |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" someone |strong="G0435" standing |strong="G2476" before |strong="G1799" me |strong="G1473" wearing bright |strong="G2986", shiny clothes |strong="G2066". <sup>31</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G5346", ' Cornelius |strong="G2883", God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" heard |strong="G1522" your |strong="G2532" prayer |strong="G4335" and |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2316" seen your |strong="G2532" gifts |strong="G1654" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" poor. He |strong="G2532" remembers you |strong="G4771" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G2532" done. <sup>32</sup> So |strong="G3767" send |strong="G3992" some |strong="G3739" men |strong="G3778" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G2532" city of |strong="G1722" Joppa |strong="G2445" and |strong="G2532" tell Simon |strong="G4613" Peter |strong="G4074" to |strong="G1519" come. He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3778" staying |strong="G3579" with |strong="G1722" another man |strong="G3778" named |strong="G4613" Simon |strong="G4613", a |strong="G3739" leatherworker who |strong="G3739" has |strong="G3739" a |strong="G3739" house |strong="G3614" beside |strong="G3844" the |strong="G2532" sea |strong="G2281". <sup>33</sup> So |strong="G3767" I |strong="G1473" sent |strong="G3992" for |strong="G4314" you |strong="G4771" immediately |strong="G1824". It |strong="G4160" was |strong="G3588" very |strong="G2573" good |strong="G2573" of |strong="G2316" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G3854" here |strong="G3918". Now |strong="G3568" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" here |strong="G3918" before |strong="G1799" God |strong="G2316" to |strong="G4314" hear |strong="G0191" everything |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" has |strong="G2316" commanded |strong="G4367" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G4314" tell us |strong="G4160".

Peter |strong="G4160" Speaks in |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" House of |strong="G2316" Cornelius

<sup>34</sup> Peter |strong="G4074" began |strong="G1909" to |strong="G3004" speak |strong="G3004": " I |strong="G3754" really understand |strong="G2638" now |strong="G1161" that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" consider some |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1510" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" better than |strong="G3756" others |strong="G3588". <sup>35</sup> He |strong="G2532" accepts anyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" worships him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" does |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" right |strong="G1343". It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" important what |strong="G3588" nation |strong="G1484" they |strong="G0846" come |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1722". <sup>36</sup> God has |strong="G2962" spoken to |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" of |strong="G5207" Israel |strong="G2474". He |strong="G3739" sent |strong="G0649" them |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3956" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" that |strong="G3739" peace |strong="G1515" has |strong="G2962" come |strong="G1510" through |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547", the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" of |strong="G5207" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956". <sup>37</sup> " You |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" what |strong="G3739" has |strong="G3739" happened |strong="G1096" all |strong="G3650" over |strong="G2596" Judea |strong="G2449". It |strong="G3739" began |strong="G0757" in |strong="G2596" Galilee |strong="G1056" after |strong="G3326" John |strong="G2491" told the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1492" they |strong="G3739" needed to |strong="G0757" be |strong="G1096" baptized. <sup>38</sup> You |strong="G3739" know about |strong="G5613" Jesus |strong="G2424" from |strong="G0575" Nazareth |strong="G3478". God |strong="G2316" made |strong="G1330" him |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3956" Messiah by |strong="G5259" giving him |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" and |strong="G2532" power |strong="G1411". Jesus |strong="G2424" went |strong="G1330" everywhere doing |strong="G2109" good |strong="G1510" for |strong="G3754" people |strong="G3956". He |strong="G2532" healed |strong="G2390" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" were |strong="G1510" ruled by |strong="G5259" the |strong="G3956" devil |strong="G1228", showing

that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" was |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>39</sup> " We |strong="G2249" saw all |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3739" Jesus |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" in |strong="G1722" Judea |strong="G2453" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". But |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" killed |strong="G0337". They |strong="G3739" put |strong="G0337" him |strong="G3739" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G4160" cross |strong="G3586" made |strong="G4160" of |strong="G1909" wood |strong="G3586". <sup>40</sup> But |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" day |strong="G2250" after |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" death, God |strong="G2316" raised |strong="G1453" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" life and |strong="G2532" let |strong="G1096" him |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1096" seen |strong="G1717" openly. <sup>41</sup> He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" seen by |strong="G5259" everyone |strong="G3956", but |strong="G0235" only |strong="G3756" by |strong="G5259" us |strong="G1537", the |strong="G3956" ones |strong="G3748" God |strong="G2316" had |strong="G2316" already chosen |strong="G4401" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" witnesses |strong="G3144". We |strong="G2249" ate |strong="G4906" and |strong="G2532" drank |strong="G4844" with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846" after |strong="G3326" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" raised |strong="G0450" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498".

<sup>42</sup> " Jesus |strong="G0846" told us to |strong="G2532" go and |strong="G2532" speak to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992". He |strong="G2532" told us to |strong="G2532" tell them |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" chose to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Judge |strong="G2923" of |strong="G2316" all |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" living |strong="G2198" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G1510" died. <sup>43</sup> Every-one |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" be-lieves |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" Je-sus |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3778" have |strong="G3956" their |strong="G0846" sins |strong="G0266" forgiven through |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846"

name |strong="G3686". All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" prophets |strong="G4396" agree that |strong="G4100" this |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" true."

God |strong="G0846" Shows |strong="G2983" That |strong="G4100" He |strong="G0846" Ac-cepts |strong="G2983" All |strong="G3956" Peo-ple |strong="G3956"

<sup>44</sup> While |strong="G2980" Peter |strong="G4074" was |strong="G4074" still |strong="G2089" speak-ing |strong="G2980" these |strong="G3778" words |strong="G3056", the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" came |strong="G0191" down on |strong="G1909" all |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3956" listen-ing |strong="G0191" to |strong="G1909" his |strong="G3956" speech |strong="G3056". <sup>45</sup> The |strong="G3588" Jewish believers |strong="G4103" who |strong="G3588" came |strong="G4905" with |strong="G1537" Peter |strong="G4074" were |strong="G3588" amazed |strong="G1839" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" had |strong="G3748" been |strong="G2532" poured out |strong="G1537" as |strong="G3745" a |strong="G2532" gift |strong="G1431" al-so |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" peo-ple |strong="G1484" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" not |strong="G2532" Jews. <sup>46</sup> They |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191" them |strong="G0846" speaking |strong="G2980" dif-ferent languages |strong="G1100" and |strong="G2532" praising |strong="G3170" God |strong="G2316". Then |strong="G2532" Pe-ter |strong="G4074" said |strong="G0611", <sup>47</sup> " How |strong="G5613" can |strong="G1410" any-one |strong="G5100" object to |strong="G1410" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G3778" being baptized |strong="G0907" in |strong="G2532" wa-ter |strong="G5204"? They |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" received |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spir-it |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3778" as |strong="G5613" we |strong="G2249" did |strong="G0907"! " <sup>48</sup> So |strong="G1161" Peter |strong="G0846" told |strong="G4367" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1722" baptize |strong="G0907" Cornelius and |strong="G1161" his |strong="G0846" relatives and |strong="G1161" friends in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G2250" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". Then |strong="G5119" they |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G2065" Pe-ter |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1722" stay |strong="G1961" with |strong="G1722"

them |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1722"  
a |strong="G1438" few |strong="G5100"  
days |strong="G2250".

### Peter Returns to Jerusalem

**11** The |strong="G3588" apos-  
tles |strong="G0652" and |strong="G2532"  
the |strong="G3588" believers in |strong="G2596"  
Judea |strong="G2449" heard |strong="G0191"  
that |strong="G3754" non-Jewish peo-  
ple |strong="G1484" had |strong="G1510" accept-  
ed |strong="G1209" God's |strong="G2316" teach-  
ing |strong="G3056" too |strong="G2532". <sup>2</sup>  
But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3753" Pe-  
ter |strong="G4074" came |strong="G0305"  
to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419",  
some |strong="G1537" Jewish believers <sup>1</sup> argued  
with |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846". <sup>3</sup>  
They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", "  
You |strong="G3754" went |strong="G1525" in-  
to |strong="G1525" the |strong="G2532" homes  
of |strong="G0435" people |strong="G0846"  
who |strong="G3748" are |strong="G2532"  
not |strong="G2532" Jews and |strong="G2532"  
are |strong="G2532" not |strong="G2532" circum-  
cised |strong="G0203", and |strong="G2532"  
you |strong="G3754" even |strong="G2532"  
ate |strong="G4906" with |strong="G4314"  
them |strong="G0846"! "  
<sup>4</sup> So |strong="G1161" Peter |strong="G4074" ex-  
plained |strong="G1620" the |strong="G1161" whole  
story to |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846". <sup>5</sup>  
He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532", "  
I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510"  
in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588"  
city |strong="G4172" of |strong="G1537" Jop-  
pa |strong="G2445". While |strong="G1722"  
I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" pray-  
ing |strong="G4336", I |strong="G1473"  
had |strong="G1510" a |strong="G5613" vi-  
sion |strong="G3705". I |strong="G1473"  
saw |strong="G3708" something |strong="G5100"  
coming |strong="G2064" down |strong="G2597"  
from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772".  
It |strong="G3708" looked |strong="G3708"  
like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613"  
big |strong="G3173" sheet |strong="G3607" be-  
ing |strong="G1510" lowered |strong="G2524"  
to |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" ground  
by |strong="G1722" its |strong="G1537"  
four |strong="G5064" corners |strong="G0746".  
It |strong="G3708" came |strong="G2064"  
down |strong="G2597" close to |strong="G2064"  
me |strong="G1473", <sup>6</sup> and |strong="G2532"  
I |strong="G3739" looked |strong="G3708" inside.

<sup>1</sup> JEWISH BELIEVERS Literally, "those of circumcision." This may mean Jews who thought all followers of Christ must be circumcised and obey the Law of Moses. See Gal. 2:12.

I |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708"  
all |strong="G3588" kinds of |strong="G1093" ani-  
mals |strong="G5074", including |strong="G3739"  
wild |strong="G2342" ones, as |strong="G1519"  
well |strong="G2532" as |strong="G1519" rep-  
tiles |strong="G2062" and |strong="G2532"  
birds |strong="G4071". <sup>7</sup> I |strong="G1473"  
heard |strong="G0191" a |strong="G0191"  
voice |strong="G5456" say |strong="G3004"  
to |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004", "  
Get |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450", Pe-  
ter |strong="G4074". Kill |strong="G2380" any-  
thing |strong="G5315" here and |strong="G2532"  
eat |strong="G2068" it |strong="G0191"!"

<sup>8</sup> " But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473"  
said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" can't  
do |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754",  
Lord |strong="G2962"! I |strong="G1473"  
have |strong="G3748" never |strong="G3763" eaten  
anything that |strong="G3754" is |strong="G2962"  
not |strong="G1473" pure or |strong="G2228" fit  
to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2962" used  
for |strong="G1519" food."

<sup>9</sup> " But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588"  
voice |strong="G5456" from |strong="G1537" heav-  
en |strong="G3772" answered |strong="G0611" again, "  
God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316"  
made |strong="G0611" these |strong="G3739"  
things |strong="G3739" pure. Don't |strong="G3361"  
say they |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" unfit  
to |strong="G1537" eat!"

<sup>10</sup> " This |strong="G3778" happened |strong="G1096"  
three |strong="G5151" times |strong="G5151".  
Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588"  
whole |strong="G0537" thing |strong="G3778"  
was |strong="G3588" taken |strong="G1096"  
back |strong="G3825" into |strong="G1519" heav-  
en |strong="G3772". <sup>11</sup> Suddenly |strong="G2400"  
there |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510"  
three |strong="G5140" men |strong="G0435" stand-  
ing |strong="G2186" outside the |strong="G3588"  
house |strong="G3614" where |strong="G3739"  
I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" staying.  
They |strong="G3739" had |strong="G1510"  
been |strong="G1510" sent |strong="G0649"  
from |strong="G0575" Caesarea |strong="G2542"  
to |strong="G4314" get me |strong="G1473". <sup>12</sup>  
The |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151"  
told |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004"  
to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G1525"  
with |strong="G4862" them |strong="G0846" with-  
out |strong="G3367" wondering if |strong="G2532"  
it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588"  
all |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1519".  
These |strong="G3778" six |strong="G1803" broth-  
ers |strong="G0080" here |strong="G1519" al-  
so |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064"  
with |strong="G4862" me |strong="G3004",

and we went to the house of Cornelius. <sup>13</sup> He told us about the angel who had seen his house. The angel said, 'Send some men to Joppa to get Simon, the one who is also called Peter.' <sup>14</sup> He will to you, and he will you and everyone your house!

<sup>15</sup> After I began, the Holy Spirit came on them just as he came on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered the words of Lord Jesus: 'John baptized people in water, but you will be baptized in Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> God gave these people the same gift he gave us who believed.

I BEGINNING The day of Pentecost described in Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit came on Jesus' first followers to give them power to begin their work of telling the world the Good News of salvation through Jesus.

in the Lord Jesus Christ. So how I object to what God wanted to do?

<sup>18</sup> When Jewish believers heard this, they stopped arguing. They praised God and said, "So God is allowing even those who are not Jews to change their hearts so that they can have the life he gives!"

#### The Good News Comes to Antioch

<sup>19</sup> The believers were scattered by the persecution that began when Stephen was killed. Some of them went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch. They told the Good News in these places, but only to Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of these believers were from Cyprus and Cyrene. When these men came to Antioch, they began speaking to the people who were not Jews. They told

II PERSECUTION A time when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem were punishing people who believed in Christ. See Acts 8:1-4. III PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT JEWS Literally, "Hellenists," meaning people who

them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" about |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424".<sup>21</sup> The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" was |strong="G1510" helping these |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" large |strong="G4183" number |strong="G0706" of |strong="G2962" people |strong="G0846" believed |strong="G4100" and |strong="G2532" decided to |strong="G1909" follow the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962".

<sup>22</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" heard |strong="G0191" about |strong="G4012" this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G1821" Barnabas |strong="G0921" to |strong="G1519" Antioch |strong="G0490".<sup>23</sup> Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. When he went to Antioch and saw how God had blessed the believers there, he was very happy. He encouraged them all, saying, "Always be faithful to the Lord. Serve him with all your heart." Many more people became followers of the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Barnabas went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G2532" city of |strong="G1519" Tarsus |strong="G5019" to |strong="G1519" look |strong="G0327" for |strong="G1519" Saul |strong="G4569".<sup>26</sup> When |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" found |strong="G2147" him |strong="G0846", he |strong="G2532" brought |strong="G0071" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" Antioch |strong="G0490". They |strong="G0846" stayed there |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1096" whole |strong="G3650" year |strong="G1763". Every time |strong="G4413" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577" came |strong="G1096" together |strong="G4863", Barnabas and |strong="G2532" Saul |strong="G0846" met |strong="G4863" with |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" taught |strong="G1321" many |strong="G2425" people |strong="G3793". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" Antioch |strong="G0490" that |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" followers of |strong="G1577" the |strong="G3588" Lord Jesus |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3793" called |strong="G5537" "Christ-followers" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" time |strong="G4413".

<sup>27</sup> About |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3778" same |strong="G3778" time |strong="G2250" some |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" went |strong="G2718" from |strong="G0575"

have been influenced by Greek culture. Some Greek copies have "Greeks."

Jerusalem |strong="G2414" to |strong="G1519" Antioch |strong="G0490".<sup>28</sup> One |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846", named |strong="G3686" Agabus |strong="G0013", stood |strong="G0450" up |strong="G0450" and |strong="G1161" spoke with |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" help of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151". He |strong="G0846" said |strong="G1096", "A |strong="G1096" very |strong="G0846" bad time |strong="G1909" is |strong="G1510" coming |strong="G1096" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" world |strong="G1510". There |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" no food for |strong="G1223" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1909" eat." ( This |strong="G3588" time |strong="G1909" of |strong="G1537" famine |strong="G3042" happened |strong="G1096" when |strong="G1161" Claudius |strong="G2804" was |strong="G1510" emperor.)<sup>29</sup> The |strong="G3588" Lord's followers decided |strong="G3724" that |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" would |strong="G5100" each |strong="G1538" send |strong="G3992" as |strong="G2531" much as |strong="G2531" they |strong="G0846" could to |strong="G1519" help their |strong="G0846" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sisters who |strong="G3588" lived |strong="G2730" in |strong="G1722" Judea |strong="G2449".<sup>30</sup> They |strong="G3739" gathered the |strong="G3588" money and |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G4160" it |strong="G4160" to |strong="G4314" Barnabas |strong="G0921" and |strong="G2532" Saul |strong="G4569", who |strong="G3739" took |strong="G4160" it |strong="G4160" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" elders |strong="G4245" in |strong="G2532" Judea.

#### More Trouble for the Believers

**12** During |strong="G2596" this |strong="G3588" same time |strong="G2540", King |strong="G0935" Herod |strong="G2264" began to |strong="G2596" do harm |strong="G2559" to |strong="G2596" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G0575" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" part of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577".<sup>2</sup> He |strong="G1161" ordered James |strong="G2385", the |strong="G3588" brother |strong="G0080" of |strong="G0080" John |strong="G2491", to |strong="G0080" be killed |strong="G0337" with |strong="G0080" a |strong="G1161" sword |strong="G3162".<sup>3</sup> Herod |strong="G1510" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3754" many of |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" liked

this *strong*="G3588", so *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" decided to *strong*="G2532" arrest *strong*="G4815" Peter *strong*="G4074" too *strong*="G2532". This *strong*="G3588" happened *strong*="G3588" during the *strong*="G3588" Festival of *strong*="G2250" Unleavened *strong*="G0106" Bread. <sup>4</sup> He *strong*="G2532" arrested Peter *strong*="G0846" and *strong*="G2532" put *strong*="G5087" him *strong*="G0846" in *strong*="G1519" jail, where *strong*="G3739" he *strong*="G2532" was *strong*="G3739" guarded *strong*="G5442" by *strong*="G2532" a *strong*="G5087" group of *strong*="G2992" 16 soldiers *strong*="G4757". Herod *strong*="G1014" planned *strong*="G1014" to *strong*="G1519" bring *strong*="G0321" Peter *strong*="G0846" before *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G2992", but *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" wanted *strong*="G1014" to *strong*="G1519" wait until *strong*="G1519" after *strong*="G3326" the *strong*="G3588" Passover *strong*="G3957" festival. <sup>5</sup> So *strong*="G3767" Peter *strong*="G4074" was *strong*="G1510" kept *strong*="G5083" in *strong*="G1722" jail, but *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G3588" church *strong*="G1577" was *strong*="G1510" constantly praying *strong*="G4335" to *strong*="G4314" God *strong*="G2316" for *strong*="G4012" him *strong*="G0846".

**Peter *strong*="G4074" Is *strong*="G1510" Led Out *strong*="G1096" of *strong*="G2316" the *strong*="G3588" Jail**

<sup>6</sup> One *strong*="G3588" night *strong*="G3571", Peter *strong*="G4074", bound *strong*="G1210" with *strong*="G1210" two *strong*="G1417" chains *strong*="G0254", was *strong*="G1510" sleeping *strong*="G2837" between *strong*="G3342" two *strong*="G1417" of *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" soldiers *strong*="G4757". More soldiers *strong*="G4757" were *strong*="G1510" guarding the *strong*="G3588" door *strong*="G2374" of *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" jail. Herod *strong*="G2264" was *strong*="G1510" planning to *strong*="G3195" bring *strong*="G4254" Peter *strong*="G4074" out *strong*="G1510" before *strong*="G4253" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846" the *strong*="G3588" next *strong*="G3342" day. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly *strong*="G2400" an *strong*="G0032" angel *strong*="G0032" of *strong*="G1537" the *strong*="G3588" Lord *strong*="G2962" was *strong*="G4074" standing *strong*="G2186" there *strong*="G1722", and *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" room was *strong*="G4074" filled with *strong*="G1722" light *strong*="G5457". The *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" tapped

Peter *strong*="G4074" on *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" side *strong*="G4125" and *strong*="G2532" woke *strong*="G1453" him *strong*="G0846" up *strong*="G1453". The *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" said *strong*="G3004", "Hurry, get *strong*="G1453" up *strong*="G1453"! The *strong*="G3588" chains *strong*="G0254" fell off Peter's *strong*="G4074" hands *strong*="G5495". <sup>8</sup> The *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" said *strong*="G3004", "Get dressed *strong*="G4016" and *strong*="G2532" put *strong*="G4160" on *strong*="G1161" your *strong*="G4160" sandals *strong*="G4547". Peter *strong*="G0846" did *strong*="G4160" as *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" was *strong*="G3588" told *strong*="G3004". Then *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" said *strong*="G3004", " Put *strong*="G4160" on *strong*="G1161" your *strong*="G4160" coat *strong*="G2440" and *strong*="G2532" follow *strong*="G0190" me *strong*="G3004"."

<sup>9</sup> So *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" went *strong*="G1831" out *strong*="G1831" and *strong*="G2532" Peter *strong*="G1831" followed *strong*="G0190". He *strong*="G2532" did *strong*="G1492" not *strong*="G3756" know *strong*="G1492" if *strong*="G3748" the *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" was *strong*="G1510" really doing this *strong*="G3588". He *strong*="G2532" thought *strong*="G1380" he *strong*="G2532" might *strong*="G2532" be *strong*="G1510" seeing *strong*="G0991" a *strong*="G1096" vision *strong*="G3705". <sup>10</sup> Peter *strong*="G0846" and *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" went *strong*="G1831" past the *strong*="G3588" first *strong*="G4413" guard *strong*="G5438" and *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" second *strong*="G1208" guard *strong*="G5438". Then *strong*="G2532" they *strong*="G0846" came *strong*="G2064" to *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G3588" iron *strong*="G4603" gate *strong*="G4439" that *strong*="G3748" separated them *strong*="G0846" from *strong*="G0575" the *strong*="G3588" city *strong*="G4172". The *strong*="G3588" gate *strong*="G4439" opened *strong*="G0455" for *strong*="G1519" them *strong*="G0846" by *strong*="G0575" itself *strong*="G0846". After *strong*="G1161" they *strong*="G0846" went *strong*="G1831" through *strong*="G1330" the *strong*="G3588" gate *strong*="G4439" and *strong*="G2532" walked about *strong*="G1909" a *strong*="G2064" block, the *strong*="G3588" angel *strong*="G0032" suddenly left *strong*="G1831".

<sup>11</sup> Peter *strong*="G4074" realized *strong*="G1492" then *strong*="G2532" what *strong*="G3588"



had|strong="G3748" happened|strong="G1096". He|strong="G2532" thought|strong="G3004", " Now|strong="G3568" I|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" really|strong="G0230" sent|strong="G1821" his|strong="G0846" angel|strong="G0032" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004". He|strong="G2532" rescued|strong="G1807" me|strong="G3004" from|strong="G1537" Herod|strong="G2264" and|strong="G2532" from|strong="G1537" everything|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" thought|strong="G3004" would|strong="G1096" happen|strong="G1096" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004"."

<sup>12</sup> When|strong="G2532" Peter realized|strong="G4894" this|strong="G3588", he|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" home|strong="G3614" of|strong="G1909" Mary|strong="G3137", the|strong="G3588" mother|strong="G3384" of|strong="G1909" John|strong="G2491", who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" called|strong="G1941" Mark|strong="G3138". Many|strong="G2425" people|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" gathered|strong="G4867" there|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" were|strong="G1510" praying|strong="G4336". <sup>13</sup> Peter|strong="G0846" knocked|strong="G2925" on|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" outside door|strong="G2374". A|strong="G1161" servant girl named|strong="G3686" Rhoda|strong="G4498" came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G4334" answer|strong="G5219" it|strong="G0846". <sup>14</sup> She recognized|strong="G1921" Peter's|strong="G4074" voice|strong="G5456", and|strong="G2532" she was|strong="G4074" very|strong="G2532" happy. She even|strong="G2532" forgot to|strong="G2532" open|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" door. She ran|strong="G1532" inside and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G0518" the|strong="G3588" group, " Peter|strong="G4074" is|strong="G3588" at|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" door!" <sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" believers said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" her|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G3004" are|strong="G1510" crazy!" But|strong="G1161" she|strong="G0846" continued to|strong="G4314" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" true|strong="G3779". So|strong="G3779" they|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " It|strong="G0846" must|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" Peter's|strong="G0846" angel|strong="G0032"."

<sup>16</sup> But|strong="G1161" Peter|strong="G4074" continued|strong="G1961" to|strong="G2532"

knock|strong="G2925". When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" believers opened|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" door, they|strong="G0846" saw|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" amazed|strong="G1839". <sup>17</sup> Peter|strong="G0846" made|strong="G3004" a|strong="G3004" sign with|strong="G1537" his|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G5495" to|strong="G1519" tell|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" quiet|strong="G4601". He|strong="G2532" explained to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846" how|strong="G4459" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2662" led|strong="G1806" him|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" jail. He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Tell|strong="G3004" James|strong="G2385" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G2087" brothers|strong="G0080" what|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G3588". Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" left|strong="G1831" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519" another|strong="G2087" place|strong="G5117".

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="G3588" next day|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" soldiers|strong="G4757" were|strong="G1510" very upset. They|strong="G1161" wondered what|strong="G5101" happened|strong="G1096" to|strong="G1722" Peter|strong="G4074". <sup>19</sup> Herod|strong="G2264" looked everywhere for|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" but|strong="G1161" could|strong="G2147" not|strong="G3361" find|strong="G2147" him|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" questioned the|strong="G3588" guards|strong="G5441" and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" ordered|strong="G2753" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" killed.

#### The|strong="G3588" Death of|strong="G0575" Herod|strong="G2264" Agrippa

Later, Herod|strong="G2264" moved from|strong="G0575" Judea|strong="G2449". He|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2718" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" of|strong="G0575" Caesarea|strong="G2542" and|strong="G2532" stayed|strong="G1304" there|strong="G1161" a|strong="G2147" while|strong="G0846". <sup>20</sup> Herod|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" very|strong="G0846" angry|strong="G1510" with|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" from|strong="G0575"

the **G3588** cities of **G1223** Tyre **G5183** and **G2532** Sidon **G4606**. But **G1161** these **G3588** cities needed food from **G0575** his **G0846** country **G5561**, so **G2532** a **G1510** group of **G1223** them **G0846** came **G1223** to **G4314** ask **G0154** him **G0846** for **G1223** peace **G1515**. They **G0846** were **G1510** able to **G4314** get Blastus **G0986**, the **G3588** king's **G0935** personal servant, on **G1909** their **G0846** side.

<sup>21</sup> Herod **G2264** decided on **G1909** a **G2532** day **G2250** to **G4314** meet with **G4314** them **G0846**. On **G1909** that **G0846** day **G2250** he **G2532** was **G3588** wearing **G1746** a **G2532** beautiful royal **G0937** robe **G2066**. He **G2532** sat **G2523** on **G1909** his **G0846** throne and **G2532** made a **G2532** speech to **G4314** the **G3588** people **G0846**. <sup>22</sup> The **G3588** people **G0444** shouted **G2019**, " This **G3588** is **G2316** the **G3588** voice **G5456** of **G2316** a **G2532** god **G2316**, not **G3756** a **G2532** man **G0444**!" <sup>23</sup> Herod **G0846** did **G1325** not **G3756** give **G1325** the **G3588** glory **G1391** to **G2532** God **G2316**. So **G2532** an **G1325** angel **G0032** of **G2316** the **G3588** Lord **G2962** caused **G1325** him **G0846** to **G2532** get **G1096** sick. He **G2532** was **G3739** eaten **G4662** by **G2532** worms **G4662** inside him **G0846**, and **G2532** he **G2532** died **G1634**.

<sup>24</sup> The **G3588** message **G3056** of **G3056** God **G2316** was **G3588** spreading **G0837**, reaching more and **G2532** more people **G3588**.

<sup>25</sup> After **G1161** Barnabas **G0921** and **G2532** Saul **G4569** finished **G4137** their **G2532** work in **G1519** Jerusalem **G2419**, they **G2532** returned **G5290**

to **G1519** Antioch, taking **G4838** John **G2491** Mark **G3138** with **G1537** them.

### Barnabas and Saul Given a Special Work

**13** In **G1722** the **G3588** church **G1577** at **G1722** Antioch **G0490** there **G1510** were **G1510** some **G3588** prophets **G4396** and **G2532** teachers **G1320**. They **G2532** were **G1510** Barnabas **G0921**, Simeon **G4826** ( also **G2532** called **G2564** Niger **G3526**), Lucius **G3066** ( from **G2596** the **G3588** city of **G1577** Cyrene **G2956**), Manaen **G3127** ( who **G3588** had **G1510** grown up with **G1722** King Herod **G2264**<sup>1</sup>), and **G2532** Saul **G4569**. <sup>2</sup> These **G3739** men **G0846** were **G3739** all **G3588** serving **G3008** the **G3588** Lord **G2962** and **G2532** fasting **G3522** when **G2532** the **G3588** Holy **G0040** Spirit **G4151** said **G3004** to **G1519** them **G0846**, "Appoint Barnabas **G0921** and **G2532** Saul **G4569** to **G1519** do **G3004** a **G3739** special work **G2041** for **G1519** me **G3004**. They **G0846** are **G3739** the **G3588** ones **G0040** I **G1473** have **G2532** chosen to **G1519** do **G3004** it **G0846**."

<sup>3</sup> So **G2532** the **G3588** church fasted **G3522** and **G2532** prayed **G4336**. They **G0846** laid **G2007** their **G0846** hands **G5495** on **G5495** Barnabas and **G2532** Saul **G0846** and **G2532** sent **G0630** them **G0846** out.

### Barnabas and Saul **G2532** in **G2532** Cyprus

<sup>4</sup> Barnabas and **G5037** Saul **G0846** were **G3588** sent **G1599** out by **G5259** the **G3588** Holy **G0040** Spirit **G4151**. They **G0846** went **G2718** to **G1519**

<sup>1</sup> KING HEROD Literally, "Herod the tetrarch." See "Herod Agrippa I" in the Word List.

the **city** of **Seleucia**. Then they sailed there to **Cyprus**. <sup>5</sup> When **Barnabas** and **Saul** came to the **city** of **Salamis**, they told the **message** of **God** in the **Jewish** synagogues. **John** with them to help.

<sup>6</sup> They went across the whole island to the **city** of **Paphos**. There they met a **Jewish** man named **Barjesus** who did **magic**. He was a **false** prophet. <sup>7</sup> He always stayed close to **Sergius Paulus**, who was the **governor** and a **very** smart man. He invited **Barnabas** and **Saul** to come visit him, because he wanted to hear the **message** of **God**. <sup>8</sup> But **Elymas** (as **Barjesus** was called in **Greek**) spoke against them, trying to stop the **governor** from believing in **Jesus**. <sup>9</sup> But **Saul** (also known as **Paul**), filled with the **Holy Spirit**, looked hard at **Elymas** and said,

" You son of the devil of lies and all kinds of evil tricks! You are an enemy of everything that is right. Will you stop trying to change the Lord's truths into lies? <sup>11</sup> Now the Lord will touch you and you will be blind. For a time you will not be able to see anything—not the light from the sun."

Then everything became dark for **Elymas**. He walked around lost. He was trying to find someone to lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup> When the **governor** saw this, he believed. He was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

**Paul and Barnabas Go to Antioch in Pisidia**

<sup>13</sup> **Paul** and **Elymas** the **people** sailed away from **Paphos**. They came to **Perge**, a **city** in **Pamphylia**. There **John** left them and **Paul** returned to

Jerusalem|strong="G2414".<sup>14</sup> They|strong="G0846" continued their|strong="G0846" trip from|strong="G0575" Perga|strong="G4011" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" Antioch|strong="G0490", a|strong="G1525" city|strong="G0846" near|strong="G1519" Pisidia|strong="G4099".

On|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G2250" they|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Jewish synagogue|strong="G4864" and|strong="G2532" sat|strong="G2523" down|strong="G2523".<sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3056" Moses|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" writings of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396" were|strong="G1510" read|strong="G0320". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" leaders|strong="G3004" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" synagogue|strong="G0752" sent|strong="G0649" a|strong="G1510" message|strong="G3056" to|strong="G4314" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas: " Brothers|strong="G0080", if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" something|strong="G5100" to|strong="G4314" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" will|strong="G1510" help the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" here|strong="G1510", please speak|strong="G3004"."

<sup>16</sup> Paul|strong="G3972" stood|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450", raised|strong="G0450" his|strong="G0191" hand|strong="G5495" to|strong="G3004" get|strong="G0450" their|strong="G2532" attention, and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " People|strong="G0435" of|strong="G2316" Israel and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3004" others|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" worship the|strong="G3588" true God|strong="G2316", please listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004"! <sup>17</sup> The|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" of|strong="G1537" Israel|strong="G2474" chose|strong="G1586" our|strong="G2316" ancestors|strong="G3962". And|strong="G2532" during|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" time our|strong="G2316" people|strong="G2992" lived in|strong="G1722" Egypt|strong="G0125" as|strong="G1722" foreigners, he|strong="G2532" made|strong="G5312" them|strong="G0846" great|strong="G5312". Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G1806" them|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" that|strong="G3778" country|strong="G1093" with|strong="G3326" great|strong="G5312" power.

<sup>18</sup> And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" patient with|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1722" 40 years in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048". <sup>19</sup> God|strong="G0846" destroyed|strong="G2507" seven|strong="G2033" nations|strong="G1484" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" land|strong="G1093" of|strong="G1093" Canaan|strong="G5477" and|strong="G2532" gave their|strong="G0846" land|strong="G1093" to|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" people|strong="G1484". <sup>20</sup> All this|strong="G3778" happened in|strong="G2532" about|strong="G5613" 450 years|strong="G2094".

" After|strong="G3326" this|strong="G3778", God|strong="G1325" gave|strong="G1325" our|strong="G2532" people|strong="G3778" judges|strong="G2923" until|strong="G2193" the|strong="G2532" time of|strong="G2532" Samuel|strong="G4545" the|strong="G2532" prophet|strong="G4396". <sup>21</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G0154" for|strong="G0154" a|strong="G1325" king|strong="G0935". God|strong="G2316" gave|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" Saul|strong="G4549", the|strong="G3588" son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Kish|strong="G2797". Saul|strong="G4549" was|strong="G3588" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G5207" Benjamin|strong="G0958". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" king|strong="G0935" for|strong="G0154" 40 years|strong="G2094". <sup>22</sup> After|strong="G2596" God|strong="G0846" took|strong="G4160" Saul|strong="G0846" away|strong="G3179", God|strong="G0846" made|strong="G4160" David|strong="G1138" their|strong="G0846" king|strong="G0935". This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3739" what|strong="G3739" God|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" about|strong="G2596" David|strong="G1138": ' David|strong="G1138", the|strong="G3956" son of|strong="G0435" Jesse|strong="G2421", is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3956" kind|strong="G3956" of|strong="G0435" person|strong="G0435" who|strong="G3739" does|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3739" pleases me|strong="G3004". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2307" do|strong="G4160" everything|strong="G3956" I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G2307" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G4160".'

<sup>23</sup> " As|strong="G2596" he|strong="G3778" promised|strong="G1860", God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" brought|strong="G0071" one|strong="G3778" of|strong="G0575" David's de-

scendants |strong="G4690" to |strong="G2596" Israel |strong="G2474" to |strong="G2596" be |strong="G2316" their |strong="G2596" Savior |strong="G4990". That |strong="G3778" descendant |strong="G4690" is |strong="G2316" Jesus |strong="G2424".<sup>24</sup> Before |strong="G4253" he |strong="G0846" came, John |strong="G2491" told all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G2992" of |strong="G3956" Israel |strong="G2474" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" should do. He |strong="G0846" told them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G0846" be |strong="G3956" baptized to |strong="G0846" show they |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G0846" change their |strong="G0846" lives.<sup>25</sup> When |strong="G5613" John |strong="G2491" was |strong="G1510" finishing his |strong="G3708" work, he |strong="G3739" said |strong="G3004", ' Who |strong="G3739" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G3739" think |strong="G2400" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510"? I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" Messiah. I He |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" coming |strong="G2064" later |strong="G3326", and |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" worthy |strong="G0514" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" slave |strong="G2064" who |strong="G3739" unties his |strong="G3708" sandals |strong="G5266"!

<sup>26</sup> " My |strong="G1722" brothers |strong="G0080", sons |strong="G5207" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" family |strong="G1085" of |strong="G5207" Abraham |strong="G0011", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" other people |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3588" also |strong="G2532" worship the |strong="G3588" true God |strong="G2316", listen! The |strong="G3588" news |strong="G3056" about |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" salvation |strong="G4991" has |strong="G2316" been |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G1821" to |strong="G2532" us |strong="G1722".<sup>27</sup> The |strong="G3956" Jews living |strong="G2730" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" and |strong="G2532" their |strong="G0846" leaders |strong="G0758" did |strong="G0758" not |strong="G2532" realize that |strong="G3778" Jesus |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" Savior. The |strong="G3956" words |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" prophets |strong="G4396" wrote about |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3956" read |strong="G0314" every |strong="G3956" Sabbath |strong="G4521"

I THE MESSIAH Literally, "I" (that is, "he" or "the one"), meaning the chosen one sent by God. Compare John 1:20. See "Messiah" in the Word List.

day |strong="G4521", but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G0758" not |strong="G2532" understand |strong="G0050". They |strong="G0846" condemned |strong="G2919" Jesus |strong="G0846". When |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G0758" this |strong="G3778", they |strong="G0846" made |strong="G4137" the |strong="G3956" words |strong="G2532" of |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" prophets |strong="G4396" come |strong="G4137" true.<sup>28</sup> They |strong="G0846" could |strong="G2147" not |strong="G3367" find |strong="G2147" any |strong="G3367" real reason |strong="G0156" why Jesus |strong="G0846" should |strong="G3367" die |strong="G2288", but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G0154" Pilate |strong="G4091" to |strong="G2532" kill |strong="G0337" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>29</sup> " These |strong="G3588" Jews did |strong="G5087" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" bad things |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Scriptures said would |strong="G0846" happen |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" took |strong="G2507" Jesus |strong="G0846" down |strong="G5087" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3956" cross |strong="G3586" and |strong="G1161" put |strong="G5087" him |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1519" a |strong="G5613" tomb |strong="G3419".<sup>30</sup> But |strong="G1161" God |strong="G2316" raised |strong="G1453" him |strong="G0846" up |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498"!<sup>31</sup> After |strong="G1909" this |strong="G3588", for |strong="G1519" many |strong="G4183" days |strong="G2250", those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" had |strong="G1510" gone with |strong="G4314" Jesus |strong="G0846" from |strong="G0575" Galilee |strong="G1056" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" saw |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" now |strong="G3568" his |strong="G0846" witnesses |strong="G3144" to |strong="G1519" our |strong="G2250" people |strong="G2992".

<sup>32</sup> " We |strong="G2249" tell you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" about |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" promise |strong="G1860" God |strong="G2316" made |strong="G1096" to |strong="G4314" our |strong="G2316" ancestors |strong="G3962".<sup>33</sup> We |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" their |strong="G2532" descendants |strong="G5207", and |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" made

this promise come true for God. God did this by raising Jesus from death. We also read about this in Psalm 2: 'You are my Son.' Today I have become your Father:

Psalm 2:7

<sup>34</sup> God raised Jesus from death will never go back to the grave and become dust. So God said, 'I will give the true and holy promise that I made David.'

Isaiah 55:3

<sup>35</sup> But in another Psalm it says, 'You will not rot in the grave.'

Psalm 16:10

<sup>36</sup> "David did God's will during the time he lived. Then he died and was buried like all his ancestors." And his body did not rot in the grave! <sup>37</sup> But the one God raised from death did not rot in the grave.

<sup>38</sup> Brothers, understand what we are telling you. You can have forgiveness of your sins through this Jesus. The Law of Moses could not free you from your sins.

But you can be made right with God if you believe in Jesus. <sup>40</sup> So be careful! Don't let what the prophets said happen to you:

<sup>41</sup> 'Listen, you people who doubt!

You can wonder, but go away because during your time,

I will do that will not believe.

You not it,

even to

Habakkuk 1:5

<sup>42</sup> As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people asked them to come again on the next Sabbath day to tell them more about these things. <sup>43</sup> After the meeting, many of the people followed Paul and Barnabas, including many Jews and people who had changed their religion to be like Jews and worship the true God. Paul and Barnabas encouraged them to continue trusting in God's grace.

<sup>44</sup> On the next Sabbath

day|strong="G4521", almost|strong="G4975" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" in|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" city|strong="G4172" came|strong="G2064" together|strong="G4863" to|strong="G2064" hear|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3956" word|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962".<sup>45</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" there|strong="G1161" saw|strong="G3708" all|strong="G3588" these|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793", they|strong="G2532" became very|strong="G2532" jealous. Shouting insults, they|strong="G2532" argued against|strong="G0483" everything Paul|strong="G3972" said|strong="G2980".<sup>46</sup> But|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas|strong="G0921" spoke|strong="G2980" very|strong="G0846" boldly|strong="G3955". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "We|strong="G2532" had|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" tell|strong="G3004" God's|strong="G2316" message|strong="G3056" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210" Jews first|strong="G4413", but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" refuse|strong="G3756" to|strong="G1519" listen|strong="G2400". You|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" made|strong="G3004" it|strong="G0846" clear that|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" worthy|strong="G0514" of|strong="G3056" having eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222". So|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" now|strong="G2532" go|strong="G2919" to|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" Jews.<sup>47</sup> This|strong="G3779" is|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" told us|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G1510":  
' I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" made|strong="G5087" you|strong="G4771" a|strong="G1510" light|strong="G5457" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" other nations|strong="G1484",

to|strong="G1519" show people|strong="G1484" all|strong="G3588" over|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G1093" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G3779" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" saved."

*Isaiah 49:6*

<sup>48</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" non-Jewish people|strong="G1484" heard|strong="G0191" Paul|strong="G1510" say|strong="G3056" this|strong="G3588", they|strong="G2532"

were|strong="G1510" happy. They|strong="G2532" gave honor|strong="G1392" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" message|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962", and|strong="G2532" many|strong="G3745" of|strong="G3056" them|strong="G0191" believed|strong="G4100" it|strong="G0191". These|strong="G3588" were|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" ones chosen to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G1510" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222".

<sup>49</sup> And|strong="G1161" so|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" message|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" was|strong="G3588" being told throughout|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" whole|strong="G3650" country|strong="G5561".<sup>50</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" there|strong="G1161" caused some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" important religious women|strong="G1135" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" leaders|strong="G4413" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172" to|strong="G1909" be|strong="G2532" angry and|strong="G2532" turn against|strong="G1909" Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas|strong="G0921" and|strong="G2532" throw|strong="G1544" them|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1544" of|strong="G0575" town|strong="G4172".<sup>51</sup> So|strong="G1161" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G1161" Barnabas shook|strong="G1621" the|strong="G3588" dust|strong="G2868" off|strong="G1621" their|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228".<sup>1</sup> Then|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" went|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" of|strong="G1909" Iconium|strong="G2430".<sup>52</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Lord's followers in|strong="G2532" Antioch were|strong="G3101" happy and|strong="G2532" filled|strong="G4137" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151".

#### Paul and Barnabas in Iconium

**14** Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas went|strong="G1525" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" of|strong="G4128" Iconium|strong="G2430". As|strong="G1519" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1525" in|strong="G1722" Antioch, they|strong="G0846" entered|strong="G1525" the|strong="G3588" Jewish|strong="G2453" synagogue|strong="G4864".

<sup>1</sup> SHOOK THE DUST OFF THEIR FEET A warning. It showed they were finished talking to these people.

They **spoke** to the **people** there. They **spoke** so that **many** **Jews** and **Greeks** **believed** what **she** **said**. <sup>2</sup> But **some** of the **Jews** did not **believe**. They **said** that **she** caused the **non-Jewish people** to **become** **angry** and **turn** against the **believers**.

<sup>3</sup> So **Paul** and **Barnabas** stayed **in** **Iconium** a **long** **time** they **spoke** bravely for **the** **Lord**. They **told** the **people** about **God's** **grace**. The **Lord** **proved** that **what** they **said** was **true** by **causing** **miraculous signs** and **wonders** to **be** **done** through **them**. <sup>4</sup> But **some** of the **people** in **the** **city** **agreed** with the **Jews** who **did** not **believe** **Paul** and **Barnabas**. **Others** followed the **apostles**. So **the** **city** was **divided**.

<sup>5</sup> **Some** of the **Jews** there **as** well **as** their **leaders** and **some** of the **non-Jewish**

**people**, were **determined** to **hurt** **Paul** and **Barnabas**. They **wanted** to **stone** them to **death**. <sup>6</sup> When **Paul** and **Barnabas** learned about **this**, they **left** the **city**. They **went** to **Lystra** and **Derbe**, **cities** in **Lycaonia**, and **to** the **surrounding** areas. <sup>7</sup> They **told** the **Good News** there too.

#### **Paul** **in** **Lystra** and **Derbe**

<sup>8</sup> In **Lystra** there **was** a **man** who **had** **something** **wrong** with **his** **feet**. He **had** **been** **born** **crippled** and **had** **never** **walked**. <sup>9</sup> He **was** **sitting** and **listening** to **Paul** **speak**. **Paul** **looked** **straight** at **him** and **saw** that **the** **man** **believed** **God** **could** **heal** **him**. <sup>10</sup> So **Paul** **shouted**, "Stand **up** **on** **your** **feet**!" The **man** **jumped** **up** and **began** **walking** **around**.

<sup>11</sup> When **the** **people** **saw** what **Paul** **did**, they **shouted** in **their** **own** **Lycaonian** **language**. They **said**, "The **gods** **have** **come** **down** to



us|strong="G3004" in|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" form|strong="G3666" of|strong="G2316" humans!"<sup>12</sup> The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" began to|strong="G0846" call|strong="G2564" Barnabas|strong="G0921" " Zeus|strong="G2203", and|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" called|strong="G2564" Paul|strong="G3972" " Hermes|strong="G2060", because|strong="G1894" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" main speaker|strong="G3056".<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" temple of|strong="G1909" Zeus|strong="G2203" was|strong="G1510" near the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". The|strong="G3588" priest|strong="G2409" of|strong="G1909" this|strong="G3588" temple brought|strong="G5342" some|strong="G3588" bulls|strong="G5022" and|strong="G2532" flowers to|strong="G2309" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172" gates|strong="G4440". The|strong="G3588" priest|strong="G2409" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" offer|strong="G2380" a|strong="G1510" sacrifice|strong="G2380" to|strong="G2309" Paul|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas.

<sup>14</sup> But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652", Barnabas|strong="G0921" and|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G3972", understood what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" were|strong="G3793" doing, they|strong="G0846" tore|strong="G1284" their|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" clothes|strong="G2440".<sup>1</sup> Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" ran in|strong="G1519" among|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" and|strong="G2532" shouted|strong="G2896" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846":<sup>15</sup> " Men|strong="G0444", why|strong="G5101" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G5210" doing|strong="G4160" this|strong="G3778"? We|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" gods|strong="G2316". We|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" human|strong="G0444" just|strong="G2532" like|strong="G3663" you|strong="G5210". We|strong="G2249" came|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3956" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097". We|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" telling|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G3004" turn|strong="G1994" away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" these|strong="G3778" worthless|strong="G3152" things|strong="G3778".

I TORE ... CLOTHES This showed they were very upset.

Turn|strong="G1994" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3956" true living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" made|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3956" sky|strong="G3772", the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093", the|strong="G3956" sea|strong="G2281", and|strong="G2532" everything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> " In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" past|strong="G3944" God|strong="G0846" let|strong="G1439" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" nations|strong="G1484" do|strong="G4198" what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" wanted.<sup>17</sup> But|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" always there|strong="G2540" doing the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G0014" things|strong="G0846" that|strong="G0846" prove he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" real. He|strong="G2532" gives|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210" rain|strong="G5205" from|strong="G2532" heaven|strong="G3771" and|strong="G2532" good|strong="G0014" harvests at|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G2540" times|strong="G2540". He|strong="G2532" gives|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210" plenty of|strong="G2588" food|strong="G5160" and|strong="G2532" fills your|strong="G0863" hearts|strong="G2588" with|strong="G2532" joy."

<sup>18</sup> Even|strong="G2532" after|strong="G2532" saying|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778", Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas still could|strong="G3361" hardly|strong="G3433" stop|strong="G3361" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" from|strong="G3361" offering|strong="G2380" sacrifices to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>19</sup> Then|strong="G2532" some|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" came|strong="G1904" from|strong="G0575" Antioch|strong="G0490" and|strong="G2532" Iconium|strong="G2430" and|strong="G2532" persuaded|strong="G3982" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3793" to|strong="G2532" turn against|strong="G0575" Paul|strong="G3972". So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" threw stones at|strong="G1161" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" dragged|strong="G4951" him|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1854" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G4172". They|strong="G0846" thought|strong="G3543" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3972" killed him|strong="G0846".<sup>20</sup> But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" followers

of|strong="G4172" Jesus|strong="G0846" gathered|strong="G2944" around|strong="G2944" him|strong="G0846", he|strong="G2532" got|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1831" back|strong="G1519" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" town|strong="G4172". The|strong="G3588" next|strong="G1887" day|strong="G1887" he|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas|strong="G0921" left|strong="G1831" and|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1831" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172" of|strong="G4172" Derbe|strong="G1191".

### The|strong="G3588" Return to|strong="G1519" Antioch in|strong="G1519" Syria

21 They|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" told the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172" of|strong="G4172" Derbe, and|strong="G2532" many|strong="G2425" people|strong="G3588" became followers of|strong="G4172" Jesus|strong="G1565". Then|strong="G2532" Paul and|strong="G2532" Barnabas returned|strong="G5290" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" cities|strong="G4172" of|strong="G4172" Lystra|strong="G3082", Iconium|strong="G2430", and|strong="G2532" Antioch|strong="G0490". 22 In|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" cities they|strong="G2532" helped the|strong="G3588" followers grow stronger in|strong="G1519" their|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102" and|strong="G2532" encouraged|strong="G3870" them|strong="G3870" to|strong="G1519" continue|strong="G1696" trusting God|strong="G2316". They|strong="G2532" told them|strong="G3870", " We|strong="G2249" must|strong="G1163" suffer many|strong="G4183" things|strong="G4183" on|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2316" way|strong="G1223" into|strong="G1519" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932"." 23 They|strong="G0846" also|strong="G1161" chose elders|strong="G4245" for|strong="G1519" each|strong="G2596" church|strong="G1577" and|strong="G1161" stopped eating for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739" period of|strong="G2962" time to|strong="G1519" pray|strong="G4336" for|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846". These|strong="G3739" elders|strong="G4245" were|strong="G3739" men|strong="G4245" who|strong="G3739" had|strong="G3739" put their|strong="G0846" trust in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G0846", so|strong="G1161" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G1161" Barnabas put

them|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" care.

24 Paul and|strong="G2532" Barnabas went|strong="G2064" through|strong="G1330" the|strong="G3588" country of|strong="G1519" Pisidia|strong="G4099". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" country of|strong="G1519" Pamphylia|strong="G3828". 25 They|strong="G2532" told|strong="G2980" people|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" message|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" God|strong="G2980" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G3056" Perga|strong="G4011", and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G3056" Attalia|strong="G0825". 26 And|strong="G2316" from|strong="G1510" there|strong="G2547" they|strong="G3739" sailed|strong="G0636" away to|strong="G1519" Antioch|strong="G0490" in|strong="G1519" Syria. This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" city where|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" believers had|strong="G1510" put|strong="G3860" them|strong="G3739" into|strong="G1519" God's|strong="G2316" care and|strong="G2316" sent them|strong="G3739" to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3588" work|strong="G2041". Now|strong="G1510" they|strong="G3739" had|strong="G1510" finished|strong="G4137" it|strong="G3739".

27 When|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas arrived|strong="G3854", they|strong="G0846" gathered|strong="G4863" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" together|strong="G4863". They|strong="G0846" told|strong="G0312" them|strong="G0846" everything|strong="G3745" God|strong="G2316" had|strong="G2316" used them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160". They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G2532", " God|strong="G2316" opened|strong="G0455" a|strong="G4160" door|strong="G2374" for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" non-Jewish people|strong="G1484" to|strong="G2532" believe!" 28 And|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161" stayed|strong="G1304" there|strong="G1161" a|strong="G1161" long|strong="G5550" time|strong="G5550" with|strong="G4862" the|strong="G3588" Lord's followers.

### The Meeting at Jerusalem

15 Then|strong="G2532" some|strong="G5100" men|strong="G5100" came|strong="G2718"

to|strong="G1410" Antioch from|strong="G0575" Judea|strong="G2449" and|strong="G2532" began teaching|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" non-Jewish believers: " You|strong="G1437" cannot|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" saved|strong="G4982" if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G1437" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" circumcised|strong="G4059" as|strong="G2532" Moses|strong="G3475" taught|strong="G1321" us." <sup>2</sup> Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532" Barnabas|strong="G0921" were|strong="G0243" against|strong="G4314" this|strong="G3778" teaching and|strong="G2532" argued with|strong="G4314" these|strong="G3778" men|strong="G3778" about|strong="G4012" it|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" group decided|strong="G1096" to|strong="G1519" send Paul|strong="G3972", Barnabas|strong="G0921", and|strong="G2532" some|strong="G5100" others|strong="G0243" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" to|strong="G1519" talk more|strong="G0243" about|strong="G4012" this|strong="G3778" with|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" and|strong="G2532" elders|strong="G4245".

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="G3956" church|strong="G1577" helped|strong="G4311" them|strong="G4160" get ready to|strong="G2532" leave on|strong="G4311" their|strong="G2532" trip. The|strong="G3956" men|strong="G3956" went|strong="G1330" through|strong="G1330" the|strong="G3956" countries of|strong="G1577" Phoenicia|strong="G5403" and|strong="G2532" Samaria|strong="G4540", where they|strong="G3767" told all|strong="G3956" about|strong="G1330" how the|strong="G3956" non-Jewish people|strong="G1484" had|strong="G3588" turned to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" true God|strong="G4160". This|strong="G3588" made|strong="G4160" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" believers very|strong="G2532" happy. <sup>4</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" men|strong="G4245" arrived|strong="G3854" in|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419", the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652", the|strong="G3588" elders|strong="G4245", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" whole church|strong="G1577" welcomed them|strong="G0846". Paul|strong="G0846", Barnabas, and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" others|strong="G3588" told|strong="G0312" about|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3745" that|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316" had|strong="G2316" done|strong="G4160" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846". <sup>5</sup> Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" believers|strong="G4100" in|strong="G4100" Jerusalem had|strong="G1163" be-

longed|strong="G0575" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330". They|strong="G0846" stood|strong="G1817" up|strong="G1210" and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" non-Jewish believers|strong="G4100" must|strong="G1163" be|strong="G1163" circumcised|strong="G4059". We|strong="G3754" must|strong="G1163" tell|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G3004" obey|strong="G5083" the|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G0575" Moses|strong="G3475"!"

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" elders|strong="G4245" gathered|strong="G4863" to|strong="G2532" study this|strong="G3778" problem. <sup>7</sup> After|strong="G1161" a|strong="G1096" long|strong="G4183" debate|strong="G2214", Peter|strong="G4074" stood|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846", " My|strong="G0191" brothers|strong="G0080", I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1096" sure you|strong="G5210" remember what|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G1096" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" early|strong="G0744" days|strong="G2250". God|strong="G2316" chose|strong="G1586" me|strong="G3004" from|strong="G0575" among|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G4314" tell|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G3056" to|strong="G4314" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G2532" Jewish. It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G4074" from|strong="G0575" me|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" heard|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" believed|strong="G4100". <sup>8</sup> God|strong="G2316" knows|strong="G2589" everyone, even|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" thoughts, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" accepted these|strong="G3588" non-Jewish people|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" showed this|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2532" us|strong="G1325" by|strong="G2532" giving|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G2531" he|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1325" to|strong="G2532" us|strong="G1325". <sup>9</sup> To|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846", those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846"

are *not* different from us. When they believed, God made their hearts pure.<sup>10</sup> So now are you putting a heavy burden<sup>I</sup> around the necks of the non-Jewish followers of Jesus? Are you trying to make God angry? We our fathers were able to carry No! we believe we and these will save the same way—by the grace the Lord Jesus

<sup>12</sup> Then the whole group became quiet. They listened while Paul and Barnabas told all the miraculous signs and wonders that God had done through them among the non-Jewish people.<sup>13</sup> When they finished speaking, James said, "My brothers, listen to me." <sup>14</sup> Simon has told us how God showed his love for the non-Jewish people.

I BURDEN The Jewish law. Some of the Jews tried to make the non-Jewish believers follow this law.

the first time, God accepted them and made them his people.<sup>15</sup> The words of the prophets agree with this: too:

<sup>16</sup> 'I will return this:

I will build David's house again.

It has fallen down.

I will build again the parts of his house that have been pulled down.

I will make his house new.

<sup>17</sup> Then the rest of the world will look for the Lord—

all those of other nations who are my people too.

The Lord said this:

And he is one who does these things:

Amos 9:11-12

<sup>18</sup> 'All this has been known from the beginning of time.'

<sup>19</sup> " So I think should make hard for those who have turned to God from among the non-Jewish people.<sup>20</sup> Instead,

II See Isaiah 45:21.

should **send a letter** telling them **only** the **things** they **should not do**:

Don't eat food that **has been given to idols**.  
This **makes the food** unclean.

Don't be **involved in sexual sin**.

Don't eat **meat from animals that have been strangled or any meat that still has the blood in it**.

<sup>21</sup> They **should not do any of these things**, because **there are still men in every city who teach the Law of Moses**. The **words of Moses** have **been read in the synagogue every Sabbath** for **many years**.

#### **The Letter to the Non-Jewish Believers**

<sup>22</sup> The **apostles, elders, and the whole church** wanted to **send some men with Paul and Barnabas** to **Antioch**. The **group decided to choose some of their own men**. They **chose Judas Barsabbas and Silas**, men **who**

**by the** **believers**. <sup>23</sup> The **group sent the letter with these men**. The **letter** said: From **the apostles and elders**, your **brothers**,  
To **all the non-Jewish brothers in the city of Antioch and in the countries of Syria and Cilicia**.

Dear **Brothers**:

<sup>24</sup> We **have heard some men have come from our group**. What **they said** and **upset you**. But **we did not tell them to do this**.  
<sup>25</sup> We **have agreed to choose some men** and **send you**. They **will be with our dear friends, Barnabas and Paul**.  
<sup>26</sup> Barnabas and **Paul** have **given their lives to serve our Lord Jesus Christ**.  
<sup>27</sup> So **we have sent Judas and Silas with them**. They **will tell you the same things**.  
<sup>28</sup> We

agree with **the Holy Spirit** that **you should not** have **more** burdens **except** for **these** necessary things **G3778**:

**Don't eat food that has been given to idols**. **Don't eat meat from animals that have been strangled or any meat that the blood of**

**Don't be involved in sexual sin.** **If you stay away from these, you will well.**

**We say goodbye now.**

<sup>30</sup> So **Paul, Barnabas, Judas, and Silas** left **Jerusalem** and went to **Antioch**. There they gathered the **group** of **believers** together and gave them **the letter**. <sup>31</sup> When **the** **believers** read **it**, they were happy. **The letter** comforted them. <sup>32</sup> **Judas and Silas**, who were also **prophets**, said **many things** to encourage the **believers** and make them stronger in **their faith**. <sup>33</sup> After **Judas and Silas** stayed there for **a while**, they left. They received a  **blessing of peace** from **the** **believers**.

Then **they** went back to **those** who had sent them **G0846**. <sup>34</sup> I

<sup>35</sup> But **Paul** and **Barnabas** stayed in **Antioch**. They and **many others** the **believers** and **other people** told **the Good News** about **the Lord**.

#### **Paul and Barnabas Separate**

<sup>36</sup> A **few days** later, **Paul** said to **Barnabas**, "We should go back to **all the towns** where we told **people** the **message** of **the Lord**." **We** should visit **the** **believers** to see how they are doing."

<sup>37</sup> **Barnabas** wanted to bring **John** with **them** too. <sup>38</sup> But **Paul** on **their** first trip **John** **Mark** did not continue with them **in** the **work**. He left them at **Pamphylia**. So **Paul** did not think it was a good idea to take **him** this time. <sup>39</sup> **Paul** and **Barnabas** had a big argument

<sup>1</sup> Some Greek copies add verse 34: "But Silas decided to remain there."

about |strong="G1519" this |strong="G3588". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" so |strong="G1161" bad that |strong="G5620" they |strong="G0846" separated |strong="G0673" and |strong="G1161" went |strong="G1096" different ways. Barnabas |strong="G0921" sailed |strong="G1602" to |strong="G1519" Cyprus |strong="G2954" and |strong="G1161" took |strong="G3880" Mark |strong="G3138" with |strong="G0575" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>40</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" chose |strong="G1951" Silas |strong="G4609" to |strong="G0080" go |strong="G1831" with |strong="G5485" him |strong="G3860". The |strong="G3588" believers in |strong="G0080" Antioch put |strong="G3860" Paul |strong="G3972" into |strong="G3860" the |strong="G3588" Lord's |strong="G2962" care and |strong="G1161" sent him |strong="G3860" out |strong="G1831". <sup>41</sup> Paul and |strong="G2532" Silas went |strong="G1330" through |strong="G1330" the |strong="G3588" countries of |strong="G1577" Syria |strong="G4947" and |strong="G2532" Cilicia |strong="G2791", helping the |strong="G3588" churches |strong="G1577" grow stronger.

#### Timothy Goes With Paul and Silas

**16** Paul |strong="G1510" went to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G2532" city |strong="G1563" of |strong="G5207" Derbe |strong="G1191" and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" Lystra |strong="G3082", where |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1510" follower of |strong="G5207" Jesus |strong="G1510" named |strong="G3686" Timothy |strong="G5095" lived |strong="G1510". Timothy's mother was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Jewish |strong="G2453" believer |strong="G4103", but |strong="G1161" his |strong="G3708" father |strong="G3962" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Greek |strong="G1672". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="G3588" believers in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" cities of |strong="G1722" Lystra |strong="G3082" and |strong="G2532" Iconium |strong="G2430" had |strong="G3739" only |strong="G2532" good |strong="G3140" things |strong="G3739" to |strong="G2532" say about |strong="G1722" him |strong="G3739". <sup>3</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" wanted |strong="G2309" Timothy to |strong="G2309" travel with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846", but |strong="G2532" all |strong="G0537" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" living in |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3754" area knew |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" his |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2983" Greek |strong="G1672". So |strong="G2532" Paul |strong="G3972" circumcised |strong="G4059" Timothy to |strong="G2309"

please |strong="G2309" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453".

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Paul |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" traveled |strong="G1279" through |strong="G1722" other |strong="G1161" cities |strong="G4172". They |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G3860" the |strong="G3588" believers the |strong="G3588" rules and |strong="G2532" decisions from |strong="G5259" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652" and |strong="G2532" elders |strong="G4245" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2414". They |strong="G0846" told them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" obey |strong="G5442" these |strong="G3588" rules. <sup>5</sup> So |strong="G3767" the |strong="G3588" churches |strong="G1577" were |strong="G3588" becoming stronger in |strong="G2596" their |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" number |strong="G0706" of |strong="G2250" believers was |strong="G3588" growing every |strong="G2596" day |strong="G2250".

#### Paul Is |strong="G3588" Called to |strong="G2596" Macedonia

<sup>6</sup> Paul and |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" with |strong="G1722" him |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1330" through |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" areas of |strong="G3056" Phrygia |strong="G5435" and |strong="G2532" Galatia |strong="G1054" because |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" did not |strong="G2532" allow them |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2532" tell |strong="G2980" the |strong="G3588" Good News |strong="G3056" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" province of |strong="G3056" Asia |strong="G0773". <sup>7</sup> When |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" reached |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" border of |strong="G4151" Mysia |strong="G3465", they |strong="G0846" tried |strong="G3985" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G4198" on |strong="G1519" into |strong="G1519" Bithynia |strong="G0978", but |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" of |strong="G4151" Jesus |strong="G2424" did |strong="G3985" not |strong="G3756" let |strong="G1439" them |strong="G0846" go |strong="G4198" there |strong="G1161". <sup>8</sup> So |strong="G1161" they |strong="G1161" passed |strong="G3928" by |strong="G1519" Mysia |strong="G3465" and |strong="G1161" went |strong="G2597" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city of |strong="G1519" Troas |strong="G5174".

<sup>9</sup> That |strong="G3004" night |strong="G3571" Paul |strong="G3972" saw |strong="G3708"

a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia came to Paul. The man stood there and begged, "Come across to Macedonia and help us!" After that, Paul had seen the vision, we immediately prepared to leave Macedonia. We understood that God had called us to tell the Good News to those people.

#### The Conversion of Lydia

<sup>11</sup> We left Troas and sailed to the island of Samothrace. The next day we sailed to the city of Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> Then we went to Philippi, a Roman colony, and the leading city in that part of Macedonia. We stayed there for a few days.

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went out to the city gate to the river. There we

I we Luke, the writer, apparently went with Paul to Macedonia but did not leave Philippi with him. (See verse 40.) The first person pronoun occurs again in 20:5-21:18 and 27:1-28.

thought we might find a special place for prayer. Some women had gathered there, so we sat down and talked with them. There a woman named Lydia from Thyatira was selling purple cloth. She was a worshiper of the true God. Lydia was listening to Paul, and the Lord opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying and all the people living in her house were baptized. Then she invited us into her home. She said, "If you think I am a true believer in the Lord Jesus, come stay in my house." She persuaded us to stay with her.

#### Paul and Silas in Jail

<sup>16</sup> One day we were to go to the place for



prayer|strong="G4335", and|strong="G1161" a|strong="G2192" servant girl met|strong="G5221" us|strong="G1519". She|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" spirit|strong="G4151"<sup>16</sup> in|strong="G1519" her|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3748" gave her|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" power to|strong="G1519" tell what|strong="G3588" would|strong="G1096" happen|strong="G1096" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" future. By|strong="G1096" doing this|strong="G3588" she|strong="G0846" earned a|strong="G2192" lot of|strong="G4151" money|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" men|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3588" owned|strong="G2192" her|strong="G0846".<sup>17</sup> She|strong="G3778" started following|strong="G2628" Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" rest|strong="G1510" of|strong="G2316" us|strong="G3004" around. She|strong="G3778" kept|strong="G3972" shouting|strong="G2896", "These|strong="G3778" men|strong="G0444" are|strong="G1510" servants|strong="G1401" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" Most|strong="G5310" High|strong="G5310" God|strong="G2316"<sup>18</sup>. They|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510" telling|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" how you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G3004" be|strong="G1510" saved!"<sup>18</sup> She|strong="G0846" continued doing|strong="G4160" this|strong="G3778" for|strong="G1909" many|strong="G4183" days|strong="G2250". This|strong="G3778" bothered Paul|strong="G3972", so|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" turned|strong="G1994" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" spirit|strong="G4151", "By|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" power of|strong="G4151" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", I|strong="G2532" command|strong="G3853" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G3004" come|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G4151" her|strong="G0846"<sup>19</sup>! Immediately, the|strong="G3588" spirit|strong="G4151" came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831".

<sup>19</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" owned the|strong="G3588" servant girl saw|strong="G3708" this|strong="G3588", they|strong="G0846" realized|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" could no longer|strong="G1909" use her|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" make money|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" grabbed Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532"

I SPIRIT A spirit from the devil that gave special knowledge.

Silas|strong="G4609" and|strong="G2532" dragged|strong="G1670" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" public square to|strong="G1519" meet with|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" authorities|strong="G0758".<sup>20</sup> They|strong="G0846" brought|strong="G4317" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Silas before|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Roman officials and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "These|strong="G3778" men|strong="G0444" are|strong="G3778" Jews|strong="G2453", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3778" making trouble in|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" city|strong="G4172".<sup>21</sup> They|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" telling people|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" things|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" right for|strong="G2532" us|strong="G4160" as|strong="G2532" Romans|strong="G4514" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160"."

<sup>22</sup> The|strong="G3588" whole crowd|strong="G3793" turned against|strong="G2596" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Silas. The|strong="G3588" officials tore|strong="G4048" the|strong="G3588" clothes|strong="G2440" off|strong="G2596" both|strong="G2532" men|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" ordered|strong="G2753" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" beaten|strong="G4463" with|strong="G2596" rods|strong="G4463".<sup>23</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" beaten|strong="G4127" severely|strong="G4183" and|strong="G5037" thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" jail. The|strong="G3588" officials told the|strong="G3588" jailer|strong="G1200", "Guard|strong="G5083" them|strong="G0846" very|strong="G0846" carefully!"<sup>24</sup> When|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" jailer heard this|strong="G3588" special order, he|strong="G2532" put|strong="G0906" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Silas far|strong="G3588" inside the|strong="G3588" jail and|strong="G2532" bound their|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228" between|strong="G0846" large blocks of|strong="G4228" wood|strong="G3586".

<sup>25</sup> About|strong="G2596" midnight|strong="G3317" Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532" Silas|strong="G4609" were|strong="G3588" praying|strong="G4336" and|strong="G2532" singing|strong="G5214" songs to|strong="G2596" God|strong="G2316". The|strong="G3588" other|strong="G1161" prisoners|strong="G1198" were|strong="G3588" listening|strong="G1874" to|strong="G2596" them|strong="G0846".<sup>26</sup> Suddenly|strong="G0869"

there |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" an |strong="G1096" earthquake |strong="G4578" so |strong="G2532" strong |strong="G3173" that |strong="G5620" it |strong="G1161" shook |strong="G4531" the |strong="G3956" foundation |strong="G2310" of |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" jail. All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" doors |strong="G2374" of |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" jail opened |strong="G0455", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" chains |strong="G1199" on |strong="G1161" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" prisoners fell |strong="G1096" off. <sup>27</sup> The |strong="G3588" jailer |strong="G1200" woke up and |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" jail doors |strong="G2374" were |strong="G1096" open |strong="G0455". He |strong="G2532" thought |strong="G3543" that |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" prisoners |strong="G1198" had |strong="G3588" already escaped |strong="G1628", so |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" got |strong="G1096" his |strong="G3708" sword |strong="G3162" and |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" ready |strong="G3195" to |strong="G3195" kill |strong="G0337" himself |strong="G1438". <sup>28</sup> But |strong="G1161" Paul |strong="G3972" shouted, "Don't |strong="G3367" hurt yourself |strong="G4572"! We |strong="G1161" are |strong="G1510" all |strong="G0537" here |strong="G1759"!"

<sup>29</sup> The |strong="G3588" jailer told someone to |strong="G2532" bring a |strong="G1096" light |strong="G5457". Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" ran inside and |strong="G2532", shaking with |strong="G2532" fear |strong="G1790", fell |strong="G1096" down |strong="G4363" in |strong="G2532" front of |strong="G3588" Paul |strong="G3972" and |strong="G2532" Silas |strong="G4609". <sup>30</sup> Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" brought |strong="G4254" them |strong="G0846" outside |strong="G1854" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G5346", "Men |strong="G0846", what |strong="G5101" must |strong="G1163" I |strong="G1473" do |strong="G4160" to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1163" saved |strong="G4982"?"

<sup>31</sup> They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G2532", "Believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982"—you |strong="G4771" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" live

I KILL HIMSELF He thought the leaders would kill him for letting the prisoners escape.

in |strong="G1909" your |strong="G2962" house |strong="G3624".<sup>32</sup> So |strong="G2532" Paul |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" Silas told |strong="G2980" the |strong="G3956" message |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" jailer and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" lived in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3614". <sup>33</sup> It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" late |strong="G5610" at |strong="G1722" night |strong="G3571", but |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" jailer took |strong="G3880" Paul |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" Silas and |strong="G2532" washed |strong="G3068" their |strong="G0846" wounds |strong="G4127". Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" jailer and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" his |strong="G0846" people |strong="G3956" were |strong="G3956" baptized |strong="G0907". <sup>34</sup> After |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" jailer took Paul |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" Silas home |strong="G3624" and |strong="G2532" gave them |strong="G0846" some |strong="G3588" food |strong="G5132". All |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" very |strong="G0846" happy because |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" now |strong="G2532" believed |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316".

<sup>35</sup> The |strong="G3588" next morning |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588" Roman officials sent |strong="G0649" some |strong="G3588" soldiers to |strong="G3004" tell |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" jailer, "Let |strong="G1096" these |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0444" go |strong="G0630" free |strong="G0630"."

<sup>36</sup> The |strong="G3588" jailer |strong="G1200" said |strong="G3056" to |strong="G4314" Paul |strong="G3972", "The |strong="G3588" officials have |strong="G3748" sent |strong="G0649" these |strong="G3778" soldiers to |strong="G4314" let |strong="G0630" you |strong="G3754" go |strong="G4198" free |strong="G0630". You |strong="G3754" can leave |strong="G1831" now |strong="G1161". Go |strong="G4198" in |strong="G1722" peace |strong="G1515"."

<sup>37</sup> But |strong="G1161" Paul |strong="G3972" said |strong="G5346" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" soldiers, "Those |strong="G3588" officials did |strong="G2064" not |strong="G3756" prove that |strong="G0846" we |strong="G2249" did |strong="G2064" anything |strong="G0235" wrong, but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" beat |strong="G1194" us |strong="G1519"

in|strong="G1519" public|strong="G1219" and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G0906" us|strong="G1519" in|strong="G1519" jail. And|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G3588" Roman|strong="G4514" citizens. <sup>1</sup> Now|strong="G1161" they|strong="G0846" want us|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G2064" away|strong="G1544" quietly. No|strong="G3756", they|strong="G0846" must|strong="G0235" come|strong="G2064" here|strong="G1519" themselves|strong="G1438" and|strong="G2532" lead|strong="G1806" us|strong="G1519" out|strong="G1544"!"

<sup>38</sup> The|strong="G3588" soldiers told|strong="G0518" the|strong="G3588" officials what|strong="G3588" Paul|strong="G1510" said. When|strong="G1161" they|strong="G3754" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" Paul|strong="G1510" and|strong="G1161" Silas were|strong="G1510" Roman|strong="G4514" citizens, they|strong="G3754" were|strong="G1510" afraid|strong="G5399". <sup>39</sup> So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" came|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" told them|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" sorry. They|strong="G0846" led|strong="G1806" them|strong="G0846" out|strong="G1806" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" jail and|strong="G2532" asked|strong="G2065" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2064" leave|strong="G0565" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". <sup>40</sup> But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G1525" and|strong="G2532" Silas came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" jail, they|strong="G2532" went|strong="G1831" to|strong="G4314" Lydia's|strong="G3070" house. They|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" believers there|strong="G1161" and|strong="G2532" encouraged|strong="G3870" them|strong="G3870". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" left|strong="G1831".

### Paul and Silas in Thessalonica

**17** Paul|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" Silas traveled|strong="G1353"

through|strong="G1353" the|strong="G3588" cities of|strong="G1519" Amphipolis|strong="G0295" and|strong="G2532" Apollonia|strong="G0624". They|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G3699" of|strong="G1519" Thessalonica|strong="G2332", where|strong="G3699" there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510"

<sup>1</sup> ROMAN CITIZENS Roman law said that Roman citizens must not be beaten before their trial.

a|strong="G1510" Jewish|strong="G2453" synagogue|strong="G4864". <sup>2</sup> Paul|strong="G3972" went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1525" the|strong="G3588" synagogue to|strong="G4314" see the|strong="G3588" Jews as|strong="G2596" he|strong="G2532" always did|strong="G1525". The|strong="G3588" next three|strong="G5140" weeks, on|strong="G1909" each|strong="G2596" Sabbath|strong="G4521" day|strong="G4521", he|strong="G2532" discussed|strong="G1256" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures|strong="G1124" with|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0846". <sup>3</sup> He|strong="G2532" explained the|strong="G3588" Scriptures to|strong="G2532" show them|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547" had|strong="G2424" to|strong="G2532" die and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" rise|strong="G0450" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G3498". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2532", " This|strong="G3778" Jesus|strong="G2424" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" telling you|strong="G5210" about|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547"." <sup>4</sup> Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Jews there|strong="G4183" believed Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532" Silas|strong="G4609" and|strong="G2532" decided to|strong="G2532" join them|strong="G0846". Also|strong="G2532", a|strong="G2532" large|strong="G4183" number|strong="G4128" of|strong="G1537" Greeks|strong="G1672" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" worshipers of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" true God|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" important women|strong="G1135" joined|strong="G4345" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>5</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" who|strong="G3588" did|strong="G5100" not|strong="G2532" believe became jealous|strong="G2206", so|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" got some|strong="G5100" bad|strong="G4190" men|strong="G0435" from|strong="G0435" around the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172" center to|strong="G1519" make trouble. They|strong="G0846" formed|strong="G3792" a|strong="G2532" mob|strong="G3792" and|strong="G2532" caused a|strong="G2532" riot in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". They|strong="G0846" went|strong="G4254" to|strong="G1519" Jason's|strong="G2394" house|strong="G3614", looking|strong="G2212" for|strong="G1519" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" Silas. They|strong="G0846" wanted|strong="G2212" to|strong="G1519"

bring |strong="G4254" them |strong="G0846" out |strong="G1438" before |strong="G4254" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846". <sup>6</sup> When |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" did |strong="G2147" not |strong="G3361" find |strong="G2147" them |strong="G0846", they |strong="G0846" dragged |strong="G4951" Jason |strong="G2394" and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" believers to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4173" leaders |strong="G3754". The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" shouted |strong="G0994", " These |strong="G3778" men |strong="G3778" have |strong="G2532" made trouble everywhere in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G3625", and |strong="G2532" now |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532" come here |strong="G1759" too |strong="G2532"! <sup>7</sup> Jason |strong="G2394" is |strong="G1510" keeping them |strong="G3739" in |strong="G2532" his |strong="G3956" house. They |strong="G3739" all |strong="G3956" do |strong="G4238" things |strong="G3778" against |strong="G0561" the |strong="G3956" laws of |strong="G3956" Caesar |strong="G2541". They |strong="G3739" say |strong="G3004" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" another |strong="G2087" king |strong="G0935" called |strong="G3004" Jesus |strong="G2424"."

<sup>8</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4173" leaders and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" people |strong="G3793" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3778", they |strong="G2532" became very |strong="G3778" upset. <sup>9</sup> They |strong="G0846" made Jason |strong="G2394" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3062" believers deposit money |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" guarantee that |strong="G0846" there |strong="G2425" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G2532" no more trouble. Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" let |strong="G0630" them |strong="G0846" go |strong="G0630".

**Paul |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" Silas Go |strong="G0630" to |strong="G2532" Berea**

<sup>10</sup> That |strong="G3748" same |strong="G2532" night |strong="G3571" the |strong="G3588" believers sent |strong="G1599" Paul |strong="G3972" and |strong="G2532" Silas |strong="G4609" to |strong="G1519" another city named Berea |strong="G0960". When |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" arrived |strong="G3854" there |strong="G1161", they |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0549" to |strong="G1519"

the |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" synagogue |strong="G4864". <sup>11</sup> The |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1722" Berea were |strong="G1510" more |strong="G2596" open-minded than |strong="G2104" those |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" Thessalonica |strong="G2332". They |strong="G1161" were |strong="G1510" so |strong="G3779" glad to |strong="G2596" hear the |strong="G3956" message |strong="G3056" Paul |strong="G1510" told them |strong="G1722". They |strong="G1161" studied the |strong="G3956" Scriptures |strong="G1124" every |strong="G3956" day |strong="G2250" to |strong="G2596" make sure that |strong="G3778" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G1161" heard was |strong="G1510" really true |strong="G3779". <sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" result |strong="G1537" was |strong="G3588" that |strong="G4100" many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846" believed |strong="G4100", including |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" important Greek |strong="G1674" women |strong="G1135" and |strong="G2532" men |strong="G0435".

<sup>13</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" in |strong="G1722" Thessalonica |strong="G2332" learned |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" Paul |strong="G3972" was |strong="G3588" telling people |strong="G3793" God's |strong="G2316" message |strong="G3056" in |strong="G1722" Berea |strong="G0960", they |strong="G2532" came |strong="G2064" there |strong="G2546" too |strong="G2532". They |strong="G2532" upset the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793" and |strong="G2532" made trouble. <sup>14</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" believers immediately |strong="G2112" sent |strong="G1821" Paul |strong="G3972" away |strong="G1821" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" coast, but |strong="G1161" Silas |strong="G4609" and |strong="G2532" Timothy |strong="G5095" stayed |strong="G5278" in |strong="G1909" Berea. <sup>15</sup> Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" went |strong="G2064" with |strong="G4314" Paul |strong="G3972" took |strong="G2983" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" of |strong="G1785" Athens |strong="G0116". They |strong="G0846" returned |strong="G2064" with |strong="G4314" a |strong="G5613" message for |strong="G4314" Silas |strong="G4609" and |strong="G2532" Timothy |strong="G5095" to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" join him |strong="G0846" as |strong="G5613" soon |strong="G5036" as |strong="G5613" they |strong="G0846" could.

Paul |strong="G3972" in |strong="G2532"  
Athens |strong="G0116"

16 While |strong="G1722" Paul |strong="G3972" was |strong="G1510" waiting |strong="G1551" for |strong="G1722" Silas and |strong="G1161" Timothy in |strong="G1722" Athens |strong="G0116", he |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" upset because |strong="G1722" he |strong="G0846" saw |strong="G2334" that |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" was |strong="G1510" full |strong="G2712" of |strong="G4151" idols |strong="G2712". 17 In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" synagogue |strong="G4864" he |strong="G2532" talked with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Jews |strong="G2453" and |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Greeks who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G2453" worshippers of |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3956" true God |strong="G4314". He |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" went to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3956" public square every |strong="G3956" day |strong="G2250" and |strong="G2532" talked with |strong="G1722" everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" came by |strong="G1722". 18 Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" Epicurean and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" Stoic |strong="G4770" philosophers |strong="G5386" argued with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846".

Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" them |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " This |strong="G3778" man |strong="G3778" doesn't really know what |strong="G5101" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" talking |strong="G3004" about |strong="G3588". What |strong="G5101" is |strong="G1510" he |strong="G2532" trying to |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004"?" Paul |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" telling |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" about |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G2424" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" resurrection |strong="G0386". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " He |strong="G2532" seems |strong="G1380" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" telling |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" about |strong="G3588" some |strong="G5100" other |strong="G1161" gods |strong="G1140"."

19 They |strong="G0846" took |strong="G1949" Paul |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" a |strong="G5259" meeting of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" Areopagus |strong="G0697" council. They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004",

"Please explain to |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778" new |strong="G2537" idea that |strong="G1097" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G3588" been teaching |strong="G1322". 20 The |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3778" you |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" saying are |strong="G1510" new to |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519". We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510" never heard |strong="G0189" this |strong="G3778" teaching before |strong="G1519", and |strong="G3778" we |strong="G2249" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G1519" know |strong="G1097" what |strong="G5101" it |strong="G3778" means |strong="G1510"." 21 ( The |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" of |strong="G5100" Athens |strong="G0117" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" foreigners |strong="G3581" who |strong="G3588" lived there |strong="G1161" spent all |strong="G3956" their |strong="G2532" time |strong="G2119" either |strong="G2228" telling |strong="G3004" or |strong="G2228" listening |strong="G0191" to |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" latest ideas.)

22 Then |strong="G1161" Paul |strong="G3972" stood |strong="G2476" up before |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" meeting of |strong="G0435" the |strong="G3956" Areopagus |strong="G0697" council and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G5346", " Men |strong="G0435" of |strong="G0435" Athens |strong="G0117", everything |strong="G3956" I |strong="G1161" see |strong="G2334" here |strong="G1722" tells me |strong="G2334" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3956" very religious. 23 I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3739" going |strong="G1330" through |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" city and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" saw the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" worship |strong="G4574". I |strong="G1473" found |strong="G2147" an |strong="G2532" altar |strong="G1041" that |strong="G3739" had |strong="G3739" these |strong="G3778" words |strong="G2532" written |strong="G1924" on |strong="G1722" it |strong="G2147": ' TO |strong="G2532" AN |strong="G2532" UNKNOWN |strong="G0050" GOD |strong="G2316". You |strong="G5210" worship |strong="G4574" a |strong="G2147" god |strong="G2316" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" don't know |strong="G0050". This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" I |strong="G1473" want to |strong="G2532" tell you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G1722".

24 " He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" God |strong="G2316" who |strong="G3588" made |strong="G4160"

the whole world and everything it is Lord the land and sky does live in temples and built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> He is the one who gives life, breath, and everything they need. He does not need any help from them. He has everything he needs. <sup>26</sup> God began by making one man, and from him he made the different people who live everywhere in the world. He decided exactly when and where they would live.

<sup>27</sup> "God wanted people to look for him, and perhaps in the world all around for him, they would find him. But he is not far from any of us. <sup>28</sup> It is through him we are able to live, to do what we do, and

to be who we are. As your own poets said, 'We all come from him.'

<sup>29</sup> "That's right. We all come from God. So you must think he is like something people make. He is not made of gold, silver, stone. <sup>30</sup> In the past people did not understand God, and he overlooked this now he is telling everyone in the world to change and turn to him. <sup>31</sup> He has decided on a day when he will judge all people in the world in a way that is fair. To do this he will use a man who chose long ago. And he proved to everyone that this is the man to do it. He proved it by raising him from death!"

32 When the people about Jesus being death of them laughed. But said, "We will hear more about this you later." 33 So Paul left the council meeting. 34 But of the people with and became believers. Among these were Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus council, a woman named Damaris, and some others.

#### Paul in Corinth

18 Later left Athens and went to the city of Corinth. 2 There he met a Jewish man named Aquila, who was born in the country of Pontus. But he and his wife, Priscilla, had recently moved to Corinth from Italy. They left Italy because Claudius had given an order for Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to visit Aquila and Priscilla. 3 They were tentmakers, the same

as Paul, so he stayed with them and worked with them.

4 Every day Paul went to the synagogue and talked with Jews and Greeks, trying to persuade them to believe in Jesus. 5 But Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul spent all his time telling God's message to the Jews, trying to convince them that Jesus is the Messiah. 6 But they disagreed with what Paul was teaching and started insulting him. So Paul shook the dust from his clothes. 1 He said, "If you are not saved, it will be your own fault! I have done all I can do. After this I will go only to the non-Jewish people."

7 Paul left the synagogue and moved into the home of Titius Jusu-

1 SHOOK THE DUST FROM HIS CLOTHES A warning. It showed Paul was finished talking to these Jews.

tus|strong="G2459", a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" worshiper|strong="G4576" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" true God|strong="G2316". His|strong="G3739" house|strong="G3614" was|strong="G1510" next|strong="G4927" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" synagogue|strong="G4864".<sup>8</sup> Crispus|strong="G2921" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" leader|strong="G0752" of|strong="G3624" that|strong="G0191" synagogue|strong="G0752". He|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3650" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" living in|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3624" believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G0846". Many|strong="G4183" other|strong="G1161" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G2532" Corinth also|strong="G2532" listened|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846", too|strong="G2532", believed|strong="G4100" and|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" baptized|strong="G0907".

<sup>9</sup> During|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" night|strong="G3571", Paul|strong="G3972" had|strong="G3972" a|strong="G3004" vision|strong="G3705". The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" him|strong="G2532", "Don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" afraid|strong="G5399", and|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" stop|strong="G3361" talking|strong="G2980" to|strong="G3004" people|strong="G3588".<sup>10</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G4771", and|strong="G2532" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" able to|strong="G2532" hurt you|strong="G4771". Many|strong="G4183" of|strong="G4172" my|strong="G1722" people|strong="G2992" are|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" city|strong="G4172"."<sup>11</sup> Paul|strong="G0846" stayed there|strong="G1722" for|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2532" year|strong="G1763" and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" half teaching|strong="G1321" God's|strong="G2316" message|strong="G3056" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846".

**Paul|strong="G0846" Is|strong="G2316" Brought Before|strong="G1722" Gallio**

<sup>12</sup> During|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G1909" that|strong="G0846" Gal-

lio|strong="G1058" was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" governor of|strong="G1909" Achaia|strong="G0882", some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" came|strong="G1510" together|strong="G3661" against|strong="G1909" Paul|strong="G3972". They|strong="G0846" took|strong="G0071" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1909" court.<sup>13</sup> They|strong="G3754" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Gallio, "This|strong="G3778" man|strong="G0444" is|strong="G2316" teaching people|strong="G0444" to|strong="G3004" worship|strong="G4576" God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G2316" a|strong="G3004" way|strong="G3778" that|strong="G3754" is|strong="G2316" against our|strong="G2316" law|strong="G3551"!"

<sup>14</sup> Paul|strong="G3972" was|strong="G1510" ready|strong="G3195" to|strong="G4314" say|strong="G3004" something|strong="G5100", but|strong="G1161" Gallio|strong="G1058" spoke|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453". He|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004", "I|strong="G1487" would|strong="G3195" listen to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" if|strong="G1487" your|strong="G1487" complaint|strong="G3056" was|strong="G1510" about|strong="G3195" a|strong="G1510" crime|strong="G4467" or|strong="G2228" other|strong="G1161" wrong|strong="G0092".<sup>15</sup> But|strong="G1161" it|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" only|strong="G1487" about|strong="G4012" words|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" names|strong="G3686"—arguments about|strong="G4012" your|strong="G3708" own|strong="G0846" law|strong="G3551". So|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" must|strong="G1510" solve this|strong="G3778" problem yourselves|strong="G0846". I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G1014" to|strong="G2596" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" judge|strong="G2923" of|strong="G3056" these|strong="G3778" matters|strong="G3056"."<sup>16</sup> So|strong="G2532" Gallio made them|strong="G0846" leave the|strong="G3588" court.

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" grabbed Sos-thenes|strong="G4988", the|strong="G3956" leader|strong="G0752" of|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" synagogue|strong="G0752". They|strong="G2532" beat|strong="G5180" him|strong="G2532" before|strong="G1715" the|strong="G3956" court|strong="G3199". But|strong="G1161" this|strong="G3778" did not|strong="G3762" bother Gallio|strong="G1058".



### Paul Returns to *Antioch*

18 Paul stayed with the believers for many days. Then he left and sailed for Syria and Aquila were also with him. At Paul cut off his hair, <sup>I</sup> because he had made a promise to God. <sup>19</sup> Then they went to Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. While Paul was in Ephesus, he went into the synagogue and talked with the Jews. <sup>20</sup> They asked him to stay longer, but he refused. <sup>21</sup> He left them and said, "I will come back to you again if God wants me." And he sailed away from Ephesus.

<sup>22</sup> When Paul arrived at Caesarea, he went to Jerusalem and visited the church there. After that he went to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> Paul

<sup>I</sup> CUT OFF HIS HAIR This may show that Paul was ending a Nazirite vow, a time of special dedication and service promised to God. See "Nazirite" in the Word List.

stayed in Antioch for a while. Then he left there and went through the countries of Galatia and Phrygia. He traveled from town to town in these countries, helping all the followers of Jesus grow stronger in their faith.

### Apollos in Ephesus and Corinth

<sup>24</sup> A Jew named Apollos came to Ephesus. Born in Alexandria, he was an educated man who knew the Scriptures well. <sup>25</sup> He had taught about the Lord and was always excited to talk to people about Jesus. What he taught was right, but the only baptism he knew about was the baptism that John taught. <sup>26</sup> Apollos began to speak very boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him home and helped him understand the

<sup>II</sup> EXCITED Or "on fire with the Spirit."

way|strong="G3598" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" better.

<sup>27</sup> Apollos|strong="G1014" wanted|strong="G1014" to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G1330" to|strong="G1519" Achaia|strong="G0882". So|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" believers|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" Ephesus helped|strong="G4820" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" wrote|strong="G1125" a|strong="G3739" letter|strong="G1125" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Lord's followers in|strong="G1519" Achaia|strong="G0882" and|strong="G1161" asked them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" accept Apollos|strong="G1014". When|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" arrived|strong="G3854" there|strong="G1161", he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3739" a|strong="G3739" great|strong="G4183" help to|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" had|strong="G3739" believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" Jesus|strong="G0846" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" God's|strong="G0846" grace|strong="G5485". <sup>28</sup> He|strong="G1510" argued very strongly against the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" before|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510". He|strong="G1510" clearly proved that|strong="G2453" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" were|strong="G1510" wrong. He|strong="G1510" used the|strong="G3588" Scriptures|strong="G1124" and|strong="G2453" showed that|strong="G2453" Jesus|strong="G2424" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Messiah|strong="G5547".

### Paul in Ephesus

**19** While|strong="G1722" Apollos|strong="G0625" was|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G5100" Corinth|strong="G2882", Paul|strong="G3972" was|strong="G1510" visiting some|strong="G5100" places on|strong="G1722" his|strong="G2532" way|strong="G1722" to|strong="G1519" Ephesus|strong="G2181". In|strong="G1722" Ephesus|strong="G2181" he|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" some|strong="G5100" other|strong="G1161" followers of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" Lord. <sup>2</sup> He|strong="G0846" asked|strong="G3004" them|strong="G0846", " Did|strong="G0191" you|strong="G1487" receive|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" when|strong="G1161" you|strong="G1487" believed|strong="G4100"?"

These|strong="G3588" followers said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846", " We|strong="G1487"

have|strong="G1510" never|strong="G1487" even|strong="G3761" heard|strong="G0191" of|strong="G4151" a|strong="G2983" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151"!"

<sup>3</sup> Paul asked|strong="G3004" them|strong="G3004", " So|strong="G3767" what|strong="G5101" kind of|strong="G0908" baptism|strong="G0908" did|strong="G0907" you|strong="G3004" have|strong="G3588"?"

They|strong="G3767" said|strong="G3004", " It|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" baptism|strong="G0908" that|strong="G3004" John|strong="G2491" taught."

<sup>4</sup> Paul|strong="G3972" said|strong="G3004", " John|strong="G2491" told|strong="G3004" people|strong="G2992" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" baptized|strong="G0907" to|strong="G1519" show they|strong="G0846" wanted to|strong="G1519" change their|strong="G0846" lives. He|strong="G0846" told|strong="G3004" people|strong="G2992" to|strong="G1519" believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" would|strong="G0846" come|strong="G2064" after|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846", and|strong="G1161" that|strong="G2443" one|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" Jesus|strong="G2424"."

<sup>5</sup> When|strong="G1161" these|strong="G3588" followers heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3588", they|strong="G1161" were|strong="G3588" baptized|strong="G0907" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424". <sup>6</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G3972" laid|strong="G2007" his|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G1909" them|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" came|strong="G2064" on|strong="G1909" them|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" began|strong="G1909" speaking|strong="G2980" different languages|strong="G1100" and|strong="G2532" prophesying|strong="G4395". <sup>7</sup> There|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" about|strong="G5616" twelve|strong="G1427" men|strong="G0435" in|strong="G3956" this|strong="G3588" group.

<sup>8</sup> Paul|strong="G1256" went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" synagogue|strong="G4864" and|strong="G2532" spoke|strong="G3955" very|strong="G2532" boldly|strong="G3955". He|strong="G2532" continued doing this|strong="G3588" for|strong="G1519" three|strong="G5140" months|strong="G3376". He|strong="G2532" talked with|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" Jews, trying to|strong="G1519"

persuade them to accept what he was telling them about God's kingdom. <sup>9</sup> But some of them became stubborn and refused to believe. In front of everyone, they said about the bad things about the way Paul left these Jews and took them with him. He went to a place where a man named Tyrannus had a school. There Paul talked with every day. <sup>10</sup> He did this for two years. Because of this work, everyone in Asia, Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

**The Sons of Sceva**

<sup>11</sup> God used Paul some very special miracles. <sup>12</sup> Some people carried away handkerchiefs and clothes that Paul had used and put them on those who were sick. The people were healed, and evil spirits left them.

<sup>13</sup> Some Jews also were traveling around forcing evil spirits out of people. The seven sons of Sceva, one of

the leading priests, were doing this. These Jews tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus to make the evil spirits go out of people. They all said, "By the same Jesus that Paul talks about, I order you to come out!"

<sup>15</sup> But one time an evil spirit said to these Jews, "I know Jesus, and I know you. But Paul, who you are?"

<sup>16</sup> Then the man who had the evil spirit inside him jumped on these Jews. He was much stronger than all of them. He beat them up and tore their clothes off. They all ran away from that house.

<sup>17</sup> All the people in Ephesus and Greeks, learned about this. They were all filled with fear and gave great honor to the Lord Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Many of the believers began to confess, telling about all the evil things they had done. <sup>19</sup> Some of them had used magic. These believers brought their magic books and burned them before everyone. These books were worth about 50,000 silver coins. <sup>20</sup>

I SILVER COINS Probably Greek drachmas. One coin was worth the average pay for one day's work.

This *strong="G3779"* is *strong="G2962"* how *strong="G3779"* the *strong="G3588"* word *strong="G3056"* of *strong="G3056"* the *strong="G3588"* Lord *strong="G2962"* was *strong="G3588"* spreading *strong="G0837"* in *strong="G2596"* a *strong="G3779"* powerful way *strong="G3779"*, causing *strong="G0837"* more *strong="G2596"* and *strong="G2532"* more *strong="G2596"* people *strong="G3588"* to *strong="G2596"* believe.

### Paul Plans a *strong="G3779"* Trip

<sup>21</sup> After *strong="G3326"* this *strong="G3778"*, Paul *strong="G3972"* made *strong="G1096"* plans to *strong="G1519"* go *strong="G4198"* to *strong="G1519"* Jerusalem *strong="G2414"*. He *strong="G2532"* planned to *strong="G1519"* go *strong="G4198"* through *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* regions of *strong="G4151"* Macedonia *strong="G3109"* and *strong="G2532"* Achaia *strong="G0882"*, and *strong="G2532"* then *strong="G2532"* go *strong="G4198"* to *strong="G1519"* Jerusalem *strong="G2414"*. He *strong="G2532"* thought *strong="G3004"*, " After *strong="G3326"* I *strong="G1473"* visit Jerusalem *strong="G2414"*, I *strong="G1473"* must *strong="G1163"* also *strong="G2532"* visit Rome *strong="G4516"*." <sup>22</sup> Timothy *strong="G5095"* and *strong="G2532"* Erastus *strong="G2037"* were *strong="G3588"* two *strong="G1417"* of *strong="G1519"* his *strong="G0846"* helpers. Paul *strong="G0846"* sent *strong="G0649"* them *strong="G0846"* ahead *strong="G1519"* to *strong="G1519"* Macedonia *strong="G3109"*. But *strong="G1161"* he *strong="G2532"* stayed *strong="G1907"* in *strong="G1519"* Asia *strong="G0773"* for *strong="G1519"* a *strong="G2532"* while *strong="G5550"*.

### Trouble in *strong="G1519"* Ephesus

<sup>23</sup> But *strong="G1161"* during *strong="G2596"* that *strong="G1565"* time *strong="G2540"* there *strong="G1161"* was *strong="G3588"* some *strong="G3588"* trouble in *strong="G2596"* Ephesus about *strong="G4012"* the *strong="G3588"* Way *strong="G3598"*. This *strong="G3588"* is *strong="G3588"* how *strong="G4012"* it *strong="G1161"* all *strong="G3588"* happened *strong="G1096"*. <sup>24</sup> There was *strong="G3588"* a *strong="G4160"* man *strong="G5100"* named *strong="G3686"* Demetrius *strong="G1216"*. He *strong="G4160"* worked *strong="G4160"* with *strong="G4160"* silver *strong="G0693"*. He *strong="G4160"* made *strong="G4160"* little *strong="G3641"* silver *strong="G0693"* models that *strong="G5100"* looked like the *strong="G3588"* temple *strong="G3485"* of *strong="G3686"*

the *strong="G3588"* goddess Artemis *strong="G0735"*. The *strong="G3588"* men *strong="G5100"* who *strong="G3588"* did *strong="G4160"* this *strong="G3588"* work made *strong="G4160"* a *strong="G4160"* lot of *strong="G3686"* money.

<sup>25</sup> Demetrius had *strong="G1510"* a *strong="G1510"* meeting with *strong="G1537"* these *strong="G3778"* men *strong="G0435"* and *strong="G2532"* some *strong="G1537"* others *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3739"* did *strong="G1510"* the *strong="G3588"* same *strong="G3739"* kind *strong="G5108"* of *strong="G1537"* work. He *strong="G2532"* told *strong="G3004"* them *strong="G3739"*, " Men *strong="G0435"*, you *strong="G3739"* know *strong="G1987"* that *strong="G3754"* we *strong="G2249"* make a *strong="G1510"* lot of *strong="G1537"* money from *strong="G1537"* our *strong="G2532"* business *strong="G2039"*. <sup>26</sup> But *strong="G0235"* look *strong="G1096"* at *strong="G2316"* what *strong="G3588"* this *strong="G3778"* man *strong="G3778"* Paul *strong="G3972"* is *strong="G1510"* doing. Listen *strong="G0191"* to *strong="G3004"* what *strong="G3588"* he *strong="G2532"* is *strong="G1510"* saying *strong="G3004"*. He *strong="G2532"* has *strong="G2316"* convinced *strong="G3982"* many *strong="G2425"* people *strong="G3793"* in *strong="G2316"* Ephesus *strong="G2181"* and *strong="G2532"* all *strong="G3956"* over *strong="G3982"* Asia *strong="G0773"* to *strong="G3004"* change their *strong="G2532"* religion. He *strong="G2532"* says *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3956"* gods *strong="G2316"* that *strong="G3754"* people *strong="G3793"* make *strong="G3756"* by *strong="G1223"* hand *strong="G5495"* are *strong="G1510"* not *strong="G3756"* real. <sup>27</sup> I'm afraid this *strong="G3778"* is *strong="G3778"* going *strong="G3195"* to *strong="G1519"* turn *strong="G3313"* people *strong="G0846"* against *strong="G1519"* our *strong="G2532"* business *strong="G3313"*. But *strong="G1161"* there *strong="G1161"* is *strong="G3778"* also *strong="G2532"* another problem. People *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G3739"* begin to *strong="G1519"* think *strong="G3049"* that *strong="G3739"* the *strong="G3588"* temple *strong="G0846"* of *strong="G3313"* the *strong="G3588"* great *strong="G3173"* goddess *strong="G2299"* Artemis *strong="G0735"* is *strong="G3778"* not *strong="G3756"* important *strong="G3173"*. Her *strong="G0846"* greatness *strong="G3168"* will *strong="G3739"* be *strong="G2532"* destroyed *strong="G2507"*. And *strong="G2532"* Artemis *strong="G0735"* is *strong="G3778"* the *strong="G3588"* god-

dess |strong="G2299" that |strong="G3739" everyone |strong="G3739" in |strong="G1519" Asia |strong="G0773" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" world |strong="G3625" worships."

<sup>28</sup> When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G3173" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G2532" became |strong="G1096" very |strong="G2532" angry |strong="G2372". They |strong="G2532" shouted |strong="G2896", " Great |strong="G3173" is |strong="G3588" Artemis |strong="G0735", the |strong="G3588" goddess of |strong="G0191" Ephesus!" <sup>29</sup> The |strong="G3588" whole city |strong="G4172" was |strong="G3588" thrown into |strong="G1519" confusion |strong="G4799".

The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" grabbed Gaius |strong="G1050" and |strong="G2532" Aristarchus |strong="G0708", men from |strong="G2532" Macedonia |strong="G3110" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" traveling |strong="G4898" with |strong="G2532" Paul |strong="G3972", and |strong="G2532" rushed |strong="G3729" all |strong="G3588" together |strong="G3661" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" stadium. <sup>30</sup>

Paul |strong="G3972" wanted |strong="G1014" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G1525" in |strong="G1519" and |strong="G1161" talk to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846", but |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Lord's followers did |strong="G1525" not |strong="G3756" let |strong="G1439" him |strong="G0846" go |strong="G1525". <sup>31</sup> Also |strong="G2532", some |strong="G5100" leaders of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" country who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" friends |strong="G5384" of |strong="G5100" Paul |strong="G0846" sent |strong="G3992" him |strong="G0846" a |strong="G1510" message telling him |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G1519" go into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" stadium.

<sup>32</sup> Some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G1492" were |strong="G1510" shouting |strong="G2896" one |strong="G5100" thing and |strong="G2532" others |strong="G0243" were |strong="G1510" shouting |strong="G2896" something |strong="G5100" else |strong="G0243". The |strong="G3588" meeting was |strong="G1510" very |strong="G4183" confused. Most |strong="G4183" of |strong="G1577" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1492" did |strong="G1492" not |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" why |strong="G5101" they |strong="G3767" had |strong="G1510" come |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510". <sup>33</sup> Some |strong="G1537" Jews |strong="G2453" made

a |strong="G3793" man named Alexander |strong="G0223" stand before |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" crowd |strong="G3793", and |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" told him |strong="G0846" what |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2309" say. Alexander |strong="G0223" waved his |strong="G0846" hand |strong="G5495", trying to |strong="G2309" explain things |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2309" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3793". <sup>34</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" saw that |strong="G3754" Alexander was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G5613" Jew |strong="G2453", they |strong="G3754" all |strong="G3956" began |strong="G1096" shouting |strong="G2896" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G5613" thing |strong="G1520". For |strong="G3754" two |strong="G1417" hours |strong="G5610" they |strong="G3754" continued shouting |strong="G2896", " Great |strong="G3173" is |strong="G1510" Artemis |strong="G0735" of |strong="G1537" Ephesus! Great |strong="G3173" is |strong="G1510" Artemis |strong="G0735" of |strong="G1537" Ephesus! Great |strong="G3173" is |strong="G1510" Artemis |strong="G0735" ...!"

<sup>35</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" clerk |strong="G1122" persuaded the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" quiet. He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G5346", " Men |strong="G0444" of |strong="G0435" Ephesus, everyone |strong="G5101" knows |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3739" Ephesus is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" that |strong="G3739" keeps the |strong="G3588" temple |strong="G3511" of |strong="G0435" the |strong="G3588" great |strong="G3173" goddess Artemis |strong="G0735". Everyone |strong="G5101" knows |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G3739" also |strong="G2532" keep |strong="G2687" her |strong="G0435" holy rock. <sup>136</sup> No |strong="G3367" one |strong="G3367" can deny this |strong="G3778", so |strong="G3767" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1510" quiet. You |strong="G5210" must |strong="G1163" stop and |strong="G2532" think before you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4238" anything |strong="G3367" else |strong="G2532".

<sup>37</sup> " You |strong="G3778" brought |strong="G0071" these |strong="G3778" men |strong="G0435" <sup>II</sup> here, but |strong="G2316" they |strong="G3778" have |strong="G1473" not |strong="G3777" said anything bad against |strong="G0987" our |strong="G2316" goddess |strong="G2316".

<sup>I</sup> HOLY ROCK Probably a meteorite or rock that the people thought looked like Artemis and worshiped. <sup>II</sup> MEN Gaius and Aristarchus, the men traveling with Paul.

They **have** not **stolen** anything from **her** temple. <sup>38</sup> We **have** courts of **law** and **there** are **judges**. Do **Demetrius** and **those** men **work with** him **have** a **charge** against **anyone**? They **should** go **to** the courts. Let **them** argue with **each** other **there**.

<sup>39</sup> **Is** there **something** else **you** want **to** talk about? Then **come** to the **regular town meeting** of **the** people. It **can** be **decided** there.

<sup>40</sup> I **say** **this** **because** **someone** **might** see **this** **trouble** today and **say** we **are** **rioting**. We **could** not **explain** all **this** **trouble**, because **there** **is** **no** **real reason** **for** **this** **meeting**.<sup>41</sup> After **the** **city clerk** said **this**, **he** **told** the **people** **to** go **home**.

#### Paul Goes to Macedonia and Greece

**20** When **the** **trouble** stopped, **Paul** **invited** the **Lord's** followers **to** come **visit** him **after** **encouraging** them, **he** **told** them **good-bye** and **left** for **Macedonia**.<sup>2</sup>

On **his** way **Macedonia** **he** **had** many **words** of **encouragement** for **the** followers **in** various places. Then **he** went **to** **Greece** and **stayed** there **three** months.

**Paul** **was** **ready** **to** sail **for** **Syria**, but **some** **Jews** were **planning** something against **him**. So **he** **decided** **to** go **back** through **Macedonia** **to** **Syria**.<sup>4</sup> These **men** were **traveling** with **him**: **Sopater**, the **son** of **Pyrrhus**, from **the** **city** of **Berea**; **Aristarchus** and **Secundus**, from **the** **city** of **Thessalonica**; **Gaius**, from **the** **city** of **Derbe**; **Timothy**; and **two** **men** from **Asia**, **Tychicus** and **Trophimus**.<sup>5</sup> These **men** went **first**, **ahead** of **Paul**. They **waited** for **us** **in** the **city** of **Troas**.<sup>6</sup> We **sailed** from **the** **city** of **Philippi** **after** the **Festival** of **Unleavened Bread**. We **met** these **men** **in** **Troas** **five** **days** **later** and

stayed |strong="G1304" there |strong="G3699" seven |strong="G2033" days |strong="G2250".

**Paul's |strong="G0846" Last Visit |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" Troas |strong="G5174"**

7 On |strong="G1722" Sunday I we |strong="G2249" all |strong="G3588" met |strong="G4863" together |strong="G4863" to |strong="G3195" eat the |strong="G3588" Lord's Supper. II Paul |strong="G3972" talked to |strong="G3195" the |strong="G3588" group. Because |strong="G1722" he |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" planning to |strong="G3195" leave |strong="G1826" the |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G1887", he |strong="G0846" continued talking |strong="G1256" until |strong="G3360" midnight |strong="G3317". 8 We |strong="G1161" were |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3588" together |strong="G4863" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" room |strong="G5253" upstairs, and |strong="G1161" there |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" many |strong="G2425" lights in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" room |strong="G5253". 9 There |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2532" young |strong="G3494" man |strong="G5100" named |strong="G3686" Eutychus |strong="G2161" sitting |strong="G2516" in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" window |strong="G2376". Paul |strong="G3972" continued talking |strong="G1256", and |strong="G2532" Eutychus |strong="G2161" became very |strong="G4183", very |strong="G4183" sleepy. Finally, he |strong="G2532" went to |strong="G1909" sleep |strong="G5258" and |strong="G2532" fell |strong="G4098" out |strong="G0575" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" window |strong="G2376". He |strong="G2532" fell |strong="G4098" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" ground from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5152" floor |strong="G5152". When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G5100" went down |strong="G4098" and |strong="G2532" lifted |strong="G0142" him |strong="G2532" up |strong="G0142", he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" dead |strong="G3498".

10 Paul |strong="G3972" went |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" to |strong="G3004" where |strong="G1722" Eutychus was |strong="G1510", knelt down |strong="G2597" beside him |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532"

I SUNDAY Literally, "first day of the week," which for the Jews began at sunset on Saturday. But if Luke is using Greek time here, then the meeting was Sunday night. II TO EAT THE LORD'S SUPPER Literally, "to break bread." This may mean a meal or the Lord's Supper, the special meal Jesus told his followers to eat to remember him. See Luke 22:14-20.

put |strong="G4843" his |strong="G0846" arms around |strong="G1968" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" believers, " Don't |strong="G3361" worry. He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" alive now |strong="G1161"." 11 Then |strong="G2532" Paul |strong="G0305" went |strong="G1831" upstairs again |strong="G2532", broke |strong="G2806" off |strong="G1831" some |strong="G3588" pieces of |strong="G1909" bread |strong="G0740" and |strong="G2532" ate. He |strong="G2532" spoke to |strong="G1909" them |strong="G2425" a |strong="G3779" long |strong="G2425" time |strong="G1909". It |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" early morning when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" finished, and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" left |strong="G1831". 12 The |strong="G3588" Lord's followers took |strong="G0071" Eutychus home |strong="G0071" alive |strong="G2198", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3588" all |strong="G3588" greatly |strong="G3756" comforted |strong="G3870".

**The |strong="G3588" Trip From |strong="G2532" Troas to |strong="G2532" Miletus**

13 We |strong="G2249" went |strong="G4281" on |strong="G1909" ahead |strong="G4281" of |strong="G1909" Paul |strong="G3972" and |strong="G1161" sailed for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" of |strong="G1909" Assos |strong="G0789", planning to |strong="G1909" meet him |strong="G0846" there |strong="G1564". This |strong="G3779" is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G0846" told us |strong="G1909" to |strong="G1909" do |strong="G1510" because |strong="G1063" he |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G1909" go |strong="G4281" by |strong="G1909" land |strong="G3978". 14 When |strong="G5613" he |strong="G0846" caught up |strong="G0353" with |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519" at |strong="G1519" Assos |strong="G0789", we |strong="G2249" took |strong="G0353" him |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1519" board |strong="G0353", and |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2249" all |strong="G3588" sailed to |strong="G1519" Mitylene |strong="G3412". 15 The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G2087" day, we |strong="G1161" sailed |strong="G0636" away from |strong="G2064" there |strong="G2547" and |strong="G1161" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2192" place near |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" island of |strong="G1519" Chios |strong="G5508". Then |strong="G1161"

the|strong="G3588" next|strong="G2087" day, we|strong="G1161" sailed|strong="G0636" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" island of|strong="G1519" Samos|strong="G4544". A|strong="G2192" day later, we|strong="G1161" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G1519" Miletus|strong="G3399".<sup>16</sup> Paul|strong="G3972" had|strong="G1510" already decided|strong="G2919" not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G1519" stop|strong="G3361" at|strong="G1722" Ephesus|strong="G2181". He|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" want to|strong="G1519" stay too long|strong="G2250" in|strong="G1722" Asia|strong="G0773". He|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" hurrying|strong="G4692" because|strong="G1063" he|strong="G0846" wanted to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250" Pentecost|strong="G4005" if|strong="G1487" possible|strong="G1415".

**Paul|strong="G3972" Speaks to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Elders From|strong="G3361" Ephesus|strong="G2181"**

<sup>17</sup> In|strong="G1519" Miletus|strong="G3399" Paul sent|strong="G3992" a|strong="G3992" message back|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" Ephesus|strong="G2181", telling|strong="G3333" the|strong="G3588" elders|strong="G4245" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" in|strong="G1519" Ephesus|strong="G2181" to|strong="G1519" come to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3992".

<sup>18</sup> When|strong="G5613" they|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1096", Paul|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846", " You|strong="G5210" know|strong="G1987" about|strong="G5613" my|strong="G3956" life from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" first|strong="G4413" day|strong="G2250" I|strong="G3739" came|strong="G1096" to|strong="G1519" Asia|strong="G0773". You|strong="G5210" know|strong="G1987" the|strong="G3956" way|strong="G3956" I|strong="G3739" lived all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" time|strong="G5550" I|strong="G3739" was|strong="G3739" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210".<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3956" Jews|strong="G2453" planned things|strong="G3956" against|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" gave me|strong="G1473" much trouble. But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1722" know that|strong="G3956" I|strong="G1473" al-

ways|strong="G3956" served|strong="G1398" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962", sometimes with|strong="G3326" tears|strong="G1144". I|strong="G1473" never thought about|strong="G1722" myself|strong="G1473" first.<sup>20</sup> I|strong="G2532" always did what|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" best for|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G2532" told|strong="G0312" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3588" Good News|strong="G0312" about|strong="G5613" Jesus|strong="G2532" in|strong="G2596" public|strong="G1219" before|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" and|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" taught|strong="G1321" in|strong="G2596" your|strong="G2532" homes|strong="G3624".<sup>21</sup> I|strong="G1473" told everyone— Jewish|strong="G2453" and|strong="G2532" non-jewish people|strong="G3588"— to|strong="G1519" change and|strong="G2532" turn to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316". I|strong="G1473" told them all|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1519" believe in|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424".

<sup>22</sup> " But|strong="G2532" now|strong="G3568" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G3588" obey the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" and|strong="G2532" go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419". I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3361" know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2532" happen|strong="G4876" to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G1473" there|strong="G1722".<sup>23</sup> I|strong="G1473" know only|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" in|strong="G2596" every|strong="G2596" city|strong="G4172" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" tells me|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" troubles|strong="G2347" and|strong="G2532" even|strong="G2532" jail wait for|strong="G3754" me|strong="G3004".<sup>24</sup> I|strong="G1473" don't care about|strong="G5613" my|strong="G3739" own|strong="G1683" life|strong="G5590". The|strong="G3588" most important thing|strong="G3056" is|strong="G2316" that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" finish|strong="G5048" my|strong="G3739" work|strong="G5485". I|strong="G1473" want to|strong="G2532" finish|strong="G5048" the|strong="G3588" work|strong="G5485" that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" gave|strong="G4160" me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160"— to|strong="G2532" tell people|strong="G5590" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098"



News *strong="G3056"* about *strong="G5613"* God's *strong="G2316"* grace *strong="G5485"*.

<sup>25</sup> " And *strong="G2532"* now *strong="G3568"* listen *strong="G2400"* to *strong="G2532"* me *strong="G1473"*. I *strong="G1473"* know *strong="G1492"* that *strong="G3754"* none *strong="G3765"* of *strong="G0932"* you *strong="G5210"* will *strong="G3739"* ever see *strong="G3708"* me *strong="G1473"* again *strong="G3765"*. All *strong="G3956"* the *strong="G3956"* time *strong="G3568"* I *strong="G1473"* was *strong="G3739"* with *strong="G1722"* you *strong="G5210"*, I *strong="G1473"* told you *strong="G5210"* the *strong="G3956"* Good News about *strong="G1722"* God's kingdom *strong="G0932"*. <sup>26</sup> So *strong="G3754"* today *strong="G4594"* I *strong="G3754"* can tell you *strong="G5210"* one *strong="G3588"* thing that *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G3754"* am *strong="G1510"* sure of *strong="G2250"*: God will *strong="G1510"* not *strong="G1510"* blame me if *strong="G3748"* some *strong="G3588"* of *strong="G2250"* you *strong="G5210"* are *strong="G1510"* not *strong="G1510"* saved. <sup>27</sup> I *strong="G3956"* can say this *strong="G3588"* because *strong="G1063"* I *strong="G3956"* know that *strong="G3956"* I *strong="G3956"* told *strong="G0312"* you *strong="G5210"* everything *strong="G3956"* that *strong="G3956"* God *strong="G2316"* wants you *strong="G5210"* to *strong="G3956"* know. <sup>28</sup> Be *strong="G2532"* careful *strong="G4337"* for *strong="G1223"* yourselves *strong="G1438"* and *strong="G2532"* for *strong="G1223"* all *strong="G3956"* the *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G3956"* God *strong="G2316"* has *strong="G2316"* given you *strong="G5210"*. The *strong="G3956"* Holy *strong="G0040"* Spirit *strong="G4151"* gave you *strong="G5210"* the *strong="G3956"* work of *strong="G4151"* caring *strong="G4165"* for *strong="G1223"*<sup>1</sup> this *strong="G3588"* flock *strong="G4168"*. <sup>II</sup> You *strong="G5210"* must *strong="G3588"* be *strong="G2532"* shepherds to *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3956"* church *strong="G1577"* of *strong="G4151"* God *strong="G2316"*, <sup>III</sup> the *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G3956"* he *strong="G2532"* bought with *strong="G1722"* his *strong="G3956"* own *strong="G2398"* blood *strong="G0129"*. <sup>IV</sup><sup>29</sup> I *strong="G1473"* know *strong="G1492"* that *strong="G3754"* after *strong="G3326"* I *strong="G1473"* leave, some *strong="G3588"* men

I GAVE ... CARING FOR Literally, "made you overseers of." II FLOCK A flock is many sheep. Here, it means a group of God's people who follow their leaders (elders) like sheep following a shepherd. III OF God Some Greek copies say, "of the Lord." IV HIS OWN BLOOD Or "the blood of his own Son."

will *strong="G3748"* come *strong="G1525"* into *strong="G1519"* your *strong="G1525"* group. They *strong="G3754"* will *strong="G3748"* be *strong="G3326"* like wild wolves *strong="G3074"* and *strong="G4771"* will *strong="G3748"* try to *strong="G1519"* destroy the *strong="G3588"* flock *strong="G4168"*. <sup>30</sup> Also *strong="G2532"*, men *strong="G0435"* from *strong="G1537"* your *strong="G2532"* own *strong="G1438"* group will *strong="G2532"* begin to *strong="G2532"* teach things *strong="G0846"* that *strong="G0846"* are *strong="G3588"* wrong. They *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G2532"* lead some *strong="G1537"* of *strong="G1537"* the *strong="G3588"* Lord's followers away *strong="G1294"* from *strong="G1537"* the *strong="G3588"* truth to *strong="G2532"* follow *strong="G3694"* them *strong="G0846"*. <sup>31</sup> So *strong="G2532"* be *strong="G2532"* careful! And *strong="G2532"* always remember *strong="G3421"* what *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G2532"* did during *strong="G3571"* the *strong="G2532"* three *strong="G5148"* years *strong="G2250"* I *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G2532"* with *strong="G3326"* you *strong="G3754"*. I *strong="G2532"* never *strong="G3756"* stopped *strong="G3973"* reminding each *strong="G1538"* one *strong="G1520"* of *strong="G2250"* you *strong="G3754"* how *strong="G3754"* you *strong="G3754"* should *strong="G2532"* live *strong="G2250"*, counseling you *strong="G3754"* day *strong="G2250"* and *strong="G2532"* night *strong="G3571"* and *strong="G2532"* crying over you *strong="G3754"*.

<sup>32</sup> " Now *strong="G3568"* I *strong="G2532"* am *strong="G1410"* putting *strong="G1325"* you *strong="G5210"* in *strong="G1722"* God's *strong="G2316"* care. I *strong="G2532"* am *strong="G1410"* depending on *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3956"* message *strong="G3056"* about *strong="G1722"* his *strong="G0846"* grace *strong="G5485"* to *strong="G1410"* make *strong="G1325"* you *strong="G5210"* strong. That *strong="G3956"* message *strong="G3056"* is *strong="G2316"* able *strong="G1410"* to *strong="G1410"* give *strong="G1325"* you *strong="G5210"* the *strong="G3956"* blessings that *strong="G3956"* God *strong="G2316"* gives *strong="G1325"* to *strong="G1410"* all *strong="G3956"* his *strong="G0846"* holy *strong="G0037"* people *strong="G3956"*. <sup>33</sup> When I was *strong="G3762"* with *strong="G2228"* you *strong="G2228"*, I never *strong="G3762"* wanted anyone's *strong="G3762"* money *strong="G0694"* or *strong="G2228"* fine clothes *strong="G2441"*. <sup>34</sup> You *strong="G3754"* know *strong="G1097"* that *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G1473"* always worked to *strong="G2532"* take *strong="G1097"* care of *strong="G5495"* my *strong="G3754"*

own |strong="G0846" needs |strong="G5532" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" needs |strong="G5532" of |strong="G5495" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" me |strong="G1473". <sup>35</sup> I |strong="G3754" always |strong="G3956" showed |strong="G5263" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G1163" work |strong="G2872" just |strong="G3779" as |strong="G0846" I |strong="G3754" did |strong="G1510" and |strong="G5037" help |strong="G0482" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" weak |strong="G0770". I |strong="G3754" taught you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3004" remember |strong="G3421" the |strong="G3956" words |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424": ' You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" have |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2983" greater |strong="G3123" blessing when |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" give |strong="G1325" than |strong="G2228" when |strong="G1510" you |strong="G5210" receive |strong="G2983".''

<sup>36</sup> When |strong="G2532" Paul |strong="G0846" finished speaking |strong="G3004", he |strong="G2532" knelt down |strong="G5087", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3956" prayed |strong="G4336" together |strong="G4862".

<sup>37</sup> They cried and cried. They were especially sad because Paul had said they would never see him again. They hugged him and kissed him. Then they went with him to the ship to say goodbye.

### Paul Goes to Jerusalem

**21** After |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2249" said |strong="G1096" goodbye to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" elders, we |strong="G2249" sailed away |strong="G0575" straight |strong="G2113" to |strong="G1519" Cos |strong="G2972" island. The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1836" day |strong="G1836" we |strong="G2249" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" island of |strong="G0575" Rhodes |strong="G4499", and |strong="G1161" from |strong="G0575" there |strong="G2547" we |strong="G2249" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" Patara |strong="G3959". <sup>2</sup> There we |strong="G2532" found |strong="G2147" a |strong="G2147" ship |strong="G4143" that was |strong="G2532" going to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G2532" area of |strong="G1519" Phoenicia |strong="G5403". We |strong="G2532" got on |strong="G1519"

the |strong="G2532" ship |strong="G4143" and |strong="G2532" sailed away.

<sup>3</sup> We |strong="G2532" sailed |strong="G4126" near |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" island of |strong="G3588" Cyprus |strong="G2954". We |strong="G2532" could see it |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" north side, but |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" stop. We |strong="G2532" sailed |strong="G4126" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" country of |strong="G3588" Syria |strong="G4947". We |strong="G2532" stopped at |strong="G1519" Tyre |strong="G5184" because |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" ship |strong="G4143" needed to |strong="G1519" unload |strong="G0670" its |strong="G0846" cargo |strong="G1117" there |strong="G1510". <sup>4</sup> We |strong="G1161" found |strong="G0429" the |strong="G3588" Lord's followers there |strong="G0847" and |strong="G1161" stayed |strong="G1961" with |strong="G1223" them |strong="G3004" for |strong="G1519" seven |strong="G2033" days |strong="G2250". They |strong="G1161" warned Paul |strong="G3972" not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G1519" go to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G4151" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" had |strong="G3972" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G3004". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3753" our |strong="G2532" time |strong="G2250" there |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" up, we |strong="G2249" returned |strong="G1096" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" ship to |strong="G1909" continue |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2532" trip. All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" followers |strong="G5043", even |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" women |strong="G1135" and |strong="G2532" children |strong="G5043", came |strong="G1096" with |strong="G4862" us |strong="G1909" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" seashore. We |strong="G2249" all |strong="G3956" knelt down |strong="G5087" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" beach |strong="G0123", prayed |strong="G4336", <sup>6</sup> and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" goodbye. Then |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" got |strong="G1684" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" ship |strong="G4143", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" followers went |strong="G0305" home |strong="G2398".

<sup>7</sup> We |strong="G2249" continued |strong="G1274" our |strong="G2532" trip from |strong="G0575" Tyre |strong="G5184" and |strong="G2532" went to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" of |strong="G2250" Ptole-

mais |strong="G4424". We |strong="G2249" greeted |strong="G0782" the |strong="G3588" believers there |strong="G1161" and |strong="G2532" stayed |strong="G3306" with |strong="G3844" them |strong="G0846" one |strong="G1520" day |strong="G2250". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G1887" we |strong="G2532" left |strong="G1831" Ptolemais and |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" of |strong="G1537" Caesarea |strong="G2542". We |strong="G2532" went |strong="G1831" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" home |strong="G3624" of |strong="G1537" Philip |strong="G5376" and |strong="G2532" stayed |strong="G3306" with |strong="G3844" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" work of |strong="G1537" telling the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G1510" News. He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" helpers. <sup>19</sup> He |strong="G3778" had |strong="G1510" four |strong="G5064" unmarried |strong="G3933" daughters |strong="G2364" who |strong="G3778" had |strong="G1510" the |strong="G1161" gift of |strong="G2364" prophesying |strong="G4395".

<sup>10</sup> After |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" had |strong="G3588" been |strong="G5100" there |strong="G1161" for |strong="G0575" several |strong="G5100" days |strong="G2250", a |strong="G2250" prophet |strong="G4396" named |strong="G3686" Agabus |strong="G0013" came |strong="G2718" from |strong="G0575" Judea |strong="G2449". <sup>11</sup> He |strong="G2532" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" us |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" borrowed Paul's |strong="G3972" belt |strong="G2223". He |strong="G2532" used it |strong="G3779" to |strong="G1519" tie |strong="G1210" his |strong="G1438" own |strong="G1438" hands |strong="G5495" and |strong="G2532" feet |strong="G4228". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " The |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" tells me |strong="G3004", ' This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" how |strong="G3779" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" will |strong="G1510" tie |strong="G1210" up |strong="G0142" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3739" wears this |strong="G3778" belt |strong="G2223". <sup>II</sup> Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739"

I SEVEN HELPERS Men chosen for a special work. See Acts 6:1-6.

II BELT Paul's belt; so Agabus means that the Jews in Jerusalem will tie Paul up (arrest him).

will |strong="G1510" hand |strong="G5495" him |strong="G3739" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" people |strong="G1484" who |strong="G3739" don't know God |strong="G3004"."

<sup>12</sup> When |strong="G5613" we |strong="G2249" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3778", we |strong="G2249" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" followers there |strong="G1161" begged |strong="G3870" Paul |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". <sup>13</sup> But |strong="G0235" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" crying |strong="G2799" and |strong="G2532" making |strong="G4160" me |strong="G3004" feel so |strong="G2532" sad? I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2192" willing to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" put |strong="G4160" in |strong="G1519" jail in |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2192" even |strong="G2532" ready |strong="G2093" to |strong="G1519" die |strong="G0599" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424"."

<sup>14</sup> We |strong="G1161" could |strong="G1096" not |strong="G3361" persuade |strong="G3982" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" stay away from |strong="G3361" Jerusalem. So |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" stopped begging him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " We |strong="G1161" pray that |strong="G3004" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" wants |strong="G2307" will |strong="G2307" be |strong="G1096" done |strong="G1096"."

<sup>15</sup> After |strong="G3326" this |strong="G3778", we |strong="G3778" got |strong="G0305" ready and |strong="G1161" left for |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". <sup>16</sup> Some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" followers of |strong="G0575" Jesus |strong="G2532" from |strong="G0575" Caesarea |strong="G2542" went |strong="G4905" with |strong="G4862" us |strong="G4905". These |strong="G3739" followers took |strong="G0071" us |strong="G4905" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" home |strong="G0071" of |strong="G0575" Mnason |strong="G3416", a |strong="G3739" man |strong="G5100" from |strong="G0575" Cyprus |strong="G2953", who |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" one |strong="G5100" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" first people |strong="G5100" to |strong="G2532"

be |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3739" follower of |strong="G0575" Jesus |strong="G2532". They |strong="G3739" took |strong="G0071" us |strong="G4905" to |strong="G2532" his |strong="G3739" home |strong="G0071" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" could stay with |strong="G4862" him |strong="G3739".

### Paul Visits James

17 The |strong="G3588" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sisters in |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" were |strong="G1096" very happy to |strong="G1519" see us |strong="G1519". 18 The |strong="G3956" next day Paul |strong="G3972" went |strong="G1524" with |strong="G4862" us to |strong="G4314" visit James |strong="G2385", and |strong="G1161" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" elders |strong="G4245" were |strong="G3956" there |strong="G1161". 19 After |strong="G2596" greeting |strong="G0782" them |strong="G0846", Paul |strong="G0846" told |strong="G1834" them |strong="G0846" point by |strong="G1722" point all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" had |strong="G3739" used him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2596" do |strong="G4160" among |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484".

20 When |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" leaders |strong="G3004" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588", they |strong="G0846" praised |strong="G1392" God |strong="G2316". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" Paul |strong="G0846", " Brother |strong="G0080", you |strong="G1722" can |strong="G3004" see |strong="G2334" that |strong="G3004" thousands |strong="G3461" of |strong="G2316" Jews |strong="G2453" have |strong="G1510" become believers |strong="G4100", but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" think it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" very |strong="G0846" important to |strong="G3004" obey |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3956" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G2316" Moses |strong="G0846". 21 They |strong="G0846" have |strong="G3748" been |strong="G3361" told |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" teach |strong="G1321" the |strong="G3956" Jews |strong="G2453" who |strong="G3588" live |strong="G4043" in |strong="G2596" non-Jewish regions to |strong="G3004" stop |strong="G3361" following |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3956" Law of |strong="G0575" Moses |strong="G3475". They |strong="G0846" have |strong="G3748" heard that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" tell |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846"

not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G3004" circumcise |strong="G4059" their |strong="G0846" sons |strong="G5043" or |strong="G3366" follow our |strong="G3956" other |strong="G1161" customs |strong="G1485".

22 " What |strong="G5101" should |strong="G1163" we |strong="G3754" do |strong="G1510"? The |strong="G0191" Jewish believers here |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" learn that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" have |strong="G1510" come |strong="G2064". 23 So |strong="G3767" we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G1510" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" what |strong="G3739" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160": Four |strong="G5064" of |strong="G0575" our |strong="G4160" men |strong="G0435" have |strong="G2192" made |strong="G4160" a |strong="G2192" vow |strong="G2171" to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G3004". 24 Take |strong="G3880" these |strong="G3778" men |strong="G3956" with |strong="G4862" you |strong="G4771" and |strong="G2532" share in |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" cleansing ceremony. II Pay |strong="G1159" their |strong="G0846" expenses |strong="G1159" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" can shave their |strong="G0846" heads |strong="G2776". III This |strong="G3778" will |strong="G1510" prove to |strong="G2443" everyone |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3778" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G1510" heard |strong="G1097" about |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" true. They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" see |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" obey |strong="G5442" the |strong="G3956" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G3551" Moses |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1909" your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G0846" life.

25 " In |strong="G2532" regard |strong="G4012" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" non-Jewish believers |strong="G4100", we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2532" already sent |strong="G0649" a |strong="G2532" letter to |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846" saying what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2249" think |strong="G2919" they |strong="G0846" should |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2919":

I vow Probably a Nazirite vow, a time of special dedication and service promised to God. See "Nazirite" in the Word List. II CLEANSING CEREMONY The special things Jews did to end the Nazirite vow. Also in verse 26. III SHAVE THEIR HEADS To show that their vow was finished.

'Don't eat food that **G4100** has **G2532** been **G2532** given to **G2532** idols **G1494**.' Don't eat meat **G3588** from **G0649** animals that **G4100** have **G2532** been **G2532** strangled **G4156** or **G2532** any meat **G3588** that **G4100** still has **G2532** the **G3588** blood **G0129** in **G2532** it **G0846**.' Don't be **G2532** involved in **G2532** sexual **G4202** sin."

### Paul **G0846** Is **G3588** Arrested

<sup>26</sup> So **G1519** Paul **G3972** took **G3880** the **G3588** four men **G0435** with **G4862** him **G0846**. The **G3588** next **G2192** day **G2250** he **G0846** shared in **G1519** their **G0846** cleansing ceremony. Then **G5119** he **G0846** went **G1524** to **G1519** the **G3588** Temple **G0846** area and **G3972** announced the **G3588** time **G2250** when **G3739** the **G3588** days **G2250** of **G2250** the **G3588** cleansing ceremony would **G0846** be **G2192** finished. On **G1519** the **G3588** last day **G2250** an **G2192** offering **G4376** would **G0846** be **G2192** given for **G1519** each **G1538** of **G2250** the **G3588** men **G0435**.

<sup>27</sup> When **G5613** the **G3956** seven-day period **G2532** was **G3588** almost **G3195** finished **G4931**, some **G3588** Jews **G2453** from **G0575** Asia **G0773** saw **G2300** Paul **G0846** in **G1722** the **G3956** Temple **G2413** area. They **G0846** stirred up **G4797** everyone **G3956** into **G1722** an **G2532** angry mob **G3793**. They **G0846** grabbed Paul **G0846**<sup>28</sup> and **G2532** shouted **G2896**, " Men **G0444** of **G3551** Israel, help **G0997** us **G1519**! This **G3778** is **G1510** the **G3956** man **G0444** who **G3588** is **G1510** teaching **G1321** things **G3778** that **G3778** are **G1510** against **G2596** the **G3956** Law **G3551** of **G3551** Moses, against **G2596**

our **G2532** people **G2992**, and **G2532** against **G2596** this **G3778** Temple **G2411** of **G3551** ours. This **G3778** is **G1510** what **G3588** he **G2532** teaches **G1321** people **G2992** everywhere **G3837**. And **G2532** now **G2532** he **G2532** has **G0444** brought **G1521** some **G3588** Greeks **G1672** into **G1519** the **G3956** Temple **G2411** area and **G2532** has **G0444** made **G2840** this **G3778** holy **G0040** place **G5117** unclean!"<sup>29</sup> ( The **G3588** Jews said this **G3588** because **G3754** they **G0846** had **G1510** seen **G4308** Trophimus **G5161** with **G1722** Paul **G3972** in **G1722** Jerusalem.

Trophimus **G5161** was **G1510** a **G1510** man from **G1722** Ephesus. The **G3588** Jews thought **G3543** that **G3754** Paul **G3972** had **G1510** taken him **G0846** into **G1519** the **G3588** holy area of **G4172** the **G3588** Temple **G0846**.)

<sup>30</sup> An **G1096** angry reaction spread throughout **G3650** the **G3588** city **G4172**, and **G2532** everyone came **G1096** running to **G2532** the **G3588** Temple **G2413**. They **G0846** grabbed Paul **G3972** and **G2532** dragged **G1670** him **G0846** out **G1854** of **G4172** the **G3588** holy area, and **G2532** the **G3588** gates **G2374** were **G2992** closed **G2808** immediately **G2112**.

<sup>31</sup> While **G0846** they **G0846** were **G3588** trying **G2212** to **G2212** kill **G0615** Paul **G0846**, the **G3588** commander **G5506** of **G3588** the **G3588** Roman army in **G3650** Jerusalem **G2419** got **G0305** word that **G3754** the **G3588** whole **G3650** city **G0846** was **G3588** in **G3650** a **G2212** state of **G3588** riot.<sup>32</sup> Immediately **G1824** the **G3588** commander **G5506** ran **G2701** to **G1909** where **G3739** the **G3588** crowd had **G3739** gathered, taking **G3880** with **G1909** him **G0846** some **G3588** army offi-

cers and **strong="G2532" soldiers** **strong="G4757"**. When **strong="G2532" the** **strong="G3588" people** **strong="G0846" saw** **strong="G3708" the** **strong="G3588" commander** **strong="G5506" and** **strong="G2532" his** **strong="G0846" soldiers** **strong="G4757"**, they **strong="G0846" stopped** **strong="G3973" beating** **strong="G5180" Paul** **strong="G3972"**.

<sup>33</sup> The **strong="G3588" commander** **strong="G5506" went over to** **strong="G2532" Paul** **strong="G0846" and** **strong="G2532" arrested him** **strong="G0846"**. He **strong="G2532" told his** **strong="G0846" soldiers to** **strong="G2532" tie** **strong="G1210" him** **strong="G0846" up** **strong="G1210" with** **strong="G2532" two** **strong="G1417" chains** **strong="G0254"**. Then **strong="G2532" he** **strong="G2532" asked** **strong="G4441"**, " Who **strong="G3588" is** **strong="G1510" this** **strong="G3588" man** **strong="G4160"**? What **strong="G5101" has** **strong="G5101" he** **strong="G2532" done** **strong="G4160" wrong?"** <sup>34</sup> Some **strong="G5100" people** **strong="G3793" there** **strong="G1722" were** **strong="G3793" shouting** **strong="G2019" one** **strong="G5100" thing** **strong="G0846"**, and **strong="G1161" others** **strong="G0243" were** **strong="G3793" shouting** **strong="G2019" something** **strong="G5100" else** **strong="G0243"**. Because **strong="G1223" of** **strong="G1223" all** **strong="G3588" this** **strong="G3588" confusion and** **strong="G1161" shouting** **strong="G2019"**, the **strong="G3588" commander could** **strong="G1410" not** **strong="G3361" learn** **strong="G1097" the** **strong="G3588" truth about** **strong="G1722" what** **strong="G3588" had** **strong="G3588" happened** **strong="G3588"**. So **strong="G1161" he** **strong="G0846" told the** **strong="G3588" soldiers to** **strong="G1519" take** **strong="G1097" Paul** **strong="G0846" to** **strong="G1519" the** **strong="G3588" army building**. <sup>35</sup> The whole crowd was following them. When the soldiers came to the steps, they had to carry Paul. They did this to protect him, because the people were ready to hurt him. The people were shouting, "Kill him!"

<sup>37</sup> When **strong="G1161" the** **strong="G3588" soldiers were** **strong="G3588" ready** **strong="G3195" to** **strong="G1519" take** **strong="G1097" Paul** **strong="G3972" into** **strong="G1519" the** **strong="G3588" army building**, he **strong="G3004" asked** **strong="G3004" the** **strong="G3588" commander** **strong="G5506"**, " Can **strong="G3004" I** **strong="G1473" say** **strong="G3004" something** **strong="G5100" to** **strong="G1519" you** **strong="G4771"?"**

The **strong="G3588" commander** **strong="G5506" said** **strong="G3004"**, "Oh, you **strong="G4771" speak** **strong="G3004" Greek** **strong="G1676"?"** <sup>38</sup>

Then **strong="G2532" you** **strong="G4771" are** **strong="G1510" not** **strong="G3756" the** **strong="G3588" man** **strong="G0435" I** **strong="G2532" thought you** **strong="G4771" were** **strong="G1510"**. I **strong="G2532" thought you** **strong="G4771" were** **strong="G1510" the** **strong="G3588" Egyptian** **strong="G0124" who** **strong="G3588" started some** **strong="G3588" trouble against** **strong="G1519" the** **strong="G3588" government not** **strong="G3756" long** **strong="G2250" ago** **strong="G4253" and** **strong="G2532" led** **strong="G1806" four** **strong="G5070" thousand** **strong="G5070" terrorists out** **strong="G1806" to** **strong="G1519" the** **strong="G3588" desert** **strong="G2048"."**

<sup>39</sup> Paul **strong="G3972" said** **strong="G3004"**, " No **strong="G3756"**, I **strong="G1473" am** **strong="G1510" a** **strong="G1510" Jew** **strong="G2453" from** **strong="G2980" Tarsus** **strong="G5018" in** **strong="G2980" the** **strong="G3588" country of** **strong="G4172" Cilicia** **strong="G2791"**. I **strong="G1473" am** **strong="G1510" a** **strong="G1510" citizen** **strong="G4177" of** **strong="G4172" that** **strong="G3004" important city** **strong="G4172"**. Please **strong="G2010"**, let **strong="G2010" me** **strong="G3004" speak** **strong="G2980" to** **strong="G4314" the** **strong="G3588" people** **strong="G2992"."**

<sup>40</sup> The **strong="G3588" commander told** **strong="G3004" Paul** **strong="G3972" he** **strong="G0846" could** **strong="G1096" speak** **strong="G3004"**. So **strong="G1161" he** **strong="G0846" stood** **strong="G2476" on** **strong="G1909" the** **strong="G3588" steps and** **strong="G1161" waved his** **strong="G0846" hand** **strong="G5495" so** **strong="G1161" that** **strong="G3004" the** **strong="G3588" people** **strong="G2992" would** **strong="G1096" be** **strong="G1096" quiet**. The **strong="G3588" people** **strong="G2992" became** **strong="G1096" quiet and** **strong="G1161" Paul** **strong="G3972" spoke** **strong="G3004" to** **strong="G3004" them** **strong="G0846" in** **strong="G1909" Aramaic**.

#### Paul Speaks to the People

**22** Paul said **strong="G2532"**, " My **strong="G0191" brothers** **strong="G0080" and** **strong="G2532" fathers** **strong="G3962"**, listen **strong="G0191" to** **strong="G4314" me** **strong="G1473"**! I **strong="G1473" will** **strong="G2532" make my** **strong="G0191" defense** **strong="G0627" to** **strong="G4314" you** **strong="G5210"."**

<sup>2</sup> When **strong="G2532" the** **strong="G3588" Jews heard** **strong="G0191" Paul** **strong="G0846" speaking Aramaic**, they **strong="G0846" became** **strong="G3930" very** **strong="G0846" quiet**

et|strong="G2271". Then|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G0846" said|strong="G5346",  
<sup>3</sup> " I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" Jew|strong="G2453", born|strong="G1080" in|strong="G1722" Tar-sus|strong="G5019" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" country of|strong="G1080" Cili-cia|strong="G2791". I|strong="G1473" grew up|strong="G0397" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" city|strong="G4172". I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" student of|strong="G1080" Gamaliel|strong="G1059",<sup>1</sup> who|strong="G3588" carefully taught|strong="G3811" me|strong="G1473" everything|strong="G3956" about|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G1080" our|strong="G2316" fa-thers|strong="G3971". I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G1510" very|strong="G3778" serious about|strong="G1722" serving God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G3778" as|strong="G2531" all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1080" you|strong="G5210" here|strong="G1510" today|strong="G4594".<sup>4</sup> I|strong="G3739" persecuted|strong="G1377" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0435" who|strong="G3739" followed the|strong="G3588" Way|strong="G3598". Some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G0435" them|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3778" killed because of|strong="G0435" me. I|strong="G3739" arrested men|strong="G0435" and|strong="G2532" women|strong="G1135" and|strong="G2532" put|strong="G3860" them|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1519" jail.

<sup>5</sup> " The|strong="G3956" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" whole|strong="G3956" coun-cil|strong="G4244" of|strong="G3956" older Jewish leaders can tell you|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3739" this|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" true. One|strong="G3739" time these|strong="G3739" leaders gave me|strong="G1473" some|strong="G3588" let-ters|strong="G1992". The|strong="G3956" let-ters|strong="G1992" were|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" Jewish broth-ers|strong="G0080" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" city of|strong="G3956" Damas-cus|strong="G1154". I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G1510" going|strong="G4198" there|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" ar-rest|strong="G0071" the|strong="G3956" followers of|strong="G3956" Jesus|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" bring|strong="G0071" them|strong="G0071" back|strong="G1519"

<sup>1</sup> GAMALIEL A very important teacher of the Pharisees, a Jewish religious group. See Acts 5:34.

to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" for|strong="G1519" punishment.

### Paul|strong="G1510" Tells About|strong="G5613" His|strong="G3956" Conversion

<sup>6</sup> " But|strong="G1161" something hap-pened|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473" on|strong="G1537" my|strong="G1096" way|strong="G4198" to|strong="G2532" Damascus|strong="G1154". It|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" about|strong="G4012" noon|strong="G3314" when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" came|strong="G1096" close|strong="G1448" to|strong="G2532" Damascus|strong="G1154". Sud-denly|strong="G1810" a|strong="G1096" bright|strong="G2425" light|strong="G5457" from|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="G3772" shined all|strong="G3588" around|strong="G4012" me|strong="G1473".<sup>7</sup> I|strong="G1473" fell|strong="G4098" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" ground|strong="G1475" and|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" a|strong="G0191" voice|strong="G5456" say-ing|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004", ' Saul|strong="G4549", Saul|strong="G4549", why|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3004" persecut-ing|strong="G1377" me|strong="G3004"?'

<sup>8</sup> " I|strong="G1473" asked|strong="G3004", ' Who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771", Lord|strong="G2962"?' The|strong="G3588" voice said|strong="G3004", ' I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" Je-sus|strong="G2424" from|strong="G2424" Na-zareth|strong="G3480", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" persecuting|strong="G1377":<sup>9</sup> The|strong="G3588" men who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G1510" with|strong="G4862" me|strong="G1473" did|strong="G0191" not|strong="G3756" understand|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" voice|strong="G5456", but|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161" saw|strong="G2300" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457".

<sup>10</sup> " I|strong="G1473" said|strong="G3004", ' What|strong="G5101" shall|strong="G2962" I|strong="G1473" do|strong="G4160", Lord|strong="G2962"?' The|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" answered|strong="G3004", ' Get|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450" and|strong="G1161" go|strong="G4198" in-to|strong="G1519" Damascus|strong="G1154". There|strong="G2546" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G5101" be|strong="G3956" told|strong="G3004" all|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473"

have planned for you to do." 11 I could not see, because the bright light had made me blind. So the men led me into Damascus.

12 "In Damascus a man named Ananias came to me. He was a man who devoted to God and obeyed the Law of Moses. All the Jews who lived there respected him." 13 He came to me and said, 'Saul, my brother, look up and see again!' Immediately I was able to see him.

14 "Ananias told me, 'The God of our fathers chose you long ago to know his plan. He chose you to see the Righteous One and to hear his words from him.' 15 You will be his witness to all people. You will tell them what you have seen and heard. Now, don't wait any longer. Get up, and be baptized

I ANANIAS In Acts there are three men with this name. See Acts 5:1 and 23:2 for the other two.

and wash away your sins, trusting in Jesus to save you." 16

17 "Later, I came back to Jerusalem. I was praying in the Temple area, and I saw a vision. 18 I saw Jesus, and he said to me, 'Hurry and leave Jerusalem now! The people here will not accept the truth you tell them about me.'

19 "I said, 'But Lord, the people know I was the one who put the believers in jail and beat them.' I went through all the synagogues to find and arrest the people who believe in you." 20 The people also know that I was there when Stephen, your witness, was killed and I stood there and agreed that they should kill him. I even held the coats of the man who was

II TRUSTING IN JESUS TO SAVE YOU Literally, "calling on his name," meaning to show faith in Jesus by worshiping him or praying to him for help.



men|strong="G0337" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G1510" killing him|strong="G0846"!

21 " But|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004", ' Leave|strong="G4198" now|strong="G2532". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3748" send|strong="G1821" you|strong="G4771" far|strong="G3112" away|strong="G1821" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" non-Jewish people|strong="G1484"."

22 The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" stopped listening|strong="G0191" when|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" last|strong="G3778" thing|strong="G3778". They|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3588" shouted|strong="G1869", " Get|strong="G0142" rid of|strong="G3056" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G3778"! He|strong="G2532" doesn't|strong="G3756" deserve to|strong="G3004" live|strong="G2198"." 23 They|strong="G0846" kept on|strong="G1519" shouting|strong="G2905", ripping off|strong="G4496" their|strong="G0846" clothes|strong="G2440" and|strong="G2532" throwing|strong="G4496" dust|strong="G2868" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" air|strong="G0109". 24 Then|strong="G3779" the|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" told|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" soldiers to|strong="G1519" take|strong="G1921" Paul|strong="G0846" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" army building and|strong="G0846" beat him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G0846" wanted to|strong="G1519" make Paul|strong="G0846" tell|strong="G3004" why|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3739" shouting|strong="G2019" against|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846" like|strong="G3779" this|strong="G3779". 25 So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" soldiers were|strong="G3588" tying Paul|strong="G3972", preparing to|strong="G4314" beat him|strong="G0846". But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G4314" an|strong="G2532" army officer there|strong="G1161", " Do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" right to|strong="G4314" beat a|strong="G5613" Roman|strong="G4514" citizen II who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G0444" not|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" proven guilty?"

I RIPPING ... AIR These actions were signs of very strong anger.

II ROMAN CITIZEN Roman law said that Roman citizens must not be beaten before their trial. Also at 23:27.

26 When|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" officer heard|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3778", he|strong="G3778" went|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" and|strong="G1161" told|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0191" about|strong="G3195" it|strong="G4160". The|strong="G3588" officer said|strong="G3004", " Do|strong="G4160" you|strong="G3004" know what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G3004" are|strong="G1510" doing|strong="G4160"? This|strong="G3778" man|strong="G0444" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" Roman|strong="G4514" citizen!"

27 The|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" came|strong="G4334" to|strong="G3004" Paul|strong="G0846" and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G3004", " Tell|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004", are|strong="G1510" you|strong="G4771" really a|strong="G1510" Roman|strong="G4514" citizen?" He|strong="G0846" answered|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G3483"."

28 The|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" said|strong="G5346", " I|strong="G1473" paid a|strong="G2532" lot of|strong="G1080" money|strong="G2774" to|strong="G2532" become a|strong="G2532" Roman citizen."

But|strong="G1161" Paul|strong="G3972" said|strong="G5346", " I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G3588" born|strong="G1080" a|strong="G2532" citizen."

29 The|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G1510" preparing to|strong="G3195" question Paul|strong="G0846" moved away|strong="G0868" from|strong="G0575" him|strong="G0846" immediately|strong="G2112". The|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" was|strong="G1510" afraid|strong="G5399" because|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G1510" already put|strong="G1210" Paul|strong="G0846" in|strong="G2532" chains|strong="G1210", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" Roman|strong="G4514" citizen.

**Paul|strong="G0846" Speaks to|strong="G3195" the|strong="G3588" Jewish Leaders|strong="G3754"**

30 The|strong="G3956" next|strong="G1887" day|strong="G1887" the|strong="G3956" commander decided to|strong="G1519" learn|strong="G1097" why|strong="G5101" the|strong="G3956" Jews|strong="G2453" were|strong="G2453" accusing|strong="G2723" Paul|strong="G3972". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" ordered|strong="G2753" the|strong="G3956" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749"

and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" high |strong="G0749" council |strong="G4892" to |strong="G1519" meet |strong="G4905" together |strong="G4905". He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3972" Paul's |strong="G3972" chains taken off |strong="G3089" and |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3972" him |strong="G0846" brought |strong="G2609" in |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" face the |strong="G3956" council |strong="G4892".

**23** Paul |strong="G3972" looked at |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" council |strong="G4892" members and |strong="G1161" said |strong="G3004", " Brothers |strong="G0080", I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" lived |strong="G4176" my |strong="G3956" life |strong="G4176" in |strong="G2316" a |strong="G3004" good |strong="G0018" way |strong="G3956" before |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316". I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" always |strong="G3956" done what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" thought |strong="G3004" was |strong="G3588" right |strong="G0891"." <sup>2</sup> Ananias |strong="G0367", I the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749", was |strong="G3588" there |strong="G1161". When |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" heard this |strong="G3588", he |strong="G0846" told the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G3588" standing |strong="G3936" near Paul |strong="G0846" to |strong="G0846" hit him |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" mouth |strong="G4750". <sup>3</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" Ananias, " God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" hit you |strong="G4771" too |strong="G2532"! You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" like |strong="G2596" a |strong="G3004" dirty wall |strong="G5109" that |strong="G3004" has |strong="G2316" been |strong="G2532" painted white. You |strong="G4771" sit |strong="G2521" there |strong="G2596" and |strong="G2532" judge |strong="G2919" me |strong="G3004", using |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G2316" Moses |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" telling |strong="G3004" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" hit me |strong="G3004", and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3004" is |strong="G2316" against |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551"."

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3588" men standing |strong="G3936" near Paul said |strong="G3004"

I ANANIAS Not the same man named Ananias in Acts 22:12.

to |strong="G3004" him |strong="G3936", " Are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3004" sure you |strong="G3004" want to |strong="G3004" insult God's |strong="G2316" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" like that |strong="G3004"?"

<sup>5</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" said |strong="G3004", " Brothers |strong="G0080", I |strong="G3754" did |strong="G1492" not |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" this |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0080" was |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749". The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say |strong="G3004", ' You |strong="G4771" must |strong="G2046" not |strong="G3756" say |strong="G3004" bad things |strong="G3588" about |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1510" leader of |strong="G0080" your |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992".' <sup>II</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" knew |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0435" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" council |strong="G4892" meeting were |strong="G1510" Sadducees |strong="G4523" and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" Pharisees |strong="G5330". So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" shouted |strong="G2896", " My |strong="G1722" brothers |strong="G0080", I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Pharisee |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G1722" father was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Pharisee |strong="G5330"! I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" on |strong="G1722" trial |strong="G2919" here |strong="G1510" because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" believe that |strong="G3754" people |strong="G2919" will |strong="G1510" rise |strong="G0386" from |strong="G1722" death |strong="G3498"."

<sup>7</sup> When |strong="G2532" Paul |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2980" this |strong="G3778", a |strong="G1096" big argument started |strong="G1096" between |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" Pharisees |strong="G5330" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Sadducees |strong="G4523". The |strong="G3588" group |strong="G4128" was |strong="G3588" divided |strong="G4977". <sup>8</sup> ( The |strong="G3588" Sadducees |strong="G4523" believe that |strong="G3004" after |strong="G1161" people |strong="G1510" die, they |strong="G1161" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3361" live again as |strong="G1161" an |strong="G1510" angel |strong="G0032" or |strong="G3383" as |strong="G1161" a |strong="G1510" spirit |strong="G4151". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Phar-

II 23:5 Quote from Exodus 22:28.

isees/strong="G5330" believe in/strong="G3004" both/strong="G0297".) <sup>9</sup> All/strong="G3588" these/strong="G3778" Jews began/strong="G1096" shouting/strong="G3004" louder and/strong="G2532" louder. Some/strong="G5100" of/strong="G4151" the/strong="G3588" teachers of/strong="G4151" the/strong="G3588" law, who/strong="G3588" were/strong="G3778" Pharisees/strong="G5330", stood/strong="G0450" up/strong="G0450" and/strong="G2532" argued, " We/strong="G3778" find/strong="G2147" nothing/strong="G3762" wrong/strong="G2556" with/strong="G1722" this/strong="G3778" man/strong="G0444". Maybe an/strong="G1096" angel/strong="G0032" or/strong="G2228" a/strong="G1096" spirit/strong="G4151" really did/strong="G2147" speak/strong="G2980" to/strong="G3004" him/strong="G0846"."

<sup>10</sup> The/strong="G3588" argument turned/strong="G1096" into/strong="G1519" a/strong="G1096" fight, and/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" commander/strong="G5506" was/strong="G3588" afraid/strong="G5399" that/strong="G1096" the/strong="G3588" Jews would/strong="G1096" tear Paul/strong="G3972" to/strong="G1519" pieces/strong="G1288". So/strong="G1161" he/strong="G0846" told the/strong="G3588" soldiers/strong="G4753" to/strong="G1519" go/strong="G2597" down/strong="G2597" and/strong="G1161" take/strong="G1096" Paul/strong="G3972" away/strong="G0726" from/strong="G1537" these/strong="G3588" Jews and/strong="G1161" put/strong="G1096" him/strong="G0846" in/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" army/strong="G4753" building.

<sup>11</sup> The/strong="G3588" next night/strong="G3571" the/strong="G3588" Lord/strong="G2962" Jesus/strong="G0846" came/strong="G2186" and/strong="G2532" stood/strong="G2186" by/strong="G3004" Paul/strong="G0846". He/strong="G2532" said/strong="G3004", " Be/strong="G1163" brave! You/strong="G4771" have/strong="G2532" told/strong="G3004" people/strong="G0846" in/strong="G1519" Jerusalem/strong="G2419" about/strong="G4012" me/strong="G3004". You/strong="G4771" must/strong="G1163" do/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3588" same/strong="G0846" in/strong="G1519" Rome/strong="G4516"."

**Some/strong="G3588" Jews Plan to/strong="G1519" Kill Paul/strong="G0846"**

<sup>12</sup> The/strong="G3588" next morning/strong="G2250" some/strong="G3588" of/strong="G2250" the/strong="G3588" Jews/strong="G2453" made/strong="G4160" a/strong="G1096" plan to/strong="G3004"

kill/strong="G0615" Paul/strong="G3972". They/strong="G3739" made/strong="G4160" a/strong="G1096" promise to/strong="G3004" themselves/strong="G1438" that/strong="G3739" they/strong="G3739" would/strong="G1096" not/strong="G3383" eat/strong="G2068" or/strong="G3383" drink/strong="G4095" anything/strong="G2193" until/strong="G2193" they/strong="G3739" had/strong="G3739" killed/strong="G0615" him/strong="G3739". <sup>13</sup> There/strong="G1510" were/strong="G1510" more/strong="G4183" than/strong="G4183" 40 of/strong="G3588" them/strong="G4160" who/strong="G3588" made/strong="G4160" this/strong="G3778" plan. <sup>14</sup> They/strong="G3739" went/strong="G4334" and/strong="G2532" talked to/strong="G3004" the/strong="G3588" leading priests/strong="G0749" and/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" older/strong="G4245" Jewish leaders/strong="G3004". They/strong="G3739" said/strong="G3004", " We/strong="G3739" have/strong="G2532" promised ourselves/strong="G1438" that/strong="G3739" we/strong="G3739" will/strong="G3739" not/strong="G3367" eat/strong="G1089" or/strong="G2532" drink until/strong="G2193" we/strong="G3739" have/strong="G2532" killed/strong="G0615" Paul/strong="G3972". <sup>15</sup> So/strong="G3767" this/strong="G3588" is/strong="G1510" what/strong="G3588" we/strong="G2249" want you/strong="G5210" to/strong="G1519" do/strong="G1510": Send a/strong="G5613" message to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" commander/strong="G5506" from/strong="G1510" you/strong="G5210" and/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" high council/strong="G4892". Tell him/strong="G0846" you/strong="G5210" want him/strong="G0846" to/strong="G1519" bring/strong="G2609" Paul/strong="G0846" out/strong="G1510" to/strong="G1519" you/strong="G5210". Say/strong="G1473" that/strong="G3704" you/strong="G5210" want to/strong="G1519" ask him/strong="G0846" more questions. We/strong="G2249" will/strong="G1510" be/strong="G1510" waiting to/strong="G1519" kill/strong="G0337" him/strong="G0846" while/strong="G5613" he/strong="G0846" is/strong="G1510" on/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" way/strong="G5613" here/strong="G1510"."

<sup>16</sup> But/strong="G1161" Paul's/strong="G3972" nephew heard/strong="G0191" about/strong="G1519" this/strong="G3588" plan. He/strong="G2532" went/strong="G1525" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" army building and/strong="G2532" told/strong="G0518" Paul/strong="G3972". <sup>17</sup> Then/strong="G1161"

Paul|strong="G3972" called|strong="G4341" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1520" the|strong="G3588" army officers and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G5346" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846", " Take|strong="G0518" this|strong="G3778" young|strong="G3494" man|strong="G3778" to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506". He|strong="G0846" has|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" message for|strong="G1063" him|strong="G0846".<sup>18</sup> So|strong="G3767" the|strong="G3588" army officer brought|strong="G0071" Paul's|strong="G3972" nephew to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506". The|strong="G3588" officer said|strong="G5346", " The|strong="G3588" prisoner|strong="G1198" Paul|strong="G3972" asked|strong="G2065" me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G4314" bring|strong="G0071" this|strong="G3778" young|strong="G3495" man|strong="G3778" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771". He|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2192" something|strong="G5100" to|strong="G4314" tell|strong="G2980" you|strong="G4771"."

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" led the|strong="G3588" young man to|strong="G2596" a|strong="G2192" place|strong="G1473" where|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" could|strong="G2192" be|strong="G1510" alone|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" asked|strong="G4441", " What|strong="G5101" do|strong="G2192" you|strong="G3739" want to|strong="G2596" tell|strong="G0518" me|strong="G1473"?"

<sup>20</sup> The|strong="G3588" young man|strong="G5100" said|strong="G3004", " Some|strong="G5100" Jews|strong="G2453" have|strong="G3748" decided to|strong="G1519" ask|strong="G2065" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" bring|strong="G2609" Paul|strong="G3972" down|strong="G2609" to|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" council|strong="G4892" meeting tomorrow|strong="G0839". They|strong="G0846" want you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" think that|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" plan to|strong="G1519" ask|strong="G2065" Paul|strong="G3972" more questions.<sup>21</sup> But|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" believe|strong="G3982" them|strong="G0846"! More|strong="G4183" than|strong="G4183" 40 of|strong="G1537" them|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" hiding and|strong="G2532" waiting|strong="G4327" to|strong="G2193" kill|strong="G0337" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510"

all|strong="G3588" promised|strong="G1860" not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G2193" eat|strong="G2068" or|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" until|strong="G2193" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" killed|strong="G0337" him|strong="G0846". Now|strong="G3568" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" waiting|strong="G4327" for|strong="G1063" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G2193" say yes|strong="G1063".<sup>22</sup> The|strong="G3588" commander|strong="G5506" sent|strong="G0630" the|strong="G3588" young|strong="G3495" man|strong="G3778" away|strong="G0630", telling him|strong="G4314", " Don't|strong="G3367" tell|strong="G1583" anyone|strong="G3367" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G3754" have|strong="G3748" told|strong="G4314" me|strong="G1473" about|strong="G4314" their|strong="G3754" plan."

#### Paul Is|strong="G3778" Sent|strong="G0630" to|strong="G4314" Caesarea

<sup>23</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" commander called|strong="G3004" two|strong="G1417" army officers. He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" them|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G2532" need some|strong="G5100" men|strong="G5100" to|strong="G3004" go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G3004" Caesarea|strong="G2542". Get|strong="G2090" 200 soldiers|strong="G4757" ready|strong="G2090". Also|strong="G2532", get|strong="G2090" 70 soldiers|strong="G4757" on|strong="G0575" horses and|strong="G2532" 200 men|strong="G5100" to|strong="G3004" carry spears. Be|strong="G2532" ready|strong="G2090" to|strong="G3004" leave|strong="G4198" at|strong="G3588" nine|strong="G5154" o'clock tonight|strong="G3571".<sup>24</sup> Get|strong="G1913" some|strong="G3588" horses for|strong="G4314" Paul|strong="G3972" to|strong="G4314" ride so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" he can be taken to|strong="G4314" Governor|strong="G2232" Felix|strong="G5344" safely|strong="G1295".<sup>25</sup> The|strong="G3588" commander wrote|strong="G1125" a|strong="G2192" letter|strong="G1992" that|strong="G3778" said:<sup>26</sup> From|strong="G3588" Claudius|strong="G2804" Lysias|strong="G3079", To|strong="G5463" the|strong="G3588" Most|strong="G2903" Honorable Governor|strong="G2232" Felix|strong="G5344". Greetings|strong="G5463".

<sup>27</sup> Some|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453" had|strong="G1510" taken|strong="G4815" this|strong="G3778" man|strong="G0435" and|strong="G2532" planned to|strong="G3195"

kill |strong="G0337" him |strong="G0846".  
 But |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532"  
 learned |strong="G3129" that |strong="G3754"  
 he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510"  
 a |strong="G1510" Roman |strong="G4514" citizen,  
 so |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" went  
 with |strong="G4862" my |strong="G5259" sol-  
 diers |strong="G4753" and |strong="G2532" saved  
 him |strong="G0846". <sup>28</sup> I |strong="G3739" want-  
 ed |strong="G1014" to |strong="G1519"  
 know |strong="G1921" why |strong="G1223"  
 they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3739" accus-  
 ing |strong="G1458" him |strong="G0846".  
 So |strong="G1519" I |strong="G3739"  
 brought |strong="G2609" him |strong="G0846" be-  
 fore |strong="G1519" their |strong="G0846" coun-  
 cil |strong="G4892" meeting. <sup>29</sup>  
 This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3739"  
 what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" learned:  
 The |strong="G3588" Jews said this |strong="G3588"  
 man |strong="G3367" did |strong="G2147"  
 some |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3739"  
 that |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3739" wrong.  
 But |strong="G1161" these |strong="G3739"  
 charges |strong="G1458" were |strong="G3739"  
 about |strong="G4012" their |strong="G0846"  
 own |strong="G0846" Jewish laws |strong="G3551",  
 and |strong="G1161" there |strong="G1161"  
 was |strong="G3739" nothing |strong="G3367" wor-  
 thy |strong="G0514" of |strong="G3551" jail  
 or |strong="G2228" death |strong="G2288". <sup>30</sup>  
 I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510"  
 told |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3004"  
 some |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537"  
 the |strong="G3588" Jews were |strong="G1510"  
 making a |strong="G1510" plan to |strong="G1519"  
 kill him |strong="G0846". So |strong="G2532"  
 I |strong="G1473" decided to |strong="G1519"  
 send |strong="G3992" him |strong="G0846"  
 to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771".  
 I |strong="G1473" also |strong="G2532"  
 told |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" Jews  
 to |strong="G1519" tell |strong="G3004"  
 you |strong="G4771" what |strong="G3588"  
 they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G1510"  
 against |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>31</sup> The |strong="G3588" soldiers |strong="G4757"  
 did |strong="G3767" what |strong="G3588"  
 they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" told.  
 They |strong="G0846" got Paul |strong="G3972"  
 and |strong="G3972" took |strong="G0353"  
 him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519"  
 the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846"  
 of |strong="G1223" Antipatris |strong="G0494"  
 that |strong="G0846" night |strong="G3571". <sup>32</sup>  
 The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887"  
 day |strong="G1887" the |strong="G3588" soldiers  
 on |strong="G1519" horses went |strong="G0565"

with |strong="G4862" Paul |strong="G0846"  
 to |strong="G1519" Caesarea, but |strong="G1161"  
 the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" soldiers  
 and |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" spearmen  
 went |strong="G0565" back |strong="G5290"  
 to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" army building  
 in |strong="G1519" Jerusalem. <sup>33</sup> The |strong="G3588"  
 soldiers on |strong="G1519" horses en-  
 tered |strong="G1525" Caesarea |strong="G2542",  
 gave the |strong="G3588" letter |strong="G1992"  
 to |strong="G1519" Governor |strong="G2232" Felix,  
 and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" turned  
 Paul |strong="G3972" over |strong="G1519"  
 to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>34</sup> The |strong="G2532" governor  
 read |strong="G0314" the |strong="G2532" letter  
 and |strong="G2532" asked |strong="G1905"  
 Paul |strong="G1510", " What |strong="G4169" country  
 are |strong="G1510" you |strong="G3754"  
 from |strong="G0575"?" The |strong="G2532" gover-  
 nor learned |strong="G4441" that |strong="G3754"  
 Paul |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510"  
 from |strong="G0575" Cilicia |strong="G2791". <sup>35</sup>  
 The |strong="G3588" governor said |strong="G5346", "  
 I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" hear  
 your |strong="G2532" case |strong="G1722"  
 when |strong="G3752" the |strong="G3588" Jews  
 who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" accusing  
 you |strong="G4771" come |strong="G3854"  
 here |strong="G1722" too |strong="G2532"."  
 Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" governor  
 gave |strong="G2753" orders |strong="G2753"  
 for |strong="G1722" Paul |strong="G0846"  
 to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532"  
 kept |strong="G5442" in |strong="G1722"  
 the |strong="G3588" palace |strong="G4232" built  
 by |strong="G1722" Herod |strong="G2264".

#### Some Jews Accuse Paul

**24** Five |strong="G4002" days |strong="G2250"  
 later |strong="G3326" Ana-  
 nias |strong="G0367", the |strong="G3588"  
 high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749",  
 went |strong="G2597" to |strong="G2596"  
 the |strong="G3588" city of |strong="G2250" Caesarea.  
 He |strong="G2532" brought |strong="G1718"  
 with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G2532"  
 some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G2250"  
 the |strong="G3588" older |strong="G4245" Jewish  
 leaders and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532"  
 lawyer named |strong="G5061" Tertul-  
 lus |strong="G5061". They |strong="G2532"  
 went |strong="G2597" to |strong="G2596" Caesarea  
 to |strong="G2596" make |strong="G1718"  
 charges |strong="G1718" against |strong="G2596"  
 Paul |strong="G3972" before |strong="G3588"  
 the |strong="G3588" governor |strong="G2232". <sup>2</sup> Paul

was called into the meeting, and Tertullus began to make his accusations.

Tertullus said, "Most Honorable Felix, our people enjoy much peace because of you, and many wrong things in our country are being made right through your wise help. For this we all continue to be very thankful. <sup>4</sup> But I don't want to take any more of your time." So I will say to you only a few words. Please be patient. <sup>5</sup> This man is a troublemaker. He causes trouble with the Jews everywhere in the world. He is a leader of the Nazarene group. <sup>6</sup> Also, he was trying to make the Temple unclean, but we stopped him. <sup>1</sup> You can decide if all this is true. Ask him some questions yourself." <sup>9</sup> The other Jews agreed and it was all true.

#### Paul Defends Himself Before Felix

<sup>10</sup> The governor made a sign for Paul to speak. So Paul answered, "Governor Felix, I know that you have a judge over this nation for a long time. So I am happy to defend myself before you." I went to worship in Jerusalem on July twelve

<sup>1</sup> Some Greek copies add 6b-8a: "And we wanted to judge him by our own law. <sup>7</sup> \* But the officer Lysias came and used great force to take him from us. <sup>8</sup> \* And Lysias ordered those who wanted to accuse him to come to you."

days ago. You can learn for yourself that this is true. <sup>12</sup> These Jews who are accusing me did not find me arguing with anyone at the Temple or making trouble with the people. And I was not making trouble or arguing in the synagogues or any other place in the city. <sup>13</sup> These men cannot prove the things they are saying against me now.

<sup>14</sup> " But I will tell you this: I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which these Jews say is not right way, and I believe that is taught in the Law of Moses and all that is written in the books of the prophets. <sup>15</sup> I have the same hope in God that these Jews have— the hope that all peo-

ple|strong="G0846", good|strong="G1510" and|strong="G2532" bad, will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" raised from|strong="G2532" death. <sup>16</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G2316" why|strong="G1223" I|strong="G2532" always|strong="G1223" try to|strong="G4314" do|strong="G2192" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G2532" believe is|strong="G2316" right before|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" before|strong="G4314" everyone|strong="G3956".

<sup>17</sup> "I was away from Jerusalem for many years. I went back there to take money to help my people. I also had some gifts to offer at the Temple. I was doing this when some Jews saw me there. I had finished the cleansing ceremony. <sup>1</sup> I had not made any trouble, and no one was gathering around me. <sup>19</sup>

But|strong="G1161" some|strong="G5100" Jews|strong="G2453" from|strong="G0575" Asia|strong="G0773" were|strong="G2453" there|strong="G1161". They|strong="G3739" should|strong="G1163" be|strong="G1163" here|strong="G3918", standing before|strong="G1909" you|strong="G4771". If|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" really done anything|strong="G5100" wrong, they|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" the|strong="G2532" ones|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3739" should|strong="G1163" accuse|strong="G2723" me|strong="G1473". They|strong="G3739" were|strong="G2453" there|strong="G1161" <sup>1</sup>! <sup>20</sup> Ask|strong="G3004" these|strong="G3778" men|strong="G3778" here if they|strong="G0846" found|strong="G2147" any|strong="G1909" wrong|strong="G0092" in|strong="G1909" me|strong="G3004" when|strong="G2147" I|strong="G1473" stood|strong="G2476" before|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" high council|strong="G4892" meeting in|strong="G1909" Jerusalem. <sup>21</sup> I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G2228" say|strong="G1473" one|strong="G1520" thing|strong="G3778" when|strong="G1722" I|strong="G1473" stood|strong="G2476" before|strong="G1909" them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2476" shouted|strong="G2896", ' You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3778" judging|strong="G2919" me|strong="G1473" today|strong="G4594" because|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" believe that|strong="G3754" people|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" rise|strong="G0386" from|strong="G5456" death|strong="G3498"!' "

<sup>22</sup> Felix|strong="G5344" already understood a|strong="G3708" lot about|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588" Way|strong="G3598".

<sup>1</sup> CLEANSING CEREMONY The special things Jews did to end the Nazirite vow. See "Nazirite" in the Word List.

He|strong="G0846" stopped the|strong="G3588" trial and|strong="G1161" said|strong="G3004", " When|strong="G3752" commander|strong="G5506" Lysias|strong="G3079" comes|strong="G2597" here, I|strong="G1161" will|strong="G0846" decide|strong="G1231" what|strong="G3588" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G1492" with|strong="G2596" you|strong="G5210". " <sup>23</sup> Felix told the|strong="G3588" army officer to|strong="G2532" keep|strong="G5083" Paul|strong="G0846" guarded but|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" give him|strong="G0846" some|strong="G3588" freedom|strong="G0425" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" let his|strong="G0846" friends|strong="G2398" bring whatever he|strong="G2532" needed.

### Paul|strong="G0846" Speaks to|strong="G2532" Felix and|strong="G2532" His|strong="G0846" Wife

<sup>24</sup> After|strong="G3326" a|strong="G1510" few|strong="G5100" days|strong="G2250" Felix|strong="G5344" came|strong="G3854" with|strong="G3326" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135" Drusilla|strong="G1409", who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" Jew|strong="G2453". Felix|strong="G5344" asked for|strong="G1519" Paul|strong="G3972" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" brought|strong="G3343" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" listened|strong="G0191" to|strong="G1519" Paul|strong="G3972" talk about|strong="G4012" believing|strong="G4102" in|strong="G1519" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424". <sup>25</sup> But|strong="G1161" Felix|strong="G5344" became|strong="G1096" afraid when|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G0846" spoke|strong="G0611" about|strong="G4012" things|strong="G0846" like|strong="G0846" doing right|strong="G2540", self-control|strong="G1466", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" judgment|strong="G2917" that|strong="G1096" will|strong="G3195" come|strong="G1096" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" future|strong="G3195". He|strong="G2532" said|strong="G0611", " Go|strong="G4198" away|strong="G4198" now|strong="G1161". When|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" more time|strong="G2540", I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3195" call for|strong="G4012" you|strong="G4771". " <sup>26</sup> But|strong="G2532" Felix had|strong="G3972" another reason|strong="G1352" for|strong="G3754" talking|strong="G3656" with|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G3972". He|strong="G2532" hoped|strong="G1679" Paul|strong="G3972" would|strong="G0846" pay|strong="G1325" him|strong="G0846" a|strong="G1325" bribe,

so |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" sent |strong="G3343" for |strong="G3754" Paul |strong="G3972" often |strong="G4437" and |strong="G2532" talked |strong="G3656" with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846".

<sup>27</sup> But |strong="G1161" after |strong="G1161" two |strong="G1333" years |strong="G1333", Porcius |strong="G4201" Festus |strong="G5347" became governor. So |strong="G1161" Felix |strong="G5344" was |strong="G3588" no longer governor. But |strong="G1161" he |strong="G1161" left |strong="G2641" Paul |strong="G3972" in |strong="G1210" prison to |strong="G2309" please |strong="G2309" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453".

### Paul Asks to See Caesar

**25** Festus |strong="G5347" became governor, and |strong="G2250" three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250" later |strong="G3326" he |strong="G3767" went |strong="G0305" from |strong="G0575" Caesarea |strong="G2542" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="G3588" leading |strong="G4413" priests |strong="G0749" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" important Jewish |strong="G2453" leaders |strong="G4413" made charges |strong="G1718" against |strong="G2596" Paul |strong="G3972" before |strong="G4413" Festus. <sup>3</sup> They |strong="G0846" asked |strong="G0154" Festus to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G4160" them |strong="G0846" a |strong="G4160" favor |strong="G5485". They |strong="G0846" wanted him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" send |strong="G3343" Paul |strong="G0846" back |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419" because |strong="G2596" they |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3588" a |strong="G4160" plan to |strong="G1519" kill |strong="G0337" Paul |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598". <sup>4</sup> But |strong="G1161" Festus |strong="G5347" answered |strong="G0611", "No, Paul |strong="G3972" will |strong="G3195" be |strong="G3767" kept |strong="G5083" in |strong="G1722" Caesarea |strong="G2542". I |strong="G1161" will |strong="G3195" be |strong="G3767" going |strong="G3195" there |strong="G1722" soon |strong="G5034" myself, <sup>5</sup> and |strong="G0435" your |strong="G1487" leaders can go |strong="G4782" with |strong="G1722" me. If |strong="G1487" this |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0435" has |strong="G5100" really done anything |strong="G5100" wrong |strong="G0824", they |strong="G0846" can accuse |strong="G2723" him |strong="G0846" there |strong="G1510"."

<sup>6</sup> Festus stayed |strong="G1304" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem another |strong="G2250"

eight |strong="G3638" or |strong="G2228" ten |strong="G1176" days |strong="G2250" and |strong="G1161" then |strong="G1161" went |strong="G2597" back |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" Caesarea |strong="G2542". The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G2250" Festus told the |strong="G3588" soldiers to |strong="G1519" bring |strong="G0071" Paul |strong="G3972" before |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846". Festus was |strong="G3588" seated |strong="G2523" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" judgment |strong="G0968" seat |strong="G0968". <sup>7</sup> Paul |strong="G0846" came |strong="G3854" into |strong="G2453" the |strong="G3588" room, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" who |strong="G3739" had |strong="G3739" come |strong="G2597" from |strong="G0575" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" stood |strong="G4026" around |strong="G4026" him |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" made many |strong="G4183" serious |strong="G0926" charges against |strong="G0575" him |strong="G0846", but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" could |strong="G2480" not |strong="G3756" prove |strong="G0584" anything. <sup>8</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" defended himself |strong="G1519", saying |strong="G3754", "I |strong="G3754" have |strong="G3748" done nothing |strong="G3777" wrong against |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" law |strong="G3551", against |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2411", or |strong="G3777" against |strong="G1519" Caesar |strong="G2541"."

<sup>9</sup> But |strong="G1161" Festus |strong="G5347" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G1519" please |strong="G2309" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453". So |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3778" asked |strong="G3004" Paul |strong="G3972", "Do |strong="G2919" you |strong="G3004" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" for |strong="G1519" me |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" judge |strong="G2919" you |strong="G3004" there |strong="G1563" on |strong="G1909" these |strong="G3778" charges |strong="G3004"?"

<sup>10</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" said |strong="G3004", "I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" standing |strong="G2476" at |strong="G1909" Caesar's |strong="G2541" judgment |strong="G0968" seat |strong="G0968" now |strong="G1161". This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" where |strong="G3757" I |strong="G1473" should |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1510" judged |strong="G2919". I |strong="G1473"



have|strong="G1510" done|strong="G0091" nothing|strong="G3762" wrong|strong="G0091" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1921" it|strong="G1161". <sup>11</sup> If|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" done|strong="G4238" something|strong="G5100" wrong|strong="G0091" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" law says I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G1510" die|strong="G0599", then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" agree|strong="G1510" that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" should|strong="G5100" die|strong="G0599". I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3756" ask to|strong="G1410" be|strong="G1510" saved from|strong="G2532" death|strong="G2288". But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" these|strong="G3778" charges|strong="G2723" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" true, then|strong="G2532" no|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3762" can|strong="G1410" hand|strong="G1161" me|strong="G1473" over|strong="G5483" to|strong="G1410" these|strong="G3778" people|strong="G0846". No|strong="G3756", I|strong="G1473" want Caesar|strong="G2541" to|strong="G1410" hear my|strong="G3739" case!

<sup>12</sup> Festus|strong="G5347" talked about|strong="G1909" this|strong="G3588" with|strong="G3326" his|strong="G1909" advisors. Then|strong="G5119" he|strong="G5119" said|strong="G0611", " You|strong="G1909" have|strong="G3588" asked|strong="G0611" to|strong="G1909" see Caesar|strong="G2541", so you|strong="G1909" will|strong="G5119" go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1909" Caesar|strong="G2541"!"

#### **Festus|strong="G5347" Asks King Agrippa About|strong="G1909" Paul**

<sup>13</sup> A|strong="G2532" few|strong="G5100" days|strong="G2250" later King|strong="G0935" Agrippa|strong="G0067" and|strong="G2532" Bernice|strong="G0959" came|strong="G2658" to|strong="G1519" Caesarea|strong="G2542" to|strong="G1519" visit Festus|strong="G5347". <sup>14</sup> They|strong="G1161" stayed|strong="G1510" there|strong="G1563" many|strong="G4183" days|strong="G2250", and|strong="G1161" Festus|strong="G5347" told|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" king|strong="G0935" about|strong="G5613" Paul's|strong="G3972" case|strong="G1563". Festus|strong="G5347" said|strong="G3004", " There|strong="G1563" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G5613" man|strong="G0435" that|strong="G3004" Felix|strong="G5344" left|strong="G2641"

in|strong="G2596" prison. <sup>15</sup> When|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" went|strong="G1096" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2414", the|strong="G3588" leading|strong="G1519" priests|strong="G0749" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" older|strong="G4245" Jewish|strong="G2453" leaders there|strong="G1096" made|strong="G1096" charges|strong="G1718" against|strong="G2596" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" wanted me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G1519" order his|strong="G0846" death. <sup>16</sup> But|strong="G0444" I|strong="G3739" told|strong="G4314" them|strong="G3739", ' When|strong="G3739" a|strong="G2192" man|strong="G0444" is|strong="G1510" accused something|strong="G5100" wrong, Romans|strong="G4514" don't|strong="G3756" hand|strong="G5483" him|strong="G3739" over|strong="G2596" for|strong="G3754" others|strong="G0444" to|strong="G4314" judge. First, he|strong="G3739" must|strong="G1510" face|strong="G4383" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" accusing|strong="G2723" him|strong="G3739". And|strong="G0611" then|strong="G5037" he|strong="G3739" must|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" allowed to|strong="G4314" defend himself against|strong="G2596" their|strong="G2596" charges|strong="G2723".'

<sup>17</sup> " So|strong="G3767" when|strong="G3767" these|strong="G3588" Jews came|strong="G4905" here|strong="G1759" for|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" trial, I|strong="G3767" did|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3367" waste time|strong="G1909". The|strong="G3588" next|strong="G1836" day|strong="G1836" I|strong="G3767" sat|strong="G2523" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" judgment|strong="G0968" seat|strong="G0968" and|strong="G0435" ordered|strong="G2753" Paul|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1909" be|strong="G3767" brought|strong="G0071" in|strong="G1909". <sup>18</sup> The|strong="G3588" Jews stood|strong="G2476" up and|strong="G2476" accused him|strong="G3739". But|strong="G3762" they|strong="G3739" did not|strong="G3762" accuse him|strong="G3739" of|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588" kind of|strong="G4012" crimes|strong="G4190" I|strong="G1473" thought they|strong="G3739" would|strong="G3762". <sup>19</sup> Their|strong="G0846" charges were|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3588" about|strong="G4012" their|strong="G0846" own|strong="G2398" religion|strong="G1175" and|strong="G2532" about|strong="G4012" a|strong="G2192" man|strong="G5100" named|strong="G2424" Jesus|strong="G2424". Jesus|strong="G2424"

died |strong="G2348", but |strong="G1161" Paul |strong="G3972" said |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3739" still alive |strong="G2198".<sup>20</sup> I |strong="G1473" did not |strong="G3778" have |strong="G1473" any idea about |strong="G4012" how |strong="G4012" to |strong="G1519" judge |strong="G2919" these |strong="G3778" matters. So |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" asked |strong="G3004" Paul, ' Do |strong="G2919" you |strong="G1487" want |strong="G1014" to |strong="G1519" go |strong="G4198" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" and |strong="G1161" be |strong="G3778" judged |strong="G2919" there |strong="G2546"?<sup>21</sup> But |strong="G1161" Paul |strong="G3972" asked to |strong="G1519" be kept |strong="G5083" in |strong="G1519" Caesarea. He |strong="G0846" wants a |strong="G3739" decision |strong="G1233" from |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" emperor |strong="G4575". So |strong="G1161" I |strong="G3739" ordered |strong="G2753" that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G0846" be held |strong="G5083" until |strong="G2193" I |strong="G3739" could send |strong="G0375" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" Caesar |strong="G2541" in |strong="G1519" Rome."

<sup>22</sup> Agrippa |strong="G0067" said |strong="G5346" to |strong="G4314" Festus |strong="G5347", " I |strong="G2532" would |strong="G0846" like |strong="G1014" to |strong="G4314" hear |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588" man |strong="G0444" too |strong="G2532"."

Festus |strong="G5347" said |strong="G5346", " Tomorrow |strong="G0839" you |strong="G2532" can hear |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0846"."

<sup>23</sup> The |strong="G3588" next |strong="G1887" day |strong="G1887" Agrippa |strong="G0067" and |strong="G2532" Bernice |strong="G0959" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" meeting with |strong="G3326" great |strong="G4183" show, acting like |strong="G2596" very |strong="G4183" important people |strong="G0435". They |strong="G3767" entered |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" room with |strong="G3326" military |strong="G5506" leaders and |strong="G2532" important men |strong="G0435" of |strong="G0435" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172". Festus |strong="G5347" ordered |strong="G2753" the |strong="G3588" soldiers to |strong="G1519" bring |strong="G0071" Paul |strong="G3972" in |strong="G1519".

<sup>24</sup> Festus |strong="G5347" said |strong="G5346", " King |strong="G0935" Agrippa |strong="G0067" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G0435" you |strong="G3739" gathered here |strong="G1759" with |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722", you |strong="G3739"

see |strong="G2334" this |strong="G3778" man |strong="G0435". All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Jewish |strong="G2453" people |strong="G4128", here |strong="G1759" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" Jerusalem |strong="G2414", have |strong="G2532" complained to |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473" about |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846". When |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" complain about |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846", they |strong="G0846" shout |strong="G0994" that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" should |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1163" killed.<sup>25</sup> When |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" judged |strong="G2919" him |strong="G0846", I |strong="G1473" did not |strong="G3367" find him |strong="G0846" guilty of |strong="G0514" any |strong="G3367" crime worthy |strong="G0514" of |strong="G0514" death |strong="G2288". But |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" asked to |strong="G3778" be |strong="G3778" judged |strong="G2919" by |strong="G2919" Caesar, so |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" decided |strong="G2919" to |strong="G3778" send |strong="G3992" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3778" Rome.<sup>26</sup> However, I |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" really know what |strong="G5101" to |strong="G1909" tell Caesar that |strong="G3739" this |strong="G3588" man |strong="G5100" has |strong="G2192" done |strong="G1096" wrong. So |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2192" brought |strong="G4254" him |strong="G0846" before |strong="G1909" all |strong="G3588" of |strong="G2962" you |strong="G5210"— especially |strong="G3122" you |strong="G5210", King |strong="G0935" Agrippa |strong="G0067". I |strong="G3739" hope that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" can question him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G1096" me |strong="G2192" something |strong="G5100" to |strong="G1909" write |strong="G1125" to |strong="G1909" Caesar.<sup>27</sup> I |strong="G1473" think |strong="G1380" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" foolish to |strong="G2596" send |strong="G3992" a |strong="G2532" prisoner |strong="G1198" to |strong="G2596" Caesar without |strong="G3361" making some |strong="G3588" charges |strong="G0156" against |strong="G2596" him |strong="G0846"."

#### Paul Before King Agrippa

<sup>26</sup> Agrippa |strong="G0067" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" Paul |strong="G3972", " You |strong="G4771" may |strong="G5495" now |strong="G1161" speak |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" de-

fend|strong="G0626" yourself|strong="G4572":  
 Paul|strong="G3972" raised his|strong="G4012"  
 hand|strong="G5495" to|strong="G4314" get  
 their|strong="G4012" attention and|strong="G1161"  
 began to|strong="G4314" speak|strong="G3004".<sup>2</sup>  
 He|strong="G3739" said|strong="G0626", "  
 King|strong="G0935" Agrippa|strong="G0067",  
 I|strong="G3739" feel fortunate|strong="G3107"  
 that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G3739" can stand  
 here before|strong="G1909" you|strong="G4771" to-  
 day|strong="G4594" and|strong="G2453" answer  
 all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956"  
 charges|strong="G1458" these|strong="G3739"  
 Jews|strong="G2453" have|strong="G3956" made  
 against|strong="G1909" me|strong="G1683".<sup>3</sup>  
 I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510"  
 very|strong="G2532" happy to|strong="G2596" talk  
 to|strong="G2596" you|strong="G4771", be-  
 cause|strong="G2596" you|strong="G4771" know  
 so|strong="G2532" much about|strong="G2596"  
 all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" Jew-  
 ish|strong="G2453" customs|strong="G1485"  
 and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956"  
 things|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956"  
 Jews|strong="G2453" argue about|strong="G2596".  
 Please listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2596"  
 me|strong="G1473" patiently|strong="G3116".

<sup>4</sup> " All|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956"  
 Jews|strong="G2453" know|strong="G1492"  
 about|strong="G1722" my|strong="G3956"  
 whole|strong="G3956" life|strong="G0981".  
 They|strong="G3767" know|strong="G1492"  
 the|strong="G3956" way|strong="G1722"  
 I|strong="G1473" lived from|strong="G0575"  
 the|strong="G3956" beginning|strong="G0746"  
 in|strong="G1722" my|strong="G3956" own country  
 and|strong="G5037" later in|strong="G1722"  
 Jerusalem|strong="G2414".<sup>5</sup> These|strong="G3748"  
 Jews have|strong="G3748" known|strong="G4267"  
 me|strong="G1473" for|strong="G3754"  
 a|strong="G1437" long|strong="G0509"  
 time|strong="G0509". If|strong="G1437"  
 they|strong="G3754" want|strong="G2309"  
 to|strong="G2309", they|strong="G3754" can tell  
 you|strong="G1437" that|strong="G3754"  
 I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G3588"  
 a|strong="G1437" good|strong="G3140" Phar-  
 isee|strong="G5330". And|strong="G5330"  
 the|strong="G3588" Pharisees|strong="G5330" obey  
 the|strong="G3588" laws of|strong="G2596"  
 the|strong="G3588" Jewish religion|strong="G2356"  
 more|strong="G2596" carefully than  
 any|strong="G1437" other group.<sup>6</sup>  
 Now|strong="G3568" I|strong="G1473"  
 am|strong="G2919" on|strong="G1909" tri-  
 al|strong="G2919" because|strong="G1909"  
 I|strong="G1473" hope|strong="G1680"  
 for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588"

promise|strong="G1860" that|strong="G1096"  
 God|strong="G2316" made|strong="G1096"  
 to|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2316" fa-  
 thers|strong="G3962".<sup>7</sup> This|strong="G3588"  
 is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" promise  
 that|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3588"  
 the|strong="G3588" twelve|strong="G1429"  
 tribes|strong="G1429" of|strong="G2250"  
 our|strong="G2532" people|strong="G3588"  
 hope|strong="G1680" to|strong="G1519" receive.  
 For|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3588"  
 hope|strong="G1680" the|strong="G3588"  
 Jews|strong="G2453" serve|strong="G3000"  
 God|strong="G3571" day|strong="G2250"  
 and|strong="G2532" night|strong="G3571".  
 My|strong="G1722" king|strong="G0935",  
 the|strong="G3588" Jews|strong="G2453"  
 have|strong="G2532" accused|strong="G1458"  
 me|strong="G1473" because|strong="G1722"  
 I|strong="G1473" hope|strong="G1680"  
 for|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3588"  
 same|strong="G3739" promise.<sup>8</sup>  
 Why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G2919"  
 you|strong="G5210" people|strong="G2919"  
 think|strong="G2919" it is|strong="G2316" impossible  
 for|strong="G3844" God|strong="G2316"  
 to|strong="G5101" raise|strong="G1453" peo-  
 ple|strong="G2919" from|strong="G3844"  
 death|strong="G3498"?

<sup>9</sup> " I|strong="G1473" used to|strong="G4314"  
 think|strong="G1380" that|strong="G1380"  
 I|strong="G1473" should|strong="G1163"  
 do|strong="G4238" everything I|strong="G1473"  
 could against|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
 from|strong="G2424" Nazareth|strong="G3480".<sup>10</sup>  
 And|strong="G2532" that's what|strong="G3739"  
 I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G4160", beginning  
 in|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2414".  
 The|strong="G3588" leading priests|strong="G0749"  
 gave|strong="G4160" me|strong="G1473"  
 the|strong="G3588" authority|strong="G1849"  
 to|strong="G2532" put|strong="G0337"  
 many|strong="G4183" of|strong="G1722"  
 God's|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846"  
 in|strong="G1722" jail. And|strong="G2532"  
 when|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846"  
 were|strong="G3739" being killed|strong="G0337",  
 I|strong="G1473" agreed that|strong="G3739"  
 it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3739"  
 a|strong="G2983" good thing|strong="G0846".<sup>11</sup>  
 I|strong="G2532" visited all|strong="G3956"  
 the|strong="G3956" synagogues|strong="G4864"  
 and|strong="G2532" punished|strong="G5097"  
 them|strong="G0846", trying to|strong="G1519"  
 make them|strong="G0846" curse<sup>1</sup> Je-  
 sus|strong="G0846". My|strong="G3956" anger

<sup>1</sup> CURSE Literally, "blaspheme," the same as saying they did not believe in Jesus.

against **G2596** these **G3588** people **G3956** was **G3588** so **G2532** strong that **G3956** I **G2532** went to **G1519** other **G1438** cities **G4172** to **G1519** find them **G0846** and **G2532** punish them **G0846**.

**Paul **G0846** Tells About **G2596** Seeing Jesus **G0846****

<sup>12</sup> " One **G3739** time the **G3588** leading **G1519** priests **G0749** gave me permission and **G2532** the **G3588** authority **G1849** to **G1519** go **G4198** to **G1519** the **G3588** city of **G1722** Damascus **G1154**". <sup>13</sup> On **G5228** the **G3588** way **G3598** there **G2596**, at **G2596** noon, I **G1473** saw **G3708** a **G3708** light **G5457** from **G2596** heaven **G3771**, brighter **G2987** than **G5228** the **G3588** sun **G2246**". It **G3708** shined all **G3588** around **G4034** me **G1473** and **G2532** those **G3588** traveling **G4198** with **G4862** me **G1473**". <sup>14</sup> We **G2249** all **G3956** fell **G2667** to **G1519** the **G3956** ground **G1093**". Then **G5037** I **G1473** heard **G0191** a **G0191** voice **G5456** talking **G3004** to **G1519** me **G3004** in **G1519** Aramaic. The **G3956** voice **G5456** said **G3004**, ' Saul **G4549**, Saul **G4549**, why **G5101** are **G3956** you **G4771** persecuting **G1377** me **G3004**? You **G4771** are **G3956** only **G5037** hurting yourself **G4771** by **G3004** fighting me **G3004**'.

<sup>15</sup> " I **G1473** said **G3004**, ' Who **G3739** are **G1510** you **G4771**', Lord **G2962**?'

" The **G3588** Lord **G2962** said **G3004**, ' I **G1473** am **G1510** Jesus **G2424**". I **G1473** am **G1510** the **G3588** one **G3739** you **G4771** are **G1510** persecuting **G1377**". <sup>16</sup> Stand **G2476** up **G0450**! I **G1473** have **G2532** chosen you **G4771** to **G1519** be **G2532**

my **G3708** servant. You **G4771** will **G3739** tell people **G3778** about **G1909** me **G1473**— what **G3739** you **G4771** have **G2532** seen **G3708** today and **G2532** what **G3739** I **G1473** will **G3739** show you **G4771**". This **G3778** is **G3778** why **G1063** I **G1473** have **G2532** come **G2476** to **G1519** you **G4771**". <sup>17</sup> I **G1473** will **G3739** keep you **G4771** safe from **G1537** your **G2532** own people **G2992** and **G2532** from **G1537** the **G3588** non-Jewish people **G2992**, the **G3588** ones I **G1473** am **G1473** sending **G0649** you **G4771** to **G1519**". <sup>18</sup> You **G1722** will **G2316** make **G0037** them **G0846** able to **G1519** understand the **G3588** truth. They **G0846** will **G2316** turn **G1994** away **G0575** from **G0575** darkness **G4655** to **G1519** the **G3588** light **G5457**". They **G0846** will **G2316** turn **G1994** away **G0575** from **G0575** the **G3588** power **G1849** of **G0575** Satan **G4567**, and **G2532** they **G0846** will **G2316** turn **G1994** to **G1519** God **G2316**". Then **G2532** their **G0846** sins **G0266** can be **G2532** forgiven, and **G2532** they **G0846** can be **G2532** given a **G2983** place **G1722** among **G1722** God's **G2316** people **G0846**— those **G3588** who **G3588** have **G2532** been **G2532** made holy **G0037** by **G1722** believing **G4102** in **G1722** me **G1473**".

**Paul **G0846** Tells About **G1909** His **G0846** Work**

<sup>19</sup> Paul continued speaking: " King **G0935** Agrippa **G0067**, after **G1096** I **G3606** had **G3588** this **G3588** vision **G3701** from **G3588** heaven **G3770**, I **G3606** obeyed it. <sup>20</sup> I **G2532** began **G1909** telling people **G1484** to **G1909** change their **G2532** hearts and **G2532** lives and **G2532**

turn |strong="G1994" back |strong="G1994" to |strong="G1909" God |strong="G2316". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" told |strong="G0518" them |strong="G1722" to |strong="G1909" do |strong="G4238" what |strong="G3588" would |strong="G1484" show that |strong="G3956" they |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2316" really changed. I |strong="G2532" went first |strong="G4413" to |strong="G1909" people |strong="G1484" in |strong="G1722" Damascus |strong="G1154". Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" went to |strong="G1909" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" every |strong="G3956" part of |strong="G2316" Judea |strong="G2449" and |strong="G2532" told |strong="G0518" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G1484" there |strong="G1722". I |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" went to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484".

<sup>21</sup> " This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" why the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" grabbed me |strong="G1473" and |strong="G2453" were |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G1722" kill me |strong="G1473" at |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Temple |strong="G2413". <sup>22</sup> But |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" helped me |strong="G3004", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316" still |strong="G2476" helping me |strong="G3004" today |strong="G2250". With |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316" help |strong="G1947" I |strong="G3739" am |strong="G3195" standing |strong="G2476" here today |strong="G2250" and |strong="G2532" telling |strong="G3004" all |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3778" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2532" seen. But |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" am |strong="G3195" saying |strong="G3004" nothing |strong="G3762" new. I |strong="G3739" am |strong="G3195" saying |strong="G3004" only |strong="G2532" what |strong="G3739" Moses |strong="G3475" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" said |strong="G3004" would |strong="G3195" happen |strong="G1096". <sup>23</sup> They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3498" the |strong="G3588" Messiah |strong="G5547" would |strong="G3195" die and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" to |strong="G3195" rise |strong="G0386" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498". They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3498" he |strong="G2532" would |strong="G3195" bring the |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457" of |strong="G1537" God's saving

truth <sup>I</sup> to |strong="G3195" the |strong="G3588" Jewish people |strong="G2992" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G3195" the |strong="G3588" non-Jewish people |strong="G2992"."

#### Paul Tries to |strong="G3195" Persuade Agrippa

<sup>24</sup> While |strong="G0846" Paul |strong="G3972" was |strong="G3588" still defending |strong="G0626" himself |strong="G0846", Festus |strong="G5347" shouted, " Paul |strong="G3972", you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3778" out of |strong="G5456" your |strong="G3588" mind |strong="G3105"! Too |strong="G3173" much |strong="G4183" study has |strong="G3778" made you |strong="G4771" crazy."

<sup>25</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" said |strong="G5346", " Most |strong="G2903" Honorable Festus |strong="G5347", I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G3105" not |strong="G3756" crazy. What |strong="G3588" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G3105" saying |strong="G4487" is |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0225". It |strong="G1161" all |strong="G3588" makes perfect sense. <sup>26</sup> King |strong="G0935" Agrippa knows |strong="G1987" about |strong="G4012" all |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3778", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" can speak |strong="G2980" freely |strong="G3955" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G0846". I |strong="G3739" know |strong="G1987" that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" has |strong="G3739" heard about |strong="G4012" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", because |strong="G1063" they |strong="G0846" happened |strong="G3588" where |strong="G3739" everyone |strong="G3739" could |strong="G3982" see them |strong="G0846". <sup>27</sup> King |strong="G0935" Agrippa |strong="G0067", do |strong="G1492" you |strong="G3754" believe |strong="G4100" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" wrote? I |strong="G3754" know |strong="G1492" you |strong="G3754" believe |strong="G4100"! "

<sup>28</sup> King Agrippa |strong="G0067" said to |strong="G4314" Paul |strong="G3972", " Do |strong="G4160" you |strong="G1722" think you |strong="G1722" can |strong="G4160" persuade |strong="G3982" me |strong="G1473" to |strong="G4314" become |strong="G4160" a |strong="G4160" 'Christ-follower' so |strong="G1161" easily?"

<sup>29</sup> Paul |strong="G3972" said |strong="G1096", " It |strong="G0191" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" important |strong="G3173" if |strong="G0302" it |strong="G0191" is |strong="G1510" easy or |strong="G2532"

<sup>I</sup> BRING ... TRUTH Literally, "proclaim light."

if|strong="G0302" it|strong="G0191" is|strong="G1510" hard. I|strong="G1473" pray|strong="G2172" to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" that|strong="G0191" not|strong="G3756" only|strong="G3440" you|strong="G4771" but|strong="G1161" that|strong="G0191" everyone|strong="G3956" listening|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473" today|strong="G4594" could|strong="G1096" be|strong="G1510" saved and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" just|strong="G3440" like|strong="G5108" me|strong="G1473"—except|strong="G3924" for|strong="G1722" these|strong="G3778" chains|strong="G1199" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510"!"

<sup>30</sup> King|strong="G0935" Agrippa, Governor|strong="G2232" Festus, Bernice|strong="G0959", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" sitting|strong="G4775" with|strong="G2532" them|strong="G0846" stood|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450"<sup>31</sup> and|strong="G2532" left|strong="G0402" the|strong="G3588" room. They|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3778" talking|strong="G2980" to|strong="G4314" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240". They|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "This|strong="G3778" man|strong="G0444" has|strong="G0444" done|strong="G4238" nothing|strong="G3762" worthy|strong="G0514" of|strong="G5100" being|strong="G0444" put to|strong="G4314" death|strong="G2288" or|strong="G2228" even|strong="G2532" put in|strong="G2532" jail." <sup>32</sup> And|strong="G1161" Agrippa|strong="G0067" said|strong="G5346" to|strong="G1410" Festus|strong="G5347", "We|strong="G3778" could|strong="G1410" let|strong="G0630" him|strong="G0444" go|strong="G0630" free|strong="G0630", but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G3778" has|strong="G0444" asked to|strong="G1410" see Caesar|strong="G2541"!"

### Paul Sails for Rome

**27** It|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" decided|strong="G2919" that|strong="G5613" we|strong="G2249" would|strong="G5100" sail|strong="G0636" for|strong="G1519" Italy|strong="G2482". An|strong="G2532" army officer named|strong="G3686" Julius|strong="G2457", who|strong="G3588" served in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" emperor's|strong="G4575" special army, was|strong="G3588" put|strong="G3860" in|strong="G1519" charge of|strong="G3686" guarding Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G2532" some|strong="G5100" other|strong="G2087" prisoners|strong="G1202" on|strong="G1519"

the|strong="G3588" trip. <sup>2</sup> We|strong="G2249" got on|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1510" ship|strong="G4143" from|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G2596" Adramyttium that|strong="G1161" was|strong="G1510" ready|strong="G3195" to|strong="G1519" sail|strong="G0321" to|strong="G1519" different places|strong="G5117" in|strong="G1519" Asia|strong="G0773". Aristarchus|strong="G0708", a|strong="G1510" man from|strong="G2596" Thessalonica|strong="G2331" in|strong="G1519" Macedonia|strong="G3110", went|strong="G1910" with|strong="G4862" us|strong="G1519".

<sup>3</sup> The|strong="G3588" next|strong="G2087" day we|strong="G3588" came to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G3588" Sidon|strong="G4605". Julius|strong="G2457" was|strong="G3588" very good to|strong="G1519" Paul|strong="G3972" and|strong="G5037" gave|strong="G2010" him|strong="G2609" freedom to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G4198" visit his|strong="G1519" friends|strong="G5384" there, who|strong="G3588" gave|strong="G2010" him|strong="G2609" whatever he needed. <sup>4</sup> We|strong="G1510" left that|strong="G1510" city and|strong="G1510" sailed|strong="G5284" close to|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" island of|strong="G1223" Cyprus|strong="G2954" because|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" was|strong="G1510" blowing against|strong="G1727" us. <sup>5</sup> We|strong="G2532" went|strong="G2718" across the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G3989" by|strong="G2596" Cilicia|strong="G2791" and|strong="G2532" Pamphylia|strong="G3828". Then|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2718" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G2596" Myra|strong="G3460" in|strong="G1519" Lycia|strong="G3073". <sup>6</sup> There|strong="G2546" the|strong="G3588" army officer found|strong="G2147" a|strong="G2147" ship|strong="G4143" from|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846" of|strong="G1519" Alexandria that|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" going to|strong="G1519" Italy|strong="G2482". So|strong="G1519" he|strong="G0846" put|strong="G1688" us|strong="G1519" on|strong="G1519" it|strong="G0846".

<sup>7</sup> We|strong="G2249" sailed|strong="G5284" slowly|strong="G1020" for|strong="G1722" many|strong="G2425" days|strong="G2250". It|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" hard for|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722" to|strong="G2596" reach the|strong="G3588" city of|strong="G2250" Cnidus|strong="G2834" because|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" was|strong="G3588" blowing

against|strong="G2596" us|strong="G1722". We|strong="G2249" could|strong="G1096" not|strong="G3361" go any farther|strong="G4330" that|strong="G1096" way|strong="G2596", so|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" sailed|strong="G5284" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" south side of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" island of|strong="G2250" Crete|strong="G2914" near|strong="G2596" Salmone|strong="G4534".<sup>8</sup> We|strong="G3739" sailed along|strong="G3881" the|strong="G3739" coast|strong="G5117", but|strong="G1438" the|strong="G3739" sailing|strong="G3881" was|strong="G1510" hard. Then|strong="G0846" we|strong="G3739" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1510" place|strong="G5117" called|strong="G2564" Safe Harbors, near|strong="G1451" the|strong="G3739" city|strong="G4172" of|strong="G5100" Lasea|strong="G2996".

<sup>9</sup> We|strong="G2532" had|strong="G1510" lost much time|strong="G5550", and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G1223" was|strong="G1510" now|strong="G1161" dangerous|strong="G2000" to|strong="G2532" sail, because|strong="G1223" it|strong="G1223" was|strong="G1510" already|strong="G2235" after|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Jewish day of|strong="G1223" fasting|strong="G3521".<sup>1</sup> So|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G3972" warned them|strong="G1223",<sup>10</sup> "Men|strong="G0435", I|strong="G1473" can|strong="G3004" see|strong="G2334" that|strong="G3754" there|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" lot of|strong="G0435" trouble on|strong="G0846" this|strong="G3588" trip. The|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G4143", everything in|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" even|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" lives|strong="G5590" may|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" lost!"<sup>11</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" captain|strong="G3490" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" owner of|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G3490" did|strong="G2228" not|strong="G2532" agree with|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G3972". So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" army officer accepted what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" instead|strong="G3123" of|strong="G2228" believing Paul|strong="G3972".<sup>12</sup> Also|strong="G2532", that|strong="G0991" harbor|strong="G3040" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G1410" a|strong="G5087" good place|strong="G5087" for|strong="G1519"

<sup>1</sup> DAY OF FASTING The Day of Atonement, an important Jewish holy day in the fall of the year. This was the time of year that bad storms happened on the sea.

the|strong="G3588" ship to|strong="G1519" stay for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" winter|strong="G3914", so|strong="G2532" most|strong="G4183" of|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" men decided|strong="G1012" that|strong="G0991" we|strong="G1487" should|strong="G2532" leave there|strong="G1564". They|strong="G2532" hoped we|strong="G1487" could|strong="G1410" reach|strong="G2658" Phoenix|strong="G5405", where|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" ship could|strong="G1410" stay for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" winter|strong="G3914". Phoenix|strong="G5405" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G5087" city on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" island of|strong="G2596" Crete|strong="G2914". It|strong="G5087" had|strong="G3588" a|strong="G5087" harbor|strong="G3040" that|strong="G0991" faced south-west|strong="G3047" and|strong="G2532" north-west|strong="G5566".

### The|strong="G3588" Storm

<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="G1161" a|strong="G1161" good|strong="G1380" wind|strong="G3558" began to|strong="G1380" blow from|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" south|strong="G3558". The|strong="G3588" men on|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" ship thought|strong="G1380", "This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G3558" we|strong="G1161" wanted, and|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" we|strong="G1161" have|strong="G3588" it|strong="G1161"! So|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161" pulled up|strong="G0142" the|strong="G3588" anchor|strong="G0142". We|strong="G1161" sailed very close|strong="G0788" to|strong="G1380" the|strong="G3588" island of|strong="G3588" Crete|strong="G2914".<sup>14</sup> But|strong="G1161" then|strong="G1161" a|strong="G3326" very|strong="G0846" strong wind|strong="G0417" called|strong="G2564" the|strong="G3588" "North-easter" came from|strong="G2596" across the|strong="G3588" island.<sup>15</sup> This|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" took|strong="G5342" the|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G4143" and|strong="G2532" carried it|strong="G1161" away|strong="G4884". The|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G4143" could|strong="G1410" not|strong="G3361" sail against|strong="G5342" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417", so|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" stopped trying and|strong="G2532" let the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" blow us.

<sup>16</sup> We|strong="G1161" went|strong="G1096" below a|strong="G1096" small|strong="G3519" island|strong="G3519" named|strong="G2564" Cau-

da|strong="G2802". With|strong="G3433" the|strong="G3588" island|strong="G3519" protecting us|strong="G2564" from|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" wind, we|strong="G1161" were|strong="G1096" able|strong="G2480" to|strong="G1096" bring in|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" lifeboat, but|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" very hard to|strong="G1096" do|strong="G1096".<sup>17</sup> After|strong="G5037" the|strong="G3588" men brought|strong="G5342" the|strong="G3588" lifeboat in|strong="G1519", they|strong="G3739" tied ropes around the|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G4143" to|strong="G1519" hold it|strong="G3779" together. The|strong="G3588" men were|strong="G3739" afraid|strong="G5399" that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G4143" would hit the|strong="G3588" sandbanks of|strong="G1519" Syrtis|strong="G4950". So|strong="G3779" they|strong="G3739" lowered the|strong="G3588" sail and|strong="G5037" let|strong="G5465" the|strong="G3588" wind carry|strong="G0142" the|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G4143".

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="G3588" next|strong="G1836" day|strong="G1836" the|strong="G3588" storm was|strong="G3588" blowing against us|strong="G4160" so|strong="G1161" hard that|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" men threw some|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588" out|strong="G4160" of|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" ship.<sup>19</sup> A|strong="G2532" day later they|strong="G2532" threw|strong="G4496" out the|strong="G3588" ship's|strong="G4143" equipment.<sup>20</sup> For|strong="G1909" many|strong="G4183" days|strong="G2250" we|strong="G2249" could not|strong="G3756" see the|strong="G3956" sun|strong="G2246" or|strong="G3383" the|strong="G3956" stars|strong="G0798". The|strong="G3956" storm|strong="G5494" was|strong="G3588" very|strong="G4183" bad. We|strong="G2249" lost all|strong="G3956" hope|strong="G1680" of|strong="G2250" staying alive— we|strong="G2249" thought we|strong="G2249" would|strong="G2250" die.

<sup>21</sup> The|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0435" did not|strong="G3361" eat for|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3004" long|strong="G4183" time|strong="G5119". Then|strong="G2532" one|strong="G3778" day Paul|strong="G3972" stood|strong="G2476" up|strong="G0321" before|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "Men|strong="G0435", I|strong="G1473" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G1722" not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G3004" leave Crete|strong="G2914". You|strong="G1722"

I THREW SOME THINGS ... SHIP The men did this to make the ship lighter so that it would not sink easily.

should|strong="G1163" have|strong="G2532" listened to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1722" would|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3361" have|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778" trouble and|strong="G2532" loss|strong="G2209".<sup>22</sup> But|strong="G2532" now|strong="G3568" I|strong="G2532" tell you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" happy. None|strong="G3762" of|strong="G1537" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" die, but|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" ship|strong="G4143" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" lost.<sup>23</sup> Last|strong="G3778" night|strong="G3571" an|strong="G1510" angel|strong="G0032" came|strong="G3936" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473" from|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316"— the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" I|strong="G1473" worship|strong="G3000" and|strong="G2532" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532".<sup>24</sup> The|strong="G3956" angel said|strong="G3004", 'Paul|strong="G3972", don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1163" afraid|strong="G5399"! You|strong="G4771" must|strong="G1163" stand|strong="G3936" before|strong="G3936" Caesar|strong="G2541". And|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" given|strong="G5483" you|strong="G4771" this|strong="G3588" promise: He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" save the|strong="G3956" lives of|strong="G2316" all|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3588" sailing|strong="G4126" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G4771".<sup>25</sup> So|strong="G3779" men|strong="G0435", there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" nothing to|strong="G2596" worry about|strong="G2596". I|strong="G1473" trust God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2316" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" sure everything will|strong="G2316" happen|strong="G1510" just|strong="G2596" as|strong="G2596" his|strong="G3739" angel told|strong="G2980" me|strong="G1473".<sup>26</sup> But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2249" will|strong="G5100" crash on|strong="G1519" an|strong="G1161" island|strong="G3520".

<sup>27</sup> On|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" fourteenth night|strong="G3571" we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G1096" still being|strong="G1096" blown around|strong="G2596" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Adriatic|strong="G0099" Sea. The|strong="G3588" sailors|strong="G3492" thought we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G1096" close to|strong="G2596" land|strong="G5561".<sup>28</sup> They|strong="G2532" threw a|strong="G2147" rope into|strong="G3825" the|strong="G2532" water



with **a** weight on **the** end of **it**. They **found** that **the** water was **120 feet** <sup>I</sup> deep. They **went a** **little** **farther** and **threw the** rope in **again**. It **was** **90 feet** <sup>II</sup> deep. <sup>29</sup> The **sailors** were **afraid** that **we** would **hit the** rocks **so** **four** **anchors** **into** **the** water. Then **they** **prayed for** **daylight** to **come**. <sup>30</sup> Some **of** **the** **sailors** **wanted** to **leave the** **ship**, and **they** **lowered the** **lifeboat to** **the** water. They **wanted** **the** **other** **men to** think that **they** were **throwing more anchors** **from** **the** **front of** **the** **ship**. <sup>31</sup> But **Paul** **told** **the** **army officer** and **the** **other soldiers**, " **If** **these** **men** **do** **not stay** **in** **the** **ship**, **you** **will** **lose all** **hope of** **survival**." <sup>32</sup> So **the** **soldiers** **cut** **the** **ropes** and **let** **the** **lifeboat** fall into **the** water. <sup>33</sup> Just **before** **dawn** **Paul** **began** **persuading all** **the** **people**

I 120 FEET Literally, "20 fathoms," about 40 meters. II 90 FEET Literally, "15 fathoms," about 30 meters.

to **eat something**. He **said**, " **For** **the** **past two weeks** **you** **have** **been** **waiting** and **watching**. **You** **have** **not** **eaten for** **14 days**. <sup>34</sup> Now I **beg** **you** to **eat something**. **You** **need it** to **stay alive**. **None** **of** **you** **will** **lose** **even** **one** **hair** **off** **your** **heads**." <sup>35</sup> **After** **he** **said** **this**, **Paul** **took** **some** **bread** and **thanked** **God** **for** **it** **before** **all** **them**. He **broke** **off a** **piece** and **began** **eating**. <sup>36</sup> **All** **the** **men** **felt better** and **started** **eating too**. <sup>37</sup> ( **There** **were** **276 people** **on** **the** **ship**.) <sup>38</sup> **We** **ate all** **we** **wanted**. Then **we** **began** **making the** **ship** **lighter by** **throwing the** **grain** **into** **the** **sea**.

#### **The** **Ship** **Is** **Destroyed**

<sup>39</sup> **When** **daylight** **came**, **the** **sailors** **saw** **land**, but **they** **did** **not** **know** **what** **land** **it** **was**. They **saw a** **bay** **with** **a** **beach** and **wanted to** **sail the** **ship**

to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" beach|strong="G0123" if|strong="G1487" they|strong="G3739" could|strong="G1410".<sup>40</sup> So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" cut the|strong="G3588" ropes|strong="G2202" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" anchors|strong="G0045" and|strong="G2532" left|strong="G1439" the|strong="G3588" anchors|strong="G0045" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281". At|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0260" time|strong="G0260", they|strong="G2532" untied the|strong="G3588" ropes|strong="G2202" that were|strong="G3588" holding the|strong="G3588" rudders|strong="G4079". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" raised|strong="G1869" the|strong="G3588" front sail into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G4154" and|strong="G2532" sailed toward|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" beach|strong="G0123".<sup>41</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" ship hit a|strong="G5259" sandbank. The|strong="G3588" front of|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" ship stuck|strong="G2043" there|strong="G1161" and|strong="G2532" could not|strong="G2532" move. Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" big waves began to|strong="G1519" break|strong="G3089" the|strong="G3588" back|strong="G1519" of|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" ship to|strong="G1519" pieces.

<sup>42</sup> The|strong="G3588" soldiers|strong="G4757" decided|strong="G1012" to|strong="G2443" kill|strong="G0615" the|strong="G3588" prisoners|strong="G1202" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" none|strong="G3361" of|strong="G5100" the|strong="G3588" prisoners|strong="G1202" could|strong="G1096" swim|strong="G1579" away|strong="G1579" and|strong="G1161" escape|strong="G1309".<sup>43</sup> But|strong="G1161" Julius the|strong="G3588" army officer wanted|strong="G1014" to|strong="G1909" let Paul|strong="G3972" live. So|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" did not|strong="G1410" allow the|strong="G3588" soldiers to|strong="G1909" kill the|strong="G3588" prisoners. He|strong="G0846" told the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" could|strong="G1410" swim|strong="G2860" to|strong="G1909" jump|strong="G0641" into|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" water and|strong="G1161" swim|strong="G2860" to|strong="G1909" land|strong="G1093".<sup>44</sup> The|strong="G3956" others|strong="G3062" used wooden boards or|strong="G2532" pieces of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" ship|strong="G4143". And|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3779" is|strong="G3739" how|strong="G3779"

all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" went|strong="G1096" safely|strong="G1295" to|strong="G1909" land|strong="G1093".

### Paul on the Island of Malta

**28** When|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" safe on|strong="G2532" land, we|strong="G2532" learned|strong="G1921" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" island|strong="G3520" was|strong="G3588" called|strong="G2564" Malta|strong="G3194".<sup>2</sup> The|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" lived there were|strong="G3956" very|strong="G2532" good to|strong="G2532" us|strong="G3930". It|strong="G1223" was|strong="G3588" raining and|strong="G2532" very|strong="G2532" cold|strong="G5592", so|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" built a|strong="G2532" fire|strong="G4443" and|strong="G2532" welcomed all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1223" us|strong="G3930".<sup>3</sup> Paul|strong="G3972" gathered|strong="G4962" a|strong="G2532" pile of|strong="G0575" sticks|strong="G5434" for|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4443". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" putting the|strong="G3588" sticks|strong="G5434" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4443", and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" poisonous snake came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" because|strong="G0575" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" heat|strong="G2329" and|strong="G2532" bit him|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" hand|strong="G5495".<sup>4</sup> When|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" living|strong="G2198" on|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" island saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" snake hanging|strong="G2910" from|strong="G1537" his|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G5495", they|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " This|strong="G3778" man|strong="G0444" must|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G5613" murderer|strong="G5406"! He|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" die in|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281", but|strong="G1161" Justice|strong="G1349" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" want him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G4314" live|strong="G2198"."

<sup>5</sup> But|strong="G3762" Paul|strong="G0660" shook|strong="G0660" the|strong="G3588" snake off|strong="G0660" into|strong="G1519"

<sup>1</sup> JUSTICE The people thought there was a goddess named Justice who would punish bad people.

the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" and|strong="G4442" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3762" hurt.<sup>6</sup> The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" thought|strong="G3004" he|strong="G2532" would|strong="G3195" swell up|strong="G1519" or|strong="G2228" fall|strong="G2667" down|strong="G2667" dead|strong="G3498". They|strong="G0846" waited|strong="G4328" and|strong="G2532" watched|strong="G2334" him|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1096" long|strong="G4183" time|strong="G1909", but|strong="G1161" nothing|strong="G3367" bad happened|strong="G1096" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846". So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" changed|strong="G3328" their|strong="G0846" opinion. They|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" god|strong="G2316"!"

<sup>7</sup> There|strong="G1722" were|strong="G3739" some|strong="G3588" fields around|strong="G4012" that|strong="G3739" same|strong="G3739" area. They|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3739" owned|strong="G5225" by|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3739" man|strong="G4413" named|strong="G3686" Publius|strong="G4196", the|strong="G3588" most important Roman official on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" island|strong="G3520". He|strong="G3739" welcomed|strong="G0324" us|strong="G1722" into|strong="G1722" his|strong="G4012" home and|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3739" very|strong="G1565" good to|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722". We|strong="G2249" stayed in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G4012" house for|strong="G4012" three|strong="G5140" days|strong="G2250".<sup>8</sup> Publius' father|strong="G3962" was|strong="G3739" very|strong="G0846" sick|strong="G2621". He|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3739" a|strong="G1096" fever|strong="G4446" and|strong="G2532" dysentery|strong="G1420", but|strong="G1161" Paul|strong="G3972" went|strong="G1525" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336" for|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" laid|strong="G2007" his|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495" on|strong="G5495" the|strong="G3588" man and|strong="G2532" healed|strong="G2390" him|strong="G0846".<sup>9</sup> After|strong="G1161" this|strong="G3778" happened|strong="G1096", all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" other|strong="G3062" sick|strong="G0769" people|strong="G3778" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" island|strong="G3520" came|strong="G4334"

to|strong="G2532" Paul, and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" healed|strong="G2323" them|strong="G1722" too|strong="G2532".

<sup>10</sup> The people on the island gave us many honors. And after we had been there three months and were ready to leave, they provided us everything we needed for our trip.

### Paul Goes to Rome

We got on a ship from Alexandria that had stayed on the island of Malta during the winter. On the front of the ship was the sign for the twin gods.<sup>11</sup> We|strong="G2532" stopped at|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" city of|strong="G2250" Syracuse|strong="G4946". We|strong="G2532" stayed|strong="G1961" there three|strong="G5140" days|strong="G2250" and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" left.<sup>13</sup> We|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" city of|strong="G2250" Rhegium|strong="G4484". The|strong="G2532" next|strong="G2064" day|strong="G2250" a|strong="G2064" wind|strong="G3558" began to|strong="G1519" blow from|strong="G2064" the|strong="G2532" southwest, so|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" were|strong="G2532" able to|strong="G1519" leave. A|strong="G2064" day|strong="G2250" later|strong="G3326" we|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" city of|strong="G2250" Puteoli|strong="G4223".<sup>14</sup> We|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" some|strong="G3588" believers there|strong="G3757", who|strong="G3588" asked|strong="G3870" us|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" stay|strong="G1961" with|strong="G3844" them|strong="G0846" a|strong="G2147" week. Finally, we|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" Rome|strong="G4516".<sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters in|strong="G1519" Rome heard|strong="G0191" about|strong="G4012" us|strong="G1519" and|strong="G2532" came|strong="G2064" out to|strong="G1519" meet|strong="G0529" us|strong="G1519" at|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Market|strong="G5410" of|strong="G2316" Appius|strong="G0675"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="G2532" at|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Three|strong="G5140" Inns|strong="G4999".<sup>III</sup> When|strong="G2532" Paul|strong="G3972" saw|strong="G3708" these|strong="G3739" believers, he|strong="G2532" thanked|strong="G2168" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" felt encouraged.

I TWIN GODS Statues of Castor and Pollux, Greek gods. II MARKET OF APPIUS A town about 43 miles (69 km) from Rome. III THREE INNS A town about 30 miles (48 km) from Rome.

**Paul |strong="G3972" in |strong="G1519" Rome**

16 When |strong="G3753" we |strong="G1161" came |strong="G1525" to |strong="G1519" Rome |strong="G4516", Paul |strong="G3972" was |strong="G3588" allowed |strong="G2010" to |strong="G1519" live alone |strong="G0846". But |strong="G1161" a |strong="G1525" soldier |strong="G4757" stayed |strong="G3306" with |strong="G4862" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" guard |strong="G5442" him |strong="G0846".

17 Three |strong="G5140" days |strong="G2250" later |strong="G3326" Paul |strong="G0846" sent for |strong="G1519" some |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" most important Jews |strong="G2453". When |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" came |strong="G1096" together |strong="G4905", he |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " My |strong="G4160" brothers |strong="G0080", I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1510" done |strong="G4160" nothing |strong="G3762" against |strong="G4314" our |strong="G0080" people |strong="G2992" or |strong="G2228" against |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" customs |strong="G1485" of |strong="G1537" our |strong="G0080" fathers |strong="G3971". But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G1510" arrested in |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" and |strong="G1161" handed |strong="G3860" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Romans |strong="G4514". 18 They |strong="G3748" asked me |strong="G1473" many questions |strong="G0350", but |strong="G1473" they |strong="G3748" could not |strong="G3367" find any |strong="G3367" reason |strong="G1223" why |strong="G1223" I |strong="G1473" should |strong="G3367" be |strong="G1722" put to |strong="G1722" death |strong="G2288". So |strong="G1223" they |strong="G3748" wanted |strong="G1014" to |strong="G1722" let |strong="G0630" me |strong="G1473" go |strong="G0630" free |strong="G0630". 19 But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Jews |strong="G2453" there |strong="G1161" did |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3756" want that |strong="G5613". So |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" had |strong="G2192" to |strong="G5100" ask to |strong="G5100" come to |strong="G5100" Rome to |strong="G5100" have |strong="G2192" my |strong="G2192" trial before |strong="G3588" Caesar |strong="G2541". That |strong="G5613" doesn't |strong="G3756" mean I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2192" accusing |strong="G2723" my |strong="G2192" people |strong="G1484" of |strong="G5100" doing anything |strong="G5100" wrong. 20

That |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" why |strong="G1223" I |strong="G2532" wanted to |strong="G2532" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G5210" and |strong="G2532" talk with |strong="G1223" you |strong="G5210". I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" bound with |strong="G1223" this |strong="G3778" chain |strong="G0254" because |strong="G1223" I |strong="G2532" believe in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" hope |strong="G1680" of |strong="G1223" Israel |strong="G2474"."

21 The |strong="G3588" Jews answered |strong="G3004" Paul |strong="G0846", " We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1473" received |strong="G1209" no |strong="G3777" letters |strong="G1121" from |strong="G0575" Judea |strong="G2449" about |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771". None of |strong="G0575" our |strong="G4012" Jewish brothers |strong="G0080" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G1473" traveled from |strong="G0575" there |strong="G1161" brought news about |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771" or |strong="G2228" told |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" anything |strong="G5100" bad |strong="G4190" about |strong="G4012" you |strong="G4771". 22 We |strong="G2249" want to |strong="G3778" hear |strong="G0191" your |strong="G5426" ideas. We |strong="G2249" know |strong="G1110" that |strong="G3754" people |strong="G1510" everywhere |strong="G3837" are |strong="G1510" speaking against |strong="G4012" this |strong="G3778" new group."

23 Paul |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Jews chose a |strong="G3739" day |strong="G2250" for |strong="G1519" a |strong="G3739" meeting. On |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3739" day |strong="G2250" many |strong="G4183" more |strong="G4183" of |strong="G0932" these |strong="G3739" Jews met with |strong="G4314" Paul |strong="G0846" at |strong="G1519" his |strong="G0846" house. He |strong="G2532" spoke to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" long |strong="G4183", explaining |strong="G1620" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" used the |strong="G3588" Law |strong="G3551" of |strong="G0932" Moses |strong="G3475" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" writings of |strong="G0932" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" to |strong="G1519" persuade |strong="G3982" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" believe |strong="G3982" in |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G2424". 24 Some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Jews believed

what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", but|strong="G1161" others|strong="G3588" did|strong="G0569" not|strong="G2532" believe|strong="G0569".<sup>25</sup> They|strong="G3754" had|strong="G1510" an|strong="G1510" argument among|strong="G4314" themselves|strong="G0240" and|strong="G1161" were|strong="G1510" ready to|strong="G4314" leave. But|strong="G1161" Paul|strong="G3972" said|strong="G3004" one|strong="G1520" more thing|strong="G1520" to|strong="G4314" them|strong="G0630": " The|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" spoke|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" truth to|strong="G4314" your|strong="G1223" fathers|strong="G3962" through|strong="G1223" Isaiah|strong="G2268" the|strong="G3588" prophet|strong="G4396". He|strong="G3754" said|strong="G3004",<sup>26</sup> Go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G4314" this|strong="G3778" people|strong="G2992" and|strong="G2532" tell|strong="G3004" them|strong="G3004":

You|strong="G3708" will|strong="G3778" listen|strong="G0191" and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3708" will|strong="G3778" hear|strong="G0191",

but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3708" will|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" understand|strong="G4920".

You|strong="G3708" will|strong="G3778" look|strong="G0991" and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3708" will|strong="G3778" see|strong="G3708",

but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3708" will|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" understand|strong="G4920" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3708" see|strong="G3708".

<sup>27</sup> Yes|strong="G1063", the|strong="G3588" minds|strong="G2588" of|strong="G0191" these|strong="G3778" people|strong="G2992" are|strong="G3778" now|strong="G2532" closed|strong="G2576".

They|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" ears|strong="G3775", but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" don't listen|strong="G0191".

They|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" eyes|strong="G3788", but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" refuse to|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708".

If|strong="G3379" their|strong="G0846" minds|strong="G2588" were|strong="G2992" not|strong="G3379" closed|strong="G2576", they|strong="G0846" might|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708" with|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" eyes|strong="G3788"; they|strong="G0846" might|strong="G2532" hear|strong="G0191" with|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" ears|strong="G3775"; they|strong="G0846" might|strong="G2532" understand|strong="G4920" with|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" minds|strong="G2588". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" might|strong="G2532" turn|strong="G1994" back|strong="G1994" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G3708" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" healed|strong="G2390".'

Isaiah 6:9-10

<sup>28</sup> " I|strong="G2532" want you|strong="G4771" Jews to|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1110" that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" sent|strong="G0649" his|strong="G0846" salvation|strong="G4992" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" non-Jewish people|strong="G1484". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" listen|strong="G0191"! "<sup>29</sup> I

<sup>30</sup> Paul|strong="G0846" stayed|strong="G1696" two|strong="G1333" full|strong="G3956" years|strong="G1333" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G2398" rented|strong="G3410" house. He|strong="G2532" welcomed|strong="G0588" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" came|strong="G1531" and|strong="G2532" visited him|strong="G0846".<sup>31</sup> He|strong="G2532" told them|strong="G1321" about|strong="G4012" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932" and|strong="G2532" taught|strong="G1321" them|strong="G1321" about|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G2424" very|strong="G2532" bold, and|strong="G2532" no one|strong="G3588" tried to|strong="G2532" stop him|strong="G2532" from|strong="G2424" speaking.

<sup>1</sup> Some late copies of Acts add verse 29: "After Paul said this, the Jews left, still having a big argument with each other."

# Romans

**1** Greetings from Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus. God chose me to be an apostle and gave me the work of telling his Good News. <sup>2</sup> God promised long ago through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures to give this Good News to his people. <sup>3</sup> The Good News is about God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As a human, he was born from the family of David, but through the Holy Spirit <sup>1</sup> he was shown to be God's powerful Son when he was raised from death.

<sup>5</sup> Through God gave me the special work of an apostle—to lead people of all nations to believe and obey him. I do this to honor Christ. <sup>6</sup> You are of some of those who have been chosen to belong to Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> This letter is to all of you in Rome. God loves you, and he has chosen you

to be his holy people.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**A Prayer of Thanks**

<sup>8</sup> First I want to say that I thank God through Jesus Christ for all of you. I thank him because people everywhere in the world are talking about your great faith. <sup>9</sup> Every time I pray, I always remember you. God knows this is true. He is the one I serve with all my heart by telling people the Good News about his Son. I pray that I will be allowed to come to you. It will happen if God wants it. <sup>11</sup> I want very much to see you and give you some spiritual gift to make your faith stronger. <sup>12</sup> I mean that I want us to help each other with faith that we have. Your faith will help me,

<sup>1</sup> HOLY SPIRIT Literally, "spirit of holiness."

and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102" will |strong="G1510" help you |strong="G5210".

<sup>13</sup> Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, I |strong="G2532" want |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G4314" know |strong="G0050" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" planned |strong="G4388" many |strong="G4178" times |strong="G4178" to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210", but |strong="G1161" something |strong="G5100" always happens to |strong="G4314" change my |strong="G1722" plans. I |strong="G2532" would |strong="G5100" like |strong="G2531" to |strong="G4314" see the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" good result |strong="G2443" among |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" had |strong="G2192" from |strong="G2064" my |strong="G1722" work among |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3062" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484".

<sup>14</sup> I |strong="G2532" must |strong="G1510" serve all people |strong="G1510"— those |strong="G2532" who |strong="G2532" share in |strong="G2532" Greek |strong="G1672" culture and |strong="G2532" those |strong="G2532" who |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" less civilized,<sup>I</sup> the |strong="G2532" educated as |strong="G2532" well |strong="G2532" as |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" ignorant.<sup>15</sup> That |strong="G2596" is |strong="G3588" why I |strong="G1473" want so |strong="G2532" much to |strong="G2596" tell the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" to |strong="G2596" you |strong="G5210" there |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" Rome |strong="G4516".

<sup>16</sup> I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" proud of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" Good |strong="G1510" News |strong="G2098", because |strong="G1063" it |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" power |strong="G1411" God |strong="G2316" uses to |strong="G1519" save everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" believes |strong="G4100"— to |strong="G1519" save the |strong="G3956" Jews |strong="G2453" first |strong="G4413", and |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" save those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" Jews |strong="G2453".<sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3588" Good News shows how |strong="G2531" God |strong="G2316" makes

I THOSE WHO SHARE ... CIVILIZED Literally, "Greeks and barbarians." See "Greek" in the Word List.

people |strong="G0846" right |strong="G1342" with |strong="G1722" himself |strong="G0846". God's |strong="G2316" way |strong="G1722" of |strong="G1537" making people |strong="G0846" right |strong="G1342" begins and |strong="G1161" ends with |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102". As |strong="G2531" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say, " The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" right |strong="G1342" with |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316" by |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102" will |strong="G2316" live |strong="G2198" forever |strong="G1519". " II

### All |strong="G3588" People |strong="G0846" Have |strong="G3588" Done Wrong

<sup>18</sup> God |strong="G2316" shows his |strong="G3956" anger |strong="G3709" from |strong="G0575" heaven |strong="G3772" against |strong="G1909" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" evil |strong="G0093" and |strong="G2532" wrong |strong="G0093" things |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3956" people |strong="G0444" do |strong="G2532". Their |strong="G2532" evil |strong="G0093" lives hide the |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225" they |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532".<sup>19</sup> This |strong="G3588" makes God |strong="G2316" angry because |strong="G1063" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G1510" been |strong="G1510" shown |strong="G5319" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" like |strong="G0846". Yes |strong="G1063", God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" made |strong="G5319" it |strong="G0846" clear |strong="G5319" to |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846".

<sup>20</sup> There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" things |strong="G0846" about |strong="G1519" God |strong="G0846" that |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0846" cannot see |strong="G3539"— his |strong="G0846" eternal |strong="G0126" power |strong="G1411" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G0846" makes him |strong="G0846" God |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532" since |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" beginning of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889", those |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846" have |strong="G1510" been |strong="G1510" easy for |strong="G1063" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" understand |strong="G3539". They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" made |strong="G4161" clear in |strong="G1519" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2889" made |strong="G4161". So |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846"

II 1:17 Quote from Habakkuk 2:4.

have|strong="G1510" no|strong="G0379" excuse|strong="G0379" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" evil they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G1510".

<sup>21</sup> People|strong="G0846" knew|strong="G1097" God|strong="G2316", but|strong="G0235" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" honor|strong="G1392" him|strong="G0846" as|strong="G5613" God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1097" not|strong="G3756" thank|strong="G2168" him|strong="G0846". Their|strong="G0846" ideas|strong="G1261" were|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" useless. There|strong="G1722" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3588" good thought left in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" foolish|strong="G0801" minds|strong="G2588". <sup>22</sup> They|strong="G1510" said they|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510" wise|strong="G4680", but they|strong="G1510" became|strong="G3471" fools|strong="G3471". <sup>23</sup> Instead of|strong="G2316" honoring the|strong="G3588" divine greatness of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316", who|strong="G3588" lives forever, they|strong="G2532" traded it|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" worship of|strong="G2316" idols— things|strong="G3588" made to|strong="G2532" look like|strong="G5349" humans, who|strong="G3588" get sick and|strong="G2532" die, or|strong="G2532" like|strong="G5349" birds|strong="G4071", animals|strong="G5074", and|strong="G2532" snakes.

<sup>24</sup> People|strong="G0846" wanted on-ly|strong="G1438" to|strong="G1519" do evil. So|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316" left them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2316" let them|strong="G0846" go their|strong="G0846" sinful way|strong="G1722". And|strong="G2316" so|strong="G1519" they|strong="G0846" became completely|strong="G1519" immoral and|strong="G2316" used their|strong="G0846" bodies|strong="G4983" in|strong="G1722" shameful ways with|strong="G1722" each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1438". <sup>25</sup> They|strong="G3739" traded the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1510" lie|strong="G5579". They|strong="G3739" bowed down and|strong="G2532" worshiped|strong="G4573" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316" made instead of|strong="G2316" worshiping|strong="G3000" the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" who|strong="G3739" made those|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588"

one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" should|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" praised forever|strong="G0165". Amen|strong="G0281".

<sup>26</sup> Because|strong="G1223" people|strong="G0846" did those|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778", God|strong="G2316" left them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2316" let them|strong="G0846" do the|strong="G3588" shameful things|strong="G3778" they|strong="G0846" wanted to|strong="G1519" do. Women|strong="G0846" stopped having natural|strong="G5446" sex with|strong="G3844" men|strong="G3778" and|strong="G2316" started having sex with|strong="G3844" other|strong="G1438" women|strong="G0846". <sup>27</sup> In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" way|strong="G3668", men|strong="G0730" stopped having natural|strong="G5446" sex with|strong="G1722" women|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" began wanting each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" time. Men|strong="G0730" did|strong="G0863" shameful things|strong="G3739" with|strong="G1722" other|strong="G3739" men|strong="G0730", and|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" bodies they|strong="G0846" received|strong="G0618" the|strong="G3588" punishment for|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" wrongs.

<sup>28</sup> People|strong="G0846" did|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3756" think it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" important to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" true|strong="G1922" knowledge|strong="G1922" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316". So|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" left them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" allowed|strong="G2520" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G2192" their|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438" worthless thinking|strong="G3563". And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" should|strong="G2520" not|strong="G3756" do|strong="G4160". <sup>29</sup> They|strong="G3956" are|strong="G3956" filled|strong="G4137" with|strong="G4137" every|strong="G3956" kind|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956" sin, evil|strong="G2549", greed|strong="G4124", and|strong="G3956" hatred. They|strong="G3956" are|strong="G3956" full|strong="G3324" of|strong="G3956" jealousy, murder|strong="G5408", fighting, lying, and|strong="G3956" thinking the|strong="G3956" worst things|strong="G3956" about|strong="G3956" each other. They|strong="G3956" gossip <sup>30</sup> and|strong="G1118" say evil|strong="G2556"



things|strong="G2556" about each other. They hate God|strong="G2319". They are rude, proud, and|strong="G1118" brag about themselves. They invent ways of|strong="G2319" doing evil|strong="G2556". They don't obey their parents|strong="G1118", <sup>31</sup> they are foolish|strong="G0801", they don't keep their promises, and they show no kindness or mercy to others. <sup>32</sup> They|strong="G0846" know|strong="G1921" God's|strong="G2316" law says that|strong="G3754" anyone|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" lives like|strong="G5108" that|strong="G3754" should|strong="G2316" die|strong="G2288". But|strong="G0235" they|strong="G0846" not|strong="G3756" only|strong="G3440" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" these|strong="G3748" things|strong="G5108" themselves|strong="G0846", but|strong="G0235" they|strong="G0846" also|strong="G2532" encourage others|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G4160" them|strong="G0846".

### Let God Be the Judge

**2** So|strong="G1352" do|strong="G4238" you|strong="G3739" think|strong="G2919" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" can judge|strong="G2919" those|strong="G3588" other|strong="G2087" people|strong="G0444"? You|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" wrong. You|strong="G3739" too are|strong="G1510" guilty of|strong="G3956" sin. You|strong="G3739" judge|strong="G2919" them|strong="G0846", but|strong="G1063" you|strong="G3739" do|strong="G4238" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G0846" things|strong="G3956" they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G4238". So|strong="G1352" when|strong="G1722" you|strong="G3739" judge|strong="G2919" them|strong="G0846", you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" really condemning|strong="G2919" yourself|strong="G4572". <sup>2</sup> God|strong="G2316" judges all|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G4238" such|strong="G5108" things|strong="G5108", and|strong="G1161" we|strong="G3754" know|strong="G1492" his|strong="G1909" judgment|strong="G2917" is|strong="G1510" right. <sup>3</sup> And|strong="G2532" since|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" do|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" things|strong="G3778" as|strong="G3049" those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" you|strong="G4771" judge|strong="G2919", surely you|strong="G4771" understand that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" punish you|strong="G4771" too|strong="G2532". How|strong="G3754" could you|strong="G4771"

think|strong="G3049" you|strong="G4771" would|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" able to|strong="G2532" escape|strong="G1628" his|strong="G0846" judgment|strong="G2917"? <sup>4</sup> God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" been|strong="G2532" kind|strong="G5543" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771". He|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2316" been|strong="G2532" very|strong="G0846" patient, waiting for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519" change. But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" think|strong="G2706" nothing of|strong="G2316" his|strong="G0846" kindness|strong="G5544". Maybe you|strong="G4771" don't understand|strong="G0050" that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" kind|strong="G5543" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G4771" so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316" decide to|strong="G1519" change your|strong="G2532" lives.

<sup>5</sup> But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2532" stubborn! You|strong="G4771" refuse to|strong="G2596" change. So|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" making your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G4572" punishment greater and|strong="G2532" greater. You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" punished on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" when|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" show his|strong="G2532" anger|strong="G3709". On|strong="G1722" that|strong="G2250" day|strong="G2250" everyone will|strong="G2316" see how right God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" to|strong="G2596" judge people|strong="G3588". <sup>6</sup> He|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" reward|strong="G0591" or|strong="G3739" punish everyone|strong="G1538" for|strong="G2596" what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G0846" done|strong="G2041". <sup>7</sup> Some|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" live for|strong="G2212" God's glory|strong="G1391", for|strong="G2212" honor|strong="G5092", and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G2212" life|strong="G2222" that|strong="G2596" cannot be|strong="G2532" destroyed. They|strong="G2532" live for|strong="G2212" those|strong="G3588" things|strong="G0018" by|strong="G2596" always continuing to|strong="G2596" do|strong="G2532" good|strong="G0018". God will|strong="G2532" give eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222" to|strong="G2596" them|strong="G2596". <sup>8</sup> But|strong="G1161" others|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" selfish|strong="G2052" and|strong="G2532" refuse to|strong="G2532" fol-

low|strong="G3982" truth|strong="G0225". They|strong="G2532" follow|strong="G3982" evil|strong="G0093". God will|strong="G2532" show his|strong="G2532" anger|strong="G3709" and|strong="G2532" punish them|strong="G3982".<sup>9</sup> He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G0444" give trouble|strong="G2347" and|strong="G2532" suffering|strong="G2347" to|strong="G1909" everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" does|strong="G2716" evil|strong="G2556"—to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" Jews|strong="G2453" first|strong="G4413" and|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1909" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3956" not|strong="G2532" Jews|strong="G2453".<sup>10</sup> But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3956" give glory|strong="G1391", honor|strong="G5092", and|strong="G2532" peace|strong="G1515" to|strong="G2532" everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" does|strong="G2038" good|strong="G0018"—to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Jews|strong="G2453" first|strong="G4413" and|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3956" not|strong="G2532" Jews|strong="G2453".<sup>11</sup> God|strong="G2316" judges everyone the|strong="G3588" same. It|strong="G1510" doesn't|strong="G3756" matter who|strong="G3588" they|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510".

<sup>12</sup> People|strong="G2919" who|strong="G3745" have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1223" law|strong="G3551" and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3745" who|strong="G3745" have|strong="G2532" never heard of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1223" law|strong="G3551" are|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3745" the|strong="G1223" same|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" sin|strong="G0264". People|strong="G2919" who|strong="G3745" don't have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1223" law|strong="G3551" and|strong="G2532" are|strong="G2532" sinners will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" lost|strong="G0622". And|strong="G2532", in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1223" same|strong="G2532" way|strong="G1722", those|strong="G3745" who|strong="G3745" have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1223" law|strong="G3551" and|strong="G2532" are|strong="G2532" sinners will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" judged|strong="G2919" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1223" law|strong="G3551".<sup>13</sup> Hearing the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" does|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" make|strong="G3756" peo-

ple|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1342" with|strong="G3844" God|strong="G2316". They will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2316" right|strong="G1342" before|strong="G3844" him only|strong="G3756" if they always do|strong="G3756" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" says.

<sup>14</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" Jews don't|strong="G3361" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551". But|strong="G3551" when|strong="G3752" they|strong="G3752" naturally do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" commands without|strong="G3361" even|strong="G1063" knowing the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551", then|strong="G1063" they|strong="G3752" are|strong="G1510" their|strong="G1438" own|strong="G1438" law|strong="G3551". This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" true even|strong="G1063" though|strong="G3551" they|strong="G3752" don't|strong="G3361" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" written law|strong="G3551".<sup>15</sup> They|strong="G0846" show|strong="G1731" that|strong="G3748" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" hearts|strong="G2588" they|strong="G0846" know what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" right and|strong="G2532" wrong, the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" commands, and|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" consciences|strong="G4893" agree. Sometimes their|strong="G0846" thoughts|strong="G3053" tell them|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3748" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" done|strong="G2041" wrong, and|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" makes them|strong="G0846" guilty. And|strong="G2532" sometimes their|strong="G0846" thoughts|strong="G3053" tell them|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3748" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" done|strong="G2041" right, and|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" makes them|strong="G0846" not|strong="G2532" guilty.

<sup>16</sup> All|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2316" happen on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" when|strong="G3753" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" judge|strong="G2919" people's secret|strong="G2927" thoughts through|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547". This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G2316" part|strong="G1473" of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098" that|strong="G2250" I|strong="G1473" tell everyone.

The **Jews and the Law**

17 What **about you**? You **say you are a Jew**. You **trust in the law and proudly claim to be close to God**.<sup>18</sup> You **know what God wants you to do**. And **you know what is important, because you have learned the law**.<sup>19</sup> You **think you are a guide for people who don't know the right way, a light for those who are in the dark**.<sup>20</sup> You **think you can show foolish people what is right**. And **you think you are a teacher for those who are just beginning to learn**. You **have the law, and so you think you know everything and have all the truth**.<sup>21</sup> You **teach others, so why don't you teach yourself? You tell them not to steal, but you steal yourself; you tell them not to steal, but you steal**.<sup>22</sup> You **say they must not commit adultery,**

**but you yourself are guilty of that sin**. You **hate idols, but you steal them from their temples**.<sup>23</sup> You **are so proud that you have God's law, but you bring shame to God by breaking his law**.<sup>24</sup> As **Scriptures say, "Other nations insult God because of you"**.<sup>I</sup>

<sup>25</sup> If **you follow the law, then your circumcision has meaning**. But **if you break the law, then it is as if you were never circumcised**.<sup>26</sup> Those **who are not circumcised**. But **if they do what the law says, it is as if they were circumcised**.<sup>27</sup> You **have the written law and circumcision, but you break the law**. So **those who are not circumcised in their bodies, but still obey the law, will show that you are guilty**.

I 2:24 Quote from Isaiah 52:5. See also Ezekiel 36:20-23.

28 You are not a Jew are you only a Jew in your physical body. True circumcision is not only on the outside of the body. 29 A Jew is one who is circumcised in the heart by the Spirit, not by the written law. And anyone is circumcised in the heart by the Spirit gets praise from God, not from people.

3 So Jews have anything that others don't have? Do they get any benefit from being circumcised? 2 Yes, the many benefits. The most important one is this: God trusted the Jews with his teachings. 3 It is true that some Jews were not faithful to God. But they will stop God from doing what he promised? 4 No, even if everyone else is a liar, God will always

do what he promised. As the Scriptures say about him, "You will be proved right in what you say, and you will win when people accuse you."

Psalm 51:4

5 When we do that, clearly that is right. So we can say that God does wrong when he punishes us? (That's the way some people think.) 6 Of course not. If God could not punish us, how could he judge the world?

7 Someone might say, "When I lie, it really gives God glory, because my lie makes his truth easier to see. So why am I judged a sinner?" 8 It would be the same to say, "We should do evil so that good will come." Many people criticize us, saying that's what we teach. They are wrong, and they should be condemned for saying that.

**All |strong="G3588" People |strong="G1510"  
Are |strong="G1510" Guilty**

9 So |strong="G3767" are |strong="G1510" we |strong="G2532" Jews |strong="G2453" better |strong="G4284" than |strong="G2532" other people |strong="G3956"? No |strong="G3756", we |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" already |strong="G4256" said |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3956" who |strong="G5101" are |strong="G1510" Jews |strong="G2453", as |strong="G2532" well |strong="G2532" as |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3956" who |strong="G5101" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" Jews |strong="G2453", are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G2532". They |strong="G3767" are |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3956" guilty of |strong="G3956" sin |strong="G0266".<sup>10</sup> As |strong="G2531" the |strong="G1510" Scriptures say,

" There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G1520" doing what |strong="G1342" is |strong="G1510" right |strong="G1342",

not |strong="G3756" even |strong="G3761" one |strong="G1520".

<sup>11</sup> There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" understands |strong="G4920".

There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" with |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316".

<sup>12</sup> They |strong="G2193" have |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3956" turned |strong="G1578" away |strong="G1578" from |strong="G1510" him |strong="G4160",

and |strong="G4160" now |strong="G1510" they |strong="G2193" are |strong="G1510" of |strong="G1520" no |strong="G3756" use to |strong="G2193" anyone |strong="G3956".

There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G1520" who |strong="G3588" does |strong="G4160" good |strong="G1510",

not |strong="G3756" even |strong="G2193" one |strong="G1520".

Psalm 14:1-3

<sup>13</sup> " Their |strong="G0846" words come from |strong="G5259" mouths that |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" like |strong="G0846" open |strong="G0455" graves |strong="G5028".

They |strong="G0846" use their |strong="G0846" lying tongues |strong="G1100" to |strong="G0846" deceive others |strong="G3588".

Psalm 5:9

" Their |strong="G0846" words are |strong="G3588" like |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" poison |strong="G2447" of |strong="G3588" snakes."

Psalm 140:3

<sup>14</sup> " Their |strong="G2532" mouths |strong="G4750" are |strong="G3739" full |strong="G1073" of |strong="G4750" cursing |strong="G0685" and |strong="G2532" angry words |strong="G4750".

Psalm 10:7

<sup>15</sup> " They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" always ready to |strong="G0846" kill someone.

<sup>16</sup> Everywhere they |strong="G0846" go they |strong="G0846" cause trouble and |strong="G2532" ruin |strong="G4938".

<sup>17</sup> They |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1097" how |strong="G1097" to |strong="G2532" live in |strong="G2532" peace |strong="G1515".

Isaiah 59:7-8

<sup>18</sup> " They |strong="G0846" have |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" fear |strong="G5401" or |strong="G3588" respect |strong="G5401" for |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316".

Psalm 36:1

<sup>19</sup> What |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" says |strong="G3004" is |strong="G2316" for |strong="G3754" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" under |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551". It |strong="G1161" stops anyone |strong="G3956" from |strong="G2980" making excuses.

And |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" brings the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" world |strong="G2889" under |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" judgment,<sup>20</sup> because |strong="G1223" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3956" can be |strong="G3956" made right with |strong="G1537" God |strong="G0846" by |strong="G1223" following the |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551". The |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" only |strong="G3756" shows us |strong="G1537" our |strong="G3956" sin |strong="G0266".

**How God |strong="G0846" Makes Peo-  
ple |strong="G3956" Right**

<sup>21</sup> But |strong="G1161" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" a |strong="G5259" way to |strong="G2532" make |strong="G5319" people |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1343", and |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" has |strong="G2316" nothing to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2532" with |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551".

He |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2316" now |strong="G1161" shown |strong="G5319" us that |strong="G3140" new way, which |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551"

and *the prophets* told us about *God* makes people *right* through *their faith* in *Jesus Christ*. He *does this* for *all* who *believe* in *Christ*. Everyone *is* *the same*. *All* have *sinned* and *are* good enough to *share God's* divine greatness. *They* are *made right with* *God* by *his* *grace* *is* a *free gift*. *They* are *made right with* *God* by *being* made free from *sin* through *Jesus Christ*. *God* gave *Jesus* as a way to forgive people's sins through their faith in him. *God* can forgive them because the blood sacrifice of *Jesus* pays for their sins. *God* gave *Jesus* to show that he always does what is right and fair. He was right in the past when he was patient and did not punish people for their sins. And in our own time he still does what is right. *God* worked all this out in a way that allows him to judge people fairly and still make right any person who has faith in *Jesus*.

*So* *do* *we* *any* *to* *at* *And* *not* *we* *on* *way* *faith* *on* *we* *done* *the* *I* *are* *God* through *faith*,

I THEIR FAITH IN Or "the faithfulness of."

*not* *we* *done* *the* *is* *we* *is* *God* *is* *only* *God* *the* *He* *also* *God* *those* *are* *Jews* *is* *also* *one* *He* *right* *by* *faith* *he* *also* *with* *through* *faith* *do* *the* *by* *way* *faith* *at* *In* *faith* *be* *the* actually wants.

#### The Example of Abraham

*So* *can* *say* *Abraham* *father* *our* *What* *he* *faith?* *If* *was* *the* *he* *he* *a* *to* *about* *himself*. But

II JEWS Literally, "circumcision." III NON-JEWS Literally, "uncircumcision."

God *strong="G2316"* knew different. <sup>3</sup> That's why *strong="G5101"* the *strong="G3588"* Scriptures *strong="G1124"* say *strong="G3004"*, " Abraham *strong="G0011"* believed *strong="G4100"* God *strong="G2316"*, and *strong="G2532"* because *strong="G1063"* of *strong="G2316"* this *strong="G3588"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"* accepted as *strong="G1519"* one *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* is *strong="G2316"* right *strong="G1519"* with *strong="G2316"* God *strong="G2316"*." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> When *strong="G1161"* people *strong="G3588"* work *strong="G2038"*, their *strong="G2596"* pay *strong="G3408"* is *strong="G3588"* not *strong="G3756"* given to *strong="G2596"* them *strong="G2596"* as *strong="G2596"* a *strong="G1161"* gift *strong="G5485"*. They *strong="G1161"* earn the *strong="G3588"* pay *strong="G3408"* they *strong="G1161"* get. <sup>5</sup> But *strong="G1161"* people *strong="G0846"* cannot *strong="G3361"* do *strong="G4100"* any *strong="G1909"* work *strong="G2038"* that *strong="G4100"* will *strong="G0846"* make *strong="G3361"* them *strong="G0846"* right *strong="G1519"* with *strong="G1909"* God *strong="G0846"*. So *strong="G1161"* they *strong="G0846"* must *strong="G3588"* trust in *strong="G1519"* him *strong="G0846"*. Then *strong="G1161"* he *strong="G0846"* accepts their *strong="G0846"* faith *strong="G4102"*, and *strong="G1161"* that *strong="G4100"* makes them *strong="G0846"* right *strong="G1519"* with *strong="G1909"* him *strong="G0846"*. He *strong="G0846"* is *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* one *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* makes even *strong="G1161"* evil people *strong="G0846"* right *strong="G1519"*. <sup>6</sup> David *strong="G1138"* said *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* same *strong="G3739"* thing *strong="G3739"* when *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3739"* talking *strong="G3004"* about *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* blessing *strong="G3108"* people *strong="G0444"* have *strong="G2532"* when *strong="G2532"* God *strong="G2316"* accepts them *strong="G3739"* as *strong="G2509"* good without *strong="G5565"* looking at *strong="G2316"* what *strong="G3739"* they *strong="G3739"* have *strong="G2532"* done *strong="G2041"*:

<sup>7</sup> " It *strong="G3739"* is *strong="G3739"* a *strong="G3739"* great blessing when *strong="G2532"* people *strong="G3588"* are *strong="G3739"* forgiven *strong="G0863"* for *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* wrongs they *strong="G3739"* have *strong="G2532"* done, when *strong="G2532"* their *strong="G2532"* sins *strong="G0266"* are *strong="G3739"* erased!

<sup>1</sup> 4:3 Quote from Genesis 15:6.

<sup>8</sup> It *strong="G3739"* is *strong="G3739"* a *strong="G3739"* great *strong="G3756"* blessing when *strong="G3739"* the *strong="G3739"* Lord *strong="G2962"* accepts people *strong="G0435"* as *strong="G3049"* if they *strong="G3739"* are *strong="G3739"* without *strong="G3361"* sin *strong="G0266"*!"

*Psalms 32:1-2*

<sup>9</sup> Is *strong="G3778"* this *strong="G3778"* blessing *strong="G3108"* only *strong="G2532"* for *strong="G1063"* those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* are *strong="G3778"* circumcised *strong="G4061"*? Or *strong="G2228"* is *strong="G3778"* it *strong="G3778"* also *strong="G2532"* for *strong="G1063"* those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* are *strong="G3778"* not *strong="G2532"* circumcised *strong="G4061"*? We *strong="G3778"* have *strong="G2532"* already said *strong="G3004"* that *strong="G3004"* it *strong="G3778"* was *strong="G3588"* because *strong="G1063"* of *strong="G1909"* Abraham's *strong="G0011"* faith *strong="G4102"* that *strong="G3004"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"* accepted as *strong="G1519"* one *strong="G3778"* who *strong="G3588"* is *strong="G3778"* right *strong="G1519"* with *strong="G1909"* God *strong="G3004"*. <sup>10</sup> So *strong="G3767"* how *strong="G4459"* did *strong="G1510"* this happen *strong="G1510"*? Did *strong="G1510"* God accept Abraham before *strong="G1722"* or *strong="G2228"* after *strong="G3767"* he *strong="G1510"* was *strong="G1510"* circumcised *strong="G4061"*? God accepted him *strong="G1722"* before *strong="G1722"* his *strong="G2228"* circumcision *strong="G4061"*. <sup>11</sup> Abraham *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G1510"* circumcised *strong="G4061"* later to *strong="G1519"* show *strong="G2983"* that *strong="G4100"* God *strong="G0846"* accepted *strong="G2983"* him *strong="G0846"*. His *strong="G0846"* circumcision *strong="G4061"* was *strong="G1510"* proof *strong="G4102"* that *strong="G4100"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G1510"* right *strong="G1519"* with *strong="G1722"* God *strong="G0846"* through *strong="G1223"* faith *strong="G4102"* before *strong="G1722"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G1510"* circumcised *strong="G4061"*. So *strong="G2532"* Abraham *strong="G0846"* is *strong="G1510"* the *strong="G3956"* father *strong="G3962"* of *strong="G1223"* all *strong="G3956"* those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* believe *strong="G4100"* but *strong="G2532"* are *strong="G1510"* not *strong="G1510"* circumcised *strong="G4061"*. They *strong="G0846"* believe *strong="G4100"* and *strong="G2532"* are *strong="G1510"* accepted *strong="G2983"* as *strong="G1519"* peo-

ple|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" right|strong="G1519" with|strong="G1722" God|strong="G0846".<sup>12</sup> And|strong="G2532" Abraham|strong="G0011" is|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" father|strong="G3962" of|strong="G1537" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" circumcised|strong="G4061". But|strong="G0235" it|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" their|strong="G2532" circumcision|strong="G4061" that|strong="G1722" makes him|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" father|strong="G3962". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" their|strong="G2532" father|strong="G3962" only|strong="G3440" if|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" live following|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" faith|strong="G4102" that|strong="G1722" our|strong="G2532" father|strong="G3962" Abraham|strong="G0011" had|strong="G3588" before|strong="G1722" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" circumcised|strong="G4061".

#### God's Promise Received Through|strong="G1722" Faith|strong="G4102"

<sup>13</sup> Abraham|strong="G0011" and|strong="G4102" his|strong="G0846" descendants|strong="G4690" received the|strong="G3588" promise|strong="G1860" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" get the|strong="G3588" whole world|strong="G2889". But|strong="G0235" Abraham|strong="G0011" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" receive that|strong="G0846" promise|strong="G1860" because|strong="G1223" he|strong="G0846" followed the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551". He|strong="G0846" received that|strong="G0846" promise|strong="G1860" because|strong="G1223" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" right|strong="G1343" with|strong="G1223" God|strong="G0846" through|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846" faith|strong="G4102".<sup>14</sup> If|strong="G1487" people|strong="G3588" could get God's promise|strong="G1860" by|strong="G1537" following the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551", then|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102" is|strong="G3588" worthless. And|strong="G2532" God's promise|strong="G1860" to|strong="G2532" Abraham is|strong="G3588" worthless,<sup>15</sup> because|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" can only|strong="G3756" bring God's anger|strong="G3709" on|strong="G1161" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" disobey it|strong="G1161". But|strong="G1161" if there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756" law|strong="G3551",

then|strong="G1161" there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" nothing|strong="G3756" to|strong="G1510" disobey.

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="G2443" people|strong="G3956" get what|strong="G3739" God|strong="G3962" promised|strong="G1860" by|strong="G1223" having faith|strong="G4102". This|strong="G3778" happens so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3956" promise|strong="G1860" can be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" free gift|strong="G5485". And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3956" promise|strong="G1860" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" free gift|strong="G5485", then|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1537" Abraham's|strong="G0011" people|strong="G3956" will|strong="G1510" get that|strong="G3739" promise|strong="G1860". The|strong="G3956" promise|strong="G1860" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" just|strong="G3440" for|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" live under|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G1537" Moses. It|strong="G1223" is|strong="G1510" for|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3739" live with|strong="G1537" faith|strong="G4102" as|strong="G1519" Abraham|strong="G0011" did|strong="G1510". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" father|strong="G3962" of|strong="G1537" us|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956".<sup>17</sup> As|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, "I|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" made|strong="G5087" you|strong="G4771" a|strong="G5613" father|strong="G3962" of|strong="G2316" many|strong="G4183" nations|strong="G1484"."<sup>1</sup> This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" true before|strong="G2713" God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" Abraham|strong="G4100" believed|strong="G4100"— the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" who|strong="G3739" gives|strong="G2227" life|strong="G2227" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498" and|strong="G2532" speaks of|strong="G2316" things|strong="G4183" that|strong="G3754" don't|strong="G3361" yet|strong="G2532" exist|strong="G1510" as|strong="G5613" if|strong="G5613" they|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" real.

<sup>18</sup> There|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" no hope|strong="G1680" that|strong="G3739" Abraham|strong="G0846" would|strong="G1096" have|strong="G1510" children|strong="G4690", but|strong="G3962" Abraham|strong="G0846" be-

<sup>1</sup> 4:17 Quote from Genesis 17:5.



lied|strong="G4100" God|strong="G0846"  
 and|strong="G3962" continued to|strong="G1519"  
 hope|strong="G1680". And|strong="G3962"  
 that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510"  
 why|strong="G3739" he|strong="G0846" be-  
 came|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" fa-  
 ther|strong="G3962" of|strong="G1909"  
 many|strong="G4183" nations|strong="G1484".  
 As|strong="G1519" God|strong="G0846"  
 told|strong="G3004" him|strong="G0846", "  
 You|strong="G4771" will|strong="G1510"  
 have|strong="G1510" many|strong="G4183" descen-  
 dants|strong="G4690"."<sup>19</sup> Abraham  
 was|strong="G3588" almost a|strong="G2532" hun-  
 dred|strong="G1541" years|strong="G1541"  
 old|strong="G1541", so|strong="G2532"  
 he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" past  
 the|strong="G3588" age for|strong="G2532" having  
 children. Also|strong="G2532", Sarah|strong="G4564"  
 could|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3361"  
 have|strong="G2532" children. Abraham  
 was|strong="G3588" well|strong="G2532" aware  
 of|strong="G4983" this|strong="G3588",  
 but|strong="G2532" his|strong="G1438"  
 faith|strong="G4102" in|strong="G2532" God never  
 |strong="G3361" became weak|strong="G0770".<sup>20</sup>  
 He|strong="G1161" never|strong="G3756" doubted  
 that|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" would  
 do|strong="G1252" what|strong="G3588"  
 he|strong="G1161" promised|strong="G1860".  
 He|strong="G1161" never|strong="G3756" stopped  
 believing|strong="G4102". In|strong="G1519"  
 fact|strong="G0235", he|strong="G1161"  
 grew|strong="G1743" stronger in|strong="G1519"  
 his|strong="G1325" faith|strong="G4102"  
 and|strong="G1161" just praised  
 God|strong="G2316".<sup>21</sup> Abraham  
 felt|strong="G1510" sure that|strong="G3754"  
 God|strong="G1861" was|strong="G1510"  
 able|strong="G1415" to|strong="G2532"  
 do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3739"  
 he|strong="G2532" promised|strong="G1861".<sup>22</sup>  
 So|strong="G2532" that's why|strong="G1352"  
 he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G0846" accepted  
 as|strong="G1519" one|strong="G0846"  
 who|strong="G0846" is|strong="G0846"  
 right|strong="G1519" with|strong="G2532"  
 God|strong="G0846"."<sup>23</sup> These|strong="G3748"  
 words (" he|strong="G0846" was|strong="G0846" ac-  
 cepted") were|strong="G3748" writ-  
 ten|strong="G1125" not|strong="G3756" on-  
 ly|strong="G3440" for|strong="G3754" Abra-  
 ham|strong="G0846".<sup>24</sup> They|strong="G3739"  
 were|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532" written  
 for|strong="G1223" us|strong="G1537".  
 God|strong="G1453" will|strong="G3739" al-

I 4:18 Quote from Genesis 15:5. II 4:22 Quote from Genesis 15:6.

so|strong="G2532" accept us|strong="G1537" be-  
 cause|strong="G1223" we|strong="G2249" be-  
 lieve|strong="G4100". We|strong="G2249" be-  
 lieve|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1909"  
 the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739"  
 who|strong="G3739" raised|strong="G1453" Je-  
 sus|strong="G2424" our|strong="G2424"  
 Lord|strong="G2962" from|strong="G1537"  
 death|strong="G3498".<sup>25</sup> Jesus|strong="G2532"  
 was|strong="G3739" handed|strong="G3860"  
 over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2532"  
 die|strong="G1223" for|strong="G1223"  
 our|strong="G2532" sins|strong="G3900",  
 and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
 was|strong="G3739" raised|strong="G1453"  
 from|strong="G2532" death to|strong="G2532" make  
 us|strong="G1453" right with|strong="G1223"  
 God|strong="G1453".

### Right With God

**5** We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G2192"  
 been|strong="G2192" made right  
 with|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316" be-  
 cause|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1537"  
 our|strong="G2316" faith|strong="G4102".  
 So|strong="G3767" we|strong="G2249"  
 have|strong="G2192" peace|strong="G1515"  
 with|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316"  
 through|strong="G1223" our|strong="G2316"  
 Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
 Christ|strong="G5547".<sup>2</sup> Through|strong="G1223"  
 our|strong="G2316" faith|strong="G4102", Christ  
 has|strong="G2192" brought|strong="G1519"  
 us|strong="G1519" into|strong="G1519"  
 that|strong="G3739" blessing|strong="G5485"  
 of|strong="G1223" God's|strong="G2316"  
 grace|strong="G5485" that|strong="G3739"  
 we|strong="G3739" now|strong="G2532" enjoy.  
 And|strong="G2532" we|strong="G3739"  
 are|strong="G3778" very|strong="G3778" happy be-  
 cause|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223"  
 the|strong="G3588" hope|strong="G1680"  
 we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192"  
 of|strong="G1223" sharing God's|strong="G2316"  
 glory|strong="G1391".<sup>3</sup> And|strong="G2532"  
 we|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" al-  
 so|strong="G2532" happy with|strong="G1722"  
 the|strong="G3588" troubles|strong="G2347"  
 we|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532". Why  
 are|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2532" happy  
 with|strong="G1722" troubles|strong="G2347"? Be-  
 cause|strong="G3754" we|strong="G2532"  
 know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754"  
 these|strong="G3748" troubles|strong="G2347"  
 make|strong="G3756" us|strong="G1722"  
 more|strong="G3756" patient|strong="G5281".<sup>4</sup>  
 And|strong="G1161" this|strong="G3588" pa-  
 tience|strong="G5281" is|strong="G3588"

proof" that" we" are" strong. And" this" proof" gives us hope" <sup>5</sup> And" this" hope" will" never" disappoint" us" <sup>6</sup> We" know" this" because" God" has" poured" his" love" to" fill" our" hearts" through" the" Holy" Spirit" he" gave" us" <sup>6</sup> Christ" for" us" when" we" were" unable" to" help" ourselves" <sup>7</sup> We" were" living" against" God, but" at" the" right" time" Christ" died" for" us. <sup>7</sup> Very" few" people" will" die" to" save" the" life" of" someone" else", even" if" it" is" for" a" good" person". Someone" might" be" willing" to" die" especially" good" person". <sup>8</sup> But" Christ" died" for" us" while" we" were" still" sinners", and" by" God" showed" how" much" he" loves" us".

<sup>9</sup> We" have" been" made" right" by" the" blood" of" Christ" through" Christ" we" will" surely

<sup>9</sup> We" have" been" made" right" by" the" blood" of" Christ" through" Christ" we" will" surely

be" saved" from" anger". <sup>10</sup> I" mean" while" we" were" God's" enemies", he" made" us" friends" through" his" Son's" death". And" the" fact" that" we" are" now" God's" friends" makes" it" more" certain" that" he" will" save" us" through" his" Son's" life". <sup>11</sup> And" not" only" will" we" be" saved, but" we" also" rejoice" in" what" God" has" done" for" us" through" our" Lord" Jesus" Christ". It" is" because" of" Jesus" that" we" are" now" God's" friends.

Adam" and" Christ" <sup>12</sup> Sin" came" into" the" world" because" of" one" man" did" with" sin" came" death". So" this" is" why" all" people" must" die"— because" all" people" sinned". <sup>13</sup> Sin" was" in" the" world" before" the" Law" of" Moses. But" God" does"

<sup>12</sup> Sin" came" into" the" world" because" of" one" man" did" with" sin" came" death". So" this" is" why" all" people" must" die"— because" all" people" sinned". <sup>13</sup> Sin" was" in" the" world" before" the" Law" of" Moses. But" God" does"

not consider people guilty of sin there no law. But from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, everyone had died because he sinned by not obeying God's command. But even those who did not sin that same way to die.

That one man, Adam, can be compared to Christ, the one who was coming in the future. But God's free gift is like Adam's sin. Many people died because of sin that one man, Adam, did. But the grace that people received from God was greater. Many received God's gift of life by the grace of this other man, Jesus Christ. After Adam sinned once, he was judged guilty. But the gift of God is different. His free gift came after many

sins, and it makes people right with him. One man sinned, and so death ruled all people because of that one man. But now some people accept God's grace and his great gift of being made right. Surely they will have and rule through the one man, Jesus Christ.

So that one of Adam's punishment of death to all people in the same way, Christ did something so good that it makes all people right with God. And that brings them true life. One man disobeyed God and many became sinners. But in the same way, one man obeyed God and many will be made right. The law was brought in so that more people would sin the way Adam did. But where sin increased, there was even more of God's

grace|strong="G5485".<sup>21</sup> Sin|strong="G0266" once used death|strong="G2288" to|strong="G1519" rule us|strong="G1519". But|strong="G2532" God gave us|strong="G1519" more of|strong="G1223" his|strong="G1223" grace|strong="G5485" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" grace|strong="G5485" could rule by|strong="G1722" making us|strong="G1519" right|strong="G3779" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G2532". And|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3779" brings|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222" through|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962".

### Dead to Sin but Alive in Christ

**6** So|strong="G2443" do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3004" think we|strong="G3767" should|strong="G2443" continue|strong="G1961" sinning so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" God|strong="G3004" will|strong="G5101" give|strong="G3004" us|strong="G3004" more and|strong="G5485" more grace|strong="G5485"?<sup>2</sup> Of|strong="G1722" course not|strong="G3361"! Our|strong="G1722" old sinful|strong="G0266" life|strong="G2198" ended. It's dead|strong="G0599". So|strong="G3361" how|strong="G4459" can we|strong="G3588" continue|strong="G1096" living|strong="G2198" in|strong="G1722" sin|strong="G0266"?<sup>3</sup> Did|strong="G0907" you|strong="G3754" forget that|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3745" of|strong="G2228" us|strong="G1519" became part|strong="G0846" of|strong="G2228" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" when|strong="G0846" we|strong="G3754" were|strong="G3588" baptized|strong="G0907"? In|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2424" baptism we|strong="G3754" shared in|strong="G1519" his|strong="G0846" death|strong="G2288".<sup>4</sup> So|strong="G2443" when|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G3588" baptized, we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G3588" buried|strong="G4916" with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" and|strong="G2532" took part|strong="G1473" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" death|strong="G2288". And|strong="G2532" just|strong="G5618" as|strong="G1519" Christ|strong="G5547" was|strong="G3588" raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G2288" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" wonderful power of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962", so|strong="G2443" we|strong="G2249" can now|strong="G2532" live|strong="G4043" a|strong="G3779" new life|strong="G2222".

<sup>5</sup> Christ|strong="G0846" died|strong="G2288", and|strong="G2532" we|strong="G1487" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" joined|strong="G1096" with|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846" by|strong="G2532" dying too|strong="G2532". So|strong="G2532" we|strong="G1487" will|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" joined|strong="G1096" with|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846" by|strong="G2532" rising|strong="G0386" from|strong="G2532" death|strong="G2288" as|strong="G1096" he|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1510".<sup>6</sup> We|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" our old|strong="G3820" life was|strong="G3588" put|strong="G1097" to|strong="G2443" death on the|strong="G3588" cross with|strong="G4957" Christ. This|strong="G3778" happened|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3754" our sinful|strong="G0266" selves would|strong="G0266" have|strong="G3748" no|strong="G3371" power over us. Then|strong="G3754" we|strong="G2249" would|strong="G0266" not|strong="G3371" be|strong="G0444" slaves|strong="G1398" to|strong="G2443" sin|strong="G0266".<sup>7</sup> Anyone who|strong="G3588" has died|strong="G0599" is|strong="G3588" made free from|strong="G0575" sin's|strong="G0266" control.  
<sup>8</sup> If|strong="G1487" we|strong="G1487" died|strong="G0599" with|strong="G4862" Christ|strong="G5547", we|strong="G1487" know that|strong="G3754" we|strong="G1487" will|strong="G3748" also|strong="G2532" live|strong="G4800" with|strong="G4862" him|strong="G0846".<sup>9</sup> Christ|strong="G5547" was|strong="G0846" raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G2288". And|strong="G0846" we|strong="G3754" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G0846" cannot die|strong="G0599" again|strong="G3765". Death|strong="G2288" has|strong="G5547" no|strong="G3765" power over|strong="G2961" him|strong="G0846" now|strong="G0846".<sup>10</sup> Yes|strong="G1063", when|strong="G1161" Christ died|strong="G0599", he|strong="G3739" died|strong="G0599" to|strong="G2316" defeat the|strong="G3588" power of|strong="G2316" sin|strong="G0266" one|strong="G3739" time|strong="G2178"—enough for|strong="G1063" all|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2178". He|strong="G3739" now|strong="G1161" has|strong="G2316" a|strong="G3739" new life|strong="G2198", and|strong="G1161" his|strong="G3739" new life|strong="G2198" is|strong="G2316" with|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".<sup>11</sup> In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"

same |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779", you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2316" see yourselves |strong="G1438" as |strong="G1722" being |strong="G1510" dead |strong="G3498" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" power of |strong="G2316" sin |strong="G0266" and |strong="G2532" alive |strong="G2198" for |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316" through |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424".

<sup>12</sup> But |strong="G3361" don't |strong="G3361" let |strong="G3767" sin |strong="G0266" control your |strong="G1722" life here |strong="G1519" on |strong="G1722" earth. You |strong="G5210" must |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3767" ruled by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846" your |strong="G1722" sinful |strong="G0266" self makes you |strong="G5210" want to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G3361". <sup>13</sup> Don't offer the |strong="G3588" parts |strong="G3196" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G2532" body to |strong="G2532" serve sin |strong="G0266". Don't use your |strong="G2532" bodies |strong="G3196" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2532" evil |strong="G0093", but |strong="G0235" offer yourselves |strong="G1438" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316", as |strong="G1438" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" died and |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" live |strong="G2198". Offer the |strong="G3588" parts |strong="G3196" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G2532" body to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" used for |strong="G2316" doing |strong="G0093" good. <sup>14</sup> Sin |strong="G0266" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" your |strong="G2961" master |strong="G2961", because |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" under |strong="G5259" law |strong="G3551". You |strong="G5210" now |strong="G1510" live under |strong="G5259" God's grace |strong="G5485".

#### Slaves of |strong="G5485" Goodness

<sup>15</sup> So |strong="G3767" what |strong="G5101" should we |strong="G3754" do |strong="G1096"? Should we |strong="G3754" sin |strong="G0264" because |strong="G3754" we |strong="G3754" are |strong="G1510" under |strong="G5259" grace |strong="G5485" and |strong="G5485" not |strong="G3756" under |strong="G5259" law |strong="G3551"? Certainly |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756"! <sup>16</sup> Surely you |strong="G3739" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3739" become the |strong="G3739" slaves |strong="G1401" of |strong="G1401" whatever

er |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" give yourselves |strong="G1438" to |strong="G1519". Anything or |strong="G2228" anyone |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" follow will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" your |strong="G3936" master. You |strong="G3739" can follow sin |strong="G0266", or |strong="G2228" you |strong="G3739" can obey |strong="G5219" God. Following sin |strong="G0266" brings |strong="G1510" spiritual death |strong="G2288", but |strong="G1438" obeying |strong="G5218" God makes you |strong="G3739" right |strong="G1519" with |strong="G1519" him |strong="G3739". <sup>17</sup> In |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" past you |strong="G3739" were |strong="G1510" slaves |strong="G1401" to |strong="G1519" sin |strong="G0266"— sin |strong="G0266" controlled you |strong="G3739". But |strong="G1161" thank |strong="G5485" God |strong="G2316", you |strong="G3739" fully obeyed |strong="G5219" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" were |strong="G1510" taught. <sup>18</sup> You |strong="G1659" were |strong="G3588" made |strong="G1402" free |strong="G1659" from |strong="G0575" sin |strong="G0266", and |strong="G1161" now |strong="G1161" you |strong="G1659" are |strong="G3588" slaves |strong="G1402" to |strong="G1161" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1343". <sup>19</sup> I |strong="G2532" use this |strong="G3779" example from |strong="G2532" everyday life |strong="G4561" because |strong="G1223" you |strong="G5210" need help |strong="G3936" in |strong="G1519" understanding spiritual truths. In |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" past you |strong="G5210" offered the |strong="G3588" parts |strong="G3196" of |strong="G1223" your |strong="G2532" body |strong="G4561" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" slaves |strong="G1401" to |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2532" immoral and |strong="G2532" sinful thoughts. The |strong="G3588" result |strong="G1519" was |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" lived only |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1063" sin. In |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779", you |strong="G5210" must |strong="G3588" now |strong="G3568" offer yourselves |strong="G4771" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" slaves |strong="G1401" to |strong="G1519" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" right |strong="G3779". Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" live only |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1063" God |strong="G3004".

<sup>20</sup> In |strong="G1401" the |strong="G3588" past you |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" slaves |strong="G1401" to |strong="G1401"

sin|strong="G0266", and|strong="G1343" you|strong="G1510" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" even|strong="G3753" think about|strong="G3588" doing right|strong="G1343".  
 21 You|strong="G3739" did|strong="G2192" evil things|strong="G3739", and|strong="G2192" now|strong="G3568" you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" ashamed|strong="G1870" of|strong="G1909" what|strong="G5101" you|strong="G3739" did|strong="G2192". Did|strong="G2192" those|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739" help you|strong="G3739"? No, they|strong="G3767" only brought death|strong="G2288".  
 22 But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" free|strong="G1659" from|strong="G0575" sin|strong="G0266". You|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" become|strong="G2192" slaves|strong="G1402" of|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" result|strong="G1519" is|strong="G2316" that|strong="G2316" you|strong="G5210" live|strong="G2192" only for|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316". This|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2316" bring|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210" eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222".  
 23 When|strong="G1161" people|strong="G3588" sin|strong="G0266", they|strong="G1161" earn what|strong="G3588" sin|strong="G0266" pays— death|strong="G2288". But|strong="G1161" God|strong="G2316" gives his|strong="G1722" people|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2316" free|strong="G5486" gift|strong="G5486"— eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962".

#### An Example From Marriage

**7** Brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G0080" sisters, you|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3745" understand|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3551" Moses. So|strong="G3745" surely you|strong="G3754" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" rules over|strong="G1909" people|strong="G0444" only while|strong="G2980" they|strong="G3754" are|strong="G3588" alive|strong="G2198".  
 2 It's like what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" says about|strong="G3588" marriage|strong="G1135": A|strong="G1437" woman|strong="G1135" must|strong="G1135" stay married|strong="G1135" to|strong="G1135" her|strong="G1437" husband|strong="G0435" as|strong="G1161" long as|strong="G1161" he|strong="G1437" is|strong="G3588"

alive|strong="G2198". But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" her|strong="G1437" husband|strong="G0435" dies|strong="G0599", she|strong="G1437" is|strong="G3588" made free from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G0575" marriage|strong="G1135".  
 3 But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" she|strong="G0846" marries another|strong="G2087" man|strong="G0435" while|strong="G1510" her|strong="G0846" husband|strong="G0435" is|strong="G1510" still alive|strong="G2198", the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" says she|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" guilty of|strong="G0575" adultery|strong="G3428". But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" her|strong="G0846" husband|strong="G0435" dies|strong="G0599", she|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" made|strong="G1096" free|strong="G1658" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G0575" marriage. So|strong="G3767" if|strong="G1437" she|strong="G0846" marries another|strong="G2087" man|strong="G0435" after|strong="G1161" her|strong="G0846" husband|strong="G0435" dies|strong="G0599", she|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" guilty of|strong="G0575" adultery|strong="G3428".

4 In|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G2532" way|strong="G1223", my|strong="G1096" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, your|strong="G2532" old selves died|strong="G2289" and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" became|strong="G1096" free from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983" of|strong="G1537" Christ|strong="G5547". Now|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" belong|strong="G1537" to|strong="G1519" some-one|strong="G2087" else|strong="G2087". You|strong="G5210" belong|strong="G1537" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G2289". We|strong="G2532" belong|strong="G1537" to|strong="G1519" Christ|strong="G5547" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" we|strong="G2532" can be|strong="G1096" used in|strong="G1519" service to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316".  
 5 In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" past we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G1510" ruled by|strong="G1722" our|strong="G1223" sinful|strong="G0266" selves. The|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" made us|strong="G1519" want to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G1510" sinful|strong="G0266"

things" (G3588). And" (G4561) those" (G3588) sinful" (G0266) desires controlled our" (G1223) bodies" (G3196), so" (G1519) that" (G3551) what" (G3588) we" (G2249) did" (G1510) only brought" (G1519) us" (G1519) spiritual death" (G2288).<sup>6</sup> In" (G1722) the" (G3588) past the" (G3588) law" (G3551) held us" (G1722) as" (G1722) prisoners, but" (G1161) our" (G2532) old selves died" (G0599), and" (G2532) we" (G2249) were" (G3739) made free from" (G0575) the" (G3588) law" (G3551). So" (G2532) now" (G1161) we" (G2249) serve" (G1398) God in" (G1722) a" (G3739) new way" (G1722), not" (G3756) in" (G1722) the" (G3588) old way" (G1722), with" (G1722) the" (G3588) written rules. Now" (G1161) we" (G2249) serve" (G1398) God in" (G1722) the" (G3588) new way" (G1722), with" (G1722) the" (G3588) Spirit" (G4151).

#### Our" (G2532) Fight Against" (G0575) Sin

<sup>7</sup> You" (G1487) might think I" (G1487) am" (G1096) saying" (G3004) that" (G1097) sin" (G0266) and" (G5037) the" (G3588) law" (G3551) are" (G3588) the" (G3588) same. That" (G1097) is" (G5101) not" (G3756) true. But" (G0235) the" (G3588) law" (G3551) was" (G3588) the" (G3588) only" (G1487) way" (G1223) I" (G1487) could" (G1096) learn" (G1097) what" (G5101) sin" (G0266) means" (G3004). I" (G1487) would" (G1096) never" (G3756) have" (G1096) known" (G1097) it" (G1223) is" (G5101) wrong to" (G3004) want something" (G5101) that" (G1097) is" (G5101) not" (G3756) mine. But" (G0235) the" (G3588) law" (G3551) said" (G3004), "You" (G1487) must" (G0235) not" (G3756) want what" (G5101) belongs to" (G3004) someone else."<sup>8</sup> And" (G1161) sin" (G0266) found

a" (G2983) way" (G1722) to" (G1722) use that" (G3956) command" (G1785) and" (G1161) make me" (G1473) want all" (G3956) kinds" (G3956) of" (G1223) things" (G3956) that" (G3956) weren't mine" (G1473). So" (G1161) sin" (G0266) came" (G1223) to" (G1722) me" (G1473) because" (G1223) of" (G1223) the" (G3956) command" (G1785). But" (G1161) without" (G5565) the" (G3956) law" (G3551), sin" (G0266) has" (G1473) no power.<sup>9</sup> Before" (G3588) I" (G1473) knew the" (G3588) law" (G3551), I" (G1473) was" (G3588) alive" (G2198). But" (G1161) when" (G1161) I" (G1473) heard the" (G3588) law's command" (G1785), sin" (G0266) began to" (G2064) live" (G2198),<sup>10</sup> and" (G2532) I" (G1473) died" (G0599) spiritually. The" (G3588) command" (G1785) was" (G3588) meant to" (G1519) bring" (G1519) life" (G2222), but" (G1161) for" (G1519) me" (G1473) it" (G2147) brought" (G1519) death" (G2288).<sup>11</sup> Sin" (G0266) found a" (G2983) way" (G1223) to" (G2532) fool me" (G1473) by" (G1223) using the" (G3588) command" (G1785) to" (G2532) make me" (G1473) die" (G1223).

<sup>12</sup> Now" (G2532) the" (G3588) law" (G3551) is" (G0018) holy" (G0040), and" (G2532) the" (G3588) command" (G1785) is" (G0018) holy" (G0040) and" (G2532) right" (G1342) and" (G2532) good" (G0018).<sup>13</sup> Does" (G1096) this" (G3588) mean that" (G2443) something that" (G2443) is" (G0018) good" (G0018) brought" (G1096) death" (G2288) to" (G2443) me" (G1473)? No" (G3361), it" (G1223) was" (G3588) sin" (G0266) that" (G2443) used the" (G3588) good" (G0018) command" (G1785) to" (G2443) bring me" (G1473) death" (G2288). This" (G3588) shows how terrible sin" (G0266) really is" (G0018). It" (G1223) can use a" (G1096) good" (G0018) command" (G1785) to" (G2443) produce a" (G1096) result" (G2443)

I 7:7 Quote from Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21.

that *strong*="G2443" shows sin *strong*="G0266" at *strong*="G2596" its *strong*="G1223" very worst.

### The *strong*="G3588" War Inside Us

<sup>14</sup> We *strong*="G3754" know *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" the *strong*="G3588" law *strong*="G3551" is *strong*="G1510" spiritual *strong*="G4152", but *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G1510". I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1510" so *strong*="G1161" human *strong*="G4560". Sin *strong*="G0266" rules me *strong*="G1473" as *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G3748" I *strong*="G1473" were *strong*="G1510" its *strong*="G5259" slave. <sup>15</sup> I *strong*="G3739" don't *strong*="G3756" understand *strong*="G1097" why *strong*="G1063" I *strong*="G3739" act *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G4160" way *strong*="G3739" I *strong*="G3739" do *strong*="G4160". I *strong*="G3739" don't *strong*="G3756" do *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G4160" good I *strong*="G3739" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" do *strong*="G4160", and *strong*="G4160" I *strong*="G3739" do *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G4160" evil I *strong*="G3739" hate *strong*="G3404". <sup>16</sup> And *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G1487" I *strong*="G3739" don't *strong*="G3756" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" do *strong*="G4160" what *strong*="G3739" I *strong*="G3739" do *strong*="G4160", that *strong*="G3754" means I *strong*="G3739" agree *strong*="G4852" that *strong*="G3754" the *strong*="G3588" law *strong*="G3551" is *strong*="G3778" good *strong*="G2570". <sup>17</sup> But *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1473" not *strong*="G3765" really the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3588" doing *strong*="G2716" the *strong*="G3588" evil. It *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G3588" sin *strong*="G0266" living in *strong*="G1722" me *strong*="G1473" that *strong*="G0846" does *strong*="G2716" it *strong*="G0846". <sup>18</sup> Yes *strong*="G1063", I *strong*="G1473" know *strong*="G1492" that *strong*="G3754" nothing *strong*="G3756" good *strong*="G0018" lives *strong*="G3611" in *strong*="G1722" me *strong*="G1473"— I *strong*="G1473" mean *strong*="G1510" nothing *strong*="G3756" good *strong*="G0018" lives *strong*="G3611" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" part *strong*="G1473" of *strong*="G1722" me *strong*="G1473" that *strong*="G3754" is *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3756" spiritual. I *strong*="G1473" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" do *strong*="G1492" what *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G1510"

good *strong*="G0018", but *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G1473" don't *strong*="G3756" do *strong*="G1492" it *strong*="G1161". <sup>19</sup> I *strong*="G3739" don't *strong*="G3756" do *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G4160" good *strong*="G0018" that *strong*="G3739" I *strong*="G3739" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" do *strong*="G4160". I *strong*="G3739" do *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G4160" evil *strong*="G2556" that *strong*="G3739" I *strong*="G3739" don't *strong*="G3756" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" do *strong*="G4160". <sup>20</sup> So *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G1487" I *strong*="G1473" do *strong*="G4160" what *strong*="G3739" I *strong*="G1473" don't *strong*="G3756" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" do *strong*="G4160", then *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G2309" not *strong*="G3756" really the *strong*="G3588" one *strong*="G3739" doing *strong*="G4160" it *strong*="G0846". It *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G3778" the *strong*="G3588" sin *strong*="G0266" living in *strong*="G1722" me *strong*="G1473" that *strong*="G3739" does *strong*="G4160" it *strong*="G0846".

<sup>21</sup> So *strong*="G0686" I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G3748" learned this *strong*="G3588" rule: When *strong*="G2147" I *strong*="G1473" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" do *strong*="G4160" good *strong*="G2570", evil *strong*="G2556" is *strong*="G3588" there *strong*="G0686" with *strong*="G4160" me *strong*="G1473". <sup>22</sup> In *strong*="G2596" my *strong*="G2596" mind I *strong*="G2316" am happy with *strong*="G2316" God's *strong*="G2316" law *strong*="G3551". <sup>23</sup> But *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G1473" see *strong*="G0991" another *strong*="G2087" law *strong*="G3551" working in *strong*="G1722" my *strong*="G1722" body. That *strong*="G0991" law *strong*="G3551" makes war *strong*="G0497" against *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" law *strong*="G3551" that *strong*="G0991" my *strong*="G1722" mind *strong*="G3563" accepts. That *strong*="G0991" other *strong*="G2087" law *strong*="G3551" working in *strong*="G1722" my *strong*="G1722" body is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" law *strong*="G3551" of *strong*="G3551" sin *strong*="G0266", and *strong*="G2532" that *strong*="G0991" law *strong*="G3551" makes me *strong*="G1473" its prisoner *strong*="G0163". <sup>24</sup> What *strong*="G5101" a *strong*="G0444" miserable person *strong*="G0444" I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1473"! Who *strong*="G3588" will *strong*="G5101" save me *strong*="G1473" from *strong*="G1537" this *strong*="G3778"



body/strong="G4983" that/strong="G3778" brings me/strong="G1473" death/strong="G2288"?<sup>25</sup> I/strong="G1473" thank/strong="G5485" God/strong="G2316" for/strong="G1223" his/strong="G0846" salvation through/strong="G1223" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547" our/strong="G2316" Lord/strong="G2962"!

So/strong="G3767" in/strong="G2316" my/strong="G2316" mind/strong="G3563" I/strong="G1473" am/strong="G1473" a/strong="G2316" slave to/strong="G0846" God's/strong="G2316" law/strong="G3551", but/strong="G1161" in/strong="G2316" my/strong="G2316" sinful/strong="G0266" self I/strong="G1473" am/strong="G1473" a/strong="G2316" slave to/strong="G0846" the/strong="G3588" law/strong="G3551" of/strong="G1223" sin/strong="G0266".

### Life in the Spirit

**8** So/strong="G0686" now/strong="G3568" anyone/strong="G3762" who/strong="G3588" is/strong="G3588" in/strong="G1722" Christ/strong="G5547" Jesus/strong="G2424" is/strong="G3588" not/strong="G3762" judged guilty.<sup>2</sup> That/strong="G3551" is/strong="G3588" because/strong="G1063" in/strong="G1722" Christ/strong="G5547" Jesus/strong="G2424" the/strong="G3588" law/strong="G3551" of/strong="G4151" the/strong="G3588" Spirit/strong="G4151" that/strong="G3551" brings life/strong="G2222" made you/strong="G4771"<sup>1</sup> free/strong="G1659". It/strong="G2532" made you/strong="G4771" free/strong="G1659" from/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588" law/strong="G3551" that/strong="G3551" brings sin/strong="G0266" and/strong="G2532" death/strong="G2288".<sup>3</sup> The/strong="G3588" law/strong="G3551" was/strong="G3739" without/strong="G2532" power because/strong="G1223" it/strong="G1223" was/strong="G3739" made weak/strong="G0770" by/strong="G1722" our/strong="G2316" sinful/strong="G0266" selves. But/strong="G2532" God/strong="G2316" did what/strong="G3739" the/strong="G3588" law/strong="G3551" could/strong="G0102" not/strong="G3739" do/strong="G2532": He/strong="G2532" sent/strong="G3992" his/strong="G4012" own/strong="G1438" Son/strong="G5207" to/strong="G2532" earth/strong="G4561" with/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" same/strong="G3739" human/strong="G4561" life/strong="G4561" that/strong="G3739" everyone/strong="G3739" else/strong="G2532" uses for/strong="G1063"

<sup>1</sup> you Some Greek copies have "me." Also in the next sentence.

sin/strong="G0266". God/strong="G2316" sent/strong="G3992" him/strong="G3739" to/strong="G2532" be/strong="G2532" an/strong="G2532" offering to/strong="G2532" pay for/strong="G1063" sin/strong="G0266". So/strong="G2532" God/strong="G2316" used a/strong="G3739" human/strong="G4561" life/strong="G4561" to/strong="G2532" destroy sin/strong="G0266".<sup>4</sup> He/strong="G1722" did/strong="G4043" this/strong="G3588" so/strong="G2443" that/strong="G2443" we/strong="G2249" could/strong="G3361" be/strong="G3361" right just/strong="G2596" as/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" law/strong="G3551" said we/strong="G2249" must/strong="G0235" be/strong="G3361". Now/strong="G1722" we/strong="G2249" don't/strong="G3361" live/strong="G4043" following/strong="G2596" our/strong="G2596" sinful selves. We/strong="G2249" live/strong="G4043" following/strong="G2596" the/strong="G3588" Spirit/strong="G4151".

<sup>5</sup> People/strong="G1510" who/strong="G3588" live/strong="G5426" following/strong="G2596" their/strong="G2596" sinful selves think/strong="G5426" only about/strong="G2596" what/strong="G3588" they/strong="G1161" want. But/strong="G1161" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" live/strong="G5426" following/strong="G2596" the/strong="G3588" Spirit/strong="G4151" are/strong="G1510" thinking about/strong="G2596" what/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" Spirit/strong="G4151" wants them/strong="G2596" to/strong="G2596" do/strong="G1510".<sup>6</sup> If/strong="G2532" your/strong="G2532" thinking is/strong="G3588" controlled by/strong="G2532" your/strong="G2532" sinful self, there/strong="G1161" is/strong="G3588" spiritual/strong="G4151" death/strong="G2288". But/strong="G1161" if/strong="G2532" your/strong="G2532" thinking is/strong="G3588" controlled by/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" Spirit/strong="G4151", there/strong="G1161" is/strong="G3588" life/strong="G2222" and/strong="G2532" peace/strong="G1515".<sup>7</sup> Why/strong="G1063" is/strong="G2316" this/strong="G3588" true? Because/strong="G1063" anyone whose thinking is/strong="G2316" controlled by/strong="G4561" their sinful self is/strong="G2316" against/strong="G1519" God/strong="G2316". They/strong="G1410" refuse/strong="G3756" to/strong="G1519" obey God's/strong="G2316" law/strong="G3551". And/strong="G2316" really they/strong="G1410" are/strong="G3588" not/strong="G3756" able/strong="G1410" to/strong="G1519" obey it/strong="G1519".<sup>8</sup> Those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" are/strong="G1510" ruled by/strong="G1722"

their|strong="G1722" sinful selves can-not|strong="G3756" please|strong="G0700" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>9</sup> But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" ruled by|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2192" sinful selves|strong="G0846". You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" ruled by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G2192" Spirit|strong="G4151", if|strong="G1487" that|strong="G3778" Spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151" God|strong="G2316" really lives|strong="G3611" in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". But|strong="G1161" whoever|strong="G1487" does|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G2192" Spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151" Christ|strong="G5547" does|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547". <sup>10</sup> Your|strong="G1487" body|strong="G4983" will|strong="G4151" always|strong="G1223" be|strong="G5547" dead|strong="G3498" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G4151" sin|strong="G0266". But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" Christ|strong="G5547" is|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210", then|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" gives|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210" life|strong="G2222", because|strong="G1223" Christ|strong="G5547" made you|strong="G5210" right|strong="G1343" with|strong="G1722" God. <sup>11</sup> God|strong="G0846" raised|strong="G1453" Jesus|strong="G2424" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G3498". And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1487" God's|strong="G0846" Spirit|strong="G4151" lives|strong="G3611" in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210", he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" give|strong="G2227" life|strong="G2227" to|strong="G2532" your|strong="G1487" bodies|strong="G4983" that|strong="G0846" die|strong="G1223". Yes|strong="G1161", God|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" raised|strong="G1453" Christ|strong="G5547" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G3498", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" raise|strong="G1453" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2532" life|strong="G2227" through|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846" Spirit|strong="G4151" living in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210".

<sup>12</sup> So|strong="G3767", my|strong="G2596" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G0080" sisters, we|strong="G1510" must|strong="G1510"

not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" ruled by|strong="G2596" our|strong="G2596" sinful selves. We|strong="G1510" must|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" live|strong="G2198" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G2596" our|strong="G2596" sinful selves want. <sup>13</sup> If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" use your|strong="G1487" lives|strong="G2198" to|strong="G3195" do what|strong="G3588" your|strong="G1487" sinful selves want, you|strong="G1487" will|strong="G3195" die|strong="G0599" spiritually|strong="G4151". But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" use the|strong="G3588" Spirit's help to|strong="G3195" stop doing the|strong="G3588" wrong things|strong="G3195" you|strong="G1487" do with|strong="G2596" your|strong="G1487" body|strong="G4983", you|strong="G1487" will|strong="G3195" have|strong="G2289" true life|strong="G2198".

<sup>14</sup> The|strong="G1510" true children of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316" are|strong="G1510" those|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3745" let|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" Spirit|strong="G4151" lead|strong="G0071" them|strong="G0071". <sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739" received|strong="G2983" is|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756" a|strong="G2983" spirit|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3739" makes us|strong="G1519" slaves|strong="G1397" again|strong="G3825" and|strong="G3962" causes us|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" fear|strong="G5401". The|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2983" makes us|strong="G1519" God's chosen children. And|strong="G3962" with|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3739" Spirit|strong="G4151" we|strong="G3739" cry|strong="G2896" out|strong="G2896", "Abba|strong="G0005", <sup>1</sup> Father|strong="G3962". <sup>16</sup> And|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" himself|strong="G0846" speaks to|strong="G0846" our|strong="G2316" spirits|strong="G4151" and|strong="G2316" makes us sure that|strong="G3754" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" children|strong="G5043". <sup>17</sup> If|strong="G1487" we|strong="G1487" are|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316" children|strong="G5043", we|strong="G1487" will|strong="G2316" get the|strong="G2532" blessings God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" for|strong="G2443" his|strong="G2532" people. He|strong="G2532"

<sup>1</sup> ABBA An Aramaic word that was used by Jewish children as a name for their fathers.

will |strong="G2316" give us all |strong="G1512" that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2316" given Christ |strong="G5547". But |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1487" must suffer |strong="G4841" like Christ |strong="G5547" suffered. Then |strong="G2532" we |strong="G1487" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G2443" share his |strong="G2532" glory.

**We |strong="G1487" Will |strong="G2316" Have |strong="G2532" Glory in |strong="G2316" the |strong="G2532" Future**

18 We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G3748" sufferings |strong="G3804" now |strong="G3568", but |strong="G1063" these |strong="G3748" are |strong="G3588" nothing |strong="G3756" compared to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" great |strong="G3756" glory |strong="G1391" that |strong="G3754" will |strong="G3195" be |strong="G3195" given to |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519".<sup>19</sup> Everything that |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" made is |strong="G2316" waiting |strong="G0553" with |strong="G2316" excitement for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" time when he |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" show the |strong="G3588" world who |strong="G3588" his |strong="G2316" children are |strong="G3588". The |strong="G3588" whole world wants very much for |strong="G1063" that |strong="G2316" to |strong="G2316" happen.<sup>20</sup> Everything God |strong="G5293" made was |strong="G3588" allowed to |strong="G1909" become like something that |strong="G1223" cannot |strong="G3756" fulfill its |strong="G1223" purpose. That |strong="G1223" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" its |strong="G1223" choice, but |strong="G0235" God |strong="G5293" made it |strong="G1223" happen with |strong="G1909" this |strong="G3588" hope |strong="G1680" in |strong="G1909" view |strong="G1223".<sup>21</sup> That |strong="G3748" the |strong="G3588" creation |strong="G2937" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G2532" made free |strong="G1659" from |strong="G0575" ruin— that |strong="G3748" everything God |strong="G2316" made would |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" freedom |strong="G1657" and |strong="G2532" glory |strong="G1391" that |strong="G3748" belong to |strong="G1519" God's |strong="G2316" children |strong="G5043".

<sup>22</sup> We |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" everything |strong="G3956" God made has |strong="G3748" been |strong="G2532" waiting until |strong="G0891" now |strong="G3568" in |strong="G3956" pain like a |strong="G2532" woman ready to |strong="G2532" give birth to |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" child.<sup>23</sup>

Not |strong="G3756" only |strong="G3440" the |strong="G3588" world, but |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2249" also |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" been |strong="G2192" waiting |strong="G0553" with |strong="G1722" pain inside |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722". We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" as |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G0536" part |strong="G1473" of |strong="G4151" God's |strong="G0846" promise. So |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3588" waiting |strong="G0553" for |strong="G1722" God |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" finish making us |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G1438" children. I |strong="G1473" mean we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3588" waiting |strong="G0553" for |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2532" bodies |strong="G4983" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" made free.<sup>24</sup> We |strong="G3739" were |strong="G1510" saved |strong="G4982" to |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3588" hope |strong="G1680". If |strong="G2532" we |strong="G3739" can see |strong="G0991" what |strong="G5101" we |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" waiting for |strong="G1063", that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" really hope |strong="G1680". People |strong="G1510" don't |strong="G3756" hope |strong="G1680" for |strong="G1063" something |strong="G5101" they |strong="G3739" already have |strong="G1510".<sup>25</sup> But |strong="G1161" we |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" hoping |strong="G1679" for |strong="G1223" something we |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" have yet |strong="G1161", and |strong="G1161" we |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" waiting |strong="G0553" for |strong="G1223" it |strong="G1223" patiently.

<sup>26</sup> Also |strong="G2532", the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" helps |strong="G4878" us. We |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3588" very |strong="G0846" weak |strong="G0769", but |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" helps |strong="G4878" us with |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2532" weakness |strong="G0769". We |strong="G2249" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" how |strong="G5101" to |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G4336" as |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" should |strong="G1163", but |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" himself |strong="G0846" speaks to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1063" us. He |strong="G2532" begs God |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1063" us, speak-

ing to |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846" with |strong="G2532" feelings too |strong="G2532" deep |strong="G0215" for |strong="G1063" words |strong="G0215". <sup>27</sup> God |strong="G2316" already knows |strong="G1492" our |strong="G2316" deepest thoughts. And |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3754" understands what |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" is |strong="G2316" saying |strong="G3754", because |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" speaks for |strong="G3754" his |strong="G3754" people |strong="G1492" in |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G2596" that |strong="G3754" agrees with |strong="G2316" what |strong="G5101" God |strong="G2316" wants. <sup>28</sup> We |strong="G3754" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" in |strong="G1519" everything |strong="G3956" God |strong="G2316" works for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" good |strong="G0018" of |strong="G2316" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" love |strong="G0025" him |strong="G0025". These |strong="G3748" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" God |strong="G2316" chose, because |strong="G3754" that |strong="G3754" was |strong="G1510" his |strong="G3956" plan. <sup>29</sup> God |strong="G0846" knew them |strong="G0846" before |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" made the |strong="G3588" world. And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" decided that |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1510" like |strong="G0846" his |strong="G0846" Son |strong="G5207". Then |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" first-born |strong="G4416" of |strong="G5207" many |strong="G4183" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters. <sup>30</sup> God planned for |strong="G2532" them |strong="G3739" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" like his |strong="G3739" Son. He |strong="G2532" chose them |strong="G3739" and |strong="G2532" made them |strong="G3739" right with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G3739". And |strong="G2532" after |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" made them |strong="G3739" right, he |strong="G2532" gave them |strong="G3739" his |strong="G3739" glory |strong="G1392".

**God's Love in |strong="G2532" Christ Jesus |strong="G2532"**

<sup>31</sup> So |strong="G3767" what |strong="G5101" should |strong="G2316" we |strong="G2249" say |strong="G3004" about |strong="G5228" this |strong="G3778"? If |strong="G1487" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316"

for |strong="G5228" us |strong="G3004", no |strong="G1487" one |strong="G3778" can |strong="G3004" stand against |strong="G2596" us |strong="G3004". And |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" with |strong="G4314" us |strong="G3004". <sup>32</sup> He |strong="G2532" even |strong="G2532" let his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" Son |strong="G5207" suffer for |strong="G5228" us |strong="G5483". God |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G3860" his |strong="G0846" Son |strong="G5207" for |strong="G5228" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G5207" us |strong="G5483". So |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" with |strong="G4862" Jesus |strong="G0846", God |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" surely give |strong="G5483" us |strong="G5483" all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956". <sup>33</sup> Who |strong="G3588" can accuse the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" chosen |strong="G1588"? No one |strong="G3588"! God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" makes them |strong="G2596" right. <sup>34</sup> Who |strong="G3739" can say |strong="G1473" that |strong="G3739" God's |strong="G2316" people |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" guilty? No one |strong="G3739"! Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424" died |strong="G0599" for |strong="G5228" us |strong="G1722", but |strong="G1161" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3588". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" also |strong="G2532" raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1722" death |strong="G0599". And |strong="G2532" now |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" at |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" right |strong="G1188" side, speaking to |strong="G2532" him |strong="G3739" for |strong="G5228" us |strong="G1722". <sup>35</sup> Can anything |strong="G5101" separate |strong="G5563" us from |strong="G0575" Christ's |strong="G5547" love |strong="G0026"? Can trouble |strong="G2347" or |strong="G2228" problems or |strong="G2228" persecution |strong="G1375" separate |strong="G5563" us from |strong="G0575" his |strong="G2228" love |strong="G0026"? If we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1473" no food or |strong="G2228" clothes or |strong="G2228" face danger |strong="G2794" or |strong="G2228" even death, will |strong="G5101" that |strong="G2228" separate |strong="G5563" us from |strong="G0575" his |strong="G2228" love |strong="G0026"? <sup>36</sup> As |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say,

" For *you* we *are* in *danger of* death *all* the *time*.

People *think* we *are* worth no more than sheep *to* be killed."

Psalm 44:22

37 But *in* all *these* troubles we *have* complete *victory* through *God, who* has *shown his* love *for* us. 38 Yes, I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not death, life, angels, or ruling spirits. I am sure that nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us or nothing below us—nothing in the whole created world—will ever be able to separate us from the love God has shown us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### God and the Jewish People

9 I *am* in *Christ* and *I* *am* *telling* you *the* truth *I* *am* *lying* my *conscience*, ruled by *the Holy* Spirit, agrees that *I* *say* now *is* true *I* *have* *great* sorrow *and* always feel much *sadness* for *my* own *people*. They *are* my *brothers* and *sisters*, my *earthly* family. I *wish* they *could* help them *even* have *a* curse on *me* and *cut* myself off *from* Christ *if* that

would help them. 4 They *are* the *people* of *Israel*, God's chosen children. They *have* the *glory* of *God* and the *agreements* made between *himself* and *his* people. God gave them the *Law* of *Moses*, the *Temple* worship, and *promises*. 5 They *are* the *descendants* of *our* *great* fathers *and* they *are* the *earthly* family of *the* *Messiah*, who *is* *God* over *all* things *forever*. Amen.

6 I *don't* mean *that* *God* *failed* *to* keep his *promise* to *the* Jewish people. But *only* of *the* people of *Israel* are *really* God's *people*. 17 And *only* some of *Abraham's* descendants *are* true children of *Abraham*. This *is* what *God* said to *Abraham*: "Your *true* descendants *will* be *those* who *come* through *Isaac*." 18 This *means* that *not* all *of* *Abraham's* descendants *are*

I MESSIAH, WHO IS ... FOREVER! Or "Messiah. May God, who rules over all things, be praised forever!" II GOD'S PEOPLE Literally, "Israel," the people God chose to bring his blessings to the world. III 9:7 Quote from Genesis 21:12.

God's true children". Abraham's true children are those who become God's children because of the promise he made to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Here God said in that promise: "About this time I will come back, and Sarah will have a son." <sup>I</sup>

<sup>10</sup> And that is all she had, sons, and they the same father is our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup> But before the two sons were born, God told Rebecca, "The older son will serve the younger." <sup>II</sup> This was before the boys had done anything good or bad. God said this before they were born so that the boy he wanted would be chosen because of God's own plan. He was chosen because he was the one God wanted to call, not because of anything the boys did. <sup>13</sup> As Scriptures say, "I loved Jacob, but I hated Esau." <sup>III</sup>

<sup>14</sup> So what does this mean? That God is not fair? We cannot say that. <sup>15</sup> God said to Moses, "I will show mercy to anyone I want to show mercy to. I will show pity to anyone I choose." <sup>IV</sup><sup>16</sup>

I 9:9 Quote from Genesis 18:10, 14. II 9:11-12 Quote from Genesis 25:23. III 9:13 Quote from Malachi 1:2-3.

So God will choose anyone he decides to show mercy to, and his choice does not depend on what people want or do. <sup>17</sup> In the Scriptures God says to Pharaoh: "I will make you king so you could do this for me. I wanted to show my power through you. I wanted my name to be announced throughout the world." <sup>V</sup><sup>18</sup> So God shows mercy to those who want to show mercy to, and those who want to make stubborn.

<sup>19</sup> So one of you will ask me, "If God controls what we do, why does he blame us for our sins?" <sup>20</sup> Don't ask that. You are only human and have no right to question God. A clay jar does not question the one who made it. It does

IV 9:15 Quote from Exodus 33:19. V 9:17 Quote from Exodus 9:16.

not |strong="G3361" say|strong="G3004", " Why|strong="G5101" did|strong="G4160" you|strong="G4771" make|strong="G4160" me|strong="G3004" like|strong="G3779" this|strong="G3779"?<sup>21</sup> The|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" makes|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" jar|strong="G4632" can|strong="G4160" make|strong="G4160" anything he|strong="G0846" wants. He|strong="G0846" uses the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" clay|strong="G4081" to|strong="G1519" make|strong="G4160" different things|strong="G3739". He|strong="G0846" might make|strong="G4160" one|strong="G3739" thing|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1519" special purposes and|strong="G1161" another for|strong="G1519" daily use|strong="G2192".

<sup>22</sup> It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" way|strong="G1722" with|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" done. He|strong="G2532" wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G1519" show|strong="G1731" his|strong="G0846" anger|strong="G3709" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" let people|strong="G0846" see his|strong="G0846" power|strong="G1415". But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" patiently|strong="G3115" endured|strong="G5342" those|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" angry with|strong="G1722"—people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" ready to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" destroyed.<sup>23</sup> He|strong="G2532" waited with|strong="G1909" patience so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" could make|strong="G1107" known|strong="G1107" the|strong="G3588" riches|strong="G4149" of|strong="G1391" his|strong="G0846" glory|strong="G1391" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3739" chosen to|strong="G1519" receive his|strong="G0846" mercy|strong="G1656". God|strong="G0846" has|strong="G3739" already prepared|strong="G4282" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" share his|strong="G0846" glory|strong="G1391".<sup>24</sup> We|strong="G2249" are|strong="G3739" those|strong="G3739" people|strong="G1484", the|strong="G2532" ones God chose not|strong="G3756" only|strong="G3440" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2532" Jews|strong="G2453" but|strong="G0235" also|strong="G2532" from|strong="G1537" those|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756" Jews|strong="G2453".<sup>25</sup> As|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say|strong="G3004"

in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" book of|strong="G1722" Hosea|strong="G5617", " The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" mine|strong="G1473"— I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" my|strong="G1722" people|strong="G2992".

And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G2564" not|strong="G3756" love|strong="G0025"—

I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" I|strong="G1473" love|strong="G0025".

Hosea 2:23

<sup>26</sup> And|strong="G2532", " Where|strong="G3757" God|strong="G2316" said|strong="G2046" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" past, ' You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" my|strong="G1722" people'— there|strong="G1563" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" called|strong="G2564" children of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316".

Hosea 1:10

<sup>27</sup> And|strong="G1161" Isaiah|strong="G2268" cries|strong="G2896" out|strong="G2896" about|strong="G5613" Israel|strong="G2474": " There|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" so|strong="G1161" many people|strong="G1510" of|strong="G5207" Israel|strong="G2474", they|strong="G1161" are|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" grains of|strong="G5207" sand|strong="G0285" by|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281".

But|strong="G1161" only a|strong="G5613" few of|strong="G5207" them|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" saved|strong="G4982".

<sup>28</sup> Yes|strong="G1063", the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G2962" quickly|strong="G4932" finish judging the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093".

Isaiah 10:22-23

<sup>29</sup> It|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2962" just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G5613" Isaiah|strong="G2268" said|strong="G1096": " The|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962" All-Powerful

allowed some of our people to live.

If he had not done that, we would now be like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isaiah 1:9

30 So what does this all mean? It means that people who are not Jews were made right with God because their faith, even though they were not trying to make themselves right. 31 And the people of Israel, who tried to make themselves right with God by following the law, did not succeed. 32 They failed because they tried to make themselves right by the things they did. They did not trust in God to make them right. They fell over the stone that makes people fall. 33 The Scriptures talk about that stone: "Look, I put Zion a stone, will I make people stumble."

It is a rock that will make people fall.

But anyone who trusts in him

will never be disappointed."

Isaiah 8:14; 28:16

10 Brothers and sisters,

what I want most is for all the people of Israel to be saved. That is my prayer to God. 2 I can say this about them: They really try hard to follow God, but they don't know the right way. 3 They did not know the God way that makes people right with him. And they tried to make themselves right in their own way. So they did not accept God's way of making people right. 4 Christ ended the law so that everyone who believes in him is made right with God.

5 Moses writes about being made right by following the law: He says, "The person who obeys these laws is the one



who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G0444" have |strong="G3748" life |strong="G2198" through |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846"." 16 But |strong="G1161" this |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say |strong="G3004" about |strong="G1722" being |strong="G1510" made |strong="G3004" right |strong="G3779" through |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102": " Don't |strong="G3361" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" yourself |strong="G4771"; ' Who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" go |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" in- to |strong="G1519" heaven |strong="G3772"? " ( This |strong="G3778" means |strong="G1510" " Who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" go |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" to |strong="G1519" heaven |strong="G3772" to |strong="G1519" get Christ |strong="G5547" and |strong="G1161" bring |strong="G2609" him |strong="G2609" down |strong="G2609" to |strong="G1519" earth? ) 7 " And |strong="G2597" don't say, ' Who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" go |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" in- to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" world be- low? " ( This |strong="G3778" means |strong="G1510" " Who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" go |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" to |strong="G1519" get Christ |strong="G5547" and |strong="G2597" bring |strong="G0321" him |strong="G1519" up |strong="G1519" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498"? )

8 This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" Scrip- ture |strong="G3004" says |strong="G3004": " God's teaching |strong="G4487" is |strong="G1510" near |strong="G1451" you |strong="G4771"; it |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" mouth |strong="G4750" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" heart |strong="G2588"." II It |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" teach- ing |strong="G4487" of |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G3739" tell |strong="G3004" peo- ple |strong="G1510". 9 If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G4771" openly say, " Je- sus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" be- lieve |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2962" heart |strong="G2588" that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" raised |strong="G1453" him |strong="G0846" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498", you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G2316"

I 10:5 Quote from Leviticus 18:5. II 10:8 Quotes from Deuteronomy 30:12-14.

be |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982". 10 Yes |strong="G1063", we |strong="G1161" be- lieve |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" Jesus deep in |strong="G1519" our |strong="G4100" hearts |strong="G2588", and |strong="G1161" so |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" are |strong="G2588" made |strong="G3670" right |strong="G1519" with |strong="G1519" God. And |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" openly say that |strong="G4100" we |strong="G1161" be- lieve |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" him |strong="G3670", and |strong="G1161" so |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" are |strong="G2588" saved.

11 Yes |strong="G1063", the |strong="G3956" Scrip- tures |strong="G1124" say |strong="G3004", " Any- one |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" trusts in |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3956" never |strong="G3756" be |strong="G3956" disappointed." III 12 It |strong="G0846" says this |strong="G3588" be- cause |strong="G1063" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" difference be- tween |strong="G0846" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" Jews |strong="G2453" and |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756". The |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" Lord |strong="G2962" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" of |strong="G2962" all |strong="G3956" peo- ple |strong="G3956". And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" richly blesses every- one |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" looks to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846" for |strong="G1063" help. 13 Yes |strong="G1063", " everyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" trusts in |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G3956" saved |strong="G4982"." V

14 But |strong="G1161" before |strong="G1519" people |strong="G0191" can pray to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3739" Lord for |strong="G1519" help, they |strong="G3767" must believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" him |strong="G3739". And |strong="G1161" before |strong="G1519" they |strong="G3767" can believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3739" Lord, they |strong="G3767" must hear |strong="G0191" about |strong="G1519" him |strong="G3739". And |strong="G1161" for |strong="G1519" any- one |strong="G3739" to |strong="G1519" hear |strong="G0191" about |strong="G1519"

III 10:11 Quote from Isaiah 28:16. IV WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD Literally, "who calls on the name of the Lord," meaning to show faith in him by worshipping him or praying to him for help. V 10:13 Quote from Joel 2:32.

the |strong="G3739" Lord, someone |strong="G3739" must tell them |strong="G3739".<sup>15</sup> And |strong="G1161" before |strong="G3588" anyone |strong="G1437" can go and |strong="G1161" tell them |strong="G0649", they |strong="G1161" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G0018" sent |strong="G0649". As |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say, " How |strong="G4459" wonderful it |strong="G1437" is |strong="G0018" to |strong="G0018" see someone coming to |strong="G0018" tell good |strong="G0018" news |strong="G2097"! " I

<sup>16</sup> But |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" accepted that |strong="G3004" good |strong="G2098" news |strong="G0189". Isaiah |strong="G2268" said |strong="G3004", " Lord |strong="G2962", who |strong="G3588" believed |strong="G4100" what |strong="G5101" we |strong="G2249" told |strong="G3004" them |strong="G3004"? " II<sup>17</sup> So |strong="G1161" faith |strong="G4102" comes from |strong="G1537" hearing |strong="G0189" the |strong="G3588" Good News |strong="G0189". And |strong="G1161" people |strong="G3588" hear the |strong="G3588" Good News |strong="G0189" when |strong="G1161" someone tells them |strong="G1223" about |strong="G3588" Christ |strong="G5547".

<sup>18</sup> But |strong="G0235" I |strong="G2532" ask |strong="G3004", " Did |strong="G0191" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" hear |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3956" Good News? " Yes |strong="G0235", they |strong="G0846" heard |strong="G0191"— as |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Scriptures say |strong="G3004", " Their |strong="G0846" voices went |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" all |strong="G3956" around the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G3625".

Their |strong="G0846" words |strong="G4487" went |strong="G1831" everywhere in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G3625". "

Psalm 19:4

<sup>19</sup> Again I |strong="G1473" ask |strong="G3004", " Did |strong="G1097" the |strong="G3004" people |strong="G1484" of |strong="G1909" Israel |strong="G2474" not |strong="G3756" understand |strong="G1097"? " Yes |strong="G0235", they |strong="G3004" did |strong="G1097" understand |strong="G1097". First |strong="G4413", Moses |strong="G3475" says |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3004" for |strong="G1909" God |strong="G3004":

" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1484" use those |strong="G1097" who |strong="G3756" are |strong="G1484" not |strong="G3756" really

I 10:15 Quote from Isaiah 52:7. II 10:16 Quote from Isaiah 53:1.

a |strong="G3004" nation |strong="G1484" to |strong="G3004" make |strong="G3863" you |strong="G5210" jealous |strong="G3863".

I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1484" use a |strong="G3004" nation |strong="G1484" that |strong="G1097" does |strong="G1097" not |strong="G3756" understand |strong="G1097" to |strong="G3004" make |strong="G3863" you |strong="G5210" angry."

Deuteronomy 32:21

<sup>20</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Isaiah |strong="G2268" is |strong="G3588" bold |strong="G0662" enough to |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588" for |strong="G1722" God |strong="G3004":

" The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1096" not |strong="G3361" looking |strong="G2212" for |strong="G1722" me |strong="G3004"— they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" found |strong="G2147" me |strong="G3004".

I |strong="G1473" made |strong="G1096" myself |strong="G1473" known to |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" did |strong="G2147" not |strong="G3361" ask |strong="G1905" for |strong="G1722" me |strong="G3004". "

Isaiah 65:1

<sup>21</sup> But |strong="G1161" about |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" of |strong="G2250" Israel |strong="G2474" God |strong="G3004" says |strong="G3004", " All |strong="G3650" day |strong="G2250" long |strong="G2250" I |strong="G1473" stood ready to |strong="G4314" accept those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992",

but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" stubborn |strong="G0483" and |strong="G2532" refuse to |strong="G4314" obey |strong="G0544" me |strong="G3004". "

Isaiah 65:2

### God Has Not Forgotten His People

**11** So |strong="G3767" I |strong="G1473" ask |strong="G3004", " Did |strong="G1510" God |strong="G2316" force his |strong="G0846" people |strong="G2992" to |strong="G3004" leave him |strong="G0846"? " Of |strong="G1537" course not |strong="G3361". I |strong="G1473" myself |strong="G0846" am |strong="G1510" an |strong="G1510" Israelite |strong="G2475". I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" family of |strong="G1537" Abraham |strong="G0011", from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" tribe |strong="G5443" of |strong="G1537" Benjamin |strong="G0958".<sup>2</sup> God |strong="G2316" chose

the *strong*="G3588" Israelites to *strong*="G3004" be *strong*="G2316" his *strong*="G0846" people *strong*="G2992" before *strong*="G1722" they *strong*="G0846" were *strong*="G2992" born. And *strong*="G2316" he *strong*="G0846" did *strong*="G1492" not *strong*="G3756" force them *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G3004" leave. Surely you *strong*="G3739" know *strong*="G1492" what *strong*="G5101" the *strong*="G3588" Scriptures *strong*="G1124" say *strong*="G3004" about *strong*="G5613" Elijah *strong*="G2243". The *strong*="G3588" Scriptures *strong*="G1124" tell *strong*="G3004" about *strong*="G5613" Elijah *strong*="G2243" praying to *strong*="G3004" God *strong*="G2316" against *strong*="G2596" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G2992" of *strong*="G2316" Israel *strong*="G2474". He *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004", <sup>3</sup> " Lord *strong*="G2962", they *strong*="G2532" have *strong*="G2532" killed *strong*="G0615" your *strong*="G2962" prophets *strong*="G4396" and *strong*="G2532" destroyed your *strong*="G2962" altars *strong*="G2379". I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G2212" the *strong*="G3588" only *strong*="G3441" prophet *strong*="G4396" still living, and *strong*="G2532" they *strong*="G2532" are *strong*="G3588" trying *strong*="G2212" to *strong*="G2212" kill *strong*="G0615" me *strong*="G1473" now *strong*="G2532". " <sup>4</sup> But *strong*="G0235" what *strong*="G5101" answer did *strong*="G5101" God *strong*="G0846" give *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" Elijah? God *strong*="G0846" said *strong*="G3004", " I *strong*="G3004" have *strong*="G3748" kept *strong*="G2641" for *strong*="G3004" myself *strong*="G1683" seven *strong*="G2035" thousand *strong*="G2035" men *strong*="G0435" who *strong*="G3588" have *strong*="G3748" never *strong*="G3756" given worship to *strong*="G3004" Baal *strong*="G0896". " <sup>II</sup>

<sup>5</sup> It *strong*="G3779" is *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" same *strong*="G3779" now *strong*="G3568". God has *strong*="G1096" chosen *strong*="G1589" a *strong*="G1096" few people *strong*="G3588" by *strong*="G1722" his *strong*="G2532" grace *strong*="G5485". <sup>6</sup> And *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G1487" he *strong*="G1161" chose them by *strong*="G1537" grace *strong*="G5485", then *strong*="G1161" it *strong*="G1161" is *strong*="G3588" not *strong*="G3765" what *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G1161" have *strong*="G1096" done *strong*="G1096" that *strong*="G1096" made *strong*="G1096" them his *strong*="G1096" people *strong*="G3588". If *strong*="G1487" they *strong*="G1161" could *strong*="G1096"

<sup>I</sup> 11:3 Quote from 1 Kings 19:10, 14. <sup>II</sup> 11:4 Quote from 1 Kings 19:18.

be *strong*="G1096" made *strong*="G1096" his *strong*="G1096" people *strong*="G3588" by *strong*="G1537" what *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G1161" did *strong*="G1096", his *strong*="G1096" gift *strong*="G5485" of *strong*="G1537" grace *strong*="G5485" would *strong*="G1096" not *strong*="G3765" really be *strong*="G1096" a *strong*="G1096" gift *strong*="G5485".

<sup>7</sup> So *strong*="G3767" this *strong*="G3778" is *strong*="G5101" what *strong*="G5101" has *strong*="G3739" happened *strong*="G3588": The *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G3778" of *strong*="G3588" Israel *strong*="G2474" wanted God's blessing, but *strong*="G1161" they *strong*="G3767" did *strong*="G3767" not *strong*="G3756" all *strong*="G3588" get it *strong*="G1161". The *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G3778" he *strong*="G3739" chose did *strong*="G3767" get his *strong*="G3739" blessing, but *strong*="G1161" the *strong*="G3588" others *strong*="G3062" became hard and *strong*="G1161" refused *strong*="G3756" to *strong*="G5101" listen to *strong*="G5101" him *strong*="G3739". <sup>8</sup> As *strong*="G2531" the *strong*="G3588" Scriptures say, " God *strong*="G2316" caused *strong*="G1325" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G2193" fall asleep."

Isaiah 29:10

" God *strong*="G2316" closed their *strong*="G0846" eyes *strong*="G3788" so *strong*="G2532" that *strong*="G0191" they *strong*="G0846" could *strong*="G3361" not *strong*="G3361" see *strong*="G0991",

and *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" closed their *strong*="G0846" ears *strong*="G3775" so *strong*="G2532" that *strong*="G0191" they *strong*="G0846" could *strong*="G3361" not *strong*="G3361" hear *strong*="G0191".

This *strong*="G3588" continues until *strong*="G2193" now *strong*="G2532"."

Deuteronomy 29:4

<sup>9</sup> And *strong*="G2532" David *strong*="G1138" says *strong*="G3004",

" Let *strong*="G1096" those *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846" be *strong*="G1096" caught and *strong*="G2532" trapped at *strong*="G1519" their *strong*="G0846" own *strong*="G0846" feasts.

Let *strong*="G1096" them *strong*="G0846" fall and *strong*="G2532" be *strong*="G1096" punished.

<sup>10</sup> Let *strong*="G4654" their *strong*="G0846" eyes *strong*="G3788" be *strong*="G2532" closed so *strong*="G2532" that *strong*="G3956" they *strong*="G0846" cannot *strong*="G3361" see *strong*="G0991".

And *let them be troubled forever.*"

*Psalm 69:22-23*

11 So I ask *the Jews*, did *they* fall? No! But *their* mistake brought *salvation* to *those* who *are* not *Jews*. The *purpose* of *this* to *make* the *Jews* jealous. 12 Their mistake brought rich blessings to *the* world. And *what* they lost brought rich blessings to *the* non-Jewish people. So *surely* the *world* will *get* richer blessings when *enough* Jews become *the* kind of *people* God *wants*.

13 Now I am *speaking* to *you* people *who* *are* not *Jews*. I am *an* *apostle* to *the* non-Jewish people *while* I *have* that *work*, I *do* *the* best I *can*. 14 I *hope* I *can* make *my* own *people* jealous. That *way*, maybe I *can* help some *of* *them* to *be* saved. 15 God *turned* away from *the* *Jews*. When *that* *happened*, he *became* friends with *the* oth-

er *people* in *the* world. So *when* he *accepts* *the* *Jews*, it *will* *be* like *bringing* *people* to *life* after *death*. 16 If *the* *first* *piece* of *bread* is offered to *God*, then *God* *made* *holy* *the* *roots* of *the* *tree* are *holy*, the *tree's* branches are *holy* too.

17 It *is* *as* *if* *some* *of* *the* *branches* from *an* *olive* *tree* have *been* broken *off*, and *the* *branch* of *a* *wild* *olive* *tree* has *joined* to *that* *first* *tree*. If *you* *are* *not* *a* *Jew*, you *are* *the* *same* *as* *that* *branch*, and *you* *now* *share* *the* *strength* and *life* of *the* *first* *tree*. 18 But *don't* *act* as *if* *you* *are* *better* than *those* *branches* that *were* broken off. You *have* *no* *reason* to *be* proud of *yourself*, because *you* *don't* *give* life to *the*

root|strong="G4491". The|strong="G3588" root|strong="G4491" gives life to|strong="G3756" you|strong="G4771".<sup>19</sup> You|strong="G3004" might|strong="G1473" say|strong="G3004", " Branches|strong="G2798" were|strong="G2798" broken|strong="G1575" off|strong="G1575" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" could be|strong="G3767" joined to|strong="G2443" their tree."<sup>20</sup> That|strong="G1161" is|strong="G3588" true. But|strong="G1161" those|strong="G3588" branches were|strong="G3588" broken|strong="G1575" off|strong="G1575" because|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161" did|strong="G2573" not|strong="G3361" believe. And|strong="G1161" you|strong="G4771" continue to|strong="G2573" be|strong="G3361" part of|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" tree only|strong="G0235" because|strong="G1161" you|strong="G4771" believe. Don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G3361" proud, but|strong="G1161" be|strong="G3361" afraid|strong="G5399".<sup>21</sup> If|strong="G1487" God|strong="G2316" did|strong="G5339" not|strong="G3756" let the|strong="G3588" natural|strong="G5449" branches|strong="G2798" of|strong="G2316" that|strong="G2316" tree stay, he|strong="G1487" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" let you|strong="G4771" stay if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G4771" stop believing.

<sup>22</sup> So|strong="G3767" you|strong="G4771" see|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3708" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" kind, but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" can also|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" very|strong="G2532" strict. He|strong="G2532" punishes those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" stop following him|strong="G3708". But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2316" kind to|strong="G1909" you|strong="G4771", if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G4771" continue|strong="G1961" trusting in|strong="G1909" his|strong="G3708" kindness|strong="G5544". If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G4771" don't continue|strong="G1961" depending on|strong="G1909" him|strong="G3708", you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" cut|strong="G1581" off|strong="G1581" from|strong="G4098" the|strong="G3588" tree.<sup>23</sup> And|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" the|strong="G3588" Jews will|strong="G2316" believe in|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" again|strong="G3825", he|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" accept them|strong="G0846" back|strong="G3825". He|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" able|strong="G1415" to|strong="G3825" put them|strong="G0846" back|strong="G3825" where

they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510".<sup>24</sup> It|strong="G1581" is|strong="G3778" not|strong="G2532" natural|strong="G5449" for|strong="G1063" a|strong="G1487" wild|strong="G0065" branch to|strong="G1519" become part of|strong="G1537" a|strong="G1487" good tree|strong="G1636". But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" non-Jewish people|strong="G3778" are|strong="G3778" like|strong="G2596" a|strong="G1487" branch cut|strong="G1581" from|strong="G1537" a|strong="G1487" wild|strong="G0065" olive|strong="G1636" tree|strong="G1636". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" were|strong="G3778" joined to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1487" good olive|strong="G1636" tree|strong="G1636". But|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" Jews are|strong="G3778" like|strong="G2596" a|strong="G1487" branch that|strong="G3778" grew from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" good tree|strong="G1636". So|strong="G2532" surely they|strong="G2532" can be|strong="G2532" joined to|strong="G1519" their|strong="G2532" own|strong="G2398" tree|strong="G1636" again|strong="G2532".

<sup>25</sup> I|strong="G3739" want|strong="G2309" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" understand|strong="G0050" this|strong="G3778" secret truth, brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G0080" sisters. This|strong="G3778" truth will|strong="G1510" help you|strong="G5210" understand|strong="G0050" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G0050" everything. The|strong="G3588" truth is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778": Part|strong="G3313" of|strong="G0575" Israel|strong="G2474" has|strong="G3739" been|strong="G1510" made|strong="G1096" stubborn, but|strong="G1063" that|strong="G3754" will|strong="G1510" change when|strong="G1096" enough non-Jewish people|strong="G1484" have|strong="G1510" come|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2443" God.<sup>26</sup> And|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3956" is|strong="G3588" how|strong="G3779" all|strong="G3956" Israel|strong="G2474" will|strong="G3956" be|strong="G2532" saved|strong="G4982". The|strong="G3956" Scriptures say,

" The|strong="G3956" Savior will|strong="G3956" come|strong="G2240" from|strong="G0575" Zion|strong="G4622";

he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3956" take away|strong="G0654" all|strong="G3956" evil from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3956" family of|strong="G1537" Jacob|strong="G2384".

<sup>27</sup> And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3778" make this|strong="G3778"

agreement with|strong="G3844"  
those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846"  
when|strong="G3752" I|strong="G1473"  
take|strong="G0851" away|strong="G0851"  
their|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266".

Isaiah 59:20-21; 27:9

28 The|strong="G3588" Jews refuse  
to|strong="G2596" accept the|strong="G3588"  
Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098",  
so|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161"  
are|strong="G3588" God's enemies|strong="G2190".  
This|strong="G3588" has|strong="G3962" hap-  
pened|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2596" help  
you|strong="G5210" who|strong="G3588"  
are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3962" Jews.  
But|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161"  
are|strong="G3588" still God's cho-  
sen|strong="G1589" people|strong="G3588",  
and|strong="G1161" he|strong="G1161" loves  
them|strong="G1223" because|strong="G1223"  
of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" promises  
he|strong="G1161" made to|strong="G2596"  
their|strong="G2596" ancestors|strong="G3962". 29  
God|strong="G2316" never changes  
his|strong="G2532" mind|strong="G2532"  
about|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" calls.  
He|strong="G2532" never decides to|strong="G2532"  
take back the|strong="G3588" blessings  
he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2316" given them.  
30 At|strong="G1161" one|strong="G3778"  
time|strong="G4218" you|strong="G5210" refused  
to|strong="G3778" obey|strong="G0544"  
God|strong="G2316". But|strong="G1161"  
now|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210"  
have|strong="G1653" received|strong="G1653" mer-  
cy|strong="G1653", because|strong="G1063"  
the|strong="G3588" Jews refused to|strong="G3778"  
obey|strong="G0544". 31 And|strong="G2532"  
now|strong="G3568" they|strong="G0846"  
are|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" ones  
who|strong="G3588" refuse to|strong="G2443"  
obey|strong="G0544", because|strong="G0846"  
God|strong="G0846" showed|strong="G1653" mer-  
cy|strong="G1656" to|strong="G2443"  
you|strong="G3779". But|strong="G2532"  
this|strong="G3778" happened|strong="G3588"  
so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443"  
they|strong="G0846" can also|strong="G2532" re-  
ceive|strong="G1653" mercy|strong="G1656"  
from|strong="G2532" him|strong="G0846". 32  
All|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956"  
have|strong="G1653" refused to|strong="G1519"  
obey God|strong="G2316". And|strong="G2316"  
he|strong="G3956" has|strong="G2316" put  
them|strong="G2443" all|strong="G3956" together  
as|strong="G1519" people|strong="G3956"  
who|strong="G3588" don't obey him|strong="G2443"

so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443"  
he|strong="G3956" can show|strong="G1653" mer-  
cy|strong="G1653" to|strong="G1519" every-  
one|strong="G3956".

Praise to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316"

33 Yes, God's|strong="G2316" rich-  
es|strong="G4149" are|strong="G3588"  
very|strong="G0846" great! His|strong="G0846" wis-  
dom|strong="G4678" and|strong="G2532" knowl-  
edge|strong="G1108" have|strong="G2532" no end!  
No one|strong="G3588" can explain  
what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" decides.  
No one|strong="G3588" can understand  
his|strong="G0846" ways|strong="G3598". 34  
As|strong="G1096" the|strong="G1097" Scriptures  
say,  
"Who|strong="G5101" can know|strong="G1097"  
what|strong="G5101" is|strong="G5101"  
on|strong="G2228" the|strong="G1097"  
Lord's|strong="G2962" mind|strong="G3563"?  
Who|strong="G5101" is|strong="G5101" able  
to|strong="G1096" give|strong="G1096"  
him|strong="G0846" advice?"

Isaiah 40:13

35 "Who|strong="G5101" has|strong="G5101" ever  
given|strong="G4272" God|strong="G0846" any-  
thing|strong="G5101"?"

God|strong="G0846" owes nothing  
to|strong="G2532" anyone|strong="G0846".

Job 41:11

36 Yes, God|strong="G0846" made  
all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956".  
And|strong="G2532" everything|strong="G3956" con-  
tinues through|strong="G1223" him|strong="G0846"  
and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519"  
him|strong="G0846". To|strong="G1519"  
God|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3956" glory|strong="G1391" forev-  
er|strong="G0165"! Amen|strong="G0281".

### Give Your Lives to God

12 So|strong="G3767" I|strong="G1223"  
beg|strong="G3870" you|strong="G5210",  
brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2316" sis-  
ters, because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223"  
the|strong="G3588" great mercy|strong="G3628"  
God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" shown us,  
offer your|strong="G1223" lives|strong="G2198"<sup>1</sup>  
as|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2316" liv-  
ing|strong="G2198" sacrifice|strong="G2378"  
to|strong="G2316" him|strong="G3870"—  
an|strong="G3870" offering that|strong="G2316"  
is|strong="G2316" only for|strong="G1223"  
God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2316" pleas-

<sup>1</sup> LIVES Literally, "bodies." Paul is using the language of Old Testament animal sacrifice to express the idea of a complete giving of oneself to God.

ing |strong="G2101" to |strong="G2316" him |strong="G3870". Considering what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G3767" has |strong="G2316" done, it |strong="G1223" is |strong="G2316" only right that |strong="G2316" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G0080" worship |strong="G2999" him |strong="G3870" in |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1223". <sup>2</sup> Don't |strong="G3361" change yourselves |strong="G4771" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" like the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3778" of |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3778" world |strong="G0165", but |strong="G0235" let |strong="G1381" God |strong="G2316" change you |strong="G5210" inside with |strong="G2316" a |strong="G2532" new way |strong="G3778" of |strong="G2316" thinking |strong="G3563". Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2307" be |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G1519" understand and |strong="G2532" accept what |strong="G5101" God |strong="G2316" wants |strong="G2307" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2307" be |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G1519" know what |strong="G5101" is |strong="G2316" good |strong="G0018" and |strong="G2532" pleasing |strong="G2101" to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" what |strong="G5101" is |strong="G2316" perfect |strong="G5046".

<sup>3</sup> God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" given |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" a |strong="G5613" special gift |strong="G5485", and |strong="G2316" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" why |strong="G1223" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1510" something |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1538" of |strong="G1223" you |strong="G5210". Don't |strong="G3361" think |strong="G5426" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" better than |strong="G3844" you |strong="G5210" really are |strong="G1510". You |strong="G5210" must |strong="G1163" see yourself |strong="G4771" just |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510". Decide what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" faith |strong="G4102" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" given |strong="G1325" each |strong="G1538" of |strong="G1223" us |strong="G1325". <sup>4</sup> Each one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1520" us |strong="G1722" has |strong="G2192" one |strong="G1520" body |strong="G4983", and |strong="G1161"

that |strong="G3956" body |strong="G4983" has |strong="G2192" many |strong="G4183" parts |strong="G3196". These |strong="G3588" parts |strong="G3196" don't |strong="G3756" all |strong="G3956" do |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" thing |strong="G1520". <sup>5</sup> In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779", we |strong="G1161" are |strong="G1510" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G1510", but |strong="G1161" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" we |strong="G1161" are |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" body |strong="G4983". We |strong="G1161" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" parts |strong="G3196" of |strong="G1520" that |strong="G1161" body |strong="G4983", and |strong="G1161" each |strong="G2596" part |strong="G3196" belongs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2596" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" others |strong="G3588".

<sup>6</sup> We |strong="G2249" all |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2192" different |strong="G1313" gifts |strong="G5486". Each |strong="G2596" gift |strong="G5486" came because |strong="G1161" of |strong="G5485" the |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" God |strong="G1325" gave |strong="G1325" us |strong="G1325". Whoever |strong="G3588" has |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" gift |strong="G5486" of |strong="G5485" prophecy |strong="G4394" should use |strong="G2192" that |strong="G1161" gift |strong="G5486" in |strong="G2596" a |strong="G2192" way |strong="G2596" that |strong="G1161" fits the |strong="G3588" kind of |strong="G5485" faith |strong="G4102" they |strong="G1161" have |strong="G2192". <sup>7</sup> Whoever |strong="G3588" has the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G1722" serving |strong="G1248" should serve |strong="G1248". Whoever |strong="G3588" has the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G1722" teaching |strong="G1321" should teach |strong="G1321". <sup>8</sup> Whoever |strong="G3588" has |strong="G1653" the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G1722" comforting others |strong="G3588" should do that |strong="G3870". Whoever |strong="G3588" has |strong="G1653" the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G1722" giving to |strong="G1722" help others |strong="G3588" should give generously. Whoever |strong="G3588" has |strong="G1653" the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G1722" leading should work hard at |strong="G1722" it. Whoever |strong="G3588" has |strong="G1653" the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G1722" showing kindness to |strong="G1722" others |strong="G3588" should do it gladly.

9 Your love must be real. Hate evil. Do only good. Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters. And give each other more honor than you give yourself. 11 As you serve the Lord, work hard and don't be lazy. Be excited about serving him! 12 Be happy because of hope you have. Be patient when you have troubles. Pray all the time. 13 Share with God's people who need help. Look for people who need help and welcome them into your homes.

14 Wish only good for those who treat you badly. Ask God to bless them, not curse them. 15 When others are happy, you should be happy with them. And when others are sad, you should be sad too. 16 Live together in peace with each other. Don't be proud, but be willing to be friends with people who are not important to others. Don't think of yourself as smarter than everyone else.

17 If someone does wrong, don't try to pay them back by hurting them. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. Do the best you can to live in peace with everyone. My friends, don't try to punish anyone who does wrong to you. Wait for God to punish them with his anger. In the Scriptures the Lord says, "I am the one who punishes; I will pay back."

Deuteronomy 32:35

20 But you should do this:

"If you have enemies who are hungry, give them something to eat.

If you have enemies who are thirsty,

give them something to drink.

In doing this, you will make them feel ashamed. 1"

Proverbs 25:21-22

21 Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good.

1 YOU WILL MAKE THEM FEEL ASHAMED Literally, "you will pour burning coals on their head." People in Old Testament times often put ashes on their heads to show that they were sad or sorry.



### Obey Your Government Rulers

**13** All of you must obey the government rulers. Everyone who rules was given the power to rule by God. And all those who rule now were given that power by God. <sup>2</sup> So anyone who is against the government is really against something God has commanded. Those who are against the government bring punishment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> People who do right have fear of the rulers. But those who do wrong must fear them. Do you want to be free from them? Then do what is right, and they will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Rulers are God's servants to help you. But if you do wrong, you have reason to be afraid. They have power to punish, and they will use it. They are God's servants to punish those who do wrong. <sup>5</sup> So you must

obey the government, not just because you might be punished, but because you know it is the right thing to do.

<sup>6</sup> And this is why you pay taxes too. Those rulers are working for God, and they give all their time to God's work of ruling. <sup>7</sup> Give everyone what you owe them. If you owe them any kind of tax, then pay it. Show respect to those you should respect. And show honor to those you should honor.

### Loving Others Is the Only Law

<sup>8</sup> You should owe nothing to anyone, except you will always owe love. To each other. The person who loves others has done all that the law commands. <sup>9</sup> The law says, "You must not commit adultery, you must not murder, you must not steal, you must not want what belongs to someone else"

else |strong="G2087".<sup>I</sup> All |strong="G3588" these |strong="G3778" commands |strong="G1785" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" other |strong="G2087" commands |strong="G1785" are |strong="G3778" really only |strong="G1487" one |strong="G5100" rule: " Love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" neighbor |strong="G4139"<sup>II</sup> the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3778" as |strong="G5613" you |strong="G4771" love |strong="G0025" yourself |strong="G4572".<sup>III</sup><sup>10</sup> Love |strong="G0026" doesn't |strong="G3756" hurt others |strong="G3588". So |strong="G3767" loving is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" same as |strong="G4139" obeying all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551".

<sup>11</sup> I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G1473" this |strong="G3778" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" live in |strong="G2532" an |strong="G2228" important time |strong="G2540". Yes |strong="G1063", it |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" now |strong="G3568" time |strong="G2540" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2532" wake up |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537" your |strong="G2532" sleep |strong="G5258". Our |strong="G2532" salvation |strong="G4991" is |strong="G3778" nearer |strong="G1452" now |strong="G3568" than |strong="G2228" when |strong="G3753" we |strong="G2249" first believed |strong="G4100".<sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" night |strong="G3571" is |strong="G3588" almost |strong="G4298" finished. The |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" is |strong="G3588" almost |strong="G4298" here. So |strong="G3767" we |strong="G1161" should stop doing |strong="G2041" whatever belongs to |strong="G3571" darkness |strong="G4655". We |strong="G1161" should prepare ourselves to |strong="G3571" fight evil with |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588" weapons |strong="G3696" that |strong="G2250" belong to |strong="G3571" the |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457".<sup>13</sup> We |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532" live |strong="G4043" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G5613" right way |strong="G1722", like |strong="G5613" people |strong="G3361" who |strong="G2532" belong to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" day |strong="G2250". We |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" have |strong="G2532" wild parties or |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" drunk. We |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" involved in |strong="G1722" sexual |strong="G2845" sin

I 13:9 Quote from Exodus 20:13-15, 17. II YOUR NEIGHBOR OR "others." Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:25-37 makes clear that this includes anyone in need. III 13:9 Quote from Leviticus 19:18.

or |strong="G2532" any kind of |strong="G2250" immoral behavior. We |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" cause arguments and |strong="G2532" trouble or |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" jealous.<sup>14</sup> But |strong="G0235" be |strong="G2532" like the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547", so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G2424" when |strong="G2532" people |strong="G4561" see what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4160" do |strong="G4160", they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" see Christ |strong="G5547". Don't |strong="G3361" think about |strong="G1519" how to |strong="G1519" satisfy the |strong="G3588" desires |strong="G1939" of |strong="G2962" your |strong="G2962" sinful self.

### Don't Criticize Others

**14** Be |strong="G3361" willing to |strong="G1519" accept |strong="G4355" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" still have |strong="G3588" doubts |strong="G1261" about |strong="G1519" what |strong="G3588" believers can do |strong="G3361". And |strong="G1161" don't |strong="G3361" argue with |strong="G1519" them about |strong="G1519" their different ideas |strong="G1261".<sup>2</sup> Some |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3956" believe |strong="G4100" they |strong="G3739" can eat |strong="G2068" any |strong="G3956" kind |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" food |strong="G5315",<sup>IV</sup> but |strong="G1161" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" have |strong="G3956" doubts eat |strong="G2068" only vegetables |strong="G3001".<sup>3</sup> Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" know they |strong="G0846" can eat |strong="G2068" any kind of |strong="G2316" food must |strong="G2919" not |strong="G3361" feel that |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" better than |strong="G3361" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" eat |strong="G2068" only vegetables. And |strong="G1161" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" eat |strong="G2068" only vegetables must |strong="G2919" not |strong="G3361" decide that |strong="G0846" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" eat |strong="G2068" all |strong="G3588" foods are |strong="G3588" wrong. God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" accepted |strong="G4355" them |strong="G0846".<sup>4</sup> You |strong="G4771" cannot judge |strong="G2919" the |strong="G3588" servants of |strong="G2962" someone else |strong="G2228". Their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" master |strong="G2962" decides if they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" doing

IV ANY KIND OF FOOD The Jewish law said there were some foods that Jews could not eat. When they became followers of Christ, some of them did not understand that they could now eat all foods.

right or **"G2228"** wrong. And **"G1161"** the **"G3588"** Lord's **"G2962"** servants will **"G1510"** be **"G1510"** right, because **"G1063"** the **"G3588"** Lord **"G2962"** is **"G1510"** able **"G1414"** to **"G2228"** make **"G2476"** them **"G0846"** right.

<sup>5</sup> Some **"G3588"** people **"G3956"** might **"G3956"** believe that **"G3739"** one **"G1538"** day **"G2250"** is **"G3739"** more **"G3956"** important than **"G3844"** another **"G2250"**. And **"G1161"** others **"G3588"** might **"G3956"** believe that **"G3739"** every **"G3956"** day **"G2250"** is **"G3739"** the **"G3956"** same **"G3739"**. Everyone **"G3956"** should be **"G3956"** sure about **"G1722"** their **"G3956"** beliefs in **"G1722"** their **"G3956"** own **"G2398"** mind **"G3563"**. <sup>6</sup> Those **"G3588"** who **"G3588"** think **"G5426"** one **"G3588"** day **"G2250"** is **"G2316"** more **"G3756"** important than **"G2532"** other days **"G2250"** are **"G3588"** doing that **"G2250"** for **"G1063"** the **"G3588"** Lord **"G2962"**. And **"G2532"** those **"G3588"** who **"G3588"** eat **"G2068"** all **"G3588"** kinds of **"G2250"** food are **"G3588"** doing that **"G2250"** for **"G1063"** the **"G3588"** Lord **"G2962"**. Yes **"G1063"**, they **"G2532"** give **"G2168"** thanks **"G2168"** to **"G2532"** God **"G2316"** for **"G1063"** that **"G2250"** food. And **"G2532"** those **"G3588"** who **"G3588"** refuse **"G3756"** to **"G2532"** eat **"G2068"** some **"G3588"** foods do **"G3361"** that **"G2250"** for **"G1063"** the **"G3588"** Lord **"G2962"**. They **"G2532"** also **"G2532"** give **"G2168"** thanks **"G2168"** to **"G2532"** God **"G2316"**.

<sup>7</sup> We **"G2249"** don't live **"G2198"** or **"G2532"** die **"G0599"** just **"G2532"** for **"G1063"** ourselves **"G1438"**. <sup>8</sup> If **"G1437"** we **"G1437"** live **"G2198"**, we **"G1437"** are **"G1510"** living **"G2198"** for **"G1063"** the **"G3588"** Lord **"G2962"**. And **"G5037"** if **"G1437"** we **"G1437"** die **"G0599"**, we **"G1437"** are **"G1510"** dy-

ing **"G0599"** for **"G1063"** the **"G3588"** Lord **"G2962"**. So **"G3767"** living **"G2198"** or **"G5037"** dying **"G0599"**, we **"G1437"** belong **"G1510"** to **"G1510"** the **"G3588"** Lord **"G2962"**. <sup>9</sup> That **"G2443"** is **"G3778"** why **"G1063"** Christ **"G5547"** died **"G0599"** and **"G2532"** rose from **"G2532"** death **"G3498"** to **"G1519"** live **"G2198"** again **"G2532"**—so **"G2443"** that **"G2443"** he **"G2532"** could be **"G2532"** Lord **"G2961"** over **"G2961"** those **"G3778"** who **"G2532"** have **"G2532"** died **"G0599"** and **"G2532"** those **"G3778"** who **"G2532"** are **"G3778"** living **"G2198"**.

<sup>10</sup> So **"G2532"** why **"G5101"** do **"G2919"** you **"G4771"** judge **"G2919"** your **"G2532"** brother **"G0080"** or **"G2228"** sister in **"G2316"** Christ? Or **"G2228"** why **"G5101"** do **"G2919"** you **"G4771"** think **"G2919"** that **"G3956"** you **"G4771"** are **"G3956"** better than **"G2228"** they **"G2532"** are **"G3956"**? We **"G2532"** will **"G2316"** all **"G3956"** stand **"G3936"** before **"G3936"** God **"G2316"**, and **"G2532"** he **"G2532"** will **"G2316"** judge **"G2919"** us all **"G3956"**. <sup>11</sup> Yes **"G1063"**, the **"G3956"** Scriptures say **"G3004"**, "As **"G2532"** surely as **"G2532"** I **"G1473"** live **"G2198"**," says **"G3004"** the **"G3956"** Lord **"G2962"**,

' Everyone **"G3956"** will **"G2316"** bow **"G2578"** before **"G3588"** me **"G3004"**;  
everyone **"G3956"** will **"G2316"** say **"G3004"** that **"G3754"** I **"G1473"** am **"G1473"** God **"G2316"**."

Isaiah 45:23

<sup>12</sup> So **"G3767"** each **"G1538"** of **"G3056"** us **"G1325"** will **"G2316"** have **"G1473"** to **"G1325"** explain to **"G1325"** God **"G2316"** about **"G4012"** the **"G3588"** things **"G3588"** we **"G2249"** do **"G3056"**.

**Don't Cause Others to Sin**

13 So we should stop judging each other. Let's decide not to do anything that will cause a problem for a brother or sister or hurt their faith. 14 I know that there is no food that is wrong to eat. The Lord Jesus the one who convinced me that if someone believes that something is wrong, then it is wrong for that person.

15 If you hurt the faith of your brother or sister because of something you eat, you are not really following the way of love. Don't destroy anyone's faith by eating something they think is wrong. Christ died for them. 16 Don't allow what is good for you to become something they say is evil. 17 In God's kingdom, what we eat and drink is not important. Here it is important: a

right way of life, peace, joy— all from the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever Christ by this way is pleasing God, and they will be accepted by others.

19 So let's try as hard as we can to do what will bring peace. Let's do whatever will help each other grow stronger in faith. 20 Don't let the eating of food destroy the work of God. All food is right to eat, but it is wrong for anyone to eat something that hurts the faith of another person. 21 It is better to not eat meat or drink wine or do anything else that hurts the faith of your brother or sister.

22 You should keep your beliefs about these things a secret between yourself and God. It is a blessing to be able to do what you think

is *right without feeling guilty.* <sup>23</sup> But *anyone who eats something without being sure it is right is doing wrong. That is because they did not believe it was right. And if you do anything that you believe is not right, it is sin.*

**15** Some of us have a problem with these things we should be patient with those are *not so and we should not what but them and for We in Christ not please As him people you Everything was in to Those were so we have That comes*

I 15:3 Quote from Psalm 69:9.

*the patience and that the Scriptures give us All patience and come from God. And I pray that God will help you all with each other Christ Jesus wants. Then you will be And together will to the of Lord Christ so should each This bring to I you Christ a of to that has what promised their did so the people God the he to The So will to among*

II HONOR Or "glory." See "glory" in the Word List.

ple|strong="G1484" of|strong="G1223" other|strong="G1161" nations|strong="G1484";  
I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316"  
sing|strong="G5567" praise|strong="G1843"  
to|strong="G2532" your|strong="G1392"  
name|strong="G3686"."

Psalm 18:49

10 And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Scrip-  
tures say|strong="G3004",  
" You|strong="G3004" people|strong="G2992"  
of|strong="G3004" other|strong="G3825" na-  
tions|strong="G1484" should|strong="G2532"  
be|strong="G2532" happy together|strong="G3326"  
with|strong="G3326" God's|strong="G0846" peo-  
ple|strong="G2992"."

Deuteronomy 32:43

11 The|strong="G3956" Scriptures al-  
so|strong="G2532" say,  
" Praise|strong="G1867" the|strong="G3956"  
Lord|strong="G2962" all|strong="G3956"  
you|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992"  
of|strong="G2962" other|strong="G3825" na-  
tions|strong="G1484";  
all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992"  
should|strong="G2532" praise|strong="G1867"  
the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962"."

Psalm 117:1

12 And|strong="G2532" Isaiah|strong="G2268"  
says|strong="G3004",  
"Someone will|strong="G1510"  
come|strong="G1510" from|strong="G0757" Jesse's  
family.<sup>1</sup>

He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510"  
come|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004"  
rule|strong="G0757" over|strong="G1909"  
the|strong="G3588" nations|strong="G1484",  
and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846"  
will|strong="G1510" put their|strong="G0846"  
hope|strong="G1679" in|strong="G1909"  
him|strong="G0846"."

Isaiah 11:10

13 I|strong="G2532" pray that|strong="G4100"  
the|strong="G3956" God|strong="G2316"  
who|strong="G3588" gives hope|strong="G1680"  
will|strong="G2316" fill|strong="G4137"  
you|strong="G5210" with|strong="G1722" much  
joy|strong="G5479" and|strong="G2532"  
peace|strong="G1515" as|strong="G1519"  
you|strong="G5210" trust in|strong="G1722"  
him|strong="G2532". Then|strong="G2532"  
you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2316"  
have|strong="G4052" more|strong="G3956"  
and|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3956"  
hope|strong="G1680", and|strong="G2532"  
it|strong="G1161" will|strong="G2316" flow out  
of|strong="G4151" you|strong="G5210"  
by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" pow-

<sup>1</sup> JESSE'S FAMILY Jesse was the father of David, king of Israel. Jesus was from their family.

er|strong="G1411" of|strong="G4151"  
the|strong="G3956" Holy|strong="G0040" Spir-  
it|strong="G4151".

### Paul Talks About|strong="G1722" His|strong="G3956" Work

14 My|strong="G3956" brothers|strong="G0080"  
and|strong="G2532" sisters, I|strong="G1473" know  
without|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" doubt  
that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210"  
are|strong="G1510" full|strong="G3324"  
of|strong="G3956" goodness|strong="G0019"  
and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510"  
all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" knowl-  
edge|strong="G1108" you|strong="G5210" need.  
So|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210"  
are|strong="G1510" certainly|strong="G2532"  
able|strong="G1410" to|strong="G1410" counsel  
each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G1161".<sup>15</sup>  
But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473"  
have|strong="G1473" written|strong="G1125"  
to|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210"  
very|strong="G5112" openly about|strong="G5613"  
some|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588"  
that|strong="G2316" I|strong="G1473" wanted  
you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G1325" remember.  
I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G1325"  
this|strong="G3588" because|strong="G1223"  
God|strong="G2316" gave|strong="G1325"  
me|strong="G1325" this|strong="G3588" special  
gift|strong="G5485":<sup>16</sup> to|strong="G1519"  
be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" servant  
of|strong="G4151" Christ|strong="G5547" Je-  
sus|strong="G2424" for|strong="G1519"  
those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"  
are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" Jews.  
I|strong="G1473" serve like a|strong="G1096"  
priest|strong="G2418" whose duty it|strong="G1510"  
is|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" tell  
God's|strong="G2316" Good|strong="G1510"  
News|strong="G2098". He|strong="G1510" gave  
me|strong="G1473" this|strong="G3588" work  
so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443"  
you|strong="G1722" non-Jewish peo-  
ple|strong="G1484" could|strong="G1096"  
be|strong="G1510" an|strong="G1510" offer-  
ing|strong="G4376" that|strong="G2443"  
he|strong="G1510" will|strong="G2316" accept—  
an|strong="G1510" offering|strong="G4376"  
made|strong="G1096" holy|strong="G0040"  
by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"  
Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151".

17 That|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" why  
I|strong="G3767" feel so|strong="G3767" good  
about|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588"  
I|strong="G3767" have|strong="G2192" done  
for|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316"  
in|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" service

to|strong="G4314" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424".<sup>18</sup> I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756" talk|strong="G3056" about|strong="G1519" anything|strong="G5100" I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G5111" myself|strong="G1473". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" talk|strong="G3056" only|strong="G3756" about|strong="G1519" what|strong="G3739" Christ|strong="G5547" has|strong="G3739" done|strong="G2716" with|strong="G1223" me|strong="G1473" in|strong="G1519" leading|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1223" non-Jewish people|strong="G1484" to|strong="G1519" obey|strong="G5218" God|strong="G2980". They|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" obeyed him|strong="G3739" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G3056" what|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" said|strong="G2980" and|strong="G2532" done|strong="G2716".<sup>19</sup> And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" obeyed him|strong="G2532" because|strong="G0575" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" miraculous|strong="G1411" signs|strong="G4592" and|strong="G2532" wonders|strong="G5059" that|strong="G5620" happened|strong="G3588"—all|strong="G3588" because|strong="G0575" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G4151" God's|strong="G2316" Spirit|strong="G4151". I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" told people|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098" about|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" in|strong="G1722" every place|strong="G1722" from|strong="G0575" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" to|strong="G2532" Illyricum|strong="G2437". And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" finished|strong="G4137" that|strong="G5620" part|strong="G1473" of|strong="G4151" my|strong="G1722" work.<sup>20</sup> I|strong="G1161" always want to|strong="G2443" tell the|strong="G1161" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097" in|strong="G1909" places where|strong="G3699" people|strong="G3361" have|strong="G5547" never|strong="G3756" heard of|strong="G1909" Christ|strong="G5547". I|strong="G1161" do|strong="G3361" this|strong="G3779" because|strong="G1909" I|strong="G1161" don't|strong="G3756" want to|strong="G2443" build|strong="G3618" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G1161" work that|strong="G2443" someone else has|strong="G5547" already started.<sup>21</sup>

But|strong="G0235" as|strong="G2531" the|strong="G2532" Scriptures say,  
 " Those|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756" told|strong="G0312" about|strong="G4012" him|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" see|strong="G3708",

and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" heard|strong="G0191" about|strong="G4012" him|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3739" understand|strong="G4920"."

Isaiah 52:15

#### Paul's|strong="G0846" Plan to|strong="G2532" Visit Rome

<sup>22</sup> That's what|strong="G3588" has|strong="G2532" kept me so|strong="G2532" busy and|strong="G2532" prevented|strong="G1465" my|strong="G2532" coming|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" see you|strong="G5210" even|strong="G2532" though|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" wanted to|strong="G4314" come|strong="G2064" many|strong="G4183" times.

<sup>23</sup> Now|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2192" finished my|strong="G1722" work in|strong="G1722" these|strong="G3778" areas|strong="G5117". And|strong="G1161" for|strong="G4314" many|strong="G4183" years|strong="G2094" I|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2192" wanted to|strong="G4314" visit|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210".<sup>24</sup> So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1437" will|strong="G2532" visit you|strong="G5210" when|strong="G5613" I|strong="G1437" go|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" Spain|strong="G4681". Yes|strong="G1063", I|strong="G1437" hope|strong="G1679" to|strong="G1519" visit you|strong="G5210" while|strong="G5613" I|strong="G1437" am|strong="G4198" traveling|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" Spain|strong="G4681", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1437" will|strong="G2532" stay and|strong="G2532" enjoy being|strong="G4771" with|strong="G0575" you|strong="G5210". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" can help|strong="G4311" me|strong="G4311" continue|strong="G2532" on|strong="G1519" my|strong="G5259" trip.

<sup>25</sup> Now|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1161" am|strong="G4198" going|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" to|strong="G1519" help God's people|strong="G3588" there|strong="G1161".<sup>26</sup> Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100" them|strong="G4160" are|strong="G3588" poor|strong="G4434", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" believers

in|strong="G1722" Macedonia|strong="G3109" and|strong="G2532" Achaia|strong="G0882" wanted to|strong="G1519" help them|strong="G4160". So|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" gathered some|strong="G5100" money to|strong="G1519" send them|strong="G4160".<sup>27</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G1510" happy to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3588". And|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G1510" like|strong="G0846" paying something|strong="G1510" they|strong="G0846" owed|strong="G3784" them|strong="G0846", because|strong="G1063" as|strong="G1722" non-Jews they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" blessed spiritually by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Jews. So|strong="G2532" now|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" should|strong="G3784" use the|strong="G3588" material|strong="G4559" blessings they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532" help the|strong="G3588" Jews.<sup>28</sup> I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G2532" going|strong="G0565" to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem to|strong="G1519" make sure the|strong="G3588" poor get this|strong="G3778" money|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3778" has|strong="G3778" been|strong="G2532" given for|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846".

After|strong="G1223" I|strong="G2532" finish|strong="G2005" that|strong="G3778", I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3778" leave|strong="G0565" for|strong="G1519" Spain|strong="G4681" and|strong="G2532" stop to|strong="G1519" visit you|strong="G5210" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G1223".<sup>29</sup> And|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3754" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" when|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3754" visit|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210", I|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3748" bring you|strong="G5210" Christ's|strong="G5547" full|strong="G4138" blessing|strong="G2129".

<sup>30</sup> Brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, I|strong="G1473" beg|strong="G3870" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G4314" help me|strong="G1473" in|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" work by|strong="G1722" praying|strong="G4335" to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316" for|strong="G5228" me|strong="G1473". Do|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G4151" our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" love|strong="G0026" that|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" gives|strong="G1223" us|strong="G1722".<sup>31</sup>

Pray|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1096" saved from|strong="G0575" those|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" Judea|strong="G2449" who|strong="G3588" refuse to|strong="G1519" accept our|strong="G2532" message. And|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" this|strong="G3588" help I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1096" bringing to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" will|strong="G2532" please God's people|strong="G3588" there|strong="G1722".<sup>32</sup> Then|strong="G2443", if|strong="G2443" God|strong="G2316" wants|strong="G2307" me|strong="G1223" to|strong="G4314", I|strong="G1223" will|strong="G2307" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G1223" will|strong="G2307" come|strong="G2064" with|strong="G1722" joy|strong="G5479", and|strong="G2064" together|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G2064" I|strong="G1223" will|strong="G2307" have|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2064" time of|strong="G1223" rest|strong="G4875".<sup>33</sup> The|strong="G3956" God|strong="G2316" who|strong="G3588" gives peace|strong="G1515" be|strong="G3956" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210" all|strong="G3956". Amen|strong="G0281".

#### Paul Has Some Final Things to Say

**16** I|strong="G1473" want you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2532" know that|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" can trust our|strong="G2532" sister|strong="G0079" in|strong="G1722" Christ, Phoebe|strong="G5402". She|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" special servant|strong="G1249" of|strong="G1577" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" in|strong="G1722" Cenchrea|strong="G2747".<sup>2</sup> I|strong="G1473" ask you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" accept|strong="G4327" her|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". Accept|strong="G4327" her|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846" should|strong="G2443". Help|strong="G3936" her|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722" anything she|strong="G0846" needs|strong="G5535" from|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". She|strong="G0846" has|strong="G2962" helped me|strong="G1473" very|strong="G0846" much|strong="G4183", and|strong="G2532" she|strong="G0846" has|strong="G2962" helped many|strong="G4183" others|strong="G3588" too|strong="G2532".



<sup>3</sup> Give *my greetings* to *Priscilla* and *Aquila*, who have worked together with me for Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for mine. I thank you all for their lives. I thank them all for their lives. <sup>4</sup> They risked their lives for mine. I thank them all for their lives. <sup>5</sup> Also, give *my greetings* to the church that their house is. Give *my greetings* to *my dear friend Epaeetus*. He was the first to follow Christ in Asia. <sup>6</sup> Greetings also to *Mary*. She worked very hard for you. <sup>7</sup> And greet *Andronicus* and *Junia*. They are *my relatives*, and they were in prison with me. They were followers of Christ before I was. And they are some of the most important of the ones sent out to do his work. <sup>8</sup> Give *my greetings* to *Amplia-*

*tus*, *my dear friend* the Lord and *Urbanus*. He has worked together with me for Christ. Give *my greetings* also to *my dear friend Stachys* and *Apelles*, who has proved himself to be a true follower of Christ. Give *my greetings* to everyone in the family of *Aristobulus* and *Herodion*, *my relative*. Greetings to all those in the family of *Narcissus* who belong to the Lord and *Tryphaena*, *Tryphosa*, women who work very hard for the Lord. Greetings to *my dear friend Persis*. She has also worked very hard for the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Greetings also to *Rufus*, one of the Lord's chosen people, and to his mother, who has been a mother to me too.

<sup>14</sup> Give *my greetings* to *Asyncrius*, *Phlegon*, *Her-*

I MOST IMPORTANT ... WORK Literally, "important among (or to) the apostles."

mes|strong="G2060", Patrobas|strong="G3969", Hermas|strong="G2057", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" brothers|strong="G0080" in|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" with|strong="G4862" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>15</sup> Give|strong="G0782" greetings|strong="G0782" to|strong="G2532" Philologus|strong="G5378" and|strong="G2532" Julia|strong="G2456", to|strong="G2532" Nereus|strong="G3517" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" sister|strong="G0079", to|strong="G2532" Olympas|strong="G3652", and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956" God's|strong="G0846" people|strong="G3956" with|strong="G4862" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> Give|strong="G0782" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" the|strong="G3956" special greeting|strong="G0782" of|strong="G1577" God's people|strong="G3956". <sup>1</sup>

All|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" churches|strong="G1577" that|strong="G3956" belong to|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" send|strong="G0782" their|strong="G3956" greetings|strong="G0782" to|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210".

<sup>17</sup> Brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, I|strong="G3739" want you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" very|strong="G0846" careful of|strong="G0575" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" cause|strong="G4160" arguments and|strong="G2532" hurt people's|strong="G0846" faith|strong="G3739" by|strong="G0575" teaching|strong="G1322" things|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" against|strong="G0575" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" learned|strong="G3129". Stay away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846". <sup>18</sup> People|strong="G5108" like|strong="G5108" that|strong="G1438" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" serving|strong="G1398" our|strong="G5547" Lord|strong="G2962" Christ|strong="G5547". They|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" only|strong="G3756" pleasing themselves|strong="G1438". They|strong="G2532" use fancy talk and|strong="G2532" say|strong="G1223" nice things|strong="G5108" to|strong="G2532" fool those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" don't|strong="G3756" know about|strong="G3588" evil. <sup>19</sup> Everyone|strong="G3956" has|strong="G1510" heard that|strong="G3956" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210"

were|strong="G1510" taught, and|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1161" am|strong="G1510" very happy about|strong="G1909" that|strong="G3956". But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1161" want|strong="G2309" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" wise|strong="G4680" about|strong="G1909" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" good|strong="G0018" and|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519" know nothing|strong="G3956" about|strong="G1909" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" evil|strong="G2556".

<sup>20</sup> The|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" who|strong="G3588" brings peace|strong="G1515" will|strong="G2316" soon|strong="G5034" defeat Satan|strong="G4567" and|strong="G1161" give you|strong="G5210" power|strong="G5259" over|strong="G1722" him|strong="G1722".

The|strong="G3588" grace|strong="G5485" of|strong="G2316" our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" be|strong="G2316" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210".

<sup>21</sup> Timothy|strong="G5095", a|strong="G2532" worker|strong="G4904" together|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473", sends|strong="G0782" you|strong="G5210" his|strong="G2532" greetings|strong="G0782". Also|strong="G2532" Lucius|strong="G3066", Jason|strong="G2394", and|strong="G2532" Sosipater|strong="G4989" ( these|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" my|strong="G2532" relatives|strong="G4773") send|strong="G0782" their|strong="G2532" greetings|strong="G0782".

<sup>22</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" Tertius|strong="G5060", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" writing|strong="G1125" this|strong="G3588" letter|strong="G1992" for|strong="G1722" Paul|strong="G0782". I|strong="G1473" send|strong="G0782" you|strong="G5210" my|strong="G1722" own greetings|strong="G0782" as|strong="G1722" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" belongs to|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962".

<sup>23</sup> Gaius|strong="G1050" is|strong="G3588" letting me|strong="G1473" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" whole|strong="G3650" church|strong="G1577" here use his|strong="G2532" home. He|strong="G2532" sends|strong="G0782" his|strong="G2532" greetings|strong="G0782" to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210". Erastus|strong="G2037" and|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" brother|strong="G0080" Quartus|strong="G2890" also|strong="G2532" send|strong="G0782" their|strong="G2532" greetings|strong="G0782". Erastus|strong="G2037" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588"

<sup>1</sup> THE SPECIAL GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE Literally, "a holy kiss."

city/strong="G4172" treasurer/strong="G3623" here.  
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25 Praise God! He/strong="G2532" is/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" one/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" can/strong="G1410" make you/strong="G5210" strong in/strong="G2596" faith. He/strong="G2532" can/strong="G1410" use the/strong="G3588" Good/strong="G2098" News/strong="G2098" that/strong="G1161" I/strong="G1473" teach to/strong="G1410" make you/strong="G5210" strong. It/strong="G1161" is/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" message/strong="G2782" about/strong="G2596" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547" that/strong="G1161" I/strong="G1473" tell people/strong="G3588". That/strong="G1161" message/strong="G2782" is/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" secret/strong="G4601" truth that/strong="G1161" was/strong="G2424" hidden for/strong="G2532" ages/strong="G5550" and/strong="G2532" ages/strong="G5550" but/strong="G1161" has/strong="G5547" been/strong="G2532" made

I Some Greek copies add verse 24: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

known. 26 It/strong="G1223" has/strong="G2316" now/strong="G1161" been/strong="G3568" shown/strong="G5319" to/strong="G1519" us/strong="G1519". It/strong="G1223" was/strong="G3588" made/strong="G1107" known/strong="G1107" by/strong="G1223" what/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3956" prophets/strong="G4397" wrote, as/strong="G1519" God/strong="G2316" commanded. And/strong="G1161" it/strong="G1223" has/strong="G2316" now/strong="G1161" been/strong="G3568" made/strong="G1107" known/strong="G1107" to/strong="G1519" all/strong="G3956" people/strong="G1484" so/strong="G1161" that/strong="G3956" they/strong="G1161" can believe and/strong="G1161" obey/strong="G5218" God/strong="G2316", who/strong="G3588" lives forever/strong="G1519". 27 Glory/strong="G1391" forever/strong="G0165" to/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" only/strong="G3441" wise/strong="G4680" God/strong="G2316" through/strong="G1223" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547". Amen/strong="G0281".

# 1 Corinthians

**1** Greetings from |strong="G2424" Paul |strong="G3972". I |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" chosen to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" an |strong="G2532" apostle |strong="G0652" of |strong="G1223" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". God |strong="G2316" chose me |strong="G1223" because |strong="G1223" that |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" wanted. Greetings also |strong="G2532" from |strong="G2424" Sosthenes |strong="G4988", our |strong="G2316" brother |strong="G0080" in |strong="G2316" Christ |strong="G5547".

**2** To |strong="G2532" God's |strong="G2316" church |strong="G1577" in |strong="G1722" Corinth |strong="G2882", you |strong="G1722" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G1510" been |strong="G1510" made holy |strong="G0040" because |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1722" belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". You |strong="G1722" were |strong="G1510" chosen to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G2316" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3956" together |strong="G4862" with |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" everywhere who |strong="G3588" trust in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547"— their |strong="G0846" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" ours |strong="G1473".

**3** Grace |strong="G5485" and |strong="G2532" peace |strong="G1515" to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" from |strong="G0575" God |strong="G2316" our |strong="G2316" Father |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547".

**Paul Gives Thanks |strong="G5485" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316"**

**4** I |strong="G1473" always |strong="G3842" thank |strong="G2168" my |strong="G1722"

**I WHO TRUST IN THE LORD** Literally, "who call on the name of the Lord," meaning to show faith in him by worshiping or praying to him for help.

God |strong="G2316" for |strong="G4012" you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G1909" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" that |strong="G2316" he |strong="G1722" has |strong="G2316" given |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" through |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". **5** In |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" you |strong="G3754" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" blessed in |strong="G1722" every |strong="G3956" way |strong="G1722". You |strong="G3754" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" blessed in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" your |strong="G2532" speaking |strong="G3056" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" your |strong="G2532" knowledge |strong="G1108". **6** This |strong="G3588" proves that |strong="G1722" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G3588" told you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" is |strong="G3588" true. **7** Now |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1473" every gift |strong="G5486" from |strong="G3361" God while |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" wait |strong="G0553" for |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" to |strong="G1722" come |strong="G5302" again. **8** He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" keep |strong="G2250" you |strong="G5210" strong until |strong="G2193" the |strong="G3588" end |strong="G5056" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3739" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" when |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" comes |strong="G2532", you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532" free from |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3588" blame. **9** God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" faithful |strong="G4103". He |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" has |strong="G2316" chosen you |strong="G3739" to |strong="G1519" share |strong="G2842" life with |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" Son |strong="G5207", Jesus |strong="G2424"

Christ|strong="G5547" our|strong="G2316"  
Lord|strong="G2962".

**Stop Arguing With|strong="G1223"  
Each|strong="G1223" Other|strong="G3739"**

<sup>10</sup> Brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" authority of|strong="G1223" our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", I|strong="G1473" beg|strong="G3870" all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" agree|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1722" each|strong="G1223" other|strong="G1161". You|strong="G5210" should|strong="G0080" not|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1510" divided into|strong="G1722" different groups. Be|strong="G1510" completely joined together|strong="G1722" again|strong="G2532" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G0846" kind|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1223" thinking|strong="G3563" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G0846" purpose|strong="G1106".

<sup>11</sup> My|strong="G1722" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G0080" sisters, some|strong="G3588" members of|strong="G4012" Chloe's|strong="G5514" family told|strong="G1213" me|strong="G1473" that|strong="G3754" there|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" arguments among|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". <sup>12</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" mean|strong="G3004": One|strong="G1538" of|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" says|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" follow Paul|strong="G3972", " and|strong="G1161" someone else says|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" follow Apollos|strong="G0625". " Another says|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" follow Peter," and|strong="G1161" someone else says|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" follow Christ|strong="G5547". " <sup>13</sup> Christ|strong="G5547" cannot|strong="G3361" be|strong="G5547" divided|strong="G3307" into|strong="G1519" different groups. It|strong="G1519" wasn't|strong="G3361" Paul|strong="G3972" who|strong="G3588" died on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" cross for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210", was|strong="G3588" it|strong="G1519"? Were|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210" baptized|strong="G0907" in|strong="G1519" Paul's|strong="G3972" name|strong="G3686"? <sup>14</sup> I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G2532" thankful that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" did|strong="G0907" not|strong="G3361" baptize|strong="G0907" any|strong="G3762" of|strong="G3762" you|strong="G5210" ex-

cept|strong="G1487" Crispus|strong="G2921" and|strong="G2532" Gaius|strong="G1050". <sup>15</sup> I|strong="G3754" am thankful because|strong="G3754" now no|strong="G3361" one|strong="G5100" can|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G3754" were|strong="G3588" baptized|strong="G0907" in|strong="G1519" my|strong="G1699" name|strong="G3686". <sup>16</sup> ( I|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" baptized|strong="G0907" the|strong="G3588" family|strong="G3624" of|strong="G3624" Stephanas|strong="G4734", but|strong="G1161" I|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3756" remember|strong="G1492" that|strong="G1161" I|strong="G2532" myself baptized|strong="G0907" any|strong="G5100" others|strong="G0243". ) <sup>17</sup> Christ|strong="G5547" did|strong="G0649" not|strong="G3756" give me|strong="G1473" the|strong="G3588" work of|strong="G3056" baptizing|strong="G0907" people|strong="G3588". He|strong="G1722" gave me|strong="G1473" the|strong="G3588" work of|strong="G3056" telling the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097". But|strong="G0235" he|strong="G1722" sent|strong="G0649" me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G2443" tell the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097" without|strong="G3361" using clever|strong="G4678" speech|strong="G3056", which|strong="G3588" would|strong="G5547" take away|strong="G0649" the|strong="G3588" power that|strong="G2443" is|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716"<sup>1</sup> of|strong="G3056" Christ|strong="G5547".

**God's Power and|strong="G3056" Wisdom|strong="G4678" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G0649"**

<sup>18</sup> The|strong="G3588" teaching|strong="G3056" about|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716" seems foolish to|strong="G2316" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" lost|strong="G0622". But|strong="G1161" to|strong="G2316" us who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" being|strong="G1510" saved|strong="G4982" it|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G3056" God|strong="G2316". <sup>19</sup> As|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, " I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" destroy|strong="G0622" the|strong="G3588" wis-

<sup>1</sup> CROSS Paul uses the cross as a picture of the Good News, the story of Christ's death to pay for people's sins. The cross (Christ's death) was God's way to save people.

dom |strong="G4678" of |strong="G4678" the |strong="G3588" wise |strong="G4680".

I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" confuse the |strong="G3588" understanding |strong="G4907" of |strong="G4678" the |strong="G3588" intelligent |strong="G4908".

Isaiah 29:14

<sup>20</sup> So |strong="G3778" what |strong="G3588" does |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3778" say about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" philosopher, the |strong="G3588" law expert, or |strong="G3588" anyone in |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3778" world |strong="G2889" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" skilled in |strong="G2316" making clever |strong="G4678" arguments? God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" made |strong="G3471" the |strong="G3588" wisdom |strong="G4678" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" look foolish |strong="G3471". <sup>21</sup> This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G1223" wisdom |strong="G4678" decided: Since |strong="G1894" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" did |strong="G1097" not |strong="G3756" find |strong="G1097" him |strong="G1097" through |strong="G1223" its |strong="G1223" own wisdom |strong="G4678", he |strong="G1722" used the |strong="G3588" message |strong="G2782" that |strong="G1097" sounds foolish to |strong="G1722" save |strong="G4982" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" believe |strong="G4100" it |strong="G1223".

<sup>22</sup> The |strong="G2532" Jews |strong="G2453" ask |strong="G0154" for |strong="G2212" miraculous signs |strong="G4592", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" Greeks |strong="G1672" want |strong="G2212" wisdom |strong="G4678". <sup>23</sup> But |strong="G1161" this is |strong="G5547" the |strong="G1161" message we |strong="G2249" tell everyone: Christ |strong="G5547" was |strong="G5547" killed on |strong="G1161" a |strong="G2453" cross. This message is |strong="G5547" a |strong="G2453" problem for |strong="G1161" Jews |strong="G2453", and |strong="G1161" to |strong="G5547" other |strong="G1161" people |strong="G1484" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G5547" nonsense. <sup>24</sup> But |strong="G1161" Christ |strong="G5547" is |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316" power |strong="G1411" and |strong="G2532" wisdom |strong="G4678" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" chosen, both |strong="G5037" Jews |strong="G2453" and |strong="G2532" Greeks |strong="G1672". <sup>25</sup> Even |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" foolishness |strong="G3474" of |strong="G2316"

God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" wiser |strong="G4680" than |strong="G2532" human |strong="G0444" wisdom. Even |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" weakness |strong="G0772" of |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" stronger |strong="G2478" than |strong="G2532" human |strong="G0444" strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sisters, God |strong="G4183" chose you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2596" be |strong="G4183" his |strong="G3754". Think about |strong="G2596" that |strong="G3754"! Of |strong="G0080" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3588" wise |strong="G4680" in |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" world judges wisdom. Not |strong="G3756" many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G0080" you |strong="G5210" had |strong="G3748" great |strong="G4183" influence, and |strong="G0080" not |strong="G3756" many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G0080" you |strong="G5210" came from |strong="G2596" important families. <sup>27</sup> But |strong="G0235" God |strong="G2316" chose |strong="G1586" the |strong="G3588" foolish |strong="G3474" things |strong="G3588" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" to |strong="G2443" shame |strong="G2617" the |strong="G3588" wise |strong="G4680". He |strong="G2532" chose |strong="G1586" the |strong="G3588" weak |strong="G0772" things |strong="G3588" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" to |strong="G2443" shame |strong="G2617" the |strong="G3588" strong |strong="G2478". <sup>28</sup> And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" chose |strong="G1586" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" thinks is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3361" important— what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" hates and |strong="G2532" thinks is |strong="G1510" nothing |strong="G3361". He |strong="G2532" chose |strong="G1586" these |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2443" destroy what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" thinks is |strong="G1510" important. <sup>29</sup> God |strong="G2316" did this |strong="G3588" so |strong="G3704" that |strong="G3704" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G3588" can stand before |strong="G1799" him |strong="G1799" and |strong="G2316" boast |strong="G2744" about |strong="G3588" anything |strong="G3956". <sup>30</sup> It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" God |strong="G2316" who |strong="G3739"

has|strong="G2316" made|strong="G1096" you|strong="G5210" part|strong="G1473" of|strong="G1537" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424". And|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G5547" has|strong="G2316" become|strong="G1096" for|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1537" wisdom|strong="G4678" from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" reason|strong="G0846" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" right|strong="G1343" with|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" pure enough to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" presence. Christ|strong="G5547" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" set|strong="G1096" us|strong="G1537" free from|strong="G0575" sin. <sup>31</sup> So|strong="G2443", as|strong="G2531" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, "Whoever|strong="G3588" boasts|strong="G2744" should|strong="G2443" boast|strong="G2744" only about|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962".<sup>1</sup>

#### My Message: Jesus Christ on the Cross

**2** Dear brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2064" sisters, when|strong="G2064" I|strong="G2504" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210", I|strong="G2504" told|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" the|strong="G3588" secret truth of|strong="G3056" God|strong="G2316". But|strong="G2316" I|strong="G2504" did|strong="G2064" not|strong="G3756" use fancy words|strong="G3056" or|strong="G2228" great|strong="G3756" wisdom|strong="G4678". <sup>2</sup> I|strong="G2532" decided|strong="G2919" that|strong="G3778" while|strong="G1722" I|strong="G2532" was|strong="G2424" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" I|strong="G2532" would|strong="G5547" forget about|strong="G1722" everything except|strong="G1487" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2532" death on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G2532" cross. <sup>3</sup> When|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" came|strong="G1096" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210", I|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1096" weak|strong="G0769" and|strong="G2532" shook with|strong="G1722" fear|strong="G5401". <sup>4</sup> My|strong="G1722" teaching|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" my|strong="G1722" speaking|strong="G3056"

were|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" with|strong="G1722" wise words|strong="G3056" that|strong="G4151" persuade people|strong="G3588". But|strong="G0235" the|strong="G3588" proof of|strong="G3056" my|strong="G1722" teaching|strong="G3056" was|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1411" that|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" gives. <sup>5</sup> I|strong="G1722" did|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" your|strong="G4102" faith|strong="G4102" would|strong="G1722" be|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G2316" power|strong="G1411", not|strong="G3361" in|strong="G1722" human|strong="G0444" wisdom|strong="G4678".

#### God's|strong="G2316" Wisdom|strong="G4678"

<sup>6</sup> We|strong="G3778" teach wisdom|strong="G4678" to|strong="G1722" people|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" mature|strong="G5046", but|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" wisdom|strong="G4678" we|strong="G3778" teach is|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" from|strong="G2980" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G0165". It|strong="G1161" is|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" wisdom|strong="G4678" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" rulers|strong="G0758" of|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G0165", who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" losing their|strong="G1722" power. <sup>7</sup> But|strong="G0235" we|strong="G2249" speak|strong="G2980" God's|strong="G2316" secret wisdom|strong="G4678" that|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2316" been hidden|strong="G0613" from|strong="G2980" everyone|strong="G3739" until|strong="G1519" now|strong="G1722". God|strong="G2316" planned this|strong="G3588" wisdom|strong="G4678" for|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2316" glory|strong="G1391". He|strong="G3739" planned it|strong="G3739" before|strong="G4253" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G0165" began. <sup>8</sup> None|strong="G3762" of|strong="G1391" the|strong="G3588" rulers|strong="G0758" of|strong="G1391" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G0165" understood|strong="G1097" this|strong="G3778" wisdom. If|strong="G1487" they|strong="G3739" had|strong="G3739" understood|strong="G1097" it|strong="G3778", they|strong="G3739" would|strong="G0302" not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G3588" killed our|strong="G2962" great|strong="G3756" and|strong="G0165" glorious|strong="G1391" Lord|strong="G2962" on|strong="G2962"

<sup>1</sup> 1:31 Quote from Jeremiah 9:24.

a |strong="G3739" cross.<sup>9</sup> But |strong="G0235" as |strong="G2531" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say,

" No |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3739" has |strong="G2316" ever seen |strong="G3708", no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3739" has |strong="G2316" ever heard |strong="G0191", no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3739" has |strong="G2316" ever imagined what |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" prepared |strong="G2090" for |strong="G1909" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" love |strong="G0025" him |strong="G0846". "

Isaiah 64:4

<sup>10</sup> But |strong="G1161" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" shown us these |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3956" through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3956" Spirit |strong="G4151".

The |strong="G3956" Spirit |strong="G4151" knows all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956". The |strong="G3956" Spirit |strong="G4151" even |strong="G2532" knows the |strong="G3956" deep |strong="G0899" secrets of |strong="G4151" God |strong="G2316".<sup>11</sup> It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" like |strong="G3779" this |strong="G3779": No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" knows |strong="G1097" the |strong="G3588" thoughts that |strong="G1097" another person |strong="G0444" has |strong="G2316". Only |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3588" person's spirit |strong="G4151" that |strong="G1097" lives inside |strong="G1722" knows |strong="G1097" those |strong="G3588" thoughts. It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" with |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316". No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" knows |strong="G1097" God's |strong="G2316" thoughts except |strong="G1487" God's |strong="G2316" Spirit |strong="G4151".<sup>12</sup> We |strong="G2249" received |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" that |strong="G2443" is |strong="G2316" from |strong="G1537" God |strong="G2316", not |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" spirit |strong="G4151" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". We |strong="G2249" received |strong="G2983" God's |strong="G2316" Spirit |strong="G4151" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" we |strong="G2249" can know |strong="G1492" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G2443" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" given |strong="G5483" us |strong="G5483".

<sup>13</sup> When |strong="G2532" we |strong="G3739" say |strong="G2980" this |strong="G3739", we |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" use

words |strong="G3056" taught |strong="G1318" to |strong="G2532" us |strong="G1722" by |strong="G1722" human |strong="G0442" wisdom |strong="G4678". We |strong="G3739" use words |strong="G3056" taught |strong="G1318" to |strong="G2532" us |strong="G1722" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" Spirit |strong="G4151". We |strong="G3739" use the |strong="G2532" Spirit's words |strong="G3056" to |strong="G2532" explain spiritual |strong="G4152" truths.<sup>14</sup> People |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G2316" Spirit |strong="G4151" do |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" accept |strong="G1209" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3754" come |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0444" his |strong="G0846" Spirit |strong="G4151". They |strong="G0846" think these |strong="G3748" things |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" foolish. They |strong="G0846" cannot |strong="G3756" understand |strong="G1097" them |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" can |strong="G1410" only |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" understood |strong="G1097" with |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" Spirit's help.<sup>15</sup> We |strong="G1161" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Spirit are |strong="G3956" able to |strong="G0846" make judgments about |strong="G3588" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3956". But |strong="G1161" anyone |strong="G3762" without the |strong="G3956" Spirit is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3762" able to |strong="G0846" make proper judgments about |strong="G3588" us.<sup>16</sup> As |strong="G0846" the |strong="G2192" Scriptures say |strong="G1473",

" Who |strong="G3739" can know |strong="G1097" what |strong="G5101" is |strong="G5101" on |strong="G1161" the |strong="G2192" Lord's |strong="G2962" mind |strong="G3563"? Who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G5101" able |strong="G2192" to |strong="G5101" give him |strong="G0846" advice?"

Isaiah 40:13

But |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" been |strong="G2192" given Christ's |strong="G5547" way |strong="G0846" of |strong="G2962" thinking |strong="G3563".

### Teachers Are Only God's Servants

**3** Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sisters, when |strong="G5613" I |strong="G2504" was |strong="G2980" there |strong="G1722", I |strong="G2504" could |strong="G1410" not |strong="G3756" talk to |strong="G1410" you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G1722"



way |strong="G1722" I |strong="G2504" talk to |strong="G1410" people |strong="G0080" who |strong="G3756" are |strong="G0080" led by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" Spirit. I |strong="G2504" had |strong="G1722" to |strong="G1410" talk to |strong="G1410" you |strong="G5210" like |strong="G5613" ordinary people |strong="G0080" of |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" world. You |strong="G5210" were |strong="G0080" like |strong="G5613" babies in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547".<sup>2</sup> And |strong="G0235" the |strong="G3761" teaching I |strong="G3568" gave |strong="G4222" you |strong="G5210" was |strong="G4771" like milk |strong="G1051", not |strong="G3756" solid food |strong="G1033". I |strong="G3568" did |strong="G3761" this |strong="G3568" because |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3756" not |strong="G3756" ready |strong="G1410" for |strong="G1063" solid food |strong="G1033". And |strong="G0235" even |strong="G3761" now |strong="G3568" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G4222" not |strong="G3756" ready |strong="G1410".<sup>3</sup> You |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" still |strong="G2089" not |strong="G3780" following |strong="G2596" the |strong="G2532" Spirit. You |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" jealous of |strong="G1722" each |strong="G2596" other, and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" always arguing with |strong="G1722" each |strong="G2596" other. This |strong="G2532" shows that |strong="G0444" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" still |strong="G2089" following |strong="G2596" your |strong="G2532" own selfish desires. You |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" acting like |strong="G2596" ordinary people |strong="G0444" of |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" world.<sup>4</sup> One |strong="G5100" of |strong="G5100" you |strong="G3752" says |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" follow Paul |strong="G3972", and |strong="G1161" someone |strong="G5100" else |strong="G2087" says |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G1473" follow Apollos |strong="G0625". When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G3752" say |strong="G3004" things |strong="G5100" like that |strong="G3004", you |strong="G3752" are |strong="G1510" acting like people |strong="G0444" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G1161" world.

<sup>5</sup> Is |strong="G1510" Apollos |strong="G0625" so |strong="G3767" important? Is |strong="G1510" Paul |strong="G3972" so |strong="G3767" important? We |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" only |strong="G2532" servants |strong="G1249" of |strong="G1223" God |strong="G1325" who |strong="G3739" helped you |strong="G3739" be-

lieve |strong="G4100". Each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1538" of |strong="G1223" us |strong="G1325" did |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" work God |strong="G1325" gave |strong="G1325" us |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4100".<sup>6</sup> I |strong="G1473" planted |strong="G5452" the |strong="G3588" seed and |strong="G2316" Apollos |strong="G0625" watered |strong="G4222" it |strong="G0837". But |strong="G0235" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" made |strong="G4222" the |strong="G3588" seed grow |strong="G0837".<sup>7</sup> So |strong="G5620" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G5100" who |strong="G3588" plants |strong="G5452" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" important, and |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G5100" who |strong="G3588" waters |strong="G4222" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" important. Only |strong="G0235" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" important, because |strong="G1510" he |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G5100" who |strong="G3588" makes things |strong="G5100" grow |strong="G0837".<sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" who |strong="G3588" plants |strong="G5452" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" who |strong="G3588" waters |strong="G4222" have |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" purpose. And |strong="G2532" each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1520" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" rewarded for |strong="G1520" his |strong="G2983" own |strong="G2398" work |strong="G2873".<sup>9</sup> We |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" workers |strong="G4904" together for |strong="G1063" God |strong="G2316", and |strong="G2316" you |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" like a |strong="G1510" farm that |strong="G2316" belongs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316".

And |strong="G2316" you |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" house that |strong="G2316" belongs |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316".<sup>10</sup> Like |strong="G5613" an |strong="G1325" expert builder |strong="G0753" I |strong="G1473" built |strong="G2026" the |strong="G3588" foundation |strong="G2310" of |strong="G2316" that |strong="G2316" house. I |strong="G1473" used the |strong="G3588" gift |strong="G5485" that |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2596" do |strong="G4459" this |strong="G3588". Other |strong="G0243" peo-

ple|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" building|strong="G2026" on|strong="G2596" that|strong="G2316" foundation|strong="G2310". But|strong="G1161" everyone|strong="G1538" should|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2316" careful|strong="G0991" how|strong="G4459" they|strong="G1161" build. <sup>11</sup> The|strong="G3588" foundation|strong="G2310" that|strong="G3739" has|strong="G3739" already been|strong="G1510" built is|strong="G1510" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", and|strong="G2424" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" can|strong="G1410" build any|strong="G3762" other|strong="G0243" foundation|strong="G2310". <sup>12</sup> People|strong="G5100" can build on|strong="G1909" that|strong="G1161" foundation|strong="G2310" using gold|strong="G5553", silver|strong="G0694", jewels, wood|strong="G3586", grass|strong="G5528", or|strong="G1161" straw|strong="G2562". <sup>13</sup> But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" work|strong="G2041" that|strong="G3754" each|strong="G1538" person|strong="G1538" does|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" clearly seen, because|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Day|strong="G2250" will|strong="G1510" make it|strong="G0846" plain|strong="G5318". That|strong="G3754" Day|strong="G2250" will|strong="G1510" appear with|strong="G1722" fire|strong="G4442", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442" will|strong="G1510" test|strong="G1381" everyone's work|strong="G2041". <sup>14</sup> If|strong="G1487" the|strong="G3588" building|strong="G2026" they|strong="G3739" put|strong="G2983" on|strong="G2026" the|strong="G3588" foundation still stands, they|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" get their|strong="G1487" reward|strong="G3408". <sup>15</sup> But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" their|strong="G0846" building is|strong="G5100" burned|strong="G2618" up|strong="G2618", they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G5100" suffer|strong="G2210" loss|strong="G2210". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G5100" be|strong="G5100" saved|strong="G4982", but|strong="G1161" it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G5100" be|strong="G5100" like|strong="G5613" someone|strong="G5100" escaping from|strong="G1223" a|strong="G5613" fire|strong="G4442".

<sup>16</sup> You|strong="G5210" should|strong="G2316" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" yourselves|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" temple|strong="G3485". <sup>I</sup> God's|strong="G2316" Spir-

I TEMPLE God's house—the place where God's people worship him. Here, it means that believers are the spiritual temple where God lives.

it|strong="G4151" lives|strong="G3611" in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". <sup>17</sup> If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G5210" destroy|strong="G5351" God's|strong="G2316" temple|strong="G3485", God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" destroy|strong="G5351" you|strong="G5210", because|strong="G1063" God's|strong="G2316" temple|strong="G3485" is|strong="G1510" holy|strong="G0040". You|strong="G5210" yourselves|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" temple|strong="G3485".

<sup>18</sup> Don't|strong="G3367" fool|strong="G3474" yourselves|strong="G1438". Whoever|strong="G3588" thinks|strong="G1380" they|strong="G3778" are|strong="G1510" wise|strong="G4680" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G0165" should|strong="G5100" become|strong="G1096" a|strong="G1096" fool|strong="G3474". That's the|strong="G3588" only|strong="G1487" way|strong="G1722" they|strong="G3778" can be|strong="G1510" wise|strong="G4680". <sup>19</sup> I|strong="G3778" say this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" wisdom|strong="G4678" of|strong="G2316" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G2889" is|strong="G1510" foolishness|strong="G3472" to|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316". As|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, "He|strong="G0846" catches|strong="G1405" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" think they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" wise|strong="G4680" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" clever|strong="G4678" traps." <sup>II20</sup>

The|strong="G3588" Scriptures also|strong="G2532" say, "The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" knows|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" thoughts|strong="G1261" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" wise|strong="G4680". He|strong="G2532" knows|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" their|strong="G2532" thoughts|strong="G1261" are|strong="G1510" worth nothing." <sup>III21</sup> So|strong="G5620" there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3367" a|strong="G1510" person|strong="G0444" on|strong="G1722" earth that|strong="G5620" any|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956" you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G3367" be|strong="G1510" boasting|strong="G2744" about|strong="G1722". Everything|strong="G3956" is|strong="G1510" yours|strong="G4771". <sup>22</sup> Paul|strong="G3972", Apollos|strong="G0625", Peter, the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G2889", life|strong="G2222",

II 3:19 Quote from Job 5:13. III 3:20 Quote from Psalm 94:11.

death|strong="G2288", the|strong="G3956" present|strong="G1764", and|strong="G3972" the|strong="G3956" future|strong="G3195"—all|strong="G3956" these are|strong="G3956" yours|strong="G4771". <sup>23</sup> And|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" belong to|strong="G2316" Christ|strong="G5547", and|strong="G1161" Christ|strong="G5547" belongs to|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".

### Apostles of Christ Jesus

**4** You|strong="G3779" should|strong="G2316" think|strong="G3049" of|strong="G2316" us as|strong="G5613" servants|strong="G5257" of|strong="G2316" Christ|strong="G5547", the|strong="G2532" ones God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" trusted to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" work|strong="G3623" of|strong="G2316" making known his|strong="G5613" secret truths. <sup>2</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" trusted with|strong="G1722" such|strong="G5100" an|strong="G2147" important work|strong="G3623" must|strong="G3588" show that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G2147" are|strong="G3588" worthy of|strong="G5100" that|strong="G2443" trust. <sup>3</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3761" consider your|strong="G3761" judgment on|strong="G1519" this|strong="G2443" point to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G1510" worth anything|strong="G0235". Even|strong="G3761" an|strong="G1510" opinion from|strong="G5259" a|strong="G1510" court|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250" law would|strong="G2250" mean|strong="G1510" nothing. I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3761" even|strong="G3761" trust my|strong="G5259" own|strong="G1683" judgment. <sup>4</sup> I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3756" know of|strong="G2962" any|strong="G3762" wrong I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" done, but|strong="G1161" that|strong="G3778" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" make|strong="G3756" me|strong="G1473" right. The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" must|strong="G0235" decide if I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" done well|strong="G1063" or|strong="G1161" not|strong="G3756". <sup>5</sup> So|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" judge|strong="G2919" anyone|strong="G5100" now|strong="G2532". The|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2540" for|strong="G0575" judging|strong="G2919" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1096" when|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" comes|strong="G2064". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" shine

light|strong="G5461" on|strong="G0575" everything that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G2316" now|strong="G2532" hidden|strong="G2927" in|strong="G2316" darkness|strong="G4655". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" make|strong="G5319" known|strong="G5319" the|strong="G3588" secret|strong="G2927" purposes of|strong="G0575" our|strong="G2316" hearts|strong="G2588". Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" praise|strong="G1868" each|strong="G1538" person|strong="G1538" should|strong="G5100" get|strong="G1096" will|strong="G2316" come|strong="G2064" from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>6</sup> Brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" used Apollos|strong="G0625" and|strong="G2532" myself|strong="G1683" as|strong="G1519" examples for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G1473" did this|strong="G3778" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" could|strong="G3361" learn|strong="G3129" from|strong="G2596" us|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" meaning of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" words|strong="G2532", "Follow what|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say|strong="G1223". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3361" brag about|strong="G1722" one|strong="G1520" person|strong="G2087" and|strong="G2532" criticize another|strong="G2087". <sup>7</sup> Who|strong="G3739" do|strong="G2192" you|strong="G4771" think you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3739"? Everything you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2192" was|strong="G3739" given to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771". So|strong="G2532", if|strong="G1487" everything you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2192" was|strong="G3739" given to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771", why|strong="G5101" do|strong="G2192" you|strong="G4771" act as|strong="G5613" if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G4771" got it|strong="G1161" all|strong="G1063" by|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2192" own power?

<sup>8</sup> You|strong="G5210" think you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" everything you|strong="G5210" need. You|strong="G5210" think you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" rich|strong="G4147". You|strong="G5210" think you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" become|strong="G4147" kings|strong="G0936" without|strong="G5565" us. I|strong="G1473" wish|strong="G3785" you|strong="G5210" really were|strong="G1510" kings|strong="G0936". Then|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" could rule together|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210". <sup>9</sup> But|strong="G2532"

it *seems* to *that* *has* *and* *last* *We* *like* *demned* *in* *for* *world* *not* *people* *angels* *We* *fools* *Christ* *you* *are* *wise* *Christ* *are* *but* *you* *so* *wise* *Christ* *are* *but* *you* *so* *Even* *we* *enough* *drink* *and* *we* *We* *We* *We* *hard* *our* *hands* *When* *to* *them* *people* *we* *When* *us* *we* *something* *help* *people* *like* *world's* *everyone's*

<sup>14</sup> I *am* *not*

*make* *you* *feel* *ashamed* *but* *I* *am* *writing* *this* *to* *you* *as* *my* *own* *dear* *children* *You* *may* *have* *ten* *thousand* *teachers* *in* *Christ* *but* *you* *don't* *many* *fathers* *Through* *Good* *I* *your* *in* *Jesus* *I* *you* *be* *That* *why* *am* *sending* *Timothy* *to* *you* *He* *is* *my* *son* *in* *the* *Lord* *I* *love* *him* *and* *trust* *him* *He* *will* *help* *you* *re-* *member* *the* *way* *I* *live* *in* *Christ* *Je-* *sus* *—* *a* *way* *of* *life* *that* *I* *teach* *every* *meeting* *of* *the* *church* *where-* *ver* *I* *am*

<sup>18</sup> Some *of* *you* *are* *acting* *so* *proud* *it* *seems* *as* *though* *you* *think* *I* *won't* *be* *coming* *there* *again* <sup>19</sup> *But* *I* *will* *come* *to* *you* *very* *soon* *the* *Lord* *will* *Then* *I*

will |strong="G2962" see |strong="G1097" if |strong="G1437" these |strong="G3588" proud |strong="G5448" talkers have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" power |strong="G1411" to |strong="G4314" do |strong="G2532" anything |strong="G0235" more |strong="G3756" than |strong="G2532" talk |strong="G3056".<sup>20</sup> God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932" is |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3756" seen in |strong="G1722" talk |strong="G3056" but |strong="G0235" in |strong="G1722" power |strong="G1411".<sup>21</sup> Which |strong="G5101" do |strong="G5101" you |strong="G5210" want |strong="G2309": that |strong="G2309" I |strong="G5101" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" with |strong="G1722" punishment, or |strong="G2228" that |strong="G2309" I |strong="G5101" come |strong="G2064" with |strong="G1722" love |strong="G0026" and |strong="G2064" gentleness |strong="G4240"?

### Don't Let Your People Live in Sin

**5** I |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3761" want to |strong="G2532" believe what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2192" hearing |strong="G0191"—that |strong="G0191" there |strong="G1722" is |strong="G5100" sexual |strong="G4202" sin among |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210". And |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0191" is |strong="G5100" such |strong="G5108" a |strong="G2192" bad kind |strong="G5100" of |strong="G3962" sexual |strong="G4202" sin that |strong="G0191" even |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2192" never known God |strong="G0191" don't |strong="G3761" allow it |strong="G0191". People |strong="G1484" say that |strong="G0191" a |strong="G2192" man |strong="G5100" there |strong="G1722" has |strong="G2192" his |strong="G0191" father's |strong="G3962" wife |strong="G1135".<sup>2</sup> And |strong="G2532" still |strong="G3123" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" proud |strong="G5448" of |strong="G1537" yourselves |strong="G4771"! You |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2443" have |strong="G1510" been |strong="G1510" filled with |strong="G1537" sadness. And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" committed |strong="G4160" that |strong="G2443" sin should |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1510" put |strong="G4160" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" your |strong="G4160" group.<sup>3</sup> I |strong="G1473" cannot be |strong="G3778" there |strong="G1161" with |strong="G4151" you |strong="G3779" in |strong="G1161" per-

son |strong="G3778", but |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2919" with |strong="G4151" you |strong="G3779" in |strong="G1161" spirit |strong="G4151". And |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" already |strong="G2235" judged |strong="G2919" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" did this |strong="G3778". I |strong="G1473" judged |strong="G2919" him |strong="G2919" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" as |strong="G5613" I |strong="G1473" would if |strong="G5613" I |strong="G1473" were |strong="G3778" really there |strong="G1161".<sup>4</sup> Come together |strong="G4863" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G4151" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424". I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" spirit |strong="G4151", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2962" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" power |strong="G1411" of |strong="G4151" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210".<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="G2424" turn |strong="G3860" this |strong="G3588" man |strong="G5108" over |strong="G3860" to |strong="G1519" Satan |strong="G4567". His |strong="G4982" sinful self<sup>1</sup> has |strong="G2962" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2962" destroyed |strong="G3639" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" his |strong="G4982" spirit |strong="G4151" will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2962" saved |strong="G4982" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" when |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" comes again |strong="G1519".

<sup>6</sup> Your |strong="G3650" proud |strong="G2745" talk is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" good |strong="G2570". You |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3588" saying |strong="G3754", "Just a |strong="G3756" little |strong="G3398" yeast |strong="G2219" makes |strong="G2220" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" batch of |strong="G3588" dough rise |strong="G2220"."<sup>7</sup> Take out |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" old |strong="G3820" yeast |strong="G2219", so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" new |strong="G3501" batch of |strong="G3588" dough. You |strong="G1510" really

<sup>1</sup> SINFUL SELF Or "body." Literally, "flesh."

are *bread without yeast*— Passover *bread*.<sup>I</sup> Yes, Christ *our Passover* *has already been killed*.<sup>8</sup> So let us eat *our Passover meal, but not with the bread that the old yeast, the yeast of sin and wrongdoing.*

But let us eat the *bread that has no yeast*. This *bread of goodness and truth*.

<sup>9</sup> I wrote *to you in my letter* you should not *associate with people* who sin sexually.

<sup>10</sup> But I did *not mean* the *people of this world* would have to leave the *world* to get away from *all the people* who sin sexually, or *who are* and *cheat each other* who worship idols.<sup>11</sup> I meant you must *not associate with people* who claim to be *believers* but *continue to live in sin*. Don't even

I PASSOVER BREAD The special bread without yeast that the Jews ate at their Passover meal. Paul means that believers are free from sin, just as the Passover bread was free from yeast. II PASSOVER LAMB Jesus was a sacrifice for his people, like a lamb killed for the Jewish Passover Feast.

eat *with a brother* or *sister* who *sins sexually, is greedy*, worships idols, abuses others *with insults, gets drunk, or cheats people*.

<sup>12</sup> It is not my business to judge those who are not part of the group of believers. God will judge them, but you must judge those who are part of your group. The Scriptures say, "Make the evil person leave your group."<sup>III</sup>

### Judging Problems Between Believers

**6** When *one of you* has *something against* *someone else* in *your group*, why do you *go to the judges* in *the law courts*? The *way they think* and *live* is *wrong*. So why do you *let them* decide who *is right*? Why don't you *let God's holy people* decide who *is right*? Don't *you know* that *God's people will judge the world*? So *if you will judge the world*, then *surely you can judge small arguments like this*.<sup>3</sup> You *know* that *in the future we will judge angels*. So *surely we can judge life's ordinary problems*.<sup>4</sup> So *if you have such* *to be judged*, why do *you*

III 5:12-13 Quote from Deuteronomy 22:21, 24.

take|strong="G2192" them|strong="G1722" to|strong="G1722" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3778" part of|strong="G1577" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577"? They|strong="G3767" mean nothing to|strong="G1722" you|strong="G1437".<sup>5</sup> I|strong="G3739" say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3779" to|strong="G4314" shame|strong="G1791" you|strong="G5210". Surely there|strong="G1762" is|strong="G3739" someone|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" group wise|strong="G4680" enough to|strong="G4314" judge|strong="G1252" a|strong="G3739" complaint between|strong="G3319" two|strong="G3319" believers.<sup>6</sup> But|strong="G0235" now|strong="G2532" one|strong="G3778" believer goes|strong="G2919" to|strong="G1909" court against|strong="G1909" another, and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G2532" let|strong="G2919" people|strong="G2919" who|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3778" not|strong="G0235" believers judge|strong="G2919" their|strong="G2532" case!

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G1223" lawsuits|strong="G2917" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" against|strong="G3326" each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1438" show|strong="G2192" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" already|strong="G2235" defeated. It|strong="G1223" would|strong="G5101" be|strong="G1510" better for|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G5101" let|strong="G1510" someone wrong|strong="G0091" you|strong="G5210". It|strong="G1223" would|strong="G5101" be|strong="G1510" better to|strong="G5101" let|strong="G1510" someone cheat|strong="G0650" you|strong="G5210".<sup>8</sup> But|strong="G0235" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3778" the|strong="G2532" ones doing|strong="G0091" wrong|strong="G0091" and|strong="G2532" cheating. And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G0091" this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" own brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters in|strong="G2532" Christ!

<sup>9</sup> Surely you know that people who do wrong will not get to enjoy God's kingdom. Don't be fooled. These are the people who will not get to enjoy his kingdom: those who sin sexually, those who worship idols, those who commit adultery, men who let other men use them for sex or who have sex with other men, those who steal, those who are greedy, those who drink too much, those who abuse others with insults, and those who cheat.<sup>11</sup> In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" past some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G4151" you|strong="G1722"

were|strong="G1510" like that|strong="G3778". But|strong="G0235" you|strong="G1722" were|strong="G1510" washed|strong="G0628" clean, you|strong="G1722" were|strong="G1510" made holy|strong="G0037", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1722" were|strong="G1510" made right with|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" and|strong="G2532" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".

### Use Your|strong="G2962" Bodies for|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G2316" Glory

<sup>12</sup> " I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" allowed to|strong="G5100" do|strong="G3756" anything|strong="G5100", you|strong="G3956" say|strong="G1473". My|strong="G3956" answer to|strong="G5100" this is|strong="G5100" that|strong="G3956" not|strong="G3756" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" are|strong="G3956" good. Even if it is|strong="G5100" true that|strong="G3956" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" allowed to|strong="G5100" do|strong="G3756" anything|strong="G5100", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3956" not|strong="G3756" let anything|strong="G5100" control me|strong="G1473" like a|strong="G5259" slave.<sup>13</sup> Someone else|strong="G2532" says, " Food|strong="G1033" is|strong="G2316" for|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" stomach|strong="G2836", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" stomach|strong="G2836" for|strong="G2316" food|strong="G1033". " Yes|strong="G0235", and|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" destroy them|strong="G3778" both|strong="G2532". But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983" is|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" for|strong="G2316" sexual|strong="G4202" sin. The|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983" is|strong="G2316" for|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" is|strong="G2316" for|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983".<sup>14</sup> And|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" raise|strong="G1453" our|strong="G2316" bodies from|strong="G2532" death with|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" power|strong="G1411" he|strong="G2532" used to|strong="G2532" raise|strong="G1453"

the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G0846".<sup>15</sup> Surely |strong="G3361" you |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" your |strong="G4160" bodies |strong="G4983" are |strong="G1510" parts |strong="G3196" of |strong="G4983" Christ |strong="G5547" himself. So |strong="G3767" I |strong="G3754" must |strong="G4160" never |strong="G3756" take |strong="G0142" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" part |strong="G3196" of |strong="G4983" Christ |strong="G5547" and |strong="G4983" join it |strong="G4160" to |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" prostitute |strong="G4204"!<sup>16</sup> The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say |strong="G5346", "The |strong="G3588" two |strong="G1417" people |strong="G1492" will |strong="G1510" become one |strong="G1520"."<sup>17</sup> So |strong="G1519" you |strong="G3754" should know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" anyone who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" joined |strong="G2853" with |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1510" prostitute |strong="G4204" becomes one |strong="G1520" with |strong="G1519" her |strong="G3754" in |strong="G1519" body |strong="G4983".<sup>17</sup> But |strong="G1161" anyone who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" joined |strong="G2853" with |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" is |strong="G1510" one |strong="G1520" with |strong="G2962" him in |strong="G1161" spirit |strong="G4151".

<sup>18</sup> So |strong="G1161" run away |strong="G5343" from |strong="G5343" sexual |strong="G4202" sin |strong="G0264". It |strong="G4160" involves the |strong="G3956" body |strong="G4983" in |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1510" way |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3739" no other |strong="G1161" sin |strong="G0264" does |strong="G4160". So |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1437" you |strong="G3739" commit |strong="G4160" sexual |strong="G4202" sin |strong="G0264", you |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" sinning |strong="G0264" against |strong="G1519" your |strong="G1437" own |strong="G2398" body |strong="G4983".<sup>19</sup> You |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2316" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" your |strong="G2192" body |strong="G4983" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2192" temple |strong="G3485"<sup>II</sup> for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" received |strong="G2192" from |strong="G0575" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3754" lives

in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210". You |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" own |strong="G1438" yourselves |strong="G1438".<sup>20</sup> God |strong="G2316" paid a |strong="G2316" very high price |strong="G5092" to |strong="G1722" make |strong="G0059" you |strong="G5210" his |strong="G1722". So |strong="G1063" honor |strong="G5092" God |strong="G2316" with |strong="G1722" your |strong="G1392" body |strong="G4983".

### About Marriage

**7** Now |strong="G1161" I |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" discuss the |strong="G3739" things |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" wrote |strong="G1125" me about |strong="G4012". You |strong="G3739" asked if it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3739" better |strong="G2570" for |strong="G4012" a |strong="G3739" man |strong="G0444" not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G0444" have |strong="G0444" any |strong="G3739" sexual relations |strong="G0444" at |strong="G1161" all |strong="G4012".<sup>2</sup> But |strong="G1161" sexual |strong="G4202" sin is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2192" danger, so |strong="G2532" each |strong="G1538" man |strong="G0435" should |strong="G2532" enjoy his |strong="G1223" own |strong="G2398" wife |strong="G1135", and |strong="G2532" each |strong="G1538" woman |strong="G1135" should |strong="G2532" enjoy her |strong="G0435" own |strong="G2398" husband |strong="G0435".<sup>3</sup> The |strong="G3588" husband |strong="G0435" should |strong="G2532" give |strong="G0591" his |strong="G2532" wife |strong="G1135" what |strong="G3588" she |strong="G1135" deserves as |strong="G2532" his |strong="G2532" wife |strong="G1135". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" wife |strong="G1135" should |strong="G2532" give |strong="G0591" her |strong="G0435" husband |strong="G0435" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" deserves as |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0435" husband |strong="G0435".<sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3588" wife |strong="G1135" does not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" power over |strong="G1850" her |strong="G0435" own |strong="G2398" body |strong="G4983". Her |strong="G0435" husband |strong="G0435" has |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" power over |strong="G1850" her |strong="G0435" body |strong="G4983". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" husband |strong="G0435" does not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" power over |strong="G1850" his |strong="G2532" own |strong="G2398" body |strong="G4983". His |strong="G2532" wife |strong="G1135" has |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" power

I 6:16 Quote from Genesis 2:24. II TEMPLE God's house—the place where God's people worship him. Here, it means that believers are the spiritual temple where God lives.



over|strong="G1850" his|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4983".<sup>5</sup> Don't|strong="G3361" refuse to|strong="G4314" give your|strong="G1487" bodies to|strong="G4314" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G3825". But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" might|strong="G2532" both|strong="G2532" agree|strong="G1510" to|strong="G4314" stay away from|strong="G1537" sex for|strong="G1223" a|strong="G1510" while|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" can give your|strong="G1487" time|strong="G2540" to|strong="G4314" prayer|strong="G4335". Then|strong="G2532" come|strong="G1510" together|strong="G1909" again|strong="G3825" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" Satan|strong="G4567" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1510" able to|strong="G4314" tempt|strong="G3985" you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G1909" your|strong="G1487" weakness.<sup>6</sup> I|strong="G3778" say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" only|strong="G3756" to|strong="G3004" give|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3004" permission to|strong="G3004" be|strong="G3778" separated for|strong="G1161" a|strong="G3004" time. It|strong="G1161" is|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" a|strong="G3004" rule.<sup>7</sup> I|strong="G2532" wish|strong="G2309" everyone|strong="G3956" could|strong="G2192" be|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" me|strong="G2192". But|strong="G1161" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2192" given each|strong="G1538" person|strong="G0444" a|strong="G2192" different ability|strong="G2192". He|strong="G2532" makes some|strong="G1537" able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G2309" live|strong="G2192" one|strong="G1538" way|strong="G3779", others|strong="G0444" to|strong="G2309" live|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" different way|strong="G3779".<sup>8</sup> Now|strong="G1161" for|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G2532" married and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" widows|strong="G5503" I|strong="G1437" say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588": It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" good|strong="G2570" for|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1437" to|strong="G3004" stay|strong="G3306" single like|strong="G5613" me|strong="G3004".<sup>9</sup> But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" cannot|strong="G3756" control your|strong="G1487" body, then|strong="G1161" you|strong="G1487" should marry|strong="G1060". It|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" better|strong="G2909" to|strong="G2228" mar-

ry|strong="G1060" than|strong="G2228" to|strong="G2228" burn|strong="G4448" with|strong="G2228" sexual desire.

<sup>10</sup> Now|strong="G1161", I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1473" a|strong="G0435" command|strong="G3853" for|strong="G0575" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" married|strong="G1060". Actually, it|strong="G1161" is|strong="G2962" not|strong="G3756" from|strong="G0575" me|strong="G1473"; it|strong="G1161" is|strong="G2962" what|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" commanded|strong="G3853". A|strong="G0435" wife|strong="G1135" should|strong="G5563" not|strong="G3756" leave|strong="G5563" her|strong="G0435" husband|strong="G0435".<sup>11</sup> But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" a|strong="G1437" wife|strong="G1135" does|strong="G3306" leave|strong="G0863", she|strong="G1437" should|strong="G3306" remain|strong="G3306" single or|strong="G2228" get back together|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2532" her|strong="G0863" husband|strong="G0435". And|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1437" husband|strong="G0435" should|strong="G3306" not|strong="G3361" divorce|strong="G0863" his|strong="G0863" wife|strong="G1135".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="G3588" advice I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" for|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" others|strong="G3062" is|strong="G3778" from|strong="G3361" me|strong="G3004". The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" did|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" give|strong="G3004" us|strong="G3004" any|strong="G5100" teaching about|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778". If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" wife|strong="G1135" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" a|strong="G2192" believer, you|strong="G1487" should|strong="G5100" not|strong="G3756" divorce|strong="G0863" her|strong="G0846" if|strong="G1487" she|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2962" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G3004" live|strong="G3611" with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G1487".<sup>13</sup> And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" husband|strong="G0435" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3361" a|strong="G2192" believer, you|strong="G1487" should|strong="G5100" not|strong="G3361" divorce|strong="G0863" him|strong="G0846" if|strong="G1487" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3778" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532"

live |strong="G3611" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G1487". <sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" husband |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" believer is |strong="G1510" set |strong="G0037" apart |strong="G0037" for |strong="G1063" God through |strong="G1722" his |strong="G2532" believing |strong="G0080" wife |strong="G1135". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" wife |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" believer is |strong="G1510" set |strong="G0037" apart |strong="G0037" for |strong="G1063" God through |strong="G1722" her |strong="G0435" believing |strong="G0080" husband |strong="G0435". If |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" true, your |strong="G2532" children |strong="G5043" would |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" unfit for |strong="G1063" God's use. But |strong="G1161" now |strong="G1161" they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" set |strong="G0037" apart |strong="G0037" for |strong="G1063" him |strong="G2532".

<sup>15</sup> But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3588" husband |strong="G0080" or |strong="G2228" wife who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3756" a |strong="G5108" believer decides to |strong="G1722" leave |strong="G5563", let |strong="G5563" them |strong="G1722" leave |strong="G5563". When |strong="G1161" this |strong="G3588" happens, the |strong="G3588" brother |strong="G0080" or |strong="G2228" sister |strong="G0079" in |strong="G1722" Christ is |strong="G2316" free. God |strong="G2316" chose you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1722" have |strong="G1473" a |strong="G5108" life of |strong="G2316" peace |strong="G1515". <sup>16</sup> Wives |strong="G1135", maybe you |strong="G1487" will |strong="G5101" save |strong="G4982" your |strong="G1487" husband |strong="G0435"; and |strong="G1135" husbands |strong="G0435", maybe you |strong="G1487" will |strong="G5101" save |strong="G4982" your |strong="G1487" wife |strong="G1135". You |strong="G1487" don't know |strong="G1492" now what |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" happen later.

#### Live as God Called You |strong="G1487"

<sup>17</sup> But |strong="G2532" each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1538" of |strong="G2316" you |strong="G1487" should |strong="G2316" continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" live |strong="G4043" the |strong="G3956" way |strong="G3779" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" God |strong="G2316"

has |strong="G2316" given |strong="G2564" you |strong="G1487" to |strong="G2532" live |strong="G4043"— the |strong="G3956" way |strong="G3779" you |strong="G1487" were |strong="G3956" when |strong="G5613" God |strong="G2316" chose you |strong="G1487". I |strong="G2532" tell people |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" churches |strong="G1577" to |strong="G2532" follow this |strong="G3779" rule. <sup>18</sup> If a |strong="G2564" man |strong="G5100" was |strong="G5100" already circumcised |strong="G4059" when |strong="G1722" he |strong="G1722" was |strong="G5100" chosen, he |strong="G1722" should |strong="G5100" not |strong="G3361" change his |strong="G2564" circumcision |strong="G4059". If a |strong="G2564" man |strong="G5100" was |strong="G5100" without |strong="G3361" circumcision |strong="G4059" when |strong="G1722" he |strong="G1722" was |strong="G5100" chosen, he |strong="G1722" should |strong="G5100" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G5100" circumcised |strong="G4059". <sup>19</sup> It |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" important if |strong="G2532" anyone |strong="G3762" is |strong="G1510" circumcised |strong="G4061" or |strong="G2532" not |strong="G1510". What |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" important is |strong="G1510" obeying God's |strong="G2316" commands |strong="G1785". <sup>20</sup> Each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1538" of |strong="G1722" you |strong="G3739" should |strong="G3306" stay |strong="G3306" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3778" when |strong="G1722" God |strong="G3306" chose you |strong="G3739". <sup>21</sup> If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G4771" were |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" slave |strong="G1401" when |strong="G2532" God chose you |strong="G4771", don't |strong="G3361" let |strong="G1096" that |strong="G1096" bother you |strong="G4771". But |strong="G0235" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G4771" can |strong="G1410" be |strong="G1096" free |strong="G1658", then |strong="G2532" do |strong="G1096" it |strong="G2532". <sup>22</sup> If you |strong="G1722" were |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" slave |strong="G1401" when |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" chose you |strong="G1722", you |strong="G1722" are |strong="G1510" now |strong="G1510" free |strong="G1658" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". You |strong="G1722" belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588"

same way, if you were free when you were chosen, you are now Christ's slave. <sup>23</sup> God paid a high price for you, so don't be slaves to anyone else. <sup>24</sup> Brothers and sisters, in your new life with God, each of you should continue the way you were when God chose you.

#### Questions About Getting Married

<sup>25</sup> Now I write about people who are not married. I have no command from the Lord about this, but I give my opinion. And I can be trusted, because the Lord has given me mercy. <sup>26</sup> This is a time of trouble. So I think it is good for you to stay the way you are. <sup>27</sup> If you have a wife, don't try to get free from her. If you are not married, don't try to find a

wife. <sup>28</sup> But if you decide to marry, that is not a sin. And it is not a sin for a girl who has never married to get married. But those who are married will have trouble in this life, and I want you to be free from this trouble.

<sup>29</sup> Brothers and sisters, this is what I mean: We don't have much time left. So starting now, those who have wives should be the same as those who don't. <sup>30</sup> It should not be important whether you are sad or whether you are happy. If you buy something, it should not matter to you that you own it. <sup>31</sup> You should use the things of the world without letting them become important to you. This is how you should live, because this world, the way

I PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT MARRIED Literally, "virgins."

is |strong="G3778" now |strong="G2532", will |strong="G3778" soon be |strong="G2532" gone.

<sup>32</sup> I |strong="G1161" want |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2309" be |strong="G1510" free |strong="G0275" from |strong="G2962" worry |strong="G3309". A |strong="G1510" man who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" married is |strong="G1510" busy with |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord's |strong="G2962" work. He |strong="G1161" is |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G2309" please |strong="G0700" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". <sup>33</sup> But |strong="G1161" a |strong="G1161" man who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" married |strong="G1060" is |strong="G3588" busy with |strong="G1135" things |strong="G3588" of |strong="G2889" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". He |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" trying to |strong="G1135" please |strong="G0700" his |strong="G0700" wife |strong="G1135". <sup>34</sup> He |strong="G2532" must |strong="G1135" think about |strong="G3588" two things |strong="G3588"— pleasing |strong="G0700" his |strong="G2532" wife |strong="G1135" and |strong="G2532" pleasing |strong="G0700" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". A |strong="G1510" woman |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" married |strong="G1060" or |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" girl who |strong="G3588" has |strong="G2962" never married |strong="G1060" is |strong="G1510" busy with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lord's |strong="G2962" work. She |strong="G1135" wants to |strong="G2443" give herself fully— body |strong="G4983" and |strong="G2532" spirit |strong="G4151"— to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". But |strong="G1161" a |strong="G1510" married |strong="G1060" woman |strong="G1135" is |strong="G1510" busy with |strong="G2532" things |strong="G3588" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". She |strong="G1135" is |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G2443" please |strong="G0700" her |strong="G0435" husband |strong="G0435". <sup>35</sup> I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" saying |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778" to |strong="G4314" help you |strong="G5210". I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" trying to |strong="G4314" limit you |strong="G5210", but |strong="G1161" I |strong="G2532" want you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G4314" live in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" right way |strong="G0846". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" want you |strong="G5210"

to |strong="G4314" give |strong="G3004" yourselves |strong="G0846" fully to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" without |strong="G3756" giving your |strong="G2962" time to |strong="G4314" other |strong="G1161" things |strong="G3778".

<sup>36</sup> A |strong="G1096" man |strong="G5100" might |strong="G2532" think |strong="G3543" that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" doing |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G3779" thing |strong="G0846" with |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" fiancée. She |strong="G0846" might |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" almost past |strong="G5230" the |strong="G3588" best age to |strong="G2309" marry |strong="G1060". <sup>1</sup> So |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" might |strong="G2532" feel that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" should |strong="G3784" marry |strong="G1060" her |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" should |strong="G3784" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" wants |strong="G2309". It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" sin |strong="G0264" for |strong="G1909" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2309" get |strong="G1096" married |strong="G1060". <sup>37</sup> But |strong="G1161" another |strong="G1438" man |strong="G3778" might |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" more sure in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" mind |strong="G2588". There |strong="G1722" may |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3361" need |strong="G2192" for |strong="G4012" marriage, so |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3778" free to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" wants |strong="G2307". If |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" has |strong="G2192" decided |strong="G2919" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" heart |strong="G2588" not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G2532" marry his |strong="G0846" fiancée, he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3778" doing |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1849" thing |strong="G3778". <sup>38</sup> So |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3361" who |strong="G3588" marries his |strong="G4160" fiancée does |strong="G4160" right |strong="G2573", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" man |strong="G3361" who |strong="G3588" does |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3361" marry does |strong="G4160" better |strong="G2909".

<sup>1</sup> SHE ... TO MARRY Or "He may have trouble controlling his desires."

<sup>39</sup> A woman should stay with her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, the woman is free to marry anyone. She wants to, but she should belong to the Lord. <sup>40</sup> The woman is happier if she does not marry again. This is my opinion, and I believe that I have God's Spirit.

#### About Food Offered to Idols

<sup>8</sup> Now I will write about that sacrificed idols. It is certainly true that we all have knowledge, as you say. But this knowledge only fills people with pride. It is love that helps the church grow stronger. Those who think they know something do yet know nothing. But whoever loves God is by God.

I SACRIFICED Killed and offered as a gift to show worship. Also in verse 10.

<sup>4</sup> So this is what I say about eating meat: We know that an idol is really nothing in the world, and we know that there is no one God. <sup>5</sup> It's really not important if there are things called in heaven or earth— and there are many gods and lords there. <sup>6</sup> For us is only one God, and he is our Father. All things from him, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ. All things were made through him, and we also have life through him.

<sup>7</sup> But not everyone knows this. Some have had the habit of worshipping idols. So now they eat meat, they still feel as if it belongs to an idol.

They *are* not *sure* that *it is* right *to eat* meat *this*. So *you* when *they* eat *it*, they feel guilty.<sup>8</sup> But *we* will bring *us* closer to *God*. Refusing to eat *does* not make *us* less pleasing to *God*, and *we* eating *does* not make *us* closer to *him*.

<sup>9</sup> But *we* be *careful* your freedom *to eat* anything *may* those *who* have *doubts* about *what* they *can* eat fall into *sin*.<sup>10</sup> You understand that *it's* all *right* to *eat* anything *you* can eat even *in* an *idol's* temple *But* someone *who* has *doubts* might see *you* eating *there*, and *this* might encourage them *to eat* meat *sacrificed* to *idols* too. But *they* really think *it is* wrong.<sup>11</sup> So *this* weak brother *or* sister— someone *Christ* died *for*— is *lost* because *your* better understanding.<sup>12</sup> When *you*

against *your* brothers *and* sisters *in* *Christ* *in* *this* way *you* hurt them *by* causing them *to do* things *they* feel are *wrong*, *you* are *also* *sinning* against *Christ*.<sup>13</sup> So *if* *the* food *I* eat *makes* another believer fall *into* *sin*, *I* will *never* eat *again*. *I* will *stop* eating *meat*, so *that* *I* will *not* *make* my *brother* or *sister* *sin*.

#### Rights That Paul Has Not Used

<sup>9</sup> *I* am *free* *man* *am* *an* *apostle* *have* *seen* *Jesus* *our* *Lord* *you* *people* *are* *an* *example* of *my* *work* *in* *the* *Lord* *may* *not* *accept* *me* *as* *an* *apostle*, *but* *surely* *you* *do* *are* *proof* that *I* *am* *an* *apostle* *in* *the* *Lord*.

<sup>3</sup> Some *people* want *to judge* *me* *this* *is* *this* *is* *answer* *I* *give*

them|strong="G3778": 4 We|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G2532" right|strong="G1849" to|strong="G2532" eat|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095", don't|strong="G3756" we|strong="G2532"? 5 We|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1849" to|strong="G2532" bring a|strong="G2192" believing|strong="G0080" wife|strong="G1135" with|strong="G2532" us when|strong="G5613" we|strong="G2532" travel|strong="G4013", don't|strong="G3756" we|strong="G2532"? The|strong="G3588" other|strong="G3062" apostles|strong="G0652" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord's|strong="G2962" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" Peter all|strong="G3588" do|strong="G2192" this|strong="G3588". 6 And|strong="G2532" are|strong="G2532" Barnabas|strong="G0921" and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" the|strong="G2532" only|strong="G3441" ones who|strong="G2532" must work|strong="G2038" to|strong="G2532" earn our|strong="G2532" living|strong="G2192"? 7 No|strong="G3756" soldier|strong="G4754" ever|strong="G4218" serves|strong="G4754" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" army and|strong="G2532" pays his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G2398" salary. No|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3588" ever|strong="G4218" plants|strong="G5452" a|strong="G2228" vineyard|strong="G0290" without|strong="G3756" eating|strong="G2068" some|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" grapes himself|strong="G0846". No|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3588" takes care of|strong="G1537" a|strong="G2228" flock|strong="G4167" of|strong="G1537" sheep|strong="G4165" without|strong="G3756" drinking some|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" milk|strong="G1051" himself|strong="G0846".

8 These|strong="G3778" aren't|strong="G3756" just|strong="G2532" my|strong="G2596" own thoughts. God's law|strong="G3551" says|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3778" thing|strong="G3778". 9 Yes|strong="G1063", it|strong="G3551" is|strong="G2316" written|strong="G1125" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G2316" Moses|strong="G3475": " When|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1125" work animal is|strong="G2316" being used to|strong="G1722" separate grain, don't|strong="G3756" keep|strong="G3361" it|strong="G3551" from|strong="G3361" eating the|strong="G3588" grain." 1 When|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316" said this|strong="G3588",

I 9:9 Quote from Deuteronomy 25:4.

was|strong="G3588" he|strong="G1722" thinking only|strong="G3756" about|strong="G1722" work animals? No|strong="G3756". 10 He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" really talking|strong="G3004" about|strong="G1909" us|strong="G3004". Yes|strong="G1063", that|strong="G3754" was|strong="G3588" written|strong="G1125" for|strong="G1063" us|strong="G3004". The|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" plows and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" separates the|strong="G3588" grain should|strong="G3784" both|strong="G2532" expect to|strong="G3004" get some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" grain for|strong="G1063" their|strong="G2532" work. 11 We|strong="G2249" planted spiritual|strong="G4152" seed among you|strong="G5210", so|strong="G3173" we|strong="G2249" should be able to|strong="G1487" harvest from|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210" some|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3173" for this|strong="G3588" life. Surely that|strong="G1487" is|strong="G3588" not|strong="G1473" asking too|strong="G3173" much|strong="G3173". 12 Others|strong="G0243" have|strong="G1473" this|strong="G3778" right|strong="G1849" to|strong="G2443" get things|strong="G3778" from|strong="G3361" you|strong="G5210". So|strong="G2443" surely|strong="G3361" we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1473" this|strong="G3778" right|strong="G1849" too. But|strong="G0235" we|strong="G2249" don't|strong="G3756" use|strong="G5530" this|strong="G3778" right|strong="G1849". No|strong="G3756", we|strong="G2249" endure|strong="G4722" everything|strong="G3956" ourselves|strong="G2249" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" we|strong="G2249" will|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" stop|strong="G3361" anyone|strong="G5100" from|strong="G3361" obeying the|strong="G3956" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098" of|strong="G2098" Christ|strong="G5547". 13 Surely you|strong="G3754" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" work|strong="G2038" at|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413" get their|strong="G2068" food from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Temple|strong="G2413". And|strong="G2068" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" serve at|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379" get part of|strong="G1537" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" offered at|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379". 14 It|strong="G3779" is|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3779"

with those who have the work of telling the Good News. The Lord has commanded that those who tell the Good News should get their living from this work.

<sup>15</sup> But I have used of these rights, and am trying to get anything from you. That is my purpose for writing this. I would rather die than have someone take away what I am a great source of pride. <sup>16</sup> It's not my work of telling the Good News that gives me any reason to boast. That is my duty— something I must do. If I don't tell people the Good News, I am in real trouble. <sup>17</sup> If I did it because it was my own choice, I would deserve to be paid. But I have no choice. I must tell the Good News. So I am only do-

ing the duty that was given to me. <sup>18</sup> So what I get for doing it? My reward is when I tell people the Good News. I can offer it to them for free and not use my rights to come with doing this work.

<sup>19</sup> I am free. I belong to no other person, but I make myself a slave to everyone. I do this to help save as many people as I can. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew so that I could help save Jews. I myself am not ruled by the law, but those who are the law became like someone who is ruled by the law. I did this to help save those who are ruled by the law. <sup>21</sup> To those who are without the law I became like someone who



is *without* the *law*. I *did* *this* to *help* save those *who* are *without* the *law*. ( *But* *really*, I *am* *not* *with-* *out* *God's* *law*— I *am* *ruled* by *the* *Christ*.)<sup>22</sup> To *who* *are* *weak*, I *became* *so* *that* I *could* *help* save *them*. I *have* *become* *all* *things* *to* *all* *people*. I *did* *this* *so* *that* I *could* *save* *people* *in* *any* *way* possible.<sup>23</sup> I *do* *all* *to* *make* *the* *Good* *News* *known*. I *do* *it* *so* *that* I *can* *share* *in* *the* *blessings* *of* *the* *Good* *News*.<sup>24</sup> You *know* *that* *in* *a* *race* *all* *the* *runners* *run*, *but* *only* *one* *runner* *gets* *the* *prize*. *So* *run* *that* *like* *that* *Run* *to* *win*! <sup>25</sup> *All* *who* *com-* *pete* *in* *the* *games* *use* *strict* *training*. *They* *do* *this*

*that* *they* *can* *win* *a* *prize*— *one* *that* *doesn't* *last*. *But* *our* *prize* *is* *one* *that* *will* *last* forever.<sup>26</sup> *So* *I* *run* *like* *someone* *who* *has* *a* *goal*. *I* *fight* *like* *a* *boxer* *who* *is* *hitting* *some-* *thing*, *not* *just* *the* *air*.<sup>27</sup> *It* *is* *my* *own* *body* *I* *fight* *to* *make* *it* *do* *what* *I* *want*. *I* *do* *this* *so* *that* *I* *won't* *miss* *getting* *the* *prize* *myself* *af-* *ter* *telling* *others* *about* *it*.

#### Warning From History

**10** *Brothers* *and* *sisters*, *I* *want* *to* *know* *what* *happened* *to* *our* *ance-* *tors* *who* *were* *with* *Moses*. *They* *were* *all* *under* *the* *cloud*,<sup>1</sup> *and* *they* *walked* *through* *the* *sea*.<sup>2</sup> *They* *were* *baptized* *in-* *to* *Moses* *in* *the* *cloud* *and* *in* *the* *sea*.<sup>3</sup> *They* *ate* *the* *same* *spiritu-*

<sup>1</sup> *CLOUD* The cloud that led and protected the people of Israel on their journey out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, and through the wilderness. See Exodus 13:20-22; 14:19, 20. <sup>2</sup> *BAPTIZED* See "bap-tize" in the Word List. Here, Paul seems to mean that what hap-pened to the Jews with Moses can be compared to the baptism of a believer into Christ.

al|strong="G4152" food|strong="G1033", 4 and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3956" drank|strong="G4095" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G0846" spiritu- al|strong="G4152" drink|strong="G4095". They|strong="G0846" drank|strong="G4095" from|strong="G1537" that|strong="G3956" spiritu- al|strong="G4152" rock|strong="G4073" that|strong="G3956" was|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1537" them|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3956" rock|strong="G4073" was|strong="G1510" Christ|strong="G5547". 5 But|strong="G0235" God|strong="G2316" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" pleased|strong="G2106" with|strong="G1722" most|strong="G4183" of|strong="G2316" those|strong="G3588" peo- ple|strong="G0846", so|strong="G1063" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" killed in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048".

6 And|strong="G1161" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" that|strong="G3778" hap- pened|strong="G1096" are|strong="G1510" exam- ples|strong="G5179" for|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519". These|strong="G3778" exam- ples|strong="G5179" should|strong="G3778" stop|strong="G3361" us|strong="G1519" from|strong="G3361" wanting evil|strong="G2556" things|strong="G3778" like|strong="G2531" those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" did|strong="G1510". 7 Don't worship idols as|strong="G2531" some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100" them|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1096". As|strong="G2531" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, " The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" sat|strong="G2523" down|strong="G2523" to|strong="G2532" eat|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" got|strong="G0450" up|strong="G0450" to|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1096" wild party." 18 We|strong="G2532" should|strong="G5100" not|strong="G3366" com- mit|strong="G4203" sexual sins as|strong="G2531" some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G2250" them|strong="G0846" did|strong="G4203". In|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" day|strong="G2250" 23,000 of|strong="G2250" them|strong="G0846" died|strong="G4098" be- cause|strong="G2531" of|strong="G2250" their|strong="G0846" sin. 9 We|strong="G2532" should|strong="G5100" not|strong="G3366" test|strong="G3985" Christ|strong="G5547" 11 as|strong="G2531" some|strong="G5100"

I 10:7 Quote from Exodus 32:6. II CHRIST Some Greek copies say, "the Lord."

of|strong="G2962" them|strong="G0846" did|strong="G3985". Because|strong="G2531" of|strong="G2962" that|strong="G0846", they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" killed|strong="G0622" by|strong="G5259" snakes|strong="G3789". 10 And|strong="G2532" don't complain|strong="G1111" as|strong="G2509" some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100" them|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1111". Be- cause|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" com- plained|strong="G1111", they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" killed|strong="G0622" by|strong="G5259" the|strong="G3588" angel that|strong="G0846" destroys|strong="G0622".

11 The|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" that|strong="G3739" happened|strong="G4819" to|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" peo- ple|strong="G3778" are|strong="G3778" exam- ples|strong="G5179". They|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3778" written|strong="G1125" to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G3778" warn- ings|strong="G3559" for|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519". We|strong="G2249" live in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G0165" that|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588" past histo- ries were|strong="G3778" pointing to|strong="G1519". 12 So|strong="G5620" anyone who|strong="G3588" thinks|strong="G1380" they|strong="G5620" are|strong="G3588" stand- ing|strong="G2476" strong should be|strong="G3361" careful|strong="G0991" that|strong="G5620" they|strong="G5620" don't|strong="G3361" fall|strong="G4098". 13 The|strong="G3588" only|strong="G1487" tempta- tions that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3739" tempta- tions that|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3588" peo- ple|strong="G3588" have|strong="G2532". But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G1410" trust God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" let|strong="G1439" you|strong="G5210" be|strong="G2532" tempt- ed|strong="G3985" more|strong="G5228" than|strong="G5228" you|strong="G5210" can|strong="G1410" bear|strong="G4160". But|strong="G1161" when|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3739" tempt- ed|strong="G3985", God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" also|strong="G2532" give|strong="G4160" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G2983" way|strong="G1545" to|strong="G1410" escape|strong="G1545" that|strong="G3739" temptation|strong="G3986". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532"

able |strong="G1410" to |strong="G1410" endure |strong="G5297" it |strong="G4160".

<sup>14</sup> So, my |strong="G0027" dear |strong="G0027" friends, stay away |strong="G5343" from |strong="G0575" worshiping idols. <sup>15</sup> You |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3739" intelligent people |strong="G2919". Judge |strong="G2919" for |strong="G3004" yourselves |strong="G4771" the |strong="G3739" truth of |strong="G3004" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" say |strong="G3004" now |strong="G5613". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="G3588" cup |strong="G4221" of |strong="G0129" blessing |strong="G2129" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G3739" give thanks for |strong="G5547" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" sharing |strong="G2842" in |strong="G5547" the |strong="G3588" blood |strong="G0129" sacrifice of |strong="G0129" Christ |strong="G5547", isn't |strong="G3780" it |strong="G3739"? And |strong="G0740" the |strong="G3588" bread |strong="G0740" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G3739" break |strong="G2806" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" sharing |strong="G2842" in |strong="G5547" the |strong="G3588" body |strong="G4983" of |strong="G0129" Christ |strong="G5547", isn't |strong="G3780" it |strong="G3739"? <sup>17</sup> There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" one |strong="G1520" loaf |strong="G0740" of |strong="G1537" bread |strong="G0740", so |strong="G1063" we |strong="G3754" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" many |strong="G4183" are |strong="G1510" one |strong="G1520" body |strong="G4983", because |strong="G3754" we |strong="G3754" all |strong="G3956" share |strong="G3348" in |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3754" one |strong="G1520" loaf |strong="G0740".

<sup>18</sup> And |strong="G2068" think about |strong="G2596" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2068" of |strong="G2596" Israel |strong="G2474" do |strong="G1510". When |strong="G0991" they |strong="G1510" eat |strong="G2068" the |strong="G3588" sacrifices |strong="G2378", <sup>II</sup> they |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" united by |strong="G2596" sharing what |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" offered on |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" altar |strong="G2379". <sup>19</sup> So |strong="G3767", am |strong="G1510" I |strong="G3754" saying |strong="G3754" that |strong="G3754" sacrifices to |strong="G5100" idols |strong="G1497" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3767" same as |strong="G3754" those

I CUP OF BLESSING The cup of wine that believers in Christ thank God for and drink at the Lord's Supper. II SACRIFICES Animals killed and offered as gifts to God.

Jewish sacrifices? No, because |strong="G3754" an |strong="G1510" idol |strong="G1497" is |strong="G1510" nothing, and |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3767" things |strong="G1494" offered to |strong="G5100" idols |strong="G1497" are |strong="G1510" worth nothing. <sup>20</sup> But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G3739" am |strong="G2309" saying |strong="G3754" that |strong="G3754" when |strong="G2532" food is |strong="G2316" sacrificed |strong="G2380" to |strong="G2309" idols, it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G2316" an |strong="G1096" offering |strong="G2380" to |strong="G2309" demons |strong="G1140", not |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2309" God |strong="G2316". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" don't |strong="G3756" want |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2309" share |strong="G2844" anything |strong="G0235" with |strong="G2316" demons |strong="G1140". <sup>21</sup> You |strong="G2532" cannot |strong="G3756" drink |strong="G4095" the |strong="G2532" cup |strong="G4221" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" go drink |strong="G4095" a |strong="G2532" cup |strong="G4221" that |strong="G2962" honors demons |strong="G1140". You |strong="G2532" cannot |strong="G3756" share |strong="G3348" a |strong="G2532" meal at the |strong="G2532" Lord's |strong="G2962" table |strong="G5132" and |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" go share |strong="G3348" a |strong="G2532" meal that |strong="G2962" honors demons |strong="G1140". <sup>22</sup> Doing that |strong="G0846" would |strong="G2962" make |strong="G3863" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" jealous |strong="G3863". <sup>III</sup> Do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G1510" really want to |strong="G2228" do |strong="G1510" that |strong="G0846"? Do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G1510" think we |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" stronger |strong="G2478" than |strong="G2228" he |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510"?

Use Your |strong="G2962" Freedom for |strong="G2228" God's |strong="G0846" Glory

<sup>23</sup> " All |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" are |strong="G3956" allowed," you |strong="G3956" say. But |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756" all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" are |strong="G3956" good. " All |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" are |strong="G3956" allowed." But |strong="G0235" some things |strong="G3956" don't |strong="G3756" help anyone |strong="G3956".

III MAKE THE LORD JEALOUS See Deuteronomy 32:16, 17.

24 Try to do what is good for others, not just what is good for yourselves.

25 Eat any meat that is sold in the market. Don't ask questions about it to see if it is something you think is wrong to eat. 26 You can eat it, because the earth and everything it belongs to the Lord. 1

27 Someone is not a believer might invite you to eat with them. If you want to go eat anything that is put before you. Don't ask questions to see if it is something you think is wrong to eat. 28 But if someone tells you, "That food was offered to idols," then don't eat it. That's because some people think it is wrong, and it might cause a problem for the person who told you that you think it is wrong.

But the other person might think it is wrong. That's the only reason not to eat it. My own freedom should not be judged by what another person thinks. 30 I eat the meal with thankfulness. So I don't want to be criticized because of something I thank God for.

31 So if you eat, or if you drink, or if you do anything, do it for the glory of God. 32 Never do anything that might make other people do wrong—Jews, non-Jews, or anyone in God's church. 33 I try to please everyone in every way. I am not trying to do what is good for me. I am trying to do what is good for the most people so that they can be saved.

11 Follow my example, just as I follow the example of Christ.

**Being |strong="G1096" Under Authority**

2 I |strong="G1473" praise |strong="G1867" you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" remember |strong="G3403" me |strong="G1473" in |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956". You |strong="G5210" follow closely the |strong="G3956" teachings I |strong="G1473" gave |strong="G3860" you |strong="G5210".<sup>3</sup> But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G3754" want |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2309" understand |strong="G1492" this |strong="G3588": The |strong="G3956" head |strong="G2776" of |strong="G2316" every |strong="G3956" man |strong="G0435" is |strong="G1510" Christ |strong="G5547". And |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" head |strong="G2776" of |strong="G2316" a |strong="G1510" woman |strong="G1135" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" man |strong="G0435".<sup>1</sup> And |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" head |strong="G2776" of |strong="G2316" Christ |strong="G5547" is |strong="G1510" God |strong="G2316".<sup>4</sup> Every |strong="G3956" man |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3588" prophesies |strong="G4395" or |strong="G2228" prays |strong="G4336" with |strong="G2596" his |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" covered |strong="G2192" brings shame |strong="G2617" to |strong="G2596" his |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776".<sup>5</sup> But |strong="G1161" every |strong="G3956" woman |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3588" prays |strong="G4336" or |strong="G2228" prophesies |strong="G4395" should |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" her |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" covered. If |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" covered, she |strong="G0846" brings |strong="G1510" shame |strong="G2617" to |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776". Then |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" woman |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3588" has |strong="G1510" her |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776" shaved |strong="G3587".<sup>6</sup> If |strong="G1487" a |strong="G2228" woman |strong="G1135" does not |strong="G3756" cover |strong="G2619" her |strong="G1135" head, it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" as |strong="G2532" cutting off |strong="G2751" all |strong="G3588"

I THE MAN This could also mean "her husband."

her |strong="G1135" hair |strong="G2751". But |strong="G1161" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" shameful |strong="G0150" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G2228" woman |strong="G1135" to |strong="G2532" cut |strong="G2751" off |strong="G2751" her |strong="G1135" hair |strong="G2751" or |strong="G2228" to |strong="G2532" shave her |strong="G1135" head. So |strong="G2532" she |strong="G1135" should |strong="G2532" cover |strong="G2619" her |strong="G1135" head.<sup>7</sup> But |strong="G1161" a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0435" should |strong="G3784" not |strong="G3756" cover |strong="G2619" his |strong="G2532" head |strong="G2776", because |strong="G1063" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" made like God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G2316" glory |strong="G1391". But |strong="G1161" woman |strong="G1135" is |strong="G1510" man's |strong="G0435" glory |strong="G1391".<sup>8</sup> Man |strong="G0435" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" come |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" woman |strong="G1135". Woman |strong="G1135" came |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" man |strong="G0435".<sup>9</sup> And |strong="G2532" man |strong="G0435" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" made for |strong="G1063" woman |strong="G1135". Woman |strong="G1135" was |strong="G3588" made for |strong="G1063" man |strong="G0435".<sup>10</sup> So |strong="G1223" that |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" why |strong="G1223" a |strong="G2192" woman |strong="G1135" should |strong="G3784" have |strong="G2192" her |strong="G2192" head |strong="G2776" covered |strong="G2192" with |strong="G1909" something that |strong="G3778" shows she |strong="G1135" is |strong="G3778" under |strong="G1909" authority |strong="G1849".<sup>11</sup> Also, she |strong="G1135" should |strong="G3784" do |strong="G2192" this |strong="G3778" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032".<sup>12</sup> But |strong="G4133" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" Lord |strong="G2962" the |strong="G1722" woman |strong="G1135" needs the |strong="G1722" man |strong="G0435", and |strong="G2962" the |strong="G1722" man |strong="G0435" needs the |strong="G1722" woman |strong="G1135".<sup>12</sup> This |strong="G3779" is |strong="G2316" true |strong="G3779" because |strong="G1223" woman |strong="G1135" came |strong="G1223" from |strong="G1537"

II HAVE HER HEAD ... AUTHORITY Literally, "have authority on her head." This could also be translated, "keep control of her head," meaning "do what will keep people from misunderstanding her uncovered head."

man|strong="G0435", but|strong="G1161" also|strong="G2532" man|strong="G0435" is|strong="G2316" born from|strong="G1537" woman|strong="G1135". Really, everything|strong="G3956" comes|strong="G2532" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>13</sup> Decide this|strong="G3588" for|strong="G1722" yourselves|strong="G0846": Is|strong="G1510" it|strong="G0846" right for|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1510" woman|strong="G1135" to|strong="G1722" pray|strong="G4336" to|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316" without something|strong="G1510" on|strong="G1722" her|strong="G0846" head? <sup>14</sup> Even|strong="G3761" nature|strong="G5449" itself|strong="G0846" teaches|strong="G1321" you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3754" wearing long|strong="G2863" hair|strong="G2863" is|strong="G1510" shameful for|strong="G3754" a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G0435". <sup>15</sup> But|strong="G1161" wearing long|strong="G2863" hair|strong="G2863" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" woman's|strong="G1135" honor|strong="G1391". Long|strong="G2863" hair|strong="G2863" is|strong="G1510" given|strong="G1325" to|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" to|strong="G1325" cover her|strong="G0846" head. <sup>16</sup> Some|strong="G5100" people|strong="G1510" may|strong="G5100" still want to|strong="G5100" argue about|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3588". But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2249" and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" churches|strong="G1577" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" don't|strong="G3756" accept what|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" doing.

### The|strong="G3588" Lord's Supper

<sup>17</sup> In|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" I|strong="G3778" tell you|strong="G3754" now|strong="G1161" I|strong="G3778" don't|strong="G3756" praise|strong="G1867" you|strong="G3754". Your|strong="G1161" meetings hurt you|strong="G3754" more|strong="G3756" than|strong="G3756" they|strong="G3754" help you|strong="G3754". <sup>18</sup> First|strong="G4413", I|strong="G2532" hear|strong="G0191" that|strong="G0191" when|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" meet|strong="G4905" together|strong="G4905" as|strong="G1722" a|strong="G0191" church|strong="G1577" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G2532" divided. And|strong="G2532" this|strong="G2532" is|strong="G5100" not|strong="G2532" hard to|strong="G2532" believe|strong="G4100"<sup>19</sup> because|strong="G1063" of|strong="G1722"

your|strong="G2532" idea that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" must|strong="G1163" have|strong="G1510" separate groups to|strong="G2443" show|strong="G1096" who|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" real believers are|strong="G1510"!

<sup>20</sup> When|strong="G3767" you|strong="G5210" all|strong="G3588" come|strong="G1510" together|strong="G4905", it|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" really the|strong="G3588" Lord's|strong="G2960" Supper|strong="G1173"! you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" eating|strong="G2068". <sup>21</sup> I|strong="G3739" say this|strong="G3588" because|strong="G1063" when|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739" eat|strong="G2068", each|strong="G1538" one|strong="G1538" eats|strong="G2068" without|strong="G2532" waiting for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" others|strong="G3588". Some|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2068" don't get|strong="G3184" enough to|strong="G2532" eat|strong="G2068" or|strong="G2532" drink, while|strong="G1722" others|strong="G3588" have|strong="G2532" too|strong="G2532" much. <sup>22</sup> You|strong="G5210" can|strong="G3004" eat|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2192" own homes. It|strong="G3778" seems that|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" think|strong="G2706" God's|strong="G2316" church|strong="G1577" is|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" important. You|strong="G5210" embarrass those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" poor. What|strong="G5101" can|strong="G3004" I|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004"? Should|strong="G2316" I|strong="G2532" praise|strong="G1867" you|strong="G5210"? No|strong="G3756", I|strong="G2532" cannot|strong="G3756" praise|strong="G1867" you|strong="G5210" for|strong="G1063" this|strong="G3778".

<sup>23</sup> The|strong="G3588" teaching I|strong="G1473" gave|strong="G3860" you|strong="G5210" is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" received|strong="G2983" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962": On|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" night|strong="G3571" when|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424" handed|strong="G3860" over|strong="G3860" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" killed, he|strong="G2532"

I LORD'S SUPPER The special meal Jesus told his followers to eat to remember him. See Luke 22:14-20. II HAVE TOO MUCH Literally, "get drunk."

took|strong="G2983" bread|strong="G0740"<sup>24</sup>  
 and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G4160"  
 thanks|strong="G2168" for|strong="G1519"  
 it|strong="G4160". Then|strong="G2532"  
 he|strong="G2532" divided the|strong="G3588"  
 bread and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "  
 This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510"  
 my|strong="G1699" body|strong="G4983";  
 it|strong="G4160" is|strong="G1510"  
 for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210". Eat  
 this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G1519" remem-  
 ber|strong="G4160" me|strong="G3004"."<sup>25</sup>  
 In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"  
 same|strong="G5615" way|strong="G5615", af-  
 ter|strong="G3326" they|strong="G2532" ate, Je-  
 sus|strong="G3004" took|strong="G4160"  
 the|strong="G3588" cup|strong="G4221"  
 of|strong="G0129" wine. He|strong="G2532"  
 said|strong="G3004", " This|strong="G3778"  
 cup|strong="G4221" represents|strong="G1510"  
 the|strong="G3588" new|strong="G2537" agreement  
 from|strong="G1722" God|strong="G3004",  
 which|strong="G3588" begins with|strong="G3326"  
 my|strong="G1699" blood|strong="G0129" sacrifice.  
 When|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1437"  
 drink|strong="G4095" this|strong="G3778",  
 do|strong="G4160" it|strong="G4160"  
 to|strong="G1519" remember|strong="G4160"  
 me|strong="G3004"."<sup>26</sup> This|strong="G3778" means  
 that|strong="G3739" every time you|strong="G3739"  
 eat|strong="G2068" this|strong="G3778"  
 bread|strong="G0740" and|strong="G2532"  
 drink|strong="G4095" this|strong="G3778"  
 cup|strong="G4221", you|strong="G3739"  
 are|strong="G3778" telling others|strong="G3588"  
 about|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588"  
 Lord's|strong="G2962" death|strong="G2288" un-  
 til|strong="G0891" he|strong="G2532"  
 comes|strong="G2064" again|strong="G2532".

<sup>27</sup> So|strong="G2532" if|strong="G0302"  
 you|strong="G3739" eat|strong="G2068"  
 the|strong="G3588" bread|strong="G0740"  
 or|strong="G2228" drink|strong="G4095"  
 the|strong="G3588" cup|strong="G4221"  
 of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588"  
 Lord|strong="G2962" in|strong="G2532"  
 a|strong="G1510" way|strong="G3739"  
 that|strong="G3739" does|strong="G2068"  
 not|strong="G1510" fit its meaning,  
 you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" sinning  
 against the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983"  
 and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
 blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G2962"  
 the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962".<sup>28</sup> Be-  
 fore|strong="G1537" you|strong="G3779"  
 eat|strong="G2068" the|strong="G3588"  
 bread|strong="G0740" and|strong="G2532"  
 drink|strong="G4095" the|strong="G3588"

cup|strong="G4221", you|strong="G3779"  
 should|strong="G2532" examine|strong="G1381"  
 your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G1438" attitude.  
<sup>29</sup> If|strong="G2532" you|strong="G2532"  
 eat|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532"  
 drink|strong="G4095" without|strong="G3361" pay-  
 ing attention to|strong="G2532"  
 those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"  
 are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Lord's  
 body|strong="G4983", your|strong="G2532" eat-  
 ing|strong="G2068" and|strong="G2532" drink-  
 ing|strong="G4095" will|strong="G2532" cause  
 you|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532"  
 be|strong="G2532" judged|strong="G1252" guilty.<sup>30</sup>  
 That|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778"  
 why|strong="G1223" many|strong="G4183"  
 in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" group  
 are|strong="G3778" sick|strong="G0772"  
 and|strong="G2532" weak|strong="G0772",  
 and|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183"  
 have|strong="G2532" died|strong="G2837".<sup>31</sup>  
 But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487"  
 we|strong="G1487" judged|strong="G2919" our-  
 selves|strong="G1438" in|strong="G1438"  
 the|strong="G1161" right way, then|strong="G1161"  
 God would|strong="G0302" not|strong="G3756"  
 judge|strong="G2919" us.<sup>32</sup> But|strong="G1161"  
 when|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588"  
 Lord|strong="G2962" judges|strong="G2919" us,  
 he|strong="G1161" punishes us to|strong="G2443"  
 show us the|strong="G3588" right way.  
 He|strong="G1161" does|strong="G2919"  
 this|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2443"  
 that|strong="G2443" we|strong="G1161"  
 will|strong="G2962" not|strong="G3361"  
 be|strong="G2962" condemned|strong="G2632"  
 with|strong="G4862" the|strong="G3588"  
 world|strong="G2889".

<sup>33</sup> So|strong="G5620", my broth-  
 ers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2068" sisters,  
 when|strong="G4905" you|strong="G5620"  
 come|strong="G4905" together|strong="G4905"  
 to|strong="G1519" eat|strong="G2068",  
 wait|strong="G1551" for|strong="G1519"  
 each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240".<sup>34</sup>  
 If|strong="G1487" some|strong="G5100"  
 are|strong="G3588" too|strong="G0302" hun-  
 gry|strong="G3983" to|strong="G1519" wait,  
 they|strong="G1161" should|strong="G5100"  
 eat|strong="G2068" at|strong="G1722"  
 home|strong="G3624". Do|strong="G3361"  
 this|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2443"  
 that|strong="G2443" your|strong="G1487" meeting  
 together|strong="G4905" will|strong="G5100"  
 not|strong="G3361" bring|strong="G1519" God's  
 judgment|strong="G2917" on|strong="G1722"  
 you|strong="G1487". I|strong="G1487"  
 will|strong="G5100" tell you|strong="G1487"

what |strong="G3588" to |strong="G1519"  
do |strong="G3361" about |strong="G5613"  
the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3062"  
things |strong="G5100" when |strong="G5613"  
I |strong="G1487" come |strong="G2064".

### Gifts From the Holy Spirit

**12** Now |strong="G1161", broth-  
ers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sis-  
ters, I |strong="G1161" want |strong="G2309"  
you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2309" under-  
stand |strong="G0050" about |strong="G4012" spiritu-  
al |strong="G4152" gifts. <sup>2</sup> You |strong="G3754" re-  
member |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3588" lives  
you |strong="G3754" lived |strong="G1510" be-  
fore |strong="G4314" you |strong="G3754"  
were |strong="G1510" believers. You |strong="G3754"  
let |strong="G1510" yourselves be |strong="G1510" in-  
fluenced and |strong="G1484" led |strong="G0071"  
away |strong="G0520" to |strong="G4314" worship  
idols |strong="G1497"— things |strong="G3588"  
that |strong="G3754" have |strong="G1510" no life. <sup>3</sup>  
So |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532"  
tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210"  
that |strong="G3754" no |strong="G3762"  
one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3748"  
is |strong="G2316" speaking |strong="G2980"  
with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" help  
of |strong="G4151" God's |strong="G2316" Spir-  
it |strong="G4151" says |strong="G3004", " Je-  
sus |strong="G2424" be |strong="G2532" cursed." <sup>4</sup>  
And |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3762"  
one |strong="G3762" can |strong="G1410"  
say |strong="G3004", " Jesus |strong="G2424"  
is |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962", " with-  
out |strong="G3361" the |strong="G2532" help  
of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G2532"  
Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151".

<sup>4</sup> There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" differ-  
ent |strong="G1243" kinds of |strong="G4151" spiritu-  
al |strong="G4151" gifts |strong="G5486",  
but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846"  
are |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3588"  
from |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588"  
same |strong="G0846" Spirit |strong="G4151". <sup>5</sup>  
There |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" differ-  
ent |strong="G1243" ways to |strong="G2532"  
serve |strong="G1248", but |strong="G2532"  
we |strong="G2532" serve |strong="G1248"  
the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846"  
Lord |strong="G2962". <sup>6</sup> And |strong="G2532"  
there |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" differ-  
ent |strong="G1243" ways that |strong="G3956"  
God |strong="G2316" works |strong="G1754"  
in |strong="G1722" people |strong="G3956",  
but |strong="G1161" it |strong="G0846"  
is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956"  
same |strong="G0846" God |strong="G2316"

who |strong="G3588" works |strong="G1754"  
in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956"  
of |strong="G2316" us |strong="G1722"  
to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G1510" every-  
thing |strong="G3956".

<sup>7</sup> Something from |strong="G3588"  
the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151"  
can |strong="G1325" be seen in |strong="G4314"  
each |strong="G1538" person |strong="G1538".  
The |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151"  
gives |strong="G1325" this |strong="G3588"  
to |strong="G4314" each |strong="G1538"  
one |strong="G1538" to |strong="G4314" help oth-  
ers |strong="G3588". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" Spir-  
it |strong="G4151" gives |strong="G1325"  
one |strong="G3739" person |strong="G3056"  
the |strong="G3588" ability to |strong="G2596" speak  
with |strong="G1223" wisdom |strong="G4678".  
And |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588"  
same |strong="G0846" Spirit |strong="G4151"  
gives |strong="G1325" another |strong="G0243" per-  
son |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" ability  
to |strong="G2596" speak with |strong="G1223" knowl-  
edge |strong="G1108". <sup>9</sup> The |strong="G3588"  
same |strong="G0846" Spirit |strong="G4151" gives  
faith |strong="G4102" to |strong="G1722"  
one |strong="G1520" person |strong="G2087"  
and |strong="G1161" to |strong="G1722" anoth-  
er |strong="G0243" he |strong="G0846" gives  
gifts |strong="G5486" of |strong="G4151" heal-  
ing |strong="G2386". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="G1161" Spir-  
it |strong="G4151" gives to |strong="G4151"  
one |strong="G0243" person |strong="G2087"  
the |strong="G1161" power |strong="G1411"  
to |strong="G4151" do miracles |strong="G1411",  
to |strong="G4151" another |strong="G0243"  
the |strong="G1161" ability |strong="G1411"  
to |strong="G4151" prophesy, and |strong="G1161"  
to |strong="G4151" another |strong="G0243"  
the |strong="G1161" ability |strong="G1411"  
to |strong="G4151" judge what |strong="G1161"  
is |strong="G4151" from |strong="G1100"  
the |strong="G1161" Spirit |strong="G4151"  
and |strong="G1161" what |strong="G1161"  
is |strong="G4151" not. The |strong="G1161" Spir-  
it |strong="G4151" gives one |strong="G0243" per-  
son |strong="G2087" the |strong="G1161" abil-  
ity |strong="G1411" to |strong="G4151" speak  
in |strong="G1161" different |strong="G2087"  
kinds |strong="G1085" of |strong="G4151" lan-  
guages |strong="G1100", and |strong="G1161"  
to |strong="G4151" another |strong="G0243"  
the |strong="G1161" ability |strong="G1411"  
to |strong="G4151" interpret those |strong="G1161"  
languages |strong="G1100". <sup>11</sup> One |strong="G1520"  
Spirit |strong="G4151", the |strong="G3956"  
same |strong="G0846" Spirit |strong="G4151", does  
all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778"



things|strong="G3778". The|strong="G3956" Spirit|strong="G4151" decides|strong="G1014" what|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2532" give each|strong="G1538" one|strong="G1520".

**The|strong="G3956" Body of|strong="G4151" Christ|strong="G0846"**

<sup>12</sup> A|strong="G2192" person|strong="G1520" has|strong="G2192" only|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" body|strong="G4983", but|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161" has|strong="G2192" many|strong="G4183" parts|strong="G3196". Yes|strong="G1063", there|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" many|strong="G4183" parts|strong="G3196", but|strong="G1161" all|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3588" parts|strong="G3196" are|strong="G1510" still just|strong="G2509" one|strong="G1520" body|strong="G4983". Christ|strong="G5547" is|strong="G1510" like|strong="G3779" that|strong="G3956" too|strong="G2532". <sup>13</sup> Some of|strong="G4151" us|strong="G1519" are|strong="G3956" Jews|strong="G2453" and|strong="G2532" some of|strong="G4151" us|strong="G1519" are|strong="G3956" not|strong="G2532"; some of|strong="G4151" us|strong="G1519" are|strong="G3956" slaves|strong="G1401" and|strong="G2532" some of|strong="G4151" us|strong="G1519" are|strong="G3956" free|strong="G1658". But|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G2453" all|strong="G3956" baptized|strong="G0907" to|strong="G1519" become one|strong="G1520" body|strong="G4983" through|strong="G1722" one|strong="G1520" Spirit|strong="G4151". And|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G2453" all|strong="G3956" given|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G1520" Spirit|strong="G4151".

<sup>14</sup> And|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" person's body|strong="G4983" has|strong="G1510" more|strong="G4183" than|strong="G4183" one|strong="G1520" part|strong="G3196". It|strong="G1510" has|strong="G1510" many|strong="G4183" parts|strong="G3196". <sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" foot|strong="G4228" might say|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1437" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" a|strong="G1510" hand|strong="G5495", so|strong="G3778" I|strong="G1437" don't|strong="G3756" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983". But|strong="G4983" saying|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" would not|strong="G3756" stop the|strong="G3588"

I GIVEN Literally, "given to drink."

foot|strong="G4228" from|strong="G1537" being|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" part of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983". <sup>16</sup> The|strong="G3588" ear|strong="G3775" might|strong="G2532" say|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1437" am|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" an|strong="G1510" eye|strong="G3788", so|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1437" don't|strong="G3756" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983". But|strong="G2532" saying|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3778" would|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" make|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" ear|strong="G3775" stop being|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" part of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983". <sup>17</sup> If|strong="G1487" the|strong="G3588" whole|strong="G3650" body|strong="G4983" were|strong="G3788" an eye|strong="G3788", it would not be|strong="G3788" able to|strong="G3788" hear. If|strong="G1487" the|strong="G3588" whole|strong="G3650" body|strong="G4983" were|strong="G3788" an ear, it would not be|strong="G3788" able to|strong="G3788" smell|strong="G3750" anything.

<sup>18</sup> If each part of the body were the same part, there would be no body. But as it is, God put the parts in the body as he wanted them. He made a place for each one. <sup>20</sup> So|strong="G1161" there|strong="G1161" are|strong="G4183" many|strong="G4183" parts|strong="G3196", but|strong="G1161" only one|strong="G1520" body|strong="G4983". <sup>21</sup> The|strong="G3588" eye|strong="G3788" cannot|strong="G3756" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" hand|strong="G5495", " I|strong="G1161" don't|strong="G3756" need|strong="G5532" you|strong="G5210"! And|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" head|strong="G2776" cannot|strong="G3756" say|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" foot|strong="G4228", " I|strong="G1161" don't|strong="G3756" need|strong="G5532" you|strong="G5210"! <sup>22</sup> No|strong="G0235", those|strong="G3588" parts|strong="G3196" of|strong="G4983" the|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983" that|strong="G1380" seem|strong="G1380" to|strong="G4183" be|strong="G1510" weaker|strong="G0772" are|strong="G1510" actually very|strong="G4183" important. <sup>23</sup> And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" parts that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G2249" think|strong="G1380" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" worth very|strong="G3778" much|strong="G4053" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" parts we|strong="G2249" give

the *strong*="G3588" most care to *strong*="G2532". And *strong*="G2532" we *strong*="G2249" give special care to *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" parts of *strong*="G4983" the *strong*="G3588" body *strong*="G4983" that *strong*="G3739" we *strong*="G2249" don't want to *strong*="G2532" show *strong*="G2192". <sup>24</sup> The *strong*="G3588" more *strong*="G4053" beautiful parts don't *strong*="G3756" need *strong*="G5532" this *strong*="G3588" special care. But *strong*="G1161" God *strong*="G2316" put *strong*="G1325" the *strong*="G3588" body *strong*="G4983" together and *strong*="G1161" gave *strong*="G1325" more *strong*="G4053" honor *strong*="G5092" to *strong*="G1325" the *strong*="G3588" parts that *strong*="G2316" need *strong*="G5532" it *strong*="G1161". <sup>25</sup> God *strong*="G0846" did *strong*="G1510" this *strong*="G3588" so *strong*="G2443" that *strong*="G2443" our *strong*="G1722" body *strong*="G4983" would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3361" be *strong*="G1510" divided. God *strong*="G0846" wanted the *strong*="G3588" different parts *strong*="G3196" to *strong*="G2443" care *strong*="G3309" the *strong*="G3588" same *strong*="G0846" for *strong*="G5228" each *strong*="G0240" other *strong*="G0240". <sup>26</sup> If *strong*="G1535" one *strong*="G1520" part *strong*="G3196" of *strong*="G1520" the *strong*="G3956" body suffers *strong*="G3958", then *strong*="G2532" all *strong*="G3956" the *strong*="G3956" other parts *strong*="G3196" suffer *strong*="G3958" with *strong*="G2532" it *strong*="G2532". Or *strong*="G2532" if *strong*="G1535" one *strong*="G1520" part *strong*="G3196" is *strong*="G3588" honored *strong*="G1392", then *strong*="G2532" all *strong*="G3956" the *strong*="G3956" other parts *strong*="G3196" share *strong*="G4796" its *strong*="G3956" honor *strong*="G1392".

<sup>27</sup> All of *strong*="G1537" you *strong*="G5210" together *strong*="G2532" are *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G2532" body *strong*="G4983" of *strong*="G1537" Christ *strong*="G5547". Each one of *strong*="G1537" you *strong*="G5210" is *strong*="G1510" a *strong*="G1510" part *strong*="G3313" of *strong*="G1537" that *strong*="G1161" body *strong*="G4983". <sup>28</sup> And *strong*="G2532" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" church *strong*="G1577" God *strong*="G2316" has *strong*="G2316" given a *strong*="G5087" place *strong*="G5087" first *strong*="G4413" to *strong*="G2532" apostles *strong*="G0652", second *strong*="G1208" to *strong*="G2532" prophets *strong*="G4396", and *strong*="G2532" third *strong*="G5154" to *strong*="G2532" teachers *strong*="G1320". Then *strong*="G2532" God *strong*="G2316"

has *strong*="G2316" given a *strong*="G5087" place *strong*="G5087" to *strong*="G2532" those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3739" do *strong*="G2532" miracles *strong*="G1411", those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3739" have *strong*="G2532" gifts *strong*="G5486" of *strong*="G2316" healing *strong*="G2386", those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3739" can help others *strong*="G3588", those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3739" are *strong*="G3739" able to *strong*="G2532" lead, and *strong*="G2532" those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3739" can speak in *strong*="G1722" different kinds *strong*="G1085" of *strong*="G2316" languages *strong*="G1100". <sup>29</sup> Not *strong*="G3361" all *strong*="G3956" are *strong*="G3956" apostles *strong*="G0652". Not *strong*="G3361" all *strong*="G3956" are *strong*="G3956" prophets *strong*="G4396". Not *strong*="G3361" all *strong*="G3956" are *strong*="G3956" teachers *strong*="G1320". Not *strong*="G3361" all *strong*="G3956" do *strong*="G3361" miracles *strong*="G1411". <sup>30</sup> Not *strong*="G3361" all *strong*="G3956" have *strong*="G2192" gifts *strong*="G5486" of *strong*="G3956" healing *strong*="G2386". Not *strong*="G3361" all *strong*="G3956" speak *strong*="G2980" in *strong*="G3956" different kinds *strong*="G3956" of *strong*="G3956" languages *strong*="G1100". Not *strong*="G3361" all *strong*="G3956" interpret *strong*="G1329" those *strong*="G3956" languages *strong*="G1100". <sup>31</sup> Continue *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2596" give your *strong*="G2532" attention *strong*="G2596" to *strong*="G2596" the *strong*="G3588" spiritual *strong*="G5486" gifts *strong*="G5486" you *strong*="G5210" consider to *strong*="G2596" be *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" greatest *strong*="G3173". But *strong*="G1161" now *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G2532" want to *strong*="G2596" point out a *strong*="G2532" way *strong*="G3598" of *strong*="G3598" life that *strong*="G1161" is *strong*="G3588" even *strong*="G2532" greater *strong*="G3173".

#### Let Love Be Your Guide

**13** I *strong*="G1437" may *strong*="G2532" speak *strong*="G2980" in *strong*="G2532" different languages *strong*="G1100", whether *strong*="G2532" human *strong*="G0444" or *strong*="G2228" even *strong*="G2532" of *strong*="G0026" angels *strong*="G0032". But *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G1437" I *strong*="G1437" don't *strong*="G3361" have *strong*="G2192" love *strong*="G0026", I *strong*="G1437" am *strong*="G2192" only *strong*="G2532" a *strong*="G2192" noisy *strong*="G2278" bell or *strong*="G2228"

a |strong="G2192" ringing cymbal |strong="G2950".<sup>2</sup> I |strong="G1437" may |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3956" gift of |strong="G0026" prophecy |strong="G4394", I |strong="G1437" may |strong="G2532" understand |strong="G1492" all |strong="G3956" secrets and |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" everything |strong="G3956" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1437" may |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" faith |strong="G4102" so |strong="G2532" great |strong="G3956" that |strong="G5620" I |strong="G1437" can move mountains |strong="G3735". But |strong="G1161" even |strong="G2532" with |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" this |strong="G3588", if |strong="G1437" I |strong="G1437" don't |strong="G3361" have |strong="G2192" love |strong="G0026", I |strong="G1437" am |strong="G1510" nothing |strong="G3762".<sup>3</sup> I |strong="G1473" may |strong="G2532" give |strong="G5595" away everything |strong="G3956" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G2192" to |strong="G2443" help |strong="G5623" others |strong="G3588", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" may |strong="G2532" even |strong="G2532" give |strong="G5595" my |strong="G3956" body |strong="G4983" as |strong="G2532" an |strong="G2192" offering to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532" burned |strong="G2545". But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" gain nothing |strong="G3762" by |strong="G2532" doing |strong="G5623" all |strong="G3956" this |strong="G3588" if |strong="G1437" I |strong="G1473" don't |strong="G3361" have |strong="G2192" love |strong="G0026".

<sup>4</sup> Love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G3588" patient |strong="G3114" and |strong="G0026" kind |strong="G5541". Love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" jealous |strong="G2206", it does not |strong="G3756" brag |strong="G4068", and |strong="G0026" it is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" proud |strong="G5448".<sup>5</sup> Love is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" rude |strong="G0807", it |strong="G1438" is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" selfish, and |strong="G2556" it |strong="G1438" cannot |strong="G3756" be |strong="G3756" made |strong="G2212" angry easily. Love does |strong="G2212" not |strong="G3756" remember wrongs done against |strong="G3756" it |strong="G1438".<sup>6</sup> Love is |strong="G3588" never |strong="G3756" happy when |strong="G1161" others |strong="G3588" do |strong="G3756" wrong |strong="G0093", but |strong="G1161" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" always happy

with |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225".<sup>7</sup> Love never gives up on |strong="G1679" people |strong="G3956". It never stops trusting, never loses hope |strong="G1679", and |strong="G3956" never quits.

<sup>8</sup> Love |strong="G0026" will |strong="G0026" never |strong="G3763" end |strong="G2673". But |strong="G1161" all |strong="G3588" those |strong="G3588" gifts will |strong="G0026" come to |strong="G1161" an |strong="G1161" end |strong="G2673"— even |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G0026" prophecy |strong="G4394", the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G0026" speaking in |strong="G1161" different kinds of |strong="G0026" languages |strong="G1100", and |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" gift of |strong="G0026" knowledge |strong="G1108".<sup>9</sup> These will |strong="G2532" all |strong="G1063" end because |strong="G1063" this |strong="G2532" knowledge and |strong="G2532" these prophecies we |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" not |strong="G2532" complete.<sup>10</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3752" perfection comes |strong="G2064", the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3588" that |strong="G1161" are |strong="G3588" not complete |strong="G5046" will |strong="G2064" end |strong="G2673".

<sup>11</sup> When |strong="G3753" I |strong="G3753" was |strong="G1510" a |strong="G5613" child |strong="G3516", I |strong="G3753" talked |strong="G2980" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" child |strong="G3516", I |strong="G3753" thought like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" child |strong="G3516", and |strong="G0435" I |strong="G3753" made |strong="G1096" plans like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" child |strong="G3516". When |strong="G3753" I |strong="G3753" became |strong="G1096" a |strong="G5613" man |strong="G0435", I |strong="G3753" stopped those |strong="G3588" childish |strong="G3516" ways.

<sup>12</sup> It |strong="G5119" is |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" same |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1537". Now |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G0991" God |strong="G4314" as |strong="G2531" if |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" looking |strong="G0991" at |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" reflection in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" mirror |strong="G2072". But |strong="G1161" then |strong="G2532", in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" future, we |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" see |strong="G0991" him |strong="G2532" right |strong="G0737" before |strong="G4314" our |strong="G2532" eyes. Now |strong="G1161"

I|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1097" only|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" part|strong="G3313", but|strong="G1161" at|strong="G1722" that|strong="G1097" time|strong="G5119" I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1097" fully|strong="G1921", as|strong="G2531" God|strong="G4314" has|strong="G2532" known|strong="G1097" me|strong="G1223".<sup>13</sup> So|strong="G1161" these|strong="G3778" three|strong="G5140" things|strong="G3778" continue|strong="G3306": faith|strong="G4102", hope|strong="G1680", and|strong="G1161" love|strong="G0026". And|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" greatest|strong="G3173" of|strong="G0026" these|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" love|strong="G0026".

### Use Spiritual Gifts to Help the Church

**14** Love|strong="G0026" should|strong="G2443" be|strong="G3123" the|strong="G3588" goal of|strong="G0026" your|strong="G1161" life, but|strong="G1161" you should|strong="G2443" also|strong="G1161" want to|strong="G2443" have|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" gifts that|strong="G2443" come from|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Spirit. And|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" gift you should|strong="G2443" want most|strong="G3123" is|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G3123" able to|strong="G2443" prophesy|strong="G4395".<sup>2</sup> I|strong="G1161" will|strong="G2316" explain why|strong="G1063". Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" gift of|strong="G4151" speaking|strong="G2980" in|strong="G2316" a|strong="G0191" different language|strong="G1100" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" speaking|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2980" people|strong="G0444". They|strong="G1161" are|strong="G3588" speaking|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2980" God|strong="G2316". No|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3762" understands|strong="G0191" them|strong="G0191"— they|strong="G1161" are|strong="G3588" speaking|strong="G2980" secret things|strong="G2980" through the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151".<sup>3</sup> But|strong="G1161" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" prophesy|strong="G4395" are|strong="G3588" speaking|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2532" people|strong="G0444". They|strong="G2532" help people|strong="G0444" grow stronger in|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G2980", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" give encouragement|strong="G3874" and|strong="G2532" comfort|strong="G3874".<sup>4</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" speak|strong="G2980"

in|strong="G2980" a|strong="G3618" different language|strong="G1100" are|strong="G3588" helping only|strong="G1438" themselves|strong="G1438". But|strong="G1161" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" prophesy|strong="G4395" are|strong="G3588" helping the|strong="G3588" whole church|strong="G1577".

<sup>5</sup> I|strong="G1487" would|strong="G2309" like|strong="G2309" all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1577" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" have|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" gift of|strong="G1577" speaking|strong="G2980" in|strong="G3956" different languages|strong="G1100". But|strong="G1161" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1487" want|strong="G2309" more|strong="G3123" is|strong="G3588" for|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" prophesy|strong="G4395". Anyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" prophesies|strong="G4395" is|strong="G3588" more|strong="G3123" important|strong="G3173" than|strong="G2228" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" can only|strong="G1487" speak|strong="G2980" in|strong="G3956" different languages|strong="G1100". However|strong="G1161", if|strong="G1487" they|strong="G1161" can also|strong="G1161" interpret|strong="G1329" those|strong="G3588" languages|strong="G1100", they|strong="G1161" are|strong="G3956" as|strong="G1161" important|strong="G3173" as|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" prophesies|strong="G4395". If|strong="G1487" they|strong="G1161" can interpret|strong="G1329", then|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3956" church|strong="G1577" can be|strong="G3956" helped by|strong="G2228" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G1161" say|strong="G2980".

<sup>6</sup> Brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G1161" sisters, will|strong="G5101" it|strong="G1437" help|strong="G5623" you|strong="G5210" if|strong="G1437" I|strong="G1437" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" speaking|strong="G2980" in|strong="G1722" different languages|strong="G1100"? No|strong="G3361", it|strong="G1437" will|strong="G5101" help|strong="G5623" you|strong="G5210" only if|strong="G1437" I|strong="G1437" bring you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G1437" new truth or|strong="G2228" some knowledge|strong="G1108", prophecy|strong="G4394", or|strong="G2228" teaching|strong="G1322".<sup>7</sup> This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" true even|strong="G1437" with|strong="G2228" lifeless|strong="G0895" things|strong="G3588" that|strong="G1097" make|strong="G1325" sounds|strong="G5456"—like

a flute or a harp. If the different musical notes are not made clear, you can't understand what song is being played. Each note must be played clearly for you to be able to understand the tune. <sup>8</sup> And if war is being fought, if the trumpet does not sound clearly, the soldiers will not know it is time to prepare for fighting.

<sup>9</sup> It is the same with you. If you don't speak clearly in a language people know, they cannot understand what you are saying. You will be talking to the air! <sup>10</sup> It is true that there are many different languages in the world, and they all have meaning. <sup>11</sup> But if I don't understand the meaning of what someone is saying, it will just be strange sounds to me, and I will just sound as strange to them. <sup>12</sup> That's why

you want so much to prefer those gifts that help the church grow stronger.

<sup>13</sup> So those who have the gift of speaking in a different language should pray that they can also interpret. <sup>14</sup> If I pray in a different language, my spirit is praying, but my mind does nothing. <sup>15</sup> So what should I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind. I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. <sup>16</sup> You might be praising God with your spirit. But if someone there cannot understand, they cannot say Amen to your prayer of thanks, because they don't know what you are saying. <sup>17</sup> You may be thanking God in a good way, but others are not helped.

<sup>18</sup> I thank God that my gift of speak-

ing |strong="G2980" in |strong="G2316" different kinds |strong="G3956" of |strong="G2316" languages |strong="G1100" is |strong="G2316" greater |strong="G3123" than any |strong="G3956" of |strong="G2316" yours |strong="G4771".<sup>19</sup> But |strong="G0235" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577" meetings I |strong="G1473" would |strong="G2309" rather |strong="G0235" speak |strong="G2980" five |strong="G4002" words |strong="G3056" that |strong="G2443" I |strong="G1473" understand than |strong="G2228" thousands of |strong="G3056" words |strong="G3056" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2228" different language |strong="G1100". I |strong="G1473" would |strong="G2309" rather |strong="G0235" speak |strong="G2980" with |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1722" understanding |strong="G3563", so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" I |strong="G1473" can teach others |strong="G0243".<sup>20</sup> Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sisters, don't |strong="G3361" think like children |strong="G3813". In |strong="G1096" evil |strong="G2549" things |strong="G3588" be |strong="G1096" like babies, but |strong="G1161" in |strong="G1096" your |strong="G0080" thinking |strong="G5424" you |strong="G3361" should |strong="G0080" be |strong="G1096" like full-grown adults.<sup>21</sup> As |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures<sup>I</sup> say |strong="G3004", " Using |strong="G3004" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" speak |strong="G2980" a |strong="G3004" different |strong="G2087" language and |strong="G2532" using |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" lips |strong="G5491" of |strong="G3551" foreigners, I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2962" speak |strong="G2980" to |strong="G3004" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G2992". But |strong="G2532" even |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532", they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" not |strong="G3761" obey me |strong="G3004"."

Isaiah 28:11-12

This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" says |strong="G3004".

<sup>22</sup> And |strong="G1161" from |strong="G4592" this |strong="G3588" we |strong="G1161" see that |strong="G4100" the |strong="G3588" use of |strong="G4592" different languages |strong="G1100" shows how God deals with |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" don't |strong="G3756" believe |strong="G4100", not |strong="G3756" with |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588"

I SCRIPTURES Literally, "law," which sometimes means the Old Testament.

who |strong="G3588" believe |strong="G4100". And |strong="G1161" prophecy |strong="G4394" shows how God works through those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" believe |strong="G4100", not |strong="G3756" through unbelievers |strong="G0571".<sup>23</sup> Suppose the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3650" church |strong="G1577" meets together |strong="G4905" and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1437" all |strong="G3956" speak |strong="G2980" in |strong="G1909" different languages |strong="G1100". If |strong="G1437" some |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3956" come |strong="G1525" in |strong="G1909" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" without |strong="G3756" understanding or |strong="G2228" don't |strong="G3756" believe, they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3956" say |strong="G3004" you |strong="G1437" are |strong="G3956" crazy.<sup>24</sup> But |strong="G1161" suppose you |strong="G1437" are |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" prophesying |strong="G4395" and |strong="G1161" someone |strong="G5100" comes |strong="G1525" in |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3956" does not believe or |strong="G2228" who |strong="G3956" is |strong="G5100" without understanding. Their |strong="G3956" sin will |strong="G3956" be |strong="G3956" shown to |strong="G5100" them |strong="G1651", and |strong="G1161" they |strong="G1161" will |strong="G3956" be |strong="G3956" judged by |strong="G5259" everything |strong="G3956" you |strong="G1437" say.<sup>25</sup> The |strong="G3588" secret |strong="G2927" things |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G0846" heart |strong="G2588" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" made |strong="G1096" known |strong="G5318". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" bow |strong="G4352" down |strong="G4098" and |strong="G2532" worship |strong="G4352" God |strong="G2316". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" say, " Without |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" doubt, God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" here |strong="G1510" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210"." II

**Your |strong="G2532" Meetings Should |strong="G2316" Be |strong="G1510" Helpful to |strong="G1909" All |strong="G3588"**

<sup>26</sup> So |strong="G3767", brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sisters, what |strong="G5101" should |strong="G0080" you |strong="G3752" do |strong="G1096"? When |strong="G3752" you |strong="G3752" meet |strong="G4905" together |strong="G4905", one |strong="G1538" per-

II See Isaiah 45:14 and Zechariah 8:23.

son *strong*="G5101" has *strong*="G2192" a *strong*="G2192" song, another has *strong*="G2192" a *strong*="G2192" teaching *strong*="G1322", and *strong*="G0080" another has *strong*="G2192" a *strong*="G2192" new truth from *strong*="G0080" God *strong*="G4314". One *strong*="G1538" person *strong*="G5101" speaks in *strong*="G3956" a *strong*="G2192" different language *strong*="G1100", and *strong*="G0080" another interprets that *strong*="G3956" language *strong*="G1100". The *strong*="G3956" purpose of *strong*="G3956" whatever *strong*="G3956" you *strong*="G3752" do *strong*="G1096" should *strong*="G0080" be *strong*="G1510" to *strong*="G4314" help everyone *strong*="G3956" grow stronger in *strong*="G3956" faith. <sup>27</sup> When *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G2532" meet together *strong*="G2532", if *strong*="G1535" anyone *strong*="G5100" speaks *strong*="G2980" to *strong*="G2596" the *strong*="G3588" group *strong*="G3313" in *strong*="G2596" a *strong*="G2228" different language *strong*="G1100", it *strong*="G2532" should *strong*="G5100" be *strong*="G2532" only *strong*="G2532" two *strong*="G1417" or *strong*="G2228" no more *strong*="G4183" than *strong*="G2228" three *strong*="G5140" people *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G3588" do *strong*="G2532" this *strong*="G3588". And *strong*="G2532" they *strong*="G2532" should *strong*="G5100" speak *strong*="G2980" one *strong*="G1520" after *strong*="G2596" the *strong*="G3588" other *strong*="G2228". And *strong*="G2532" someone *strong*="G5100" else *strong*="G2228" should *strong*="G5100" interpret *strong*="G1329" what *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G2532" say *strong*="G2980". <sup>28</sup> But *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G1437" there *strong*="G1510" is *strong*="G1510" no *strong*="G3361" interpreter *strong*="G1328", then *strong*="G2532" anyone *strong*="G1437" who *strong*="G3588" speaks *strong*="G2980" in *strong*="G1722" a *strong*="G1510" different language should *strong*="G2316" be *strong*="G1510" quiet *strong*="G4601" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" church *strong*="G1577" meeting. They *strong*="G2532" should *strong*="G2316" speak *strong*="G2980" only *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2532" themselves *strong*="G1438" and *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2532" God *strong*="G2316".

<sup>29</sup> And *strong*="G2532" only *strong*="G2532" two *strong*="G1417" or *strong*="G2228" three *strong*="G5140" prophets *strong*="G4396" should *strong*="G2532" speak *strong*="G2980". The *strong*="G3588" others *strong*="G0243" should *strong*="G2532" judge *strong*="G1252" what *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G2532"

say *strong*="G2980". <sup>30</sup> And *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G1437" a *strong*="G1437" message from *strong*="G3588" God comes to *strong*="G4413" someone *strong*="G0243" who *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G3588" sitting *strong*="G2521", the *strong*="G3588" first *strong*="G4413" speaker should be *strong*="G4413" quiet *strong*="G4601". <sup>31</sup> You *strong*="G3956" can *strong*="G1410" all *strong*="G3956" prophesy *strong*="G4395" one *strong*="G1520" after *strong*="G2596" the *strong*="G3956" other. This *strong*="G2532" way *strong*="G2596" everyone *strong*="G3956" can *strong*="G1410" be *strong*="G2532" taught *strong*="G3129" and *strong*="G2532" encouraged *strong*="G3870". <sup>32</sup> The *strong*="G2532" spirits *strong*="G4151" of *strong*="G4151" prophets *strong*="G4396" are *strong*="G2532" under *strong*="G5293" the *strong*="G2532" control *strong*="G5293" of *strong*="G4151" the *strong*="G2532" prophets *strong*="G4396" themselves. <sup>33</sup> God *strong*="G2316" is *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3756" a *strong*="G5613" God *strong*="G2316" of *strong*="G2316" confusion *strong*="G0181" but *strong*="G0235" a *strong*="G5613" God *strong*="G2316" of *strong*="G2316" peace *strong*="G1515". This *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3956" rule for *strong*="G1063" all *strong*="G3956" the *strong*="G3956" meetings of *strong*="G2316" God's *strong*="G2316" people *strong*="G3956".

<sup>34</sup> The *strong*="G3588" women *strong*="G1135" should *strong*="G2532" keep *strong*="G4601" quiet *strong*="G4601" in *strong*="G1722" these *strong*="G3588" church *strong*="G1577" meetings. They *strong*="G0846" are *strong*="G3588" not *strong*="G3756" allowed *strong*="G2010" to *strong*="G3004" speak *strong*="G2980" out but *strong*="G0235" should *strong*="G2532" be *strong*="G2532" under *strong*="G1722" authority, as *strong*="G2531" the *strong*="G3588" Law *strong*="G3551" of *strong*="G3551" Moses *strong*="G0846" says *strong*="G3004". <sup>35</sup> If *strong*="G1487" there *strong*="G1510" is *strong*="G1510" something *strong*="G5100" they *strong*="G1161" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" know, they *strong*="G1161" should *strong*="G5100" ask *strong*="G1905" their *strong*="G1722" own *strong*="G2398" husbands *strong*="G0435" at *strong*="G1722" home *strong*="G3624". It *strong*="G1161" is *strong*="G1510" shameful *strong*="G0150" for *strong*="G1063" a *strong*="G1510" woman *strong*="G1135" to *strong*="G2309" speak *strong*="G2980" up like *strong*="G2309" that *strong*="G1161" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" church *strong*="G1577" meeting.

<sup>36</sup> God's teaching did not come from you, and you are not the only ones who have received it. If you think you are a prophet or that you have a spiritual gift, you should thank God that you have received it. If you do not accept this, you will not be accepted.

<sup>39</sup> So my brothers and sisters, continue to give your attention to prophesying. And don't stop anyone from using the gift of speaking in different languages. <sup>40</sup> But everything should be done in your way that is right and orderly.

### The Good News About Jesus Christ

**15** Now, brothers and sisters, I want you to remember the Good News I told you. You received that Good News message, and you continue to base your life on it. That Good News message, the message you heard from me, is God's way

to save you. But you must continue believing it. If you don't believe, you believed for nothing.

<sup>3</sup> I gave you the message that I received. I told you the most important truths: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; <sup>4</sup> that he was buried and raised to life on the third day, as the Scriptures say; <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter and the twelve apostles. <sup>6</sup> After that Christ appeared more than 500 other believers at the same time. Most of them are still living today, but some died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James and later to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, he appeared to me. I was different, like a baby born before the normal time.

<sup>9</sup> All the other apostles are greater than



I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510".  
 I |strong="G1473" say |strong="G1473"  
 this |strong="G3588" because |strong="G1063"  
 I |strong="G1473" persecuted |strong="G1377"  
 the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577"  
 of |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316".  
 That |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510"  
 why |strong="G1063" I |strong="G1473"  
 am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756"  
 even |strong="G1063" good |strong="G1510"  
 enough |strong="G2425" to |strong="G2316"  
 be |strong="G1510" called |strong="G2564"  
 an |strong="G1510" apostle |strong="G0652".<sup>10</sup>  
 But |strong="G1161", because |strong="G1161"  
 of |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316"  
 grace |strong="G5485", that |strong="G3739"  
 is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3739"  
 I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510".  
 And |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846"  
 grace |strong="G5485" that |strong="G3739"  
 he |strong="G2532" gave me |strong="G1473"  
 was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" wasted.  
 I |strong="G1473" worked |strong="G2872" harder  
 than |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956"  
 the |strong="G3956" other |strong="G1161" apostles. (   
 But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473"  
 was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" really  
 the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" work-  
 ing |strong="G2872". It |strong="G0846"  
 was |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G2316"  
 grace |strong="G5485" that |strong="G3739"  
 was |strong="G1510" with |strong="G4862"  
 me |strong="G1473".) <sup>11</sup> So |strong="G3767"  
 then |strong="G2532" it |strong="G3779"  
 is |strong="G2532" not |strong="G2532" important  
 if |strong="G1535" I |strong="G1473" told  
 you |strong="G3779" God's message  
 or |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1535"  
 it |strong="G3779" was |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G2532" other |strong="G1565" apostles  
 who |strong="G1565" told you |strong="G3779"—  
 we |strong="G2532" all tell people  
 the |strong="G2532" same |strong="G3779" message,  
 and |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3779"  
 is |strong="G2532" what |strong="G1565"  
 you |strong="G3779" believed |strong="G4100".

**We |strong="G2532" Will |strong="G2532"  
 Be |strong="G2532" Raised From |strong="G2532"  
 Death**

<sup>12</sup> We |strong="G1487" tell |strong="G3004" every-  
 one |strong="G3748" that |strong="G3754"  
 Christ |strong="G5547" was |strong="G1510"  
 raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537"  
 death |strong="G3498". So |strong="G1161"  
 why |strong="G4459" do |strong="G1510"  
 some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1537"  
 you |strong="G5210" say |strong="G3004"

that |strong="G3754" people |strong="G1510"  
 will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756"  
 be |strong="G1510" raised |strong="G1453"  
 from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498"? <sup>13</sup>  
 If |strong="G1487" no |strong="G3756"  
 one |strong="G3756" will |strong="G1510" ever  
 be |strong="G1510" raised |strong="G1453"  
 from |strong="G1510" death |strong="G3498",  
 then |strong="G1161" Christ |strong="G5547"  
 has |strong="G5547" never |strong="G3756"  
 been |strong="G1510" raised |strong="G1453". <sup>14</sup>  
 And |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1487"  
 Christ |strong="G5547" has |strong="G4102" nev-  
 er |strong="G3756" been |strong="G2532"  
 raised |strong="G1453", then |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G3588" message |strong="G2782"  
 we |strong="G2249" tell is |strong="G3588" worth  
 nothing |strong="G3756". And |strong="G2532"  
 your |strong="G1487" faith |strong="G4102"  
 is |strong="G3588" worth nothing |strong="G3756". <sup>15</sup>  
 And |strong="G2532" we |strong="G3739"  
 will |strong="G2316" also |strong="G2532"  
 be |strong="G2532" guilty of |strong="G2316" lying  
 about |strong="G2596" God |strong="G2316", be-  
 cause |strong="G3754" we |strong="G3739"  
 have |strong="G2532" told people |strong="G3588"  
 about |strong="G2596" him |strong="G3739", say-  
 ing |strong="G3754" that |strong="G3754"  
 he |strong="G2532" raised |strong="G1453"  
 Christ |strong="G5547" from |strong="G2596"  
 death |strong="G3498". And |strong="G2532"  
 if |strong="G1512" no |strong="G3756"  
 one |strong="G3739" is |strong="G2316"  
 raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G2596"  
 death |strong="G3498", then |strong="G2532"  
 God |strong="G2316" never |strong="G3756"  
 raised |strong="G1453" Christ |strong="G5547"  
 from |strong="G2596" death |strong="G3498". <sup>16</sup>  
 If |strong="G1487" those who |strong="G3756"  
 have |strong="G5547" died are |strong="G1453"  
 not |strong="G3756" raised |strong="G1453",  
 then |strong="G1063" Christ |strong="G5547"  
 has |strong="G5547" not |strong="G3756"  
 been |strong="G5547" raised |strong="G1453" ei-  
 ther |strong="G3761". <sup>17</sup> And |strong="G1161"  
 if |strong="G1487" Christ |strong="G5547"  
 has |strong="G4102" not |strong="G3756"  
 been |strong="G1510" raised |strong="G1453"  
 from |strong="G1722" death, then |strong="G1161"  
 your |strong="G1487" faith |strong="G4102"  
 is |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1722" noth-  
 ing |strong="G3756"; you |strong="G5210"  
 are |strong="G1510" still |strong="G2089" guilty  
 of |strong="G1722" your |strong="G1487"  
 sins |strong="G0266". <sup>18</sup> And |strong="G2532"  
 those |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722"  
 Christ |strong="G5547" who |strong="G3588"  
 have |strong="G2532" already died |strong="G2837"

are |strong="G3588" lost |strong="G0622". 19 If |strong="G1487" our |strong="G5547" hope |strong="G1679" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" is |strong="G1510" only |strong="G3440" for |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" life |strong="G2222" here |strong="G1510" on |strong="G1722" earth, then |strong="G3956" people |strong="G0444" should |strong="G3778" feel more |strong="G3956" sorry for |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722" than for |strong="G1722" anyone |strong="G3956" else.

<sup>20</sup> But |strong="G1161" Christ |strong="G5547" really has |strong="G5547" been |strong="G5547" raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498"— the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G0536" one |strong="G3588" of |strong="G1537" all |strong="G3588" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G3498" be |strong="G5547" raised |strong="G1453". <sup>21</sup> Death |strong="G2288" comes |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0444" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" what |strong="G1063" one |strong="G0444" man |strong="G0444" did. But |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" there |strong="G0444" is |strong="G0444" resurrection |strong="G0386" from |strong="G0444" death |strong="G2288" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" another man |strong="G0444". <sup>22</sup> I |strong="G2532" mean that |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1722" Adam |strong="G0076" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" us |strong="G1722" die |strong="G0599". And |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G3779" way |strong="G3779", in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" us |strong="G1722" will |strong="G3956" be |strong="G2532" made |strong="G2227" alive |strong="G2227" again |strong="G2532". <sup>23</sup> But |strong="G1161" everyone |strong="G1538" will |strong="G0846" be |strong="G5547" raised to |strong="G1722" life in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" right order |strong="G5001". Christ |strong="G5547" was |strong="G3588" first |strong="G0536" to |strong="G1722" be |strong="G5547" raised. Then |strong="G1161", when |strong="G1161" Christ |strong="G5547" comes |strong="G3952" again, those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" belong to |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0846" be |strong="G5547" raised to |strong="G1722" life. <sup>24</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" end |strong="G5056" will |strong="G2316" come. Christ will |strong="G2316" destroy all |strong="G3956" rulers |strong="G0746", authorities |strong="G1849", and |strong="G2532" powers |strong="G1411". Then |strong="G2532"

he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" give the |strong="G3956" kingdom |strong="G0932" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962".

<sup>25</sup> Christ |strong="G0846" must |strong="G1163" rule until |strong="G0891" God |strong="G0846" puts |strong="G5087" all |strong="G3956" enemies |strong="G2190" under |strong="G5259" his |strong="G0846" control |strong="G4228". <sup>26</sup> The |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" enemy |strong="G2190" to |strong="G2673" be |strong="G2190" destroyed will |strong="G2190" be |strong="G2190" death |strong="G2288". <sup>27</sup> As |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3956" Scriptures say |strong="G3004", " God |strong="G0846" put |strong="G5293" everything |strong="G3956" under |strong="G5259" his |strong="G0846" control |strong="G4228". " <sup>28</sup> When |strong="G3752" it |strong="G0846" says |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" " everything |strong="G3956" is |strong="G3588" put |strong="G5293" under |strong="G5259" him |strong="G0846", it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" clear that |strong="G3754" this |strong="G3588" does |strong="G3004" not include God |strong="G0846" himself |strong="G0846". God |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588" putting everything |strong="G3956" under |strong="G5259" Christ's |strong="G0846" control |strong="G4228". <sup>29</sup> After |strong="G1161" everything |strong="G3956" has |strong="G2316" been |strong="G1510" put |strong="G5293" under |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G0846", then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" himself |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" put |strong="G5293" under |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316". God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" put |strong="G5293" everything |strong="G3956" under |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G0846". And |strong="G2532" Christ |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" put |strong="G5293" under |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" complete |strong="G3956" ruler over |strong="G1722" everything |strong="G3956".

<sup>29</sup> If |strong="G1487" no |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3588" will |strong="G5101" ever be |strong="G2532" raised |strong="G1453" from |strong="G2532" death |strong="G3498", then |strong="G2532" what |strong="G5101" will |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" peo-

ple|strong="G0846" do|strong="G4160"  
 who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" bap-  
 tized|strong="G0907" for|strong="G5228"  
 those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"  
 have|strong="G2532" died? If|strong="G1487"  
 the|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498"  
 are|strong="G3588" never|strong="G3756"  
 raised|strong="G1453", then|strong="G2532"  
 why|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588" peo-  
 ple|strong="G0846" baptized|strong="G0907"  
 for|strong="G5228" them|strong="G0846"?

<sup>30</sup> And|strong="G2532" what|strong="G5101"  
 about|strong="G5101" us? Why|strong="G5101"  
 do|strong="G5101" we|strong="G2249" put our-  
 selves|strong="G2249" in|strong="G2532" dan-  
 ger|strong="G2793" every|strong="G3956"  
 hour|strong="G5610"? <sup>31</sup> I|strong="G1473" face  
 death|strong="G0599" every|strong="G2596"  
 day|strong="G2250". That|strong="G3739"  
 is|strong="G3739" true, brothers|strong="G0080"  
 and|strong="G2250" sisters, just|strong="G2596"  
 as|strong="G1722" it|strong="G3739"  
 is|strong="G3739" true that|strong="G3739"  
 I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G2192" proud  
 of|strong="G2250" what|strong="G3739"  
 you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" be-  
 cause|strong="G1722" of|strong="G2250"  
 Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
 our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962". <sup>32</sup>  
 I|strong="G1473" fought|strong="G2341"  
 wild|strong="G2341" animals in|strong="G1722" Eph-  
 esus|strong="G2181". If|strong="G1487"  
 I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G5101"  
 that|strong="G0444" only|strong="G1487"  
 for|strong="G1063" human|strong="G0444" reasons,  
 then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473"  
 have|strong="G2532" gained noth-  
 ing|strong="G3756". If|strong="G1487"  
 we|strong="G1487" are|strong="G3588"  
 not|strong="G3756" raised|strong="G1453"  
 from|strong="G2596" death|strong="G3498", "Let  
 us|strong="G1722" eat|strong="G2068"  
 and|strong="G2532" drink|strong="G4095", be-  
 cause|strong="G1063" tomorrow|strong="G0839"  
 we|strong="G1487" die|strong="G0599"." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>33</sup> Don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G3361"  
 fooled: "Bad|strong="G2556" friends will ruin  
 good|strong="G5543" habits." <sup>34</sup> Come  
 back|strong="G4314" to|strong="G4314"  
 your|strong="G2192" right way|strong="G5100"  
 of|strong="G2316" thinking and|strong="G2532"  
 stop|strong="G3361" sinning|strong="G0264".  
 Some|strong="G5100" of|strong="G2316"  
 you|strong="G5210" don't|strong="G3361" know  
 God|strong="G2316". I|strong="G2532"  
 say|strong="G2980" this|strong="G2532"

to|strong="G4314" shame|strong="G1791"  
 you|strong="G5210".

What|strong="G5100" Kind|strong="G5100"  
 of|strong="G2316" Body Will|strong="G2316"  
 We|strong="G2532" Have|strong="G2192"?

<sup>35</sup> But|strong="G1161" someone|strong="G5100"  
 may|strong="G5100" ask|strong="G3004", "  
 How|strong="G4459" are|strong="G3588"  
 the|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498"  
 raised|strong="G1453"? What|strong="G4169"  
 kind|strong="G4169" of|strong="G5100"  
 body|strong="G4983" will|strong="G5100"  
 they|strong="G1161" have|strong="G5100"? <sup>36</sup>  
 These|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" stupid  
 questions. When|strong="G3739"  
 you|strong="G4771" plant something,  
 it|strong="G1437" must die|strong="G0599"  
 in|strong="G4687" the|strong="G3739" ground be-  
 fore it|strong="G1437" can live and|strong="G4687"  
 grow. <sup>37</sup> And|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532"  
 you|strong="G3739" plant some-  
 thing|strong="G5100", what|strong="G3739"  
 you|strong="G3739" plant does|strong="G1096"  
 not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2532"  
 the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3739"  
 body|strong="G4983" that|strong="G3739"  
 it|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739"  
 have|strong="G2532" later. What|strong="G3739"  
 you|strong="G3739" plant is|strong="G3739" on-  
 ly|strong="G1487" a|strong="G1096"  
 seed|strong="G2848", maybe wheat|strong="G4621"  
 or|strong="G2228" something|strong="G5100"  
 else|strong="G2228". <sup>38</sup> But|strong="G1161"  
 God|strong="G2316" gives|strong="G1325"  
 it|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588"  
 body|strong="G4983" that|strong="G0846"  
 he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2316" planned  
 for|strong="G2316" it|strong="G0846",  
 and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
 gives|strong="G1325" each|strong="G1538" kind  
 of|strong="G2316" seed|strong="G4690"  
 its|strong="G0846" own|strong="G2398"  
 body|strong="G4983". <sup>39</sup> All|strong="G3956"  
 things|strong="G3956" made of|strong="G3956"  
 flesh|strong="G4561" are|strong="G3956"  
 not|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3956"  
 same|strong="G0846": People|strong="G0444"  
 have|strong="G3956" one|strong="G0444"  
 kind|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956"  
 flesh|strong="G4561", animals have|strong="G3956"  
 another|strong="G0243", birds|strong="G4421"  
 have|strong="G3956" another|strong="G0243",  
 and|strong="G1161" fish|strong="G2486"  
 have|strong="G3956" yet|strong="G1161" anoth-  
 er|strong="G0243" kind|strong="G3956". <sup>40</sup> Al-  
 so|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1161"  
 are|strong="G3588" heavenly|strong="G2032" bod-

ies |strong="G4983" and |strong="G2532" earthly |strong="G1919" bodies |strong="G4983". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" beauty of |strong="G1391" the |strong="G3588" heavenly |strong="G2032" bodies |strong="G4983" is |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" kind, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" beauty of |strong="G1391" the |strong="G3588" earthly |strong="G1919" bodies |strong="G4983" is |strong="G3588" another |strong="G2087".<sup>41</sup> The |strong="G2532" sun |strong="G2246" has |strong="G2532" one |strong="G0243" kind of |strong="G1391" beauty, the |strong="G2532" moon |strong="G4582" has |strong="G2532" another |strong="G0243" kind, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" stars |strong="G0792" have |strong="G2532" another |strong="G0243". And |strong="G2532" each star |strong="G0792" is |strong="G2532" different |strong="G1308" in |strong="G1722" its beauty.

<sup>42</sup> It |strong="G3779" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" when |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" died are |strong="G3588" raised |strong="G1453" to |strong="G2532" life. The |strong="G3588" body that |strong="G3779" is |strong="G3588" "planted" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" grave will |strong="G2532" ruin and |strong="G2532" decay, but |strong="G2532" it |strong="G3779" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" raised |strong="G1453" to |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3779" life that |strong="G3779" cannot be |strong="G2532" destroyed |strong="G5356".<sup>43</sup> When |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" body is |strong="G1391" "planted," it is |strong="G1391" without honor |strong="G1391". But when |strong="G1722" it is |strong="G1391" raised |strong="G1453", it will |strong="G1453" be |strong="G1722" great and |strong="G1391" glorious |strong="G1391". When |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" body is |strong="G1391" "planted," it is |strong="G1391" weak |strong="G0769". But when |strong="G1722" it is |strong="G1391" raised |strong="G1453", it will |strong="G1453" be |strong="G1722" full of |strong="G1411" power |strong="G1411".<sup>44</sup> The |strong="G2532" body |strong="G4983" that |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" "planted" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" physical body |strong="G4983". When |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" raised |strong="G1453", it |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" spiritual |strong="G4152" body |strong="G4983".

There |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" physical body |strong="G4983".

So |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" also |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1510" spiritual |strong="G4152" body |strong="G4983".<sup>45</sup> As |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say, "The |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" man |strong="G0444", Adam |strong="G0076", became |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" living |strong="G2198" person |strong="G0444".<sup>I</sup> II But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" Adam |strong="G0076" III is |strong="G0444" a |strong="G1096" life-giving |strong="G2227" spirit |strong="G4151".<sup>46</sup> The |strong="G3588" spiritual |strong="G4152" man |strong="G4413" did not |strong="G3756" come first |strong="G4413". It was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" physical man |strong="G4413" that |strong="G1899" came first |strong="G4413"; then |strong="G1899" came the |strong="G3588" spiritual |strong="G4152".<sup>47</sup> The |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" man |strong="G0444" came from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" dust of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093". The |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" man |strong="G0444" came from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772".<sup>48</sup> All |strong="G3588" people |strong="G5108" belong to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" earth. They |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" like |strong="G5108" that first man |strong="G5108" of |strong="G3588" earth. But |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" belong to |strong="G2532" heaven |strong="G2032" are |strong="G3588" like |strong="G5108" that man |strong="G5108" of |strong="G3588" heaven |strong="G2032".<sup>49</sup> We |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3588" made like |strong="G2531" that man of |strong="G3588" earth, so |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" made like |strong="G2531" that man of |strong="G3588" heaven |strong="G2032".

<sup>50</sup> I |strong="G2532" tell you |strong="G3754" this |strong="G3778", brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters: Our |strong="G2316" bodies of |strong="G0932" flesh |strong="G4561" and |strong="G2532" blood |strong="G0129" cannot |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" part in |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316" kingdom |strong="G0932". Something that |strong="G3754" will |strong="G2316" ruin cannot |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" part in |strong="G2316" something that |strong="G3754" never |strong="G3756" ruins.<sup>51</sup> But |strong="G1161" listen |strong="G2400",

I PERSON Literally, "soul." II 15:45 Quote from Genesis 2:7.

III ADAM The name Adam means "man." Here, "the last Adam" refers to Christ, the "man of heaven."

I |strong="G1161" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" this |strong="G3004" secret: We |strong="G1161" will |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" all |strong="G3956" die, but |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" will |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" be |strong="G3956" changed |strong="G0236".<sup>52</sup> It |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" only |strong="G2532" take the |strong="G3588" time of |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" second. We |strong="G2249" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" changed |strong="G0236" as |strong="G1722" quickly |strong="G1722" as |strong="G1722" an |strong="G2532" eye |strong="G3788" blinks. This |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2532" happen when |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" trumpet |strong="G4536" blows. The |strong="G3588" trumpet |strong="G4536" will |strong="G2532" blow |strong="G4537" and |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" died will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" raised |strong="G1453" to |strong="G2532" live forever. And |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" be |strong="G2532" changed |strong="G0236".<sup>53</sup> This |strong="G3778" body that |strong="G3778" ruins must |strong="G1163" clothe |strong="G1746" itself with |strong="G2532" something that |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3778" never ruin. And |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3778" body that |strong="G3778" dies must |strong="G1163" clothe |strong="G1746" itself with |strong="G2532" something that |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3778" never die.<sup>54</sup> So |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3778" body |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3778" ruins will |strong="G3778" clothe |strong="G1746" itself with |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3778" which |strong="G3588" never ruins. And |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3778" body |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3778" dies will |strong="G3778" clothe |strong="G1746" itself with |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3778" which |strong="G3588" never dies.

When |strong="G3752" this |strong="G3778" happens |strong="G1096", the |strong="G3588" Scriptures will |strong="G3778" be |strong="G1096" made |strong="G1096" true:

"Death |strong="G2288" is |strong="G3778" swallowed |strong="G2666" in |strong="G1519" victory |strong="G3534"."

<sup>55</sup> "O death |strong="G2288", where |strong="G4226" is |strong="G3588" your |strong="G3588" victory |strong="G3534"?"

Where |strong="G4226" is |strong="G3588" your |strong="G3588" power to |strong="G4226" hurt?"

Isaiah 25:8

Hosea 13:14

<sup>56</sup> Death's power |strong="G1411" to |strong="G3551" hurt is |strong="G3588" sin |strong="G0266", and |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" power |strong="G1411" of |strong="G3551" sin |strong="G0266" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551".<sup>57</sup> But |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2249" thank |strong="G5485" God |strong="G2316" who |strong="G3588" gives |strong="G1325" us |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" victory |strong="G3534" through |strong="G1223" our |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547".<sup>58</sup> So |strong="G5620", my |strong="G1722" dear |strong="G0027" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2962" sisters, stand strong. Don't |strong="G3756" let |strong="G1096" anything change you |strong="G5210". Always |strong="G3842" give |strong="G1096" yourselves |strong="G4771" fully to |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2041" of |strong="G2041" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". You |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" your |strong="G2962" work |strong="G2041" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" is |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3756" wasted.

#### The Collection for Believers in Judea

**16** Now |strong="G1161", about |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" collection |strong="G3048" of |strong="G1577" money for |strong="G1519" God's people |strong="G3588": Do |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" as |strong="G1519" I |strong="G2532" told the |strong="G3588" Galatian churches |strong="G1577" to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G4160".<sup>2</sup> On |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3739" first |strong="G1520" day |strong="G4521" of |strong="G1520" every |strong="G2596" week |strong="G4521", each |strong="G1538" of |strong="G1520" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G5100" take |strong="G1096" some |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1520" your |strong="G1437" money and |strong="G2064" put |strong="G5087" it |strong="G5087" in |strong="G2596" a |strong="G1096" special place |strong="G1096". Save |strong="G2343" up |strong="G2343" as |strong="G2596" much as |strong="G2596" you |strong="G5210" can from |strong="G3844" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3739" blessed with |strong="G3844". Then |strong="G5119" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3361" have |strong="G5100" to |strong="G2443" gather it |strong="G5087" all after |strong="G2596"

I |strong="G3739" come |strong="G2064".<sup>3</sup> When |strong="G3752" I |strong="G3739" arrive |strong="G3854", I |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" send |strong="G3992" some |strong="G3588" men |strong="G3778" to |strong="G1519" take your |strong="G1437" gift |strong="G5485" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". These |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" ones you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3588" agree should |strong="G3778" go. I |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" send |strong="G3992" them |strong="G3739" with |strong="G1223" letters |strong="G1992" of |strong="G1223" introduction.<sup>4</sup> If |strong="G1437" it |strong="G1437" seems good |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1161" me |strong="G1473" to |strong="G4198" go |strong="G4198" too, we |strong="G1437" can all |strong="G3588" travel together |strong="G4862".

#### Paul's Plans

<sup>5</sup> I |strong="G1161" plan to |strong="G4314" go |strong="G1330" through |strong="G1330" Macedonia |strong="G3109", so |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1161" will |strong="G2064" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" after |strong="G1161" that |strong="G1161".<sup>6</sup> Maybe I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2532" stay with |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" for |strong="G4314" a |strong="G1437" time. I |strong="G1473" might |strong="G2532" even |strong="G2532" stay all winter |strong="G3914". Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" can help |strong="G4311" me |strong="G1473" on |strong="G4311" my |strong="G2532" trip, wherever |strong="G3757" I |strong="G1473" go |strong="G4198".<sup>7</sup> I |strong="G1437" don't |strong="G3756" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G4314" come see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G5210" now |strong="G0737", because |strong="G1063" I |strong="G1437" would |strong="G5100" have |strong="G5100" to |strong="G4314" leave to |strong="G4314" go to |strong="G4314" other places. I |strong="G1437" hope |strong="G1679" to |strong="G4314" stay |strong="G1961" a |strong="G3708" longer time |strong="G5550" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210", if |strong="G1437" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" allows |strong="G2010" it |strong="G1437".<sup>8</sup> But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G2193" will stay |strong="G1961" in |strong="G1722" Ephesus |strong="G2181" until |strong="G2193" Pentecost |strong="G4005".<sup>9</sup> I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G4183" stay here, because |strong="G1063" a |strong="G2532" good opportunity for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G2532"

great |strong="G3173" and |strong="G2532" growing work has |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" given to |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473" now |strong="G2532". And |strong="G2532" there |strong="G4183" are |strong="G2532" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G4183" working against it |strong="G2532".

<sup>10</sup> Timothy |strong="G5095" might come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210". Try to |strong="G4314" make him |strong="G4314" feel comfortable with |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210". He |strong="G1437" is |strong="G2962" working for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" I |strong="G1437" am |strong="G1096".<sup>11</sup> So |strong="G2443" none |strong="G3361" of |strong="G5100" you |strong="G1722" should |strong="G5100" refuse to |strong="G4314" accept Timothy. Help |strong="G4311" him |strong="G0846" continue on |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" trip in |strong="G1722" peace |strong="G1515" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G0846" can come |strong="G2064" back |strong="G4314" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1473". I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" expecting him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G2064" back |strong="G4314" with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" brothers |strong="G0080".<sup>12</sup> Now |strong="G1161" about |strong="G4012" our |strong="G2532" brother |strong="G0080" Apollos |strong="G0625": I |strong="G2532" strongly |strong="G4183" encouraged |strong="G3870" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G4314" visit |strong="G2064" you |strong="G5210" with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1161" brothers |strong="G0080". He |strong="G2532" prefers not |strong="G3756" to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G2064" now |strong="G1161", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2307" come |strong="G2064" when |strong="G3752" he |strong="G2532" has |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" opportunity |strong="G2119".

#### Paul |strong="G0846" Ends His |strong="G0846" Letter

<sup>13</sup> Be |strong="G1722" careful. Hold firmly to |strong="G1722" your |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102". Have |strong="G3588" courage and |strong="G4102" be |strong="G1722" strong |strong="G2901".<sup>14</sup> Do |strong="G1096" everything |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1722" love |strong="G0026".

<sup>15</sup> You |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" Stephanas |strong="G4734"

and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G1438" family were |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G0536" believers in |strong="G1519" Achaia |strong="G0882". They |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" given |strong="G3870" themselves |strong="G1438" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" service |strong="G1248" of |strong="G0080" God's people |strong="G1492". I |strong="G2532" ask |strong="G3870" you |strong="G5210", brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, <sup>16</sup> to |strong="G2443" follow the |strong="G3956" leading of |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" like |strong="G5108" these |strong="G3588" and |strong="G2532" others |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2872" hard |strong="G2872" and |strong="G2532" serve together |strong="G4903" with |strong="G2532" them |strong="G2443".

<sup>17</sup> I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G5463" happy that |strong="G3754" Stephanas |strong="G4734", Fortunatus |strong="G5415", and |strong="G2532" Achaicus |strong="G0883" have |strong="G2532" come |strong="G3952". You |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3778" not |strong="G2532" here, but |strong="G1161" they |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" filled your |strong="G2532" place. <sup>18</sup> They |strong="G3767" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" a |strong="G5108" great encouragement to |strong="G2532" me and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" as |strong="G5108" well |strong="G2532". You |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2532" recognize |strong="G1921" the |strong="G3588" value of |strong="G4151" such |strong="G5108" people |strong="G5108".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="G3588" churches |strong="G1577" in |strong="G1722" Asia |strong="G0773" send |strong="G0782" you |strong="G5210" their |strong="G0846" greetings |strong="G0782". Aquila |strong="G0207" and |strong="G2532" Priscil-

la |strong="G4251" greet |strong="G0782" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". Also |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577" that |strong="G0846" meets in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3624" sends |strong="G0782" greetings |strong="G0782". <sup>20</sup> All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0040" sisters here |strong="G1722" send |strong="G0782" their |strong="G3956" greetings |strong="G0782". Give |strong="G0782" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240" the |strong="G3956" special greeting |strong="G0782" of |strong="G3956" God's people |strong="G3956". <sup>1</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Here's my |strong="G1699" greeting |strong="G0783" in |strong="G5495" my |strong="G1699" own |strong="G1699" handwriting— PAUL |strong="G3972".

<sup>22</sup> If |strong="G1487" anyone |strong="G5100" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" love |strong="G5368" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962", let |strong="G1510" that |strong="G1510" person |strong="G5100" be |strong="G1510" separated from |strong="G2962" God—lost forever!

Come |strong="G1510", O Lord |strong="G2962"! <sup>II</sup>

<sup>23</sup> The |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" of |strong="G5485" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" be |strong="G3326" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>24</sup> My |strong="G3956" love |strong="G0026" be |strong="G3956" with |strong="G3326" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G0026" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424".

<sup>I</sup> THE SPECIAL GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE Literally, "a holy kiss." <sup>II</sup> COME, O LORD This is a translation of the Aramaic "marana tha."

## 2 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am an apostle because that is what God wanted. Greetings also from Timothy our brother in Christ.

To God's church in Corinth and to all God's holy people throughout Achaia.

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Paul Gives Thanks to God**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to God and our Father in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Father of mercy, the God of all comfort every time we have trouble that is when oth-

ers have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us. We share in the many sufferings of Christ.

In the same way, much comfort to us through Christ. If we have troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is so we can comfort you. And this helps you patiently accept the same sufferings we have. Our hope for you is strong. We know you share in our sufferings. So we know that you also share in our comfort.

<sup>8</sup> Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the trouble we suffered in Asia. We



had|strong="G3748" great|strong="G3756" burdens there|strong="G1722", which|strong="G3748" were|strong="G1096" greater than|strong="G5228" our|strong="G2532" own strength|strong="G1411". We|strong="G2249" even|strong="G2532" gave up hope for|strong="G1063" life|strong="G2198".<sup>9</sup> In|strong="G1722" fact|strong="G0235", it|strong="G0846" seems like|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2192" been|strong="G1510" telling us|strong="G1722" we|strong="G2192" are|strong="G1510" going to|strong="G2443" die|strong="G2288". But|strong="G0235" this|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" we|strong="G2192" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3361" trust|strong="G3982" in|strong="G1722" our-selves|strong="G1438" but|strong="G0235" in|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316", who|strong="G3588" raises|strong="G1453" people|strong="G0846" from|strong="G3361" death|strong="G2288".<sup>10</sup> He|strong="G2532" saved us|strong="G1519" from|strong="G1537" these|strong="G3739" great|strong="G5082" dangers of|strong="G1537" death|strong="G2288", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3739" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" save us|strong="G1519". We|strong="G2249" feel sure he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3739" always save us|strong="G1519".<sup>11</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" can help us|strong="G1519" with|strong="G1537" your|strong="G2532" prayers|strong="G1162". Then|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G4383" will|strong="G4183" give|strong="G2168" thanks|strong="G2168" for|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519"—that|strong="G2443" God|strong="G4183" blessed us|strong="G1519" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1537" their|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" prayers|strong="G1162".

### The|strong="G3588" Change in|strong="G1519" Paul's Plans

<sup>12</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" proud of|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" can say|strong="G1473" with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1510" clear conscience|strong="G4893" that|strong="G3754" it|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" true: In|strong="G1722" every-thing we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1510" done in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889", we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1510" done it|strong="G1161" with|strong="G1722" an|strong="G1510" honest and|strong="G2532" pure heart from|strong="G1722"

God|strong="G2316". And|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" even|strong="G2532" truer in|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1510" done with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". We|strong="G2249" did|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778" by|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G2316" grace|strong="G5485", not|strong="G3756" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" kind of|strong="G2316" wisdom|strong="G4678" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" has|strong="G2316".<sup>13</sup> We|strong="G3739" write|strong="G1125" to|strong="G2193" you|strong="G5210" only|strong="G3756" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" can read|strong="G0314" and|strong="G2532" under-stand|strong="G1921". And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G3739" hope|strong="G1679" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3739" ful-ly|strong="G1921" understand|strong="G1921",<sup>14</sup> just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" you|strong="G5210" already under-stand|strong="G1921" many things|strong="G3588" about|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722". I|strong="G1473" hope you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" understand|strong="G1921" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" can be|strong="G1510" proud|strong="G2745" of|strong="G2250" us|strong="G1722", just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" we|strong="G2249" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" proud|strong="G2745" of|strong="G2250" you|strong="G5210" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" when|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962" Je-sus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G2962" comes|strong="G1510" again|strong="G2532".

<sup>15</sup> I|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" very|strong="G3778" sure of|strong="G5485" all|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778". That|strong="G2443" is|strong="G3778" why I|strong="G2532" made plans to|strong="G4314" vis-it|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210" first|strong="G4387". Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" could|strong="G2192" be|strong="G2532" blessed twice|strong="G1208".<sup>16</sup> I|strong="G2532" planned to|strong="G1519" vis-it|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210" on|strong="G1519" my|strong="G5259" way|strong="G4311" to|strong="G1519" Macedo-nia|strong="G3109" and|strong="G2532" again|strong="G3825" on|strong="G1519" my|strong="G5259" way|strong="G4311" back|strong="G3825". I|strong="G2532" wanted to|strong="G1519" get help|strong="G4311" from|strong="G0575" you|strong="G5210"

for *my* trip to Judea. <sup>17</sup> Do you think that I made these plans without really thinking? Or maybe you think I make plans as the world does, saying yes and no at the same time.

<sup>18</sup> But if you can believe God, then you can believe that what we tell you is both yes and no. <sup>19</sup> The Son of God, Jesus Christ, the one that Silas, Timothy, and I told you about was not yes and no. In Christ it has been yes. <sup>20</sup> The yes to all of God's promises in Christ. And that is why we say Amen through Christ the glory of God. <sup>21</sup> And God is the one who makes you strong and us strong in Christ. God is also the one who chose us for his work. <sup>22</sup> He put his mark on

us to show we are his. Yes, he put his Spirit in our hearts as the first payment that guarantees all that he will give us.

<sup>23</sup> I tell you this, and I ask God to witness that my witness is true: The reason I did not come back to Corinth was that I did not want to punish or hurt you. <sup>24</sup> I don't mean that we are trying to control your faith. You are strong in faith. But we are workers with you for your own happiness.

**2** So I decided that next visit you would not be another visit to make you sad. <sup>2</sup> If I make you sad, then who will make me happy? Only you can make me happy— you, the ones I

<sup>1</sup> **CHOSE US FOR HIS WORK** Literally, "anointed us." In Greek this word is related to the title "Christ," which means "anointed one." See "anoint" and "Christ" in the Word List.

made *strong*="G3076" sad *strong*="G3076".<sup>3</sup> I *strong*="G1473" wrote *strong*="G1125" you *strong*="G5210" a *strong*="G2192" letter *strong*="G1125" so *strong*="G2443" that *strong*="G3754" when *strong*="G2532" I *strong*="G1473" came *strong*="G2064" to *strong*="G2443" you *strong*="G5210" I *strong*="G1473" would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3361" be *strong*="G1510" made sad by *strong*="G0575" those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3739" should *strong*="G1163" make *strong*="G1163" me *strong*="G1473" happy. I *strong*="G1473" felt *strong*="G2192" sure *strong*="G3982" that *strong*="G3754" all *strong*="G3956" of *strong*="G0575" you *strong*="G5210" would *strong*="G0846" share my *strong*="G1699" joy *strong*="G5479".<sup>4</sup> When *strong*="G2532" I *strong*="G3739" wrote *strong*="G1125" to *strong*="G1519" you *strong*="G5210" before *strong*="G1519", I *strong*="G3739" was *strong*="G3739" very *strong*="G4183" troubled and *strong*="G2532" my *strong*="G3739" heart *strong*="G2588" was *strong*="G3739" full *strong*="G2192" of *strong*="G1537" sadness *strong*="G3076". I *strong*="G3739" wrote *strong*="G1125" with *strong*="G1537" many *strong*="G4183" tears *strong*="G1144". I *strong*="G3739" did *strong*="G1097" not *strong*="G3756" write *strong*="G1125" to *strong*="G1519" make *strong*="G3076" you *strong*="G5210" sad *strong*="G3076", but *strong*="G0235" to *strong*="G1519" let *strong*="G2443" you *strong*="G5210" know *strong*="G1097" how *strong*="G1097" much *strong*="G4183" I *strong*="G3739" love *strong*="G0026" you *strong*="G5210".

**Forgive the *strong*="G3588" Person  
Who *strong*="G3739" Did *strong*="G1097" Wrong**

<sup>5</sup> Someone *strong*="G5100" in *strong*="G3956" your *strong*="G1487" group *strong*="G3313" has *strong*="G5100" caused *strong*="G3076" sadness *strong*="G3076"— not *strong*="G3756" to *strong*="G2443" me *strong*="G1473", but *strong*="G1161" to *strong*="G2443" all *strong*="G3956" of *strong*="G0575" you *strong*="G5210". I *strong*="G1473" mean he *strong*="G1161" has *strong*="G5100" caused *strong*="G3076" sadness *strong*="G3076" to *strong*="G2443" all *strong*="G3956" in *strong*="G3956" some *strong*="G5100" way *strong*="G3956". ( I *strong*="G1473" don't *strong*="G3756" want to *strong*="G2443" make *strong*="G3361" it *strong*="G1161" sound worse than *strong*="G3361" it *strong*="G1161" really is *strong*="G5100". )<sup>6</sup> The *strong*="G3588" punishment *strong*="G2009" that *strong*="G3778"

*strong*="G4183" of *strong*="G3588" your *strong*="G5259" group gave him is *strong*="G3778" enough *strong*="G2425" for *strong*="G2425" him.<sup>7</sup> But *strong*="G2532" now *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G4771" should *strong*="G2532" forgive *strong*="G5483" him *strong*="G3870" and *strong*="G2532" encourage *strong*="G3870" him *strong*="G3870". This *strong*="G3588" will *strong*="G2532" keep *strong*="G3361" him *strong*="G3870" from *strong*="G3361" having too *strong*="G2532" much *strong*="G4053" sadness *strong*="G3077" and *strong*="G2532" giving up *strong*="G2666" completely.<sup>8</sup> So *strong*="G1519" I *strong*="G1352" beg *strong*="G3870" you *strong*="G5210" to *strong*="G1519" show him *strong*="G0846" that *strong*="G0846" you *strong*="G5210" love *strong*="G0026" him *strong*="G0846".<sup>9</sup> This *strong*="G3778" is *strong*="G1510" why *strong*="G1063" I *strong*="G2532" wrote *strong*="G1125" to *strong*="G1519" you *strong*="G5210". I *strong*="G2532" wanted to *strong*="G1519" test *strong*="G1382" you *strong*="G5210" and *strong*="G2532" see *strong*="G1097" if *strong*="G1487" you *strong*="G5210" obey in *strong*="G1519" everything *strong*="G3956".<sup>10</sup> If *strong*="G1487" you *strong*="G5210" forgive *strong*="G5483" someone *strong*="G5100", then *strong*="G2532" I *strong*="G1473" also *strong*="G2532" forgive *strong*="G5483" them *strong*="G1722". And *strong*="G2532" what *strong*="G3739" I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G2532" forgiven *strong*="G5483"— if *strong*="G1487" I *strong*="G1473" had *strong*="G3739" anything *strong*="G5100" to *strong*="G2532" forgive *strong*="G5483"— I *strong*="G1473" forgave *strong*="G5483" it *strong*="G1223" for *strong*="G1063" you *strong*="G5210", and *strong*="G2532" Christ *strong*="G5547" was *strong*="G3739" with *strong*="G1722" me *strong*="G1473".<sup>11</sup> I *strong*="G0846" did *strong*="G4122" this *strong*="G3588" so *strong*="G2443" that *strong*="G2443" Satan *strong*="G4567" would *strong*="G0846" not *strong*="G3756" win anything from *strong*="G5259" us. We *strong*="G3588" know *strong*="G0050" very *strong*="G0846" well *strong*="G1063" what *strong*="G3588" his *strong*="G0846" plans are *strong*="G3588".

**God *strong*="G0846" Gives Us Victory  
Over *strong*="G5259" Troubles**

<sup>12</sup> I *strong*="G1473" went *strong*="G2064" to *strong*="G1519" Troas *strong*="G5174" to *strong*="G1519" tell people *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" Good *strong*="G2098" News *strong*="G2098" of *strong*="G2962"

Christ |strong="G5547". The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" gave me |strong="G1473" a |strong="G2064" good |strong="G2098" opportunity there |strong="G1722". <sup>13</sup> But |strong="G0235" I |strong="G1473" had |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3756" peace because |strong="G2192" I |strong="G1473" did |strong="G2147" not |strong="G3756" find |strong="G2147" my |strong="G2192" brother |strong="G0080" Titus |strong="G5103". So |strong="G1519" I |strong="G1473" said goodbye and |strong="G4151" went |strong="G1831" to |strong="G1519" Macedonia |strong="G3109".

<sup>14</sup> But |strong="G1161" thanks |strong="G5485" be |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316", who |strong="G3588" always |strong="G3842" leads |strong="G2358" us |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" victory through |strong="G1223" Christ |strong="G5547". God |strong="G2316" uses us |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2532" spread his |strong="G0846" knowledge |strong="G1108" everywhere like |strong="G0846" a |strong="G2532" sweet-smelling perfume. <sup>15</sup> Our |strong="G2316" offering to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" perfume of |strong="G2316" Christ |strong="G5547" that |strong="G3754" goes out |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" being |strong="G1510" saved |strong="G4982" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" being |strong="G1510" lost |strong="G0622". <sup>16</sup> To |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3778" being lost, this |strong="G3778" perfume smells like |strong="G4314" death |strong="G2288", and |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" brings |strong="G1519" them |strong="G3739" death |strong="G2288". But |strong="G1161" to |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3778" being saved, it |strong="G1161" has |strong="G3739" the |strong="G2532" sweet |strong="G3744" smell of |strong="G1537" life |strong="G2222", and |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" brings |strong="G1519" them |strong="G3739" life |strong="G2222". So |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G5101" good |strong="G2425" enough |strong="G2425" to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G5101" this |strong="G3778" work? <sup>17</sup> Certainly |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" out |strong="G1537" there |strong="G1510" selling God's |strong="G2316"

message |strong="G3056" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G5613" profit! But |strong="G0235" we |strong="G1510" don't |strong="G3756" do |strong="G1510" that |strong="G2316". With |strong="G1722" Christ's |strong="G5547" help we |strong="G1510" speak |strong="G2980" God's |strong="G2316" truth honestly, knowing that |strong="G2316" we |strong="G1510" must |strong="G0235" answer |strong="G3056" to |strong="G1722" him |strong="G1722".

### Servants of God's New Agreement

**3** Why are |strong="G1992" we |strong="G5613" beginning |strong="G0757" again |strong="G3825" to |strong="G4314" tell you |strong="G5210" all these good things |strong="G5100" about |strong="G5613" ourselves |strong="G1438"? Do |strong="G3361" we |strong="G5613" need |strong="G5535" letters |strong="G1992" of |strong="G1537" introduction to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" or |strong="G2228" from |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210", like |strong="G5613" some |strong="G5100" other |strong="G3825" people |strong="G5100"? <sup>2</sup> No, you |strong="G5210" yourselves |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" our |strong="G2532" letter |strong="G1992", written |strong="G1449" on |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2532" hearts |strong="G2588". It |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" known |strong="G1097" and |strong="G2532" read |strong="G0314" by |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G0444". <sup>3</sup> You |strong="G3754" show |strong="G5319" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" letter |strong="G1992" from |strong="G5259" Christ |strong="G5547" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G3754" sent through |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722". This |strong="G3748" letter |strong="G1992" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" written |strong="G1449" with |strong="G1722" ink |strong="G3188" but |strong="G0235" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" Spirit |strong="G4151" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G1722" living |strong="G2198" God |strong="G2316". It |strong="G5319" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" written |strong="G1449" on |strong="G1722" stone |strong="G3035" tablets |strong="G4109" but |strong="G0235" on |strong="G1722" human |strong="G4560" hearts |strong="G2588".

<sup>4</sup> We |strong="G1161" can say |strong="G1223" this |strong="G3588", because |strong="G1223" through |strong="G1223" Christ |strong="G5547"

<sup>1</sup> STONE Meaning the law that God gave to Moses, which was written on stone tablets. Also in verse 7. See Exodus 24:12; 25:16.

we |strong="G1161" feel sure before |strong="G4314" God |strong="G2316". <sup>5</sup> I |strong="G1473" don't |strong="G3756" mean |strong="G1510" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" able |strong="G2425" to |strong="G5100" do |strong="G1510" any-thing |strong="G5100" good |strong="G1510" our-selves |strong="G1438". It |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" God |strong="G2316" who |strong="G3588" makes us |strong="G1537" able |strong="G2425" to |strong="G5100" do |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" do |strong="G1510". <sup>6</sup> He |strong="G2532" made |strong="G2227" us |strong="G2427" able to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" ser-vants |strong="G1249" of |strong="G4151" a |strong="G3739" new |strong="G2537" agreement from |strong="G2532" himself to |strong="G2532" his |strong="G3739" people |strong="G3588". It |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" an |strong="G2532" agreement of |strong="G4151" written laws, but |strong="G1161" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3739" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" Spir-it |strong="G4151". The |strong="G3588" written law brings death |strong="G0615", but |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" gives |strong="G2227" life |strong="G2227".

#### An |strong="G2532" Agreement With |strong="G2532" Greater Glory

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G3588" old agreement <sup>I</sup> that |strong="G5620" brought |strong="G1519" death |strong="G2288", written with |strong="G1722" words on |strong="G1722" stone |strong="G3037", came |strong="G1096" with |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G0846" glory |strong="G1391". In |strong="G1722" fact, the |strong="G3588" face |strong="G4383" of |strong="G5207" Moses |strong="G3475" was |strong="G3588" so |strong="G1161" bright with |strong="G1722" glo-ry |strong="G1391" ( a |strong="G1096" glo-ry |strong="G1391" that |strong="G5620" was |strong="G3588" ending) that |strong="G5620" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" of |strong="G5207" Israel |strong="G2474" could |strong="G1410" not |strong="G3361" contin-ue |strong="G1096" looking |strong="G0816" at |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" face |strong="G4383". <sup>8</sup> So |strong="G1722" surely the |strong="G3588" new agreement that |strong="G1510" comes |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1391" the |strong="G3588" life-giving Spirit |strong="G4151" has |strong="G4151" even |strong="G3123" more |strong="G3123" glo-

ry |strong="G1391". <sup>9</sup> This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1487" mean: That |strong="G3123" old agreement judged people |strong="G4183" guilty of |strong="G1391" sin, but |strong="G1487" it had |strong="G3588" glory |strong="G1391". So |strong="G1063" surely the |strong="G3588" new agreement that |strong="G3123" makes peo-ple |strong="G4183" right |strong="G1343" with |strong="G3588" God |strong="G4183" has |strong="G4052" much |strong="G4183" greater |strong="G4183" glory |strong="G1391". <sup>10</sup> That |strong="G3778" old agreement had |strong="G3588" glory |strong="G1391". But |strong="G2532" it |strong="G3778" really loses its glory |strong="G1391" when |strong="G2532" it |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" compared to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" much greater glory |strong="G1391" of |strong="G1391" the |strong="G3588" new agreement. <sup>11</sup> If |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3588" agreement that |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" brought to |strong="G1722" an end |strong="G2673" came |strong="G2673" with |strong="G1722" glo-ry |strong="G1391", then |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" agreement that |strong="G1722" never |strong="G1487" ends has much |strong="G4183" greater |strong="G4183" glo-ry |strong="G1391".

<sup>12</sup> We |strong="G2192" are |strong="G5108" so |strong="G3767" sure of |strong="G1680" this |strong="G5108" hope |strong="G1680" that |strong="G3767" we |strong="G2192" can speak very |strong="G4183" openly |strong="G3954". <sup>13</sup> We |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" like |strong="G2509" Moses |strong="G3475", who |strong="G3588" put |strong="G5087" a |strong="G5087" covering over |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" face |strong="G4383". He |strong="G2532" covered his |strong="G0846" face |strong="G4383" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" of |strong="G5207" Israel |strong="G2474" would |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3756" see it |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" glory was |strong="G3588" disappearing, and |strong="G2532" Moses |strong="G3475" did |strong="G5087" not |strong="G3756" want them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" see it |strong="G0846" end |strong="G5056". <sup>14</sup> But |strong="G0235" their |strong="G0846" minds |strong="G3540" were |strong="G3588" closed. And |strong="G2250" even |strong="G1063" to-day |strong="G4594", when |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" read |strong="G0320" the |strong="G3588" writings of |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588"

<sup>I</sup> AGREEMENT In verses 7-11 literally, "service" or "ministry."

old/strong="G3820" agreement, I that/strong="G3754" same/strong="G0846" covering hides the/strong="G3588" meaning. That/strong="G3754" covering has/strong="G5547" not/strong="G3361" been/strong="G3361" removed/strong="G2673" for/strong="G1063" them/strong="G0846". It/strong="G0846" is/strong="G3588" taken away/strong="G2673" only/strong="G0235" through/strong="G1722" Christ/strong="G5547".<sup>15</sup> Yes/strong="G0235", even/strong="G2193" today/strong="G4594", when/strong="G0846" they/strong="G0846" read/strong="G0314" the/strong="G3588" Law of/strong="G1909" Moses/strong="G3475", there is/strong="G3588" a/strong="G1909" covering over/strong="G1909" their/strong="G0846" minds/strong="G2588".<sup>16</sup> But/strong="G1161" when/strong="G1161" someone changes and/strong="G1161" follows the/strong="G3588" Lord/strong="G2962", that/strong="G1161" covering is/strong="G2962" taken/strong="G4014" away/strong="G4014".<sup>17</sup> The/strong="G3588" Lord/strong="G2962" is/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3588" Spirit/strong="G4151", and/strong="G1161" where/strong="G3757" the/strong="G3588" Spirit/strong="G4151" of/strong="G4151" the/strong="G3588" Lord/strong="G2962" is/strong="G1510", there/strong="G1510" is/strong="G1510" freedom/strong="G1657".<sup>18</sup> And/strong="G1161" our/strong="G3956" faces/strong="G4383" are/strong="G3956" not/strong="G1473" covered. We/strong="G2249" all/strong="G3956" show the/strong="G3956" Lord's/strong="G2962" glory/strong="G1391", and/strong="G1161" we/strong="G2249" are/strong="G3956" being changed to/strong="G1519" be/strong="G3956" like/strong="G2509" him/strong="G0846". This/strong="G3588" change in/strong="G1519" us/strong="G1519" brings/strong="G1519" more/strong="G3956" and/strong="G1161" more/strong="G3956" glory/strong="G1391", which/strong="G3588" comes from/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3956" Lord/strong="G2962", who/strong="G3588" is/strong="G2962" the/strong="G3956" Spirit/strong="G4151".

### Spiritual Treasure in Clay Jars

**4** God/strong="G1653", with/strong="G1223" his/strong="G1223" mercy/strong="G1653", gave us this/strong="G3778" work to/strong="G3778" do/strong="G2192", so/strong="G1223" we/strong="G3778" don't/strong="G3756" give up.<sup>2</sup> But/strong="G0235" we/strong="G3588" have/strong="G3956" turned away

I OLD AGREEMENT See "agreement" in the Word List. Here, "old agreement" is used to mean the Law of Moses on which that agreement was based.

from/strong="G3361" secret/strong="G2927" and/strong="G2316" shameful/strong="G0152" ways. We/strong="G3588" don't/strong="G3361" use trick-ery/strong="G3834", and/strong="G2316" we/strong="G3588" don't/strong="G3361" change the/strong="G3956" teaching/strong="G3056" of/strong="G3056" God/strong="G2316". We/strong="G3588" teach the/strong="G3956" truth/strong="G0225" plainly. This/strong="G3588" is/strong="G2316" how we/strong="G3588" show people/strong="G0444" who/strong="G3588" we/strong="G3588" are/strong="G3956". And/strong="G2316" this/strong="G3588" is/strong="G2316" how they/strong="G1722" can know in/strong="G1722" their/strong="G1438" hearts what/strong="G3588" kind/strong="G3956" of/strong="G3056" people/strong="G0444" we/strong="G3588" are/strong="G3956" before/strong="G1799" God/strong="G2316".<sup>3</sup> The/strong="G3588" Good/strong="G1510" News/strong="G2098" that/strong="G1161" we/strong="G2249" tell people/strong="G1510" may/strong="G2532" be/strong="G1510" hid- den/strong="G2572", but/strong="G1161" it/strong="G1161" is/strong="G1510" hid- den/strong="G2572" only/strong="G1487" to/strong="G2532" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" are/strong="G1510" lost/strong="G0622".<sup>4</sup> The/strong="G3588" ruler II of/strong="G2316" this/strong="G3778" world/strong="G0165" has/strong="G2316" blind- ed/strong="G5186" the/strong="G3588" minds/strong="G3540" of/strong="G2316" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3739" don't/strong="G3361" believe. They/strong="G3739" cannot/strong="G3361" see/strong="G0826" the/strong="G3588" light/strong="G5462" of/strong="G2316" the/strong="G3588" Good/strong="G1510" News/strong="G2098"— the/strong="G3588" message about/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" divine greatness of/strong="G2316" Christ/strong="G5547". Christ/strong="G5547" is/strong="G1510" the/strong="G3588" one/strong="G3739" who/strong="G3739" is/strong="G1510" exactly like God/strong="G2316".<sup>5</sup> We/strong="G1161" don't/strong="G3756" tell people about/strong="G2424" ourselves/strong="G1438". But/strong="G1161" we/strong="G1161" tell people that/strong="G1161" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547" is/strong="G2962" Lord/strong="G2962", and/strong="G1161" we/strong="G1161" tell them/strong="G1438" that/strong="G1161" we/strong="G1161" are/strong="G5547" your/strong="G2962" ser- vants/strong="G1401" for/strong="G1063" Je- sus/strong="G2424".<sup>6</sup> God/strong="G2316" once

II THE RULER Literally, "The god."

said |strong="G3004", " Let |strong="G3004" light |strong="G5457" shine |strong="G2989" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" darkness |strong="G4655"! " I And |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" who |strong="G3739" made |strong="G3004" his |strong="G3739" light |strong="G5457" shine |strong="G2989" in |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2316" hearts |strong="G2588" to |strong="G4314" let |strong="G3004" us |strong="G3004" know that |strong="G3754" his |strong="G3739" own divine greatness is |strong="G2316" seen in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" face |strong="G4383" of |strong="G1537" Christ |strong="G5547".

<sup>7</sup> We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" this |strong="G3778" treasure |strong="G2344" from |strong="G1537" God |strong="G2316", but |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" only |strong="G2532" like clay |strong="G3749" jars |strong="G4632" that |strong="G2443" hold |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" treasure |strong="G2344". This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2443" show |strong="G2192" that |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" amazing power |strong="G1411" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" is |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" God |strong="G2316", not |strong="G3361" from |strong="G1537" us |strong="G1537". <sup>8</sup> We have |strong="G3956" troubles all |strong="G3956" around us |strong="G1722", but |strong="G0235" we are |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" defeated. We often don't |strong="G3756" know what |strong="G0235" to |strong="G1722" do |strong="G3756", but |strong="G0235" we don't |strong="G3756" give up. <sup>9</sup> We are persecuted |strong="G1377", but |strong="G0235" God does not |strong="G3756" leave |strong="G1459" us. We are hurt sometimes, but |strong="G0235" we are not |strong="G3756" destroyed |strong="G0622". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="G2443" we |strong="G2249" constantly experience the |strong="G3588" death of |strong="G4983" Jesus |strong="G2424" in |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2424" own bodies |strong="G4983", but |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" life |strong="G2222" of |strong="G4983" Jesus |strong="G2424" can also |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" seen in |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2424" bodies |strong="G4983". <sup>11</sup> We |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3588" alive |strong="G2198", but |strong="G2532"

for |strong="G1063" Jesus |strong="G2424" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3588" always |strong="G0104" in |strong="G1722" danger |strong="G2288" of |strong="G1223" death |strong="G2288", so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" life |strong="G2222" of |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424" can be |strong="G2532" seen in |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2424" bodies that |strong="G2443" die |strong="G2288". <sup>12</sup> So |strong="G1161" death |strong="G2288" is |strong="G3588" working |strong="G1754" in |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722", but |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" result |strong="G5620" is |strong="G3588" that |strong="G5620" life |strong="G2222" is |strong="G3588" working |strong="G1754" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say |strong="G2980", " I |strong="G1473" believed |strong="G4100", so |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" spoke |strong="G2980". " <sup>II</sup> Our |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102" is |strong="G3588" like |strong="G2596" that |strong="G4100" too |strong="G2532". We |strong="G2249" believe |strong="G4100", and |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" speak |strong="G2980". <sup>14</sup> God |strong="G1453" raised |strong="G1453" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" from |strong="G2424" death, and |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" also |strong="G2532" raise |strong="G1453" us |strong="G1453" with |strong="G4862" Jesus |strong="G2424". God |strong="G1453" will |strong="G2962" bring |strong="G3936" us |strong="G1453" together |strong="G4862" with |strong="G4862" you |strong="G5210", and |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G2962" stand |strong="G3936" before |strong="G3936" him |strong="G2532". <sup>15</sup> All |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3956" are |strong="G3956" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210". And |strong="G2316" so |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3956" grace |strong="G5485" of |strong="G1223" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" being |strong="G4771" given to |strong="G1519" more |strong="G4183" and |strong="G2316" more |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3956". This |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2316" bring |strong="G1519" more |strong="G4183" and |strong="G2316" more |strong="G4183" thanks |strong="G5485" to |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316"

I LET ... DARKNESS See Genesis 1:3.

II 4:13 Quote from Psalm 116:10.

for|strong="G1063" his|strong="G3956" glory|strong="G1391".

### Living by|strong="G1223" Faith

16 That|strong="G2250" is|strong="G0444" why|strong="G1352" we|strong="G2249" never|strong="G3756" give up|strong="G2080". Our|strong="G2532" physical body is|strong="G0444" becoming older and|strong="G2532" weaker, but|strong="G0235" our|strong="G2532" spirit inside|strong="G2080" us is|strong="G0444" made new every day|strong="G2250". 17 We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1473" small troubles|strong="G2347" for|strong="G1063" a while now, but|strong="G1063" these|strong="G3588" troubles|strong="G2347" are|strong="G3588" helping us|strong="G1519" gain an|strong="G2596" eternal|strong="G0166" glory|strong="G1391". That|strong="G2596" eternal|strong="G0166" glory|strong="G1391" is|strong="G3588" much greater than our|strong="G2596" troubles|strong="G2347". 18 So|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2249" think about|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" cannot|strong="G3361" see|strong="G0991", not|strong="G3361" what|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" see|strong="G0991". What|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" see|strong="G0991" lasts only|strong="G0235" a|strong="G1161" short time, and|strong="G1161" what|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" cannot|strong="G3361" see|strong="G0991" will|strong="G1473" last forever|strong="G0166".

5 We|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" our|strong="G2316" body—the|strong="G3588" tent|strong="G4636" we|strong="G2249" live|strong="G2192" in|strong="G1722" here|strong="G1722" on|strong="G1722" earth|strong="G1919"—will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2316" destroyed|strong="G2647". But|strong="G2316" when|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" happens, God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" home|strong="G3614" for|strong="G1063" us|strong="G1537" to|strong="G1722" live|strong="G2192" in|strong="G1722". It|strong="G1437" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G1473" be|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" kind of|strong="G1537" home|strong="G3614" people|strong="G1492" build|strong="G3619" here|strong="G1722". It|strong="G1437" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2192" home|strong="G3614" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" that|strong="G3754" will|strong="G2316" continue forever|strong="G0166". 2 But|strong="G2532"

now|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G3778" tired of|strong="G1537" this|strong="G3778" body. We|strong="G2249" want God to|strong="G2532" give us|strong="G1537" our|strong="G2532" heavenly|strong="G3772" home. 3 It|strong="G2147" will|strong="G2532" clothe|strong="G1746" us and|strong="G2532" we|strong="G1487" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" naked|strong="G1131". 4 While|strong="G1722" we|strong="G3739" live in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3588" tent|strong="G4636", we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" burdens and|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2443" we|strong="G3739" complain|strong="G4727". I|strong="G3739" don't|strong="G3756" mean|strong="G1510" that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2443" remove this|strong="G3588" tent|strong="G4636", but|strong="G0235" we|strong="G3739" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G1510" clothed|strong="G1902" with|strong="G1722" our|strong="G2532" heavenly home. Then|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" body that|strong="G3739" dies will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" covered with|strong="G1722" life|strong="G2222". 5 This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G2316" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" himself|strong="G0846" made us|strong="G1325" for|strong="G1519". And|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" has|strong="G2316" given|strong="G1325" us|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" as|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" first payment to|strong="G1519" guarantee the|strong="G3588" life|strong="G4151" to|strong="G1519" come.

6 So|strong="G3767" we|strong="G2532" always|strong="G3842" have|strong="G2532" confidence|strong="G2292". We|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" while|strong="G1722" we|strong="G2532" live in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3588" body|strong="G4983", we|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". 7 We|strong="G1223" live|strong="G4043" by|strong="G1223" what|strong="G1063" we|strong="G1223" believe will|strong="G4102" happen, not|strong="G3756" by|strong="G1223" what|strong="G1063" we|strong="G1223" can see. 8 So|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" say that|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" confidence|strong="G2292". And|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" really want to|strong="G4314" be|strong="G2532" away|strong="G1553"



from *strong="G1537"* this *strong="G3588"* body *strong="G4983"* and *strong="G2532"* be *strong="G2532"* at *strong="G1537"* home *strong="G1736"* with *strong="G4314"* the *strong="G3588"* Lord *strong="G2962"*.<sup>9</sup> Our *strong="G2532"* only *strong="G2532"* goal is *strong="G1510"* to *strong="G2532"* always please the *strong="G2532"* Lord, whether *strong="G1535"* we *strong="G2532"* are *strong="G1510"* living here *strong="G1510"* in *strong="G2532"* this *strong="G1352"* body or *strong="G2532"* there *strong="G1510"* with *strong="G2532"* him *strong="G0846"*.<sup>10</sup> We *strong="G2249"* must *strong="G1163"* all *strong="G3956"* stand before *strong="G1715"* Christ *strong="G5547"* to *strong="G4314"* be *strong="G1163"* judged. Everyone *strong="G3956"* will *strong="G3739"* get what *strong="G3739"* they *strong="G3739"* should *strong="G1163"*. They *strong="G3739"* will *strong="G3739"* be *strong="G1163"* paid for *strong="G1063"* whatever *strong="G3739"* they *strong="G3739"* did— good *strong="G0018"* or *strong="G1535"* bad *strong="G5337"*— when *strong="G3739"* they *strong="G3739"* lived in *strong="G3956"* this *strong="G3588"* earthly body *strong="G4983"*.

#### Helping People *strong="G3956"* Become *strong="G5319"* God's Friends

<sup>11</sup> We *strong="G2532"* know *strong="G1492"* what *strong="G3588"* it *strong="G1161"* means *strong="G1722"* to *strong="G2532"* fear *strong="G5401"* the *strong="G3588"* Lord *strong="G2962"*, so *strong="G3767"* we *strong="G2532"* try to *strong="G2532"* help people *strong="G0444"* accept the *strong="G3588"* truth. God *strong="G2316"* knows *strong="G1492"* what *strong="G3588"* we *strong="G2532"* really are *strong="G3588"*, and *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G2532"* hope *strong="G1679"* that *strong="G3982"* in *strong="G1722"* your *strong="G2962"* hearts you *strong="G5210"* know *strong="G1492"* us *strong="G1722"* too *strong="G2532"*.<sup>12</sup> We *strong="G2249"* are *strong="G3588"* not *strong="G3756"* trying to *strong="G4314"* prove *strong="G4921"* ourselves *strong="G1438"* to *strong="G4314"* you *strong="G5210"* again *strong="G3825"*. But *strong="G0235"* we *strong="G2249"* are *strong="G3588"* telling you *strong="G5210"* about *strong="G1722"* ourselves *strong="G1438"*. We *strong="G2249"* are *strong="G3588"* giving *strong="G1325"* you *strong="G5210"* reasons to *strong="G4314"* be *strong="G2532"* proud *strong="G2745"* of *strong="G1722"* us *strong="G1325"*. Then *strong="G2532"* you *strong="G5210"* will *strong="G2532"* have *strong="G2192"* an *strong="G2192"* answer

for *strong="G1063"* those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* are *strong="G3588"* proud *strong="G2745"* about *strong="G1722"* what *strong="G3588"* can *strong="G1325"* be *strong="G2532"* seen. They *strong="G2532"* don't *strong="G3756"* care about *strong="G1722"* what *strong="G3588"* is *strong="G3588"* in *strong="G1722"* a *strong="G2192"* person's heart *strong="G2588"*.<sup>13</sup> If *strong="G1535"* we are crazy, it is *strong="G2316"* for *strong="G1063"* God *strong="G2316"*. If *strong="G1535"* we have *strong="G2316"* our *strong="G2316"* right *strong="G4993"* mind *strong="G4993"*, it is *strong="G2316"* for *strong="G1063"* you *strong="G5210"*.<sup>14</sup> The *strong="G3956"* love *strong="G0026"* of *strong="G1520"* Christ *strong="G5547"* controls *strong="G4912"* us, because *strong="G1063"* we *strong="G2249"* know that *strong="G3748"* one *strong="G1520"* person *strong="G1520"* died for *strong="G1063"* everyone *strong="G3956"*. So *strong="G0686"* all *strong="G3956"* have *strong="G3748"* died.<sup>15</sup> He *strong="G2532"* died *strong="G0599"* for *strong="G3754"* all *strong="G3956"* so *strong="G2443"* that *strong="G3754"* those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* live *strong="G2198"* would *strong="G0846"* not *strong="G3371"* continue *strong="G2532"* to *strong="G2443"* live *strong="G2198"* for *strong="G3754"* themselves *strong="G1438"*. He *strong="G2532"* died *strong="G0599"* for *strong="G3754"* them *strong="G0846"* and *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"* raised *strong="G1453"* from *strong="G2532"* death *strong="G0599"* so *strong="G2443"* that *strong="G3754"* they *strong="G0846"* would *strong="G0846"* live *strong="G2198"* for *strong="G3754"* him *strong="G0846"*.

<sup>16</sup> From *strong="G0575"* this *strong="G3588"* time *strong="G3568"* on *strong="G0575"* we *strong="G2249"* don't think of *strong="G0575"* anyone *strong="G3762"* as *strong="G2596"* the *strong="G3588"* world thinks of *strong="G0575"* people *strong="G1492"*. It *strong="G2532"* is *strong="G3588"* true that *strong="G1097"* in *strong="G2596"* the *strong="G3588"* past we *strong="G2249"* thought of *strong="G0575"* Christ *strong="G5547"* as *strong="G2596"* the *strong="G3588"* world thinks. But *strong="G0235"* we *strong="G2249"* don't think that *strong="G1097"* way *strong="G2596"* now *strong="G3568"*.<sup>17</sup> When *strong="G1722"* anyone *strong="G5100"* is *strong="G5100"* in *strong="G1722"* Christ *strong="G5547"*, it *strong="G3708"* is *strong="G5100"* a *strong="G1096"* whole *strong="G1722"* new *strong="G2537"* world. <sup>1</sup> The *strong="G3588"* old *strong="G0744"* things *strong="G5100"*

are *gone*; suddenly *everything is new*! <sup>18</sup> All *this is from God*. Through *Christ*, God *made peace between himself and us*. And *God gave us the work of bringing people into peace with him*. <sup>19</sup> I *mean* that *God was in Christ*, making peace between *world and himself*. In *Christ* did *not hold people their sins*. And *he gave us this message to tell people*. <sup>20</sup> So *we have been sent to speak for Christ*. It *is like God is calling to people through us*. We *speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God*. <sup>21</sup> *Christ had no sin*, but *God made him become sin* so *that in Christ we could be right with God*.

**6** We *are workers together with God*. So *we*

I WHEN ANYONE ... WORLD Or "Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation." I SIN Or "an offering for sin."

*beg you*. Don't *let the grace that you received from God be nothing*. <sup>2</sup> God *says*,

" I *heard you at right time*, and *I gave you help on day of salvation*."

Isaiah 49:8

I *tell you that the right time is now*. The *day of salvation is now*.

<sup>3</sup> We *don't want people to find anything wrong with our work*. So *we do nothing that will be a problem to others*. <sup>4</sup> But *in every way that we are servants of God*. We *never give up, even we face troubles, difficulties, and problems of every kind*. <sup>5</sup> We *are beaten and thrown into prison*. People *get upset at us and fight against us*. We *work hard, and sometimes we get no sleep or food*. <sup>6</sup> We *show that we are God's servants by pure lives, by our understanding, by our pa-*

tiency |strong="G3115", and |strong="G4151" by |strong="G1722" our |strong="G1722" kindness |strong="G5544". We |strong="G0026" show it by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151", by |strong="G1722" genuine |strong="G0505" love |strong="G0026",<sup>7</sup> by |strong="G1722" speaking |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225", and |strong="G2532" by |strong="G1722" depending on |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" power |strong="G1411". This |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1188" way |strong="G1722" of |strong="G3056" living has |strong="G2316" prepared us |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2532" defend ourselves against |strong="G1722" every kind of |strong="G3056" attack.

<sup>8</sup> Some |strong="G5613" people honor |strong="G1391" us, but |strong="G2532" others shame |strong="G0819" us. Some |strong="G5613" people say |strong="G1223" good |strong="G2162" things about |strong="G5613" us, but |strong="G2532" others say |strong="G1223" bad things. Some |strong="G5613" people say |strong="G1223" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" liars, but |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" speak the |strong="G1223" truth |strong="G0227".<sup>9</sup> To |strong="G2532" some |strong="G5613" people |strong="G3361" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" known |strong="G1921", but |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" well |strong="G2532" known |strong="G1921". We |strong="G2532" seem to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" dying |strong="G0599", but |strong="G2532" look |strong="G2400"! We |strong="G2532" continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" live |strong="G2198". We |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" punished |strong="G3811", but |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" killed.<sup>10</sup> We |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" much |strong="G4183" sadness |strong="G3076", but |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3956" always |strong="G0104" rejoicing |strong="G5463". We |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3956" poor |strong="G4434", but |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3956" making |strong="G4148" many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3956" rich |strong="G4148" in |strong="G2532" faith. We |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" nothing |strong="G3367", but |strong="G1161" really we |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" everything |strong="G3956".

<sup>11</sup> We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1473" spoken |strong="G0455" freely |strong="G0455" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" peo-

ple |strong="G3588" in |strong="G4314" Corinth. We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1473" opened |strong="G0455" our hearts |strong="G2588" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210".<sup>12</sup> Our |strong="G1722" feelings of |strong="G1722" love for |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1473" not |strong="G3756" stopped. It |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G1473" stopped your |strong="G1722" feelings of |strong="G1722" love for |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722".<sup>13</sup> I |strong="G2532" speak |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" as |strong="G5613" if |strong="G5613" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3588" my |strong="G3004" children |strong="G5043". Do |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G5613" we |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" done— open |strong="G4115" your |strong="G2532" hearts also |strong="G2532".

**We |strong="G2532" Are |strong="G3588" God's |strong="G0846" Temple |strong="G0846"**

<sup>14</sup> You |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" the |strong="G2532" same |strong="G2532" as |strong="G1096" those |strong="G2532" who |strong="G5101" don't |strong="G3361" believe. So |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3361" join yourselves |strong="G1096" to |strong="G4314" them. Good and |strong="G2532" evil don't |strong="G3361" belong together |strong="G2086". Light |strong="G5457" and |strong="G2532" darkness |strong="G4655" cannot |strong="G3361" share |strong="G2842" the |strong="G2532" same |strong="G2532" room.<sup>15</sup> How |strong="G5101" can there |strong="G1161" be |strong="G3326" any unity between Christ |strong="G5547" and |strong="G1161" the |strong="G1161" devil?<sup>1</sup> What |strong="G5101" does |strong="G5101" a |strong="G2228" believer |strong="G4103" have |strong="G5547" in |strong="G4103" common |strong="G3310" with |strong="G3326" an |strong="G2228" unbeliever |strong="G0571"?<sup>16</sup> God's |strong="G2316" temple |strong="G3485"<sup>II</sup> cannot have |strong="G1510" anything |strong="G5101" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" idols |strong="G1497", and |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" temple |strong="G3485" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" liv-

I THE DEVIL Literally, "beliar |strong="G0955",  
belial |strong="G0955",

II  
GOD'S TEMPLE God's house—the place where God's people worship him. Here, it means that believers are the spiritual temple where God lives.

ing|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316".

As|strong="G2531" God|strong="G2316" said|strong="G3004",

" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" live|strong="G2198" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846"

and|strong="G2532" walk|strong="G1704" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846";

I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" their|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316",

and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" my|strong="G1722" people|strong="G2992"."

Leviticus 26:11-12

17 " So|strong="G2532" come|strong="G1831" away|strong="G1831" from|strong="G1537"

those|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846"

and|strong="G2532" separate|strong="G0873" yourselves|strong="G0846" from|strong="G1537"

them|strong="G0846", says|strong="G3004"

the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962".

Don't|strong="G3361" touch|strong="G0681" anything that|strong="G3004" is|strong="G2962" not|strong="G3361" clean,

and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" accept you|strong="G5210"."

Isaiah 52:11

18 " I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" your|strong="G2962" father|strong="G3962",

and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510"

my|strong="G3004" sons|strong="G5207"

and|strong="G2532" daughters|strong="G2364",

says|strong="G3004" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962" All-Powerful."

2 Samuel 7:8, 14

7 Dear|strong="G0027" friends,

we|strong="G3778" have|strong="G2192" these|strong="G3778" promises|strong="G1860" from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2316".

So|strong="G3767" we|strong="G3778"

should|strong="G2316" make|strong="G2511" ourselves|strong="G1438" pure—free

from|strong="G0575" anything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3778" makes our|strong="G2316" body|strong="G4561" or|strong="G2532"

our|strong="G2316" soul unclean.

Our|strong="G2316" respect|strong="G5401"

for|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316"

should|strong="G2316" make|strong="G2511" us|strong="G1722" try to|strong="G2532"

be|strong="G2532" completely holy

in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956"

way|strong="G1722" we|strong="G3778"

live|strong="G2192".

## Paul's Joy

2 Open your hearts to|strong="G3762" us.

We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1473"

not|strong="G3762" done|strong="G0091"

wrong|strong="G0091" to|strong="G3762" any-

one|strong="G3762" or caused harm|strong="G0091"

to|strong="G3762" anyone|strong="G3762".

And|strong="G1473" we|strong="G2249"

have|strong="G1473" not|strong="G3762" cheated

anyone|strong="G3762".<sup>3</sup> I|strong="G1473"

do|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756"

say|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588"

to|strong="G1519" blame you|strong="G3754".

I|strong="G1473" told|strong="G3004"

you|strong="G3754" before|strong="G4314"

that|strong="G3754" we|strong="G2249" love

you|strong="G3754" so|strong="G2532" much

we|strong="G2249" would|strong="G2532"

live|strong="G4800" or|strong="G2532"

die|strong="G4880" with|strong="G1722"

you|strong="G3754".<sup>4</sup> I|strong="G1473" feel

that|strong="G3956" I|strong="G1473" can tell

you|strong="G5210" anything|strong="G3956".

I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473"

very|strong="G4183" proud of|strong="G1909"

you|strong="G5210". Even|strong="G4183"

with|strong="G4314" all|strong="G3956"

the|strong="G3956" troubles|strong="G2347"

we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1473"

had|strong="G3588", I|strong="G1473"

am|strong="G1473" greatly|strong="G4183" encour-

aged and|strong="G3956" feel very|strong="G4183"

happy.

<sup>5</sup> When|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249"

came|strong="G2064" into|strong="G1519" Macedo-

nia|strong="G3109", we|strong="G2249"

had|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3762"

rest|strong="G0425". We|strong="G2249"

found|strong="G2192" trouble all|strong="G3956"

around us|strong="G1519". We|strong="G2249"

had|strong="G2192" fighting on|strong="G1722"

the|strong="G3956" outside|strong="G1855"

and|strong="G2532" fear|strong="G5401"

on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" in-

side|strong="G2081".<sup>6</sup> But|strong="G0235"

God|strong="G2316" encourages

those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"

are|strong="G3588" troubled, and|strong="G2316"

he|strong="G1722" certainly|strong="G0235" encour-

aged|strong="G3870" us|strong="G1722"

by|strong="G1722" bringing Titus|strong="G5103"

to|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722".<sup>7</sup>

It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3739"

so|strong="G2532" good to|strong="G1909" see

him|strong="G0846", but|strong="G1161"

we|strong="G2249" were|strong="G3739" encour-

aged|strong="G3870" even|strong="G2532"

more |strong="G3123" to |strong="G1909" hear about |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" encouragement |strong="G3874" you |strong="G5210" gave |strong="G0312" him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" told |strong="G0312" us |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" really want to |strong="G1909" see me |strong="G1473" and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3739" very |strong="G0846" sorry for |strong="G5228" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" did. And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" told |strong="G0312" us |strong="G1722" how ready and |strong="G2532" willing you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3739" to |strong="G1909" help me |strong="G1473". When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" heard this |strong="G3588", I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3739" so |strong="G2532" much |strong="G3123" happier.

<sup>8</sup> Even |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3588" letter |strong="G1992" I |strong="G2532" wrote you |strong="G5210" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" sad |strong="G3076", I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" sorry I |strong="G2532" wrote it |strong="G2532". I |strong="G2532" know that |strong="G3754" letter |strong="G1992" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" sad |strong="G3076", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" sorry for |strong="G1063" that |strong="G3754". But |strong="G2532" it |strong="G2532" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" sad |strong="G3076" only |strong="G1487" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1487" short time |strong="G5610". <sup>9</sup> Now |strong="G3568" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" happy, not |strong="G3756" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" were |strong="G3748" made |strong="G3076" sad |strong="G3076", but |strong="G0235" because |strong="G3754" your |strong="G1722" sorrow |strong="G3076" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G3754" decide to |strong="G1519" change. That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G2316" what |strong="G0235" God |strong="G2316" wanted, so |strong="G2443" you |strong="G3754" were |strong="G3748" not |strong="G3756" hurt |strong="G3076" by |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1519" in |strong="G1722" any |strong="G3367" way |strong="G2596". <sup>10</sup> The |strong="G3588" kind of |strong="G2316" sorrow |strong="G3077" God |strong="G2316" wants makes people |strong="G3588" decide to |strong="G1519" change their |strong="G2596" lives. This |strong="G3588" leads |strong="G1519" them |strong="G2596" to |strong="G1519" salva-

tion |strong="G4991", and |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" cannot be |strong="G2316" sorry for |strong="G1063" that |strong="G2316". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" kind of |strong="G2316" sorrow |strong="G3077" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" has |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" bring |strong="G1519" death |strong="G2288". <sup>11</sup> You |strong="G5210" had |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" kind |strong="G3956" of |strong="G2316" sorrow |strong="G3076" God |strong="G2316" wanted you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2596" have |strong="G1510". Now |strong="G2400" see |strong="G3708" what |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3778" sorrow |strong="G3076" has |strong="G2316" brought you |strong="G5210": It |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2316" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" very |strong="G0846" serious. It |strong="G0846" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" want to |strong="G2596" prove |strong="G4921" that |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" wrong |strong="G1557". It |strong="G0846" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" angry and |strong="G2316" afraid. It |strong="G0846" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" want to |strong="G2596" see |strong="G3708" me |strong="G3708". It |strong="G0846" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" care. It |strong="G0846" made |strong="G3076" you |strong="G5210" want the |strong="G3956" right thing |strong="G3778" to |strong="G2596" be |strong="G1510" done |strong="G2716". You |strong="G5210" proved that |strong="G3778" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" guilty in |strong="G1722" any |strong="G3956" part |strong="G0846" of |strong="G2316" that |strong="G3778" problem. <sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" main reason |strong="G1752" I |strong="G1473" wrote |strong="G1125" that |strong="G2316" letter |strong="G1125" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" because |strong="G4314" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" did |strong="G3761" the |strong="G3588" wrong |strong="G0091" or |strong="G3761" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" hurt |strong="G0091". I |strong="G1473" wrote |strong="G1125" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G2316" you |strong="G5210" would |strong="G2532" realize, before |strong="G1799" God |strong="G2316", how very |strong="G2532" much you |strong="G5210" care for |strong="G5228" us. <sup>13</sup> And |strong="G1161" that |strong="G3754" is |strong="G3778"

what *strong="G3588"* was *strong="G3588"* so *strong="G1161"* encouraging *strong="G3870"* to *strong="G1909"* us *strong="G1909"*. We *strong="G2249"* were *strong="G3956"* greatly *strong="G5479"* encouraged *strong="G3870"*, but *strong="G1161"* we *strong="G2249"* were *strong="G3956"* especially *strong="G3123"* pleased to *strong="G1909"* see how *strong="G3754"* happy Titus *strong="G5103"* was *strong="G3588"*. You *strong="G5210"* all *strong="G3956"* made him *strong="G0846"* feel so *strong="G1161"* much *strong="G3123"* better. <sup>14</sup> I *strong="G1473"* had *strong="G3748"* bragged about *strong="G5613"* you *strong="G5210"* to *strong="G1909"* Titus *strong="G5103"*, and *strong="G2532"* you *strong="G5210"* didn't *strong="G3756"* embarrass me *strong="G1473"*. We *strong="G2249"* have *strong="G2532"* always *strong="G3956"* told *strong="G2980"* you *strong="G5210"* the *strong="G3956"* truth *strong="G0225"*, and *strong="G2532"* now *strong="G2532"* what *strong="G3588"* we *strong="G2249"* told *strong="G2980"* Titus *strong="G5103"* about *strong="G5613"* you *strong="G5210"* has *strong="G1096"* been *strong="G1096"* shown to *strong="G1909"* be *strong="G1096"* true *strong="G0225"*. <sup>15</sup> And *strong="G2532"* his *strong="G0846"* love for *strong="G1519"* you *strong="G5210"* is *strong="G1510"* stronger when *strong="G5613"* he *strong="G2532"* remembers *strong="G0363"* that *strong="G3956"* you *strong="G5210"* were *strong="G1510"* all *strong="G3956"* ready to *strong="G1519"* obey *strong="G3326"*. You *strong="G5210"* welcomed *strong="G1209"* him *strong="G0846"* with *strong="G3326"* respect *strong="G1519"* and *strong="G2532"* fear *strong="G5401"*. <sup>16</sup> I *strong="G3754"* am *strong="G5463"* so *strong="G3754"* happy that *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G3754"* can trust you *strong="G5210"* fully.

#### Help for God's People in Judea

**8** And *strong="G1161"* now *strong="G1161"*, brothers *strong="G0080"* and *strong="G1161"* sisters, we *strong="G1161"* want to *strong="G1722"* tell *strong="G1107"* you *strong="G5210"* what *strong="G3588"* God's *strong="G2316"* grace *strong="G5485"* has *strong="G2316"* done in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* churches *strong="G1577"* in *strong="G1722"* Macedonia *strong="G3109"*. <sup>2</sup> These *strong="G3748"* believers have *strong="G4052"* been *strong="G2532"* tested by *strong="G1722"* great *strong="G4183"* troubles *strong="G2347"*, and *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* are *strong="G3588"* very *strong="G0846"* poor. But *strong="G2532"* their *strong="G0846"* great *strong="G4183"* joy *strong="G5479"* caused them *strong="G0846"*

to *strong="G1519"* be *strong="G2532"* very *strong="G0846"* generous in *strong="G1722"* their *strong="G0846"* giving. <sup>3</sup> I *strong="G2532"* can tell you *strong="G3754"* that *strong="G3754"* they *strong="G2532"* gave as *strong="G2596"* much as *strong="G2596"* they *strong="G2532"* were *strong="G3748"* able and *strong="G2532"* even *strong="G2532"* more *strong="G2596"* than *strong="G3844"* they *strong="G2532"* could afford. No one *strong="G3748"* told them *strong="G2596"* to *strong="G2596"* do *strong="G2532"* this *strong="G3748"*. It *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3748"* their *strong="G2532"* idea. <sup>4</sup> But *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G2532"* asked us *strong="G1519"* again *strong="G2532"* and *strong="G2532"* begged *strong="G1189"* us *strong="G1519"* to *strong="G1519"* let them *strong="G3326"* share *strong="G2842"* in *strong="G1519"* this *strong="G3588"* service *strong="G1248"* for *strong="G1519"* God's people *strong="G4183"*. <sup>5</sup> And *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G2532"* gave *strong="G1325"* in *strong="G2316"* a *strong="G1325"* way *strong="G1223"* that *strong="G2316"* we *strong="G2249"* did *strong="G1325"* not *strong="G3756"* expect *strong="G1679"*. They *strong="G2532"* gave *strong="G1325"* themselves *strong="G1438"* to *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* Lord *strong="G2962"* and *strong="G2532"* to *strong="G2532"* us *strong="G1325"* before *strong="G4413"* they *strong="G2532"* gave *strong="G1325"* their *strong="G1438"* money. This *strong="G3588"* is *strong="G2316"* what *strong="G3588"* God *strong="G2316"* wants *strong="G2307"*.

<sup>6</sup> So *strong="G2443"* we *strong="G2249"* asked *strong="G3870"* Titus *strong="G5103"* to *strong="G1519"* help you *strong="G5210"* finish *strong="G2005"* this *strong="G3778"* special work *strong="G5485"* of *strong="G5485"* giving. He *strong="G2532"* is *strong="G3778"* the *strong="G3588"* one *strong="G3778"* who *strong="G3588"* started this *strong="G3778"* work *strong="G5485"*. <sup>7</sup> You *strong="G5210"* are *strong="G3956"* rich in *strong="G1722"* everything *strong="G3956"*— in *strong="G1722"* faith *strong="G4102"*, in *strong="G1722"* speaking *strong="G3056"* ability, in *strong="G1722"* knowledge *strong="G1108"*, in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3956"* willingness to *strong="G2443"* help, and *strong="G2532"* in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3956"* love *strong="G0026"* you *strong="G5210"* learned from *strong="G1537"* us *strong="G1537"*. So *strong="G2443"* now *strong="G2532"* we *strong="G2249"* want you *strong="G5210"* to *strong="G2443"*

be |strong="G2532" rich in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" work |strong="G5485" of |strong="G1537" giving too |strong="G2532".

<sup>8</sup> I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" ordering you |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" give |strong="G3004", but |strong="G0235" I |strong="G2532" want to |strong="G3004" see |strong="G1381" how real your |strong="G2532" love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G3588" by |strong="G1223" comparing you |strong="G3004" with |strong="G1223" others |strong="G2087" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" ready and |strong="G2532" willing to |strong="G3004" help. <sup>9</sup> You |strong="G3588" know |strong="G1097" the |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" of |strong="G1223" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". You |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G3754" gave up his |strong="G1223" heavenly riches |strong="G4147" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210". He |strong="G3754" gave up everything so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" could be |strong="G1510" richly blessed.

<sup>10</sup> This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G2532" think you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G3778" do |strong="G4160": Last |strong="G3778" year |strong="G4070" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4278" to |strong="G2309" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" give |strong="G1325", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4278" who |strong="G3588" gave |strong="G1325". <sup>11</sup> So |strong="G2532" now |strong="G1161" finish |strong="G2005" the |strong="G3588" work you |strong="G3779" started. Then |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2192" " doing |strong="G4160" will |strong="G2309" be |strong="G2532" equal to |strong="G2309" your |strong="G2192" " want- ing |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" do |strong="G4160": " Give |strong="G4160" from |strong="G1537" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G3779" have |strong="G2192". <sup>12</sup> If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1437" want to |strong="G3756" give, your |strong="G1437" gift will |strong="G2192" be |strong="G2192" accepted. Your |strong="G1437" gift will |strong="G2192" be |strong="G2192" judged by |strong="G2192" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G1437" have |strong="G2192", not |strong="G3756" by |strong="G2192" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G1437" don't |strong="G3756"

have |strong="G2192". <sup>13</sup> We |strong="G3568" don't |strong="G3756" want you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" have |strong="G3588" troubles |strong="G2347" while |strong="G1722" others |strong="G0243" are |strong="G3588" comforted. We |strong="G3568" want everything to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G3568" equal. <sup>14</sup> At |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2540" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532" plenty and |strong="G2532" can provide what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G2532" need |strong="G5303". Then |strong="G2532" later, when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" plenty, they |strong="G2532" can provide what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" need |strong="G5303". Then |strong="G2532" everyone will |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" an |strong="G1096" equal share. <sup>15</sup> As |strong="G2531" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say,

" Those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" gathered much |strong="G4183" did |strong="G4121" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" too |strong="G2532" much |strong="G4183", and |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" gathered little |strong="G3641" did |strong="G4121" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" too |strong="G2532" lit- tle |strong="G3641": "

Exodus 16:18

#### Titus and |strong="G2532" His |strong="G2532" Com- panions

<sup>16</sup> I |strong="G1161" thank |strong="G5485" God |strong="G2316" because |strong="G1722" he |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325" Ti- tus |strong="G5103" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" love for |strong="G5228" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G0846" I |strong="G1161" have |strong="G3588". <sup>17</sup> Titus agreed to |strong="G4314" do |strong="G1831" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G3754" asked. In |strong="G4314" fact |strong="G3754", he |strong="G3754" himself |strong="G0830" wanted very |strong="G0830" much to |strong="G4314" come |strong="G1831" see you |strong="G5210". <sup>18</sup> We |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3956" sending with |strong="G3326" Titus the |strong="G3956" broth- er |strong="G0080" who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" praised by |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" church- es |strong="G1577". He |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3739" praised because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" service to |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098". <sup>19</sup> Al- so |strong="G2532", he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" chosen by |strong="G5259"

the *churches* go with us when we carry this gift. We are doing this service to bring honor to the Lord and to show that we really want to help.

<sup>20</sup> We are being careful so that no one will criticize us about the way we are caring for this large gift. We are trying to do what is right. We want to do what the Lord accepts as right and also what people think is right.

<sup>22</sup> Also, we are sending them our brother who is always ready to help. He has proved this to us in many ways. And he wants to help even now because he has much faith in you.

<sup>23</sup> Now about Titus— he is my partner. He is working together with me to help you. And the other brothers— they are sent from the church-

es, and they bring honor to Christ. So show men you really have love for them why we are proud of you. Then all the churches can see it.

### Your Giving Is a Blessing

**9** I really don't need to write you about this help for God's people. I know that you want to help. I have been bragging about you to the people in Macedonia. I told them that you people in Achaia have been ready to give since last year. And your desire to give has made most of the people here ready to give also. But I am sending these brothers to you. I don't want our bragging about you in this to be anything. I want you to be ready just as I said you would be. If of those from Macedonia

I HONOR Or "glory." See "glory" in the Word List.



come *with me*, and *they* find *that* you are *not* ready, we *will* be *ashamed*. We *will* be *ashamed* that *we* were *so* sure of *you*. And *you* will *be* *ashamed* too! <sup>5</sup> So *I* thought *that* I should *ask* these *brothers* to *come* there *before* we *do*. They *will* help *in* getting together *the* generous gift *you* promised. Then *it* will *be* ready *when* we *come*, and *it* will *be* seen as *a* blessing *you* are *giving*, *not* as *something* *you* were *forced* to *do*.

<sup>6</sup> Remember *this*: The *one* who *plants* few seeds *will* have *a* small harvest. But *the* one who *plants* a lot *will* have *a* big harvest. <sup>7</sup> Each *one* of *you* should *give* what *you* have *decided* in *your* heart *to* give. *You* should *not* give if *it* makes *you* unhappy or *if* *you* feel forced to *give*. God *loves* those *who*

are *happy* to *give*. <sup>8</sup> And *God* can *give* you *more* blessings *than* you *need*, and *you* will *always* have *plenty* of *everything*. *You* will *have* enough *to* give *to* every *good* work *you* do. <sup>9</sup> As *Scriptures* say, "He *gives* generously *to* the *poor*;

his *goodness* will *continue* forever."

Psalms 112:9

<sup>10</sup> God *is* the *one* who *gives* seed *to* those *who* plant, and *he* gives *bread* for *food*. And *God* will *give* you *spiritual* seed and *make* that *seed* grow *and* produce *a* great harvest *from* your *goodness*. <sup>11</sup>

God *will* make *you* *rich* in *every* way *so* that *you* can *always* give *freely*. And *your* giving *through* us *will* make *people* give *thanks* to *God*.

<sup>12</sup> The *service* you *are* offering *helps* God's *people* with *their* needs *that* *is* *not* all *it* does. *It* is *also* bringing *more* and *more* thanks *to*

God *strong="G2316"*. <sup>13</sup> This *strong="G3778"* service *strong="G1248"* is *strong="G2316"* a *strong="G2532"* proof *strong="G1382"* of *strong="G1223"* your *strong="G1392"* faith, and *strong="G2532"* people *strong="G3956"* will *strong="G2316"* praise *strong="G1392"* God *strong="G2316"* because *strong="G1223"* of *strong="G1223"* it *strong="G0846"*. They *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G2316"* praise *strong="G1392"* God *strong="G2316"* that *strong="G3778"* you *strong="G5210"* freely share *strong="G2842"* what *strong="G3588"* you *strong="G5210"* have *strong="G2532"* with *strong="G1909"* them *strong="G0846"* and *strong="G2532"* with *strong="G1909"* all *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G3956"*. They *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G2316"* praise *strong="G1392"* him *strong="G0846"* to *strong="G1519"* see you *strong="G5210"* following the *strong="G3956"* Good *strong="G2098"* News *strong="G2098"* about *strong="G1909"* Christ *strong="G5547"* that *strong="G3778"* you *strong="G5210"* openly accepted. They *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G2316"* praise *strong="G1392"* God *strong="G2316"* because *strong="G1223"* you *strong="G5210"* freely share *strong="G2842"* with *strong="G1909"* them *strong="G0846"* and *strong="G2532"* with *strong="G1909"* all *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G3956"*. <sup>14</sup> And *strong="G2532"* when *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* pray *strong="G1162"*, they *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G2316"* wish they *strong="G0846"* could be *strong="G2532"* with *strong="G1909"* you *strong="G5210"*. They *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G2316"* feel this *strong="G3588"* way *strong="G1223"* because *strong="G1223"* of *strong="G1223"* the *strong="G3588"* great grace *strong="G5485"* that *strong="G0846"* God *strong="G2316"* gave you *strong="G5210"*. <sup>15</sup> Thanks *strong="G5485"* be *strong="G2316"* to *strong="G1909"* God *strong="G2316"* for *strong="G1909"* his *strong="G0846"* gift *strong="G1431"* that *strong="G0846"* is *strong="G2316"* too wonderful to *strong="G1909"* describe.

### Paul Defends His Ministry

**10** I *strong="G1473"*, Paul *strong="G3972"*, am *strong="G0548"* begging *strong="G3870"* you *strong="G5210"* with *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* gentleness *strong="G4240"* and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* kindness *strong="G1932"* of *strong="G1223"* Christ *strong="G5547"*. Some *strong="G3588"* say *strong="G1223"* that *strong="G3739"* I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G0548"* bold *strong="G2292"* when *strong="G2532"*

I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G0548"* writing you *strong="G5210"* from *strong="G2596"* a *strong="G3739"* distance, but *strong="G1161"* not *strong="G3739"* when *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G0548"* there *strong="G1722"* with *strong="G1722"* you *strong="G5210"*. <sup>2</sup> They *strong="G3739"* think *strong="G3049"* our *strong="G2596"* motives *strong="G2596"* for *strong="G1909"* what *strong="G3739"* we *strong="G2249"* do *strong="G3361"* are *strong="G3739"* like *strong="G5613"* those *strong="G3588"* of *strong="G1909"* the *strong="G3588"* world. I *strong="G1473"* plan to *strong="G1909"* be *strong="G5100"* very bold *strong="G5111"* against *strong="G2596"* those *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G4561"* when *strong="G5613"* I *strong="G1473"* come. I *strong="G1473"* hope I *strong="G1473"* will *strong="G3739"* not *strong="G3361"* need to *strong="G1909"* use that *strong="G3739"* same *strong="G3739"* boldness with *strong="G1909"* you *strong="G3739"*. <sup>3</sup> We live *strong="G4043"* in *strong="G1722"* this *strong="G2596"* world, but *strong="G1063"* we don't *strong="G3756"* fight *strong="G4754"* our *strong="G2596"* battles in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G1722"* same way *strong="G2596"* the *strong="G1722"* world does. <sup>4</sup> The *strong="G3588"* weapons *strong="G3696"* we *strong="G2249"* use are *strong="G3588"* not *strong="G3756"* human *strong="G4559"* ones. Our *strong="G2316"* weapons *strong="G3696"* have *strong="G1473"* power *strong="G1415"* from *strong="G3588"* God *strong="G2316"* and *strong="G2316"* can destroy the *strong="G3588"* enemy's strong *strong="G1415"* places. We *strong="G2249"* destroy people's arguments, <sup>5</sup> and *strong="G2532"* we *strong="G2532"* tear *strong="G2507"* down *strong="G2507"* every *strong="G3956"* proud idea that *strong="G3956"* raises itself against *strong="G2596"* the *strong="G3956"* knowledge *strong="G1108"* of *strong="G2316"* God *strong="G2316"*. We *strong="G2532"* also *strong="G2532"* capture every *strong="G3956"* thought *strong="G3540"* and *strong="G2532"* make it *strong="G2532"* give up *strong="G1519"* and *strong="G2532"* obey *strong="G5218"* Christ *strong="G5547"*. <sup>6</sup> We *strong="G2532"* are *strong="G3956"* ready *strong="G2092"* to *strong="G2532"* punish *strong="G1556"* anyone *strong="G3956"* there *strong="G1722"* who *strong="G3588"* does *strong="G2192"* not *strong="G2532"* obey *strong="G5218"*, but *strong="G2532"* first we *strong="G2532"* want you *strong="G5210"* to *strong="G2532"* be *strong="G2532"* fully *strong="G4137"* obedient *strong="G5218"*.

7 You *must* *look* *at* *the* *facts* *before* *you* *feel* *sure* *you* *belong* *to* *Christ*, *you* *must* *remember* *that* *we* *belong* *to* *Christ* *the* *same* *as* *you* *do*. 8 *It* *may* *seem* *as* *if* *we* *boast* *too* *much* *about* *the* *authority* *the* *Lord* *gave* *us*. *But* *he* *gave* *this* *authority* *to* *strengthen* *you*, *not* *to* *hurt* *you*. *So* *I* *will* *be* *of* *whatever* *boasting* *we* *do*. 9 *I* *don't* *want* *you* *to* *think* *that* *I* *am* *trying* *to* *scare* *you* *with* *my* *letters*. 10 *Some* *people* *say*, "Paul's *letters* *are* *powerful* *and* *sound* *important*, *but* *when* *he* *is* *with* *us*, *he* *is* *weak* *and* *the* *worst* *speaker* *you* *have* *ever* *heard*." 11 *Those* *people* *should* *know* *this*: *When* *we* *are* *there* *with* *you*, *we* *will* *show* *the* *same* *power* *that* *we* *show* *now* *in* *our* *letters*.

12 *We* *don't* *dare* *put* *ourselves* *in* *the* *same* *class* *with* *those* *who* *think* *they* *are* *so* *important*. *We* *don't* *compare* *ourselves* *to* *them*. *They* *use* *themselves* *to* *measure* *themselves*, *and* *they* *judge* *themselves* *by* *what* *they* *themselves* *are*. *This* *shows* *that* *they* *know* *nothing*. 13 *But* *we* *will* *not* *boast* *about* *anything* *outside* *the* *work* *that* *was* *given* *us* *to* *do*. *We* *will* *limit* *our* *boasting* *to* *the* *work* *God* *gave* *us*, *but* *this* *work* *includes* *our* *work* *with* *you*. 14 *We* *would* *be* *boasting* *too* *much* *only* *if* *we* *had* *not* *already* *come* *to* *you*. *But* *we* *have* *come* *to* *you* *with* *the* *Good* *News* *about* *Christ*. 15 *We* *limit* *our* *boasting* *to* *the* *work* *that* *is* *ours*. *We* *don't* *boast* *about* *the* *work* *other* *people* *have* *done*. *We* *hope* *that* *your* *faith* *will* *continue* *to* *grow*. *We*

hope |strong="G1680" that |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1473" help our |strong="G2596" work |strong="G2873" to |strong="G1519" grow |strong="G0837" much larger. <sup>16</sup> We |strong="G2744" want to |strong="G1519" tell the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" areas beyond |strong="G1519" your |strong="G1722" city. We |strong="G2744" don't |strong="G3756" want to |strong="G1519" boast |strong="G2744" about |strong="G1722" work that |strong="G1722" has already been |strong="G3756" done in |strong="G1722" someone else's area |strong="G2583". <sup>17</sup> "Whoever |strong="G3588" boasts |strong="G2744" should boast |strong="G2744" only about |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962"."<sup>18</sup> What |strong="G3739" people |strong="G1510" say about |strong="G3588" themselves |strong="G1438" means |strong="G1510" nothing |strong="G3756". What |strong="G3739" counts |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" whether the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" says they |strong="G3739" have |strong="G1510" done well |strong="G1063".

#### Paul and the False Apostles

**11** I |strong="G1473" wish |strong="G3785" you |strong="G2532" would |strong="G5100" be |strong="G2532" patient with |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473" even |strong="G2532" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" a |strong="G2532" little |strong="G3398" foolish. But |strong="G0235" you |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" already patient with |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473". <sup>2</sup> I |strong="G3933" am |strong="G2206" jealous |strong="G2206" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210" with |strong="G2316" a |strong="G1520" jealousy |strong="G2205" that |strong="G2316" comes from |strong="G0435" God |strong="G2316". I |strong="G3933" promised to |strong="G5547" give you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G5547" Christ |strong="G5547". He |strong="G2316" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G2316" your |strong="G3936" only husband |strong="G0435". I |strong="G3933" want to |strong="G5547" give you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G5547" Christ |strong="G5547" to |strong="G5547" be |strong="G2316" his |strong="G2316" pure |strong="G0053" bride. <sup>11</sup> But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G5399" afraid |strong="G5399" that |strong="G0846" your |strong="G2532" minds |strong="G3540" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" led |strong="G5351" away |strong="G0575" from |strong="G0575"

your |strong="G2532" true and |strong="G2532" pure |strong="G0054" following |strong="G1722" of |strong="G0575" Christ |strong="G5547". This |strong="G3588" could |strong="G3361" happen |strong="G1519" just |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" Eve |strong="G2096" was |strong="G3588" tricked by |strong="G1722" that |strong="G0846" snake |strong="G3789" with |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" clever lies |strong="G0846". <sup>4</sup> You |strong="G3739" seem to |strong="G2064" be |strong="G2228" quite |strong="G2573" patient with |strong="G2064" anyone |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" comes |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" you |strong="G3739" and |strong="G2064" tells you |strong="G3739" about |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2983" Jesus |strong="G2424" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" different |strong="G2087" from |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G2424" we |strong="G3739" told you |strong="G3739" about |strong="G3588". You |strong="G3739" seem very |strong="G2573" willing to |strong="G2064" accept |strong="G2983" a |strong="G2983" spirit |strong="G4151" or |strong="G2228" a |strong="G2983" message that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" different |strong="G2087" from |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" and |strong="G2064" message that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" received |strong="G2983" from |strong="G2064" us. <sup>5</sup> I |strong="G5302" don't |strong="G3367" think |strong="G3049" that |strong="G3049" those |strong="G3588" "super apostles |strong="G0652" are |strong="G3588" any |strong="G3367" better than I |strong="G5302" am |strong="G5302". <sup>6</sup> It |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" true that |strong="G3956" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" a |strong="G1487" trained speaker |strong="G3056", but |strong="G1161" I |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" knowledge |strong="G1108". We |strong="G1487" have |strong="G2532" shown |strong="G5319" this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210" clearly in |strong="G1722" every |strong="G3956" way |strong="G1722". <sup>7</sup> I |strong="G3754" did |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" work of |strong="G2316" telling God's |strong="G2316" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" to |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" without pay. I |strong="G3754" humbled |strong="G5013" myself |strong="G1683" to |strong="G2443" make |strong="G4160" you |strong="G5210" important. Do |strong="G4160" you |strong="G5210" think that |strong="G3754" was |strong="G3588" wrong? <sup>8</sup> I |strong="G2532" ac-

I 10:17 Quote from Jeremiah 9:24. II BRIDE Literally, "virgin."

cepted *strong="G2983"* pay from *strong="G2532"* other *strong="G0243"* churches *strong="G1577"*. I *strong="G2532"* took *strong="G2983"* their *strong="G2532"* money so *strong="G2532"* that *strong="G0243"* I *strong="G2532"* could serve *strong="G1248"* you *strong="G5210"*.<sup>9</sup> If *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* needed something when *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* was *strong="G3588"* with *strong="G1722"* you *strong="G5210"*, I *strong="G1473"* did *strong="G2064"* not *strong="G2532"* trouble any *strong="G3956"* of *strong="G0575"* you *strong="G5210"*. The *strong="G3956"* brothers *strong="G0080"* who *strong="G3588"* came *strong="G2064"* from *strong="G0575"* Macedonia *strong="G3109"* gave me *strong="G1473"* all *strong="G3956"* that *strong="G3956"* I *strong="G1473"* needed. I *strong="G1473"* did *strong="G2064"* not *strong="G2532"* allow myself *strong="G1683"* to *strong="G4314"* be *strong="G2532"* a *strong="G2064"* burden *strong="G2655"* to *strong="G4314"* you *strong="G5210"* in *strong="G1722"* any *strong="G3956"* way *strong="G1722"*. And *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* will *strong="G3956"* never be *strong="G2532"* a *strong="G2064"* burden *strong="G2655"* to *strong="G4314"* you *strong="G5210"*.<sup>10</sup> No *strong="G3756"* one *strong="G3778"* there *strong="G1510"* in *strong="G1722"* Achaia *strong="G0882"* will *strong="G1510"* stop me *strong="G1473"* from *strong="G1722"* boasting *strong="G2746"* about *strong="G1722"* that *strong="G3754"*. I *strong="G1473"* say *strong="G1473"* this *strong="G3778"* with *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* truth *strong="G0225"* of *strong="G1722"* Christ *strong="G5547"* in *strong="G1722"* me *strong="G1473"*.<sup>11</sup> And *strong="G2316"* why *strong="G5101"* do *strong="G1492"* I *strong="G3754"* not *strong="G3756"* burden you *strong="G5210"*? Do *strong="G1492"* you *strong="G5210"* think it *strong="G1223"* is *strong="G2316"* because *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G3754"* don't *strong="G3756"* love *strong="G0025"* you *strong="G5210"*? God *strong="G2316"* knows *strong="G1492"* that *strong="G3754"* I *strong="G3754"* love *strong="G0025"* you *strong="G5210"*.<sup>12</sup> And *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* will *strong="G3739"* continue *strong="G2532"* doing *strong="G4160"* what *strong="G3739"* I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G2309"* doing *strong="G4160"* now *strong="G1161"*, because *strong="G1722"* I *strong="G1473"* want *strong="G2309"* to *strong="G2443"* stop those *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G3588"* from *strong="G1722"* having *strong="G4160"*

a *strong="G4160"* reason to *strong="G2443"* boast *strong="G2744"*. They *strong="G3739"* would *strong="G2309"* like *strong="G2531"* to *strong="G2443"* say *strong="G1473"* that *strong="G3739"* the *strong="G3588"* work they *strong="G3739"* boast *strong="G2744"* about *strong="G1722"* is *strong="G3739"* the *strong="G3588"* same *strong="G3739"* as *strong="G2531"* ours *strong="G1473"*.<sup>13</sup> They are *strong="G3588"* false *strong="G5570"* apostles *strong="G0652"*, lying workers *strong="G2040"*. They only pretend to *strong="G1519"* be *strong="G5547"* apostles *strong="G0652"* of *strong="G0652"* Christ *strong="G5547"*.<sup>14</sup> That *strong="G0846"* does not *strong="G3756"* surprise us *strong="G1519"*, because *strong="G1063"* even *strong="G2532"* Satan *strong="G4567"* changes himself *strong="G0846"* to *strong="G1519"* look like *strong="G0846"* an *strong="G0032"* angel *strong="G0032"* of *strong="G1519"* light *strong="G5457"*.<sup>15</sup> So *strong="G3767"* it *strong="G0846"* does *strong="G1510"* not *strong="G3756"* surprise us if *strong="G1487"* Satan's servants *strong="G1249"* make *strong="G3756"* themselves *strong="G0846"* look like *strong="G5613"* servants *strong="G1249"* who *strong="G3739"* work *strong="G2041"* for *strong="G2532"* what *strong="G3739"* is *strong="G1510"* right *strong="G1343"*. But *strong="G2532"* in *strong="G2596"* the *strong="G3588"* end *strong="G5056"* those *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G0846"* will *strong="G1510"* get the *strong="G3588"* punishment they *strong="G0846"* deserve.

**Paul *strong="G0846"* Tells About *strong="G5613"* His *strong="G0846"* Sufferings**

<sup>16</sup> I *strong="G1473"* tell *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G1487"* again *strong="G3825"*: No *strong="G3361"* one *strong="G5100"* should *strong="G5100"* think *strong="G1380"* that *strong="G2443"* I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G1510"* a *strong="G5613"* fool *strong="G0878"*. But *strong="G1161"* if *strong="G1487"* you *strong="G1487"* think *strong="G1380"* I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G1510"* a *strong="G5613"* fool *strong="G0878"*, then *strong="G1161"* accept *strong="G1209"* me *strong="G3004"* as *strong="G5613"* you *strong="G1487"* would *strong="G5100"* accept *strong="G1209"* a *strong="G5613"* fool *strong="G0878"*. Then *strong="G1161"* I *strong="G1473"* can *strong="G3004"* boast *strong="G2744"* a *strong="G5613"* little *strong="G3398"* too.<sup>17</sup> But *strong="G0235"* I *strong="G3739"* am

<sup>1</sup> ANGEL OF LIGHT Messenger from God. The devil fools people so that they think he is from God.

not *strong*="G3756" talking *strong*="G2980" the *strong*="G3588" way *strong*="G2596" the *strong*="G3588" Lord *strong*="G2962" would *strong*="G2962" talk. I *strong*="G3739" am boasting *strong*="G2746" like *strong*="G5613" a *strong*="G5613" fool. <sup>18</sup> Others are *strong*="G4183" boasting *strong*="G2744" about *strong*="G2596" their *strong*="G2596" lives in *strong*="G2596" the *strong*="G2596" world. So *strong*="G2504" I *strong*="G2504" will *strong*="G4183" boast *strong*="G2744" too. <sup>19</sup> You *strong*="G1510" are *strong*="G1510" wise *strong*="G5429", so *strong*="G1063" you *strong*="G1510" will *strong*="G1510" gladly *strong*="G2234" be *strong*="G1510" patient with *strong*="G0430" fools *strong*="G0878"! <sup>20</sup> I *strong*="G1487" say this because *strong*="G1063" you *strong*="G5210" are even *strong*="G1063" patient with *strong*="G1519" someone *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G5100" forces you *strong*="G5210" to *strong*="G1519" do *strong*="G2983" things *strong*="G5100" and *strong*="G2983" uses you *strong*="G5210". You *strong*="G5210" are patient with *strong*="G1519" those who *strong*="G5100" trick you *strong*="G5210", or think they *strong*="G1487" are better than you *strong*="G5210", or hit you *strong*="G5210" in *strong*="G1519" the *strong*="G2983" face *strong*="G4383"! <sup>21</sup> I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G5111" ashamed to *strong*="G3004" say *strong*="G3004" it *strong*="G1161", but *strong*="G1161" we *strong*="G2249" were *strong*="G3739" too *strong*="G0302" weak *strong*="G0770" to *strong*="G3004" do *strong*="G3004" such *strong*="G2596" things *strong*="G3739" to *strong*="G3004" you *strong*="G3739".

But *strong*="G1161" if *strong*="G5613" anyone *strong*="G5100" dares to *strong*="G3004" boast, I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G3739" too *strong*="G0302". ( I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G5111" talking *strong*="G3004" like *strong*="G5613" a *strong*="G5613" fool.) <sup>22</sup> Are *strong*="G1510" those people *strong*="G1510" Hebrews *strong*="G1445"? So *strong*="G2504" am *strong*="G1510" I *strong*="G2504". Are *strong*="G1510" they *strong*="G1510" Israelites *strong*="G2475"? So *strong*="G2504" am *strong*="G1510" I *strong*="G2504". Are *strong*="G1510" they *strong*="G1510" from *strong*="G1510" Abraham's *strong*="G0011" family? So *strong*="G2504" am *strong*="G1510" I *strong*="G2504". <sup>23</sup> Are *strong*="G1510" they *strong*="G1510" serving Christ *strong*="G5547"? I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1510" serving him *strong*="G1722" more *strong*="G5228". ( I *strong*="G1473" am *strong*="G1510" crazy to *strong*="G1722" talk like this *strong*="G2980".)

I HEBREWS ... ISRAELITES Other names for the Jewish people.

I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G1510" worked much harder than *strong*="G5228" they *strong*="G1510" have *strong*="G1510". I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G1510" been *strong*="G1510" in *strong*="G1722" prison *strong*="G5438" more *strong*="G5228" often *strong*="G4178". I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G1510" been *strong*="G1510" hurt more *strong*="G5228" in *strong*="G1722" beatings *strong*="G4127". I *strong*="G1473" have *strong*="G1510" been *strong*="G1510" near *strong*="G1722" death *strong*="G2288" many *strong*="G4178" times *strong*="G4178".

<sup>24</sup> Five *strong*="G3999" times *strong*="G3999" the *strong*="G2983" Jews *strong*="G2453" have *strong*="G2983" given me *strong*="G2983" their *strong*="G2983" punishment of *strong*="G1520" 39 lashes with *strong*="G3844" a *strong*="G2983" whip. <sup>25</sup> Three *strong*="G5151" different times *strong*="G5151" I *strong*="G1722" was *strong*="G3588" beaten *strong*="G4463" with *strong*="G1722" rods *strong*="G4463". One *strong*="G3588" time I *strong*="G1722" was *strong*="G3588" almost killed with *strong*="G1722" rocks. Three *strong*="G5151" times *strong*="G5151" I *strong*="G1722" was *strong*="G3588" in *strong*="G1722" ships that *strong*="G1722" were *strong*="G3588" wrecked, and *strong*="G4160" one *strong*="G3588" of *strong*="G1722" those *strong*="G3588" times *strong*="G5151" I *strong*="G1722" spent *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G3588" night *strong*="G3574" and *strong*="G4160" the *strong*="G3588" next day *strong*="G3574" in *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3588" sea. <sup>26</sup> In *strong*="G1722" my *strong*="G1722" constant traveling I *strong*="G1722" have *strong*="G1484" been *strong*="G4178" in *strong*="G1722" danger *strong*="G2794" from *strong*="G1537" rivers *strong*="G4215", from *strong*="G1537" thieves, from *strong*="G1537" my *strong*="G1722" own people *strong*="G1484", and *strong*="G4172" from *strong*="G1537" people *strong*="G1484" who *strong*="G1484" are *strong*="G1484" not *strong*="G1484" Jews. I *strong*="G1722" have *strong*="G1484" been *strong*="G4178" in *strong*="G1722" danger *strong*="G2794" in *strong*="G1722" cities *strong*="G4172", in *strong*="G1722" places where *strong*="G1722" no one lives, and *strong*="G4172" on *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G1722" sea *strong*="G2281". And *strong*="G4172" I *strong*="G1722" have *strong*="G1484" been *strong*="G4178" in *strong*="G1722" danger *strong*="G2794" from *strong*="G1537" people *strong*="G1484" who *strong*="G1484" pretend to *strong*="G1722" be *strong*="G1722" believers but are *strong*="G1484" not *strong*="G1484".

<sup>27</sup> I have done hard and tiring work, and many times I did not sleep. I have been hungry and thirsty. Many times I have been without food. I have been cold and without clothes.<sup>28</sup> And there are many other problems. One of these is the care I have for all the churches. I worry about each group of believers every day. <sup>29</sup> I feel weak every time another person is weak. I feel deeply upset every time another person is led into sin.

<sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast about the things that show I am weak. <sup>31</sup> God that I am lying is the God and Father of Jesus, and he is to be praised forever. <sup>32</sup> When I was in Damascus, the governor under King Aretas wanted to arrest me, so he put guards around the city.

But some friends put me in a basket and they put the basket through a hole in the wall and lowered me down. So I escaped from the governor.

### A Special Blessing in Paul's Life

**12** There is more that I have to say about myself. It won't help, but I will talk now about my visions and revelations from the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who was taken up to heaven. This happened 14 years ago. I don't know if I know the man or not. He was his body or his body, but God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man was taken up to paradise. I don't know if he was in his body or away from his body, but he heard things that no one is allowed to tell. <sup>5</sup> I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself. I will boast on-

I A MAN In 12:2-5 Paul is probably talking about himself.

ly|strong="G1487" about|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" weaknesses|strong="G0769".

<sup>6</sup> But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1437" I|strong="G1473" wanted|strong="G2309" to|strong="G1519" say|strong="G3004" more|strong="G5228" about|strong="G5228" myself|strong="G1473", I|strong="G1473" would|strong="G5100" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" fool|strong="G0878", because|strong="G1063" I|strong="G1473" would|strong="G5100" be|strong="G1510" telling|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3739" truth|strong="G0225". But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" won't|strong="G3756" say|strong="G3004" any|strong="G5100" more|strong="G5228", because|strong="G1063" I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309" people|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" think|strong="G3049" more|strong="G5228" of|strong="G1537" me|strong="G3004" than|strong="G2228" what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G3739" see|strong="G0991" me|strong="G3004" do|strong="G1510" or|strong="G2228" hear|strong="G0191" me|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004".

<sup>7</sup> But|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" too|strong="G2532" proud of|strong="G4561" the|strong="G3588" wonderful things|strong="G3588" that|strong="G2443" were|strong="G3588" shown to|strong="G2443" me|strong="G1325". So|strong="G2443" a|strong="G1325" painful problem<sup>I</sup> was|strong="G3588" given|strong="G1325" to|strong="G2443" me|strong="G1325"—an|strong="G1325" angel|strong="G0032" from|strong="G3361" Satan|strong="G4567", sent to|strong="G2443" make|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325" suffer, so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" would|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3361" think that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" better than|strong="G2532" anyone else|strong="G2532".<sup>8</sup> I|strong="G1473" begged|strong="G3870" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" three|strong="G5151" times|strong="G5151" to|strong="G2443" take this|strong="G3778" problem away|strong="G0868" from|strong="G0575" me|strong="G1473".<sup>9</sup> But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord said|strong="G3004", " My|strong="G1722" grace|strong="G5485" is|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" need. Only|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" weak|strong="G0769" can|strong="G3004" everything

be|strong="G2532" done completely by|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" power|strong="G1411"." So|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" gladly|strong="G2236" boast|strong="G2744" about|strong="G1909" my|strong="G1722" weaknesses|strong="G0769". Then|strong="G2532" Christ's|strong="G5547" power|strong="G1411" can|strong="G3004" stay in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G3004".<sup>10</sup> Yes|strong="G1063", I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" glad to|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" weaknesses|strong="G0769" if|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510" for|strong="G1063" Christ|strong="G5547". I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" glad to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" insulted and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" hard times. I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" glad when|strong="G3752" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" persecuted and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" problems, because|strong="G1063" it|strong="G5119" is|strong="G1510" when|strong="G3752" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" weak|strong="G0770" that|strong="G3752" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" really strong|strong="G1415".

Paul's Love for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2532" Believers in|strong="G1722" Corinth

<sup>11</sup> I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" talking like a|strong="G1096" fool|strong="G0878", but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" made|strong="G1096" me|strong="G1473" do|strong="G1096" it|strong="G1510". You|strong="G5210" people|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" ones|strong="G0878" who|strong="G3588" should|strong="G3784" say|strong="G1473" good|strong="G1510" things|strong="G3588" about|strong="G3588" me|strong="G1473". I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" worth nothing|strong="G3762", but|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" "super apostles|strong="G0652" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" worth any|strong="G3762" more|strong="G3029" than|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510"! <sup>12</sup> When|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210", I|strong="G2532" patiently did the|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3956" prove I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G2532" an|strong="G2532" apostle|strong="G0652"— signs|strong="G4592", wonders|strong="G5059", and|strong="G2532" miracles|strong="G1411". <sup>13</sup> So|strong="G3361"

<sup>I</sup> PAINFUL PROBLEM Literally, "thorn in the flesh."



you *received everything that the other churches have* received. Only *one* was *different*: I was *not* a *burden* to you *as* I was *not* a *burden* to you. Forgive me for *this*!

<sup>14</sup> I am *ready* to visit you *for* the *third* time, and I will *not* be a *burden* to you. I don't want *any* of *the* things you own. I only want you. Children should *not* have to save things to give their parents. Parents should save to give their children. <sup>15</sup> So I am *happy* to give everything I have for you. I will *even* give myself for you. If I love you *more*, will you love me *less*?

<sup>16</sup> It is *clear* that I was *not* a *burden* to you, but you think that I was *tricky* and *used* lies to catch you. <sup>17</sup> Did I cheat you

by *using* any of *the* men I sent to you? You know I *didn't*. <sup>18</sup> I asked Titus to go to you, and I sent our brother him. Titus *did* not cheat you, *did* he? No, you know that his actions and his attitude were *the* same as ours.

<sup>19</sup> Do you think we *have* been *defending* ourselves to all *this* time? No, we say *these* things in Christ and *before* God. You are *our* dear friends, and *everything* we *do* is to make you stronger.

<sup>20</sup> I do *this* because I am *afraid* that I will *not* be what I want to be. And I am *afraid* that I will *not* be what you want me to be. I am *afraid*

that |strong="G2309" I|strong="G2504" will |strong="G2309" find |strong="G2147" arguing, jealousy |strong="G2205", anger |strong="G2372", selfish |strong="G2052" fighting, evil talk, gossip |strong="G5587", pride, and |strong="G2064" confusion |strong="G0181" there. <sup>21</sup> I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" afraid that |strong="G3739" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" again |strong="G3825", my |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" make |strong="G3361" me |strong="G1473" humble |strong="G5013" before |strong="G1909" you |strong="G5210". I |strong="G1473" may |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" to |strong="G4314" cry over |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" loss of |strong="G2316" some |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" sinned |strong="G4258" before |strong="G1909". Many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G2316" them |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2532" still |strong="G2064" not |strong="G3361" changed their |strong="G2532" hearts to |strong="G4314" be |strong="G2532" sorry for |strong="G1909" their |strong="G2532" evil lives, their |strong="G2532" sexual |strong="G4202" sins, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" shameful things |strong="G4183" they |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2532" done |strong="G4238".

#### Final Warnings and Greetings

**13** This |strong="G3778" will |strong="G3778" be |strong="G2532" my |strong="G3956" third |strong="G5154" time |strong="G5154" to |strong="G4314" visit |strong="G2064" you |strong="G5210". And |strong="G2532" remember, " For |strong="G1909" every |strong="G3956" complaint there |strong="G1417" must be |strong="G2532" two |strong="G1417" or |strong="G2532" three |strong="G5140" people |strong="G3956" to |strong="G4314" say |strong="G4487" that |strong="G3778" they |strong="G2532" know it |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" true." <sup>12</sup> When |strong="G5613" I |strong="G1437" was |strong="G3588" with |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1437" the |strong="G3956" second |strong="G1208" time |strong="G1208", I |strong="G1437" gave a |strong="G5613" warning to |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G3748" sinned |strong="G4258". I |strong="G1437" am |strong="G0548" not |strong="G3756" there |strong="G3062" now |strong="G3568", but |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1437" am |strong="G0548" giving another |strong="G3825" warning to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G3754"

I 13:1 Quote from Deuteronomy 19:15.

and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" anyone |strong="G3956" else |strong="G3062" who |strong="G3588" has |strong="G3748" sinned |strong="G4258": When |strong="G5613" I |strong="G1437" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G1437" again |strong="G3825", I |strong="G1437" will |strong="G3956" punish you |strong="G1437". <sup>3</sup> You |strong="G5210" want |strong="G2212" proof |strong="G1382" that |strong="G3739" Christ |strong="G5547" is |strong="G3739" speaking |strong="G2980" through |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473". My |strong="G2212" proof |strong="G1382" is |strong="G3739" that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" weak |strong="G0770" in |strong="G1722" dealing with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" but |strong="G0235" is |strong="G3739" showing his |strong="G3739" power among |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210". <sup>4</sup> It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" true that |strong="G0846" Christ |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2316" weak |strong="G0770" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2316" killed on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" cross, but |strong="G0235" he |strong="G2532" lives |strong="G2198" now |strong="G2532" by |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" power |strong="G1411". It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" also |strong="G2532" true that |strong="G0846" we |strong="G2249" share his |strong="G0846" weakness |strong="G0769", but |strong="G0235" in |strong="G1722" dealing with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210", we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" alive |strong="G2198" in |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" by |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" power |strong="G1411".

<sup>5</sup> Look closely at |strong="G1722" yourselves |strong="G1438". Test |strong="G3985" yourselves |strong="G1438" to |strong="G1722" see |strong="G1381" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" living in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" faith |strong="G4102". Don't |strong="G3756" you |strong="G5210" realize that |strong="G3754" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210"? Of |strong="G1722" course, if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G5210" fail |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" test |strong="G3985", he |strong="G3754" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210". <sup>6</sup> But |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" hope |strong="G1679" you |strong="G3754"

will |strong="G1510" see |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" failed |strong="G3756" the |strong="G1161" test |strong="G1097". <sup>7</sup> We |strong="G2249" pray |strong="G2172" to |strong="G4314" God |strong="G2316" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3756" do |strong="G4160" anything |strong="G3367" wrong |strong="G2556". Our |strong="G2316" concern here |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" for |strong="G4314" people |strong="G1510" to |strong="G4314" see that |strong="G2443" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510" passed the |strong="G3588" test in |strong="G2316" our |strong="G2316" work with |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210". Our |strong="G2316" main concern is |strong="G1510" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" right |strong="G2570", even |strong="G1161" if |strong="G5613" it |strong="G4160" looks as |strong="G5613" if |strong="G5613" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510" failed |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" test. <sup>8</sup> We |strong="G1410" cannot |strong="G3756" do |strong="G1410" anything |strong="G5100" that |strong="G5100" is |strong="G5100" against |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225" but |strong="G0235" only |strong="G3756" what |strong="G3588" promotes the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225". <sup>9</sup> We |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" happy to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" weak |strong="G0770" if |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" strong |strong="G1415". And |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2249" pray |strong="G2172"— that |strong="G3778" your |strong="G2532" lives will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" made |strong="G2676" completely right again |strong="G2532". <sup>10</sup> I'm writing |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3778" before |strong="G1519" I |strong="G1473" come so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3739" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G0548" there |strong="G2596" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532"

to |strong="G1519" use |strong="G5530" my |strong="G1325" authority |strong="G1849" to |strong="G1519" punish you |strong="G3739". The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" that |strong="G3739" authority |strong="G1849" to |strong="G1519" make |strong="G1325" you |strong="G3739" stronger, not |strong="G3756" to |strong="G1519" destroy you |strong="G3739".

<sup>11</sup> Now |strong="G2532", brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, be |strong="G1510" filled with |strong="G3326" joy |strong="G5463". Try to |strong="G2532" make everything right, and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" asked |strong="G3870" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G1510". Agree |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" each |strong="G3326" other |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" live |strong="G1514" in |strong="G2316" peace |strong="G1515". Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" of |strong="G2316" love |strong="G0026" and |strong="G2532" peace |strong="G1515" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>12</sup> Give |strong="G0782" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240" the |strong="G3956" special greeting |strong="G0782" of |strong="G3956" God's people |strong="G3956". <sup>1</sup> All |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" God's holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3956" here |strong="G1722" send |strong="G0782" you |strong="G5210" their |strong="G3956" greetings |strong="G0782".

<sup>13</sup> I |strong="G2532" pray that |strong="G3956" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2316" enjoy the |strong="G3956" grace |strong="G5485" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547", the |strong="G3956" love |strong="G0026" of |strong="G4151" God |strong="G2316", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" fellowship |strong="G2842" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151".

<sup>I</sup> THE SPECIAL GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE Literally, "a holy kiss." <sup>II</sup> FELLOWSHIP This can mean a sharing or participation in the Holy Spirit or the loving association and unity among believers that is created by the Spirit.

# Galatians

**1** Greetings from Paul, an apostle, chosen to be an apostle, but not by any group or person here on earth. My authority came from none other than Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Jesus from death. <sup>2</sup> Greetings also from all those in God's family who are with me.

To the churches in Galatia:

<sup>3</sup> I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be good to you and give you peace. <sup>4</sup> Jesus gave himself for our sins to free us from this evil world in which we live. This is what God our Father wanted. <sup>5</sup> The glory to God forever

and Amen.

## There Is Only One Good News Message

<sup>6</sup> A short time ago God chose you to follow him. He chose you through his grace that Christ came through. But now I am amazed that you are already turning away and believing something different from the Good News we told you. <sup>7</sup> There is no other message that the Good News, but some people are confusing you. They want to change the Good News about Christ. <sup>8</sup> We told you the true Good News message. So anyone who tells you a different message should be condemned— even if it's one of us or even an angel from heaven! <sup>9</sup> I said this before. Now I say again:

<sup>1</sup> GALATIA Probably the area where Paul began churches on his first missionary trip. Read Acts 13 and 14.

You have already accepted the Good News. Anyone who tells you another way to be saved should be condemned!

<sup>10</sup> Now do you think I am trying to make people accept me? No, God is one. I am trying to please you. Am I trying to please people? If I wanted to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

**Paul's Authority Is From God**

<sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that Good News I told you was made up by anyone. <sup>12</sup> I did not get my message from any other human. The Good News is not something I learned from other people. Jesus Christ himself gave it to me. He showed me the Good News that I should tell people.

<sup>13</sup> You have heard about my past life in the Jewish religion. I persecuted

the church of God very much. I tried to destroy his people. I was becoming a leader in the Jewish religion. I did better than most other Jews my own age. I tried harder than anyone else to follow the traditions we got from our ancestors.

<sup>15</sup> But God had special plans for me even before I was born. So he chose me through his grace. It pleased him to let me see and know his Son so I could tell the Good News about him to the non-Jewish people. I immediately prepared to do this work without asking for advice or help from anyone. <sup>17</sup> I did not go to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was. But, without waiting, I went away to Arabia. Later, I went back to the city of Damascus.

<sup>18</sup> Three years later I went to Jerusalem to meet Peter. I

stayed |strong="G1961" with |strong="G3326" him |strong="G0846" 15 days |strong="G2250". 19 I |strong="G1487" met |strong="G3708" no |strong="G3756" other |strong="G2087" apostles |strong="G0652"— only |strong="G1487" James |strong="G2385", the |strong="G3588" brother |strong="G0080" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". 20 God |strong="G2316" knows there |strong="G1161" is |strong="G2316" nothing |strong="G3756" untrue in |strong="G2316" any |strong="G3756" of |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3588". 21 Later, I |strong="G2532" went |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" areas of |strong="G3588" Syria |strong="G4947" and |strong="G2532" Cilicia |strong="G2791". 22 No |strong="G0050" one |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" any of |strong="G1577" Christ's |strong="G5547" churches |strong="G1577" in |strong="G1722" Judea |strong="G2449" had |strong="G1510" ever met me before |strong="G1722". 23 They |strong="G3739" had |strong="G1510" only |strong="G3440" heard |strong="G0191" this |strong="G3588" about |strong="G3588" me |strong="G1473": " This |strong="G3588" man was |strong="G1510" persecuting |strong="G1377" us |strong="G2097". But |strong="G1161" now |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" telling people |strong="G1510" about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3739" faith |strong="G4102" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G3739" once |strong="G4218" tried to |strong="G0191" destroy |strong="G4199". 24 These |strong="G3588" believers praised |strong="G1392" God |strong="G2316" because |strong="G1722" of |strong="G2316" me |strong="G1473".

#### The Other Apostles Accepted Paul

2 After |strong="G3326" 14 years |strong="G2094" I |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0305" back |strong="G3825" to |strong="G1519" Jerusalem |strong="G2414" with |strong="G3326" Barnabas |strong="G0921" and |strong="G2532" took Titus |strong="G5103" with |strong="G3326" me |strong="G1223". 2 I |strong="G3739" went |strong="G0305" there |strong="G1722" because |strong="G1722" God |strong="G0846" showed me |strong="G1380" that |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" should |strong="G2532" go |strong="G0305". I |strong="G3739" explained to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" message that |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" tell the |strong="G3588" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484". I |strong="G3739" also |strong="G2532" met alone |strong="G0846"

with |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3739" considered to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" leaders. I |strong="G3739" wanted to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" sure we |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3739" in |strong="G1722" agreement so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3739" my |strong="G1722" past work and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" work I |strong="G3739" do |strong="G1380" now |strong="G1161" would |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" wasted.

3 Titus |strong="G5103", who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" with |strong="G4862" me |strong="G1473", is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" Greek |strong="G1672". But |strong="G0235" these |strong="G3588" leaders still did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3761" force |strong="G0315" him |strong="G4059" to |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" circumcised |strong="G4059". 4 We |strong="G2249" needed to |strong="G2443" talk about |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3739" problems, because |strong="G1223" some |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" pretended to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G5547" our |strong="G2424" brothers had |strong="G2192" come into |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2424" group secretly |strong="G3920". They |strong="G3739" came |strong="G3922" in |strong="G1722" like spies to |strong="G2443" find out about |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" freedom |strong="G1657" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". They |strong="G3739" wanted to |strong="G2443" make |strong="G2615" us |strong="G1722" slaves |strong="G2615", 5 but |strong="G3761" we |strong="G3739" did |strong="G3761" not |strong="G3761" agree with |strong="G4314" anything those |strong="G3588" false brothers wanted. We |strong="G3739" wanted the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225" of |strong="G2098" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" to |strong="G4314" continue |strong="G1265" for |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210".

6 Those |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1510" considered to |strong="G5100" be |strong="G1510" important did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" change the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G1380" News message I |strong="G1473" tell people |strong="G0444". ( It |strong="G1161" doesn't |strong="G3756" matter |strong="G5100" to |strong="G5100" me |strong="G1473" if they |strong="G1161" were |strong="G1510" "important" or |strong="G1161" not |strong="G3756". To |strong="G5100" God |strong="G2316" everyone

is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same.)<sup>7</sup> But |strong="G0235" these |strong="G3748" leaders |strong="G3754" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3754" God had |strong="G3748" given me |strong="G3708" a |strong="G3708" special work, the |strong="G3588" same as |strong="G2531" Peter |strong="G4074". God gave Peter |strong="G4074" the |strong="G3588" work of |strong="G2098" telling the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" to |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" Jews. But |strong="G0235" God gave me |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" work of |strong="G2098" telling the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" to |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" non-Jewish people |strong="G3588".<sup>8</sup> God gave Peter |strong="G4074" the |strong="G3588" power to |strong="G1519" work |strong="G1754" as |strong="G1519" an |strong="G2532" apostle for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" Jewish people |strong="G1484". God gave me |strong="G1473" the |strong="G3588" power to |strong="G1519" work |strong="G1754" as |strong="G1519" an |strong="G2532" apostle too |strong="G2532", but |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1063" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G2532" Jews.<sup>9</sup> James |strong="G2385", Peter |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532" John |strong="G2491" seemed |strong="G1380" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" leaders. And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" saw that |strong="G2443" God |strong="G0846" had |strong="G1510" given |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" this |strong="G3588" special gift |strong="G5485" of |strong="G5485" ministry, so |strong="G2443" they |strong="G0846" accepted Barnabas |strong="G0921" and |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1325". They |strong="G0846" said |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1325", " We |strong="G2249" agree |strong="G1510" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G1325" should |strong="G2443" go to |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" Jews, and |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G1510" go to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" Jews."<sup>10</sup> They |strong="G0846" asked us |strong="G4160" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G4160" only |strong="G3440" one |strong="G3739" thing |strong="G3778"— to |strong="G2443" remember |strong="G3421" to |strong="G2443" help those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3778" poor |strong="G4434". And |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3778" was |strong="G3739" something that |strong="G3739"

I |strong="G3739" really wanted to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G4160".

### Paul |strong="G0846" Shows That |strong="G3739" Peter |strong="G0846" Was |strong="G3739" Wrong

<sup>11</sup> When |strong="G3753" Peter |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" Antioch |strong="G0490", he |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" something |strong="G1510" that |strong="G3754" was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" right |strong="G1519". I |strong="G3754" stood against |strong="G2596" him |strong="G0846", because |strong="G3754" he |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" wrong.<sup>12</sup> This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G5100" what |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588": When |strong="G3753" Peter first came |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" Antioch, he |strong="G2532" ate |strong="G4906" and |strong="G2532" associated with |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484". But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G3753" some |strong="G5100" Jewish men |strong="G5100" came |strong="G2064" from |strong="G0575" James |strong="G2385", Peter separated |strong="G0873" himself |strong="G1438" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" non-Jews. He |strong="G2532" stopped eating with |strong="G3326" them |strong="G1438", because |strong="G1063" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" afraid |strong="G5399" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" Jews who |strong="G3588" believe that |strong="G1161" all |strong="G3588" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484" must |strong="G5399" be |strong="G2532" circumcised |strong="G4061".<sup>13</sup> So |strong="G2532" Peter |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2532" hypocrite. The |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3062" Jewish |strong="G2453" believers joined |strong="G4942" with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G0846", so |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G2453" hypocrites too |strong="G2532". Even |strong="G2532" Barnabas |strong="G0921" was |strong="G3588" influenced by |strong="G2532" what |strong="G3588" these |strong="G3588" Jewish |strong="G2453" believers did.<sup>14</sup> They |strong="G2532" were |strong="G2453" not |strong="G3756" following the |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225" of |strong="G2098" the |strong="G3956" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098". When |strong="G3753" I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3588", I |strong="G2532" spoke |strong="G3004" to |strong="G4314" Peter in |strong="G2532" front |strong="G1715" of |strong="G2098" everyone |strong="G3956". I |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "Peter,

you are Jew, but don't like you like someone who is not a Jew. So are you trying to force those who are Jewish to live like Jews?"

<sup>15</sup> We Jews by birth, not born sinners, as we call those who are Jews. <sup>16</sup> But we know that one is made right with God by following the law. It is trusting in Jesus Christ that makes a person with God. So we have put our faith in Christ, because we wanted to be made right with God. And we are right with him because we trusted in Christ— not because we followed the law. I can say this because no one can be made right with God by following the law.

I TRUSTING IN Or "the faithfulness of." II BECAUSE WE TRUSTED IN Or "through the faithfulness of."

<sup>17</sup> We Jews came to be made right with God, so it is clear that we sinners were too. Does this mean that Christ makes us sinners? Of course not. But I would be wrong to begin teaching again those things that I gave up. <sup>19</sup> It was the law itself that caused me to end my life under the law. I died to the law so that I could live for God. I have been nailed to the cross with Christ. <sup>20</sup> So I am not the one living now—it is Christ living in me. I still live in my body, but I live by faith in the Son of God. He is the one who loved me and gave himself to save me. <sup>21</sup> I am not destroying the meaning of God's

III FAITH IN Or "the faithfulness of."



grace |strong="G5485". If |strong="G1487" following the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" is |strong="G2316" how people |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" made right |strong="G1343" with |strong="G1223" God |strong="G2316", then |strong="G0686" Christ |strong="G5547" did not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G5547" to |strong="G5547" die |strong="G0599".

### God's Blessing Comes Through Faith

**3** You |strong="G5210" people in |strong="G2596" Galatia are |strong="G3739" so |strong="G3739" foolish |strong="G0453"! Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G5101" I |strong="G3739" say this |strong="G3739"? Because |strong="G2596" I |strong="G3739" told you |strong="G5210" very clearly about |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3739" death of |strong="G2596" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" on |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3739" cross. But |strong="G3739" now it |strong="G3739" seems as |strong="G2596" though you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G5547" let someone |strong="G3739" use their |strong="G2596" magical powers to |strong="G2596" make you |strong="G5210" forget. <sup>2</sup> Tell me |strong="G2983" this |strong="G3778" one |strong="G3778" thing |strong="G3778": How did |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" receive |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151"? Did |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" receive |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" by |strong="G1537" following the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551"? No, you |strong="G5210" received |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" because |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210" heard |strong="G0189" the |strong="G3588" message |strong="G0189" about |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G3778" and |strong="G4151" believed it |strong="G3778". <sup>3</sup> You |strong="G1510" began |strong="G1728" your life |strong="G4561" in |strong="G3779" Christ with |strong="G4151" the |strong="G1510" Spirit |strong="G4151". Now |strong="G3568" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G1510" try to |strong="G1510" complete |strong="G2005" it |strong="G3779" by |strong="G4561" your own power? That |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" foolish |strong="G0453". <sup>4</sup> You |strong="G1487" have |strong="G2532" experienced many |strong="G5118" things |strong="G5118". Were |strong="G2532" all |strong="G5118" those |strong="G2532" experiences wasted? I |strong="G2532" hope they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G2532" not |strong="G2532" wasted! <sup>5</sup> Does |strong="G2023" God |strong="G2023" give |strong="G2023" you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" be-

cause |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210" follow the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551"? Does |strong="G2023" God |strong="G2023" work |strong="G2041" miracles |strong="G1411" among |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210" follow the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551"? No, God |strong="G2023" gives you |strong="G5210" his |strong="G2532" Spirit |strong="G4151" and |strong="G2532" works |strong="G2041" miracles |strong="G1411" among |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210" heard |strong="G0189" the |strong="G3588" message |strong="G0189" about |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" believed it |strong="G2532".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" thing |strong="G0846" about |strong="G1519" Abraham |strong="G0011". " Abraham |strong="G0011" believed |strong="G4100" God |strong="G2316", and |strong="G2532" because |strong="G2531" of |strong="G2316" this |strong="G3588" faith |strong="G4100" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" accepted as |strong="G2531" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" right |strong="G1519" with |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316". <sup>7</sup> So |strong="G0686" you |strong="G3754" should |strong="G3778" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" true children of |strong="G5207" Abraham |strong="G0011" are |strong="G1510" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G1510" faith |strong="G4102". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3956" Scriptures |strong="G1124" told what |strong="G3588" would |strong="G1484" happen in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" future. These |strong="G3748" writings said that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" would |strong="G1484" make the |strong="G3956" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484" right through |strong="G1722" their |strong="G3956" faith |strong="G4102". God |strong="G2316" told this |strong="G3588" Good News to |strong="G1722" Abraham |strong="G0011" before |strong="G1722" it |strong="G1161" happened |strong="G3588". God |strong="G2316" said to |strong="G1722" Abraham |strong="G0011", " I |strong="G3754" will |strong="G2316" use you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G1722" bless all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G1484" on |strong="G1722" earth." <sup>9</sup> Abraham |strong="G0011" believed this |strong="G3588", and |strong="G4102" because |strong="G1537" he |strong="G4102" believed, he |strong="G4102" was |strong="G3588"

<sup>1</sup> 3:6 Quote from Genesis 15:6. <sup>II</sup> 3:8 Quote from Genesis 12:3.

blessed |strong="G2127". All |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" believe |strong="G4103" are |strong="G3588" blessed |strong="G2127" the |strong="G3588" same as |strong="G0011" Abraham |strong="G0011" was |strong="G3588".

<sup>10</sup> But |strong="G3551" people |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" depend on |strong="G1722" following |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" to |strong="G1722" make |strong="G4160" them |strong="G0846" right are |strong="G1510" under |strong="G5259" a |strong="G1510" curse |strong="G2671".<sup>I11</sup> So |strong="G1161" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G2316" clear that |strong="G3754" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" can be |strong="G2316" made right |strong="G1342" with |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551". The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say, "The |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" right |strong="G1342" with |strong="G1722" God |strong="G2316" by |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102" will |strong="G2316" live |strong="G2198" forever."<sup>II</sup>

<sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" does |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3756" depend on |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102". No |strong="G3756", it |strong="G0846" says that |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3756" way |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" person |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" find life |strong="G2198" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1722" obey |strong="G4160" its |strong="G0846" commands.<sup>III13</sup> The |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" says we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3956" under |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1096" curse |strong="G2671" for |strong="G3754" not |strong="G1473" always |strong="G3956" obeying it |strong="G1909". But |strong="G3551"

I 3:10 Quote from Deuteronomy 27:26. II 3:11 Quote from Habakkuk 2:4. III THE ONLY WAY ... COMMANDS See Leviticus 18:5.

Christ |strong="G5547" took |strong="G1096" away that |strong="G3754" curse |strong="G2671". He |strong="G3754" changed places with |strong="G1537" us |strong="G1537" and |strong="G3956" put |strong="G1096" himself under |strong="G1909" that |strong="G3754" curse |strong="G2671". The |strong="G3956" Scriptures say |strong="G1473", "Anyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" hung |strong="G2910" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1096" tree |strong="G3586"<sup>IV</sup> is |strong="G3588" under |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1096" curse |strong="G2671".<sup>V14</sup> Because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G4151" what |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" did |strong="G1096", the |strong="G3588" blessing |strong="G2129" God promised |strong="G1860" to |strong="G1519" Abraham |strong="G0011" was |strong="G2424" given to |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484". Christ |strong="G5547" died so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" by |strong="G1722" believing |strong="G4102" in |strong="G1722" him |strong="G2983" we |strong="G1223" could |strong="G1096" have |strong="G5547" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" that |strong="G2443" God promised |strong="G1860".

The |strong="G3588" Law and |strong="G2424" the |strong="G3588" Promise |strong="G1860"

<sup>15</sup> Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sisters, let |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004" give |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3004" an |strong="G2228" example from |strong="G2596" everyday life: Think about |strong="G2596" an |strong="G2228" agreement that |strong="G3004" one |strong="G3762" person |strong="G0444" makes with |strong="G2596" another |strong="G2596". After |strong="G2596" that |strong="G3004" agreement is |strong="G0444" made |strong="G3004" official, no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" can |strong="G3004" stop it |strong="G3004" or |strong="G2228" add |strong="G1928" anything |strong="G3762" to |strong="G3004" it |strong="G3004", and |strong="G0080" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" can |strong="G3004" ignore it |strong="G3004".<sup>16</sup> God |strong="G0846" made |strong="G3004" promises |strong="G1860" to |strong="G3004" Abraham |strong="G0011" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" descendant |strong="G4690".<sup>VI</sup>

IV HUNG ON A TREE Deuteronomy 21:22-23 says that when a person was killed for doing wrong, his body was hung on a tree to show shame. Paul means the cross of Jesus was like that. V 3:13 Quote from Deuteronomy 21:23. VI DESCENDANT Literally, "seed," which could also mean "family." In that case, it would refer to the one family of God in Christ.

The *Scripture* does *not* say *to* your *descendants*.<sup>17</sup> That *would* mean *many* people. But *it* says *to* your *descendant*.<sup>18</sup> That *means* *one*, *and* *that* *is* *Christ*.<sup>17</sup> This *is* *I* mean *that* *God* gave *to* Abraham *official long* before *the* *law* came. The *law* came *430 years* later. So *the* *law* could *not* take *away* the *agreement* and *change* *God's* *promise*.

<sup>18</sup> Can following the *law* give *us* the *blessing* *God* promised? If *we* could receive *it* by following the *law*, then *it* would *not* be *God's* *promise* that *brings* *it* to *us*. But *God* freely *gave* his *blessings* to Abraham *through* the *promise* *God* made.

<sup>19</sup> So *what* was *the* *law* for? The *law* was *given* to show the *wrong things* people *do*. The

*law* would *continue* until *the* special *Descendant* of Abraham came. This *is* *the* *Descendant* mentioned in *the* *promise*, which *came* *directly* from *God*. But *the* *law* was *given* through *angels*, and *the* *angels* used *Moses* as *a* *mediator* to give *the* *law* to *people*.<sup>20</sup> But *when* *God* gave the *promise*, there *was* *no* *mediator*, because *a* *mediator* *is* *not* needed when *there* *is* *only* *one* side, and *God* *is* *one*.

**The Purpose of the Law of Moses**

<sup>21</sup> Does *this* mean *that* the *law* works against *God's* promises? Of *course* *not*. The *law* was *never* *God's* *way* of *giving* to *people*. If *it* were *God's* *way* we *could* be *right* with *God* by following *the* *law*. But *this* is *not* possible. The *Scriptures*

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "But the mediator is not of one, but God is one."

the *whole* world in *prison* under *the control* of *sin*, so *that* the *only* way *for* people *to* get *what* God *would* be *through* *faith* in *Jesus* Christ *is* given *to* those *who* believe *in* him.

<sup>23</sup> Before *this* *faith* came, the *law* held us *as* prisoners. We *had* no freedom until God showed us the way of *faith* that was coming. <sup>24</sup> I mean the *law* was the *guardian* in *charge* of us until Christ came. After *he* came, we could be *made* right with God through *faith*. <sup>25</sup> Now *that* the way of *faith* has come, we *no* longer need the *law* to be *our* guardian.

<sup>26</sup> You were all baptized into Christ, and so you were all clothed with Christ. This shows that you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>28</sup> Now *Christ* doesn't matter if you are *a* Jew or *a* Greek, *a* slave or *a* free, *a* male

I FAITH IN Or "the faithfulness of."

or *female*. You are *all* the same *in* Christ Jesus. You belong *to* Christ, so you are Abraham's descendants. You get *all* of God's blessings because of *the* promise Abraham *made*.

<sup>4</sup> This *is* what I am saying: When *young* children inherit *all* that their father owned, they are still *no* different from *his* slaves. It doesn't matter that they own everything. <sup>2</sup> While they are *children*, they must obey those *who* are chosen to care for them. But *when* they reach the age the father set, they are free. <sup>3</sup> It *is* the same for us. We were *once* like children, slaves to the useless rules of *this* world. <sup>4</sup> But *when* the right time came, God sent *his* Son, who was born *a* woman and *lived* under the *law*. <sup>5</sup> God did *this* so that *he* could buy the freedom of

II RULES Or "powers." Also in verse 9.

those *who* were *under* the *law*. God's purpose was *to* make us *his* children.

<sup>6</sup> Since *you* are *now* God's children, he *has* sent the *Spirit* of *his* Son *into* your *hearts*. The *Spirit* cries *out*, "Abba *Father*." <sup>7</sup> Now *you* are *not* slaves *like* *you* were before. *You* are God's children, and *you* will receive everything he *promised* *his* children.

#### Paul's Love for the Galatian Believers

<sup>8</sup> In the past *you* did *not* know God *you* were slaves *to* gods that *were* not real. <sup>9</sup> But *now* *you* know God *Really*, though *it* is God *who* knows *you*. So *do* *turn* *back* *to* the same *kind of* weak *and* useless rules *you* followed before? *Do* *you* want *to* be slaves *to* those things *again*? <sup>10</sup> It worries me that you follow teachings about special days, months, seasons,

<sup>1</sup> ABBA An Aramaic word that was used by Jewish children as a name for their fathers.

and years. I fear that my work for you has been wasted.

<sup>12</sup> Brothers and sisters, *I* became *like* *you*. So *please* become *like* *me*. *You* were *very good* *to* *me* before. <sup>13</sup> *You* know that *I* came *to* *you* *first* *because* *was* *sick*. That *when* *I* told the *Good News* *to* *you* *was* *a* burden *to* *you*, but *you* did *not* stop showing *me* respect or *make* *me* leave. *Instead*, *you* welcomed *me* as *if* *I* were *an* angel *from* God. *You* accepted *me* as *if* *I* were *Jesus* Christ *himself*! <sup>15</sup> *You* were *very happy* then *where* *is* *that* joy *now*? *I* can *say* without a *doubt* that *you* would have *done* anything *to* help *me*. *If* *it* had been possible *you* would have *taken out* your *own* eyes *and* given *them* *to* *me*. <sup>16</sup> *Am* *I* *now* *your* enemy *because* *I* tell

you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G1096" truth |strong="G0226"?

<sup>17</sup> Those |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0846" are |strong="G0846" working hard to |strong="G2443" persuade you |strong="G5210", but |strong="G0235" this |strong="G0846" is |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3756" good |strong="G2573" for |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210". They |strong="G0846" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2443" persuade you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2443" turn against |strong="G3756" us and |strong="G0846" work hard for |strong="G2443" them |strong="G0846". <sup>18</sup> It |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" good |strong="G2570" for |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G4314" work hard, of |strong="G1722" course, if |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G3588" for |strong="G4314" something good |strong="G2570". That's something you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2532" do |strong="G3361" whether |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" there |strong="G1722" or |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361". <sup>19</sup> My |strong="G1722" little children |strong="G5043", I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G5605" in |strong="G1722" pain again |strong="G3825" over |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210", like a |strong="G3825" mother giving birth. I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3739" feel this |strong="G3739" pain until |strong="G3360" people can look at |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" and |strong="G5547" see Christ |strong="G5547". <sup>20</sup> I |strong="G1473" wish |strong="G2309" I |strong="G1473" could be |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" now |strong="G1161". Then |strong="G2532" maybe I |strong="G1473" could change |strong="G0236" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2309" talking to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210". Now |strong="G1161" I |strong="G1473" don't know what |strong="G3588" to |strong="G4314" do |strong="G2532" about |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210".

#### The |strong="G3588" Example of |strong="G5456" Hagar and |strong="G2532" Sarah

<sup>21</sup> Some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G3551" you |strong="G3004" people |strong="G1510" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G3004" be |strong="G1510" under |strong="G5259" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551". Tell |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004", do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G3004" know what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" says |strong="G3004"? <sup>22</sup>

I THOSE PEOPLE The false teachers who were bothering the believers in Galatia. See Gal. 1:7.

The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say that |strong="G3754" Abraham |strong="G0011" had |strong="G2192" two |strong="G1417" sons |strong="G5207". The |strong="G3588" mother of |strong="G5207" one |strong="G1520" son |strong="G5207" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2192" slave woman |strong="G1658", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" mother of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" other |strong="G1125" son |strong="G5207" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2192" free |strong="G1658" woman |strong="G1658". <sup>23</sup> Abraham's son from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" slave woman |strong="G1658" was |strong="G3588" born |strong="G1080" in |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" normal human |strong="G4561" way |strong="G2596". But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" son from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" free |strong="G1658" woman |strong="G1658" was |strong="G3588" born |strong="G1080" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" promise |strong="G1860" God made to |strong="G2596" Abraham.

<sup>24</sup> This |strong="G3778" true story makes a |strong="G1510" picture for |strong="G1063" us |strong="G1519". The |strong="G1519" two |strong="G1417" women |strong="G1417" are |strong="G1510" like the |strong="G1519" two |strong="G1417" agreements between God and |strong="G1520" his |strong="G1519" people |strong="G1510". One |strong="G1520" agreement |strong="G1520" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G1519" law that |strong="G3778" God made on |strong="G1519" Mount |strong="G3735" Sinai |strong="G4614". The |strong="G1519" people |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3748" are |strong="G1510" under this |strong="G3778" agreement |strong="G1520" are |strong="G1510" like slaves |strong="G1397". The |strong="G1519" mother named Hagar |strong="G0028" is |strong="G1510" like that |strong="G3778" agreement |strong="G1520". <sup>25</sup> So |strong="G1161" Hagar is |strong="G1510" like |strong="G0846" Mount |strong="G3735" Sinai |strong="G4614" in |strong="G1722" Arabia |strong="G0688". She |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" picture of |strong="G5043" the |strong="G3588" earthly Jewish city |strong="G0846" of |strong="G5043" Jerusalem |strong="G2419". This |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" slave, and |strong="G1161" all |strong="G3588" its |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" slaves |strong="G1398" to |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" law. <sup>26</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" heavenly Jerusalem |strong="G2419" that |strong="G3748"

is |strong="G1510" above |strong="G0507"  
 is |strong="G1510" like the |strong="G3588"  
 free |strong="G1658" woman |strong="G1658",  
 who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510"  
 our |strong="G1161" mother |strong="G3384".<sup>27</sup>  
 The |strong="G3588" Scriptures say,  
 " Be |strong="G2532" happy,  
 woman |strong="G4723"— you |strong="G3754"  
 who |strong="G3588" cannot |strong="G3756"  
 have |strong="G2192" children |strong="G5043".

Be |strong="G2532" glad |strong="G2165"  
 you |strong="G3754" never |strong="G3756"  
 gave |strong="G5088" birth |strong="G5088".

Shout |strong="G0994" and |strong="G2532"  
 cry |strong="G0994" with |strong="G2532" joy!

You |strong="G3754" never |strong="G3756"  
 felt |strong="G2192" those |strong="G3588" la-  
 bor |strong="G5605" pains.

The |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G4723"  
 who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" alone<sup>I</sup>  
 will |strong="G4183" have |strong="G2192"  
 more |strong="G3123" children |strong="G5043"  
 than |strong="G2228" the |strong="G3588"  
 woman |strong="G4723" who |strong="G3588"  
 has |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" hus-  
 band |strong="G0435".

Isaiah 54:1

<sup>28</sup> My |strong="G2596" brothers |strong="G0080"  
 and |strong="G1161" sisters, you |strong="G5210"  
 are |strong="G1510" children |strong="G5043"  
 who |strong="G0080" were |strong="G1510" born be-  
 cause |strong="G1161" of |strong="G5043" God's  
 promise |strong="G1860", just |strong="G2596"  
 as |strong="G2596" Isaac |strong="G2464"  
 was |strong="G1510".<sup>29</sup> But |strong="G0235"  
 the |strong="G3588" other son of |strong="G1080"  
 Abraham, who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588"  
 born |strong="G1080" in |strong="G2596"  
 the |strong="G3588" normal way |strong="G3779",  
 caused trouble for |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588"  
 who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588"  
 born |strong="G1080" by |strong="G2596"  
 the |strong="G3588" power of |strong="G1080"  
 the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151".  
 It |strong="G5119" is |strong="G3588"  
 the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3779" today.<sup>30</sup>  
 But |strong="G0235" what |strong="G5101"  
 do |strong="G3361" the |strong="G3588" Scrip-  
 tures |strong="G1124" say |strong="G3004"? "  
 Throw |strong="G1544" out |strong="G1544"  
 the |strong="G3588" slave woman |strong="G1658"  
 and |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846"  
 son |strong="G5207"! The |strong="G3588"  
 son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207"  
 the |strong="G3588" free |strong="G1658"  
 woman |strong="G1658" will |strong="G5101" receive

I WOMAN ... ALONE This means her husband has left her.

everything his |strong="G0846" father  
 has |strong="G5101", but |strong="G0235"  
 the |strong="G3588" son |strong="G5207"  
 of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" slave  
 woman |strong="G1658" will |strong="G5101" receive  
 nothing |strong="G3756".<sup>31</sup> So |strong="G1352",  
 my brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sis-  
 ters, we |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510"  
 not |strong="G3756" children |strong="G5043"  
 of |strong="G5043" the |strong="G3588" slave  
 woman |strong="G1658". We |strong="G1510"  
 are |strong="G1510" children |strong="G5043"  
 of |strong="G5043" the |strong="G3588"  
 free |strong="G1658" woman |strong="G1658".

### Keep Your Freedom

<sup>5</sup> We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2532"  
 freedom |strong="G1657" now |strong="G2532",  
 because Christ |strong="G5547" made  
 us |strong="G1659" free |strong="G1659".  
 So |strong="G3767" stand |strong="G4739" strong  
 in |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3767" free-  
 dom |strong="G1657". Don't |strong="G3361" go  
 back |strong="G3825" into |strong="G3825" slav-  
 ery |strong="G1397" again |strong="G3825".<sup>2</sup> Listen!  
 I |strong="G1473", Paul |strong="G3972",  
 tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210"  
 that |strong="G3754" if |strong="G1437"  
 you |strong="G5210" start following  
 the |strong="G3708" law by |strong="G3004" be-  
 ing |strong="G4771" circumcised |strong="G4059",  
 then |strong="G3754" Christ |strong="G5547" cannot  
 help |strong="G5623" you |strong="G5210".<sup>3</sup>  
 Again |strong="G3825", I |strong="G3754" warn every-  
 one |strong="G3956": If |strong="G3748"  
 you |strong="G3754" allow yourselves  
 to |strong="G3825" be |strong="G1510" circum-  
 cised |strong="G4059", then |strong="G1161"  
 you |strong="G3754" must |strong="G4160" follow  
 the |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3650"  
 law |strong="G3551".<sup>4</sup> If |strong="G3748"  
 you |strong="G1722" try to |strong="G1722"  
 be |strong="G5547" made right with |strong="G1722"  
 God through |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588"  
 law |strong="G3551", your |strong="G1722" life  
 with |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547"  
 is |strong="G3588" finished— you |strong="G1722"  
 have |strong="G3748" left |strong="G0575" God's  
 grace |strong="G5485".<sup>5</sup> I |strong="G1473"  
 say |strong="G1473" this because |strong="G1063" our  
 hope |strong="G1680" of |strong="G1537" being  
 right |strong="G1343" with |strong="G1537" God  
 comes through |strong="G1537"  
 faith |strong="G4102". And |strong="G4151"  
 the |strong="G1537" Spirit |strong="G4151" helps  
 us |strong="G1537" feel sure as |strong="G1473"

II 4:30 Quote from Genesis 21:10.

we |strong="G2249" wait |strong="G0553" for |strong="G1063" that |strong="G4151" hope |strong="G1680".<sup>6</sup> When |strong="G1722" someone |strong="G5100" belongs to |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424", it |strong="G1223" is |strong="G5100" not |strong="G2480" important if they |strong="G1223" are |strong="G3777" circumcised |strong="G4061" or |strong="G3777" not |strong="G2480". The |strong="G1223" important thing is |strong="G5100" faith |strong="G4102"—the |strong="G1223" kind |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1223" faith |strong="G4102" that |strong="G5100" works |strong="G1754" through |strong="G1223" love |strong="G0026".

<sup>7</sup> You |strong="G5210" were |strong="G5101" doing so |strong="G3361" well |strong="G2573". Who |strong="G5101" caused you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G5101" stop |strong="G3361" following the |strong="G5101" truth |strong="G0225"?<sup>8</sup> It |strong="G1537" certainly wasn't |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" chose you |strong="G5210".<sup>9</sup> Be careful! "Just a little |strong="G3398" yeast |strong="G2219" makes |strong="G2220" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" batch of |strong="G3588" dough rise |strong="G2220"."<sup>10</sup> I |strong="G1473" trust |strong="G3982" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" believe |strong="G3982" those |strong="G3588" different ideas. Someone |strong="G0243" is |strong="G1510" trying to |strong="G1519" confuse you |strong="G5210". Whoever |strong="G3748" it |strong="G1437" is |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" punished.

<sup>11</sup> My |strong="G1487" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sisters, I |strong="G1473" don't teach that |strong="G1161" a |strong="G1487" man |strong="G0080" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G2089" circumcised |strong="G4061". If |strong="G1487" I |strong="G1473" do |strong="G5101" teach circumcision |strong="G4061", then |strong="G1161" why |strong="G5101" am |strong="G1473" I |strong="G1473" still |strong="G2089" being |strong="G2089" persecuted |strong="G1377"? If |strong="G1487" I |strong="G1473" still |strong="G2089" taught circumcision |strong="G4061", then |strong="G1161" my |strong="G1487" message about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" cross |strong="G4716" would |strong="G5101" not |strong="G1473"

I "JUST ... RISE" A proverb meaning that a small thing (like a little wrong teaching) can make a big problem or that just one person can have a bad influence on the whole group.

be |strong="G2089" a |strong="G1487" problem.<sup>12</sup> I |strong="G2532" wish |strong="G3785" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" bothering you |strong="G5210" would |strong="G2532" add castration<sup>II</sup> to |strong="G2532" their |strong="G2532" circumcision.

<sup>13</sup> My |strong="G3440" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sisters, God chose you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G3361" free. But |strong="G0235" don't |strong="G3361" use your |strong="G1223" freedom |strong="G1657" as |strong="G1519" an |strong="G2564" excuse to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G3361" what |strong="G3588" pleases your |strong="G1223" sinful selves. Instead |strong="G0235", serve |strong="G1398" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240" with |strong="G1909" love |strong="G0026".<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3956" whole |strong="G3956" law |strong="G3551" is |strong="G3588" made |strong="G4137" complete |strong="G4137" in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" command: "Love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" neighbor |strong="G4139"<sup>III</sup> the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" you |strong="G4771" love |strong="G0025" yourself |strong="G4572"."<sup>IV</sup><sup>15</sup> If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" continue |strong="G2532" hurting each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161" and |strong="G2532" tearing each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161" apart, be |strong="G2532" careful |strong="G0991", or |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1487" will |strong="G2532" completely |strong="G2719" destroy each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161".

#### The |strong="G2532" Spirit and |strong="G2532" Human Nature

<sup>16</sup> So |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3004", live |strong="G4043" the |strong="G2532" way the |strong="G2532" Spirit |strong="G4151" leads |strong="G4043" you |strong="G3004". Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3004" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" do |strong="G3361" the |strong="G2532" evil things |strong="G3004" your |strong="G2532" sinful self wants.<sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3588" sinful self is |strong="G3778" against |strong="G2596"

II CASTRATION Paul uses a word that means "to cut off" in place of "circumcision," which means "to cut around," to show how angry he is at the false teachers for forcing non-Jewish men to be circumcised. III YOUR NEIGHBOR Or "others." Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:25-37 makes clear that this includes anyone in need. IV 5:14 Quote from Leviticus 19:18.



the |strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151", and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" wants|strong="G2309" what|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3778" against|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" sinful self. They|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3778" always fighting against|strong="G2596" each|strong="G2596" other|strong="G1161"; so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" don't|strong="G3361" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" really want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160".<sup>18</sup> But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" let|strong="G1510" the|strong="G1161" Spirit|strong="G4151" lead|strong="G0071" you|strong="G1487", you|strong="G1487" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" under|strong="G5259" law|strong="G3551".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3588" wrong things|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" sinful self does|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" clear: committing sexual|strong="G4202" sin, being|strong="G1510" morally bad, doing|strong="G2041" all|strong="G3588" kinds of|strong="G2041" shameful things|strong="G3588",<sup>20</sup> worshiping false gods, taking part in witchcraft, hating people, causing trouble, being jealous, angry|strong="G2372" or selfish|strong="G2052", causing people to argue and|strong="G2054" divide into separate groups,<sup>21</sup> being|strong="G4771" filled with|strong="G2316" envy|strong="G5355", getting drunk, having wild parties, and|strong="G2532" doing|strong="G4238" other|strong="G3739" things|strong="G3778" like|strong="G3664" this|strong="G3778". I|strong="G3739" warn you|strong="G5210" now|strong="G2532" as|strong="G2531" I|strong="G3739" warned you|strong="G5210" before|strong="G3588": The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3739" do|strong="G4238" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2532" a|strong="G5108" part in|strong="G2316" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932".<sup>22</sup> But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" fruit|strong="G2590" that|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" produces in|strong="G4102" a|strong="G1510" person's life|strong="G4151" is|strong="G1510" love|strong="G0026", joy|strong="G5479", peace|strong="G1515", patience|strong="G3115", kindness|strong="G5544", goodness|strong="G0019", faithfulness|strong="G4102",<sup>23</sup> gentleness|strong="G4240", and|strong="G3551" self-control|strong="G1466".

I LAW Here, a law system, like the Law of Moses.

There|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756" law|strong="G3551" against|strong="G2596" these|strong="G3588" kinds of|strong="G3551" things|strong="G5108".<sup>24</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" belong to|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" have|strong="G2532" crucified|strong="G4717" their|strong="G2532" sinful self. They|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" given up their|strong="G2532" old selfish feelings and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" evil things|strong="G3588" they|strong="G2532" wanted to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532".<sup>25</sup> We|strong="G1487" get|strong="G2198" our|strong="G2532" new life|strong="G2198" from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" Spirit|strong="G4151", so|strong="G2532" we|strong="G1487" should|strong="G2198" follow|strong="G4748" the|strong="G2532" Spirit|strong="G4151".<sup>26</sup> We must not|strong="G3361" feel proud and|strong="G0240" boast|strong="G1096" about ourselves. We must not|strong="G3361" cause trouble for|strong="G1096" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" or|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1096" jealous of|strong="G1096" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240".

#### Help Each Other

**6** Brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, someone|strong="G5100" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1437" group might|strong="G2532" do|strong="G3361" something|strong="G5100" wrong. You|strong="G5210" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" following|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" should|strong="G5100" go to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G0444" sinning. Help make|strong="G3361" that|strong="G1437" person|strong="G0444" right again|strong="G2532", and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G3361" it|strong="G1437" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G5108" gentle way|strong="G1722". But|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" careful, because|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" might|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" tempted|strong="G3985" to|strong="G2532" sin|strong="G3900" too|strong="G2532".<sup>2</sup> Help each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" with|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" troubles. When|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3779" do|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3779", you|strong="G3779" are|strong="G3588" obeying the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3551" Christ|strong="G5547".<sup>3</sup> If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487"

think|strong="G1380" you|strong="G1487" are|strong="G1510" too important to|strong="G5100" do|strong="G1380" this, you|strong="G1487" are|strong="G1510" only|strong="G1487" fooling yourself|strong="G1438". <sup>4</sup> Don't|strong="G3756" compare yourself|strong="G1438" with|strong="G2532" others|strong="G2087". Just|strong="G2532" look at|strong="G1519" your|strong="G2192" own|strong="G1438" work|strong="G2041" to|strong="G1519" see|strong="G1381" if|strong="G2532" you|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" done|strong="G2041" anything to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" proud|strong="G2745" of|strong="G2041". <sup>5</sup> You must|strong="G1538" each|strong="G1538" accept the|strong="G3588" responsibilities that are|strong="G3588" yours.

### Never Stop Doing Good

<sup>6</sup> Whoever|strong="G3588" is|strong="G0018" being taught|strong="G2727" God's word|strong="G3056" should share|strong="G2841" the|strong="G3956" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G3956" they|strong="G1161" have|strong="G3956" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G0018" teaching|strong="G3056" them|strong="G1722".

<sup>7</sup> If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G3739" think you|strong="G3739" can fool God|strong="G2316", you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3778" only|strong="G3756" fooling yourselves. You|strong="G3739" will|strong="G2316" harvest what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" plant. <sup>8</sup> If|strong="G3748" you|strong="G3754" live to|strong="G1519" satisfy your|strong="G1438" sinful self, the|strong="G3588" harvest you|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3748" get from|strong="G1537" that|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3748" be eternal|strong="G0166" death. But|strong="G1161" if|strong="G3748" you|strong="G3754" live to|strong="G1519" please the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151", your|strong="G1438" harvest from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" will|strong="G3748" be eternal|strong="G0166" life|strong="G2222". <sup>9</sup> We|strong="G1161" must|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3361" get tired of|strong="G2540" doing|strong="G4160" good|strong="G2570". We|strong="G1161" will|strong="G4160" receive our|strong="G4160" harvest of|strong="G2540" eternal life at|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G2570" time|strong="G2540". We|strong="G1161" must|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3361" give|strong="G4160" up. <sup>10</sup> When|strong="G5613" we|strong="G1161" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3956" opportunity|strong="G2540" to|strong="G4314"

do|strong="G2192" good|strong="G0018" to|strong="G4314" anyone|strong="G3956", we|strong="G1161" should do|strong="G2192" it|strong="G1161". But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G1161" should give special attention to|strong="G4314" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3956" in|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" family of|strong="G3956" believers.

### Paul Ends His|strong="G3956" Letter

<sup>11</sup> This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" my|strong="G1699" own|strong="G1699" handwriting. You|strong="G5210" can see|strong="G3708" how|strong="G4080" big the|strong="G3588" letters|strong="G1121" are|strong="G3588". <sup>12</sup> Those|strong="G3588" men|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" trying to|strong="G2443" force|strong="G0315" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G5547" circumcised|strong="G4059" are|strong="G3778" only|strong="G3440" doing it|strong="G3778" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" their|strong="G1722" people|strong="G4561" will|strong="G3778" accept them|strong="G1722". They|strong="G3778" are|strong="G3778" afraid they|strong="G3778" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G5547" persecuted|strong="G1377" if|strong="G2443" they|strong="G3778" follow only|strong="G3440" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716"<sup>1</sup> of|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547". <sup>13</sup> They|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3588" circumcised|strong="G4059", but|strong="G0235" they|strong="G0846" don't|strong="G3761" obey|strong="G5442" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" themselves|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" want|strong="G2309" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G1722" circumcised|strong="G4059" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" can boast|strong="G2744" about|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G3761" to|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210".

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="G1473" hope I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" never|strong="G3361" boast|strong="G2744" about|strong="G1722" things|strong="G3739" like that|strong="G3739". The|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716" of|strong="G1223" our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" is|strong="G3739" my|strong="G1722" only|strong="G1487" reason|strong="G1223" for|strong="G1223" boast-

<sup>1</sup> CROSS Paul uses the cross as a picture of the Good News, the story of Christ's death to pay for people's sins. The cross (Christ's death) was God's way to save people. Also in verse 14.

ing|strong="G2744". Through|strong="G1223" Jesus'|strong="G2424" death on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" is|strong="G3739" dead<sup>I</sup> to|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473", and|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1096" dead to|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889".<sup>15</sup> It|strong="G1510" doesn't matter|strong="G5100" if anyone|strong="G5100" is|strong="G1510" circumcised|strong="G4061" or|strong="G3777" not|strong="G1510". The|strong="G1510" only|strong="G0235" thing|strong="G2937" that|strong="G1510" matters is|strong="G1510" this|strong="G5101" new|strong="G2537" life we|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1510" God.<sup>II16</sup> Peace|strong="G1515" and|strong="G2532" mercy|strong="G1656" to|strong="G1909" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" follow|strong="G4748" this|strong="G3778"

I IS DEAD Literally, "has been crucified." II THIS NEW LIFE ... GOD Or "being the new people God has made."

rule|strong="G2583"— to|strong="G1909" all|strong="G3745" God's|strong="G2316" people|strong="G0846". III

<sup>17</sup> So|strong="G1063" don't|strong="G3367" give|strong="G3930" me|strong="G1473" any|strong="G3367" more trouble|strong="G3930". I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1473" scars on|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" body|strong="G4983" that|strong="G1722" show|strong="G3930"<sup>IV</sup> I|strong="G1473" belong to|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G2424".

<sup>18</sup> My|strong="G3326" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2962" sisters, I|strong="G1473" pray that|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" grace|strong="G5485" of|strong="G4151" our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" will|strong="G2962" be|strong="G3326" with|strong="G3326" your|strong="G2962" spirits|strong="G4151". Amen|strong="G0281".

III ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE Literally, "the Israel of God." IV SCARS ... SHOW Many times Paul was beaten by people who tried to stop him from teaching about Christ. The scars were from these beatings.

# Ephesians

**1** Greetings from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus I am an apostle because that is what God wanted.

To God's holy people in Ephesus, I believe who belong to God Christ Jesus.

**2** Grace and peace to you from God our Father the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Spiritual Blessings in Christ

**3** Praise to God and our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven. In Christ, God has given us every spiritual blessing in heaven. In Christ, he chose us before the world was. He chose us in love before he created the holy people—

<sup>1</sup> IN EPHESUS Some Greek copies do not have the words "in Ephesus."

ple who could stand before him without any fault. <sup>5</sup> And before the world was made, God decided to make his own children through Jesus Christ. This was what God wanted, and it pleased him to do it. <sup>6</sup> And this brings praise to God because of his wonderful grace. God gave that to us freely. He gave us that grace in Christ, the one who loves.

**7** In Christ we are made free by his blood sacrifice. We have forgiveness of sins because of God's rich grace. <sup>8</sup> God gave us that grace fully and freely. With full wisdom and understanding <sup>9</sup> he let us know his secret plan. This was what God wanted, and he planned to do it through Christ. <sup>10</sup> God's goal was to finish

his plan when the right time came. He planned that all things in heaven and earth be joined together on earth and in heaven. Christ with us as head.

<sup>11</sup> In Christ we were chosen to be God's people. God had already planned for us to be his people, because he wanted. And he is the one who makes everything what he decides and wants. <sup>12</sup> We Jews were the first to hope in Christ. And we were chosen so that we would praise God in all his glory. <sup>13</sup> It is the same you heard the true message, the Good News about the way God saves you. When you heard that Good News, you believed in Christ. And in Christ, God put his special mark on you by giving you the Holy Spir-

it that he promised. <sup>14</sup> The Spirit is the first payment that guarantees we will get all that God has for us. Then we will enjoy complete freedom as people who belong to him. The goal of us is to praise God in all his glory.

#### Paul's Prayer

<sup>15</sup> That is why I always remember you in my prayers and thank God for you. I have done this ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. <sup>17</sup> I always pray to the great and glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that he will give the Spirit, who will let you know truths about God and help you understand them, so that you will know him better.

<sup>18</sup> I pray that God will open your minds to see his truth. Then you will know the hope that he has chosen us to have. You will know

that **the** blessings God **has** promised his **holy** people **are** rich and **glorious**.<sup>19</sup> And **you** will **know** that God's **power** is **very** great for **us** who **believe**. It **is** the **same** as **the** mighty **power** he **used** to **raise** Christ **from** death and **put** him **at** his **right** side in **the** heavenly places.<sup>21</sup> He **put** Christ over **all** rulers, authorities, powers, and **kings**. He **gave** him **authority** over **everything** that **has** **power** in **this** world or in **the** next world.<sup>22</sup> God **put** everything **under** Christ's **power** and **made** him **head** over **everything** for **the** church **is** Christ's **body**. It **is** filled with **him**. He **makes** everything **complete** in **every** way.

#### From Death to Life

**2** In **the** past you **were** spiritually dead **because** of **your** sins and **the** things you **did** against

God.<sup>2</sup> Yes, in **the** past your **lives** were full of **those** sins. You **lived** the **way** the **world** lives, following **the** ruler **of** the **evil** powers over **the** earth. That **same** **spirit** **is** now **working** in **those** who **refuse** to obey God.<sup>3</sup> In **the** past **all** of **us** **lived** like **that**, trying to **please** our **sinful** selves. We **did** **all** the **things** our **bodies** and **minds** wanted. Like **everyone** else **in** **the** world, we **deserved** to **suffer** God's anger **just** **because** of **the** way we **were**.

**4** But **God** **is** **rich** in **mercy**, and **he** **loved** us **very** **much**.<sup>5</sup> We **were** spiritually dead **because** of **all** we **had** done against him **and** **he** **gave** us **new** life together **with** Christ. (You **have** **been** **saved** by **God's** grace.)<sup>6</sup> Yes, it **is** **because** we **are** a **part** of **Christ** **Jesus** that **God** raised **us** **from** death and **seated** us **together** with **him** against

in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" heavenly|strong="G2032" places.<sup>7</sup> God|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1731" this|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" his|strong="G0846" kindness|strong="G5544" to|strong="G2443" us|strong="G1722" who|strong="G3588" belong to|strong="G2443" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" would|strong="G5547" clearly show|strong="G1731" for|strong="G1909" all|strong="G3588" time|strong="G0165" to|strong="G2443" come|strong="G1904" the|strong="G3588" amazing richness of|strong="G5485" his|strong="G0846" grace|strong="G5485".

<sup>8</sup> I|strong="G2532" mean|strong="G1510" that|strong="G3778" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" saved|strong="G4982" by|strong="G1223" grace|strong="G5485" because|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210" believed. You|strong="G5210" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" save|strong="G4982" yourselves|strong="G4771"; it|strong="G1223" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" gift|strong="G1435" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316".<sup>9</sup> You|strong="G1537" are|strong="G2041" not|strong="G3756" saved by|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" things|strong="G5100" you|strong="G1537" have|strong="G5100" done|strong="G2041", so|strong="G2443" there is|strong="G5100" nothing|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2443" boast|strong="G2744" about|strong="G1537".<sup>10</sup> God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" made|strong="G4161" us|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510". In|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424", God|strong="G2316" made|strong="G4161" us|strong="G1722" new people|strong="G0846" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739" would|strong="G5547" spend our|strong="G2316" lives doing|strong="G2041" the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G3739" he|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2424" already planned for|strong="G1063" us|strong="G1722" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G1510".

**One|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547"**

<sup>11</sup> You|strong="G5210" were|strong="G3588" not|strong="G1484" born as|strong="G1722" Jews. You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1484" the|strong="G3588" Jews call|strong="G3004" uncircumcised|strong="G0203".<sup>11</sup> Those|strong="G3588"

I UNCIRCUMCISED People not having the mark of circumcision like the Jews have.

Jews who|strong="G3588" call|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" uncircumcised|strong="G0203" call|strong="G3004" themselves|strong="G1722" circumcised|strong="G4061". ( Their|strong="G1722" circumcision|strong="G4061" is|strong="G3588" only something they|strong="G3754" themselves|strong="G1722" do|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" their|strong="G1722" bodies.)<sup>12</sup> Remember that|strong="G3754" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" past you|strong="G3754" were|strong="G1510" without|strong="G5565" Christ|strong="G5547". You|strong="G3754" were|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" citizens of|strong="G1722" Israel|strong="G2474", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3754" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" know about|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" agreements<sup>12</sup> with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" promises|strong="G1860" that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G0112" made to|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2192" people|strong="G1510". You|strong="G3754" had|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3361" hope|strong="G1680", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3754" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3361" know God|strong="G0112".<sup>13</sup> Yes|strong="G1161", at|strong="G1722" one|strong="G3588" time|strong="G4218" you|strong="G5210" were|strong="G1510" far|strong="G3112" away|strong="G3112" from|strong="G1722" God, but|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424", you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" brought|strong="G1096" near|strong="G1451" to|strong="G1722" him|strong="G1722". You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" brought|strong="G1096" near|strong="G1451" to|strong="G1722" God through|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" sacrifice of|strong="G0129" Christ|strong="G5547".

<sup>14</sup> Christ|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" reason|strong="G0846" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" now|strong="G2532" at|strong="G1722" peace|strong="G1515". He|strong="G2532" made|strong="G4160" us|strong="G4160" Jews and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1722" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" Jews one|strong="G1520" people|strong="G0846". We|strong="G2249" were|strong="G1510" separated by|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1510" wall|strong="G5418"

II AGREEMENTS The agreements with special promises that God gave at various times to people in the Old Testament. See "agreement" in the Word List.

of|strong="G1520" hate that|strong="G0846" stood between|strong="G0846" us|strong="G4160", but|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G0846" broke|strong="G3089" down|strong="G3089" that|strong="G0846" wall|strong="G5418". By|strong="G1722" giving|strong="G4160" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" body|strong="G4561",<sup>15</sup> Christ|strong="G0846" ended the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" with|strong="G1722" its|strong="G0846" many commands|strong="G1785" and|strong="G4561" rules. His|strong="G0846" purpose|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1519" make|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" two|strong="G1417" groups become|strong="G4160" one|strong="G1520" in|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846". By|strong="G1722" doing|strong="G4160" this|strong="G3588" he|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" make|strong="G4160" peace|strong="G1515".<sup>16</sup> Through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716" Christ|strong="G0846" ended the|strong="G3588" hate between|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" two groups. And|strong="G2532" after|strong="G1223" they|strong="G0846" became one|strong="G1520" body|strong="G4983", he|strong="G2532" wanted to|strong="G2532" bring them|strong="G0846" both|strong="G2532" back to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" did this|strong="G3588" with|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" death|strong="G0615" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" cross|strong="G4716".<sup>17</sup> Christ came|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" message of|strong="G3588" peace|strong="G1515" to|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210" non-Jews who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" far|strong="G3112" away|strong="G3112" from|strong="G2064" God. And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G2064" that message of|strong="G3588" peace|strong="G1515" to|strong="G2064" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" near|strong="G1451" to|strong="G2064" God.<sup>18</sup> Yes, through|strong="G1223" Christ|strong="G0846" we|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3588" have|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" right to|strong="G4314" come to|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" in|strong="G1722" one|strong="G1520" Spirit|strong="G4151".

<sup>19</sup> So|strong="G3767" now|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1510" non-Jewish people|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" visitors or|strong="G2532" strangers|strong="G3581", but|strong="G0235" you|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" citi-

zens|strong="G4847" together|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2316" God's|strong="G2316" holy|strong="G0040" people|strong="G1510". You|strong="G1510" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316" family.<sup>20</sup> You|strong="G1510" believers are|strong="G1510" like|strong="G0846" a|strong="G1510" building|strong="G2026" that|strong="G0846" God|strong="G0846" owns|strong="G1510". That|strong="G0846" building|strong="G2026" was|strong="G1510" built|strong="G2026" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" foundation|strong="G2310" that|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" apostles|strong="G0652" and|strong="G2532" prophets|strong="G4396" prepared. Christ|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" most important stone<sup>I</sup> in|strong="G1909" that|strong="G0846" building|strong="G2026".<sup>21</sup> The|strong="G3956" whole|strong="G3956" building|strong="G3619" is|strong="G3739" joined together|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G2962", and|strong="G2962" he|strong="G3739" makes it|strong="G3739" grow|strong="G0837" and|strong="G2962" become a|strong="G3739" holy|strong="G0040" temple|strong="G3485"<sup>II</sup> in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962".<sup>22</sup> And|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" Christ you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3739" being|strong="G4771" built|strong="G4925" together|strong="G1722" with|strong="G1722" his|strong="G3739" other|strong="G3739" people|strong="G3588". You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3739" being|strong="G4771" made into|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739" place|strong="G2732" where|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316" lives through|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151".

### Paul's Work for the Non-Jewish People

**3** So|strong="G3778" I|strong="G1473", Paul|strong="G3972", am|strong="G1473" a|strong="G1484" prisoner|strong="G1198" because|strong="G5484" I|strong="G1473" serve Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" for|strong="G5228" you|strong="G5210" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3778" Jews.<sup>2</sup> Surely you|strong="G5210" know that|strong="G0191" God|strong="G2316" gave|strong="G1325" me|strong="G1325" this|strong="G3588" work|strong="G5485" through his|strong="G0191"

<sup>I</sup> MOST IMPORTANT STONE Literally, "cornerstone." The first and most important stone in a building. <sup>II</sup> TEMPLE God's house—the place where God's people worship him. Here, it means that believers are the spiritual temple where God lives.



grace |strong="G5485" to |strong="G1519" help you |strong="G5210". <sup>3</sup> God let me |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1107" his |strong="G3754" secret plan by |strong="G1722" showing it |strong="G1107" to |strong="G2596" me |strong="G1473". I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" already written |strong="G4270" a |strong="G1722" little |strong="G3641" about |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3588". <sup>4</sup> And |strong="G5547" if you |strong="G3739" read |strong="G0314" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" wrote, you |strong="G3739" can |strong="G1410" see |strong="G3539" that |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" understand |strong="G3539" the |strong="G3588" secret truth about |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547". <sup>5</sup> People |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3739" lived in |strong="G1722" other |strong="G2087" times |strong="G1074" were |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" told that |strong="G3739" secret truth. But |strong="G2532" now |strong="G3568", through |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151", God |strong="G0846" has |strong="G3739" made |strong="G1107" it |strong="G0846" known |strong="G1107" to |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" apostles |strong="G0652" and |strong="G2532" prophets |strong="G4396". <sup>6</sup> And |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" secret truth: that |strong="G1510" by |strong="G1722" hearing the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G1510" News |strong="G2098", those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" Jews will |strong="G1510" share with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Jews in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" blessings God has |strong="G5547" for |strong="G1223" his |strong="G1223" people |strong="G1484". They |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" part of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" body |strong="G4954", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" share in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" promise |strong="G1860" God made through |strong="G1223" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424".

<sup>7</sup> By |strong="G2596" God's |strong="G2316" special gift |strong="G1431" of |strong="G2316" grace |strong="G5485", I |strong="G1473" became |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" servant |strong="G1249" to |strong="G2596" tell that |strong="G3739" Good News. He |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" that |strong="G3739" grace |strong="G5485" by |strong="G2596" using his |strong="G0846" power |strong="G1411". <sup>8</sup> I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" the |strong="G3956"

least |strong="G1646" important of |strong="G5485" all |strong="G3956" God's people |strong="G1484". But |strong="G3778" he |strong="G3778" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" this |strong="G3778" gift |strong="G5485"—to |strong="G1325" tell the |strong="G3956" non-Jewish people |strong="G1484" the |strong="G3956" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" riches |strong="G4149" Christ |strong="G5547" has |strong="G5547". These |strong="G3778" riches |strong="G4149" are |strong="G3956" too great |strong="G3956" to |strong="G1325" understand fully. <sup>9</sup> And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" gave me the |strong="G3956" work of |strong="G0575" telling all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" about |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" plan for |strong="G1722" his |strong="G3956" secret truth. That |strong="G3956" secret truth has |strong="G2316" been |strong="G2532" hidden |strong="G0613" in |strong="G1722" him |strong="G2532" since |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3956" beginning |strong="G0165" of |strong="G0575" time |strong="G0165". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" created |strong="G2936" everything |strong="G3956". <sup>10</sup> His |strong="G1223" purpose was |strong="G3588" that |strong="G2443" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" rulers |strong="G0746" and |strong="G2532" powers |strong="G1849" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" heavenly |strong="G2032" places will |strong="G2316" now |strong="G3568" know |strong="G1107" the |strong="G3588" many different ways he |strong="G2532" shows his |strong="G1223" wisdom |strong="G4678". They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" know |strong="G1107" this |strong="G3588" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577". <sup>11</sup> This |strong="G3588" agrees with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" plan God |strong="G4160" had |strong="G2424" since |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" beginning |strong="G0165" of |strong="G2962" time |strong="G0165". He |strong="G3739" did |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G3739" planned, and |strong="G0165" he |strong="G3739" did |strong="G4160" it |strong="G4160" through |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962". <sup>12</sup> In |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G0846" we |strong="G3739" come before |strong="G1722" God |strong="G0846" with |strong="G1722" freedom and |strong="G2532" without |strong="G2532" fear. We |strong="G3739" can do |strong="G2192" this |strong="G3588" be-

cause |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" our |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G0846".<sup>13</sup> So |strong="G1352" I |strong="G1473" ask |strong="G0154" you |strong="G5210" not |strong="G3361" to |strong="G1722" be |strong="G1510" discouraged because |strong="G1722" of |strong="G1391" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" happening to |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473". My |strong="G1722" sufferings |strong="G2347" are |strong="G1510" for |strong="G5228" your |strong="G1722" benefit— for |strong="G5228" your |strong="G1722" honor |strong="G1391" and |strong="G1391" glory |strong="G1391".

#### The |strong="G3588" Love of |strong="G1391" Christ

<sup>14</sup> So |strong="G4314" I |strong="G1473" bow |strong="G2578" in |strong="G4314" prayer before |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962".<sup>15</sup> Every |strong="G3956" family |strong="G3965" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093" gets its |strong="G3956" true name |strong="G3687" from |strong="G1537" him |strong="G3739".<sup>16</sup> I |strong="G1223" ask the |strong="G3588" Father with |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" great glory |strong="G1391" to |strong="G1519" give |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G3588" power |strong="G1411" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G0444" strong |strong="G2901" in |strong="G1519" your |strong="G1223" spirits |strong="G4151". He |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0444" give |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" that |strong="G2443" strength |strong="G1411" through |strong="G1223" his |strong="G0846" Spirit |strong="G4151".<sup>17</sup> I |strong="G2532" pray that |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" will |strong="G2532" live |strong="G2730" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" hearts |strong="G2588" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" your |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102". I |strong="G2532" pray that |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" life will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" strong in |strong="G1722" love |strong="G0026" and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" built on |strong="G1722" love |strong="G0026".<sup>18</sup> And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G1722" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" God's holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3956" will |strong="G5101" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" power to |strong="G2443" understand |strong="G2638" the |strong="G3956" greatness of |strong="G0026"

Christ's love |strong="G0026"— how |strong="G5101" wide, how |strong="G5101" long, how |strong="G5101" high |strong="G5311", and |strong="G2532" how |strong="G5101" deep |strong="G0899" that |strong="G2443" love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G5101".<sup>19</sup> Christ's |strong="G5547" love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G2316" greater than anyone |strong="G3956" can ever know |strong="G1097", but |strong="G2316" I |strong="G3956" pray |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G3956" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G3956" able to |strong="G1519" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G2443" love |strong="G0026". Then |strong="G5037" you |strong="G3956" can be |strong="G3956" filled |strong="G4137" with |strong="G2316" everything |strong="G3956" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G3956".

<sup>20</sup> With |strong="G1722" God's power |strong="G1411" working |strong="G1754" in |strong="G1722" us |strong="G4160", he |strong="G3739" can |strong="G1410" do |strong="G4160" much |strong="G4053", much |strong="G4053" more |strong="G4053" than |strong="G2228" anything |strong="G3956" we |strong="G2249" can |strong="G1410" ask |strong="G0154" or |strong="G2228" think |strong="G3539" of |strong="G1411".<sup>21</sup> To |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846" be |strong="G2532" glory |strong="G1391" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" church |strong="G1577" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424" for |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3956" time |strong="G0165", forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165". Amen |strong="G0281".

#### The Unity of the Body

<sup>4</sup> So |strong="G3767", as |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3739" prisoner |strong="G1198" for |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962", I |strong="G1473" beg |strong="G3870" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1722" live |strong="G4043" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" God's people |strong="G3588" should live |strong="G4043", because |strong="G1722" he |strong="G3739" chose you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1722" be |strong="G3767" his |strong="G3739".<sup>2</sup> Always |strong="G3956" be |strong="G2532" humble and |strong="G2532" gentle. Be |strong="G2532" patient and |strong="G2532" accept each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240" with |strong="G3326" love |strong="G0026".<sup>3</sup> You |strong="G1722" are |strong="G3588" joined together |strong="G1722" with |strong="G1722"

peace |strong="G1515" through |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151". Do |strong="G4704" all |strong="G3588" you |strong="G1722" can to |strong="G1722" continue |strong="G5083" as |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1722" are |strong="G3588", letting peace |strong="G1515" hold you |strong="G1722" together |strong="G1722". <sup>4</sup> There |strong="G1722" is |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" body |strong="G4983" and |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" Spirit |strong="G4151", and |strong="G2532" God chose you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" hope |strong="G1680". <sup>5</sup> There is |strong="G2962" one |strong="G1520" Lord |strong="G2962", one |strong="G1520" faith |strong="G4102", and |strong="G2962" one |strong="G1520" baptism |strong="G0908". <sup>6</sup> There |strong="G1722" is |strong="G2316" one |strong="G1520" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962" of |strong="G1223" us |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956", who |strong="G3588" rules over |strong="G1909" everyone |strong="G3956". He |strong="G2532" works through |strong="G1223" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1223" us |strong="G1722" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1223" us |strong="G1722".

<sup>7</sup> Christ |strong="G5547" gave |strong="G1325" each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G5485" us |strong="G1325" a |strong="G1325" special gift |strong="G1431". Everyone |strong="G1538" received what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G1161" wanted to |strong="G2596" give |strong="G1325" them |strong="G1325". <sup>8</sup> That |strong="G3004" is |strong="G0444" why |strong="G1352" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures say |strong="G3004",

" He |strong="G3004" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" high |strong="G5311" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sky; he |strong="G3004" took prisoners with |strong="G1519" him |strong="G1325", and |strong="G0444" he |strong="G3004" gave |strong="G1325" gifts |strong="G1390" to |strong="G1519" people |strong="G0444"."

<sup>9</sup> When |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" says, " He |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305"; what |strong="G5101" does |strong="G1510" it |strong="G1161" mean |strong="G1510"? It |strong="G1161" means |strong="G1510" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" first came |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" low to |strong="G1519" earth |strong="G1093". <sup>10</sup> So |strong="G2443" Christ |strong="G0846" came |strong="G2597"

down |strong="G2597", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305". He |strong="G2532" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" above |strong="G5231" the |strong="G3956" highest heaven |strong="G3772" in |strong="G2532" order |strong="G2443" to |strong="G2443" fill |strong="G4137" everything |strong="G3956" with |strong="G2532" himself |strong="G0846". <sup>11</sup> And |strong="G2532" that |strong="G0846" same |strong="G0846" Christ |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325" these |strong="G3588" gifts to |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" made some |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" apostles |strong="G0652", some |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" prophets |strong="G4396", some |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" go and |strong="G2532" tell the |strong="G3588" Good News, and |strong="G2532" some |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" care for |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" teach God's |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0846". <sup>12</sup> Christ |strong="G5547" gave these |strong="G3588" gifts to |strong="G1519" prepare God's holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3588" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2041" of |strong="G2041" serving |strong="G1248", to |strong="G1519" make the |strong="G3588" body |strong="G4983" of |strong="G2041" Christ |strong="G5547" stronger. <sup>13</sup> This |strong="G3588" work must |strong="G3588" continue |strong="G2532" until |strong="G3360" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" joined together |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1519" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2532" believe and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1519" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2532" know about |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316". Our |strong="G2316" goal is |strong="G2316" to |strong="G1519" become like |strong="G5207" a |strong="G2532" full-grown man |strong="G0435"— to |strong="G1519" look just |strong="G2532" like |strong="G5207" Christ |strong="G5547" and |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" his |strong="G3956" perfection.

<sup>14</sup> Then |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3371" longer |strong="G3371" be |strong="G1510" like |strong="G4314" babies. We |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" people |strong="G0444"

I TO CARE FOR ... PEOPLE Literally, "to be shepherds and teachers."

who are always changing like a ship that the waves carry one way then another. We will be every new teaching we hear from people who are trying to deceive us who make clever plans and kind of trick to fool others into following the wrong way.<sup>15</sup> No, we will speak the truth with love. We will grow to be like Christ every way. He is the head and the whole body depends on him. All the parts of the body are joined and held together, with each part doing its own work. This causes the whole body to grow and to be stronger in love.

**The Way You Should Live**

<sup>17</sup> I have something from the Lord tell you. I don't want you to continue living like those who

don't believe. Their thoughts are worth nothing. They have no understanding, and they know nothing because they refuse to listen. So they cannot have the life that God gives.<sup>19</sup> They have lost their feeling of shame and use their lives to do what is morally wrong. More and more they want to do all kinds of evil.<sup>20</sup> But that way of life is nothing like you learned when you came to know Christ. I know that you heard about him, and him were taught the truth. Yes, the truth is in Jesus.<sup>22</sup> You were taught to leave your old self. This means that you must stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self gets worse and worse, because people are fooled by the evil they want to do.<sup>23</sup> You must be made new in your hearts and in your thinking.<sup>24</sup> Be that new person who was made to be like God, tru-

ly|strong="G1722" good and|strong="G2532" pleasing to|strong="G2596" him|strong="G2532".

<sup>25</sup> So|strong="G1352" you|strong="G3754" must|strong="G1538" stop telling|strong="G2980" lies|strong="G0846". " You|strong="G3754" must|strong="G1538" always speak|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225" to|strong="G2980" each|strong="G1538" other|strong="G0240";<sup>I</sup> because|strong="G3754" we|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3588" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2980" each|strong="G1538" other|strong="G0240" in|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" body.<sup>26</sup> " When|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" angry|strong="G3710", don't|strong="G3361" let|strong="G1931" that|strong="G3361" anger|strong="G3950" make|strong="G3361" you|strong="G5210" sin|strong="G0264";<sup>II</sup> and|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" stay angry|strong="G3710" all|strong="G3588" day.<sup>27</sup> Don't give|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" a|strong="G1325" way to|strong="G1325" defeat you|strong="G1325".<sup>28</sup> Whoever|strong="G3588" has|strong="G2192" been|strong="G2192" stealing|strong="G2813" must|strong="G3588" stop it|strong="G1161" and|strong="G1161" start working|strong="G2872". They|strong="G1161" must|strong="G3588" use|strong="G2192" their|strong="G2192" hands|strong="G5495" for|strong="G2443" doing|strong="G2038" something good|strong="G0018". Then|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161" will|strong="G3123" have|strong="G2192" something to|strong="G2443" share|strong="G3330" with|strong="G2192" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" poor.

<sup>29</sup> When|strong="G0191" you|strong="G5210" talk|strong="G3056", don't|strong="G3361" say|strong="G3056" anything|strong="G5100" bad|strong="G4550". But|strong="G0235" say|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3956" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G3956" that|strong="G2443" people|strong="G3956" need|strong="G5532"— whatever|strong="G3956" will|strong="G3956" help them|strong="G1325" grow stronger. Then|strong="G3956" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210" say|strong="G3056" will|strong="G3956" be|strong="G3956" a|strong="G1325" blessing|strong="G5485" to|strong="G4314" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" hear|strong="G0191" you|strong="G5210".<sup>30</sup> And|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" make|strong="G3361" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spir-

it|strong="G4151" sad|strong="G3076". God|strong="G2316" gave you|strong="G3739" his|strong="G2532" Spirit|strong="G4151" as|strong="G1519" proof that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" belong to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3739" and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" keep|strong="G3361" you|strong="G3739" safe|strong="G1722" until|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" he|strong="G2532" makes you|strong="G3739" free.<sup>31</sup> Never be|strong="G2532" bitter, angry|strong="G2372", or|strong="G2532" mad. Never shout|strong="G2906" angrily or|strong="G2532" say things|strong="G3956" to|strong="G2532" hurt others|strong="G3956". Never do|strong="G2532" anything|strong="G3956" evil|strong="G2549".<sup>32</sup> Be|strong="G1096" kind|strong="G5543" and|strong="G2532" loving to|strong="G1519" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G1161". Forgive|strong="G5483" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G2532" as|strong="G2531" God|strong="G2316" forgave|strong="G5483" you|strong="G5210" through|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547".

<sup>5</sup> You|strong="G3767" are|strong="G3588" God's|strong="G2316" dear|strong="G0027" children|strong="G5043", so|strong="G3767" try to|strong="G1096" be|strong="G1096" like|strong="G5613" him.<sup>2</sup> Live|strong="G4043" a|strong="G2532" life|strong="G4043" of|strong="G2316" love|strong="G0026". Love|strong="G0026" others|strong="G3588" just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" Christ|strong="G5547" loved|strong="G0025" us|strong="G1519". He|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G3860" himself|strong="G1438" for|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519"— a|strong="G2532" sweet-smelling offering|strong="G4376" and|strong="G2532" sacrifice|strong="G2378" to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>3</sup> But|strong="G1161" there|strong="G1722" must be|strong="G2532" no sexual|strong="G4202" sin among|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". There|strong="G1722" must not|strong="G3366" be|strong="G2532" any|strong="G3956" kind|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956" evil or|strong="G2228" selfishly wanting more|strong="G3956" and|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3956", because|strong="G1722" such things|strong="G3956" are|strong="G3956" not|strong="G3366" right for|strong="G1722" God's holy|strong="G0040" people|strong="G3956".<sup>4</sup> Also|strong="G2532", there|strong="G3739" must|strong="G0235" be|strong="G2532"

I 4:25 Quote from Zechariah 8:16. II 4:26 Quote from Psalm 4:4 (Greek version).

no evil talk among you. Don't say things that are foolish or filthy. These are not for you. But you should be giving thanks to God. <sup>5</sup> You can be sure of this: No one will have a place in the kingdom of Christ and God if that person commits sexual sins, or does evil things, or is a person who selfishly wants more and more. A greedy person like that is serving a false god.

<sup>6</sup> Don't let anyone fool you with words that are not true. God gets very angry when people don't obey him and talk like that. <sup>7</sup> So don't have anything to do with them. <sup>8</sup> In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light. <sup>9</sup> This light produces every kind

of goodness, right living, and truth. <sup>10</sup> Try to learn what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have no part in the things that people in darkness do, which produce nothing good. Instead, tell everyone how wrong those things are. <sup>12</sup> Actually, it is shameful to talk about the things those people do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But the light makes clear how wrong those things are. <sup>14</sup> Yes, everything made clear by the light is why we should say, "Wake up, you who are sleeping!"

Rise from death, and Christ will shine on you.

<sup>15</sup> So be very careful how you live. Live wisely, not like fools. <sup>16</sup> I mean that you should use every opportunity you have for doing good, because these are evil times. <sup>17</sup> So don't be foolish with your lives, but learn what the Lord wants you to do

do|strong="G1096". 18 Don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1510" drunk|strong="G3182" with|strong="G1722" wine|strong="G3631", which|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" ruin your|strong="G2532" life|strong="G4151", but|strong="G0235" be|strong="G1510" filled|strong="G4137" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G2532" Spirit|strong="G4151". 19 Encourage each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1438" with|strong="G2532" psalms|strong="G5568", hymns|strong="G5215", and|strong="G2532" spiritual|strong="G4152" songs|strong="G5603". Sing|strong="G5567" and|strong="G2532" make music in|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2962" hearts|strong="G2588" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". 20 Always|strong="G3842" give|strong="G2168" thanks|strong="G2168" to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956" Father|strong="G3962" for|strong="G5228" everything|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G2316" our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547".

#### Wives and|strong="G2532" Husbands

21 Be|strong="G5547" willing to|strong="G1722" serve each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" out of|strong="G1722" respect|strong="G5401" for|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547".

22 Wives|strong="G1135", be|strong="G2962" willing to|strong="G1135" serve your|strong="G2962" husbands|strong="G0435" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G5613" as|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". 23 A|strong="G5613" husband|strong="G0435" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" head|strong="G2776" of|strong="G0435" his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135", just|strong="G5613" as|strong="G5613" Christ|strong="G5547" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" head|strong="G2776" of|strong="G0435" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577". Christ|strong="G5547" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Savior|strong="G4990" of|strong="G0435" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577", which|strong="G3748" is|strong="G1510" his|strong="G0846" body|strong="G4983". 24 The|strong="G3956" church|strong="G1577" serves under|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547", so|strong="G2532" it|strong="G3779" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G3779" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G1722" wives|strong="G1135". You|strong="G1722" should|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" willing to|strong="G2532" serve

your|strong="G2532" husbands|strong="G0435" in|strong="G1722" everything|strong="G3956".

25 Husbands|strong="G0435", love|strong="G0025" your|strong="G0025" wives|strong="G1135" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" as|strong="G2531" Christ|strong="G5547" loved|strong="G0025" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" and|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G3860" his|strong="G0846" life for|strong="G5228" it|strong="G0846". 26 He|strong="G0846" died to|strong="G2443" make|strong="G2511" the|strong="G3588" church holy|strong="G0037". He|strong="G0846" used the|strong="G3588" telling of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Good News to|strong="G2443" make|strong="G2511" the|strong="G3588" church clean|strong="G2511" by|strong="G1722" washing|strong="G3067" it|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722" water|strong="G5204". 27 Christ|strong="G0846" died so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" he|strong="G2532" could|strong="G2192" give the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" to|strong="G2443" himself|strong="G1438" like|strong="G5108" a|strong="G2192" bride in|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" her|strong="G0846" beauty. He|strong="G2532" died so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" could|strong="G2192" be|strong="G1510" holy|strong="G0040" and|strong="G2532" without|strong="G3361" fault, with|strong="G2532" no|strong="G3361" evil or|strong="G2228" sin or|strong="G2228" anything|strong="G5100" other|strong="G1438" thing|strong="G0846" wrong in|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846".

28 And|strong="G2532" husbands|strong="G0435" should|strong="G3784" love|strong="G0025" their|strong="G1438" wives|strong="G1135" like|strong="G5613" that|strong="G5613". They|strong="G2532" should|strong="G3784" love|strong="G0025" their|strong="G1438" wives|strong="G1135" as|strong="G5613" they|strong="G2532" love|strong="G0025" their|strong="G1438" own|strong="G1438" bodies|strong="G4983". The|strong="G3588" man|strong="G0435" who|strong="G3588" loves|strong="G0025" his|strong="G0025" wife|strong="G1135" loves|strong="G0025" himself|strong="G1438", 29 because|strong="G1063" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" ever|strong="G4218" hates|strong="G3404" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438" body|strong="G4561", but|strong="G0235" feeds and|strong="G2532" takes care of|strong="G1577" it|strong="G0846". And|strong="G2532" that|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588" Christ|strong="G5547"

does|strong="G3404" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577"<sup>30</sup> because|strong="G3754" we|strong="G3754" are|strong="G1510" parts|strong="G3196" of|strong="G4983" his|strong="G0846" body|strong="G4983".<sup>31</sup> The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say, " That|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" why a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G0444" will|strong="G1510" leave|strong="G2641" his|strong="G0846" father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" mother|strong="G3384" and|strong="G2532" join his|strong="G0846" wife|strong="G1135", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" two|strong="G1417" people|strong="G0444" will|strong="G1510" become one|strong="G1520"."<sup>32</sup> That|strong="G3004" secret truth is|strong="G1510" very|strong="G3778" important|strong="G3173"— I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" talking|strong="G3004" about|strong="G1519" Christ|strong="G5547" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577".<sup>33</sup> But|strong="G1161" each|strong="G1538" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G0435" you|strong="G5210" must|strong="G1135" love|strong="G0025" his|strong="G0025" wife|strong="G1135" as|strong="G5613" he|strong="G2532" loves|strong="G0025" himself|strong="G1438". And|strong="G2532" a|strong="G5613" wife|strong="G1135" must|strong="G1135" respect|strong="G5399" her|strong="G2596" husband|strong="G0435".

#### Children and Parents

**6** Children|strong="G5043", obey|strong="G5219" your|strong="G2962" parents|strong="G1118" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" wants, because|strong="G1063" this|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1342" thing|strong="G3778" to|strong="G1722" do|strong="G1510".<sup>2</sup> The|strong="G3588" command|strong="G1785" says, " You|strong="G4771" must|strong="G1510" respect your|strong="G5091" father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" mother|strong="G3384"."<sup>1</sup> This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" command|strong="G1785" that|strong="G3748" has|strong="G3962" a|strong="G1510" promise|strong="G1860" with|strong="G1722" it|strong="G1510".<sup>3</sup> And|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" promise: " Then|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1510" go well|strong="G2532"

I 5:31 Quote from Genesis 2:24. II 6:2 Quote from Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16.

with|strong="G1909" you|strong="G4771", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" long|strong="G3118" life on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093"."<sup>III</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Fathers|strong="G3962", don't|strong="G3361" make|strong="G3361" your|strong="G2962" children|strong="G5043" angry, but|strong="G0235" raise|strong="G1625" them|strong="G0846" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" kind of|strong="G2962" teaching and|strong="G2532" training|strong="G3809" you|strong="G5210" learn from|strong="G3361" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962".

#### Slaves and|strong="G2532" Masters|strong="G2962"

<sup>5</sup> Slaves|strong="G1401", obey|strong="G5219" your|strong="G2962" masters|strong="G2962" here|strong="G1722" on|strong="G1722" earth|strong="G4561" with|strong="G3326" fear|strong="G5401" and|strong="G2532" respect|strong="G5401". And|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" with|strong="G3326" a|strong="G5613" heart|strong="G2588" that|strong="G5613" is|strong="G2962" true, just|strong="G5613" as|strong="G5613" you|strong="G5210" obey|strong="G5219" Christ|strong="G5547".<sup>6</sup> You|strong="G4160" must|strong="G4160" do|strong="G4160" this|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" just|strong="G5613" to|strong="G2596" please|strong="G0441" your|strong="G4160" masters while|strong="G5613" they|strong="G5613" are|strong="G3588" watching, but|strong="G0235" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" time. Since|strong="G1537" you|strong="G4160" are|strong="G3588" really slaves|strong="G1401" of|strong="G1537" Christ|strong="G5547", you|strong="G4160" must|strong="G4160" do|strong="G4160" with|strong="G1537" all|strong="G3588" your|strong="G4160" heart|strong="G5590" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" wants|strong="G2307".<sup>7</sup> Do|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2962" work, and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" happy to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532". Work as|strong="G5613" though|strong="G5613" it|strong="G2532" is|strong="G0444" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" you|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" serving|strong="G1398", not|strong="G3756" just|strong="G5613" an|strong="G2532" earthly master|strong="G2962".<sup>8</sup> Remember|strong="G4160" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G4160"

III 6:3 Quote from Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16.



Lord will give a reward for doing good. Everyone or will get a reward for the things they do.

<sup>9</sup> Masters, in the same way good to your slaves. Don't say things to scare them know that the one who your Master and their Master is in heaven, and he treats everyone the same.

**Wear the Full Armor of God**

<sup>10</sup> To end my letter I tell you, be in the Lord and in his great power. <sup>11</sup> Wear the full armor of God. Wear God's armor so that you can fight against the devil's clever tricks. <sup>12</sup> Our fight is against the people on earth. We are fighting against the rulers and authorities the powers of the world's darkness. We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in

the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> That is why you need to get God's armor. Then on the day of evil, you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing.

<sup>14</sup> So stand strong with the belt of truth tied around your waist, and your chest wear the protection of right living. <sup>15</sup> On your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong. <sup>16</sup> And also use the shield of faith with which you can stop all the burning arrows that come from the Evil One. <sup>17</sup> Accept God's salvation your helmet. And take the sword of the Spirit—that sword is the teaching of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of prayers, and ask for everything

you need. To do this you must always be ready. Never give up. Always pray for all of God's people.

<sup>19</sup> Also pray for me—that that when I speak, God will give me words so I can tell the secret truth about the Good News without fear. <sup>20</sup> I have the work of speaking for that Good News, and is what I am doing now here in prison. Pray that when I tell people the Good News, I will speak without fear as I should.

#### Final Greetings

<sup>21</sup> I am sending you Tychicus, the brother we love. He is

a faithful servant of the Lord's work. He will tell you everything that is happening with me. Then you will know how I am and what I am doing. <sup>22</sup> That's why I am sending him—let you know how we are and to encourage you.

<sup>23</sup> I pray that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will give peace and love with faithful brothers and sisters there. <sup>24</sup> God's grace to all of you who love our Jesus Christ with love that never ends.

# Philippians

**1** Greetings from Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ.

To all of you in Philippi who are God's holy people in Christ Jesus, including your elders and special servants.

**2** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Paul's Prayer

**3** I thank God every time I remember you. **4** And I always pray for all of you with joy. **5** I thank God for the help you gave me while I told people Good News. You helped from the first day until now. **6** I am sure that the good God began in you

<sup>1</sup> **ELDERS** Here, literally, "overseers." See "elders (New Testament)" in the Word List.

will continue until he completes it on the day when Jesus Christ comes again.

**7** I know I am to think like this about all of you because you are so close to my heart. This is because you have all played such an important part in God's grace to me—now, during this time that I am in prison, and whenever I am defending and proving the truth of the Good News. **8** God knows that I want very much to see you. I love all of you with the love of Christ Jesus.

**9** This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; **10** that

you will see the difference between what is important and is not and choose what is important; that you be pure and blameless for the coming of Christ; <sup>11</sup> that your life will be full of the many good works that are produced by Jesus Christ bring glory and praise to God.

#### Paul's Troubles Help the Lord's Work

<sup>12</sup> Brothers and sisters, I want you to know all that has happened to me has helped to spread Good News. <sup>13</sup> All those Roman guards and the others here I am in prison for serving Christ. <sup>14</sup> My being in prison has caused most of the believers to put trust in the Lord and to show more courage in telling people God's message.

<sup>15</sup> Some people are telling the message about Christ because they are jealous and bit-

ter. Others do it because they want to help. <sup>16</sup> They are doing it out of love. They know that God gave me the work of defending the Good News. <sup>17</sup> But those others tell about Christ because their selfish ambition. Their reason for doing it is wrong. They only do it because they think it will make trouble for me in prison. <sup>18</sup> But that doesn't matter. What is important is that they are telling people about Christ, whether they are sincere or not. So I am glad they are doing it.

I will continue to be glad because I know your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ gives me will cause this trouble to result in my freedom. <sup>120</sup> I am full of hope and feel sure I will have any reason to

I FREEDOM Or "salvation."

be|strong="G2532" ashamed|strong="G0153". I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" certain|strong="G2596" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3956" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2596" have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G2532" boldness|strong="G3954" to|strong="G2596" speak freely that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" always|strong="G3842" have|strong="G2532". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3956" let God use my|strong="G3956" life|strong="G2222" to|strong="G2596" bring more|strong="G2596" honor to|strong="G2596" Christ|strong="G5547". It|strong="G1223" doesn't matter whether|strong="G1535" I|strong="G1473" live or|strong="G2532" die|strong="G2288".<sup>21</sup> To|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473", the|strong="G3588" only|strong="G2532" important thing about|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2198" is|strong="G3588" Christ|strong="G5547". And|strong="G2532" even|strong="G2532" death|strong="G0599" would|strong="G5547" be|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1063" my|strong="G2532" benefit.<sup>22</sup> If|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" continue|strong="G2532" living|strong="G2198" here|strong="G1722" on|strong="G1722" earth|strong="G4561", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G5101" be|strong="G2532" able to|strong="G2532" work|strong="G2041" for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord. But|strong="G1161" what|strong="G5101" would|strong="G2590" I|strong="G1473" choose|strong="G0138"—to|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2198" or|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" die? I|strong="G1473" don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1107".<sup>23</sup> It|strong="G1161" would|strong="G5547" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G2192" hard|strong="G4183" choice. Sometimes I|strong="G2532" want to|strong="G1519" leave this|strong="G3588" life and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G4862" Christ|strong="G5547". That|strong="G1161" would|strong="G5547" be|strong="G1510" much|strong="G4183" better|strong="G2909" for|strong="G1063" me|strong="G2192";<sup>24</sup> however|strong="G1161", you|strong="G5210" people|strong="G4561" need me|strong="G1223" here|strong="G1722" alive.<sup>25</sup> I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G2532" sure|strong="G3982" of|strong="G3956" this|strong="G3778", so|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3778" stay|strong="G3306" here|strong="G1519" and|strong="G2532"

I DEATH ... BENEFIT Paul says that death would be better, because death would bring him nearer to Christ.

be|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G1519" help you|strong="G5210" grow and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" joy|strong="G5479" in|strong="G1519" your|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102".<sup>26</sup> When|strong="G1722" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" there|strong="G1722" with|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" again|strong="G3825", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1473" be|strong="G5547" bursting with|strong="G1722" pride|strong="G2745" over|strong="G4052" what|strong="G3588" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" did to|strong="G4314" help me|strong="G1473".

<sup>27</sup> Just|strong="G3440" be|strong="G2532" sure you|strong="G5210" live as|strong="G1722" God's people|strong="G5590" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3708" way|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3754" honors the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098" of|strong="G4151" Christ|strong="G5547". Then|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1535" I|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" visit|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210" or|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1535" I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G0548" away from|strong="G2064" you|strong="G5210", I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3748" hear|strong="G0191" good|strong="G2098" things|strong="G3588" about|strong="G4012" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3748" know that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" stand|strong="G4739" together|strong="G4866" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G2532" purpose and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" work together|strong="G4866" like a|strong="G3708" team to|strong="G2443" help|strong="G4012" others|strong="G3588" believe the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098".<sup>28</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1510" afraid of|strong="G0575" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" against|strong="G0575" you|strong="G5210". All|strong="G3588" of|strong="G0575" this|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" proof|strong="G1732" from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2316" that|strong="G3778" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" being|strong="G1510" saved and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3778" your|strong="G2532" enemies will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" lost.<sup>29</sup> God|strong="G0846" has|strong="G5547" blessed you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G1519" ways that|strong="G3754" serve

Christ *strong="G5547"*. He *strong="G2532"* allowed you *strong="G5210"* to *strong="G1519"* believe *strong="G4100"* in *strong="G1519"* Christ *strong="G5547"*. But *strong="G0235"* that *strong="G3754"* is *strong="G3588"* not *strong="G3756"* all *strong="G3588"*. He *strong="G2532"* has *strong="G5547"* also *strong="G2532"* given *strong="G5483"* you *strong="G5210"* the *strong="G3588"* honor of *strong="G5228"* suffering *strong="G3958"* for *strong="G1519"* Christ *strong="G5547"*. Both *strong="G2532"* of *strong="G5228"* these *strong="G3748"* bring *strong="G1519"* glory to *strong="G1519"* Christ *strong="G5547"*.<sup>30</sup> You *strong="G1722"* saw *strong="G3708"* the *strong="G3588"* difficulties I *strong="G1473"* had *strong="G2192"* to *strong="G2532"* face, and *strong="G2532"* you *strong="G1722"* hear *strong="G0191"* that *strong="G0191"* I *strong="G1473"* am *strong="G2192"* still having *strong="G2192"* troubles. Now *strong="G3568"* you *strong="G1722"* must *strong="G3588"* face them *strong="G0846"* too *strong="G2532"*.

### Be United and Care for Each Other

**2** Think about *strong="G1722"* what *strong="G5100"* we *strong="G1487"* have *strong="G2532"* in *strong="G1722"* Christ *strong="G5547"*: the *strong="G2532"* encouragement *strong="G3874"* he *strong="G2532"* has *strong="G5547"* brought us *strong="G1722"*, the *strong="G2532"* comfort *strong="G3874"* of *strong="G4151"* his *strong="G2532"* love *strong="G0026"*, our *strong="G5547"* sharing *strong="G2842"* in *strong="G1722"* his *strong="G2532"* Spirit *strong="G4151"*, and *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G2532"* mercy *strong="G3628"* and *strong="G2532"* kindness he *strong="G2532"* has *strong="G5547"* shown us *strong="G1722"*. If *strong="G1487"* you *strong="G1487"* enjoy these blessings,<sup>2</sup> then *strong="G0846"* do *strong="G2192"* what *strong="G3588"* will *strong="G0846"* make *strong="G4137"* my *strong="G2192"* joy *strong="G5479"* complete *strong="G4137"*: Agree *strong="G5426"* with *strong="G2192"* each other *strong="G0846"*, and *strong="G1520"* show *strong="G2192"* your *strong="G2192"* love *strong="G0026"* for *strong="G1520"* each other *strong="G0846"*. Be *strong="G2192"* united *strong="G4861"* in *strong="G2192"* your *strong="G2192"* goals and *strong="G1520"* in *strong="G2192"* the *strong="G3588"* way *strong="G0846"* you *strong="G1520"* think *strong="G5426"*.<sup>3</sup> In *strong="G2596"* whatever you *strong="G1438"* do *strong="G2233"*, don't *strong="G3367"* let selfishness *strong="G2052"* or *strong="G3366"* pride be *strong="G3366"*

your *strong="G3366"* guide. Be *strong="G3366"* humble, and *strong="G0235"* honor others *strong="G3588"* more *strong="G5242"* than *strong="G5242"* yourselves *strong="G1438"*.<sup>4</sup> Don't *strong="G3361"* be *strong="G2532"* interested only *strong="G2532"* in *strong="G2532"* your *strong="G2532"* own *strong="G1438"* life, but *strong="G0235"* care about *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* lives of *strong="G3588"* others *strong="G2087"* too *strong="G2532"*.

### Learn From *strong="G3361"* Christ to *strong="G2532"* Be *strong="G2532"* Unselfish

<sup>5</sup> In *strong="G1722"* your *strong="G2532"* life together *strong="G1722"*, think *strong="G5426"* the *strong="G2532"* way *strong="G1722"* Christ *strong="G5547"* Jesus *strong="G2424"* thought.

<sup>6</sup> He *strong="G3739"* was *strong="G1510"* like God *strong="G2316"* in *strong="G1722"* every way *strong="G1722"*,

but *strong="G2316"* he *strong="G3739"* did *strong="G1510"* not *strong="G3756"* think that *strong="G3739"* his *strong="G3739"* being *strong="G1510"* equal *strong="G2470"* with *strong="G1722"* God *strong="G2316"* was *strong="G1510"* something *strong="G1510"* to *strong="G1722"* use for *strong="G1722"* his *strong="G3739"* own benefit.

<sup>7</sup> Instead *strong="G0235"*, he *strong="G2532"* gave up everything, even *strong="G2532"* his *strong="G2983"* place *strong="G1096"* with *strong="G1722"* God.

He *strong="G2532"* accepted *strong="G2983"* the *strong="G2532"* role of *strong="G1401"* a *strong="G5613"* servant *strong="G1401"*, appearing in *strong="G1722"* human *strong="G0444"* form *strong="G3444"*.

During *strong="G1722"* his *strong="G2983"* life as *strong="G5613"* a *strong="G5613"* man *strong="G0444"*,

<sup>8</sup> he *strong="G1161"* humbled *strong="G5013"* himself *strong="G1438"* by *strong="G1438"* being *strong="G1096"* fully obedient *strong="G5255"* to *strong="G1096"* God,

even *strong="G1161"* when *strong="G1161"* that *strong="G1096"* caused his *strong="G1438"* death *strong="G2288"*— death *strong="G2288"* on *strong="G1161"* a *strong="G1096"* cross *strong="G4716"*.

<sup>9</sup> So *strong="G2532"* God *strong="G2316"* raised him *strong="G0846"* up to *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3956"* most *strong="G5228"* important place

and *strong="G2532"* gave *strong="G5483"* him *strong="G0846"* the *strong="G3956"* name *strong="G3686"* that *strong="G3956"* is *strong="G2316"* greater than *strong="G5228"*

any/strong="G3956" other/strong="G0846" name/strong="G3686".

<sup>10</sup> God did this/strong="G3588" so/strong="G2443" that/strong="G2443" every/strong="G3956" person will/strong="G3956" bow/strong="G2578" down to/strong="G2443" honor the/strong="G3956" name/strong="G3686" of/strong="G3686" Jesus/strong="G2424".

Everyone/strong="G3956" in/strong="G1722" heaven/strong="G2032", on/strong="G1722" earth/strong="G1919", and/strong="G2532" under/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3956" earth/strong="G1919" will/strong="G3956" bow/strong="G2578".

<sup>11</sup> They/strong="G2532" will/strong="G2316" all/strong="G3956" confess/strong="G1843", "Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547" is/strong="G2316" Lord/strong="G2962",

and/strong="G2532" this/strong="G3748" will/strong="G2316" bring/strong="G1519" glory/strong="G1391" to/strong="G1519" God/strong="G2316" the/strong="G3956" Father/strong="G3962".

**Be/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" People/strong="G3956" God/strong="G2316" Wants You/strong="G3754" to/strong="G1519" Be/strong="G2532"**

<sup>12</sup> My/strong="G1722" dear/strong="G0027" friends, you/strong="G1722" always/strong="G3842" obeyed/strong="G5219" what/strong="G3588" you/strong="G1722" were/strong="G3588" taught. Just/strong="G2531" as/strong="G5613" you/strong="G1722" obeyed/strong="G5219" when/strong="G5613" I/strong="G1473" was/strong="G3588" with/strong="G3326" you/strong="G1722", it/strong="G2532" is/strong="G3588" even/strong="G2532" more/strong="G3123" important for/strong="G1722" you/strong="G1722" to/strong="G2532" obey/strong="G5219" now/strong="G3568" that/strong="G5620" I/strong="G1473" am/strong="G1473" not/strong="G3361" there/strong="G1722". So/strong="G2532" you/strong="G1722" must/strong="G0235" continue/strong="G2532" to/strong="G2532" live in/strong="G1722" a/strong="G5613" way/strong="G1722" that/strong="G5620" gives meaning to/strong="G2532" your/strong="G2532" salvation/strong="G4991". Do/strong="G3361" this/strong="G3588" with/strong="G3326" fear/strong="G5401" and/strong="G2532" respect/strong="G5401" for/strong="G1722" God/strong="G4183". <sup>13</sup> Yes/strong="G1063", it/strong="G1510" is/strong="G1510" God/strong="G2316" who/strong="G3588" is/strong="G1510" working/strong="G1754" in/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210".

He/strong="G2532" helps you/strong="G5210" want/strong="G2309" to/strong="G2309" do/strong="G1510" what/strong="G3588" pleases him/strong="G2532", and/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" gives you/strong="G5210" the/strong="G3588" power to/strong="G2309" do/strong="G1510" it/strong="G1510".

<sup>14</sup> Do/strong="G4160" everything/strong="G3956" without/strong="G5565" complaining/strong="G1112" or/strong="G2532" arguing/strong="G1261"<sup>15</sup> so/strong="G2443" that/strong="G3739" you/strong="G3739" will/strong="G2316" be/strong="G1096" blameless/strong="G0273" and/strong="G2532" pure/strong="G0185", children/strong="G5043" of/strong="G2316" God/strong="G2316" without/strong="G0273" any/strong="G3739" fault. But/strong="G2532" you/strong="G3739" are/strong="G3739" living with/strong="G1722" evil people all around you/strong="G3739", who/strong="G3739" have/strong="G2532" lost their/strong="G2532" sense of/strong="G2316" what/strong="G3739" is/strong="G2316" right. Among/strong="G1722" those/strong="G1722" people you/strong="G3739" shine/strong="G5316" like/strong="G5613" lights/strong="G5458" in/strong="G1722" a/strong="G5613" dark world/strong="G2889",<sup>16</sup> and/strong="G2250" you/strong="G3754" offer them/strong="G2250" the/strong="G1519" teaching/strong="G3056" that/strong="G3754" gives life/strong="G2222". So/strong="G1519" I/strong="G1473" can be/strong="G5547" proud/strong="G2745" of/strong="G3056" you/strong="G3754" when/strong="G2250" Christ/strong="G5547" comes again/strong="G1519". You/strong="G3754" will/strong="G2250" show that/strong="G3754" my/strong="G3754" work/strong="G2872" was/strong="G3748" not/strong="G3756" wasted—that/strong="G3754" I/strong="G1473" ran/strong="G5143" in/strong="G1519" the/strong="G1519" race and/strong="G2250" won.

<sup>17</sup> Your/strong="G1487" faith/strong="G4102" makes you/strong="G5210" give your/strong="G1487" lives as/strong="G2532" a/strong="G1487" sacrifice/strong="G2378" in/strong="G1909" serving God. Maybe I/strong="G2532" will/strong="G3956" have/strong="G2532" to/strong="G1909" offer my/strong="G3956" own life with/strong="G1909" your/strong="G1487" sacrifice/strong="G2378". But/strong="G0235" if/strong="G1487" that/strong="G3956" happens, I/strong="G2532" will/strong="G3956" be/strong="G2532" glad/strong="G5463", and/strong="G2532" I/strong="G2532" will/strong="G3956" share/strong="G4796" my/strong="G3956" joy/strong="G4796" with/strong="G1909"

all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1909" you |strong="G5210". <sup>18</sup> You |strong="G5210" also |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" glad |strong="G5463" and |strong="G2532" share |strong="G4796" your |strong="G2532" joy |strong="G4796" with |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473".

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<sup>19</sup> With |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" blessing of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424", I |strong="G2504" hope |strong="G1679" I |strong="G2504" will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2962" able to |strong="G2443" send |strong="G3992" Timothy |strong="G5095" to |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" soon |strong="G5030". I |strong="G2504" will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2962" glad to |strong="G2443" learn |strong="G1097" how |strong="G4012" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588". <sup>20</sup> I |strong="G2192" have |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" else like Timothy, who |strong="G3588" genuinely |strong="G1104" cares for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210". <sup>21</sup> Others |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" interested only |strong="G3756" in |strong="G3956" their |strong="G1438" own |strong="G1438" lives. They |strong="G2212" don't |strong="G3756" care about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" work of |strong="G3956" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". <sup>22</sup> You |strong="G3754" know |strong="G1097" the |strong="G3588" kind of |strong="G2098" person |strong="G0846" Timothy is |strong="G3588". He |strong="G0846" has |strong="G3962" served |strong="G1398" with |strong="G4862" me |strong="G1473" in |strong="G1519" telling the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" son |strong="G5043" with |strong="G4862" his |strong="G0846" father |strong="G3962". <sup>23</sup> I |strong="G1473" plan to |strong="G3778" send |strong="G3992" him |strong="G4012" to |strong="G3778" you |strong="G3767" quickly, as |strong="G5613" soon as |strong="G5613" I |strong="G1473" know what |strong="G3588" will |strong="G3778" happen to |strong="G3778" me |strong="G1473". <sup>24</sup> I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G2532" sure |strong="G3982" the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" will |strong="G2962" help me come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" you |strong="G3754" soon |strong="G5030".

<sup>25</sup> For |strong="G4314" now |strong="G1161", I |strong="G1473" think I |strong="G1473"

must |strong="G3588" send |strong="G3992" Epaphroditus |strong="G1891" back |strong="G4314" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" my |strong="G3992" brother |strong="G0080" in |strong="G2532" God's family, who |strong="G3588" works and |strong="G2532" serves with |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1473" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lord's army. When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" needed |strong="G5532" help, you |strong="G5210" sent |strong="G3992" him |strong="G2532" to |strong="G4314" me |strong="G1473", <sup>26</sup> but |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" wants very |strong="G2532" much to |strong="G2532" see all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" you |strong="G5210" again |strong="G2532". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" worried because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" sick |strong="G0770". <sup>27</sup> He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" sick |strong="G0770" and |strong="G2532" near death |strong="G2288". But |strong="G1161" God |strong="G2316" helped him |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1473" too |strong="G2532", so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" I |strong="G1473" would |strong="G0846" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2192" even |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3756" grief |strong="G3077". <sup>28</sup> So |strong="G2443" I |strong="G2504" want very |strong="G0846" much to |strong="G2443" send |strong="G3992" him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" you |strong="G3708". When |strong="G3767" you |strong="G3708" see |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846", you |strong="G3708" can be |strong="G1510" happy. And |strong="G3708" I |strong="G2504" can stop worrying about you |strong="G3708". <sup>29</sup> Welcome |strong="G4327" him |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" with |strong="G3326" much joy |strong="G5479". Give honor |strong="G1784" to |strong="G2532" people |strong="G3956" like |strong="G5108" Epaphroditus. <sup>30</sup> He |strong="G3754" should |strong="G2443" be |strong="G5547" honored because |strong="G3754" he |strong="G3754" almost died |strong="G2288" for |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2041" of |strong="G1223" Christ |strong="G5547". He |strong="G3754" put his |strong="G1223" life |strong="G5590" in |strong="G4314" danger |strong="G2288" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G3754" could help me |strong="G1473". This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" help



that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" could not|strong="G1473" give me|strong="G1473".

### Christ Is More Important Than Anything

3 And|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161", my|strong="G1722" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G1161" sisters, be|strong="G2962" filled with|strong="G1722" joy|strong="G5463" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962". It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G2962" no|strong="G3756" trouble|strong="G3636" for|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G1722" write|strong="G1125" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" things|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" again. I|strong="G1473" want to|strong="G1722" be|strong="G2962" sure|strong="G0804" that|strong="G0846" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" prepared.

2 Be|strong="G0991" careful|strong="G0991" of|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" dogs|strong="G2965"— those|strong="G3588" men|strong="G2556" whose work does only harm|strong="G2556". They want to|strong="G0991" cut on|strong="G0991" everyone who|strong="G3588" isn't circumcised. 13 But|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" ones who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" true circumcisi-  
sion|strong="G4061"<sup>II</sup>— we|strong="G2249" who|strong="G3588" worship|strong="G3000" God|strong="G2316" through|strong="G1722" his|strong="G2532" Spirit|strong="G4151". We|strong="G2249" don't|strong="G3756" trust|strong="G3982" in|strong="G1722" our-  
selves|strong="G2249" or|strong="G2532" anything we|strong="G2249" can do|strong="G1510". We|strong="G2249" take|strong="G2744" pride|strong="G2744" only|strong="G3756" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Je-  
sus|strong="G2424". 4 Even|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1487" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G2192" able|strong="G2192" to|strong="G2532" trust|strong="G3982" in|strong="G1722" myself|strong="G1473", still|strong="G3123" I|strong="G1473" don't do|strong="G2192" it|strong="G2532". If|strong="G1487" anyone|strong="G5100" else|strong="G0243" thinks|strong="G1380" they|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192"

I WANT TO CUT ON ... CIRCUMCISED There is a play on words here in Greek. The key word is like "circumcision" (see "circumcise, circumcisi-  
sion" in the Word List), but it means "mutilation" or "cutting to  
pieces."<sup>II</sup> WE ARE ... CIRCUMCISION Literally, "we are the circumci-  
sion." See "circumcise, circumcision" in the Word List.

a|strong="G2192" reason to|strong="G2532" trust|strong="G3982" in|strong="G1722" them-  
selves|strong="G1722", they|strong="G2532" should|strong="G5100" know that|strong="G3982" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" greater|strong="G3123" reason for|strong="G1722" doing so|strong="G2532". 5 I|strong="G2596" was|strong="G5330" circum-  
cised|strong="G4061" on|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2596" eighth|strong="G3637" day|strong="G3637" after|strong="G2596" my|strong="G2596" birth|strong="G1085". I|strong="G2596" am from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2596" people|strong="G1085" of|strong="G1537" Israel|strong="G2474" and|strong="G5330" the|strong="G2596" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Ben-  
jamin|strong="G0958". I|strong="G2596" am a true Jew, and|strong="G5330" so were|strong="G5330" my|strong="G2596" parents. The|strong="G2596" law|strong="G3551" was|strong="G5330" very impor-  
tant to|strong="G2596" me. That|strong="G3551" is|strong="G3551" why I|strong="G2596" became a Pharisee|strong="G5330". 6 I|strong="G1722" was|strong="G3588" so|strong="G1096" eager to|strong="G2596" defend my|strong="G1722" reli-  
gion<sup>III</sup> that|strong="G1096" I|strong="G1722" perse-  
cuted|strong="G1377" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577". And|strong="G1343" no one|strong="G3588" could|strong="G1096" find fault with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G2596" I|strong="G1722" obeyed the|strong="G3588" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3551" Moses.

7 At|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" time all|strong="G3588" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" were|strong="G1510" impor-  
tant to|strong="G3778" me|strong="G1473". But|strong="G0235" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" Christ|strong="G5547", I|strong="G1473" decided that|strong="G3778" they|strong="G3778" are|strong="G1510" worth nothing. 8 Not|strong="G1510" only|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3739" things|strong="G3956", but|strong="G0235" now|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" think that|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" are|strong="G1510" worth nothing|strong="G3956" compared|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3956" greatness of|strong="G1223" knowing|strong="G1108" Christ|strong="G5547" Je-  
sus|strong="G2424" my|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962". Because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" Christ|strong="G5547", I|strong="G1473" lost all|strong="G3956"

III EAGER TO DEFEND MY RELIGION Before Paul became a believer in Jesus as the Messiah, he thought it was his duty as a good Jew to op-  
pose the Jews who had become Christ-followers.

these things, and now I know that they are worthless trash. All I want now is Christ.<sup>9</sup> I want to belong to him. In Christ I am right with God, but my right does not come from the law. It comes from God through his faith. God uses my faith in Christ to make me right with him.<sup>10</sup> All I want is to know Christ and the power that raised him from death. I want to share his sufferings and be like him even his death.<sup>11</sup> Then there is hope that I myself will somehow be raised from death.

**Trying to Reach Goal**

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean that I am exactly what God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal. But

I MY FAITH IN Or "the faithfulness of."

I continue trying to reach it and make it mine. That's what Christ Jesus wants me to do. It is his reason he made me his brother and sisters, I know that I have still a long way to go. But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.<sup>14</sup> I keep running hard toward

the finish line to get the prize that is mine because God has called me through Christ Jesus to life up there in heaven.<sup>15</sup> All of us who have grown to be spiritually mature should think this way: too. And if there is any of this that you don't agree with, God will make it clear to you.<sup>16</sup> But we should continue following the truth we already have.

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join together in following my example. Also, learn by watching

ing those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* are *strong="G3588"* living *strong="G2192"* the *strong="G3588"* way *strong="G3779"* we *strong="G2249"* showed you *strong="G3779"*. <sup>18</sup> There *strong="G1161"* are *strong="G3739"* many *strong="G4183"* who *strong="G3739"* live *strong="G4043"* like enemies *strong="G2190"* of *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* cross *strong="G4716"* of *strong="G3004"* Christ *strong="G5547"*. I *strong="G3739"* have *strong="G2532"* often *strong="G4178"* told *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G5210"* about *strong="G3588"* them *strong="G3739"*. And *strong="G2532"* it *strong="G1161"* makes me *strong="G3004"* cry to *strong="G3004"* tell *strong="G3004"* you *strong="G5210"* about *strong="G3588"* them *strong="G3739"* now *strong="G1161"*. <sup>19</sup> The *strong="G3588"* way *strong="G1722"* they *strong="G0846"* live *strong="G5426"* is *strong="G2316"* leading them *strong="G0846"* to *strong="G2532"* destruction *strong="G0684"*. They *strong="G0846"* have *strong="G2532"* replaced God *strong="G2316"* with *strong="G1722"* their *strong="G0846"* own *strong="G0846"* desires. They *strong="G0846"* do *strong="G2532"* shameful *strong="G0152"* things *strong="G3739"*, and *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* are *strong="G3739"* proud of *strong="G2316"* what *strong="G3739"* they *strong="G0846"* do *strong="G2532"*. They *strong="G0846"* think *strong="G5426"* only *strong="G2532"* about *strong="G1722"* earthly *strong="G1919"* things *strong="G3739"*. <sup>20</sup> But *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* government that *strong="G3739"* rules us *strong="G1537"* is *strong="G3739"* in *strong="G1722"* heaven *strong="G3772"*. We *strong="G2249"* are *strong="G3739"* waiting *strong="G0553"* for *strong="G1063"* our *strong="G2424"* Savior *strong="G4990"*, the *strong="G3588"* Lord *strong="G2962"* Jesus *strong="G2424"* Christ *strong="G5547"*, to *strong="G2532"* come *strong="G1537"* from *strong="G1537"* there *strong="G1722"*. <sup>21</sup> He *strong="G2532"* will *strong="G3739"* change our *strong="G2532"* humble *strong="G5014"* bodies *strong="G4983"* and *strong="G2532"* make them *strong="G0846"* like *strong="G2596"* his *strong="G0846"* own *strong="G1438"* glorious *strong="G1391"* body *strong="G4983"*. Christ *strong="G0846"* can *strong="G1410"* do *strong="G1410"* this *strong="G3588"* by *strong="G2596"* his *strong="G0846"* power *strong="G1410"*, with *strong="G2596"* which *strong="G3739"* he *strong="G2532"* is *strong="G3739"* able *strong="G1410"* to *strong="G1410"* rule every thing *strong="G3956"*.

## Some Things to Do

<sup>4</sup> My *strong="G1722"* dear *strong="G0027"* brothers *strong="G0080"* and *strong="G2532"* sisters, I *strong="G1473"* love *strong="G0027"* you *strong="G1722"* and *strong="G2532"* want to *strong="G2532"* see you *strong="G1722"*. You *strong="G1722"* bring me *strong="G1473"* joy *strong="G5479"* and *strong="G2532"* make me *strong="G1473"* proud of *strong="G2962"* you *strong="G1722"*. Continue *strong="G2532"* following *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G2532"* Lord *strong="G2962"* as *strong="G1722"* I *strong="G1473"* have *strong="G2532"* told you *strong="G1722"*.

<sup>2</sup> Euodia *strong="G2136"* and *strong="G2532"* Syntyche *strong="G4941"*, you *strong="G1722"* both *strong="G2532"* belong to *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* Lord *strong="G2962"*, so *strong="G2532"* please agree *strong="G5426"* with *strong="G1722"* each other *strong="G0846"*. <sup>3</sup> For *strong="G1722"* this *strong="G3588"* I *strong="G1473"* make *strong="G2065"* a *strong="G3739"* special request *strong="G2065"* to *strong="G2532"* my *strong="G1722"* friend who *strong="G3739"* has *strong="G3739"* served with *strong="G3326"* me *strong="G1473"* so *strong="G2532"* faithfully: Help *strong="G4815"* these *strong="G3739"* women *strong="G0846"*. They *strong="G0846"* worked hard with *strong="G3326"* me *strong="G1473"* in *strong="G1722"* telling people *strong="G0846"* the *strong="G3588"* Good *strong="G2098"* News *strong="G2098"*, together *strong="G3326"* with *strong="G3326"* Clement *strong="G2815"* and *strong="G2532"* others *strong="G3062"* who *strong="G3739"* worked with *strong="G3326"* me *strong="G1473"*. Their *strong="G0846"* names *strong="G3686"* are *strong="G3739"* written in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* book *strong="G0976"* of *strong="G2098"* life *strong="G2222"*. I

<sup>4</sup> Always *strong="G3842"* be *strong="G2962"* filled with *strong="G1722"* joy *strong="G5463"* in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G1722"* Lord *strong="G2962"*. I *strong="G3004"* will *strong="G2962"* say *strong="G3004"* it *strong="G3825"* again *strong="G3825"*. Be *strong="G2962"* filled with *strong="G1722"* joy *strong="G5463"*.

<sup>5</sup> Let *strong="G1097"* everyone *strong="G3956"* see *strong="G1097"* that *strong="G1097"* you *strong="G5210"* are *strong="G3956"* gentle *strong="G1933"* and *strong="G2962"* kind *strong="G3956"*. The *strong="G3956"* Lord *strong="G2962"* is *strong="G0444"* coming

<sup>1</sup> BOOK OF LIFE God's book that contains the names of his chosen people. See Rev. 3:5; 21:27.

soon.<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have. And because you belong to Christ, God's peace will stand guard over your thoughts and feelings. His peace can do far better than our human minds.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Brothers and sisters, continue to think about what is good and worthy praise. Think about what is true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected.<sup>9</sup> And do what you learned and received from me— what I told you and you saw me do. And the God who gives peace will be with you.

**Paul Thanks the Philippian Believers**

<sup>10</sup> I am so happy, and I thank the Lord you have

I CAN DO ... MINDS Literally, "surpasses (is better than) every mind," which could also have the meaning "is beyond all understanding."

again shown your care for me. You continued to care about me, but there was no way for you to show it. I am telling you this, but not because I need something. I have learned to be satisfied with what I have and with whatever happens.<sup>12</sup> I know how to live when I am poor and when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of how to live through any kind of situation— when I have enough to eat or when I am hungry, when I have everything I need or when I have nothing. Christ is the one who gives me strength. I need to do whatever I must do.

<sup>14</sup> But it was that you helped me when I needed help. You people in Philippi remember when I first told

the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G3056" there |strong="G1722". When |strong="G3753" I |strong="G1473" left |strong="G1831" Macedonia |strong="G3109", you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3441" church |strong="G1577" that |strong="G3754" gave me |strong="G1473" help. <sup>16</sup> Several times you |strong="G3754" sent |strong="G3992" me |strong="G1473" things |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" needed |strong="G5532" when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" Thessalonica |strong="G2332". <sup>17</sup> Really, it |strong="G1519" is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G3754" want |strong="G1934" to |strong="G1519" get gifts |strong="G1390" from |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210". But |strong="G0235" I |strong="G3754" want |strong="G1934" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" have |strong="G3748" the |strong="G3588" benefit |strong="G2590" that |strong="G3754" comes from |strong="G3588" giving. <sup>18</sup> I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G0568" everything |strong="G3956" I |strong="G2532" need. I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G0568" even |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3956" than |strong="G3844" I |strong="G2532" need. I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G0568" all |strong="G3956" I |strong="G2532" need because |strong="G1161" Epa- phroditus |strong="G1891" brought your |strong="G2532" gift to |strong="G2532" me |strong="G1209". Your |strong="G2532" gift is |strong="G2316" like a |strong="G2532" sweet-smelling sacrifice |strong="G2378" offered to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316". God |strong="G2316" accepts that |strong="G3956" sacrifice |strong="G2378" and |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" pleases him |strong="G2532". <sup>19</sup>

My |strong="G3956" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" use his |strong="G0846" glorious |strong="G1391" riches |strong="G4149" to |strong="G2596" give you |strong="G5210" every- thing |strong="G3956" you |strong="G5210" need |strong="G5532". He |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" do this |strong="G3588" through |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Je- sus |strong="G2424". <sup>20</sup> Glory |strong="G1391" to |strong="G1519" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" Fa- ther |strong="G3962" forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165". Amen |strong="G0281".

<sup>21</sup> Give |strong="G0782" our |strong="G2424" greet- ings |strong="G0782" to |strong="G1722" God's peo- ple |strong="G3956" there |strong="G1722"— to |strong="G1722" each one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" belongs to |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". Those |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" God's fami- ly who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" with |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473" send |strong="G0782" you |strong="G5210" their |strong="G3956" greetings |strong="G0782". <sup>22</sup> And |strong="G1161" greetings |strong="G0782" to |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210" from |strong="G1537" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1537" God's people |strong="G3956" here, especially |strong="G3122" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" work in |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" service of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" emperor.

<sup>23</sup> The |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" be |strong="G3326" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3588".

# Colossians

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus I am, because that is God wanted. Greetings also from Timothy, our brother in Christ.

<sup>2</sup> To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Colossae.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers we always thank God for you. He is our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We thank him because we have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ in you. <sup>5</sup> Your faith and love continue because you know what is waiting

for you in heaven—the hope you have had since you first heard the true message, the Good News that was told to you. Throughout the world, this Good News is bringing blessings and spreading that's what has been happening among you since the first time you heard it and understood the truth about God's grace. <sup>7</sup> You heard it from Ephraim, our dear friend and co-worker. He is a faithful servant of Christ for us. <sup>8</sup> He also told us about the love you have for the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> Since the day heard these things you, we have continued praying for you. This

<sup>1</sup> us Many ancient Greek copies have "you."

is |strong="G3778" what|strong="G3739" we|strong="G2249" pray|strong="G4336": that|strong="G3739" God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2307" make|strong="G4336" you|strong="G5210" completely sure of|strong="G2250" what|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" wants|strong="G2307" by|strong="G1722" giving you|strong="G5210" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" wisdom|strong="G4678" and|strong="G2532" spiritual|strong="G4152" understanding|strong="G4907" you|strong="G5210" need; <sup>10</sup> that|strong="G3956" this|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2316" help you|strong="G1722" live|strong="G4043" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2532" way|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3956" brings|strong="G1519" honor to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" and|strong="G2532" pleases him|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" every|strong="G3956" way|strong="G1722"; that|strong="G3956" your|strong="G2962" life|strong="G4043" will|strong="G2316" produce good|strong="G0018" works|strong="G2041" of|strong="G2316" every|strong="G3956" kind|strong="G3956" and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3956" you|strong="G1722" will|strong="G2316" grow|strong="G0837" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2962" knowledge|strong="G1922" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316"; <sup>11</sup> that|strong="G3956" God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3956" strengthen you|strong="G1722" with|strong="G3326" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" great|strong="G3956" power|strong="G1411", so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3956" you|strong="G1722" will|strong="G3956" be|strong="G2532" patient|strong="G5281" and|strong="G2532" not|strong="G2532" give up|strong="G1519" when|strong="G2532" troubles come.

Then|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1722" will|strong="G3956" be|strong="G2532" happy <sup>12</sup> and|strong="G3962" give|strong="G2168" thanks|strong="G2168" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962". He|strong="G1722" has|strong="G3962" made|strong="G2427" you|strong="G5210" able to|strong="G1519" have|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G1722" has|strong="G3962" promised to|strong="G1519" give|strong="G2168" all|strong="G3588" his|strong="G1519" holy|strong="G0040" people|strong="G3588", who|strong="G3588" live in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457". <sup>13</sup> God|strong="G0846" made us|strong="G1519" free|strong="G4506"

from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1849" of|strong="G5207" darkness|strong="G4655". And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" kingdom|strong="G0932" of|strong="G5207" his|strong="G0846" dear Son|strong="G5207". <sup>14</sup> The|strong="G3588" Son paid the|strong="G3588" price to|strong="G1722" make us|strong="G1722" free. In|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" forgiveness|strong="G0859" of|strong="G1722" our|strong="G1722" sins|strong="G0266".

**The|strong="G3588" Son of|strong="G1722" God Is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" Same|strong="G3739" as|strong="G1722" God**

<sup>15</sup> No one|strong="G3739" can see God|strong="G2316", but|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956" Son is|strong="G1510" exactly like God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G3739" rules over everything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2316" been|strong="G1510" made. <sup>II</sup> <sup>16</sup> Through|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846" power|strong="G1849" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" were|strong="G3956" made: things|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" and|strong="G2532" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093", seen and|strong="G2532" not|strong="G2532" seen— all|strong="G3956" spiritual rulers|strong="G0746", lords, powers|strong="G1849", and|strong="G2532" authorities|strong="G1849".

Everything|strong="G3956" was|strong="G3588" made through|strong="G1223" him|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>17</sup> The|strong="G3956" Son was|strong="G1510" there|strong="G1510" before|strong="G4253" anything|strong="G3956" was|strong="G1510" made.

And|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" continue|strong="G2532" because|strong="G1722" of|strong="G3956" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>18</sup> He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" head|strong="G2776" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" body|strong="G4983", which|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" church|strong="G1577".

He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" beginning|strong="G0746" of|strong="G1537" everything|strong="G3956" else|strong="G2532".

I THAT YOUR LIFE ... GOD Or "that your knowledge of God will produce more and more good works of every kind in your life."

II HE ... MADE Literally, "He is the

And *he* *is* *first* *among* *all* *will* *from* *death*. <sup>1</sup>

So *in* *everything* *is* *important*.

<sup>19</sup> God *was* *pleased* *for* *all* *of* *himself* *to* *live* *the* *Son*.

<sup>20</sup> And *through* *him* *was* *God* *happy* *to* *bring* *things* *back* *to* *himself* *again*—

*things* *on* *earth* *and* *things* *in* *heaven*.

God *made* *peace* *by* *using* *the* *blood* *sacrifice* *of* *his* *Son* *on* *the* *cross*.

<sup>21</sup> At *one* *time* *you* *were* *separated* *from* *God*. *You* *were* *his* *enemies* *in* *your* *minds*, *because* *the* *evil* *you* *did* *against* *him*. <sup>22</sup> But *now* *he* *has* *made* *you* *his* *friends* *again*. *He* *did* *this* *by* *the* *death* *Christ* *suffered* *while* *he* *was* *in* *his* *body*. *He* *did* *it* *so* *that* *he* *could* *present* *you* *to* *him-*

<sup>1</sup> FIRST ... DEATH Literally, "firstborn from the dead."

*self* *as* *people* *who* *are* *holy*, *blameless*, *and* *without* *anything* *that* *would* *make* *you* *guilty* *before* *him*. <sup>23</sup> And *that* *is* *what* *will* *happen* *if* *you* *continue* *to* *believe* *in* *the* *Good* *News* *you* *heard*. *You* *must* *remain* *sure* *in* *your* *faith*. *You* *must* *not* *let* *anything* *cause* *you* *to* *give* *up* *the* *hope* *that* *became* *yours* *when* *you* *heard* *the* *Good* *News*. *That* *same* *Good* *News* *has* *been* *told* *to* *everyone* *on* *earth*, *and* *that's* *the* *work* *that* *I*, *Paul*, *was* *given* *to* *do*.

#### **Paul's Work for the Church**

<sup>24</sup> *I* *am* *happy* *in* *my* *sufferings* *for* *you*. *There* *is* *much* *that* *Christ* *must* *still* *suffer*. *And* *I* *gladly* *accept* *my* *part* *of* *those* *sufferings* *in* *my* *body* *for* *the* *good* *of* *his* *body*, *the* *church*. <sup>25</sup> *I* *became* *a* *servant* *of* *the* *church* *because*



God |strong="G2316" gave |strong="G1325" me |strong="G1325" a |strong="G1096" special work to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G1096". This |strong="G3588" work helps you |strong="G5210". My |strong="G1325" work is |strong="G2316" to |strong="G1519" tell the |strong="G3588" complete |strong="G4137" message |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" God |strong="G2316".<sup>26</sup> This |strong="G3588" message is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" secret truth that |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" hidden |strong="G0613" since |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" beginning |strong="G0165" of |strong="G0575" time |strong="G0165". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" hidden |strong="G0613" from |strong="G0575" everyone for |strong="G0575" ages |strong="G0165", but |strong="G1161" now |strong="G1161" it |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" made |strong="G5319" known |strong="G5319" to |strong="G2532" God's |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G0846".<sup>27</sup> God |strong="G2316" decided to |strong="G2309" let |strong="G1510" his |strong="G3739" people |strong="G1484" know |strong="G1107" just |strong="G3739" how |strong="G5101" rich and |strong="G2316" glorious |strong="G1391" that |strong="G3739" truth is |strong="G1510". That |strong="G3739" secret truth, which |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484", is |strong="G1510" that |strong="G3739" Christ |strong="G5547" lives in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210", his |strong="G3739" people |strong="G1484". He |strong="G3739" is |strong="G1510" our |strong="G2316" hope |strong="G1680" for |strong="G1722" glory |strong="G1391".<sup>28</sup> So |strong="G2443" we |strong="G2249" continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2443" tell people |strong="G0444" about |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547". We |strong="G2249" use all |strong="G3956" wisdom |strong="G4678" to |strong="G2443" counsel every |strong="G3956" person |strong="G0444" and |strong="G2532" teach |strong="G1321" every |strong="G3956" person |strong="G0444". We |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3956" trying to |strong="G2443" bring |strong="G3936" everyone |strong="G3956" before |strong="G1722" God as |strong="G1722" people |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2532" grown to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532" spiritually mature |strong="G5046" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547".<sup>29</sup> To |strong="G1519" do |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588", I |strong="G1473" work |strong="G1754" and |strong="G2532" struggle |strong="G0075" using

the |strong="G3588" great strength |strong="G1411" that |strong="G3739" Christ |strong="G0846" gives me |strong="G1473". That |strong="G3739" strength |strong="G1411" is |strong="G3739" working |strong="G1754" in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1722" life.

<sup>2</sup> I |strong="G1473" want |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2309" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3708" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2309" trying very |strong="G2532" hard to |strong="G2309" help you |strong="G5210". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G2309" trying to |strong="G2309" help those |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" Laodicea |strong="G2993" and |strong="G2532" others |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2192" never |strong="G3756" seen |strong="G3708" me |strong="G1473".<sup>2</sup> I |strong="G2532" want them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" strengthened and |strong="G2532" joined together |strong="G4822" with |strong="G1722" love |strong="G0026" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" have |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" full |strong="G3956" confidence that |strong="G2443" comes |strong="G2532" from |strong="G1722" understanding |strong="G4907". I |strong="G2532" want them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" know completely |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" secret truth that |strong="G2443" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" made known. That |strong="G2443" truth is |strong="G2316" Christ |strong="G5547" himself |strong="G0846".<sup>3</sup> In |strong="G1722" him |strong="G3739" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" treasures |strong="G2344" of |strong="G3956" wisdom |strong="G4678" and |strong="G2532" knowledge |strong="G1108" are |strong="G1510" kept |strong="G3956" safe |strong="G1722".

<sup>4</sup> I |strong="G3778" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" this |strong="G3778" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" no |strong="G3367" one |strong="G3367" can |strong="G3004" fool you |strong="G5210" by |strong="G1722" telling |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" ideas that |strong="G2443" seem good, but |strong="G3778" are |strong="G3778" false.

<sup>5</sup> Even |strong="G2532" though |strong="G1487" I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" far |strong="G3588" away, my |strong="G2532" thoughts are |strong="G1510" always with |strong="G4862" you |strong="G5210". I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" happy to |strong="G1519" see |strong="G0991" your |strong="G1487" good |strong="G1510" lives and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G1487" strong

faith|strong="G4102" in|strong="G1519"  
Christ|strong="G5547".

**Continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" Follow  
Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G1510"**

<sup>6</sup> You|strong="G1722" accepted  
Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424"  
as|strong="G5613" Lord|strong="G2962",  
so|strong="G3767" continue to|strong="G1722"  
live|strong="G4043" following|strong="G1722"  
him|strong="G0846". <sup>7</sup> You|strong="G1722"  
must|strong="G3588" depend on|strong="G1722"  
Christ|strong="G0846" only|strong="G2532", drawing  
life and|strong="G2532" strength  
from|strong="G1722" him|strong="G0846".  
Just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531"  
you|strong="G1722" were|strong="G3588"  
taught|strong="G1321" the|strong="G3588" truth,  
continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" grow  
stronger in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" un-  
derstanding of|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846".  
And|strong="G2532" never stop giv-  
ing|strong="G2169" thanks|strong="G2169"  
to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846".

<sup>8</sup> Be|strong="G1510" sure you|strong="G5210"  
are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" led away  
by|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" teaching  
of|strong="G1223" those|strong="G3588"  
who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G1510" noth-  
ing|strong="G3756" worth saying  
and|strong="G2532" only|strong="G3756" plan  
to|strong="G2596" deceive you|strong="G5210".  
That|strong="G0991" teaching is|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" from|strong="G2596"  
Christ|strong="G5547". It|strong="G1223"  
is|strong="G1510" only|strong="G3756" hu-  
man|strong="G0444" tradition|strong="G3862"  
and|strong="G2532" comes|strong="G1510"  
from|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" powers  
that|strong="G0991" influence <sup>1</sup> this|strong="G3588"  
world|strong="G2889". <sup>9</sup> I|strong="G3754" say  
this|strong="G3588" because|strong="G3754"  
all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G3956"  
God|strong="G0846" lives|strong="G2730"  
in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G0846" fully,  
even|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722"  
his|strong="G0846" life on|strong="G1722" earth. <sup>10</sup>  
And|strong="G2532" because|strong="G1722"  
you|strong="G3739" belong|strong="G1510"  
to|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G0846"  
you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" com-  
plete|strong="G4137", having every-  
thing|strong="G3956" you|strong="G3739" need.  
Christ|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510"  
ruler|strong="G0746" over|strong="G1849"  
every|strong="G3956" other|strong="G3739" pow-

<sup>1</sup> POWERS THAT INFLUENCE Or "elementary rules of." Also in verse 20.

er|strong="G1849" and|strong="G2532" authori-  
ty|strong="G1849".

<sup>11</sup> In|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547"  
you|strong="G3739" had|strong="G3739"  
a|strong="G3739" different kind of|strong="G4983"  
circumcision|strong="G4061", one|strong="G3739"  
that|strong="G3739" was|strong="G3739"  
not|strong="G3739" done by|strong="G1722" hu-  
man|strong="G4561" hands|strong="G0886".  
That|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3739",  
you|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3739"  
made|strong="G0886" free from|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" power of|strong="G4983"  
your|strong="G2532" sinful self. That|strong="G3739"  
is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" kind  
of|strong="G4983" circumcision|strong="G4061"  
Christ|strong="G5547" does. <sup>12</sup>  
When|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739"  
were|strong="G3739" baptized, you|strong="G3739"  
were|strong="G3739" buried|strong="G4916"  
with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G0846",  
and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3739"  
were|strong="G3739" raised|strong="G1453"  
up|strong="G1453" with|strong="G1722"  
him|strong="G0846" because|strong="G1223"  
of|strong="G1537" your|strong="G2532"  
faith|strong="G4102" in|strong="G1722"  
God's|strong="G2316" power. God's|strong="G2316"  
power was|strong="G3739" shown  
when|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
raised|strong="G1453" Christ|strong="G0846"  
from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G3498".

<sup>13</sup> You|strong="G5210" were|strong="G1510" spiri-  
tually dead|strong="G3498" because|strong="G1722"  
of|strong="G3956" your|strong="G2532"  
sins|strong="G3900" and|strong="G2532" be-  
cause|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210"  
were|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" free  
from|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" power  
of|strong="G3956" your|strong="G2532" sinful self.  
But|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846"  
gave|strong="G5483" you|strong="G5210" new  
life|strong="G4561" together|strong="G4806"  
with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G0846".  
He|strong="G2532" forgave|strong="G5483"  
all|strong="G3956" our|strong="G2532"  
sins|strong="G3900". <sup>14</sup> Because|strong="G1537"  
we|strong="G2249" broke God's|strong="G0846"  
laws|strong="G1537", we|strong="G2249" owed  
a|strong="G1510" debt|strong="G5498"—  
a|strong="G1510" debt|strong="G5498"  
that|strong="G3739" listed all|strong="G3588"  
the|strong="G3588" rules we|strong="G2249" failed  
to|strong="G2596" follow. But|strong="G2532"  
God|strong="G0846" forgave us|strong="G1537"  
of|strong="G1537" that|strong="G3739"  
debt|strong="G5498". He|strong="G2532"  
took|strong="G0142" it|strong="G0846"

away/strong="G0142" and/strong="G2532" nailed/strong="G4338" it/strong="G0846" to/strong="G2596" the/strong="G3588" cross/strong="G4716".<sup>15</sup> He/strong="G2532" defeated the/strong="G3588" rulers/strong="G0746" and/strong="G2532" powers/strong="G1849" of/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" spiritual world. With/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" cross he/strong="G2532" won the/strong="G3588" victory over/strong="G1849" them/strong="G0846" and/strong="G2532" led them/strong="G0846" away, as/strong="G1722" defeated and/strong="G2532" powerless prisoners for/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" whole/strong="G1722" world to/strong="G2532" see.

### Don't Follow Rules That/strong="G0846" People/strong="G0846" Make

<sup>16</sup> So/strong="G3767" don't/strong="G3361" let/strong="G2919" anyone/strong="G5100" make/strong="G3361" rules for/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210" about/strong="G1722" eating/strong="G1035" and/strong="G2919" drinking/strong="G4213" or/strong="G2228" about/strong="G1722" Jewish customs (festivals, New Moon celebrations, or/strong="G2228" Sabbath/strong="G4521" days).<sup>17</sup> In/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" past these/strong="G3739" things/strong="G3739" were/strong="G1510" like a/strong="G1510" shadow/strong="G4639" that/strong="G3739" showed what/strong="G3739" was/strong="G1510" coming. But/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" new things/strong="G3739" that/strong="G3739" were/strong="G1510" coming are/strong="G1510" found/strong="G1510" in/strong="G1161" Christ/strong="G5547".<sup>18</sup> Some/strong="G3588" people/strong="G0846" enjoy acting as/strong="G1722" if/strong="G2532" they/strong="G0846" are/strong="G3739" humble and/strong="G2532" love to/strong="G2309" worship/strong="G2356" angels/strong="G0032".<sup>1</sup> They/strong="G0846" always talk about/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" visions they/strong="G0846" have/strong="G2532" seen/strong="G3708". Don't/strong="G3367" listen to/strong="G2309" them/strong="G0846" when/strong="G2532" they/strong="G0846" say you/strong="G5210" are/strong="G3739" wrong because/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210" don't/strong="G3367" do/strong="G3708" these/strong="G3739" things/strong="G3739". It/strong="G0846" is/strong="G3739" so/strong="G2532" foolish for/strong="G1722" them/strong="G0846" to/strong="G2309" feel such/strong="G3739" pride, because/strong="G1722" it/strong="G0846" is/strong="G3739"

<sup>1</sup> WORSHIP ANGELS Or "worship with angels" (that they see in visions).

all/strong="G3588" based on/strong="G1722" their/strong="G0846" own/strong="G0846" human/strong="G4561" ideas.<sup>19</sup> They/strong="G3739" don't/strong="G3756" keep themselves under/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3956" control of/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3956" head/strong="G2776". Christ is/strong="G2316" the/strong="G3956" head/strong="G2776", and/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" whole/strong="G3956" body/strong="G4983" depends/strong="G1537" on/strong="G1537" him/strong="G3739". Because/strong="G1223" of/strong="G1537" Christ all/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" parts of/strong="G1537" the/strong="G3956" body/strong="G4983" care for/strong="G1223" each/strong="G1223" other/strong="G3739" and/strong="G2532" help each/strong="G1223" other/strong="G3739". So/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" body/strong="G4983" is/strong="G2316" made stronger and/strong="G2532" held/strong="G4822" together/strong="G4822" as/strong="G2532" God/strong="G2316" causes/strong="G0837" it/strong="G1223" to/strong="G2532" grow/strong="G0837".

<sup>20</sup> You/strong="G1487" died/strong="G0599" with/strong="G1722" Christ/strong="G5547" and/strong="G2198" were/strong="G3588" made free from/strong="G0575" the/strong="G3588" powers that/strong="G5613" influence this/strong="G3588" world/strong="G2889". So/strong="G5613" why/strong="G5101" do/strong="G5101" you/strong="G1487" act as/strong="G5613" if/strong="G1487" you/strong="G1487" still belong to/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" world/strong="G2889"? I/strong="G1487" mean, why/strong="G5101" do/strong="G5101" you/strong="G1487" follow rules like/strong="G5613" these/strong="G3588"?<sup>21</sup> " Don't/strong="G3361" eat/strong="G1089" this," " Don't/strong="G3361" taste/strong="G1089" that/strong="G3361"," " Don't/strong="G3361" touch/strong="G0681" that/strong="G3361"?<sup>22</sup> These/strong="G3739" rules are/strong="G1510" talking about/strong="G2596" earthly things/strong="G3956" that/strong="G3739" are/strong="G1510" gone after/strong="G2596" they/strong="G3739" are/strong="G1510" used. They/strong="G3739" are/strong="G1510" only/strong="G2532" human/strong="G0444" commands/strong="G1778" and/strong="G2532" teachings/strong="G1319".<sup>23</sup> These/strong="G3748" rules may/strong="G2532" seem to/strong="G4314" be/strong="G1510" wise as/strong="G1722" part of/strong="G3056" a/strong="G2192" made-up religion/strong="G1479" in/strong="G1722" which/strong="G3748" people/strong="G1510" pretend to/strong="G4314" be/strong="G1510" humble and/strong="G2532" pun-

ish their bodies. But they don't help people stop doing the evil that the sinful self wants to do.

### Your New Life

**3** You were raised from death with Christ. So for what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think what is up there, not what is here on earth. <sup>3</sup> Your old self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> Yes, Christ is now your life, and when he comes again, you will share in his glory.

<sup>5</sup> So put everything evil out of your life: sexual sin, doing anything immoral, letting sinful thoughts control you, and wanting things that are wrong. And don't keep wanting more and more for yourself, which is the same as worshiping a false god. <sup>6</sup> God will show his anger against those who don't obey him, <sup>1</sup> because they do these evil things. <sup>7</sup>

You also did these things in the past, when you lived like them.

<sup>8</sup> But now put these things out of your life: anger, losing your temper, doing or saying things to hurt others, and saying shameful things. <sup>9</sup> Don't lie to other people. You have taken off those old clothes— the person you once were and the bad things you did then. <sup>10</sup> Now you are wearing a new life, a life that is new every day. You are growing in your understanding of the one who made you. You are becoming more and more like him. <sup>11</sup> In this new life it doesn't matter if you are a Greek Jew or a Jew, circumcised or not. It doesn't matter if you speak a different language or even if you are a Scythian. <sup>11</sup> It doesn't matter if you are a slave or free. Christ

I AGAINST ... HIM Some Greek copies do not have these words.

II SCYTHIANS Known as wild and uncivilized people.

is |strong="G3588" all |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3956" matters, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1401" you |strong="G1722".

**Your |strong="G2532" New Life With |strong="G1722" Each Other**

<sup>12</sup> God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" chosen |strong="G1588" you |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" made you |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0025" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3588". He |strong="G2532" loves |strong="G0025" you |strong="G2532". So |strong="G3767" your |strong="G0025" new life should |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" like |strong="G5613" this |strong="G3588": Show mercy |strong="G3628" to |strong="G2532" others |strong="G3588". Be |strong="G2532" kind, humble, gentle, and |strong="G2532" patient. <sup>13</sup> Don't be |strong="G2532" angry with |strong="G4314" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240", but |strong="G2532" forgive |strong="G5483" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240". If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G5210" feel someone |strong="G5100" has |strong="G2192" wronged you |strong="G5210", forgive |strong="G5483" them |strong="G1438". Forgive |strong="G5483" others |strong="G3588" because |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" forgave |strong="G5483" you |strong="G5210". <sup>14</sup> Together |strong="G1909" with |strong="G1909" these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778", the |strong="G3956" most important part of |strong="G1909" your |strong="G3956" new life is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1909" love |strong="G0026" each other |strong="G1161". Love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3739" holds everything |strong="G3956" together |strong="G1909" in |strong="G1909" perfect |strong="G5047" unity |strong="G4886". <sup>15</sup> Let |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" peace |strong="G1515" that |strong="G3739" Christ |strong="G5547" gives control your |strong="G2532" thinking. It |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" for |strong="G1519" peace |strong="G1515" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3739" chosen to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1096" together |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" one |strong="G1520" body |strong="G4983". <sup>1</sup> And |strong="G2532" always be |strong="G1096" thankful |strong="G2170".

<sup>16</sup> Let |strong="G1774" the |strong="G3956" teaching |strong="G1321" of |strong="G3056" Christ |strong="G5547" live inside |strong="G1722"

you |strong="G5210" richly |strong="G4146". Use all |strong="G3956" wisdom |strong="G4678" to |strong="G2532" teach |strong="G1321" and |strong="G2532" counsel each |strong="G1438" other |strong="G1438". Sing psalms |strong="G5568", hymns |strong="G5215", and |strong="G2532" spiritual |strong="G4152" songs |strong="G5603" with |strong="G1722" thankfulness |strong="G5485" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" hearts |strong="G2588" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316". <sup>17</sup> Everything |strong="G3956" you |strong="G3739" say |strong="G3056" and |strong="G2532" everything |strong="G3956" you |strong="G3739" do |strong="G4160" should |strong="G5100" be |strong="G2532" done |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424" your |strong="G2962" Lord |strong="G2962". And |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" you |strong="G3739" do |strong="G4160", give |strong="G2168" thanks |strong="G2168" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" through |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424".

**Your |strong="G2962" New Life at |strong="G1722" Home**

<sup>18</sup> Wives |strong="G1135", be |strong="G2962" willing to |strong="G1722" serve your |strong="G2962" husbands |strong="G0435". This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" right thing to |strong="G1722" do in |strong="G1722" following |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962".

<sup>19</sup> Husbands |strong="G0435", love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" wives |strong="G1135", and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" gentle to |strong="G4314" them |strong="G0846".

<sup>20</sup> Children |strong="G5043", obey |strong="G5219" your |strong="G2962" parents |strong="G1118" in |strong="G1722" everything |strong="G3956". This |strong="G3778" pleases the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962".

<sup>21</sup> Fathers |strong="G3962", don't |strong="G3361" upset your |strong="G2042" children |strong="G5043". If |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" too hard to |strong="G2443" please, they |strong="G3962" might want to |strong="G2443" stop |strong="G3361" trying.

<sup>22</sup> Servants |strong="G1401", obey |strong="G5219" your |strong="G2962" masters |strong="G2962" in |strong="G1722" everything |strong="G3956". Obey |strong="G5219" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" time, even when |strong="G5613" they |strong="G5613" can't see you |strong="G1722". Don't |strong="G3361" just |strong="G5613" pretend to |strong="G2596" work hard so |strong="G3361" that |strong="G3956" they |strong="G5613"

I BODY Christ's spiritual body, meaning the church—his people.

will |strong="G2962" treat you |strong="G1722" well. No |strong="G3361", you |strong="G1722" must |strong="G0235" serve your |strong="G2962" masters |strong="G2962" honestly because |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1722" respect |strong="G5399" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962". <sup>23</sup> In |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" work |strong="G2038" you |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" given, do |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" best you |strong="G3739" can |strong="G4160". Work |strong="G2038" as |strong="G5613" though |strong="G5613" you |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" working |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962", not |strong="G3756" any |strong="G3756" earthly master |strong="G2962". <sup>24</sup> Remember |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" will |strong="G2962" receive |strong="G0618" your |strong="G2962" reward |strong="G0469" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962", who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2962" give you |strong="G3754" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G3754" promised his |strong="G3754" people |strong="G1492". Yes, you |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3588" serving |strong="G1398" Christ |strong="G5547". He |strong="G3754" is |strong="G2962" your |strong="G2962" real Master |strong="G2962". <sup>25</sup> Remember that |strong="G3739" anyone |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" does |strong="G1510" wrong |strong="G0091" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" punished for |strong="G1063" that |strong="G3739" wrong |strong="G0091". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lord treats everyone |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G3739".

<sup>4</sup> Masters |strong="G2962", give |strong="G3930" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3772" good and |strong="G2532" fair to |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2962" servants |strong="G1401". Remember |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" Master |strong="G2962" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772".

**Some |strong="G3588" Things |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2532" Do |strong="G1492"**

<sup>2</sup> Never stop praying |strong="G4335". Be |strong="G1722" ready |strong="G4342" for |strong="G1722" anything by |strong="G1722" praying |strong="G4335" and |strong="G0846" being thankful. <sup>3</sup> Also |strong="G2532"

I YES, YOU ... MASTER Or "Serve the Lord Christ." The Greek word translated "Lord" is the same as the word for "master" in verses 22 and 23.

pray |strong="G4336" for |strong="G1223" us |strong="G4012". Pray |strong="G4336" that |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" give us |strong="G4012" an |strong="G2532" opportunity to |strong="G2443" tell |strong="G2980" people |strong="G3588" his |strong="G4012" message |strong="G3056". I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473" in |strong="G2316" prison for |strong="G1223" doing this |strong="G3588". But |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G4336" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" can continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2443" tell |strong="G2980" people |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" secret truth that |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" made |strong="G2980" known about |strong="G4012" Christ |strong="G5547". <sup>4</sup> Pray |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G0846" say |strong="G2980" what |strong="G5613" is |strong="G0846" necessary |strong="G1163" to |strong="G2443" make |strong="G5319" this |strong="G0846" truth clear |strong="G5319" to |strong="G2443" everyone.

<sup>5</sup> Be |strong="G1722" wise in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1722" act with |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" not believers. Use your |strong="G1722" time |strong="G2540" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" best way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1722" can. <sup>6</sup> When |strong="G1492" you |strong="G5210" talk |strong="G3056", you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G1163" always |strong="G3842" be |strong="G1163" kind and |strong="G0611" wise. Then |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1538" be |strong="G1163" able to |strong="G1722" answer |strong="G0611" everyone |strong="G1538" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G1163".

**News |strong="G3056" About |strong="G1722" Those |strong="G3588" With |strong="G1722" Paul |strong="G1492"**

<sup>7</sup> Tychicus |strong="G5190" is |strong="G2962" my |strong="G3956" dear |strong="G0027" brother |strong="G0080" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G2962". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2962" a |strong="G2532" faithful |strong="G4103" helper and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" serves the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" with |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" tell |strong="G1107" you |strong="G5210" everything |strong="G3956" that |strong="G3956" is |strong="G2962" happening

with|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473".<sup>8</sup> That|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3778" why|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" sending|strong="G3992" him|strong="G0846". I|strong="G1473" want you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G1519" know|strong="G1097" how|strong="G4012" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G3778", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" sending|strong="G3992" him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" encourage|strong="G3870" you|strong="G5210".<sup>9</sup> I|strong="G3739" am|strong="G1510" sending him|strong="G3739" with|strong="G4862" Onesimus|strong="G3682", the|strong="G3956" faithful|strong="G4103" and|strong="G2532" dear|strong="G0027" brother|strong="G0080" from|strong="G1537" your|strong="G2532" group. They|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" tell|strong="G1107" you|strong="G5210" everything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3739" has|strong="G3739" happened|strong="G3588" here|strong="G5602".

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus|strong="G0708", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" here in|strong="G2532" prison with|strong="G4314" me|strong="G1473", sends|strong="G0782" you|strong="G5210" his|strong="G0846" greetings|strong="G0782". Mark|strong="G3138", the|strong="G3588" cousin|strong="G0431" of|strong="G4012" Barnabas|strong="G0921", also|strong="G2532" sends|strong="G0782" his|strong="G0846" greetings|strong="G0782". ( I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" already told|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" what|strong="G3739" to|strong="G4314" do|strong="G2983" about|strong="G4012" Mark|strong="G3138". If|strong="G1437" he|strong="G2532" comes|strong="G2064", welcome|strong="G1209" him|strong="G0846". )<sup>11</sup> And|strong="G2532" greetings from|strong="G1537" Jesus|strong="G2424", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532" called|strong="G3004" Justus|strong="G2459". These|strong="G3778" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" only|strong="G3441" Jewish believers who|strong="G3588" work with|strong="G1537" me|strong="G3004" for|strong="G1519" God's|strong="G2316" kingdom|strong="G0932". They|strong="G2532" have|strong="G1510" been|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" great comfort to|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004".

<sup>12</sup> Epaphras|strong="G1889", another servant|strong="G1401" of|strong="G1537" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" from|strong="G1537" your|strong="G2532" group,

sends|strong="G0782" his|strong="G3956" greetings|strong="G0782". He|strong="G2532" constantly struggles for|strong="G5228" you|strong="G5210" in|strong="G1722" prayer|strong="G4335". He|strong="G2532" prays that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2307" grow to|strong="G2443" be|strong="G2532" spiritually mature|strong="G5046" and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" everything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G2443" God|strong="G2316" wants|strong="G2307" for|strong="G5228" you|strong="G5210".<sup>13</sup> I|strong="G2532" know that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2192" worked|strong="G4192" hard|strong="G4183" for|strong="G1063" you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" Laodicea|strong="G2993" and|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" Hierapolis|strong="G2404".<sup>14</sup> Greetings|strong="G0782" also|strong="G2532" from|strong="G2532" Demas|strong="G1214" and|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" dear|strong="G0027" friend Luke|strong="G3065", the|strong="G3588" doctor.

<sup>15</sup> Give|strong="G0782" our|strong="G2532" greetings|strong="G0782" to|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters in|strong="G1722" Laodicea|strong="G2993". Greetings|strong="G0782" also|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2596" Nympha|strong="G3564" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" that|strong="G0846" meets in|strong="G1722" her|strong="G0846" house|strong="G3624".<sup>16</sup> After|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" letter|strong="G1992" is|strong="G3588" read|strong="G0314" to|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210", be|strong="G2532" sure it|strong="G4160" is|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532" read|strong="G0314" to|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" in|strong="G1722" Laodicea|strong="G2993". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" read|strong="G0314" the|strong="G3588" letter|strong="G1992" that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G2532" wrote to|strong="G2443" them|strong="G4160".<sup>17</sup> Tell|strong="G3004" Archippus|strong="G0751", " Be|strong="G2532" sure to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" work the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" gave you|strong="G3739". "

<sup>18</sup> Here's my|strong="G1699" greeting|strong="G0783" in|strong="G3326" my|strong="G1699" own|strong="G1699" handwriting— PAUL|strong="G3972". Remember|strong="G3421" me|strong="G1473" in|strong="G3326" prison. God's

*grace* | *strong*="G5485" *be* | *strong*="G3326"  
*with* | *strong*="G3326" *you* | *strong*="G5210".



# 1 Thessalonians

**1** Greetings from Paul, Silas, and Timothy to the church those in Thessalonica, who are in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be yours.

**The Life and Faith of the Thessalonians**

**2** We always remember when we pray, and thank God for all of you when we pray to God our Father, we thank him for all that you have done because of your faith. And we thank the work you have done because of your love. And we thank you to be strong because of your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** Brothers and sisters, God loves you. And we know that he has chosen you to be his people. **5** When we brought the Good News to you, we came more than words brought Good News with the Holy Spirit, and the sure knowledge that it was true. Also you know how we lived when we were with you. We lived that way to help you. **6** And you became like us and like the Lord. You suffered much, but still you accepted the teaching with joy. The Holy Spirit gave you that joy.

**7** You became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

Lord's teaching has spread from you throughout Greece and beyond. In fact, your faith in God has become known everywhere, so we never to you tell anyone about it.<sup>9</sup> People everywhere are already telling the story about the good way you accepted us when we were there with you. They tell about how you stopped worshipping idols and changed to serve the living and true God.<sup>10</sup> And you began waiting for God's Son to come from heaven— the Son of God raised from death.<sup>10</sup> He is Jesus, who from God's angry judgment that is coming.

#### Paul's Work in Thessalonica

**2** Brothers and sisters, you know our visit to you was not a failure.<sup>2</sup> Before we came to you, people in Philippi abused us with insults and made you know all that. And

then we came to you, many people there caused trouble for us. But our God gave us the courage we needed to tell you his Good News.<sup>3</sup> When we encourage people to believe the Good News, it's not out of wrong motives. We are not trying to trick or fool anyone.<sup>4</sup> No, we did it because God is the one who gave us this work. And this was only after he tested us and we could be trusted to do it. So when we speak, we are only trying to please God, not anyone else. He is the one who can see in our hearts.

<sup>5</sup> You know that we never tried to influence you by saying nice things about you. We were not trying to get your money. We had no greed to hide from you. God knows that this is true.<sup>6</sup>

We *not* looking for praise from *not* from *not* or *anyone* else.

<sup>7</sup> When we were with you, as apostles of Christ we could have used our authority to help you. But we were very gentle with you. We were like a mother caring for her little children.<sup>8</sup> We loved you very much, so we were happy to share God's Good News with you. But *not* only we also were *also* happy to share our own lives with you.<sup>9</sup> Brothers and sisters, I know that you remember how hard we worked night and day to support ourselves, so that we would *be* a burden to anyone while we did the work of telling you God's Good News.

I BUT ... GENTLE Several Greek copies have "But we became babies."

<sup>10</sup> When we were there with you believers, we were pure, honest, and without fault in the way we lived. You know, just as God does that, this is true.<sup>11</sup> You know that we treated each one of the way a father treats his own children.<sup>12</sup> We encouraged you, we comforted, and we told you to live good lives for God. He calls you to be part of his glorious kingdom.<sup>13</sup> Also, we always thank God because of the way you accepted his message. You heard and accepted it as God's message, *not* our own. And it really is God's message. And it works in you who believe.<sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, you are just like God's churches in Judea. I mean that

II JUDEA The Jewish land where Jesus lived and taught and where the church first began.

you were treated badly by your own people, just as those Christ were treated badly by Jews same as those who killed Lord and prophets they forced us to leave their country. They not to God, and are against everyone else. And they are trying to stop from those are not Jews. They be but are adding more to them already have. Now time come them God's anger.

**Paul's Desire to Visit Them Again**

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, we separated from you for a short time even though we were not there, our thoughts were still with you. We wanted very much to see you, and we tried

very hard to do this. <sup>18</sup> Yes, we wanted to come to you. I, Paul, tried more than to come to you, but Satan stopped us. <sup>19</sup> You are our hope, our joy, and crown will be proud of when our Jesus comes. <sup>20</sup> You bring us honor and joy.

**3** We could not come to you, but it was very hard to wait any longer. So we decided to send Timothy to you and stay in Athens alone. Timothy is our brother. He works with us for God to tell people the Good News about Christ. We sent Timothy to strengthen and encourage you in your faith. <sup>3</sup> We sent him so that none of you would be upset by the troubles we have now. You yourselves know we must have these troubles. <sup>4</sup> Even when we were with you, we told you that we would all have to suffer. And you know that it happened just as we said. <sup>5</sup> This is why I sent Timothy to you, so I could

know|strong="G1097" about|strong="G1519" your|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102". I|strong="G1473" sent|strong="G3992" him|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" could|strong="G1096" not|strong="G3361" wait anymore|strong="G3371". I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G3588" afraid that|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" devil who|strong="G3588" tempts|strong="G3985" people|strong="G3778" might|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" defeated you|strong="G5210" with|strong="G1223" temptations. Then|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" hard work|strong="G2873" would|strong="G1096" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G1096" wasted.

<sup>6</sup> But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" Timothy|strong="G5095" has|strong="G2192" come|strong="G2064" back|strong="G4314" from|strong="G0575" his|strong="G3708" visit|strong="G2064" with|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G2532" told|strong="G4314" us|strong="G2097" good|strong="G0018" news|strong="G2097" about|strong="G4314" your|strong="G2192" faith|strong="G4102" and|strong="G2532" love|strong="G0026". He|strong="G2532" told|strong="G4314" us|strong="G2097" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" always|strong="G3842" remember us|strong="G2097" in|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2192" good|strong="G0018" way|strong="G0575". He|strong="G2532" told|strong="G4314" us|strong="G2097" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210" want very|strong="G2532" much to|strong="G4314" see|strong="G3708" us|strong="G2097" again|strong="G2532". And|strong="G2532" it|strong="G3708" is|strong="G0018" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G2532" with|strong="G4314" us|strong="G2097"— we|strong="G2249" want very|strong="G2532" much to|strong="G4314" see|strong="G3708" you|strong="G5210".<sup>7</sup> So|strong="G2532", brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G3956" encouraged|strong="G3870" about|strong="G1909" you|strong="G5210" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" your|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102". We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G2532" much trouble|strong="G2347" and|strong="G2532" suffering|strong="G2347", but|strong="G2532" still we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G3956" encouraged|strong="G3870".<sup>8</sup> Our|strong="G2962" life|strong="G2198" is|strong="G2962" really full if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" stand|strong="G4739" strong in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" Lord|strong="G2962".<sup>9</sup> We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1473"

so|strong="G1223" much joy|strong="G5479" before|strong="G1715" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210"! So|strong="G1223" we|strong="G2249" thank God|strong="G2316" for|strong="G1063" you|strong="G5210". But|strong="G2316" we|strong="G2249" cannot|strong="G1410" thank him|strong="G3739" enough|strong="G0467" for|strong="G1063" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" joy|strong="G5479" we|strong="G2249" feel.<sup>10</sup> Night|strong="G3571" and|strong="G2532" day|strong="G2250" we|strong="G2532" continue|strong="G2532" praying|strong="G1189" with|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" our|strong="G2532" heart that|strong="G3708" we|strong="G2532" can come there and|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708" you|strong="G5210" again|strong="G2532". We|strong="G2532" want to|strong="G1519" give you|strong="G5210" everything you|strong="G5210" need|strong="G5303" to|strong="G1519" make your|strong="G3708" faith|strong="G4102" strong.

<sup>11</sup> We|strong="G2249" pray that|strong="G0846" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" Father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" will|strong="G2316" prepare the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G3598" for|strong="G4314" us to|strong="G4314" come to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210".<sup>12</sup> We|strong="G2249" pray that|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G2962" make|strong="G4052" your|strong="G2962" love|strong="G0026" grow. We|strong="G2249" pray that|strong="G3956" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" give you|strong="G5210" more|strong="G3956" and|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3956" love|strong="G0026" for|strong="G1519" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G1161" and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956". We|strong="G2249" pray that|strong="G3956" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2962" love|strong="G0026" everyone|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G2532" way|strong="G3956" we|strong="G2249" love|strong="G0026" you|strong="G5210".<sup>13</sup> This|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2316" strengthen|strong="G4741" your|strong="G2962" desire to|strong="G1519" do|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G2316" right|strong="G1519", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" holy|strong="G0040" and|strong="G2532" without|strong="G0273" fault

before |strong="G1715" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962" when |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" comes |strong="G2532" with |strong="G3326" all |strong="G3956" his |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3956".

#### A Life That Pleases God

**4** Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, now |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G4052" some |strong="G3588" other things |strong="G3588" to |strong="G2443" tell you |strong="G5210". We |strong="G2249" taught you |strong="G5210" how |strong="G4459" to |strong="G2443" live |strong="G4043" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" way |strong="G1722" that |strong="G2443" will |strong="G2316" please |strong="G0700" God |strong="G2316". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" living |strong="G4043" that |strong="G2443" way |strong="G1722". Now |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" ask |strong="G2065" and |strong="G2532" encourage |strong="G3870" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" to |strong="G2443" live |strong="G4043" that |strong="G2443" way |strong="G1722" more |strong="G3123" and |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123". <sup>2</sup> You |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G1325" we |strong="G1492" told you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1325" do |strong="G1492" by |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" authority of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424". <sup>3</sup> God |strong="G2316" wants |strong="G2307" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3778" be |strong="G1510" holy. He |strong="G3778" wants |strong="G2307" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G3778" stay away |strong="G0575" from |strong="G0575" sexual |strong="G4202" sins. <sup>4</sup> God wants each |strong="G1538" one |strong="G1538" of |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2532" learn to |strong="G2532" control your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G1438" body |strong="G4632". Use |strong="G5092" your |strong="G2532" body |strong="G4632" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" way |strong="G1722" that |strong="G1438" is |strong="G3588" holy and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G1438" gives honor |strong="G5092" to |strong="G2532" God. <sup>15</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Or "God wants each of you to learn to live with your wife in a way that is holy and that gives honor to God."

Don't |strong="G3361" let your |strong="G2532" sexual desires |strong="G1939" control you |strong="G1722" like |strong="G2509" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484" who |strong="G3588" don't |strong="G3361" know |strong="G1492" God |strong="G2316". <sup>6</sup> Never |strong="G3361" wrong any |strong="G3956" of |strong="G2962" your |strong="G2962" fellow believers or |strong="G2532" cheat them |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" way |strong="G1722". The |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" will |strong="G2962" punish those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" do |strong="G3361" that |strong="G3778". We |strong="G3778" have |strong="G2532" already told you |strong="G5210" this |strong="G3778" and |strong="G2532" warned |strong="G1263" you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G4012" it |strong="G0846". <sup>7</sup> God |strong="G2316" chose us |strong="G1722" to |strong="G1909" be |strong="G2316" holy. He |strong="G1722" does |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3756" want us |strong="G1722" to |strong="G1909" live in |strong="G1722" sin. <sup>8</sup> So |strong="G2532" anyone |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" refuses to |strong="G1519" obey this |strong="G3588" teaching is |strong="G2316" refusing to |strong="G1519" obey God |strong="G2316", not |strong="G3756" us |strong="G1325". And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" gives |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" his |strong="G0846" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151".

<sup>9</sup> We |strong="G1161" don't |strong="G3756" need |strong="G5532" to |strong="G1519" write |strong="G1125" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G4012" having |strong="G2192" love |strong="G0025" for |strong="G1063" your |strong="G0025" brothers and |strong="G1161" sisters in |strong="G1519" Christ |strong="G0846". God |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2192" already taught |strong="G2312" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" love |strong="G0025" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161". <sup>10</sup> In |strong="G1722" fact, you |strong="G5210" love all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" believers in |strong="G1722" Macedonia |strong="G3109". We |strong="G2532" encourage |strong="G3870" you |strong="G5210" now |strong="G1161", brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, to |strong="G1519" show |strong="G4160" your |strong="G3650" love more |strong="G3123" and |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123".

<sup>11</sup> Do |strong="G4238" all |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" can to |strong="G2532" live a |strong="G2532" peaceful life |strong="G2270".

Mind |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G2398" business, and |strong="G2532" earn your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G2398" living, as |strong="G2531" we |strong="G2532" told you |strong="G5210" before |strong="G3588".<sup>12</sup> If |strong="G2443" you |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2192" these |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3588", then |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3367" believers will |strong="G2532" respect the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3367" you |strong="G2532" live |strong="G4043". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3367" have |strong="G2192" to |strong="G4314" depend on |strong="G4314" others |strong="G3588" for |strong="G4314" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G2532" need |strong="G5532".

### The |strong="G3588" Lord's Coming

<sup>13</sup> Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, we |strong="G2532" want |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2443" know |strong="G0050" about |strong="G4012" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2192" died |strong="G2837". We |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3756" want |strong="G2309" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532" sad |strong="G3076" like |strong="G2531" other |strong="G3062" people |strong="G3062"—those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3756" hope |strong="G1680".<sup>14</sup> We |strong="G1487" believe |strong="G4100" that |strong="G3754" Jesus |strong="G2424" died |strong="G0599", but |strong="G2532" we |strong="G1487" also |strong="G2532" believe |strong="G4100" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" rose |strong="G0450" again |strong="G0450". So |strong="G2532" we |strong="G1487" believe |strong="G4100" that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" raise |strong="G0450" to |strong="G2532" life through |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424" any who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" died |strong="G0599" and |strong="G2532" bring |strong="G0071" them |strong="G0846" together |strong="G4862" with |strong="G4862" him |strong="G0846" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" comes |strong="G2532".<sup>15</sup> What |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2249" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210" now |strong="G1722" is |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" Lord's |strong="G2962" own message |strong="G3056". Those |strong="G3588" of |strong="G3056" us |strong="G3004"

who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3778" still living |strong="G2198" when |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" comes |strong="G3952" again |strong="G1519" will |strong="G2962" join him |strong="G1722", but |strong="G1063" not |strong="G3756" before |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G3748" already died |strong="G2837".<sup>16</sup> The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" himself |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" come |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G0575" heaven |strong="G3772" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" loud command, with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" voice |strong="G5456" of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" archangel |strong="G0743", and |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" trumpet |strong="G4536" call of |strong="G0575" God |strong="G2316". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" died and |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" will |strong="G2316" rise |strong="G0450" first |strong="G4413".<sup>17</sup> After |strong="G2532" that |strong="G0846" we |strong="G2249" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" still alive |strong="G2198" at |strong="G1722" that |strong="G0846" time |strong="G0260" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" gathered up |strong="G1519" with |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G1510" died. We |strong="G2249" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" taken up |strong="G1519" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" clouds |strong="G3507" and |strong="G2532" meet |strong="G0529" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" air |strong="G0109". And |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" forever |strong="G1519".<sup>18</sup> So |strong="G5620" encourage |strong="G3870" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240" with |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3778" words |strong="G3056".

### Be Ready for the Lord's Coming

<sup>5</sup> Now |strong="G1161", brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, we |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3756" need |strong="G5532" to |strong="G2532" write |strong="G1125" to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G4012" times |strong="G2540" and |strong="G2532" dates.<sup>2</sup>

You *know* very *well* that *the* day *will* come *again* *like* a *thief* comes *at* night. <sup>3</sup> People *will* say, "We *have* peace *and* *we* are *safe*." At *that* time *destruction* will *come* to *them* *like* pains *of* a *woman* giving birth. And *those* people *will* not *escape*.

<sup>4</sup> But *you* brothers *and* sisters, *are* not *living* in *darkness*. And *so* that *day* will *not* surprise *you* *like* a *thief*. <sup>5</sup> You *are* all *people* who *belong* to *the* light. You *belong* to *the* day. We *don't* *belong* to *the* night *or* to *darkness*. <sup>6</sup> So *we* should *not* *be* *like* other *people* should *not* *be* sleeping. We *should* *be* awake *and* *have* self-control. <sup>7</sup> People *who*

*sleep* at *night*. People *who* drink *too* much, drink *at* night. <sup>8</sup> But *we* belong to *the* day, so *we* should *control* ourselves. We *should* wear *faith* and *love* to *protect* us. And *the* hope *of* *salvation* should *be* *our* helmet.

<sup>9</sup> God *did* *not* choose *us* to *suffer* his *anger*. God *chose* *us* to *have* *salvation* through *our* Lord *Jesus* *Christ*. <sup>10</sup> Jesus *died* *for* *us* *so* that *we* can *live* together *with* *him*. *It* *is* *not* *important* if *we* are *alive* *or* *dead* *when* *Jesus* comes. <sup>11</sup> So *encourage* *each* *other* *and* *help* *each* *other* *grow* stronger in *faith*, *just* *as* *you* *are* *already* *doing*.

#### Final Instructions and Greetings

<sup>12</sup> Now *brothers* *and* sisters, *we* *ask* *you* to *recognize* *the* value *of* *those* *who* *work* *hard* among *you*—*those* *who* *are* followers *of* *the* Lord *care* for *you*



and tell you how to live.<sup>13</sup> Show them the highest respect and love because of the work they do.

Live in peace with each other.<sup>14</sup> We ask you, brothers and sisters, to warn those who are not working. Encourage those who are afraid. Help those who are weak.<sup>15</sup> Be sure that no one pays back wrong for wrong. But always try to do what is good for each other and for all people.

<sup>16</sup> Always be full of joy.<sup>17</sup> Never stop praying.<sup>18</sup> Whatever happens, always be thankful. This is how God wants you to live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> Don't stop the work of the Holy Spirit. Don't treat prophecy like something that is not important.<sup>21</sup> But test everything. Keep what is

good, and stay away from everything that is evil.

<sup>23</sup> We pray that God himself, the God of peace, will make you pure—belonging only to God. We pray that your whole self—spirit, soul, and body—will be kept safe and blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes.<sup>24</sup> The one who chose you will do that for you. You can trust him.

<sup>25</sup> Brothers and sisters, please pray for us. Give the brothers and sisters the special greeting of God's people.<sup>27</sup> I tell you by the authority of the Lord to read this letter to all the believers there.<sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I THE SPECIAL GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE Literally, "a holy kiss."

## 2 Thessalonians

**1** Greetings from Paul, Silas, and Timothy to the church those in Thessalonica, who are in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**2** Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3** We thank God for you always. And we should do you good because you give us good reason to be thankful: Your faith is growing more and more. And the love every one of you has for each other is also growing. **4** So we tell the churches of God how proud we are of you. We tell them how you patiently continue to be strong and have faith, even though

you are being persecuted and are suffering many troubles.

### Paul Tells About God's Judgment

**5** This is proof that God is right in his judgment. He wants you to be worthy of his kingdom for that kingdom will do what is right. He will punish those who are causing you trouble. **7** And he will bring relief to you who are troubled. He will bring it to you and to us when the Lord Jesus comes from heaven for all to see, together with his powerful angels. **8** He will come with fire to punish those who don't know God—those who refuse to accept the

Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" about |strong="G1722" our |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424".<sup>9</sup> They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2532" punished with |strong="G0575" a |strong="G2532" destruction |strong="G3639" that |strong="G3748" never ends. They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2962" not |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" allowed to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" with |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" but |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2532" kept away |strong="G0575" from |strong="G0575" his |strong="G0846" great power |strong="G2479".<sup>10</sup> This |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2250" happen on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" day |strong="G2250" when |strong="G3752" the |strong="G3956" Lord Jesus |strong="G0846" comes |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1909" receive honor with |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3956". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2250" be |strong="G2532" admired |strong="G2296" among |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" believed |strong="G4100". And |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" includes you |strong="G5210" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" believed |strong="G4100" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2249" told you |strong="G5210".<sup>11</sup> That |strong="G3739" is |strong="G2316" why |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" always |strong="G3842" pray |strong="G4336" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210". We |strong="G2249" ask our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" to |strong="G1519" help |strong="G4012" you |strong="G5210" live the |strong="G3956" good |strong="G2107" way |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" wanted when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" chose you |strong="G5210". The |strong="G3956" goodness |strong="G0019" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532" makes you |strong="G5210" want to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G2532" good |strong="G2107". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" faith |strong="G4102" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532" makes you |strong="G5210" work |strong="G2041". We |strong="G2249" pray |strong="G4336" that |strong="G3739" with |strong="G1722" his |strong="G3956" power |strong="G1411" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" help |strong="G4012" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3739" things |strong="G3956" more |strong="G3956" and |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3956".<sup>12</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588"

name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G2316" our |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" honored because |strong="G1722" of |strong="G2316" you |strong="G5210", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" honored because |strong="G1722" of |strong="G2316" him |strong="G0846". This |strong="G3588" can happen only |strong="G2532" by |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" of |strong="G2316" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547".

### Evil Things Will Happen

**2** Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2532" something to |strong="G1909" say |strong="G1473" about |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G3952" of |strong="G2962" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". We |strong="G2249" want to |strong="G1909" talk to |strong="G1909" you |strong="G5210" about |strong="G1909" that |strong="G0846" time |strong="G1909" when |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G2962" meet together |strong="G1997" with |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846".<sup>2</sup> Don't |strong="G3361" let yourselves |strong="G4771" be |strong="G3366" easily |strong="G5030" upset or |strong="G3366" worried if |strong="G5613" you |strong="G5210" hear that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" has |strong="G2962" already come |strong="G1764". Someone might |strong="G1473" say |strong="G3056" that |strong="G3754" this |strong="G3588" idea came |strong="G1223" from |strong="G0575" us |strong="G1519"— in |strong="G1519" something the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" told us |strong="G1519", or |strong="G3366" in |strong="G1519" something we |strong="G2249" said |strong="G3056", or |strong="G3366" in |strong="G1519" a |strong="G5613" letter |strong="G1992" we |strong="G2249" wrote.<sup>3</sup> Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" fooled by |strong="G2596" anything |strong="G5100" they |strong="G2532" might |strong="G2532" say. That |strong="G3754" day of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" Lord will |strong="G0444" not |strong="G3361" come |strong="G2064" until |strong="G2064" the |strong="G3588" turning away from |strong="G2064" the |strong="G2064" God happens. And |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3754" day

will|strong="G0444" not|strong="G3361" come|strong="G2064" until|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" Man|strong="G0444" of|strong="G5207" Evil appears, the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3588" belongs to|strong="G2064" hell. <sup>14</sup> He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" stand against|strong="G1909" and|strong="G2532" put himself|strong="G1438" above|strong="G1909" everything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3754" people|strong="G3956" worship|strong="G4574" or|strong="G2228" think is|strong="G1510" worthy of|strong="G2316" worship|strong="G4574". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" even|strong="G2532" go into|strong="G1519" God's|strong="G2316" Temple|strong="G3485"<sup>11</sup> and|strong="G2532" sit|strong="G2523" there|strong="G1510", claiming|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>5</sup> I|strong="G3778" told|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" before|strong="G4314" that|strong="G3754" all these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" would happen|strong="G1510". Remember|strong="G3421"? <sup>6</sup> And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1722" know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" stopping that|strong="G0846" Man of|strong="G1722" Evil now|strong="G3568". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" being stopped now|strong="G3568" so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G0846" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" appear at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1519" time|strong="G2540". <sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3588" secret power of|strong="G1537" evil is|strong="G3588" already|strong="G2235" working|strong="G1754" in|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" world now|strong="G0737". But|strong="G1063" there|strong="G1096" is|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" stopping that|strong="G1096" secret power of|strong="G1537" evil. And|strong="G3319" he|strong="G2193" will|strong="G1096" continue|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2193" stop it|strong="G2193" until|strong="G2193" he|strong="G2193" is|strong="G3588" taken|strong="G1096" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G3319". <sup>8</sup> Then|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739" Man of|strong="G4151" Evil will|strong="G3739" appear. But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" will|strong="G3739" kill|strong="G0337" him|strong="G0846" with|strong="G2532"

the|strong="G3588" breath|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3739" comes|strong="G2532" from|strong="G2424" his|strong="G0846" mouth|strong="G4750". The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G3739" come|strong="G3952" in|strong="G2532" a|strong="G3739" way|strong="G0846" that|strong="G3739" everyone|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" see, and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" end|strong="G2673" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G3588" Man of|strong="G4151" Evil.

<sup>9</sup> When|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739" Man of|strong="G1411" Evil comes|strong="G1510", it|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" work of|strong="G1411" Satan|strong="G4567". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" come|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1722" great|strong="G3956" power|strong="G1411", and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" do|strong="G1510" all|strong="G3956" kinds|strong="G3956" of|strong="G1411" false|strong="G5579" miracles|strong="G1411", signs|strong="G4592", and|strong="G2532" wonders|strong="G5059". <sup>10</sup> The|strong="G3956" Man of|strong="G0026" Evil|strong="G0093" will|strong="G3739" use every|strong="G3956" kind|strong="G3956" of|strong="G0026" evil|strong="G0093" to|strong="G1519" fool those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3956" lost|strong="G0622". They|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3956" lost|strong="G0622" because|strong="G1722" they|strong="G0846" refused|strong="G3756" to|strong="G1519" love|strong="G0026" the|strong="G3956" truth|strong="G0225" and|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" saved|strong="G4982". <sup>11</sup> So|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" send|strong="G3992" them|strong="G0846" something powerful that|strong="G4100" leads|strong="G1519" them|strong="G0846" away from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" truth and|strong="G2532" causes them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" believe|strong="G4100" a|strong="G2532" lie|strong="G5579". <sup>12</sup> They|strong="G3956" will|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956" be|strong="G3956" condemned|strong="G2919" because they|strong="G3956" did not|strong="G3361" believe|strong="G4100" the|strong="G3956" truth|strong="G0225" and|strong="G3956" because they|strong="G3956" enjoyed doing|strong="G0093" evil|strong="G0093".

I BELONGS TO HELL Literally, "is the son of destruction." II TEMPLE Probably the Temple in Jerusalem. See "Temple" in the Word List.

You **Are** **Chosen** for **Salvation**

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, you **are** **people** **the** **Lord** **loves**. And **we** **always** **thank** **God** for **you**. That's **what** **we** **should** **do**, because **God** **chose** **you** to **be** **of** **first** to **be** **saved**. You **are** **saved** by **the** **Spirit** **making** **you** **holy** and **by** **your** **faith** **in** **the** **truth**. <sup>14</sup> God chose **you** to **have** **that** **salvation**. He **chose** **you** **by** **using** **Good** **News** **that** **we** **told** **you**. You **were** **chosen** so **that** **you** **can** **share** **in** **the** **glory** **of** **our** **Lord** **Jesus** **Christ**. <sup>15</sup> So **brothers** and **sisters**, **stand** **strong** and **continue** to **believe** **the** **teachings** **we** **gave** **you** **when** **we** **were** **there** and **by** **letter**.

<sup>16</sup> We pray that the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father will comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say. God loved us and gave us through his grace a wonderful hope and comfort that has no end.

Pray for Us

<sup>3</sup> And **brothers** and **sisters**, **pray** for **us**. **Pray** **that** **the** **Lord's** **teaching** **will** **continue** to **spread** quickly. And **pray** **that** **people** **will** **give** **honor** to **that** **teaching**, **the** **same** **as** **happened** **with** **you**. <sup>2</sup> And **pray** **that** **we** **will** **be** **protected** from **crooked** and **evil** **people**. **Not** **everyone** **believes** in **the** **Lord**, **you** **know**.

<sup>3</sup> But **the** **Lord** **is** **faithful** **He** **will** **give** **you** **strength** and **protect** **you** from **Evil** **One**. <sup>4</sup> **The** **Lord** **gives** **us** **confidence** **that** **you** **are** **doing** **what** **we** **told** **you** and **that** **you** **will** **continue** to **do** **it**. <sup>5</sup> **We** **pray** **that** **the** **Lord** **will** **cause** **you** to **feel** **God's** **love** and **remember** **Christ's** **patient** **endurance**.

**The** **Obligation** to **Work**

<sup>6</sup> Brothers and sisters, **by** **the** **authority** of **our** **Lord** **Jesus**

I TO BE ... PEOPLE Some Greek copies say, "from the beginning."

Christ |strong="G5547" we |strong="G2249" tell you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2596" stay away |strong="G0575" from |strong="G0575" any |strong="G3956" believer who |strong="G3739" refuses to |strong="G2596" work. People |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3739" refuse to |strong="G2596" work are |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3361" following |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3956" teaching that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" gave |strong="G3853" them |strong="G1722".<sup>7</sup> You |strong="G5210" yourselves |strong="G0846" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G1163" live like |strong="G0846" we |strong="G2249" do |strong="G1492". We |strong="G2249" were |strong="G3748" not |strong="G3756" lazy when |strong="G1492" we |strong="G2249" were |strong="G3748" with |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210".<sup>8</sup> We |strong="G2532" never |strong="G3361" accepted food |strong="G0740" from |strong="G3844" anyone |strong="G5100" without |strong="G3361" paying for |strong="G4314" it |strong="G2532". We |strong="G2532" worked |strong="G2038" and |strong="G2532" worked |strong="G2038" so |strong="G2532" that |strong="G2250" we |strong="G2532" would |strong="G5100" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" burden |strong="G1912" to |strong="G4314" any |strong="G5100" of |strong="G2250" you |strong="G5210". We |strong="G2532" worked |strong="G2038" night |strong="G3571" and |strong="G2532" day |strong="G2250".<sup>9</sup> We |strong="G2249" had |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1849" to |strong="G1519" ask you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" help us |strong="G1325". But |strong="G0235" we |strong="G2249" worked to |strong="G1519" take |strong="G2192" care of |strong="G1849" ourselves |strong="G1438" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" would be |strong="G2192" an |strong="G2192" example |strong="G3401" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" follow |strong="G3401".<sup>10</sup> When |strong="G3753" we |strong="G3778" were |strong="G1510" with |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210", we |strong="G3778" gave |strong="G3853" you |strong="G5210" this |strong="G3778" rule: "Whoever |strong="G3748" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" work |strong="G2038" should |strong="G5100" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" allowed to |strong="G4314" eat |strong="G2068"."

<sup>11</sup> We |strong="G0191" hear |strong="G0191" that |strong="G0191" some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G5100" in |strong="G1722"

your |strong="G1722" group refuse to |strong="G1722" work |strong="G2038". They |strong="G1722" are doing |strong="G2038" nothing |strong="G3367" except |strong="G0235" being |strong="G4771" busy in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G1722" lives of |strong="G5100" others |strong="G5100".<sup>12</sup> Our |strong="G2424" instruction |strong="G3853" to |strong="G2443" them |strong="G1722" is |strong="G2962" to |strong="G2443" stop bothering others |strong="G3588", to |strong="G2443" start working and |strong="G2532" earn their |strong="G1438" own |strong="G1438" food |strong="G0740". It |strong="G1161" is |strong="G2962" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" authority of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" that |strong="G2443" we |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" urging |strong="G3870" them |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588".<sup>13</sup> Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sisters, never |strong="G3361" get tired of |strong="G0080" doing |strong="G2569" good |strong="G2569".

<sup>14</sup> If |strong="G1487" there |strong="G1161" are |strong="G3778" some |strong="G5100" there |strong="G1161" who |strong="G3588" refuse |strong="G3756" to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G3361" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2249" tell you |strong="G1487" in |strong="G3056" this |strong="G3778" letter |strong="G1992", remember who |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3778". Don't |strong="G3756" associate |strong="G4874" with |strong="G1223" them |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G1161" maybe they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3778" feel ashamed.<sup>15</sup> But |strong="G0235" don't |strong="G3361" treat them |strong="G2233" as |strong="G5613" enemies |strong="G2190". Counsel them |strong="G2233" as |strong="G5613" fellow believers.

#### Final Words |strong="G2532"

<sup>16</sup> We |strong="G1161" pray that |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" of |strong="G1223" peace |strong="G1515" will |strong="G2962" give |strong="G1325" you |strong="G5210" peace |strong="G1515" at |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" times and |strong="G1161" in |strong="G1722" every |strong="G3956" way |strong="G5158". The |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" be |strong="G3956" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3956".

<sup>17</sup> Here's my |strong="G1699" greeting |strong="G0783" in |strong="G1722" my |strong="G1699" own |strong="G1699" handwrit-

ing— PAUL |STRONG="G3972". I |strong="G3739"  
do |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3779"  
in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956"  
my |strong="G1699" letters |strong="G1992"  
to |strong="G1722" show they |strong="G3739"  
are |strong="G1510" from |strong="G4592" me.  
This |strong="G3779" is |strong="G1510"

the |strong="G3956" way |strong="G3779"  
I |strong="G3739" write |strong="G1125".

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="G3956" grace |strong="G5485"  
of |strong="G5485" our |strong="G2424"  
Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424"  
Christ |strong="G5547" be |strong="G3956"  
with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210"  
all |strong="G3956".

# 1 Timothy

**1** Greetings from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am an apostle by the command of God our Savior Christ Jesus our hope.

**2** To a true son of me the faithful we share.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Warnings Against False Teachings

**3** When I went to Macedonia, I asked you to stay in Ephesus. Some people there are teaching things that are not true, and I want you to tell them to stop. **4** Tell them not to give their time to meaningless stories and long lists of names to prove their family histories. Such things only cause arguments.

They don't help God's work, which is done only by faith. **5** My purpose in telling you to do this is to promote love—the kind of love shown by those whose thoughts are pure, who do what they know is right, and whose faith in God is real. **6** But some have missed this key point in their teaching and have gone off in another direction. Now they talk about things that help no one. **7** They want to be of law, but they don't know what they are talking about. They don't even understand things they say are sure of.

**8** We know that the law is good if someone uses it right. **9** We also know that

<sup>1</sup> LAW Probably the Jewish law that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. See Exodus 19 and 20. Also in verse 8.



the law is not made those do is It made those are the and to The is sinners are and is him is those have in and those their mothers else is those who those those the and who of teaching of Good that blessed In we In

work of serving him. He gives me strength the past I insulted Christ. As a proud and violent man, I persecuted his people. But God gave me mercy because I did not know what I was doing before I became a believer. But our Lord gave me a full measure of his grace. And with that grace faith and love that in Jesus

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Here is a true statement that should be accepted without question: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and I am the worst of them. But I was given mercy so in Christ Jesus could show he has patience without limit. Christ showed his patience with me, the worst of all sinners. He wanted me to be an example for those

Thanks for God's Mercy

I thank Christ our Lord because he trusted me and gave me this

who *strong="G3588"* would *strong="G3195"* believe *strong="G4100"* in *strong="G1722"* him *strong="G0846"* and *strong="G2424"* have *strong="G1653"* eternal *strong="G0166"* life *strong="G2222"*. <sup>17</sup> Honor *strong="G5092"* and *strong="G2532"* glory *strong="G1391"* to *strong="G1519"* the *strong="G3588"* King *strong="G0935"* who *strong="G3588"* rules forever *strong="G0165"*. He *strong="G2532"* cannot be *strong="G2532"* destroyed and *strong="G2532"* cannot be *strong="G2532"* seen. Honor *strong="G5092"* and *strong="G2532"* glory *strong="G1391"* forever *strong="G0165"* and *strong="G2532"* ever *strong="G0165"* to *strong="G1519"* the *strong="G3588"* only *strong="G3441"* God *strong="G2316"*. Amen *strong="G0281"*.

<sup>18</sup> Timothy *strong="G5095"*, you *strong="G4771"* are *strong="G3778"* like *strong="G2596"* a *strong="G1909"* son *strong="G5043"* to *strong="G2443"* me *strong="G1909"*. What *strong="G3588"* I *strong="G3778"* am telling you *strong="G4771"* to *strong="G2443"* do agrees with *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* prophecies *strong="G4394"*<sup>1</sup> that *strong="G2443"* were *strong="G3778"* told about *strong="G1909"* you *strong="G4771"* in *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* past. I *strong="G3778"* want you *strong="G4771"* to *strong="G2443"* remember those *strong="G3588"* prophecies *strong="G4394"* and *strong="G0846"* fight *strong="G4752"* the *strong="G3588"* good *strong="G2570"* fight *strong="G4752"* of *strong="G1909"* faith. <sup>19</sup> Continue *strong="G2532"* to *strong="G2532"* trust in *strong="G2532"* God and *strong="G2532"* do *strong="G2192"* what *strong="G3739"* you *strong="G3739"* know is *strong="G3739"* right. Some *strong="G5100"* people *strong="G5100"* have *strong="G2192"* not *strong="G3739"* done this *strong="G3588"*, and *strong="G2532"* their *strong="G2532"* faith *strong="G4102"* is *strong="G3739"* now *strong="G2532"* in *strong="G2532"* ruins. <sup>20</sup> Hy-  
menaeus *strong="G5211"* and *strong="G2532"* Alexander *strong="G0223"* are *strong="G1510"* men like that *strong="G3739"*. I *strong="G3739"* have *strong="G1510"* given *strong="G3860"* them *strong="G3739"* to *strong="G2443"* Satan *strong="G4567"* so *strong="G2443"* that *strong="G3739"* they *strong="G3739"* will *strong="G1510"* learn not *strong="G3361"* to *strong="G2443"* speak against *strong="G0987"* God.

<sup>1</sup> PROPHECIES Things that prophets said about Timothy's life before those things happened.

## God Wants Us to Pray for Everyone

<sup>2</sup> First *strong="G4413"* of *strong="G3956"* all *strong="G3956"*, I *strong="G3767"* ask *strong="G3870"* that *strong="G3956"* you *strong="G4160"* pray *strong="G1162"* for *strong="G5228"* all *strong="G3956"* people *strong="G0444"*. Ask *strong="G3870"* God *strong="G4160"* to *strong="G0444"* bless them *strong="G4160"* and *strong="G4160"* give *strong="G4160"* them *strong="G4160"* what they *strong="G3767"* need. And *strong="G4160"* give *strong="G4160"* thanks *strong="G2169"*. <sup>2</sup> You *strong="G1722"* should *strong="G2443"* pray *strong="G2443"* for *strong="G5228"* rulers and *strong="G2532"* for *strong="G5228"* all *strong="G3956"* who *strong="G3588"* have *strong="G1510"* authority *strong="G5247"*. Pray *strong="G2443"* for *strong="G5228"* these *strong="G3588"* leaders so *strong="G2443"* that *strong="G2443"* we *strong="G2532"* can live *strong="G0979"* quiet *strong="G2272"* and *strong="G2532"* peaceful lives—lives full *strong="G3956"* of *strong="G0935"* devotion to *strong="G2443"* God and *strong="G2532"* respect *strong="G3956"* for *strong="G5228"* him *strong="G2532"*. <sup>3</sup> This *strong="G3778"* is *strong="G2316"* good *strong="G2570"* and *strong="G2532"* pleases God *strong="G2316"* our *strong="G2316"* Savior *strong="G4990"*.  
<sup>4</sup> God wants *strong="G2309"* every-one *strong="G3956"* to *strong="G1519"* be *strong="G2532"* saved *strong="G4982"* and *strong="G2532"* to *strong="G1519"* fully understand the *strong="G3956"* truth *strong="G0225"*. <sup>5</sup> There *strong="G0444"* is *strong="G2316"* only *strong="G2532"* one *strong="G1520"* God *strong="G2316"*, and *strong="G2532"* there *strong="G0444"* is *strong="G2316"* only *strong="G2532"* one *strong="G1520"* way that *strong="G2316"* people *strong="G0444"* can reach God *strong="G2316"*. That *strong="G2316"* way is *strong="G2316"* through Christ *strong="G5547"*. Jesus *strong="G2424"*, who *strong="G0444"* as *strong="G2532"* a *strong="G1520"* man *strong="G0444"*<sup>6</sup> gave *strong="G1325"* himself *strong="G1438"* to *strong="G1325"* pay *strong="G1325"* for *strong="G5228"* every-one *strong="G3956"* to *strong="G1325"* be *strong="G3956"* free. This *strong="G3588"* is *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3956"* message that *strong="G3956"* was *strong="G3588"* given *strong="G1325"* to *strong="G1325"* us *strong="G1325"* at *strong="G3588"* just the *strong="G3956"* right *strong="G2540"* time *strong="G2540"*. <sup>7</sup> And *strong="G2532"* I *strong="G1473"* was *strong="G3739"* chosen as *strong="G1519"* an *strong="G2532"* apos-

tle |strong="G0652" to |strong="G1519"  
 tell |strong="G3004" people |strong="G1484"  
 that |strong="G3739" message. ( I |strong="G1473"  
 am |strong="G1473" telling |strong="G3004"  
 the |strong="G2532" truth |strong="G0225".  
 I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1473"  
 not |strong="G3756" lying |strong="G5574".)  
 I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3739" chosen  
 to |strong="G1519" teach those |strong="G1722"  
 who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739"  
 not |strong="G3756" Jews to |strong="G1519" believe  
 and |strong="G2532" understand the |strong="G2532"  
 truth |strong="G0225".

**Special Instructions  
 for |strong="G1519" Men and |strong="G2532"  
 Women**

8 I |strong="G2532" want |strong="G1014"  
 the |strong="G3956" men |strong="G0435" every-  
 where to |strong="G2532" pray |strong="G4336".  
 Men |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3588"  
 lift |strong="G1869" their |strong="G2532"  
 hands |strong="G5495" in |strong="G1722"  
 prayer |strong="G4336" must |strong="G3588"  
 be |strong="G2532" devoted to |strong="G2532" God  
 and |strong="G2532" pleasing to |strong="G2532"  
 him |strong="G2532". They |strong="G3767"  
 must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G2532"  
 men |strong="G0435" who |strong="G3588" keep  
 themselves |strong="G1722" from |strong="G5565"  
 getting angry and |strong="G2532" hav-  
 ing |strong="G3767" arguments.

9 And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" want  
 the |strong="G2532" women |strong="G1135"  
 to |strong="G2532" make |strong="G3361" them-  
 selves |strong="G1438" attractive in |strong="G1722"  
 the |strong="G2532" right way |strong="G5615".  
 Their |strong="G1438" clothes |strong="G2441"  
 should |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" sensible  
 and |strong="G2532" appropriate.  
 They |strong="G2532" should |strong="G2532"  
 not |strong="G3361" draw attention  
 to |strong="G2532" themselves |strong="G1438"  
 with |strong="G3326" fancy hairstyles  
 or |strong="G2228" gold |strong="G5553" jewel-  
 ry |strong="G5553" or |strong="G2228"  
 pearls |strong="G3135" or |strong="G2228" expen-  
 sive |strong="G4185" clothes |strong="G2441". 10  
 But |strong="G0235" they |strong="G3739" should  
 make themselves attractive by |strong="G1223"  
 the |strong="G1223" good |strong="G0018"  
 things |strong="G3739" they |strong="G3739"  
 do |strong="G2041". That |strong="G3739"  
 is |strong="G3739" more appropriate  
 for |strong="G1223" women |strong="G1135"  
 who |strong="G3739" say |strong="G1223"  
 they |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" devoted  
 to |strong="G1861" God |strong="G1861".

11 A |strong="G1135" woman |strong="G1135"  
 should learn |strong="G3129" while |strong="G1722"  
 listening quietly |strong="G2271" and |strong="G1135"  
 being |strong="G1135" completely willing  
 to |strong="G1722" obey. 12 I |strong="G1161"  
 don't |strong="G3756" allow |strong="G2010"  
 a |strong="G1510" woman |strong="G1135"  
 to |strong="G1722" teach |strong="G1321"  
 a |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0435"  
 or |strong="G3761" tell him |strong="G1722"  
 what |strong="G0235" to |strong="G1722"  
 do |strong="G1510". She |strong="G1135"  
 must |strong="G1135" listen quietly |strong="G2271",  
 13 because |strong="G1063" Adam |strong="G0076"  
 was made first |strong="G4413". Eve |strong="G2096"  
 was made later. 14 Also |strong="G2532",  
 Adam |strong="G0076" was |strong="G3588"  
 not |strong="G3756" the |strong="G3588"  
 one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588"  
 was |strong="G3588" tricked. 1 It |strong="G1161"  
 was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588"  
 woman |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3588"  
 was |strong="G3588" tricked and |strong="G2532" be-  
 came |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" sinner. 15  
 But |strong="G1161" women will |strong="G2532"  
 be |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982"  
 in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G2532"  
 work |strong="G0038" of |strong="G1223" having chil-  
 dren |strong="G5042". They |strong="G2532"  
 will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532"  
 saved |strong="G4982" if |strong="G1437"  
 they |strong="G2532" continue |strong="G3306"  
 to |strong="G2532" live in |strong="G1722"  
 faith |strong="G4102", love |strong="G0026",  
 and |strong="G2532" holiness |strong="G0038"  
 with |strong="G3326" sensible behavior.

**Leaders in the Church**

3 It |strong="G2041" is |strong="G5100"  
 a |strong="G1487" true state-  
 ment |strong="G3056" that |strong="G5100" any-  
 one |strong="G5100" whose goal is |strong="G5100"  
 to |strong="G5100" serve as |strong="G3056" an elder  
 II has |strong="G5100" his |strong="G1487" heart set  
 on |strong="G5100" a |strong="G1487"  
 good |strong="G2570" work |strong="G2041". 2  
 An |strong="G1510" elder III must |strong="G1163"  
 be |strong="G1510" such a |strong="G1510"  
 good |strong="G1510" man |strong="G0435"  
 that |strong="G3767" no one |strong="G1520" can  
 rightly criticize him |strong="G1210".  
 He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163"  
 be |strong="G1510" faithful to |strong="G1163"  
 his |strong="G3767" wife |strong="G1135". IV  
 He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163"

I ADAM WAS NOT ... TRICKED The devil tricked Eve, and Eve caused Adam to sin. See Genesis 3:1-13. II WHOSE ... ELDER Literally, "who aspires to supervision." III ELDER Here, literally, "overseer." See "el-

have |strong="G1510" self-control and |strong="G1135" be |strong="G1510" wise. He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1510" respected by |strong="G1520" others |strong="G3588". He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1510" ready to |strong="G1163" help people |strong="G1510" by |strong="G1520" welcoming them |strong="G1510" into |strong="G1135" his |strong="G3767" home. He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" good |strong="G1510" teacher. <sup>3</sup> He |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3361" drink too much, and |strong="G0235" he |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3361" someone who likes to |strong="G3943" fight. He |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" be |strong="G3361" gentle |strong="G1933" and |strong="G0235" peaceful. He |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3361" someone who loves money |strong="G0866". <sup>4</sup> He |strong="G1722" must |strong="G3588" be |strong="G3956" a |strong="G2192" good |strong="G2573" leader of |strong="G3624" his |strong="G3956" own |strong="G2398" family |strong="G3624". This |strong="G3588" means |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3956" his |strong="G3956" children |strong="G5043" obey |strong="G3326" him |strong="G1722" with |strong="G3326" full |strong="G3956" respect |strong="G3956". <sup>5</sup> If |strong="G1487" a |strong="G1487" man |strong="G5100" does |strong="G1492" not |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" how |strong="G4459" to |strong="G5100" lead his |strong="G2398" own |strong="G2398" family |strong="G3624", he |strong="G1161" will |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2316" able to |strong="G5100" take |strong="G1959" care |strong="G1959" of |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316" church |strong="G1577".

<sup>6</sup> An elder must |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3361" a |strong="G3361" new |strong="G3504" believer. It |strong="G1519" might make |strong="G3361" him |strong="G2443" too proud of |strong="G1519" himself |strong="G1519". Then |strong="G2443" he would be |strong="G3361" condemned |strong="G2917" for |strong="G1519" his |strong="G1519" pride the |strong="G3588" same as |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" devil |strong="G1228" was |strong="G3588". <sup>7</sup> An |strong="G2192" elder must |strong="G1163" also |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" respect |strong="G1519"

ders (New Testament)" in the Word List. IV FAITHFUL TO HIS WIFE Literally, "a man of one woman."

of |strong="G0575" people |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3361" part of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" church. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1163" criticized by |strong="G0575" others |strong="G3588" and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1163" caught in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" devil's trap |strong="G3803".

### Special Servants

<sup>8</sup> In |strong="G4183" the |strong="G4183" same |strong="G5615" way |strong="G5615", the |strong="G4183" men |strong="G4586" who |strong="G4183" are |strong="G4183" chosen to |strong="G4183" be |strong="G4183" special servants |strong="G1249" must have |strong="G4183" the |strong="G4183" respect of |strong="G1249" others. They must not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G4183" men |strong="G4586" who |strong="G4183" say things |strong="G4183" they don't |strong="G3361" mean or |strong="G3361" who |strong="G4183" spend their time drinking |strong="G3631" too much |strong="G4183". They must not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G4183" men |strong="G4586" who |strong="G4183" will |strong="G4183" do |strong="G3361" almost anything for |strong="G4183" money. <sup>9</sup> They |strong="G2192" must |strong="G3588" follow the |strong="G3588" true faith |strong="G4102" that |strong="G1722" God has |strong="G2192" now |strong="G1722" made known to |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722" and |strong="G4102" always do |strong="G2192" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G2192" know is |strong="G3588" right. <sup>10</sup> You |strong="G1510" should |strong="G3778" test |strong="G1381" them |strong="G3778" first |strong="G4413". Then |strong="G2532", if |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1510" find that |strong="G3778" they |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" done nothing wrong, they |strong="G2532" can be |strong="G1510" special servants.

<sup>11</sup> In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G5615" way |strong="G5615", the |strong="G3956" women |strong="G1135" must |strong="G1135" have |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" respect |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" others |strong="G3956". They |strong="G1722" must |strong="G1135" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3956" women |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3956" speak evil about |strong="G1722" other peo-

I WOMEN Probably the women who serve as special servants (see Rom. 16:1). It could be translated, "their wives," meaning the wives of the special servants, although there is no word for "their" in the Greek text.

ple|strong="G3956". They|strong="G1722" must|strong="G1135" have|strong="G3956" self-control and|strong="G1135" be|strong="G3956" women|strong="G1135" who|strong="G3956" can be|strong="G3956" trusted in|strong="G1722" everything|strong="G3956".

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="G3588" men|strong="G0435" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" special servants|strong="G1249" must|strong="G1135" be|strong="G1510" faithful in|strong="G2532" marriage|strong="G1135". <sup>1</sup> They|strong="G2532" must|strong="G1135" be|strong="G1510" good|strong="G2573" leaders of|strong="G3624" children|strong="G5043" and|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" own|strong="G2398" families|strong="G3624". <sup>13</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G2532" well|strong="G2573" as|strong="G1722" special servants are|strong="G3588" making an|strong="G2532" honorable|strong="G2570" place|strong="G1722" for|strong="G1063" themselves|strong="G1438". And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G4183" feel very|strong="G4183" sure of|strong="G1722" their|strong="G1438" faith|strong="G4102" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424".

**The|strong="G3588" Secret of|strong="G1722" Our|strong="G2424" Life**

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="G3778" hope|strong="G1679" I|strong="G3778" can come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771" soon|strong="G5034". But|strong="G3778" I|strong="G3778" am writing|strong="G1125" this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G4771" now|strong="G1722", <sup>15</sup> so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443", even|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1437" I|strong="G1437" cannot come|strong="G1510" soon|strong="G1722", you|strong="G1437" will|strong="G2316" know|strong="G1492" how|strong="G4459" people|strong="G1492" should|strong="G1163" live|strong="G2198" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" family|strong="G3624"<sup>II</sup> of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316". That|strong="G2443" family|strong="G3624" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316". And|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316" church|strong="G1577" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" support|strong="G1477" and|strong="G2532" foundation of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225". <sup>16</sup> With-

<sup>I</sup> FAITHFUL IN MARRIAGE Literally, "a man of one woman." <sup>II</sup> FAMILY Literally, "house." This could mean that God's people are like God's temple.

out|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" doubt, the|strong="G3588" secret of|strong="G4151" our|strong="G2532" life|strong="G4561" of|strong="G4151" worship is|strong="G1510" great|strong="G3173".

Christ <sup>III</sup> was|strong="G1510" shown|strong="G5319" to|strong="G2532" us|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" human|strong="G4561" form;

the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" proved that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" right;

he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" seen|strong="G3708" by|strong="G1722" angels|strong="G0032".

The|strong="G3588" message about|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510" told to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" nations|strong="G1484"; people|strong="G1484" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" believed|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3739";

he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" taken|strong="G0353" up|strong="G0353" to|strong="G2532" heaven in|strong="G1722" glory|strong="G1391".

**A Warning About False Teachers**

<sup>4</sup> The|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" clearly says|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3754" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" last times|strong="G2540" some|strong="G5100" will|strong="G5100" turn away|strong="G0868" from|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2532" believe. They|strong="G2532" will|strong="G5100" obey spirits|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3754" tell|strong="G3004" lies. And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G5100" follow the|strong="G3588" teachings|strong="G1319" of|strong="G4151" demons|strong="G1140". <sup>2</sup> Those|strong="G3588" teachings come through|strong="G1722" people|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" tell lies and|strong="G5272" trick others|strong="G3588". These|strong="G3588" evil people|strong="G3588" cannot see what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" right and|strong="G5272" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" wrong. It is|strong="G3588" like their|strong="G1722" conscience|strong="G4893" has been destroyed with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1722" hot iron. <sup>3</sup> They|strong="G3739" say that|strong="G3739" it|strong="G3739" is|strong="G2316" wrong to|strong="G1519" marry|strong="G1060". And|strong="G2532"

<sup>III</sup> CHRIST Literally, "who." Some Greek copies have "God."

they|strong="G3739" say that|strong="G3739" there|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" some|strong="G3588" foods|strong="G1033" that|strong="G3739" people|strong="G3588" must|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3739" eat. But|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" made these|strong="G3739" foods|strong="G1033", and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" believe|strong="G4103" and|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739" understand|strong="G1921" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225" can eat them|strong="G3739" with|strong="G3326" thanks|strong="G2169". <sup>4</sup> Everything|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316" made is|strong="G2316" good|strong="G2570". Nothing|strong="G3762" he|strong="G2532" made should|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" refused if|strong="G3748" it|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2316" accepted|strong="G2983" with|strong="G3326" thanks|strong="G2169" to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G2532". <sup>5</sup> Everything he|strong="G2532" created is|strong="G2316" made holy|strong="G0037" by|strong="G1223" what|strong="G1063" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2316" said|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" by|strong="G1223" prayer|strong="G1783".

**Be|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" Good Servant of|strong="G3056" Christ Jesus|strong="G2532"**

<sup>6</sup> Tell this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters there|strong="G1510". This|strong="G3778" will|strong="G1510" show that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G2570" servant|strong="G1249" of|strong="G3056" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424". You|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" show that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" made strong by|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" words|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" faith|strong="G4102" and|strong="G2532" good|strong="G2570" teaching|strong="G1319" you|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" followed|strong="G3877". <sup>7</sup> People|strong="G3588" tell silly stories that|strong="G1161" don't agree with|strong="G4314" God's truth. Don't follow what|strong="G3588" these|strong="G3588" stories teach. But|strong="G1161" teach yourself|strong="G4572" to|strong="G4314" be|strong="G2532" devoted to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G4314". <sup>8</sup> Training your|strong="G2192" body helps you|strong="G1510" in|strong="G2532" some|strong="G3588" ways. But|strong="G1161" devotion to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G4314" helps

you|strong="G1510" in|strong="G2532" every|strong="G3956" way|strong="G3956". It|strong="G1161" brings|strong="G1510" you|strong="G1510" blessings in|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" life|strong="G2222" and|strong="G2532" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" future|strong="G3195" life|strong="G2222" too|strong="G2532". <sup>9</sup> Here is|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2532" true statement|strong="G3056" that|strong="G3956" should|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" accepted without|strong="G2532" question|strong="G3056": <sup>10</sup> We|strong="G3739" hope|strong="G1679" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G3956" Savior|strong="G4990" of|strong="G2316" all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G0444". In|strong="G1519" particular, he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" Savior|strong="G4990" of|strong="G2316" all|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3739" believe|strong="G4103" in|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3739". This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" why|strong="G1063" we|strong="G3739" work|strong="G2872" and|strong="G2532" struggle|strong="G0075".

<sup>11</sup> Command|strong="G3853" and|strong="G2532" teach|strong="G1321" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778". <sup>12</sup> You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" young, but|strong="G0235" don't|strong="G3367" let|strong="G1096" anyone|strong="G3367" treat you|strong="G4771" as|strong="G1722" if you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3367" important. Be|strong="G1096" an|strong="G1096" example to|strong="G1722" show|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" believers|strong="G4103" how they|strong="G1722" should|strong="G3367" live|strong="G0391". Show|strong="G1096" them|strong="G1722" by|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" say|strong="G3056", by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G1722" you|strong="G4771" live|strong="G0391", by|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" love|strong="G0026", by|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" faith|strong="G4102", and|strong="G4102" by|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" pure life|strong="G0391".

<sup>13</sup> Continue to|strong="G2064" read|strong="G0320" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures to|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588", encourage them, and|strong="G2064" teach them. Do this|strong="G3588" until|strong="G2193" I|strong="G2193" come|strong="G2064". <sup>14</sup> Remember to|strong="G1722" use the|strong="G3588"

gift/strong="G5486" you/strong="G4771" have/strong="G3588", which/strong="G3739" was/strong="G3739" given/strong="G1325" to/strong="G1722" you/strong="G4771" through/strong="G1223" a/strong="G1325" prophecy/strong="G4394"<sup>1</sup> when/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" group of/strong="G1223" elders/strong="G4244" laid/strong="G1936" their/strong="G1223" hands/strong="G5495" on/strong="G1722" you/strong="G4771".<sup>15</sup> Continue to/strong="G2443" do/strong="G1510" these/strong="G3778" things/strong="G3778". Give your/strong="G3956" life to/strong="G2443" doing them/strong="G1722". Then/strong="G3956" everyone/strong="G3956" can see that/strong="G2443" your/strong="G3956" work is/strong="G1510" progressing.<sup>16</sup> Be/strong="G2532" careful in/strong="G2532" your/strong="G4160" life and/strong="G2532" in/strong="G2532" your/strong="G4160" teaching/strong="G1319". Continue/strong="G1961" to/strong="G2532" live and/strong="G2532" teach rightly. Then/strong="G2532" you/strong="G4771" will/strong="G3778" save/strong="G4982" yourself/strong="G4572" and/strong="G2532" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" listen/strong="G0191" to/strong="G2532" your/strong="G4160" teaching/strong="G1319".

**5** Don't/strong="G3361" speak angrily to/strong="G0080" an/strong="G5613" old-er/strong="G4245" man/strong="G3361". But/strong="G0235" talk to/strong="G0080" him/strong="G3870" as/strong="G5613" if/strong="G5613" he/strong="G5613" were/strong="G0080" your/strong="G3870" father/strong="G3962". Treat the/strong="G5613" younger/strong="G3501" men/strong="G4245" like/strong="G5613" brothers/strong="G0080".<sup>2</sup> Treat the/strong="G3956" older/strong="G4245" women/strong="G4245" like/strong="G5613" mothers/strong="G3384". And/strong="G3384" treat the/strong="G3956" younger/strong="G3501" women/strong="G4245" with/strong="G1722" respect/strong="G3956" like/strong="G5613" sisters/strong="G0079".

#### Taking Care of/strong="G3956" Widows

<sup>3</sup> Take care of/strong="G3588" wid-ows/strong="G5503" who/strong="G3588" really/strong="G3689" need help.<sup>4</sup> But/strong="G1161" if/strong="G1487" a/strong="G2192" wid-ow/strong="G5503" has/strong="G2192" chil-dren/strong="G5043" or/strong="G2228" grandchil-dren/strong="G1549", the/strong="G3588" first/strong="G4412" thing/strong="G3778" they/strong="G2532" need/strong="G2192"

I PROPHECY Something said about Timothy's life before that thing happened.

to/strong="G2532" learn/strong="G3129" is/strong="G1510" this/strong="G3778": to/strong="G2532" show/strong="G2192" their/strong="G2532" devotion to/strong="G2532" God/strong="G2316" by/strong="G2228" taking care of/strong="G2316" their/strong="G2532" own/strong="G2398" family/strong="G3624". They/strong="G2532" will/strong="G2316" be/strong="G1510" repaying their/strong="G2532" parents/strong="G4269", and/strong="G2532" this/strong="G3778" pleases God/strong="G2316".<sup>5</sup> A/strong="G2532" widow/strong="G5503" who/strong="G3588" really/strong="G3689" needs help is/strong="G2316" one/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" has/strong="G2316" been/strong="G2532" left/strong="G3443" all/strong="G3588" alone/strong="G3443". She trusts God/strong="G2316" to/strong="G1909" take care of/strong="G2250" her/strong="G1679". She prays all/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" time/strong="G2250", night/strong="G3571" and/strong="G2532" day/strong="G2250", and/strong="G2532" asks God/strong="G2316" for/strong="G1909" help.<sup>6</sup> But/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" widow who/strong="G3588" uses her life/strong="G2198" to/strong="G2198" please herself/strong="G4684" is/strong="G3588" really dead/strong="G2348" while/strong="G1161" she is/strong="G3588" still living/strong="G2198".<sup>7</sup> Tell the/strong="G2532" believers there/strong="G1510" to/strong="G2443" take care of/strong="G2532" their/strong="G2532" family so/strong="G2443" that/strong="G2443" no one/strong="G3778" can say they/strong="G2532" are/strong="G1510" doing wrong.<sup>8</sup> Everyone should/strong="G5100" take care of/strong="G5100" all/strong="G3588" their/strong="G2532" own/strong="G2398" peo-ple/strong="G1510". Most important, they/strong="G2532" should/strong="G5100" take care of/strong="G5100" their/strong="G2532" own/strong="G2398" family. If/strong="G1487" they/strong="G2532" do/strong="G1510" not/strong="G3756" do/strong="G1510" that/strong="G1161", then/strong="G2532" they/strong="G2532" do/strong="G1510" not/strong="G3756" accept what/strong="G3588" we/strong="G1487" believe. They/strong="G2532" are/strong="G1510" worse/strong="G5501" than/strong="G2532" someone/strong="G5100" who/strong="G3588" does/strong="G1510" not/strong="G3756" even/strong="G2532" believe in/strong="G2532" God.

<sup>9</sup> To/strong="G1096" be/strong="G1096" added to/strong="G1096" your/strong="G1096" list/strong="G2639" of/strong="G0435" wid-ows/strong="G5503", a/strong="G1096" woman/strong="G1135" must/strong="G1135" be/strong="G1096" 60 years/strong="G2094" old

or *strong*="G3361" older. She *strong*="G1135" must *strong*="G1135" have *strong*="G1096" been *strong*="G1096" faithful to *strong*="G1096" her *strong*="G0435" husband *strong*="G0435".<sup>10</sup> She *strong*="G1487" must be *strong*="G3956" known for *strong*="G1722" the *strong*="G3956" good *strong*="G0018" she *strong*="G1487" has *strong*="G2041" done *strong*="G2041": raising children *strong*="G5044", welcoming travelers in- to *strong*="G1722" her *strong*="G3956" home, serving the *strong*="G3956" needs *strong*="G2041" of God's people *strong*="G3956", helping those *strong*="G1722" in *strong*="G1722" trouble, and *strong*="G0040" using her *strong*="G3956" life to *strong*="G1722" do *strong*="G2041" all *strong*="G3956" kinds *strong*="G3956" of *strong*="G2041" good *strong*="G0018".

<sup>11</sup> But *strong*="G1161" don't put younger *strong*="G3501" widows *strong*="G5503" on *strong*="G1161" that *strong*="G1161" list. When *strong*="G3752" their *strong*="G3752" strong physical needs pull them away from *strong*="G3588" their *strong*="G3752" commitment to *strong*="G2309" Christ *strong*="G5547", they *strong*="G3752" will *strong*="G2309" want *strong*="G2309" to *strong*="G2309" mar- ry *strong*="G1060" again.<sup>12</sup> Then *strong*="G3754" they *strong*="G3754" will *strong*="G3748" be *strong*="G4413" guilty of *strong*="G3588" not do- ing what *strong*="G3588" they *strong*="G3754" first *strong*="G4413" promised to *strong*="G4413" do *strong*="G2192".<sup>13</sup> Also *strong*="G2532", these *strong*="G3588" younger widows begin to *strong*="G2532" waste their *strong*="G2532" time *strong*="G0260" going from *strong*="G2980" house *strong*="G3614" to *strong*="G2532" house *strong*="G3614". They *strong*="G2532" al- so *strong*="G2532" begin to *strong*="G2532" gossip and *strong*="G2532" try to *strong*="G2532" run oth- er *strong*="G1161" people's lives. They *strong*="G2532" say *strong*="G2980" things *strong*="G2980" they *strong*="G2532" should *strong*="G1163" not *strong*="G3756" say *strong*="G2980".<sup>14</sup> So *strong*="G3767" I *strong*="G3767" want *strong*="G1014" the *strong*="G3588" younger *strong*="G3501" widows to *strong*="G1014" marry *strong*="G1060", have *strong*="G3588" children *strong*="G5041", and *strong*="G1060" take care of *strong*="G3588" their *strong*="G1325" homes. If they *strong*="G3767" do *strong*="G1325" this *strong*="G3588", our ene- my *strong*="G0480" will *strong*="G1325" not *strong*="G3367" have *strong*="G3588" any *strong*="G3367" reason *strong*="G5484"

I FAITHFUL TO HER HUSBAND Literally, "a woman of one man." II SERVING THE NEEDS Literally, "washing the feet," a social custom of the first century, because people wore open sandals on very dusty roads.

to *strong*="G1014" criticize them *strong*="G1325".<sup>15</sup> But *strong*="G1063" some *strong*="G5100" of *strong*="G5100" the *strong*="G3588" younger wid- ows have *strong*="G5100" already *strong*="G2235" turned *strong*="G1624" away to *strong*="G5100" fol- low *strong*="G3694" Satan *strong*="G4567".

<sup>16</sup> If *strong*="G1487" any *strong*="G5100" woman *strong*="G5100" who *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G5100" a *strong*="G2192" believ- er *strong*="G4103" has *strong*="G2192" wid- ows *strong*="G5503" in *strong*="G2532" her *strong*="G0846" family, she *strong*="G0846" should *strong*="G5100" take *strong*="G2192" care of *strong*="G1577" them *strong*="G0846" her- self *strong*="G0846". Then *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" church *strong*="G1577" will *strong*="G5100" not *strong*="G3361" have *strong*="G2192" that *strong*="G2443" burden and *strong*="G2532" will *strong*="G5100" be *strong*="G2532" able *strong*="G2192" to *strong*="G2443" care for *strong*="G2443" the *strong*="G3588" widows *strong*="G5503" who *strong*="G3588" have *strong*="G2192" no *strong*="G3361" one *strong*="G5100" else *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2443" help them *strong*="G0846".

#### More About *strong*="G3588" Elders and *strong*="G2532" Other *strong*="G0846" Matters

<sup>17</sup> The *strong*="G3588" elders *strong*="G4245" who *strong*="G3588" lead the *strong*="G3588" church in *strong*="G1722" a *strong*="G2532" good *strong*="G2573" way *strong*="G1722" should *strong*="G2532" receive dou- ble *strong*="G1362" honor *strong*="G5092"<sup>IV</sup>— in *strong*="G1722" particular, those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3588" do *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" work *strong*="G2872" of *strong*="G3056" counseling and *strong*="G2532" teaching *strong*="G1319".<sup>18</sup> As *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" Scriptures *strong*="G1124" say *strong*="G3004", " When *strong*="G2532" a *strong*="G3004" work animal is *strong*="G3588" be- ing used to *strong*="G3004" separate grain, don't *strong*="G3756" keep it *strong*="G0846" from *strong*="G2532" eating the *strong*="G3588" grain." <sup>V</sup> And *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" Scriptures *strong*="G1124" also *strong*="G2532" say *strong*="G3004", " A *strong*="G3004" work- er *strong*="G2040" should *strong*="G2532" be *strong*="G2532" given his *strong*="G0846" pay *strong*="G3408"."<sup>VI</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Don't *strong*="G3361" listen to *strong*="G1909" someone who *strong*="G1417" accuses an *strong*="G2228" elder *strong*="G4245".

III WOMAN ... SHE Some Greek copies have "man or woman ... he/ she." IV DOUBLE HONOR Or "double pay." V 5:18 Quote from Deuteronomy 25:4. VI 5:18 Quote from Luke 10:7.



You *should listen to them only if there are two or three who can say what the elder did wrong.* <sup>20</sup> Tell those *who sin that they are wrong.* Do *this in front of the whole church so that the others will have a warning.*

<sup>21</sup> Before *God and Christ the chosen angels, I tell you to make these judgments without any prejudice every person the same.*

<sup>22</sup> Think carefully before you *lay your hands on anyone to make him an elder. Don't share the sins of others.* Keep *yourself pure.*

<sup>23</sup> Timothy, stop *drinking only water, and drink a little wine.* This *will help your stomach, and you will not be sick so often.*

<sup>24</sup> The *sins of some people are easy to see. Their sins show that they will be judged. But*

*the sins of others are seen only later.* <sup>25</sup> It *is the same with the good things people do.* Some *are easy to see. But even if they are not obvious now, none of them will stay hidden forever.*

### Special Instructions for Slaves

**6** All *those who are slaves should show full respect to their masters.* Then *God's name and our teaching will not be criticized.* <sup>2</sup> Some *slaves have masters who are believers, so they are brothers.* Does *this mean they should show their masters less respect? No, they should serve them even better, because they are helping believers, people they should love.*

This *is what you must and tell everyone to do.*

**False Teaching *and* True Riches**

<sup>3</sup> Some people will teach what *is* false and will not agree with the true teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. They will not accept the teaching that produces a life of devotion to God. <sup>4</sup> They are proud of what they know, but they do not understand anything. They are sick with a love for arguing and fighting about words. And that brings jealousy, quarrels, insults, and evil mistreatment. <sup>5</sup> They are always making trouble, because they are people whose thinking has been confused. They have lost their understanding of the truth. They think that devotion to God is a way to get rich. <sup>6</sup> Devotion to God is, in fact, a way for people to be very rich, but only if it makes them satisfied with what they have. <sup>7</sup> When we came into the world, we brought nothing. And when we die, we can take nothing out. <sup>8</sup> So,

we have food and clothes, we will be satisfied with that. <sup>9</sup> People who want to be rich bring temptations to themselves. They are caught in a trap. They begin to want many things that hurt them. These things ruin and destroy people. <sup>10</sup> The love of money causes all kinds of evil. Some people have turned away from what we believe because they want to get more and more money. But they have caused themselves a lot of pain and sorrow.

**Some Things to Remember**

<sup>11</sup> But you belong to God. So you should stay away from those things. Always try to do what is right, to be devoted to God, and to have faith, love, patience, and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> We have to fight to keep our faith. Try as hard as you can to win that fight. Take

hold |strong="G1949" of |strong="G1799" eter-  
 nal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222".  
 It |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739"  
 the |strong="G3588" life |strong="G2222"  
 you |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3739" chosen  
 to |strong="G1519" have |strong="G2532"  
 when |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3739" con-  
 fessed |strong="G3670" your |strong="G2532"  
 faith |strong="G4102" in |strong="G1519" Je-  
 sus |strong="G2532"— that |strong="G3739" wonder-  
 ful truth that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739"  
 spoke so |strong="G2532" openly and |strong="G2532"  
 that |strong="G3739" so |strong="G2532"  
 many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G4183" heard.  
 13 Before |strong="G1799" God |strong="G2316"  
 and |strong="G2532" Christ |strong="G5547" Je-  
 sus |strong="G2424" I |strong="G2532"  
 give |strong="G3853" you |strong="G4771"  
 a |strong="G2532" command |strong="G3853". Je-  
 sus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G2316"  
 the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588"  
 who |strong="G3588" confessed that |strong="G3956"  
 same |strong="G2532" wonderful truth  
 when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" stood be-  
 fore |strong="G1799" Pontius |strong="G4194" Pi-  
 late |strong="G4091". And |strong="G2532"  
 God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316"  
 the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588"  
 who |strong="G3588" gives |strong="G2225"  
 life |strong="G2225" to |strong="G1909" every-  
 thing |strong="G3956". Now |strong="G2532"  
 I |strong="G2532" tell you |strong="G4771"  
 this |strong="G3588": 14 Do what |strong="G3588"  
 you |strong="G4771" were |strong="G3588" command-  
 ed |strong="G1785" to |strong="G5547" do without  
 fault or |strong="G0784" blame until |strong="G3360"  
 the |strong="G3588" time when |strong="G4771"  
 our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Je-  
 sus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" comes  
 again. 15 God will |strong="G3739" make  
 that |strong="G3739" happen at |strong="G3588"  
 the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G2540"  
 time |strong="G2540". God is |strong="G3739"  
 the |strong="G3588" blessed |strong="G3107"  
 and |strong="G2532" only |strong="G3441" Ruler.  
 He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3739"  
 the |strong="G3588" King |strong="G0935"  
 of |strong="G2962" all |strong="G3588"  
 kings |strong="G0935" and |strong="G2532"  
 the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962"  
 of |strong="G2962" all |strong="G3588"  
 lords |strong="G2962". 16 God is |strong="G3739"  
 the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G3441"  
 one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3739" nev-  
 er |strong="G3762" dies. He |strong="G2532"  
 lives |strong="G3611" in |strong="G2532"  
 light |strong="G5457" so |strong="G2532"  
 bright |strong="G5457" that |strong="G3739" peo-

ple |strong="G0444" cannot |strong="G1410" go near  
 it |strong="G3708". No |strong="G3762"  
 one |strong="G3762" has |strong="G2192" ever  
 seen |strong="G3708" him |strong="G3739";  
 no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762"  
 is |strong="G3739" able |strong="G1410"  
 to |strong="G1410" see |strong="G3708"  
 him |strong="G3739". All |strong="G3588" hon-  
 or |strong="G5092" and |strong="G2532" pow-  
 er |strong="G2904" belong to |strong="G1410"  
 him |strong="G3739" forever |strong="G0166".  
 Amen |strong="G0281".

17 Give |strong="G3853" this |strong="G3588" com-  
 mand |strong="G3853" to |strong="G1519"  
 those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588"  
 are |strong="G3956" rich |strong="G4145"  
 with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956"  
 things |strong="G3956" of |strong="G2316"  
 this |strong="G3588" world |strong="G0165". Tell  
 them |strong="G1722" not |strong="G3361"  
 to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G3956" proud. Tell  
 them |strong="G1722" to |strong="G1519"  
 hope |strong="G1679" in |strong="G1722"  
 God |strong="G2316", not |strong="G3361"  
 their |strong="G3956" money. Money can-  
 not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3956" trusted,  
 but |strong="G0235" God |strong="G2316" takes care  
 of |strong="G2316" us |strong="G1519" rich-  
 ly |strong="G4146". He |strong="G1722" gives  
 us |strong="G1519" everything |strong="G3956"  
 to |strong="G1519" enjoy |strong="G0619". 18 Tell  
 those |strong="G1722" who |strong="G1510"  
 are |strong="G1510" rich |strong="G4147"  
 to |strong="G1722" do |strong="G1510"  
 good |strong="G2570"— to |strong="G1722"  
 be |strong="G1510" rich |strong="G4147"  
 in |strong="G1722" good |strong="G2570"  
 works |strong="G2041". And |strong="G2570" tell  
 them |strong="G1722" they |strong="G1510" should  
 be |strong="G1510" happy to |strong="G1722" give  
 and |strong="G2570" ready |strong="G2843"  
 to |strong="G1722" share |strong="G2843". 19  
 By |strong="G1438" doing this |strong="G3588", they  
 will |strong="G3195" be |strong="G3195" saving  
 up |strong="G1519" a |strong="G1438" trea-  
 sure |strong="G0597" for |strong="G1519" them-  
 selves |strong="G1438". And |strong="G2222"  
 that |strong="G2443" treasure |strong="G0597"  
 will |strong="G3195" be |strong="G3195"  
 a |strong="G1438" strong foundation |strong="G2310"  
 on |strong="G1519" which |strong="G3588"  
 their |strong="G1438" future |strong="G3195"  
 life |strong="G2222" will |strong="G3195"  
 be |strong="G3195" built. They will |strong="G3195"  
 be |strong="G3195" able to |strong="G1519"  
 have |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588"  
 life |strong="G2222" that |strong="G2443"  
 is |strong="G3588" true life |strong="G2222".

<sup>20</sup> Timothy, God has trusted you with many things. Keep these things safe. Stay away from people who talk about useless things that are not from God and who argue against you with a knowledge that is not knowledge-

edge at all. <sup>21</sup> Some people who claim to have knowledge have gone completely away from what we believe.

God's grace be with you all.

## 2 Timothy

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am an apostle because God wanted me to be God sent me to tell people about the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, a dear son, me.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Thanksgiving and Encouragement

<sup>3</sup> I always remember you in my prayers every day and night. And in these prayers I thank God for you. He is the God of my ancestors served, and I have always served him with a clear conscience. <sup>4</sup> I remember

that you cried for me. I want very much to see you so that I can be filled with joy.

<sup>5</sup> I remember your true faith. That kind of faith first belonged to your grandmother Lois and to your mother Eunice. I know you now have that same faith. <sup>6</sup> That is why I want you to remember the gift God gave you when I laid hands on you. Now I want you to use that gift and let it grow more and more, like a small flame grows into a fire. <sup>7</sup> The Spirit gave us does not make us afraid. His Spirit is a source of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup> So don't be ashamed to tell people

that you are a Christian.

about |strong="G2596" our |strong="G2316" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G0846". And |strong="G2316" don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2316" ashamed |strong="G1870" of |strong="G2316" me |strong="G1473"— I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1870" in |strong="G2596" prison for |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962". But |strong="G0235" suffer |strong="G4777" with |strong="G2316" me |strong="G1473" for |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098". God |strong="G2316" gives us the |strong="G3588" strength |strong="G1411" to |strong="G2596" do |strong="G3361" that |strong="G0846".

<sup>9</sup> God |strong="G1325" saved |strong="G4982" us |strong="G1325" and |strong="G2532" chose us |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2596" be |strong="G2532" his |strong="G1325" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3588", but |strong="G0235" not |strong="G3756" because |strong="G1722" of |strong="G5485" anything |strong="G0235" we |strong="G2249" ourselves |strong="G2249" did |strong="G1325". God |strong="G1325" saved |strong="G4982" us |strong="G1325" and |strong="G2532" made |strong="G4982" us |strong="G1325" his |strong="G1325" people |strong="G3588" because |strong="G1722" that |strong="G2596" was |strong="G2424" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" wanted and |strong="G2532" because |strong="G1722" of |strong="G5485" his |strong="G1325" grace |strong="G5485". That |strong="G2596" grace |strong="G5485" was |strong="G2424" given |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2596" us |strong="G1325" through |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424" before |strong="G4253" time |strong="G5550" began |strong="G0166". <sup>10</sup> And |strong="G2532" now |strong="G1161" it |strong="G1223" has |strong="G5547" been |strong="G2532" shown |strong="G5319" to |strong="G2532" us in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" coming of |strong="G1223" our |strong="G2424" Savior |strong="G4990" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". He |strong="G2532" destroyed death |strong="G2288" and |strong="G2532" showed us the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1223" to |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" life |strong="G2222". Yes |strong="G1161", through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2098" News |strong="G2098" Jesus |strong="G2424" showed us the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1223" to |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" life |strong="G2222" that |strong="G1161" cannot be |strong="G2532" destroyed.

<sup>11</sup> I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3739" chosen to |strong="G1519" tell people that |strong="G3739" message as |strong="G1519" an |strong="G2532" apostle |strong="G0652" and |strong="G2532" teacher |strong="G1320". <sup>12</sup> And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" suffer |strong="G3958" now |strong="G2532" because |strong="G3754" of |strong="G2250" that |strong="G3754" work. But |strong="G0235" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" ashamed |strong="G1870", because |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1510" put |strong="G3982" my |strong="G3739" trust |strong="G3982" in |strong="G1519". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" sure |strong="G3982" that |strong="G3754" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" able |strong="G1415" to |strong="G1519" protect |strong="G5442" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1510" put |strong="G3982" into |strong="G1519" his |strong="G1223" care <sup>1</sup> until |strong="G1519" that |strong="G3754" Day |strong="G2250".

<sup>13</sup> What |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" heard |strong="G0191" me |strong="G1473" teach is |strong="G3739" an |strong="G2192" example |strong="G5296" of |strong="G3056" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" should |strong="G2532" teach. Follow that |strong="G3739" model of |strong="G3056" right teaching |strong="G3056" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" faith |strong="G4102" and |strong="G2532" love |strong="G0026" we |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2192" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". <sup>14</sup> This |strong="G3588" teaching is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1223" treasure that |strong="G4151" you |strong="G1722" have |strong="G1473" been trusted with |strong="G1722". Protect |strong="G5442" it |strong="G1223" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" help of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151", who |strong="G3588" lives inside |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722".

<sup>15</sup> You |strong="G3739" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" everyone |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1722" Asia |strong="G0773" has |strong="G3739" left me |strong="G1473". Even |strong="G2532" Phygelus |strong="G5436" and |strong="G2532" Hermogenes |strong="G2061" have |strong="G1510" left me |strong="G1473". <sup>16</sup> I |strong="G1473" pray that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962"

<sup>1</sup> WHAT ... CARE Or "what he has trusted me with."

will|strong="G2962" show|strong="G1325" mercy|strong="G1656" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" family|strong="G3624" of|strong="G3624" Onesiphorus|strong="G3683". Many|strong="G4178" times|strong="G4178" Onesiphorus|strong="G3683" encouraged me|strong="G1325". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" ashamed|strong="G1870" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G3588" in|strong="G2532" prison. <sup>17</sup> No|strong="G0235", he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1096" not|strong="G0235" ashamed. When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" came|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2212" Rome|strong="G4516", he|strong="G2532" looked|strong="G1096" and|strong="G2532" looked|strong="G1096" for|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473" until|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147" me|strong="G1473". <sup>18</sup> I|strong="G2532" pray that|strong="G1565" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2962" make|strong="G1325" sure|strong="G1097" Onesiphorus receives mercy|strong="G1656" from|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" God|strong="G0846" on|strong="G1722" that|strong="G1565" Day|strong="G2250". You|strong="G4771" know|strong="G1097" how|strong="G3745" many|strong="G3745" ways this|strong="G3588" brother helped me|strong="G1325" in|strong="G1722" Ephesus|strong="G2181".

#### A Loyal Soldier of Christ Jesus

<sup>2</sup> Timothy, you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1722" son|strong="G5043" to|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473". Be|strong="G3767" strong|strong="G1743" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" grace|strong="G5485" that|strong="G3767" we|strong="G3767" have|strong="G1473" because|strong="G1722" we|strong="G3767" belong to|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424". <sup>2</sup> What|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" heard|strong="G0191" me|strong="G1473" teach|strong="G1321" publicly you|strong="G3739" should|strong="G3778" teach|strong="G1321" to|strong="G2532" others|strong="G2087". Share these|strong="G3778" teachings with|strong="G3844" people|strong="G0444" you|strong="G3739" can trust. Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G3739" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" able|strong="G2425" to|strong="G2532" teach|strong="G1321" others|strong="G2087" these|strong="G3778" same|strong="G3739"

things|strong="G3778". <sup>3</sup> As|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" good|strong="G2570" soldier|strong="G4757" of|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424", accept your share of|strong="G2424" the|strong="G5613" troubles we|strong="G5613" have|strong="G5547". <sup>4</sup> A soldier|strong="G4754" wants to|strong="G2443" please|strong="G0700" his|strong="G0700" commanding officer, so|strong="G2443" he does not|strong="G3762" spend any|strong="G3762" time on activities that|strong="G2443" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3762" a part of|strong="G3588" his|strong="G0700" duty. <sup>5</sup> Athletes in|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1437" race must obey all the|strong="G2532" rules|strong="G3545" to|strong="G2532" win|strong="G4737". <sup>6</sup> The|strong="G3588" farmer|strong="G1092" who|strong="G3588" works hard|strong="G2872" deserves the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" part of|strong="G4413" the|strong="G3588" harvest|strong="G2590". <sup>7</sup> Think|strong="G3539" about|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3739" I|strong="G3739" am saying|strong="G3004". The|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G3739" help you|strong="G4771" understand|strong="G3539" it|strong="G3739" all|strong="G3956".

<sup>8</sup> Remember|strong="G3421" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547". He|strong="G2424" is|strong="G3588" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" family of|strong="G1537" David|strong="G1138". After|strong="G2596" Jesus|strong="G2424" died, he|strong="G2424" was|strong="G2424" raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G1537" death|strong="G3498". This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098" that|strong="G3421" I|strong="G1473" tell people|strong="G3588". <sup>9</sup> And|strong="G2316" because|strong="G1722" I|strong="G3739" tell that|strong="G3739" message|strong="G3056", I|strong="G3739" am suffering|strong="G2553". I|strong="G3739" am even|strong="G3360" bound|strong="G1210" with|strong="G1722" chains|strong="G1199" like|strong="G5613" someone|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2316" really done wrong. But|strong="G0235" God's|strong="G2316" message|strong="G3056" is|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" bound|strong="G1210". <sup>10</sup> So|strong="G2443" I|strong="G2532" patiently|strong="G5278" accept all|strong="G3956" these|strong="G3778" troubles. I|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" to|strong="G2443" help the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" God|strong="G0846" has|strong="G5547" chosen|strong="G1588"

so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G0846" can have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" salvation|strong="G4991" that|strong="G2443" is|strong="G3778" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424". With|strong="G3326" this|strong="G3778" salvation|strong="G4991" comes|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391" that|strong="G2443" never ends.

<sup>11</sup> Here is|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1487" true statement|strong="G3056":

If|strong="G1487" we|strong="G1487" died|strong="G4880" with|strong="G2532" him|strong="G2532",

we|strong="G1487" will|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" live|strong="G4800" with|strong="G2532" him|strong="G2532".

<sup>12</sup> If|strong="G1487" we|strong="G2249" remain faithful even|strong="G2532" in|strong="G2532" suffering,

we|strong="G2249" will|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" rule with|strong="G2532" him|strong="G2532".

If|strong="G1487" we|strong="G2249" refuse to|strong="G2532" say|strong="G1473"

we|strong="G2249" know him|strong="G2532",

he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" refuse to|strong="G2532" say|strong="G1473" he|strong="G2532" knows us.

<sup>13</sup> If|strong="G1487" we|strong="G1487" are|strong="G3306" not|strong="G3756" faithful|strong="G4103",

he|strong="G1565" will|strong="G1410" still be|strong="G1410" faithful|strong="G4103",

because|strong="G1063" he|strong="G1565" cannot|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1410" false to|strong="G1410" himself|strong="G1438".

**A|strong="G1487" Worker Who|strong="G1565" Pleases God|strong="G3306"**

<sup>14</sup> Keep|strong="G3361" on|strong="G1909" telling everyone these|strong="G3778" truths.

And|strong="G2316" warn|strong="G1263"

them|strong="G0191" before|strong="G1799"

God|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3361"

to|strong="G1909" argue about|strong="G1909"

words|strong="G3054". Such|strong="G3778" arguments don't|strong="G3361" help any-

one|strong="G3762", and|strong="G2316"

they|strong="G3778" ruin|strong="G2692"

those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" lis-

ten|strong="G0191" to|strong="G1909"

them|strong="G0191". <sup>15</sup> Do|strong="G3056"

your|strong="G3936" best to|strong="G4704"

be|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" kind

of|strong="G3056" person|strong="G3056"

God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" accept,

and|strong="G2316" give yourself|strong="G4572"

to|strong="G4704" him|strong="G3936".

Be|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2316" work-

er|strong="G2040" who|strong="G3588"

has|strong="G2316" no reason|strong="G3056"

to|strong="G4704" be|strong="G2316"

ashamed|strong="G0422" of|strong="G3056"

his|strong="G2316" work, one|strong="G3588"

who|strong="G3588" applies the|strong="G3588"

true|strong="G0225" teaching|strong="G3056"

in|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" right way.

<sup>16</sup> Stay away from|strong="G3588" peo-

ple|strong="G4183" who|strong="G3588" talk

about|strong="G1909" useless

things|strong="G4183" that|strong="G1161"

are|strong="G3588" not from|strong="G3588"

God|strong="G4183". That|strong="G1161" kind

of|strong="G1909" talk will|strong="G4183"

lead|strong="G4298" a|strong="G1909" per-

son|strong="G0952" more|strong="G4183"

and|strong="G1161" more|strong="G4183"

against|strong="G1909" God|strong="G4183". <sup>17</sup>

Their|strong="G0846" evil teaching|strong="G3056"

will|strong="G1510" spread|strong="G3542"

like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G2192" sickness in-

side the|strong="G3588" body. Hy-

menaeus|strong="G5211" and|strong="G2532" Phile-

tus|strong="G5372" are|strong="G1510"

men|strong="G0846" like|strong="G5613"

that|strong="G3739". <sup>18</sup> They|strong="G2532"

have|strong="G2532" left the|strong="G3588"

true|strong="G0225" teaching. They|strong="G2532"

say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004"

the|strong="G3588" day when|strong="G2532" peo-

ple|strong="G5100" will|strong="G5100"

be|strong="G1096" raised from|strong="G2532"

death has|strong="G4102" already|strong="G2235"

come|strong="G1096" and|strong="G2532"

gone|strong="G0795". And|strong="G2532"

they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" destroying

the|strong="G3588" faith|strong="G4102"

of|strong="G5100" some|strong="G5100" peo-

ple|strong="G5100".

<sup>19</sup> But|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316"

strong|strong="G4731" foundation|strong="G2310"

never moves, and|strong="G2532"

these|strong="G3778" words|strong="G2532"

are|strong="G1510" written on|strong="G0575"

it|strong="G0846": " The|strong="G3956"

Lord|strong="G2962" knows|strong="G1097"

those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" be-

long|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532"

him|strong="G0846".<sup>1</sup> Also|strong="G2532",

these|strong="G3778" words|strong="G2532"

are|strong="G1510" written there|strong="G1510": "

Everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" says

they|strong="G0846" believe in|strong="G2316"

the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962"

<sup>1</sup> 2:19 Quote from Numbers 16:5.



must *stop* doing *wrong*."

<sup>20</sup> In *a* *large* *house* *there* *are* *things* *made* *of* *gold* *and* *silver*. *But* *there* *are* *also* *things* *made* *of* *wood* *and* *clay*. *Some* *of* *these* *are* *used* *for* *special* *purposes*, *others* *for* *ordinary* *jobs*. <sup>21</sup> *The* *Lord* *wants* *to* *use* *you* *for* *special* *purposes*, *so* *make* *yourself* *clean* *from* *all* *evil*. *Then* *you* *will* *be* *holy*, *and* *the* *Master* *can* *use* *you*. *You* *will* *be* *ready* *for* *any* *good* *work*.

<sup>22</sup> *Stay away* *from* *the* *evil* *things* *a* *young* *person* *like* *you* *typically* *wants* *to* *do*. *Do* *your* *best* *to* *live* *right* *and* *to* *have* *faith*, *love*, *and* *peace* *together* *with* *others* *who* *trust* *in* *the* *Lord* *with* *pure* *hearts*. <sup>23</sup> *Stay away* *from* *foolish* *and* *stupid* *arguments*. *You* *know* *that* *these* *arguments* *grow* *into* *bigger* *arguments*. <sup>24</sup> *As* *a* *servant* *of* *the* *Lord*, *you* *must* *not* *argue*. *You* *must*

*be* *kind* *to* *everyone*. *You* *must* *be* *a* *good* *teacher*, *and* *you* *must* *be* *patient*. <sup>25</sup> *You* *must* *gently* *teach* *those* *who* *don't* *agree* *with* *you*. *Maybe* *God* *will* *let* *them* *change* *their* *hearts* *so* *that* *they* *can* *accept* *the* *truth*. <sup>26</sup> *The* *devil* *has* *trapped* *them* *and* *now* *makes* *them* *do* *what* *he* *wants*. *But* *maybe* *they* *can* *wake* *up* *to* *see* *what* *is* *happening* *and* *free* *themselves* *from* *the* *devil's* *trap*.

### Many People Will Stop Loving God

<sup>3</sup> *Remember* *this*: *There* *are* *some* *terrible* *times* *coming* *in* *the* *last* *days*. <sup>2</sup> *People* *will* *love* *only* *themselves* *and* *money*. *They* *will* *be* *proud* *and* *boast* *about* *themselves*. *They* *will* *abuse* *others* *with* *insults*. *They* *will* *not* *obey* *their* *parents*. *They* *will* *be* *ungrateful* *and* *against* *all* *that* *is* *pleasing* *to* *God*. <sup>3</sup> *They* *will* *have* *no* *love* *for* *others* *and* *will* *refuse* *to* *forgive* *anyone*. *They* *will* *talk* *about* *others* *to* *hurt* *them* *and* *will* *have* *no* *self-control*. *They* *will* *be* *cruel* *and* *hate* *what* *is* *good*. <sup>4</sup> *People* *will* *turn* *against* *their* *friends*. *They* *will* *do* *foolish* *things* *without* *thinking* *and* *will*

be/strong="G3123" so proud of/strong="G2228" themselves. Instead/strong="G3123" of/strong="G2228" loving God/strong="G5377", they will/strong="G3123" love pleasure/strong="G5369".<sup>5</sup> They/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3778" go on/strong="G1161" pretending to/strong="G2532" be/strong="G2532" devoted to/strong="G2532" God/strong="G0846", but/strong="G1161" they/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3778" refuse to/strong="G2532" let that/strong="G3778" "devotion" change the/strong="G3588" way/strong="G0846" they/strong="G0846" live/strong="G2192". Stay away from/strong="G2532" these/strong="G3778" people/strong="G0846"!

<sup>6</sup> Some/strong="G1537" of/strong="G1537" them/strong="G0071" go/strong="G0071" into/strong="G1519" homes and/strong="G2532" get control over/strong="G1519" weak/strong="G1133" women/strong="G1133", whose lives are/strong="G1510" full of/strong="G1537" sin/strong="G0266"— women/strong="G1133" who/strong="G3588" are/strong="G1510" led/strong="G0071" into/strong="G1519" sin/strong="G0266" by/strong="G1537" all/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3778" they/strong="G2532" want.<sup>7</sup> These women always/strong="G3842" want to/strong="G1519" learn/strong="G3129" something new, but/strong="G2532" they/strong="G2532" are/strong="G2532" never/strong="G3368" able/strong="G1410" to/strong="G1519" fully understand the/strong="G2532" truth/strong="G0225".<sup>8</sup> Just/strong="G2532" as/strong="G2532" Jannes/strong="G2389" and/strong="G2532" Jambres/strong="G2387"<sup>1</sup> fought against/strong="G4012" Moses/strong="G3475", these/strong="G3778" people/strong="G0444" fight against/strong="G4012" the/strong="G3588" truth/strong="G0225". Their/strong="G2532" thinking/strong="G3563" has/strong="G3739" been/strong="G2532" confused. The/strong="G3588" faith/strong="G4102" they/strong="G3739" have/strong="G2532" and/strong="G2532" teach is/strong="G3778" worthless.<sup>9</sup> But/strong="G0235" they/strong="G0846" will/strong="G1510" not/strong="G3756" succeed in/strong="G1909" what/strong="G3588" they/strong="G0846" are/strong="G1510" trying to/strong="G1909" do/strong="G1096". Everyone/strong="G3956" will/strong="G1510" see how/strong="G5613" foolish they/strong="G0846" are/strong="G1510". That/strong="G1565" is/strong="G1510" what/strong="G3588" happened/strong="G1096" to/strong="G1909" Jannes and/strong="G2532" Jambres.

<sup>1</sup> JANNES AND JAMBRES Probably the magicians who opposed Moses in Pharaoh's court. See Exodus 7:11-12, 22.

### Last Instructions

<sup>10</sup> But/strong="G1161" you/strong="G4771" know all/strong="G3588" about/strong="G3588" me/strong="G1473". You/strong="G4771" know what/strong="G3588" I/strong="G1473" teach and/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" way I/strong="G1473" live. You/strong="G4771" know my/strong="G3877" goal in/strong="G4102" life. You/strong="G4771" know my/strong="G3877" faith/strong="G4102", my/strong="G3877" patience/strong="G3115", and/strong="G1161" my/strong="G3877" love/strong="G0026". You/strong="G4771" know that/strong="G1161" I/strong="G1473" never stop trying.<sup>11</sup> You/strong="G1722" know about/strong="G1722" my/strong="G3956" persecutions/strong="G1375" and/strong="G2532" my/strong="G3956" sufferings/strong="G3804". You/strong="G1722" know all/strong="G3956" the/strong="G3956" things/strong="G3956" that/strong="G3956" happened/strong="G1096" to/strong="G2532" me/strong="G1473" in/strong="G1722" Antioch/strong="G0490", Iconium/strong="G2430", and/strong="G2532" Lystra/strong="G3082"— the/strong="G3956" persecution/strong="G1375" I/strong="G1473" suffered in/strong="G1722" those/strong="G3588" places. But/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3956" Lord/strong="G2962" saved me/strong="G1473" from/strong="G1537" all/strong="G3956" of/strong="G1537" it/strong="G2532".<sup>12</sup> Everyone/strong="G3956" who/strong="G3588" wants/strong="G2309" to/strong="G2309" live/strong="G2198" showing true devotion to/strong="G2309" God in/strong="G1722" Christ/strong="G5547" Jesus/strong="G2424" will/strong="G2309" be/strong="G2532" persecuted/strong="G1377".<sup>13</sup> People/strong="G0444" who/strong="G3588" are/strong="G3588" evil/strong="G4190" and/strong="G2532" cheat others/strong="G0444" will/strong="G0444" become worse/strong="G5501" and/strong="G2532" worse/strong="G5501". They/strong="G2532" will/strong="G0444" fool others/strong="G0444", but/strong="G1161" they/strong="G2532" will/strong="G0444" also/strong="G2532" be/strong="G2532" fooling themselves.

<sup>14</sup> But/strong="G1161" you/strong="G4771" should/strong="G3306" continue/strong="G3306" following/strong="G1722" the/strong="G2532" teaching you/strong="G4771" learned/strong="G3129". You/strong="G4771" know/strong="G1492" it/strong="G3708" is/strong="G5101" true, because/strong="G1722" you/strong="G4771" know/strong="G1492" you/strong="G4771" can/strong="G3306" trust those/strong="G1161" who/strong="G3739" taught/strong="G3129" you/strong="G4771".<sup>15</sup> You/strong="G4771"

have <sup>1</sup> known the Holy Scriptures since you were a child. These Scriptures are able to make you wise. And that wisdom leads to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by God and is useful for showing people what is wrong in their lives. It is useful for correcting faults and teaching the way to live. <sup>17</sup> Using those who serve God will be prepared and will have everything they need to do every good work.

<sup>4</sup> Before God and Jesus Christ I give you a command. Christ Jesus is one who will judge all people—those who are living and those who have died. He is coming again to rule in his kingdom. So I give you this command: <sup>2</sup> Tell everyone God's message. Be ready

<sup>1</sup> HOLY SCRIPTURES Writings that Jews and followers of Christ accepted to be from God—the Old Testament.

at all times to do whatever is needed. Tell people what they need to do, tell them when they are doing wrong, and encourage them. Do this with great and careful teaching.

<sup>3</sup> The time will come when people will not listen to the true teaching. But people will find more and more teachers who please them. They will find teachers who say what they want to hear. <sup>4</sup> People will stop listening to the truth. They will begin to follow the false stories. <sup>5</sup> But you should control yourself at all times. When troubles come, accept them. Do the work of the Good News. Do all the duties of a servant of God.

<sup>6</sup> My life is being given as an offering for God. The time has come for me to leave this life here. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have served the Lord faithfully. <sup>8</sup>

Now *is* a prize waiting for me—the crown will I show you right with God. The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give you it to me on that Day. Yes, he will give it to me and to everyone else who is eagerly looking forward to his coming.

#### Personal Notes

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me as soon as you can. Demas loved this world too much. That is why he left me. He went to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia. And Titus went to Dalmatia. Luke is the only one still with me. Get Mark and bring him with you when you come. He can help me in my work here. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

<sup>13</sup> When I was in Troas, I left my coat

there with Carpus. So when you come, bring it to me. Also, bring my books. The books written on the parchment are the ones I need.

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the metalworker caused me much harm. The Lord will punish him for what he did. He fought against everything we teach. You should be careful that he doesn't hurt you too.

<sup>16</sup> The first time I defended myself, no one helped me. Everyone left me. I pray that God will forgive them. But the Lord stayed with me. The Lord gave me strength that I could tell the Good News everywhere. He wanted all those who are not Jews to hear that Good News. So I was saved from the lion's mouth. The Lord will save me when anyone tries to hurt me. He will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom forever and ever be the Lord's. Amen.

## Final Greetings

<sup>19</sup> Give *my greetings* to *Priscilla and Aquila* and *the family* of *Onesiphorus*. <sup>20</sup> *Erastus* stayed in *Corinth*. And *I* left *Trophimus*— *he* was sick. <sup>21</sup> Try as hard as you can

to come before winter.

Greetings to you from *Eubulus*, *Pudens*, *Linus*, *Claudia*, and all the brothers and sisters here.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

# Titus

**1** Greetings from *Paul*, a *servant of God* and *apostle of Jesus Christ*. I *was sent to help God's chosen people have and understand the truth that produces a life of devotion to God*. <sup>2</sup> *This faith and knowledge make us sure that we have eternal life. God that promised that to us before time began*— and *God does not lie*. <sup>3</sup> *At the right time, God let the world know about his life. He did this through the telling of the Good News message, and he trusted me that I would work. I told people that the message is because God our Savior commanded me* to *help*.

<sup>4</sup> *To Titus, a son of me in the faith, we share together*.

*Grace and peace to you from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Savior*.

**Titus' Work in Crete**

<sup>5</sup> *I left you in Crete so that you could finish doing what still needed to be done. And I also left you there so that you could choose men to be elders in every town*. <sup>6</sup> *To be an elder, a man must not be guilty of living a wrong way. He must be faithful to his wife,<sup>I</sup> and his children must be faithful to God.* <sup>II</sup> *They must not be known as children who are wild or don't obey.* <sup>7</sup> *An elder has the job of taking*

<sup>I</sup> FAITHFUL TO HIS WIFE Literally, "a man of one woman." <sup>II</sup> FAITHFUL TO GOD This word can mean "trustworthy" or "believers." Here, both meanings may be included. Compare this verse with 1 Tim. 3:4. <sup>III</sup> ELDER Here, literally, "overseer." See "elders (New Testament)" in the Word List.

care of |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316" work |strong="G3623". So |strong="G3361" people |strong="G1510" should |strong="G1163" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" able to |strong="G1163" say that |strong="G2316" he |strong="G1510" lives in |strong="G2316" a |strong="G5613" wrong way |strong="G5613". He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" someone who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" proud and |strong="G2316" selfish or |strong="G3361" who |strong="G3588" gets angry quickly. He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163" not |strong="G3361" drink too much, and |strong="G2316" he |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" someone who |strong="G3588" likes to |strong="G1163" fight. He |strong="G1510" must |strong="G1163" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G5613" man |strong="G3361" who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2316" do |strong="G1510" almost anything for |strong="G1063" money. <sup>8</sup> An elder must |strong="G0235" be ready to |strong="G3741" help people by |strong="G0235" welcoming them into |strong="G1342" his home. He |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" love what |strong="G0235" is |strong="G1342" good |strong="G5358". He |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" be wise. He |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" live right |strong="G1342". He |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" be devoted to |strong="G3741" God and |strong="G1342" pleasing to |strong="G3741" him. And |strong="G1342" he |strong="G0235" must |strong="G0235" be able to |strong="G3741" control himself. <sup>9</sup> An |strong="G1510" elder must |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" faithful |strong="G4103" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" true message |strong="G3056" we |strong="G2532" teach. Then |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" able |strong="G1415" to |strong="G2443" encourage |strong="G3870" others |strong="G3588" with |strong="G1722" teaching |strong="G1322" that |strong="G2443" is |strong="G1510" true and |strong="G2532" right. And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" able |strong="G1415" to |strong="G2443" show |strong="G1651" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" against |strong="G2596" this |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G1322" that |strong="G2443" they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" wrong |strong="G1651".

<sup>10</sup> This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" important, because |strong="G1063" there |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" many |strong="G4183" peo-

ple |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" refuse to |strong="G2532" obey— people |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" talk about |strong="G3588" worthless things |strong="G4183" and |strong="G2532" mislead others |strong="G3588". I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" talking especially |strong="G3122" about |strong="G3588" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" say that |strong="G1510" men |strong="G0506" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" Jews must |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" circumcised |strong="G4061" to |strong="G2532" please God |strong="G4183". <sup>11</sup> These |strong="G3739" people |strong="G3361" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1163" stopped, because |strong="G5484" they |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" destroying whole |strong="G3650" families |strong="G3624" by |strong="G1210" teaching |strong="G1321" what |strong="G3739" they |strong="G3739" should |strong="G1163" not |strong="G3361" teach |strong="G1321". They |strong="G3739" teach |strong="G1321" only to |strong="G1163" cheat people |strong="G3361" and |strong="G1321" make |strong="G1163" money. <sup>12</sup> Even |strong="G0846" one |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1537" their |strong="G0846" own |strong="G2398" prophets |strong="G4396" said |strong="G3004", " Cretans |strong="G2912" are |strong="G0846" always |strong="G0104" liars |strong="G5583". They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G0846" evil |strong="G2556" animals and |strong="G4396" lazy |strong="G0692" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G0846" do |strong="G3004" nothing but |strong="G5583" eat." <sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" words that |strong="G3739" prophet said are |strong="G1510" true |strong="G0227". So |strong="G2443" tell those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3739" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" wrong |strong="G1651". You |strong="G3739" must |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" strict with |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846". Then |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" become strong in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" faith |strong="G4102", <sup>14</sup> and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" stop |strong="G3361" paying |strong="G4337" attention |strong="G4337" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" stories told by |strong="G0444" those |strong="G3588" Jews. They |strong="G2532" will |strong="G0444" stop |strong="G3361" following the |strong="G3588" commands |strong="G1785" of |strong="G0444" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2532" turned |strong="G0654" away |strong="G0654"

from the truth.

<sup>15</sup> To people who are pure, everything is pure. But those who are of sin and don't believe, nothing is pure. Really, their thinking has become evil and their consciences have been ruined. <sup>16</sup> They say they know God, but the evil things they do show that they don't accept him. They are disgusting. They refuse to obey God and are not capable of doing anything good.

### Following the True Teaching

<sup>2</sup> You, however, must tell everyone how to live in a way that agrees with the true teaching. <sup>2</sup> Teach the older men to have self-control, to be serious, and to be wise. They must be strong in faith, in love, and in patience. <sup>3</sup> Also, teach the older women to live the way those who serve the Lord should live. They should not go around saying bad things about others or be in the habit

of drinking too much. They should teach what is good. <sup>4</sup> By doing this they will teach the younger women to love their husbands and children. <sup>5</sup> They will teach them to be wise and pure, to take care of their homes, to be kind, and to be willing to serve their husbands. Then no one will be able to criticize the teaching God gave us.

<sup>6</sup> In the same way, tell the young men to be wise. <sup>7</sup> You should be an example for them in every way by the good things you do. When you teach, be honest and serious. <sup>8</sup> And your teaching should be clearly right so that you cannot be criticized. Then anyone who is against you will be ashamed. There will not be anything bad they can say about us.

<sup>9</sup> And tell this to those who are slaves: They should be willing to serve their masters at all times; they



should try to please them, not argue with them; they should not steal from them; and they should show their masters that they can be trusted. Then, in everything they do, they will show that the teaching of our God, our Savior, is good.

<sup>11</sup> That is, they should live, because God's grace has come. That grace can save everyone.<sup>12</sup> It teaches us to live against God and not to do bad things the world wants to do. It teaches us to live on earth now, a wise and right way— a way that shows true devotion to God.<sup>13</sup> We should live like that while we are waiting for the coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is our great hope, and he will come with glory.<sup>14</sup> He gave himself for us. He died to free us

from all evil. He died to make us pure— people who belong only to God. He always wants to do good.

<sup>15</sup> These are the things you should tell people. Encourage them, and when they are wrong, correct them. You have full authority to do this, so don't let anyone think they can ignore you.

### The Right Way to Live

**3** Remind your people that they should always be under the authority of God's rulers and government leaders. They should obey these leaders and be ready to do good.<sup>2</sup> Tell them not to speak evil of anyone but to live in peace with others. They should be gentle and polite to everyone.

<sup>3</sup> In the past we were foolish. We did not obey, we were wrong, and we were slaves to many things our bodies wanted and enjoyed. We lived doing

evil |strong="G2549" and |strong="G2532" being |strong="G1510" jealous. People |strong="G1510" hated |strong="G3404" us |strong="G3404" and |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" hated |strong="G3404" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240". <sup>4</sup> But |strong="G1161" then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" kindness |strong="G5544" and |strong="G2532" love |strong="G5363" of |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" our |strong="G2316" Savior |strong="G4990" was |strong="G3588" made known. <sup>5</sup> He |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982" us |strong="G4160" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1537" his |strong="G0846" mercy |strong="G1656", not |strong="G3756" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1537" anything |strong="G3756" good things |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" did |strong="G4160". He |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982" us |strong="G4160" through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" washing |strong="G3067" that |strong="G3739" made |strong="G4160" us |strong="G4160" new people |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" saved |strong="G4982" us |strong="G4160" by |strong="G1722" making |strong="G4160" us |strong="G4160" new through |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151". <sup>6</sup> God poured out to |strong="G1909" us |strong="G1909" that |strong="G3739" Holy Spirit fully through |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" our |strong="G2424" Savior |strong="G4990". <sup>7</sup> We |strong="G3588" were |strong="G1096" made |strong="G1096" right with |strong="G2596" God by |strong="G2596" his |strong="G1096" grace |strong="G5485". God saved us so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" we |strong="G3588" could |strong="G1096" be |strong="G1096" his |strong="G1096" children and |strong="G5485" look |strong="G1096" forward to |strong="G2443" receiving life |strong="G2222" that |strong="G2443" never ends. <sup>8</sup> This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" true statement |strong="G3056". And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" want |strong="G1014" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G1510" sure |strong="G4103" that |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" understand these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778". Then |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G1510" careful |strong="G5431" to |strong="G2443" use their |strong="G2532" lives for |strong="G4012" doing |strong="G2041" good |strong="G2570". These |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778"

are |strong="G1510" good |strong="G2570" and |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" help |strong="G4012" everyone.

<sup>9</sup> Stay away from |strong="G2532" those |strong="G1161" who |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" foolish |strong="G3474" arguments, who |strong="G2532" talk about |strong="G2532" useless |strong="G3152" family histories, or |strong="G2532" who |strong="G2532" make trouble and |strong="G2532" fight about |strong="G2532" what |strong="G1161" the |strong="G2532" Law |strong="G3544" of |strong="G2532" Moses teaches. These things |strong="G3152" are |strong="G1510" useless |strong="G3152" and |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" help anyone. <sup>10</sup> Give a |strong="G1520" warning |strong="G3559" to |strong="G2532" all those |strong="G2532" who |strong="G0444" cause arguments. If |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" cause trouble after |strong="G3326" a |strong="G1520" second |strong="G1208" warning |strong="G3559", then |strong="G2532" don't associate with |strong="G3326" them |strong="G3326". <sup>11</sup> You |strong="G3754" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" people |strong="G1492" like |strong="G5108" that |strong="G3754" are |strong="G1510" evil and |strong="G2532" sinful. Their |strong="G2532" sins |strong="G0264" prove they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" wrong.

#### Final Instructions and |strong="G2532" Greetings

<sup>12</sup> I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2064" send |strong="G3992" Artemas |strong="G0734" and |strong="G2064" Tychicus |strong="G5190" to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G4771". When |strong="G3752" I |strong="G1473" send |strong="G3992" them, try |strong="G2919" hard to |strong="G1519" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G1519" me |strong="G1473" at |strong="G1519" Nicopolis |strong="G3533". I |strong="G1473" have |strong="G1473" decided |strong="G2919" to |strong="G1519" stay there |strong="G1563" this winter |strong="G3914". <sup>13</sup> Zenas |strong="G2211" the |strong="G3588" lawyer |strong="G3544" and |strong="G2532" Apollos |strong="G0625" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" traveling from |strong="G2532" there. Do |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G2532" can to |strong="G2443" help |strong="G4311" them |strong="G0846" prepare for |strong="G2443" their |strong="G0846" trip. Be |strong="G2532" sure that |strong="G2443" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532" everything they |strong="G0846" need |strong="G3007". <sup>14</sup> Our |strong="G2532" people |strong="G1510"

must learn to use their lives for doing good and helping anyone who has a need. Then they will not have empty lives.

<sup>15</sup> All the people with me here

send you their greetings. Give my greetings to those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.

# Philemon

**1** Greetings from Paul, a prisoner for Jesus Christ, and from Timothy, our brother.

To our dear friend and worker with us.<sup>2</sup> Also to our sister Apphia, to Archippus, who serves with us in the Lord's army, and to the church that meets in your home.

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Philemon's Love and Faith

<sup>4</sup> I remember you in my prayers. And I always thank my God for you. I thank God because I hear about your love for all of God's holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> I pray that the faith you share will make you understand every blessing we have in Christ. My brother, you have shown love to God's people, and your help has greatly encouraged them. What a great joy and encouragement that has been to me.

## Accept Onesimus as Brother

<sup>8</sup> There is something that you should do. And because of the authority I have in Christ, I feel free to command you to do it. But I am not commanding you; I am asking you to do it out of love. I, Paul, am an old man now, and I am a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

sus|strong="G2424". <sup>10</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" asking you|strong="G4771" for|strong="G4012" my|strong="G1699" son|strong="G5043" Onesimus|strong="G3682". He|strong="G3739" became|strong="G1080" my|strong="G1699" son|strong="G5043" while|strong="G1722" I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1722" prison. <sup>11</sup> In|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" past he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3739" use- less|strong="G0890" to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771". But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3739" become useful|strong="G2173"<sup>I</sup> for|strong="G2532" both|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" and|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473".

<sup>12</sup> I|strong="G3778" am|strong="G1510" sending him|strong="G0846" back|strong="G0375" to|strong="G3778" you|strong="G4771", but|strong="G3778" it's as|strong="G0846" hard as|strong="G0846" losing part|strong="G0846" of|strong="G3588" myself|strong="G0846". <sup>13</sup> I|strong="G1473" would|strong="G2098" like|strong="G1014" to|strong="G4314" keep|strong="G2722" him|strong="G3739" here|strong="G1722" to|strong="G4314" help me|strong="G1473" while|strong="G1722" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" still in|strong="G1722" prison for|strong="G5228" telling the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098". By|strong="G1722" helping me|strong="G1473" here|strong="G1722", he|strong="G3739" would|strong="G2098" be|strong="G1722" representing you|strong="G4771". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1161" did|strong="G4160" not|strong="G3361" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160" any- thing|strong="G3762" without|strong="G5565" ask- ing you|strong="G4771" first. Then|strong="G1161" whatever you|strong="G4771" do|strong="G4160" for|strong="G2443" me|strong="G4160" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160", not|strong="G3361" what|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1161" forced you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160".

<sup>15</sup> Onesimus was|strong="G0846" separat- ed|strong="G5563" from|strong="G0568" you|strong="G3778" for|strong="G1063" a|strong="G4314" short time|strong="G5610". Maybe that|strong="G2443" happened so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G3778" could

I USELESS ... USEFUL Paul here makes a play on words with the name Onesimus, which means "useful."

have|strong="G0568" him|strong="G0846" back|strong="G0568" forever|strong="G0166", <sup>16</sup> not|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" just|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" slave|strong="G1401", but|strong="G1161" better than|strong="G5228" a|strong="G5613" slave|strong="G1401", to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" a|strong="G5613" dear|strong="G0027" broth- er|strong="G0080". That's what|strong="G0235" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2962" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473". And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" know he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" mean even|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3123" to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771", both|strong="G2532" as|strong="G5613" your|strong="G2962" slave|strong="G1401" and|strong="G2532" as|strong="G5613" one|strong="G5613" who|strong="G2532" shares your|strong="G2962" faith in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962".

<sup>17</sup> If|strong="G1487" you|strong="G1487" ac- cept|strong="G4355" me|strong="G1473" as|strong="G5613" your|strong="G2192" friend, then|strong="G3767" accept|strong="G4355" Ones- imus back. Welcome him|strong="G0846" like|strong="G5613" you|strong="G1487" would|strong="G0846" welcome me|strong="G1473".

<sup>18</sup> If|strong="G1487" he|strong="G3778" has|strong="G3778" done|strong="G0091" any|strong="G5100" wrong|strong="G0091" to|strong="G5100" you|strong="G4771" or|strong="G2228" owes|strong="G3784" you|strong="G4771" anything|strong="G5100", charge|strong="G1677" that|strong="G3778" to|strong="G5100" me|strong="G1473". <sup>19</sup> I|strong="G1473", Paul|strong="G3972", am|strong="G1473" writing|strong="G1125" this|strong="G3588" in|strong="G2532" my|strong="G1699" own|strong="G1699" handwrit- ing: I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3748" pay back anything Onesimus owes. And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3748" say|strong="G3004" nothing|strong="G3361" about|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" owe|strong="G4359" me|strong="G3004" for|strong="G3754" your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G1699" life. <sup>20</sup> So|strong="G1722", my|strong="G1722" broth- er|strong="G0080", as|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1722" follower of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" please do this|strong="G3588" favor <sup>II</sup> for|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473". It would|strong="G5547" be|strong="G5547" such a|strong="G1722" great en-

II PLEASE DO THIS FAVOR Paul here makes another wordplay on the name Onesimus, using a verb related to it.

couragement to |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473" as |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2962" brother |strong="G0080" in |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547". <sup>21</sup> I |strong="G3739" write |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3588" letter |strong="G1125" knowing |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G3739" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3739" I |strong="G3739" ask |strong="G3004", and |strong="G2532" even |strong="G2532" more |strong="G5228" than |strong="G5228" I |strong="G3739" ask |strong="G3004".

<sup>22</sup> Also |strong="G2532", please prepare |strong="G2090" a |strong="G2532" room for |strong="G1063" me |strong="G1473". I |strong="G1473" hope |strong="G1679" that |strong="G3754" God will |strong="G3748" answer your |strong="G2532" prayers |strong="G4335" and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G2532" come and |strong="G2532" see you |strong="G5210".

### Final Greetings

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras |strong="G1889" is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1722" prisoner |strong="G4869" with |strong="G1722" me |strong="G1473" for |strong="G1722" Christ |strong="G5547" Jesus |strong="G2424". He |strong="G1722" sends |strong="G0782" you |strong="G4771" his |strong="G1722" greetings |strong="G0782". <sup>24</sup> Also Mark |strong="G3138", Aristarchus |strong="G0708", Demas |strong="G1214", and |strong="G0708" Luke |strong="G3065" send their greetings. They are |strong="G3588" workers |strong="G4904" together with |strong="G3588" me |strong="G1473".

<sup>25</sup> The |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" of |strong="G4151" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" be |strong="G3326" with |strong="G3326" your |strong="G2962" spirit |strong="G4151".

# Hebrews

## God Has Spoken Through His Son

**1** In *past* *our* *through* *prophets* *He* *spoke* *them* *and* *many* *ways* *now* *these* *days* *has* *to* *again* *his* *He* *the* *world* *his* *And* *has* *Son* *shows* *of* *He* *a* *God's* *and* *by* *The* *people* *their* *Then* *sat* *at* *right* *God* *Great* *One*

I RIGHT SIDE The place of honor and authority (power).

*in* *Son* *greater* *the* *and* *him* *name* *is* *greater* *any* *of* *names*

**5** *God* *this* *any* *the*

*" You* *my*

*Today* *have* *Father*

Psalm 2:7

*God* *said* *an*

*" I* *be* *father*

*and* *will* *my*

2 Samuel 7:14

**6** *And* *when* *his* *to* *world* *says*

*" Let* *God's* *worship*

**7** *This* *what* *said* *the*

II WORLD This may mean the world into which Jesus was born (see Luke 2:1-14), or it may have the same meaning as in Heb. 2:5—the world to come, to which the risen Christ is presented as king (see Php. 2:9-11). III "LET ... HIM" These words are found in Deuteronomy 32:43 in the ancient Greek version and in a Hebrew scroll from Qumran.

" He |strong="G2532" changes his |strong="G0846" angels |strong="G0032" into |strong="G4160" winds |strong="G4151"<sup>I</sup>

and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" servants |strong="G3011" into |strong="G4160" flaming |strong="G5395" fire |strong="G4442"."

Psalm 104:4

8 But |strong="G1161" this |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532" about |strong="G1519" his |strong="G2532" Son |strong="G5207":

" God |strong="G2316", your |strong="G2532" kingdom |strong="G0932" will |strong="G2316" last forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165".

You |strong="G4771" use your |strong="G2532" authority for |strong="G1519" justice.

9 You |strong="G4771" love |strong="G0025" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" right |strong="G1343" and |strong="G2532" hate |strong="G3404" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G2316" wrong |strong="G0093".

So |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316", your |strong="G0025" God |strong="G2316", has |strong="G2316" chosen you |strong="G4771",

giving you |strong="G4771" more honor and |strong="G2532" joy |strong="G0020" than |strong="G3844" anyone like you |strong="G4771"."

Psalm 45:6-7

10 God also |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2532", "O Lord |strong="G2962", in |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" beginning |strong="G0746" you |strong="G4771" made the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093",

and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2962" hands |strong="G5495" made the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772".

11 These |strong="G0846" things |strong="G3956" will |strong="G3956" disappear, but |strong="G1161" you |strong="G4771" will |strong="G3956" stay.

They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" wear |strong="G3822" out like |strong="G5613" old |strong="G3822" clothes |strong="G2440".

12 You |strong="G4771" will |strong="G1510" fold them |strong="G0846" up |strong="G1667" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" coat |strong="G2440",

and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" changed |strong="G0236" like |strong="G5613" clothes |strong="G2440".

But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G4771" never |strong="G3756" change |strong="G0236",

and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" life will |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3756" end |strong="G1587"."

Psalm 102:25-27

13 And |strong="G1161" God |strong="G3004" never said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G4314" an |strong="G0032" angel |strong="G0032":

" Sit |strong="G2521" at |strong="G1537" my |strong="G5087" right |strong="G1188" side until |strong="G2193" I |strong="G1473" put |strong="G5087" your |strong="G5087" enemies |strong="G2190" under |strong="G1537" your |strong="G5087" power. <sup>II</sup>"

Psalm 110:1

14 All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" angels are |strong="G1510" spirits |strong="G4151" who |strong="G3588" serve |strong="G1248" God and |strong="G4151" are |strong="G1510" sent |strong="G0649" to |strong="G1519" help those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" will |strong="G1510" receive salvation |strong="G4991".

### Our Salvation Is Greater Than the Law

2 So |strong="G3379" we |strong="G2249" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1163" more |strong="G4056" careful |strong="G4337" to |strong="G1163" follow what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2249" were |strong="G3778" taught. We |strong="G2249" must |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1163" careful |strong="G4337" so |strong="G3379" that |strong="G0191" we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G3778" not |strong="G3379" be |strong="G1163" pulled away |strong="G3901" from |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" true way |strong="G1223". 2 The |strong="G3956" teaching |strong="G3056" that |strong="G3956" God |strong="G2980" spoke |strong="G2980" through |strong="G1223" angels |strong="G0032" was |strong="G3588" shown to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1096" true. And |strong="G2532" every |strong="G3956" time his |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" did |strong="G1096" something against that |strong="G3956" teaching |strong="G3056", they |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3956" punished for |strong="G1063" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1096". They |strong="G2532" were |strong="G3956" punished when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1096" not |strong="G2532" obey that |strong="G3956" teaching |strong="G3056". 3 So |strong="G1519" surely we |strong="G2249" also will |strong="G2962" be |strong="G2962" punished if |strong="G3748" we |strong="G2249" don't pay at-

II UNTIL I PUT ... POWER Literally, "until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

I WINDS This can also mean "spirits."



tention |strong="G0272" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" salvation |strong="G4991" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G3748" that |strong="G0191" is |strong="G2962" so |strong="G1519" great |strong="G5082". It |strong="G1223" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2962" who |strong="G3588" first |strong="G0746" told |strong="G2980" people |strong="G3588" about |strong="G1519" it |strong="G1223". And |strong="G2962" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" heard |strong="G0191" him |strong="G0191" proved to |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519" that |strong="G0191" it |strong="G1223" is |strong="G2962" true. <sup>4</sup> God |strong="G2316" also |strong="G2532" proved it |strong="G0846" by |strong="G2596" using miraculous |strong="G1411" signs |strong="G4592", wonders |strong="G5059", and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" kinds of |strong="G4151" miracles |strong="G1411". And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" proved it |strong="G0846" by |strong="G2596" giving people |strong="G0846" various |strong="G4164" gifts |strong="G3311" through |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" in |strong="G2596" just |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G2596" he |strong="G2532" wanted.

**Christ |strong="G0846" Became Like |strong="G2596" People |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2596" Save Them |strong="G0846"**

<sup>5</sup> God |strong="G5293" did not |strong="G3756" choose angels |strong="G0032" to |strong="G3195" be |strong="G3195" the |strong="G3588" rulers over |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" new world |strong="G3625" that |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" coming. That |strong="G3739" future |strong="G3195" world |strong="G3625" is |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G3625" we |strong="G3739" have |strong="G3588" been |strong="G3756" talking |strong="G2980" about |strong="G4012". <sup>6</sup> It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" written some |strong="G5100" place in |strong="G3004" the |strong="G1161" Scriptures,  
 " Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G1510" people |strong="G0444" so |strong="G1161" important to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G3754"?  
 Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G3754" even |strong="G1161" think about |strong="G4225" them |strong="G0846"?  
 Why |strong="G5101" do |strong="G1510" you |strong="G3754" care about |strong="G4225" the |strong="G1161" son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" man |strong="G0444"?"

Is |strong="G1510" he |strong="G0846" so |strong="G1161" important?

<sup>7</sup> For |strong="G3844" a |strong="G2532" short |strong="G1024" time |strong="G1024" you |strong="G2532" made |strong="G1642" him |strong="G0846" lower |strong="G1642" than |strong="G3844" the |strong="G2532" angels |strong="G0032".

You |strong="G2532" crowned |strong="G4737" him |strong="G0846" with |strong="G3844" glory |strong="G1391" and |strong="G2532" honor |strong="G5092".

<sup>8</sup> You |strong="G1722" put |strong="G5293" everything |strong="G3956" under |strong="G5270" his |strong="G0846" control |strong="G4228". <sup>II</sup>

Psalm 8:4-6

If God |strong="G0846" put |strong="G5293" everything |strong="G3956" under |strong="G5270" his |strong="G0846" control |strong="G4228", then |strong="G1161" there |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" nothing |strong="G3762" left |strong="G0863" that |strong="G3708" he |strong="G0846" did |strong="G3708" not |strong="G3762" rule. But |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" don't yet |strong="G1161" see |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846" ruling over |strong="G1722" everything |strong="G3956". <sup>9</sup> For |strong="G5228" a |strong="G2532" short |strong="G1024" time |strong="G1024" Jesus |strong="G2424" was |strong="G2424" made |strong="G1642" lower |strong="G1642" than |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3956" angels |strong="G0032", but |strong="G1161" now |strong="G1161" we |strong="G2532" see |strong="G0991" him |strong="G2532" wearing a |strong="G2532" crown of |strong="G1223" glory |strong="G1391" and |strong="G2532" honor |strong="G5092" because |strong="G1223" he |strong="G2532" suffered and |strong="G2532" died |strong="G2288". Because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" God's |strong="G2316" grace |strong="G5485", Jesus |strong="G2424" died |strong="G2288" for |strong="G5228" everyone |strong="G3956".

<sup>10</sup> God |strong="G0846"— the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" made |strong="G5048" all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" and |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1063" whose |strong="G3739" glory |strong="G1391" all |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3956" exist—wanted many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G3956" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" children and |strong="G2532"

<sup>I</sup> SON OF MAN This can mean any human, but the name "Son of Man" (see "Son of Man" in the Word List) is often used to mean Jesus, who showed what God planned for all people to be. <sup>II</sup> CONTROL Literally, "feet."

share his *glory*. So *he* did what *he* needed to do. *He* made *perfect* *one* *who* leads *those* *people* to *salvation*. *He* made *Jesus* a *perfect* Savior through *his* suffering.

<sup>11</sup> *Jesus*, *the* *one* *who* makes *people* *holy*, and *those* *who* are *made* *holy* from *the* same *family*. So *he* is *not* to *call* *them* *his* *brothers* and *sisters*. <sup>12</sup> *He* says, "God, I will *my* *brothers* and *sisters* about you."

Before *all* *your* I will *sing* your praises." Psalms 22:22  
<sup>13</sup> *He* also says, "I will *trust* *God*."

Isaiah 8:17  
*And* *he* says, "I am *here* *with* *me* *are* *the* *children* *God* *has* *me*."

Isaiah 8:18  
<sup>14</sup> *These* *children* *are* *with* *Jesus* *himself* *became* *like* *them* *and* *he* had

same *experiences* *they* *have*. *Jesus* did *this* *so* *that*, by *dying*, *he* could *destroy* *the* *one* *who* has *the* *power* of *death*—*the* *devil*. <sup>15</sup> *Jesus* became like *these* *people* *and* *died* *so* *he* could *free* *them*. *They* were *like* *slaves* *all* *their* *lives* *because* of *their* *fear* of *death*. <sup>16</sup> Clearly, it is *not* *angels* that *Jesus* helps. *He* helps *the* *people* *who* are from *Abraham*. <sup>17</sup> For *this* *reason*, *Jesus* had *to* *be* *made* *us* *his* *brothers* and *sisters*, in *every* *way*. *He* became *like* *people* *so* *that* *he* could *be* *their* *merciful* *and* *faithful* *high* *priest* *in* *service* to *God*. Then *he* could *bring* *forgiveness* for *the* *people's* *sins*. <sup>18</sup> *And* *now* *he* *can* *help* *those* *who* *are* *tempted*. *He* is *able* *to* *help* *because* *he* *himself* suf-

ferred |strong="G3958" and |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" tempted |strong="G3985".

### Jesus Is Greater Than Moses

**3** So |strong="G2532", my |strong="G2532" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, those |strong="G3588" chosen by |strong="G2532" God to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" his |strong="G2532" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3588", think about |strong="G3588" Jesus |strong="G2424". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2249" believe God sent |strong="G0652" to |strong="G2532" save us and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2424" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749". <sup>2</sup> God |strong="G0846" made |strong="G4160" him |strong="G0846" our |strong="G2532" high priest, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" faithful |strong="G4103" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" just |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" Moses |strong="G3475" was |strong="G1510". He |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" everything God |strong="G0846" wanted him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" in |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3624". <sup>3</sup> When |strong="G0846" someone builds a |strong="G2192" house |strong="G3624", people |strong="G0846" will |strong="G4183" honor |strong="G5092" the |strong="G3588" builder |strong="G2680" more |strong="G4183" than |strong="G3844" the |strong="G3588" house |strong="G3624". It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" with |strong="G3844" Jesus |strong="G0846". He |strong="G0846" should |strong="G3778" have |strong="G2192" more |strong="G4183" honor |strong="G5092" than |strong="G3844" Moses |strong="G3475". <sup>4</sup> Every |strong="G3956" house |strong="G3624" is |strong="G2316" built |strong="G2680" by |strong="G5259" someone |strong="G5100", but |strong="G1161" God |strong="G2316" built |strong="G2680" everything |strong="G3956". <sup>5</sup> Moses |strong="G3475" was |strong="G3588" faithful |strong="G4103" as |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" servant |strong="G2324" in |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G0846" whole |strong="G3650" house |strong="G3624". He |strong="G2532" told |strong="G2980" people |strong="G0846" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" say |strong="G2980" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" future. <sup>6</sup> But |strong="G1161" Christ |strong="G5547" is |strong="G1510" faithful

in |strong="G1909" ruling God's |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3624" as |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207". And |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" God's |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3624", if |strong="G1437" we |strong="G2249" remain |strong="G1510" confident of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" great hope |strong="G1680" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" glad to |strong="G1909" say |strong="G1473" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510".

### We |strong="G2249" Must |strong="G1510" Continue |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" Follow God |strong="G0846"

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="G1352" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" just |strong="G2531" as |strong="G2531" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" says |strong="G3004":  
 " If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G1437" hear |strong="G0191" God's |strong="G0846" voice |strong="G5456" today |strong="G4594",  
<sup>8</sup> don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2588" stubborn as |strong="G5613" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" past, when |strong="G5613" you |strong="G5210" turned against |strong="G2596" God.  
 That |strong="G2250" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" you |strong="G5210" tested God in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" desert |strong="G2048".  
<sup>9</sup> For |strong="G1722" 40 years |strong="G2094" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" desert, your |strong="G2532" people |strong="G3588" saw |strong="G3708" what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G1473" did |strong="G3985".  
 But |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532" tested |strong="G3985" me |strong="G1473" and |strong="G2532" my |strong="G3708" patience.  
<sup>10</sup> So |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3588" angry |strong="G4360" with |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846".  
 I |strong="G1473" said |strong="G3004", ' Their |strong="G0846" thoughts are |strong="G3778" always |strong="G0104" wrong.  
 They |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532" never |strong="G3756" understood |strong="G1097" my |strong="G1097" ways |strong="G3598".'  
<sup>11</sup> So |strong="G1519" I |strong="G1473" was |strong="G3588" angry and |strong="G3709" made a |strong="G5613" promise:  
 ' They |strong="G5613" will |strong="G1473" never |strong="G1487" enter |strong="G1525" my |strong="G1525" place |strong="G1722" of |strong="G1722" rest |strong="G2663".'

Psalm 95:7-11

12 So *and* brothers *and* sisters, be careful that none of you has the evil thoughts that cause so much doubt that you stop following the living God. 13 But encourage each other every day, while you still have something called "today". 14 Help each other so none of you will be fooled by sin and become too hard to change. 14 We have the honor of sharing in all that Christ has if we continue until the end to have sure faith we had the beginning. 15 That's why the Spirit said, "If you hear God's voice today, don't be stubborn as the past when you turned against God."

Psalm 95:7-8

16 Who were those who heard God's voice and turned against him? It was all the people Moses led out of Egypt. 17

<sup>1</sup> TODAY This word is taken from verse 7. It means it is important to do this now, while there is still opportunity.

And who was God angry with for 40 years? He was angry with those who sinned. And their dead bodies were left in the desert. 18 And which people was God talking to when he promised that they would never enter his place of rest? He was talking to those who did not obey him. 19 So we see that they were not allowed to enter and have God's rest, because they did not believe.

4 And we still have the promise God gave those people. That promise is that we can enter his place of rest. So we should be very careful that none of you fails to get that promise. 2 Yes, the good news about it was told to us just as it was to them. But the message they heard did not help them. They

heard|strong="G0191" it|strong="G0191"  
 but|strong="G0235" did|strong="G0191"  
 not|strong="G3756" accept|strong="G0191"  
 it|strong="G0191" with|strong="G2532"  
 faith|strong="G4102".<sup>3</sup> Only|strong="G1487"  
 we|strong="G1487" who|strong="G3588" be-  
 lieve|strong="G4100" it|strong="G1525"  
 are|strong="G3588" able to|strong="G1519" en-  
 ter|strong="G1525" God's place|strong="G1096"  
 of|strong="G0575" rest|strong="G2663".  
 As|strong="G5613" God|strong="G3004"  
 said|strong="G3004",

" I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G3588" angry  
 and|strong="G3709" made|strong="G1096"  
 a|strong="G5613" promise:

' They|strong="G3004" will|strong="G1096" nev-  
 er|strong="G1487" enter|strong="G1525"  
 my|strong="G1525" place|strong="G1096"  
 of|strong="G0575" rest|strong="G2663"."

Psalm 95:11

But|strong="G1487" God's work|strong="G2041"  
 was|strong="G3588" finished|strong="G1096"  
 from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" time  
 he|strong="G3004" made|strong="G1096"  
 the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889".<sup>4</sup>  
 Yes|strong="G1063", somewhere|strong="G4225"  
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" Scriptures  
 he|strong="G2532" talked about|strong="G4012"  
 the|strong="G3956" seventh|strong="G1442"  
 day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250"  
 the|strong="G3956" week. He|strong="G2532"  
 said|strong="G3004", " So|strong="G2532"  
 on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" sev-  
 enth|strong="G1442" day|strong="G2250"  
 God|strong="G2316" rested|strong="G2664"  
 from|strong="G0575" all|strong="G3956"  
 his|strong="G0846" work|strong="G2041".<sup>5</sup>  
 But|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722"  
 the|strong="G3588" Scripture above God  
 said|strong="G2532", " They|strong="G2532"  
 will|strong="G3778" never|strong="G1487" en-  
 ter|strong="G1525" my|strong="G1525"  
 place|strong="G1722" of|strong="G1722"  
 rest|strong="G2663"."

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="G3767" the|strong="G3588" opportu-  
 nity is|strong="G5100" still there for|strong="G1519"  
 some|strong="G5100" to|strong="G1519" en-  
 ter|strong="G1525" and|strong="G2532" enjoy  
 God's|strong="G0846" rest. But|strong="G2532"  
 those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"  
 first|strong="G4387" heard the|strong="G3588"  
 good|strong="G2097" news|strong="G2097"  
 about|strong="G1519" it|strong="G0846"  
 did|strong="G1525" not|strong="G3756" en-  
 ter|strong="G1525", because|strong="G1223"  
 they|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1525"  
 not|strong="G3756" obey.<sup>7</sup> So|strong="G5118"

I 4:4 Quote from Genesis 2:2.

God|strong="G0846" planned anoth-  
 er|strong="G3825" special day|strong="G2250".  
 It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G5100"  
 called|strong="G3004" today|strong="G4594".<sup>8</sup>  
 He|strong="G0846" spoke|strong="G3004"  
 about|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3004"  
 day|strong="G2250" through|strong="G1722"  
 David|strong="G1138" a|strong="G1437"  
 long|strong="G5550" time|strong="G5550" lat-  
 er|strong="G3326" using|strong="G3004"  
 the|strong="G3588" words|strong="G0191"  
 we|strong="G1437" quoted before|strong="G1722":  
 " If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210"  
 hear|strong="G0191" God's|strong="G0846"  
 voice|strong="G5456" today|strong="G4594",  
 don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G3326" stub-  
 born."

Psalm 95:7-8

<sup>8</sup> We|strong="G3778" know that|strong="G3778"  
 Joshua|strong="G2424" did not|strong="G3756" lead  
 the|strong="G4012" people|strong="G0846" in-  
 to|strong="G2424" the|strong="G4012" place  
 of|strong="G2250" rest|strong="G2664"  
 that|strong="G3778" God|strong="G0846" promised.  
 We|strong="G3778" know this|strong="G3778" be-  
 cause|strong="G1063" God|strong="G0846"  
 spoke|strong="G2980" later|strong="G3326"  
 about|strong="G4012" another|strong="G0243"  
 day|strong="G2250" for|strong="G1063"  
 rest|strong="G2664".<sup>9</sup> This|strong="G3588" shows  
 that|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" seventh-  
 day rest|strong="G4520"<sup>11</sup> for|strong="G2316"  
 God's|strong="G2316" people|strong="G2992"  
 is|strong="G2316" still to|strong="G2316" come.<sup>10</sup>  
 God|strong="G2316" rested|strong="G2664" af-  
 ter|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" finished  
 his|strong="G0846" work|strong="G2041".  
 So|strong="G2532" everyone who|strong="G3588"  
 enters|strong="G1525" God's|strong="G2316" place  
 of|strong="G0575" rest|strong="G2663"  
 will|strong="G2316" also|strong="G2532"  
 have|strong="G2532" rest|strong="G2663"  
 from|strong="G0575" their|strong="G0846"  
 own|strong="G2398" work|strong="G2041"  
 just|strong="G5618" as|strong="G1519"  
 God|strong="G2316" did|strong="G1525".<sup>11</sup>  
 So|strong="G2443" let|strong="G2443"  
 us|strong="G1519" try as|strong="G1519" hard  
 as|strong="G1519" we|strong="G3767" can  
 to|strong="G1519" enter|strong="G1525"  
 God's|strong="G0846" place|strong="G1722"  
 of|strong="G5100" rest|strong="G2663".  
 We|strong="G3767" must|strong="G1525" try hard  
 so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443"  
 none|strong="G3361" of|strong="G5100"  
 us|strong="G1519" will|strong="G5100"

II SEVENTH-DAY REST Literally, "Sabbath rest," meaning a sharing in the rest God began after he created the world.

be|strong="G3767" lost by|strong="G1722" following|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" example|strong="G5262" of|strong="G5100" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" refused to|strong="G1519" obey God|strong="G0846".

<sup>12</sup> God's|strong="G2316" word|strong="G3056" is|strong="G2316" alive|strong="G2198" and|strong="G2532" working. It|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2316" sharper|strong="G5114" than|strong="G5228" the|strong="G3956" sharpest sword|strong="G3162" and|strong="G2532" cuts all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" way|strong="G3956" into|strong="G2316" us. It|strong="G2532" cuts deep to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" place where the|strong="G3956" soul|strong="G5590" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" spirit|strong="G4151" are|strong="G3956" joined. God's|strong="G2316" word|strong="G3056" cuts to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" center of|strong="G3056" our|strong="G2316" joints|strong="G0719" and|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2316" bones. It|strong="G2532" judges the|strong="G3956" thoughts|strong="G1761" and|strong="G2532" feelings in|strong="G2316" our|strong="G2316" hearts|strong="G2588". <sup>13</sup> Nothing|strong="G3756" in|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" world can be|strong="G1510" hidden|strong="G0852" from|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" can clearly see all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956". Everything|strong="G3956" is|strong="G1510" open|strong="G1131" before|strong="G1799" him|strong="G0846". And|strong="G2532" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846" we|strong="G2249" must|strong="G1510" explain the|strong="G3956" way|strong="G3956" we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1510" lived|strong="G1510".

**Jesus|strong="G0846" Christ|strong="G0846" Is|strong="G1510" Our|strong="G2532" High Priest**

<sup>14</sup> We|strong="G2192" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" great|strong="G3173" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G2192" gone|strong="G1330" to|strong="G2316" live|strong="G2192" with|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G2316" heaven|strong="G3772". He|strong="G3767" is|strong="G2316" Jesus|strong="G2424" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316". So|strong="G3767" let|strong="G3767" us continue to|strong="G2316" express our|strong="G2316" faith in|strong="G2316" him|strong="G2424". <sup>15</sup> Je-

I God's word God's teachings and commands.

sus|strong="G3756", our|strong="G3956" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749", is|strong="G3588" able|strong="G1410" to|strong="G1410" understand our|strong="G3956" weaknesses|strong="G0769". When|strong="G1161" Jesus|strong="G3756" lived on|strong="G2596" earth, he|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" tempted|strong="G3985" in|strong="G2596" every|strong="G3956" way|strong="G2596". He|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" tempted|strong="G3985" in|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3956" same ways we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G3956" tempted|strong="G3985", but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G1161" never|strong="G3756" sinned. <sup>16</sup> With|strong="G3326" Jesus|strong="G2532" as|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2532" high priest, we|strong="G2532" can feel free to|strong="G1519" come|strong="G4334" before|strong="G1519" God's throne|strong="G2362" where|strong="G1519" there is|strong="G3588" grace|strong="G5485". There we|strong="G2532" receive|strong="G2983" mercy|strong="G1656" and|strong="G2532" kindness to|strong="G1519" help|strong="G0996" us|strong="G1519" when|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" need|strong="G2121" it|strong="G2147".

<sup>5</sup> Every|strong="G3956" Jewish high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" is|strong="G2316" chosen from|strong="G1537" among|strong="G1537" men|strong="G0444". That|strong="G2443" priest|strong="G0749" is|strong="G2316" given|strong="G1435" the|strong="G3956" work of|strong="G1537" helping people|strong="G0444" with|strong="G4314" the|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" they|strong="G2532" must|strong="G3588" do|strong="G2983" for|strong="G1063" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" must|strong="G3588" offer|strong="G4374" to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316" gifts|strong="G1435" and|strong="G2532" sacrifices|strong="G2378" for|strong="G1063" sins|strong="G0266". <sup>2</sup> The|strong="G3588" high priest has|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" weaknesses|strong="G0769". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" able|strong="G1410" to|strong="G1410" be|strong="G2532" gentle with|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G1410" wrong out of|strong="G3588" ignorance|strong="G0050". <sup>3</sup> He|strong="G2532" offers|strong="G4374" sacrifices for|strong="G1223" their|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266", but|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" must|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532" offer|strong="G4374" sacrifices

for|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846" own|strong="G1438" sins|strong="G0266".

<sup>4</sup> To|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2983" high|strong="G5100" priest is|strong="G2316" an|strong="G2532" honor|strong="G5092". But|strong="G0235" no|strong="G3756" one|strong="G5100" chooses himself|strong="G1438" for|strong="G2316" person|strong="G5100" must|strong="G0235" be|strong="G2532" chosen by|strong="G5259" God|strong="G2316" just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" Aaron|strong="G0002" was|strong="G3588". <sup>5</sup> It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" with|strong="G4314" Christ|strong="G5547". He|strong="G2532" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" choose himself|strong="G1438" to|strong="G4314" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" honor|strong="G1392" of|strong="G5207" becoming|strong="G1096" a|strong="G1096" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749". But|strong="G0235" God|strong="G0846" chose him|strong="G0846". God|strong="G0846" said|strong="G2980" to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G0846",

" You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" my|strong="G1096" Son|strong="G5207".

Today|strong="G4594" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" become|strong="G1096" your|strong="G1392" Father|strong="G1080"."

Psalm 2:7

<sup>6</sup> And|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" another|strong="G2087" part of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Scriptures God|strong="G3004" says|strong="G3004",

" You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3004" priest|strong="G2409" forever|strong="G0165"—

the|strong="G3588" kind of|strong="G1722" priest|strong="G2409" Melchizedek|strong="G3198" was|strong="G3588"."

Psalm 110:4

<sup>7</sup> While|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G0846" lived on|strong="G1722" earth|strong="G4561" he|strong="G2532" prayed to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G0846", asking for|strong="G4314" help from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" could|strong="G1410" save|strong="G4982" him|strong="G0846" from|strong="G0575" death|strong="G2288". He|strong="G2532" prayed to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3326" loud|strong="G2478" cries|strong="G2906" and|strong="G2532" tears|strong="G1144". And|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" prayers|strong="G1162"

were|strong="G3739" answered because|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" his|strong="G0846" great respect for|strong="G4314" God|strong="G0846". <sup>8</sup> Jesus|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God, but|strong="G3739" he|strong="G3739" still suffered|strong="G3958", and|strong="G5207" through|strong="G0575" his|strong="G3739" sufferings|strong="G3958" he|strong="G3739" learned|strong="G3129" to|strong="G1510" obey|strong="G5218" whatever|strong="G3739" God says. <sup>9</sup> This|strong="G3588" made|strong="G1096" him|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3956" perfect|strong="G5048" high priest, who|strong="G3588" provides the|strong="G3956" way|strong="G3956" for|strong="G2532" everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" obeys him|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G1096" saved forever|strong="G0166". <sup>10</sup> God|strong="G2316" made him high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749", just|strong="G2596" like|strong="G2596" Melchizedek|strong="G3198".

#### Warning Against|strong="G2596" Falling Away

<sup>11</sup> We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" things|strong="G4183" to|strong="G3004" tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3739" about|strong="G4012" this|strong="G3588". But|strong="G2532" it|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3739" hard|strong="G4183" to|strong="G3004" explain|strong="G1421" because|strong="G1893" you|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" stopped trying to|strong="G3004" understand. <sup>12</sup> You|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" had|strong="G2192" enough time|strong="G5550" that|strong="G1096" by|strong="G1223" now|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" should|strong="G3784" be|strong="G1510" teachers|strong="G1320". But|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" need|strong="G5532" someone|strong="G5100" to|strong="G2532" teach|strong="G1321" you|strong="G5210" again|strong="G3825" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G0746" lessons of|strong="G1223" God's|strong="G2316" teaching|strong="G1321". You|strong="G5210" still need|strong="G5532" the|strong="G3588" teaching|strong="G1321" that|strong="G1096" is|strong="G1510" like milk|strong="G1051". You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" ready for|strong="G1063" solid|strong="G4731" food|strong="G5160". <sup>13</sup> Anyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" lives on|strong="G1510" milk|strong="G1051" is|strong="G1510" still a|strong="G1510" baby and|strong="G3056" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" able

to *strong*="G3956" understand much about *strong*="G3588" living right *strong*="G1343".  
 14 But *strong*="G1161" solid *strong*="G4731" food *strong*="G5160" is *strong*="G1510" for *strong*="G1223" people *strong*="G1510" who *strong*="G3588" have *strong*="G2192" grown up. From *strong*="G2532" their *strong*="G2532" experience they *strong*="G2532" have *strong*="G2192" learned to *strong*="G4314" see the *strong*="G3588" difference between *strong*="G1223" good *strong*="G2570" and *strong*="G2532" evil *strong*="G2556".

6 So we should be finished with the beginning lessons about Christ. We should not have to keep going back to where we started. We began our new life by turning away from the evil we did in the past and by believing in God. That's when we were taught about baptisms,<sup>1</sup> laying hands on people, the resurrection of those who have died, and the final judgment. Now we need to go forward to more mature teaching.<sup>3</sup> And *strong*="G2532" that's what *strong*="G3588" we *strong*="G1437" will *strong*="G2316" do *strong*="G4160" if *strong*="G1437" God *strong*="G2316" allows *strong*="G2010".

4 After people have left the way of Christ, can you make them change their lives again? I am talking about people who once learned the truth, received God's gift, and shared in the Holy Spirit. They were blessed to hear God's good message and see the great power of his new world. But then they left it all behind, and it is not possible to make them change again. That's because those who leave Christ are nailing him to the cross again, shaming him before everyone.

7 Some *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0846" are *strong*="G3739" like *strong*="G0846" land *strong*="G1093" that *strong*="G3739" gets plenty of *strong*="G1223" rain *strong*="G5205" and *strong*="G2532" produces a *strong*="G3739" good crop for *strong*="G1063" those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3739" farm it *strong*="G0846". That *strong*="G3739" kind of *strong*="G1223" land *strong*="G1093" has *strong*="G2316" God's *strong*="G2316" blessing *strong*="G2129".<sup>8</sup> But *strong*="G1161" other *strong*="G1161" people *strong*="G3588" are *strong*="G3739" like land that *strong*="G3739" grows only *strong*="G2532" thorns *strong*="G0173" and *strong*="G2532" weeds. It *strong*="G1161" is *strong*="G3739" worthless and *strong*="G2532" in *strong*="G1519" danger of *strong*="G1519" being cursed *strong*="G2671" by *strong*="G2532" God. It *strong*="G1161" will *strong*="G3739" be *strong*="G2532" destroyed by *strong*="G2532" fire.

1 BAPTISMS The word here may mean the baptism (brief 'burial' in water) of believers in Christ, or it may mean Jewish ceremonial washings.

9 Dear *strong*="G0027" friends, I *strong*="G2532" am *strong*="G2192" not *strong*="G2532" saying *strong*="G2980" this *strong*="G3779" because *strong*="G1161" I *strong*="G2532" think it *strong*="G1161" is *strong*="G3588" happening to *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G5210". We *strong*="G1487" really expect that *strong*="G3982" you *strong*="G5210" will *strong*="G2532" do *strong*="G2192" better *strong*="G2909"— that *strong*="G3982" you *strong*="G5210" will *strong*="G2532" do *strong*="G2192" the *strong*="G3588" good things *strong*="G2980" that *strong*="G3982" will *strong*="G2532" result in *strong*="G2532" your *strong*="G2192" salvation *strong*="G4991".<sup>10</sup> God *strong*="G2316" is *strong*="G2316" fair, and *strong*="G2532" he *strong*="G2532" will *strong*="G2316" remember all *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" work *strong*="G2041" you *strong*="G5210" have *strong*="G2532" done *strong*="G2041". He *strong*="G2532" will *strong*="G2316" remember that *strong*="G3739" you *strong*="G5210" showed your *strong*="G2532" love *strong*="G0026" to *strong*="G1519" him *strong*="G0846" by *strong*="G2532" helping his *strong*="G0846" people *strong*="G0846" and *strong*="G2532" that *strong*="G3739" you *strong*="G5210" continue *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G1519" help them *strong*="G0846".<sup>11</sup> We *strong*="G1161" want each *strong*="G1538" of *strong*="G1680" you *strong*="G5210" to *strong*="G4314" be willing and *strong*="G1161" eager *strong*="G4710" to *strong*="G4314" show *strong*="G1731" your *strong*="G1161" love like *strong*="G0846" that *strong*="G0846" the *strong*="G3588" rest of *strong*="G1680" your *strong*="G1161" life. Then *strong*="G1161" you *strong*="G5210" will *strong*="G0846" be sure to *strong*="G4314" get what *strong*="G3588" you *strong*="G5210" hope *strong*="G1680" for *strong*="G4314".<sup>12</sup> We *strong*="G2532" don't *strong*="G3361" want you *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2443" be *strong*="G1096" lazy. We *strong*="G2532" want you *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2443" be *strong*="G1096" like those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3588", because *strong*="G1223" of *strong*="G1223" their *strong*="G2532" faith *strong*="G4102" and *strong*="G2532" patience *strong*="G3115", will *strong*="G2532" get *strong*="G1096" what *strong*="G3588" God has *strong*="G4102" promised *strong*="G1860".

13 God *strong*="G2316" made *strong*="G1861" a *strong*="G2192" promise *strong*="G1861" to *strong*="G2596" Abraham *strong*="G0011". And *strong*="G2316" there *strong*="G2596" is *strong*="G2316" no *strong*="G3762" one *strong*="G3762" greater *strong*="G3173"



than |strong="G3173" God |strong="G2316", so |strong="G1063" he |strong="G2192" made |strong="G1861" the |strong="G3588" promise |strong="G1861" with |strong="G2316" an |strong="G2192" oath |strong="G3660" in |strong="G2596" his |strong="G1438" own |strong="G1438" name— an |strong="G2192" oath |strong="G3660" that |strong="G2316" he |strong="G2192" would |strong="G3762" do |strong="G2192" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2192" promised |strong="G1861".<sup>14</sup> He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" surely |strong="G4129" bless |strong="G2127" you |strong="G4771". I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" give |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" many descendants."<sup>15</sup> Abraham |strong="G2013" waited |strong="G3114" patiently |strong="G3114" for |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3779" to |strong="G2532" happen, and |strong="G2532" later he |strong="G2532" received what |strong="G3588" God promised |strong="G1860".

<sup>16</sup> People |strong="G0444" always |strong="G3956" use the |strong="G3956" name of |strong="G3956" someone |strong="G0444" greater |strong="G3173" than |strong="G3173" themselves |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" make |strong="G3660" a |strong="G2532" promise with |strong="G2596" an |strong="G2532" oath |strong="G3727". The |strong="G3956" oath |strong="G3727" proves that |strong="G3956" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" say is |strong="G0444" true, and |strong="G2532" there |strong="G2596" is |strong="G0444" no more |strong="G3173" arguing about |strong="G2596" it |strong="G0846".<sup>17</sup> God |strong="G2316" wanted |strong="G1014" to |strong="G1722" prove that |strong="G3739" his |strong="G0846" promise |strong="G1860" was |strong="G3739" true. He |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G1014" to |strong="G1722" prove this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" would |strong="G0846" get what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G0846" promised |strong="G1860". He |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G1014" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1722" understand clearly that |strong="G3739" his |strong="G0846" purposes never change. So |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" said something would |strong="G0846" happen, and |strong="G2316" he |strong="G0846" proved what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G0846" said by |strong="G1722" adding an |strong="G3739" oath |strong="G3727".<sup>18</sup> These |strong="G3739" two |strong="G1417" things |strong="G3739" cannot |strong="G0102" change: God |strong="G2316" cannot |strong="G0102"

lie |strong="G5574" when |strong="G1722" he |strong="G3739" says something, and |strong="G2316" he |strong="G3739" cannot |strong="G0102" lie |strong="G5574" when |strong="G1722" he |strong="G3739" makes an |strong="G2192" oath.

So |strong="G2443" these |strong="G3739" two |strong="G1417" things |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" a |strong="G2192" great help to |strong="G2443" us |strong="G1722" who |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2192" come to |strong="G2443" God |strong="G2316" for |strong="G1223" safety. They |strong="G3739" encourage us |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2443" hold |strong="G2902" on |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" hope |strong="G1680" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G2316" ours.<sup>19</sup> This |strong="G3588" hope is |strong="G3739" like |strong="G5613" an |strong="G2192" anchor |strong="G0045" for |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519". It |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" strong and |strong="G2532" sure |strong="G0804" and |strong="G2532" keeps us |strong="G1519" safe. It |strong="G3739" goes behind the |strong="G3588" curtain |strong="G2665".<sup>20</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" has |strong="G1096" already entered |strong="G1525" there |strong="G3699" and |strong="G0165" opened the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G2596" for |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519". He |strong="G2424" has |strong="G1096" become |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" forever |strong="G0165", just |strong="G2596" like |strong="G2596" Melchizedek |strong="G3198".

### The Priest Melchizedek

**7** Melchizedek |strong="G3198" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" king |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0575" Salem |strong="G4532" and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" priest |strong="G2409" for |strong="G1063" God |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" Most |strong="G5310" High |strong="G5310". He |strong="G2532" met |strong="G4876" Abraham |strong="G0011" when |strong="G2532" Abraham |strong="G0011" was |strong="G3588" coming back |strong="G5290" after |strong="G2532" defeating |strong="G2871" the |strong="G3588" kings |strong="G0935". That |strong="G3778" day Melchizedek |strong="G3198" blessed |strong="G2127" him |strong="G0846".<sup>2</sup> Then |strong="G2532" Abraham |strong="G0011" gave

<sup>II</sup> CURTAIN The spiritual curtain in the heavenly temple, which was symbolized by the physical one that separated the inner sanctuary (and God's presence) from the other room in the Holy Tent and in the Jerusalem Temple. See "curtain" in the Word List. Also in 10:20.

I 6:14 Quote from Genesis 22:17.

him|strong="G3739" a|strong="G1510" tenth|strong="G1181" of|strong="G0575" every-thing|strong="G3956" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G1510".

The|strong="G3956" name Melchizedek, king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G0575" Salem|strong="G4532", has|strong="G3739" two meanings. First|strong="G4413", Melchizedek means|strong="G1510" king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G0575" justice|strong="G1343".<sup>3</sup> And|strong="G2532" king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G0575" Salem|strong="G4532" means|strong="G1510" king|strong="G0935" of|strong="G0575" peace|strong="G1515".<sup>3</sup> No|strong="G3383" one|strong="G3588" knows who|strong="G3588" his|strong="G2192" father|strong="G0540" or|strong="G3383" mother|strong="G0282" was|strong="G3588" or|strong="G3383" where|strong="G1519" he|strong="G1161" came from|strong="G2250".<sup>1</sup> And|strong="G1161" no|strong="G3383" one|strong="G3588" knows when|strong="G1161" he|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" born or|strong="G3383" when|strong="G1161" he|strong="G1161" died. Melchizedek is|strong="G2316" like|strong="G0871" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G1519" that|strong="G2250" he|strong="G1161" will|strong="G2316" always be|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2192" priest|strong="G2409".

<sup>4</sup> You|strong="G3739" can|strong="G1325" see|strong="G2334" that|strong="G3739" Melchizedek was|strong="G3739" very|strong="G3778" great|strong="G4080". Abraham|strong="G0011", our|strong="G2532" great|strong="G4080" ancestor, gave|strong="G1325" him|strong="G1325" a|strong="G1325" tenth|strong="G1181" of|strong="G1537" everything he|strong="G2532" won in|strong="G2532" battle.<sup>5</sup> Now|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" says that|strong="G3778" those|strong="G3588" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" tribe of|strong="G5207" Levi|strong="G3017" who|strong="G3588" be-come|strong="G2192" priests must|strong="G1510" get|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" tenth from|strong="G1537" their|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" people|strong="G2992", even|strong="G2532" though|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" people|strong="G2992" are|strong="G1510" both|strong="G2532" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" family of|strong="G5207" Abraham|strong="G0011".<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> NO ONE ... CAME FROM Literally, "Melchizedek was without father, without mother, without genealogy."

Melchizedek|strong="G1075" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" even|strong="G2532" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" tribe of|strong="G1537" Levi, but|strong="G1161" Abra-ham|strong="G0011" gave him|strong="G0846" a|strong="G2192" tenth|strong="G1183" of|strong="G1537" what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2192". And|strong="G2532" Melchizedek|strong="G1075" blessed|strong="G2127" Abraham|strong="G0011"—the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G2192" God's|strong="G0846" promises|strong="G1860".<sup>7</sup> And|strong="G1161" everyone|strong="G3956" knows that|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" more|strong="G3956" important person al-ways|strong="G3956" blesses the|strong="G3956" less|strong="G1640" important person.

<sup>8</sup> Those|strong="G1161" priests get|strong="G2198" a|strong="G2983" tenth|strong="G1181", but|strong="G1161" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G2532" on-ly|strong="G2532" men|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3748" live|strong="G2198" and|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" die|strong="G0599". But|strong="G1161" Melchizedek, who|strong="G3748" got a|strong="G2983" tenth|strong="G1181" from|strong="G0444" Abraham, continues to|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2198", as|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" Scriptures say.<sup>9</sup> Now|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" family of|strong="G1223" Levi|strong="G3018" are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" ones who|strong="G3588" get a|strong="G5613" tenth|strong="G1181" from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3588". But|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" say|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3004" when|strong="G5613" Abra-ham|strong="G0011" paid|strong="G1183" Melchizedek a|strong="G5613" tenth|strong="G1181", then|strong="G2532" Levi|strong="G3018" also|strong="G2532" paid|strong="G1183" it|strong="G1223".<sup>10</sup> Levi was|strong="G1510" not|strong="G1510" yet|strong="G2089" born, but|strong="G1063" he|strong="G0846" already existed|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" ances-tor|strong="G3962" Abraham|strong="G0846" when|strong="G3753" Melchizedek|strong="G3198" met|strong="G4876" him|strong="G0846".

<sup>11</sup> The|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2992" were|strong="G1510" given the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3549" under|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" system of|strong="G1223" priests|strong="G2409" from|strong="G2596"

the *tribe of Levi*. But *no one* could be *made* *spiritually perfect* through *that* *system of priests*. So *there* *was* *a* *need* *for* *another* *priest* *to* *come*. *I* *mean* *a* *priest* *like* *Melchizedek*, *not* *Aaron*. <sup>12</sup> And *when* *a* *different kind of* *priest comes*, *then* *the* *law* *must* *be* *changed* *too*. <sup>13</sup> We are talking about our Lord Christ, who belonged to a different tribe. No one from that tribe ever served as a priest at the altar. It is clear that Christ came from the tribe of Judah. And Moses said nothing about priests belonging to that tribe.

#### Jesus Is a Priest Like Melchizedek

<sup>15</sup> And *these* *things* *become even* *clearer* *we* *see that* *another* *priest* *has* *come* *who* *is* *like* *Melchizedek*. <sup>16</sup> He *was* *made* *a* *priest*, *but* *not* *because* *he* *met* *the* *requirement* *of* *being* *born* *into* *the* *right family*. He *became* *a* *priest* *by* *the* *power* *of* *a* *life* *that* *will* *never* *end*. <sup>17</sup> *This* *is* *what* *the* *Scriptures* *say* *about* *him*: "You *are* *a* *priest* *forever*— *the* *kind of* *priest* *Melchizedek* *was* *I*

<sup>18</sup> *The* *old rule is* *now* *ended* *because* *it* *was* *weak* *and* *worthless*.

<sup>19</sup> *The* *Law* *of* *Moses* *could not* *make* *anything* *perfect*. But *now* *a* *better* *hope* *has* *been given to* *us*. And *with* *that* *hope* *we* *can come* *near* *to* *God*.

<sup>20</sup> Also *it* *is* *God* *made* *a* *promise with* *an* *oath* *when* *he* *made* *Jesus* *high priest*. *When* *those* *other men became* *priests*, *there* *was* *no* *oath*. <sup>21</sup> But *Christ* *became a* *priest* *with* *God's* *oath*. *God* *said* *to* *him*, "The *Lord* *has* *made* *a* *promise with* *an* *oath* *and* *will* *not* *change* *his* *mind*: "You *are* *a* *priest* *forever*."

Psalm 110:4

<sup>22</sup> So *this* *means* *that* *Jesus* *is* *the* *guarantee* *of* *a* *better* *agreement from* *God* *to* *his* *people*.

<sup>23</sup> Also *when* *one* *of* *those* *other priests* *died*, *he* *could* *not* *continue* *being*

1 7:17 Quote from Psalm 110:4.

a |strong="G1096" priest |strong="G2409". So |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" many |strong="G4183" of |strong="G1223" those |strong="G3588" priests |strong="G2409". <sup>24</sup> But |strong="G1161" Jesus |strong="G0846" lives |strong="G3306" forever |strong="G0165". He |strong="G0846" will |strong="G0846" never stop serving as |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2192" priest. <sup>25</sup> So |strong="G2532" Christ |strong="G0846" can |strong="G1410" save |strong="G4982" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" come |strong="G4334" to |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316" through |strong="G1223" him |strong="G0846". Christ |strong="G0846" can |strong="G1410" do |strong="G1410" this |strong="G3588" forever |strong="G1519", because |strong="G1223" he |strong="G2532" always |strong="G3842" lives |strong="G2198" and |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316" ready |strong="G1410" to |strong="G1519" help people |strong="G0846" when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" come |strong="G4334" before |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316".

<sup>26</sup> So |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3772" the |strong="G3588" kind |strong="G5108" of |strong="G0575" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" we |strong="G2532" need. He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3772" holy |strong="G3741". He |strong="G2532" has |strong="G1096" no sin in |strong="G2532" him |strong="G2532". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3772" pure and |strong="G2532" not |strong="G2532" influenced by |strong="G0575" sinners |strong="G0268". And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3772" raised above |strong="G5308" the |strong="G3588" heavens |strong="G3772". <sup>27</sup> He |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3778" not |strong="G3756" like |strong="G5618" those |strong="G3588" other |strong="G3739" priests |strong="G0749". They |strong="G3739" had |strong="G2192" to |strong="G2596" offer |strong="G4374" sacrifices |strong="G2378" every |strong="G2596" day |strong="G2250", first |strong="G4387" for |strong="G1063" their |strong="G1438" own |strong="G2398" sins |strong="G0266", and |strong="G2250" then |strong="G1899" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" sins |strong="G0266" of |strong="G2250" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992". But |strong="G1063" Jesus |strong="G4160" doesn't |strong="G3756" need |strong="G2192" to |strong="G2596" do |strong="G4160" that |strong="G3739". He |strong="G3739" offered |strong="G4374" only |strong="G3756" one |strong="G3739" sacrifice |strong="G2378" for |strong="G1063"

all |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2250". He |strong="G3739" offered |strong="G4374" himself |strong="G1438". <sup>28</sup> The |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" chooses high |strong="G0749" priests |strong="G0749" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" men |strong="G0444" and |strong="G1161" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" same weakness-es |strong="G0769" that |strong="G0749" all |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" have |strong="G2192". But |strong="G1161" after |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551", God spoke |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" oath |strong="G3728" that |strong="G0749" made |strong="G2525" his |strong="G2192" Son |strong="G5207" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749". And |strong="G1161" that |strong="G0749" Son |strong="G5207", made |strong="G2525" perfect |strong="G5048" through suffering, will |strong="G0444" serve |strong="G2192" forever |strong="G0165".

### Jesus Our High Priest

**8** Here |strong="G1722" is |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" point |strong="G2774" of |strong="G1909" what |strong="G3739" we |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" saying |strong="G3004": We |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" like |strong="G5108" that |strong="G3739", who |strong="G3739" sits |strong="G2523" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1188" side <sup>I</sup> of |strong="G1909" God's throne |strong="G2362" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772". <sup>2</sup> Our |strong="G2532" high priest serves in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Most |strong="G0040" Holy |strong="G0040" Place |strong="G0040". <sup>II</sup> He |strong="G2532" serves in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0228" place |strong="G0040" of |strong="G2962" worship <sup>III</sup> that |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" made by |strong="G0444" God, not |strong="G3756" by |strong="G0444" anyone |strong="G3739" here on |strong="G2962" earth. <sup>3</sup> Every |strong="G3956" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" has |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3956" work of |strong="G5100" offering |strong="G1435" gifts |strong="G1435" and |strong="G2532" sacrifices |strong="G2378" to |strong="G1519" God. So |strong="G2532" our |strong="G2532" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" must |strong="G3588" al-

<sup>I</sup> RIGHT SIDE The place of honor and authority (power). <sup>II</sup> MOST HOLY PLACE Literally, "holies" for "holy of holies," the spiritual place where God lives and is worshiped. <sup>III</sup> PLACE OF WORSHIP Literally, "Tabernacle" or "tent."

so |strong="G2532" offer |strong="G4374" something |strong="G5100" to |strong="G1519" God. 4 If |strong="G1487" our |strong="G2596" high priest |strong="G2409" were |strong="G1510" now |strong="G3767" living on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093", he |strong="G1510" would |strong="G0302" not |strong="G3761" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" priest |strong="G2409". I |strong="G1487" say this |strong="G3588" because |strong="G1909" there |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" already priests |strong="G2409" here |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" follow the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" by |strong="G2596" offering |strong="G1435" gifts |strong="G1435" to |strong="G1909" God. 5 The |strong="G3956" work that |strong="G3748" these |strong="G3748" priests do |strong="G4160" is |strong="G3588" really only |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" copy |strong="G5262" and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" shadow |strong="G4639" of |strong="G3956" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G2032". That |strong="G3748" is |strong="G3588" why |strong="G1063" God |strong="G4160" warned |strong="G5537" Moses |strong="G3475" when |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" ready |strong="G3195" to |strong="G3195" build the |strong="G3956" Holy Tent |strong="G4639": " Be |strong="G2532" sure to |strong="G3195" make |strong="G4160" everything |strong="G3956" exactly like |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3956" pattern |strong="G5179" I |strong="G2532" showed |strong="G1166" you |strong="G4771" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" mountain |strong="G3735".<sup>16</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G2532" work that |strong="G3748" has |strong="G3748" been |strong="G1510" given to |strong="G1909" Jesus |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" much |strong="G3745" greater |strong="G2909" than |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" work that |strong="G3748" was |strong="G1510" given to |strong="G1909" those |strong="G3745" priests. In |strong="G1909" the |strong="G2532" same |strong="G2532" way, the |strong="G2532" new agreement that |strong="G3748" Jesus |strong="G1510" brought from |strong="G2532" God to |strong="G1909" his |strong="G1909" people |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" much |strong="G3745" greater |strong="G2909" than |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" old one |strong="G3748". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" new agreement is |strong="G1510" based on |strong="G1909" better |strong="G2909" promises |strong="G1860".

I 8:5 Quote from Exodus 25:40.

7 If |strong="G1487" there |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" nothing |strong="G3756" wrong with |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" agreement, then |strong="G1063" there |strong="G1510" would |strong="G0302" be |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" need for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1510" second |strong="G1208" agreement. 8 But |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" found something |strong="G3708" wrong with |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004",

" The |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2250" is |strong="G2962" coming |strong="G2064", says |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962",

when |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" give |strong="G3004" a |strong="G3708" new |strong="G2537" agreement to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" of |strong="G2250" Israel |strong="G2474" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" of |strong="G2250" Judah |strong="G2455".

9 It |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2962" like |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" agreement that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" gave |strong="G4160" to |strong="G3004" their |strong="G0846" fathers |strong="G3962".

That |strong="G3754" is |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" agreement I |strong="G1473" gave |strong="G4160" when |strong="G1722" I |strong="G1473" took |strong="G1949" them |strong="G0846" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" hand |strong="G5495" and |strong="G3962" led |strong="G1806" them |strong="G0846" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" Egypt |strong="G0125".

They |strong="G0846" did |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3756" continue |strong="G1696" following |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" agreement I |strong="G1473" gave |strong="G4160" them |strong="G0846",

and |strong="G3962" I |strong="G1473" turned away |strong="G1806" from |strong="G1537" them |strong="G0846", says |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962".

10 This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" new agreement I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2316" give |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" of |strong="G2250" Israel |strong="G2474".

I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G2316" give |strong="G1325" this |strong="G3778" agreement

in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" future, says|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962":

I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" put|strong="G1325" my|strong="G1325" laws|strong="G3551" in|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" minds|strong="G1271", and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" write|strong="G1924" my|strong="G1325" laws|strong="G3551" on|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" hearts|strong="G2588".

I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" their|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" my|strong="G1325" people|strong="G2992".

<sup>11</sup> Never|strong="G3756" again|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2962" anyone|strong="G3956" have|strong="G2532" to|strong="G3004" teach|strong="G1321" their|strong="G0846" neighbors

or|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" family to|strong="G3004" know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962".

All|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956"—the|strong="G3956" greatest|strong="G3173" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" least|strong="G3398" important|strong="G3173"—will|strong="G2962" know|strong="G1097" me|strong="G3004".

<sup>12</sup> And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" forgive the|strong="G3588" wrongs they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" done,

and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" remember|strong="G3403" their|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266".

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>13</sup> God|strong="G3004" called|strong="G3004" this|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3004" new|strong="G2537" agreement, so|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2532" made|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" agreement old|strong="G1095". And|strong="G2532" anything that|strong="G3004" is|strong="G3588" old|strong="G1095" and|strong="G2532" useless is|strong="G3588" ready|strong="G1451" to|strong="G3004" disappear|strong="G0854".

### Worship Under the Old Agreement

**9** The|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" agreement had|strong="G2192" rules for|strong="G2532" worship|strong="G2999" and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2192"

place|strong="G0040" for|strong="G2532" worship|strong="G2999" here on|strong="G3767" earth.  
<sup>2</sup> This|strong="G3588" place|strong="G0040" was|strong="G3739" inside|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3739" tent|strong="G4633". The|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" area in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" tent|strong="G4633" was|strong="G3739" called|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Place|strong="G0040". In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Place|strong="G0040" were|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" lamp and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" table|strong="G5132" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" special bread|strong="G0740" offered to|strong="G3004" God|strong="G3004".  
<sup>3</sup> Behind|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" second|strong="G1208" curtain|strong="G2665" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3004" room called|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Most|strong="G0040" Holy|strong="G0040" Place|strong="G0040".  
<sup>4</sup> In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Most Holy Place|strong="G1722" was|strong="G3739" a|strong="G2192" golden|strong="G5552" altar|strong="G2369" for|strong="G1722" burning incense|strong="G2369". And|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1722" was|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" Box of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Agreement. The|strong="G3588" Box was|strong="G3739" covered|strong="G4028" with|strong="G1722" gold|strong="G5553". Inside|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3588" Box was|strong="G3739" a|strong="G2192" golden|strong="G5552" jar|strong="G4713" of|strong="G1722" manna|strong="G3131" and|strong="G2532" Aaron's|strong="G0002" rod|strong="G4464"—the|strong="G3588" rod|strong="G4464" that|strong="G3739" once grew leaves. Also|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Box were|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" flat stones with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Ten Commandments of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" old agreement on|strong="G1722" them|strong="G1722".  
<sup>5</sup> Above|strong="G5231" the|strong="G3588" Box were|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Cherub angels that|strong="G3739" showed God's|strong="G0846" glory|strong="G1391". These|strong="G3739" Cherub angels were|strong="G1510" over|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" place|strong="G3313" of|strong="G1391" mercy|strong="G2435".  
<sup>1</sup> But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G3739" can-

<sup>1</sup> PLACE OF MERCY Or "mercy seat," a place on top of the "Box of the Agreement," where the high priest put the blood of an animal once a year to pay for the sins of the people.

not |strong="G3756" say|strong="G3004" everything about |strong="G4012" this|strong="G3588" now |strong="G1161".

<sup>6</sup> Everything |strong="G3956" in|strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" tent|strong="G4633" was |strong="G3588" made ready in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" way|strong="G3779" I |strong="G3778" have |strong="G3956" explained. Then |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3956" priests |strong="G2409" went |strong="G1524" in- to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" room every |strong="G3956" day to |strong="G1519" do their |strong="G3956" wor- ship |strong="G2999" duties. <sup>7</sup> But |strong="G1161" only |strong="G3441" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" could go into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sec- ond |strong="G1208" room, and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" went in |strong="G1519" on- ly |strong="G3441" once |strong="G0530" a |strong="G3739" year |strong="G1763". Al- so |strong="G2532", he |strong="G2532" could nev- er |strong="G3756" enter that |strong="G3739" room without |strong="G5565" taking blood |strong="G0129" with |strong="G2532" him |strong="G3739". He |strong="G2532" of- fered |strong="G4374" that |strong="G3739" blood |strong="G0129" to |strong="G1519" God for |strong="G1519" himself |strong="G1438" and |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sins |strong="G0051" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G2992" commit- ted without |strong="G5565" knowing they |strong="G3739" were |strong="G2992" sinning.

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spir- it |strong="G4151" uses those |strong="G3588" two separate rooms to |strong="G3778" teach us that |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598" into the |strong="G3588" Most |strong="G0040" Holy |strong="G0040" Place |strong="G0040"<sup>1</sup> was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3778" open while |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" room was |strong="G3588" still |strong="G2089" there. <sup>9</sup> This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3739" an |strong="G2532" example for |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519" today. It |strong="G3739" shows that |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" gifts |strong="G1435" and |strong="G2532" sacri- fices |strong="G2378" the |strong="G3588" priests of- fer |strong="G4374" to |strong="G1519" God are |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3361" able |strong="G1410" to |strong="G1519" make |strong="G5048" the |strong="G3588" con- sciences |strong="G4893" of |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" worshipers |strong="G3000" com-

pletely |strong="G5048" clear. <sup>10</sup> These gifts and |strong="G2532" sacrifices are |strong="G2532" only |strong="G3440" about |strong="G1909" food |strong="G1033" and |strong="G2532" drink |strong="G4188" and |strong="G2532" special washings |strong="G0909". They |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" only |strong="G3440" rules about |strong="G1909" the |strong="G2532" body |strong="G4561". God gave them |strong="G1909" for |strong="G1909" his |strong="G1909" people |strong="G4561" to |strong="G1909" follow until |strong="G3360" the |strong="G2532" time |strong="G2540" of |strong="G1909" his |strong="G1909" new way.

### Worship Under |strong="G1909" the |strong="G2532" New Agreement

<sup>11</sup> But |strong="G1161" Christ |strong="G5547" has |strong="G1096" already come |strong="G1096" to |strong="G3195" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" high |strong="G0749" priest |strong="G0749" of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" good |strong="G0018" things |strong="G3778" we |strong="G3778" now |strong="G1161" have |strong="G1510". But |strong="G1161" Christ |strong="G5547" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" serve in |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" place |strong="G1096" like the |strong="G3588" tent |strong="G4633" that |strong="G3778" those |strong="G3588" oth- er |strong="G1161" priests |strong="G0749" served in |strong="G2532". He |strong="G2532" serves in |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" better place |strong="G1096". Unlike that |strong="G3778" tent |strong="G4633", this |strong="G3778" one |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" per- fect |strong="G5046". It |strong="G1223" was |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" made |strong="G1096" by |strong="G1223" anyone here |strong="G1510" on |strong="G1161" earth. It |strong="G1223" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G3195" this |strong="G3778" world. <sup>12</sup> Christ entered |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" Most |strong="G0040" Holy |strong="G0040" Place |strong="G0040" on- ly |strong="G2532" one |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2178"—enough for |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2178". He |strong="G2532" entered |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" Most |strong="G0040" Holy |strong="G0040" Place |strong="G0040" by |strong="G1223" using his |strong="G1223" own |strong="G2398" blood |strong="G0129", not |strong="G3761" the |strong="G3588"

<sup>1</sup> MOST HOLY PLACE Literally, "holies" for "holy of holies," the spiri- tual place where God lives and is worshiped. Also in verses 12, 24.

blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G1223" goats|strong="G5131" or|strong="G3761" young bulls. He|strong="G2532" entered|strong="G1525" there|strong="G1161" and|strong="G2532" made us|strong="G1519" free from|strong="G2532" sin forever|strong="G1519".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G0129" goats|strong="G5131" and|strong="G2532" bulls|strong="G5022" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" ashes|strong="G4700" of|strong="G0129" a|strong="G1487" cow were|strong="G3588" sprinkled|strong="G4472" on|strong="G0129" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3588" no|strong="G1487" longer pure enough to|strong="G4314" enter the|strong="G3588" place of|strong="G0129" worship.

The|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" and|strong="G2532" ashes|strong="G4700" made|strong="G2840" them pure again|strong="G2532"— but|strong="G2532" only|strong="G1487" their|strong="G2532" bodies. <sup>14</sup> So|strong="G1519" surely the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" sacrifice of|strong="G4151" Christ|strong="G5547" can do|strong="G2041" much|strong="G4214" more|strong="G3123". Christ|strong="G5547" offered|strong="G4374" himself|strong="G1438" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" eternal|strong="G0166" Spirit|strong="G4151"<sup>14</sup> as|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739" perfect sacrifice to|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316". His|strong="G1223" blood|strong="G0129" will|strong="G2316" make|strong="G2511" us|strong="G1519" completely|strong="G1519" clean|strong="G2511" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" evil we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1473" done|strong="G2041". It|strong="G1223" will|strong="G2316" give us|strong="G1519" clear consciences|strong="G4893" so|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739" can worship|strong="G3000" the|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>15</sup> So|strong="G2532" Christ brings|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096" new|strong="G2537" agreement from|strong="G2532" God to|strong="G1519" his|strong="G1223" people|strong="G1510". He|strong="G2532" brings|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3778" agreement so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3704" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" chosen by|strong="G1223" God can have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" blessings God promised|strong="G1860", blessings that|strong="G3704" last|strong="G3778" forev-

er|strong="G1519". This|strong="G3778" can happen|strong="G1096" only|strong="G2532" because|strong="G1223" Christ died|strong="G2288" to|strong="G1519" free people|strong="G1510" from|strong="G2532" sins committed against|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" commands of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" agreement.

<sup>16</sup> When someone dies and|strong="G2288" leaves a|strong="G5342" will, there|strong="G3699" must|strong="G0318" be proof that|strong="G1242" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" wrote the|strong="G3588" will is|strong="G3588" dead. <sup>17</sup> A|strong="G1909" will|strong="G3498" means|strong="G2480" nothing while|strong="G3753" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" wrote it|strong="G1909" is|strong="G3588" still living|strong="G2198". It|strong="G1909" can|strong="G2480" be used only after|strong="G3753" that|strong="G2198" person's death|strong="G3498". <sup>18</sup> That is|strong="G3588" why blood|strong="G0129" was|strong="G3588" needed to|strong="G4413" begin the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" agreement between God and|strong="G4413" his|strong="G3761" people|strong="G3588". <sup>19</sup> First, Moses|strong="G3475" told|strong="G2980" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992" every|strong="G3956" command|strong="G1785" in|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3956" law|strong="G3551". Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" took|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3956" blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G3551" young bulls and|strong="G2532" mixed it|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3326" water|strong="G5204". He|strong="G2532" used red wool|strong="G2053" and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2983" branch of|strong="G3551" hyssop|strong="G5301" to|strong="G2596" sprinkle the|strong="G3956" blood|strong="G0129" and|strong="G2532" water|strong="G5204" on|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3956" book|strong="G0975" of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3956" law|strong="G3551" and|strong="G2532" on|strong="G2596" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G2992". <sup>20</sup> Then|strong="G3004" he|strong="G3739" said|strong="G3004", " This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" that|strong="G3739" makes the|strong="G3588" agreement good—the|strong="G3588" agreement that|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316" commanded|strong="G1781" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G4314" follow." <sup>1121</sup> In|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G3668" way|strong="G3668", Moses

I SPIRIT Probably the Holy Spirit. See "Holy Spirit" in the Word List.

II 9:20 Quote from Exodus 24:8.



sprinkled|strong="G4472" the|strong="G3956" blood|strong="G0129" on|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3956" Holy Tent|strong="G4633". He|strong="G2532" sprinkled|strong="G4472" the|strong="G3956" blood|strong="G0129" over everything|strong="G3956" used in|strong="G2532" worship. <sup>22</sup> The|strong="G3956" law|strong="G3551" says that|strong="G3956" almost|strong="G4975" everything|strong="G3956" must|strong="G3588" be|strong="G1096" made|strong="G1096" clean|strong="G2511" by|strong="G1722" blood|strong="G0129". Sins cannot|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1096" forgiven without|strong="G5565" a|strong="G1096" blood|strong="G0129" sacrifice.

**Jesus|strong="G2532" Christ Is|strong="G3588" Our|strong="G2532" Sacrifice for|strong="G1722" Sin**

<sup>23</sup> These|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" are|strong="G3778" copies|strong="G5262" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" real things|strong="G3778" that|strong="G3778" are|strong="G3778" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772". These|strong="G3778" copies|strong="G5262" had|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1722" be|strong="G3767" made clean|strong="G2511" by|strong="G1722" animal sacrifices|strong="G2378". But|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" real things|strong="G3778" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" must|strong="G0318" have|strong="G3588" much better|strong="G2909" sacrifices|strong="G2378". <sup>24</sup> Christ|strong="G5547" went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Most|strong="G5228" Holy|strong="G0040" Place|strong="G0040". But|strong="G0235" it|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3588" man-made one|strong="G3588", which|strong="G3588" is|strong="G2316" only|strong="G3756" a|strong="G1525" copy|strong="G0499" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" real one|strong="G3588". He|strong="G0846" went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" heaven|strong="G3772", and|strong="G2316" he|strong="G0846" is|strong="G2316" there now|strong="G3568" before|strong="G1519" God|strong="G2316" to|strong="G1519" help us|strong="G1519".

<sup>25</sup> The|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" enters|strong="G1525" the|strong="G3588" Most|strong="G0040" Holy|strong="G0040" Place|strong="G0040" once every|strong="G2596" year|strong="G1763". He|strong="G1722" takes with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G1722" blood|strong="G0129" to|strong="G1519" offer|strong="G4374". But|strong="G1438" he|strong="G1722" does|strong="G3761" not|strong="G3761" of-

fer|strong="G4374" his|strong="G1438" own|strong="G1438" blood|strong="G0129" like|strong="G5618" Christ did|strong="G1525". Christ went|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" heaven, but|strong="G1438" not|strong="G3761" to|strong="G1519" offer|strong="G4374" himself|strong="G1438" many|strong="G4178" times|strong="G4178" like|strong="G5618" the|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" offers|strong="G4374" blood|strong="G0129" again|strong="G1519" and|strong="G0749" again|strong="G1519". <sup>26</sup> If Christ|strong="G0846" had|strong="G1163" offered himself|strong="G0846" many|strong="G4178" times|strong="G4178", he|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1163" needed|strong="G1163" to|strong="G1519" suffer|strong="G3958" many|strong="G4178" times|strong="G4178" since|strong="G1893" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G0165" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" was|strong="G3588" made|strong="G5319". But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1223" to|strong="G1519" offer himself|strong="G0846" only once|strong="G0530". And|strong="G1161" that|strong="G0846" once|strong="G0530" is|strong="G3588" enough for|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3588" time|strong="G0165". He|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1223" at|strong="G1909" a|strong="G1909" time|strong="G0165" when|strong="G1161" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" is|strong="G3588" nearing an|strong="G1161" end|strong="G4930". He|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1223" to|strong="G1519" take away|strong="G0575" all|strong="G3588" sin|strong="G0266" by|strong="G1223" offering himself|strong="G0846" as|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1909" sacrifice|strong="G2378".

<sup>27</sup> Everyone|strong="G3745" must|strong="G3588" die|strong="G0599" once|strong="G0530". Then|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3778" judged. <sup>28</sup> So|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G5547" was|strong="G3588" offered|strong="G4374" as|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3708" sacrifice one|strong="G3588" time|strong="G1208" to|strong="G1519" take away the|strong="G3588" sins|strong="G0266" of|strong="G1537" many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G0846". And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G4183" come|strong="G1537" a|strong="G3708" second|strong="G1208" time|strong="G1208", but|strong="G2532" not|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" offer|strong="G4374" himself|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1519" sin|strong="G0266". He|strong="G2532"

will|strong="G4183" come|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" second|strong="G1208" time|strong="G1208" to|strong="G1519" bring|strong="G4374" salvation|strong="G4991" to|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" waiting|strong="G0553" for|strong="G1519" him|strong="G0846".

### Jesus Christ—the Only Sacrifice We Need

**10** The|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" gave us|strong="G1519" only|strong="G3756" an|strong="G2192" unclear picture of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G0018" things|strong="G3739" coming|strong="G4334" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" future|strong="G3195". The|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" is|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756" a|strong="G2192" perfect|strong="G5048" picture of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3588" real things|strong="G3739". The|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" tells people|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" offer|strong="G4374" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" sacrifices|strong="G2378" every|strong="G2596" year|strong="G1763". Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" come|strong="G3195" to|strong="G1519" worship God|strong="G0846" continue to|strong="G1519" offer|strong="G4374" those|strong="G3588" sacrifices|strong="G2378". But|strong="G3551" the|strong="G3588" law|strong="G3551" can|strong="G1410" never|strong="G3756" make|strong="G5048" them|strong="G0846" perfect|strong="G5048". <sup>2</sup> If|strong="G0302" the|strong="G3588" law could|strong="G2192" make|strong="G2511" people|strong="G4374" perfect, those|strong="G3588" sacrifices would|strong="G0302" have|strong="G2192" already stopped|strong="G3973". They|strong="G2192" would|strong="G0302" already be|strong="G2089" clean|strong="G2511" from|strong="G1223" their|strong="G1223" sins|strong="G0266", and|strong="G0266" they|strong="G2192" would|strong="G0302" not|strong="G3756" still|strong="G2089" feel guilty. <sup>3</sup> But|strong="G0235" that's not|strong="G0235" what|strong="G0235" happens. Their|strong="G0846" sacrifices make them|strong="G0846" remember their|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266" every|strong="G2596" year|strong="G1763", <sup>4</sup> because|strong="G1063" it|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2532" not|strong="G2532" possible for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2532" blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G0129" bulls|strong="G5022" and|strong="G2532" goats|strong="G5131" to|strong="G2532"

take|strong="G0851" away|strong="G0851" sins|strong="G0266".

<sup>5</sup> So|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" Christ came|strong="G1525" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " You|strong="G3004" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309" sacrifices|strong="G2378" and|strong="G2532" offerings|strong="G4376", but|strong="G1161" you|strong="G3004" have|strong="G2532" prepared|strong="G2675" a|strong="G1525" body|strong="G4983" for|strong="G1519" me|strong="G3004".

<sup>6</sup> You|strong="G2532" are|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" pleased|strong="G2106" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" sacrifices of|strong="G4012" animals killed and|strong="G2532" burned or|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2532" offerings|strong="G3646" to|strong="G2532" take|strong="G2106" away sins|strong="G0266".

<sup>7</sup> Then|strong="G5119" I|strong="G1473" said|strong="G3004", " Here|strong="G2400" I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473", God|strong="G2316".

It|strong="G4160" is|strong="G2316" written|strong="G1125" about|strong="G4012" me|strong="G3004" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" book|strong="G0975" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" law.

I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1473" come|strong="G2240" to|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" want|strong="G2307"."

Psalm 40:6-8

<sup>8</sup> Christ first said|strong="G3004", " You|strong="G3754" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G2309" sacrifices|strong="G2378" and|strong="G2532" offerings|strong="G4376". You|strong="G3754" are|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" pleased|strong="G2106" with|strong="G2596" animals killed and|strong="G2532" burned or|strong="G3761" with|strong="G2596" sacrifices|strong="G2378" to|strong="G3004" take|strong="G2106" away sin|strong="G0266". " ( These|strong="G3748" are|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3761" sacrifices|strong="G2378" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G2532" law|strong="G3551" commands.)

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="G5119" he|strong="G3004" said|strong="G3004", " Here|strong="G2400" I|strong="G3004" am, God|strong="G3004". I|strong="G3004" have|strong="G4160" come|strong="G2240" to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" want|strong="G2307". " So|strong="G2443" God|strong="G3004" ends that|strong="G2443" first|strong="G4413" system

of|strong="G2307" sacrifices and|strong="G2476" starts his|strong="G4160" new way.<sup>10</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" did|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3739" God wanted him|strong="G3739" to|strong="G1722" do|strong="G1510". And|strong="G2424" because|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" that|strong="G3739", we|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" made holy|strong="G0037" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" sacrifice|strong="G4376" of|strong="G1223" Christ's|strong="G5547" body|strong="G4983". Christ|strong="G5547" made that|strong="G3739" sacrifice|strong="G4376" one|strong="G3739" time|strong="G2178"—enough for|strong="G1223" all|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2178".

<sup>11</sup> Every|strong="G3956" day|strong="G2250" the|strong="G3956" priests|strong="G2409" stand|strong="G2476" and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G1410" their|strong="G0846" religious service. Again|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" again|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" offer|strong="G4374" the|strong="G3956" same|strong="G0846" sacrifices|strong="G2378", which|strong="G3748" can|strong="G1410" never|strong="G3763" take|strong="G4014" away|strong="G4014" sins|strong="G0266".<sup>12</sup> But|strong="G1161" Christ|strong="G1520" offered|strong="G4374" only one|strong="G1520" sacrifice|strong="G2378" for|strong="G1519" sins|strong="G0266", and|strong="G1161" that|strong="G3778" sacrifice|strong="G2378" is|strong="G2316" good for|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3588" time|strong="G1336". Then|strong="G1161" he|strong="G3778" sat|strong="G2523" down|strong="G2523" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1188" side of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".<sup>13</sup> And|strong="G0846" now|strong="G0846" Christ|strong="G0846" waits|strong="G1551" there for|strong="G1551" his|strong="G0846" enemies|strong="G2190" to|strong="G2193" be|strong="G2190" put|strong="G5087" under his|strong="G0846" power.<sup>14</sup> With|strong="G1519" one|strong="G1520" sacrifice|strong="G4376" Christ|strong="G1520" made|strong="G5048" his|strong="G1519" people|strong="G3588" perfect|strong="G5048" forever|strong="G1519". They are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" ones who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" being made|strong="G5048" holy|strong="G0037".

<sup>15</sup> The|strong="G3588" Holy|strong="G0040" Spirit|strong="G4151" also|strong="G2532" tells us|strong="G3004" about|strong="G3588"

I TO BE PUT UNDER HIS POWER Literally, "to be made a footstool for his feet."

this|strong="G3588". First he|strong="G2532" says|strong="G3004",

<sup>16</sup> " This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" agreement<sup>II</sup> I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" make|strong="G1303" with|strong="G3326" my|strong="G1325" people|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" future, says|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962".

I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" put|strong="G1325" my|strong="G1325" laws|strong="G3551" in|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" hearts|strong="G2588".

I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" write|strong="G1924" my|strong="G1325" laws|strong="G3551" in|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" minds|strong="G1271"."

Jeremiah 31:33

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" says, " I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" forget their|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266" and|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3756" again|strong="G2089" remember|strong="G3403" the|strong="G3588" evil they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" done."

Jeremiah 31:34

<sup>18</sup> And|strong="G1161" after|strong="G1161" every-thing is|strong="G3778" forgiven, there|strong="G3699" is|strong="G3778" no|strong="G3765" more|strong="G3765" need for|strong="G4012" a|strong="G1161" sacrifice|strong="G4376" to|strong="G3778" pay for|strong="G4012" sins|strong="G0266".

#### Come Near to|strong="G3778" God

<sup>19</sup> And|strong="G2424" so|strong="G3767", brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2424" sisters, we|strong="G2192" are|strong="G3588" completely|strong="G1519" free to|strong="G1519" enter|strong="G1529" the|strong="G3588" Most|strong="G0040" Holy|strong="G0040" Place|strong="G0040".<sup>III</sup> We|strong="G2192" can do|strong="G2192" this|strong="G3588" without fear because|strong="G1722" of|strong="G0129" the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" sacrifice of|strong="G0129" Jesus|strong="G2424".<sup>20</sup> We|strong="G2249" enter through|strong="G1223" a|strong="G1510" new|strong="G4372" way|strong="G3598" that|strong="G3739" Jesus|strong="G0846" opened for|strong="G1223" us. It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" living|strong="G2198" way|strong="G3598" that|strong="G3739" leads through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" cur-

II AGREEMENT The new and better agreement that God has given to his people through Jesus. See "agreement" in the Word List. III MOST HOLY PLACE Literally, "holies" for "holy of holies," the spiritual place where God lives and is worshiped.

tain|strong="G2665"— Christ's|strong="G0846" body|strong="G4561". <sup>21</sup> And|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" great|strong="G3173" priest|strong="G2409" who|strong="G3588" rules the|strong="G3588" house|strong="G3624" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316". <sup>22</sup> Sprinkled|strong="G4472" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" blood of|strong="G0575" Christ, our|strong="G2532" hearts|strong="G2588" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" made free from|strong="G0575" a|strong="G2532" guilty conscience|strong="G4893", and|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2532" bodies|strong="G4983" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" washed|strong="G3068" with|strong="G3326" pure|strong="G2513" water. So|strong="G2532" come|strong="G4334" near|strong="G4334" to|strong="G2532" God with|strong="G3326" a|strong="G2532" sincere|strong="G0228" heart|strong="G2588", full|strong="G4136" of|strong="G0575" confidence because|strong="G0575" of|strong="G0575" our|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102" in|strong="G1722" Christ. <sup>23</sup> We|strong="G2532" must|strong="G3588" hold|strong="G2722" on|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" hope|strong="G1680" we|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532", never hesitating to|strong="G2532" tell people|strong="G3588" about|strong="G3588" it|strong="G2532". We|strong="G2532" can trust God|strong="G1861" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" promised|strong="G1861".

#### Help Each Other Be|strong="G2532" Strong

<sup>24</sup> We|strong="G2532" should|strong="G2532" think about|strong="G1519" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" to|strong="G1519" see how|strong="G2657" we|strong="G2532" can encourage each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" to|strong="G1519" show love|strong="G0026" and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" good|strong="G2570" works|strong="G2041". <sup>25</sup> We|strong="G2532" must|strong="G0235" not|strong="G3361" quit meeting together|strong="G1997", as|strong="G2531" some|strong="G5100" are|strong="G3588" doing. No|strong="G3361", we|strong="G2532" need to|strong="G2532" keep|strong="G3361" on|strong="G0991" encouraging|strong="G3870" each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1438". This|strong="G3588" becomes more|strong="G3123" and|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3123" important as|strong="G2531" you|strong="G2532" see|strong="G0991" the|strong="G3588" Day|strong="G2250" getting closer.

#### Don't|strong="G3361" Turn Away From|strong="G3361" God's Son

<sup>26</sup> If we|strong="G2249" decide to|strong="G3326" continue sinning|strong="G0264" after|strong="G3326" we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G1473" learned the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225", then|strong="G1063" there is|strong="G3588" no|strong="G3765" other sacrifice|strong="G2378" that|strong="G3326" will|strong="G1473" take|strong="G2983" away|strong="G3326" sins|strong="G0266". <sup>27</sup> If|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" continue|strong="G2532" sinning, all|strong="G3588" that|strong="G1161" is|strong="G5100" left for|strong="G2532" us is|strong="G5100" a|strong="G2532" fearful|strong="G5398" time of|strong="G5100" waiting for|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" judgment|strong="G2920" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" angry fire|strong="G4442" that|strong="G1161" will|strong="G3195" destroy those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" live against God. <sup>28</sup> Whoever refused to|strong="G1909" obey the|strong="G1909" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G3551" Moses|strong="G3475" was|strong="G3475" found guilty from|strong="G2228" the|strong="G1909" testimony given by|strong="G1909" two|strong="G1417" or|strong="G2228" three|strong="G5140" witnesses|strong="G3144". Such|strong="G5100" people|strong="G5100" were|strong="G5100" not|strong="G3144" forgiven. They|strong="G5100" were|strong="G5100" killed. <sup>29</sup> So|strong="G2532" think|strong="G1380" how|strong="G4214" much|strong="G4214" more punishment|strong="G5098" people|strong="G3588" deserve|strong="G0515" who|strong="G3739" show their|strong="G2532" hate for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316"— people|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" show they|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" no respect for|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" sacrifice that|strong="G3739" began the|strong="G3588" new agreement and|strong="G2532" once made them|strong="G1722" holy|strong="G0037" or|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739" insult the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G5207" God's|strong="G2316" grace|strong="G5485". <sup>30</sup> We|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3004" God|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", "I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2962" punish|strong="G1557" people|strong="G2992" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" wrongs they|strong="G0846" do|strong="G2919"; I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2962" re-

pay|strong="G0467" them|strong="G0846".<sup>I</sup> And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", "The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G2962" judge|strong="G2919" his|strong="G0846" people|strong="G2992".<sup>II</sup><sup>B1</sup> It|strong="G1519" is|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2316" terrible|strong="G5398" thing|strong="G5398" to|strong="G1519" face punishment from|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316".

**Keep the|strong="G3588" Courage  
and|strong="G2316" Patience You|strong="G1519"  
Had|strong="G2316"**

<sup>32</sup> Remember|strong="G0363" the|strong="G3588" days|strong="G2250" when|strong="G1161" you|strong="G3739" first|strong="G4387" learned the|strong="G3588" truth. You|strong="G3739" had|strong="G3739" a|strong="G3739" hard|strong="G4183" struggle with|strong="G1722" much|strong="G4183" suffering|strong="G3804", but|strong="G1161" you|strong="G3739" continued strong. <sup>33</sup> Sometimes people|strong="G3778" said|strong="G1096" hateful things|strong="G3778" to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3779" and|strong="G2532" mistreated you|strong="G3779" in|strong="G2532" public|strong="G2301". And|strong="G2532" sometimes you|strong="G3779" helped others|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" were|strong="G3778" being|strong="G1096" treated|strong="G0390" that|strong="G3778" same|strong="G3779" way|strong="G3779". <sup>34</sup> Yes|strong="G1063", you|strong="G5210" helped them|strong="G1438" in|strong="G2532" prison and|strong="G2532" shared in|strong="G2532" their|strong="G1438" suffering. And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" were|strong="G3588" still happy when|strong="G2532" everything you|strong="G5210" owned|strong="G2192" was|strong="G3588" taken away|strong="G3326" from|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210". You|strong="G5210" continued to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" happy, because|strong="G1063" you|strong="G5210" knew|strong="G1097" that|strong="G1097" you|strong="G5210" had|strong="G2192" something much better|strong="G2909"—something that|strong="G1097" would|strong="G2532" continue|strong="G3306" forever.

<sup>35</sup> So|strong="G3767" don't|strong="G3361" lose the|strong="G3588" courage|strong="G3954" that|strong="G3748" you|strong="G5210" had|strong="G2192" in|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" past. Your|strong="G2192" courage|strong="G3954" will|strong="G3748"

<sup>I</sup> 10:30 Quote from Deuteronomy 32:35. <sup>II</sup> 10:30 Quote from Deuteronomy 32:36.

be|strong="G3767" rewarded richly.<sup>36</sup> You|strong="G4160" must|strong="G4160" be|strong="G2316" patient|strong="G5281". After|strong="G1063" you|strong="G4160" have|strong="G2192" done|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" wants|strong="G2307", you|strong="G4160" will|strong="G2307" get|strong="G2192" what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G4160" promised|strong="G1860" you|strong="G4160".<sup>37</sup> He|strong="G2532" says,

"Very|strong="G2532" soon now|strong="G2532", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" coming|strong="G2064"

will|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" late.

<sup>38</sup> The|strong="G3588" person|strong="G5590" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1342" with|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473"

will|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2198" by|strong="G1722" trusting in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473".

But|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G2532" pleased|strong="G2106" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588"

who|strong="G3588" turns back|strong="G5288" in|strong="G1722" fear."

Habakkuk 2:3-4 (Greek version)

<sup>39</sup> But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" those|strong="G1161" who|strong="G3756" turn|strong="G1510" back|strong="G1519" and|strong="G1161" are|strong="G1510" lost. No|strong="G3756", we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G1161" people|strong="G5590" who|strong="G3756" have|strong="G1510" faith|strong="G4102" and|strong="G1161" are|strong="G1510" saved.

### Faith

**11** Faith|strong="G4102" is|strong="G1510" what|strong="G1161" makes real the|strong="G1161" things|strong="G4229" we|strong="G1161" hope|strong="G1679" for|strong="G1161". It|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" proof|strong="G4102" of|strong="G1510" what|strong="G1161" we|strong="G1161" cannot|strong="G3756" see|strong="G0991".<sup>2</sup> God was|strong="G3588" pleased with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" lived a|strong="G1722" long time ago be-

cause|strong="G1063" they|strong="G3778" had|strong="G3778" faith like this|strong="G3778".

<sup>3</sup> Faith|strong="G4102" helps us|strong="G1519" understand|strong="G3539" that|strong="G1096" God|strong="G2316" created the|strong="G3588" whole world|strong="G0165" by|strong="G1537" his|strong="G1519" command|strong="G4487". This|strong="G3588" means|strong="G1537" that|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G4487" we|strong="G3588" see|strong="G0991" were|strong="G1096" made|strong="G1096" by|strong="G1537" something that|strong="G1096" cannot|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1096" seen|strong="G0991".

<sup>4</sup> Cain|strong="G2535" and|strong="G2532" Abel|strong="G0006" both|strong="G2532" offered|strong="G4374" sacrifices|strong="G2378" to|strong="G1909" God|strong="G2316". But|strong="G2532" Abel|strong="G0006" offered|strong="G4374" a|strong="G1510" better|strong="G4183" sacrifice|strong="G2378" to|strong="G1909" God|strong="G2316" because|strong="G1223" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G1510" faith|strong="G4102". God|strong="G2316" said|strong="G2980" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510" pleased with|strong="G3844" what|strong="G3739" Abel|strong="G0006" offered|strong="G4374". And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" called|strong="G3739" him|strong="G0846" a|strong="G1510" good|strong="G1510" man|strong="G1342" because|strong="G1223" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G1510" faith|strong="G4102". Abel|strong="G0006" died|strong="G0599", but|strong="G2532" through|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846" faith|strong="G4102" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" still|strong="G2089" speaking|strong="G2980".

<sup>5</sup> Enoch|strong="G1802" was|strong="G3588" carried away from|strong="G3361" this|strong="G3588" earth, so|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3756" died|strong="G2288". The|strong="G3588" Scriptures tell us|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3708" before|strong="G4253" he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" carried off, he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3708" man|strong="G3361" who|strong="G3588" pleased|strong="G2100" God|strong="G2316". Later, no|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3588" knew where he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588", because|strong="G1063" God|strong="G2316" had|strong="G2316" taken|strong="G3331" Enoch|strong="G1802" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2316" him|strong="G0846". This|strong="G3588" all|strong="G3588" happened|strong="G3588" be-

cause|strong="G1063" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2316" faith|strong="G4102".<sup>6</sup> Without|strong="G5565" faith|strong="G4102" no|strong="G0102" one|strong="G3588" can please|strong="G2100" God|strong="G2316". Whoever|strong="G3748" comes|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" must|strong="G1163" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" real and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" rewards those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" sincerely try to|strong="G2532" find him|strong="G0846".

<sup>7</sup> Noah|strong="G3575" was|strong="G3739" warned|strong="G5537" by|strong="G1223" God|strong="G0846" about|strong="G4012" things|strong="G3739" that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" could|strong="G1096" not|strong="G3739" yet|strong="G2532" see|strong="G0991". But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3739" faith|strong="G4102" and|strong="G2532" respect|strong="G1519" for|strong="G1519" God|strong="G0846", so|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" built|strong="G2680" a|strong="G1096" large boat to|strong="G1519" save his|strong="G0846" family|strong="G3624". With|strong="G1223" his|strong="G0846" faith|strong="G4102", Noah|strong="G3575" showed that|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" was|strong="G3739" wrong. And|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" became|strong="G1096" one|strong="G3739" of|strong="G1223" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" made|strong="G1096" right|strong="G1519" with|strong="G1223" God|strong="G0846" through|strong="G1223" faith|strong="G4102".

<sup>8</sup> God called|strong="G2564" Abraham|strong="G0011" to|strong="G1519" travel to|strong="G1519" another place|strong="G5117" that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" promised to|strong="G1519" give|strong="G2064" him|strong="G3739". Abraham|strong="G0011" did|strong="G2064" not|strong="G3361" know|strong="G1987" where|strong="G4226" that|strong="G3739" other|strong="G3739" place|strong="G5117" was|strong="G3739". But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" obeyed|strong="G5219" God and|strong="G2532" started traveling because he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3739" faith|strong="G4102".<sup>9</sup> Abraham|strong="G0846" lived|strong="G2730" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" country|strong="G1093" that|strong="G0846" God|strong="G0846" promised|strong="G1860" to|strong="G1519" give him|strong="G0846". He|strong="G2532" lived|strong="G2730"

there |strong="G1722" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" visitor |strong="G3939" who |strong="G3588" did not |strong="G2532" belong. He |strong="G2532" did this |strong="G3588" because |strong="G1722" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3588" faith |strong="G4102". He |strong="G2532" lived |strong="G2730" in |strong="G1722" tents |strong="G4633" with |strong="G3326" Isaac |strong="G2464" and |strong="G2532" Jacob |strong="G2384", who |strong="G3588" also |strong="G2532" received the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" promise |strong="G1860" from |strong="G1722" God |strong="G0846".<sup>10</sup> Abraham was |strong="G3739" waiting |strong="G1551" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172"<sup>11</sup> that |strong="G3739" has |strong="G2192" real foundations |strong="G2310". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" waiting |strong="G1551" for |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G2316" planned and |strong="G2532" built by |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316".

<sup>11</sup> Sarah |strong="G4564" was |strong="G3588" not |strong="G2532" able to |strong="G1519" have |strong="G2532" children |strong="G4690", and |strong="G2532" Abraham |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" too |strong="G2532" old. But |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3588" faith |strong="G4102" in |strong="G1519" God |strong="G0846", trusting him |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G2983" what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G2532" promised |strong="G1861". And |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" made |strong="G1861" them |strong="G0846" able to |strong="G1519" have |strong="G2532" children |strong="G4690".

<sup>12</sup> Abraham was |strong="G3588" so |strong="G2532" old he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" almost dead |strong="G3499". But |strong="G2532" from |strong="G0575" that |strong="G3778" one |strong="G1520" man |strong="G3778" came as |strong="G5613" many descendants as |strong="G5613" there are |strong="G3778" stars |strong="G0798" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772". So |strong="G2532" many people |strong="G4128" came from |strong="G0575" him |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3778" they |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3778" like |strong="G5613" grains of |strong="G1080" sand |strong="G0285" on |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" seashore |strong="G2281".

I CITY The spiritual "city" where God's people live with him. Also called "the heavenly Jerusalem." See Heb. 12:22.

<sup>13</sup> All |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3778" great |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" continued living with |strong="G1909" faith |strong="G4102" until |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" died |strong="G0599". They |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3361" get the |strong="G3956" things |strong="G3778" God |strong="G0846" promised |strong="G1860" his |strong="G0846" people |strong="G3956". But |strong="G0235" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" happy just |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" see |strong="G3708" those |strong="G3588" promises |strong="G1860" coming far |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" future. They |strong="G0846" accepted |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3956" fact |strong="G3754" that |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" like |strong="G2596" visitors and |strong="G2532" strangers |strong="G3581" here |strong="G1510" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093".<sup>14</sup> When |strong="G3004" people |strong="G5108" accept something like |strong="G5108" that |strong="G3754", they |strong="G3754" show they |strong="G3754" are |strong="G3588" waiting for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G5108" country |strong="G3968" that |strong="G3754" will |strong="G3748" be their |strong="G3754" own |strong="G3968".<sup>15</sup> If |strong="G1487" they |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3739" thinking |strong="G3421" about |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" country they |strong="G3739" had |strong="G2192" left |strong="G0575", they |strong="G3739" could |strong="G2192" have |strong="G2192" gone back.<sup>16</sup> But |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G1510" waiting for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1510" better |strong="G2909" country— a |strong="G1510" heavenly |strong="G2032" country. So |strong="G1161" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" ashamed |strong="G1870" to |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1510" called |strong="G1941" their |strong="G0846" God |strong="G2316". And |strong="G1161" he |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2316" prepared |strong="G2090" a |strong="G1510" city |strong="G4172" for |strong="G1063" them |strong="G0846".

<sup>17</sup> God tested Abraham's faith. God told him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham obeyed because he had faith. He already had the promises from God. And God had already said to him, "It is through Isaac that your descendants will come."<sup>18</sup> But Abraham was ready to offer his only son. He did this because he had faith.<sup>19</sup> He |strong="G2532" believed that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316" could |strong="G1415" raise |strong="G1453" people |strong="G0846" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498".

II 11:17-18 Quote from Genesis 21:12.

And *strong="G2532"* really, when *strong="G2532"* God *strong="G2316"* stopped Abraham *strong="G0846"* from *strong="G1537"* killing Isaac, it *strong="G0846"* was *strong="G3588"* as *strong="G1722"* if *strong="G3748"* he *strong="G2532"* got *strong="G1453"* him *strong="G0846"* back *strong="G2865"* from *strong="G1537"* death *strong="G3498"*.

<sup>20</sup> Isaac *strong="G2464"* blessed *strong="G2127"* the *strong="G3588"* future *strong="G3195"* of *strong="G4012"* Jacob *strong="G2384"* and *strong="G2532"* Esau *strong="G2269"*. He *strong="G2532"* did that *strong="G4012"* because *strong="G4012"* he *strong="G2532"* had *strong="G3588"* faith *strong="G4102"*. <sup>21</sup> And *strong="G2532"* Jacob *strong="G2384"*, also *strong="G2532"* because *strong="G1909"* he *strong="G2532"* had *strong="G3588"* faith *strong="G4102"*, blessed *strong="G2127"* each *strong="G1538"* one *strong="G1538"* of *strong="G5207"* Joseph's *strong="G2501"* sons *strong="G5207"*. He *strong="G2532"* did this *strong="G3588"* while *strong="G0846"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"* dying *strong="G0599"*, leaning on *strong="G1909"* his *strong="G0846"* rod *strong="G4464"* and *strong="G2532"* worshiping *strong="G4352"* God *strong="G0846"*.

<sup>22</sup> And *strong="G2532"* when *strong="G2532"* Joseph *strong="G2501"* was *strong="G3588"* almost dead, he *strong="G2532"* spoke about *strong="G4012"* the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G0846"* of *strong="G5207"* Israel *strong="G2474"* leaving Egypt. And *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* told them *strong="G0846"* what *strong="G3588"* they *strong="G0846"* should *strong="G2532"* do *strong="G2532"* with *strong="G2532"* his *strong="G0846"* body. He *strong="G2532"* did *strong="G1781"* this *strong="G3588"* because *strong="G4012"* he *strong="G2532"* had *strong="G3588"* faith *strong="G4102"*.

<sup>23</sup> And *strong="G2532"* the *strong="G3588"* mother and *strong="G2532"* father *strong="G3962"* of *strong="G1080"* Moses *strong="G3475"* hid *strong="G2928"* him *strong="G0846"* for *strong="G1360"* three *strong="G5150"* months *strong="G5150"* after *strong="G2532"* he *strong="G2532"* was *strong="G3588"* born *strong="G1080"*. They *strong="G0846"* did *strong="G3708"* this *strong="G3588"* because *strong="G1360"* they *strong="G0846"* had *strong="G3588"* faith *strong="G4102"*. They *strong="G0846"* saw *strong="G3708"* that *strong="G3708"* Moses *strong="G3475"* was *strong="G3588"* a *strong="G3708"* beautiful *strong="G0791"* baby. And *strong="G2532"* they *strong="G0846"* were *strong="G3588"*

not *strong="G3756"* afraid *strong="G5399"* to *strong="G2532"* disobey the *strong="G3588"* king's *strong="G0935"* order.

<sup>24</sup> Moses grew up and became a man. He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose not to enjoy the pleasures of sin that last such a short time. Instead, he chose to suffer with God's people. He did this because he had faith. <sup>26</sup> He thought *strong="G2233"* it *strong="G2233"* was *strong="G3588"* better to *strong="G1519"* suffer for *strong="G1063"* the *strong="G3588"* Messiah *strong="G5547"* than *strong="G3173"* to *strong="G1519"* have *strong="G5547"* all *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* treasures *strong="G2344"* of *strong="G3588"* Egypt *strong="G0125"*. He was *strong="G3588"* waiting for *strong="G1063"* the *strong="G3588"* reward *strong="G3405"* that *strong="G5547"* God would *strong="G5547"* give him *strong="G2233"*.

<sup>27</sup> Moses *strong="G3708"* left *strong="G2641"* Egypt *strong="G0125"* because *strong="G1063"* he *strong="G5613"* had *strong="G3588"* faith *strong="G4102"*. He *strong="G5613"* was *strong="G3588"* not *strong="G3361"* afraid *strong="G5399"* of *strong="G0935"* the *strong="G3588"* king's *strong="G0935"* anger *strong="G2372"*. He *strong="G5613"* continued strong as *strong="G5613"* if *strong="G5613"* he *strong="G5613"* could *strong="G3361"* see *strong="G3708"* the *strong="G3588"* God no *strong="G3361"* one *strong="G3588"* can see *strong="G3708"*. <sup>28</sup> Moses *strong="G0846"* prepared the *strong="G3588"* Passover *strong="G3957"* and *strong="G2532"* spread the *strong="G3588"* blood *strong="G0129"* on *strong="G4160"* the *strong="G3588"* doorways of *strong="G0129"* the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G0846"* of *strong="G0129"* Israel *strong="G0846"*, so *strong="G2443"* that *strong="G2443"* the *strong="G3588"* angel of *strong="G0129"* death *strong="G0129"*<sup>1</sup> would *strong="G0846"* not *strong="G3361"* kill their *strong="G0846"* first-born *strong="G4416"* sons. Moses *strong="G0846"* did *strong="G4160"* this *strong="G3588"* because *strong="G0846"* he *strong="G2532"* had *strong="G3588"* faith *strong="G4102"*.

<sup>29</sup> And *strong="G1093"* God's people *strong="G3588"* all *strong="G3588"* walked through *strong="G1223"* the *strong="G3588"* Red *strong="G2063"* Sea *strong="G2281"* as *strong="G5613"* if *strong="G5613"* it *strong="G1223"* were *strong="G3739"* dry *strong="G3584"* land *strong="G1093"*. They *strong="G3739"* were *strong="G3739"* able to *strong="G1093"* do *strong="G2983"*

<sup>1</sup> ANGEL OF DEATH Literally, "the destroyer." To punish the Egyptians, God sent an angel to kill the oldest son in each home. See Exodus 12:29-32.



this because they had faith when the Egyptians tried to follow them, they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> And the walls of Jericho because the faith of God's people. They marched around the walls for seven days, and then the walls fell.

<sup>31</sup> And Rahab the prostitute, welcomed the Israelite spies like friends. And because of her faith, she was not killed with the ones who refused to obey.

<sup>32</sup> Do I need to give you more examples? I don't have enough time to tell you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. <sup>33</sup> All of them had great faith. And with that faith they defeated kingdoms. They did what was right, and God helped them in the ways he promised. With their faith some people closed their mouths of lions. <sup>34</sup> And some were able to stop

blazing fires. Others escaped from being killed with swords. Some who were weak were made strong. They became powerful in battle and defeated other armies. <sup>35</sup> There were women who lost loved ones but got them back when they were raised from death. Others were tortured but refused to accept their freedom. They did this so they could be raised from death to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Some were laughed at and beaten. Others were tied up and put in prison. <sup>37</sup> They were killed with stones. They were cut in half. They were killed with swords. The only clothes some of them had were sheepskins or goatskins. They were poor, persecuted, and treated badly by others. <sup>38</sup> The world was not good enough for these great people. They had to wander in deserts and mountains, living in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> God was pleased with all of them because of their faith.

their |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102".  
 But |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756"  
 one |strong="G3778" of |strong="G1223"  
 them |strong="G1223" received |strong="G2865" God's  
 great |strong="G3956" promise |strong="G1860".<sup>40</sup>  
 God |strong="G2316" planned some-  
 thing |strong="G5100" better |strong="G2909"  
 for |strong="G4012" us |strong="G4012".  
 He |strong="G5100" wanted to |strong="G2443"  
 make |strong="G5048" us |strong="G4012" per-  
 fect |strong="G5048". Of |strong="G2316" course,  
 he |strong="G5100" wanted those |strong="G3588"  
 great people |strong="G5100" to |strong="G2443"  
 be |strong="G2316" made |strong="G5048" per-  
 fect |strong="G5048" too, but |strong="G2316"  
 not |strong="G3361" before |strong="G3588"  
 we |strong="G2249" could |strong="G3361"  
 all |strong="G3588" enjoy that |strong="G2443" bless-  
 ing together.

### We Also Should Follow Jesus' Example

**12** We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192"  
 all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3588"  
 great |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956"  
 around us as |strong="G2532" examples.  
 Their |strong="G2532" lives tell us  
 what |strong="G3588" faith means |strong="G1223".  
 So |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249",  
 too |strong="G2532", should |strong="G2532"  
 run |strong="G5143" the |strong="G3956"  
 race |strong="G0073" that |strong="G3956"  
 is |strong="G3588" before |strong="G4295" us  
 and |strong="G2532" never quit. We |strong="G2249"  
 should |strong="G2532" remove from |strong="G2532"  
 our |strong="G2532" lives anything |strong="G3956"  
 that |strong="G3956" would |strong="G2532" slow us  
 down and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956"  
 sin |strong="G0266" that |strong="G3956"  
 so |strong="G2532" often makes us fall.<sup>2</sup>  
 We |strong="G3739" must |strong="G2706" never stop  
 looking to |strong="G1519" Jesus |strong="G2424".  
 He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316"  
 the |strong="G3588" leader of |strong="G2316"  
 our |strong="G2316" faith |strong="G4102",  
 and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532"  
 is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588"  
 one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" makes  
 our |strong="G2316" faith |strong="G4102" complete.  
 He |strong="G2532" suffered death  
 on |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3739"  
 cross |strong="G4716". But |strong="G2532"  
 he |strong="G2532" accepted the |strong="G3588"  
 shame |strong="G0152" of |strong="G2316"  
 the |strong="G3588" cross |strong="G4716"  
 as |strong="G1519" if |strong="G2532"  
 it |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3739" nothing be-  
 cause |strong="G1722" of |strong="G2316"  
 the |strong="G3588" joy |strong="G5479"

he |strong="G2532" could see |strong="G0872" waiting  
 for |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846".  
 And |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532"  
 he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316" sit-  
 ting |strong="G2523" at |strong="G1722"  
 the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1188" side  
 of |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316"  
 throne |strong="G2362".<sup>3</sup> Think |strong="G0357"  
 about |strong="G1519" Jesus. He patient-  
 ly |strong="G5278" endured |strong="G5278"  
 the |strong="G3588" angry insults  
 that |strong="G2443" sinful |strong="G0268" peo-  
 ple |strong="G5590" were |strong="G3588" shouting  
 at |strong="G1519" him |strong="G2443".  
 Think |strong="G0357" about |strong="G1519"  
 him |strong="G2443" so |strong="G2443"  
 that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210"  
 won't |strong="G3361" get discouraged  
 and |strong="G5590" stop |strong="G3361" trying.

### God Is |strong="G3588" Like |strong="G5108" a |strong="G5108" Father

<sup>4</sup> You are |strong="G3588" struggling  
 against |strong="G4314" sin |strong="G0266", but you  
 have |strong="G0266" not |strong="G3768"  
 had |strong="G3588" to |strong="G4314" give up  
 your |strong="G3588" life for |strong="G4314"  
 the |strong="G3588" cause.<sup>5</sup> You |strong="G5210"  
 are |strong="G3588" children of |strong="G5207"  
 God |strong="G0846", and |strong="G2532"  
 he |strong="G2532" speaks words |strong="G2532"  
 of |strong="G5207" comfort |strong="G3874"  
 to |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210".  
 You |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2532" forgot-  
 ten |strong="G1585" these |strong="G3748"  
 words |strong="G2532":

" My |strong="G5259" child, don't |strong="G3361"  
 think the |strong="G3588" Lord's |strong="G2962" dis-  
 cipline |strong="G3809" is |strong="G2962" worth  
 nothing |strong="G3361",

and |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3361"  
 stop |strong="G3361" trying when |strong="G5613"  
 he |strong="G2532" corrects |strong="G1651"  
 you |strong="G5210".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" disci-  
 plines |strong="G3811" everyone |strong="G3956"  
 he |strong="G3739" loves |strong="G0025";

he |strong="G3739" punishes every-  
 one |strong="G3956" he |strong="G3739" accepts  
 as |strong="G1161" a |strong="G3739" child."

Proverbs 3:11-12

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="G1519" accept sufferings  
 like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" fa-  
 ther's |strong="G3962" discipline |strong="G3809".  
 God |strong="G2316" does |strong="G5101"  
 these |strong="G3739" things |strong="G3739"  
 to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210"  
 like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" fa-

ther |strong="G3962" correcting |strong="G3811" his |strong="G3739" children. You |strong="G5210" know that |strong="G3739" all |strong="G3588" children are |strong="G3739" disciplined |strong="G3811" by |strong="G1519" their |strong="G3739" fathers |strong="G3962".<sup>8</sup> So |strong="G2532", if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G3739" never |strong="G3756" receive the |strong="G3956" discipline |strong="G3809" that |strong="G3739" every |strong="G3956" child must |strong="G1510" have |strong="G1510", you |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" true children |strong="G3541" and |strong="G2532" don't |strong="G3756" really belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2532" God.<sup>9</sup> We |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" all |strong="G3588" had |strong="G2192" fathers |strong="G3962" here on |strong="G2198" earth |strong="G4561" who |strong="G3588" corrected us with |strong="G2532" discipline |strong="G3810". And |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" respected |strong="G1788" them. So |strong="G2532" it |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" even |strong="G2532" more |strong="G3123" important that |strong="G4151" we |strong="G2249" accept discipline |strong="G3810" from |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962" of |strong="G4151" our |strong="G2532" spirits |strong="G4151". If |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" do |strong="G2192" this |strong="G3588", we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G4183" have |strong="G2192" life |strong="G2198".<sup>10</sup> Our |strong="G2596" fathers on |strong="G1909" earth disciplined |strong="G3811" us |strong="G1519" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1909" short |strong="G3641" time |strong="G2250" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G2596" they |strong="G0846" thought |strong="G1380" was |strong="G3588" best |strong="G1380". But |strong="G1161" God |strong="G0846" disciplines |strong="G3811" us |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" help us |strong="G1519" so |strong="G1161" that |strong="G0846" we |strong="G1161" can be holy like |strong="G2596" him |strong="G0846".<sup>11</sup> We |strong="G1161" don't |strong="G3756" enjoy discipline |strong="G3809" when |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" get it |strong="G0846". It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" painful |strong="G3077". But |strong="G1161" later |strong="G5305", after |strong="G1161" we |strong="G1161" have |strong="G1510" learned our |strong="G3956" lesson from |strong="G1223" it |strong="G0846", we |strong="G1161" will |strong="G1510" enjoy the |strong="G3956" peace that |strong="G3956" comes |strong="G1510"

from |strong="G1223" doing what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" right |strong="G1343".

### Be |strong="G1510" Careful How You |strong="G1510" Live

<sup>12</sup> You |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" become weak |strong="G3935", so |strong="G2532" make yourselves strong again |strong="G0461".  
<sup>13</sup> Live in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" right way so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" saved and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" weakness will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" cause |strong="G4160" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2443" be |strong="G2532" lost.

<sup>14</sup> Try to |strong="G2532" live in |strong="G3956" peace |strong="G1515" with |strong="G3326" everyone |strong="G3956". And |strong="G2532" try to |strong="G2532" keep your |strong="G2962" lives free from |strong="G1515" sin. Anyone |strong="G3762" whose |strong="G3739" life is |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3762" holy will |strong="G3739" never |strong="G3762" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962".<sup>15</sup> Be |strong="G2532" careful that |strong="G3778" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G5100" fails to |strong="G2532" get God's |strong="G2316" grace |strong="G5485". Be |strong="G2532" careful that |strong="G3778" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G5100" loses their |strong="G0846" faith and |strong="G2532" becomes like |strong="G0846" a |strong="G2532" bitter weed growing among |strong="G0575" you |strong="G2532". Someone |strong="G5100" like |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3778" can ruin your |strong="G2532" whole group.<sup>16</sup> Be |strong="G5100" careful that |strong="G3739" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G1520" commits sexual sin. And |strong="G1520" be |strong="G5100" careful that |strong="G3739" no |strong="G3361" one |strong="G1520" is |strong="G3739" like |strong="G5613" Esau |strong="G2269" and |strong="G1520" never |strong="G3361" thinks about |strong="G5613" God. As |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" oldest son, Esau |strong="G2269" would |strong="G5100" have |strong="G5100" inherited everything from |strong="G2228" his |strong="G1438" father. But |strong="G3361" he |strong="G3739" sold |strong="G0591" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3739" for |strong="G0473" a |strong="G5613" single |strong="G1520" meal |strong="G1035".<sup>17</sup> You |strong="G3754" remember |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" after |strong="G3326" Esau did |strong="G1492" this |strong="G3588", he |strong="G2532" wanted |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" get |strong="G2147"

his|strong="G0846" father's blessing|strong="G2129". He|strong="G2532" wanted|strong="G2309" that|strong="G3754" blessing|strong="G2129" so|strong="G2532" much that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" cried. But|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" father refused|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2309" give him|strong="G0846" the|strong="G3588" blessing|strong="G2129", because|strong="G3754" Esau could|strong="G2147" find|strong="G2147" no|strong="G3756" way|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2309" change what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3748" done.

<sup>18</sup> You|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" come|strong="G4334" to|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" place that can be|strong="G2532" seen and|strong="G2532" touched|strong="G5584", like the|strong="G2532" mountain the|strong="G2532" people of|strong="G2532" Israel saw, which|strong="G4442" was|strong="G2532" burning|strong="G2545" with|strong="G2532" fire|strong="G4442" and|strong="G2532" covered with|strong="G2532" darkness|strong="G2217", gloom|strong="G2217", and|strong="G2532" storms. <sup>19</sup>

There|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3739" no|strong="G3361" sound|strong="G5456" of|strong="G3056" a|strong="G0191" trumpet|strong="G4536" or|strong="G2532" a|strong="G0191" voice|strong="G5456" speaking|strong="G3056" words|strong="G3056" like|strong="G0846" those|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" heard|strong="G0191". When|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" heard|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" voice|strong="G5456", they|strong="G0846" begged|strong="G3868" never|strong="G3361" to|strong="G2532" hear|strong="G0191" another word|strong="G3056". <sup>20</sup> They|strong="G2579" did not|strong="G3756" want to|strong="G3756" hear the|strong="G3588" command|strong="G1291": "If|strong="G2579" anything, even|strong="G2579" an animal, touches|strong="G2345" the|strong="G3588" mountain|strong="G3735", it|strong="G5342" must|strong="G3588" be|strong="G3756" killed with|strong="G5342" stones|strong="G3036"."<sup>21</sup> What|strong="G3588" they|strong="G2532" saw was|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2532" terrible|strong="G5398" that|strong="G3004" Moses|strong="G3475" said|strong="G3004", "I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" shaking with|strong="G2532" fear|strong="G1790"."<sup>II III</sup>

<sup>22</sup> But|strong="G0235" you|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" come|strong="G4334"

I 12:20 Quote from Exodus 19:12-13. II 12:21 Quote from Deuteronomy 9:19. III These verses refer to things that happened to the people of Israel in the time of Moses as described in Exodus 19.

to|strong="G2532" Mount|strong="G3735" Zion|strong="G4622", to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" city|strong="G4172" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G2532" living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G2532" heavenly|strong="G2032" Jerusalem|strong="G2419".<sup>IV</sup> You|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" come|strong="G4334" to|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" place where thousands|strong="G3461" of|strong="G2316" angels|strong="G0032" have|strong="G2532" gathered to|strong="G2532" celebrate. <sup>23</sup> You|strong="G1722" have|strong="G2532" come to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" meeting of|strong="G4151" God's|strong="G2316" firstborn|strong="G4416"<sup>V</sup> children. Their|strong="G2532" names are|strong="G3956" written in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772". You|strong="G1722" have|strong="G2532" come to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G3956" judge|strong="G2923" of|strong="G4151" all|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956". And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1722" have|strong="G2532" come to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" spirits|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151" good people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3956" have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" made|strong="G5048" perfect|strong="G5048". <sup>24</sup> You|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" come to|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424"— the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" brought the|strong="G3588" new|strong="G3501" agreement from|strong="G3844" God|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2532" people|strong="G3588". You|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" come to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" sprinkled|strong="G4473" blood|strong="G0129"<sup>VI</sup> that|strong="G2980" tells us about|strong="G3588" better|strong="G2909" things|strong="G2980" than|strong="G3844" the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G0129" Abel|strong="G0006".

<sup>25</sup> Be|strong="G3123" careful|strong="G0991" and|strong="G3772" don't|strong="G3756" refuse|strong="G3868" to|strong="G1909" listen when|strong="G0991" God|strong="G4183" speaks|strong="G2980". Those|strong="G3588" people|strong="G4183" refused|strong="G3756" to|strong="G1909" listen to|strong="G1909" him|strong="G1565" when|strong="G0991" he|strong="G1565" warned|strong="G5537" them|strong="G1565" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093". And|strong="G3772"

IV JERUSALEM Here, the spiritual city of God's people. V FIRST-BORN The first son born in a Jewish family had the most important place in the family and received special blessings. All of God's children are like that. VI SPRINKLED BLOOD The blood (death) of Jesus.

they|strong="G1487" did not|strong="G3756" escape|strong="G1628". Now|strong="G0991" God|strong="G4183" is|strong="G3772" speaking|strong="G2980" from|strong="G0575" heaven|strong="G3772". So|strong="G3361" now|strong="G0991" it|strong="G1909" will|strong="G4183" be|strong="G3123" worse for|strong="G1063" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" refuse|strong="G3868" to|strong="G1909" listen to|strong="G1909" him|strong="G1565".<sup>26</sup> When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" spoke|strong="G3004" before|strong="G3588", his|strong="G3739" voice|strong="G5456" shook|strong="G4579" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093". But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" has|strong="G3739" promised|strong="G1861", " Once|strong="G0530" again|strong="G2089" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" shake|strong="G4579" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093", but|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532" shake|strong="G4579" heaven|strong="G3772".<sup>27</sup> The|strong="G3588" words " once|strong="G0530" again|strong="G2089" clearly show|strong="G4160" us|strong="G4160" that|strong="G2443" everything that|strong="G2443" was|strong="G3588" created|strong="G4160" will|strong="G4160" be|strong="G2089" destroyed— that|strong="G2443" is|strong="G3588", the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588" that|strong="G2443" can|strong="G3306" be|strong="G2089" shaken|strong="G4531". And|strong="G1161" only what|strong="G3588" cannot|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2089" shaken|strong="G4531" will|strong="G4160" remain|strong="G3306".

<sup>28</sup> So|strong="G2532" we|strong="G3739" should|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" thankful|strong="G5485" because|strong="G1223" we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" kingdom|strong="G0932" that|strong="G3739" cannot|strong="G0761" be|strong="G2532" shaken|strong="G0761". And|strong="G2532" because|strong="G1223" we|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" thankful|strong="G5485", we|strong="G3739" should|strong="G2316" worship|strong="G3000" God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2192" way|strong="G1223" that|strong="G3739" will|strong="G2316" please him|strong="G3739". We|strong="G3739" should|strong="G2316" do|strong="G2192" this|strong="G3588" with|strong="G3326" respect and|strong="G2532" fear,<sup>29</sup> because|strong="G1063" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" like

a|strong="G2532" fire|strong="G4442" that|strong="G2316" can destroy us.

### Worship That Pleases God

**13** Continue|strong="G3306" loving each other as brothers and|strong="G3306" sisters in|strong="G3306" Christ.<sup>2</sup> Always|strong="G1223" remember to|strong="G5100" help people|strong="G3778" by|strong="G1223" welcoming them|strong="G3579" into|strong="G1223" your|strong="G1223" home. Some|strong="G5100" people|strong="G3778" have|strong="G5100" done that|strong="G3778" and|strong="G3778" have|strong="G5100" helped angels|strong="G0032" without|strong="G3361" knowing|strong="G2990" it|strong="G1223".<sup>3</sup> Don't forget those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" prison|strong="G4887". Remember|strong="G3403" them|strong="G0846" as|strong="G5613" though|strong="G5613" you|strong="G1722" were|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" prison|strong="G4887" with|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846". And|strong="G2532" don't forget those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" suffering|strong="G1722". Remember|strong="G3403" them|strong="G0846" as|strong="G5613" though|strong="G5613" you|strong="G1722" were|strong="G1510" suffering|strong="G1722" with|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>4</sup> Marriage|strong="G1062" should|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" honored by|strong="G1722" everyone|strong="G3956". And|strong="G2532" every|strong="G3956" marriage|strong="G1062" should|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" kept|strong="G3956" pure between|strong="G2532" husband and|strong="G2532" wife.

God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" judge|strong="G2919" guilty those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" commit sexual|strong="G2845" sins and|strong="G2532" adultery.<sup>5</sup>

Keep|strong="G3361" your|strong="G3761" lives free|strong="G0866" from|strong="G3361" the|strong="G3588" love|strong="G0866" of|strong="G3004" money|strong="G0866". And|strong="G0846" be|strong="G3361" satisfied|strong="G0714" with|strong="G0846" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G3588". God|strong="G0846" has|strong="G3761" said|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G3004" will|strong="G0846" never|strong="G3756" leave|strong="G1459" you|strong="G4771";

I|strong="G3004" will|strong="G0846" never|strong="G3756" run away from|strong="G3361" you|strong="G4771"."

<sup>6</sup> So |strong="G5620" we|strong="G2249" can|strong="G3004" feel sure and|strong="G2962" say|strong="G3004";

" The|strong="G4160" Lord|strong="G2962" is|strong="G5101" my|strong="G4160" helper|strong="G0998";

I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G5101" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G0444" afraid|strong="G5399".

People|strong="G0444" can|strong="G3004" do|strong="G4160" nothing|strong="G3756" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004"."

Psalm 118:6

<sup>7</sup> Remember|strong="G3421" your|strong="G4102" leaders|strong="G2233". They|strong="G3739" taught God's|strong="G2316" message|strong="G3056" to|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210". Remember|strong="G3421" how they|strong="G3739" lived and|strong="G2316" died, and|strong="G2316" copy their|strong="G3739" faith|strong="G4102". <sup>8</sup> Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" yesterday|strong="G5504", today|strong="G4594", and|strong="G2532" forever|strong="G0165". <sup>9</sup> Don't|strong="G3756" let all|strong="G3588" kinds of|strong="G5485" strange|strong="G3581" teachings|strong="G1322" lead you|strong="G3739" into|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" wrong way|strong="G1722". Depend only|strong="G3756" on|strong="G1722" God's grace|strong="G5485" for|strong="G1063" spiritual strength, not|strong="G3756" on|strong="G1722" rules about|strong="G1722" foods|strong="G1033". Obeying those|strong="G3588" rules doesn't|strong="G3756" help|strong="G5623" anyone|strong="G3739".

<sup>10</sup> We|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" sacrifice. <sup>1</sup> And|strong="G2068" those|strong="G3588" priests who|strong="G3739" serve|strong="G3000" in|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Holy Tent|strong="G4633" cannot|strong="G3756" eat|strong="G2068" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" sacrifice we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192". <sup>11</sup> The|strong="G3588" high|strong="G0749" priest|strong="G0749" carries the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" of|strong="G1223" animals|strong="G2226" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" Most|strong="G0040" Holy|strong="G0040" Place|strong="G0040"<sup>II</sup> and|strong="G0749" offers that|strong="G3739" blood|strong="G0129" for|strong="G1063" sins|strong="G0266". But|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" bodies|strong="G4983"

I SACRIFICE Literally, "altar." Here, it means the sacrifice (offering) of Jesus. He gave his life to pay for people's sins. II MOST HOLY PLACE Literally, "the holies," the place in the Jewish Tabernacle or Temple where God met the high priest.

of|strong="G1223" those|strong="G3588" animals|strong="G2226" are|strong="G3778" burned|strong="G2618" outside|strong="G1854" the|strong="G3588" camp. <sup>12</sup> So|strong="G2443" Jesus|strong="G2424" also|strong="G2532" suffered|strong="G3958" outside|strong="G1854" the|strong="G3588" city. He|strong="G2532" died to|strong="G2443" make|strong="G0037" his|strong="G1223" people|strong="G2992" holy|strong="G0037" with|strong="G1223" his|strong="G1223" own|strong="G2398" blood|strong="G0129". <sup>13</sup> So|strong="G4314" we|strong="G3588" should go|strong="G1831" to|strong="G4314" Jesus|strong="G0846" outside|strong="G1854" the|strong="G3588" camp and|strong="G1831" accept the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" shame that|strong="G0846" he|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3588". <sup>14</sup> Here|strong="G5602" on|strong="G4172" earth we|strong="G2192" don't|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" city|strong="G4172" that|strong="G2192" lasts forever. But|strong="G0235" we|strong="G2192" are|strong="G3588" waiting|strong="G3306" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172" that|strong="G2192" we|strong="G2192" will|strong="G3195" have|strong="G2192" in|strong="G3306" the|strong="G3588" future|strong="G3195". <sup>15</sup> So|strong="G3767" through|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G0846" we|strong="G3778" should|strong="G2316" never stop offering our|strong="G2316" sacrifice|strong="G2378" to|strong="G3778" God|strong="G2316". That|strong="G3778" sacrifice|strong="G2378" is|strong="G1510" our|strong="G2316" praise|strong="G0133", coming from|strong="G1223" lips|strong="G5491" that|strong="G3778" speak his|strong="G0846" name|strong="G3686". <sup>16</sup> And|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" forget|strong="G1950" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G3361" good|strong="G2140" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" share|strong="G2842" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2316" others|strong="G3588", because|strong="G1063" sacrifices|strong="G2378" like|strong="G5108" these|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" very|strong="G2532" pleasing|strong="G2100" to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316".

<sup>17</sup> Obey|strong="G3982" your|strong="G4160" leaders|strong="G2233". Be|strong="G2532" willing to|strong="G2443" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" say|strong="G3056". They|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3778" responsible for|strong="G1063" your|strong="G4160" spiritual wel-

fare |strong="G3588", so |strong="G2443" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3778" always watching to |strong="G2443" protect you |strong="G5210". Obey |strong="G3982" them |strong="G0846" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" their |strong="G0846" work will |strong="G3778" give |strong="G0591" them |strong="G0846" joy |strong="G5479", not |strong="G3361" grief |strong="G4727". It |strong="G0846" won't |strong="G3361" help you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2443" make |strong="G4160" it |strong="G0846" hard for |strong="G1063" them |strong="G0846".

<sup>18</sup> Continue praying |strong="G4336" for |strong="G1063" us |strong="G1722". We |strong="G2249" feel right |strong="G2570" about |strong="G4012" what |strong="G2570" we |strong="G2249" do |strong="G2192", because |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" always |strong="G3956" try to |strong="G2309" do |strong="G2192" what |strong="G2570" is |strong="G3748" best. <sup>19</sup> And |strong="G1161" I |strong="G3778" beg |strong="G3870" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2443" pray |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" God |strong="G4160" will |strong="G3778" send me |strong="G4160" back to |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" soon |strong="G5032". I |strong="G3778" want this |strong="G3778" more |strong="G4056" than anything else.

<sup>20</sup> I pray that the God of peace will give you every good thing you need so that you can do what he wants. God is the one who raised from death our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of his sheep. He raised him because Jesus sacrificed his blood to begin the new agreement that never ends. I pray that God will work through Jesus Christ to do the things in us that please him. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>22</sup> My |strong="G2532" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, I |strong="G2532" beg |strong="G3870" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2532" listen patiently to |strong="G2532" what |strong="G3588" I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3056". I |strong="G2532" wrote |strong="G1989" this |strong="G3588" letter to |strong="G2532" strengthen you |strong="G5210". And |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1223" is |strong="G3588" not |strong="G2532" very |strong="G2532" long. <sup>23</sup> I |strong="G1473" want you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2064" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3739" our |strong="G0080" brother |strong="G0080" Timothy |strong="G5095" is |strong="G3739" out of |strong="G0080" prison. If |strong="G1437" he |strong="G3739" comes |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" me |strong="G1473" soon |strong="G5032", we |strong="G2249" will |strong="G3739" both |strong="G2064" come |strong="G2064" to |strong="G2064" see |strong="G3708" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>24</sup> Give |strong="G0782" my |strong="G3956" greetings |strong="G0782" to |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" your |strong="G3956" leaders |strong="G2233" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" God's people |strong="G3956". All |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" from |strong="G0575" Italy |strong="G2482" send |strong="G0782" you |strong="G5210" their |strong="G2532" greetings |strong="G0782".

<sup>25</sup> God's grace |strong="G5485" be |strong="G3956" with |strong="G3326" you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3956".

# James

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from James, a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To God's people who are scattered all over the world.

## Faith and Wisdom

<sup>2</sup> My brothers and sisters, you will have many kinds of trouble. But this gives you a reason to be very happy. You know that when your faith is tested, you learn to be patient in suffering. If you let that patience work in you, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be.

<sup>5</sup> Do not need wisdom? Ask God

<sup>1</sup> GOD'S PEOPLE Literally, "the twelve tribes." Believers in Christ are like the tribes of Israel, God's chosen people in the Old Testament.

for it. He is generous and enjoys giving to everyone. So he will give you wisdom. But when you ask God, you must believe. Don't doubt him. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is blown up and down by the wind. People like that are thinking two different things at the same time. They can never decide what to do. So they should not think they will receive anything from the Lord.

## True Riches

<sup>9</sup> Believers who are poor should be glad that God considers them so important. Believers who are rich should be glad when bad things happen that humble them. Their riches won't keep them from disappearing as quickly as wildflowers. As the sun rises and gets hotter, its heat dries up the plants, and the flowers fall off. The flowers that were so beautiful are now dead. That's how it is



is |strong="G3588" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" rich |strong="G4145". While |strong="G1722" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" still making plans for |strong="G1063" their |strong="G0846" business, they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" die.

### **Temptation Does Not |strong="G2532" Come From |strong="G1722" God |strong="G0846"**

<sup>12</sup> Great blessings belong to |strong="G1096" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" tempted and |strong="G0435" remain |strong="G1096" faithful! After |strong="G2983" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G3748" proved |strong="G1096" their |strong="G0846" faith |strong="G3739", God |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" give |strong="G1096" them |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" reward <sup>I</sup> of |strong="G0435" eternal life |strong="G2222". God |strong="G0846" promised |strong="G1861" this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G1096" all |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3739" love |strong="G0025" him |strong="G0846". <sup>13</sup> Whenever you |strong="G3754" feel tempted |strong="G3985" to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510" something |strong="G1510" bad |strong="G2556", you |strong="G3754" should |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3367" say |strong="G3004", "God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" tempting me |strong="G3004"." Evil |strong="G2556" cannot |strong="G0551" tempt |strong="G3985" God |strong="G2316", and |strong="G1161" God |strong="G2316" himself |strong="G0846" does |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3367" tempt |strong="G3985" anyone |strong="G3367". <sup>14</sup> You |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3588" tempted |strong="G3985" by |strong="G5259" the |strong="G3588" evil things |strong="G3588" you |strong="G2532" want. Your |strong="G2532" own |strong="G2398" desire |strong="G1939" leads you |strong="G2532" away |strong="G1828" and |strong="G2532" traps you |strong="G2532". <sup>15</sup> Your |strong="G1161" desire |strong="G1939" grows inside you until it |strong="G1161" results in |strong="G1161" sin |strong="G0266". Then |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" sin |strong="G0266" grows bigger and |strong="G1161" bigger and |strong="G1161" finally ends in |strong="G1161" death |strong="G2288". <sup>16</sup> My |strong="G4105" dear |strong="G0027" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sisters, don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G3361" fooled about this. <sup>17</sup> Everything |strong="G3956" good |strong="G0018" comes |strong="G2597"

<sup>I</sup> REWARD Literally, "wreath," a ring of leaves or branches that was placed on the head of the winners of athletic contests to honor them. It was a symbol of victory and reward.

from |strong="G0575" God |strong="G3962". Every |strong="G3956" perfect |strong="G5046" gift |strong="G1434" is |strong="G1510" from |strong="G0575" him |strong="G3739". These |strong="G3739" good |strong="G0018" gifts come |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962" who |strong="G3739" made all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" lights |strong="G5457" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" sky. But |strong="G2532" God |strong="G3962" never |strong="G3756" changes like the |strong="G3956" shadows from |strong="G0575" those |strong="G3588" lights |strong="G5457". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" always |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G3739". <sup>18</sup> God |strong="G0846" decided to |strong="G1519" give us |strong="G1519" life through the |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0225" message |strong="G3056" he |strong="G0846" sent to |strong="G1519" us |strong="G1519". He |strong="G0846" wanted |strong="G1014" us |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" most |strong="G0225" important of |strong="G3056" all |strong="G3588" that |strong="G0846" he |strong="G0846" created |strong="G2938".

### **Listening and |strong="G3056" Obeying**

<sup>19</sup> My |strong="G0191" dear |strong="G0027" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sisters, always |strong="G3956" be |strong="G1510" more |strong="G3956" willing to |strong="G1519" listen |strong="G0191" than |strong="G5036" to |strong="G1519" speak |strong="G2980". Keep control of |strong="G3956" your |strong="G3956" anger |strong="G3709". <sup>20</sup> Anger |strong="G3709" does |strong="G2038" not |strong="G3756" help you live the |strong="G2316" way God |strong="G2316" wants. <sup>21</sup> So |strong="G2532" get |strong="G4982" rid of |strong="G3056" everything |strong="G3956" evil |strong="G2549" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" lives |strong="G5590"—every |strong="G3956" kind |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3056" wrong you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G1410". Be |strong="G2532" humble and |strong="G2532" accept |strong="G1209" God's teaching |strong="G3056" that |strong="G3956" is |strong="G3588" planted in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" hearts. This |strong="G3588" teaching |strong="G3056" can |strong="G1410" save |strong="G4982" you |strong="G5210".

<sup>22</sup> Do |strong="G1096" what |strong="G1161" God's teaching |strong="G3056" says |strong="G3056"; don't |strong="G3361" just |strong="G3440" listen |strong="G0202" and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G1096" nothing |strong="G3361".

When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> Hearing God's teaching and doing nothing is like looking at your face in a mirror and doing nothing about what you saw. You go away and immediately forget how bad you looked. <sup>25</sup> But you look into God's perfect law that sets people free, pay attention to it. If you do what it says, you will have God's blessing. Never just listen to his teaching and forget what you heard.

**The True Way to Worship God**

<sup>26</sup> You might think you are a very religious person. But if your tongue is out of control, you are fooling yourself. Your careless talk makes your offerings to God worthless. <sup>27</sup> The worship God that God wants is this: caring for orphans and widows and keeping yourself free from the world's evil influ-

ence. This is the kind of worship that God accepts as pure and good.

### Love All People

<sup>2</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, you are believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. So don't treat some people better than others. <sup>2</sup> Suppose someone comes into your meeting wearing very nice clothes and a gold ring. At the same time a poor person comes in wearing old, dirty clothes. <sup>3</sup> You show special attention to the person wearing nice clothes. You say, "Sit here," and "Sit here." But you say, "Stand over there!" or "Sit on the floor by our feet!" <sup>4</sup> Doesn't this show you think some people are more important than others? You set yourselves up as judges—judges who make bad decisions. <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers and sisters. God chose the poor people in the world to love

be |strong="G2532" rich |strong="G4145" in |strong="G1722" faith |strong="G4102". He |strong="G2532" chose |strong="G1586" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2532" receive the |strong="G3588" kingdom |strong="G0932" God |strong="G2316" promised |strong="G1861" to |strong="G2532" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" love |strong="G0025" him |strong="G0846".<sup>6</sup> But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" show no |strong="G3756" respect |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" poor |strong="G4434". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" know that |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" rich |strong="G4145" are |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" always try to |strong="G1519" control your |strong="G2532" lives. And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" take you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1519" court |strong="G2922".<sup>7</sup> And |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" rich are |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" insult |strong="G0987" the |strong="G3588" wonderful name |strong="G3686" of |strong="G1909" Christ |strong="G0846", the |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" by |strong="G1909" which |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" known.

<sup>8</sup> One |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" rules over |strong="G2596" all |strong="G3588" other laws |strong="G3551". This |strong="G3588" royal |strong="G0937" law |strong="G3551" is |strong="G3588" found in |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" Scriptures |strong="G1124": " Love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" neighbor |strong="G4139"<sup>I</sup> the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G5613" as |strong="G5613" you |strong="G4771" love |strong="G0025" yourself |strong="G4572". " <sup>II</sup> If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G4771" obey |strong="G4160" this |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551", you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" doing |strong="G4160" right |strong="G2573".<sup>9</sup> But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G3588" treating one |strong="G3588" person as |strong="G5613" more important than another, you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G3588" sinning. You |strong="G1487" are |strong="G3588" guilty |strong="G1651" of |strong="G3551" breaking God's law |strong="G3551".

<sup>I</sup> YOUR NEIGHBOR Or "others." Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:25-37 makes clear that this includes anyone in need. <sup>II</sup> 2:8 Quote from Leviticus 19:18.

<sup>10</sup> You |strong="G1722" might |strong="G3956" follow all |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3551" God's law |strong="G3551". But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G3748" you |strong="G1722" fail to |strong="G1722" obey |strong="G5083" only one |strong="G1520" command, you |strong="G1722" are |strong="G3956" guilty |strong="G1777" of |strong="G3551" breaking all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" commands in |strong="G3551" that |strong="G3748" law |strong="G3551".<sup>11</sup> God |strong="G3004" said |strong="G3004", " Don't |strong="G3756" commit |strong="G3431" adultery |strong="G3431". " <sup>III</sup> The |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" God |strong="G3004" also |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Don't |strong="G3756" kill. " <sup>IV</sup> So |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" don't |strong="G3756" commit |strong="G3431" adultery |strong="G3431", but |strong="G1161" you |strong="G1487" kill someone, you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G3588" guilty of |strong="G3551" breaking all |strong="G3588" of |strong="G3551" God's law |strong="G3551".

<sup>12</sup> You |strong="G3779" will |strong="G3195" be |strong="G2532" judged |strong="G2919" by |strong="G1223" the |strong="G1223" law |strong="G3551" that |strong="G5613" makes |strong="G4160" people |strong="G2919" free. You |strong="G3779" should |strong="G2532" remember |strong="G4160" this |strong="G3779" in |strong="G2532" everything you |strong="G3779" say |strong="G2980" and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160".<sup>13</sup> Yes |strong="G1063", you |strong="G4160" must |strong="G4160" show |strong="G4160" mercy |strong="G1656" to |strong="G4160" others |strong="G3588". If you |strong="G4160" do |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3361" show |strong="G4160" mercy |strong="G1656", then |strong="G1063" God |strong="G4160" will |strong="G4160" not |strong="G3361" show |strong="G4160" mercy |strong="G1656" to |strong="G4160" you |strong="G4160" when |strong="G4160" he |strong="G4160" judges you |strong="G4160". But |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" shows mercy |strong="G1656" can |strong="G4160" stand without |strong="G3361" fear before |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" Judge.

#### Faith and |strong="G4160" Good Works

<sup>14</sup> My |strong="G2192" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G1161" sisters, if |strong="G1437" a |strong="G2192" person |strong="G5101" claims |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" have |strong="G2192" faith |strong="G4102"

<sup>III</sup> 2:11 Quote from Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18. <sup>IV</sup> 2:11 Quote from Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17.

but *strong*="G1161" does *strong*="G2192" nothing *strong*="G3361", that *strong*="G3004" faith *strong*="G4102" is *strong*="G5101" worth nothing *strong*="G3361". Faith *strong*="G4102" like *strong*="G0846" that *strong*="G3004" cannot *strong*="G3361" save *strong*="G4982" anyone *strong*="G5100". <sup>15</sup> Suppose a *strong*="G1437" brother *strong*="G0080" or *strong*="G2228" sister *strong*="G0079" in *strong*="G2532" Christ comes *strong*="G2532" to *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G1437" in *strong*="G2532" need *strong*="G3007" of *strong*="G0080" clothes or *strong*="G2228" something to *strong*="G2532" eat. <sup>16</sup> And *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G5210" say *strong*="G3004" to *strong*="G3004" them *strong*="G0846", " God *strong*="G0846" be *strong*="G2532" with *strong*="G1722" you *strong*="G5210"! I *strong*="G2532" hope you *strong*="G5210" stay warm and *strong*="G2532" get *strong*="G5217" plenty to *strong*="G3004" eat," but *strong*="G1161" you *strong*="G5210" don't *strong*="G3361" give *strong*="G1325" them *strong*="G0846" the *strong*="G3588" things *strong*="G0846" they *strong*="G0846" need. If *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G5210" don't *strong*="G3361" help them *strong*="G0846", your *strong*="G2532" words *strong*="G2532" are *strong*="G3588" worthless. <sup>17</sup> It *strong*="G1437" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" same *strong*="G3779" with *strong*="G2596" faith *strong*="G4102". If *strong*="G1437" it *strong*="G1437" is *strong*="G1510" just *strong*="G2532" faith *strong*="G4102" and *strong*="G2532" nothing *strong*="G3361" more *strong*="G2596"— if *strong*="G1437" it *strong*="G1437" doesn't *strong*="G3361" do *strong*="G2192" anything— it *strong*="G1437" is *strong*="G1510" dead *strong*="G3498".

<sup>18</sup> But *strong*="G0235" someone *strong*="G5100" might *strong*="G5100" argue, " Some *strong*="G5100" people *strong*="G5100" have *strong*="G2192" faith *strong*="G4102", and *strong*="G4102" others *strong*="G3588" have *strong*="G2192" good works *strong*="G2041"." My *strong*="G2192" answer would *strong*="G5100" be *strong*="G5100" that *strong*="G3004" you *strong*="G4771" can't show *strong*="G1166" me *strong*="G3004" your *strong*="G2192" faith *strong*="G4102" if you *strong*="G4771" don't do *strong*="G2192" anything *strong*="G5100". But *strong*="G0235" I *strong*="G1473" will *strong*="G5100" show *strong*="G1166" you *strong*="G4771" my *strong*="G2192" faith *strong*="G4102" by *strong*="G1537" the *strong*="G3588" good I *strong*="G1473" do *strong*="G2192". <sup>19</sup> You *strong*="G4771" believe *strong*="G4100" there *strong*="G1510" is *strong*="G1510" one *strong*="G1520" God *strong*="G2316". That's

good *strong*="G2573", but *strong*="G2532" even *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" demons *strong*="G1140" believe *strong*="G4100" that *strong*="G3754"! And *strong*="G2532" they *strong*="G2532" shake with *strong*="G2316" fear.

<sup>20</sup> You *strong*="G3754" fool! Faith *strong*="G4102" that *strong*="G3754" does *strong*="G1510" nothing is *strong*="G1510" worth nothing. Do *strong*="G1510" you *strong*="G3754" want *strong*="G2309" me to *strong*="G2309" prove this *strong*="G3588" to *strong*="G2309" you *strong*="G3754"? <sup>21</sup> Our *strong*="G0011" father *strong*="G3962" Abraham *strong*="G0011" was *strong*="G3588" made right with *strong*="G1537" God *strong*="G0846" by *strong*="G1537" what *strong*="G3588" he *strong*="G0846" did. He *strong*="G0846" offered *strong*="G0399" his *strong*="G0846" son *strong*="G5207" Isaac *strong*="G2464" to *strong*="G1909" God *strong*="G0846" on *strong*="G1909" the *strong*="G3588" altar *strong*="G2379". <sup>22</sup> So *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G3754" see *strong*="G0991" that *strong*="G3754" Abraham's *strong*="G0846" faith *strong*="G4102" and *strong*="G2532" what *strong*="G3588" he *strong*="G2532" did worked *strong*="G4903" together *strong*="G4903". His *strong*="G0846" faith *strong*="G4102" was *strong*="G3588" made *strong*="G5048" perfect *strong*="G5048" by *strong*="G1537" what *strong*="G3588" he *strong*="G2532" did. <sup>23</sup> This *strong*="G3588" shows the *strong*="G3588" full *strong*="G4137" meaning of *strong*="G2316" the *strong*="G3588" Scriptures *strong*="G1124" that *strong*="G3004" say *strong*="G3004", " Abraham *strong*="G0011" believed *strong*="G4100" God *strong*="G2316", and *strong*="G2532" because *strong*="G1161" of *strong*="G2316" this *strong*="G3588" faith *strong*="G4100" he *strong*="G2532" was *strong*="G3588" accepted as *strong*="G1519" one *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3588" is *strong*="G2316" right *strong*="G1519" with *strong*="G2316" God *strong*="G2316"." <sup>1</sup> Abraham *strong*="G0011" was *strong*="G3588" called *strong*="G2564" " God's *strong*="G2316" friend *strong*="G5384"." <sup>II24</sup> So *strong*="G2532" you *strong*="G3754" see *strong*="G3708" that *strong*="G3754" people *strong*="G0444" are *strong*="G2532" made right with *strong*="G1537" God by *strong*="G1537" what *strong*="G3754" they *strong*="G2532" do *strong*="G3708". They *strong*="G2532" cannot *strong*="G3756" be *strong*="G2532" made right by *strong*="G1537" faith *strong*="G4102" alone *strong*="G3441".

<sup>I</sup> 2:23 Quote from Genesis 15:6. <sup>II</sup> 2:23 Quote from 2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8.

<sup>25</sup> Another example is Rahab. She was a prostitute, but she was made right with God by something she did. She helped those who were spying for God's people. She welcomed them into her home and helped them escape by a road.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>26</sup> A person's body does not have a spirit that is dead. It is the same with faith—faith that does nothing is dead!

### Controlling the Things We Say

**3** My brothers and sisters, not many of you should be teachers. I say this because you know, we who teach will be judged more than others.

<sup>2</sup> We make many mistakes. A person who never said anything wrong would be perfect. Someone like that would be able to control their whole body too. We put bits into the mouths of horses

<sup>1</sup> SHE HELPED ... ROAD The story about Rahab is found in Josh. 2:1-21.

to make them obey us. With these bits we can control their whole body. It is the same with ships. A ship is very big, and it is pushed by winds. But a very small rudder controls that big ship. And the one who controls the rudder decides where the ship will go. It goes where he wants it to go. It is the same with our tongue.

<sup>4</sup> It is a small part of the body, but it can boast about doing great things.

<sup>5</sup> A big forest fire can be started with only a little flame. The tongue is like a fire. It is a world of evil among parts of our body. It spreads its evil through our whole body and starts a fire that influences all of our life. It gets this fire from hell.

<sup>7</sup> Humans have control over every kind of wild animal, bird, reptile, and fish, and they have controlled all these things. <sup>8</sup> But no one can control the tongue of a wild and evil animal, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> We use our tongues to praise Lord and Father then curse people who were created in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> These praises and curses come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, this should not happen. <sup>11</sup> Do good water and bad water flow from the same spring? Of course not. <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree make olives? Or a grapevine make figs? No, and a well full of salty water cannot give good water.

### True Wisdom

<sup>13</sup> Are there any who are really wise and understanding? Then you should show your wisdom by living right.

should do what is good with humility. A wise person does not boast. <sup>14</sup> If you are selfish and have a bitter jealousy in your hearts, you have no reason to boast. Your boasting is a lie that hides the truth. <sup>15</sup> That kind of wisdom does not come from God. That wisdom comes from the world. It is not spiritual. It is from the devil. <sup>16</sup> Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there will be confusion and every kind of evil. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from God is like this: First, it is pure. It is also peaceful, gentle, and easy to please. This wisdom is always ready to help people who have trouble and to do good for others. This wisdom is always fair and honest. <sup>18</sup> People who work for peace in a peaceful way get the blessing

ings that *come from* *right living*.

### Give Yourselves to God

**4** Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that make war inside you. <sup>2</sup> You want things, but you don't get them. So you kill and are jealous of others. But you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight. You don't get what you want because you don't ask God. <sup>3</sup> Or when you ask, you don't receive anything, because the reason you ask is wrong. You only want to use it for your own pleasure.

<sup>4</sup> You people are not faithful to God! You should know that loving world has the same hatred for God. So anyone who wants to be friends with this evil world becomes God's enemy.

<sup>5</sup> Do you think the Scriptures mean nothing?

The Scriptures say, "The Spirit made God to live in us." <sup>16</sup> But the kindness God shows is greater. As the Scripture says, "God is against the proud, but he is kind to the humble." <sup>II</sup>

<sup>7</sup> So give yourselves to God. Stand against the devil, and he will run away from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. You are sinners, so clean your sin out of your lives. <sup>III</sup> You are trying to follow God and the world at the same time. Make your thinking pure. <sup>9</sup> Be sad, be sorry, and cry! Change your laughter into crying. Change your joy into sadness. <sup>10</sup> Be humble before the Lord, and he will make you great.

I "THE SPIRIT ... HIMSELF" Other possible translations: "God strongly desires the spirit that he made to live in us." Or "The spirit that he made to live in us is full of envious desires." See Exodus 20:5.

II 4:6 Quote from Proverbs 3:34. III SO CLEAN SIN OUT OF YOUR LIVES Literally, "so wash your hands."

**You |strong="G5210" Are |strong="G2532"  
Not |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" Judge**

11 Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, don't |strong="G3756" say anything |strong="G0235" against |strong="G2635" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161". If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" criticize your |strong="G1487" brother |strong="G0080" or |strong="G2228" sister in |strong="G2532" Christ |strong="G0846" or |strong="G2228" judge |strong="G2919" them |strong="G0846", you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G1510" criticizing and |strong="G2532" judging |strong="G2919" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551" they |strong="G0846" follow. And |strong="G2532" when |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G1510" judging |strong="G2919" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551", you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" a |strong="G1510" follower of |strong="G3551" the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G3551". You |strong="G1487" have |strong="G1510" become a |strong="G1510" judge |strong="G2919". 12 God is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" who |strong="G3588" gave us the |strong="G3588" law |strong="G2919", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Judge |strong="G2919". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" who |strong="G3588" can |strong="G1410" save |strong="G4982" and |strong="G2532" destroy |strong="G0622". So |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1161" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G1510" right for |strong="G1520" you |strong="G4771" to |strong="G1410" judge |strong="G2919" anyone.

**Let |strong="G1510" God Plan Your |strong="G2532"  
Life**

13 Some |strong="G3588" of |strong="G4172" you |strong="G3004" say |strong="G3004", " Today |strong="G4594" or |strong="G2228" tomorrow |strong="G0839" we |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" go |strong="G4198" to |strong="G1519" some |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172". We |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" stay there |strong="G1563" a |strong="G4160" year |strong="G1763", do |strong="G4160" business |strong="G1710", and |strong="G2532" make |strong="G4160" money." Listen, think about |strong="G1519" this |strong="G3588": 14 You |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1987" what |strong="G4169" will |strong="G1510" hap-

pen |strong="G1510" tomorrow |strong="G0839". Your |strong="G2532" life |strong="G2222" is |strong="G1510" like |strong="G4314" a |strong="G1510" fog. You |strong="G5210" can see it |strong="G1510" for |strong="G1063" a |strong="G1510" short |strong="G3641" time |strong="G3641", but |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1510" goes away |strong="G0853". 15 So |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2198" say |strong="G3004", " If |strong="G1437" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" wants |strong="G2309", we |strong="G1437" will |strong="G2962" live |strong="G2198" and |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" this |strong="G3778" or |strong="G2228" that |strong="G1565". 16 But |strong="G1161" now |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G1510" proud and |strong="G1161" boast |strong="G2744" about |strong="G1722" yourself |strong="G4771". All |strong="G3956" such |strong="G5108" boasting |strong="G2744" is |strong="G1510" wrong. 17 If |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1510" fail to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G4160" what |strong="G2570" you |strong="G1510" know |strong="G1492" is |strong="G1510" right |strong="G2570", you |strong="G1510" are |strong="G1510" sinning.

#### A Warning to Rich and Selfish People

5 You |strong="G5210" rich |strong="G4145" people |strong="G4145", listen! Cry and |strong="G2799" be |strong="G3568" very sad because |strong="G1909" much trouble will |strong="G4771" come |strong="G1904" to |strong="G1909" you |strong="G5210". 2 Your |strong="G2532" riches |strong="G4149" will |strong="G2532" rot and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1096" worth nothing. Your |strong="G2532" clothes |strong="G2440" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1096" eaten by |strong="G2532" moths. 3 Your |strong="G2532" gold |strong="G5557" and |strong="G2532" silver |strong="G0696" will |strong="G1510" rust |strong="G2447", and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G0846" rust |strong="G2447" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G5613" proof that |strong="G0846" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G1510" wrong. That |strong="G0846" rust |strong="G2447" will |strong="G1510" eat |strong="G2068" your |strong="G2532" bodies like |strong="G5613" fire |strong="G4442". You |strong="G5210" saved your |strong="G2532" treasure |strong="G2343" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" days |strong="G2250". 4 People |strong="G3588" worked in |strong="G1519" your |strong="G2962" fields |strong="G5561",



but you did not pay them. They are crying out against you. They harvested your crops. Now the Lord All-Powerful has heard their cries.

<sup>5</sup> Your life on earth was rich living. You pleased yourselves with everything you wanted. You made yourselves fat, like an animal ready for the day of slaughter.<sup>16</sup> You showed no mercy to good people. They were not against you, but you killed them.

#### Be Patient

<sup>7</sup> Brothers and sisters, be patient; the Lord will come. So be patient until that time. Look at the farmers. They have to wait for their valuable crop to grow and produce a harvest. They patiently wait for the first rain and the last rain.<sup>18</sup> You must be patient too. Never stop hoping. The Lord is coming soon.<sup>9</sup> Brothers

I YOU MADE YOURSELVES FAT ... SLAUGHTER Literally, "You fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter." II FIRST RAIN ... LAST RAIN The "first rain" came in the fall, and the "last rain" came in the spring.

and sisters, don't complain against each other. If you don't stop complaining, you will be judged guilty. And the judge is ready to come!

<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, follow the example of the prophets who spoke for the Lord. They suffered many bad things, but they were patient.<sup>11</sup> And we say that those who accepted their troubles with patience now have God's blessing. You have heard about Job's patience. You know that after all his troubles, the Lord helped him. This shows that the Lord is full of mercy and is kind.

#### Be Careful What You Say

<sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, it is very important that you not use an oath or a promise. Don't use the name of heaven or earth, or anything else to prove what you say. When you mean

III JOB'S PATIENCE See the book of Job in the Old Testament.

yes|strong="G3483", say|strong="G1473" only|strong="G3756" yes|strong="G3483". When|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" mean|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756", say|strong="G1473" only|strong="G3756" no|strong="G3756". Do|strong="G1510" this|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" judged guilty.

### The|strong="G3956" Power|strong="G5259" of|strong="G5100" Prayer

<sup>13</sup> Are you|strong="G5210" having troubles? You|strong="G5210" should|strong="G5100" pray|strong="G4336". Are you|strong="G5210" happy? You|strong="G5210" should|strong="G5100" sing|strong="G5567". <sup>14</sup> Are|strong="G3588" you|strong="G5210" sick|strong="G0770"? Ask the|strong="G3588" elders|strong="G4245" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" to|strong="G1909" come and|strong="G2532" rub oil|strong="G1637" on|strong="G1909" you|strong="G5210"<sup>1</sup> in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" name|strong="G3686" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" and|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G4336" for|strong="G1909" you|strong="G5210". <sup>15</sup> If|strong="G2579" such a|strong="G1510" prayer|strong="G2171" is|strong="G1510" offered in|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102", it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" heal anyone|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" sick|strong="G2577". The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G1510" heal them|strong="G0846". And|strong="G2532" if|strong="G2579" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" sinned, he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" forgive|strong="G0863" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> So|strong="G3767" always tell each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" the|strong="G3588" wrong things|strong="G4183" you|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" done. Then|strong="G2532" pray|strong="G2172" for|strong="G5228" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240". Do|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" so|strong="G3767"

I RUB OIL ON YOU Oil was used like medicine.

that|strong="G3704" God|strong="G4183" can|strong="G2480" heal|strong="G2390" you|strong="G2532". Anyone who|strong="G3588" lives the|strong="G3588" way God|strong="G4183" wants can|strong="G2480" pray|strong="G2172", and|strong="G2532" great|strong="G4183" things|strong="G4183" will|strong="G4183" happen. <sup>17</sup> Elijah|strong="G2243" was|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" person|strong="G0444" just|strong="G2532" like|strong="G3663" us|strong="G1909". He|strong="G2532" prayed|strong="G4336" that|strong="G0444" it|strong="G1510" would|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" rain|strong="G1026". And|strong="G2532" it|strong="G1510" did|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" rain|strong="G1026" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" land|strong="G1093" for|strong="G1909" three|strong="G5140" and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" half years|strong="G1763"! <sup>18</sup> Then|strong="G2532" Elijah prayed|strong="G4336" that|strong="G0846" it|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" rain|strong="G5205". And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" rain|strong="G5205" came down from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" sky|strong="G3772", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" land|strong="G1093" grew crops|strong="G2590" again|strong="G3825".

### Helping People|strong="G0846" When|strong="G2532" They|strong="G0846" Sin

<sup>19</sup> My|strong="G1722" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters, if|strong="G1437" anyone|strong="G5100" wanders|strong="G4105" away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" truth|strong="G0225" and|strong="G2532" someone|strong="G5100" helps that|strong="G0846" person|strong="G5100" come back|strong="G1994", <sup>20</sup> remember this|strong="G3588": Anyone|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" brings a|strong="G2532" sinner|strong="G0268" back|strong="G1994" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" wrong way|strong="G3598" will|strong="G3748" save|strong="G4982" that|strong="G3754" person|strong="G5590" from|strong="G1537" eternal death|strong="G2288" and|strong="G2532" cause many sins|strong="G0266" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" forgiven.

# 1 Peter

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To God's chosen people who are away from their homes—people scattered all over the areas of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.<sup>2</sup> God planned long ago to choose you and to make you his holy people, which the Spirit's work God wanted you to obey him and to be made clean by the blood of Jesus Christ.

I pray that you will enjoy more of God's grace and peace.

## A Living Hope

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has great mercy, and because his mercy he gave us

<sup>1</sup> MADE CLEAN ... SACRIFICE Or "sprinkled with the blood," which probably compares the beginning of the new agreement by the blood sacrifice of Christ (Mark 14:24) with Moses' sprinkling the blood of animal sacrifices on the people of Israel to seal the agreement God made with them (Exodus 24:3-8). See also Heb. 9:15-26.

a new life. This new life brings us a living hope through Jesus Christ's resurrection from death.<sup>4</sup> Now we wait to receive the blessings God has for his children. These blessings are kept for you in heaven. They cannot be ruined or destroyed or lose their beauty.

<sup>5</sup> God's power protects you through your faith, and it keeps you safe until your salvation comes. That salvation is ready to be given to you at the end of time.<sup>6</sup> I know the thought of that is exciting, even if you must suffer through different kinds of troubles for a short time now.<sup>7</sup> These troubles test your faith and prove that it is pure. And such faith is worth more than gold can

be |strong="G2532" proved |strong="G2147" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" pure by |strong="G1722" fire |strong="G4442", but |strong="G1161" gold |strong="G5553" will |strong="G2532" ruin. When |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102" is |strong="G3588" proven to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G2532" pure, the |strong="G3588" result |strong="G1519" will |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" praise |strong="G1868" and |strong="G2532" glory |strong="G1391" and |strong="G2532" honor |strong="G5092" when |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" comes |strong="G2532".

8 You |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3756" seen |strong="G3708" Christ, but |strong="G1161" still you |strong="G3739" love |strong="G0025" him |strong="G3739". You |strong="G3739" can't |strong="G3756" see |strong="G3708" him |strong="G3739" now |strong="G1161", but |strong="G1161" you |strong="G3739" believe |strong="G4100" in |strong="G1519" him |strong="G3739". You |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" filled with |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" wonderful and |strong="G2532" heavenly joy |strong="G5479" that |strong="G3739" cannot |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2532" explained. 9 Your |strong="G4102" faith |strong="G4102" has |strong="G4102" a |strong="G5590" goal |strong="G5056", and |strong="G4102" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" reaching that goal |strong="G5056"— your |strong="G4102" salvation |strong="G4991".

10 The |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396" studied carefully and |strong="G2532" tried to |strong="G1519" learn about |strong="G4012" this |strong="G3588" salvation |strong="G4991". They |strong="G3739" spoke about |strong="G4012" the |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" that |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" coming to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210". 11 The |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" of |strong="G4151" Christ |strong="G5547" was |strong="G3588" in |strong="G1722" those |strong="G3588" prophets. And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" was |strong="G3588" telling about |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" sufferings |strong="G3804" that |strong="G3778" would |strong="G5547" happen |strong="G1519" to |strong="G1519" Christ |strong="G5547" and |strong="G2532" about |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" glory |strong="G1391" that |strong="G3778" would |strong="G5547" come after |strong="G3326" those |strong="G3588" sufferings |strong="G3804". The |strong="G3588" prophets tried to |strong="G1519" learn about |strong="G1722"

what |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151" was |strong="G3588" showing them |strong="G0846"— when |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" would |strong="G5547" happen |strong="G1519" and |strong="G2532" what |strong="G5101" the |strong="G3588" world would |strong="G5547" be |strong="G2532" like |strong="G0846" at |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3778" time |strong="G2540".

12 It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3739" made |strong="G0601" clear to |strong="G1519" them |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3754" their |strong="G0846" service was |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" for |strong="G1519" themselves |strong="G1438". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3739" serving |strong="G1247" you |strong="G5210" when |strong="G1161" they |strong="G0846" told |strong="G0312" about |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G3748" now |strong="G1161" heard. You |strong="G5210" heard them |strong="G0846" from |strong="G0575" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" told |strong="G0312" you |strong="G5210" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" help of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" sent |strong="G0649" from |strong="G0575" heaven |strong="G3772". Even |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032" would |strong="G0846" like |strong="G0846" very |strong="G0846" much to |strong="G1519" know more |strong="G3756" about |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3739" things |strong="G3739" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3739" told |strong="G0312".

#### A |strong="G3739" Call to |strong="G1519" Holy |strong="G0040" Living

13 So |strong="G1352" prepare |strong="G0328" your |strong="G1722" minds |strong="G1271" for |strong="G1909" service. With |strong="G1722" complete self-control put all |strong="G3588" your |strong="G1722" hope |strong="G1679" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" grace |strong="G5485" that |strong="G1679" will |strong="G5547" be |strong="G5547" yours |strong="G4771" when |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" comes. 14 In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" past you |strong="G5210" did not |strong="G3361" have |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" understanding you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G3588" now |strong="G1722", so |strong="G3361" you |strong="G5210" did the |strong="G3588" evil things |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" wanted

to |strong="G1722" do |strong="G3361". But |strong="G3361" now |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" children |strong="G5043" of |strong="G5043" God, so |strong="G3361" you |strong="G5210" should obey |strong="G5218" him |strong="G1722" and |strong="G1939" not |strong="G3361" live the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" did before |strong="G1722".<sup>15</sup> Be |strong="G1096" holy |strong="G0040" in |strong="G1722" everything |strong="G3956" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G1096", just |strong="G2532" as |strong="G1722" God |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040". He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" chose you |strong="G5210".<sup>16</sup> In |strong="G1125" the |strong="G1510" Scriptures God says, "Be |strong="G1510" holy |strong="G0040", because |strong="G1360" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" holy |strong="G0040"."<sup>17</sup> I

<sup>17</sup> You |strong="G5210" pray to |strong="G2596" God |strong="G3962" and |strong="G2532" call |strong="G1941" him |strong="G2532" Father |strong="G3962", but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2532" judge |strong="G2919" everyone |strong="G1538" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G2532" way |strong="G2596"— by |strong="G1722" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2919". So |strong="G2532" while |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" are |strong="G3588" visiting here |strong="G1722" on |strong="G1722" earth, you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2532" live |strong="G0390" with |strong="G1722" respect |strong="G5401" for |strong="G1722" God |strong="G3962".<sup>18</sup> You |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" in |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" past the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G0391" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3588" living was |strong="G3588" useless |strong="G3152". It |strong="G1537" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2228" way |strong="G0391" of |strong="G1537" life |strong="G0391" you |strong="G5210" learned from |strong="G1537" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" lived before |strong="G1537" you |strong="G5210". But |strong="G5349" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3588" saved from |strong="G1537" that |strong="G3754" way |strong="G0391" of |strong="G1537" living. You |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3588" bought, but |strong="G5349" not |strong="G3756" with |strong="G1537" things |strong="G3152" that |strong="G3754" ruin like |strong="G5349"

I 1:16 Quote from Leviticus 11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:7.

gold |strong="G5553" or |strong="G2228" silver |strong="G0694".<sup>19</sup> You |strong="G2532" were |strong="G2532" bought with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" precious |strong="G5093" blood |strong="G0129" of |strong="G0129" Christ's |strong="G5547" death |strong="G0129". He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G5547" a |strong="G5613" pure and |strong="G2532" perfect sacrificial Lamb |strong="G0286".<sup>20</sup> Christ was |strong="G3588" chosen before |strong="G4253" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" was |strong="G3588" made |strong="G5319", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G1161" was |strong="G3588" shown |strong="G5319" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" in |strong="G1909" these |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" times |strong="G5550" for |strong="G1223" you |strong="G5210".<sup>21</sup> You |strong="G5210" believe |strong="G4103" in |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316" through |strong="G1223" Christ |strong="G0846". God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" raised |strong="G1453" him |strong="G0846" from |strong="G1537" death |strong="G3498" and |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" honor |strong="G1391" to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846". So |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102" and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" hope |strong="G1680" are |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1519" God |strong="G2316".<sup>22</sup> You |strong="G5210" have |strong="G3588" made yourselves |strong="G4771" pure |strong="G0048" by |strong="G1722" obeying |strong="G5218" the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225". Now |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" can have |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0225" love |strong="G0025" for |strong="G1519" your |strong="G0025" brothers and |strong="G2588" sisters. So |strong="G1519" love |strong="G0025" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G0240" deeply— with |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3588" your |strong="G0025" heart |strong="G2588".<sup>23</sup> You |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G2532" born |strong="G0313" again |strong="G0313". This |strong="G2532" new life |strong="G2198" did |strong="G2198" not |strong="G3756" come |strong="G1537" from |strong="G1537" something that |strong="G2316" dies. It |strong="G1223" came |strong="G1223" from |strong="G1537" something that |strong="G2316" cannot |strong="G3756" die |strong="G1223". You |strong="G2532" were |strong="G2532" born |strong="G0313" again |strong="G0313" through |strong="G1223" God's |strong="G2316" life-giving mes-

sage |strong="G3056" that |strong="G2316" lasts forever. <sup>24</sup> The |strong="G3956" Scriptures say, " Our |strong="G2532" lives are |strong="G3956" like |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3956" grass |strong="G5528" of |strong="G1391" spring, and |strong="G2532" any |strong="G3956" glory |strong="G1391" we |strong="G2532" enjoy is |strong="G3588" like |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3956" beauty of |strong="G1391" a |strong="G5613" wildflower.

The |strong="G3956" grass |strong="G5528" dries |strong="G3583" up and |strong="G2532" dies, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" flower |strong="G0438" falls to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" ground.

<sup>25</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" word |strong="G4487" of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" lasts forever |strong="G0165".

Isaiah 40:6-8

And |strong="G1161" that |strong="G3778" word |strong="G4487" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Good |strong="G2097" News |strong="G2097" that |strong="G3778" was |strong="G1510" told to |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210".

### The Living Stone and the Holy Nation

**2** So |strong="G3767" then |strong="G2532", stop doing anything |strong="G3956" to |strong="G2532" hurt others |strong="G3956". Don't lie anymore, and |strong="G2532" stop trying to |strong="G2532" fool people |strong="G3956". Don't be |strong="G2532" jealous or |strong="G2532" say bad things |strong="G3956" about |strong="G3956" others |strong="G3956". <sup>2</sup> Like |strong="G5613" newborn |strong="G0738" babies |strong="G1025" hungry for |strong="G1519" milk |strong="G1051", you |strong="G1722" should |strong="G2443" want the |strong="G3588" pure |strong="G0097" teaching that |strong="G2443" feeds your |strong="G1722" spirit. With |strong="G1722" it |strong="G0846" you |strong="G1722" can grow |strong="G0837" up |strong="G1519" and |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1722" saved. <sup>3</sup> You |strong="G1487" have |strong="G3748" already tasted |strong="G1089" the |strong="G3588" goodness of |strong="G2962" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3739" Lord |strong="G2316" Jesus is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3739" living |strong="G2198" stone |strong="G3037". <sup>I</sup> The |strong="G3739" people |strong="G0444" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3739" world decided that |strong="G3739" they |strong="G3739" did |strong="G2198" not |strong="G3739" want this |strong="G3739" stone |strong="G3037".

<sup>I</sup> STONE The most important stone in God's spiritual temple or house (his people).

But |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3739" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3739" one |strong="G3739" God |strong="G2316" chose as |strong="G1161" one |strong="G3739" of |strong="G2316" great value. So |strong="G1161" come |strong="G4334" to |strong="G4314" him |strong="G3739". <sup>5</sup> You |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" like |strong="G5613" living |strong="G2198" stones |strong="G3037", and |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" is |strong="G2316" using you |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" build |strong="G3618" a |strong="G5613" spiritual |strong="G4152" house |strong="G3624". <sup>II</sup> You |strong="G2532" are |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" serve God |strong="G2316" in |strong="G1519" this |strong="G0846" house |strong="G3624" as |strong="G5613" holy |strong="G0040" priests, offering him |strong="G0846" spiritual |strong="G4152" sacrifices |strong="G2378" that |strong="G0846" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" accept because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". <sup>6</sup> The |strong="G3588" Scriptures |strong="G1124" say, " Look |strong="G2400", I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" chosen |strong="G1588" a |strong="G3708" cornerstone |strong="G0204" of |strong="G1909" great |strong="G3756" value, and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" put |strong="G5087" that |strong="G4100" stone |strong="G3037" in |strong="G1722" Zion |strong="G4622".

Anyone |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3588" trusts in |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" never |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2532" disappointed."

Isaiah 28:16

<sup>7</sup> So |strong="G3767", that |strong="G3739" stone |strong="G3037" brings |strong="G1519" honor |strong="G5092" for |strong="G1519" you |strong="G5210" who |strong="G3739" believe |strong="G4100". But |strong="G1161" for |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" don't believe |strong="G4100" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3778" " the |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G3037" that |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" builders |strong="G3618" refused |strong="G0569" to |strong="G1519" accept, which |strong="G3739" became |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" most important stone |strong="G3037"."

Psalms 118:22

<sup>II</sup> HOUSE God's house—the place where God's people worship him. Here, it means that believers are the spiritual building where God lives.

8 For *he* is *also* a stone that *that* makes people stumble, a rock that *that* makes people fall."

Isaiah 8:14

People *because they* don't obey *what* God says *this* is *what* God planned to *happen* to *those* people.

9 But *you* are *his* chosen, the *King's* priests. You *are* a *holy* nation, people who *belong* to *God*. He *chose you* to *tell about* the *wonderful things* he *has* brought out *of* the *darkness* of *sin* into *his* wonderful light.

10 In *the* past *you* were *not* a *special* people,

but *now* *you* are *God's* people.

Once *you* had *not* received *mercy*,

but *now* *God* has *given you* *his* mercy.

Live for *God*

11 Dear *friends*, *you* are *like* *visitors* and *strangers* in

I IN THE PAST ... HIS MERCY See Hosea 2:23.

this world. So *I* beg *you* to keep your *lives* free from *the* evil things *you* want to *do*, those *desires* that *fight* against *your* true selves. 12 People *who* don't believe *are* *living* around *you*. They *may* say that *you* are *doing* wrong. So *live* such *good* lives that *they* will see the *good* *you* do, and *they* will give glory to *God* on *the* day *he* comes.

### Obey Every Human Authority

13 Be *willing to* serve the *people* who *have* *authority* in *this* world. Do *this* for *the* Lord *Obey the* king, the *highest authority*. 14 And *obey the* leaders who *are* sent *by* the king. They *are* sent to *punish* those who *do wrong* and *to* praise those who *do good*. 15 When *you* stop ignorant people from saying *foolish things* about *things* *you* do. This

II PEOPLE ... AUTHORITY Literally, "every human creation," meaning rulers, governors, presidents, or other government leaders.

is |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" wants |strong="G2307".<sup>16</sup> Live |strong="G2192" like |strong="G5613" free |strong="G1658" people |strong="G3588", but |strong="G0235" don't |strong="G3361" use |strong="G2192" your |strong="G2192" freedom |strong="G1657" as |strong="G5613" an |strong="G2192" excuse to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2192" evil |strong="G2549". Live |strong="G2192" as |strong="G5613" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588" serving God |strong="G2316".<sup>17</sup> Show respect |strong="G5399" for |strong="G2316" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956". Love |strong="G0025" your |strong="G0025" brothers and |strong="G2316" sisters in |strong="G2316" God's |strong="G2316" family. Respect |strong="G5399" God |strong="G2316", and |strong="G2316" honor |strong="G5091" the |strong="G3956" king |strong="G0935".

### The |strong="G3956" Example of |strong="G2316" Christ's Suffering

<sup>18</sup> Slaves |strong="G3610", be |strong="G2532" willing to |strong="G2532" serve your |strong="G2532" masters |strong="G1203". Do |strong="G2532" this |strong="G3588" with |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" respect |strong="G5401". You |strong="G1722" should |strong="G2532" obey the |strong="G3956" masters |strong="G1203" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" good |strong="G0018" and |strong="G2532" kind |strong="G3956", and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1722" should |strong="G2532" obey the |strong="G3956" masters |strong="G1203" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3956" bad.<sup>19</sup> One |strong="G5100" of |strong="G1223" you |strong="G1487" might |strong="G5100" have |strong="G5100" to |strong="G5100" suffer |strong="G3958" even |strong="G1063" when |strong="G5100" you |strong="G1487" have |strong="G5100" done nothing wrong. If |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" think of |strong="G1223" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2316" bear the |strong="G1223" pain |strong="G3077", this |strong="G3778" pleases God |strong="G2316".<sup>20</sup> But |strong="G0235" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G3778" punished for |strong="G1063" doing |strong="G0015" wrong, there is |strong="G2316" no |strong="G0235" reason |strong="G3844" to |strong="G2532" praise you |strong="G1487" for |strong="G1063" bearing that |strong="G3778" punishment. But |strong="G0235" if |strong="G1487" you |strong="G1487" suffer |strong="G3958" for |strong="G1063" doing |strong="G0015" good |strong="G0015" and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G1487" are |strong="G3778" patient,

this |strong="G3778" pleases God |strong="G2316".<sup>21</sup> This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" were |strong="G3778" chosen to |strong="G1519" do |strong="G2532". Christ |strong="G5547" gave you |strong="G5210" an |strong="G2532" example |strong="G5261" to |strong="G1519" follow |strong="G1872". He |strong="G2532" suffered |strong="G3958" for |strong="G1063" you |strong="G5210". So |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210" should |strong="G2443" do |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G1519" he |strong="G2532" did |strong="G2564".<sup>22</sup> He |strong="G0846" never |strong="G3756" sinned, and |strong="G4160" he |strong="G0846" never |strong="G3756" told a |strong="G4160" lie." Isaiah 53:9

<sup>23</sup> People |strong="G2919" insulted him |strong="G3739", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3739" did |strong="G0486" not |strong="G3756" insult them |strong="G3739" back. He |strong="G3739" suffered |strong="G3958", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G3739" did |strong="G0486" not |strong="G3756" threaten anyone |strong="G3739". No |strong="G3756", he |strong="G3739" let |strong="G2919" God take care of |strong="G3588" him |strong="G3739". God is |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" judges |strong="G2919" rightly |strong="G1346".<sup>24</sup> Christ |strong="G0846" carried our |strong="G1722" sins |strong="G0266" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" body |strong="G4983" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" cross |strong="G3586". He |strong="G0846" did |strong="G2198" this |strong="G3588" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G3739" we |strong="G2249" would |strong="G0846" stop living |strong="G2198" for |strong="G1909" sin |strong="G0266" and |strong="G4983" live |strong="G2198" for |strong="G1909" what |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" right |strong="G1343". By |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" wounds |strong="G3468" you |strong="G3739" were |strong="G3739" healed |strong="G2390".<sup>25</sup> You |strong="G5210" were |strong="G1510" like |strong="G5613" sheep |strong="G4263" that |strong="G5613" went the |strong="G3588" wrong way |strong="G5613". But |strong="G0235" now |strong="G3568" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1510" come |strong="G1510" back |strong="G1994" to |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" Shepherd |strong="G4166" and |strong="G2532" Protector of |strong="G1909" your |strong="G2532" lives |strong="G5590".



### Wives and Husbands

**3** In *the same way*, you *wives* should *be* willing to *serve your husbands*. Then, even *those who have* refused to *accept God's teaching* will *be* persuaded to *believe* because *of the way* you *live*. You *will* not *need to* say *anything*. **2** Your *husbands* will *see the* *pure lives* you *live with* respect for *God*. **3** It *is* not *any fancy hair, gold jewelry, or fine clothes* that you *should* make *yourself* beautiful. **4** No, *your beauty* should *come from inside*—the *beauty of a* gentle and *quiet spirit*. That *beauty* will *never disappear*. It *is* worth *very much to* God.

**5** It *was* the *same way* with *the holy women* who *lived long ago* and *followed God*. They *made themselves* beautiful in *the way* that *was* the *same way*. They *were* willing to *serve their husbands*. **6** I *am* talking about *the women* like *Sarah*. She *obeyed* Abra-

ham, *her husband*, and *called* *him* *her master*. And *you women* are *true children of Sarah* if *you always do* what *is* right and *are* not *afraid*.

**7** In *the same way*, you *husbands* should *live with* your *wives* in *the way* that *is* understanding, since *they are* weaker *than* you. You *should* show *them* respect, because *God gives them* the *same blessing* he *gives you*—the *grace of* true life. Do *this* so *that* *nothing* will *stop* your *prayers* from *being* heard.

### Suffering for *Doing Right*

**8** So *all* of *you* should live together in *peace*. Try to *understand each other* like *brothers and sisters*. Be *kind* and *humble*. **9** Don't *do* *wrong* to *anyone* to *pay* them *back* for *doing wrong* to *you*. Or *don't* *insult* anyone to *pay* them *back* for *insulting you*. But *ask* God

to|strong="G1519" bless|strong="G2127" them|strong="G2564". Do|strong="G3361" this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G3754" yourselves were|strong="G3778" chosen to|strong="G1519" receive a|strong="G2228" blessing|strong="G2129". <sup>10</sup> The|strong="G3588" Scriptures say|strong="G2980",

" If|strong="G2532" you|strong="G3708" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" enjoy true life|strong="G2222"

and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" on-ly|strong="G2532" good|strong="G0018" days|strong="G2250",

then|strong="G2532" avoid saying|strong="G2980" anything|strong="G3708" hurtful,

and|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3361" let a|strong="G3708" lie come out|strong="G0575" of|strong="G2250" your|strong="G0025" mouth.

<sup>11</sup> Stop doing|strong="G4160" what|strong="G0018" is|strong="G0018" wrong|strong="G2556", and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" good|strong="G0018".

Look for|strong="G2212" peace|strong="G1515", and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" all you|strong="G4160" can|strong="G4160" to|strong="G2212" help people|strong="G0846" live peacefully.

<sup>12</sup> The|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962" watches over|strong="G1909" those|strong="G1161" who|strong="G3748" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G2556" is|strong="G2962" right|strong="G1342",

and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" listens to|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" prayers|strong="G1162".

But|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2962" against|strong="G1909" those|strong="G1161" who|strong="G3748" do|strong="G4160" evil|strong="G2556".

*Psalm 34:12-16*

<sup>13</sup> If|strong="G1437" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" always trying to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G1096" good|strong="G0018", no one|strong="G3588" can really harm|strong="G2559" you|strong="G5210". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="G1161" you|strong="G1487" may|strong="G2532" suffer|strong="G3958" for|strong="G1223" doing right|strong="G1343". If|strong="G1487" that|strong="G0846" happens, you|strong="G1487" have|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G0846" blessing. " Don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" afraid|strong="G5399" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" make|strong="G3361" you|strong="G1487" suffer|strong="G3958"; don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" worried." <sup>15</sup> But|strong="G1161" keep|strong="G0037"

the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" Christ|strong="G5547" holy|strong="G0037" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2962" hearts|strong="G2588". Always|strong="G0104" be|strong="G2532" ready|strong="G2092" to|strong="G4314" answer|strong="G3056" every-one|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" asks|strong="G0154" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G4314" explain about|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3956" hope|strong="G1680" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2532". <sup>16</sup> But|strong="G0235" answer them|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2192" gentle way|strong="G1722" with|strong="G3326" re-spect|strong="G5401". Keep|strong="G2192" your|strong="G2192" conscience|strong="G4893" clear. Then|strong="G2532" people|strong="G3588" will|strong="G3739" see the|strong="G3588" good|strong="G0018" way|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" live|strong="G2192" as|strong="G1722" followers of|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547", and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" say bad things|strong="G3739" about|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G3739" be|strong="G2532" ashamed of|strong="G1722" what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G3739" said|strong="G2532".

<sup>17</sup> It is|strong="G2316" better|strong="G2909" to|strong="G2309" suffer|strong="G3958" for|strong="G1063" doing|strong="G0015" good|strong="G0015" than|strong="G2228" for|strong="G1063" doing|strong="G0015" wrong|strong="G2554". Yes|strong="G1063", it is|strong="G2316" better|strong="G2909" if|strong="G1487" that|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" wants|strong="G2309".

<sup>18</sup> Christ|strong="G5547" himself suf-fered|strong="G0599" when|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" died|strong="G0599" for|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210", and|strong="G2532" with|strong="G2316" that|strong="G3754" one|strong="G3588" death|strong="G2289" he|strong="G2532" paid for|strong="G3754" your|strong="G2532" sins|strong="G0266".

He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G2532" guilty,

but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" died|strong="G0599" for|strong="G3754" peo-ple|strong="G4561" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" guilty.

He|strong="G2532" did this|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2443" bring|strong="G4317" all|strong="G3588" of|strong="G4151" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443" God|strong="G2316".

In *strong="G2316" his* *strong="G4012" physical* *strong="G4561" form* *he* *strong="G2532" was* *strong="G3588" killed*,  
 but *strong="G1161" he* *strong="G2532" was* *strong="G3588" made* *strong="G2227" alive* *strong="G2227" by* *strong="G2532" the* *strong="G3588" Spirit* *strong="G4151"*.<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>19</sup> And *strong="G2532" by* *strong="G1722" the* *strong="G3588" Spirit* *strong="G4151" he* *strong="G2532" went* *strong="G4198" and* *strong="G2532" preached* *strong="G2784" to* *strong="G2532" the* *strong="G3588" spirits* *strong="G4151" in* *strong="G1722" prison* *strong="G5438"*.<sup>20</sup> Those *strong="G3588" were* *strong="G1510" the* *strong="G3588" spirits* *who* *strong="G3739" refused* *to* *strong="G1519" obey* *strong="G0544" God* *strong="G2316" long* *strong="G2250" ago* *in* *strong="G1722" the* *strong="G3588" time* *strong="G2250" of* *strong="G2250" Noah* *strong="G3575" God* *strong="G2316" was* *strong="G1510" waiting* *strong="G0553" patiently* *strong="G3115" for* *strong="G1519" people* *strong="G5590" while* *strong="G1722" Noah* *strong="G3575" was* *strong="G1510" building* *the* *strong="G3588" big* *boat*. And *strong="G2316" only* *a* *strong="G1510" few* *strong="G3641"—* *eight* *strong="G3638" in* *strong="G1722" all* *strong="G3588"—* *were* *strong="G1510" saved* *strong="G1295" in* *strong="G1722" the* *strong="G3588" boat* *through* *strong="G1223" the* *strong="G3588" flood-water*.<sup>21</sup> And *strong="G2532" that* *strong="G3739" water* *is* *strong="G2316" like* *baptism* *strong="G0908", which* *strong="G3739" now* *strong="G3568" saves* *strong="G4982" you* *strong="G5210"*. *Baptism* *strong="G0908" is* *strong="G2316" not* *strong="G3756" the* *strong="G2532" washing* *of* *strong="G1223" dirt* *strong="G4509" from* *strong="G2424" the* *strong="G2532" body* *strong="G4561"*. *It* *strong="G1223" is* *strong="G2316" asking* *God* *strong="G2316" for* *strong="G1519" a* *strong="G3739" clean* *conscience* *strong="G4893"*. *It* *strong="G1223" saves* *strong="G4982" you* *strong="G5210" because* *strong="G1223" Jesus* *strong="G2424" Christ* *strong="G5547" was* *strong="G2424" raised* *from* *strong="G2424" death*.<sup>22</sup> Now *strong="G2532" he* *strong="G2532" has* *strong="G2316" gone* *strong="G4198" into* *strong="G1519" heaven* *strong="G3772"*. *He* *strong="G2532" is* *strong="G1510" at* *strong="G1722" God's* *strong="G2316" right* *strong="G1188" side* *and* *strong="G2532" rules* *over* *strong="G1849" angels* *strong="G0032", authorities* *strong="G1849", and* *strong="G2532" powers* *strong="G1411"*.

<sup>1</sup> BY THE SPIRIT Or "in the spirit." Also in verse 19.

## Changed Lives

<sup>4</sup> *Christ* *strong="G5547" suffered* *strong="G3958" while* *strong="G0846" he* *strong="G2532" was* *strong="G3588" in* *strong="G2532" his* *strong="G0846" body* *strong="G4561"*. So *strong="G3767" you* *strong="G5210" should* *strong="G2532" strengthen* *yourselves* *strong="G0846" with* *strong="G2532" the* *strong="G3588" same* *strong="G0846" kind* *of* *strong="G4561" thinking* *Christ* *strong="G5547" had* *strong="G3748"*. *The* *strong="G3588" one* *strong="G3588" who* *strong="G3588" accepts* *suffering* *strong="G3958" in* *strong="G2532" this* *strong="G3588" life* *strong="G4561" has* *strong="G5547" clearly* *decided* *to* *strong="G2532" stop* *strong="G3973" sinning*.<sup>2</sup> *Strengthen* *yourselves* *strong="G1722" so* *strong="G1519" that* *strong="G2316" you* *strong="G1722" will* *strong="G2307" live* *strong="G0980" your* *strong="G1722" lives* *here* *strong="G1519" on* *strong="G1722" earth* *strong="G4561" doing* *what* *strong="G3588" God* *strong="G2316" wants* *strong="G2307", not* *strong="G3371" the* *strong="G3588" evil* *things* *strong="G3588" that* *strong="G2316" people* *strong="G0444" want* *strong="G2307" to* *strong="G1519" do*.<sup>3</sup> *In* *strong="G1722" the* *strong="G3588" past* *strong="G3928" you* *strong="G1722" wasted* *too* *strong="G2532" much* *time* *strong="G5550" doing* *strong="G2716" what* *strong="G3588" those* *strong="G3588" who* *strong="G3588" don't* *know* *God* *like* *to* *strong="G2532" do* *strong="G2532"*. *You* *strong="G1722" were* *strong="G3588" living* *immoral* *lives*, *doing* *strong="G2716" the* *strong="G3588" evil* *things* *strong="G3588" you* *strong="G1722" wanted* *to* *strong="G2532" do* *strong="G2532"*. *You* *strong="G1722" were* *strong="G3588" always* *getting* *drunk*, *having* *wild* *drinking* *strong="G4224" parties* *strong="G4224", and* *strong="G2532" doing* *strong="G2716" shameful* *things* *strong="G3588" in* *strong="G1722" your* *strong="G2532" worship* *of* *strong="G1722" idols*.<sup>4</sup> *Now* *strong="G1722" those* *strong="G3588" "friends"* *think* *it* *strong="G0846" is* *strong="G3739" strange* *strong="G3579" that* *strong="G3739" you* *strong="G5210" no* *strong="G3361" longer* *strong="G3361" join* *them* *strong="G0846" in* *strong="G1722" all* *strong="G3588" the* *strong="G3588" wild* *and* *strong="G0846" wasteful* *things* *strong="G3739" they* *strong="G0846" do* *strong="G3361"*. And *strong="G0846" so* *strong="G1519" they* *strong="G0846" say* *bad* *things* *strong="G3739" about* *strong="G1722" you* *strong="G5210"*.<sup>5</sup> *But* *strong="G2532"*

they|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" to|strong="G2532" face God to|strong="G2532" explain what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" done. He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" soon judge|strong="G2919" everyone|strong="G3739"—those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3739" still living|strong="G2198" and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" died.<sup>6</sup> Some|strong="G3303" were|strong="G3778" told the|strong="G2532" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097" before|strong="G1519" they|strong="G2532" died. They|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3778" criticized by|strong="G2596" others|strong="G0444" in|strong="G1519" their|strong="G2532" life|strong="G2198" here|strong="G1519" on|strong="G1519" earth|strong="G4561". But|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161" was|strong="G0444" God's|strong="G2316" plan that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G2532" hear the|strong="G2532" Good|strong="G2097" News|strong="G2097" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" they|strong="G2532" could have|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" new life|strong="G2198" through|strong="G2596" the|strong="G2532" Spirit|strong="G4151".<sup>1</sup>

**Be|strong="G2532" Good|strong="G2097" Managers of|strong="G4151" God's|strong="G2316" Gifts**

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3956" time is|strong="G3588" near|strong="G1448" when|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956" will|strong="G3956" end|strong="G5056". So|strong="G3767" keep|strong="G3525" your|strong="G3956" minds clear, and|strong="G2532" control yourselves. This|strong="G3588" will|strong="G3956" help you|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1519" your|strong="G3956" prayers|strong="G4335".<sup>8</sup> Most important of|strong="G0026" all|strong="G3956", love|strong="G0026" each|strong="G1438" other|strong="G1438" deeply, because|strong="G3754" love|strong="G0026" makes you|strong="G3754" willing to|strong="G1519" forgive many sins|strong="G0266".<sup>9</sup> Open your homes to|strong="G1519" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" and|strong="G0240" share your food without|strong="G0427" complaining|strong="G1112".<sup>10</sup> God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" shown you|strong="G1438" his|strong="G0846" grace|strong="G5485" in|strong="G1519" many different ways.

<sup>1</sup> THROUGH THE SPIRIT Or "in the spirit," meaning in the spiritual or heavenly realm.

So|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2316" good|strong="G2570" servants and|strong="G2316" use whatever gift|strong="G5486" he|strong="G0846" has|strong="G2316" given|strong="G1247" you|strong="G1438" in|strong="G1519" a|strong="G5613" way|strong="G5613" that|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" best serve|strong="G1247" each|strong="G1538" other|strong="G1438".<sup>11</sup> If|strong="G1487" your|strong="G1392" gift is|strong="G1510" speaking|strong="G2980", your|strong="G1392" words|strong="G3051" should|strong="G5100" be|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" words|strong="G3051" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316". If|strong="G1487" your|strong="G1392" gift is|strong="G1510" serving|strong="G1247", you|strong="G3739" should|strong="G5100" serve|strong="G1247" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" strength|strong="G2479" that|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316" gives|strong="G1223". Then|strong="G2532" it|strong="G1223" is|strong="G1510" God|strong="G2316" who|strong="G3739" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" praised|strong="G1392" in|strong="G1722" everything|strong="G3956" through|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547". Power|strong="G2904" and|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3739" forever|strong="G0165" and|strong="G2532" ever|strong="G0165". Amen|strong="G0281".

**Suffering|strong="G1722" as|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" Follower of|strong="G1537" Christ|strong="G5547"**

<sup>12</sup> My|strong="G1722" friends, don't|strong="G3361" be|strong="G1096" surprised|strong="G3579" at|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" painful|strong="G1722" things|strong="G3588" that|strong="G1096" you|strong="G5210" are|strong="G3588" now|strong="G1096" suffering|strong="G1722", which|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" testing|strong="G3986" your|strong="G1722" faith. Don't|strong="G3361" think that|strong="G1096" something strange|strong="G3581" is|strong="G3588" happening|strong="G1096" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210".<sup>13</sup> But|strong="G0235" you|strong="G1722" should|strong="G2443" be|strong="G2532" happy that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G1722" are|strong="G3588" sharing in|strong="G1722" Christ's|strong="G5547" sufferings|strong="G3804". You|strong="G1722" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" happy and|strong="G2532" full of|strong="G1391" joy|strong="G5463"

when *Christ* shows his *glory*.<sup>14</sup> When *people* say bad things to you because you follow *Christ*, consider it a blessing. When that happens, it shows that *God's Spirit*, the *Spirit*, of *glory* is with you.<sup>15</sup> You may suffer, but let it be because you murder, steal, make trouble, or try to control other people's lives.<sup>16</sup> But you if you suffer because you are a "Christ-follower," don't be ashamed. You should praise *God* for that name.<sup>17</sup> It is time for judging to begin. That judging will begin with *God's family*. If it begins with us, then what will happen to those who don't accept the *Good News* of *God*?<sup>18</sup> "If it is hard for even a good person to be saved, what will happen to one who is against *God* and full of sin?"

Proverbs 11:31 (Greek version)

<sup>19</sup> So if *God* wants you to suffer

for you, you should trust your lives to him. He is the one who made you, and you can trust him. So continue to do good.

### The Flock of God

**5** Now I have something to say to the elders in your group. I am also an elder. I myself have seen *Christ's sufferings*. I will share in the *glory* that will be shown to us. I beg you to take care of the group of people you are responsible for. They are *God's flock*. Watch over that flock because you want to, not because you are forced to do it. That *God* wants it. Do it because you are happy to serve, not because you want money.<sup>3</sup> Don't be like a ruler over those you are responsible for. But be like good examples to them.<sup>4</sup> Then *Christ* the *Ruling Shepherd* comes, you

<sup>1</sup> *God's Flock* *God's people*. They are like a flock of sheep that need to be cared for.

will|strong="G2532" get a|strong="G2532" crown|strong="G4735"— one|strong="G3588" that|strong="G1391" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" glorious|strong="G1391" and|strong="G2532" never lose its beauty.

<sup>5</sup> Young|strong="G3501" people|strong="G3956", I|strong="G3754" have|strong="G3748" something to|strong="G1325" say to|strong="G1325" you|strong="G3754" too. You|strong="G3754" should|strong="G2316" accept the|strong="G3956" authority of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956" elders|strong="G4245". You|strong="G3754" should|strong="G2316" all|strong="G3956" have|strong="G3748" a|strong="G1325" humble|strong="G5011" attitude in|strong="G2316" dealing|strong="G1325" with|strong="G2316" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G1161".

" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" against the|strong="G3956" proud,

but|strong="G1161" he|strong="G3754" is|strong="G2316" kind|strong="G3956" to|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3956" humble|strong="G5011".

Proverbs 3:34

<sup>6</sup> So|strong="G2443" be|strong="G2316" humble|strong="G5013" under|strong="G5259" God's|strong="G2316" powerful hand|strong="G5495". Then|strong="G3767" he|strong="G3767" will|strong="G2316" lift|strong="G5312" you|strong="G5210" up when|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G2540" time|strong="G2540" comes.

<sup>7</sup> Give all|strong="G3956" your|strong="G3956" worries|strong="G3308" to|strong="G1909" him|strong="G0846", because|strong="G3754" he|strong="G0846" cares|strong="G3199" for|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210".

<sup>8</sup> Control yourselves|strong="G4771" and|strong="G4043" be careful! The|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" is|strong="G5101" your|strong="G3588" enemy|strong="G0476", and|strong="G4043" he|strong="G5613" goes around|strong="G4043" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" roaring|strong="G5612" lion|strong="G3023" looking|strong="G2212" for|strong="G2212" someone|strong="G2666" to|strong="G2212" attack and|strong="G4043" eat.

<sup>9</sup> Refuse to|strong="G1722" follow the|strong="G3588" devil. Stand strong|strong="G4731" in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G1722" faith|strong="G4102". You|strong="G5210" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3739" your|strong="G1722" brothers and|strong="G4102" sisters all|strong="G3588" over|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" are|strong="G3739" having the|strong="G3588" same|strong="G0846" suffer-

ings|strong="G3804" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G3588".

<sup>10</sup> Yes|strong="G1161", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2316" suffer|strong="G3958" for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2564" short|strong="G3641" time|strong="G3641". But|strong="G1161" after|strong="G1161" that|strong="G3956", God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" make every-thing|strong="G3956" right|strong="G1519". He|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" make you|strong="G5210" strong. He|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" support you|strong="G5210" and|strong="G1161" keep you|strong="G5210" from|strong="G1391" falling. He|strong="G0846" is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956" God|strong="G2316" who|strong="G3588" gives all|strong="G3956" grace|strong="G5485". He|strong="G0846" chose you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G1519" share in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" glory|strong="G1391" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547". That|strong="G3956" glory|strong="G1391" will|strong="G2316" continue forev-er|strong="G1519". <sup>11</sup> All|strong="G3588" pow-er|strong="G2904" is|strong="G3588" his|strong="G0846" forever|strong="G0165". Amen|strong="G0281".

### Final Greetings

<sup>12</sup> Silas will|strong="G2316" bring|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3778" letter|strong="G1125" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G3739" know that|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G5613" faithful|strong="G4103" broth-er|strong="G0080" in|strong="G1519" Christ. I|strong="G3739" wrote|strong="G1125" this|strong="G3778" short|strong="G3641" let-ter|strong="G1125" to|strong="G1519" encour-age|strong="G3870" you|strong="G5210". I|strong="G3739" wanted to|strong="G1519" tell you|strong="G5210" that|strong="G3739" this|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" true|strong="G0227" grace|strong="G5485" of|strong="G1223" God|strong="G2316". Stand|strong="G2476" strong in|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3739" grace|strong="G5485".

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" church in|strong="G1722" Babylon|strong="G0897"<sup>1</sup> sends|strong="G0782" you|strong="G5210" greetings|strong="G0782". They|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" cho-sen|strong="G4899" just|strong="G2532" as|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" were|strong="G3588". Mark|strong="G3138",

<sup>1</sup> THE CHURCH IN BABYLON Literally, "She in Babylon."

my|strong="G1722" son|strong="G5207"  
 in|strong="G1722" Christ, also|strong="G2532"  
 sends|strong="G0782" his|strong="G2532" greet-  
 ings|strong="G0782". <sup>14</sup> Give|strong="G0782"  
 each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240"  
 a|strong="G1722" special greeting|strong="G0782"<sup>1</sup>

I SPECIAL GREETING Literally, "kiss."

of|strong="G0026" love|strong="G0026"  
 when|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" meet.  
 Peace|strong="G1515" to|strong="G1722"  
 all|strong="G3956" of|strong="G0026"  
 you|strong="G5210" who|strong="G3588"  
 are|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722"  
 Christ|strong="G5547".

## 2 Peter

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from *Simon Peter*, a *servant* and *apostle* of *Christ*.

To *all* of *you* who *share* in *the* *same* *valuable* *faith* that *we* *have*. This *faith* was *given* to *us* *because* *our* *God* and *Savior* *Jesus* *Christ* always *does* *what* *is* *good* and *right*.

<sup>2</sup> *Grace* and *peace* *be* *given* to *you* *more* and *more*, *because* *now* *you* *know* *God* and *Jesus* *our* *Lord*.

**God Has Given Us Everything We Need**

<sup>3</sup> *Jesus* *has* *the* *power* of *God*. And *his* *power* *has* *given* *us* *everything* *we* *need* to *live* a *life* *devoted* to *God*. *We* *have* *these* *things* *because* *we* *know* *him*. *Jesus* *chose* *us* *by* *his* *glory* and *goodness*,

*through* *which* *he* *also* *gave* *us* *the* *very* *great* and *rich* gifts that *he* *promised* *us*. *With* *these* gifts *you* *can* *share* in *being* *like* *God*. And *so* *you* *will* *escape* *the* *ruin* that *comes* to *people* *in* *the* *world* *because* of *the* *evil* things *they* *want*.

<sup>5</sup> *Because* *you* *have* *these* *blessings*, *do* *all* *you* *can* *do* *to* *add* *to* *your* *life* *these* *things*: *to* *your* *faith* *add* *goodness*; *to* *your* *goodness* *add* *knowledge*; <sup>6</sup> *to* *your* *knowledge* *add* *self-control*; *to* *your* *self-control* *add* *patience*; *to* *your* *patience* *add* *devotion* to *God*; <sup>7</sup> *to* *your* *devotion* *add* *kindness*; *to* *your* *brothers* and *sisters* *in* *Christ*, and *to* *this* *kindness* *add* *love*. <sup>8</sup> *If* *all* *these* *things* *are* *in* *you* and *you* *are* *growing*, *you* *will* *never* *fail* *to* *be* *useful*



to/strong="G1519" God. You/strong="G5210" will/strong="G2962" produce the/strong="G3588" kind of/strong="G2962" fruit/strong="G0175" that/strong="G3778" should/strong="G3778" come from/strong="G2424" your/strong="G2962" knowledge/strong="G1922" of/strong="G2962" our/strong="G2424" Lord/strong="G2962" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547".<sup>9</sup> But/strong="G1063" those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3739" don't/strong="G3361" grow in/strong="G3778" these/strong="G3778" blessings are/strong="G1510" blind/strong="G5185". They/strong="G0846" cannot/strong="G3361" see clearly what/strong="G3739" they/strong="G0846" have/strong="G1510". They/strong="G0846" have/strong="G1510" forgotten that/strong="G3739" they/strong="G0846" were/strong="G1510" cleansed from/strong="G3361" their/strong="G0846" past/strong="G3819" sins/strong="G0265".

<sup>10</sup> My/strong="G4160" brothers/strong="G0080" and/strong="G2532" sisters, God/strong="G4160" called you/strong="G5210" and/strong="G2532" chose you/strong="G5210" to/strong="G2532" be/strong="G2532" his/strong="G4160". Do/strong="G4160" your/strong="G4160" best to/strong="G2532" live in/strong="G2532" a/strong="G4160" way/strong="G3778" that/strong="G3778" shows you/strong="G5210" really are/strong="G3778" God's called and/strong="G2532" chosen/strong="G1589" people/strong="G3778". If/strong="G2532" you/strong="G5210" do/strong="G4160" all/strong="G3588" this/strong="G3778", you/strong="G5210" will/strong="G3778" never/strong="G3756" fall.<sup>11</sup> And/strong="G2532" you/strong="G5210" will/strong="G2962" be/strong="G2532" given a/strong="G3779" very/strong="G2532" great welcome into/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" kingdom/strong="G0932" of/strong="G0932" our/strong="G2424" Lord/strong="G2962" and/strong="G2532" Savior/strong="G4990" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547", a/strong="G3779" kingdom/strong="G0932" that/strong="G3779" never ends.

<sup>12</sup> You/strong="G5210" already know/strong="G1492" these/strong="G3778" things/strong="G3778". You/strong="G5210" are/strong="G3778" very/strong="G3778" strong in/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" truth/strong="G0225" you/strong="G5210" have/strong="G2532". But/strong="G2532" I/strong="G2532" am/strong="G3195" always/strong="G0104" going/strong="G3195" to/strong="G3195" help/strong="G4012" you/strong="G5210" remember/strong="G1492" them/strong="G1722".<sup>13</sup> While/strong="G1722" I/strong="G3778" am/strong="G1510" still living

here/strong="G1510" on/strong="G1909" earth, I/strong="G3778" think it/strong="G2233" is/strong="G1510" right/strong="G1342" for/strong="G1909" me/strong="G1909" to/strong="G1909" remind you/strong="G5210" of/strong="G1909" them/strong="G1722".<sup>14</sup> I/strong="G1473" know/strong="G1492" that/strong="G3754" I/strong="G1473" must/strong="G1510" soon/strong="G5031" leave this/strong="G3588" body. Our/strong="G2424" Lord/strong="G2962" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547" has/strong="G2962" shown me/strong="G1473" that/strong="G3754".<sup>15</sup> I/strong="G2532" will/strong="G3778" try my/strong="G1699" best to/strong="G2532" make/strong="G4160" sure you/strong="G5210" remember/strong="G4160" these/strong="G3778" things/strong="G3778" even/strong="G2532" after/strong="G3326" I/strong="G2532" am/strong="G2192" gone.

### We/strong="G3778" Saw Christ's Glory

<sup>16</sup> We/strong="G2249" told you/strong="G5210" about/strong="G3588" the/strong="G3588" power/strong="G1411" of/strong="G1411" our/strong="G2424" Lord/strong="G2962" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547". We/strong="G2249" told you/strong="G5210" about/strong="G3588" his/strong="G2532" coming/strong="G3952". The/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3588" we/strong="G2249" told you/strong="G5210" were/strong="G1096" not/strong="G3756" just/strong="G2532" clever stories that/strong="G1565" people/strong="G3588" invented. No/strong="G3756", we/strong="G2249" saw the/strong="G3588" greatness/strong="G3168" of/strong="G1411" Jesus/strong="G2424" with/strong="G2532" our/strong="G2424" own eyes.<sup>17</sup> Jesus/strong="G0846" heard the/strong="G3588" voice/strong="G5456" of/strong="G5207" the/strong="G3588" great and/strong="G2532" glorious/strong="G1391" God/strong="G2316". That/strong="G3739" was/strong="G1510" when/strong="G2532" he/strong="G2532" received/strong="G2983" honor/strong="G5092" and/strong="G2532" glory/strong="G1391" from/strong="G3844" God/strong="G2316" the/strong="G3588" Father/strong="G3962". The/strong="G3588" voice/strong="G5456" said/strong="G2532", " This/strong="G3778" is/strong="G1510" my/strong="G5259" Son/strong="G5207", the/strong="G3588" one/strong="G3739" I/strong="G1473" love/strong="G0027". I/strong="G1473" am/strong="G1510" very/strong="G0846" pleased/strong="G2106" with/strong="G3844" him/strong="G0846".<sup>18</sup> And/strong="G2532" we/strong="G2249" heard/strong="G0191"

that |strong="G0191" voice |strong="G5456". It |strong="G0846" came |strong="G0191" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772" while |strong="G1722" we |strong="G2249" were |strong="G1510" with |strong="G1722" Jesus |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040" mountain |strong="G3735".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>19</sup> This |strong="G3588" makes |strong="G4160" us |strong="G4160" more |strong="G0949" sure |strong="G0949" about |strong="G5613" what |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4397" said |strong="G3056". And |strong="G2532" it |strong="G4160" is |strong="G3739" good |strong="G2573" for |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2193" follow closely what |strong="G3739" they |strong="G3739" said |strong="G3056", which |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G2192" light |strong="G5316" shining |strong="G5316" in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2192" dark place |strong="G5117". You |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2192" that |strong="G3739" light |strong="G5316" until |strong="G2193" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" begins and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" morning |strong="G2250" star |strong="G5459" brings |strong="G4160" new light |strong="G5316" to |strong="G2193" your |strong="G2192" minds |strong="G2588".<sup>20</sup> Most important of |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956", you |strong="G3754" must understand |strong="G1097" this |strong="G3778": No |strong="G3756" prophecy |strong="G4394" in |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Scriptures |strong="G1124" comes |strong="G1096" from |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3956" prophet's own |strong="G2398" understanding.<sup>21</sup> No |strong="G3756" prophecy |strong="G4394" ever |strong="G4218" came from |strong="G0575" what |strong="G0235" some |strong="G0575" person |strong="G0444" wanted to |strong="G2980" say |strong="G2980". But |strong="G0235" people |strong="G0444" were |strong="G4218" led by |strong="G5259" the |strong="G2316" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151" and |strong="G2316" spoke |strong="G2980" words from |strong="G0575" God |strong="G2316".

### False Teachers

<sup>2</sup> In |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" past there |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" false |strong="G5578" prophets |strong="G5578" among |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G0846" people |strong="G2992". It |strong="G0846"

<sup>1</sup> This event is described in the Gospels. See Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36.

is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" now |strong="G1161". You |strong="G5210" will |strong="G1510" have |strong="G1510" some |strong="G3588" false |strong="G5578" teachers |strong="G5572" in |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" group. They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" teach things |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3748" are |strong="G1510" wrong—ideas that |strong="G3748" will |strong="G1510" cause people |strong="G2992" to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G1510" lost. And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" teach in |strong="G1722" a |strong="G5613" way |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3748" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" hard for |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2532" see that |strong="G3748" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" wrong. They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" even |strong="G2532" refuse to |strong="G2532" follow the |strong="G3588" Master |strong="G1203" who |strong="G3588" bought |strong="G0059" their |strong="G0846" freedom. And |strong="G2532" so |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" quickly |strong="G1722" destroy themselves |strong="G1438".<sup>2</sup> Many |strong="G4183" people |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" follow |strong="G1811" them |strong="G0846" in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" morally wrong things |strong="G4183" they |strong="G0846" do |strong="G2532". And |strong="G2532" because |strong="G1223" of |strong="G1223" them |strong="G0846", others |strong="G3588" will |strong="G3739" say |strong="G1223" bad things |strong="G4183" about |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G3598" of |strong="G1223" truth |strong="G0225" we |strong="G3739" follow |strong="G1811".<sup>3</sup> These |strong="G3739" false |strong="G4112" teachers only |strong="G3756" want your |strong="G2532" money |strong="G0846". So |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" use you |strong="G5210" by |strong="G1722" telling you |strong="G5210" things |strong="G3739" that |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" true. But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" judgment |strong="G2917" against |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3739" false |strong="G4112" teachers has |strong="G3739" been |strong="G2532" ready for |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3739" long |strong="G1597" time. And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" not |strong="G3756" escape God |strong="G0846" who |strong="G3739" will |strong="G3739" destroy them |strong="G0846".

<sup>4</sup> When |strong="G0032" angels |strong="G0032" sinned |strong="G0264", God |strong="G2316"

did|strong="G5339" not|strong="G3756" let them|strong="G3860" go free without|strong="G3756" punishment. He|strong="G1487" sent them|strong="G3860" to|strong="G1519" hell|strong="G5020". He|strong="G1487" put|strong="G3860" those|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032" in|strong="G1519" caves of|strong="G2316" darkness|strong="G2217", where|strong="G1519" they|strong="G1487" are|strong="G3588" being held|strong="G5083" until|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" time when|strong="G0032" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" judge them|strong="G3860".

<sup>5</sup> And|strong="G2532" God|strong="G1863" punished the|strong="G2532" evil people who|strong="G2532" lived long|strong="G0744" ago|strong="G0744". He|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G1863" a|strong="G2532" flood|strong="G2627" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" world|strong="G2889" that was|strong="G2532" full of|strong="G1343" people who|strong="G2532" were|strong="G2532" against|strong="G3756" God|strong="G1863". But|strong="G0235" he|strong="G2532" saved Noah|strong="G3575" and|strong="G2532" seven|strong="G3590" other people with|strong="G2532" him|strong="G2532". Noah|strong="G3575" was|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" man|strong="G0765" who|strong="G2532" told people about|strong="G2532" living right|strong="G1343".

<sup>6</sup> God also|strong="G2532" punished the|strong="G2532" evil cities|strong="G4172" of|strong="G4172" Sodom|strong="G4670" and|strong="G2532" Gomorrah|strong="G1116". He|strong="G2532" burned them until|strong="G2532" there was|strong="G4172" nothing left but|strong="G2532" ashes|strong="G5077". He|strong="G2532" used those|strong="G3195" cities|strong="G4172" as|strong="G2532" an|strong="G2532" example|strong="G5262" of|strong="G4172" what|strong="G2532" will|strong="G3195" happen to|strong="G3195" people who|strong="G2532" are|strong="G2532" against God. <sup>7</sup> But|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" saved Lot|strong="G3091", a|strong="G5259" good man|strong="G1342" who|strong="G3588" lived there|strong="G1722". Lot|strong="G3091" was|strong="G3588" greatly troubled by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" morally bad lives|strong="G0391" of|strong="G1722" those|strong="G3588" evil people|strong="G3588". <sup>8</sup> This|strong="G3588" good man|strong="G1342" lived with|strong="G1722" those|strong="G3588" evil people|strong="G0846" every day|strong="G2250", and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" good heart|strong="G5590" was|strong="G3588" hurt by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" evil

things|strong="G0846" he|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G0990" and|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0189".

<sup>9</sup> So|strong="G1161" you|strong="G1492" see|strong="G1492" that|strong="G2250" the|strong="G1161" Lord|strong="G2962" God knows|strong="G1492" how to|strong="G1519" save those|strong="G1161" who are|strong="G2250" devoted to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G5083". He|strong="G1161" will|strong="G2962" save them|strong="G5083" when|strong="G1161" troubles come|strong="G1537". And|strong="G1161" the|strong="G1161" Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G2962" hold evil people|strong="G1492" to|strong="G1519" punish|strong="G2849" them|strong="G5083" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1161" day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G1537" judgment|strong="G2920". <sup>10</sup> That|strong="G1161" punishment is|strong="G3588" for|strong="G1722" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" always doing the|strong="G3588" evil|strong="G0987" that|strong="G1161" their|strong="G2532" sinfulness want to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532". It|strong="G1161" is|strong="G3588" for|strong="G1722" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" hate the|strong="G3588" Lord's authority|strong="G2963".

These|strong="G3588" false teachers do|strong="G2532" whatever they|strong="G2532" want, and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2532" proud of|strong="G1391" themselves|strong="G1722". They|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" afraid|strong="G5141" even|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" say bad things|strong="G3588" against|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" glorious|strong="G1391" ones. <sup>11</sup> The|strong="G2532" angels|strong="G0032" are|strong="G1510" much|strong="G3173" stronger and|strong="G2532" more|strong="G3173" powerful|strong="G1411" than|strong="G3844" these|strong="G0846" beings. But|strong="G2532" even|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" angels|strong="G0032" don't|strong="G3756" accuse them|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" say bad things|strong="G0846" about|strong="G2596" them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G2596" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962".

<sup>12</sup> But|strong="G1161" these|strong="G3778" false teachers speak evil|strong="G0987" against|strong="G1519" what|strong="G3739" they|strong="G0846" don't understand|strong="G0050". They|strong="G0846" are|strong="G3778" like|strong="G5613" animals|strong="G2226" that|strong="G3739"

<sup>1</sup> THE GLORIOUS ONES Literally, "the glories." These seem to be some kind of angelic beings.

do things without really thinking— like wild animals that are born to be caught and killed. And, like wild animals, they will be destroyed. They have made many people suffer. So they themselves will suffer. That is why their pay for what they have done is evil where everyone can see them. They enjoy the things that please them. So they are like dirty spots and stains among you— they bring shame to you in the meals you eat together.

<sup>14</sup> Every time they look at a woman, they want her. They are always sinning this way. And they lead weaker people into the trap of sin. They have taught themselves well to be greedy. They are under a curse.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>15</sup> These false teachers left the right way and went the wrong way. They followed the same way that the prophet Balaam

went. He was the son of Beor, who loved being paid for doing wrong.<sup>16</sup> But a donkey told him that he was doing wrong. A donkey cannot talk, of course, but that donkey spoke with a man's voice and stopped the prophet from acting so crazy.

<sup>1</sup> UNDER A CURSE Literally, "children of a curse," meaning that God will punish them.

These false teachers are like springs that have no water. They are like clouds that are blown by a storm. A place in the deepest darkness has been kept for them. They boast with words that mean nothing. They lead people into the trap of sin. They find people who have just escaped from a wrong way of life and lead them back into sin. They do this by using the evil things people want to do in their human weakness.<sup>19</sup> These false teachers promise those people freedom, but they themselves are not free. They are slaves to a mind that has been ruined by sin. Yes, people are slaves to any

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thing |strong="G5100" that |strong="G3739" controls them |strong="G0846".

<sup>20</sup> People |strong="G0846" can be |strong="G1096" made |strong="G1096" free from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" evil in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889". They |strong="G0846" can be |strong="G1096" made |strong="G1096" free by |strong="G1722" knowing |strong="G1922" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" Savior |strong="G4990" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". But |strong="G1161" if |strong="G1487" they |strong="G0846" go back |strong="G3825" into |strong="G1096" those |strong="G3588" evil things |strong="G3778" and |strong="G2532" are |strong="G3778" controlled by |strong="G1722" them |strong="G0846", then |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3778" worse |strong="G5501" for |strong="G1063" them |strong="G0846" than |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" before |strong="G1722". <sup>21</sup> Yes |strong="G1063", it |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1510" better |strong="G2909" for |strong="G1063" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2228" have |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3361" known |strong="G1921" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1343" way |strong="G3598". That |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G1510" better |strong="G2909" than |strong="G2228" to |strong="G2228" know |strong="G1921" the |strong="G3588" right |strong="G1343" way |strong="G3598" and |strong="G0040" then |strong="G1063" to |strong="G2228" turn |strong="G3860" away |strong="G5290" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040" teaching that |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" given |strong="G3860" to |strong="G2228" them |strong="G0846". <sup>22</sup> What |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" did is |strong="G3588" like |strong="G0846" these |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0227" sayings: " A |strong="G2532" dog |strong="G2965" vomits and |strong="G2532" goes back |strong="G1994" to |strong="G1519" what |strong="G3588" it |strong="G0846" threw up |strong="G1519"." <sup>1</sup> And |strong="G2532", " After |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" pig is |strong="G3588" washed |strong="G3068", it |strong="G0846" goes back |strong="G1994" and |strong="G2532" rolls in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" mud again |strong="G1994"."

### Jesus Will Come Again

**3** My |strong="G1722" friends, this |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" letter |strong="G1992" I |strong="G3739" have |strong="G3588" written |strong="G1125" to |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210". I |strong="G3739" wrote |strong="G1125" both letters |strong="G1992" to |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G1722" help your |strong="G1722" honest minds |strong="G1271" remember something. <sup>2</sup> I |strong="G2532" want you |strong="G5210" to |strong="G2532" remember |strong="G3403" the |strong="G3588" words |strong="G4487" that |strong="G4487" the |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040" prophets |strong="G4396" spoke in |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" past. And |strong="G2532" remember |strong="G3403" the |strong="G3588" command |strong="G1785" that |strong="G4487" our |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" Savior |strong="G4990" gave us. He |strong="G2532" gave us that |strong="G4487" command |strong="G1785" through your |strong="G2962" apostles |strong="G0652".

<sup>3</sup> It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3778" important for |strong="G3754" you |strong="G3754" to |strong="G1909" understand |strong="G1097" what |strong="G3588" will |strong="G2250" happen in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" days |strong="G2250". People |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2250" laugh at |strong="G1722" you |strong="G3754". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2250" live |strong="G2250" following |strong="G4198" the |strong="G3588" evil they |strong="G0846" want to |strong="G1909" do |strong="G4198". <sup>4</sup> They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1510" say |strong="G3004", " Jesus |strong="G0846" promised |strong="G1860" to |strong="G3004" come |strong="G1510" again |strong="G2532". Where |strong="G4226" is |strong="G1510" he |strong="G2532"? Our |strong="G2532" fathers |strong="G3962" have |strong="G1510" died |strong="G2837", but |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" world continues |strong="G1265" the |strong="G3956" way |strong="G3779" it |strong="G0846" has |strong="G3962" been |strong="G1510" since |strong="G0575" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" made |strong="G3004"."

<sup>5</sup> But |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G0846" don't want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2309" remember what |strong="G3588" happened |strong="G3588" long |strong="G1597" ago |strong="G1597". The |strong="G3588" skies were |strong="G1510" there |strong="G1510",

<sup>1</sup> 2:22 Quote from Proverbs 26:11.

and |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" made the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" from |strong="G1537" water |strong="G5204" and |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1537" water |strong="G5204". All |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3778" happened |strong="G3588" by |strong="G1223" God's |strong="G2316" word |strong="G3056".<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="G5119" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" was |strong="G3739" flooded |strong="G2626" and |strong="G5204" destroyed |strong="G0622" with |strong="G1223" water |strong="G5204".<sup>7</sup> And |strong="G2532" that |strong="G0846" same |strong="G0846" word |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" God |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" keeping |strong="G5083" the |strong="G3588" skies and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" that |strong="G0846" we |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" now |strong="G1161". They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" being |strong="G1510" kept |strong="G5083" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1510" destroyed by |strong="G2250" fire |strong="G4442". They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" kept |strong="G5083" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" of |strong="G3056" judgment |strong="G2920" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" destruction |strong="G0684" of |strong="G3056" all |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" against |strong="G1519" God |strong="G0846".

<sup>8</sup> But |strong="G1161" don't |strong="G3361" forget this |strong="G3778" one |strong="G1520" thing |strong="G3778", dear |strong="G0027" friends: To |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" a |strong="G5613" day |strong="G2250" is |strong="G3778" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" thousand |strong="G5507" years |strong="G2094", and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G5613" thousand |strong="G5507" years |strong="G2094" is |strong="G3778" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" day |strong="G2250".<sup>9</sup> The |strong="G3956" Lord |strong="G2962" is |strong="G2962" not |strong="G3756" being |strong="G4771" slow |strong="G1019" in |strong="G1519" doing what |strong="G3588" he |strong="G5613" promised |strong="G1860"—the |strong="G3956" way |strong="G1223" some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G3956" understand slowness |strong="G1022". But |strong="G0235" God is |strong="G2962" being |strong="G4771" patient |strong="G3114" with |strong="G1223" you |strong="G5210". He |strong="G5613" doesn't |strong="G3756" want |strong="G1014" anyone |strong="G5100" to |strong="G1519"

be |strong="G3956" lost |strong="G0622". He |strong="G5613" wants everyone |strong="G3956" to |strong="G1519" change their |strong="G3956" ways and |strong="G2962" stop |strong="G3361" sinning.

<sup>10</sup> But |strong="G1161" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" when |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" comes |strong="G2532" again |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" surprise everyone |strong="G3739" like |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" coming of |strong="G2250" a |strong="G5613" thief |strong="G2812". The |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" will |strong="G3739" disappear with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G5613" loud noise. Everything in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532" destroyed |strong="G3089" with |strong="G1722" fire. And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" and |strong="G2532" everything in |strong="G1722" it |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532" burned |strong="G2618" up |strong="G2618".<sup>11</sup> Everything |strong="G3956" will |strong="G3778" be |strong="G1163" destroyed |strong="G3089" in |strong="G1722" this |strong="G3778" way |strong="G1722". So |strong="G3767" what |strong="G4217" kind |strong="G3956" of |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" should |strong="G1163" you |strong="G5210" be |strong="G1163"? Your |strong="G3956" lives |strong="G0391" should |strong="G1163" be |strong="G1163" holy |strong="G0040" and |strong="G2532" devoted to |strong="G2532" God.<sup>12</sup> You |strong="G3739" should |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" looking |strong="G4328" forward to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" day |strong="G2250" of |strong="G2250" God |strong="G2316", wanting more than |strong="G2532" anything else |strong="G2532" for |strong="G1223" it |strong="G1223" to |strong="G2532" come |strong="G3952" soon. When |strong="G2532" it |strong="G1223" comes |strong="G2532", the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" destroyed |strong="G3089" with |strong="G1223" fire, and |strong="G2532" everything in |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" will |strong="G2316" melt |strong="G5080" with |strong="G1223" heat.<sup>13</sup> But |strong="G1161" God |strong="G0846" made a |strong="G3739" promise |strong="G1862" to |strong="G2596" us |strong="G1722". And |strong="G2532"

<sup>1</sup> WILL BE BURNED UP Among the other readings of this text in early Greek copies, many have "will be found," and one has "will disappear."

we |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" wait-  
ing |strong="G4328" for |strong="G1722"  
what |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" promised—  
a |strong="G3739" new |strong="G2537"  
sky |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532"  
a |strong="G3739" new |strong="G2537"  
earth |strong="G1093". That |strong="G3739"  
will |strong="G3739" be |strong="G2532"  
the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G1722"  
where |strong="G3739" goodness  
lives |strong="G2730".

<sup>14</sup> Dear |strong="G0027" friends,  
we |strong="G3778" are |strong="G3778" wait-  
ing |strong="G4328" for |strong="G1722"  
this |strong="G3778" to |strong="G2532" happen.  
So |strong="G2532" try as |strong="G1722" hard  
as |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1722" can  
to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" with-  
out |strong="G2532" sin and |strong="G2532" with-  
out |strong="G2532" fault. Try to |strong="G2532"  
be |strong="G2532" at |strong="G1722"  
peace |strong="G1515" with |strong="G1722"  
God |strong="G0846". <sup>15</sup> Remember  
that |strong="G0846" we |strong="G2249"  
are |strong="G3588" saved because |strong="G2596"  
our |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962"  
is |strong="G2962" patient. Our |strong="G2532"  
dear |strong="G0027" brother |strong="G0080"  
Paul |strong="G3972" told you |strong="G5210"  
that |strong="G0846" same |strong="G0846"  
thing |strong="G0846" when |strong="G2532"  
he |strong="G2532" wrote |strong="G1125"  
to |strong="G2596" you |strong="G5210"  
with |strong="G2596" the |strong="G3588" wis-  
dom |strong="G4678" that |strong="G0846"  
God |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325"  
him |strong="G0846". <sup>16</sup> That's what |strong="G3739"  
he |strong="G2532" says |strong="G2980"  
in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956"  
his |strong="G0846" letters |strong="G1992"  
when |strong="G5613" he |strong="G2532" writes  
about |strong="G4012" these |strong="G3778"  
things |strong="G3778". There |strong="G1510"

are |strong="G1510" parts of |strong="G5100"  
his |strong="G0846" letters |strong="G1992"  
that |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510"  
hard |strong="G1425" to |strong="G4314" under-  
stand |strong="G1425", and |strong="G2532"  
some |strong="G5100" people |strong="G3956" give  
a |strong="G5613" wrong meaning to |strong="G4314"  
them |strong="G0846". These |strong="G3778" peo-  
ple |strong="G3956" are |strong="G1510" ignorant  
and |strong="G2532" weak in |strong="G1722"  
faith |strong="G2980". They |strong="G0846" al-  
so |strong="G2532" give wrong meanings  
to |strong="G4314" the |strong="G3956" oth-  
er |strong="G3062" Scriptures |strong="G1124".  
But |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846"  
are |strong="G1510" destroying them-  
selves |strong="G0846" by |strong="G1722" doing  
that |strong="G3739".

<sup>17</sup> Dear |strong="G0027" friends |strong="G2398",  
you |strong="G5210" already know  
about |strong="G3588" this |strong="G3588".  
So |strong="G2443" be |strong="G3767" careful.  
Don't |strong="G3361" let |strong="G2443"  
these |strong="G3588" evil people |strong="G3588"  
lead you |strong="G5210" away |strong="G4879"  
by |strong="G4879" the |strong="G3588" wrong  
they |strong="G3767" do |strong="G3361".  
Be |strong="G3767" careful that |strong="G2443"  
you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G3361"  
not |strong="G3361" fall from |strong="G3361"  
your |strong="G3588" strong faith. <sup>18</sup>  
But |strong="G1161" grow |strong="G0837"  
in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588"  
grace |strong="G5485" and |strong="G2532" knowl-  
edge |strong="G1108" of |strong="G2250"  
our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962"  
and |strong="G2532" Savior |strong="G4990" Je-  
sus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547". Glo-  
ry |strong="G1391" be |strong="G2532"  
to |strong="G1519" him |strong="G0846",  
now |strong="G1161" and |strong="G2532" forev-  
er |strong="G0165"! Amen |strong="G0281".

# 1 John

1 We tell you the Word that the one who existed before the world began. This is the one we have heard and have seen with our own eyes. We saw what he did, and our hands touched him. <sup>2</sup> Yes, the one who is shown to us saw him, and so we can tell others about him now you about him. He is the eternal life that with the Father and shown to us. <sup>3</sup> We are about what we have seen and heard we want you

I WORD The Greek word is "logos"

to have fellowship with us. The fellowship we share together is with God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write these things to you so you can be full of joy with us.

## God Forgives Our Sins

<sup>5</sup> We heard the true teaching from God. Now we tell you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness. <sup>6</sup> So if we say that we share in life with God, but we continue in darkness, we are liars, who don't follow the truth. <sup>7</sup> We should live in light,

II FELLOWSHIP Associating with people and sharing things together with them. Believers in Christ share love, joy, sorrow, faith, and other things with each other and with God. Also in verse 7.



where |strong="G5613" God|strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510". If |strong="G1437" we |strong="G2249" live |strong="G4043" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" light |strong="G5457", we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" fellowship |strong="G2842" with |strong="G3326" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G1161", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" blood |strong="G0129" sacrifice of |strong="G5207" Jesus |strong="G2424", God's |strong="G0846" Son |strong="G5207", washes away |strong="G0575" every |strong="G3956" sin |strong="G0266" and |strong="G2532" makes us |strong="G1722" clean |strong="G2511".

<sup>8</sup> If |strong="G1437" we |strong="G2249" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G2192" no |strong="G3756" sin |strong="G0266", we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" fooling ourselves |strong="G1438", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" in |strong="G1722" us |strong="G3004". <sup>9</sup> But |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1437" we |strong="G2249" confess |strong="G3670" our |strong="G2532" sins |strong="G0266", God will |strong="G1510" forgive |strong="G0863" us |strong="G0863". We |strong="G2249" can trust God to |strong="G2443" do |strong="G1510" this |strong="G3588". He |strong="G2532" always |strong="G3956" does |strong="G1510" what |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" right |strong="G1342". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" make |strong="G2511" us |strong="G0863" clean |strong="G2511" from |strong="G0575" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" wrong |strong="G0093" things |strong="G3956" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510" done. <sup>10</sup> If |strong="G1437" we |strong="G2249" say |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" sinned |strong="G0264", we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G1510" saying |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" God |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" liar |strong="G5583" and |strong="G2532" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" don't |strong="G3756" accept his |strong="G0846" true teaching |strong="G3056".

### Jesus Is Our Helper

<sup>2</sup> My |strong="G2192" dear children |strong="G5040", I |strong="G1473" write |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3778" letter |strong="G1125" to |strong="G4314" you |strong="G5210" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G5210"

will |strong="G3778" not |strong="G3361" sin |strong="G0264". But |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1437" anyone |strong="G5100" sins |strong="G0264", we |strong="G1437" have |strong="G2192" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" to |strong="G4314" help us. He |strong="G2532" always did |strong="G2192" what |strong="G3588" was |strong="G2424" right |strong="G1342", so |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3778" able |strong="G2192" to |strong="G4314" defend us before |strong="G4314" God |strong="G3962" the |strong="G3588" Father |strong="G3962". <sup>2</sup> Jesus |strong="G0846" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G0846" our |strong="G2532" sins |strong="G0266" are |strong="G1510" taken away. And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" way |strong="G0846" all |strong="G3650" people |strong="G0846" can have |strong="G1510" their |strong="G0846" sins |strong="G0266" taken away too |strong="G2532".

<sup>3</sup> If |strong="G1437" we |strong="G1437" obey |strong="G5083" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G0846" has |strong="G3778" told us |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2532" do |strong="G2532", then |strong="G2532" we |strong="G1437" are |strong="G3778" sure |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G1437" know |strong="G1097" him |strong="G0846". <sup>4</sup> If |strong="G3748" we |strong="G3778" say |strong="G3004" we |strong="G3778" know |strong="G1097" God |strong="G0846" but |strong="G2532" do |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" obey |strong="G5083" his |strong="G0846" commands |strong="G1785", we |strong="G3778" are |strong="G1510" lying. The |strong="G3588" truth |strong="G0225" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" in |strong="G1722" us |strong="G3004". <sup>5</sup> But |strong="G1161" when |strong="G1161" we |strong="G3739" obey |strong="G5083" God's |strong="G2316" teaching |strong="G3056", his |strong="G0846" love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G1510" truly |strong="G0230" working in |strong="G1722" us |strong="G1722". This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" how |strong="G3754" we |strong="G3739" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" living in |strong="G1722" him |strong="G0846". <sup>6</sup> If |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" say |strong="G3004" we |strong="G2532" live |strong="G4043" in |strong="G1722" God |strong="G0846", we |strong="G2532" must |strong="G3588" live |strong="G4043" the |strong="G3588"

way|strong="G3779" Jesus|strong="G0846"  
lived|strong="G3306".

Jesus|strong="G0846" Told|strong="G3004"  
Us|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" Love Oth-  
ers|strong="G3588"

<sup>7</sup> My|strong="G0191" dear|strong="G0027" friends,  
I|strong="G3739" am|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" writing|strong="G1125"  
a|strong="G2192" new|strong="G2537" com-  
mand|strong="G1785" to|strong="G0191"  
you|strong="G5210". It|strong="G0191"  
is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588"  
same|strong="G3739" command|strong="G1785"  
you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192"  
had|strong="G2192" since|strong="G0575"  
the|strong="G3588" beginning|strong="G0746".  
This|strong="G3588" command|strong="G1785"  
is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" teach-  
ing|strong="G3056" you|strong="G5210"  
have|strong="G2192" already heard|strong="G0191".

<sup>8</sup> But|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739"  
I|strong="G3739" write|strong="G1125"  
is|strong="G1510" also|strong="G2532"  
a|strong="G1510" new|strong="G2537" com-  
mand|strong="G1785". It|strong="G0846"  
is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510"  
true|strong="G0228" one|strong="G3739";  
you|strong="G5210" can see its|strong="G0846"  
truth|strong="G0227" in|strong="G1722" Je-  
sus|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532"  
in|strong="G1722" yourselves|strong="G0846".  
The|strong="G3588" darkness|strong="G4653"  
is|strong="G1510" passing|strong="G3855"  
away|strong="G3855", and|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" true|strong="G0228"  
light|strong="G5457" is|strong="G1510" al-  
ready|strong="G2235" shining|strong="G5316".

<sup>9</sup> Someone might|strong="G2532"  
say|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G2532"  
am|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457";"  
but|strong="G2532" if|strong="G2532"  
they|strong="G0846" hate|strong="G3404" any  
of|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" broth-  
ers|strong="G0080" or|strong="G2532" sisters  
in|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G0846" family,  
they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510"  
still|strong="G2193" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" darkness|strong="G4653". <sup>10</sup>  
Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"  
love|strong="G0025" their|strong="G0846" broth-  
ers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters live  
in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"  
light|strong="G5457", and|strong="G2532"  
there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" noth-  
ing|strong="G3756" in|strong="G1722"  
them|strong="G0846" that|strong="G0846"

will|strong="G1510" make|strong="G3756"  
them|strong="G0846" do|strong="G1510" wrong. <sup>11</sup>  
But|strong="G1161" whoever|strong="G3748"  
hates|strong="G3404" their|strong="G0846" broth-  
er|strong="G0080" or|strong="G2532" sister  
is|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" dark-  
ness|strong="G4653". They|strong="G0846"  
live|strong="G4043" in|strong="G1722" dark-  
ness|strong="G4653". They|strong="G0846"  
don't|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1492"  
where|strong="G4226" they|strong="G0846"  
are|strong="G1510" going|strong="G5217", be-  
cause|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" dark-  
ness|strong="G4653" has|strong="G3748" made  
them|strong="G0846" blind.

<sup>12</sup> I|strong="G3754" write|strong="G1125"  
to|strong="G0846" you|strong="G5210", dear chil-  
dren|strong="G5040",

because|strong="G3754" your|strong="G0863"  
sins|strong="G0266" are|strong="G3588" forgiv-  
en|strong="G0863" through|strong="G1223"  
Christ|strong="G0846".

<sup>13</sup> I|strong="G3754" write|strong="G1125"  
to|strong="G1097" you|strong="G5210", fa-  
thers|strong="G3962",

because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210"  
know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588"  
one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" existed  
from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" begin-  
ning|strong="G0746".

I|strong="G3754" write|strong="G1125"  
to|strong="G1097" you|strong="G5210",  
young|strong="G3495" people|strong="G3588",  
because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210"  
have|strong="G3748" defeated the|strong="G3588"  
Evil|strong="G4190" One|strong="G3588".

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="G2532" write|strong="G1125"  
to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210", chil-  
dren|strong="G3813",

because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210"  
know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" Fa-  
ther|strong="G3962".

I|strong="G2532" write|strong="G1125"  
to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210", fa-  
thers|strong="G3962",

because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210"  
know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588"  
one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" exist-  
ed|strong="G1510" from|strong="G0575"  
the|strong="G3588" beginning|strong="G0746".

I|strong="G2532" write|strong="G1125"  
to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210",  
young|strong="G3495" people|strong="G1510",  
because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G5210"  
are|strong="G1510" strong|strong="G2478".

The|strong="G3588" word|strong="G3056"  
of|strong="G3056" God|strong="G2316"

lives |strong="G3306" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G5210",  
 and |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1510" defeated the |strong="G3588" Evil |strong="G4190" One |strong="G3588".  
<sup>15</sup> Don't |strong="G3756" love |strong="G0026" this |strong="G3588" evil world |strong="G2889" or |strong="G3366" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1722" it |strong="G0846". If |strong="G1437" you |strong="G1437" love |strong="G0026" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889", you |strong="G1437" do |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" have |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" love |strong="G0026" of |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3588" Fa-ther |strong="G3962" in |strong="G1722" you |strong="G1437". <sup>16</sup> This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" all |strong="G3956" there |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G2889": wanting to |strong="G2532" please our |strong="G2532" sinful selves, wanting the |strong="G3956" sinful things |strong="G3956" we |strong="G2532" see, and |strong="G2532" be- ing |strong="G1510" too |strong="G2532" proud of |strong="G1537" what |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510". But |strong="G0235" none |strong="G3756" of |strong="G1537" these |strong="G3748" comes |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" Father |strong="G3962". They |strong="G2532" come |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G2889". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" is |strong="G2316" pass- ing |strong="G3855" away |strong="G3855", and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846" that |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0846" want |strong="G2307" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" are |strong="G3588" passing |strong="G3855" away |strong="G3855". But |strong="G1161" whoev- er |strong="G3588" does |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" wants |strong="G2307" will |strong="G2307" live forev- er |strong="G0165".

**Don't Follow the |strong="G3588" Enemies of |strong="G2316" Christ |strong="G0846"**

<sup>18</sup> My |strong="G0191" dear chil- dren |strong="G3813", the |strong="G2532" end |strong="G2078" is |strong="G1510" near! You |strong="G3754" have |strong="G1510" heard |strong="G0191" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G2532" enemy of |strong="G0191" Christ is |strong="G1510" coming |strong="G2064".

And |strong="G2532" now |strong="G3568" many |strong="G4183" enemies of |strong="G0191" Christ are |strong="G1510" already here |strong="G1510". So |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" the |strong="G2532" end |strong="G2078" is |strong="G1510" near. <sup>19</sup> These |strong="G3748" enemies were |strong="G1510" in |strong="G3956" our |strong="G3956" group, but |strong="G0235" they |strong="G3754" left |strong="G1831" us |strong="G1537". They |strong="G3754" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" really belong |strong="G1510" with |strong="G3326" us |strong="G1537". If |strong="G1487" they |strong="G3754" were |strong="G1510" really part |strong="G1473" of |strong="G1537" our |strong="G3956" group, they |strong="G3754" would |strong="G0302" have |strong="G1510" stayed |strong="G3306" with |strong="G3326" us |strong="G1537". But |strong="G0235" they |strong="G3754" left |strong="G1831". This |strong="G3748" shows that |strong="G3754" none |strong="G3756" of |strong="G1537" them |strong="G3326" really be- longed |strong="G1537" with |strong="G3326" us |strong="G1537".

<sup>20</sup> You |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3956" gift <sup>I</sup> that |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" Holy |strong="G0040" One |strong="G3588" <sup>II</sup> gave you |strong="G5210". So |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" all |strong="G3956" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3956" truth. <sup>21</sup> Do |strong="G1492" you |strong="G5210" think I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" writing |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3588" letter |strong="G1125" be- cause |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" don't |strong="G3756" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225"? No |strong="G3756", I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" writing |strong="G1125" be- cause |strong="G3754" you |strong="G5210" do |strong="G1492" know |strong="G1492" the |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225". And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G5210" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" no |strong="G3756" lie |strong="G5579" comes |strong="G1510" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" truth |strong="G0225".

<sup>22</sup> So |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" liar |strong="G5583"? It |strong="G3778" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" says Je- sus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G1510"

<sup>I</sup> GIFT Literally, "anointing." This might mean the Holy Spirit. Or it might mean teaching or truth as in verse 24. Also in verse 27. <sup>II</sup> HOLY ONE God or Christ.

not *the* Messiah. Whoever says that *the* enemy of Christ *is*— *the* one *who* does *not* believe in *the* Father *or* in *his* Son. <sup>23</sup> Whoever does *not* believe in *the* Son *does* *not* believe in *the* Father, but *whoever* accepts *the* Son *has* *the* Father *too*.

<sup>24</sup> Be *sure* that *you* *continue* *to* follow *the* teaching *you* *heard* *from* *the* beginning *if* *you* *do* that *will* *always* *be* *in* *the* Son *and* *in* *the* Father. <sup>25</sup> And *this* *is* *what* *the* Son *promised* *us*— *eternal* *life*.

<sup>26</sup> I *am* *writing* *this* *letter* *about* *those* *who* *are* *trying* *to* *lead* *you* *into* *the* *wrong* *way*. <sup>27</sup> Christ *gave* *you* *a* *special* *gift*. *You* *still* *have* *this* *gift* *in* *you*. *So* *you* *don't* *need* *anyone* *to* *teach* *you*. *The* *gift* *he* *gave* *you* *teaches* *you* *about* *everything*. *It* *is* *a* *true* *gift*, *not* *a* *false*

*one*. *So* *continue* *to* *live* *in* *Christ*, *as* *his* *gift* *taught* *you*.

<sup>28</sup> Yes, *my* *dear* *children*, *live* *in* *him*. *If* *we* *do* *we* *can* *be* *without* *fear* *on* *the* *day* *when* *Christ* *comes* *again*. *We* *will* *not* *need* *to* *hide* *and* *be* *ashamed* *when* *he* *comes*. <sup>29</sup> *You* *know* *that* *Christ* *always* *did* *what* *was* *right*. *So* *you* *know* *that* *all* *those* *who* *do* *what* *is* *right* *are* *God's* *children*.

### We Are God's Children

<sup>3</sup> *The* *Father* *has* *loved* *us* *so* *much*! *This* *shows* *how* *much* *he* *loved* *us*. *We* *are* *called* *children* *of* *God*. *And* *we* *really* *are* *his* *children*. *But* *the* *people* *in* *the* *world* *don't* *understand* *that* *we* *are* *God's* *children*, *because* *they* *do* *not* *know* *him*. *Dear* *friends*, *now* *we* *are* *God's* *children* *of* *God*.

We **not** **been** **what** **will** **in** **But** **know** **when** **comes** **we** **be** **him** **will** **him** **as** **is** **is** **and** **who** **this** **in** **like** **Christ** **himself** **like** **Christ**.

<sup>4</sup> Anyone **who** **sins** **is** **same** **as** **living** **against** **God's** **law**. <sup>5</sup> You **know** **Christ** **to** **take** **away** **sins**. **There** **is** **sin** **Christ**. <sup>6</sup> So **whoever** **in** **does** **continue** **sin** **if** **they** **continue** **sin** **have** **never** **really** **understood** **and** **have** **never** **known** **him**.

<sup>7</sup> Dear **children**, **don't** **let** **anyone** **lead** **you** **into** **the** **wrong** **way**. **Christ** **always** **did** **what** **right**. **So** **to** **be**

**good** **like** **Christ**, **you** **must** **do** **what** **is** **right**. <sup>8</sup> **The** **devil** **has** **been** **sinning** **since** **the** **beginning**. **Anyone** **who** **continues** **to** **sin** **belongs** **to** **the** **devil**. **The** **Son** **of** **God** **came** **this** **to** **destroy** **the** **devil's** **work**.

<sup>9</sup> Those **who** **are** **God's** **children** **do** **not** **continue** **to** **sin**, **because** **the** **new** **life** **God** **gave** **them** **stays** **in** **them**. **They** **cannot** **keep** **sinning**, **because** **they** **have** **become** **children** **of** **God**. <sup>10</sup> **So** **we** **can** **see** **who** **God's** **children** **are** **and** **the** **devil's** **children** **are**. **These** **the** **ones** **who** **are** **not** **God's** **children** **those** **who** **don't** **do** **what** **right** **and** **those** **who** **do** **not** **love** **their** **brothers** **and** **sisters** **in** **God's** **family**.

**We** **Must** **Love** **One** **Another**

<sup>11</sup> **This** **is** **the** **teaching** **you**

I THE NEW LIFE GOD GAVE THEM Literally, "his seed."

have |strong="G1510" heard |strong="G0191" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" beginning |strong="G0746": We |strong="G3739" must |strong="G1510" love |strong="G0025" each |strong="G0240" other |strong="G3739".<sup>12</sup> Don't |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" like |strong="G2531" Cain |strong="G2535". He |strong="G2532" belonged |strong="G1537" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Evil |strong="G4190" One |strong="G3588". Cain |strong="G2535" killed his |strong="G0846" brother |strong="G0080". But |strong="G1161" why |strong="G5101" did |strong="G1510" he |strong="G2532" kill him |strong="G0846"? Because |strong="G3754" what |strong="G5101" Cain |strong="G2535" did |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" evil |strong="G4190", and |strong="G2532" what |strong="G5101" his |strong="G0846" brother |strong="G0080" did |strong="G1510" was |strong="G1510" good |strong="G1510".

<sup>13</sup> Brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters, don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" surprised |strong="G2296" when |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3588" of |strong="G0080" this |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" hate |strong="G3404" you |strong="G5210".<sup>14</sup> We |strong="G2249" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" have |strong="G3748" left |strong="G3327" death |strong="G2288" and |strong="G0080" have |strong="G3748" come |strong="G1537" into |strong="G1519" life |strong="G2222". We |strong="G2249" know |strong="G1492" this |strong="G3588" because |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" love |strong="G0025" each other as |strong="G1519" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G0080" sisters. Anyone who |strong="G3588" does |strong="G1492" not |strong="G3361" love |strong="G0025" is |strong="G3588" still in |strong="G1722" death |strong="G2288".<sup>15</sup> Anyone |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588" hates |strong="G3404" a |strong="G2192" fellow believer is |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2192" murderer |strong="G0443".<sup>1</sup> And |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3754" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" no |strong="G3756" murderer |strong="G0443" has |strong="G2192" eternal |strong="G0166" life |strong="G2222".

<sup>16</sup> This |strong="G3778" is |strong="G3778" how |strong="G3754" we |strong="G2249" know |strong="G1097" what |strong="G3588" real love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G3778": Je-

<sup>1</sup> ANYONE ... MURDERER Those who hate someone have in their mind the same motive that causes murder. So, morally, hating is equal to murder. Jesus taught his followers about this sin. See Matthew 5:21-26.

sus |strong="G0846" gave his |strong="G0846" life |strong="G5590" for |strong="G3754" us |strong="G1722". So |strong="G2532" we |strong="G2249" should |strong="G3784" give our |strong="G2532" lives |strong="G5590" for |strong="G3754" each other |strong="G1565" as |strong="G1722" brothers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters.<sup>17</sup> Suppose a |strong="G2192" believer who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G2316" rich |strong="G2192" enough to |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" all |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" necessities of |strong="G0575" life |strong="G0979" sees |strong="G2334" a |strong="G2192" fellow believer who |strong="G3739" is |strong="G2316" poor and |strong="G2532" does |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3739" have |strong="G2192" even |strong="G2532" basic needs |strong="G5532". What |strong="G3739" if |strong="G0302" the |strong="G3588" rich |strong="G2192" believer does |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3739" help the |strong="G3588" poor one |strong="G3739"? Then |strong="G2532" it |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" clear that |strong="G3739" God's |strong="G2316" love |strong="G0026" is |strong="G2316" not |strong="G3739" in |strong="G1722" that |strong="G3739" person's heart |strong="G4698".<sup>18</sup> My |strong="G1722" children |strong="G5040", our |strong="G2532" love |strong="G0025" should |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" be |strong="G2532" only |strong="G2532" words |strong="G3056" and |strong="G2532" talk |strong="G3056". No |strong="G3361", our |strong="G2532" love |strong="G0025" must |strong="G0235" be |strong="G2532" real. We |strong="G2532" must |strong="G0235" show our |strong="G2532" love |strong="G0025" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3588" we |strong="G2532" do |strong="G3361".

<sup>19</sup> That's how we know we belong to the way of truth. And when our hearts make us feel guilty, we can still have peace before God, because God is greater than our hearts. He knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> My |strong="G2192" dear |strong="G0027" friends, if |strong="G1437" we |strong="G2249" don't |strong="G3361" feel that |strong="G2316" we |strong="G2249" are |strong="G3588" doing wrong, we |strong="G2249" can be |strong="G2316" without |strong="G3361" fear when |strong="G1437" we |strong="G2249" come to |strong="G4314" God |strong="G2316".<sup>22</sup> And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G0846" gives |strong="G4160" us |strong="G4160" what |strong="G3739" we |strong="G3739" ask |strong="G0154" for |strong="G3754". We |strong="G3739" receive |strong="G2983" it |strong="G0846" because |strong="G3754" we |strong="G3739"

obey|strong="G5083" God's|strong="G0846" commands|strong="G1785" and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3739" pleases him|strong="G0846".<sup>23</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" what|strong="G3588" God|strong="G0846" commands|strong="G1785": that|strong="G2443" we|strong="G2249" believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G2532" his|strong="G0846" Son|strong="G5207" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G2443" we|strong="G2249" love|strong="G0025" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240" as|strong="G2531" he|strong="G2532" commanded|strong="G1785".<sup>24</sup> All|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" obey|strong="G5083" God's|strong="G0846" commands|strong="G1785" live in|strong="G1722" God|strong="G0846". And|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846". How|strong="G3754" do|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" God|strong="G0846" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1325"? We|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097" because|strong="G3754" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" he|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" us|strong="G1325".

#### John Warns Against False Teachers

**4** My|strong="G3956" dear|strong="G0027" friends, many|strong="G4183" false|strong="G5578" prophets|strong="G5578" are|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G2889" now|strong="G1510". So|strong="G1519" don't|strong="G3361" believe|strong="G4100" every|strong="G3956" spirit|strong="G4151", but|strong="G0235" test|strong="G1381" the|strong="G3956" spirits|strong="G4151" to|strong="G1519" see|strong="G1381" if|strong="G1487" they|strong="G3754" are|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316".<sup>2</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" how|strong="G1097" you|strong="G3739" can recognize|strong="G1097" God's|strong="G2316" Spirit|strong="G4151". One|strong="G3739" spirit|strong="G4151" says, "I|strong="G3739" believe that|strong="G3739" Jesus|strong="G2424" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" Messiah|strong="G5547" who|strong="G3739" came|strong="G2064" to|strong="G2064" earth|strong="G4561" and|strong="G2064" became a|strong="G1510" man|strong="G3778"." That|strong="G3739" Spirit|strong="G4151" is|strong="G1510"

from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316".<sup>3</sup> Another spirit|strong="G4151" refuses to|strong="G2064" say this|strong="G3778" about|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G2424". That|strong="G3754" spirit|strong="G4151" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316". This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" enemy of|strong="G1537" Christ. You|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" heard|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3956" enemy of|strong="G1537" Christ is|strong="G1510" coming|strong="G2064", and|strong="G2532" now|strong="G3568" he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" already|strong="G2235" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G2889".

<sup>4</sup> My|strong="G1722" dear children|strong="G5040", you|strong="G5210" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316", so|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G1510" already defeated these|strong="G3748" false prophets. That's because|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1438" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210" is|strong="G1510" greater|strong="G3173" than|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1438" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889".<sup>5</sup> And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889", so|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" say|strong="G2980" is|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" too|strong="G2532". And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" listens|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" say|strong="G2980".<sup>6</sup> But|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316". So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3739" know|strong="G1097" God|strong="G2316" listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" us|strong="G1537". But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316" don't|strong="G3756" listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" us|strong="G1537". This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510"

how|strong="G1097" we|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" true|strong="G0225" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" spirit|strong="G4151" that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" false.

**Love Comes|strong="G1510" From|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316"**

<sup>7</sup> Dear|strong="G0027" friends, we|strong="G2532" should|strong="G2316" love|strong="G0026" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240", because|strong="G3754" love|strong="G0026" comes|strong="G1510" from|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316". Everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" loves|strong="G0025" has|strong="G2316" become God's|strong="G2316" child|strong="G1080". And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532" everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" loves|strong="G0025" knows|strong="G1097" God|strong="G2316". <sup>8</sup> Anyone who|strong="G3588" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" love|strong="G0026" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" know|strong="G1097" God|strong="G2316", because|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G1510" love|strong="G0026". <sup>9</sup> This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G2316" how|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316" showed his|strong="G0846" love|strong="G0026" to|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519": He|strong="G0846" sent|strong="G0649" his|strong="G0846" only|strong="G3439" Son|strong="G5207" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889" to|strong="G1519" give us|strong="G1519" life|strong="G2198" through|strong="G1223" him|strong="G0846". <sup>10</sup> True love|strong="G0026" is|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" love|strong="G0026" for|strong="G3754" us|strong="G1722", not|strong="G3756" our|strong="G2316" love|strong="G0026" for|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532" sent|strong="G0649" his|strong="G0846" Son|strong="G5207" as|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G1722" to|strong="G2532" take away|strong="G0649" our|strong="G2316" sins|strong="G0266".

<sup>11</sup> That|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316" how|strong="G3779" much God|strong="G2316" loved|strong="G0025" us, dear|strong="G0027" friends! So|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" also|strong="G2532" must|strong="G3588" love|strong="G0025" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240". <sup>12</sup> No|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" has|strong="G2316"

ever|strong="G4455" seen|strong="G2300" God|strong="G2316". But|strong="G2532" if|strong="G1437" we|strong="G2249" love|strong="G0026" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240", God|strong="G2316" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722". If|strong="G1437" we|strong="G2249" love|strong="G0026" each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0240", God's|strong="G2316" love|strong="G0026" has|strong="G2316" reached its|strong="G0846" goal|strong="G5048"— it|strong="G0846" is|strong="G1510" made|strong="G5048" perfect|strong="G5048" in|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722".

<sup>13</sup> We|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" we|strong="G2249" live in|strong="G1722" God|strong="G0846" and|strong="G2532" God|strong="G0846" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1325". We|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097" this|strong="G3778" because|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325" us|strong="G1325" his|strong="G0846" Spirit|strong="G4151". <sup>14</sup> We|strong="G2249" have|strong="G2532" seen|strong="G2300" that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" Father|strong="G3962" sent|strong="G0649" his|strong="G0649" Son|strong="G5207" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Savior|strong="G4990" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889", and|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" tell people|strong="G3588" now|strong="G2532". <sup>15</sup> Anyone|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" says, " I|strong="G3739" believe that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316", " is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" person|strong="G5207" who|strong="G3739" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3754" person|strong="G5207". <sup>16</sup> So|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588" love|strong="G0026" that|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2192" for|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722", and|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" trust that|strong="G3739" love|strong="G0026".

God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G1510" love|strong="G0026". Everyone|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" lives|strong="G3306"



in|strong="G1722" love|strong="G0026" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" lives|strong="G3306" in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G0846".<sup>17</sup> If|strong="G2443" God's love|strong="G0026" is|strong="G1510" made|strong="G5048" perfect|strong="G5048" in|strong="G1722" us|strong="G1722", we|strong="G2249" can be|strong="G1510" without|strong="G2532" fear on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" day|strong="G2250" when|strong="G2532" God judges the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889". We|strong="G2249" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" without|strong="G2532" fear, because|strong="G3754" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" world|strong="G2889" we|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510" like|strong="G2531" Jesus|strong="G1565".<sup>18</sup> Where|strong="G1722" God's love|strong="G0026" is|strong="G1510", there|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756" fear|strong="G5401", because|strong="G3754" God's perfect|strong="G5046" love|strong="G0026" takes away|strong="G1854" fear|strong="G5401". It|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" his|strong="G2192" punishment|strong="G2851" that|strong="G3754" makes a|strong="G2192" person fear|strong="G5401". So|strong="G1161" his|strong="G2192" love|strong="G0026" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" made|strong="G5048" perfect|strong="G5046" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" has|strong="G2192" fear|strong="G5401".<sup>19</sup> We|strong="G2249" love|strong="G0025" because|strong="G3754" God|strong="G0846" first|strong="G4413" loved|strong="G0025" us.<sup>20</sup> If|strong="G1437" we|strong="G3739" say|strong="G3004" we|strong="G3739" love|strong="G0025" God|strong="G2316" but|strong="G2532" hate|strong="G3404" any|strong="G5100" of|strong="G2316" our|strong="G2316" brothers|strong="G0080" or|strong="G2532" sisters in|strong="G2316" his|strong="G0846" family, we|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" liars|strong="G5583". If|strong="G1437" we|strong="G3739" don't|strong="G3756" love|strong="G0025" someone|strong="G5100" we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" seen|strong="G3708", how|strong="G3754" can|strong="G1410" we|strong="G3739" love|strong="G0025" God|strong="G2316"? We|strong="G3739" have|strong="G1510" never|strong="G3756" even|strong="G2532" seen|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846".<sup>21</sup> God|strong="G2316" gave

us this|strong="G3778" command|strong="G1785": If|strong="G2443" we|strong="G3778" love|strong="G0025" God|strong="G2316", we|strong="G3778" must|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532" love|strong="G0025" each other|strong="G0846" as|strong="G2532" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters.

### God's Children Win Against the World

**5** The|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" Messiah|strong="G5547" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" children|strong="G1080". Anyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" loves|strong="G0025" the|strong="G3956" Father|strong="G1080" also|strong="G2532" loves|strong="G0025" the|strong="G3956" Father's children|strong="G1080".<sup>2</sup> How|strong="G3754" do|strong="G4160" we|strong="G3778" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" we|strong="G3778" love|strong="G0025" God's|strong="G2316" children|strong="G5043"? We|strong="G3778" know|strong="G1097" because|strong="G3754" we|strong="G3778" love|strong="G0025" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" we|strong="G3778" obey|strong="G4160" his|strong="G0846" commands|strong="G1785".<sup>3</sup> Loving God|strong="G2316" means|strong="G1510" obeying his|strong="G0846" commands|strong="G1785". And|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316" commands|strong="G1785" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" too|strong="G2532" hard for|strong="G1063" us,<sup>4</sup> because|strong="G3754" everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" child|strong="G1080" of|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956" power to|strong="G2532" win against|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G2889".<sup>5</sup> It|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" our|strong="G2316" faith|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" has|strong="G2316" won the|strong="G3588" victory against|strong="G3361" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889". So|strong="G1161" who|strong="G3588" wins against|strong="G3361" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G2889"? Only|strong="G1487" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316".

I Jesus Literally, "that one."

**God** **Told Us About His Son**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus **Christ** **is** **one** **who** **came** **with** **water** **and** **with** **blood**. **He** **did** **not** **come** **by** **water** **only**. **No**, **Jesus** **came** **by** **both** **water** **and** **blood**. **And** **the** **Spirit** **tells** **us** **that** **this** **is** **true**. **The** **Spirit** **is** **the** **truth**. <sup>7</sup> **So** **there** **are** **three** **witnesses** **that** **tell** **us** **about** **Jesus**: <sup>8</sup> **the** **Spirit**, **the** **water**, **and** **the** **blood**. **These** **three** **witnesses** **agree**.

<sup>9</sup> **We** **believe** **people** **when** **they** **say** **something** **is** **true**. **But** **what** **God** **says** **is** **more** **important**. **And** **this** **is** **what** **God** **told** **us**: **He** **told** **us** **the** **truth** **about** **his** **own** **Son**. **Whoever** **believes** **in** **the** **Son** **of** **God** **has** **the** **truth** **that** **God** **told** **us**. **But** **people** **who** **do** **not** **believe**

<sup>1</sup> **WATER, BLOOD** Probably meaning the water of Jesus' baptism and the blood he shed on the cross.

**make** **liar**, **because** **they** **do** **not** **believe** **what** **God** **told** **us** **about** **his** **Son**. <sup>11</sup> **This** **is** **what** **God** **told** **us**: **God** **has** **given** **us** **eternal** **life**, **and** **this** **is** **his** **Son**. <sup>12</sup> **Whoever** **has** **the** **Son** **has** **life**, **but** **whoever** **does** **not** **have** **the** **Son** **of** **God** **does** **not** **have** **life**.

**We** **Have** **Eternal Life** **Now**

<sup>13</sup> **I** **write** **this** **letter** **to** **you** **who** **believe** **in** **the** **Son** **of** **God**. **I** **write** **so** **that** **you** **will** **know** **that** **you** **have** **eternal** **life** **now**. <sup>14</sup> **We** **can** **come** **to** **God** **with** **no** **doubts**. **This** **means** **that** **when** **we** **ask** **God** **for** **things** **that** **God** **has** **agreed** **with** **what** **God** **wants** **us** **to** **care** **about** **what** **we** **say**. <sup>15</sup> **He** **listens**

to|strong="G2532" us|strong="G0191"  
 every|strong="G0191" time we|strong="G2249"  
 ask|strong="G0154" him|strong="G0846".  
 So|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249"  
 know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754"  
 he|strong="G2532" gives us|strong="G0191" whatev-  
 er|strong="G1437" we|strong="G2249"  
 ask|strong="G0154" from|strong="G0575"  
 him|strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> Suppose you|strong="G1437"  
 see|strong="G3708" your|strong="G1437" fellow be-  
 liever sinning|strong="G0264" ( sin|strong="G0266"  
 that|strong="G2443" does|strong="G1510"  
 not|strong="G3756" lead|strong="G1510"  
 to|strong="G4314" eternal death|strong="G2288").  
 You|strong="G1437" should|strong="G5100"  
 pray|strong="G2443" for|strong="G4012"  
 them|strong="G0846". Then|strong="G2532"  
 God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510"  
 give|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846"  
 life|strong="G2222". I|strong="G1437"  
 am|strong="G1510" talking|strong="G3004"  
 about|strong="G4012" people|strong="G0846"  
 whose|strong="G0846" sin|strong="G0266"  
 does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756"  
 lead|strong="G1510" to|strong="G4314" eternal  
 death|strong="G2288". There|strong="G1510"  
 is|strong="G1510" sin|strong="G0266"  
 that|strong="G2443" leads to|strong="G4314"  
 death|strong="G2288". I|strong="G1437"  
 don't|strong="G3756" mean|strong="G3004"  
 that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G1437"  
 should|strong="G5100" pray|strong="G2443"  
 about|strong="G4012" that|strong="G2443"  
 kind|strong="G5100" of|strong="G5100"  
 sin|strong="G0266". <sup>17</sup> Doing|strong="G0093"  
 wrong|strong="G0093" is|strong="G1510" al-  
 ways|strong="G3956" sin|strong="G0266".  
 But|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1510"  
 is|strong="G1510" sin|strong="G0266"  
 that|strong="G3956" does|strong="G1510"  
 not|strong="G3756" lead|strong="G1510"  
 to|strong="G4314" eternal death|strong="G2288".

<sup>18</sup> We|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1492"  
 that|strong="G3754" those|strong="G3588"  
 who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G2532"  
 been|strong="G2532" made God's|strong="G2316"

children|strong="G1080" do|strong="G1492"  
 not|strong="G3756" continue|strong="G2532"  
 to|strong="G2532" sin|strong="G0264".  
 The|strong="G3956" Son of|strong="G1537"  
 God|strong="G2316" keeps|strong="G5083"  
 them|strong="G0846" safe|strong="G5083". <sup>1</sup>  
 The|strong="G3956" Evil|strong="G4190"  
 One|strong="G3588" cannot|strong="G3756" hurt  
 them|strong="G0846". <sup>19</sup> We|strong="G2532"  
 know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754"  
 we|strong="G2532" belong|strong="G1510"  
 to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316",  
 but|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
 Evil|strong="G4190" One|strong="G3588" controls  
 the|strong="G3588" whole|strong="G3650"  
 world|strong="G2889". <sup>20</sup> And|strong="G2532"  
 we|strong="G2249" know|strong="G1097"  
 that|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588"  
 Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207"  
 God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316"  
 come|strong="G2240" and|strong="G2532"  
 has|strong="G2316" given|strong="G1325"  
 us|strong="G1325" understanding|strong="G1271".  
 So|strong="G2443" now|strong="G1161"  
 we|strong="G2249" can|strong="G1325"  
 know|strong="G1097" the|strong="G3588"  
 one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588"  
 is|strong="G1510" true|strong="G0228",  
 and|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" live  
 in|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3754"  
 true|strong="G0228" God|strong="G2316".  
 We|strong="G2249" are|strong="G1510"  
 in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846"  
 Son|strong="G5207", Jesus|strong="G2424"  
 Christ|strong="G5547". He|strong="G2532"  
 is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588"  
 true|strong="G0228" God|strong="G2316",  
 and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"  
 is|strong="G1510" eternal|strong="G0166"  
 life|strong="G2222". <sup>21</sup> So, dear chil-  
 dren|strong="G5040", keep|strong="G5442" your-  
 selves|strong="G1438" away|strong="G0575"  
 from|strong="G0575" false gods.

<sup>1</sup> THE SON ... SAFE Literally, "The one who was born from God keeps him safe" or "... keeps himself safe."

## 2 John

1 Greetings from <sup>I</sup> the Elder <sup>I</sup>. To the lady <sup>II</sup> chosen by God and to her children.  
 I love all of you. And I am not the only one those know the truth you love in the same way <sup>2</sup>. We love you because of the truth that lives in us <sup>3</sup>. That truth be with us forever.  
<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace will with from and his Jesus, as we live in and  
<sup>4</sup> I very

I ELDER This is probably John the apostle. "Elder" means an older man or a special leader in the church (as in Titus 1:5). II LADY This might mean a woman. Or, in this letter, it might mean a church. If it is a church, then "her children" would be the people of the church. Also in verse 5. III TRUTH The truth or "Good News" about Jesus Christ that joins all believers together.

about some of your children. I am happy that they are following the way of truth, just as the Father commanded us <sup>5</sup>. And now, dear lady, I tell you: We should all love each other. This is not a new command. It is the same we had from the beginning <sup>6</sup>. And loving means the way he commanded us to live. And God's command is that you live a life of love. You heard this command from the beginning.  
<sup>7</sup> Many false teachers are in the world now. They refuse to say that Jesus came to earth and became a man. Anyone who refuses to accept this fact

is |strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" false teacher and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" enemy of|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547".<sup>8</sup> Be|strong="G3361" careful|strong="G0991"! Don't|strong="G3361" lose|strong="G0622" the|strong="G3739" reward|strong="G3408" we|strong="G3739"<sup>I</sup> have|strong="G0622" worked|strong="G2038" for|strong="G2443". Be|strong="G3361" careful|strong="G0991" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" receive|strong="G0618" all of|strong="G4134" that|strong="G3739" reward|strong="G3408".

<sup>9</sup> Everyone|strong="G3956" must|strong="G3588" continue|strong="G3306" to|strong="G2532" follow only|strong="G3756" the|strong="G3956" teaching|strong="G1322" about|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547". Whoever|strong="G3588" changes that|strong="G3778" teaching|strong="G1322" does|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2192" God|strong="G2316". But|strong="G2532" whoever|strong="G3588" continues|strong="G3306" to|strong="G2532" follow the|strong="G3956" teaching|strong="G1322" about|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" has|strong="G2192" both|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Father|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G3956" Son|strong="G5207".<sup>10</sup> Don't|strong="G3756" accept|strong="G2983" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210" but|strong="G2532" do|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3756"

I WE Some Greek copies have "you."

bring|strong="G5342" this|strong="G3778" teaching|strong="G1322". Don't|strong="G3756" invite them|strong="G0846" into|strong="G1519" your|strong="G1487" house|strong="G3614". Don't|strong="G3756" welcome them|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1519" any|strong="G5100" way|strong="G0846".<sup>11</sup> If you|strong="G3004" do|strong="G3004", you|strong="G3004" are|strong="G3588" helping them|strong="G0846" with|strong="G0846" their|strong="G0846" evil|strong="G4190" work|strong="G2041".

<sup>12</sup> I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" much|strong="G4183" to|strong="G4314" say|strong="G2980" to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210". But|strong="G0235" I|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3756" want|strong="G1014" to|strong="G4314" use|strong="G2192" paper|strong="G5489" and|strong="G2532" ink|strong="G3188". Instead|strong="G0235", I|strong="G2532" hope|strong="G1679" to|strong="G4314" come|strong="G1096" visit you|strong="G5210". Then|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" can be|strong="G1510" together|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" talk. That|strong="G2443" will|strong="G1510" make|strong="G4137" us very|strong="G4183" happy.<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" children|strong="G5043" of|strong="G5043" your|strong="G3588" sister|strong="G0079"<sup>II</sup> who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" chosen|strong="G1588" by God send|strong="G0782" you|strong="G4771" their|strong="G0782" love.

II SISTER Sister of the "lady" in verse 1. This might be another woman or another church.

## 3 John

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> Elder <sup>I</sup>. <sup>I</sup> To <sup>I</sup> my <sup>I</sup> dear <sup>I</sup> friend Gaius <sup>I</sup>, a <sup>I</sup> person I <sup>I</sup> truly <sup>I</sup> love <sup>I</sup>.  
<sup>2</sup> My <sup>I</sup> dear <sup>I</sup> friend, I <sup>I</sup> know that <sup>I</sup> you <sup>I</sup> are <sup>I</sup> doing well <sup>I</sup> spiritually. So <sup>I</sup> I <sup>I</sup> pray <sup>I</sup> that <sup>I</sup> everything <sup>I</sup> else <sup>I</sup> is <sup>I</sup> going well <sup>I</sup> with <sup>I</sup> you <sup>I</sup> and <sup>I</sup> that <sup>I</sup> you <sup>I</sup> are <sup>I</sup> enjoying good <sup>I</sup> health <sup>I</sup>.  
<sup>3</sup> Some <sup>I</sup> believers came <sup>I</sup> and <sup>I</sup> told me about <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> truth <sup>I</sup> in <sup>I</sup> your <sup>I</sup> life <sup>I</sup>. They <sup>I</sup> told me that <sup>I</sup> you <sup>I</sup> to <sup>I</sup> follow <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> way <sup>I</sup> of <sup>I</sup> truth <sup>I</sup>. This <sup>I</sup> made me very <sup>I</sup> happy.  
<sup>4</sup> It <sup>I</sup> always gives me <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> greatest <sup>I</sup> joy <sup>I</sup> when <sup>I</sup> I <sup>I</sup> hear <sup>I</sup> my <sup>I</sup> children <sup>I</sup> are <sup>I</sup> following <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> way <sup>I</sup> of <sup>I</sup> truth <sup>I</sup>.  
<sup>5</sup> My <sup>I</sup> dear <sup>I</sup> friend, it <sup>I</sup> is <sup>I</sup> good that <sup>I</sup> you <sup>I</sup> continue <sup>I</sup> to <sup>I</sup> help <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> believers <sup>I</sup>. They <sup>I</sup> are <sup>I</sup> people <sup>I</sup> you <sup>I</sup> don't even <sup>I</sup> know.  
<sup>6</sup> They <sup>I</sup>

told the <sup>I</sup> church <sup>I</sup> about <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> love <sup>I</sup> you <sup>I</sup> have <sup>I</sup>. Please help <sup>I</sup> them <sup>I</sup> to <sup>I</sup> continue <sup>I</sup> their <sup>I</sup> trip. Help <sup>I</sup> them <sup>I</sup> in <sup>I</sup> a <sup>I</sup> way <sup>I</sup> that <sup>I</sup> will <sup>I</sup> please <sup>I</sup> God <sup>I</sup>.  
<sup>7</sup> They <sup>I</sup> went <sup>I</sup> on <sup>I</sup> their <sup>I</sup> trip to <sup>I</sup> serve <sup>I</sup> Christ. They <sup>I</sup> did <sup>I</sup> not <sup>I</sup> accept <sup>I</sup> any <sup>I</sup> help <sup>I</sup> from <sup>I</sup> people <sup>I</sup> who <sup>I</sup> are <sup>I</sup> not <sup>I</sup> believers.  
<sup>8</sup> So <sup>I</sup> we <sup>I</sup> should <sup>I</sup> help <sup>I</sup> them <sup>I</sup>. When <sup>I</sup> we <sup>I</sup> help <sup>I</sup> them <sup>I</sup>, we <sup>I</sup> share <sup>I</sup> with <sup>I</sup> their work for <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> truth <sup>I</sup>.  
<sup>9</sup> I <sup>I</sup> wrote <sup>I</sup> a <sup>I</sup> letter <sup>I</sup> to <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> church <sup>I</sup>, but <sup>I</sup> Diotrophes <sup>I</sup> will <sup>I</sup> not <sup>I</sup> listen to <sup>I</sup> what <sup>I</sup> we <sup>I</sup> say <sup>I</sup>. He <sup>I</sup> wants to <sup>I</sup> be <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> leader.  
<sup>10</sup> When <sup>I</sup> I <sup>I</sup> come <sup>I</sup>, I <sup>I</sup> will <sup>I</sup> talk <sup>I</sup> with <sup>I</sup> him <sup>I</sup> about <sup>I</sup> what <sup>I</sup> he <sup>I</sup> is <sup>I</sup> doing <sup>I</sup>. He <sup>I</sup> lies <sup>I</sup> and <sup>I</sup> says <sup>I</sup> evil <sup>I</sup> things <sup>I</sup> about <sup>I</sup> us <sup>I</sup>, but <sup>I</sup> that <sup>I</sup> is <sup>I</sup> not <sup>I</sup> all <sup>I</sup>. He <sup>I</sup> refuses <sup>I</sup> to <sup>I</sup> welcome <sup>I</sup> and <sup>I</sup> help <sup>I</sup> the <sup>I</sup> believers <sup>I</sup> who <sup>I</sup> travel there <sup>I</sup>.

<sup>I</sup> ELDER This is probably John the apostle. "Elder" means an older man or a special leader in the church (as in Titus 1:5). <sup>II</sup> TRUTH The truth or "Good News" about Jesus Christ that joins all believers together. Also in verses 8, 12.

And *will* not *let* others *help* them. If *they* do *not*, he stops them from *meeting* with *the* church anymore.

<sup>11</sup> My *dear* friend, don't *follow* what *is* bad; *follow* what *is* good. Whoever *does* *is* *with* God. But *whoever* *does* *evil* *has* *never* *known* God.

<sup>12</sup> Everyone *says* *good* about *Demetrius*, and *the* *truth* *agrees* with *what* *they* *say*. Also, *we* *say*

*good* about *him*. And *you* *know* *that* *what* *we* *say* *is* *true*.

<sup>13</sup> I *have* *many* *things* *I* *want* *to* *tell* *you*. But *I* *don't* *want* *to* *use* *pen* *and* *ink*. <sup>14</sup> I *hope* *to* *visit* *you* *soon*. Then *we* *can* *be* *together* *and* *talk*. <sup>15</sup> *Peace* *to* *you* *and* *your* *friends* *here* *with* *me* *send* *their* *love*. Please *give* *our* *love* *to* *each* *one* *of* *the* *friends* *there*.

# Jude

<sup>1</sup> Greetings from Jude, a servant of Jesus and brother James.

To those who have been chosen and are loved by God the Father and have been kept safe in Jesus Christ.

<sup>2</sup> Mercy, peace, and love be yours and more.

**God Will Punish  
Those Who Do Wrong**

<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, I wanted very much to write to you about the salvation all share together. But I felt the need to write you about something else: I want to encourage you to fight hard for the faith that God gave his holy people. God gave this faith once it is good

for all time. Some people have secretly entered your group. These people have already been judged guilty for what they are doing. Long ago the prophets wrote about them. They are against God. They have used the grace of God in the wrong way—to do sinful things. They refuse to follow Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord.

<sup>5</sup> I want to help you remember some things you already know: Remember that the Lord saved his people by bringing them out of the land of Egypt. But he later destroyed those who did not believe. And remember the angels who lost their authority to rule. They left their prop-

<sup>1</sup> THE LORD Some of the oldest and best Greek manuscripts of Jude have “Jesus” here. If “Jesus” is accepted as the original reading, it should replace “the Lord” in verse 6 as well.



er/strong="G2398" home/strong="G2398". So/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" Lord has/strong="G2920" kept/strong="G5083" them/strong="G1438" in/strong="G1519" darkness/strong="G2217", bound with/strong="G1519" everlasting chains/strong="G1199", to/strong="G1519" be/strong="G3361" judged on/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" great/strong="G3173" day/strong="G2250".<sup>7</sup> Also/strong="G2532", remember the/strong="G3588" cities/strong="G4172" of/strong="G4172" Sodom/strong="G4670" and/strong="G2532" Gomorrah/strong="G1116" and/strong="G2532" the/strong="G3588" other/strong="G2087" towns/strong="G4172" around/strong="G4012" them/strong="G0846". Like/strong="G5613" those/strong="G3588" angels they/strong="G0846" were/strong="G3778" full of/strong="G4172" sexual sin and/strong="G2532" involved themselves/strong="G1438" in/strong="G2532" sexual relations/strong="G0846" that/strong="G3778" are/strong="G3778" wrong. And/strong="G2532" they/strong="G0846" suffer the/strong="G3588" punishment/strong="G1349" of/strong="G4172" eternal/strong="G0166" fire/strong="G4442", an/strong="G2532" example/strong="G1164" for/strong="G4012" us/strong="G4012" to/strong="G2532" see.

<sup>8</sup> It/strong="G1161" is/strong="G3778" the/strong="G2532" same/strong="G3668" way/strong="G3668" with/strong="G2532" these/strong="G3778" people/strong="G4561" who/strong="G2532" have/strong="G2532" entered your/strong="G2532" group. They/strong="G2532" are/strong="G3778" guided by/strong="G2532" dreams. They/strong="G2532" make themselves dirty with/strong="G2532" sin. They/strong="G2532" reject/strong="G0114" God's authority/strong="G2963" and/strong="G2532" say bad things/strong="G3778" against/strong="G0987" the/strong="G2532" glorious/strong="G1391" ones.<sup>19</sup> Not/strong="G3756" even/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" archangel/strong="G0743" Michael/strong="G3413" did/strong="G1252" this/strong="G3588". Michael/strong="G3413" argued/strong="G1256" with/strong="G4012" the/strong="G3588" devil/strong="G1228" about/strong="G4012" who/strong="G3588" would/strong="G2962" have/strong="G5111" the/strong="G3588" body/strong="G4983" of/strong="G2962" Moses/strong="G3475". But/strong="G1161" Michael/strong="G3413" did/strong="G1252" not/strong="G3756" dare/strong="G5111" to/strong="G3004" condemn even/strong="G1161" the/strong="G3588" devil/strong="G1228" for/strong="G4012" his/strong="G4012" false accusa-

I THE GLORIOUS ONES Literally, "the glories." These seem to be some kind of angelic beings.

tions. Instead/strong="G0235", Michael/strong="G3413" said/strong="G3004", "The/strong="G3588" Lord/strong="G2962" punish you/strong="G4771"!"

<sup>10</sup> But/strong="G1161" these/strong="G3778" people/strong="G1492" criticize things/strong="G3778" they/strong="G1161" don't/strong="G3756" understand/strong="G1492". They/strong="G1161" do/strong="G1492" understand/strong="G1492" some/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3778". But/strong="G1161" they/strong="G1161" understand/strong="G1492" these/strong="G3778" things/strong="G3778" not/strong="G3756" by/strong="G1722" thinking, but/strong="G1161" by/strong="G1722" feeling, the/strong="G3588" way/strong="G1722" dumb animals/strong="G2226" understand/strong="G1492" things/strong="G3778". And/strong="G1161" these/strong="G3778" are/strong="G3778" the/strong="G3588" things/strong="G3778" that/strong="G3778" destroy/strong="G5351" them/strong="G1722".<sup>11</sup> It/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3748" be/strong="G2532" bad for/strong="G3754" them/strong="G0846". They/strong="G0846" have/strong="G2532" followed the/strong="G3588" way/strong="G3598" that/strong="G3754" Cain/strong="G2535" went/strong="G4198". To/strong="G2532" make money/strong="G0846", they/strong="G0846" have/strong="G2532" given themselves/strong="G0846" to/strong="G2532" following/strong="G4198" the/strong="G3588" wrong way/strong="G3598" that/strong="G3754" Balaam/strong="G0903" went/strong="G4198". They/strong="G0846" have/strong="G2532" fought against/strong="G0846" God/strong="G0846" like/strong="G0846" Korah/strong="G2879"<sup>II</sup> did. And/strong="G2532" like/strong="G0846" Korah/strong="G2879", they/strong="G0846" will/strong="G3748" be/strong="G2532" destroyed/strong="G0622".

<sup>12</sup> These/strong="G3778" people/strong="G1510" are/strong="G1510" like dirty spots among/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210"—they/strong="G3778" bring shame to/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210" in/strong="G1722" the/strong="G3588" special meals you/strong="G5210" share together/strong="G1722". They/strong="G3778" eat with/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210" and/strong="G0026" have/strong="G1510" no fear/strong="G0870". They/strong="G3778" take/strong="G3911" care of/strong="G0026" only/strong="G1438" themselves/strong="G1438". They/strong="G3778" are/strong="G1510" like clouds/strong="G3507" without/strong="G0870" rain. The/strong="G3588" wind/strong="G0417" blows them/strong="G1722" around. They/strong="G3778" are/strong="G1510"

II KORAH He turned against Moses. See Num. 16:1-40.

like trees |strong="G1186" that |strong="G3778" have |strong="G1510" no fruit |strong="G0175" at |strong="G1722" harvest time and |strong="G0026" are |strong="G1510" pulled out |strong="G1438" of |strong="G0026" the |strong="G3588" ground. So |strong="G3778" they |strong="G3778" are |strong="G1510" twice |strong="G1364" dead |strong="G0599".<sup>13</sup> Like |strong="G1890" the |strong="G3588" dirty foam |strong="G1890" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" wild |strong="G0066" waves |strong="G2949" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sea |strong="G2281", everyone |strong="G3739" can see the |strong="G3588" shameful |strong="G0152" things |strong="G3739" they |strong="G3739" do. They |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" like |strong="G1890" stars |strong="G0792" that |strong="G3739" wander in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sky. A |strong="G3739" place in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" blackest darkness |strong="G4655" has |strong="G3739" been kept |strong="G5083" for |strong="G1519" them |strong="G1438" forever |strong="G0165".

<sup>14</sup> Enoch |strong="G1802", the |strong="G2532" seventh |strong="G1442" descendant from |strong="G0575" Adam |strong="G0076", said |strong="G3004" this |strong="G3778" about |strong="G1722" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G0846": "Look |strong="G2400", the |strong="G2532" Lord |strong="G2962" is |strong="G3778" coming |strong="G2064" with |strong="G1722" thousands |strong="G3461" and |strong="G2532" thousands |strong="G3461" of |strong="G0575" his |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" angels.<sup>15</sup> to |strong="G2596" judge everyone |strong="G3956". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" punish all |strong="G3956" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3956" against |strong="G2596" him |strong="G0846" for |strong="G4012" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" evil they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532" done |strong="G4160" in |strong="G2596" their |strong="G0846" lack of |strong="G3056" respect |strong="G3956" for |strong="G4012" him |strong="G0846". Yes, the |strong="G3956" Lord will |strong="G3739" punish all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3739" sinners |strong="G0268" who |strong="G3739" don't honor him |strong="G0846". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3739" punish them |strong="G0846" for |strong="G4012" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" evil things |strong="G3956" they |strong="G0846" have |strong="G2532" said |strong="G2980" against |strong="G2596" him |strong="G0846"."

<sup>16</sup> These |strong="G3778" people |strong="G0846" always complain and |strong="G2532" find wrong

in |strong="G2596" others |strong="G3588". They |strong="G0846" always do |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" evil things |strong="G3778" they |strong="G0846" want to |strong="G2596" do |strong="G1510". They |strong="G0846" boast about |strong="G2596" themselves |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" only |strong="G2532" reason |strong="G5484" they |strong="G0846" say |strong="G2980" good |strong="G1510" things |strong="G3778" about |strong="G2596" others |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G2596" get what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" want.

**A |strong="G1510" Warning and |strong="G2532" Things |strong="G3778" to |strong="G2596" Do |strong="G1510"**

<sup>17</sup> Dear |strong="G0027" friends, remember |strong="G3403" what |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" apostles |strong="G0652" of |strong="G2962" our |strong="G2424" Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424" Christ |strong="G5547" said would |strong="G5547" happen.<sup>18</sup> They |strong="G3754" told |strong="G3004" you |strong="G5210", "In |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" last |strong="G2078" times |strong="G5550" there |strong="G1510" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" people |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" laugh at |strong="G1909" God |strong="G3004" and |strong="G4198" do |strong="G1510" only |strong="G1438" what |strong="G3588" they |strong="G3754" want to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G1510"— things |strong="G3588" that |strong="G3754" are |strong="G1510" against |strong="G2596" God |strong="G3004"."<sup>19</sup> These |strong="G3778" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3588" divide you |strong="G1510". They |strong="G2192" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3361" spiritual |strong="G4151", because |strong="G2192" they |strong="G2192" don't |strong="G3361" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151".

<sup>20</sup> But |strong="G1161" you |strong="G5210", dear |strong="G0027" friends, use your |strong="G4102" most |strong="G0040" holy |strong="G0040" faith |strong="G4102" to |strong="G1722" build yourselves |strong="G1438" up |strong="G2026" even |strong="G1161" stronger. Pray |strong="G4336" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" help of |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G0040" Spirit |strong="G4151".<sup>21</sup> Keep |strong="G5083" yourselves |strong="G1438" safe |strong="G5083" in |strong="G1722" God's |strong="G2316" love |strong="G0026", as |strong="G1519"

you/strong="G1722" wait for/strong="G1519" the/strong="G3588" Lord/strong="G2962" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547" in/strong="G1722" his/strong="G5083" mercy/strong="G1656" to/strong="G1519" give you/strong="G1722" eternal/strong="G0166" life/strong="G2222".

<sup>22</sup> Help those/strong="G3739" who/strong="G3739" have/strong="G2532" doubts/strong="G1252". <sup>23</sup> Rescue those/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3739" are/strong="G3739" living in/strong="G1722" danger of/strong="G1537" hell's fire/strong="G4442". There/strong="G1722" are/strong="G3739" others/strong="G3588" you/strong="G3739" should/strong="G2532" treat with/strong="G1722" mercy/strong="G1653", but/strong="G1161" be/strong="G2532" very/strong="G2532" careful that/strong="G3739" their/strong="G2532" filthy lives don't rub off/strong="G0726" on/strong="G1722" you/strong="G3739". <sup>I</sup>

**Praise God/strong="G1653"**

<sup>24</sup> God/strong="G0846" is/strong="G3588" strong and/strong="G2532" can/strong="G1410"

<sup>I</sup> THAT ... ON YOU Literally, "hating even their undershirt that is defiled from the flesh."

keep/strong="G5442" you/strong="G5210" from/strong="G1391" falling. He/strong="G2532" can/strong="G1410" bring you/strong="G5210" before/strong="G2714" his/strong="G0846" glory/strong="G1391" without/strong="G2532" any wrong in/strong="G1722" you/strong="G5210" and/strong="G2532" give you/strong="G5210" great/strong="G0020" joy/strong="G0020". <sup>25</sup> He/strong="G2532" is/strong="G2316" the/strong="G3956" only/strong="G3441" God/strong="G2316", the/strong="G3956" one/strong="G3588" who/strong="G3588" saves us/strong="G1519". To/strong="G1519" him/strong="G2532" be/strong="G2532" glory/strong="G1391", greatness, power/strong="G1849", and/strong="G2532" authority/strong="G1849" through/strong="G1223" Jesus/strong="G2424" Christ/strong="G5547" our/strong="G2316" Lord/strong="G2962" for/strong="G1519" all/strong="G3956" time/strong="G0165" past, now/strong="G3568", and/strong="G2532" forever/strong="G0165". Amen/strong="G0281".

# Revelation

## John Tells About This Book

**1** This *is* a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon happen. And Christ his angel to show it his servant John. **2** who has told everything he saw. It is the truth that Jesus Christ told him; it is the message from God. **3** Great blessings belong to the person who reads this message from God and those who hear this message and do it as it is written in it. There is not much time left.

**John Writes** to the Churches

**4** From John,

**I** REVELATION An opening up (making known) of truth that was hidden.

To the seven churches of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is coming; and the one who is coming from the seven spirits before his throne; and Jesus Christ. Jesus is the faithful witness. He is first among all who will be raised from death. He is the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Jesus is the one who loves us and has made us free from our sins with his blood. He made us his kingdom priests who serve God his Father. To Jesus be glory and power forever

and|strong="G2532" ever|strong="G0165"! Amen|strong="G0281".

<sup>7</sup> Look|strong="G2400", Jesus|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" coming|strong="G2064" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3956" clouds|strong="G3507"! Everyone|strong="G3956" will|strong="G3956" see|strong="G3708" him|strong="G0846", even|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" pierced|strong="G1574"<sup>I</sup> him|strong="G0846". All|strong="G3956" peoples of|strong="G5443" the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093" will|strong="G3956" cry loudly because|strong="G1909" of|strong="G5443" him|strong="G0846". Yes|strong="G3483", this|strong="G3588" will|strong="G3956" happen! Amen|strong="G0281".

<sup>8</sup> The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" God|strong="G2316" says|strong="G3004", " I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" Alpha and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Omega|strong="G5598".<sup>II</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510", who|strong="G3588" always was|strong="G1510", and|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" coming|strong="G2064". I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" All-Powerful."

<sup>9</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1096" John|strong="G2491", your|strong="G2532" fellow|strong="G4791" believer. We|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" together|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" Jesus|strong="G2424", and|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2532" share these|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3588": suffering|strong="G2347", the|strong="G3588" kingdom|strong="G0932", and|strong="G2532" patient|strong="G5281" endurance|strong="G5281". I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G2424" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" island|strong="G3520" of|strong="G0932" Patmos|strong="G3963"<sup>III</sup> because|strong="G1223" I|strong="G1473" was|strong="G2424" faithful to|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316" message|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" truth of|strong="G0932" Jesus|strong="G2424".<sup>10</sup> On|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord's|strong="G2960" Day|strong="G2250", the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" took|strong="G1096" control of|strong="G4151"

I <sup>PIERCED</sup> When Jesus was killed, he was stabbed with a spear in the side. See John 19:34. II <sup>ALPHA ... OMEGA</sup> The first and last letters in the Greek alphabet, meaning the beginning and the end. III <sup>PATMOS</sup> A small island in the Aegean Sea, near the coast of modern Turkey.

me|strong="G1473". I|strong="G1473" heard|strong="G0191" a|strong="G5613" loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456" behind|strong="G3694" me|strong="G1473" that|strong="G0191" sounded like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" trumpet|strong="G4536".<sup>11</sup> It|strong="G3739" said|strong="G3004", " Write|strong="G1125" down|strong="G1125" in|strong="G1519" a|strong="G3739" book|strong="G0975" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" see|strong="G0991", and|strong="G2532" send|strong="G3992" it|strong="G3739" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" seven|strong="G2033" churches|strong="G1577": to|strong="G1519" Ephesus|strong="G2181", Smyrna|strong="G4667", Pergamum|strong="G4010", Thyatira|strong="G2363", Sardis|strong="G4554", Philadelphia|strong="G5359", and|strong="G2532" Laodicea|strong="G2993"."

<sup>12</sup> I|strong="G1473" turned|strong="G1994" to|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" talking|strong="G2980" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473". When|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" turned|strong="G1994", I|strong="G1473" saw|strong="G3708" seven|strong="G2033" golden|strong="G5552" lampstands|strong="G3087".<sup>13</sup> I|strong="G2532" saw someone|strong="G0444" among|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" lampstands|strong="G3087" who|strong="G3588" looked like|strong="G3664" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" dressed|strong="G4024" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3664" long robe|strong="G4158", with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3664" golden|strong="G5552" sash|strong="G2223" tied around|strong="G4314" his|strong="G2532" chest|strong="G3149".<sup>14</sup> His|strong="G0846" head|strong="G2776" and|strong="G2532" hair|strong="G2359" were|strong="G3788" white|strong="G3022" like|strong="G5613" wool|strong="G2053"— wool|strong="G2053" that|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" white|strong="G3022" as|strong="G5613" snow|strong="G5510". His|strong="G0846" eyes|strong="G3788" were|strong="G3788" like|strong="G5613" flames of|strong="G2776" fire|strong="G4442".<sup>15</sup> His|strong="G0846" feet|strong="G4228" were|strong="G3588" like|strong="G5613" brass that|strong="G0846" glows hot in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G5613" furnace|strong="G2575". His|strong="G0846" voice|strong="G5456" was|strong="G3588" like|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" noise of|strong="G5456" flooding water|strong="G5204".

16 He |strong="G2532" held|strong="G2192" seven |strong="G2033" stars|strong="G0792" in |strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" right |strong="G1188" hand|strong="G5495". A |strong="G2192" sharp |strong="G3691" two-edged |strong="G1366" sword|strong="G4501" came |strong="G1607" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" his |strong="G0846" mouth |strong="G4750". He |strong="G2532" looked like |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" sun |strong="G2246" shining |strong="G5316" at |strong="G1722" its |strong="G0846" brightest time.

17 When |strong="G3753" I |strong="G1473" saw |strong="G3708" him |strong="G0846", I |strong="G1473" fell |strong="G4098" down |strong="G5087" at |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" feet |strong="G4228" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" dead |strong="G3498" man |strong="G3498". He |strong="G2532" put |strong="G5087" his |strong="G0846" right |strong="G1188" hand |strong="G1188" on |strong="G1909" me |strong="G3004" and |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", " Don't |strong="G3361" be |strong="G1510" afraid |strong="G5399"! I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" First |strong="G4413" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Last |strong="G2078". 18 I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" lives |strong="G2198". I |strong="G2532" was |strong="G1510" dead |strong="G3498", but |strong="G2532" look |strong="G2400", I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" alive |strong="G2198" forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165"! And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" hold |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" keys |strong="G2807" of |strong="G2192" death |strong="G2288" and |strong="G2532" Hades |strong="G0086". 19 So |strong="G3767" write |strong="G1125" what |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" see |strong="G3708". Write |strong="G1125" the |strong="G2532" things |strong="G3778" that |strong="G3739" happen |strong="G1096" now |strong="G2532" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" things |strong="G3778" that |strong="G3739" will |strong="G1510" happen |strong="G1096" later |strong="G3326". 20 Here |strong="G1510" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" hidden meaning of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" stars |strong="G0792" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708" in |strong="G1909" my |strong="G3708" right |strong="G1188" hand |strong="G1188" and |strong="G2532"

the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" gold-en |strong="G5552" lampstands |strong="G3087" that |strong="G3739" you |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708". The |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" lampstands |strong="G3087" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" churches |strong="G1577". The |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" stars |strong="G0792" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" churches |strong="G1577".

### Jesus' Letter to the Church in Ephesus

2 " Write |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" an-gel |strong="G0032" of |strong="G1577" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577" in |strong="G1722" Ephesus |strong="G2181". " Here |strong="G1722" is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G3004" message from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" holds |strong="G2902" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" stars |strong="G0792" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" right |strong="G1188" hand |strong="G1188" and |strong="G0846" walks |strong="G4043" among |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" gold-en |strong="G5552" lampstands |strong="G3087".

2 " I |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" do |strong="G1492", how |strong="G3754" hard you |strong="G4771" work |strong="G2041" and |strong="G2532" never |strong="G3756" give |strong="G3004" up |strong="G0941". I |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" don't |strong="G3756" accept evil |strong="G2556" people |strong="G0846". You |strong="G4771" have |strong="G1510" tested |strong="G3985" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" say |strong="G3004" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" apostles |strong="G0652" but |strong="G2532" are |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756". You |strong="G4771" found |strong="G2147" that |strong="G3754" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" liars |strong="G5571". 3 You |strong="G2532" never |strong="G3756" stop trying. You |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" endured |strong="G0941" troubles for |strong="G1223" my |strong="G2192" name |strong="G3686" and |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3756" given up |strong="G0941".

4 " But |strong="G0235" I |strong="G3754" have |strong="G2192" this |strong="G3588" against |strong="G2596" you |strong="G4771".

You **have** **left** **the** **love** **had** **the** **beginning**.<sup>5</sup> So **remember** **where** **you** **were** **before** **you** **fell** **hearts** **and** **do** **what** **you** **did** **at** **first** **you** **don't** **change**, **I** **will** **come** **to** **you** **and** **remove** **your** **lampstand** **from** **its** **place**.<sup>6</sup> But **is** **something** **you** **do** **that** **is** **right**— **you** **hate** **the** **things** **that** **the** **Nicolaitans** **do**. **I** **also** **hate** **what** **they** **do**.

<sup>7</sup> **Everyone** **who** **hears** **this** **should** **listen** **to** **what** **the** **Spirit** **says** **to** **the** **churches**. **To** **those** **who** **win** **the** **victory** **I** **will** **give** **to** **eat** **the** **fruit** **from** **the** **tree** **of** **life**, **which** **is** **in** **God's** **paradise**.

**Jesus' Letter to the Church in Smyrna**

<sup>8</sup> **Write** **this** **to** **the** **angel** **of**

**the** **church** **in** **Smyrna**:

**"Here** **is** **a** **message** **from** **the** **one** **who** **is** **the** **First** **and** **the** **Last**, **the** **one** **who** **died** **and** **came** **to** **life** **again**.

<sup>9</sup> **I** **know** **your** **and** **know** **you** **are** **poor**, **but** **really** **you** **are** **rich**! **I** **know** **the** **insults** **you** **have** **suffered** **from** **people** **who** **say** **they** **are** **Jews**. **But** **they** **are** **not** **true** **Jews**. **They** **are** **a** **group** **that** **belongs** **to** **Satan**. **Don't** **be** **afraid** **of** **what** **will** **happen** **to** **you** **I** **tell** **you**, **the** **devil** **will** **put** **some** **of** **you** **in** **prison**. **He** **will** **do** **this** **to** **test** **you**. **You** **will** **suffer** **for** **ten** **days**, **but** **be** **faithful**, **even** **if** **you** **have** **to** **die**. **If** **you** **continue** **to** **be** **faithful**, **I** **will**

I NICOLAITANS A religious group that followed wrong ideas. Also in verse 15.

II GROUP Literally, "synagogue."

give *strong="G1325"* you *strong="G5210"* the *strong="G3588"* reward <sup>I</sup> of *strong="G1537"* life *strong="G2222"*.

<sup>11</sup> " Everyone *strong="G5101"* who *strong="G3588"* hears *strong="G0191"* this *strong="G3588"* should listen *strong="G0191"* to *strong="G3004"* what *strong="G5101"* the *strong="G3588"* Spirit *strong="G4151"* says *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* churches *strong="G1577"*. Those *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* win the *strong="G3588"* victory will *strong="G5101"* not *strong="G3756"* be *strong="G2192"* hurt *strong="G0091"* by *strong="G1537"* the *strong="G3588"* second *strong="G1208"* death *strong="G2288"*.

**Jesus' Letter to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* Church *strong="G1577"* in *strong="G1577"* Pergamum**

<sup>12</sup> " Write *strong="G1125"* this *strong="G3588"* to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* angel *strong="G0032"* of *strong="G1577"* the *strong="G3588"* church *strong="G1577"* in *strong="G1722"* Pergamum *strong="G4010"*:

" Here *strong="G1722"* is *strong="G3588"* a *strong="G2192"* message from *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* one *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* has *strong="G2192"* the *strong="G3588"* sharp *strong="G3691"* two-edged *strong="G1366"* sword *strong="G4501"*.

<sup>13</sup> " I *strong="G1473"* know *strong="G1492"* where *strong="G3699"* you *strong="G5210"* live *strong="G2730"*. You *strong="G5210"* live *strong="G2730"* where *strong="G3699"* Satan *strong="G4567"* has *strong="G3739"* his *strong="G3739"* throne *strong="G2362"*, but *strong="G2532"* you *strong="G5210"* are *strong="G3739"* true to *strong="G2532"* me *strong="G1473"*. You *strong="G5210"* did *strong="G1492"* not *strong="G3756"* refuse *strong="G3756"* to *strong="G2532"* tell about *strong="G1722"* your *strong="G2532"* faith *strong="G4102"* in *strong="G1722"* me *strong="G1473"* even *strong="G2532"* during *strong="G1722"* the *strong="G3588"* time *strong="G2250"* of *strong="G2250"* Antipas *strong="G0493"*. Antipas *strong="G0493"* was *strong="G3739"* my *strong="G1722"* faithful *strong="G4103"* witness *strong="G3144"* <sup>II</sup> who *strong="G3739"* was *strong="G3739"* killed *strong="G0615"* in *strong="G1722"* your *strong="G2532"* city *strong="G3699"*, the *strong="G3588"* city *strong="G3699"*

<sup>I</sup> REWARD Literally, "wreath," a ring of leaves or branches that was placed on the head of the winners of athletic contests to honor them. It was a symbol of victory and reward. <sup>II</sup> FAITHFUL WITNESS A person who speaks God's message truthfully, even in times of danger.

where *strong="G3699"* Satan *strong="G4567"* lives *strong="G2730"*.

<sup>14</sup> " But *strong="G0235"* I *strong="G3739"* have *strong="G2192"* a *strong="G2192"* few *strong="G3641"* things *strong="G3739"* against *strong="G2596"* you *strong="G4771"*. You *strong="G4771"* have *strong="G2192"* people *strong="G2068"* there *strong="G1563"* who *strong="G3739"* follow the *strong="G3588"* teaching *strong="G1321"* of *strong="G5207"* Balaam *strong="G0903"*. Balaam *strong="G0903"* taught *strong="G1321"* Balak *strong="G0904"* how *strong="G3754"* to *strong="G2596"* make the *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G2068"* of *strong="G5207"* Israel *strong="G2474"* sin. They *strong="G3739"* sinned by *strong="G2596"* eating *strong="G2068"* food *strong="G5315"* offered *strong="G0906"* to *strong="G2596"* idols *strong="G1494"* and *strong="G2532"* by *strong="G2596"* committing sexual sins. <sup>15</sup> It *strong="G3779"* is *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* same *strong="G3668"* in *strong="G2532"* your *strong="G2192"* group. You *strong="G4771"* have *strong="G2192"* people *strong="G3588"* who *strong="G3588"* follow the *strong="G3588"* teaching *strong="G1322"* of *strong="G3588"* the *strong="G3588"* Nicolaitans *strong="G3531"*. <sup>16</sup> So *strong="G3767"* change your *strong="G1487"* hearts! If *strong="G1487"* you *strong="G4771"* don't *strong="G3361"* change, I *strong="G1473"* will *strong="G2532"* come *strong="G2064"* to *strong="G2064"* you *strong="G4771"* quickly *strong="G5035"* and *strong="G2532"* fight *strong="G4170"* against *strong="G3326"* these *strong="G3588"* people *strong="G0846"* with *strong="G3326"* the *strong="G3588"* sword *strong="G4501"* that *strong="G0846"* comes *strong="G2064"* out of *strong="G1722"* my *strong="G1722"* mouth *strong="G4750"*.

<sup>17</sup> " Everyone *strong="G5101"* who *strong="G3739"* hears *strong="G0191"* this *strong="G3588"* should *strong="G2532"* listen *strong="G0191"* to *strong="G3004"* what *strong="G5101"* the *strong="G3588"* Spirit *strong="G4151"* says *strong="G3004"* to *strong="G3004"* the *strong="G3588"* churches *strong="G1577"*!

" I *strong="G3739"* will *strong="G5101"* give *strong="G1325"* the *strong="G3588"* hidden *strong="G2928"* manna *strong="G3131"* to *strong="G3004"* everyone *strong="G5101"* who *strong="G3739"* wins the *strong="G3588"* victory. I *strong="G3739"* will *strong="G5101"* also *strong="G2532"* give *strong="G1325"* each *strong="G5101"* one *strong="G3762"* a *strong="G2192"* white *strong="G3022"* stone *strong="G5586"* that *strong="G3739"* has *strong="G2192"* a *strong="G2192"*



new |strong="G2537" name |strong="G3686" written |strong="G1125" on |strong="G1909" it |strong="G0846". And |strong="G2532" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" will |strong="G5101" know |strong="G1492" this |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686" except |strong="G1487" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3739" gets |strong="G2983" the |strong="G3588" stone |strong="G5586".

**Jesus' Letter |strong="G1125" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Church |strong="G1577" in |strong="G1909" Thyatira**

18 " Write |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3588" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" of |strong="G5207" the |strong="G3588" church |strong="G1577" in |strong="G1722" Thyatira |strong="G2363":

" Here |strong="G1722" is |strong="G2316" a |strong="G2192" message from |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Son |strong="G5207" of |strong="G5207" God |strong="G2316", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" has |strong="G2192" eyes |strong="G3788" that |strong="G3004" blaze like |strong="G5613" fire |strong="G4442" and |strong="G2532" feet |strong="G4228" like |strong="G5613" shining brass.

19 " I |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" do |strong="G1492". I |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" about |strong="G3588" your |strong="G2532" love |strong="G0026", your |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102", your |strong="G2532" service |strong="G1248", and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" patience |strong="G5281". I |strong="G2532" know |strong="G1492" that |strong="G2041" you |strong="G4771" are |strong="G3588" doing |strong="G2041" more |strong="G4183" now |strong="G2532" than |strong="G4183" you |strong="G4771" did |strong="G1492" at |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413". 20 But |strong="G0235" I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2192" this |strong="G3588" against |strong="G2596" you |strong="G4771": You |strong="G4771" let |strong="G0863" that |strong="G3754" woman |strong="G1135" Jezebel |strong="G2403" do |strong="G2192" what |strong="G3588" she |strong="G0846" wants. She |strong="G0846" says |strong="G3004" that |strong="G3754" she |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2192" prophet, I but |strong="G0235" she |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" leading my |strong="G1699" peo-

I PROPHET Jezebel was a false prophet. She claimed to speak for God, but she didn't really speak God's truth.

ple |strong="G0846" away |strong="G0863" with |strong="G2596" her |strong="G0846" teaching |strong="G1321". Jezebel |strong="G2403" leads |strong="G4105" my |strong="G1699" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" commit |strong="G4203" sexual sins and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G3004" eat |strong="G2068" food |strong="G5315" that |strong="G3754" is |strong="G3588" offered to |strong="G3004" idols |strong="G1494". 21 I |strong="G2532" have |strong="G2532" given |strong="G1325" her |strong="G0846" time |strong="G5550" to |strong="G2443" change her |strong="G0846" heart and |strong="G2532" turn away from |strong="G1537" her |strong="G0846" sin, but |strong="G2532" she |strong="G0846" does |strong="G1325" not |strong="G3756" want |strong="G2309" to |strong="G2443" change.

22 " So |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1437" will |strong="G2532" throw |strong="G0906" her |strong="G0846" on |strong="G1519" a |strong="G3708" bed |strong="G2825" of |strong="G1537" suffering |strong="G2347". And |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" commit |strong="G3431" adultery |strong="G3431" with |strong="G3326" her |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" suffer |strong="G3708" greatly |strong="G3173". I |strong="G1437" will |strong="G2532" do |strong="G3708" this |strong="G3588" now |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1437" they |strong="G0846" don't |strong="G3361" turn away |strong="G3326" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846" she |strong="G0846" does. 23 I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" also |strong="G2532" kill |strong="G0615" her |strong="G0846" followers |strong="G5043". Then |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" churches |strong="G1577" will |strong="G1510" see |strong="G1097" that |strong="G3754" I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G1538" who |strong="G3588" knows |strong="G1097" what |strong="G3588" people |strong="G3956" feel and |strong="G2532" think. And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G1510" repay each |strong="G1538" of |strong="G2041" you |strong="G5210" for |strong="G3754" what |strong="G3588" you |strong="G5210" have |strong="G1510" done |strong="G2041".

24 " But |strong="G1161" others |strong="G0243" of |strong="G1909" you |strong="G5210" in |strong="G1722" Thyatira |strong="G2363" have |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3756" followed her |strong="G2192" teaching |strong="G1322". You |strong="G5210" have |strong="G2192"

not **learned** the **things** they **call** **Satan's** **deep** **secrets**.<sup>1</sup> This **is** **what** **I** **say** **to** **you** **will** **not** **put** **any** **other** **burden** **on** **you**.<sup>25</sup> **Only** **hold** **on** **to** **the** **truth** **you** **have** **until** **come**.

<sup>26</sup> **I** **will** **give** **over** **nations** **all** **who** **and** **until** **end** **do** **I** **will** **the** **an** **rod** **will** **to** **like** **They** **have** **same** **my** **and** **will** **them** **morning** **star** **Everyone** **hears** **listen** **what** **Spirit** **to** **the** **churches**.

### Jesus' Letter to the Church in Sardis

**3** **Write** **this** **to** **the** **angel** **of**

<sup>1</sup> These verses are almost the same as Psalm 2:8-9.

the **church** **in** **Sardis**:

**"Here** **is** **a** **message** **from** **the** **one** **who** **has** **the** **seven** **spirits** **and** **the** **seven** **stars**.

**"I** **know** **what** **you** **do** **People** **say** **that** **you** **are** **alive** **but** **really** **you** **are** **dead**.<sup>2</sup> **Wake** **up!** **Make** **yourself** **stronger** **before** **what** **you** **left** **is** **completely** **gone**. **I** **find** **that** **you** **do** **is** **not** **good** **enough** **for** **my** **God**.<sup>3</sup> **So** **don't** **forget** **what** **you** **have** **received** **and** **heard** **it** **Change** **your** **hearts** **and** **lives!** **You** **must** **wake** **up**, **or** **I** **will** **come** **to** **you** **and** **surprise** **you** **like** **a** **thief**. **You** **will** **not** **know** **when** **I** **will** **come**.

<sup>4</sup> **But** **you** **have** **a** **few** **people** **in** **your** **group** **there** **in** **Sardis** **who** **have** **kept** **themselves** **clean**. **They** **will** **walk** **with** **me**. **They** **will** **wear** **white** **clothes**, **be-**

cause|strong="G3754" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" worthy|strong="G0514".<sup>5</sup> Every-one who|strong="G3588" wins the|strong="G3588" victory will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" dressed|strong="G4016" in|strong="G1722" white|strong="G3022" clothes|strong="G2440" like|strong="G3779" them|strong="G0846". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" remove their|strong="G0846" names|strong="G3686" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" book|strong="G0976" of|strong="G1537" life|strong="G2222". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" say|strong="G1473" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" belong|strong="G1537" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473" be-fore|strong="G1799" my|strong="G1722" Fa-ther|strong="G3962" and|strong="G2532" be-fore|strong="G1799" his|strong="G0846" an-gels|strong="G0032".<sup>6</sup> Everyone|strong="G5101" who|strong="G3588" hears|strong="G0191" this|strong="G3588" should listen|strong="G0191" to|strong="G3004" what|strong="G5101" the|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" says|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" churches|strong="G1577".

**Jesus' Letter to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" Church|strong="G1577" in|strong="G1577" Philadelphia**

<sup>7</sup> " Write|strong="G1125" this|strong="G3588" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" an-gel|strong="G0032" of|strong="G1577" the|strong="G3588" church|strong="G1577" in|strong="G1722" Philadelphia|strong="G5359": " Here|strong="G1722" is|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2192" message from|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" holy|strong="G0040" and|strong="G2532" true|strong="G0228", the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" holds|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" key|strong="G2807" of|strong="G1577" David|strong="G1138". When|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" opens|strong="G0455" some-thing, it|strong="G2532" cannot be|strong="G2532" closed|strong="G2808". And|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" clos-es|strong="G2808" something, it|strong="G2532" cannot be|strong="G2532" opened|strong="G0455".<sup>8</sup> " I|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" do|strong="G1492". I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2192" put|strong="G1325" be-fore|strong="G1799" you|strong="G4771" an|strong="G2192" open|strong="G0455" door|strong="G2374" that|strong="G3754"

no|strong="G3756" one|strong="G3762" can|strong="G1410" close|strong="G2808". I|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1492" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3739" weak, but|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2192" followed my|strong="G5083" teaching|strong="G3056". You|strong="G4771" were|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3756" afraid to|strong="G1410" speak my|strong="G5083" name|strong="G3686".<sup>9</sup> Listen|strong="G2400"! There|strong="G1510" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" group<sup>1</sup> that|strong="G3754" be- longs|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2443" Sa-tan|strong="G4567". They|strong="G0846" say|strong="G3004" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" Jews|strong="G2453", but|strong="G0235" they|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" liars. They|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" true Jews|strong="G2453". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" make|strong="G4160" them|strong="G0846" come|strong="G2240" be-fore|strong="G1799" you|strong="G4771" and|strong="G2532" bow|strong="G4352" at|strong="G1537" your|strong="G0025" feet|strong="G4228". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" know|strong="G1097" that|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" peo-ple|strong="G0846" I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1510" loved|strong="G0025".<sup>10</sup> You|strong="G4771" followed my|strong="G5083" command to|strong="G1909" endure patiently. So|strong="G2504" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G3195" keep|strong="G5083" you|strong="G4771" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5610" of|strong="G1537" trouble that|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3195" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" world|strong="G3625"— a|strong="G2064" time|strong="G5610" that|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3195" test|strong="G3985" every-one|strong="G3748" living|strong="G2730" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093".<sup>11</sup> " I|strong="G3739" am|strong="G2192" com-ing|strong="G2064" soon|strong="G5035". Hold|strong="G2902" on to|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" faith|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2192", so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G3739" no|strong="G3367" one|strong="G3367" can take|strong="G2983" away your|strong="G2192" crown|strong="G4735".<sup>12</sup> Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" win the|strong="G3588" victory will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" pil-lars|strong="G4769" in|strong="G1722"

<sup>1</sup> GROUP Literally, "synagogue."

the temple of my God will make that them will again to God's temple. I will write them their name and the name of the city of God. That city is the new Jerusalem. It is coming down from heaven. I will write new name on them. <sup>13</sup> Everyone who hears this should listen what the Spirit says to the churches.

**Jesus' Letter to the Church in Laodicea**

<sup>14</sup> Write this angel of the church in Laodicea: "Here is a message from the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of all

I NEW JERUSALEM The spiritual city where God's people live with him. II AMEN Used here, as a name for Jesus, it means to agree strongly that something is true.

God made.

<sup>15</sup> I know what you do are hot cold wish you hot cold! <sup>16</sup> But you only warm—not hot cold. So I am ready spit out my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You you rich you think you have become wealthy and need anything. But don't know that you are really miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy gold made fire. Then you will be rich. I tell you this: Buy clothes are white. Then you will be able to cover your shameful nakedness. I also tell you to buy medicine to put on your eyes. Then you

will be able to see.

<sup>19</sup> " I correct and punish the people I love. So show them that nothing is more important to you than living right. Change your hearts and lives. <sup>20</sup> Here I am standing at the door and knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you. And you will eat with me.

<sup>21</sup> " I will let every one who wins the victory sit with me on my throne. It the same with me. I won the victory and sat down my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> Everyone who hears this should listen to the Spirit says to the churches."

#### John Sees Heaven

**4** Then I looked there me an door in heaven. I heard

the same voice spoke me. It the voice that sounded like a trumpet. It said, " Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." <sup>2</sup> Immediately the Spirit took control of me, and there in heaven was a throne with someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup> The one sitting there was as beautiful as precious stones, like jasper and carnelian. All around the throne a rainbow with clear colors like an emerald.

<sup>4</sup> In a circle around the throne were 24 other thrones with 24 elders sitting on them. The elders were dressed in white, and they had golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> Lightning flashes and noises of thunder came from the throne. Before the throne were seven lamps burning, which are

the seven Spirits of God.<sup>6</sup> Also before throne was something that a sea of glass, as clear as crystal.

In front of throne on each side of it were four living beings. They had all over them front and back. The first living was like a lion. The second was like a bull. The third a face like a man. The fourth was a flying eagle.<sup>8</sup> Each of four living beings had six wings with eyes inside out and night they never stopped saying,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God All-Powerful.

He always was, he is, and he is coming."

<sup>9</sup> These living beings were giving glory and honor and thanks to the one who sits on throne, the one who lives forever and ever. And every time they did this, the living beings bowed down before the one who sits on throne. They worshiped him who lives forever and ever. They put their crowns down before throne and said,

<sup>11</sup> "Our Lord and God!

You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power.

You made all things.

Everything existed and was made because you wanted it."

#### Who Can Open the Scroll?

<sup>5</sup> Then I saw a scroll written on both sides and closed with seven

seals|strong="G4973".<sup>2</sup> And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" a|strong="G3708" powerful|strong="G2478" angel|strong="G0032", who|strong="G3588" called in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G3708" loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456", "Who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G5101" worthy|strong="G0514" to|strong="G2532" break|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" seals|strong="G4973" and|strong="G2532" open|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" scroll|strong="G0975"?"<sup>3</sup> But|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1722" was|strong="G3588" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" or|strong="G3761" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093" or|strong="G3761" under|strong="G5270" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" who|strong="G3588" could|strong="G1410" open|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" scroll|strong="G0975" or|strong="G3761" look|strong="G0991" inside|strong="G1722" it|strong="G0846".<sup>4</sup> I|strong="G1473" cried and|strong="G2532" cried because|strong="G3754" there|strong="G4183" was|strong="G3588" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" worthy|strong="G0514" to|strong="G2532" open|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" scroll|strong="G0975" or|strong="G2532" look|strong="G0991" inside.<sup>5</sup> But|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" elders|strong="G4245" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004", "Don't|strong="G3361" cry! The|strong="G3588" Lion|strong="G3023"<sup>1</sup> from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Judah|strong="G2455" has|strong="G3708" won the|strong="G3588" victory. He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" David's|strong="G1138" descendant. He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" able to|strong="G3004" open|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" scroll|strong="G0975" and|strong="G2532" its|strong="G0846" seven|strong="G2033" seals|strong="G4973"."<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G3739" saw|strong="G3708" a|strong="G2192" Lamb|strong="G0721" standing|strong="G2476" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" center|strong="G3319" near|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" throne|strong="G2362" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" four|strong="G5064" living|strong="G2226" beings around it|strong="G3708". The|strong="G3956" elders|strong="G4245" were|strong="G1510" al-

so|strong="G2532" around the|strong="G3956" Lamb|strong="G0721". The|strong="G3956" Lamb|strong="G0721" looked|strong="G3708" as|strong="G5613" if|strong="G5613" it|strong="G3708" had|strong="G2192" been|strong="G1510" killed. It|strong="G3708" had|strong="G2192" seven|strong="G2033" horns|strong="G2768" and|strong="G2532" seven|strong="G2033" eyes|strong="G3788", which|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3956" seven|strong="G2033" spirits|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151" God|strong="G2316" that|strong="G3739" were|strong="G1510" sent|strong="G0649" into|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G1093".<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3588" Lamb came|strong="G2064" and|strong="G2532" took|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" scroll from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1188" hand|strong="G1188" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" sitting|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" throne|strong="G2362".<sup>8</sup> After|strong="G3753" the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0721" took|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" scroll|strong="G0975", the|strong="G3588" four|strong="G5064" living|strong="G2226" beings and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" 24 elders|strong="G4245" bowed down|strong="G4098" before|strong="G1799" the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0721". Each|strong="G1538" one|strong="G1538" of|strong="G1799" them|strong="G3739" had|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" harp|strong="G2788". Also|strong="G2532", they|strong="G3739" were|strong="G1510" holding|strong="G2192" golden|strong="G5552" bowls|strong="G5357" full|strong="G1073" of|strong="G1799" incense|strong="G2368", which|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" prayers|strong="G4335" of|strong="G1799" God's holy|strong="G0040" people|strong="G1510".<sup>9</sup> And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3956" sang|strong="G0103" a|strong="G2983" new|strong="G2537" song|strong="G5603" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3956" Lamb: "You|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" worthy|strong="G0514" to|strong="G3004" take|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3956" scroll|strong="G0975" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G3004" open|strong="G0455" its|strong="G0846" seals|strong="G4973", because|strong="G3754" you|strong="G4771" were|strong="G1510" killed,

1 LION Used here to refer to Jesus.

and |strong="G2532" with |strong="G1722" your |strong="G2532" blood |strong="G0129" sacrifice you |strong="G4771" bought |strong="G0059" people |strong="G2992" for |strong="G3754" God |strong="G2316"

from |strong="G1537" every |strong="G3956" tribe |strong="G5443", language |strong="G1100", race of |strong="G1537" people |strong="G2992", and |strong="G2532" nation |strong="G1484".

<sup>10</sup> You |strong="G4160" made |strong="G4160" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1909" be |strong="G2532" a |strong="G4160" kingdom |strong="G0932" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" be |strong="G2532" priests |strong="G2409" for |strong="G1909" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316".

And |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" rule on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093".

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" looked |strong="G3708", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" voices |strong="G5456" of |strong="G5456" many |strong="G4183" angels |strong="G0032". The |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032" were |strong="G1510" around |strong="G2945" the |strong="G3588" throne |strong="G2362", the |strong="G3588" four living |strong="G2226" beings, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" elders |strong="G4245". There |strong="G1510" were |strong="G1510" thousands |strong="G3461" and |strong="G2532" thousands |strong="G3461" of |strong="G5456" angels |strong="G0032"—10,000 times 10,000. <sup>12</sup> The |strong="G3588" angels said |strong="G3004" in |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2983" loud |strong="G3173" voice |strong="G5456",

" All |strong="G3588" power |strong="G1411", wealth |strong="G4149", wisdom |strong="G4678", and |strong="G2532" strength |strong="G2479" belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721" who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G1510" killed. He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G1510" worthy |strong="G0514" to |strong="G3004" receive |strong="G2983"

honor |strong="G5092", glory |strong="G1391", and |strong="G2532" praise |strong="G1391"!"

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" heard |strong="G0191" every |strong="G3956" created |strong="G2938" being that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093" and |strong="G2532" under |strong="G5270" the |strong="G3956" earth |strong="G1093" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" sea |strong="G2281", every-

thing |strong="G3956" in |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" these |strong="G3739" places, saying |strong="G3004",

" All |strong="G3956" praise |strong="G1391" and |strong="G2532" honor |strong="G5092" and |strong="G2532" glory |strong="G1391" and |strong="G2532" power |strong="G2904" forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165"

to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" sits |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" throne |strong="G2362" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" Lamb |strong="G0721"!"

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" four |strong="G5064" living |strong="G2226" beings said |strong="G3004", " Amen |strong="G0281"!" And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" elders |strong="G4245" bowed |strong="G4352" down |strong="G4098" and |strong="G2532" worshiped |strong="G4352".

### The Lamb Opens the Scroll

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" watched as |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721" opened |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3588" first |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" seals |strong="G4973". Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" four |strong="G5064" living |strong="G2226" beings speak |strong="G3004" with |strong="G1537" a |strong="G5613" voice |strong="G5456" like |strong="G5613" thunder |strong="G1027". It |strong="G0191" said |strong="G3004", " Come |strong="G2064"!" <sup>2</sup> I |strong="G2532" looked |strong="G3708", and |strong="G2532" there |strong="G2400" before |strong="G1909" me |strong="G1325" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2192" white |strong="G3022" horse |strong="G2462". The |strong="G3588" rider on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" horse |strong="G2462" held |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" bow |strong="G5115" and |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" given |strong="G1325" a |strong="G2192" crown |strong="G4735". He |strong="G2532" rode out |strong="G1831" to |strong="G2443" defeat the |strong="G3588" enemy and |strong="G2532" win the |strong="G3588" victory.

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="G3588" Lamb opened |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" seal |strong="G4973". Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" living |strong="G2226" being



say|strong="G3004", " Come|strong="G2064"! 4 Then|strong="G2532" another|strong="G0240" horse|strong="G2462" came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831", a|strong="G2983" red|strong="G4450" one|strong="G0240". The|strong="G3588" rider on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" horse|strong="G2462" was|strong="G3588" given|strong="G1325" power to|strong="G2443" take|strong="G2983" away|strong="G1831" peace|strong="G1515" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" people|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" kill each|strong="G0240" other|strong="G0243". He|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" given|strong="G1325" a|strong="G2983" big|strong="G3173" sword|strong="G3162".

5 The|strong="G3588" Lamb opened|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" third|strong="G5154" seal|strong="G4973". Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" third|strong="G5154" living|strong="G2226" being|strong="G2192" say|strong="G3004", " Come|strong="G2064"! I|strong="G2532" looked|strong="G3708", and|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1722" before|strong="G1909" me|strong="G3004" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2192" black|strong="G3189" horse|strong="G2462". The|strong="G3588" rider on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" horse|strong="G2462" held|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" pair|strong="G2218" of|strong="G1909" scales|strong="G2218" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G5495". 6 Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" something|strong="G0191" that|strong="G3004" sounded like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" voice|strong="G5456". The|strong="G3588" voice|strong="G5456" came|strong="G0191" from|strong="G5456" where|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" four|strong="G5064" living|strong="G2226" beings were|strong="G3588". It|strong="G0191" said|strong="G3004", " A|strong="G5613" quart|strong="G5518" 1 of|strong="G5456" wheat|strong="G4621" or|strong="G2532" three|strong="G5140" quarts|strong="G5518" of|strong="G5456" barley|strong="G2915" will|strong="G2532" cost a|strong="G5613" full day's pay. But|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" harm|strong="G0091" the|strong="G3588" supply of|strong="G5456" olive|strong="G1637" oil|strong="G1637" and|strong="G2532" wine|strong="G3631"! 1

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7 The|strong="G3588" Lamb opened|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" fourth seal|strong="G4973". Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" voice|strong="G5456" of|strong="G5456" the|strong="G3588" fourth living|strong="G2226" being say|strong="G3004", " Come|strong="G2064"! 8 I|strong="G2532" looked|strong="G3708", and|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1722" before|strong="G1909" me|strong="G1325" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G3708" pale-colored horse|strong="G2462". The|strong="G3588" rider on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" horse|strong="G2462" was|strong="G3588" death|strong="G2288", and|strong="G2532" Hades|strong="G0086" was|strong="G3588" following|strong="G0190" close behind|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" given|strong="G1325" power|strong="G1849" over|strong="G1909" a|strong="G3708" fourth of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093"— power|strong="G1849" to|strong="G1909" kill|strong="G0615" people|strong="G0846" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" sword|strong="G4501", by|strong="G1722" starving, by|strong="G1722" disease|strong="G2288", and|strong="G2532" with|strong="G3326" the|strong="G3588" wild|strong="G2342" animals of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093".

9 The|strong="G3588" Lamb opened|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" fifth|strong="G3991" seal|strong="G4973". Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G3739" saw|strong="G3708" some|strong="G3588" souls|strong="G5590" under|strong="G5270" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379". They|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" souls|strong="G5590" of|strong="G3056" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" had|strong="G2192" been|strong="G2192" killed because|strong="G1223" they|strong="G3739" were|strong="G3739" faithful to|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316" message|strong="G3056" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" truth they|strong="G3739" had|strong="G2192" received|strong="G2192". 10 These|strong="G3588" souls shouted|strong="G2896" in|strong="G1909" a|strong="G3004" loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456", " Holy|strong="G0040" and|strong="G2532" true|strong="G0228" Lord|strong="G1203", how|strong="G2193" long|strong="G3173" until|strong="G2193" you|strong="G3004" judge|strong="G2919" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G2919"

of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" and|strong="G2532" punish|strong="G1556" them|strong="G3004" for|strong="G1909" killing us|strong="G3004"?<sup>11</sup> Then|strong="G2532" each|strong="G1538" one|strong="G1538" of|strong="G0080" them|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" given|strong="G1325" a|strong="G5613" white|strong="G3022" robe|strong="G4749". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" told to|strong="G2443" wait a|strong="G5613" short time|strong="G5550" longer|strong="G2089". There were|strong="G3588" still|strong="G2089" some|strong="G3588" of|strong="G0080" their|strong="G0846" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" service of|strong="G0080" Christ|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" must|strong="G1538" be|strong="G2532" killed|strong="G0615" as|strong="G5613" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588". These|strong="G3588" souls were|strong="G3588" told to|strong="G2443" wait until|strong="G2193" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" killing|strong="G0615" was|strong="G3588" finished|strong="G4137".

<sup>12</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" watched while|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" Lamb opened|strong="G0455" the|strong="G3588" sixth|strong="G1623" seal|strong="G4973". There|strong="G1096" was|strong="G3588" a|strong="G5613" great|strong="G3173" earthquake|strong="G4578", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" sun|strong="G2246" became|strong="G1096" as|strong="G5613" black|strong="G3189" as|strong="G5613" sackcloth|strong="G4526".<sup>1</sup> The|strong="G3588" full|strong="G3650" moon|strong="G4582" became|strong="G1096" red like|strong="G5613" blood|strong="G0129".<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" stars|strong="G0792" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" sky|strong="G3772" fell|strong="G4098" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" fig|strong="G4808" tree|strong="G4808" dropping|strong="G0906" its|strong="G0846" figs|strong="G3653" when|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" wind|strong="G0417" blows.<sup>14</sup> The|strong="G3956" sky|strong="G3772" was|strong="G3588" split|strong="G0673" in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" middle and|strong="G2532" both|strong="G2532" sides rolled|strong="G1667" up|strong="G2795" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" scroll|strong="G0975". And|strong="G2532"

<sup>1</sup> SACKCLOTH Literally, "sackcloth of hair." See "sackcloth" in the Word List.

every|strong="G3956" mountain|strong="G3735" and|strong="G2532" island|strong="G3520" was|strong="G3588" moved|strong="G2795" from|strong="G1537" its|strong="G0846" place|strong="G5117".

<sup>15</sup> Then|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956"—the|strong="G3956" kings|strong="G0935" of|strong="G1401" the|strong="G3956" world|strong="G1093", the|strong="G3956" rulers, the|strong="G3956" army commanders|strong="G5506", the|strong="G3956" rich|strong="G4145" people|strong="G3956", the|strong="G3956" powerful|strong="G2478" people|strong="G3956", every|strong="G3956" slave|strong="G1401", and|strong="G2532" every|strong="G3956" free|strong="G1658" person—hid|strong="G2928" themselves|strong="G1438" in|strong="G1519" caves|strong="G4693" and|strong="G2532" behind the|strong="G3956" rocks|strong="G4073" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956" mountains|strong="G3735".<sup>16</sup> They|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" mountains|strong="G3735" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" rocks|strong="G4073", "Fall|strong="G4098" on|strong="G1909" us|strong="G3004". Hide|strong="G2928" us|strong="G3004" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" face|strong="G4383" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" sits|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" throne|strong="G2362". Hide|strong="G2928" us|strong="G3004" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" anger|strong="G3709" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0721".<sup>17</sup> The|strong="G3588" great|strong="G3173" day|strong="G2250" for|strong="G3754" their|strong="G0846" anger|strong="G3709" has|strong="G5101" come|strong="G2064". No one|strong="G3588" can|strong="G1410" stand|strong="G2476" against|strong="G0846" it|strong="G0846"."

#### The 144,000 People of Israel

<sup>7</sup> After|strong="G3326" this|strong="G3778" happened|strong="G3588" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" four|strong="G5064" angels|strong="G0032" standing|strong="G2476" at|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" four|strong="G5064" corners|strong="G1137" of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093". The|strong="G3956" angels|strong="G0032" were|strong="G3956" holding|strong="G2902" the|strong="G3956" four|strong="G5064" winds|strong="G0417"

of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" earth|strong="G1093". They|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3956" stopping the|strong="G3956" wind|strong="G0417" from|strong="G3361" blowing|strong="G4154" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" land|strong="G1093" or|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" sea|strong="G2281" or|strong="G2532" on|strong="G1909" any|strong="G3956" tree|strong="G1186".<sup>2</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G3739" saw|strong="G3708" another|strong="G0243" angel|strong="G0032" coming|strong="G0305" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" east|strong="G0395". This|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" had|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" seal|strong="G4973" of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" living|strong="G2198" God|strong="G2316". The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" called|strong="G3739" out|strong="G2896" in|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2192" loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" four|strong="G5064" angels|strong="G0032". These|strong="G3739" were|strong="G0243" the|strong="G3588" four|strong="G5064" angels|strong="G0032" that|strong="G3739" God|strong="G2316" had|strong="G2192" given|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" power to|strong="G2532" hurt|strong="G0091" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281". The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" said|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" them|strong="G0846",<sup>3</sup> "Don't|strong="G3361" harm|strong="G0091" the|strong="G3588" land|strong="G1093" or|strong="G3383" the|strong="G3588" sea|strong="G2281" or|strong="G3383" the|strong="G3588" trees|strong="G1186" before|strong="G1909" we|strong="G2249" mark the|strong="G3588" foreheads|strong="G3359" of|strong="G2316" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" serve our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316"."

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" how many people|strong="G3956" had|strong="G3588" God's mark on|strong="G1537" their|strong="G2532" foreheads. There were|strong="G3956" 144,000.

They|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3956" from|strong="G1537" every|strong="G3956" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3956" people|strong="G3956" of|strong="G5207" Israel|strong="G2474".

<sup>5</sup> from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Judah|strong="G2455" 12,000

from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Reuben|strong="G4502" 12,000  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Gad|strong="G1045" 12,000

<sup>6</sup> from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Asher|strong="G0768" 12,000  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Naphtali|strong="G3508" 12,000  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Manasseh|strong="G3128" 12,000

<sup>7</sup> from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Simeon|strong="G4826" 12,000  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Levi|strong="G3017" 12,000  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Issachar 12,000

<sup>8</sup> from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Zebulun|strong="G2194" 12,000  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Joseph|strong="G2501" 12,000  
from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G1537" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537" Benjamin|strong="G0958" 12,000

#### The|strong="G1537" Great Crowd

<sup>9</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G3739" looked|strong="G3708", and|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1722" was|strong="G3739" a|strong="G3708" large|strong="G4183" crowd|strong="G3793" of|strong="G1537" people|strong="G2992". There|strong="G1722" were|strong="G3793" so|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" people|strong="G2992" that|strong="G3739" no|strong="G3762" one|strong="G3762" could|strong="G1410" count|strong="G0705" them|strong="G0846" all|strong="G3956". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3793" from|strong="G1537" every|strong="G3956" nation|strong="G1484", tribe|strong="G5443", race of|strong="G1537" people|strong="G2992", and|strong="G2532" language|strong="G1100" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3956" earth. They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3793" standing|strong="G2476" before|strong="G1799" the|strong="G3956" throne|strong="G2362" and|strong="G2532" before|strong="G1799" the|strong="G3956" Lamb|strong="G0721". They|strong="G0846"

all |strong="G3956" wore white |strong="G3022" robes |strong="G4749" and |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3739" palm |strong="G5404" branches |strong="G5404" in |strong="G1722" their |strong="G0846" hands |strong="G5495".<sup>10</sup> They |strong="G2532" shouted |strong="G2896" loudly |strong="G3173", "Victory belongs to |strong="G3004" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316", who |strong="G3588" sits |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" throne |strong="G2362", and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721"."

<sup>11</sup> The |strong="G3956" elders |strong="G4245" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" four |strong="G5064" living |strong="G2226" beings were |strong="G3956" there. All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" angels |strong="G0032" were |strong="G3956" standing |strong="G2476" around |strong="G1909" them |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" throne |strong="G2362". The |strong="G3956" angels |strong="G0032" bowed |strong="G4352" down |strong="G4098" on |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" faces |strong="G4383" before |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3956" throne |strong="G2362" and |strong="G2532" worshiped |strong="G4352" God |strong="G2316".<sup>12</sup> They |strong="G2532" said |strong="G3004", "Amen |strong="G0281"! Praise |strong="G1391", glory |strong="G1391", wisdom |strong="G4678", thanks |strong="G2169", honor |strong="G5092", power |strong="G1411", and |strong="G2532" strength |strong="G2479" belong to |strong="G1519" our |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165". Amen |strong="G0281"!"

<sup>13</sup> Then |strong="G2532" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" elders |strong="G4245" asked |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004", "Who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G1510" in |strong="G2532" white |strong="G3022" robes |strong="G4749"? Where |strong="G4159" did |strong="G1510" they |strong="G2532" come |strong="G2064" from |strong="G1537"?"

<sup>14</sup> I |strong="G1473" answered |strong="G3004", "You |strong="G4771" know |strong="G1492" who |strong="G3588" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510", sir |strong="G2962"."

And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" elder said |strong="G3004", "These |strong="G3778" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" ones |strong="G3173" who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G1510" come |strong="G2064" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" great |strong="G3173" suffer-

ing |strong="G2347". They |strong="G0846" have |strong="G1510" washed |strong="G4150" their |strong="G0846" robes |strong="G4749"<sup>1</sup> with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" blood |strong="G0129" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721", and |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" clean and |strong="G2532" white |strong="G3021".<sup>15</sup> So |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3778" people |strong="G0846" are |strong="G1510" before |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3588" throne |strong="G2362" of |strong="G2250" God |strong="G2316". They |strong="G0846" worship |strong="G3000" God |strong="G2316" day |strong="G2250" and |strong="G2532" night |strong="G3571" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" temple |strong="G3485". And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1438" who |strong="G3588" sits |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" throne |strong="G2362" will |strong="G2316" protect them |strong="G0846".<sup>16</sup> They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3956" never |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2089" hungry |strong="G3983" again |strong="G2089". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3956" never |strong="G3756" be |strong="G2089" thirsty |strong="G1372" again |strong="G2089". The |strong="G3956" sun |strong="G2246" will |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" hurt them |strong="G0846". No |strong="G3756" heat |strong="G2738" will |strong="G3956" burn them |strong="G0846".<sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3956" Lamb |strong="G0721" in |strong="G1909" front of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" throne |strong="G2362" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" their |strong="G0846" shepherd |strong="G4165". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" lead |strong="G3594" them |strong="G0846" to |strong="G1909" springs |strong="G4077" of |strong="G1537" water |strong="G5204" that |strong="G3754" give life |strong="G2222". And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316" wipe |strong="G1813" away |strong="G1813" every |strong="G3956" tear |strong="G1144" from |strong="G1537" their |strong="G0846" eyes |strong="G3788"."

### The Seventh Seal

**8** The |strong="G3588" Lamb opened |strong="G0455" the |strong="G3588" seventh |strong="G1442" seal |strong="G4973". Then |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1722"

<sup>1</sup> WASHED THEIR ROBES Meaning that they had believed in Jesus and had been made clean from sin by his blood sacrifice. See Rev. 5:9; Heb. 9:14; 10:14-22; Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:7.

was |strong="G3588" silence |strong="G4602" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772" for |strong="G1722" about |strong="G5613" half |strong="G2256" an |strong="G1096" hour |strong="G2256".<sup>2</sup> And |strong="G2532" I |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" angels |strong="G0032" who |strong="G3739" stand |strong="G2476" before |strong="G1799" God |strong="G2316". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3739" given |strong="G1325" seven |strong="G2033" trumpets |strong="G4536".<sup>3</sup> Another |strong="G0243" angel |strong="G0032" came |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" stood |strong="G2476" at |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" altar |strong="G2379". This |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" had |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" golden |strong="G5552" holder for |strong="G1909" incense |strong="G2368". The |strong="G3956" angel |strong="G0032" was |strong="G3588" given |strong="G1325" much |strong="G4183" incense |strong="G2368" to |strong="G2443" offer |strong="G1325" with |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" prayers |strong="G4335" of |strong="G1799" all |strong="G3956" God's |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G3956". The |strong="G3956" angel |strong="G0032" put |strong="G1325" this |strong="G3588" offering on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" golden |strong="G5552" altar |strong="G2379" before |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3956" throne |strong="G2362".<sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3588" smoke |strong="G2586" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" incense |strong="G2368" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" angel's hand |strong="G5495" to |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316". The |strong="G3588" smoke |strong="G2586" went |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" with |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" prayers |strong="G4335" of |strong="G1537" God's |strong="G2316" people |strong="G3588".<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" filled |strong="G1072" the |strong="G3588" incense holder with |strong="G1537" fire |strong="G4442" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" altar |strong="G2379" and |strong="G2532" threw |strong="G0906" it |strong="G0846" down on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093". Then |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1096" were |strong="G1096" flashes |strong="G0796" of |strong="G1537" lightning |strong="G0796", thunder |strong="G1027" and |strong="G2532" other |strong="G0846" noises,

and |strong="G2532" an |strong="G1096" earthquake |strong="G4578".

### The |strong="G3588" First of |strong="G1537" Seven Trumpet Blasts |strong="G5456"

<sup>6</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" angels |strong="G0032" with |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" trumpets |strong="G4536" prepared |strong="G2090" to |strong="G2443" blow |strong="G4537" their |strong="G1438" trumpets |strong="G4536".

<sup>7</sup> The |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" angel blew |strong="G4537" his |strong="G3956" trumpet |strong="G4537". Then |strong="G2532" hail |strong="G5464" and |strong="G2532" fire |strong="G4442" mixed |strong="G3396" with |strong="G1722" blood |strong="G0129" was |strong="G3588" poured |strong="G0906" down on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" earth |strong="G1093". And |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" third |strong="G5154" of |strong="G1093" the |strong="G3956" earth |strong="G1093" and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" green |strong="G5515" grass |strong="G5528" and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" third |strong="G5154" of |strong="G1093" the |strong="G3956" trees |strong="G1186" were |strong="G3956" burned |strong="G2618" up |strong="G1519".

<sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" angel |strong="G0032" blew |strong="G4537" his |strong="G5613" trumpet |strong="G4537". Then |strong="G2532" something that |strong="G1096" looked |strong="G1096" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" big |strong="G3173" mountain |strong="G3735" burning |strong="G2545" with |strong="G2532" fire |strong="G4442" was |strong="G3588" thrown |strong="G0906" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" sea |strong="G2281". And |strong="G2532" a |strong="G5613" third |strong="G5154" of |strong="G0129" the |strong="G3588" sea |strong="G2281" became |strong="G1096" blood |strong="G0129".<sup>9</sup> And |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2192" third |strong="G5154" of |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" created |strong="G2938" beings in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" sea |strong="G2281" died |strong="G0599", and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2192" third |strong="G5154" of |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" ships |strong="G4143" were |strong="G3588" destroyed |strong="G1311".

<sup>10</sup> The |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" angel |strong="G0032" blew |strong="G4537" his |strong="G1909" trumpet |strong="G4537".

Then a large star, burning like a torch, fell from the sky. It fell on a third of the rivers and on a third of the springs of water. The name of the star was Bitterness. And a third of the water became bitter. Many people died from drinking this bitter water.

<sup>12</sup> The fourth angel blew his trumpet. Then a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck. So a third of them became dark. A third of the day and a third of the night was without light.

<sup>13</sup> While I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in the air. The eagle said in a loud voice, "Terrible! Terrible! How terrible!"

<sup>1</sup> BITTERNESS Literally, "Wormwood," a very bitter plant; here, it is a symbol of bitter sorrow.

for those who on earth! The terrible beginning after the sounds of the trumpets that the other three angels will blow.

### The Fifth Trumpet Begins the First Terror

<sup>9</sup> The fifth angel blew his trumpet. Then I saw a star fall from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the deep hole that leads down to the bottomless pit. Then the star opened the hole leading to the pit. Smoke came up from the hole like a furnace. The sun and a third of the sky became dark because of the hole.

<sup>3</sup> Then locusts came out of the hole of the smoke and went to the earth. They were given power to sting like scorpions. They told not the damage to the fields

of|strong="G2316" grass|strong="G5528" or|strong="G3761" any|strong="G3956" plant or|strong="G3761" tree|strong="G1186". They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3956" to|strong="G2443" hurt|strong="G0091" only|strong="G1487" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" did|strong="G2192" not|strong="G3756" have|strong="G2192" God's|strong="G2316" mark on|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" foreheads|strong="G3359".<sup>5</sup> They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" given|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" power to|strong="G2443" kill|strong="G0615" them|strong="G0846" but|strong="G20235" only|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2443" cause|strong="G1325" them|strong="G0846" pain|strong="G0928" for|strong="G2443" five|strong="G4002" months|strong="G3376"— pain|strong="G0928" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" person|strong="G0444" feels when|strong="G3752" stung by|strong="G0444" a|strong="G5613" scorpion|strong="G4651".<sup>6</sup> During|strong="G1722" those|strong="G3588" days|strong="G2250" people|strong="G0444" will|strong="G0444" look for|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2147" way|strong="G1722" to|strong="G2212" die|strong="G0599", but|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G0444" not|strong="G3756" find|strong="G2147" it|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G0444" want|strong="G2212" to|strong="G2212" die|strong="G0599", but|strong="G2532" death|strong="G2288" will|strong="G0444" hide from|strong="G0575" them|strong="G0846".

<sup>7</sup> The|strong="G3588" locusts|strong="G0200" looked|strong="G3667" like|strong="G5613" horses|strong="G2462" prepared|strong="G2090" for|strong="G1519" battle|strong="G4171". On|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" heads|strong="G2776" they|strong="G0846" wore something that|strong="G0846" looked|strong="G3667" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" gold|strong="G5557" crown|strong="G4735". Their|strong="G0846" faces|strong="G4383" looked|strong="G3667" like|strong="G5613" human|strong="G0444" faces|strong="G4383".<sup>8</sup> Their|strong="G0846" hair|strong="G2359" was|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" women's|strong="G1135" hair|strong="G2359". Their|strong="G0846" teeth|strong="G3599" were|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" lions' teeth|strong="G3599".<sup>9</sup> Their|strong="G0846" chests looked like|strong="G5613" iron|strong="G4603" breastplates|strong="G2382". The|strong="G3588" sound|strong="G5456" their|strong="G0846"

wings|strong="G4420" made was|strong="G3588" like|strong="G5613" the|strong="G3588" noise of|strong="G5456" many|strong="G4183" horses|strong="G2462" and|strong="G2532" chariots|strong="G0716" hurrying into|strong="G1519" battle|strong="G4171".<sup>10</sup> The|strong="G3588" locusts had|strong="G2192" tails|strong="G3769" with|strong="G1722" stingers|strong="G2759" like|strong="G3664" scorpions|strong="G4651". The|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1849" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2192" to|strong="G2532" give people|strong="G0444" pain for|strong="G1722" five|strong="G4002" months|strong="G3376" was|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" tails|strong="G3769".<sup>11</sup> They|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" ruler, who|strong="G3739" was|strong="G3739" the|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" of|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" bottomless|strong="G0012" pit. His|strong="G0846" name|strong="G3686" in|strong="G1722" Hebrew|strong="G1447" is|strong="G3739" Abaddon|strong="G0003".<sup>1</sup> In|strong="G1722" Greek|strong="G1673" it|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3739" Apollyon|strong="G0623".<sup>II</sup>  
<sup>12</sup> The|strong="G3588" first|strong="G1520" terror is|strong="G3778" now|strong="G2400" past|strong="G0565". There|strong="G1417" are|strong="G3778" still|strong="G2089" two|strong="G1417" other terrors to|strong="G2064" come|strong="G2064".

#### The|strong="G3588" Sixth Trumpet Blast

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" sixth|strong="G1623" angel|strong="G0032" blew|strong="G4537" his|strong="G0191" trumpet|strong="G4537". Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" a|strong="G0191" voice|strong="G5456" coming from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" horns|strong="G2768" on|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" four|strong="G5064" corners of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" golden|strong="G5552" altar|strong="G2379" that|strong="G0191" is|strong="G2316" before|strong="G1799" God|strong="G2316".<sup>14</sup> It|strong="G1909" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" sixth|strong="G1623" angel|strong="G0032" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" trumpet|strong="G4536", "Free|strong="G3089" the|strong="G3588" four|strong="G5064" angels|strong="G0032" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" tied|strong="G1210"

<sup>I</sup> ABADDON A Hebrew name meaning "death" or "destruction." See Job 26:6 and Psalm 88:11. <sup>II</sup> APOLLYON A name that means "destroyer."

at|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" great|strong="G3173" river|strong="G4215" Euphrates|strong="G2166".<sup>15</sup> These|strong="G3588" four|strong="G5064" angels|strong="G0032" had|strong="G3588" been|strong="G2532" kept ready|strong="G2090" for|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3588" hour|strong="G5610" and|strong="G2532" day|strong="G2250" and|strong="G2532" month|strong="G3376" and|strong="G2532" year|strong="G1763". The|strong="G3588" angels|strong="G0032" were|strong="G3588" set free|strong="G3089" to|strong="G1519" kill|strong="G0615" a|strong="G2532" third|strong="G5154" of|strong="G2250" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" on|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" earth.<sup>16</sup> I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" how many|strong="G3461" troops|strong="G4753" on|strong="G0846" horses were|strong="G3588" in|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" army|strong="G4753". There were|strong="G3588" 200,000,000.

<sup>17</sup> In|strong="G1722" my|strong="G3708" vision|strong="G3706", I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" horses|strong="G2462" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" riders|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" horses|strong="G2462". They|strong="G0846" looked|strong="G3708" like|strong="G5613" this|strong="G3779": They|strong="G0846" had|strong="G2192" breastplates|strong="G2382" that|strong="G3708" were|strong="G3588" fiery|strong="G4442" red, dark blue, and|strong="G2532" yellow|strong="G5191" like|strong="G5613" sulfur|strong="G2303". The|strong="G3588" heads|strong="G2776" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" horses|strong="G2462" looked|strong="G3708" like|strong="G5613" heads|strong="G2776" of|strong="G1537" lions|strong="G3023". The|strong="G3588" horses|strong="G2462" had|strong="G2192" fire|strong="G4442", smoke|strong="G2586", and|strong="G2532" sulfur|strong="G2303" coming|strong="G1607" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" their|strong="G0846" mouths|strong="G4750".<sup>18</sup> A|strong="G2532" third|strong="G5154" of|strong="G1537" all|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G0444" on|strong="G1537" earth were|strong="G3778" killed|strong="G0615" by|strong="G1537" these|strong="G3778" three|strong="G5140" plagues|strong="G4127" coming|strong="G1607" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" horses' mouths|strong="G4750": the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442",

the|strong="G3588" smoke|strong="G2586", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" sulfur|strong="G2303".<sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3588" horses'|strong="G2462" power|strong="G1849" was|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" mouths|strong="G4750" and|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" tails|strong="G3769". Their|strong="G0846" tails|strong="G3769" were|strong="G1510" like|strong="G3664" snakes|strong="G3789" that|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2192" heads|strong="G2776" to|strong="G2532" bite and|strong="G2532" hurt|strong="G0091" people|strong="G0846".

<sup>20</sup> The|strong="G3588" other|strong="G3062" people|strong="G0444" on|strong="G1722" earth were|strong="G3778" not|strong="G3756" killed|strong="G0615" by|strong="G1722" these|strong="G3778" plagues|strong="G4127". But|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778" people|strong="G0444" still|strong="G3062" did|strong="G0191" not|strong="G3756" change their|strong="G0846" hearts and|strong="G2532" turn away from|strong="G1537" worshiping|strong="G4352" the|strong="G3588" things|strong="G3778" they|strong="G0846" had|strong="G3739" made|strong="G5552" with|strong="G1722" their|strong="G0846" own|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495". They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G0191" not|strong="G3756" stop|strong="G3361" worshiping|strong="G4352" demons|strong="G1140" and|strong="G2532" idols|strong="G1497" made|strong="G5552" of|strong="G1537" gold|strong="G5552", silver|strong="G0693", bronze|strong="G5470", stone|strong="G3035", and|strong="G2532" wood|strong="G3585"—things|strong="G3778" that|strong="G3739" cannot|strong="G3756" see|strong="G0991" or|strong="G3761" hear|strong="G0191" or|strong="G3761" walk|strong="G4043".<sup>21</sup> They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G3340" not|strong="G3756" change their|strong="G0846" hearts and|strong="G2532" turn away from|strong="G1537" killing other|strong="G0846" people|strong="G0846" or|strong="G2532" from|strong="G1537" their|strong="G0846" evil magic, their|strong="G0846" sexual|strong="G4202" sins, and|strong="G2532" their|strong="G0846" stealing|strong="G2809".

#### The Angel and the Little Scroll

**10** Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" another|strong="G0243" powerful|strong="G2478" angel|strong="G0032" coming|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" from|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="G3772".



The *angel* was *dressed* in *a cloud*. He *had* a *rainbow* *around* his *head*. The *angel's face* was *like* the *sun*, and *his legs* were *like* poles of *fire*. <sup>2</sup> The *angel* was *holding* a *small scroll*. The *scroll* was *open* in *his hand* *put* his *right* *on* the *sea* his *left* *foot* *on* the *land*. <sup>3</sup> He *shouted* loudly *like* the *roaring* of *a lion*. After *he* *shouted*, the *voices* of *seven* *thunders* *spoke*.

<sup>4</sup> The *seven* *thunders* *spoke*, and *I* *started* to *write*. But *then* *I* *heard* a *voice* from *heaven* that *said*, "Don't *write* what *the* *seven* *thunders* *said*. Keep *those* *things* *secret*."

<sup>5</sup> Then *the* *angel* *saw* *on* the *sea* *on* the *land* *raised* his *right* *hand* to *heav-*

*en*. <sup>6</sup> The *angel* made a *promise* by *the* *power* of *the* *one* *who* *lives* *forever* and *ever*. He *is* *the* *one* *who* made *the* *skies* and *all* *is* *in* *them*. He *made* the *earth* and *all* *that* *is* *in* *it*, and *he* made *the* *sea* and *all* *that* *is* *in* *it*. The *angel* *said*, "There *will* *be* *no* *more* *waiting*!" <sup>7</sup> In *the* *days* when *the* *seventh* *angel* *is* *ready* to *blow* his *trumpet*, God's *secret plan* *will* *be* *comple-*

*ted*— *the* *Good* *News* *that* *God* *told* to *his* *servants*, the *prophets*.  
<sup>8</sup> Then *I* *heard* the *same* *voice* from *heaven* again *It* *said* to *me*, "Go *and* *take* the *open* *scroll* that *is* *in* the *angel's hand*. This *is* the *angel* *who* *is* *standing* *on* the *sea*

and the land.<sup>9</sup> So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take the scroll and eat it. It will sour in your stomach, but in your mouth it will be sweet like honey." So I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. In my mouth it tasted sweet like honey, but after I ate it, it was sour in my stomach.<sup>11</sup> Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many races of people, many nations, languages, and rulers."

### The Two Witnesses

**11** Then I was given a measuring rod as long as a walking stick. I was told, "Go and measure the temple of God's house—the place where God's people worship and serve him. Here, John sees it pictured as the special building in Jerusalem for Jewish worship. Also in verse 19.

God and the altar, and count the people worshiping there.<sup>2</sup> But don't measure the yard outside the temple. Leave it alone. It has been given those who are God's people. They will show their power over the holy city for 42 months.<sup>3</sup> And I will give power to two witnesses for 1260 days. They will be dressed in sackcloth."

<sup>4</sup> These two witnesses are olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of earth.<sup>5</sup> If anyone hurts the witnesses, fire comes from their mouths of the witnesses and kills their enemies. Anyone who tries to hurt them will die like this.<sup>6</sup> These witnesses have power to stop the sky from raining during the time they

<sup>1</sup> TEMPLE God's house—the place where God's people worship and serve him. Here, John sees it pictured as the special building in Jerusalem for Jewish worship. Also in verse 19.

are *prophesying*. These witnesses have power to make the water become blood. They have power to send every kind of plague to earth. They can do this as many times as they want.

<sup>7</sup> When the two witnesses finished their message, the beast will fight against them. This is the beast that comes up from the pit. It will kill them. The bodies of the two witnesses will lie in the street of the great city. This city is named Sodom and Egypt. These names for the city have a special meaning. This is the city where Lord was killed. <sup>9</sup> People from every race of people, tribe, language, and nation will look at the bodies of the two witnesses for three months and a half days. The people will refuse to

bury them. Everyone on the earth will be happy because these two are dead. They will have parties and send each other gifts. They will do this because these two prophets brought much suffering to the people living on earth.

<sup>11</sup> But after three days a half days, God let life enter the two witnesses again. They stood on their feet. All those who saw them were filled with fear. <sup>12</sup> Then the two witnesses heard a loud voice from heaven say, "Come up here!" And both of them went up into heaven in a cloud. Their enemies watched them go.

<sup>13</sup> At that same time there a great earthquake tenth of the city was destroyed. And 7000 people were killed. Those who did not die

were |strong="G1096" very |strong="G2532" afraid. They |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" glory |strong="G1391" to |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" of |strong="G2316" heaven |strong="G3772".

<sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" second |strong="G1208" terror is |strong="G3588" now |strong="G2400" past |strong="G0565". The |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" terror is |strong="G3588" coming |strong="G2064" soon |strong="G5035".

### The |strong="G3588" Seventh Trumpet Blast

<sup>15</sup> The |strong="G3588" seventh |strong="G1442" angel |strong="G0032" blew |strong="G4537" his |strong="G0846" trumpet |strong="G4537". Then |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1722" were |strong="G1096" loud |strong="G3173" voices |strong="G5456" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772". The |strong="G3588" voices |strong="G5456" said |strong="G3004",  
" The |strong="G3588" kingdom |strong="G0932" of |strong="G0932" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G2889" has |strong="G2962" now |strong="G2532" become |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" kingdom |strong="G0932" of |strong="G0932" our |strong="G5547" Lord |strong="G2962" and |strong="G2532" of |strong="G0932" his |strong="G0846" Messiah |strong="G5547".

And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2962" rule forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165".

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" 24 elders |strong="G4245" bowed |strong="G4352" down |strong="G4098" on |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" faces |strong="G4383" and |strong="G2532" worshiped |strong="G4352" God |strong="G2316". These |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" elders |strong="G4245" who |strong="G3739" sit |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1909" their |strong="G0846" thrones |strong="G2362" before |strong="G1799" God |strong="G2316". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3588" elders said |strong="G3004",  
" We |strong="G2532" give |strong="G2168" thanks |strong="G2168" to |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771", Lord |strong="G2962" God |strong="G2316" All-Powerful.

You |strong="G4771" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" and |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3588" always was |strong="G1510".

We |strong="G2532" thank |strong="G2168" you |strong="G4771" because |strong="G3754" you |strong="G4771" have |strong="G1510" used your |strong="G2962" great |strong="G3173" power |strong="G1411"

and |strong="G2532" have |strong="G1510" begun to |strong="G3004" rule.

<sup>18</sup> The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484" of |strong="G3686" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G1093" were |strong="G3588" angry |strong="G3710",

but |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2540" for |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" anger |strong="G3709".

Now |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2540" for |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" dead |strong="G3498" to |strong="G2064" be |strong="G2532" judged |strong="G2919".

It |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2540" to |strong="G2064" reward |strong="G3408" your |strong="G2532" servants |strong="G1401", the |strong="G3588" prophets |strong="G4396",

and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2064" reward |strong="G3408" your |strong="G2532" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G1484",

the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484", great |strong="G3173" and |strong="G2532" small |strong="G3398", who |strong="G3588" respect |strong="G5399" you |strong="G4771".

It |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3588" time |strong="G2540" to |strong="G2064" destroy |strong="G1311" those |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1484" who |strong="G3588" destroy |strong="G1311" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093".

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="G2532" God's |strong="G2316" temple |strong="G3485" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772" was |strong="G3588" opened |strong="G0455". The |strong="G3588" Box of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" Agreement <sup>I</sup> could |strong="G1096" be |strong="G1096" seen |strong="G3708" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" temple |strong="G3485". Then |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1722" were |strong="G1096" flashes |strong="G0796" of |strong="G2316" lightning |strong="G0796", noises, thunder |strong="G1027", an |strong="G1096" earthquake |strong="G4578", and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" great |strong="G3173" hail-storm |strong="G5464".

### The Woman Giving Birth and the Dragon

**12** And |strong="G2532" then |strong="G2532" a |strong="G3708" great |strong="G3173" wonder appeared |strong="G3708" in |strong="G1722"

<sup>I</sup> BOX OF THE AGREEMENT This is like the special box kept in the Most Holy Place of the Israelite Holy Tent and, later, the Jerusalem Temple, which contained "proof" of the agreement between God and his people. See "Box of the Agreement" in the Word List.

heaven |strong="G3772": There |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G3708" woman |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" clothed |strong="G4016" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" sun |strong="G2246", and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" moon |strong="G4582" was |strong="G3588" under |strong="G5270" her |strong="G0846" feet |strong="G4228". She |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2246" a |strong="G3708" crown |strong="G4735" of |strong="G1909" twelve |strong="G1427" stars |strong="G0792" on |strong="G1909" her |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776".<sup>2</sup> She |strong="G2192" was |strong="G2192" pregnant |strong="G1064" and |strong="G2532" cried |strong="G2896" out |strong="G2896" with |strong="G1722" pain |strong="G0928" because |strong="G1722" she |strong="G2192" was |strong="G2192" about |strong="G1722" to |strong="G2532" give |strong="G5088" birth |strong="G5088".

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="G2532" another |strong="G0243" wonder appeared |strong="G3708" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772": There |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2192" giant red |strong="G4450" dragon |strong="G1404" there |strong="G1722". The |strong="G3588" dragon |strong="G1404" had |strong="G2192" seven |strong="G2033" heads |strong="G2776" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2192" crown on |strong="G1909" each head |strong="G2776". It |strong="G0846" also |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" ten |strong="G1176" horns |strong="G2768".<sup>4</sup> Its |strong="G0846" tail |strong="G3769" swept |strong="G4951" a |strong="G2532" third |strong="G5154" of |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3588" stars |strong="G0792" out |strong="G1438" of |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772" and |strong="G2532" threw |strong="G0906" them |strong="G0846" down to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093". It |strong="G0846" stood |strong="G2476" in |strong="G1519" front |strong="G1799" of |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" who |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" ready |strong="G3195" to |strong="G1519" give |strong="G5088" birth |strong="G5088" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" baby |strong="G5088". It |strong="G0846" wanted to |strong="G1519" eat |strong="G2719" the |strong="G3588" woman's |strong="G1135" baby |strong="G5088" as |strong="G1519" soon as |strong="G1519" it |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" born |strong="G5088".

<sup>5</sup> The |strong="G3956" woman gave |strong="G5088" birth |strong="G5088" to |strong="G4314" a |strong="G3739" son |strong="G5207", who |strong="G3739" would |strong="G3195" rule |strong="G4165" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" nations |strong="G1484" with |strong="G1722" an |strong="G2532" iron |strong="G4603" rod |strong="G4464". And |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" child |strong="G5043" was |strong="G3739" taken up |strong="G0726" to |strong="G4314" God |strong="G2316" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G4314" his |strong="G0846" throne |strong="G2362".<sup>6</sup> The |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" ran |strong="G5343" away |strong="G5343" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" desert |strong="G2048" to |strong="G1519" a |strong="G2192" place |strong="G5117" that |strong="G2443" God |strong="G2316" had |strong="G2192" prepared |strong="G2090" for |strong="G1519" her |strong="G0846". There |strong="G1563" she |strong="G0846" would |strong="G0846" be |strong="G2532" taken care of |strong="G2250" for |strong="G1519" 1260 days |strong="G2250".

<sup>7</sup> Then |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1722" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1096" war |strong="G4171" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772". Michael |strong="G3413"<sup>1</sup> and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" angels |strong="G0032" fought |strong="G4170" against |strong="G3326" the |strong="G3588" dragon |strong="G1404". The |strong="G3588" dragon |strong="G1404" and |strong="G2532" its |strong="G0846" angels |strong="G0032" fought |strong="G4170" back,<sup>8</sup> but |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" not |strong="G3756" strong |strong="G2480" enough |strong="G2480". The |strong="G3588" dragon and |strong="G2532" its |strong="G0846" angels lost their |strong="G0846" place |strong="G5117" in |strong="G1722" heaven |strong="G3772".<sup>9</sup> It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" thrown |strong="G0906" down out |strong="G0906" of |strong="G1093" heaven. ( This |strong="G3588" giant dragon |strong="G1404" is |strong="G3588" that |strong="G0846" old |strong="G0744" snake |strong="G3789", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3588" called |strong="G2564" the |strong="G3588" devil |strong="G1228" or |strong="G2532" Satan |strong="G4567", who |strong="G3588" leads |strong="G4105" the |strong="G3588" whole |strong="G3650" world |strong="G3625" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" wrong way |strong="G0846".) The |strong="G3588" dragon |strong="G1404"

<sup>1</sup> MICHAEL The archangel—leader of God's angels. See Jude 9.

and|strong="G2532" its|strong="G0846" angels|strong="G0032" were|strong="G3588" thrown|strong="G0906" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093".

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" heard|strong="G0191" a|strong="G1096" loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772" say|strong="G3004", " The|strong="G3588" victory and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G1411" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" kingdom|strong="G0932" of|strong="G0932" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" authority|strong="G1849" of|strong="G0932" his|strong="G0846" Messiah|strong="G5547" have|strong="G2532" now|strong="G2532" come|strong="G1096". These|strong="G3748" things|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" come|strong="G1096", because|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" accuser of|strong="G0932" our|strong="G2316" brothers|strong="G0080" and|strong="G2532" sisters has|strong="G2316" been|strong="G1096" thrown|strong="G0906" out|strong="G1438". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G1438" who|strong="G3588" accused|strong="G2723" them|strong="G0846" day|strong="G2250" and|strong="G2532" night|strong="G3571" before|strong="G1799" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316". <sup>11</sup> They|strong="G0846" defeated him|strong="G0846" by|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" blood|strong="G0129" sacrifice of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0721" and|strong="G2532" by|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3588" message|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" God|strong="G0846" that|strong="G0846" they|strong="G0846" told people|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" did not|strong="G3756" love|strong="G0025" their|strong="G0846" lives|strong="G5590" too|strong="G2532" much. They|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" afraid of|strong="G3056" death|strong="G2288". <sup>12</sup> So|strong="G2532" rejoice|strong="G2165", you|strong="G5210" heavens|strong="G3772" and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" live|strong="G2192" there|strong="G1722"! But|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3778" be|strong="G2532" terrible|strong="G3173" for|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" and|strong="G2532" sea|strong="G2281", because|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" has|strong="G2192" gone down|strong="G2597" to|strong="G4314"

you|strong="G5210". He|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3778" filled with|strong="G1722" anger|strong="G2372". He|strong="G2532" knows|strong="G1492" he|strong="G2532" doesn't have|strong="G2192" much|strong="G3173" time|strong="G2540"."

<sup>13</sup> The|strong="G3588" dragon|strong="G1404" saw|strong="G3708" that|strong="G3754" he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G3748" been|strong="G2532" thrown|strong="G0906" down to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093". So|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" chased the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G3748" given birth|strong="G5088" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" child|strong="G5088". <sup>14</sup> But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" was|strong="G3588" given|strong="G1325" the|strong="G3588" two|strong="G1417" wings|strong="G4420" of|strong="G0575" a|strong="G1325" great|strong="G3173" eagle|strong="G0105". Then|strong="G2532" she|strong="G0846" could fly|strong="G4072" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" place|strong="G5117" that|strong="G2443" was|strong="G3588" prepared for|strong="G1519" her|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" desert|strong="G2048". There|strong="G1563" she|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" taken care of|strong="G0575" for|strong="G1519" three and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1325" half|strong="G2255" years. There|strong="G1563" she|strong="G0846" would|strong="G0846" be|strong="G2532" away|strong="G0575" from|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" dragon. <sup>15</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" dragon poured|strong="G0906" water|strong="G5204" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" its|strong="G0846" mouth|strong="G4750" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" river|strong="G4215". It|strong="G0846" poured|strong="G0906" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" toward the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" flood|strong="G4216" would|strong="G0846" carry|strong="G4160" her|strong="G0846" away|strong="G4216". <sup>16</sup> But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" helped|strong="G0997" the|strong="G3588" woman|strong="G1135". The|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" opened|strong="G0455" its|strong="G0846" mouth|strong="G4750" and|strong="G2532" swallowed|strong="G2666"

<sup>1</sup> DRAGON Here and in verse 15 literally, "snake." See verse 9 above.

the **river** that **came from** the **mouth** of **the** **dragon**. <sup>17</sup> Then **the** **dragon** **was** **very** **angry** **with** **the** **woman**. It **went** **away** **to** **make** **war** **against** **her** **other** **children**. Her **children** **are** **those** **who** **obey** **God's** **commands** **and** **have** **the** **truth** **that** **Jesus** **taught**.

<sup>18</sup> The **dragon** **stood** **on** **the** **seashore**.

### The Beast From the Sea

**13** Then **I** **saw** **a** **beast** **coming** **up** **of** **the** **sea**. It **had** **ten** **horns** **and** **seven** **heads**. There **was** **a** **crown** **on** **each** **of** **its** **horns**. It **had** **an** **evil** **name** **written** **on** **each** **head**. <sup>2</sup> This **beast** **looked** **like** **a** **leopard**, **with** **feet** **like** **a** **bear's** **feet**. It **had** **a** **mouth** **like** **a** **lion's** **mouth**. The **dragon** **gave** **the** **beast** **of** **its** **power** **and** **its** **throne**

**and** **great** **authori-**

<sup>3</sup> **One** **of** **the** **heads** **of** **the** **beast** **looked** **as** **if** **it** **had** **been** **wounded** **and** **killed**, **but** **it** **was** **wounded** **and** **healed**. All **the** **people** **in** **the** **world** **were** **amazed**, **and** **they** **followed** **the** **beast** **worshiped** **the** **dragon** **because** **it** **had** **given** **its** **power** **to** **the** **beast**, **and** **they** **also** **worshiped** **the** **beast**. They **asked**, "Who **is** **as** **powerful** **as** **the** **beast**? Who **can** **make** **war** **against** **it**?"

<sup>5</sup> The **beast** **was** **allowed** **and** **to** **speak** **insults** **against** **God**. It **was** **allowed** **to** **use** **its** **power** **for** **42** **months**. <sup>6</sup> The **beast** **opened** **its** **mouth** **to** **insult** **God**—**to** **insult** **his** **name**, **the** **place** **where** **he** **lives**, **and** **all** **those** **who** **live** **in** **heaven**. <sup>7</sup> It **was** **given** **power** **to** **make** **war** **against** **God's** **holy** **peo-**

ple |strong="G2992" and |strong="G2532" to |strong="G1909" defeat them |strong="G0846". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G3588" given |strong="G1325" power |strong="G1849" over |strong="G1909" every |strong="G3956" tribe |strong="G5443", race of |strong="G5443" people |strong="G2992", language |strong="G1100", and |strong="G2532" nation |strong="G1484".<sup>8</sup> Every-one |strong="G3956" living |strong="G2730" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093" would |strong="G0846" worship |strong="G4352" the |strong="G3956" beast. These |strong="G3739" are |strong="G3956" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956" since |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3956" beginning of |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G2889" whose |strong="G3739" names |strong="G3686" are |strong="G3956" not |strong="G3756" written |strong="G1125" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" Lamb's book |strong="G0975" of |strong="G0575" life |strong="G2222". The |strong="G3956" Lamb |strong="G0721" is |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" killed.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone |strong="G5100" who |strong="G5100" hears |strong="G0191" these things |strong="G5100" should |strong="G5100" listen |strong="G0191" to |strong="G5100" this:

<sup>10</sup> Whoever |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" prisoner, will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" prisoner.

Whoever |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1510" killed |strong="G0615" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" sword |strong="G3162", will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" killed |strong="G0615" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1510" sword |strong="G3162". This |strong="G3588" means |strong="G1510" that |strong="G0846" God's |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G0846" must |strong="G1163" have |strong="G1510" pa-tience |strong="G5281" and |strong="G2532" faith |strong="G4102".

#### The |strong="G3588" Beast From |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" Earth

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" another |strong="G0243" beast |strong="G2342" coming |strong="G0305" up |strong="G0305" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093". He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" two |strong="G1417" horns |strong="G2768" like |strong="G5613"

a |strong="G2192" lamb |strong="G0721", but |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" talked |strong="G2980" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G2192" dragon |strong="G1404".<sup>12</sup> This |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" stood be-fore |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" beast |strong="G2342" and |strong="G2532" used the |strong="G3956" same |strong="G0846" power |strong="G1849" the |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" beast |strong="G2342" had |strong="G3739". He |strong="G2532" used this |strong="G3588" pow-er |strong="G1849" to |strong="G2443" make |strong="G4160" everyone |strong="G3956" liv-ing |strong="G2730" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" earth |strong="G1093" wor-ship |strong="G4352" the |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" beast |strong="G2342". The |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" beast |strong="G2342" was |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3956" one |strong="G3739" that |strong="G3739" had |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3956" death |strong="G2288" wound |strong="G4127" that |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" healed |strong="G2323".<sup>13</sup> The |strong="G3588" second beast did |strong="G4160" great |strong="G3173" miracles. I He |strong="G2532" even |strong="G2532" made |strong="G4160" fire |strong="G4442" come |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772" to |strong="G1519" earth |strong="G1093" while |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0444" were |strong="G3588" watching.

<sup>14</sup> This |strong="G3588" second beast |strong="G2342" fooled the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" living |strong="G2198" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093" by |strong="G1223" using |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" miracles that |strong="G3739" he |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" been |strong="G2192" given |strong="G1325" the |strong="G3588" power to |strong="G3004" do |strong="G4160" for |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" first beast |strong="G2342". He |strong="G2532" ordered |strong="G3004" peo-ple |strong="G0846" to |strong="G3004" make |strong="G4160" an |strong="G2192" idol to |strong="G3004" honor the |strong="G3588" first beast |strong="G2342", the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" that |strong="G3739" was |strong="G3739" wounded by |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" sword |strong="G3162" but |strong="G2532" did |strong="G4160" not |strong="G4160" die |strong="G1223".<sup>15</sup> The |strong="G3588" second beast |strong="G2342"

<sup>1</sup> MIRACLES False miracles—amazing acts done by the power of the devil.



was *strong*="G3588" given *strong*="G1325" power to *strong*="G2443" give *strong*="G1325" life *strong*="G4151" to *strong*="G2443" the *strong*="G3588" idol of *strong*="G4151" the *strong*="G3588" first beast *strong*="G2342". Then *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" idol could *strong*="G3361" speak *strong*="G2980" and *strong*="G2532" order *strong*="G2443" all *strong*="G3745" those *strong*="G3588" who *strong*="G3588" did *strong*="G4160" not *strong*="G3361" worship *strong*="G4352" it *strong*="G0846" to *strong*="G2443" be *strong*="G2532" killed *strong*="G0615". <sup>16</sup> The *strong*="G3956" second beast also *strong*="G2532" forced all *strong*="G3956" people *strong*="G3956", small *strong*="G3398" and *strong*="G2532" great *strong*="G3173", rich *strong*="G4145" and *strong*="G2532" poor *strong*="G4434", free *strong*="G1658" and *strong*="G2532" slave *strong*="G1401", to *strong*="G2443" have *strong*="G2532" a *strong*="G4160" mark *strong*="G5480" put *strong*="G1325" on *strong*="G1909" their *strong*="G0846" right *strong*="G1188" hand *strong*="G5495" or *strong*="G2228" on *strong*="G1909" their *strong*="G0846" forehead *strong*="G3359". <sup>17</sup> No *strong*="G3361" one *strong*="G5100" could *strong*="G1410" buy *strong*="G0059" or *strong*="G2228" sell *strong*="G4453" without *strong*="G3361" this *strong*="G3588" mark *strong*="G5480". ( This *strong*="G3588" mark *strong*="G5480" is *strong*="G5100" the *strong*="G3588" name *strong*="G3686" of *strong*="G3686" the *strong*="G3588" beast *strong*="G2342" or *strong*="G2228" the *strong*="G3588" number *strong*="G0706" of *strong*="G3686" its *strong*="G0846" name *strong*="G3686".) <sup>18</sup> Anyone *strong*="G0444" who *strong*="G3588" has *strong*="G2192" understanding *strong*="G3563" can find the *strong*="G3588" meaning of *strong*="G4678" the *strong*="G3588" beast's number *strong*="G0706". This *strong*="G3588" requires wisdom *strong*="G4678". This *strong*="G3588" number *strong*="G0706" is *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" number *strong*="G0706" of *strong*="G4678" a *strong*="G2192" man *strong*="G0444". It *strong*="G0846" is *strong*="G1510" 666.

#### God's People Sing a New Song

**14** Then *strong*="G2532" I *strong*="G2532" looked *strong*="G3708", and *strong*="G2532" there *strong*="G3962" before *strong*="G1909" me *strong*="G3708" was *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" Lamb *strong*="G0721", who *strong*="G3588" was *strong*="G3588" standing *strong*="G2476" on *strong*="G1909"

Mount *strong*="G3735" Zion *strong*="G4622". <sup>1</sup> There *strong*="G3962" were *strong*="G3588" 144,000 people *strong*="G0846" with *strong*="G3326" him *strong*="G0846". They *strong*="G0846" all *strong*="G3588" had *strong*="G2192" his *strong*="G0846" name *strong*="G3686" and *strong*="G2532" his *strong*="G0846" Father's *strong*="G3962" name *strong*="G3686" written *strong*="G1125" on *strong*="G1909" their *strong*="G0846" foreheads *strong*="G3359".

<sup>2</sup> And *strong*="G2532" I *strong*="G3739" heard *strong*="G0191" a *strong*="G5613" sound *strong*="G5456" from *strong*="G1537" heaven *strong*="G3772" as *strong*="G5613" loud *strong*="G3173" as *strong*="G5613" the *strong*="G3588" crashing of *strong*="G1537" floodwaters or *strong*="G2532" claps of *strong*="G1537" thunder *strong*="G1027". But *strong*="G2532" it *strong*="G0846" sounded like *strong*="G5613" harpists *strong*="G2790" playing *strong*="G2789" their *strong*="G0846" harps *strong*="G2788". <sup>3</sup> The *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G3588" sang *strong*="G0103" a *strong*="G5613" new *strong*="G2537" song *strong*="G5603" before *strong*="G1799" the *strong*="G3588" throne *strong*="G2362" and *strong*="G2532" before *strong*="G1799" the *strong*="G3588" four *strong*="G5064" living *strong*="G2226" beings and *strong*="G2532" the *strong*="G3588" elders *strong*="G4245". The *strong*="G3588" only *strong*="G1487" ones *strong*="G4245" who *strong*="G3588" could *strong*="G1410" learn *strong*="G3129" the *strong*="G3588" new *strong*="G2537" song *strong*="G5603" were *strong*="G3588" the *strong*="G3588" 144,000 who *strong*="G3588" had *strong*="G3588" been *strong*="G2532" bought *strong*="G0059" from *strong*="G0575" the *strong*="G3588" earth *strong*="G1093". No *strong*="G3762" one *strong*="G3762" else *strong*="G2532" could *strong*="G1410" learn *strong*="G3129" it *strong*="G2532".

<sup>4</sup> These *strong*="G3778" are *strong*="G1510" the *strong*="G3588" ones who *strong*="G3739" did *strong*="G1510" not *strong*="G3756" do *strong*="G1510" sinful things *strong*="G3778" with *strong*="G3326" women *strong*="G1135". They *strong*="G3739" kept *strong*="G3739" themselves *strong*="G1510" pure. Now *strong*="G2532" they *strong*="G3739" follow *strong*="G0190" the *strong*="G3588" Lamb *strong*="G0721" wherever *strong*="G3699" he *strong*="G2532" goes *strong*="G5217". They *strong*="G3739" were *strong*="G1510" bought *strong*="G0059" from *strong*="G0575" among *strong*="G3326" the *strong*="G3588" people *strong*="G0444"

<sup>1</sup> MOUNT ZION Another name for Jerusalem, here meaning the spiritual city where God's people live with him.

of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" earth  
as|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
first|strong="G0536" to|strong="G2532"  
be|strong="G1510" offered to|strong="G2532"  
God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0721". 5  
They|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510"  
not|strong="G3756" guilty of|strong="G1722" telling  
lies|strong="G0846"; they|strong="G0846"  
are|strong="G1510" without|strong="G3756" fault.

### The|strong="G3588" Three Angels

6 Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532"  
saw|strong="G3708" another|strong="G0243" an-  
gel|strong="G0032" flying|strong="G4072" high  
in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" air.  
The|strong="G3956" angel|strong="G0032"  
had|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3956" eter-  
nal|strong="G0166" Good|strong="G2097"  
News|strong="G2097" to|strong="G1909" announce  
to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" peo-  
ple|strong="G2992" living|strong="G2192"  
on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093"—  
to|strong="G1909" every|strong="G3956" na-  
tion|strong="G1484", tribe|strong="G5443", lan-  
guage|strong="G1100", and|strong="G2532" race  
of|strong="G2098" people|strong="G2992". 7  
The|strong="G3588" angel said|strong="G3004"  
in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G4160"  
loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456", "  
Fear|strong="G5399" God|strong="G2316"  
and|strong="G2532" give|strong="G1325"  
him|strong="G0846" praise|strong="G1391".  
The|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5610"  
has|strong="G2316" come|strong="G2064"  
for|strong="G3754" God|strong="G2316"  
to|strong="G3004" judge all|strong="G3588" peo-  
ple|strong="G0846". Worship|strong="G4352"  
God|strong="G2316". He|strong="G2532"  
made|strong="G4160" the|strong="G3588" heav-  
ens|strong="G3772", the|strong="G3588"  
earth|strong="G1093", the|strong="G3588"  
sea|strong="G2281", and|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" springs|strong="G4077"  
of|strong="G2316" water|strong="G5204".

8 Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" sec-  
ond|strong="G1208" angel|strong="G0032" fol-  
lowed|strong="G0190" the|strong="G3956" first an-  
gel|strong="G0032" and|strong="G2532"  
said|strong="G3004", " She|strong="G0846"  
is|strong="G3739" destroyed! The|strong="G3956"  
great|strong="G3173" city|strong="G0846"  
of|strong="G1537" Babylon|strong="G0897"  
is|strong="G3739" destroyed! She|strong="G0846"  
made|strong="G4222" all|strong="G3956"  
the|strong="G3956" nations|strong="G1484"  
drink|strong="G4222" the|strong="G3956"  
wine|strong="G3631" of|strong="G1537"

her|strong="G0846" sexual|strong="G4202" sin  
and|strong="G2532" of|strong="G1537"  
God's|strong="G0846" anger|strong="G2372"."  
9 A|strong="G2983" third|strong="G5154" an-  
gel|strong="G0032" followed|strong="G0190"  
the|strong="G3588" first two angels|strong="G0032".  
This|strong="G3588" third|strong="G5154" an-  
gel|strong="G0032" said|strong="G3004"  
in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2983"  
loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456", "  
God|strong="G0846" will|strong="G5100" punish  
all|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588"  
who|strong="G3588" worship|strong="G4352"  
the|strong="G3588" beast|strong="G2342"  
and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" beast's idol  
and|strong="G2532" agree to|strong="G3004"  
have|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" beast's  
mark|strong="G5480" on|strong="G1909"  
their|strong="G0846" forehead|strong="G3359"  
or|strong="G2228" on|strong="G1909"  
their|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G5495". 10  
They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316"  
drink|strong="G4095" the|strong="G3588"  
wine|strong="G3631" of|strong="G1537"  
God's|strong="G2316" anger|strong="G3709".  
This|strong="G3588" wine|strong="G3631"  
is|strong="G2316" prepared with|strong="G1722"  
all|strong="G3588" its|strong="G0846"  
strength|strong="G0194" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G3588" cup|strong="G4221"  
of|strong="G1537" God's|strong="G2316"  
anger|strong="G3709". They|strong="G0846"  
will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" tortured  
with|strong="G1722" burning|strong="G4442" sul-  
fur|strong="G2303" before|strong="G1799"  
the|strong="G3588" holy|strong="G0040" an-  
gels|strong="G0032" and|strong="G2532"  
the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0721". 11  
And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"  
smoke|strong="G2586" from|strong="G2532"  
their|strong="G0846" burning pain  
will|strong="G2250" rise forever|strong="G0165"  
and|strong="G2532" ever|strong="G0165". There  
will|strong="G2250" be|strong="G2532"  
no|strong="G3756" rest|strong="G0372",  
day|strong="G2250" or|strong="G2532"  
night|strong="G3571", for|strong="G1519"  
those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" wor-  
ship|strong="G4352" the|strong="G3588"  
beast|strong="G2342" and|strong="G2532"  
its|strong="G0846" idol or|strong="G2532"  
who|strong="G3588" wear the|strong="G3588"  
mark|strong="G5480" of|strong="G2250"  
its|strong="G0846" name|strong="G3686". 12  
This|strong="G3588" means|strong="G1510"  
that|strong="G2316" God's|strong="G2316"  
holy|strong="G0040" people|strong="G1510"  
must|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" pa-

tient|strong="G5281". They|strong="G2532" must|strong="G1510" obey|strong="G5083" God's|strong="G2316" commands|strong="G1785" and|strong="G2532" keep|strong="G5083" their|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4102" in|strong="G2316" Jesus|strong="G2424".

<sup>13</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" a|strong="G0191" voice|strong="G5456" from|strong="G0575" heaven|strong="G3772". It|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Write|strong="G1125" this|strong="G3588": From|strong="G0575" now|strong="G2532" on|strong="G1722" there|strong="G1722" are|strong="G3107" great blessings for|strong="G1063" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" belong|strong="G1537" to|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" when|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" die|strong="G0599"."

The|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" says|strong="G3004", " Yes|strong="G3483", that|strong="G2443" is|strong="G3772" true. They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2962" rest|strong="G0373" from|strong="G0575" their|strong="G0846" hard work|strong="G2041". What|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G2532" done|strong="G2041" will|strong="G2962" stay with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846"."

#### The|strong="G3588" Earth Is|strong="G3772" Harvested

<sup>14</sup> I|strong="G2532" looked|strong="G3708" and|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1722" before|strong="G1909" me|strong="G3708", sitting|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909" a|strong="G2192" white|strong="G3022" cloud|strong="G3507", was|strong="G3588" one|strong="G0444" who|strong="G3588" looked|strong="G3708" like|strong="G3664" the|strong="G3588" Son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Man|strong="G0444". He|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" gold|strong="G5552" crown|strong="G4735" on|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" head|strong="G2776" and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2192" sharp|strong="G3691" sickle|strong="G1407" in|strong="G1722" his|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G5495". <sup>15</sup> Then|strong="G2532" another|strong="G0243" angel|strong="G0032" came|strong="G2064" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" temple|strong="G3485". This|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" called to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" sitting|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909"

the|strong="G3588" cloud|strong="G3507", "Take your|strong="G2532" sickle|strong="G1407" and|strong="G2532" gather from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093". The|strong="G3588" time|strong="G5610" to|strong="G1909" harvest|strong="G2326" has|strong="G5610" come|strong="G2064", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" fruit on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" is|strong="G3588" ripe|strong="G3583"." <sup>16</sup> So|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" sitting|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" cloud|strong="G3507" swung|strong="G0906" his|strong="G0846" sickle|strong="G1407" over|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093". And|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093" was|strong="G3588" harvested.

<sup>17</sup> Then|strong="G2532" another|strong="G0243" angel|strong="G0032" came|strong="G1831" out|strong="G1831" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" temple|strong="G3485" in|strong="G1722" heaven|strong="G3772". This|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" also|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" sharp|strong="G3691" sickle|strong="G1407". <sup>18</sup> And|strong="G2532" then|strong="G2532" another|strong="G0243" angel|strong="G0032", one|strong="G3588" with|strong="G1537" power|strong="G1849" over|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" fire|strong="G4442", came|strong="G1831" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" altar|strong="G2379". He|strong="G2532" called|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" with|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" sharp|strong="G3691" sickle|strong="G1407" and|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Take|strong="G2192" your|strong="G2192" sharp|strong="G3691" sickle|strong="G1407" and|strong="G2532" gather|strong="G5166" the|strong="G3588" bunches of|strong="G1537" grapes|strong="G4718" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" earth's vine|strong="G0288". The|strong="G3588" earth's grapes|strong="G4718" are|strong="G3588" ripe|strong="G0187"." <sup>19</sup> The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" swung|strong="G0906" his|strong="G0846" sickle|strong="G1407" over|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" earth|strong="G1093". He|strong="G2532" gathered|strong="G5166" the|strong="G3588" earth's grapes and|strong="G2532" threw|strong="G0906" them|strong="G0846" into|strong="G1519"

the *great wine-press of God's anger*. <sup>20</sup> The grapes were squeezed in the winepress outside the city. Blood flowed out of the wine-press. It rose as high as the heads of horses for a distance of 200 miles. <sup>1</sup>

### The Angels With the Last Plagues

**15** Then I saw another wonder in heaven. It was great and amazing. There were seven angels bringing seven plagues. These are the last plagues, because after God's anger is finished.

<sup>2</sup> I saw what like sea of glass with fire. All those who had won the victory over the beast and his idol and over the number of its name were standing the sea. These people had that harp given them. They sang the song

of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

"Great and wonderful are the things you do,

Lord God All-Powerful.

Right and true your ways,

Ruler of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> All people will you, O Lord.

All people will your name.

Only you are holy.

All people will and before you,

because it is clear that you do what is right.

<sup>5</sup> After this I saw the temple, the holy place of God's presence, in heaven.

It was opened, and the seven angels bringing the seven plagues came out. They were dressed in clean, shining linen cloth. They wore golden bands tied around their chests. <sup>7</sup> Then one of the four liv-

<sup>1</sup> 200 MILES Literally, "1600 stadia,

<sup>II</sup> HOLY PLACE OF GOD'S PRESENCE Literally, "tent of the testimony." See "Holy Tent" in the Word List. Read Exodus 25:8-22.

ing |strong="G2198" beings gave |strong="G1325" seven |strong="G2033" golden |strong="G5552" bowls |strong="G5357" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" angels |strong="G0032". The |strong="G3588" bowls |strong="G5357" were |strong="G3588" filled |strong="G1073" with |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" anger |strong="G2372" of |strong="G1537" God |strong="G2316", who |strong="G3588" lives |strong="G2198" forever |strong="G0165" and |strong="G2532" ever |strong="G0165".<sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" temple |strong="G3485" was |strong="G3588" filled |strong="G1072" with |strong="G1537" smoke |strong="G2586" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" glory |strong="G1391" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" power |strong="G1411" of |strong="G1537" God |strong="G2316". No |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" could |strong="G1410" enter |strong="G1525" the |strong="G3588" temple |strong="G3485" until |strong="G0891" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" plagues |strong="G4127" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" angels |strong="G0032" were |strong="G3588" finished |strong="G5055".

#### The Bowls Filled With God's Anger

**16** Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" a |strong="G0191" loud |strong="G3173" voice |strong="G5456" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" temple |strong="G3485". It |strong="G0191" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" angels |strong="G0032", " Go |strong="G5217" and |strong="G2532" pour out |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" bowls |strong="G5357" of |strong="G1537" God's |strong="G2316" anger |strong="G2372" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093"."

<sup>2</sup> The |strong="G3588" first |strong="G4413" angel |strong="G1632" left |strong="G0565". He |strong="G2532" poured out |strong="G1096" his |strong="G0846" bowl |strong="G5357" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" land |strong="G1093". Then |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3588" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" had |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" mark |strong="G5480" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" and |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3588" worshiped |strong="G4352" its |strong="G0846" idol got |strong="G1096" sores |strong="G1668" that |strong="G1096"

were |strong="G1096" ugly |strong="G2556" and |strong="G2532" painful |strong="G4190".

<sup>3</sup> The |strong="G3956" second |strong="G1208" angel |strong="G1632" poured out |strong="G1096" his |strong="G0846" bowl |strong="G5357" on |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" sea |strong="G2281". Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" sea |strong="G2281" became |strong="G1096" blood |strong="G0129" like |strong="G5613" a |strong="G5613" dead |strong="G3498" man's blood |strong="G0129". And |strong="G2532" everything |strong="G3956" living |strong="G2222" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" sea |strong="G2281" died |strong="G0599".

<sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3588" third |strong="G5154" angel |strong="G1632" poured out |strong="G1096" his |strong="G0846" bowl |strong="G5357" on |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" rivers |strong="G4215" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" springs |strong="G4077" of |strong="G0129" water |strong="G5204". The |strong="G3588" rivers |strong="G4215" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" springs |strong="G4077" of |strong="G0129" water |strong="G5204" became |strong="G1096" blood |strong="G0129".<sup>5</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" heard |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" of |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3588" waters |strong="G5204" say |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" God |strong="G3004", " You |strong="G3754" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3778" who |strong="G3588" is |strong="G1510" and |strong="G2532" who |strong="G3588" always was |strong="G1510".

You |strong="G3754" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" Holy |strong="G3741" One |strong="G3778".

You |strong="G3754" are |strong="G1510" right |strong="G1342" in |strong="G2532" these |strong="G3778" judgments |strong="G2919" you |strong="G3754" have |strong="G1510" made |strong="G3004".

<sup>6</sup> The |strong="G2532" people |strong="G0846" have |strong="G1510" spilled the |strong="G2532" blood |strong="G0129"

of |strong="G0129" your |strong="G2532" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2532" prophets |strong="G4396".

Now |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3754" have |strong="G1510" given |strong="G1325" those |strong="G0846" people |strong="G0846" blood |strong="G0129" to |strong="G2532" drink |strong="G4095".

This *is* what they *deserve*.

7 And I heard the altar say, "Yes, Lord God, your judgments are true and right."

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun. The sun was given power to burn the people with fire. <sup>9</sup> The people were burned by the great heat. They cursed the name of God who had control over these plagues. But they refused to change their hearts and give glory to God.

<sup>10</sup> The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast. And darkness covered the beast's kingdom. People bit their tongues because the pain. <sup>11</sup> They cursed the God of heaven because of their pain and the sores they had. But they refused to change their hearts and turn away from the

evil things they did.

<sup>12</sup> The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates. The water dried up. This prepared the way for the rulers from the east to come. <sup>13</sup> Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs. They came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> These evil spirits are the spirits of demons. They have power to do miracles. <sup>1</sup> They go out to the rulers of the whole world to gather them for battle on the great day of God All-Powerful.

<sup>15</sup> "Listen! I will come at a time you don't expect, like a thief." Great blessings belong to those who stay

<sup>1</sup> MIRACLES False miracles—amazing acts done by the power of the devil.

awake |strong="G1127" and |strong="G2532" keep |strong="G5083" their |strong="G0846" clothes |strong="G2440" with |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" have |strong="G2532" to |strong="G2443" go |strong="G2064" without |strong="G3361" clothes |strong="G2440" and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" ashamed for |strong="G2443" people |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" see |strong="G3708" them |strong="G0846".

<sup>16</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" evil spirits gathered |strong="G4863" the |strong="G3588" rulers together |strong="G4863" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" place |strong="G5117" that |strong="G0846" in |strong="G1519" Hebrew |strong="G1447" is |strong="G3588" called |strong="G2564" Armageddon |strong="G0717".

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3588" seventh |strong="G1442" angel |strong="G1632" poured out |strong="G1831" his |strong="G0846" bowl |strong="G5357" into |strong="G1096" the |strong="G3588" air |strong="G0109". Then |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" loud |strong="G3173" voice |strong="G5456" came |strong="G1096" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" temple |strong="G3485" from |strong="G0575" the |strong="G3588" throne |strong="G2362". It |strong="G0846" said |strong="G3004", " It |strong="G0846" is |strong="G3588" finished |strong="G1096"! " <sup>18</sup> Then |strong="G2532" there |strong="G1096" were |strong="G3739" flashes |strong="G0796" of |strong="G0575" lightning |strong="G0796", noises, thunder |strong="G1027", and |strong="G2532" a |strong="G1096" big |strong="G3173" earthquake |strong="G4578". This |strong="G3779" was |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" worst earthquake |strong="G4578" that |strong="G3739" has |strong="G3739" ever happened |strong="G1096" since |strong="G0575" people |strong="G0444" have |strong="G2532" been |strong="G1096" on |strong="G1909" earth |strong="G1093". <sup>19</sup> The |strong="G3588" great |strong="G3173" city |strong="G4172" split |strong="G1096" into |strong="G1519" three |strong="G5140" parts |strong="G3313". The |strong="G3588" cities |strong="G4172" of |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" nations |strong="G1484" were |strong="G1096" destroyed. And |strong="G2532" God |strong="G2316" did |strong="G1325" not |strong="G2532" forget to |strong="G1519" punish Babylon |strong="G0897" the |strong="G3588" Great |strong="G3173". He |strong="G2532" gave |strong="G1325" that |strong="G1096" city |strong="G4172" the |strong="G3588" cup |strong="G4221" filled with |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588"

wine |strong="G3631" of |strong="G2316" his |strong="G0846" terrible |strong="G3173" anger |strong="G3709". <sup>20</sup> Every |strong="G3956" island |strong="G3520" disappeared and |strong="G2532" there were |strong="G3956" no |strong="G3756" more |strong="G3956" mountains |strong="G3735". <sup>21</sup> Giant hailstones |strong="G5464" fell |strong="G2597" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0444" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" sky |strong="G3772". These |strong="G3748" hailstones |strong="G5464" weighed almost 100 pounds |strong="G5006" each. People |strong="G0444" cursed God |strong="G2316" because |strong="G3754" of |strong="G1537" this |strong="G3588" plague |strong="G4127" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" hail |strong="G5464". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" terrible |strong="G3173".

### The Woman on the Red Beast

<sup>17</sup> One |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" angels |strong="G0032" came |strong="G2064" and |strong="G2532" spoke |strong="G2980" to |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004". This |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" angels |strong="G0032" that |strong="G3004" had |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" seven |strong="G2033" bowls |strong="G5357". The |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" said |strong="G3004", " Come |strong="G2064", and |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G4183" show |strong="G1166" you |strong="G4771" the |strong="G3588" punishment |strong="G2917" that |strong="G3004" will |strong="G4183" be |strong="G2532" given to |strong="G3004" the |strong="G3588" famous prostitute |strong="G4204". She |strong="G2192" is |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G1520" sitting |strong="G2521" over |strong="G1909" many |strong="G4183" waters |strong="G5204". <sup>2</sup> The |strong="G3588" rulers of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" sinned sexually with |strong="G3326" her |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G0846" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" became drunk |strong="G3184" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" wine |strong="G3631" of |strong="G1537" her |strong="G0846" sexual |strong="G4202" sin."

<sup>3</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G2532" angel carried |strong="G0667" me |strong="G1473"

<sup>1</sup> 100 POUNDS Literally, "talanton

away |strong="G0667" by |strong="G1722" the |strong="G2532" Spirit |strong="G4151" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G2532" desert |strong="G2048". There |strong="G1722" I |strong="G1473" saw |strong="G3708" a |strong="G2192" woman |strong="G1135" sitting |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1909" a |strong="G2192" red beast |strong="G2342". The |strong="G2532" beast |strong="G2342" was |strong="G3686" covered |strong="G2192" with |strong="G1722" evil names |strong="G3686". It |strong="G3708" had |strong="G2192" seven |strong="G2033" heads |strong="G2776" and |strong="G2532" ten |strong="G1176" horns |strong="G2768". <sup>4</sup> The |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" was |strong="G1510" dressed |strong="G4016" in |strong="G1722" purple |strong="G4210" and |strong="G2532" red. She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" shining with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" gold |strong="G5553", jewels, and |strong="G2532" pearls |strong="G3135" that |strong="G0846" she |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" wearing |strong="G4016". She |strong="G0846" had |strong="G2192" a |strong="G2192" golden |strong="G5552" cup |strong="G4221" in |strong="G1722" her |strong="G0846" hand |strong="G5495". This |strong="G3588" cup |strong="G4221" was |strong="G1510" filled |strong="G1073" with |strong="G1722" terribly evil things |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" filth of |strong="G5495" her |strong="G0846" sexual |strong="G4202" sin. <sup>5</sup> She |strong="G0846" had |strong="G3588" a |strong="G2532" title written |strong="G1125" on |strong="G1909" her |strong="G0846" forehead |strong="G3359". This |strong="G3588" title has |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2532" hidden meaning. This |strong="G3588" is |strong="G3588" what |strong="G3588" was |strong="G3588" written |strong="G1125":

THE |STRONG="G3588" GREAT |STRONG="G3173" BABY-  
LON |STRONG="G0897"

MOTHER |STRONG="G3384" OF |STRONG="G1909" PROSTITUTES |STRONG="G4204"

AND |STRONG="G2532" THE |STRONG="G3588" EVIL  
THINGS |STRONG="G0846" OF |STRONG="G1909"  
THE |STRONG="G3588" EARTH |STRONG="G1093"

<sup>6</sup> I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" that |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" was |strong="G2424" drunk |strong="G3184". She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" drunk |strong="G3184" with |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" blood |strong="G0129" of |strong="G1537" God's |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G0846". She |strong="G0846" was |strong="G2424" drunk |strong="G3184"

with |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" blood |strong="G0129" of |strong="G1537" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" told about |strong="G3588" their |strong="G0846" faith in |strong="G2532" Jesus |strong="G2424".

When |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135", I |strong="G2532" was |strong="G2424" fully amazed |strong="G2296". <sup>7</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004", "Why |strong="G5101" are |strong="G3588" you |strong="G4771" amazed |strong="G2296"? I |strong="G1473" will |strong="G5101" tell |strong="G3004" you |strong="G4771" the |strong="G3588" hidden meaning of |strong="G1223" this |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" she |strong="G0846" rides— the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" with |strong="G1223" seven |strong="G2033" heads |strong="G2776" and |strong="G2532" ten |strong="G1176" horns |strong="G2768". <sup>8</sup> The |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" you |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708" was |strong="G1510" once alive |strong="G2222", but |strong="G2532" now |strong="G2532" it |strong="G3708" is |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756". However, it |strong="G3708" will |strong="G1510" come |strong="G3195" up |strong="G0305" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" bottomless |strong="G0012" pit and |strong="G2532" go |strong="G5217" away |strong="G5217" to |strong="G1519" be |strong="G1510" destroyed. The |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1510" who |strong="G3739" live |strong="G2730" on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" will |strong="G1510" be |strong="G1510" amazed |strong="G2296" when |strong="G2532" they |strong="G3739" see |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342", because |strong="G3754" it |strong="G3708" was |strong="G1510" once alive |strong="G2222", is |strong="G1510" no |strong="G3756" longer |strong="G1909" living |strong="G2730", but |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" come |strong="G3195" again |strong="G2532". These |strong="G3739" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" people |strong="G1510" whose |strong="G3739" names |strong="G3686" have |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3756" been |strong="G1510" written |strong="G1125" in |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" book |strong="G0975" of |strong="G1537" life |strong="G2222" since |strong="G3754"



the beginning of the world.

<sup>9</sup> "You need wisdom to understand this. The seven heads on the beast are the seven hills where the woman sits. They are also the seven rulers. Five of them have already died. One the rulers lives now, and the last ruler is coming. When he comes, he will stay a short time. <sup>11</sup> The beast that was once alive but is no longer living is an eighth ruler. This eighth ruler also belongs to the first seven rulers. And he will go to the destroyed.

<sup>12</sup> "The ten horns you saw are ten rulers. These ten rulers have not yet received their kingdom, but they will receive power to rule with the beast for one hour. <sup>13</sup> All ten of these rulers have the same purpose. And they will give their power and authority

to the beast. <sup>14</sup> They will war against the Lamb. But the Lamb will defeat them, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings. And with him will his chosen and faithful followers—the people he has called to be his.

<sup>15</sup> Then the angel said to me, "You saw the waters where the prostitute sits. These waters are the many peoples, nations, languages in the world. <sup>16</sup> The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will take everything she has and leave her naked. They will eat her flesh and destroy her with fire. <sup>17</sup> God put the idea in their minds to do what he would complete his purpose. They agreed to give the beast their power to rule until

what |strong="G3588" God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" said |strong="G3056" is |strong="G2316" completed |strong="G5055".<sup>18</sup> The |strong="G3588" woman |strong="G1135" you |strong="G3739" saw |strong="G3708" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" great |strong="G3173" city |strong="G4172" that |strong="G3739" rules over |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" kings |strong="G0935" of |strong="G0932" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093".

### Babylon Is Destroyed

**18** Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" another |strong="G0243" angel |strong="G0032" coming |strong="G2597" down |strong="G2597" from |strong="G1537" heaven |strong="G3772". This |strong="G3778" angel |strong="G0032" had |strong="G2192" great |strong="G3173" power |strong="G1849". The |strong="G3588" angel's glory |strong="G1391" made the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" bright.<sup>2</sup> The |strong="G3956" angel shout-ed |strong="G2896" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G1096" powerful |strong="G2478" voice |strong="G5456",  
 " She |strong="G1096" is |strong="G3588" destroyed!  
 The |strong="G3956" great |strong="G3173" city of |strong="G4151" Babylon |strong="G0897" is |strong="G3588" destroyed!  
 She |strong="G1096" has |strong="G1096" be-come |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" home for |strong="G1722" demons |strong="G1140".  
 That |strong="G3004" city has |strong="G1096" be-come |strong="G1096" a |strong="G1096" place |strong="G1096" for |strong="G1722" every |strong="G3956" unclean |strong="G0169" spir-it |strong="G4151" to |strong="G3004" live.  
 She |strong="G1096" is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1096" city filled with |strong="G1722" all |strong="G3956" kinds |strong="G3956" of |strong="G4151" unclean |strong="G0169" birds |strong="G3732".  
 She |strong="G1096" is |strong="G3588" a |strong="G1096" place |strong="G1096" where |strong="G1722" every |strong="G3956" un-clean |strong="G0169" and |strong="G2532" hat-ed |strong="G3404" animal lives.  
<sup>3</sup> All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" peoples of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" earth |strong="G1093" have |strong="G2532" drunk |strong="G4095" the |strong="G3956" wine |strong="G3631"  
 of |strong="G1537" her |strong="G0846" sexu-al |strong="G4202" sin and |strong="G2532" of |strong="G1537" God's |strong="G0846" anger |strong="G2372".

The |strong="G3956" rulers of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" earth |strong="G1093" sinned sexually with |strong="G3326" her |strong="G0846",  
 and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" mer-chants |strong="G1713" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" world |strong="G1093" grew rich |strong="G4147" from |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" great |strong="G3956" wealth |strong="G1411" of |strong="G1537" her |strong="G0846" luxury."

<sup>4</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" heard |strong="G0191" another |strong="G0243" voice |strong="G5456" from |strong="G1537" heav-en |strong="G3772" say |strong="G3004",  
 " Come |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G1537" that |strong="G2443" city |strong="G0846", my |strong="G0191" peo-ple |strong="G2992",  
 so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G3004" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" share |strong="G4790" in |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" sins |strong="G0266".

Then |strong="G2532" you |strong="G3004" will |strong="G2532" not |strong="G3361" suffer any of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" terrible pun-ishment she |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2532" get |strong="G1831".

<sup>5</sup> That |strong="G3754" city's sins |strong="G0266" are |strong="G3588" piled |strong="G2853" up |strong="G2853" as |strong="G2532" high |strong="G0891" as |strong="G2532" heav-en |strong="G3772".

God |strong="G2316" has |strong="G2316" not |strong="G2532" forgotten the |strong="G3588" wrongs she |strong="G0846" has |strong="G2316" done.

<sup>6</sup> Give |strong="G0591" that |strong="G3739" city |strong="G0846" the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" as |strong="G5613" she |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G0591" to |strong="G2596" others |strong="G3588".

Pay |strong="G0591" her |strong="G0846" back |strong="G0591" twice |strong="G1362" as |strong="G5613" much |strong="G1362" as |strong="G5613" she |strong="G0846" did.

Prepare wine for |strong="G1722" her |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3739" is |strong="G3739" twice |strong="G1362" as |strong="G5613" strong

as |strong="G5613" the |strong="G3588" wine she |strong="G0846" prepared for |strong="G1722" others |strong="G3588".

<sup>7</sup> She |strong="G0846" gave |strong="G1325" her-self |strong="G1438" much |strong="G3745" glo-ry |strong="G1392" and |strong="G2532" rich living.

Give |strong="G1325" her |strong="G0846" that |strong="G3754" much |strong="G3745" suffering |strong="G1722" and |strong="G2532" sadness.

She |strong="G0846" says |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" herself |strong="G1438", ' I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" a |strong="G1510" queen |strong="G0938" sitting |strong="G2521" on |strong="G1722" my |strong="G3708" throne.

I |strong="G2532" am |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" a |strong="G1510" widow |strong="G5503";

I |strong="G2532" will |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3756" be |strong="G1510" sad.'

<sup>8</sup> So |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" one |strong="G1520" day |strong="G2250" she |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" suffer great hunger |strong="G3042", mourning |strong="G3997", and |strong="G2532" death |strong="G2288".

She |strong="G0846" will |strong="G2316" be |strong="G2532" destroyed by |strong="G1722" fire |strong="G4442",

because |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" God |strong="G2316" who |strong="G3588" judges |strong="G2919" her |strong="G0846" is |strong="G2316" powerful |strong="G2478".

<sup>9</sup> " The |strong="G3588" rulers of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" who |strong="G3588" sinned sexually with |strong="G3326" her |strong="G0846" and |strong="G2532" shared her |strong="G0846" wealth will |strong="G1093" see |strong="G0991" the |strong="G3588" smoke |strong="G2586" from |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846" burning |strong="G4451". Then |strong="G2532" they |strong="G0846" will |strong="G1093" cry and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" sad because |strong="G1909" of |strong="G1909" her |strong="G0846" death. <sup>10</sup> The |strong="G3588" rulers will |strong="G3748" be afraid of |strong="G1223" her |strong="G0846" suffering and |strong="G2064" stand |strong="G2476" far |strong="G3588" away |strong="G0575". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3748" say |strong="G3004",

' Terrible |strong="G3173"! How |strong="G3754" terrible |strong="G3173", O great |strong="G3173" city |strong="G4172",

O powerful |strong="G2478" city |strong="G4172" of |strong="G1223" Babylon |strong="G0897"!

Your |strong="G1223" punishment came |strong="G2064" in |strong="G3004" one |strong="G1520" hour |strong="G5610"!

<sup>11</sup> " And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" merchants |strong="G1713" of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093"

will |strong="G3748" cry and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" sad for |strong="G3754" her |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3748" be |strong="G2532" sad because |strong="G3754" now |strong="G2532" there is |strong="G3588" no |strong="G3762" one |strong="G3762" to |strong="G1909" buy |strong="G0059" the |strong="G3588" things |strong="G0846" they |strong="G0846" sell— 12 gold |strong="G5557", silver |strong="G0696", jewels, pearls |strong="G3135", fine |strong="G1039" linen |strong="G1039" cloth, purple |strong="G4209" cloth, silk |strong="G4596", and |strong="G2532" scarlet |strong="G2847" cloth, all |strong="G3956" kinds |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1537" citron |strong="G2367" wood |strong="G3586", and |strong="G2532" all |strong="G3956" kinds |strong="G3956" of |strong="G1537" things |strong="G3956" made from |strong="G1537" ivory |strong="G1661", expensive |strong="G5093" wood |strong="G3586", bronze |strong="G5475", iron |strong="G4604", and |strong="G2532" marble |strong="G3139". <sup>13</sup> They |strong="G2532" also |strong="G2532" sell cinnamon |strong="G2792", spice, incense |strong="G2368", frankincense |strong="G3030", myrrh, wine |strong="G3631", olive |strong="G1637" oil |strong="G1637", fine |strong="G4585" flour |strong="G4585", wheat |strong="G4621", cattle |strong="G2934", sheep |strong="G4263", horses |strong="G2462", carriages, and |strong="G2532" slaves |strong="G4983"—yes, even |strong="G2532" human |strong="G0444" lives |strong="G5590". The |strong="G2532" merchants will |strong="G0444" cry and |strong="G2532" say,

<sup>14</sup> 'O Babylon, the |strong="G3956" good things |strong="G3956" you |strong="G4771" wanted have |strong="G2532" left |strong="G0565" you |strong="G4771".

All |strong="G3956" your |strong="G2532" rich and |strong="G2532" fancy things |strong="G3956" have |strong="G2532" disappeared.

You |strong="G4771" will |strong="G3956" never |strong="G3756" have |strong="G2532" them |strong="G0846" again |strong="G3765"!

<sup>15</sup> " The |strong="G3588" merchants |strong="G1713" will |strong="G3778" be |strong="G2532" afraid of |strong="G1223" her |strong="G0846" suffering and |strong="G2532" will |strong="G3778" stand |strong="G2476" far |strong="G3588" away |strong="G0575" from |strong="G0575" her |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" are |strong="G3778" the |strong="G3588" ones who |strong="G3588" became rich |strong="G4147" from |strong="G0575" selling those |strong="G3588" things |strong="G3778" to |strong="G2532" her |strong="G0846". They |strong="G0846" will |strong="G3778" cry

and *be* sad. <sup>16</sup> They will say, 'Terrible! How terrible for the great city!'  
 She was dressed in fine linen; she wore purple and scarlet cloth.

She was shining with gold, jewels, and pearls!  
<sup>17</sup> All these rich-  
 been destroyed in one hour!

"Every sea captain, all those who travel on ships, the sailors, and all those who earn money from the sea stood far away from Babylon. <sup>18</sup>

They saw the smoke from her burning. They cried out, 'There was never a city like this great city!'  
<sup>19</sup> They threw their heads and cried loudly to show the deep sorrow they felt.  
 They said,

'Terrible! How terrible for the great city!'

All those who had ships on the sea became rich because of her wealth!

But she has been destroyed in one hour!

<sup>20</sup> *Be* happy because of this, O heaven!

*Be* happy, God's holy people and apostles and prophets!

God has punished her because of what she did to you."

<sup>21</sup> Then a powerful angel picked up a large rock. This rock was as big as a millstone. The angel threw the rock into the sea and said,

"That is how great of Babylon will be thrown down.

It will never be found again.

<sup>22</sup> O Babylon, the music of people playing harps and other instruments, flutes and trumpets

will be heard again.

No worker doing any job

will ever be found you again.

The sound of a millstone

will be heard again.

<sup>23</sup> The light a lamp will

never shine in you again.

The voices of the bridegroom and bride

will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were great people.

All the nations were tricked by your magic.

<sup>24</sup> You are guilty of death the prophets, of God's holy people, and all those who have been killed on earth.

#### People in Heaven Praise God

**19** After I heard what a large crowd of people in heaven. The people were saying,

"Hallelujah!"

Victory, glory, power belong to our God.

<sup>2</sup> His judgments are true and right.

Our God punished the prostitute.

She is the one who ruined the

earth with her sexual sin.

God has punished the prostitute to pay her back for the death of his servants.

<sup>3</sup> These people also said,

"Hallelujah! She is burning and her smoke will rise forever!"

<sup>4</sup> Then the 24 elders the four living beings bowed down. They worshiped God, who sits on the throne. They said,

"Amen! Hallelujah!"

<sup>5</sup> Then a voice from the throne said,

"Praise our God,"

all you who serve him!

Praise our God,

all you small great who honor him!

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard that a large crowd of people was loud as crashing waves or claps of thunder. The people were saying,

"Hallelujah!"

Our Lord God rules.

He |strong="G2532" is |strong="G2316" the |strong="G3588" All-Powerful.

<sup>7</sup> Let us |strong="G1325" rejoice |strong="G5463" and |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" happy and |strong="G2532" give |strong="G1325" God |strong="G0846" glory |strong="G1391"! Give |strong="G1325" God |strong="G0846" glory |strong="G1391", because |strong="G3754" the |strong="G3588" wedding |strong="G1062" of |strong="G1391" the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721" has |strong="G3748" come |strong="G2064".

And |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lamb's bride |strong="G1135" has |strong="G3748" made |strong="G2090" herself |strong="G1438" ready |strong="G2090".

<sup>8</sup> Fine |strong="G1039" linen |strong="G1039" was |strong="G1510" given |strong="G1325" to |strong="G2443" the |strong="G3588" bride for |strong="G1063" her |strong="G0846" to |strong="G2443" wear |strong="G4016".

The |strong="G3588" linen |strong="G1039" was |strong="G1510" bright |strong="G2986" and |strong="G2532" clean |strong="G2513". ( The |strong="G3588" fine |strong="G1039" linen |strong="G1039" means |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" good |strong="G1510" things |strong="G0846" that |strong="G2443" God's |strong="G0846" holy |strong="G0040" people |strong="G0846" did |strong="G1510".)

<sup>9</sup> Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" angel said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" me |strong="G3004", " Write |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3778": Great blessings belong |strong="G1510" to |strong="G1519" those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G1510" invited |strong="G2564" to |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" wedding |strong="G1062" meal of |strong="G3056" the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721"! Then |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" angel said |strong="G3004", " These |strong="G3778" are |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" true |strong="G0228" words |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" God |strong="G2316"."

<sup>10</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G1473" bowed |strong="G4352" down |strong="G4098" before |strong="G1715" the |strong="G3588" angel's feet |strong="G4228" to |strong="G3004" worship |strong="G4352" him |strong="G0846". But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" angel said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G3004" me |strong="G3004", " Don't |strong="G3361" worship |strong="G4352" me |strong="G3004"! I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510" a |strong="G2192" servant |strong="G4889" like |strong="G0846" you |strong="G4771" and |strong="G2532" your |strong="G2192" broth-

ers |strong="G0080" and |strong="G2532" sisters who |strong="G3588" have |strong="G2192" the |strong="G3588" truth of |strong="G4151" Jesus |strong="G2424". So |strong="G2532" worship |strong="G4352" God |strong="G2316"! Because |strong="G1063" the |strong="G3588" truth of |strong="G4151" Jesus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" spirit |strong="G4151" of |strong="G4151" prophecy |strong="G4394"."

The |strong="G3588" Rider on |strong="G4151" the |strong="G3588" White Horse

<sup>11</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" heaven |strong="G3772" open |strong="G0455". There |strong="G1722" before |strong="G1909" me |strong="G3708" was |strong="G3588" a |strong="G3708" white |strong="G3022" horse |strong="G2462". The |strong="G3588" rider on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" horse |strong="G2462" was |strong="G3588" called |strong="G2564" Faithful |strong="G4103" and |strong="G2532" True |strong="G0228", because |strong="G1909" he |strong="G2532" is |strong="G3772" right |strong="G1343" in |strong="G1722" his |strong="G0846" judging |strong="G2919" and |strong="G2532" in |strong="G1722" making war |strong="G4170". <sup>12</sup> His |strong="G0846" eyes |strong="G3788" were |strong="G3788" like |strong="G0846" burning |strong="G4442" fire |strong="G4442". He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G2192" many |strong="G4183" crowns on |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" head |strong="G2776". A |strong="G2192" name |strong="G3686" was |strong="G3739" written |strong="G1125" on |strong="G1909" him |strong="G0846", but |strong="G1161" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" only |strong="G1487" one |strong="G3762" who |strong="G3739" knew |strong="G1492" its |strong="G0846" meaning. <sup>13</sup> He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" dressed |strong="G4016" in |strong="G2316" a |strong="G2532" robe |strong="G2440" dipped |strong="G0911" in |strong="G2316" blood |strong="G0129", and |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3588" called |strong="G2564" the |strong="G3588" Word |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" God |strong="G2316". <sup>14</sup> The |strong="G3588" armies |strong="G4753" of |strong="G1909" heaven |strong="G3772" were |strong="G3588" following |strong="G0190" the |strong="G3588" rider on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" white |strong="G3022" horse |strong="G2462". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" also |strong="G2532" riding white |strong="G3022"

horses |strong="G2462". They |strong="G0846" were |strong="G3588" dressed |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722" fine |strong="G1039" linen |strong="G1039", white |strong="G3022" and |strong="G2532" clean |strong="G2513".<sup>15</sup> A |strong="G2532" sharp |strong="G3691" sword |strong="G4501" came |strong="G1607" out |strong="G1537" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" rider's mouth |strong="G4750", a |strong="G2532" sword |strong="G4501" that |strong="G2443" he |strong="G2532" would |strong="G0846" use to |strong="G2443" defeat the |strong="G3588" nations |strong="G1484". And |strong="G2532" he |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" rule |strong="G4165" the |strong="G3588" nations |strong="G1484" with |strong="G1722" a |strong="G2532" rod |strong="G4464" of |strong="G1537" iron |strong="G4603". He |strong="G2532" will |strong="G2316" crush the |strong="G3588" grapes in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" wine-press |strong="G3025" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" terrible anger |strong="G3709" of |strong="G1537" God |strong="G2316" All-Powerful.<sup>16</sup> On |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" robe |strong="G2440" and |strong="G2532" on |strong="G1909" his |strong="G0846" leg was |strong="G3588" written |strong="G1125" this |strong="G3588" name |strong="G3686":

KING |STRONG="G0935" OF |STRONG="G2962"

KINGS |STRONG="G0935" AND |STRONG="G2532"

LORD |STRONG="G2962" OF |STRONG="G2962"

LORDS |STRONG="G2962"

<sup>17</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" an |strong="G0032" angel |strong="G0032" standing |strong="G2476" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" sun |strong="G2246". In |strong="G1722" a |strong="G3708" loud |strong="G3173" voice |strong="G5456" the |strong="G3956" angel |strong="G0032" said |strong="G3004" to |strong="G1519" all |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956" birds |strong="G3732" flying |strong="G4072" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" sky, "Come |strong="G1205" together |strong="G4863" for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3956" great |strong="G3173" supper |strong="G1173" of |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316".<sup>18</sup> Come together |strong="G1909" so |strong="G2443" that |strong="G2443" you |strong="G3956" can eat |strong="G2068" the |strong="G3956" bodies of |strong="G1909" rulers and |strong="G2532" army commanders |strong="G5506" and |strong="G2532" famous men |strong="G3956". Come to |strong="G2443" eat |strong="G2068" the |strong="G3956" bodies of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" horses |strong="G2462"

and |strong="G2532" their |strong="G0846" riders |strong="G2521" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3956" bodies of |strong="G1909" all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956"—free |strong="G1658", slave |strong="G1401", small |strong="G3398", and |strong="G2532" great |strong="G3173"."

<sup>19</sup> Then |strong="G2532" I |strong="G2532" saw |strong="G3708" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" rulers of |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093". Their |strong="G0846" armies |strong="G4753" were |strong="G3588" gathered |strong="G4863" together |strong="G4863" to |strong="G1909" make |strong="G4160" war |strong="G4171" against |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" rider on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" horse |strong="G2462" and |strong="G2532" his |strong="G0846" army |strong="G4753".<sup>20</sup> But |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" was |strong="G3739" captured, and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" false |strong="G5578" prophet |strong="G5578" was |strong="G3739" also |strong="G2532" captured. He |strong="G2532" was |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3739" who |strong="G3739" did |strong="G4160" the |strong="G3588" miracles<sup>1</sup> for |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342". He |strong="G2532" had |strong="G3739" used these |strong="G3739" miracles to |strong="G1519" trick those |strong="G3588" who |strong="G3739" had |strong="G3739" the |strong="G3588" mark |strong="G5480" of |strong="G1799" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" and |strong="G2532" worshiped |strong="G4352" its |strong="G0846" idol. The |strong="G3588" false |strong="G5578" prophet |strong="G5578" and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" beast |strong="G2342" were |strong="G3739" thrown |strong="G0906" alive |strong="G2198" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" lake |strong="G3041" of |strong="G1799" fire |strong="G4442" that |strong="G3739" burns |strong="G2545" with |strong="G3326" sulfur |strong="G2303".<sup>21</sup> Their |strong="G0846" armies were |strong="G3956" killed |strong="G0615" with |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3956" sword |strong="G4501" that |strong="G3956" came |strong="G1831" out |strong="G1831" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" mouth |strong="G4750" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3956" rider on |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3956" horse |strong="G2462". All |strong="G3956" the |strong="G3956"

<sup>1</sup> MIRACLES False miracles—amazing acts done by the power of the devil.

birds|strong="G3732" ate these|strong="G3588" bodies until|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3956" full|strong="G3956".

### The 1000 Years

20 I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" an|strong="G2192" angel|strong="G0032" coming|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="G3772". The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" had|strong="G2192" the|strong="G3588" key|strong="G2807" to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" bottomless|strong="G0012" pit. The|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" also|strong="G2532" held|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" large|strong="G3173" chain|strong="G0254" in|strong="G1909" his|strong="G0846" hand|strong="G5495".<sup>2</sup> The|strong="G3588" angel grabbed the|strong="G3588" dragon|strong="G1404", that|strong="G3739" old|strong="G0744" snake|strong="G3789", also|strong="G2532" known as|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" devil|strong="G1228" or|strong="G2532" Satan|strong="G4567". The|strong="G3588" angel tied|strong="G1210" the|strong="G3588" dragon|strong="G1404" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" chain for|strong="G2532" 1000 years|strong="G2094".<sup>3</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" angel threw|strong="G0906" the|strong="G3588" dragon into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" bottomless|strong="G0012" pit and|strong="G2532" closed|strong="G2808" it|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" angel locked|strong="G2808" it|strong="G0846" over|strong="G1883" the|strong="G3588" dragon. The|strong="G3588" angel did this|strong="G3778" so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" the|strong="G3588" dragon could|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3361" trick the|strong="G3588" people|strong="G1484" of|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" earth until|strong="G0891" the|strong="G3588" 1000 years|strong="G2094" were|strong="G3778" ended. After|strong="G3326" 1000 years|strong="G2094" the|strong="G3588" dragon must|strong="G1163" be|strong="G1163" made free|strong="G3089" for|strong="G1519" a|strong="G2532" short time|strong="G5550".

<sup>4</sup> Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" some|strong="G3588" thrones|strong="G2362" and|strong="G2532" people|strong="G0846" sitting|strong="G2523" on|strong="G1909" them|strong="G0846". These|strong="G3748" were|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588" ones|strong="G3748" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G2424" been|strong="G2532" given|strong="G1325"

the|strong="G3588" power|strong="G5495" to|strong="G1909" judge. And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" souls|strong="G5590" of|strong="G3056" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" had|strong="G2424" been|strong="G2532" killed because|strong="G1223" they|strong="G0846" were|strong="G3588" faithful to|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3588" truth of|strong="G3056" Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" message|strong="G3056" from|strong="G2424" God|strong="G2316". They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1325" not|strong="G3756" worship|strong="G4352" the|strong="G3588" beast|strong="G2342" or|strong="G3761" its|strong="G0846" idol. They|strong="G0846" did|strong="G1325" not|strong="G3756" receive|strong="G2983" the|strong="G3588" mark|strong="G5480" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" beast|strong="G2342" on|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" foreheads|strong="G3359" or|strong="G3761" on|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" hands|strong="G5495". They|strong="G0846" came|strong="G1223" back|strong="G2983" to|strong="G1909" life|strong="G5590" and|strong="G2532" ruled with|strong="G3326" Christ|strong="G5547" for|strong="G1223" 1000 years|strong="G2094".<sup>5</sup> ( The|strong="G3588" rest|strong="G3062" of|strong="G0386" the|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498" did|strong="G2198" not|strong="G3756" live|strong="G2198" again until|strong="G0891" the|strong="G3588" 1000 years|strong="G2094" were|strong="G3778" ended.)

This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G3778" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" resurrection|strong="G0386".<sup>6</sup> Great|strong="G3756" blessings belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1909" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" share|strong="G3313" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778" first|strong="G4413" resurrection|strong="G0386". They|strong="G0846" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" holy|strong="G0040" people|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" second|strong="G1208" death|strong="G2288" has|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" power|strong="G1849" over|strong="G1909" them|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" priests|strong="G2409" for|strong="G1909" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1909" Christ|strong="G5547". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" rule with|strong="G3326" him|strong="G0846" for|strong="G1909" 1000 years|strong="G2094".



**The Defeat of Satan**

7 When the 1000 years are ended, Satan will be made free from his prison. <sup>8</sup> He will go out to trick the nations in all the earth, the nations known as Gog and Magog. Satan will gather the people for battle. There will be more people than anyone can count, like sand on the seashore.

<sup>9</sup> I saw Satan's army march across the earth and gather around the camp of God's people and the city that God loves. But fire came down from heaven and destroyed Satan's army. <sup>10</sup> And he (the one who tricked these people) was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur with the beast and the false prophet. There they would be tortured day and night forever.

**People of the World Are Judged**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a large white throne and one who was sitting on it. The earth and sky ran away from him and disappeared. <sup>12</sup> And I saw those who had died, great and small, standing before the throne. Some books were opened. And another book was opened—the book of life. The people were judged by what they had done, which is written in the books.

<sup>13</sup> The sea gave the dead who were in it. Death and Hades gave the dead who were in them. All these people were judged by what they had done. <sup>14</sup> And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake

of|strong="G3041" fire|strong="G4442". This|strong="G3778" lake|strong="G3041" of|strong="G3041" fire|strong="G4442" is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" second|strong="G1208" death|strong="G2288".<sup>15</sup> And|strong="G2532" anyone|strong="G5100" whose name|strong="G2147" was|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" found|strong="G2147" written|strong="G1125" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" book|strong="G0976" of|strong="G5100" life|strong="G2222" was|strong="G3588" thrown|strong="G0906" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" lake|strong="G3041" of|strong="G5100" fire|strong="G4442".

### The New Jerusalem

21 Then|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" a|strong="G1510" new|strong="G2537" heaven|strong="G3772" and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1510" new|strong="G2537" earth|strong="G1093". The|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" heaven|strong="G3772" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" first|strong="G4413" earth|strong="G1093" had|strong="G1510" disappeared. Now|strong="G2532" there|strong="G1510" was|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756" sea|strong="G2281".<sup>2</sup> And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G3708" the|strong="G3588" holy|strong="G0040" city|strong="G4172", the|strong="G3588" new|strong="G2537" Jerusalem|strong="G2419",<sup>I</sup> coming|strong="G2597" down|strong="G2597" out|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="G3772" from|strong="G0575" God|strong="G2316". It|strong="G0846" was|strong="G3588" prepared|strong="G2090" like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" bride|strong="G3565" dressed for|strong="G0575" her|strong="G0846" husband|strong="G0435".

<sup>3</sup> I|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G0191" a|strong="G1510" loud|strong="G3173" voice|strong="G5456" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" throne|strong="G2362". It|strong="G0846" said|strong="G3004", " Now|strong="G2532" God's|strong="G2316" home is|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" people|strong="G2992". He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" live with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846". They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" his|strong="G0846" people|strong="G2992". God|strong="G2316" himself|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" with|strong="G3326" them|strong="G0846"

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and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" their|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316".<sup>4</sup> He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" wipe|strong="G1813" away|strong="G0565" every|strong="G3956" tear|strong="G1144" from|strong="G1537" their|strong="G0846" eyes|strong="G3788". There|strong="G1510" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756" more|strong="G2089" death|strong="G2288", sadness, crying|strong="G2906", or|strong="G2532" pain|strong="G4192". All|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" old ways are|strong="G1510" gone|strong="G0565".

<sup>5</sup> The|strong="G3956" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" was|strong="G1510" sitting|strong="G2521" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G3956" throne|strong="G2362" said|strong="G3004", " Look|strong="G2400", I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" making|strong="G4160" everything|strong="G3956" new|strong="G2537"! Then|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" said|strong="G3004", " Write|strong="G1125" this|strong="G3778", because|strong="G3754" these|strong="G3778" words|strong="G3056" are|strong="G1510" true|strong="G0228" and|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" be|strong="G1510" trusted."

<sup>6</sup> The|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3588" on|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" throne said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G1325", " It|strong="G0846" is|strong="G3588" finished|strong="G5056"! I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1096" the|strong="G3588" Alpha and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Omega|strong="G5598",<sup>II</sup> the|strong="G3588" Beginning|strong="G0746" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" End|strong="G5056". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" give|strong="G1325" free water|strong="G5204" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" spring|strong="G4077" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" of|strong="G1537" life|strong="G2222" to|strong="G3004" anyone|strong="G0846" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" thirsty|strong="G1372".<sup>7</sup> All|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" win the|strong="G3588" victory will|strong="G2316" receive all|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3778". And|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" their|strong="G0846" God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" my|strong="G2316" children.<sup>8</sup>

II ALPHA ... OMEGA The first and last letters in the Greek alphabet, meaning the beginning and the end.

But those who are those who refuse to believe, those who do terrible things, those who kill, those who sin sexually, those who worship idols, and those who tell lies—they will all have a place in lake of fire of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

<sup>9</sup> One of the seven angels came to me. This was one of the angels who had the seven bowls full of fire of the seven plagues. The angel said, "Come with me. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup> The angel carried me away by the Spirit to a very large and high mountain. The angel showed me the holy city, Jerusalem. The city was coming out of heaven

from God.

<sup>11</sup> The city was shining with the glory of God. It was like a very expensive jewel, like a jasper. It was clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> The city had a large wall with twelve gates. There were twelve angels at the gates. On each gate was written the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. <sup>14</sup> The walls of the city were twelve foundation stones. On the stones were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod made of gold. The angel had this rod

to |strong="G2443" measure |strong="G3354" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172", its |strong="G0846" gates |strong="G4440", and |strong="G2532" its |strong="G0846" wall |strong="G5038". <sup>16</sup> The |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" was |strong="G1510" built in |strong="G1909" a |strong="G1510" square. Its |strong="G0846" length |strong="G3372" was |strong="G1510" equal |strong="G2470" to |strong="G1909" its |strong="G0846" width |strong="G4114". The |strong="G3588" angel measured |strong="G3354" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" with |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" rod |strong="G2563". The |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" was |strong="G1510" 12,000 stadia <sup>I</sup> long |strong="G3745", 12,000 stadia wide, and |strong="G2532" 12,000 stadia high |strong="G5311". <sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" also |strong="G2532" measured |strong="G3354" the |strong="G3588" wall |strong="G5038". It |strong="G0846" was |strong="G1510" 144 cubits |strong="G4083" <sup>II</sup> high. ( The |strong="G3588" angel |strong="G0032" was |strong="G1510" using the |strong="G3588" same |strong="G0846" measurement |strong="G3358" that |strong="G3739" people |strong="G0444" use.) <sup>18</sup> The |strong="G3588" wall |strong="G5038" was |strong="G3588" made of |strong="G4172" jasper |strong="G2393". The |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" was |strong="G3588" made of |strong="G4172" pure |strong="G2513" gold |strong="G5553", as |strong="G2532" pure |strong="G2513" as |strong="G2532" glass |strong="G5194".

<sup>19</sup> The |strong="G3956" foundation |strong="G2310" stones |strong="G3037" of |strong="G4172" the |strong="G3956" city |strong="G4172" walls |strong="G5038" had |strong="G3588" every |strong="G3956" kind |strong="G3956" of |strong="G4172" expensive |strong="G5093" jewels in |strong="G3956" them. The |strong="G3956" first |strong="G4413" foundation |strong="G2310" stone |strong="G3037" was |strong="G3588" jasper |strong="G2393", the |strong="G3956" second |strong="G1208" was |strong="G3588" sapphire |strong="G4552", the |strong="G3956" third |strong="G5154" was |strong="G3588" chalcidony |strong="G5472", the |strong="G3956" fourth was |strong="G3588" emerald |strong="G4665", <sup>20</sup> the |strong="G3588" fifth |strong="G3991" was |strong="G3588" onyx |strong="G4557", the |strong="G3588" sixth |strong="G1623" was |strong="G3588" carnelian |strong="G4556", the |strong="G3588" seventh |strong="G1442"

<sup>I</sup> STADIA One Greek stadion

<sup>II</sup> CUBITS A cubit is the length of a man's arm from the elbow to the tip of the little finger, about half a meter.

was |strong="G3588" yellow quartz, the |strong="G3588" eighth |strong="G3590" was |strong="G3588" beryl |strong="G0969", the |strong="G3588" ninth was |strong="G3588" topaz |strong="G5116", the |strong="G3588" tenth |strong="G1182" was |strong="G3588" chryso-prase |strong="G5556", the |strong="G3588" eleventh |strong="G1734" was |strong="G3588" jacinth |strong="G5192", and the |strong="G3588" twelfth |strong="G1428" was |strong="G3588" amethyst |strong="G0271". <sup>21</sup> The |strong="G3588" twelve |strong="G1427" gates |strong="G4440" were |strong="G1510" twelve |strong="G1427" pearls |strong="G3135". Each |strong="G1538" gate |strong="G4440" was |strong="G1510" made from |strong="G1537" one |strong="G1520" pearl |strong="G3135". The |strong="G3588" street |strong="G4113" of |strong="G1537" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" was |strong="G1510" made of |strong="G1537" pure |strong="G2513" gold |strong="G5553", as |strong="G5613" clear |strong="G2513" as |strong="G5613" glass |strong="G5194".

<sup>22</sup> I |strong="G2532" did |strong="G1510" not |strong="G3756" see |strong="G3708" a |strong="G1510" temple |strong="G3485" in |strong="G1722" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" Lord |strong="G2962" God |strong="G2316" All-Powerful and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721" were |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" city's temple |strong="G3485". <sup>23</sup> The |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" did |strong="G2192" not |strong="G3756" need |strong="G5532" the |strong="G3588" sun |strong="G2246" or |strong="G3761" the |strong="G3588" moon |strong="G4582" to |strong="G2443" shine |strong="G5316" on |strong="G0846" it |strong="G0846". The |strong="G3588" glory |strong="G1391" of |strong="G2316" God |strong="G2316" gave the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G4172" light |strong="G5461". The |strong="G3588" Lamb |strong="G0721" was |strong="G3588" the |strong="G3588" city's lamp |strong="G3088".

<sup>24</sup> The |strong="G3588" peoples of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" world |strong="G1093" will |strong="G1484" walk |strong="G4043" by |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" light |strong="G5457" given by |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" Lamb. The |strong="G3588" rulers of |strong="G1223" the |strong="G3588" earth |strong="G1093" will |strong="G1484" bring |strong="G5342" their |strong="G0846" glory |strong="G1391" into |strong="G1519" the |strong="G3588" city |strong="G0846". <sup>25</sup> The |strong="G3588" city's gates |strong="G4440" will |strong="G1510" never |strong="G3756"

close|strong="G2808" on|strong="G0846" any|strong="G3756" day|strong="G2250", because|strong="G1063" there|strong="G1563" is|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756" night|strong="G3571" there|strong="G1563".<sup>26</sup> The|strong="G3588" greatness and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" honor|strong="G5092" of|strong="G1391" the|strong="G3588" nations|strong="G1484" will|strong="G1484" be|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G5342" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846".<sup>27</sup> Nothing|strong="G3756" unclean|strong="G2839" will|strong="G3956" ever enter|strong="G1525" the|strong="G3956" city|strong="G0846". No|strong="G3756" one|strong="G1438" who|strong="G3588" does|strong="G4160" shameful things|strong="G3956" or|strong="G2532" tells lies|strong="G0846" will|strong="G3956" ever enter|strong="G1525" the|strong="G3956" city|strong="G0846". Only|strong="G1487" those|strong="G3588" whose|strong="G0846" names are|strong="G3956" written|strong="G1125" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" Lamb's book|strong="G0975" of|strong="G3956" life|strong="G2222" will|strong="G3956" enter|strong="G1525" the|strong="G3956" city|strong="G0846".

**22** The|strong="G3588" angel showed|strong="G1166" me|strong="G1473" the|strong="G3588" river|strong="G4215" of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" water|strong="G5204" of|strong="G1537" life|strong="G2222", clear|strong="G2986" as|strong="G5613" crystal|strong="G2930". The|strong="G3588" river|strong="G4215" flows|strong="G1607" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G3588" throne|strong="G2362" of|strong="G1537" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Lamb|strong="G0721".<sup>2</sup> It|strong="G0846" flows down|strong="G2596" the|strong="G3588" middle|strong="G3319" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" street|strong="G4113" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G3586" of|strong="G1722" life|strong="G2222" is|strong="G3588" on|strong="G1722" each|strong="G1538" side|strong="G1782" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" river|strong="G4215", and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G0846" produces|strong="G4160" fruit|strong="G2590" every|strong="G2596" month|strong="G3376", twelve|strong="G1427" times a|strong="G4160" year. The|strong="G3588" leaves|strong="G5444" of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G3586" are|strong="G3588"

for|strong="G1519" healing|strong="G2322" the|strong="G3588" nations|strong="G1484".

<sup>3</sup> Nothing|strong="G3756" that|strong="G3956" God|strong="G2316" judges guilty will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" there|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3956" city|strong="G0846". The|strong="G3956" throne|strong="G2362" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Lamb|strong="G0721" will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3956" city|strong="G0846". God's|strong="G2316" servants|strong="G1401" will|strong="G2316" worship|strong="G3000" him|strong="G0846".<sup>4</sup> They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708" his|strong="G0846" face|strong="G4383". God's|strong="G0846" name|strong="G3686" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" written on|strong="G1909" their|strong="G0846" foreheads|strong="G3359".<sup>5</sup> There|strong="G1510" will|strong="G2316" never|strong="G3756" be|strong="G1510" night|strong="G3571" again|strong="G2089". People|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" need|strong="G5532" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457" of|strong="G2316" a|strong="G2192" lamp|strong="G3088" or|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" light|strong="G5457" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588" sun|strong="G2246". The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" give them|strong="G0846" light|strong="G5457". And|strong="G2532" they|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316" rule like|strong="G0846" kings|strong="G0936" forever|strong="G0165" and|strong="G2532" ever|strong="G0165".

<sup>6</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004", "These|strong="G3778" words|strong="G3056" are|strong="G3778" true|strong="G0228" and|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004" be|strong="G1096" trusted. The|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962", the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" spirits|strong="G4151" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396", has|strong="G2316" sent|strong="G0649" his|strong="G0846" angel|strong="G0032" to|strong="G3004" show|strong="G1166" his|strong="G0846" servants|strong="G1401" what|strong="G3739" must|strong="G1163" happen|strong="G1096" soon|strong="G5034".<sup>7</sup> Listen|strong="G2400", I|strong="G2532" am|strong="G2532" com-

ing|strong="G2064" soon|strong="G5035"! Great blessings belong to|strong="G2064" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" obeys|strong="G5083" the|strong="G3588" words|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" prophecy|strong="G4394" in|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" book|strong="G0975".

<sup>8</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" John|strong="G2491". I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" the|strong="G3588" one|strong="G3778" who|strong="G3588" heard|strong="G0191" and|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G0991" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778". After|strong="G3753" I|strong="G1473" heard|strong="G0191" and|strong="G2532" saw|strong="G0991" them|strong="G0191", I|strong="G1473" bowed|strong="G4352" down|strong="G4098" to|strong="G2532" worship|strong="G4352" at|strong="G0991" the|strong="G3588" feet|strong="G4228" of|strong="G0191" the|strong="G3588" angel|strong="G0032" who|strong="G3588" showed|strong="G1166" them|strong="G0191" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473". <sup>9</sup> But|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" angel said|strong="G3004" to|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004", "Don't|strong="G3361" worship|strong="G4352" me|strong="G3004"! I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" servant|strong="G4889" like you|strong="G4771" and|strong="G2532" your|strong="G3708" brothers|strong="G0080" the|strong="G3588" prophets|strong="G4396". I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1510" servant|strong="G4889" like all|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" obey|strong="G5083" the|strong="G3588" words|strong="G3056" in|strong="G2316" this|strong="G3778" book|strong="G0975". You|strong="G4771" should|strong="G0080" worship|strong="G4352" God|strong="G2316"!"

<sup>10</sup> Then|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" angel told|strong="G3004" me|strong="G3004", "Don't|strong="G3361" keep|strong="G3361" secret the|strong="G3588" words|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" prophecy|strong="G4394" in|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" book|strong="G0975". The|strong="G3588" time|strong="G2540" is|strong="G1510" near|strong="G1451" for|strong="G1063" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778" to|strong="G3004" happen|strong="G1510". <sup>11</sup> Let anyone who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" doing|strong="G4160" wrong|strong="G0091" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" wrong|strong="G0091". Let any-

one who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" unclean continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" unclean. Let anyone who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" doing|strong="G4160" right|strong="G1342" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" right|strong="G1342". Let anyone who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" holy|strong="G0040" continue|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" holy|strong="G0040"."

<sup>12</sup> "Listen|strong="G2400", I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1510" coming|strong="G2064" soon|strong="G5035"! I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" bring rewards with|strong="G3326" me|strong="G1473". I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G1510" repay|strong="G0591" everyone|strong="G1538" for|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3588" they|strong="G0846" have|strong="G1510" done|strong="G2041". <sup>13</sup> I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" the|strong="G3588" Alpha and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Omega|strong="G5598", <sup>1</sup> the|strong="G3588" First|strong="G4413" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" Last|strong="G2078", the|strong="G3588" Beginning|strong="G0746" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" End|strong="G5056".

<sup>14</sup> "Great blessings belong|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1510" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G1510" washed|strong="G4150" their|strong="G0846" robes|strong="G4749". <sup>15</sup> They|strong="G0846" will|strong="G1510" have|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" right|strong="G1849" to|strong="G1510" eat the|strong="G3588" food from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" tree|strong="G3586" of|strong="G1909" life|strong="G2222". They|strong="G0846" can go|strong="G1525" through the|strong="G3588" gates|strong="G4440" into|strong="G1510" the|strong="G3588" city|strong="G4172". <sup>15</sup> Outside|strong="G1854" the|strong="G3956" city are|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" live like dogs|strong="G2965"— those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G4160" evil magic, those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" sin sexually, those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" murder, those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" worship idols, and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"

<sup>1</sup> ALPHA ... OMEGA The first and last letters in the Greek alphabet, meaning the beginning and the end. <sup>15</sup> WASHED THEIR ROBES Meaning that they had believed in Jesus and had been made clean from sin by his blood sacrifice. See Rev. 5:9; 7:14; Heb. 9:14; 10:14-22; Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:7.

love |strong="G5368" to |strong="G2532"  
lie |strong="G5579" and |strong="G2532" pretend  
to |strong="G2532" be |strong="G2532" good.

<sup>16</sup> " I |strong="G1473", Jesus |strong="G2424",  
have |strong="G1510" sent |strong="G3992"  
my |strong="G3992" angel |strong="G0032"  
to |strong="G1909" tell you |strong="G5210"  
these |strong="G3778" things |strong="G3778"  
for |strong="G1909" the |strong="G3588" church-  
es |strong="G1577". I |strong="G1473"  
am |strong="G1510" the |strong="G3588" descen-  
dant |strong="G1085" from |strong="G2424"  
the |strong="G3588" family |strong="G1085"  
of |strong="G1909" David |strong="G1138".  
I |strong="G1473" am |strong="G1510"  
the |strong="G3588" bright |strong="G2986" morn-  
ing |strong="G4407" star |strong="G0792".

<sup>17</sup> The |strong="G3588" Spirit |strong="G4151"  
and |strong="G2532" the |strong="G3588"  
bride |strong="G3565" say |strong="G3004", "  
Come |strong="G2064"! " Everyone  
who |strong="G3588" hears |strong="G0191"  
this |strong="G3588" should |strong="G2532" al-  
so |strong="G2532" say |strong="G3004", "  
Come |strong="G2064"! " All |strong="G3588"  
who |strong="G3588" are |strong="G3588"  
thirsty |strong="G1372" may |strong="G2532"  
come |strong="G2064"; they |strong="G2532"  
can |strong="G3004" have |strong="G2532"  
the |strong="G3588" water |strong="G5204"  
of |strong="G4151" life |strong="G2222"  
as |strong="G2532" a |strong="G2983" free gift  
if |strong="G2532" they |strong="G2532"  
want |strong="G2309" it |strong="G0191".

<sup>18</sup> I |strong="G1473" warn every-  
one |strong="G3956" who |strong="G3588"  
hears |strong="G0191" the |strong="G3956"  
words |strong="G3056" of |strong="G3056" prophe-  
cy |strong="G4394" in |strong="G1722"  
this |strong="G3778" book |strong="G0975":  
If |strong="G1437" anyone |strong="G5100"  
adds |strong="G2007" anything |strong="G5100"

to |strong="G1909" these |strong="G3778",  
God |strong="G2316" will |strong="G2316"  
give |strong="G0191" that |strong="G0191" per-  
son |strong="G5100" the |strong="G3956"  
plagues |strong="G4127" written |strong="G1125"  
about |strong="G1909" in |strong="G1722"  
this |strong="G3778" book |strong="G0975". <sup>19</sup>  
And |strong="G2532" if |strong="G1437" any-  
one |strong="G5100" takes |strong="G0851"  
away |strong="G0851" from |strong="G3056"  
the |strong="G3588" words |strong="G3056"  
of |strong="G1537" this |strong="G3778"  
book |strong="G0975" of |strong="G1537" prophe-  
cy |strong="G4394", God |strong="G2316"  
will |strong="G2316" take |strong="G0851"  
away |strong="G0851" that |strong="G3778" person's  
share |strong="G3313" of |strong="G1537"  
the |strong="G3588" tree |strong="G3586"  
of |strong="G1537" life |strong="G2222"  
and |strong="G2532" of |strong="G1537"  
the |strong="G3588" holy |strong="G0040"  
city |strong="G4172", which |strong="G3588"  
are |strong="G3778" written |strong="G1125"  
about |strong="G1722" in |strong="G1722"  
this |strong="G3778" book |strong="G0975".

<sup>20</sup> Jesus |strong="G2424" is |strong="G3778"  
the |strong="G3588" one |strong="G3778"  
who |strong="G3588" says |strong="G3004"  
that |strong="G3004" all |strong="G3588"  
of |strong="G2962" this |strong="G3778"  
is |strong="G3778" true. Now he |strong="G3778"  
says |strong="G3004", " Yes |strong="G3483",  
I |strong="G0281" am coming |strong="G2064"  
soon |strong="G5035".

Amen |strong="G0281"! Come |strong="G2064",  
Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424"!

<sup>21</sup> The |strong="G3956" grace |strong="G5485"  
of |strong="G5485" the |strong="G3956"  
Lord |strong="G2962" Jesus |strong="G2424"  
be |strong="G3956" with |strong="G3326"  
all |strong="G3956" people |strong="G3956".